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The Passover in Arizona

People from the entire state of Arizona plus others from Colorado and New Mexico gathered in Phoenix for the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread. Mr. Vernon Hargrove, local minister, assisted by Mr. Walter Sharp—a graduating Senior from Ambassador College—conducted the services.

One hundred thirty-eight adult brethren took the Passover. There were 276 for The Night To Be Much Remembered and 300 the next day for the preaching services. About 250 were present for the last Holy Day and the weekly Sabbath. An all-day picnic was held on Sunday during the Days of Unleavened Bread. This was the most successful ever as far as total active participation in the games and activities, Mr. Hargrove reports, and the weather was extremely nice for the Holy Days and for the picnic.

Many commented that the Holy Days had more meaning this year than ever before. One man was overheard to say: "I seem to understand twice as much this year as I did last year."

The reply was, "Maybe your ears were twice as open."

For those who threw their hearts

into God's Festival, it was the most wonderful, enjoyable and meaningful Feast yet.

Scattered Passover Services

In addition to the above-mentioned major Festival areas and the *hundreds* of brethren who may have had to take the Passover in their own homes—there were several areas in the United States where the Passover *only*, or perhaps the Passover and the first Holy Day were observed—with the brethren going into one of the major areas for the preaching services.

Here is a partial summary report of these scattered Passover services: in Wichita, Kansas, a total of 97 brethren partook of the Passover. At Dallas, 245 partook. At Houston, 218 brethren took the symbols of Christ's broken body and shed blood. In San Antonio, 157 partook. In Odessa, 116 partook. In Oklahoma City, 232 partook—plus others who went to Big Sandy.

In St. Louis, 257 adult members partook of the Passover plus 124 in Harrisburg, Illinois, before journeying to Sedalia, Missouri, for the area preaching services. In Memphis, Tennessee, 202 partook of the Passover. And in Minneapolis, Minnesota, 265 partook, with 435 in attendance on the first Holy Day before leaving for the rest of the Festival at Chicago.

Now we will cover the news of the

Passover and Festival observances overseas and around the world!

The Passover in Australia

In the "land down under" there were—for the first time—THREE Passover observances this year.

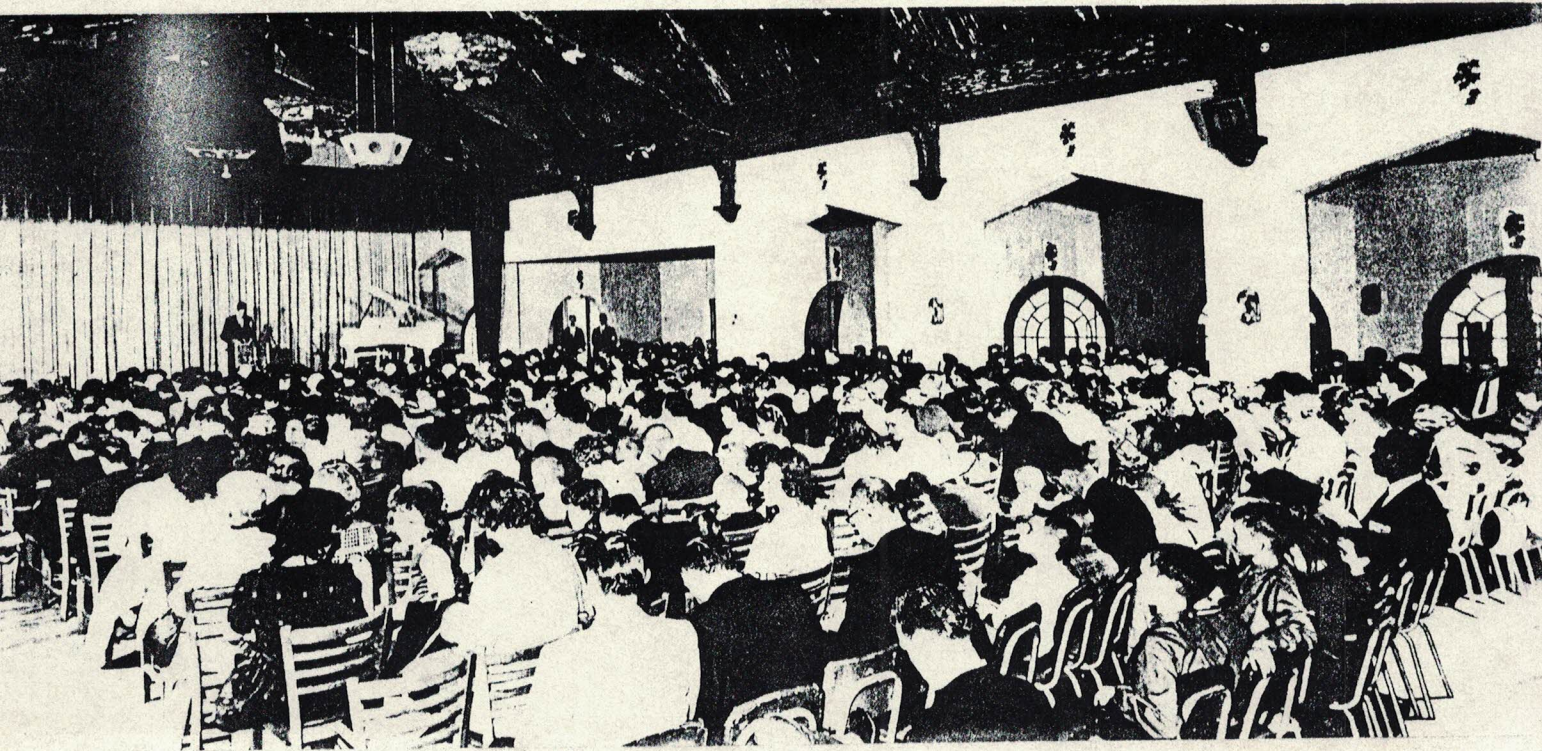
In Sydney, our local Headquarters Church in that area, 179 members partook of the Passover with 312 in attendance on the "Night To Be Much Observed."

God's Evangelist in charge of the Work in Australia, Mr. Wayne Cole, conducted all services in Sydney. His sermons were "meat in due season"—giving the history and *meaning* of the Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread from both the Old and New Testaments as applies to God's people and the world.

The theme of the sermons was the *URGENCY* of *seeing* the leaven in ourselves, *admitting* it and being *zealous*, dedicated and determined to *put it out* of our lives. Toward the end of the meetings, several were mentioning their desire to return for Pentecost and their realization that time is "running out" for all of us doing God's Work.

In Melbourne, Mr. Bill Winner conducted the Passover with 103 partaking and with an attendance of 179 on the Feast Night and about the same for the first Holy Day services. These figures

Mr. Norman Smith is making announcements here in the fine hall available to the brethren in Birmingham—gathered from throughout the Southeast. Ambassador College Photo



represent a sixty-six per cent increase in attendance over last year's Passover and a fifty-six per cent increase for the Feast!

The *first* Passover service ever held in the Brisbane Church was conducted by Clarence Huse with 65 present. This attendance was in spite of constant rain and flooding, and 125 attended the Feast on the following evening. Mr. Huse reports that everyone willingly "pitched in" to make the Festival in Brisbane a long-remembered event.

In these three Australian Church areas, a total of 22 repentant persons were baptized just before the Passover and during the Festival! So God's Work is certainly GROWING in Australia—and let us *not forget* these brethren in our prayers!

Passover and Festival Observances in Great Britain

Only incomplete reports are in from Britain as yet, but news has come that at our London Headquarters there were 294 who took the Passover. This is an increase of 70 over the number who partook last year. Then, on the "Night To Be Remembered," they had 455 in attendance.

One member reported that there were *excellent* sermons during the Feast, with Mr. Raymond McNair and Mr. Charles Hunting—God's Evangelists—leading in the preaching, assisted by Dr. Benjamin Rea, Mr. Ronald Dart, Mr. Ernest Martin and the other ministers in Britain.

Many brethren came over from Germany and other countries on the Continent. The beautiful new dining hall on our English campus was packed for the Feast Days, and two rooms upstairs were also used where they employed closed-circuit TV for those who could not attend the services in the dining hall. So our brethren in Great Britain also enjoyed a wonderful and inspiring Feast—one that will be long remembered!

The Festival in South Africa

Mr. Gerald Waterhouse—God's Evangelist in charge of His Work in South Africa—reports: "Jesus Christ has just led us through a very *successful* and *inspiring* Festival season here

in Johannesburg, South Africa! It was very much in evidence that Jesus Christ was leading the activities in this *part* of His Body!

"Regardless of the sermon topic, Jesus Christ inspired a definite THEME throughout the entirety of our meetings—that of our being a *part* of His Body with HEADQUARTERS in Pasadena, California! This theme clearly showed He, through His Headquarters, is directing this great Work, which is not only proclaiming the Gospel as a witness, but also preparing us to assist Him in WORLD RULE when He sets His hand to RE-EDUCATE mankind to God's WAY OF LIFE! In fact, it became clearer with each sermon that the WAY TO COME OUT OF SIN is by being re-educated to God's way of life!

"The surety and quickness by which God's WAY produces *rewarding* RESULTS was much in evidence to the congregation when they *saw* the FRUITS produced through the *application* of God's METHOD OF CHILD REARING set forth in the booklet on "THE PLAIN TRUTH ABOUT CHILD REARING."

"At the close of the weekly Sabbath following the Days of Unleavened Bread, the brethren departed with *great* JOY in knowing there is a *sure* and *accurate* and *rewarding* WAY by which we qualify for positions in God's Kingdom and with *greater* DETERMINATION to be more profitable members of the Body of Jesus Christ in the months and years to come.

"Now to a few statistics and other details about the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread. On the evening of March 26, 85 of us observed the Passover (42 were present last year). The following evening, 150 gathered on the 'Night To Be Much Observed Unto the Lord' and rejoiced that God has delivered us from sin! In the daylight part of this first Holy Day, the *same number* attended both the morning and afternoon services, with a 'covered-dish' meal in between. All-day services continued throughout the remainder of the Festival, as well as on the weekly Sabbath of April 4. The attendance never dropped below 142 at any of the meetings and by the last meeting rose to 153! This was very gratifying in that it showed an increase

of sixty-four per cent over the *Feast of Tabernacles* last year when our top attendance was 93. Just before and during the Festival, 29 people were BAPTIZED which helped to promote this good increase in attendance.

"The brethren were surely inspired to see the assistance Christ has given me to make this the MOST SUCCESSFUL Festival thus far in South Africa! Mr. Ernest Williams, who was ordained a Local Elder on March 7 of this year, assisted by giving sermons and sermonettes and in the over-all direction of the Festival. Too, the people were encouraged to hear one of their own countrymen, Mr. Adrain Botha, give three helpful sermonettes.

"In that Christ has extended this same help to His Body in other parts of the world, we know that God's Church has been greatly *edified* and *strengthened* through the Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread. Now we are looking forward to Pentecost and the Feast of Tabernacles, knowing that God surely does help and give a GOOD UNDERSTANDING to those who OBEY Him in *keeping the Festivals* He has ORDAINED to keep His Church mindful of His PLAN OF SALVATION!"

Passover in the Philippines

From the Philippines, Mr. Pedro Ortiguero—our Local Elder there—reports that 513 of God's people partook of the Passover this year and many more attended the daily services and Bible studies. Due to the geographical location of the brethren on the islands in the Philippines, the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread were observed in *six different locations!*

Mr. Ortiguero reports that an especially inspiring service was held at San Nicolas, on the island of Luzon. Mr. Ortiguero states: "On the appointed time, shortly after sunset of March 26, 47 people assembled together for the Passover, quietly and reverently. All the things were prepared in advance—wash tubs, water, towels, bread, wine and seats in their proper places. The procedure of the Passover as contained in the loose-leaf binder from the Headquarters was followed very well.

"On the light part of the day—the