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NEW CHURCH FOR KANSAS CITY

At last, after waiting patiently for many years, the Kansas City brethren were able to assemble together to hear the Word of God expounded clearly and effectively. For the first time in this era of God's Work the Kansas City area has a church!

Many of these brethren have been members of God's Church for years. Fellowship was limited to attending services in Springfield and the annual festivals in Texas. Many of these faithful brethren prayed that God would raise up more churches, that He would provide for our every need. And these prayers were answered!

On October 7, 1961, the very first Sabbath after the Feast of Tabernacles, the Kansas City Church began. Arising early on the Sabbath, before dawn in some cases, the brethren for miles around hurriedly prepared in order to be present for the 9:00 morning service.

Three of God's ordained ministers, Mr. Roderick Meredith, Mr. Bryce Clark, and Mr. Dale Hampton, were present for the opening Sabbath. Seated in chairs before them were 270 eager listeners. Mr. Hampton led the singing, Mr. Clark gave the sermonette, and Mr. Meredith preached a powerful sermon on "What is the True Church of God Like?"

Immediately following the sermon, Mr. Clark had to rush to Springfield to hold the afternoon Sabbath services.

Mr. Meredith and Mr. Hampton remained to answer questions, council, and anoint any who were sick.

After visiting old acquaintances, meeting new friends, and seeing new faces for the first time, the brethren slowly adjourned to their respective homes -- each looking forward to the next Sabbath Day, indeed thankful for the blessing of a local church in Kansas City.

First Edition

Greetings from the Churches of God in Springfield and Kansas City.

This is our first edition. We will be coming to you each month with news, views and editorials of interest.

We would like to take this opportunity to solicit items of interest for this newspaper from YOU. We can't, of course, print everything that is sent to us, but you can be sure that your items will be read with care and could give us ideas and information for future articles.

We hope that this newspaper will bind us closer together in God's Work and will give you scattered brethren an opportunity to learn what is going on in the Church of God nearest you.

As you can see by this first edition, we are going to try and make this a newsy newspaper. In order to do this

MORE NEW CHURCHES

(from Portfolio - Pasadena, California)

Forty-two happy persons joyfully greeted Mr. Selmer Hegvold and Mr. Les McCullough at Santa Barbara on September 2 for the first Sabbath services held in the new Santa Barbara church.

More expansion is also planned for the future! Bakersfield is to be the site of a new church right after the Feast of Tabernacles. Oakland, California and Phoenix, Arizona will also host new churches soon after the Feast. Mr. Al Dennis will transfer from the Redlands-Temple City area to the Bakersfield-Fresno region. (That's a sizeable area to cover!) Mr. Hill will exchange pastoral duties at Temple City for those at the new Phoenix church and Mr. Les McCullough will minister to the Temple City congregation.

Send in your Articles by the 10th of the Month so we will have time to edit them and prepare them for publication.

we must have your cooperation in sending in the news so we can print it.

Remember, we on the staff, need your thoughts, and your articles to make this paper the kind of paper that is the mark of God's Work.

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EDITORIAL

For some time Mr. Armstrong realized the need of publishing a really informative newspaper—one that would emphasize current events and individual happenings in the local churches. "The Good News," due to its nature, was able to do this only to a limited extent. The idea of a local church newspaper burgeoned in the Pacific Northwest with a mimeographed copy being printed by some of the Seattle-Tacoma brethren. As the idea expanded into other local church areas, it became apparent this was the answer to the really "newsy" newspaper.

Most of the local churches are now printing local papers. The rest soon will be. Collectively the paper is to be called "The Church of God News." In each church area the paper is to be a local edition, thus the "Church of God News," Springfield-Kansas City Edition. This paper will serve you! It will be a source of news and information. It will serve to bind the Missouri-Kansas brethren into a closer bond of fellowship. Pertinent information and events from other local congregations will be printed from time to time. Also, it will be a source of encouragement, a guide, an instructor in Christian principles. Regard it as such. Be thankful and be appreciative. The Springfield-Kansas City Edition of "The Church of God News" is a Headliners selected paper sponsored by our own local Spokesman's Club. Its editor and writer are you. This is an opportunity to participate in God's Work, to develop, to grow, and to serve. While the paper is intended to bring to you local events and news, it will continually keep your eyes on the overall scope and growth of God's Work, as well as on the Church Collectively.

FEAST . . . Gladewater, Texas

by Sam Record

The Radio Church of God grounds at Big Sandy, Texas began to spring to life between Sept. 21st and Sept. 24th. By the 25th of the month a group of people filled Tent and Booth City, as large as Gladewater itself. The people of God had come once more to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

The Government of God was clearly brought out at this Feast.

An old plan was put into practice this year, as old as Moses. You will remember that Moses was advised by his father-in-law to place captains over tens and hundreds. (Exodus 18: 17-21)

The grounds were divided into sections with a responsible man placed over each section. This man in turn was under a Deacon in charge of several sections, right on up to the top command.

This greatly aided the ministers in charge to locate a trouble spot and the person responsible for that section was then advised and the trouble quickly and efficiently eliminated.

This plan, as set down by Almighty God, worked just as all the plans He has for us, limited only by the human element involved.

We had a nightly patrol of the grounds this year, under the direction of Mr. Kenneth Iimes. He and the men under him were very efficient in watching over the entire area, thus eliminating trouble before it began.

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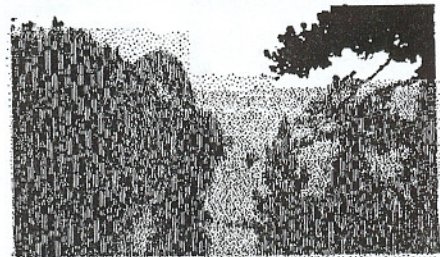
Let us always see this local church as a part of God's whole Church. As we learn to appreciate this blessing—our local church newspaper—let us be even more cognizant of the unity in God's Church, realizing that we are merely a small part of the whole which has made this publication possible.

Looking back, this Feast was an orderly, joyous and profitable time for all of God's True Church.

FEAST . . .

- Squaw Valley, California

by L. E. Stuart



A person making his first trip to the west and specifically to Squaw Valley might upon reaching Reno, Nevada become quite apprehensive. After having traveled through Utah and most of Nevada, and having seen virtually nothing except barren mountains with sage brush dotted dessert, one begins to wonder if he has been living with a misconception as to the type of beauty to be found at Squaw Valley. At Reno and though only a stones throw from Lake Tahoe and Squaw Valley the scenery still has not changed noticeably. Within a few moments after leaving Reno, however, the transition in scenery takes place so suddenly it is like awakening from a bad dream. The beauty now is as you might have imagined, except more so. For words and pictures simply do not convey the magnitude of the forces directed by Almighty God in presenting these examples of His handiwork.

The accommodations, the atmosphere and even the weather this year seemed to be designed more for this great Festival than for the Winter Olympics of 1960. The weather, though very cool in the late evenings, was bright, clear, clean and invigorating. The only shower which I was aware of came and left during the night, leaving a refreshing atmosphere for the next day. There is one thing quite evident throughout the area however, and that is the very real shortage of water. Lake Tahoe, even though striking in it's beauty, is about four feet below normal and

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considering the many miles of lake surface, constitutes a great shortage of water.

Bulldozers are almost constantly at work smoothing the ski-runs. Because of the lack of normal snow fall the runs are becoming dangerous and must be levelled to make them usable. (Who knows by what methods God prepares accommodations for His people.)

By the early part of the Feast orderliness was established and numerous opportunities were presented for spiritual growth and physical enjoyment. This reporter found volunteers for the work details to be most cooperative and eager to serve in keeping the camp of Israel presentable before the Living God.

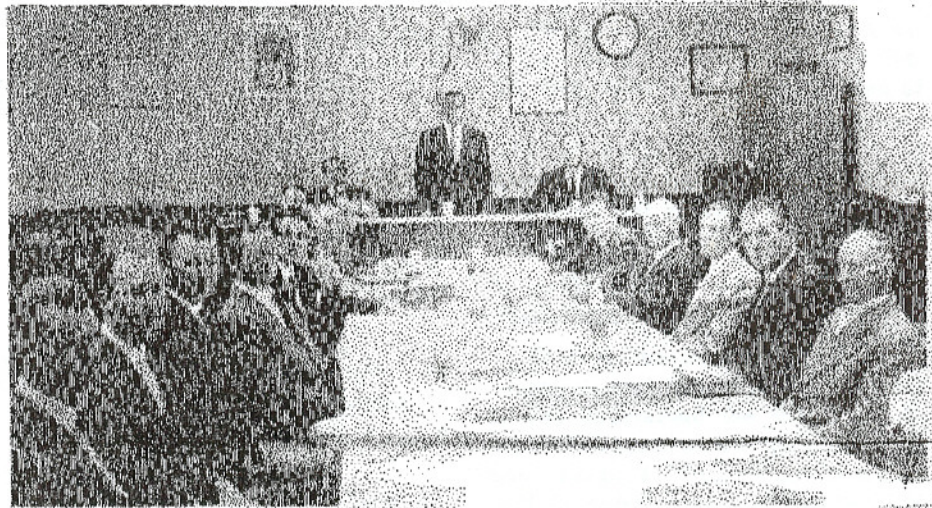
The building used for the tabernacle is well designed for our purpose with a spacious foyer and two wide concrete stairways leading to an upper landing and a huge balcony which accommodated more than half of this year's congregation. Rest rooms are conveniently and almost extravagantly distributed in both upper and lower portions of the building. The main floor of the building, which was designed for the Olympic ice-hockey arena, along with the spectator boxes accommodated the remainder of the congregation.

The prevailing atmosphere of the entire Squaw Valley area as far as arrangement and design of buildings are concerned, is unmistakably that of a plush resort. Indeed, quite some distraction was encountered from wandering tourist, who, under the circumstances, had to be handled very diplomatically.

The meetings were dynamically alive with spiritual food and an abundance of both spiritual and physical blessings.

Being able to attend the Feast at Squaw Valley and to recognize the great potential this place holds for God's people, my sincere hope is that suitable arrangements can be made for an even greater Feast there next year.

OIL WELL. All too frequently spots needing oil are located beyond the reach of a normal oil can spout. A soda straw over the end of the spout makes an effective extension and can be bent to go around obstacles



The Springfield Spokesman Club held its first formal meeting on July 23rd, 1961. The following Officers were appointed:

President: Mr. Loren Stuart
Vice-President: Mr. Sam Record
Secry-Treasurer: Mr. Walter Johnson
Sgt-at-Arms: Mr. H. D. Rhodes

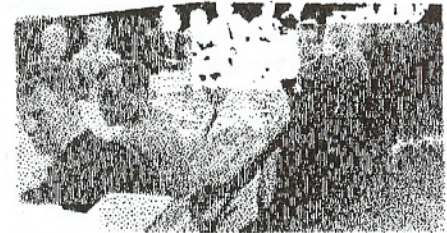
We have had several excellent Ice Breaking Speeches in the seven meetings since our grand opening and at this time are getting into the second round of speeches.

As Mr. Clark, our Overall Evaluator, has stated, the edges are rough but the potential is excellent.

After seven meetings, we have rounded a few of the edges and hope that in the not too distant future we will be ready to invite the congregation for a pot luck dinner, to be followed by a full fledged meeting to give them a chance to see the Club in A-C-T-I-O-N.

This Spokesman Club is an opportunity given to us by God to train for future leadership in His Kingdom. We, who are able, should be taking advantage of this priceless opportunity.

If you are not a regular member and would like to become one, contact one of the officers at an early date. If you can't come regularly, please do not hesitate to come when you can and be an honored guest. Again, the officers can give you this information.



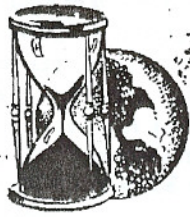
THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS. When a windshield gets popped by a pebble, tiny breaks often spread and discolor the glass or extend the crack. According to the AAA a dab of airplane glue or similar plastic cement will seal the crack to delay the need for windshield replacement and many times effect a permanent repair.

The speaker beginning his talk at a club meeting advised:

"My job, as I understand it, is to talk to you. Yours, as I understand it, is to listen. If you finish before I do, just go do your own thing."

After 2 1/2 years' service, the roof-keeper had trouble with his eyesight so he retired and opened a diner. "Look here," yelled a customer, "there're needs in my soup." "Geographical error," said the proprietor, "should have been a..."

SERMON SUMMARY



LUTHERANS FOR ROME

In the land of Luther, a Lutheran Clergyman is trying to lead his church back to recognition of the authority of the Roman Catholic Pope and to the restoration of much Catholic Liturgy and Theology - while yet preserving the Lutheran Church's identity. The trend that he expounds is so strong that almost every German City now has churches where Lutherans can go to confession. (Time, Oct. 6, 1961)

De Gaulle Warns of Russo-German Deal (U. S. News & World Report (10/9/61)

Russia Confident of West German Deal (U. S. News & World Report 10/9/61)

German Newspapers Decry U.S. Policy Shift (New York World Te. and Sun 9/25/61)

Euromart Booms Ahead * Walter Hallstein, German Economist says of Euromart. "We are not in business, we are in politics. We are building the United States of Europe." (Time, Oct. 6, 1961)

The handwriting is on the wall, it is later than you think, but we can escape this coming destruction if we will heed God's Word and do those things which He Commands us to do.

MADRID

Francisco Franco is likely to prove hard to please when the agreement for U. S. Bases in Spain comes up for negotiation next year. The Spaniards claim the U. S. has no right to modernize Franco's Army and he has threatened to pull them out of the bases. The loss of the bases in Africa adds, means the U. S. will build more bases in Europe. (Newsweek, Oct. 1)

* (There are Seven Characteristics that set God's people apart.)

* 1. God's people will recognize God as SUPREME RULER in their lives.

It will be a Commandment keeping church as stated in Rev. 12:17, but even more so will not be living by bread alone, "but by Every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." (Mat. 4:4)

* 2. God's church and God's people will possess THREE OUTWARD SIGNS.

(a) the Sabbath; (b) the Holy Days; (c) the Correct Name.

In Exodus 31:13 we find that the keeping of the Sabbath is a sign between God and His people to be kept throughout their generations.

The Sabbath and Holy Days stand or fall together. "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of Sabbaths." (Col. 2:16) Jesus kept the Holy Days and Sabbath as found in many New Testament Scriptures.

As to the third outward sign of God's people, there are twelve separate scriptures in the New Testament that say the true church will be called the Church of God. (Acts 20:28; I Cor. 1:2; I Cor. 10:32; I Cor. 11:22; Gal. 1:13 etc.)

3. God's people know the truth of the PAGAN DOCTRINES.

Immortality of the soul, going to Heaven or Hell are but two of them. If any man would have gone to Heaven, it would have been David, a man after God's own Heart and yet we find in Acts 2:29 and Acts 2:34 the very opposite to be true.

4. God's people have GOD'S POWER.

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." (2 Tim. 1:7) Our human mind is full of excuses and the only way we can overcome it is to have God's Spirit.

5. God's people understand GOD'S HEALTH LAWS.

* This includes the clean and unclean meats of Lev. 23 and Deut. 14. We need to be clean in all phases of our lives - our houses, our bodies as well as foods. We need plenty of fresh air, sunshine and exercise, for if we are not healthy we cannot accomplish God's work.

6. God's people understand BIBLE PROPHECY.

This is the only church that has given prophesy down through the years. If you understand the Bible and do God's Will, you can escape the coming tribulations, for "surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets." (Amos 3:7)

7. And finally, God's people have TRUE SPIRITUALITY.

You will know where you are going. You will have a purpose in life. "and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." (Eph. 4:24) You will then be happy and show it on your face.

Yes, you can know where God's Church is and who are His people.

May God grant you the understanding and the desire to seek, to find and obey, that it might be well with you and your children.

REMEMBER!!!

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THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH

* We all have to contend with stupidity, often our own.

No power on Earth can keep a first class man down . . . or a fourth class man up.

"... FAIREST OF THEM ALL." Despite the development of much highly sophisticated electronic communications equipment the mirror is about to stage a comeback as a message sender, and to outer space, yet. Engineering tests have successfully proved out the mirror for sending messages 10,000,000 miles.

CHURCH LIBRARY

The Church Library has been growing and we hope that you people in the Springfield and surrounding areas are taking advantage of it.

If you would like to contribute to the library, please get in touch with Mr. Sam Record. He can let you know what books are needed and where they may be obtained.

This library gives us an opportunity to grow in knowledge as God commands us to do and we should be using it accordingly

Kansas City Extra

Yes, extra — one extra was presented to Mr. Harold Flaughter by his wife — with the birth of TWINS!

No one knows which one was extra as they are identical boys. These new Kansas City members, named Michael Wayne and Mark Layne, weighed a surprisingly tiny 3 lbs. 3 oz. and 5 lbs. 2 oz. Respectively.

They are doing well. Mrs. Flaughter is excellent. However, Mr. Flaughter has not quite recovered from the shock.

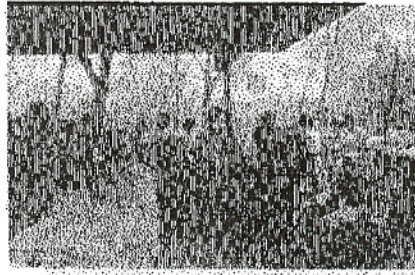
DIFFERENT KINDS OF HUNGER

A basic tenet of the organic method of our claim that the American people are not eating enough of the right foods to maintain good health. We feel that if everyone could eat plenty of natural food raised on good soil there would be less degenerative diseases, such as cancer and heart disease. But the powers that be high up in the government and food processing industry have always parroted the phrase that "Americans are the best fed people on earth." It is quite frustrating to try to counteract that point of view, when everyone knows that we have tremendous food surpluses and that our supermarkets are packed with food. The problem has been to though our stomachs are full they are often full of empty calories. (Organic Gardening and Farming — Aug. 1961)

According to the Department of Agriculture studies, it is the carbon dioxide exhaled by humans that attracts insects.

I'm not very loquacious -5-

Local Picnic



The Spokesman Club sponsored a picnic at Zoo Park in Springfield on August 27th.

There was the usual Pot Luck Lunch, with lemonade furnished by the club. The meal was topped off by various deserts and a delicious and plentiful supply of ice-cream.

Games of baseball, horse shoes and badminton were supervised by the Deacons and their assistants. Also, a guided tour of the zoo was held in the afternoon.

The day was completed in a profitable manner with the Bible Study being held at the park.

Editor's Notes



Please address all of your news items to:

Mr. Walter S. Johnson
322 Belcrest Drive
Springfield, Missouri

If you know of a sick member, send in his or her name as soon as possible so prayers may be said for their healing.

If you have any suggestions as to types of articles you think might be of interest to all, please, by all means send them to the Editor. Remember, this newspaper is YOUR paper and we want to print what will be of interest to the greatest number of you brethren. We particularly want to hear from you scattered brethren.

VOCAGRAM

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.
proverbs 25:11

Vocabulary

- LOQUACIOUS (lo-kway-shus) — To be talkative
TACITURN (tass-i-tum) — reserved in speech, inclined in silence
LETHARGY (leth-ar-jee) — a state of drowsy dullness
NOSTALGIA (noss-tal-jec-a) — a longing for past pleasant occurrences; severe homesickness
SATIATED (say-shee-ay-ted) — glutted; filled beyond natural desire

The above words describe human traits and feelings. Try them out in sentences of your own and make them part of YOUR vocabulary.

Grammar

In this month's grammar section we are going to consider the dynamic part of a sentence which is usually a Verb

— a word that represents an action, a state, or an occurrence.

SIMPLE VERBS AND VERB PHRASES

Sometimes the Verb is a single word.

"The sun shines"

Often the Verb is accompanied by other verb forms to indicate tense, mood, or voice.

"The sun has been shining more than an hour."

Helping Verb Forms such as these are called auxiliaries.

If the word that goes with the Verb constitutes a Verb

Phrase, it must have a subject and a predicate.
The word that goes with the Verb is a Verb Phrase.

Next we will consider the finite Verbs.

The Hope Within Us

In I Peter 3:15, God tells us to be ready always to give an answer to every man who ASKS you a reason of the HOPE that is in you.

Therefore, in this column, we will be printing the Scriptures that the members of the Springfield Spokesman Club have been learning on various Doctrines.

The Sabbath:

When was it given?

Gen. 2:2-3

It was given as a Sign and Perpetual Covenant to God's People Israel.

Exodus 31:12-17

How do we observe the Sabbath?

Isaiah 58-13-14

Again showing that it is a Sign of God's People.

Ezekiel 20:12 (19-20)

The Sabbath was made for Man and Jesus Christ is Lord of the Sabbath.

Mark 2:27-28

The Sabbath is a New Testament Command for God's People.

Hebrew 4:9 (The word rest should be translated: "keeping of the Sabbath")

Yes, you can give an answer if you know where God Speaks to us in His Holy Word. Remember these scriptures, be able to turn to them quickly and surely.

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A closed mind is an enigma indeed. Nothing ever goes in - but odd things are forever coming out.

Bible Study Footnotes

The Springfield Church holds its Bible Study every other Sunday Evening at 7 P.M. If you have not been attending, you have been missing more than you know. God commands us to GROW in Grace and Knowledge and this Bible Study is one of the best ways to do just that.

Our last meeting was held Oct. 8th and we are beginning the Book of Job. At this session we went into the first three chapters of Job and our minister, Mr. Clark, pointed out the different incidents and why they were carried out in that particular manner.

We will be going through this book of Job for the next few sessions, taking about three or four chapters at each meeting.

If you have not been attending and would like to do so, get in touch with me or Mr. Loren Stuart for the date and place.

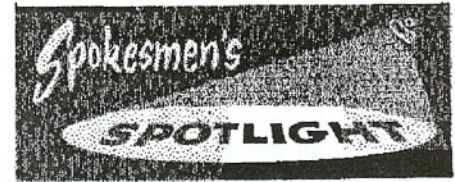
YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED

For the Work

For the Building Fund

For the Sick:

Mr. J. W. Finley



David Gregg, a charter member of the Springfield Spokesman Club, attended his last regular club meeting October 15th. Mr. Gregg is among those who show a great zest for public speaking. He has recently moved to Gladewater, Texas where his children will have access to the Imperial School and where he is anticipating an active part in the Gladewater Spokesman Club.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

St. Louis Church

Beginning Nov. 4th, 1961, the St. Louis Church will meet at 9 A.M. every Sabbath Morning at 1717 Big Bend Rd.

Mr. Baird says this location has excellent growth opportunity, as it will hold about 350 people.

AFRICA

Another First for this year will be the establishing of new offices in South Africa. Think of it - for the first time in the recorded history of God's Church, offices and congregations will be started in the Union of South Africa!

