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ENJOY THE FESTIVAL

The Feast of Tabernacles is upon us once again and we need to be reminded of some things.

First there will be over 7,000 present from all over the central part of the United States coming together in one spirit and one mind. But our carnal natures are, unfortunately, still with us and we must make sure that we carry with us a right attitude at all times. Some may talk differently than we do, dress differently, act differently in many ways but you will probably seem just as peculiar to them. Remember, always look at things from the other fellow's point of view.

Remember, the time goes by very fast at the Feast and most of us forget or just plain **don't** pray enough or **at all**. This will help you in your attitude and every other way as well. Take a portion of every day and set it aside as a time for prayer. This is a must.

Think of the impression you give to the people around Gladewater. We don't particularly care what "people think" about us but we should make a good impression to everyone. Don't make remarks about "This" or "That" thing. Keep your thoughts and your remarks to yourself. There is no use bringing undue persecution upon yourself and the Church of God. One misdeed by one member can wreck the impression of the entire Church. Re-

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FEAST OF TRUMPETS September 19, 1963

A combined meeting for this area will be held at the V.F.W. Hall in Alice, Texas. Services will begin at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. with a covered dish luncheon served at noon.

DAY OF ATONEMENT September 28, 1963

Regular Sabbath services will be held. **Please note:** Services in Corpus Christi will begin at 10 a.m. and services in San Antonio will be at 3:30 p.m.

FEAST OF TABERNACLES October 3-10

All services will be held in Gladewater, Texas.

IMPROMPTU !

Fourteen excited men waited in nervous expectation on the night of Sept. 14, 1963. Tension seemed to permeate the air as the Spokesman Club members, along with their wives, who were guests for the evening, began to arrive at the Tally-Ho Motel in Corpus Christi. This was the night of an impromptu meeting.

Each man was wondering what He would be called upon to do. Would he be president, topicsmaster, toastmaster, speaker or what? Many were wishing they had spent more time in preparation before the meeting.

Finally, the moment arrived and Mr. Hammer began to draw the names for the different offices and assignments for the evening. The suspense continued to mount, because no one knew his assignment until it was his turn to speak, evaluate or perform some other duty.

Mr. Walter Konze was our first casualty of the evening, as he was picked to be the acting-president. This was the hot spot and everyone else breathed a sigh of relief.

The pressure was on from that time forward to the end of the meeting. What a howling success it was! During the course of the evening, it was simply amazing to hear what came out of the mouths of the men, while they were under pressure. Here are some typical comments and statements that were made. We were told by our topicsmaster, Mr. Lindberg Laney, that Mr. Benjamin Franklin was a president of the United States? We were told by our toastmaster, Mr. Don Winn, that one of the speakers was going to give us a speech—something that was concrete, something to really get our teeth into! "Ouch!" One speaker said we had to treat architects casually, and so it went.

Well, we survived the meeting and are looking forward to the next impromptu meeting in 1965!



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EDITORIAL

The Feast of Tabernacles is almost here again. This is truly one of the most joyous occasions of the year; a time that all the family looks forward to in God's true Church.

There is one thing all of us really need to do this time of the year. We need to pause and reflect upon the past year since the last Feast of Tabernacles. Do you remember the zeal and enthusiasm you had when you came home from the Feast? After feasting on the wonderful SPIRITUAL FOOD for eight days weren't you just filled with drive to really grow and overcome, to qualify for God's Kingdom at Christ's return?

Now think back. How long did the zeal last? Did it last for one week, one month, probably not more than two months at the most. Then, you were back into the same old rut. Remember James 1:22 says, "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

"What went wrong?" you may ask. "What happened to my zeal?" What really happened could have been a combination of things. Did my prayer life fall from great fervent drive to mere ritual and duty? What about my Bible study and fasting, did I let down there? It was probably all three of these.

So after the Feast of Tabernacles this year, let's remember to pray, to study our Bibles and Fast as often as needed (Continued Bottom of next Column →)

Another American Problem

This morning I was talking to a local paint contractor and we turned to the discussion of the plight of almost every small contractor in the U.S.

In his office I could see three places of business for sale or lease. All these were once contractors of one sort or another, but capitulated to the high cost of labor and materials. He informed me this was not just a local thing, but was widespread over the entire country.

Here is this man's opinion of what is happening: First, supervision has gotten to the point that no man can be trusted. Top men, once trustworthy, are loafing on the job and letting their men get away with things unheard of before. Secondly, manufacturing costs have risen to fantastic heights and the material costs for jobs are often prohibitive. Union shops are no longer able to compete with open shops and many of those going out of business are union shops. Union demands are so outrageous as to be ridiculous at times. (35 hour week, vacation pay, welfare and pension, double and triple pay for overtime and holiday work, etc.). Even in open shops the work is of such poor quality as to be unfit for use therefore many union shops (that do have some work standards) get jobs even at higher prices.

"The day of the small business is over." These were the exact words of this contractor, who was one of the largest in this part of the country (he sold out his equipment when he speculated in oil and is now dabbling in real estate). "We will all be working for the government in one way or another before too many years pass." This was his prognostication. A pure socialistic government! This is what he sees for us in the future.

This is just one phase of business in this country. Everywhere you look, business, BIG and small is in real trouble.

Where does your hope lie? In this country? In big business? I hope not! According to this man, the U.S. is down and almost out, and he doesn't know one particle of God's prophecy! This is from his own experience.

Let's not get our eyes on the around or the inside, but on the above and put first things first. God has told what is coming and this man has verified it!

to keep us from becoming "Lukewarm" (Rev. 3:15). If we do these things we need not worry for God will give us the strength to grow and overcome even unto the end.

Check Your Driving Habits

By M. C. Jennings

Do WE practice what we preach? We say that a person must develop righteous character before he can enter into God's Kingdom. We can't be given all of the tremendous power that goes with eternal life in the kingdom unless, or until we can wisely use the power that goes with eternal life in the kingdom unless, or until we can wisely use the power given now.

Think of the power we hold in our hands each time we drive out on the streets and highways. We are handling power equal to the pulling power of dozens of horses, in most cases in the hundreds of horse power. The lives and limbs of our families and those of others DEPEND on our ability to make accurate split second decisions. We can't make the other driver safe, BUT WE CAN AVOID BEING RUN OVER IF we follow five simple steps listed below.

1. AIM HIGH IN STEERING—Aim ahead of your car don't just look over your hood at the road just ahead.

2. GET THE BIG PICTURE—By aiming high you can see a wider range of what is ahead.

3. KEEP YOUR EYES MOVING—Each two to five seconds check your side or rear view mirror so you can see the shifting pattern behind, as well as ahead.

4. LEAVE YOURSELF AN OUT—Too many drivers are trapped into accidents. Keep a space cushion of one car length for each ten miles per hour. This will give you a chance to stop or turn out of the way.

5. MAKE SURE THEY SEE YOU—Use your turn lights, give hand signals, pump your brake pedal so your lights will flash and alert the other driver.

God is our protector, He also gave us minds to use and develop LET'S USE THEM!

To a young man learning to perform on the flying trapeze a veteran circus performer once said: "Throw your heart over the bars and your body will follow." In every field of endeavor those who put their hearts in their work are the real leaders. Falling in love with one's job is the secret of success.

Enjoy The Festival

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member, we are the salt of the earth and are to be the light of the world.

Next, have a good time. It is a time to be joyous. We are there to learn primarily, but we are also able to enjoy many physical pleasures. Remember, temperance in all things is a rule of thumb. Have a smile on your face whatever the circumstances. It won't hurt a bit more and the smiles you get in return will be worth more than you give.

Have an open mind. Study. Pray. Be a willing servant. Be happy. Do these things and you will help make the Feast of Tabernacles a success.

South Texas Bible Studies Increase

Since Mr. Hammer came here some nine months ago, the Bible Study has increased from about 40-45 to the high 60's. Tuesday, August 20, there were 70 present which is the largest so far in Corpus Christi.

On San Antonio the attendance rose to a record high of 100 during the summer and regularly averages in low or mid 80's.

Also don't forget there is a bi-monthly Bible Study held in Weslaco, Texas. The average attendance is in the high 30's.

In the past few months we have gone through such books as I and II Thesalonians, Ephesians, Philemon, Titus, I and II Timothy. Occasionally we have a test to see if we are really learning anything, and the results are not altogether hopeless. We have much growing to do however.

Mr. Hammer has rebuked those that live in and near Corpus Christi that do not make an attempt to come to the Bible Study while there are some that come from Alice, Beeville, and Aransas

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What CAN Be Done

Mr. Omar Crabill, Jr. who lives at New Braunfels, Texas attends God's Church at San Antonio with his lovely family which includes his wife Gladys Anita and their two charming daughters Esther Louise and Anita Ann.

In the picture is Esther Louise (sitting) holding the biggest of the two cantaloupes shown, which weighed eleven pounds. Anita Ann (standing) is holding the other one, which weighed 5 pounds.



These melons along with many other garden products were grown by this family without using commercial fertilizers or insecticides of any kind. They used entirely the humus method, consisting of decayed vegetation and grass from the yard and garden.

You can also be blessed by following these methods—try it and see!



Pass plus other outlying towns. He pointed out that Bible Study is almost as important as Sabbath services even though it is not a commanded assembly.

"Greater love hath no man . . . that he lay down his life for his friends." Mr. Hammer used this scripture in John 15:35 as an example of our love (Continued Bottom of next Column →)

CAMPING HINTS

You have now arrived at the Feast of Tabernacles and are about to set up your tent. Here are some more helpful hints to make your stay more pleasant.

First, find the spot on the area designated to your tent that is most level. Use your axe and shovel to clear out roots and/or brush. You may even want to level the ground a bit so you will have a level floor. But remember, anything you do to the grounds will have to be put back in exactly the same shape as you found it.

After you have set your tent up make about a 3" deep ditch around it in case of rain. More water will come up through the floor than the ceiling in case of hard rains.

At night the material in tents contracts and pulls the ropes very taut. Each night loosen these so they will not tear the tent. Next morning tighten them up again.

Life in a tent can be very exciting and fun, but you must prepare for it beforehand. The weather in east Texas is very unpredictable and measures must be taken to insure comfort and health. If you sleep on cots you will need to take as many bedclothes to sleep on as to cover with.

For those that have never attended a Feast it is a wise thing to take both summer and fall clothing as the weather can change from very hot to very cool in a short time.

If these hints are taken your stay will be much more pleasant and enjoyable and you will have fonder memories to take home with you.

See You There !!

for Christ when we come to Bible Study because life is time and our time given to Christ is in effect our very lives.

Those that do come to Bible Study regularly seem to have a more well-rounded knowledge of the Bible and some day may be able to give an answer for the hope that is in them.

One more advantage is being able to fellowship with the brethren. This is very important. (Heb. 10:23-25 Read) Coming to know one another better is vital in our Christian growth. We must come to know each other as we do ourselves and if we do that we will have perfect love for each other.

RECENT BAPTISMS

Seven new members were added to the San Antonio Church on the 23rd of August. They are Mrs. Redd, Mr. Richard White, Miss Katherine Johnson, Mrs. Lillian Lee, Mrs. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Matyear, Mr. Sam E. Gill, Mrs. J. E. Smith, Mrs. Mikeash and Mrs. Kelch.

Mr. Hammer, accompanied by John Robinson made a four-day visiting and baptizing tour of the outlying towns in this area. As a result of a very encouraging and profitable trip, four persons were added to the body of Christ. Let's especially remember these in our prayers as they will need extra help in the new way of life they have chosen.

How To Do It Column

CARE AND USE OF PAINT BRUSHES

Many times when we want to do a fast touch-up or even paint an entire room, we find our paint brush hard as a rock.

The following instructions will eliminate this problem and also the costly replacement of brushes.

Before using a new brush soak it for several hours in raw linseed oil (**not boiled linseed oil**). This will seal the pores of the wood handle and cause it to swell just enough to prevent the bristles from shedding while painting. It also lubricates the metal band preventing rust damage to bristles and keeps the brush pliable while painting. Brushes can easily be cleaned after use, especially that part of the brush close to the handle.

If you intend to paint for several days you need not clean the brush after each use, but leave it overnight in raw linseed oil. This can be done by drilling a hole in the handle then inserting a small rod through the handle so that the rod will rest the weight of the brush on the lip of the can of oil instead of the brush bristles.

Paint brushes should never be soaked in water under any circumstances; water swells the handle, damaging the brush permanently.

Kerosene is about the best, yet the cheapest solvent to clean brushes. Gasoline should never be used in cleaning as this destroys the rubber the bristles are set in under the metal band. Alcohol or special cleaner is needed when cleaning varnish or shellac from a brush or you may store in raw linseed oil.

If you wish to clean brushes for storage, clean thoroughly with kerosene (Continued Bottom of next Column →)

Personal Glimpses



Among the many smiling faces you will see in the Corpus Christi congregation is that of Mrs. Don Brewer. Here are a few pertinent facts that may help you become better acquainted with her and her three sons.

Laura June Brewer, one of six children, was born on a farm near Harrison, Arkansas. After finishing high school, she was a clerk in a five-and-ten cent store for a year. She then went to trade school where she learned to be a sheet metal worker.

It was while she was working during World War II that she met Mr. Brewer. They were married in 1943 and subsequently had three sons. Mr. Brewer was killed in an accident while on the job several years ago.

Mrs. Brewer lists her occupation as "mother and housekeeper" and almost anyone would agree that this is a full time job!

The Brewer boys are James D., Don B., and David G. James graduated from Flour Bluff High School last May. Don will be classified as a Junior this year and David, aged, nine, is in the fourth grade. I'm sure there is never a dull moment in the Brewer household with three active young men around!

Mrs. Brewer came in contact with God's true Church through her brother, who has been a member since 1950. She was baptized in March, 1963.

She lists no hobbies but says she enjoys fishing.

If you aren't too well acquainted with the Brewers as yet, don't you think you'd like to know them better?

and soak in raw linseed oil for a few minutes then work the brush on a dry rag. Store in small box for bristle protection.

Follow these simple rules and your brushes will give you many years of service.

Children's Column

Dear Boys and Girls:

Here the answers to the questions in the last issue:

How Much Do You Know? 1. Joshua, 2. 12, 3. Joshua and Caleb, 4. 2, 5. Rahab, 6. Jordan, 7. Achan, 8. Stoned to death, 9. Coveted., 10. God promised it to Abraham and his descendants.

Guess My Name—I. Joshua, II. Joseph.

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BIBLE QUIZ

1. Give the names of the three sons of Noah.
2. What two birds did Noah send forth from the ark before the waters abated?
3. On what mountain did Moses receive the Ten Commandments?
4. Who was the first murderer?
5. Who was sold into Egypt by his brothers?
6. Which disciple denied Christ three times?
7. What is shortest verse in the Bible and where is it found?
8. How many books are there in the entire Bible?

Valuable Facts About Wine

(Continued from August issue)
Part II

In this issue we will give you tips on how to choose and treat wine.

11. European Vintage years are important, because climatic conditions have a large effect on the wine produced from the grapes.

12. Think of wine as something alive. Treat it gently. Do not shake it.

13. Store all still and sparkling wines on their sides, so that the corks are moistened by the wine. The corks are thus kept from drying up and allowing air to seep through and attack the wines.

14. Red wines often have considerable sediment which is natural to the wine. If possible, stand the bottle up a few hours before serving. The sediment will go to the bottom, and the wine will pour off brilliantly.

15. Red wines will expand and give off added aroma if the cork is drawn an hour before serving. This gives the wine a chance to breathe.

16. Both red and white table wines may be kept for a few days after opening if they are promptly recorked. White wines should be kept in the refrigerator and red wines in a cool place.