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More About Our Cover...

Over 6,000 of God's people gathered in the Long Beach Arena as the Headquarters site for the Feast of Tabernacles, 1967! Our cover shows the view of the congregation from behind and above the speaker's platform. In this issue is the first of three installments covering the 1967 Feast of Tabernacles around the world, beginning on page 5.

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What our READERS SAY...

Blessed for Keeping Holy Days

"I started keeping God's Holy Days, and things do happen fast. I had just kept the weekly Sabbath, my employer wasn't too happy about me taking Saturday off. But, wow! When I kept Pentecost, she replaced me on June 21, 1967. Two months later she called me up and asked me to come back. I did. She asked me to give her a list of all the days in the year I would have to take off. I will do just that. I found out later that she had five men who she had to let go, because of one thing or another. I know this is only the kindness and the love and mercy of our God whose hand surely was in this, and I'm very happy about it too."

J. R. C., Michigan

Caribbean Baptizing Tour

"Thank you for *The Good News* magazine. It is very inspiring, especially the article, 'Caribbean Baptizing Tour of 1967.' It is heartwarming and inspiring to hear about the elderly man who waited for Mr. Apartian. I wish that all of us in these United States would take it to heart and pray earnestly for these people."

Mr. and Mrs. S. G., California

Thanks for Child Rearing Article

"We just received our copy of *The Good News*. The article on child rearing shook us to the very depths of our being. How much we take our children for granted, but especially the Church! My husband and I cried to-

gether when reading of the problems mentioned in the article. It could be our child. We hope and we pray that the tears were not a passing thing, but that we will be found actively doing. Thank you wholeheartedly for the article."

Mr. and Mrs. L. S., Minnesota

Family Applauds Tyler T.V.

"What a thrill it was to see Mr. Ted Armstrong's face and hear his voice over the Tyler television station! I had butterflies in my stomach Monday, knowing that the telecast would be on at 5 p.m. Then, there it was! I had tears and a lump in my throat—this being such a step in the growth of the Work. Our whole family applauded heartily when the program was over. I am thinking, too, that perhaps we have taken the radio broadcast too much for granted."

Mrs. C. L. K., Texas

Blessed for Keeping Sabbath

"When I first told my employer that I could no longer work on Saturdays, he informed me that my services would not be needed any longer. But the next day he said I should continue and he would think about it. Well, I am still here, the only employee who gets Saturdays off. Last Friday a greater surprise happened. He called me aside and informed me that he was going to give me a \$5.00 raise. That was a real blessing and something I had not ex-

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HOW GOD LOOKS AT AGRICULTURE

SOIL PRINCIPLES AND DEVELOPMENT

As stewards of the soil we have a responsibility to use God's property rightly and preserve it for future generations. We need to study the principles God has set in motion to preserve and build soil fertility. Here are the basic principles of the soil, what it is, how it works, how to keep it naturally productive GOD'S WAY!

by Dale L. Schurter

FARMING, in the eyes of a blinded world, is based on the *evolutionary theory* that life is merely a chemical process. It is believed that combinations of dead chemicals, accidentally coming from nowhere, somehow cause life. And that life is sustained by these same dead chemicals.

God's method of farming is based on the LAW that life comes only from pre-existing life, *created* and *sustained* by God. Soil fertility is a *living process*. Living soil organisms provide for living plants which in turn provide living food to support the life of animals and men. Let's understand this.

What Is Soil?

The soil is not, as many suppose, a dead, inert substance merely supplying mineral elements and providing a place for plants to anchor their roots. A healthy soil is full of *living* organisms God designed and created.

There are three basic constituents of soil which must be in balance if health-sustaining crops are to be produced. These three are: 1) the dirt or rock particles which form the foundation or "skeleton"; 2) the organic matter—wastes or dead remains of plants and animals; 3) and a vast community of living organisms.

The difference between sick soil and healthy soil is BALANCE—in essence, LIFE. A lack of organic matter, with a subsequent lack of micro-organisms will throw soil out of balance. Soil is

out of balance when most of its minerals are "locked up." This occurs when there are not enough soil bacteria to change the minerals into food for plants.

The object of soil redevelopment is to *restore soil to its natural former balance* and thus release the potential productivity of the stored-up minerals. A balanced soil is one that has the correct amount of minerals, organic matter and living organisms to produce the kind, variety and amount of vegetation for which it was created.

Many think a balanced soil is one with a "pH" level (degree of acidity or alkalinity of soil) of 7. A soil with a pH of 7 is simply a *neutral* soil, but not necessarily a *balanced* one. We explained in the Ministerial report that a "balanced" soil was one with a pH level of 7. This needs to be corrected. Let me explain.

God created the soil having varying degrees of acidity and alkalinity. He also created many types of plants that need varying pH levels (some 7, some other than 7) to reproduce healthy, quality plants. However, an abundance of humus will enable plants to tolerate different pH levels. The chart will demonstrate where plants grow best.

The Soil Particle

The soil under our feet is not solid! It is actually a layer of billions of grains, or soil particles, ranging in size from finest clay particles smaller than

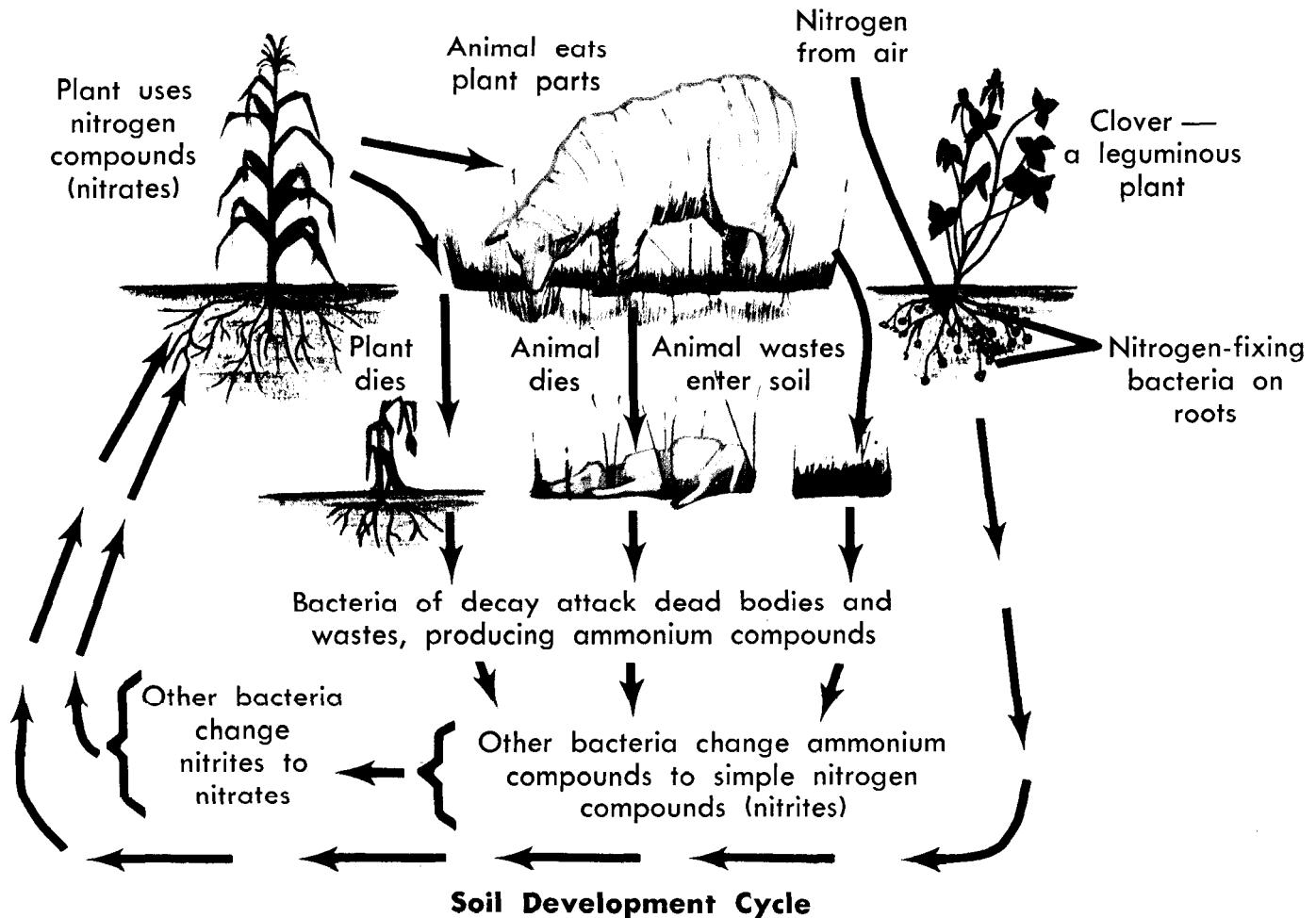
1/2000 of an inch in diameter to coarse sand particles up to 1/12 of an inch across, some of which are decomposed rock.

A continuous supply of minerals is being made available as long as the soil is in *balance*. According to some authorities, the supply of minerals in the soils covering the earth is inexhaustible. But, only the *living fraction* of the soil, the microbes and earthworms, can make these minerals *available* in the *right balance* for healthy and health-sustaining crop growth.

Each of the tiny mineral particles in the soil is covered with a tight-fitting film of oxides, water, and bits of organic matter. This film provides a habitation for the teeming life in the soil underfoot.

To show the tremendous capacity the soil has for containing organic matter, and the fantastic surface area of the soil particles on which multitudes of organisms live, notice this example! One ounce of soil, sampled at Britain's Rothamsted Experiment Station, was found to have surfaces adding up to 250,000 square feet, about six acres!

When we notice the awesome capacity of the soil for life, it becomes apparent that we need to farm in such a way as to allow these organisms to carry on their God-designed functions of providing soil fertility! Soil life isn't something insignificant or trivial! This life is the difference between



vibrant health and wretched degenerative disease in the plant, animal, and human realms.

Organic Matter

In healthy soil, each particle of dirt or mineral matter is coated with organic matter.

Organic constituents of the soil are obtained from living and dead plants and animals, plant roots, green manure crops, animal manure, crop residues, fungi, bacteria, worms, and insects. The importance of organic matter in the soil cannot be stressed too strongly.

Organic matter supports the soil's living organisms; aids in the bringing of insoluble soil minerals into solution and holding them; improves the physical condition of the soil; increases water-holding capacity; improves aeration; regulates soil temperature; and serves as an important source of nitrogen and other plant food elements. It also reduces erosion and increases pro-

ductivity. Normally the more organic matter a soil contains, the healthier it is.

When rains come, soils with ample organic matter soak up the water. Where organic matter is lacking, water runs off the land wasted, and carries topsoil with it, producing erosion. No mineral mass, regardless of how fine its particles, can absorb as much water as does an equal weight of organic matter, for the mineral can hold water only on the surfaces of the particles. Most of the crop land in the United States has suffered moderate to severe erosion.

Organic matter is about 50 percent carbon. Carbon acts as a buffer to excessive acidity or alkalinity and helps keep the soil sweet and maintains conditions most favorable to good plant growth.

As organic matter decays in the soil, the most bulky product of this decay is carbon dioxide gas. This gas dis-

solves readily in soil water to produce carbonic acid—a natural reagent for dissolving plant nutrient elements from the mineral particles and making them available to plants.

Organic decay, through the working of soil bacteria and soil acids, unlocks minerals and makes them available for plant usage. There is usually little shortage of plant minerals in most farm soils.

Much of our land has been seriously depleted of organic matter chiefly because of improper cultivation, erosion, and the use of chemical fertilizers, herbicides and insecticides. Large, unnecessary losses in organic matter are caused by "burning over" land and by burning crop residues. We cannot improve and maintain the productivity of our soils without regularly replenishing the organic matter!

Practices of maintaining and replenishing organic matter include: 1)

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FEAST OF TABERNACLES

1967—AROUND THE WORLD

From FOURTEEN locations — around the World — comes news of the Greatest Feast of Tabernacles EVER. Read the dynamic, heartwarming, on-the-scene reports from each area with news of dramatic growth in God's Church, plus a news and picture survey of yet another fabulous site in beautiful Lake of The Ozarks, Missouri.

by Albert J. Portune

LET'S TAKE A TRIP around the world! Let's attend the Feast again in capsule form, taking a globe-girdling panoramic view of the 1967 Feast of Tabernacles.

Not many years ago nearly *all* of God's brethren attended the Feast of Tabernacles TOGETHER. Except for a very few scattered brethren, *all* were able to be together as one family — first in Belknap Springs, Oregon, then in Seigler Springs, California and then for several years at Big Sandy, Texas.

However, God's Work has grown from a tiny mustard seed beginning to become a WORLDWIDE Work. God's family has grown greater also. Today, Churches of God have mushroomed around the world. The Feast of Tabernacles is an international — WORLDWIDE Festival.

We cannot all meet together any more as one family, physically. But we can STILL all share the oneness and unity of the Children of God by sharing the experiences of each Feast.

Let's all sit down together now and enjoy fellowshipping in remembering how it was — Feast of Tabernacles 1967.

Over forty thousand of God's people attended the Feast of Tabernacles in the United States this year at five locations — Big Sandy, Texas — Squaw Valley, California — Long Beach, California — Jekyll Island, Georgia — and the new location in Mount Pocono, Pennsylvania.

Before visiting each of these areas by way of firsthand report, let's look in at Headquarters in Pasadena.

A Unique Opportunity

Just a few days before the Feast a meeting was held in Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's office. Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Ted Armstrong and the other Evangelists were present. Previously it had been decided that Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong would be at the Feast in Big Sandy, Texas and Jekyll Island, Georgia while Mr. Ted Armstrong would visit the new site in the Poconos and finish up at Squaw Valley.

Now, however, a unique new possibility had come up for consideration.

Since God's Work would soon lease-purchase an executive jet aircraft for vital travel to radio station areas for the primary benefit of the program, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong felt it would be a good "trial run" for him and Mr. Ted Armstrong to visit ALL FEAST AREAS in a business jet rented for just this one period of eight days.

The decision was unanimous! All felt it would be a real blessing and inspiration for ALL of God's people in the United States and Canada to get to see and hear from both Messrs. Herbert W. and Garner Ted Armstrong.

So, the idea became a reality. Also, the trip was a revelation since it demonstrated the flexibility and usefulness of the Business Jet. The trip also proved that private jet travel is much more restful and relaxing and delivers key personnel not only more efficiently and quickly, but *rested and ready to go to work* at the other end of a long flight.

Within just about 12 weeks from now our own French built Falcon twin

fan-jet aircraft will begin serving and producing for God's Work.

But now, let's visit the Feast of Tabernacles around the U.S.A.

Big Sandy, Texas

At Big Sandy, Texas — where the largest group attended our own private grounds — here is a firsthand report.

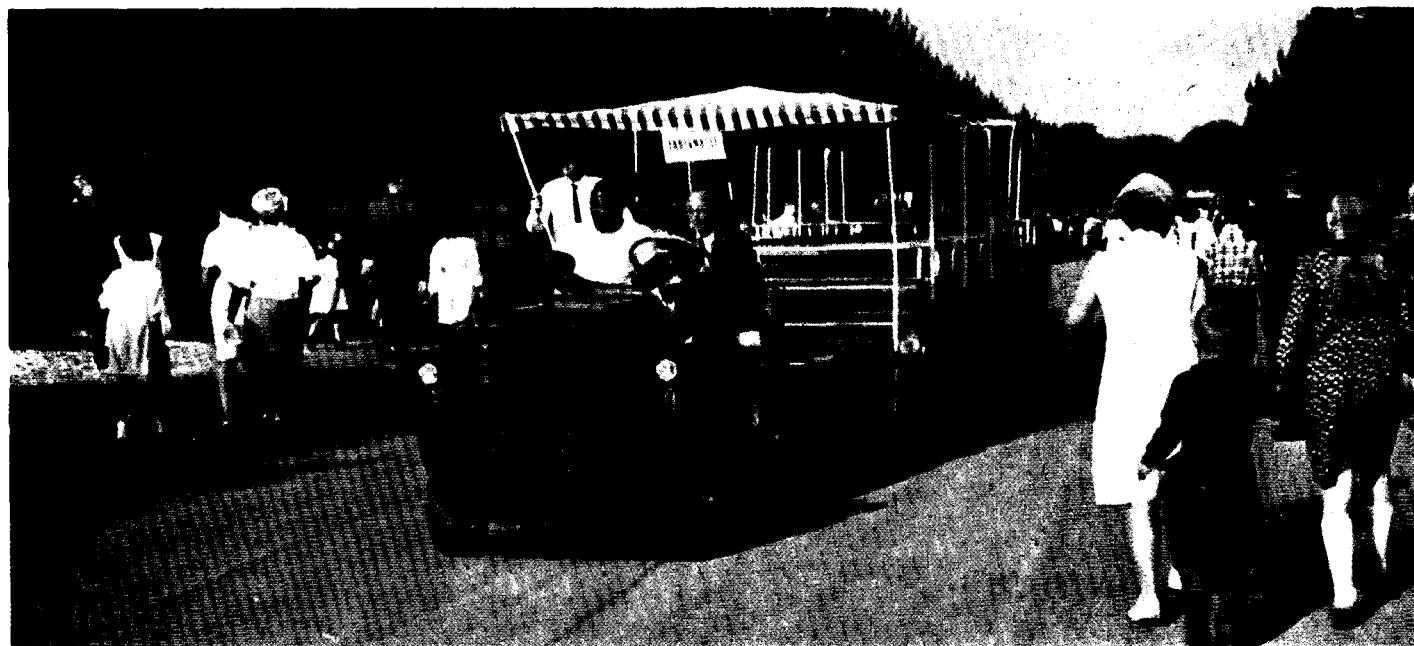
Over 13,000 people from 36 churches in the Midwest (including the Negro and Latin brethren) attended a joyous Feast of Tabernacles at Big Sandy, Texas.

From Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's opening theme of obedience to God's laws and regulations to the closing inspiration of brotherhood and love and the last strains of "God be With You" — the Feast was a tremendous blessing to all of us. The spiritual meat received from all the messages will long be remembered. Many lives were changed.

Just before the Last Great Day, Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong arrived by jet to emphasize in his messages how we are to become living sacrifices. It was a tremendous boost to us all to have both the Armstrongs here for the Feast.

The people at Big Sandy enjoyed exceptional weather throughout the Feast. We had a light rain before the Festival began and some more rain afterward, settling the dust. Other than the wind on the Last Great Day there were no disturbances whatsoever. This made pleasant camping for those in our Pine Woods which was filled to the brim.

Nearly 9,300 people camped. This is



the largest number we have ever had staying directly on the grounds, and it required organization, planning and government. The captain system was thoroughly utilized. There were over 400 captains who served in various responsibilities monitoring the camping system alone. Communications were vastly improved because each captain of 1,000 had a telephone. The camp system was aided by an Elder camping near each captain of 1,000. He helped the overall supervision and took care of all anointings for his area.

Cleanliness and individual duties in

each family were stressed. The privilege we had to see God's government in action here on the grounds made all of us realize that we, as a part of God's government, were *being* perfected.

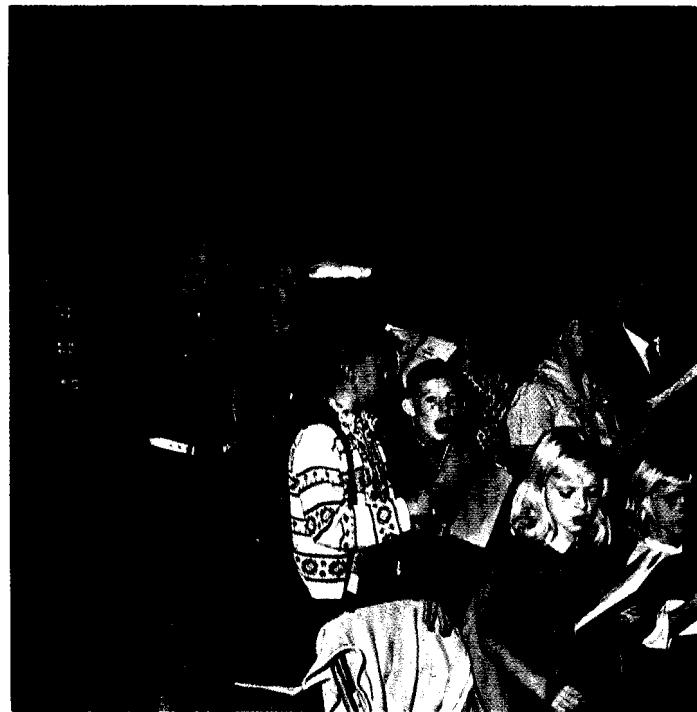
Some of the highlights at Big Sandy included the Chorale Concert and Student Fun Show, the Negro and Latin socials, and the eligibles' picnic.

With almost 350 Latins from the United States and South America and nearly 2,000 Negroes, we had a truly cosmopolitan group. This was the first year most Spanish-speaking people were at one Feast site. They were able

to hear from Dr. Charles Dorothy, head of the Spanish Department. Two ladies came all the way from Spain! The Spanish broadcaster, Mr. Gonzales, and others from the Spanish staff were introduced to all the people.

Many commented on the growth and change that has taken place at Ambassador College, Big Sandy, since its inception three years ago. Expanded Lake Loma was a real surprise for the swimming, boating, and skiing enthusiasts. Basketball, softball, and skating were also popular. An added feature was the horseback riding made available.

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LEFT ABOVE — People begin to arrive for services at Big Sandy Tent. LEFT BELOW — Tabernacle-bound shuttle bus carries passengers between housing and services.

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ABOVE — Children playing together at a table in the camping area. BELOW — Congregation joins in singing in the Big Tent. RIGHT — Members were thrilled and inspired with the superb singing of the Big Sandy Ambassador Chorale.

Big Sandy

able by the Ambassador College Ranch.

Several thousand people were able to have detailed guided tours of the Ambassador College Ranch and the agriculture program. The Scottish Highlanders, other beef and dairy cattle, sheep, and goats were also on exhibit. Free literature and other material were available at the newly completed farm warehouse.

Though a good many people were attending the Feast for the first time, it was better organized and many favorable comments were made concerning the conduct of the people in general. One of the motel people wrote the following: "We wish to take this opportunity to let you know how much we enjoyed and appreciated the guests you sent us during your recent convention. The group assigned to Travelodge could not have been nicer. We would particularly like to compliment the children (and parents) on their behavior."

In the surrounding communities many people remarked about the Feast. With almost 4,000 in motels and 9,300 on the grounds, we had more attending than the total combined populations of the four nearest towns!

The businessmen were very appreciative as was noticed in the "welcome" advertisements run in the Gladewater and Big Sandy papers. A special edition of the *Gladewater Daily Mirror* mentioned we had the world's largest tent. It brought out how the Festival grounds and the college had changed.

Overall, this was the most enjoyable, most filling Feast we have ever had at Big Sandy. The students really appreciated the tremendous inspiration the thousands of campers left while on the campus. The perfect weather and the way God inspired all the sermons truly made this the best Feast ever.

No matter what area we hear from the story seems the same — BEST EVER! That's the way it should be brethren.

Jekyll Island

Let's "jet over" to Jekyll Island and see how things are going there. At Jekyll we find Mr. Leslie McCullough — Deputy Chancellor of the Big Sandy College, Evangelist and Festival Elder. Here is how he says it.

"PERFECT! There is simply no other way to describe the 1967 Feast of Tabernacles in Jekyll Island, Georgia. Everything was just as it should be — from the time God's people began to arrive until they were ready to leave.

"My family and I arrived in the late evening two days before the feast in the midst of a heavy, drizzling overcast. Weather conditions were the same up and down the whole eastern seaboard — rain, drizzle and fog. But when morning broke, it was picture perfect and continued that way until the day after the feast.

"Our crews already had the tent in place and were working on the sound system as we made our first tour of the island the next morning. The camping areas were ready. The motels were ready.

"All we needed was people.

"Then they began to arrive. Now work crews were formed and everything was in readiness long before time for the first services to begin.

"Mr. Bill McDowell opened the evening services of the first holy day with a stimulating song session. Mr. David Jon Hill greeted us with the introductory pace-setting sermon and the Feast was off to a flying start which seemed to gain momentum each day.

"The next morning Mr. Hill packed the meaning of the Feast into a sermon proving the reality of the coming famine and how desperately mankind needs to see the fulfillment of the plan of God. Dr. Hoeh followed in the afternoon service by showing that in spite of the inadequacies and problems of the Communist Party, their people are filled with the desire and purpose to change the world even though they obviously don't have any of the answers. The implication to us, the only people who do have the answers, was plain. Other sermons followed which pin-pointed the fabulous future of our teen-agers in the world tomorrow and the urgent need each of us has to properly train our own family so that they may share in these opportunities.

"The arrival of Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong from the Pocono area was a real highlight of the Feast for nearly

one third of the audience who had never before seen him in person. Then, as in the other feast sites, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong came to add the touch which only God's designated physical head of this Work can provide. Their presence helped to tie those of us in Jekyll so much more closely to the other Feast sites that it was almost as though we were all meeting together in the same place.

"The peace, harmony and cooperation of the members attested to the effectiveness of God's Spirit working in us all. Nearly 6,500 people were present for the Feast. Many camped on the island and the rest made their temporary homes in the motel accommodations of the area. As always, the local authorities and citizenry were lavish in their praises. Nothing marred the beauty of the Feast which was ample testimony that God's people everywhere were striving to be the proper light to each other and the world. *Perfect*, that's the way to describe the Feast at Jekyll Island this year."

Thank you Mr. McCullough. It was almost like being there in person.

Now, how about a quick trip "out west"? Let's stop where the Headquarters Feast was held. Mr. Frank Brown — my assistant in the Business Office — minister and Festival Elder is waiting to show us how things were in . . .

Long Beach

"The Feast in Long Beach this year was undoubtedly the best ever held for all those attending!

"A little over 6,000 of God's people gathered to rejoice, and in spite of the worldly surroundings of this Southern California naval base, succeeded in doing so!

"Services were held in the recently built, beautiful Long Beach Arena with ample room to enjoy services and fellowship in air-conditioned comfort. The adjacent auditorium provided facilities for dining and recreation.

"The greatest highlights of the Festival were the visits by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong and Mr. Ted Armstrong, who were seen and heard in person for the first time by many visitors

from outlying areas! Their presence and sermons brought us closer to the brethren in the other areas they had visited and also gave us the vital contact with the whole Work of God and Christ's commission to His Church.

"The sermons?

"The most inspiring of any Feast of Tabernacles so far! Mr. Roderick C. Meredith, who opened the Feast, became a father for the *fourth* time, during the eight days! He and his wife are rejoicing over their second daughter — Rebecca — a beautiful Feast blessing for them. In spite of the tremendous pressure on him, including a two-day flying visit to Big Sandy, he was inspired to bring very powerful sermons dealing with *family relations, personal growth, and preparedness* for God's Kingdom.

"This set the theme for the whole Feast, with Mr. David Antion, who assisted during the second half, bringing uplifting and thought-provoking messages. Every single message brought its share of grateful comments from everyone there — and in one case a burst of spontaneous applause rang out after a particularly moving sermon!

"All in all, this was a Feast to remember!

"The weather remained generally clear, with temperatures up in the high seventies and relatively little smog during the eight-day period. This was a puzzle to many of the local people since the whole L. A. basin was literally *filled* with fog and smog, leaving a clear tunnel to the sky directly over Long Beach; even the radio weatherman commented on the phenomenon! God certainly takes good care of His people!

"Apart from the rich spiritual blessings gained, around 1,500 visitors were able to take tours of Ambassador College for the first time — a treat well worth a long trip! These tours are a unique pleasure afforded only to those who attend the Headquarters Feast site at Long Beach, and greatly help to offset the worldly atmosphere that unavoidably pervades the area.

"The Student Fun Show, helicopter rides, boat trips, and many, many other diversions rounded out the physical

enjoyment that was available for young and old. God commands His people to *rejoice* at the Feast of Tabernacles — and those obeying God at Long Beach this year certainly did so!"

I hope you're enjoying re-living the Feast again. I'm certainly enjoying writing and putting this article together.

Squaw Valley

Another blessing for me was to be the Festival Elder at Squaw Valley for the first half and the one to begin the Feast there. So here's how it was in Squaw Valley — 1967.

Los Angeles was in the midst of a late fall heat wave when we left — and it was smoggy! With my family we flew to the San Jose, Oakland area for the Day of Atonement and then drove up to Squaw Valley to arrive a few days early.

Before the Feast began the weather was like out of a story book — deep blue skies — bright sunshine and air temperatures which felt like a caress.

Blyth Arena was full the first night as everyone got into the Feast attitude with song, sermon and fellowship. Each succeeding day the messages reached their mark. God again (as always) inspired the words and God's people drank it in and were lifted and inspired.

Peace, order, and rejoicing — the ideal backdrop for the **BEST FEAST EVER** — that was Squaw Valley.

Trouble came the end of the second day! The skies became overcast and the wind began to blow a little. The weather forecast: SNOW!

A weather bureau bulletin warned deer hunters to come down out of the mountains — heavy snows were coming.

Apprehensive, we all prayed. Next morning — deep blue skies — bright sunshine and air temperatures felt like a caress again. Yes, God heard and answered.

At mid-Feast we had a day or two of overcast and just a tiny rain and a snow flurry or two — just enough for piquant contrast and to appreciate a warm room, a roaring fire, a brisk walk, and a good appetite.

I have never experienced a more orderly, cooperative attitude and dis-

play of true conversion as this year. God's people do grow every year.

The College **BAND WAGON REVUE** variety show played to a "full house" and was filled with laughs, lyrics and lullabys — we really enjoyed it.

Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong arrived just after mid-Feast to bring additional personal inspiration and depth. Even here in California there were many who had never seen him personally. Mr. Ted Armstrong had very graciously allowed me to remain over until his arrival that I might join him in the ordination service to be held. My son Al was to be raised to the rank of Preaching Elder in that service — so once again I had the joyful blessing of ordaining my *own son*. Needless to say this is one of the richest blessings a father can experience. Sometimes it's a little hard to contain all of the blessings Our *Heavenly* Father showers upon us.

Two days later Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong arrived by our private leased business jet. Hundreds of the brethren went to the Truckee airport to meet him. He was overjoyed by the warm welcome — and the local residents were thunderstruck. It was the biggest crowd Truckee airport had ever seen.

Add to all this all of the other activities, long hours of fellowship, outstanding recreational activities, lofty mountain grandeur and breathtaking Lake Tahoe panorama and you have **FEAST OF TABERNACLES 1967 — SQUAW VALLEY** — an unforgettable memory.

The Poconos

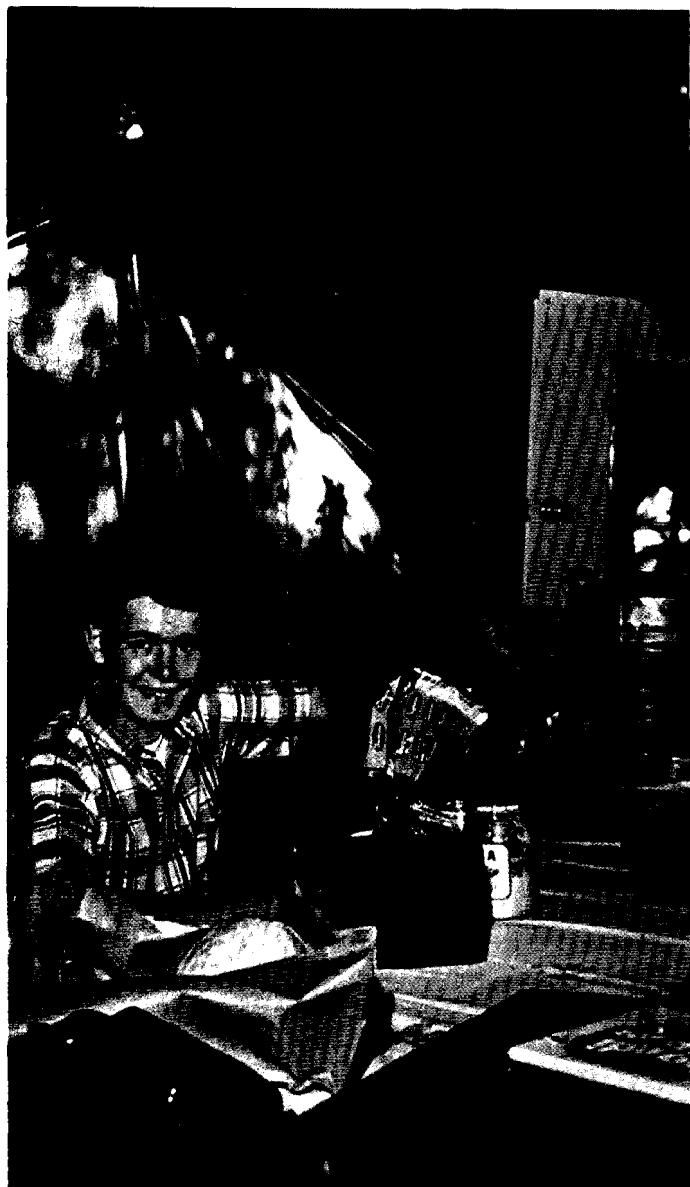
In the April, 1967 issue of *The GOOD NEWS* you all read Mr. Cole's article about the development of our own private Feast facilities at Mt. Pocono, Pennsylvania.

Since that article was written a fantastic amount of labor around the clock has been poured into completing the site for this year's Feast. It was a herculean effort against weather, bottlenecks and unforeseen circumstances.

By the grace of God — though not totally complete — the area was ready for the *first* Feast of Tabernacles in the

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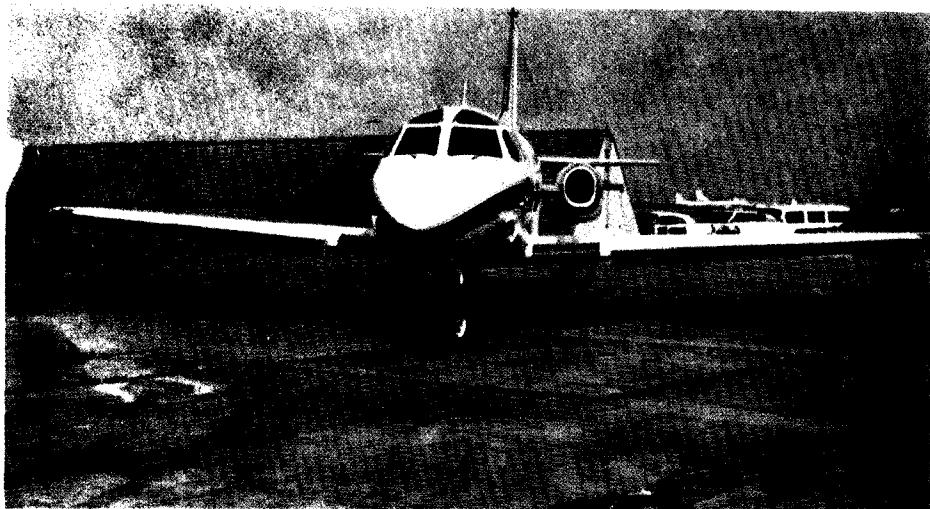




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LEFT — Aerial view of entire Jekyll Island feast site. INSET — One of the many welcoming motel signs. ABOVE LEFT — Chips-n-dip in one of the fine campsites in Jekyll. RIGHT — A child stands guard to make sure all those attending the Feast have registered!

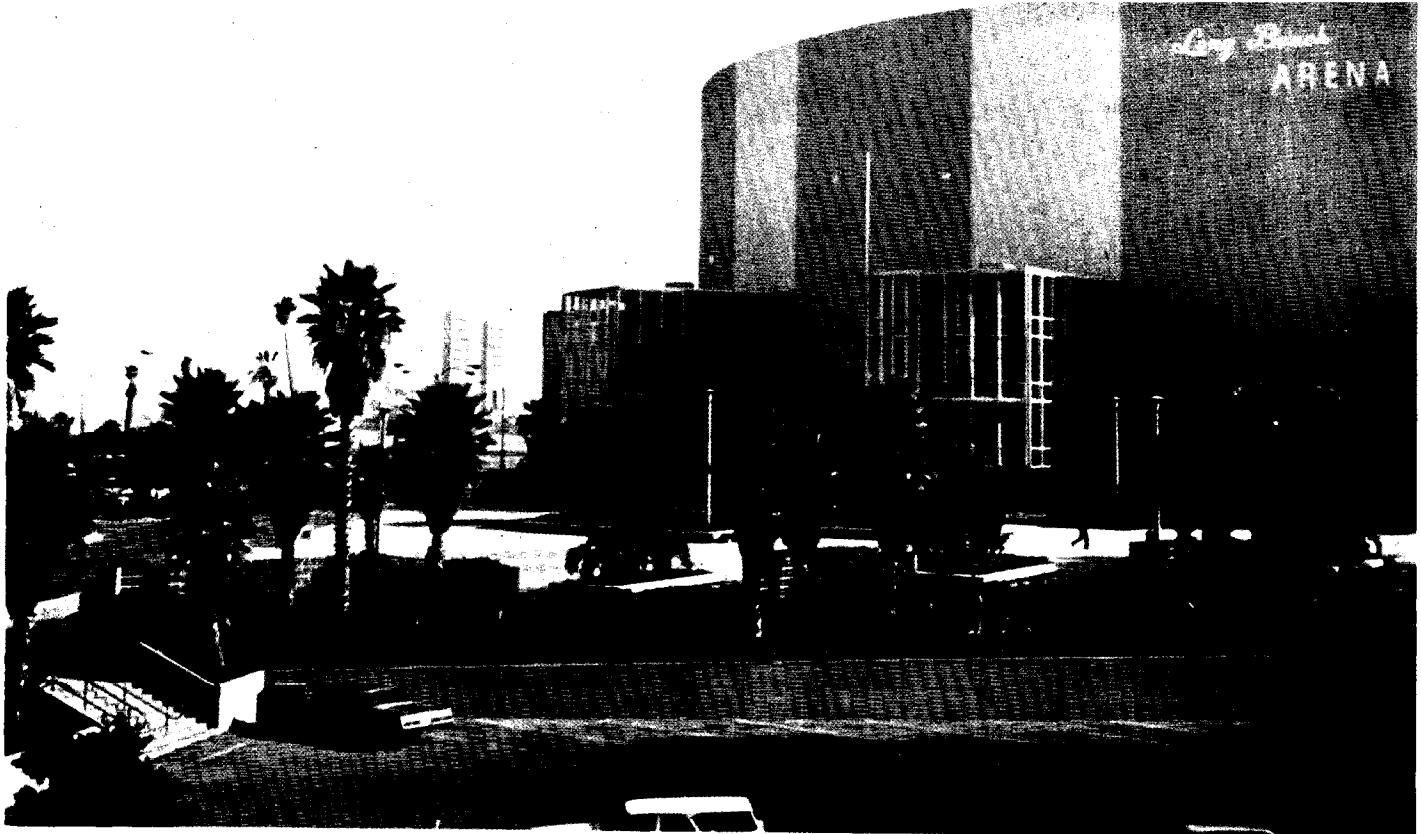
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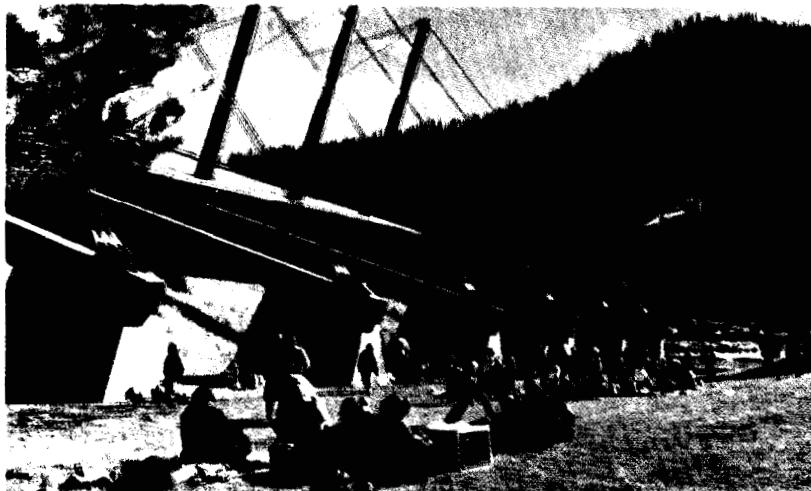
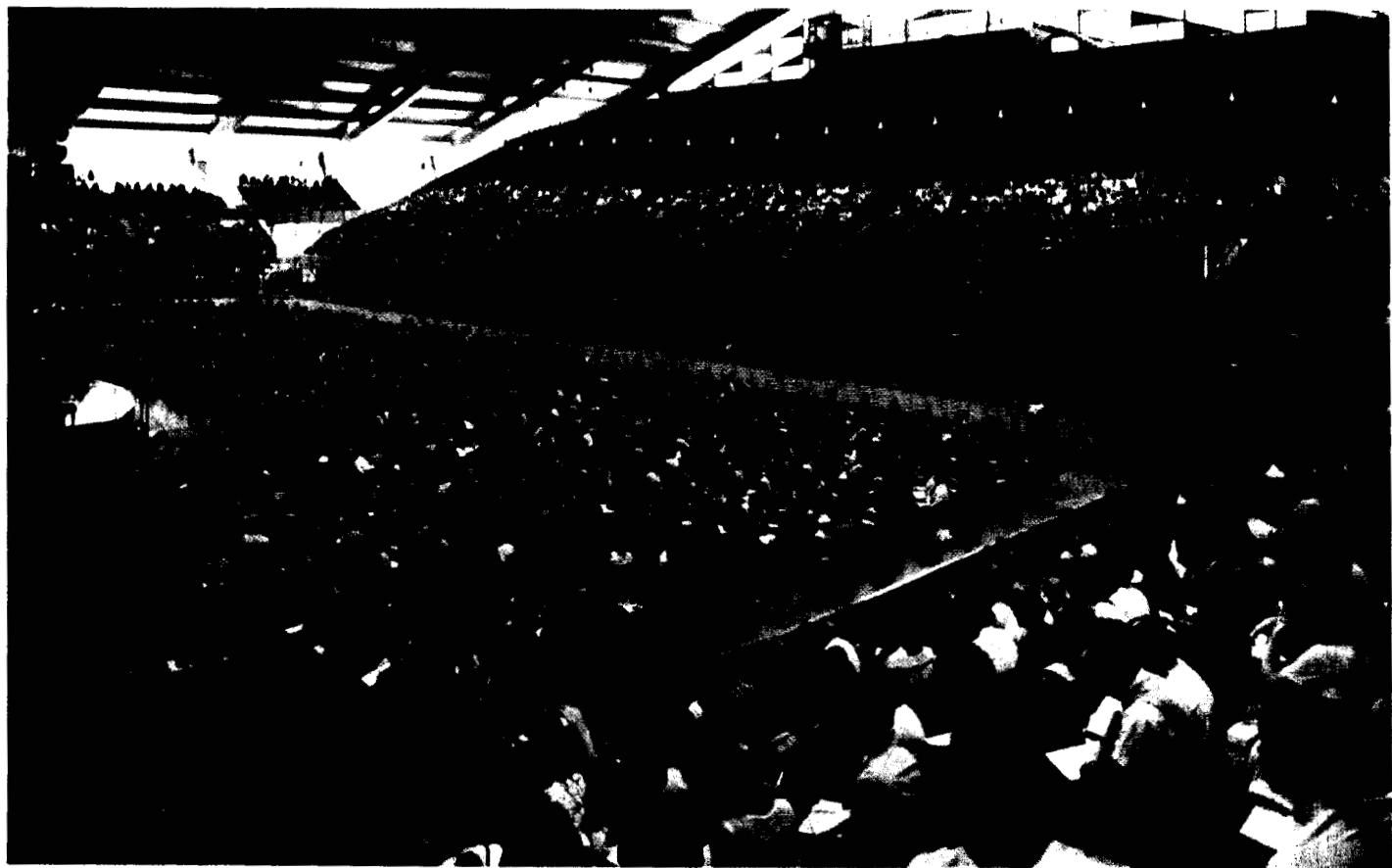
TOP — Highlighting the Feast for all at the Headquarters Site was the visit on the Last Great Day of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong. Here he arrives and is greeted at the airport by Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong and sons David (l.) and Matthew (r.). Mr. Ted Armstrong then boarded the jet bound for Big Sandy. BELOW is a view of the rented jet piloted by Mr. Kennard Cox.

Long Beach



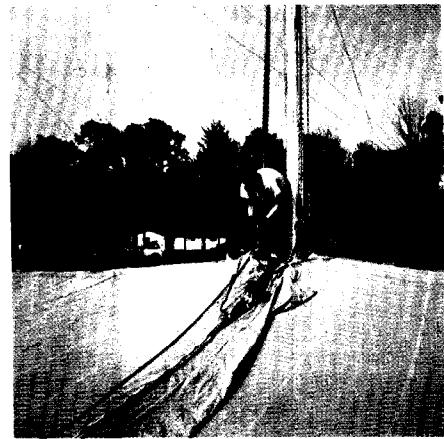
TOP — Exterior view of the Long Beach Arena where services were held.
BELOW LEFT — The International Towers, one of the outstanding hotels in Long Beach, framed by Southern California palm trees as seen from the entrance to the Long Beach Arena. CENTER — Negro brethren enjoy annual semi-formal dinner. LEFT — Students Keith Walden and Pam Livingston relax between numbers during Ambassador Review.



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LEFT — Fiery sunrise over beautiful Lake Tahoe. TOP — Crowds in Blyth Arena during morning services. BELOW — LEFT — Members relax in the interior between services on the lawn outside the arena. RIGHT — A few hardier souls found the camping facilities most enjoyable.

Squaw Valley

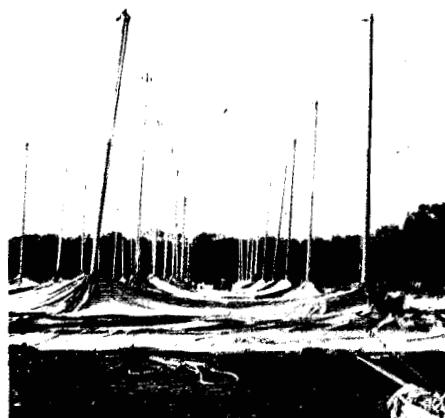
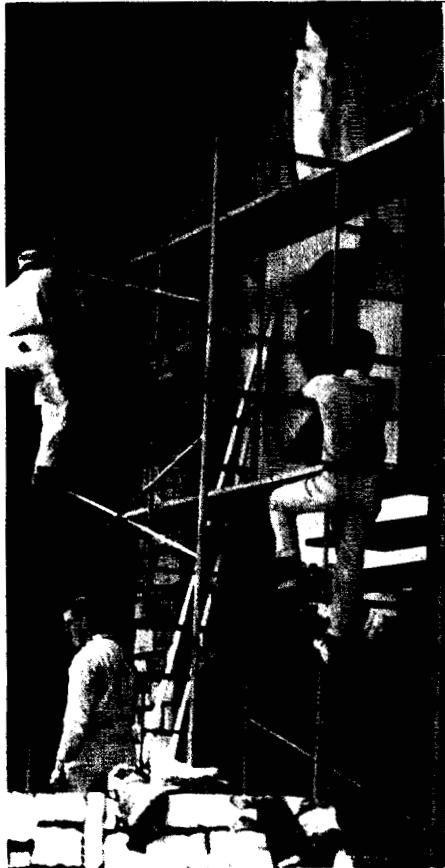


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LEFT TOP — Aerial view of Feast site in Pocono area. BELOW — Three views of crews engaged in raising the huge tent for services.

RIGHT — LEFT TOP — Construction on the Administration Building in the finishing stages. MIDDLE — Tent assembled on ground just before hoisting to top of poles. BELOW — Scene from Pocono Fun Show. RIGHT — Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong speaking. BELOW — Interior of Administration Building prior to laying of hardwood floor.

Pocono Mountains



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Poconos. Here — firsthand — is Mr. Paul Royer's report. Mr. Royer is Festival Coordinator of all Feasts and was Festival Elder for the Poconos.

"After two years of determined, concentrated, energetic planning flavored with perspiration, prayer and fasting, God's Feast of Tabernacles became a reality in the Pocono Mountains. Almost 8,000 determined dedicated members struggled through mud, ankle deep water, darkness and a torrential downpour to find their seats in the mammoth tent for the first evening services. Those who arrived early watched

them come, water streaming down their faces, children in arms, all wearing the most beautiful inspiring smile you ever saw. It said 'Thank you God for this wonderful Feast site; I am sure glad to be here. Thanks for the opportunity to attend, to know the Truth of God!'

"Mr. Ted Armstrong arrived to open the first evening service after a two-day whirlwind tour of several major East Coast radio stations that air *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast. As he began the sermon, the rain continued to fall, the wind began to rise, the tent shook, tent poles fell, high

wattage bulbs exploded. The powerful storm increased until it drowned out his words. Finally Mr. Armstrong stopped the service and asked God to rebuke the storm and then sent everyone home.

"Trials became the early theme of the Feast. The preparation day started with a fog so thick that it was difficult to make out objects a few yards away. After prayer, God lifted the fog, otherwise the congregation would never have found their way to the new Festival site. Trials continued for a time as God allowed us to be tested. The entire congregation remained firm. No matter what, they were happy; they were overjoyed for the privilege of attending the Feast of Tabernacles. Rain intermittently continued another day or so, then God rolled back the clouds and gave us some beautiful sun-filled days.

"The newspapers reported the storm of the first evening. It was a tornado!! Weathermen traced it right up to our Festival site where it split in two parts — to the left and to the right, passed through the area, regrouped as one storm again, then proceeded to uproot trees, smash windows, homes and property. Damage ran into thousands of dollars only a short distance away!

"After several tremendously inspiring sermons, Mr. Ted Armstrong left for Jekyll Island pausing only long enough at the airport to greet his father who had just flown in from Big Sandy, Texas to take charge of the Festival.

"Mr. Herbert Armstrong didn't give us a chance to catch our breath before he launched into preaching the dynamic, electrifying message of the soon-coming Kingdom of God. Before we realized it, Mr. Armstrong was gone, but not before ordaining three new local elders and raising one other in rank to preaching elder.

"Mr. David Antion also left a day or so later for Long Beach leaving the bulk of the preaching for Mr. Raymond Cole, Evangelist in charge of the New York District. Mr. Waterhouse joined us almost midpoint in the Feast followed by Mr. Albert Portune, Festival Director and Elder in charge

of the latter half of the Pocono Mountains Festival.

"The breathtaking flaming foliage, the pure, clean air and mountain water along with complete recreation facilities, good food and God-inspired services made this first Feast of Tabernacles in the Poconos one of the most outstanding, delightful and most profitable Feasts in the History of this Work. The congregation of Israel in Mt. Pocono, God's people, responded to set one of the greatest examples of Christian living ever experienced anywhere in these last times.

"The people of Mt. Pocono, Stroudsburg and surrounding communities have besieged us with compliment after compliment as they try in hundreds of different ways to express their appreciation and amazement at the government and conduct of God's people during this first Festival of Tabernacles.

"Out of all the many letters and telephone calls, including letters accompanied with checks, this letter from

the management of the Penn Stroud Hotel summarizes the feeling of the community of Mt. Pocono and surrounding territory:

"Your convention is over. My compliments for an excellent job done. Never have we had a finer group than yours in all the 136-year-old history of the hotel.

"We wish all of today's children of our country could be so well trained as yours. Your religion surely sets a fine example for all of us. It shows with the guidance of God it can be done.

"We are not sure about next year (1968), but if we build a new Penn Stroud, we will be most honored to have your group with us again."

Next month we will continue our "Round the world tour" with a visit to each of the Festival sites abroad: England, France, South Africa, Australia and the Philippines. Be sure to read next month's installment.

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What Our Readers Say

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pected. I am very grateful for this and for being able to help in God's Work."

P. R., New York

Young Boys Contribute to Building Fund

"Enclosed you will find a small gift for the Building Fund, from three young boys. After hearing a sermon from our minister, Mr. James Young, on how we could all help in building the buildings on the various campuses, my two sons, Stuart, age 13, David, age 9, and our friend Mike, age 14, began collecting pop bottles. Over a period of time they collected many, but one very hot afternoon (temperature was in the 90's) the boys set out after lunch with a wagon, a jar of water and determination to look for more. They soon came upon a building site or development and hit a bonanza. I don't know how many trips they made in all, but when those boys came home with shouts of 'Hey, Mom, look what we found!', it was almost unbelievable. The boys were dirty, disheveled, and sweaty,

but the smiles on their faces and the brightness in their faces was something to see, and you know what — I don't think they felt the heat at all?! Not all of the money that is here was collected in this manner but I know at least 85 percent of it was."

Mrs. M. K. Ohio

God Blesses the Tither!

"Thank you for thanking us for this loan, but it is our blessing to have heard the truth through the work you are giving your life to. To show you how the tither is truly blessed, it is three years now, at about this time of year, that my husband asked Mr. Baird to counsel with us on how to count up the tithes of our farming business. In the course of the talk he showed Mr. Baird we had some \$33,500 debts and really couldn't afford to tithe. The money was needed to pay interest and a little principal each year. To make a long story short, we paid the tithe each year and also the interest and principal, and this March 1, 1967, we paid the last

of the debts! I really should say God paid the last of the debts."

Mrs. F. K., Illinois

Thanks for College Diagram

"Our sincere thanks to each one who had a part in producing the 1966 ENVOY. It is truly beautiful. I had been wishing for a diagram of the college grounds so it would be possible to get a picture of the location of the various buildings. We've seen many pictures of different parts of the campus but hadn't been able to get any idea of their relationship to each other. To our surprise and delight there in the first part of the ENVOY was the diagram and pictures to clear this up. We hope many of the brethren will be able to purchase a copy of this marvelous book."

C. R. P., Idaho

"How Can I Be Forgiven?"

"I confessed with my parish priest yesterday. He told me I couldn't be absolved of my sins because they're so great. I have been condemned to hell for all eternity — tormented forever, never receiving the forgiveness of God. I don't know what to do. Is there any way I can avoid this horrible fate? Please help me — I'm so bewildered I'm unable to think!"

Woman,
Lima, Peru

Ten-year-old Blessed for Tithing

"Once again I have been blessed so I'm sending you one dollar, as my grandmother sent me \$10. Last year I was blessed to find \$20 and I gave God back two of it. I'm 10 years old. I don't take the Correspondence Course yet. Soon as I get a little older, I am. My mother told me \$1.00 reached about 500 people. I hope this dollar will go that far. I have been sending in tithe money since I was six years old. Since I've tithed I have been blessed so much this year. I got four new dresses. I had appendicitis and Mr. Noel came by and anointed me, and I was healed right away. I had been sick for three days and was getting worse until he came and anointed me. I sure have been blessed a lot."

Miss K. B., Ohio

Good Start

"I am 9 years old and am sending my first tithe for God's work. I go to church in Minneapolis, and I listen to the broadcast when I'm up yet. I want to go to camp when I am 12 years old. I can't wait. I saw you down in Texas this fall at the Feast. I help my daddy with the cows. I feed them hay. I hope I will see you next fall in Texas. I read *The PLAIN TRUTH*. I do not watch bad shows like Batman on TV."

Wayne P., Minnesota

Highly Recommended

"This week at a parents' meeting at Mt. Miguel High School in Spring Valley there was a showing of a V.D. film, after which the biology teacher explained the sex education program that was being taught this half. He mentioned some of the textbooks he used; one which he recommended was GOD SPEAKS OUT on '*The New Morality*' We have a daughter planning marriage soon and he mentioned that this book was available for educators and young people planning marriage. I would surely appreciate a copy for her. As a parent and Christian, I am glad that such books are published and being used. There is too much trash on our newsstands today."

Mrs. D. L., California

"You will find enclosed \$2.05. I have been saving change in a jar marked 'Brick Money.' I know it isn't a lot, but I think it may buy several bricks or nails or whatever is necessary to build new buildings that are needed by the college."

E. L., Ohio

Inspired by *Wrong* Faith?

"I attended an 'Assembly of God' church for about 5 weeks, because I had never actually seen much of church ways. Believe me, I was shocked to see what went on there, and to see the person who had asked me to attend get under the 'Holy Spirit.' I was really scared skinny. I could see that only Satan or his demons could ever cause a person to act and look that way. Was I ever glad that *The PLAIN TRUTH* and

all the booklets were firmly fixed in my mind and formed a shield all around me. Thank you very much for putting the Holy Bible in a way to be understood. Going to see those people acting like that has sent me to my Bible with a greater zeal than ever before. I'm glad I saw for myself what can happen to people with the wrong faith."

Mrs. E. E. W., Florida

- *And how much more important to see for yourself what can happen to people with the RIGHT FAITH!*

Being Called

"My wife and I have studied, searched, and observed, and you have proven right on all counts. Ever since we were introduced to the truth by *The WORLD TOMORROW* and began studying under the guidance of your literature and your fantastic Correspondence Course we have dropped out of the ecclesiastical mortuary that we used to think was God's Church. When one day the minister said, in a sermon or prayer, 'I would hate to be given the responsibility of disposing of the supernatural, but prayer is little more than positive thinking,' that did it for us."

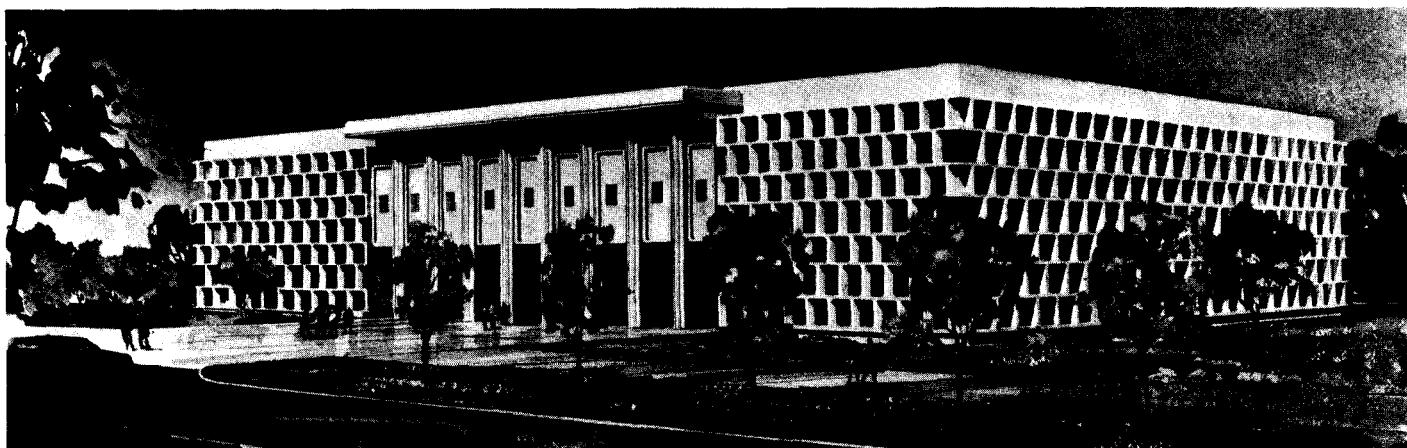
Mike and Ginny M., Oregon

Wife Healed Through Anointed Cloth

"Trying to get used to a new denture, my wife was getting so nervous that a complete breakdown seemed imminent. Her throat seemed to be closing up and she was becoming more frightened by the hour. After calling Ambassador College for an anointed cloth for her healing, I believed from the time I hung up the telephone that God would heal her. I remember reading somewhere in your literature about a woman who believed from the minute she dropped her letter in the mail box that God would heal her. The anointed cloth came in this morning's mail. We followed your instructions to the letter and, within the hour, my wife was healed! We are so very grateful that obedience to God provides a better way to healing the *cause* of illness, than through this world's doctors who know only how to treat the *effect*."

D. C. A., California

AMBASSADOR COLLEGE BREAKS GROUND FOR ULTRAMODERN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING



New Administration Building, fifth and largest to date in 12-million-dollar Ambassador expansion program.

Four-story building sets new architectural standard in concept and design.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for Ambassador College's new \$3,800,000 four-story, ultramodern Administration Building took place Tuesday, November 28, 1967. This beautiful new building will house the main executive and administrative offices of the Pasadena Campus.

This building is the fifth project in Ambassador College's 12-million-dollar building and expansion program. The program began about four years ago with the construction of a \$1,000,000 Physical Education Facility.

Since that time, the \$1,750,000 Student Center and Dining Facility has been completed. Under construction are two more buildings — a \$1,900,000 twin-building Academic Center and a \$1,700,000 three-level student residence complex. The program will be completed with the construction of a 1,250-seat auditorium and artificial lake by 1969 or 1970.

The new Administration Building will be constructed facing Green Street in the block between Terrace Drive and Vernon Avenue. This whole area of Pasadena will certainly be beautified by what will undoubtedly be the most modern and magnificent office building in Pasadena.

As Mr. Herbert Armstrong, Chancellor and President of Ambassador College stated, "Our purpose is to build here one of the *most beautiful campuses anywhere*, reflecting tone and character, and providing a cultural atmosphere conducive to study and the building of character in young men and women."

The Administration Building will have four stories, and a partial basement. Its overall dimensions will be 182 feet long by 104 feet wide. The building will have a stress resistant steel frame and structural concrete floors. The exterior of the building features precast concrete window walls and concrete columns. By using both the window walls and columns on the exterior, the building will blend in beautifully with the theme already set by the Academic and Student Centers.

The O. K. Earl Corporation, responsible for the design,

engineering, and construction of the new facility, has received numerous awards for the buildings it has designed and built across the country. The one building that the O. K. Earl Corporation has finished to date for Ambassador College is the Physical Education Facility.

This building received awards from both Pasadena Beautiful and Los Angeles Beautiful Foundations. It was designated College Building of the Month by *College and University Business* magazine. Also, it has been featured in the School's Edition of Technical Bulletin published in Washington, D. C. and has been extensively published in the building and trade periodicals.

Their Senior Staff Architect, Peter J. Holdstock, is in charge of the design of the building. He received his architectural education at Medway College of Art, Rochester, England, and did postgraduate work at Paris, Oxford, Cambridge, and the University of Southern California.

In describing the Administration Building, Architect Holdstock stated that, "Too often a building can only obtain a decorative façade covering a utilitarian complex of offices, but here at Ambassador College, thanks to an enlightened and far-thinking staff, we have been able to explore and use space created by the Student Center, this Hall of Administration and a planned Auditorium building to great advantage.

"Furthermore, it has been found possible to open the interior of this Administration Building to form two soaring light wells with balconies on all four sides, crowned by a sculptured ceiling with skylights and landscaped at the ground level with indoor plantings of considerable size.

"Seldom since the Renaissance Age in Architecture has it been possible to develop spaces as dramatic and gracious as those incorporated in this building. The classic manner of handling space and the utilization of completely modern building materials and techniques will impart a timeless quality to this building.

This new Administration Building is another giant step in Ambassador College's endeavor to do its part to contribute to Pasadena's worldwide reputation as an educational and cultural center.

How God Looks at Agriculture

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growing sod, cover, and green manure crops; 2) the proper use of weeds; 3) conserving and applying manure and composts; 4) conserving and applying crop residues; 5) controlling erosion; 6) right tillage practices; 7) and the replacement of soil bacteria. Applying the first four principles automatically replaces soil bacteria, or the process can be speeded up by applying bacteria as a liquid culture. A major key to maintaining soil balance is ample organic matter.

The Living Soil

A healthy soil is very much "alive" and dynamic, teeming with bacteria, actinomycetes, fungi, molds, yeasts, protozoa, algae, worms, insects, and other minute organisms which live mostly in the top few inches of the soil.

This hive of living things in the soil, the eaters and the eaten, adds up to incredible numbers. The bacteria alone may range from comparatively few up to three or four billion in a single gram of dry soil. In good soil the bacterial matter, living and dead, may weigh as much 5,600 pounds per acre.

The fungi may add up to a million in a gram of dry soil, weighing over 1,000 pounds to the acre.

Among the most important of the soil-making crew is the humble earthworm. He is nature's own plow, chemist, cultivator, maker and distributor of plant food. *Humus-rich soil* easily supports a worm population of 26,000 per acre. Worms eat inert minerals and organic matter and mix these digested minerals with their bodily secretions. Each year they deposit as much as 10 to 20 tons of castings on the surface of an acre!

Worm castings are shown to contain 40 percent more humus than the surface soil. They are a humus factory manufacturing vast amounts of balanced plant food. The Connecticut Experiment Station shows that the casts of earthworms are five times

richer in combined nitrogen, seven times richer in available phosphate, and eleven times richer in potash than the upper six inches of soil. Depositing castings is only a part of the good that earthworms do. They pull organic matter down under the soil, and by their digestive juices break it down into a form usable to the plants. They burrow down to eight feet or more below the surface and bring up rich minerals that plants need. The burrows improve aeration of the soil, permit the penetration of surface water, and help facilitate the downward growth of roots. This is all supplied by cheap labor you don't have to pay!

"Myriads of small creatures spend parts of their lives in the soil; ants, beetles, wasps, spiders, and many others. About 95 percent of the roughly one million insect species spend part of their lives in the soil." (*Living Earth* by Farb, p. 5).

The activity of these creatures combines to carry on the work of plowing, mixing, and fertilizing as they add their remains to the land. If these living organisms use up all their food supply, billions of them die or become inactive. The life processes in the soil slow down until further stores of food are added. As in most of nature's activities this whole *life cycle* in the soil becomes a self-regulating system, an organized community, adjusting its numbers to the food supply *so long as it is undisturbed by outside forces*.

While the soil lives, stored-up energy is constantly being used for food by the teeming hive. A good soil's health is actually a matter of life and death to the plants and animals that live on its surface. Our health is also dependent on *its* health.

Why Soil "Wears Out"

Soils become "worn out" when they no longer contain sufficient organic matter to maintain an adequate population of soil organisms to make mineral nutrients available to plants.

As virgin land is plowed up, the

increased oxygen made available greatly stimulates the bacterial crews into breaking down the organic matter at a more rapid rate. Unless organic matter is returned to the soil in the form of crop refuse, animal wastes, compost, cover crops, etc., the supply of organic matter is eventually used up.

In nature we find a variety of plants growing together and animals wandering about eating a selection of herbage and pausing here and there to "pay their dues." Plant and animal litter accumulate *together* on the surface to compost and decay, feeding the micro-organisms a *balanced diet* and making a health-sustaining humus-rich soil.

Nature has no chemical companies supplying *overdoses* of certain elements while *neglecting* others. (Most chemical fertilizers supply only the three major growth stimulating elements, nitrogen, phosphorus, and potash, neglecting the trace elements *vital* for soil health and the health of livestock and man. In addition, many artificial fertilizers kill bacteria and soil life, throwing the soil into an unbalanced condition. This causes essential plant nutrients to be "locked up.")

Oklahoma State University ran a series of tests on the rate and speed of plant decay that proved very interesting. The tests revealed that the varieties of plants (weeds included) decompose in Oklahoma, whose climate is about average, at varying rates, but finally and completely in *six years*. The sabbatical (land rest) year falls one in seven (Lev. 25:1-7). This works out perfectly to produce a new storehouse of material to help feed soil life (rejuvenate the soil) for another six years, provided proper tillage methods are practiced. Of course, organic matter should be returned to the soil each year, not just in the sabbatical year.

Without food, the population of soil microbes (millions per gram in healthy soil) diminishes and no longer makes available sufficient nutrients to grow crops.

Symptoms of Sick Soil

Healthy soil, as we have seen, requires a balance of minerals, organic matter,

and living organisms. When this balance is disrupted, low-quality, disease-ridden, insect-infested crops, which do not sustain health in man or beast are the result. This is caused by allowing the organic matter to become depleted and by poisoning the soil with wrong types of fertilizers which destroy the living organisms.

Sick soil becomes hard, difficult to work. It fails to absorb rainfall. Erosion is the result. It becomes either too acid or too alkaline and vital trace elements are "locked up" by chemical reaction, and thus become unavailable to plants.

Sick soil produces sick plants which produce sick animals and humans. Thus sick soil becomes largely responsible for the increasing worldwide plagues of disease that are threatening mankind in this age.

How to Revitalize Sick Soil

To heal sick soil and bring it back into profitable production of high-

quality, health-sustaining crops, it is necessary to stop using the farming practices which have caused the trouble, and begin farming in accord and harmony with the natural laws God has set in motion.

We have successfully rejuvenated some soil in three to four months on the college farm in Texas and harvested good crops the following season without using *any* artificial fertilizers. The cost was less than half the expense of using artificial fertilizers.

There is always the question, "where to begin?"

The first step is to determine as much as possible where your soil presently stands, so a plan of action can be formulated. A soil test is helpful here. It will give a guideline to the available N-P-K (nitrogen, phosphate, potash) and the pH level. As mentioned before, organic matter is the key to soil balance. This should always be increased. A soil test will help tell you what is "locked up."

For example, if the soil is too acid, organic matter and ground limestone will bring it back into the growing range so soil organisms can multiply rapidly and begin to work efficiently.

Soils low in phosphorus or potash may need an application of ground rock phosphate or potash rock. Since one application of these minerals lasts for a number of years, in most cases the soil organisms will begin to liberate sufficient supplies from the earth itself so further applications will not be needed.

Nitrogen-fixing bacteria (*rhizobia*) live in nodules on the roots of legume plants such as clover, peas, peanuts, soybeans, cowpeas, vetch, and alfalfa. These bacteria are capable of adding as much as 200 pounds of nitrogen to an acre of soil each year.

Nitrogen can also be added by applying manure and compost. Most nitrogen of plant and animal remains is locked up and must be liberated by the living bacteria.

Still other forms of nitrogen-fixing bacteria make nitrogen available to a plant directly from the air.

To help speed up the rejuvenation of soil, it may be advisable to spray a culture of soil bacteria on the fields. This is especially helpful if a farmer does not have *enough* compost to spread on the land to supply the bacteria. A culture of soil bacteria can be grown in a tank and sprayed on the field at a rate of 30 to 50 gallons per acre. We have used a bacteria culture on our farm in Texas with excellent results. However, you have to have some organic matter for the bacteria to work on. The bacteria culture is not itself a fertilizer. It only activates the soil. (Information on this culture is available from the College Agriculture Department at Big Sandy, Texas.)

Tillage Methods

The methods and practices used in preparing the soil for planting have a considerable effect on the natural processes going on in the soil to produce fertility.



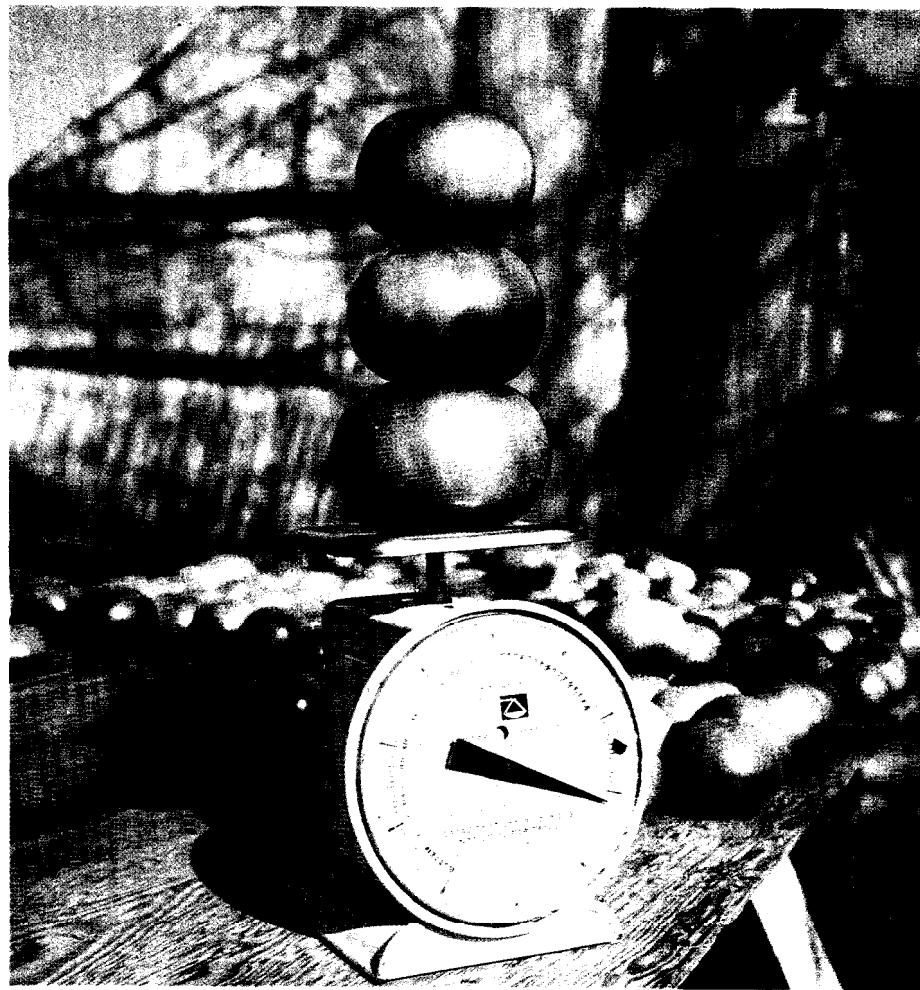
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Mr. Walter Klepfer and Mr. Williams examining tomatoes in the growing stage — products of revitalized soil.



Many different types of plows and other tillage implements are on the market but not all are equally efficient in putting the crops refuse and organic matter where it will do the most good. Disc plows, rotor tillers, chisel plows, and that type are very useful and effective. They chop and mix crop residues into the *topsoil* which aids greatly in the process of decomposition.

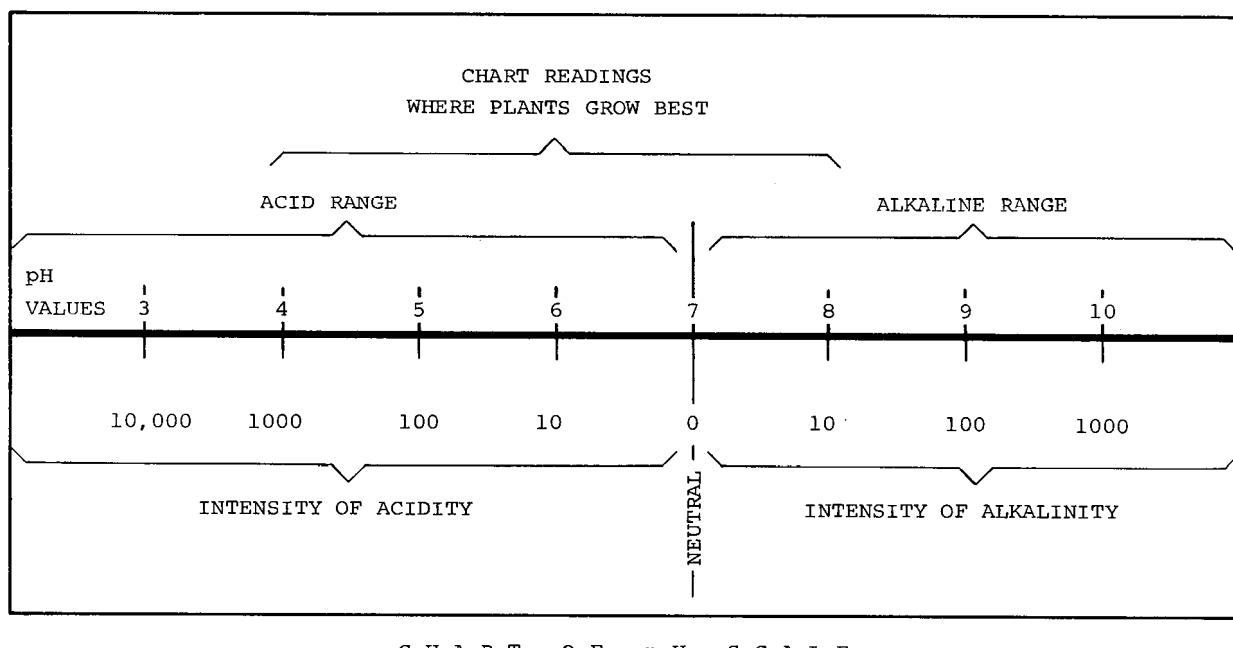
The moldboard plow, however, is quite different. This type plow turns under and *buries* all protective mulch material in a layer several inches below the surface of the earth. It packs the surface trash into a narrow layer subject to great pressure both from the weight of the soil above and the weight

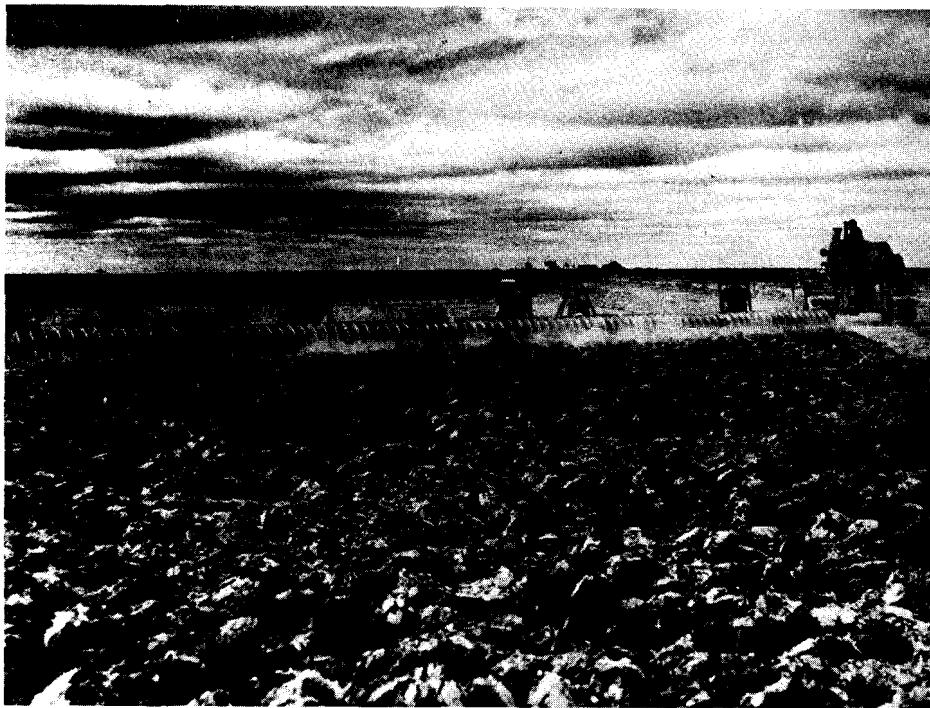


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ABOVE LEFT — Relative size of tomatoes. RIGHT — Three tomatoes, just over three pounds.

BELOW — Scale illustrating Ph factor in soil.





Wide World — Christopherson, Ambassador College

Above — Even certain deep discing uses the moldboard plow principle and thereby destroys good soil. **RIGHT** — This plot just outside Wichita, Kansas shows the cumulative effect of incorrect plowing, drought and improper fertilization.

of the tractor and machinery passing over it. This pressure produces heat which "burns up" this material rather than allowing it to decay or ferment (which is the natural and beneficial process). The "burning" creates harmful acids and reduces the production and availability of beneficial nitrogen.

Still further, the compacted layer of trash serves to create a barrier which prevents moisture from "wicking" from the subsoil below to the roots of the plants growing above. It hinders the roots of the plants from finding the moisture that lies below. At the same time, the earth above the compacted layer is left bare to all the drying processes of wind and water. This creates a condition of drought between the surface of the soil and the compacted layer of organic material below.

In some *few* cases the use of a moldboard plow may be effective to break up a very hard soil to permit the mixing of organic material to improve the hardened condition.

Proper tillage practices leave a mulch on or chopped into the soil's surface.



This prevents the evaporation of rainfall, vastly increasing the soil's ability to absorb and hold water. It aids greatly in controlling the blowing or washing away of the soil, and produces best conditions for a steady rate of decay — a moist seed bed and plant food supply.

Restoration

The system of rehabilitation we have described recognizes the fact that the average farmer is economically forced to grow a revenue crop from his land while he is restoring it.

You *can* make a living by farming

God's natural way and not go broke doing it.

Through faith — proper tillage methods, cover cropping, and the application of soil bacteria, KMP (mineral source), "Organic" (organic and mineral source), we were able to produce two quality crops in a year on our experimental plot from once poor sandy soil. In our greenhouse we presently have tomatoes that weigh one-half pound to one and one-quarter pounds of excellent quality. Our soil was on its way to normality in *less* time than it could have been under conventional organic methods.

Costwise — production expenses of natural farming are less, and *should be*.

It must be impressed, the absolute necessity of obedience to both God's physical and SPIRITUAL law is required

before results can be expected. When you *obey*, then you have the right to *ask* for and *expect* a blessing just as much as you expect God to heal you after being anointed and prayed for.

This system of soil development employs the methods which God designed in nature to rejuvenate top-soil, simply speeding up the process. One inch of topsoil residue per year can be established if these natural principles are followed properly and faithfully. This process achieves a kind of "resurrection" in which dead soil once again becomes alive!