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FESTIVAL OF TABERNACLES PICTURES MILLENNIUM!

AFTER His glorious second coming —AFTER Christ has finally restored the redeemed by placing all the sins upon the head of Satan, perfecting the AT-ONE-MENT, making us *joined in one*—then we are ready for the commencement of the “MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB,” the final actual MAKING of the NEW COVENANT, the establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth—the reaping of the *great harvest of souls* for a thousand years.

This festival, The Feast of Tabernacles, is the picture of the MILLENNIUM!

This is a picture of the time when “The Eternal shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Eternal, and His name one . . . there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited” (Zechariah 14:9-11). It is the time when “living waters”—salvation, the Holy Spirit—“shall go out from Jerusalem” (verse 8). The “waters” are literal as well as figurative.

In that day, when the earth is safely inhabited, when the Holy Spirit is granted to all mortal flesh, what happens? “And it shall come to pass that

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HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG and GARNER TED ARMSTRONG, will be **thundering** God's message to over 14,000 members this year, at the **wonderful FEAST OF TABERNACLES!**

Preparation—Key To Successful Feast Of Tabernacles

Have you ever wondered how much planning, preparation, and hard work goes into the Festival of Tabernacles? Why does everything seem to function more smoothly each year in spite of problems? Let's go behind the scenes

for “on the spot” information, to let you see for yourself the toil and sacrifice that has been given for the benefit of all—to produce a most enjoyable occasion.

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A STORY NEVER TOLD BEFORE

Now Over One Hundred Deacons And Deaconesses In God's Church

Indiana Church Commences With Record Number

"Here is GOOD NEWS! At last we are able to raise up a local Church right there in Indianapolis!" wrote Mr. Armstrong on September 5, 1962.

"I know that many of you have been able to attend the South Bend Church—at least most of the time—but have had to drive more than 200 miles, round trip, to do so. Now that will no longer be necessary."

The Church *began* with THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THREE PEOPLE! The *largest beginning* that any Church of God has experienced in this era!

Mr. Dean Blackwell is the pastor—and the associate pastor will be Mr. Carn Catherwood. Ken Westby is assisting Mr. Catherwood.

Many—even in Kentucky—will be able to attend services. There is tremendous potential in the area; much growth is expected!

ACCOMPLISH THE GOAL!

Human nature may be generally defined as any trait or attitude opposed to God's laws. Its most apparent qualities are exhibited as rebellion, stubbornness, temper, reasoning. There are actually many, many traits of human nature—any of which could do its share of hindering. But the power that harms you most and keeps your accomplishments at a minimum is PROCRASTINATION!

How many times have we wished for more time to get our jobs done? How often do we express regret that our

Did you know that according to present records, God's Church has ordained a total of EIGHTY-FIVE DEACONS and EIGHTEEN DEACONESSSES? Almost one-half of the deacons reside on the *West Coast*. California takes the lion's share, followed by Oregon, and a third-place tie between Texas and Illinois.

WHO and WHEN was the first deacon ordained? Mr. Dave Henion was ordained in Eugene, Oregon, as the first deacon in the Philadelphia era of God's Church. This occurred in 1936. Since that time, eighty-four men have followed in his footsteps.

The latest are Mr. Richard Johnson and Mr. John Judy, both ordained on August 15, 1962, in the Pittsburgh and Akron Churches, respectively. Carol, one of our co-eds, was no doubt happy to hear of her father's ordination—Mr. John Judy.

Mr. Howard Silcox is the *only* deacon residing *outside* of the United States. He was ordained at the Feast of Tabernacles in London, England, in 1961.

But what about the deaconesses? Of the eighteen deaconesses, *twelve live in California* with the rest scattered across the country. Mrs. Roy Hammer had the honor of being ordained the first deaconess in God's Church in Gladewater, Texas, 1954. Seventeen have followed her. Mrs. Rufus Turner—ordained in New York, 1962—has been the latest addition to the ranks. Presently, there are no deaconesses outside of the United States.

accomplishments have been too few? The reason?—PROCRASTINATION!

Whenever you become aware of obligations—a responsibility to your family, or any small duty that may not seem urgent, *don't delay!* DO it NOW! The moment you delay, you're guilty of procrastination.

A good motto to follow is DO TO—
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FEAST

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everyone that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up *from year to year* to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, AND TO KEEP THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES."

We can never qualify as a son of God—a king and priest—ruling with Christ on His throne, assisting Christ at that time, if we *NOW refuse* to keep God's festivals.

Christ kept the Feast of Tabernacles. The apostle John devoted the entire seventh chapter of his gospel, to describing what Jesus said and did during the Feast of Tabernacles in the last year of His ministry.

The eighth day, technically a separate feast, is called "the *last day*, that GREAT DAY of the feast" (John 7:37). This pictures the time AFTER the millennium when ALL peoples on earth who died in ignorance will be resurrected and given their FIRST opportunity to understand the Truth of God and His Way.

Let's rejoice and thank God for these eight days of spiritual fellowship made possible by these festivals.

Some of our MEN have hydramatic handshakes—no clutch!

Preparation

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Preparation for the festival begins in Pasadena — headquarters of God's Work on earth today. Most of the organizational work is done there.

A schedule for preaching and counseling, also special activities, is made out in advance. Then, a service program is organized; deacons, deaconesses, and capable men and women are appointed to major responsibilities—to take charge of volunteer workmen and to see that those responsibilities are carried out. This is government—a necessity for order.

Automobile stickers and meal tickets are designed and printed. Reservations for booths are assembled and assigned according to needs of individual families. Business office equipment and materials must be checked and necessary preparations made.

All these things and many more are carried out at headquarters. Besides shouldering the organizational responsibilities for the festival at Gladewater, like preparations for the festival at Squaw Valley are undertaken.

In corroboration with headquarters, dozens of men and women at Gladewater begin preparations weeks beforehand. One of the major chores to be handled first is arranging accommodations for many hundreds of people. Over the past months hundreds of letters pour in requesting adequate housing. Each must be matched with proper facilities, considering their personal requests as closely as possible.

Dining room facilities must be made ready. This is done by the local women. All cooking and eating utensils are washed; kitchen equipment and appliances are thoroughly cleaned. All is set in order.

In the tabernacle building, all rooms, currently used by Imperial School, must be cleared. Desks, chairs, and other equipment must be removed and stored. Counseling rooms are set up. Offices are made ready for immediate use.

One of the major tasks is setting up chairs in the huge auditorium. Eight thousand chairs must be unfolded and aligned neatly in rows and by sections to give everyone an adequate view of

Accomplish

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DAY'S WORK TODAY! Don't put off until "tomorrow" what you're capable of doing today. When God opens the doors—better not delay. If you do, the door may close, and for good.

the speaker's platform. Setting the chairs usually takes two or three days. In addition, tables and chairs must be set up and properly arranged in the dining hall.

Rest rooms must be cleaned, windows washed and a host of other small items demand attention before feast time.

Using several sacks of lime, a ball of strong cord, and a line marker, parking and camping areas are carefully marked. Yes, God's camp must be neat and orderly.

Booth City requires many man-hours of preparation — sweeping, arranging for bedding, etc. As attendance grows, new rest rooms are added. Two new ones have been built recently to accommodate this year's increase.

By now you're probably amazed at what goes into preparing for the festival—at the service rendered for your enjoyment. But, this is not all. Additional jobs include checking the public address system, switchboard and telephones, doing needed gardening and mowing, purchasing supplies and new equipment, ordering food.

Recreational activities are planned. Needed transportation is arranged. The shuttle-bus is made ready for use. Besides this, work is continuing in the lake area which will eventually provide recreational opportunity for thousands, especially during annual festivals.

What makes every Feast so enjoyable? Solomon said, "Without vision the people perish." Vision is the keynote of preparation. Vision is an absolute necessity for proper government. Preparation and proper government are evident throughout each Feast of Tabernacles.

The Feast of Tabernacles is a time of rejoicing before God. We need to thank God for His wonderful provisions—for making it possible for us to attend and to realize true enjoyment.

MEET PEOPLE

The Feast of Tabernacles—the greatest time of the year for fellowship.

How can you take best advantage of this opportunity which comes your way only once each year? Simply by learning how to fellowship! Learn to meet people. Have a friendly greeting ready for everyone. Learn to talk to people.

This is one of the important reasons for having the Feast. God wants you to learn how to get along with other people. The Feast helps you learn that lesson.

Some come hundreds or even thousands of miles to attend the Feast of Tabernacles, yet their timidity prevents them from really enjoying true fellowship with their brothers in Christ. Don't let this happen to you. Force yourself to fellowship! You will be glad you did. God will bless you for your efforts.

WORLD NEWS



French President Charles de Gaulle's trip to West Germany a few weeks ago came about because of his obsession of fear that time may run out before he completes his grand design—a third force Europe divorced from United States influence.

He is now determined to accelerate the tempo. This in simple terms means that France and Germany will proceed on their own if Britain and the three Benelux countries will not accept union on President de Gaulle's terms.

De Gaulle talks about "organic cooperation" between the French and German armies which means a Franco-German atomic partnership as the nucleus of an independent deterrent in Europe.

Time IS running out.

Husband to wife: We had a rough day at the office today. The electronic brain broke down and we all had to think.

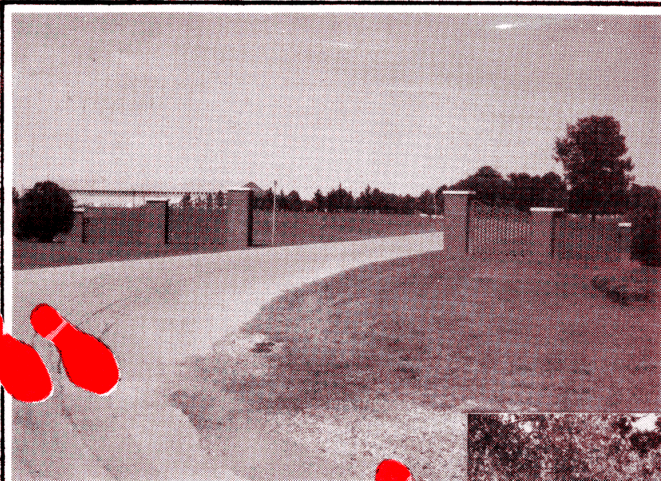
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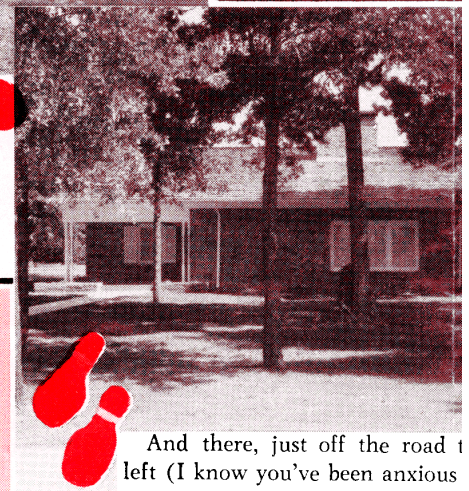
HERE'S THE TOUR YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!

Many of you readers of the Church of God News have not had opportunity to visit the spacious tabernacle grounds located near Big Sandy, Texas. For your convenience and for any others who would like to come along, we have arranged a special tour to take you over these beautiful grounds.

We begin our tour two miles east of Big Sandy. Located on the north side of Highway 80 is the beautiful red-brick entrance to the tabernacle grounds of the Radio Church of God. Driving north from the entrance on the paved road appropriately named Fairview, we take view of the place where God has chosen to place his name. Notice that the grass is neatly mowed, the trees and shrubbery are neat and stately; everything gives a well-kept appearance, and there is ample evidence of abundant, undisturbed wild life.

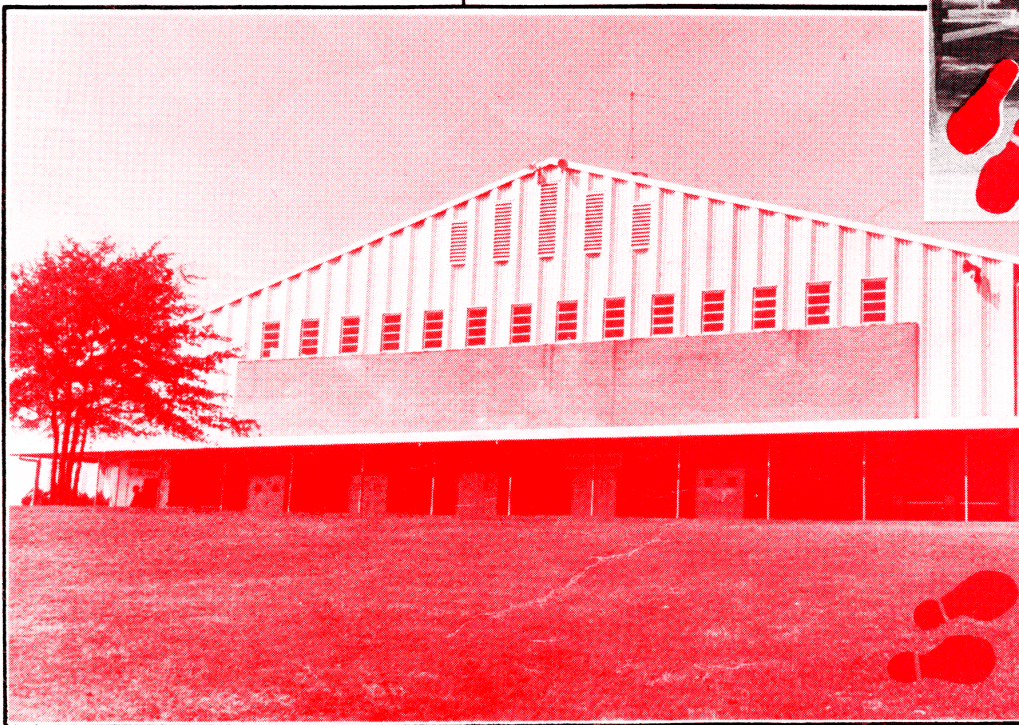


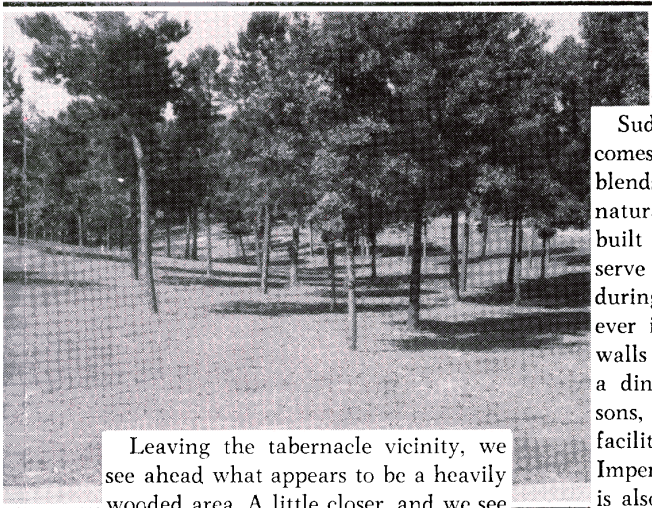
Here to our right we see the impressive brick residence of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hammer. Mr. Hammer is the deacon in charge of the grounds.



And there, just off the road to the left (I know you've been anxious to see it) stands the gleaming tabernacle building. Fabricated from aluminum and steel, it is the largest building in our county. Immense in stature, it gives a feeling of quiet dignity and stateliness. Let's take a closer look.

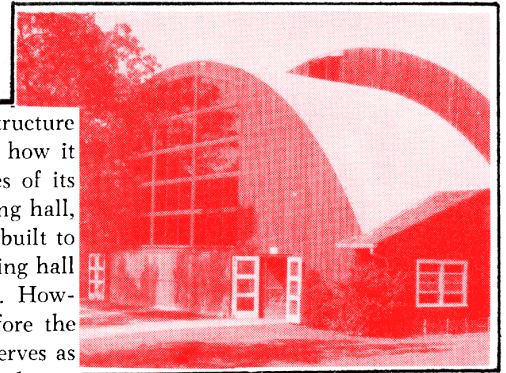
Now here at the corner entrance we get a better view. It's hard to realize that the main auditorium is 376 feet long, 121 feet wide, and 30 feet high. Yes, larger than a football field. It seats 7,500 to 8,000 persons, affords each a clear, unobstructed view of the speakers' platform. An unusual architectural advance allowed the construction of the auditorium to be constructed without any supporting pillars, posts or obstructions.



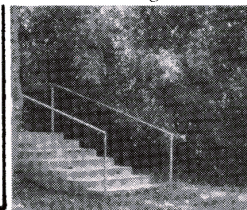


Leaving the tabernacle vicinity, we see ahead what appears to be a heavily wooded area. A little closer, and we see a beautiful valley bounded by green, rolling hills. This area is exceptionally breath-taking in the spring when everything seems to burst into a torrent of blossoms and also in the fall when every tree and shrub seems to vie with each other to achieve the most brilliant colors.

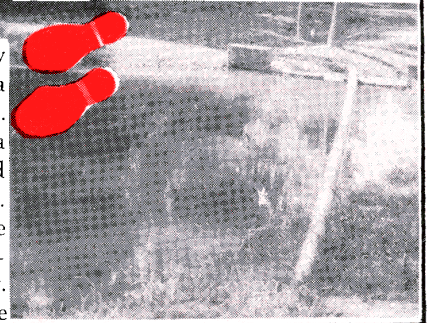
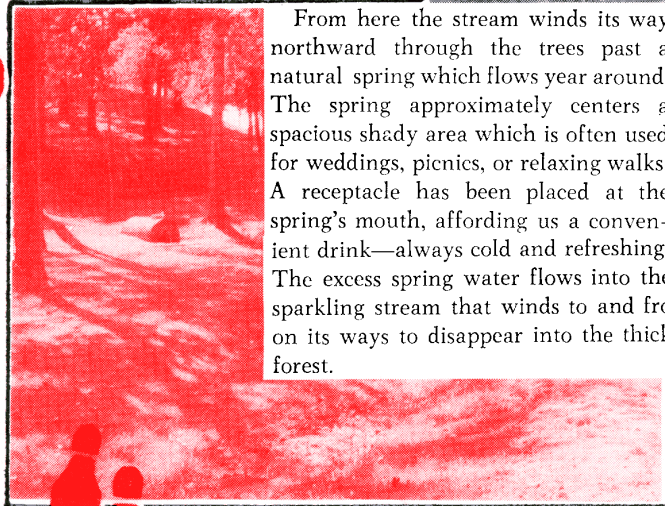
Suddenly a large redwood structure comes into view. It is uncanny how it blends with the grass and trees of its natural setting. This is the dining hall, built in 1953. It was originally built to serve as an auditorium and dining hall during the annual Holy Days. However it was outgrown even before the walls were completed! Now it serves as a dining hall during the festival seasons, and doubles as classroom and gym facilities for the first four grades of Imperial School. Mr. Swisher's office is also located in this building.



Behind the dining hall the grounds slope sharply down to a small natural stream. A dam was built to restrict the water and form a small, fresh pool—a baptismal pool. There are convenient concrete steps leading down to the pool.



From here the stream winds its way northward through the trees past a natural spring which flows year around. The spring approximately centers a spacious shady area which is often used for weddings, picnics, or relaxing walks. A receptacle has been placed at the spring's mouth, affording us a convenient drink—always cold and refreshing. The excess spring water flows into the sparkling stream that winds to and fro on its ways to disappear into the thick forest.



If time would permit, we could take an extended tour into other areas of these vast grounds. Perhaps we could visit the lake site, located about a mile northeast of the tabernacle. There, amid the tall East Texas pines, a 30-acre lake is under construction. Upon completion this area will provide for fishing, water sports and other recreational activities.

And possibly we could visit some of the farming areas or the livestock pastures with grazing cattle. Or perhaps, if we had time, we could visit the recently purchased tract of land south of Highway 80—some 450 sprawling acres of woods, pastures and farmland.

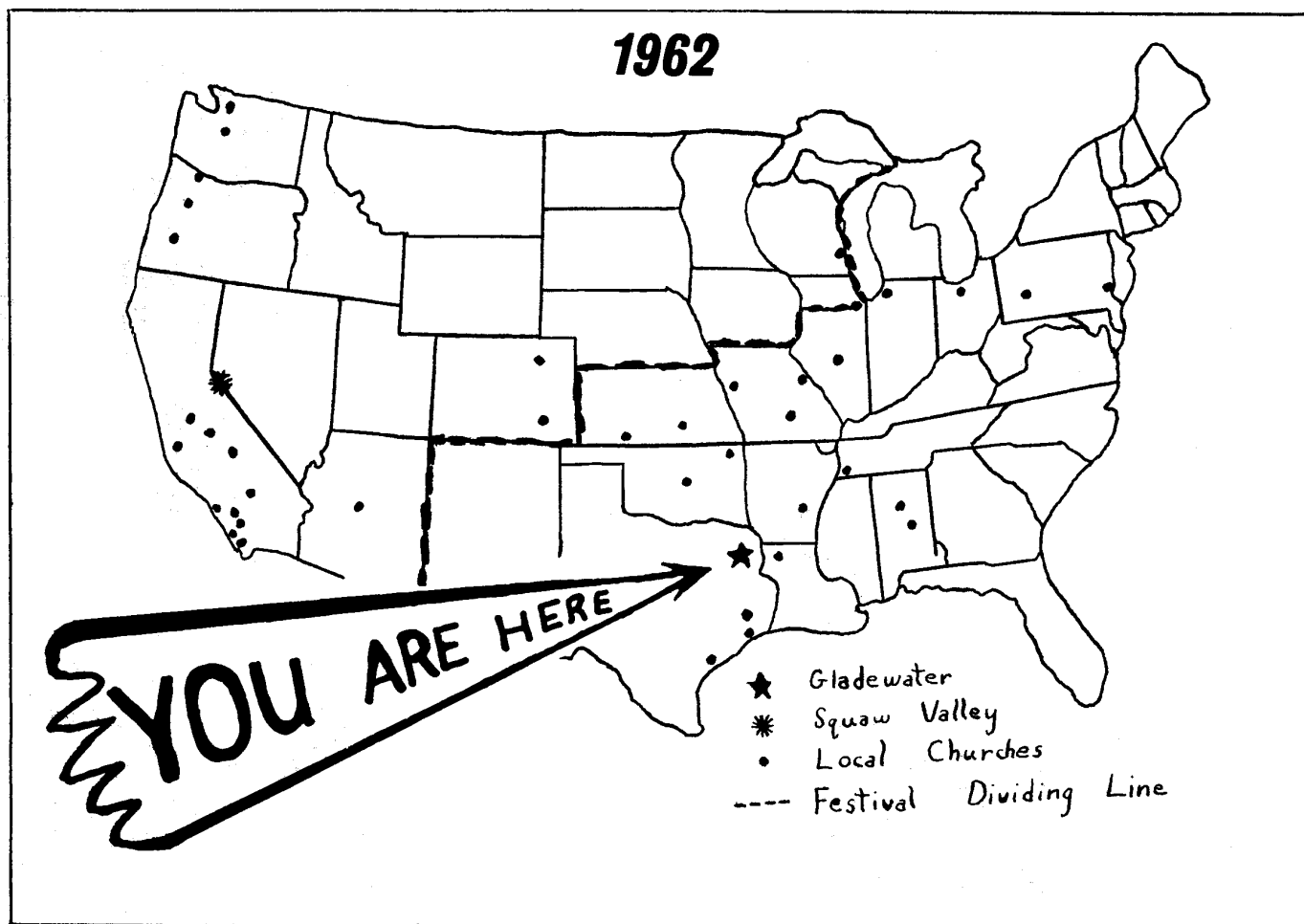
But since time is limited on this tour, we should bid farewell. We hope you have enjoyed the tour and can come back again.



In order to visit Booth City, we must leave the paved road at the dining hall and proceed through the wooded camping area. During festival time this quiet, serene place becomes a bustling camp filled with hundreds of tents, trucks, trailers, and equipment.

On top of the hill we see glistening Booth City—a unique city of some 200 small metal booths. Notice the neat rows, straight streets—order. These booths serve many families with accommodations during annual festivals.

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Mrs. E. A. Marshall is showing gradual improvement from a recent illness. She is thankful for all the prayers.

The shelves in the kitchen are filled with many new colorful aprons—all starched and ironed—due to the busy fingers of many of the women of the Gladewater congregation.

With all the “hustle and bustle” at the present hour, we need to be reminded of the timely quote posted in the Gla-Tex Packing Plant in Gladewater—“THE HURRIER WE GO THE BEHINDER WE GET.”

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Brown have built a new home and are now residing near Pritchett. Their address is Route 1, Pritchett, Texas.

Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong and Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong spent an all too brief two days here this week examining the potential campus site for the proposed Texas branch of Ambassador College.

“Early Birds” who have flown south this fall are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bunny who are members of the New York Church.

Mrs. Dorothy Anderson and children have recently moved to this area from Seattle. Their address is Box 705, Big Sandy, Texas.

The Merk children, Pamelie, Tracey and Douglas, left by jet Friday, October 5, to be with their father in Pasadena before going to Squaw Valley to attend the Feast of Tabernacles.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hammer have returned from Pasadena after a month's visit. WELCOME HOME!

Each year we look forward to the return of the roving Smiths, formerly of Smithville, Texas. This year found them as far north as Portland and as far West as California. Greetings, Smiths!

Mrs. Jean Johnson and her two children Jeffery and Rebecca, from Baltimore, Maryland, are visiting her mother, Mrs. Lorraine Bryan. She will be here till after the Feast.

Mrs. Norma Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hammer, has arrived from Pasadena, via Oklahoma City. Her visit will extend through the Feast of Tabernacles.

Feast Of Trumpets Observed Here

"The trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed" (1 Cor. 15:52). This was the theme of the annual Sabbath observed September 29. This great world-shaking event is pictured by the Feast of Trumpets.

Gathered in the Tabernacle on God's own grounds for this occasion were 675 of God's chosen people. This represented both the Minden and Gladewater congregations plus scattered brethren from distant areas who can not attend church regularly.

During the morning service, beginning at 10 A.M., the congregation received some very nourishing spiritual food from sermons by Mr. Swisher and Mr. Rice. Between sermons special music made the congregation more conscious of the meaning of the day being observed. Miss Burley and Mrs. Gree-son sang "Hail To The Lord's Anoint-

ed," a very beautiful duet, assisted by Mr. Avon Pfund on his trumpet.

Contributions of second tithe made possible a bountiful, physical feast for the noon hour. An abundant supply of delectable wines added zest to this part of the highly enjoyable day.

After some two hours of genuine fellowship, which only God's people are able to enjoy, all gathered again in the auditorium for the afternoon service. Following the offering, Mr. Swisher painted, in stirring words, a vivid picture of just what the Feast of Trumpets means in God's plan. Each one present was made forcefully aware of how to be preparing for Christ's return.

Christ said "He that overcometh and keepeth my works unto the end to him will I give power over the nations" (Rev. 2:26). What great responsibility we must now be preparing to receive!

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Know your Brethren



The Gladewater Church is growing! Among the newcomers are Mr. and Mrs. Dan Moore, and their daughter Dyanne, from Wichita Falls, Texas.

The Moores are a unique family, when compared to the average American family, inasmuch as their favorite past time is bicycle riding. Mr. Moore proclaimed that they were getting healthier every day.

If sewing is your need, you might like to know that Mrs. Moore is a very competent seamstress. Dyanne is finishing her Senior year at Imperial and is hoping to attend Ambassador College next year.

Let's make the Moores feel welcome! Get to know them—you will be glad that you did!

Minden, Mr. Powers for Gladewater. President, Mr. Jackson for Minden and Mr. Wilson for Gladewater.

"The world is a ball that revolves on its taxes."

Moe: Why, hello. Joe! Haven't seen you for thirty days! What have you been doing?

Joe: Thirty days.

Two things a man should never be angry at: what he can help and what he cannot.

OUTSTANDING GUEST NIGHT HELD AT MARSHALL RESTAURANT

Gable's Restaurant in Marshall was the site of the recent combined meeting of the Gladewater and Minden Spokesman Clubs. Attending this special dinner meeting of Sunday, September 30, were 33 members and 35 guests. Those attending were served a roast beef dinner topped with apple pie for dessert.

Mr. Wilson, president of Minden club, presided over the meeting. After handling the three topics that arose for discussion, he introduced that man with the business-like appearance, Mr. Holcomb, as tabletop topics chairman. Women guests were amused by the comments given on such topics as "A Most Embarrassing Moment" and "Why Women Wear High-heel Shoes."

Introducing the speakers in his unique and remarkable manner was Mr. Dickinson. His witty jokes and appropriate introductions added much spark to the success of the meeting.

Enlightening subjects were presented by each of the four speakers. "Stamps" was the title of the first speech, ably

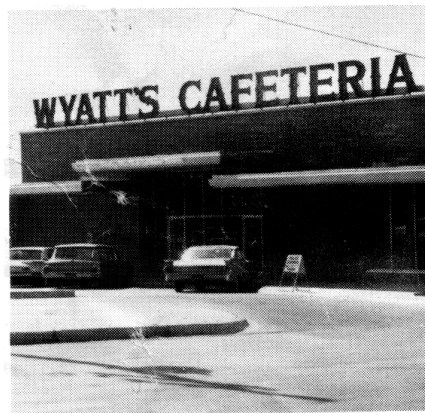
McCormick opened with a tirade on chewing gum which has stigmatized the "American Glutton." Mr. Scudder revealed experiences and circumstances of successful people. And lastly, Mr. Frasier compared our growth with the changing times which vividly demonstrated the necessity of constant progress.

Mr. Rice and Mr. Swisher, respectively, evaluated the meeting, giving a number of valuable points. Everyone was greatly encouraged when Mr. Swisher remarked that this was one of the best guest-night meetings the club has sponsored.

In conclusion, Mr. Swisher happily revealed several surprises—the installation of new officers for next term. The new officers are as follows: Sergeant of Arms, Mr. Whittington for Minden, Mr. McCormick for Gladewater. Treasurer, Mr. Deen for Minden, Mr. Bruhn for Gladewater. Secretary, Mr. Miller for Minden, Mr. Holcomb for Gladewater. Vice President, Mr. Marsh for



LONGVIEW HOTEL—215 E. Methvin. Opens 6 A.M. Closes 9-9:30 P.M. Typical hotel atmosphere offering first class food and service.



WYATT'S CAFETERIA — Earlee Shopping Center, Longview. Opens 11 A.M. Closes 8:30 P.M. Economical but with quality—wide variety of salads, main dishes and desserts from which to choose. Large seating capacity.



TRIANGLE—Longview. 1028 E. Marshall. Opens 5:30 A.M. Closes 1 A.M. A good "all around restaurant" with tasty food and reasonable prices—parties welcome.



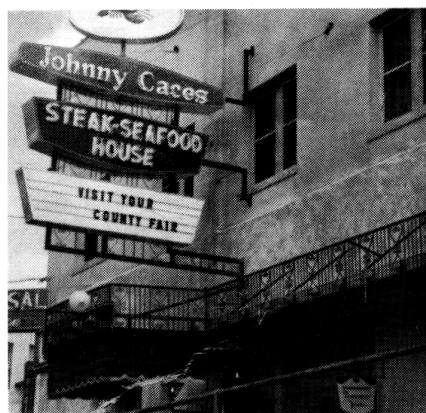
Planned recreation should be a highlight of this festival season. We can make it an integral part of these days, and we should be prepared to enjoy a well-rounded schedule.

If all of us are as busy as we should be, the time will "fly by" only too soon. The joy that we experience here will stamp an indelible impression upon all of us.

Make a special effort to dine out with a new acquaintance made during the festival. What better time is there to fellowship?

For your convenience, we have endeavored to acquaint you with a variety of dining establishments in this area.

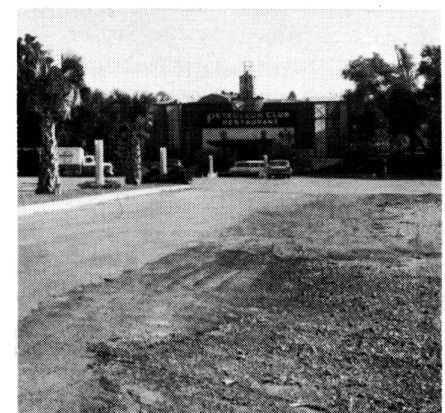
If your appetite should need stimulating, then a round of golf, skating, or a trip to the bowling lanes can easily be scheduled. Take an active part and share every facet of activity with the brethren.



JOHNNY CACE'S—Downtown Longview—102 N. Green. Opens 7 A.M. Closes 2 A.M. Quality steaks that have become a "tradition." Efficient service with a smile.



STEAK HOUSE—Gladewater. Highway 80. Moderately priced meals—conveniently located next to the Glade Motel.



PETROLEUM CLUB — Longview. 1310 Gladewater Road. Opens 3 P.M. Closes 12 P.M. weekdays, 1 A.M. Sunday morning. First class dance floor and first class food if you are prepared to pay the price.



EL CHICO—Longview. 1500 E. Marshall (Highway 80). Opens 11 A.M. Closes 10 P.M. FAST SERVICE with Mexican food at its best—reasonable price, too.