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Faculty Reception Gala Event

On the memorable eve of September 1, the faculty formally welcomed the Class of 1968 to Ambassador College, Big Sandy. Torchlight, beautiful music, and a stunningly decorated Student Lounge provided the atmosphere for the first formal function of the academic year—the Faculty Reception.

All freshmen eagerly looked forward to the big moment when their entire class would be presented to the faculty. That moment finally came! As the students entered the lounge area, John Pruner, Student Body President, happily introduced each freshman to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Armstrong, who in turn introduced each one to Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Armstrong. Students then passed along the receiving line to be introduced to all the other faculty members.

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Ambassador Students and Faculty Enjoying Refreshments and Fellowship.



Studies Begin in Temporary Classroom Buildings

Third Ambassador College Opens Doors In Big Sandy, Texas

Once again God has richly blessed His work! The doors of Ambassador College No. 3 have opened on His own beautiful grounds near Big Sandy.

The student body is composed of 106 eager young men and women, 63 of whom are just beginning their training. The "pioneer spirit" reigned on the campus as these students took up residence in the newly decorated but temporary booths. Next year more suitable dormitories and modern facilities will be provided.

At 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1, the first year of operation officially

began as the students and 21 faculty members assembled in the faculty dining room for the orientation forum. Dr. Charles V. Dorothy, Dean of Instruction at the new college, opened the program by welcoming the Class of 1968. He presented several pertinent points regarding the academic program and then introduced the various members of the faculty and staff. Each made a few comments concerning his or her particular course of instruction.

Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong enthusiastically encouraged every student to

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Dr. Dorothy Greets Houston

After many weeks of anticipation, Houston brethren had the opportunity, August 29, to meet and hear Dr. Charles V. Dorothy who will be pastoring the Church from his Ambassador College headquarters at Big Sandy, Texas.

Dr. Dorothy, who was accompanied by his charming and friendly wife and young family, motored to Houston that Sabbath to deliver the main message.

The Dorothy family stayed through the weekend and attended the big Church picnic August 30. Brethren were eager and grateful for this additional time to fellowship with them.



Editorial

Are You Ready to RULE??

by Bob Bertuzzi

The Feast of Tabernacles is a portrait of the World Tomorrow. It is the type of the ruling Kingdom of God in action. For eight days the members of God's Church will have a foretaste of the government of God as it will be in the Millenium. During this eight-day festival it becomes very evident whether or not YOU ARE CAPABLE of rulership.

During the Feast some have the responsibility of establishing many rules which regulate all the physical aspects of life in the place where God has chosen to place His name. Others have the responsibility of enforcing these rules. Everyone is responsible for obeying these necessary regulations.

GOD OPERATES His work on earth *through human instruments*. He always has! This is God's way of training many sons for rulership in His Kingdom.

There are three basic steps involved in learning to be a ruler. First is to learn how to be ruled by higher authority. Next is to learn how to rule your own life. The third step is to know exactly what is under you in authority and how to rule it.

God teaches these steps every year at the Feast of Tabernacles. When you keep the Feast, you come under God's government more than at any other time. **GOD RULES THROUGH HIS CHURCH** and *God teaches rule THROUGH HIS CHURCH*.

As you learn to rule in these three areas, your human nature is being changed. You are overcoming! God then is accomplishing the task of changing your human nature **IF YOU ARE REALLY learning to rule**.

If you do not park your car where you are requested to, or sit in the seat to which you are directed, how can God trust you to go to a specific far-off nation? If God chooses to send you to the Congo, will you rebel and take off for China? If you cannot be trusted to keep your tent or room neat and orderly, can God trust you to clean up the mess in Cuba or Viet Nam and **KEEP IT CLEANED UP?**

Are YOU ready to rule? Have you reached the point in your growth where you always obey—where you have self-discipline—where the orders you give are always for the benefit and well-being of those under you in authority?

Remember that you have a responsibility not only to those above you but especially to those under you. Do you bark out orders like an irate first sergeant? Do you hesitate to co-operate if it might cause you a momentary inconvenience? Do you demand a "choice" seat at the services?

God is a God of order and system. It is up to you to make this a smooth, well-run festival. It is up to you to fulfill the responsibility God has given to you in learning all three phases of rulership.

If you are lacking in any these areas, **COME TO THE FEAST** with this as your **GOAL**. Set your will to learn **HOW TO BE A RULER**.

This is going to be the greatest Feast in modern times. Much about God and His way of life—His government—will be taught. Not from the sermons alone but from every phase and activity that takes place!

All during this festival and in the years to come **KEEP YOUR MIND ON LEARNING TO RULE**. If you learn how to be ruled, how to rule yourself, and how to rule what is under you, **YOU WILL BE READY TO TAKE OVER THE REIGNS OF GOVERNMENT!**

Flatts Assume New Responsibilities

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Flatt were given a very warm reception by the Houston brethren on their arrival at services August 1. The following Sabbath, Mr. Flatt delivered his "icebreaker" sermon and officially began his duties as co-pastor of the Houston Church. Dr. Charles Dorothy, the Dean of Instruction at the new Ambassador College in Big Sandy, will be the pastor.

Before coming to this area, Mr. Flatt and the former Miss Mary Jo Bailey were married in Pasadena. Mr. Flatt, a native of Tennessee, graduated from Ambassador College earlier this year and just recently completed an extensive tour which took him over 11,000 miles of U.S. highways in six weeks. Mrs. Flatt was reared in Amarillo, Texas, and was a junior at Ambassador prior to her marriage.



Mr. Flatt will have the same address and phone number as did Mr. Prince, who left Houston early in August to take on new responsibilities at Pasadena.

The members of the Houston Church feel very blessed to have such a lovely couple.

Faculty Reception

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Refreshments and gay fellowship followed until late into the evening. Each new student was officially and truly made a part of the "Ambassador Family" in one of the most unforgettable occasions of every college year.

Big Sandy Church Picnic



Brethren Test Their Skill in Soft-Boiled Egg Toss

Sunday, August 23, was a memorable day for all the Big Sandy members who attended the picnic on the Tabernacle grounds. By 3:00 p.m. the beautiful valley near the Redwood Building was transformed into a natural amphitheater by the strategic placement of folding chairs on the hillside for the spectators or "cheering section." Even the light rain showers couldn't dampen the enthusiasm of the participants who were enjoying the varied and well-planned activities. Old and young alike were given opportunity to display their skill during the egg throw, lifesaver stick race, potato race, bottle throw, balloon race, back race, lariate contest, ring toss, and other contests which were a challenge to teamwork, dexterity and perseverance. In the wheelbarrow race, the husbands gave their wives a bumpy but thrilling ride to the finish line.

The climax of the evening was the excellent talent show which gave an unexpected but favorable glimpse into the possibilities for future entertainment. A ukulele strummer and singer, who was no bigger than "knee-high to a grasshopper," performed to the delight of the audience. Several college students added their bit to the fun too. Ranger—the "horse" with a doleful expression on its face, a mop tail and mane—was a masterpiece of ingenuity. Mr. Lelon Jackson ably auctioned off Ranger—an obvious bargain at even

twice the price offered by the eager bidders.

This Church picnic was truly a happy occasion for everyone. All were thankful for the fellowship and look forward to other similar gatherings.

College Doors Open

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accept the abundant opportunities and responsibilities which are daily unfolding here and stressed that Ambassador College, Big Sandy, is not a "branch" college, but a full-fledged liberal arts college.

Some of the striking differences between Ambassador College and other institutions of higher learning were noted by Mr. Herbert Armstrong. He also discussed the proper standards of conduct demanded of all Ambassador students. Mr. Armstrong explained that Ambassador College is accomplishing what most other colleges almost entirely neglect—building character! By using the Bible as the foundation of all knowledge, Ambassador students are taught not only how to earn a living, but, more important, HOW TO LIVE! Finally, after expounding several other points, Mr. Armstrong closed by exhorting everyone to THINK BIG!

God's people rejoice and are deeply grateful for this splendid addition to the world-wide work of God right here in the southwestern district.

News Flashes from District Churches

Trumpets Announce Festival Season . . . District Supervisor Visits Memphis-Little Rock . . . New Bible Study in West Texas

Big Sandy-Minden . . . This year on the Festival of Trumpets at the Big Sandy grounds, trumpets did sound! Members were deeply moved as the Big Sandy Church Choir sang the very stirring song "God of Our Fathers," accompanied by the reverberating tones of the trumpeters. The sermons were powerful and thought provoking. Mr. Leroy Neff reminded us of our obligation to keep the Holy Days which God has sanctioned. Mr. Richard Rice spoke on the real meaning of death and what our attitude should be toward this much misunderstood subject. Eight hundred and thirty-eight members were in attendance.

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Dallas-Fort Worth . . . The Crystal Ballroom of the Baker Hotel was the location where 586 people from the Dallas and Fort Worth Churches kept the Feast of Trumpets. Mr. Bob Bertuzzi's sermonette reminded all that although Dallas may become the murder capital of the world, our minds should be focused on murdering our carnal nature. Mr. Ben Chapman answered numerous questions about angels in his sermon. It was thrilling to be assured that the angels are laboring for the Eternal to help and protect us here and now. In the afternoon Mr. Ronald Kelly amplified one of the seven greatest events known to mankind pictured by the Feast of Trumpets—the return of Jesus Christ.

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Memphis-Little Rock . . . The Ellis Auditorium in Memphis held 520 of God's people for the Feast of Trumpets. In the morning sermon Mr. McNair clearly proved that the Godhead is not a "Trinity" and showed the need for God's Spirit to change man's nature. In the afternoon services he explained the symbolism of a trumpet and the meaning of the Feast.

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Houston brethren participated August

30 in perhaps the best and biggest Church picnic ever held in this area. The event at Southmay Park and Clubhouse offered the white brethren a schedule filled with games and activities to provide fun and exercise for everyone. Meanwhile, Lake Houston was the scene of an all-day picnic for Negro brethren from the Houston Church. Fifteen adults and 85 children attended the fun-filled outing which featured an exciting volleyball game between the young people and adults.

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Spokesmen from Corpus Christi, San Antonio, and the two Houston Clubs met in Victoria on August 16, for a combined meeting and luncheon. The occasion marked the first time these four Clubs have met together. Mr. Paul Flatt, Director of the two Houston Clubs, and Mr. Tony Hammer, Director of Corpus Christi and the San Antonio Clubs, evaluated the separate portions of the meeting.

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Two most welcome guests in the Little Rock-Memphis Churches, August 15, were Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Neff of Big Sandy, Texas. Mr. Neff, Superintendent of the Southwest District of Churches in the United States, brought news and greetings from the newest Ambassador College. He related many new developments in preparation for the opening of the college and plans for the Feast of Tabernacles.

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Mr. Clarence Bass, Local Elder in God's Church, has returned home to Houston to assume a new assignment. It is a joyous occasion for those who know and love Mr. and Mrs. Bass and have followed their growth in God's work for the past several years. He gave Houston members a fresh and interesting report on his recent baptizing tour which took him across several southern states and over 10,000 miles. Prior to his baptizing tour, Mr. Bass was as-

signed to the Chicago Negro Church of 272 members. Mr. Bass will be residing in Houston until a reassignment expected in January. During this time he will be working with the Negro brethren in Houston and attending Texas Southern University to obtain a Master's degree.

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Mr. William L. Davis died September 7, at his home after an extended illness. Mr. Davis was a member of the Houston Church and Thursday Spokesman Club. He is survived by his wife who is a member of the Church. Mr. Davis was an inspiration to Houston members during his illness, and all who knew him rejoice in his hope of eternal salvation.

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Members and guests of the Tuesday and Thursday Spokesman Clubs of the Houston Church were entertained in high style the evening of August 4. There were skits, songs, pantomimes, jokes, and an enlightening topics session. Mr. Richard Seiver served as president and master of ceremonies. Mr. Richard Prince was the over-all evaluator. This evening marked the final occasion for Mr. Prince to serve in this capacity before leaving for his new assignment at Pasadena. All were truly grateful, as well as nostalgic, for his helpful comments and encouraging suggestions.

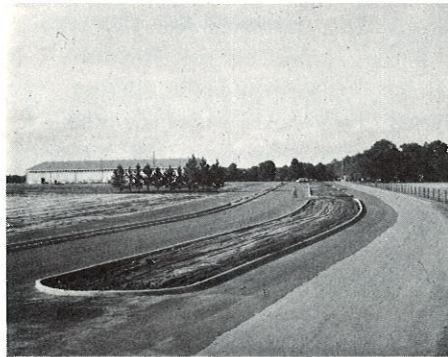
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August 16, was the date for the very first Bible Study at El Paso, Texas. Thirty-three thankful and enthusiastic brethren were in attendance. Mr. David Albert, pastor over the West Texas Churches, conducted the study. He brought the brethren up to date on the surging growth of God's work, and discussed other timely topics helpful to all. A dinner was served afterwards to make this first meeting a more enjoyable and memorable event.

IMPROVEMENTS MARK WAY FOR FESTIVAL OF 64!

Physical blessings have literally been showered on God's Festival grounds at Big Sandy!

The first thing that catches the eye is the spacious new entrance to the grounds. Replacing the old entrance is a four-lane divided strip of roadway which is connected by an adjacent access lane to paved roads running through the main parking area.



Entrance to Grounds

On west of the parking lot is a brand-new exit road carved out of the hill overlooking Highway 80.

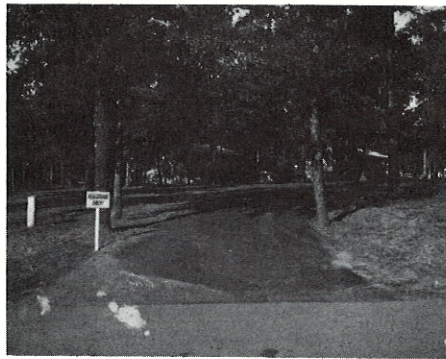
Work on the new entrance and exit systems was started only recently and rushed to completion with the aid of giant earth movers which roared over the grounds ten or more hours a day in order to finish the job in time for the Feast of Tabernacles.



Dozer Ready for Action

These grounds will be made increasingly more beautiful each year as they are landscaped and prepared to serve the dual purpose as the campus of Ambassador College and the festival grounds for the Radio Church of God.

Miles of other roads and pathways have been constructed and paved

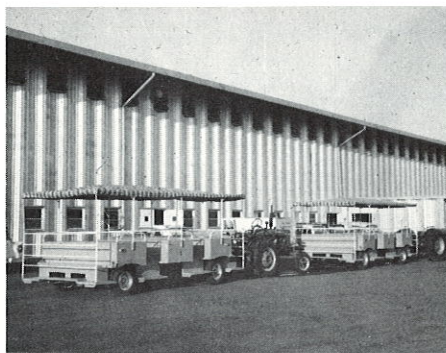


No More Dusty Shoes!

throughout the Church and college grounds. Paved roadways divide the new pine grove camping area into neat rows for pitching tents and parking the family car next to the tents. Paved walkways have been constructed all the way down to the Dining Hall and to the main Tabernacle building.

Now, even those brethren camped farthest away from the Tabernacle can step from their tents onto paved roads and walk to services without tramping through dust along the way. (Caution! Cars must *not* be driven on the walkways.)

Six colorful new shuttle buses will provide transportation for those needing it. These are of an entirely different



New Shuttle Buses Add Color

design from the old shuttle bus and will offer some measure of protection from both sun and rain by their candy-striped canvas tops.

For those camping in the pine grove area, six large new rest rooms have been provided. These new sanitary buildings have individual dressing and shower stalls. The shower area is tiled with ceramic tile, and forced ventila-

tion will remove excess moisture from the air. These buildings should certainly add greatly toward making camping more enjoyable.

A new eight-inch water main has been laid which connects our six-inch water mains to the water supply of the city of Longview. The heart of our new water system is more than 3,000 feet of eight-inch water line controlled by an intricate system of valves and bypasses. Strategically placed valves control the flow of water to serve the grounds. Hydrants placed along the main lines through the camp areas will be a great help toward making an adequate water supply available to campers.



Huge Pipes Supply Water Needs

New gas lines have been installed and should relieve us of some of the problems of the past, especially in the kitchen. The new gas lines extend through booth city, and serve the college dormitories and college trailer park.

High voltage electric feeder lines have been brought in for more reliable electrical service.

A city street system of lighting now illuminates our walkways, so walking to camp after night services should be more enjoyable.

The new Church picnic area recently cleared will provide an excellent place for social outings. This beautiful area is about one quarter mile due west of Lake Loma, out away from other activities, and will be an ideal picnic place, complete with shade trees and picnic tables.

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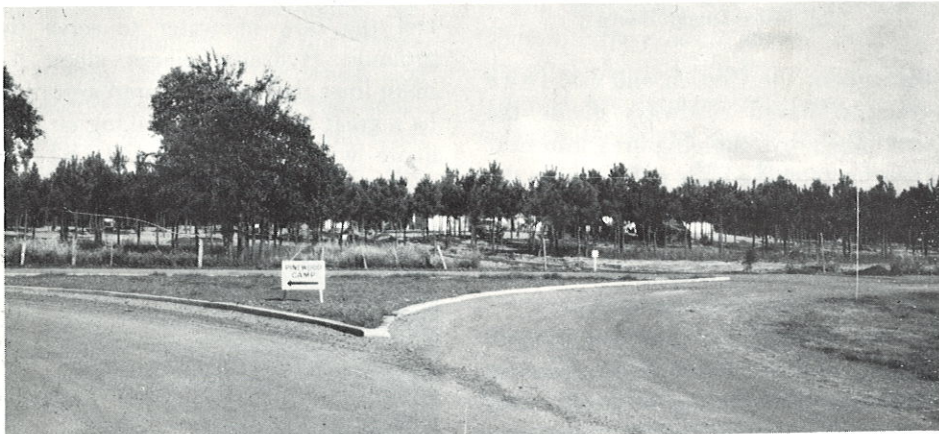
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Lake Loma is also undergoing some changes which will making swimming—and boating—safer and more enjoyable. This year, 14 paddle boats will be the main attraction for all boating fans. These boats will accommodate two persons and are as safe as a boat can possibly be on water. Many of God's people will want to take a comfortable and exciting cruise on Lake Loma in one of these paddle boats.

Another blessing for which we should give God thanks is the exceptional beauty of the green vegetation on our grounds this year. Shortly before the Feast, God brought rain to the area, ending a long dry spell and putting new life into the grass and trees.

By just counting *our blessings* and being *deeply thankful* for what God has given us, we can help make this the most wonderful Feast of Tabernacles we have ever had!



Approach to New Campsite



Increased Parking Lot Enhanced by Asphalted Roadways



New Camping Area Being Cleared

Big Sandy Choir Sings At Dallas-Ft. Worth

Early on the Sabbath of August 22, the Big Sandy Church Choir boarded a bus for the Dallas Church. After singing at the morning service, they journeyed on to the Fort Worth Church to present the special music at their afternoon service.

Under the direction of Mr. Richard Rice, the Choir presented three beautiful numbers: J. Barnby's anthem, "O Lord, How Manifold Are Thy Works"; "Battle Hymn of the Republic," by Roger Wilson; and the stirring "Onward, Ye Peoples!" by Jean Sibelius.

Mr. Rice now turns the Big Sandy Church Choir over to Mr. Leo Bogdanchik, who formerly directed the New York Church Choir. Mr. Bogdanchik, an accomplished musician, is a member of the Ambassador College faculty at Big Sandy. Under his competent and experienced guidance, the choir can continue toward perfection, giving glory to the Eternal God!

Little Rock-Memphis Church Picnic

A picnic was enjoyed by almost two hundred Little Rock and Memphis members in Shelby Forest, September 6. Barbecued goat was furnished by the Little Rock Spokesman Club and beverages by the Memphis Spokesman Club. This was supplemented by pot-luck dishes from Church members.

The sporting activities commenced after lunch—pitching washers and horseshoes for the less active, and playing volleyball for the industrious. The Little Rock women suffered defeat at the hands of the Memphis women in volleyball, but the Little Rock men scored a 4 to 1 victory over their rivals.

The picnic ended a couple of hours prior to sunset to give time to prepare for the Feast of Trumpets.

A man's stature is measured by what he does with what he has.

Blunt person: One who says what he thinks without thinking.