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PENTECOST 1965

2,000 Attend In Hammond Civic Center Evangelist Blackwell Outlines History Of The True Church!

by Harold Cormany

Monday, June 7, 1965 dawned bright and sunny and over 2000 of God's people loaded their families into their automobiles and began the drive to Hammond, Indiana where God had chosen the Hammond Civic Center to be the place where the 1965 Feast of Pentecost was to be held for the Northern Midwest Area.

We had all assumed, because of having only one day services, that we would not have a visiting minister. We were pleasantly surprised when Mr. and Mrs. Richard Plache and their two children arrived in time for the Feast during their transfer from the Greensboro and Richmond area, to God's College at Pasadena, where he will be a teacher. Mr. Plache is a minister of Pastor rank.

Although we had only one day services for the Feast of Pentecost, nearly 1500 appeared on Sabbath June 5th for weekly Sabbath services at Hammond. In the morning a sermonette was given by Mr. Harold Jackson who spoke on "Disciplining Your Children with God's Laws." Mr. Plache gave the sermon on "The Most Dangerous Enemy is Satan" and told us we should be aware of his devices. We should guard against these seven spirits; 1—rebellion, 2—dissatisfied attitude, 3—proud, 4—critical, or accusing, 5—unforgiving, 6—fearful, 7—discouraged, and that we should protect ourselves by applying the armor as mentioned in Eph. 6. In the afternoon Mr. Manteufel gave a sermonette on "How to be a Great Leader." Mr. Blackwell followed with a sermon on "What True Christian Love Really Is." He told us that love was patient, kind, that it holds no envy. That love is not selfish,

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A Night of Nights!



"CLASSY" is the one word that describes the formal evening attire of the "new look" five piece Chicago band and the high school graduates in whose honor the dance-social was held June 5 at the Hammond Civic Center.

Band members left to right: Elmer Davis, Charles Halliar, Oscar Olson, Glenn Metz, Leslie Marshall.



A NIGHT OF NIGHTS! With faces beaming and with future anticipation, our graduates face life's hurdles. 1st row: Linda Murray, Carol Landes, Kathy Priest, Vivian Prickett, Susan Kaminski, Nancy Volkema, and Danny Brock. 2nd row: Lorna Lutz, Gary Vance, Paul Topash, Frank McCrady, and John Nilson. (Not pictured is Harvey Ales who was attending his graduation exercise.)



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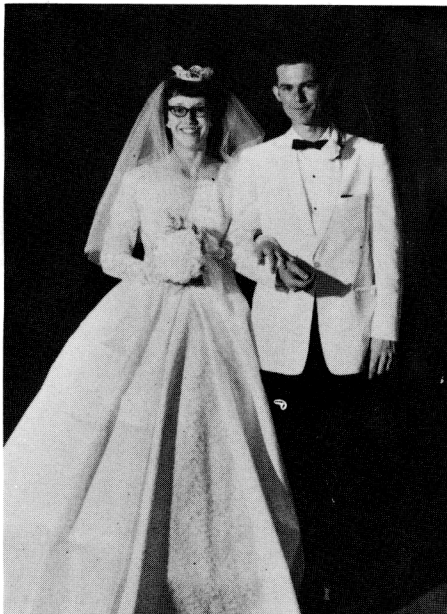
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Weddings!!



Another bachelor sees the light. Mr. Gene Bremer and Miss Goldie Murray were married June 5th, having a garden wedding literally under the stars. (From their smiles can you tell who did the running?)

Editorial

From Headquarters Pasadena by Evangelist Norman Smith

PLAY TO WIN

"Let's go all out to win!"

"Such-and-such is the team to beat."

Our number one goal, so it appears, is *winning*. We're out to prove we are better than the other teams. But Paul said, "Let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others." Do we yet have the "mind of Christ" in our softball and basketball leagues?

If our main goal is to win, are we not playing through strife and vainglory in disobedience to Paul's command? Granted that when two teams play and a score is kept, one team must win but also what we often overlook is that one team must lose. Search your own heart. Aren't you several times happier when your team wins? Don't you go home sort of discouraged and frustrated when your team loses?

Do you place primary emphasis on fellowship, recreation and a sense of joy and accomplishment for *all* players on *both* teams or do you desire to see the other team debased? Paul says that in a race only one receives a *corruptible* prize but he expects Christians to conduct themselves in a manner that all may win. God does not want His people to go home from a ball game frustrated and filled with a desire for vengeance while another group of His people are hooting and hollering about winning. God tells us, "Do not rejoice when your enemy falls." How much less should we rejoice when our brethren lost?

God does expect us to go all out to win against pride, vanity and human nature but He does not expect us to nurture that pride and vanity by proving we are better than our brethren by virtue of winning at some mundane sport.

What are the fruits of "winning at all costs?" "Winning" prompts unwarranted criticism of the umpire's or referee's decisions. "Winning" promotes over-aggressive play which often results in injuries, some of them serious. "Winning" will not permit a coach or manager to "jerk" a "good" player who makes a mistake in attitude or is in danger of causing an injury. "Winning" will not permit playing the poorer members on a team for at least one-fourth or one-third of every game. And they are the ones who need the recreation and the experience the most.

God does want us all to *win* the battle against personal lethargy. He does want us *all* to improve our "game." But He's not all that concerned about one team winning and several others losing. Why should you be?

If we really want to have Christian fellowship and develop character, let's emphasize personal development and accomplishment and de-emphasize winning. Perfection in character for all IS Number One Goal.

Walk Hand In Hand

Goldie Murray and Gene Bremer married! On June 5 at 8:00 P.M., Mr. and Mrs. Ted Efimov played host to Holy Matrimony by creating a lovely Garden Chapel for the wedding of Goldie and Gene. The Maid of Honor was Linda Murray. Best man was Gerald Bremer.

Mr. Blackwell performed the ceremony. Gene Carter sang "To Each His Own" and "Walk Hand in Hand." Mrs. Schurr accompanied him on the organ. More than one hundred people attended the Garden Wedding. Needless to say Goldie and Gene won't have too much difficulty initialing their linens, just G & G . . . Better and Better?

Something Wonderful

"Something Wonderful" has happened to Margaret Silver and Robert Warden . . . They were united in marriage on June 13th at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon in the Terrace room of the Keyman's Club.

Margaret, Canadian born, Ambassador College student, and dearly loved by the Chicago Church was completely happy as she and her husband received the congratulations from the many who attended her wedding. Daisy Recky was Maid of Honor and Steve Cornell was Best Man.

The couple will honeymoon in the Ozarks. And truly Mrs. Filippello sang about "Something Wonderful."

PENTECOST

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nor provoked easily. The final point was that love thinks no evil.

Meanwhile, Mr. John Bald and Mr. Carn Catherwood held services for the Cincinnati-Indianapolis areas on the weekly and Annual Sabbaths. Mr. George Meeker conducted weekly Sabbath services in Milwaukee. Mr. Jack Pyle held morning and afternoon services in Peoria assisted by Harold Cormany, where 250 attended from Peoria and Danville.

On Monday Morning the services opened with a sermonette by Mr. Frank McCrady on "How to Count To The Day of Pentecost." Mr. McCrady also read to us about the religious counter-part used by the world known as "Whit Sunday." God's work was blessed by an offering of over \$10,000. God commands us not to appear empty handed before Him. The main sermon for the morning was given by the District Superintendent and Evangelist of the Northern Midwest Area, **Mr. Dean C. Blackwell**. Mr. Blackwell opened his sermon giving us a rundown on how the Feast was kept by Paul and the disciples. But the real meat of his sermon was where the term Christian was first applied to God's Church in Antioch in 42-43 A.D., and what the church was called before this. Then Mr. Blackwell gave us guides to a **personal study** of tracing the history of the true church by giving us names used by the world when referring to the Church of God. Names like **Nazarenes, Bogimils, Paulicians, Henrici, Arnolds, Waldenses, Lollards** and **Cathari** have been applied to the church throughout history. He told us that groups known as the Ebionites and Albi-Gensis, although sometimes attaching themselves to God's church were never really a part of it. Mr. Blackwell also showed us in the books of Matthew and Revelation that whenever the true Church faltered, God had to take a few elect and move the church to another area. In tracing the true church, one can also trace the false church as Satan kept it close at all times to God's elect flock. This is shown in Rev. 2 and 3.

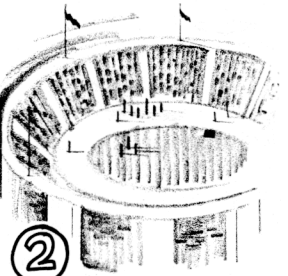
We adjourned for a delicious meal served by our deaconesses and assistants. In the afternoon services we were treated to a solo by Mrs. Richard Plache. Mr. Plache gave his second sermon of the weekend on "Using God's Spirit." He brought out that some of us if we were to honestly evaluate ourselves hadn't really grown in the last 4 or 5 years. He showed that God's Spirit is a life line between man and his creator. He ex-

Knowledge Knots

See page 6 for answers



① NAME 3 MEN IN THE BIBLE WHO SLEW LIONS WITH THEIR BARE HANDS.



② WHAT EVIDENCE IS THERE THAT PAUL WAS SPORTS MINDED?

③ WHAT ITEMS DID THE ARK OF THE COVENANT CONTAIN?

④ NAME THE 4 LARGEST COUNTRIES BY AREA.



⑤ NAME THE 4 LARGEST COUNTRIES BY POPULATION.

plained that those with God's spirit should have a **renewing of their minds** and a definite change begins in one's character. As Christians we must walk and live in the spirit. Evaluating everything about us with the help of God's spirit. And that we, as Lot, should be vexed with the world about us. And then all too quickly it was over, and hundreds of the brethren stayed around talking and counseling and reminiscing until about 8 p.m. when the last left for home. We all yearn and long for the day when there will be no more separating, and parting of the ways for God's true elect. The day when we will be at one with Christ, forever and ever.

This Man Is YOUR Teacher!!

What will the future Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course Lessons be like? The Chicago Church was let in on some vital plans recently by Mr. Richard Sedliacik (shown with family) who with Mr. William Ellis another former Chicagoan writes lessons for the 70,108 students world wide.

Future plans call for beautiful, dramatic full color photographs with more powerful layouts to drive home the TRUTH with full force.



Mr. Sedliacik and his family visiting this area. Mr. Sedliacik is under Dr. C. Paul Meredith in preparing the Ambassador College Correspondence Courses.

Gardening Time Is Here

by Glen McCutchan

On the beautiful Sunday morning of May 9, men of the Indianapolis Spokesman Clubs arose early to prepare and plant the garden of two of the widow ladies. It did not take long before seeds, bulbs, and plants were in the ground. Flowers were also planted around the garden to add extra beauty to the surroundings. After the good feeling of working in the soil, most headed for the baseball diamond where an enjoyable baseball practice took place.

Meet Mr. Harold Jackson

by Fred Mancewicz

A life story of a minister boring??? Not in the case of Mr. Jackson! His life prior to his conversion was as eventful as it was after his calling into God's Church; but the latter events were indeed more fruitful and satisfying.

It all began in 1911 in Des Moines, Iowa. At the state capitol his father was a part time clerk who boasted he would never wear overalls to make a living. Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong was born in the same city. However, he was not acquainted with the Jacksons at that time. Mr. Jackson's mother died when he was just 7 years old and for a time he lived in an orphanage until an aunt took him in.

This young man had musical talent — at the age of 3 he began playing the drums, piano at 8 years and at 14 years he added the saxophone and clarinet. In high school he added to his ability the tuba and the string bass violin. His ability earned him the privilege to play for two summers in the Des Moines Symphony Orchestra.

His maternal grandparents worked as domestics providing the inherent cultural refinement carried through his family. This was a great asset for at the youthful age of 14 years he formed his own 16 piece band that he led on tour through the South.

Upon returning to Des Moines in 1928, he joined a semi-pro basketball team and toured a five state area. This team used many tricky crowd pleasing antics and were known as the "Harlem Clowns."

In 1927 Mr. Jackson married, and in subsequent years had two children. Rather than be a musician on the road, he earned his livelihood as a painting contractor and supplemented his income in the earlier years by playing nights and weekends with a small band "combo."

In 1932 he became an apprentice mortician. When the owner of the funeral home died he became a licensed mortician and worked nights embalming bodies. He got \$5.00 for each one and sometimes did several a night. Whatever the method he used to make a living, he always did it well.

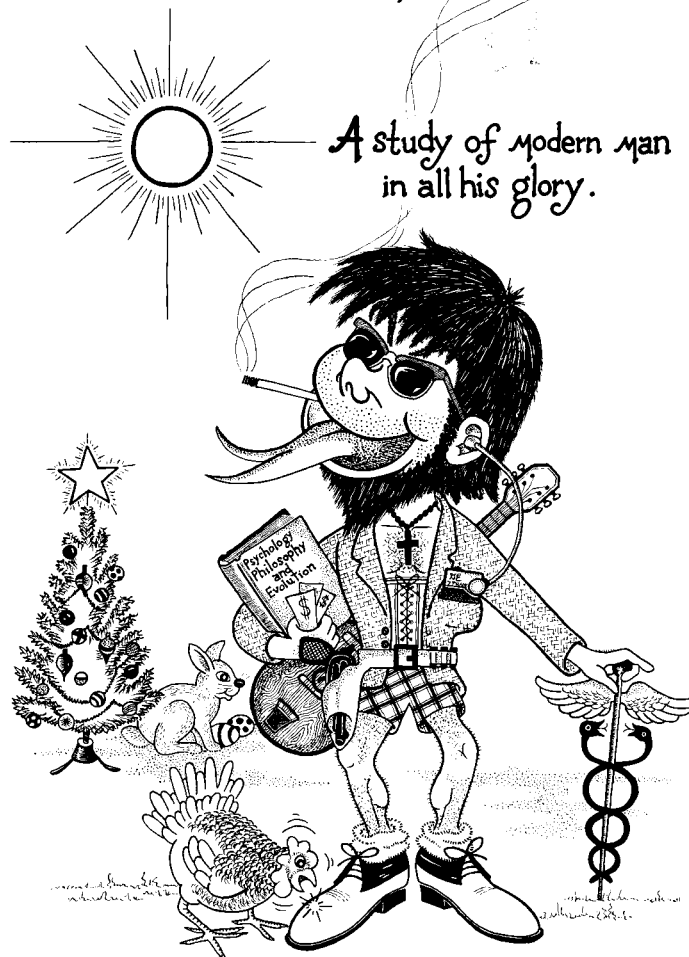
Upon being encouraged by a Seventh Day Adventist friend, it was in 1933 that Mr. Jackson made an intensive study into the Bible about the Sabbath and the true name of God's Church.

After being baptized and keeping the Sabbath for 5 years, Mr. Jackson later moved to San Diego, California. Though he looked intensively he could not find a Sabbath-keeping Church of God in California. Years later Mrs. Jackson happened to catch the World Tomorrow Broadcast. After only hearing three broadcasts, they drove to Pasadena where they met Mr. Herbert Armstrong and received his personal tour of the college.

They were among the original church members when the San Diego Church was formed in August of 1952. He later became the first Negro Deacon, being ordained in 1957. It was November 21, 1959 that Mr. Jackson was summoned to Pasadena to be ordained as a local elder by the hands of Mr. Herbert Armstrong. It was by the fruits he bore that in April of 1963 Mr. Jackson was ordained to the rank of full preaching elder.

Mr. Jackson lives in Chicago but is expanding his itinerary to spend at least one week of each month in other Church areas. He emphasized that his job is to assist in the work among the Negro brethren serving under Mr. Dean Blackwell, Evangelist, and as racial tension mounts he concluded the urgent need is for more of the Negro brethren to serve in the ministry.

Acts 7:42 - Then God turned, and gave them up to worship the host of heaven;



A study of modern man in all his glory.

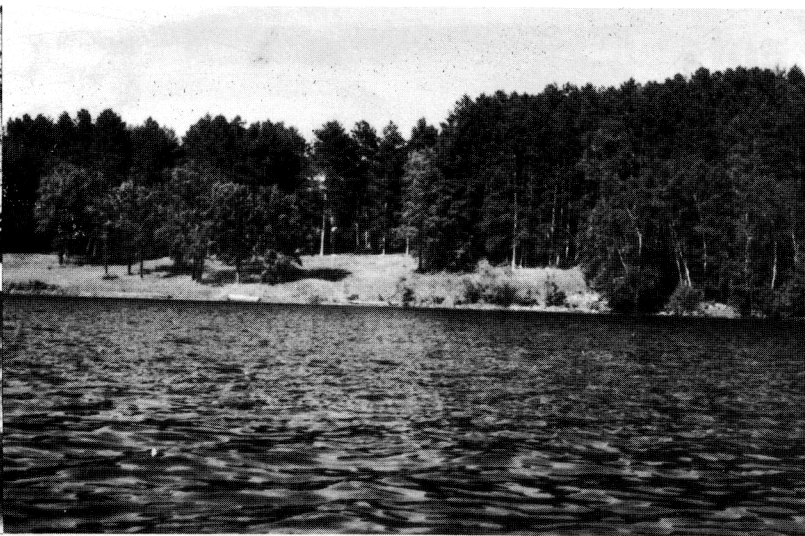
He wears a wig and nice false teeth;
But the pants are worn by his wife.
He doesn't know that he's a thief;
Or that his children rule his life.

He has no patience, and he's far from meek;
No fear of God, nor faith, nor trust.
With v.d., cancer, and a heart that's weak;
He lives to satisfy his lusts.

You see, although he sees, he's blind;
And deaf to all the ways of God.
Though short of sense and ill of mind;
He still insists the Bible's odd.

He stuffs himself with pork and sweets;
And the outer man, he paints and dyes.
He brags in vain about his feats;
But underneath it all; he cries.

CADUCEAN JONES



Amateur fishermen catch 34 fish in 2½ hours at Pelican Lake. Mr. Ted Efimov, staff member, and Mr. Ken Ellis, former staff member and now a teacher at Imperial School in Pasadena holding the fish they caught.

The beach site with its natural sandy bottom and grassy meadow is being prepared for the summer activities. This is God's creation to be experienced and enjoyed by the Church youth.

Imperial School - Summer Activities Center

by Ted Efimov

Your children are greatly BLESSED! Never before has anything like the Imperial School Summer Activities program been offered to parents of adolescents. In the land of sky blue waters, God made available a site for a new Imperial School Summer Activities Center. Plush green forest surrounds enticing Pelican Lake. Natural sandy beaches are dotted about the lake with natural, gradual slopes making swimming very safe for younger children. The average depth of the lake is 10 feet. This makes the water warm quickly and fishing TREMENDOUS.

Mr. Ken Ellis (former Editorial Staff Member and now a teacher in the Imperial School in Pasadena) and I caught 34 fish in 2½ hours—proving this sport is a *must* while there. The days are warm with breezes that inspire activity and the nights nippy to induce sound sleep.

Every facet of the summer Imperial School program has been planned including facilities available to make this successful and ENJOYABLE. 95 canoes will be available as well as 5 out-board motor boats for water skiing. Archery, riflery, swimming, canoeing, and other sports are prepared to round out the physical activities. 240 acres of timber land on a jutting out into Pelican lake is the site God has made available for our children. Fantastic effort and preparation has gone into making this the

most wonderful, awe—inspiring summer young men and women can experience.

If you were a millionaire, you could not buy what God has in store for YOUR CHILD. To give you an eye-opening revelation, let us see the drawing board plans now prepared because GOD LEAVES NOTHING TO CHANCE. This summer activity is an EXTENSION OF THE IMPERIAL SCHOOL SYSTEM; Mr. Floyd Lochner and his assistant Mr. Michael Germano explained every activity is designed for the purpose of BUILDING CHARACTER and/or DEVELOPING A PROPER HABIT. It is an IMPERIAL SCHOOL having activities directed with one main purpose—to create a proper foundation for ATTITUDE and HABITS coupled with an academic program. Studies are designed to induce habits of health and foster balanced mental habits including self-control and will power. Teaching wise use of financial resources when purchasing and proper maintenance of clothing is included. There will be no formal classes. Each group is programmed according to their age and ability. Each unit (group) receives preliminary training for the activity chosen. Skills are taught by expert personnel headed by Superintendent of Imperial Schools, Floyd O. Lochner. EVERY POINT is explored. Let us take the example of a wilderness excursion. Books will be read on astron-

omy, cooking, camping out, and plant life. Magnetic north and true north will be studied. Compass reading is taught. First aid and plant life is studied for their usefulness and dangers. The key is preparation and proper knowledge so that every adolescent is prepared and equipped to meet his responsibilities.

There will be 16 dormitories—8 for the girls and 8 for the boys. Each dorm is divided into 2 units which are separated by a COMMON room and the counselor's private room. The common room is to be used for Bible studies, group discussions and meeting area. The dormitories are ELECTRICALLY heated—every convenience is available with even two prayer rooms per unit for individual prayer.

A swimming area 100 feet long and 75 feet wide divided into three parts is to be built at the beach. One section is specially planned for beginners. Another section is for qualified swimmers and the third, for events and meets. A 1 meter diving board and a 3 meter diving board will be jutting over the lake. Yes, facilities are of the finest quality. Expert personnel have been chosen. Intensive study and planning have been made into every detail to make this summer the most beneficial, inspiring and enjoyable summer your child can experience. God is blessing YOU! All you have to do is take advantage of it by sending your child there.

Knowledge Knots Answers

1. David (I Sam. 17:34-37) while tending his fathers sheep saw a lion and a bear among the sheep. Seizing the lamb from the lions mouth, David violently grabbed the lion by its beard and fatally crushed it with his fist, He also killed the bear in like manner.

Benaiah (I Chron. 11:22-25) not only slew a lion but two strong men of Moab. He also with only a staff disarmed a huge seven and a half foot Egyptian of his weavers beam-like spear and slew him. David set Benaiah over his personal guard, yet there were three men mightier than he.

Samson (Judges 14:5-6) met a young powerful lion on his way to visit his parents. With mighty strength of God he literally tore it to pieces with his bare hands.

2. In I Cor. 9:26 Paul says, "I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; (shows his awareness of track and racing) so fight I, not as one that beateth the air; (Paul thought of his target as a prize fighter would—not shadow boxing or swinging at mid air.)

With Muscle bulging effort against all obstacles he urges us to finish the race and claim the prize. He won his race.

3. The Ark of the Covenant was the size of a large trunk with a solid gold cover. In it was kept (1) Two stone



All age groups enjoy God's social. Billie Lewis dances with Susan Cordell, showing the bachelor how.

tablets of the 10 Commandments. (2) Aaron's rod that budded. (3) A special container of manna.

4. In square miles they are: Russia—8,650,000; Canada—3,851,809; China—3,691,500; United States of America—3,615,211.

5. China—700,000,000; India—440,316,000; Russia—264,381,000; United States of America—192,313,000.

Exhilarating! Ladies' Softball



Mrs. Raymond Johnson powers the married women to a win over the single girls. Win or lose, the single girls were not to be outdone in the cheering section.

Screams, shrieks, rent the air at the South Bend—Grand Rapids Ladies' softball game May 31. The winning Married team had more power at the plate, e.g., Mrs. Raymond Johnson and Mrs. Glen Keeley; the Single girls had the

most vivacious cheering section. The total of 240 who attended the Camp-out at the Glen Keeley farm, Gobles, Mich., included 60 boys who "camp-out" and 55 girls who took up residence at the Keeley barn.

KICKAPOO CAMPOUT

by Bruce Vance

On the 30th and the 31st of May, a family campout, sponsored by the Madison Spokesman Club under the direction of Mr. Jim Haines, took place at the Nenstiel farm in the Kickapoo Valley of Wisconsin about twenty miles north of Richland Center. The campout was to help Mr. Nenstiel paint his barn and do other chores around his farm, and to provide camping experience for those who spent the night in tents.

Much was accomplished in the two days, including some much needed grass cutting, some plowing, and the clearing away of a few dilapidated buildings. Although the primary purpose of the campout was to paint the barn, only half of this mission was accomplished due to a lack of paint.

The bright sunshine complemented the beautifully rolling countryside, and even the rain seemed right in tune with the wooded hilltops. Sports and games were enjoyed both outside and inside, baseball, volleyball and children's games were participated in by all. Instruction in erecting a campsite and in the proper use and handling of firearms was given to those old enough to benefit from it.

Homemade ice cream and the last May shower ushered in the end to a profitable and satisfying weekend, as the weary campers returned home with thoughts already running ahead to the possibility of another Kickapoo Campout.

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