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Officials see no trouble with Worldwide traffic

MOUNT POCONO — From Memorial Day through Labor Day the population more than triples in the Mount Pocono area, but, there is one week when the community takes on the facade of a congested metropolis.

When the Worldwide Church of God brings thousands of followers to its own festival site for the annual celebration of the "Feast of the Tabernacles," there also comes a traffic problem.

Mount Pocono Police Chief Robert Hartman said he expected no difficulties with the huge congregation, but there have been times in the past five years the festival has been held in Mount Pocono, that long inconveniences did develop on the community's roads.

He pointed out that traffic would be particularly heavy during the day of registration and immediately before and

after the services.

Hartman also stated he didn't believe traffic would be as troublesome as it was in the past since the church officials have released for use among the 12,500 members, individual maps which show the routes they should travel to and from the daily services from wherever they are staying.

He also noted that last year, though it was heavy traffic was handled efficiently by the borough police department.

Festival officials have stressed to members the opportunity they have to benefit their neighbor, the community, and themselves.

This opportunity, they stress, involves how best to get thousands of people to and from services on time.

The map, together with a colored bumper sticker, indicates the route the member

should travel. This routing applies only during the one and a half hours prior to services and one and a half hour after services.

The bumper sticker indicates the parking lot where Worldwide Church of God members will be parking their cars during the eight day service. Parking lots are located on Rte. 611 across from the Mount Pocono airport and on Rte. 196 north one mile from the traffic lights in Mount Pocono.

Church officials urged their members that any inconvenience they may encounter in following the routing system will be offset by the knowledge they are making it possible, through planning, to move the entire congregation to their motels and back to the site in time for services.



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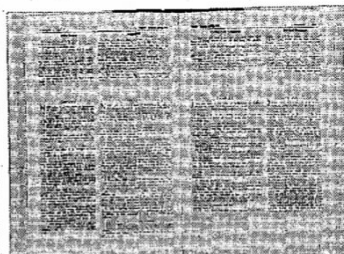
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