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SEVENTEEN THOUSAND OBSERVE GOD'S FEAST

Every Feast of Tabernacles we attend seems to be the best yet and the Feast of 1963 was surely no exception. Almost 20,000 people congregated around the world to observe this Festival—7,500 at Gladewater, 5,300 at Squaw Valley, 4,500 at Jekyll Island, 1,000 at Hayling Island and 570 in Australia. There were other meetings held in South Africa, the Philippines and the West Indies.

At the Feast in Gladewater, there was a sense of urgency in every message. There were more EXAMPLES and principles given than ever before. The sermons during the first half of the festival followed a basic theme of family life and child training with other related subjects.

Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong and Dr. Herman Hoeh were in Gladewater for the first part of the festival. They left Sunday night for Squaw Valley and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Armstrong arrived Sunday morning.

Mr. Armstrong set the pace for his sermons asking "Why Are We Here?"

by giving a very INSPIRING history of the observance of God's festivals in this era of His Church.

More people than ever camped on the grounds this year. About 3,500 people living in tents, trailer houses and booths made the tabernacle grounds seem like a small city. There were more examples of Church government shown this year than ever before. Everyone seemed very willing to co-operate and several remarked that it was the most organized festival they had ever attended.

Twelve Men Ordained During Feast

"How could this be a more rewarding and exciting Feast?" asked one of the brethren. In a matter of minutes this question was answered. God added TWELVE elders to the growing number of His ministers! In a special ordination service on the Last Great Day, twelve very surprised men became local elders, including the first Spanish elder

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Chorale to Cut Records

(Courtesy Portfolio)

As a result of the smash success of the Chorale at the Feast in Texas, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong announced plans to arrange for the group to cut an album. This is certainly joyous news for any brethren who, over the years, have yearned to have a permanent collection of "Chorale favorites."

Mr. Leon Ettinger is now formulating the selections and arrangements to be waxed. One side will include concert choices and the reverse will be devoted to sacred music. Describing it as "a real challenge for our sixty voices," he said it would be several months before we could expect to see the first discs. But soon members of God's Church will have and hear, in their own home, the Ambassador College Chorale, as they make a joyful noise, and rejoice, and sing praise unto the Lord, the King.



Chorale performs 1963 Concert



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EDITORIAL

Growth of Feast of Tabernacles

By David Robinson

One of the MANY very inspiring things about the Feast of Tabernacles is the tremendous GROWTH in every way over the past years. I first attended God's Feast of Tabernacles in Belknap Springs, Oregon, in 1950. The regular attendance during the week was about 50, including children. Then, on the first and last Holydays and on the weekly Sabbath, more of the local people there in Oregon (who did not observe the entire eight days) would attend, swelling the number to over 100.

The following year, the number grew to 150 on the Sabbaths. Mr. Armstrong announced that the festival had now outgrown Belknap Springs and that another place would have to be found. This was the seventh year the festival had been held in Belknap Springs.

During these years, Mr. Armstrong was the ONLY ordained minister in this era of the Church of God, and a tremendous burden fell upon his shoulders. He did all the preaching, morning, afternoon and evening with a few short sermonettes given by three or four of the college students. I still remember some of the powerful, moving sermons that Mr. Armstrong delivered during those years. It was in 1951 that

Mr. Armstrong proclaimed the truth about being born into the very Family of God. One of the outstanding things about the Festivals every year has been that God has his ministers proclaim new Truths that He is revealing to His Church.

The following year, the festival was held in Seigler Springs, California, and approximately 500 were present. This was a very encouraging increase, and Mr. Armstrong was overjoyed.

Even at that time, Mr. Armstrong had no idea how many would come later, or to what extent the radio program would expand. In those early years (for us) there was time to get acquainted with all who attended during the eight days. Mr. Armstrong often talked about plans for the work and radio program, but NEVER did they approximate where the work has reached today. I write this to ABSOLUTELY SHOW that this is the work of God, and that Mr. Armstrong did not plan it out. He has only followed where God has led. Mr. Armstrong has ALWAYS said this himself and to me, looking back over fourteen festivals, nothing could be plainer.

In 1953, the festival was moved to Gladewater, and from there many of you know the history—how so MANY MORE are being ordained into the ministry; how the Church is constantly growing spiritually; the ministers growing in power, speaking ability, wisdom and ability to help all of us; and how the Gospel is going out to an ever increasing number of the world's population. More important than the constant growth in the NUMBER of people, however, is the growth in SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING and teaching ability by the ministry, and consequently growth by the Church and the individual members.

No, it is NOT the work of Mr. Armstrong, but the VERY WORK OF GOD! Nevertheless, I hope we all realize what a TREMENDOUS debt we owe Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong who, in those early years, shouldered such a tremendous burden alone among men.

San Antonio Spokesman Club Hosts Wives And Guests

The San Antonio Spokesman Club met only once in October, and this first meeting after the Feast was an outstanding one. It was a triple feature—Ladies Night, a dinner meeting and an impromptu program all in one.

Mr. Hammer started the ball rolling by making the impromptu assignments. Mr. Hilbert Schubert was the president

for the evening with Mr. Leo Herrera the Topicsmaster and Mr. Bill Norrod the Toastmaster.

We were served a delicious roast turkey dinner in one of the El Tropicano's finest dining rooms and then the meeting began.

Two activities were discussed during the business session—a father and son night in the Club and socials for the Church on Thanksgiving.

In the overall evaluation we were admonished to be more enthusiastic and to think of more topics for discussion during the business portion of the meeting.

Talking Booklets Teach the Blind

(Courtesy Portfolio)

"Talking books"—especially recorded for blind listeners to The WORLD TOMORROW — are now available through the facilities of the Ambassador College Press.

Our own radio station, in cooperation with the American Foundation for the Blind, has produced the texts of SEVEN different booklets on L.P. records. The library of 27 minute, 33 1/3 RPM recordings now includes transcriptions of Does God Exist; The Proof of the Bible; Seven Proofs God Exists; Why were YOU Born; Does God Heal Today; What Is Faith and The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy. Further additions are expected soon.

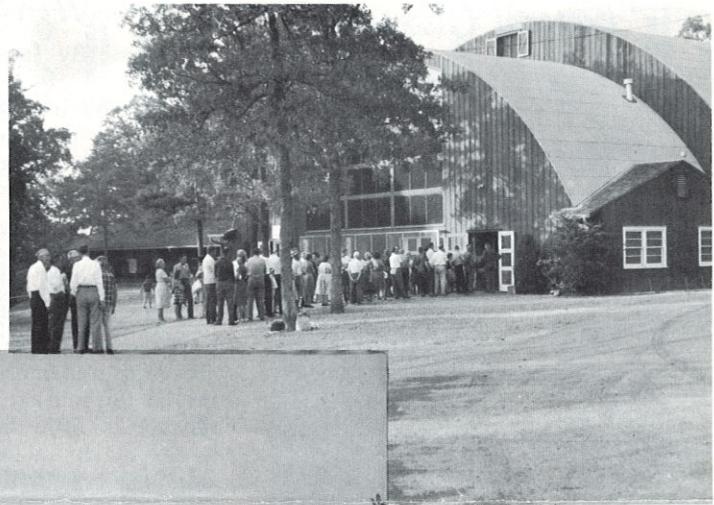
All the recordings feature the voice of God's Evangelist, Mr. Norman Smith, and are loaned out like library books for two-week periods to interested blind persons. Nearly 50 blind people—primarily co-workers—have received the "talking books" so far—and over 20 inquiries are arriving weekly.

The records are mailed all throughout the United States to any blind person—regardless of religion or finances—requesting them. The Post Office Department handles records for the blind POSTAGE FREE and the Library of Congress supplies free phonographs.

This unique service is YET ANOTHER means God is using to preach His gospel to ALL the world.

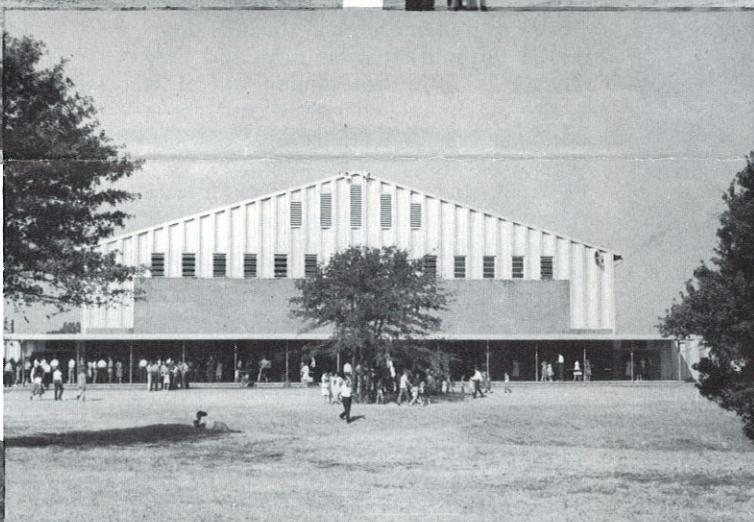
EXERCISE

The only exercise some people get is jumping to conclusions, running down their friends, sidestepping responsibility and pushing their luck.



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Personal Glimpses



In this issue, we present Mr. and Mrs. Robert Matyear and their three girls—Deborah Ann, 10, Linda Sue, 8, and Margaret Louise, 5.

Mr. Matyear was born in San Antonio, Texas, September 22, 1930 and attended local schools until his graduation in 1949. During this time, several years were spent helping with the dairy farm owned by his father. Another San Antonio native, Joann Lois Townsend, was born a few years later, September 26, 1934. She attended grade school and then Harlandale High until her marriage to Mr. Matyear January 26, 1951 (They met due to Mr. Matyear's hobby of collecting Jimmy Rogers records. This led him to call upon Mr. Townsend who owned several particular records. As Mr. Matyear says, he wound up with Mr. Townsend's records, house and daughter!) Several jobs were held until he was drafted into the Army for twenty-one months to serve primarily in Korea. Later he worked at Kelly Field until he joined the City Water Board where he is now Superintendent of Route Reading Division. At this time, he is also attending night school to obtain better training in spelling and letter composition.

While turning across the dial one night, Mr. Matyear heard the World Tomorrow broadcast and began to receive the Plain Truth and to attend church. Later, Mrs. Matyear visited with him and both were baptised August 23, 1963.

Hobbies? Mr. Matyear still likes music, sports, camping and Spokesman's Club. Mrs. Matyear enjoys music, dancing, reading, picnics and movies.

HOW TO DO IT

By Jack Burton

When buying appliances, there are some rules to follow which will save everyone a lot of grief and money.

It is not wise to buy used appliances unless you are absolutely sure of what you are getting. Otherwise, you are much better off to buy new appliances.

You will generally be better off to buy famous brand appliances. There are more and more "off" brands coming on the market these days and they sell for a little less money but it is better to pay a little more and get a standard brand. The main reason for this is because of parts and service. With an off brand refrigerator, for instance, the cabinet may be made by one company one year, and by a different company the next year. The company that sells it does not even manufacture it, so it sometimes takes months to get a replacement part.

When buying an appliance, watch out for the fancy gadgets because many times they are nothing more than a sales gimmick. Many people are disappointed with their deluxe model washing machines with a lot of gadgets because something is always giving them trouble.

It is a good idea to shop around and find the best deal on an appliance because there are many dealers and competition is sharp. It is better to buy from a store that has its own service department.

Most appliances are guaranteed for a full year against anything. On refrigerators the sealed unit has a five-year warranty and washers have a five-year warranty on the transmission. However, the guarantee is worthless if you don't have anyone in town to service the appliance. Also, be certain you understand all about the warranty and always keep the service policy and papers showing the date of purchase in a safe place where they will not get lost.

When you buy a new appliance, it is very important to read the instruction book carefully and follow it when operating the appliance. If something does not work correctly, DON'T TINKER with the appliance yourself because you may void your warranty. Call the service man, you are entitled to free service for a full year.

You can learn a lot, and save yourself trouble by seeking help and advice from others before buying an appliance. Don't rush into it, take your time and shop around. Happy Shopping!

CHILDREN'S COLUMN

Dear Boys and Girls:

Here are the answers to the Bible Quiz in the September Church of God News. 1. Shem, Ham, Japheth, 2 raven, dove, 3. Mount Sinai, 4. Cain, 5. Joseph, 6. Peter, 7. John 11:35 "Jesus Wept.", 8. sixty-six.

Before trying to answer the following questions, it would be wise to restudy the Bible Story in the August 1963 *Plain Truth* first.

1. The king of Hazor was
2. Pagan countries were to be destroyed because the people were so
3. The leader of Israel was..... the son of.....
4. Joshua learned by..... which land should be occupied by the different tribes.
5. Caleb was given a special reward of his own choosing, the area around
6. Caleb's son-in-law, became the first hero to deliver Israel from foreign oppression.
7. God told Israel to drive out all of the but Israel allowed them to stay and made of them.
8. This disobedience of Israel, later caused them to sin by the worship of
9. Israel, at God's command, moved from to
10. Joshua sent out to map the land.
11. Joshua set up six cities of for people who accidentally killed someone.
12. The tribe of did not receive a territory.

Twelve Men Ordained During Feast

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in this era of God's Church, Mr. Robert Flores! Those ordained were:

Mr. Robert Steep, St. Louis, Missouri; Mr. Virgil Cox, Birmingham, Alabama; Mr. Richard Pinelli, Vancouver, British Columbia; Mr. Leonard Schreiber, San Diego, California; Mr. Robert Flores, San Antonio, Texas; Mr. Edwin Marrs, Mobile, Alabama; Mr. Clarence Bass, Chicago, Illinois; Mr. Malcolm Martin, Houston, Texas; Mr. William Quillin, Arvada, Colorado; Mr. Arthur Roesler, Overland, Missouri; Mr. Edward Smith, Duncan, Oklahoma; Mr. Rufus Turner, Rockville Center, New York.