

No traffic trouble seen

Tabernacle Feast swells Pocono population

MOUNT POCONO — Although Mount Pocono has never been confused with either Los Angeles or New York, there is one week every fall when the community takes on the facade of a congested metropolis.

The mask of "big city living" can be found when the World Wide Church of God brings thousands of followers to its own festival site for the annual celebration of the "Feast of the Tabernacle."

But with the crowd, estimated this year at around 14,500, there also comes a traffic problem. Mount Pocono Police Chief Robert Hartman said recently he expected no difficulties with the huge congregation, but there have been times in the past four years since the festival has been held in Mount Pocono that long inconveniences did develop on the community's roads.

Chief Hartman said he didn't believe traffic would be as congested and as troublesome as it was in the past, but he pointed out traffic would be particularly heavy during the periods immediately before and after the World Wide Church of God services.

Church officials, the chief noted, have released for use among the 14,500 members, individual maps which show the faithful routes they should travel to and from the daily services from wherever they are staying.

Festival officials have stressed to the members the opportunity they have to benefit their neighbor, the community and themselves by setting the right example of willing obedience to organization.

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

Miss Pa. to sing
HARRISBURG — Trudy Lav Peterson, crowned Miss Pennsylvania, 1969, will sing and give her Christian testimony at Muhlenberg College Field House, October 23, as the 109th annual Pennsylvania State Sunday School Convention draws to a close.

The map, together with a colored bumper sticker strip, indicates the route the member should travel. The routing applies only during the time one and one-half hours prior to services and one and one-half hours after services.

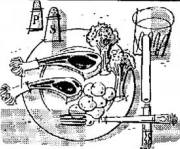
Officials urged their members that any inconvenience they may encounter in following the routing system will be offset by the knowledge they are making it possible,

through planning, to move the entire congregation to their motels and back to the grounds in time for services. The bumper sticker indicates the parking lot where the World Wide Church of God member will be parking his car during the eight-day service.

In addition to Mount Pocono police, Penn. Ridge State police and Coonburg Township police will be on hand to meet any unanticipated difficulties.

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