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## September fest betters weather

MOUNT POCONO — This year the Worldwide Church of God will meet in September rather than October as they have done in previous years.

The new date will undoubtedly afford the members somewhat warmer weather to enjoy more of the scenic Poconos in their free time.

Not only in Mount Pocono, but all over the United States, congregations will be assembling.

In other parts of the world members will gather in Penetration, British Columbia, Canada, as well as South Africa, the Philippines, England and New Zealand and Australia, where instead of autumn the festival will take on the appearance of spring.

In the Pocono resort area, over 120 hotels, motels and lodges will be filled with members of the Worldwide Church of God during their eight day stay in the Pocono Mountains.

From Scranton, and Newfoundland to Stroudsburg, East Stroudsburg, Marshalls Creek and other surrounding areas, guests will have accommodations.

Most of the members will be housed within a 10-mile radius of the church site. Over 2,000 are expected to fill three major camping areas at Mount Pocono, Tobyhanna State Park, Scotrun and the

camp site near the festival grounds.

Several hundred will be housed in private homes rented specifically for the festival.

## Earlier date eases season lull

MOUNT POCONO — The slight lull between Labor Day and the Worldwide Church of God festival was even shorter this year due to the fact that the sixth annual festival is being held several weeks earlier than last year.

With the influx of some 12,500 members, the rural highway traffic looks like that found on the freeways of Los Angeles and New York.

Residents can still remember traffic jams that transformed a 10-minute ride from Tobyhanna to Mount Pocono into an eight hour excursion.

Although more members gather each year, the traffic problems seem to have abated somewhat.

Most residents are now aware of the service times and try to schedule themselves to do their traveling while services are being held.

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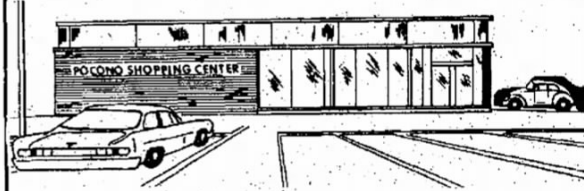
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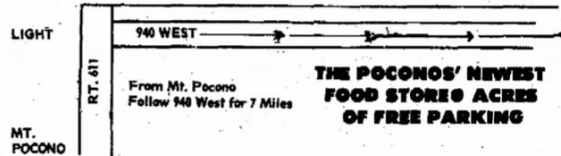
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