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You Can Help Support SUMMER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Here is a vital letter from headquarters telling you how YOU can participate in the Imperial School Summer Educational Program.

"One of the greatest projects yet sponsored by the Church of God has caused no small stir here at Headquarters. Though its purpose is not to convert or add members to the Church, this project will lay foundations for the ministerial training unequalled in the history of our work.

"Beginning this summer, our Imperial Schools will operate a "SUMMER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM" on our own Tabernacle Grounds offered to boys and girls from the eighth grade through the twelfth grades.

"Pledges have been pouring in from members all over the United States offering to sponsor a child or contribute toward supporting a child's attendance. This is a **thrilling opportunity** for many children of the members of God's Church who otherwise would never have had such an experience.

"Spokesman Clubs were rapidly making arrangements to sponsor one or two children when word came of the tremendous response from individual members. Then word got about that the Summer Educational Program

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Pentecost in Beeville

This year the Feast of Pentecost, June 11, will be held in Beeville in the Assembly Hall at the fairgrounds. Three times in a year God **COMMANDS** us to appear before Him (Deut. 16:16) and one of those times is the Feast of Pentecost. **NO ONE IS EXCUSED!** Those who are able are encouraged to attend the three day Festival in Gladewater, June 9-11. Otherwise, God expects **EVERY MEMBER** of His Church to be present in Beeville. We will see you June 11.

SPOKESMAN CLUB ENJOYS BALL GAME

By Bill Seelig

"Streeee—rike—, you're out!" The able pitching of Messrs. Foster, Battles, Jennings, Laney, Seelig, Winn, et al made sure of this. What pitching; what stunning display of skill! Actually, most couldn't hit the ground with a bull fiddle, but what was lacked in accuracy and skill was far outweighed in sheer zeal.

This was the softball game that decided the championship of South Texas Church of God Softball teams. Winn's Whining Whelps battled Seelig's Sniveling Slobs and of all things won one game apiece. Being faint at heart about sundown, we decided to make a rematch (date unknown).

One man did get an oversized fist from a player that mistook his hand for the ball, but other than that about the only casualties were all of us. Sore muscles were the order of the day for Monday morning and we all complied.

With all the pretense of hard competition we had a wonderful time. Not an angry word was spoken during the game and everyone played to the best of his ability. The old saying, "It matters not who won or lost, but how you played the game" is really true and we proved it Sunday, May 6.

Greatest Spring Festival Ever Observed in Area

The Spring Festival this year saw the greatest congregation for the Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread in South Texas since the Churches were formed in this area in 1954. One hundred twenty three took the Passover. Over 240 persons attended the first Hold Day, and what a joyous occasion it was! There always seems to be an air, an expectancy of delight in meeting old friends that we have not seen for many months. The old adage "Absence makes the heart grow fonder" may not necessarily be true, but it is a thrill always to see everyone together during God's Holy Days.

Mr. Foster gave us a sermon on the first Holy Day explaining the meaning of the Festival and another entitled, "The Spirit of Sacrifice." We are to present our bodies a **living sacrifice**, giving our spiritual service to God. Christ had a perfect spirit of sacrifice and gave Himself for the Church.

April 25 we heard two sermons giving proof from the Bible and from geology of **two world-wide floods** — one as a result of Satan's rebellion and the other in the days of Noah.

As usual, tables were heaped high with good, nourishing food of all kinds. The organization by the deacons and others in charge of various details made the Feast much more enjoyable. God favored us with beautiful weather and safety.

TEN MORE BAPTIZED

Since the last issue of our paper went to press, God has added ten more members to His Church from this area. Late Friday afternoon, April 14, five were baptized in San Antonio. They were Mrs. Don Borthick, Mrs. John Earl, Mrs. Carl Falk, Mrs. E. A. Tuttle and Mr. Jerry Bromley. Then on April 17, the afternoon before the Passover, Mr. O. A. Gallimore of San Antonio and Mrs. E. E. Robinson of Aransas Pass

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EDITORIAL

By Adolph Romike, Jr.

ARE YOU READY FOR SPACE TRAVEL

Since Astronaut Alan B. Shepard made his flight into space, and was followed later by Astronaut John H. Glenn, the USA has been looking for more candidates to train for two and three man flights into space. The need for the right kind of men with the special training is very important. Agents in charge of selecting and training these men set up very high standards for which they must qualify. They must qualify to be test pilots, mentally and physically alert, along with having many other qualifications. The agents have been quoted as saying "You don't call us, we call you."

Have you ever thought of yourself as being a potential space pilot? There is great need for individuals who will qualify. We do not choose Christ. God does the calling, John 15:16. Christ said in Rev. 22:12, "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." One of the rewards of Christ is the ability to travel through space very rapidly. In John 20:19 we find that Christ had gone to heaven to His Father and returned; all of this without a space ship. He required no count down.

If men of this world are willing to go through long hours a day for training, willing to sacrifice their very lives, if need be, to receive a reward that will

last only a few years, how much more should you and I work to receive a reward that will last forever? We have the teachers. The only thing lacking is the willingness on our part.

What's Your Excuse?

By Paul Uchurch

Esau was hungry. His birthright meant little to him then. But after it was gone, he sought it with tears. His begging, pleading, and crying could not bring back the position God had given him (Heb. 12:16-17). Esau had failed his responsibility.

We have been given a part in God's Church which carries responsibility so great that, if we fail, we can lose our life. Instead of studying, praying, and attending Bible Study, we too want our physical needs attended to. We either are too tired, sick, forgot, or we needed some recreation.

Mr. Battles recently remarked that if you're too sick to attend Bible Study you have probably broken a physical law, which is disobedience. Death is the only really good excuse, he said, and those who do not attend Bible Study are cutting themselves off from an opportunity to grow in Bible understanding.

Our main problem seems to be lack of interest. Since God is the One who draws us to the Truth, then why not pray to Him to draw our interest so we will hunger to know His Word. David prayed that God would create a right spirit in him. If God draws our interest then we not only want to study but we will also want to be instructed. Bible Study attendance should then pick up.

Let's ask ourself this question: "What's my excuse?"

Personal Glimpses

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Arthur Leal are a young couple that many in both the San Antonio and Corpus Christi churches have seen grow from youths to newly weds to parents in the last few years. Let's see what we can add to your knowledge of them.

Mr. Leal was born April 4, 1933 in Floresville, Texas. Soon the family moved to San Antonio where he later attended Washington Irving Elementary and San Antonio Tech. After graduation in 1952, he worked at various odd jobs until he joined the Air Force in 1953. His tour included assignments at Amarillo, El Paso, Denver, a year in Korea and a ten day leave in Japan. It was during leave at home that he

first listened to the "World Tomorrow." He continued listening to the broadcast, sent for **The Plain Truth**, and attended the 1956 Feast of Tabernacles. In 1957, he was discharged from the Air Force and in a few months later in October he was baptized.

The former Angela Guerra, eldest of nine children, was born in Gillette, Texas, October 2, 1932. Within a few years, the family had moved on to Bishop, Driscoll, and finally settled down on a farm near Corpus Christi. She finished the ninth grade and then had to help with the work at home. During this time, when she ran out of reading material, she would listen to the radio. This, and various tracts she read caused her to wonder if the family beliefs were right. There was only the New Testament at home, so she could not check these things properly. In 1953, after being forced to attend church, and to "spite mother," she asked God to "tell her what the truth was." One month later, she heard Mr. Armstrong on XEG and began listening all the time. By now, she had the "whole" Bible and was able to check up and prove the things she heard. Upon baptism in March, 1955, she learned about the local Corpus Christi Church.

The young couple met in 1956, while observing the Passover in Beeville. They began corresponding that year and had a "long-distance" courtship, as they were able to see each other only occasionally. They were married in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Flores in May 1960, and established their home in San Antonio. A handsome, healthy boy, James Alex, was added to their family on February 25, 1961.

The interests of this young couple range from fishing, hunting, hiking, mechanics and photography to sewing, reading, gardening and visiting interesting places.

With these facts to help you, see how much better you can learn to know and love this young family.



Mr. and Mrs. Jim Leal and son.

SUMMER EDUCATION PROGRAM

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would need many thousands of dollars worth of sports and athletic equipment.

"Camping and hiking equipment will be needed; canoes, boats and fishing equipment, water skis, softball, kickball, vollyball equipment, bicycles, and much special equipment will be required to train these youngsters in arts and crafts.

"You Church members should join this effort and search your garages, attics, cellars, utility closets to see what is in storage that can be used. Out of storage came tents, cots, camping equipment of all sorts.

"Mr. Lewis Greenwood, of the Headquarters' Church donated a 12' mahogany plywood boat, fully equipped with 2 HP outboard motor. The Spokesman Clubs are now planning to assist in supplying as much of this equipment as they are able — but it will be impossible for a few clubs to supply all the need.

"If enough members and enough clubs supply the need out of storage, however, the committee planning the Summer Educational Program will not only have sufficient, but will also consider admitting another hundred or two boys and girls. The original figure was set at 100 boys and 100 girls. This was because of the shortage of equipment.

"We have adequate personnel consisting of trained instructors from our own Imperial Schools and Ambassador College, administrators, nurses, etc. **Our main shortage right now is equipment!**

"What's gathering dust in your garage that might solve a portion of this problem? What you have might be just the thing to help send another boy or girl to camp. Contact a Spokesman or drop a card to the Editor — you might have just what we need.

LIST OF NEEDS!

SPORTS AND GAMES

- Softballs Tennis equipment
- Bicycles Archery equipment
- Rifles Baseball equipment

CAMP CRAFT

- Axes Flashlights
- Tents Water skis
- Boats Life jackets
- Canoes Outboard motors
- Shovels Dutch reflect ovens
- Lanterns Fishing equipment
- Gear bags Skin diving equipment

ARTS AND CRAFTS

- Bits Hard drills
- Kilns Coping saws
- Pliers Potter's wheels
- Looms Jewelry findings
- Knives Woodcutting tools
- Mallets Used and broken jewelry
- Hack saws
- Clamps, vises, squares
(for wood and metal)
- Round and needle files
(three-cornered)
- Wood burning pencils
- Tweezers Leather tools
- Wood rasps Sewing machines
- Cameras
- Enlargers
- Developing tanks
- Film

"Spokesman Clubs are ready to collect, package and ship any equipment and supplies donated to the program. Those not in an area where a Spokesman Club can package and ship should send their packages by **Texas Pacific Motor Freight to:**"

Mr. Floyd O Lochner
Imperial Summer Educational Program
c/o Radio Church of God
Tabernacle Grounds
Highway 80
2 miles E of Big Sandy, Texas
8 miles W of Gladewater, Texas

EIGHT MORE BAPTIZED

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were baptized. Then on May 4, Miss Ruth Pfluger of Taylor, Texas was baptized in San Antonio. Finally, on May 19, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Porter from Mercedes, Texas were baptized right after Sabbath services.

We of the Corpus Christi and San Antonio Churches greatly rejoice and extend our right hand of fellowship to our newly begotten brethren and wish that each one may have strong faith and determination to endure to the end.



Five recently baptized are, from left to right: Mr. Bromley, Mrs. Borthick, Mrs. Earl, Mrs. Tuttle and Mrs. Falk.

CHURCH NEWS

FROM SAN ANTONIO:

The San Antonio Church has been seeing some new faces in church services recently. We wish to extend a welcome to Mrs. Lois Pacelli, Mr. Robert Matyear, Mr. Donald Davis and Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith is formerly of the Seattle Church and has recently moved to Seguin.

It is good to have Mrs. Bennie Bruns attending Sabbath services again. She has been absent for about a month due to illness.

FROM CORPUS CHRISTI:

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Battles and daughter made a surprise visit with both the San Antonio and Corpus Christi Churches on the Sabbath of May 5. Mr. Battles assists Mr. Richard Prince in the Houston and Dallas Churches. He gave us a very soul-searching sermonette entitled "How Strong is the Tie That Binds?"

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Sanders are very happy to announce that they are grandparents for the sixth time. Their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Burk McNair, are the happy parents

of another son, Edward Mark, born 2:00 p.m. Sunday, April 8, weighing 8 lbs. and 6 oz. Mr. McNair is presently the minister in the Denver Pueblo, Colorado Churches and was once the minister of the Corpus Christi and San Antonio Churches.

We are happy to announce that Mrs. C. J. Hull is able to attend church services again. She had been ill with arthritis but she says she feels much better now.

Mrs. Lydia Walker is not feeling very well. Her feet swell and she has trouble with her digestive system. Mr. Robert Merrill from La Feria recently fell from a 24 foot scaffold while laying brick for a new building and broke several bones. He had no serious internal injuries but he will be in a cast for about twelve weeks so a broken vertebra will heal. We should all remember in our prayers these and others who are ill.

A newly baptized member from San Antonio has just moved to Kingsville and will be attending the Corpus Christi Church. He is Mr. Jerry Bromley!

Feminine Features

By Mrs. Robert Flores and Mrs. Jim Leal

ENCHILADAS

- 2 pkg. corn tortillas
- 1/2 lb. grated cheese
- 1 medium onion chopped
- 2 tablespoon oil
- 2 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 cup water
- dash of salt

Mix the chili powder in 1 cup of water, and simmer with the oil for about 5 minutes; adding salt. Keep over very low heat.

Place 1 tortilla at a time in the mixture, and remove quickly onto a platter. Put cheese and onion in the middle of tortilla and roll. Follow the same steps for each tortilla.

(NOTE: Cook chili-meat sauce to pour over enchiladas, in advance. Follow recipe below.)

- 1 lb. ground meat
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 1 or 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1/2 cup tomato sauce
- 1- clove garlic, mashed
- 1/4 teaspoon comino (ground)
- dash of black pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt

Heat oil in pan. Add meat and brown. Now stir in flour and let brown. Blend rest of ingredients together with tomato sauce, and add to meat. Pour over about 2 cups boiling water. Simmer for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add more water if mixture gets too thick.

Line enchiladas in a 14 x 9 inch Pyrex dish or pan. Pour Chili on top to cover well. Sprinkle with grated cheese, and put in the oven till cheese melts.

ARROZ CON POLLO (Chicken with Rice)

- 1 ready to cook fryer chicken, disjointed
- 1/2 cup uncooked rice
- 1/2 cup tomato sauce
- 1 tablespoon chopped onion
- 1 tablespoon chopped green pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon ground comino seed
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 med. size clove garlic, mashed
- 2 teaspoons salt (more or less, according to taste)

water: from a pint to a quart

Put 2 tablespoons of oil in heavy skillet, and brown chicken over medium heat for 15 to 20 minutes. Turn

fire off. Stir in all the ingredients above, except rice and water. Set aside.

Place rice in separate skillet with 1 tablespoon of oil and brown in cooked rice well over low heat. Add to the chicken mixture. Add the boiling water. Cover, and cook for 45 minutes or longer until rice is tender.

TACOS

- 1/2 lb ground meat
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 1 small clove garlic, mashed
- 1 tablespoon chopped onion
- 1 teaspoon flour
- dash of black pepper
- 1/4 cup canned tomatoes
- salt, according to taste
- 1/4 cup water

Fry meat in skillet until brown. Add flour and onion and let brown together for about one minute, stirring constantly. Blend together tomatoes, water, and seasonings. Add to meat. Cook over low heat for five minutes.

Crisp taco tortillas by placing one at a time in hot oil. Fold tortilla in the middle, but do not let edges stick together. Put small amount of cooked meat in the center of tortilla. Fill each taco with shredded lettuce and chopped tomatoes.

Makes 10 or 12 tacos.

GUACAMOLE (Avocado Salad)

- 3 avocados
- 2 tomatoes
- 1 small hot pepper, mashed (optional)
- salt, according to taste

Peel avocados and mash well. Mash or grate tomatoes. Add them to avocados, pepper, and salt. Blend well.

Garnish with lettuce if desired. This also makes a tasty dip for corn chips.

Patient: "Doctor, are you sure that I have pneumonia? Sometimes doctors give prescriptions to cure pneumonia and their patients die of some other illness."

Doctor: (Solemnly) "Don't you worry. When I give a prescription for pneumonia, the patient dies of pneumonia."

CHILDREN'S COLUMN

Dear Boys and Girls,

Hello again! How many of you were able to completely solve last month's puzzle? Check your answers with the correct answers given below:



The answers to the true and false questions are: 1. true 2. false 3. true 4. true 5. false 6. true.

Now for something a little different again. Below are two column. One contains the name of an object of person. The other describes or identifies the object, person, river or country. Match the number of the object with the letter of the description. Example: M 1. Seir

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| M 1. Seir | A. land belonging to Lot |
|2. Jordan | B. food |
|3. Euphrates | C. mountain |
|4. Og | D. King of Bashan |
|5. Judah | E. idol |
|6. Esau | F. mountain |
|7. Sinai | G. a country |
|8. Lot | H. son of Nun |
|9. Zered | I. a brook |
|10. Ammon | J. son of Isaac |
|11. Arnon | K. a river |
|12. Jerico | L. God's law |
|13. Hermon | M. mountain |
|14. Joshua | N. a river |
|15. Ten Commandments | O. Moses' sister |
|16. A graven image | P. a city |
|17. Canaanites | Q. a river |
|18. Egypt | R. nephew of Abraham |
|19. Miriam | S. inhabitants of Canaan |
|20. Manna | T. son of Jacob |