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GREATEST FEAST IN CENTURIES

by Dick Alexander



"Tabernacle; Squaw Valley"

God's own people met in two locations in the United States, as well as in London, England, and other parts of the world. Yes, God's Feast of Tabernacles is now being kept world-wide, giving us a little glimpse into the future when the whole world will keep the Feast in the millennium.

In Gladewater, Texas there was an overflow crowd of close to 8000 of God's people, some being seated outside at times. Beautiful sunshine prevailed most of the time, except for one day of rain.

Mr. Herbert Armstrong said that there is a place in Maryland that looks favorable for an additional feast site next year. It will accommodate about 4000 people.

In Squaw Valley, the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles was dreary and bleak with an almost continuous drizzle of rain, but it could not dampen the exuberant spirits of over 4,000 of God's people as they gathered together to keep God's commanded Holy Day. It was a wonderful feeling to be together knowing that we were obeying God's commandments, and to hear the inspiring sermons by God's ministers.

The weather on the second day of the Feast was even more surprising than that of the first day. Early in the morning the wind had quit blowing and the driving rain had stopped. And as the day dawned we could see a beautiful 3" blanket of snow covering the countryside. The white snow clinging to the green pine trees made a picture that we will remember for a long time. Later during the week
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Total Character Test Revealed In Forum

By Mr. H. W. Armstrong

In his final Forum for the school year of 1961-62 Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong posed these very important questions: "Where will you be five years from now? What will YOU be doing?"

To answer these questions, he went over the points for which he looks when evaluating us as individuals and in deciding where we will fit best in the Work of God.

Here in printed form are the qualities
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TWO NEW CHURCHES

by Fred Mancewicz

Once again we can rejoice as the commission of the Philadelphian Church is being fulfilled.

To feed the scattered flock in the Southern Illinois, Indiana, and Northern Kentucky region, a new church began at Harrisburg, Illinois, Nov. 10, 1962. The attendance was 155.

This strategic location will enable those in the immediate vicinity to attend weekly Sabbath services, and also draw off a number who had to travel long distances to the St. Louis and Indianapolis churches. A weekly attendance of 200 is expected. Mr. Hal Baird, with assistant
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It's A Boy!

by Ed Rudicel

*"Lo, children are the gift of God, and
 sons the blessing He commands."*

Psalms 127:3

Blessings have been poured upon blessings! During the Feast of Tabernacles in Gladwater, Texas, it was announced that Mrs. Dean Blackwell had given birth to a hefty son (9½ lbs.) Thousands of fellow-laborers rejoiced with Mr. Blackwell when they learned of the birth of Jeffrey Dean, arrow number four in his father's quiver.

Such good news couldn't be restrained for very long: within hours the message reached those keeping the Feast in Squaw Valley, California.

During the past seven years of his fruitful ministry, Mr. Blackwell had been content in rearing three "future ministers' wives", but he is blessed even more now by a son of his youth.

To our beloved pastor, we in Chicago and La Grange say, "Your joy is our joy, too!"



Chicago News Briefs

Big things are happening in Chicago! Soon after the Blackwell baby arrived, Mr. & Mrs. Schattke were also blessed with a 9½ lb. baby boy.

A Feast to be remembered: Mr. Kenneth of the Bloomington Church attended the "eligibles" barbeque, met, and 5 days later married a lovely lady from Akron, Ohio. The ceremony was performed by Mr. Dean Blackwell.

Mr. Elbert Atlas is once again with us, but this time on a more permanent basis. He will be working among the colored brethren in the Chicago area, in addition to his regular job.

Please continue your prayers for Mrs. Frey. The long, persistent illness is still with her.

We welcome the new people who have moved here from other church areas. Among them are Norman Taylor, John Kleier, Oren Weinbrenner, Miss Pat Cunningham.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Efimov had a new addition, James Drew, 8 lbs. 9 oz., Oct. 8.

Mrs. Alice Byrum and Mrs. Kenneth Ellis have new 7 lb. baby daughters.

Big things are in the planning stage for the single men and women, reports Bill May. To come—hay ride, dancing classes, bowling, and others. Dates of events will be announced. Volunteers for chaperones are needed. Here is your chance to serve! Give your name to any Deacon.



Recently Baptized left to right: Mrs. Julia Hegge, Mrs. Walter Threewitt, Mrs. Mary Triplett.

Character (Cont'd)

that God's ministers are looking for in each student and member. How do YOU measure up?

PHYSICAL POINTS

1. Academic and mental qualifications
 - a. Entrance exams
 - b. Actual progress in class (grades from teachers)
 - c. Extent of knowledge acquired and how
 - d. Mental depth
2. Personality
 - a. Leadership
 - b. Poise
 - c. Speech and word fluency
 - d. Vocabulary
 - e. Does he or she radiate happiness?
 - f. Personal magnitude
 - g. Natural persuasiveness
 - h. Certain amount of bounce and zeal
 - i. Do they carry authority?
3. Drive
 - a. Motivation
 - b. Resourcefulness
 - c. Ability to put mental and personality values to work

SPIRITUAL SCORE

1. Basic attitude
2. Degree of conversion (must be totally submissive to authority)
3. Dedication and consecration
4. Compassion (sympathy and love for others)
5. Deep-down concern for others
6. Understanding
7. Bible I.Q.
8. How fast are YOU acquiring Bible knowledge?
9. Spiritual intelligence
10. Spiritual depth

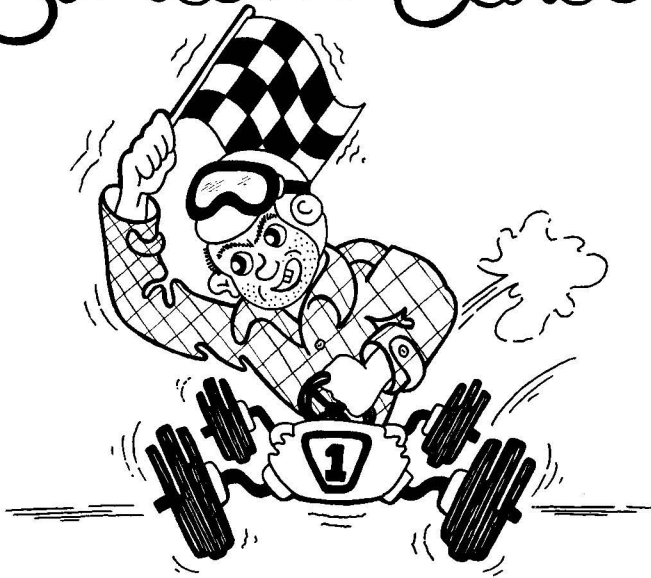
Where we will be five years from now—and through all eternity—depends on how we "stack up" according to these characteristics!

Smoke Gets In Your Eyes

Every Cigarette you smoke cuts 14.4 minutes from your lifespan; so Dr. Linus Pauling, Nobel Prize-winning chemist, recently told students in the University of Toronto.

"If everyone were to stop smoking," he said, "the over-all life expectancy would rise by four years." This is based on evidence which shows that life expectancy of a person who smokes a pack a day, from age 20 on, is reduced by eight years. (Approximately half the population does not now smoke, or smokes very moderately.)

LAODICEAN JONES



*Mr. Jones drives the family car
like the terror of the speedway.
He thinks that he has divine protection,
and it's true that he does in a way.*

JAMES 5:14-15 OR MAYBE I THESS. 4:16

Mr. and Mrs. Swisher Visit Chicago

by Ken Ellis

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Swisher spent the week-and-a-half following the Feast of Tabernacles visiting his parents in Newton, Illinois and attending to the flock of Pastor Dean C. Blackwell in the Chicago area. They had their daughter Ruth, five months old, with them. In the meantime, Mr. Blackwell took care of Mr. Swisher's regular duties in the Minden, La., and Gladewater, Tex. area.

The Swishers are both graduates of Ambassador College, Pasadena, Calif. Mrs. Swisher's brother, Mr. Cecil Battles, was ordained a local elder during the recent Feast. Mr. Woodie of Ambassador College, U.K., is married to Mrs. Swisher's sister.

Mr. Swisher is Supervisor over the Southern area including the Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Tennessee Churches. The Swishers have three other children: Timothy, 5; Regina, 3; and Loretta, 1½.

Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell were using this opportunity to give their new son, Jeffrey Dean, born on October 15, a chance to visit with his grandparents.

Basketball Is Here Again

by Wilbur W. Ball

Good news . . . the Chicago, LaGrange, Bloomington, South Bend, Milwaukee, and Indianapolis Churches will have their own basketball teams this year. Mr. Dean Blackwell has already made a schedule for these teams to meet. We will have a championship play-off at the end of the year. This is going to be a wonderful chance for fellowship, as well as a good way to work the poisons out of our bodies with good exercise. Some men have been known to have lost as much as 17 pounds.

The second meeting between the "Basketball Bombers" of Chicago and LaGrange took place at Shedd Park Gymnasium on Thursday night, November 8, 1962. There was a very large turnout—the largest yet—and everyone who wished to, got the opportunity to play at least a portion of the two games played.

The first game was played by the main aspirants for either the Chicago or the LaGrange teams. The final score was Chicago 28, LaGrange 24. The second game Chicago won 24 to 8.

Over thirty men turned out to participate. The ladies, not to be outdone, engaged in volleyball during the period from 7:00 to 8:00.

Our regular games will resume between Chicago and LaGrange every Thursday at 8:00 P.M. All are welcome; yes, those who do not know how to play as well as those who do. Remember, this is a good place to learn. We also need spectators to cheer their team on to victory.

See you at the gym . . .

FACTS

by Dr. Duke Galloway

Question: I have heard that Brewer's yeast is a good food. On the other hand, I wonder whether or not it is wise to use a by-product of the brewing industry.

Answer: Brewer's yeast is not a by-product of the brewing industry. Brewer's yeast is used by the breweries. It is the fastest growing vegetable known to man, growing so very rapidly that you can see its expansion from hour to hour. This yeast plant is grown by the brewing industry for the manufacture of beer. It is also grown by the producers of food for sale for human consumption. In the latter case it is grown in sanitary, temperature-controlled growing rooms. After the yeast plant is fully grown, it is harvested, washed to remove bitterness, and the part that causes fermentation is removed. The balance is then dried and sold as powder, or made into tablet form.

Brewer's yeast is the richest source of the food reaction known as "vitamin B" known to man: also rich in protein, other "vitamins" and minerals. It can be produced very cheaply, therefore it is a far less expensive source of B vitamins than egg, meat, etc.

Since brewer's yeast has had the part removed which causes fermentation it is safe to eat, and can be eaten directly or mixed with soups or other foods. Any yeast which can be used to raise dough in baking should never be eaten raw. In other words, it should never be eaten unless it has first been used in baking, which kills the fermentation process.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Einersen
Married September 22, 1962

Feast (Cont'd)

we learned why we had the rain, the snow, and the cold weather. Our ministers explained that there had been a plague of bees in Squaw Valley, so bad that small children had to be kept indoors to protect them from the stings of these insects. After the rain, cold weather and snow, the wasps and bees were completely gone! God had been not only testing our patience, but also was ridding the valley of the bees for our benefit.

After the first two days, the weather got warmer; the sun shone and Squaw Valley could truly be seen in its spacious, peaceful, and beautiful setting. It was hard to believe that Lake Tahoe could be so blue, a deep dark blue, with the snow-capped mountains rising majestically in the background. And this gorgeous panoramic scene was always changing, presenting a different picture each time we drove by, to and from services. The chair lift which took us over 8,000 feet above sea level, and 2,000 feet above the floor of the valley, was a thrilling ride that many of us took during the Feast. To look straight down almost 1,000 feet from the chair lift was certainly a sight to make our hearts beat faster. The architecture of the buildings at Squaw Valley was very impressive. The arena where all the meetings were held had a clear-span structural roof system with no interior supports; instead the roof was suspended from above by steel cables! This building was built by the United States Government for the 1960 Winter Olympics at a cost of three million dollars.

The seven days of the Feast of Tabernacles seemed to go entirely too fast, and before we realized it the Last Great Day was here. We sadly had to prepare to leave. Driving out to the valley and thru Donners Pass we encountered fog, but we slowly climbed out of the valley coming out of and above the fog into brilliant sunshine. Stopping at Observation Point high up on the summit, we could look far back and down into the valley and on the top of the fog far below with the sun dancing off it; a beautiful picture to remember and to carry away with us. And so bidding Squaw Valley good-bye, we turned once more toward home.

Enjoyable as was this glorious eight days—the Kingdom of God, which this wonderful Festival only pictured, will be much more enjoyable! Let's never forget the sermons we heard!

Rockford Bible Study Report

by Elisha Crim

This summer the Superintendent over the Chicago and Midwest area, Pastor Dean C. Blackwell, began holding Bible Studies in Rockford, Illinois for the scattered brethren around that area.

The first meeting, in a beautiful and comfortably air-conditioned hall, was attended by 83 people. By the third meeting, the attendance had grown to 88, which justified the belief that this area will grow quite rapidly.

Several members and Deacons from the Chicago and LaGrange Churches have attended the Bible Studies, held every other Sunday. It is indeed a blessing to see some of the scattered members of the body of Christ being fed the long-awaited nourishment of hearing the words of Christ expounded by one called for that purpose.

Adam & Eve & That Apple

How many apples did Adam and Eve eat? Some say Eve 8 and Adam 2— a total of 10 only. Now we figure the thing out differently. Eve 8 and Adam 8 also— total 16.

And yet the above figures are entirely wrong. If Eve 8 and Adam 82, certainly the total would be 90. Scientific men, however, reason something like this: Eve 81 and Adam 82— total 163.

Wrong again; what could be clearer than, if Eve 81 and Adam 812, the total was 893.

If Eve 81 and Adam 812, would not the total be 1,623.

The following is another solution: Eve 814 Adam, Adam 8124 Eve — total 8,938.

Still another calculation is as follows: If Eve 814 Adam, Adam 81242 oblige Eve—total 82056. We think this, however, not a sufficient quantity. For though we admit that Eve 814 Adam, Adam if he 8081242 keep Eve company —total 8,082,056.

All wrong. Eve, when she 81812 many, and probably she felt sorry for it, but her companion, in order to relieve her grief, 812. Therefore, when Adam 81814242fy Eve's depressed spirit. Hence both ate 81,896,864 apples.

Churches (Cont'd)

Robert Steep, will pastor this church in addition to the St. Louis Church.

The Bloomington, Illinois pastorship will permanently shift from Mr. Baird to Mr. John Bald.

A three state area will now be served by the addition of a new Church in Toledo, Ohio, also started Nov. 10, 1962.

This church will serve those in the Western Ohio region in addition to drawing some thirty members from the South Bend Church who had to travel a longer distance each week. The brethren in Detroit have long awaited an opportunity to attend weekly Sabbath services, and now this is possible because of the comparatively short drive to Toledo via the expressway. Mr. Bill McDowell and Mr. Robert Hoops will pastor the new Toledo Church.

Approximately one month before the Feast of Tabernacles the new Church in Indianapolis was started; so we have three new churches in the midwest in a two-month period. Yes, it is evident that God is caring for his flock in addition to proclaiming His gospel to the world. Be sure to include these churches in your prayers that they will soon produce staunch pillar members, and bear much fruit.

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