



Song service

Young and old alike participate in the singing portion of the Fall Festival of the World Wide Church of God. Services are held in a huge metal Festival Center Building located one mile north of Mt. Pocono on Route 196.

Church leans on custodians

MOUNT POCONO — Never have so many people been dependent on so few, is a cliché that has been worn out describing a small group of people who don't get much recognition while rendering a great service to a larger mass of people.

At the risk of using the tired cliché one more time, the worn out description can be appropriately applied to three men who take care of the World Wide Church of God grounds in Mount Pocono. When the World Wide Church of God members flock into the Poconos every autumn for their festival, they are greeted with a beautiful, well kept convention site maintained year round by three custodians.

Otis Cole, foreman of the three-man work crew, who has been a World Wide Church of God member for 55 years, is quick to point out the small crew of men is kept mighty busy during the year.

"We're busy the year around with just maintaining the grounds much less the buildings themselves," Cole said.

Pointing a finger over the vast area of parking lots on the Church of God site, Cole emphasized how busy his crew is kept for the year.

"Most of the work during the winter is snow removal from the lots, plus the fact we have to watch out for water line freeze ups," said Cole.

Cole claims the work during the summer keeps himself, his son, Alfred, who is part of the crew and Einar Andreassen, the third crew member, quite busy.

"The grass is a must to be cut frequently plus up-keep of the grounds surrounding the parking lots has to be cleared out very often," he mentioned.

All the work around the 125-acre festival site is in the hands of the three man crew, who are all members of the World Wide Church of God.

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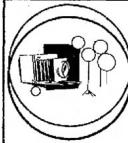
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