



MOUNT POCONO -- More than 12,500 Worldwide Church of God followers will attend the eight-day affair this year. Billed as a "spiritual as well as recreational" period, the festival has drawn more and more members since its first meeting in 1967, when 8,000 prophers converged on the members converged on the

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the religious following attenting the annual gathering from outside the region is lodging for the eight days of prayer and conference.

A survey of local resorts. hotels, motels and campgrounds was taken in order to find out how many Worldwide Church of God members will be housed.

Some will travel more than 30 miles from lodgings to the festival site.

La Chateau in White Haven will accommodate approx-

La Chatesu in white Haven will accommodate approx-imately 300. Poemont Lodge in Bushkill with house 250. Holiday Inn, East Stroudsburg expects about 300. The Scran-ton Holiday Inn has 40 of their rooms reserved.

Buck Hill Inn will house about 100 of the members. Close to 170 will stay at the Hilton Penn Stroud in Stroudsburg, while the new Howard Johnsons in Delaware Water Gap will accommodate

The Sterling Inn, South

Sterling, localed 12 miles from the site will house 130 members.

members. Mount Airy Lodge, where for the past five years, members and officials have stayed, will not accommodate any this year. Mo-Nom-O-Nock Inn, Mountainhome, and Sheraton Motor Inn, both who have housed members in the past will not be doing so this year.

Many members and their families will be staying at campgrounds in Tobyhanna, Mount Pocono and Scotrun as well as the campgrounds near one of the parking lots at the site of the festival.

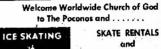
site of the festival.

Most of the motels in the area will be filled with members. Others will be staying in private homes which have been renfed for the nine days.



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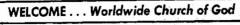
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