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Spokesman Clubs Semi-Annual Meeting

The El Fenix Restaurant in Longview presented an exquisite setting for the semi-annual meeting of the Big Sandy and Minden Spokesman Clubs on November 2. A total of 118 Spokesmen, wives, and special guests filled the beautifully decorated banquet room in eager anticipation of splendid steak dinners and a very scintillating meeting.

Holding the gavel during the business session was Mr. Lelon Jackson, former president of Club "A". Lively discussions ensued over topics of the "\$" nature, all properly handled and carried out.

In the table topics portion Mr. Gene Baker kept spirits high with his extra-

ordinary jokes and common sense topics. Laughter indeed makes the soul merry and there was certainly no room for sadness that evening.

First on the speaking agenda was Mr. John Brantley with his speech entitled "Let's Be Happy." Then Dr. Parrish explained the basic principles on which the Boy Scout organization is based. Next was Mr. Rowe Killingsworth who merited the most effective speaker's award with his deep-felt speech on "Our Purpose in the Spokesman Club." Mr. Tom Cash earned the most improved speaker's award with his straight forward speech on

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Chorale to Cut Records

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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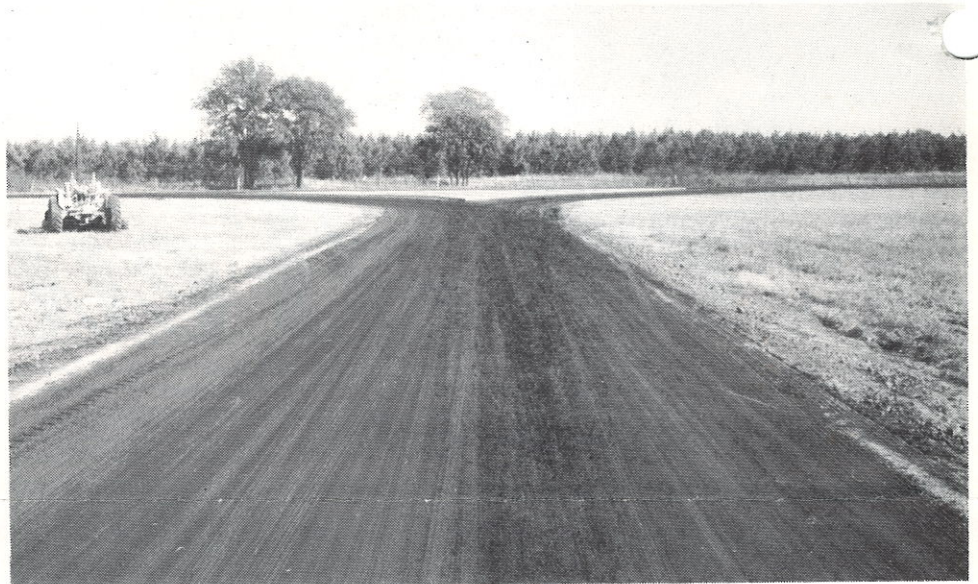
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More Improvements On Church Grounds



New road on the church grounds receives an oil topping. Permanent pavement will not be laid until master plans for the new Ambassador College are completed.

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“Supermarket Specials.”

The overall evaluators for that evening were Mr. Rice, who gave the grammar evaluation, and Mr. Chapman and Mr. Swisher. Their basic comments reflected on the success of the meeting and the continual apparent growth of the clubs. All members received encouragement to continue their work and efforts. God’s work is awaiting the overcomers.

Talking Booklets Teach the Blind

“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 studio, 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 $\frac{1}{3}$ 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 ex-



Spacious new garage constructed.

pected 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 500 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 De-

partment 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.

If success turns your head, you are facing in the wrong direction.

Although man is already ninety per cent water, the Prohibitionists are not yet satisfied!

SABINE RIVER CONQUERED BY STUDENTS

The morning had dawned crisp and cool with the strain of excitement running high. At last the day had arrived! Paddles at high port, the Sophomore and Junior boys pushed off for a mass canoe trip down the Sabine River.

The boys viewed the river as a challenge set before them. Could they conquer it—or would the river emerge as victor? The age-old pioneer spirit was again aroused.

As the canoes skimmed the water Indian style, one behind the other, shouts and laughter broke the quietness of the river. From somewhere came the quip, "This one of those 'new-fangled' transportation vehicles with the Injun' in the rear?" Now was the time for laughter and fun!

Paddling consistently, mile after mile was erased and as the morning wore on, everyone could tell lunch time was near. Stopping to eat, the canoers relaxed their muscles and relieved their hunger with wholesome food.

Soon they were on their way again. The highlights of the afternoon were the "thrills, spills, and chills" experienced by the boys as they tried their daring antics on the water or exhibited their "skill" at canoeing. The aggressive paddlers kept on, overcoming one obstacle after another, as the hours passed swiftly and the afternoon faded into evening.

Eager to continue their journey, but realizing the pitfalls of traveling at night, the boys beached their canoes and sent for transportation.

Adventure—thrills and chills had been wrapped up in a neat package—an unusual day.

On the lighter side, a brainless teenager in Britain was arrested for driving his car down the road, steering with his knee, combining his hair with his right hand, patting it down with his left, listening to the radio, and talking to his girlfriend all at the same time.

SPOKESMAN CLUBS CHANGE OFFICERS

It was Wednesday night—Spokesman Club night, November 6. The exciting moment had arrived. The newly appointed officers of Clubs "A" and "B" took their positions.

Leading Club "A" as president this semester is Mr. Buck Hammer, who previously filled this position some two years ago. Accepting the new responsibility as president of Club "B" is Mr. Charles Marsh. On the following Saturday night, it was Mr. Edward Dickinson who filled this same position in the Minden Club. CONGRATULATIONS to these men and to the full staff of new officers listed below:

GLADEWATER

Club "A"

Sgt. at Arms.....Mr. Roland Oullette
Treasurer.....Mr. Boyd Payne
Secretary.....Mr. C. L. Klotz
V. President..Mr. Rowe Killingsworth

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WORLD NEWS

BY JESSE BAIR

U.S. foreign aid may have reached its peak this year. Congressmen, who try to keep a sensitive finger on the pulse of their constituents, report that folks back home are getting disillusioned with our foreign aid program.

Since World War II, we have pumped \$10 billion worth of aid into France. Result: De Gaulle constantly opposes our policies. We've sent millions to South and Central America. Result: many uprisings and the cancellation of democratic elections. The U.S. supports the economy of Vietnam, pouring multiple millions of dollars into this little Asiatic country, eventually to be won by Communist neighbors. We vote millions in aid to Indonesia each year, yet Sukarno wants to war against Malaysia.

The whole program is a national pity. Even though foreign aid is being reduced for the following year, it is expected that Congress will approve about four billion dollars (\$4,000,000,000) for this futile purpose.

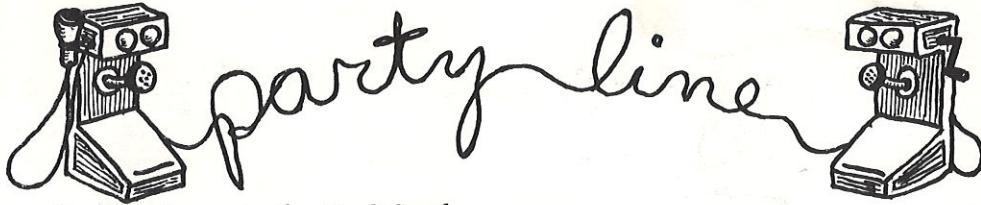
The Prociws Arrive From Montana



From Billings, Montana comes Mr. & Mrs. Steve Prociw and their two sons, Ernest 15, and Ronnie 11. Not having a local church to attend in Montana, Mr. & Mrs. Prociw decided to move to Gladewater, where they could also place their boys in Imperial School.

Mr. Prociw spent most of his life as a rancher and farmer, and is still very interested in this type of work.

The Prociws would very much like to have visitors, so why not stop by 115 E. Gay Avenue, and visit this warm, friendly family.



Confirmed report: the Paul Smiths are expecting a brother or possibly a sister for Benjamin and David.

Recent baptisms: Mr. Carl C. Smith, DeRidder, Louisiana; Mrs. E. A. Ford, Tyler, Texas; and Mrs. Willie Mae Latham, Magnolia, Arkansas.

Richard Burgin, 1963 graduate of Imperial School, is now employed by a Dallas insurance firm. "Rich" reports he likes "Big D" fine.

New addresses in Gladewater are: Mrs. Iva Brantley, 601 Tenery; Mrs. Ruby Hanson, 807 East Pacific; and Mrs. Mae Springer, 408 West Quitman.

Mr. Boyd Payne took an unexpected vacation—the hard way! Several weeks ago while working, his foot was severely injured by a piece of falling steel. He has been hobbling around ever since.

Plain Truth from the mouths of babes:

Quizzing my two preschoolers on what I thought they surely knew, I asked, "Who wrote the Psalms?" In unison they answered "King David." "Who wrote Proverbs?" Reply, "King Solomon." "Who was the first man?" "King David?—no—" "King Solomon?"—no—a bit perturbed—the first man was Adam." Now "Who was the first woman?" Said one with a beaming "know it all" "Mrs. Adam."

A stranger passing through a small East Texas town (not Big Sandy) on a Sunday morning, desiring to attend the "church of his choice" inquired of the first passer-by, who happened to be an elderly colored gentleman, "Is there a church of Christ here?" He thought a moment, scratched his head, then pointing answered, "Well suh, dere's a Methodist Chu'ch over heah on dis corner—but—no suh, ah don'ts b'lieve Christ gots a chu'ch heah."

The child's old rhymeric says, "Mary had a little lamb," but the latest scoop from Sharon Springs, Kansas is, "Dellar (Mrs. Ivan Lamb) is making preparations for a little Lamb."

Mrs. Wilma Harmon has recently moved to Paradise Hill in Gladewater.

Not to be outdone by Minden, the prolific Big Sandy congregation wishes to report the blessing of 25 children at the special service on October 19.

Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Byers are new residents in Big Sandy. They are living at 200 Meason Street.

Recent baptisms from California: Tommy Williams, Marilyn Brantley, Georgia Cox, and Dyanne Moore.

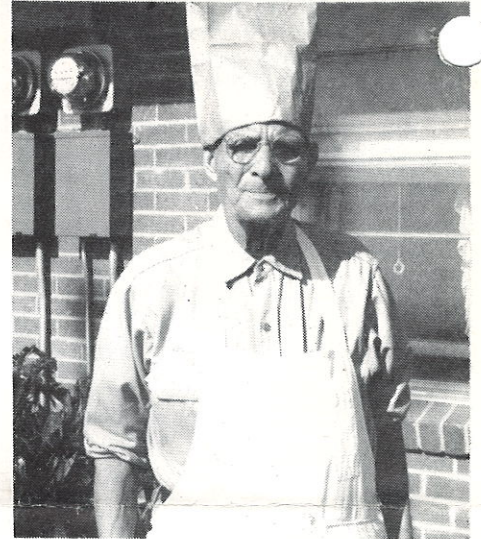
The many friends of Mrs. Emma Jans will be happy to hear that she is much improved from her recent illness. As Mrs. Jans quipped, "These shingles weren't on the roof!"

Week-end guests of Mr. & Mrs. Baker Myers of Ringgold, Louisiana included Mrs. Inez Dawson, Mrs. Evelyn Powers and Mrs. Cleo Merk and children. A day on the farm was very much enjoyed by all.

The Big Sandy congregation was saddened by the death of Mrs. Rex (Marjorie) Lindon of Gladewater on October 30. She was preceded in death by her husband about 18 months ago. Her daughter, Norma Jean, will live with her aunt in Littleton, Colorado.

There was a strained air and a buzz among the teenagers on Friday evening November 1—reason for the concern was the temporary disappearance of Rod Carnes. While travelling to Gladewater on the old Big Sandy highway Rod had broken the chain on his motor bike and when found was being well taken care of by Aunt Grace at Oklahoma Jack's on Highway 80.

"Mr. D" as Chef



The lovely home of the Buck Hammers was transformed into an Italian restaurant for a few hours on Monday, October 28th, when Mr. Dominic Di-Francesca donned his high chef' hat and cooked a super batch of Italian spaghetti (enough to satisfy the healthy appetites of 15 people). As "Mr. D" often says, "Oh boy, oh boy, oh boy!"

Officers

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President.....Mr. Buck Hammer Club "B"
Sgt. at Arms.....Mr. Joseph Scudder
Treasurer.....Mr. E. C. Phillips
Secretary.....Mr. Dael Baughman
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President.....Mr. Charles Marsh

MINDEN

Sgt. at Arms.....Mr. Ted Hines
Treasurer.....Mr. Herbert Luther
Secretary.....Mr. Curtiss Harrist
V. President.....Mr. Floyd Deen
President.....Mr. E. C. Dickinson

There is no better incentive than responsibility. This training is invaluable as those who have served in these capacities can attest. Their aim during this semester will be to continue to lead the clubs toward attainment of the primary goals of the Spokesman Clubs: (1) Development of total personality (2) Learning God's Government action (3) Developing leadership (4) Learning true Christian fellowship and service.