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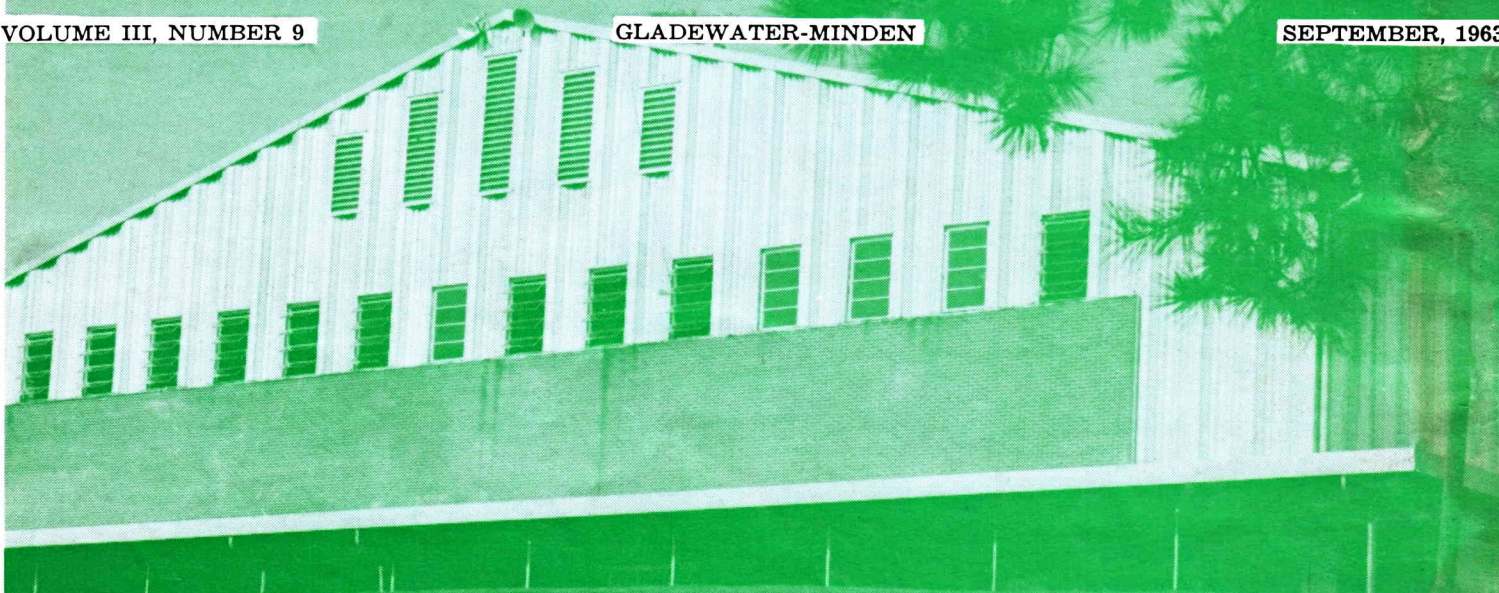
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FEAST OF TABERNACLES MOST JOYOUS TIME OF THE YEAR!

The FEAST OF TABERNACLES—the most joyous time of the year! We welcome you—some 7,500 of God's chosen—from near and far who have journeyed here to Big Sandy, Texas. We hope you enjoy yourselves to the full—est—as God intends.

Also enjoying this God-planned vacation (in the United States) are some 10,000 other brethren meeting in California and Georgia. About 6,000 are expected at Squaw Valley and some 4,000 are expected to meet at Jekyll Island. Since God is abundantly blessing His Church, it is necessary to hold the feast in a third location. Facilities here at Big Sandy have been considerably outgrown and would have been totally unable to handle a record-breaking attendance. Thanks be to God for providing a third location which now enables additional thousands to attend the feast.

For weeks preparation has been tak-

ing place here at the tabernacle grounds. Always there is plenty to be done and making preparations for 7,500 guests is no menial task.

Now that preparations are complete and the designated date is here, the Feast of Tabernacles, 1963, has become a reality. Since these days picture the 1,000 year reign of Christ on earth, we are here to experience a foretaste of that Kingdom, to enjoy proper spiritual fellowship as joint-heirs with Christ.

Make a special effort to meet new brethren. Get acquainted! What better time is there for fellowship? Make yourself available for service. Make use of every opportunity to help others enjoy the feast. Remember, your greatest joy comes from serving. Take an active part and share every facet of activity with the brethren. Let's rejoice and thank God for these eight days of spiritual fellowship.

Feast Of Trumpets

Tishri 1 (September 19), dawned clear, cool, and beautiful. On this day 700 of God's people from the Gladewater and Minden churches, and from areas as far away as Mississippi, gathered in the Big Tabernacle on God's own grounds. Services began at 10:00 A.M., and although the gathering was a commanded assembly of God Almighty, no one was observed wearing chains or manifesting any evidence of bondage.

During the morning service Mr. Richard Rice posed the question of whether or not God sees us in every act of disobedience. He then answered the question with a resounding YES, backed by many Scriptures.

Following the sermonette the Gladewater Church choir sang praises to God. Many felt that this performance was the best ever given by the choir.

The morning sermon was delivered by Mr. Leroy Neff who expounded the dual meaning of the Feast of Trumpets. He emphasized that the true meaning must prompt a feeling of *mixed* emotions, since it pictures not only the return of Christ at the seventh trump, but also the six preceding trumps with their accompanying wars and horrors. Appropriately, the closing hymn sung

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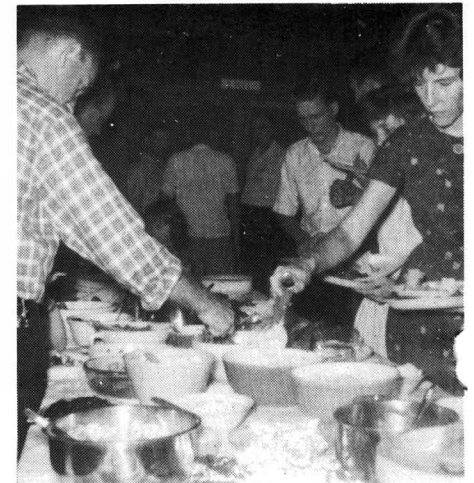
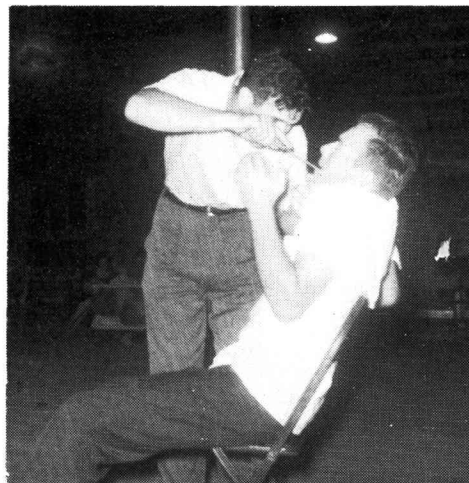
SIX WEEKS GET-TOGETHER SUCCESS

Brethren of the Minden Church met in the recreation center at Caney Lake near Minden on Sunday evening, September 15. After participation in healthful outdoor games, they assembled inside for the delicious pot luck meal.

Entertainment for the evening in-

cluded several songs to the accompaniment of a guitar, square dancing, a demonstration of how a tooth can be extracted, and the exciting game of Bunko.

It was an evening of fun and excitement, as well as love and fellowship among brethren.



GLADEWATER ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC A JOYOUS OCCASION



The last Sunday in August was the annual Gladewater Church picnic.

This joyous occasion began with a rousing game of softball between the two Spokesman Clubs. In spite of their efforts Club B was edged by Club A. The score was close; nevertheless, Club B had to meet the terms of the agreement—drinks for Club A.

The women put their athletic abilities at stake in a game of volleyball with the high school girls. The ladies gave the girls a run for their money, but with youthful pep and vigor, the girls won. In the meantime, the less active played cards, Chinese checkers, checkers, and dominoes.

The morning's activities ended with a volleyball game. Spectators saw Spokesman Club members play a lively and vivacious game.

At 1:30 the people began migrating

to the dining hall to enjoy a delicious chicken dinner while watching the talent show. No professional talent was disclosed, but a few chuckles proved very relaxing, especially after such a tremendous meal.

After the "feast" the activities switched to Lake Loma, where there was swimming, diving, and canoeing for young and old, under watchful eyes of the Imperial life guards.

Ending the day's activities were hilarious canoe races. The women and girls never seemed to be able to make those long routes across the lake. Last of all Mr. Pfund and Mr. Black tried a new turning technique and it proved to be the turning point in the men's races.

People then began to depart for their homes with the feeling that they had participated in a well spent day.

Spokesman Club Minden

The first meeting of the Minden Spokesman Club took place on June 29, 1961 at the American Legion Hall in Minden. Present for this meeting were seventeen men from the Minden Church, and several visitors from the Gladewater Club.

The Minden Club was organized with only seven local members and seven members from Gladewater. The meetings were held every Thursday night at first, then later changed to Sunday night.

After about a year, two or three more local members were added. Efforts to find a permanent meeting place in Shreveport to shorten the distance for the Gladewater members were fruitless, but dinner meetings were held at various places in Shreveport for about two months.

In April 1963, the Minden Spokesman Club became independent with fourteen members and only one from Gladewater. This was brought about because of the time of the Sabbath services being changed to three o'clock in the afternoon, with the Spokesman Club meeting shortly after sunset. This enabled many members to stay over after Sabbath services to participate, as members, in the Spokesman Club. Although membership has not increased, new members have been added. Many important things are continually being learned, and the Minden Club has a tremendous opportunity for growth and development.

NOTICE

Recreation! Dining! Sightseeing!
—check the display in the Tabernacle. This will help you in planning your activities.

Anyone needing cots for his newly acquired tent may obtain same from Mr. Buck Hammer at a special cost.

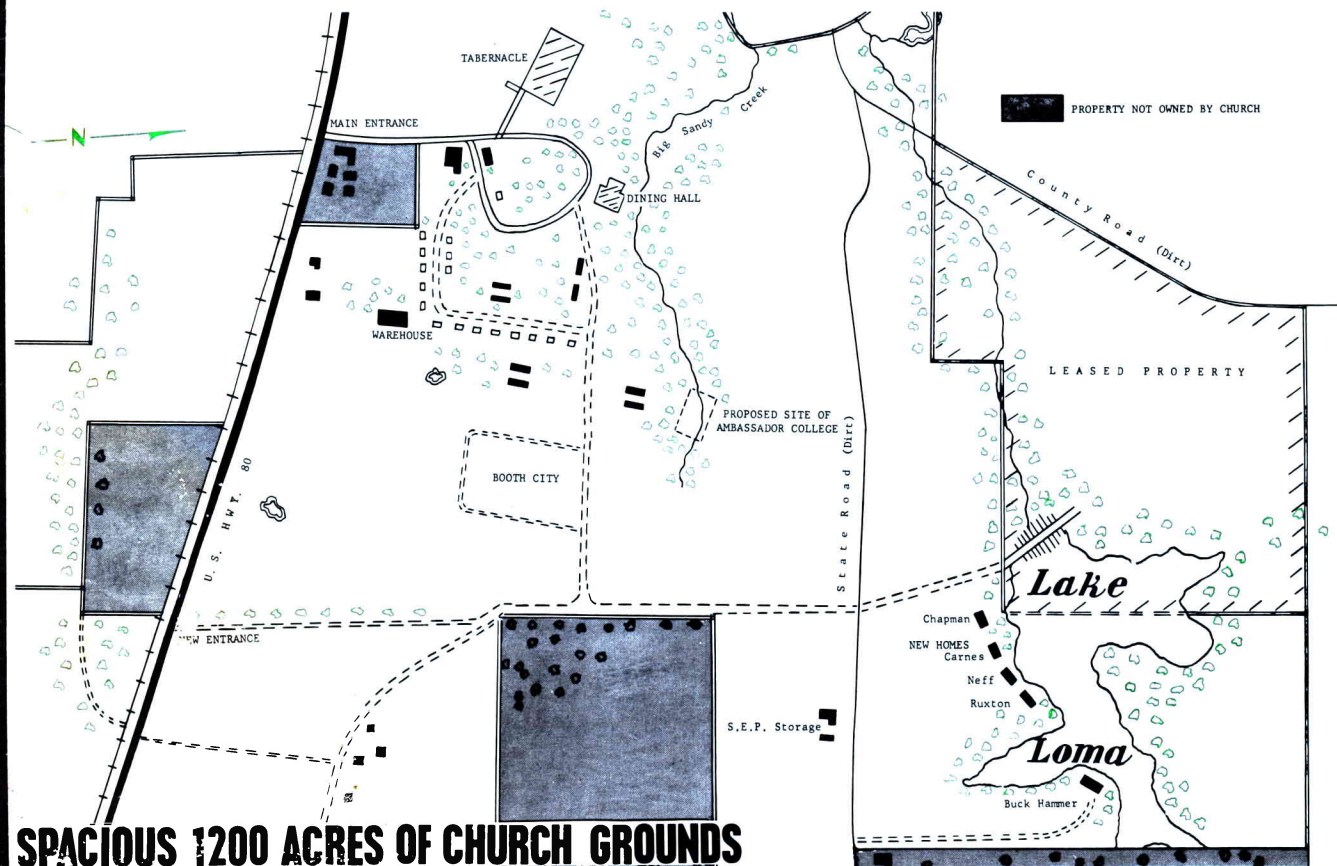
People seldom improve when they have no other model than themselves to copy after.

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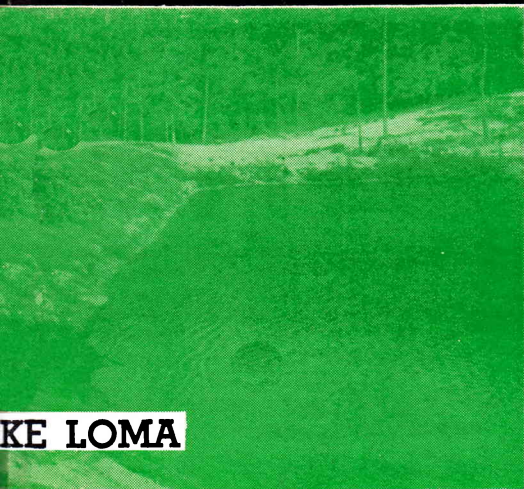
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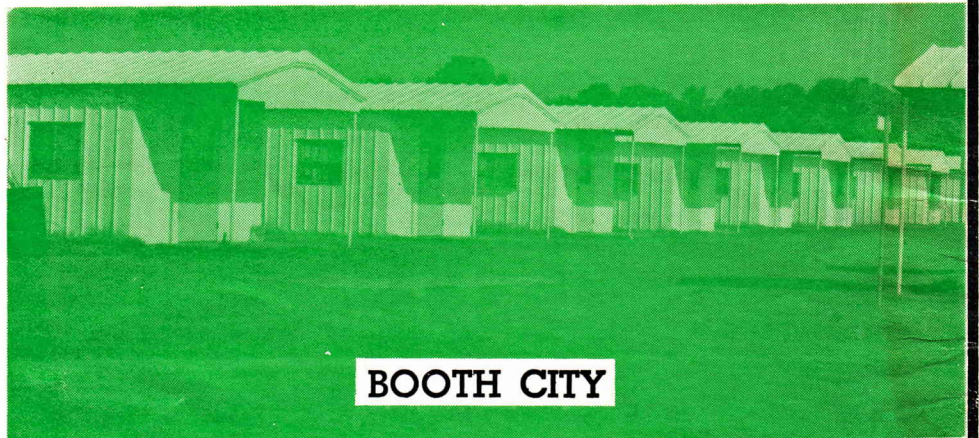
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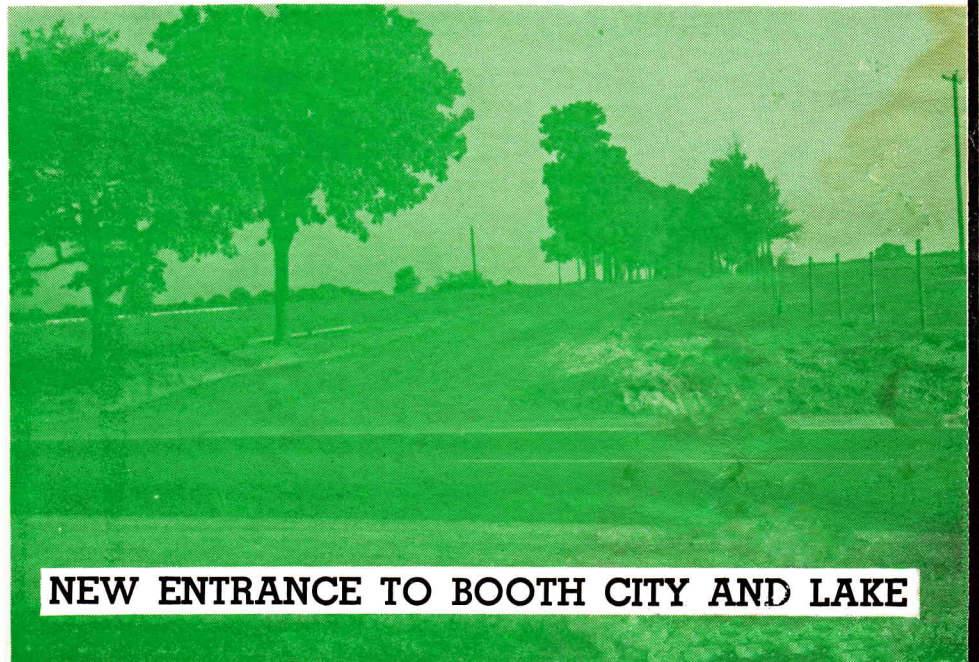
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BOOTH CITY



NEW ENTRANCE TO BOOTH CITY AND LAKE

Dining Places In This Area For You To Visit

Planned recreation should be a highlight of this festival season. We can make it an integral part of these days, and we should be prepared to enjoy a well-rounded schedule.

If all of us are as busy as we should be, the time will "fly by" only too soon. The joy that we experience here will stamp an indelible impression upon all of us.

Make a special effort to dine out with a new acquaintance made during the festival. What better time is there to fellowship?

For your convenience, we have endeavored to acquaint you with a variety of dining establishments in this area.

You will find good food served at moderate prices at any of the following: Steak House—Gladewater, Gilmer Hotel—Gilmer, Longview Hotel—Longview, Wyatt's Cafeteria—Longview, Triangle—Longview, Petroleum Club—Longview, Johnny Cace's—Longview, El Fenix—Longview, El Chico—Longview; Tyler, Holiday Inn—Longview; Tyler, Terry's—Tyler, Hotel Carlton—Tyler, El Charro—Tyler, Kingsway Inn—Tyler.

A theory is usually an impractical plan for doing something impossible.

Trumpets

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by the congregation was "God's Army."

The noon meal was conveniently served in the dining hall and much visiting was accomplished while waiting in the "chow line." Delicious white wine was served with the chicken and rice dinner.

Mr. Swisher brought the afternoon sermon in which he stressed God's non-acceptance of offerings made on pagan feast days but He delights in offerings on His feast days, and in our willingness to keep His commandments. Remember Christ's words: "He that OVERCOMETH . . . will I give power over the nations."



News Briefs



Cecil Stephen is the name chosen by the Cecil McCormicks for their new eight pound son, born August 28.

The Gladewater Choir had their first opportunity to travel on August 31, when they went to Minden to sing for the congregation there.

Mrs. Helen Berger recently sold her antique shop and home in Big Sandy and has moved to Lake Divernia.

Don't throw away those old nylon hose. Cut them crosswise in various widths and make imitation rubber bands out of them. They stretch but will not rot!

Miss Melba Flatt and nephew, Raymond Dyer, are now residing in Big Sandy with Mrs. Inez Dawson. Raymond spent the summer in Tennessee and Ohio, and is happy to be able to attend Imperial High School again this year.

Recent Baptisms: Richard Burgin, Doralene Blakney—Gladewater; Cheri Crosswell, Odis H. Francis—Longview; Mrs. Carl Smith—De Ridder, Louisiana; Mr. Wayne E. Burns—Shreveport, Louisiana; Harold Lawrence—Ft. Chaffee, Arkansas.

"Mr. Neff's office"—behind this pleasant voice you will find Miss Jeanette Raetz, secretary to Mr. Neff. Jeanette claims Momence, Illinois as her home town. She has completed three years at Ambassador and hopes to graduate next year. We're happy to have you, Jeanette!

The Gladewater Church continues to grow: Three families from the Minden area have recently moved to the Gladewater area. They are Mr. & Mrs. Jackie Rigdon, Beckwith, Texas; Mr. & Mrs. W. L. Rushing, Longview, Texas; and Mr. & Mrs. John Barge, Big Sandy, Texas. We wish to extend each of you a hearty welcome and hope you will like your new "home."

Congratulations to another of our 1963 Imperial High School graduates, Miss Dyanne Moore, who was beaming when she dashed off in great haste to Pasadena after receiving the joyous news of acceptance to Ambassador College.

Word from Stockton, California, reveals that Gideon Green and Roy Fowler have enrolled for their Freshman year at San Joaquin College. They are living with Roy's grandparents at 1118 West Elm, Stockton, California.

New faces seen in the local congregation include those of Mr. & Mrs. Steve Prociw and sons, who have come to this area from Billings, Montana. They would be pleased to receive visitors at 103 Mumford Drive, Longview, Texas.

Flowers will stay fresher longer if one will drop a copper penny in the water. This will retard the opening and shedding of the petals. Try it next time your husband surprises you with a bouquet!

Mrs. Buford (Frances) Muncy was returned to her home from Gladewater Municipal Hospital, where she underwent treatment for a fractured hip. Her injury resulted from a fall at her home. She is making satisfactory progress and is up and about with the aid of crutches.

Next time you place a call to the Tabernacle, you will likely hear the soft, Bostonian accent of Miss Karyl Ouellette as she answers, "Good morning, Radio Church of God." Karyl is the new receptionist and PBX operator at the Information Booth.

The neighbor of one member of the Minden Spokesman Club has discovered how to keep the family cow quiet. It seems that this Spokesman was practicing singing for a talent show program, and his cow which had always let her presence be known by loud bellowing, has not been heard from since—only seen.

NEFFS TRANSFERRED TO BIG SANDY

Three Day Camp Outing For Boys



With pleasure we present Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Neff, and their two children, Donald 12, and Carol 14. (Their older son, Larry, is in his second year at Ambassador College.)

Mr. Neff was transferred to Big Sandy to fill the position of Business Manager for God's work here and for the future Ambassador College, Big Sandy.

Born at Medford, Oregon, and spending most of his life in that area, Mr. Neff first attended the Church of God at Portland in 1951. In 1955, he entered Ambassador College. He graduated in 1959 and received his masters degree in 1962.

While in Pasadena, Mr. Neff was in charge of Mail Receiving and Special Services. To round out his busy schedule, he taught Public Speaking in Ambassador College. For two and one-half years, he pastored the Long Beach Church.

Added to his responsibilities of Business Manager and minister, Mr. Neff will be Registrar when the new Ambassador College begins.

Now settled in their new home near Lake Loma, the Neffs are content with being considered Texans. It is with open gratitude and Christian love that we welcome you.

Early Sunday morning, August 18, a caravan of several trucks, cars and trailers and a school bus journeyed through Longview and made its way north to the camp on Lake O' the Pines. The "million dollar load" was 34 happy, wide-awake boys, camping equipment and supplies for a three-day camp.

After arriving at camp, there was a two hour period of "orderly confusion," out of which emerged a camp complete with tents, bunks, and a kitchen. Mr. Paul Smith supervised the kitchen and with the help of two high school boys produced scrumptuous meals—delicious as well as nutritious. Each boy had his turn at K.P. duty.

By far, most time was spent in waterfront activities. All the non-swimmers learned to swim, that is, to some extent. All the boys, but about three or four, learned to water ski—maybe not skillfully, but at least they got up on top of the water for a distance. Each boy learned how to handle a canoe in and out of water.

Tuesday night the boys got a chance to try their hand at cooking—the simple way. Servings of steak, potato, and vegetables were carefully rolled in aluminum foil and laid in a bed of hot coals for about 20 minutes. Good?—you said it! You should try it some time!

The morning of the 21st saw the camp come to a close. After breakfast, the tents were taken down; the kitchen was dismantled; camping equipment, boats and canoes were loaded, and the camp area cleaned up. Just prior to leaving, the rest of the watermelons were finished off—that is, those that the turtles didn't eat. They had been put in the water to keep cool.)

We're sure the boys have a big *thank you* in their hearts for the Spokesman Clubs that sponsored the project. Many hours of work and preparation, as well as dollars, were required to make the camp a success. Plans are now in the making for a larger and even more successful camp next year.

CAMP BOYS RECEIVING INSTRUCTION



IMPERIAL SCHOOL BEGINS ELEVENTH YEAR

The doors of Imperial School swung open on the morning of September 9, for the first day of the 63-64 school year. This day marked the beginning of the eleventh term for the Gladewater school.

A faculty of ten teachers was on hand to greet the students. Welcomed to the faculty were two new teachers: Mr. Art Kirishian and Mr. George Bishop, both former teachers of Imperial in Pasadena. Mr. Kirishian is teaching second grade, while Mr. Bishop teaches science, math, English, and World History.

Seventeen pioneering first graders boosted school enrollment to 166. The addition of two new students, Anita Parrish and Ernest Prociw, plus a large freshman class gives a record high school enrollment of 52 students.

For the first time in the history of the Gladewater school, each of the first four grades has a full time teacher. These teachers are Miss Melba Flatt, first; Mr. Auther Kirishian, second; Mr. Paul Smith, third; and Mr. Charles Black, fourth.

As the new school year begins, each teacher is very aware of the responsibility of his calling and is desirous of the prayers of everyone. May each student realize the privilege of being able to attend one of God's schools. Only two such schools exist in the world today.



Avon H. Pfund



Charles R. Black



Miss Melba Ann Flatt



Paul B. Smith

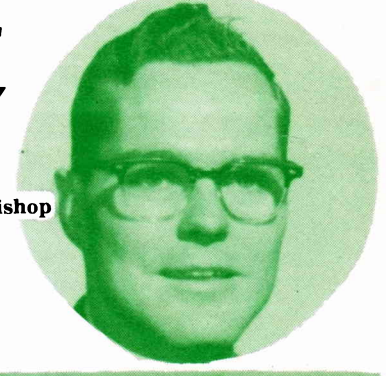


Arthur A. Kirishian

63-64 SCHOOL FACULTY



Cecil E. Reese



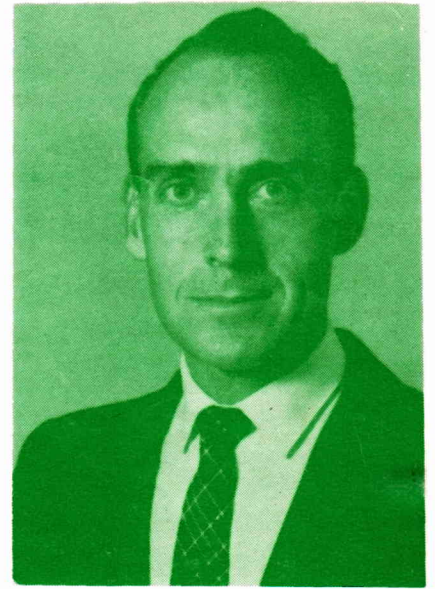
George Bishop



Mr. Guy M. Carnes



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