



May 1957

Hello,

May we come into your home? We have some good news for you!

For many, many months we have been dreaming . . . hoping . . . praying . . . that the Lord would make it possible to secure the beautiful Alpine property discovered near Lake Arrowhead last year. This mountain resort is ideal and will be excellent for all-year around camps and conferences - retreats and workshops.

At the Annual Meeting of the CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION of Covenant churches held in 1956, the decision to purchase such a Grounds if and when a "golden opportunity" presented itself was made. After consideration of several possible sites, the Arrowhead property was overwhelmingly the choice.

Over 700 enthusiastic Covenanters defied the storm on March 9th to attend the OPEN HOUSE, expressing their keen interest in the proposal. Later the 13 Southern District churches voted unanimously in favor of the project. Escrow proceedings were begun, and the several contingencies have now been resolved, opening the doors wide open.

Honestly, many of us were holding our breath. We envisaged great things for the tomorrow, and now we are thrilled that we can tell you that everything is in readiness. One thing remaineth! When July 1st, 1957 rolls around, the escrow office will demand almost \$ 40,000.00 Some of this has already been given, and we are sure that when our people know the situation they will arise to meet it! The Annual Meeting of '57 authorized June 9th as the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE GROUNDS OFFERING SUNDAY (some of the

churches may choose a more convenient day)  
We believe that the 41 churches in California and Arizona are going to give generously in this offering so urgently needed now!

ENCLOSED you will also find a postcard. This is for the convenience of those who will be willing to help in the making of the monthly payments. Two thousand contributing \$ 1.00 per month would retire the whole sum in five years and allow considerable for expansion as well. Every contribution will count much!

The entire property will cost approximately \$ 122,500.00 This is the latest figure after some complicated and lengthy negotiations to obtain satisfactory terms and boundaries on the acreage needed for expansion. Included are 25 acres, six two room cabins with heat and shower, 7300 sq ft main lodge with dining facility, large kitchen, living quarters, lounge and assembly hall. There is a 140,000 gal swimming pool, plenty of water, and a dormitory-bath-house. All buildings are completely furnished, ready to go on a limited operation this summer for five scheduled camps. May we most genuinely thank you for what you are going to do to make this venture possible.

Gratefully in His Name, So Cal COVENANT CONFERENCE GROUNDS BOARD



May 15, 1957

Dear Pastor

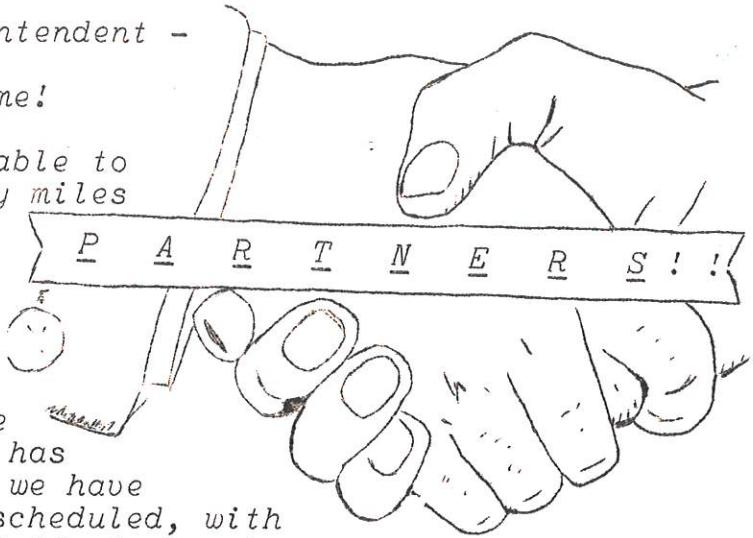
Chairman

SS Superintendent -

Greetings in His wonderful Name!

It's a wonderful thing to be able to work together even though many miles often separate us.

We believe strongly in the tremendous value that camps, retreats, and conferences have in our fellowship. During the past few years, the camp program of the Southland has greatly increased. This year we have some 10 camps or conferences scheduled, with several others within the individual church.



We are convinced that NOW is the time to act. Wonderfully have the doors opened - and even more so - remained open. Several years of 'keeping our eyes open' preceeded the last twelve months of diligent study. The needs of our programming were evaluated - the costs were taken into consideration, including operational and subsidies, etc. - distances were considered - and the future was given much attention. The property we are purchasing stands way beyond any of the other sites under consideration - and in many ways.

JUNE 9, 1957 is the Sunday recommended by the Annual session for an OFFERING to be taken in all of our 41 churches. We are counting on all of our churches to give this serious attention. Almost thirty years ago we all rallied and Mission Springs was begun.

YES, the Association was considerably smaller then - and to be sure, the dollar bill has a new value today. The TOTAL COST of purchase will ammount to \$120,000 with 1/3 down, payable on July 1 - \$40,000. We believe in our 'Northern Neighbors' that they will give us a hand.

This summer we hope to operate on limited basis, with two  
FAMILY CAMPS August 3-10 and August 31- September 7  
JUNIOR BOYS August 10-17  
JUNIOR GIRLS " 17-24  
SENIOR HIGH " 24-31

Information regarding any of these camps may be obtained by writing to Mr. Earl Panthen 2361 LaVerna Ave. L A 41. There are excellent possibilities that June and July will be available as vacation months to our people desiring to get acquainted. More details later (watch our weekly newspaper, the CALIFORNIA.)

The next page will acquaint you with some of the statistical data regarding our SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COVENANT CONFERENCE GROUNDS. Write to Daniel R. Seagren 851 Francisco Street L A 17 about any particulars, or, if your church is unable to participate for any reason.

CORDIALLY YOURS,

SoCal Covenant Conference Grounds



## FACILITIES

25.52 acres - six 2 room cabins (heat-showers) - 1 two-story bath-house - 140,000 gal. swimming pool - main lodge (7300 sq ft) with complete kitchen and dining room, lounge - furnished throughout - natural gas - own water - electricity - paved roads (maintained year around by county) - wooded terrain and several acres level ground -

## COSTS

\$100,000 for buildings-pool - \$22,500 (approx.) for acreage  
40,000 needed by July 1, 1957 for closing ESCROW  
800 monthly needs for payments (minimum)

## OPERATIONS

Five camps scheduled for summer 1957 - several pending for Fall-Charge will be made after consultation with similar operations  
Family camps will be small, informal gatherings, with "first come first served basis." A deposit of \$10.00 will reserve one of the two weeks (see other page - send to Mr. Panthen with details)  
JUNE and JULY may be "preview months". We are looking foreward to taking possession, possibly by June 1st. If so, the facilities may be available for our Covenant people throughout the Conference. The CALIFORNIA will keep you posted.

## NAME

This lovely mountain resort has been known as the ARROWHEAD ALPINE CLUB, located between Blue Jay and Twin Peaks about 2 miles from Lake Arrowhead. Winter and summer sports abound, including boating, fishing, hiking, golf, tennis, soft-ball, horse-back riding, etc. (even ice-skating in the summertime at Blue Jay)

## PROCEDURE

### I M P O R T A N T

### READ CAREFULLY

### THANKS

- 1- All 41 churches in the California Association will receive this letter in triplicate - the pastor, SS Sup't, and chairman. Perhaps the pastor will initiate the action with the respective persons.
- 2- The ANNUAL MEETING in May, 1957, recommended that each church support this project. If June 9 is not suitable, would you kindly choose another date?
- 3- We are encouraging both the church and the Sunday School to receive an offering. The total sum, \$40,000 must be paid on July 1, 1957 - NOT TOO MANY DAYS HENCE. We are counting on YOU . . . .
- 4- Mail all contributions directly to Robert E. Vong  
Box 82  
Garden Grove, California  
Make checks payable to So Calif  
Covenant Conference Grounds -
- 5- Publicity will be made as follows:
  - a) Through the weekly CALIFORNIA
  - b) Through a news letter sent to each church family via the CALIFORNIA mailing list (permission granted)
  - c) Through a bulletin insert mailed to the church prior to June 1st for use on June 2, 9th or . . . .
- 6- Any and all suggestions are welcomed by the newly elected board of directors. Contact Daniel R. Seagren 851 Francisco Street LA 17 regarding any comments, ideas or criticisms - or, if your church cannot participate



J U N E

NEWS

1 9 5 7

# CALIF. COVENANTERS PURCHASE SOUTHERN MOUNTAIN CAMP

LOCATED HIGH IN THE ALPINE REGION OF LAKE ARROWHEAD WAS A LOVELY MOUNTAIN RESORT. AFTER THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EVANGELICAL COVENANT ASSOCIATION in 1956, WHEN THE ASSEMBLY AUTHORIZED THE "GO AHEAD" TO FIND A SUITABLE FACILITY FOR A SOUTHERN CONFERENCE GROUND, AN INTENSIVE STUDY WAS MADE.

AFTER MONTHS OF INVESTIGATION OF POTENTIAL SITES, THE "ARROWHEAD ALPINE LODGE" WAS BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION. FOLLOWING MONTHS OF INTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS WE WERE PRIVILEGED TO SECURE AN OPTION, BEGIN ESCROW PROCEEDINGS, ELIMINATE SEVERAL CON- TINGENCIES AND SECURE ADJACENT ACREAGE FOR EXPANSION.

"BUT WHY ANOTHER CONFERENCE GROUNDS?"

THE COVENANT BELIEVES DEEPLY IN THE CAMP AND CONFERENCE PROGRAM. WITHOUT THEM A POSITIVE ASPECT OF OUR WORK IS HAMPERED.

PANDING OF OUR PROGRAM IS CONSTANTLY FRUSTRATING. RENTALS, LEASING, COSTS, TIMING AND EX- has been available now charges about 25% over a year ago.)

IS IDEAL IN MANY WAYS, BUT TRANSPORTATION COSTS ARE PROHIBITIVE AS WELL AS THE TIME CONSUMED (e.g. - transporting 500 youth up to 1,000 miles would take nearly 20 camping hours and thousands of camping dollars.)

JUNE 9th is the SOUTHERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE GROUNDS OFFERING DAY  
YOUR ASSISTANCE IS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY  
THAT THE LORD HAS GIVEN TO US - PLAN NOW FOR TOMORROW!





## Here's where we are today...

THE COST \$ 122,500.00 SEEMS LIKE A SIZEABLE SUM (and it is) WHICH INCLUDES  
 MAIN LODGE (7300 sq ft - lounge - kitchen - dining room  
 living quarters - assembly hall).  
 SIX CABINS (winterized - hot-cold water - shower - gas  
 furnace - two rooms - completely furnished)  
 POOL & (140,000 gallon capacity - 45 x 85 ft - with  
 BATH-HOUSE two story with living quarters - dressing  
 rooms - showers - includes filter plant)  
 NATURAL GAS - ELECTRICITY - PHONE - ROADS (serviced all  
 year 'round) WATER (well and reservoir) ALL  
 BUILDINGS ARE BEAUTIFULLY FURNISHED

THE VALUE EACH APPRAISAL MADE, INCLUDING AN INSURANCE COMPANY, INDICATES THE  
 VALUE TO BE CONSIDERABLY HIGHER THAN THE PURCHASE PRICE. ALL IN-  
 VESTIGATIONS OF THE FACILITIES DEPICT HIGHEST QUALITY CONSTRUCTION.  
 THE VALUE IS FAR BEYOND WHAT WE COULD DEVELOP OURSELVES "STARTING  
 FROM SCRATCH."

## Some immediate destinations...

THE DOWN PAYMENT \$ 40,000.00 IS NEEDED BY JULY 1st, 1957. THIS IS PRESENTLY  
 THE MOST PRESSING NEED. A NINETY DAY ESCROW WAS ESTAB-  
 LISHED, GIVING THE NECESSARY TIME TO RESOLVE THE SEVERAL  
 CONTINGENCIES AND OBTAIN ADDITIONAL ACREAGE. THIS FIGURE  
 INCLUDES \$29,000 DOWN ON THE BUILDINGS, \$10,000 DOWN ON  
 THE ADDITIONAL ACREAGE, and \$1,000 MISC FEES. UNLESS WE  
 CLOSE THE DEAL ON JULY 1st WE WILL BE CONFRONTED WITH SE-  
 VERE PROBLEMS

### PAYMENTS

A VERY WORKABLE PLAN WAS SUGGESTED AND ADOPTED WHEREBY A  
 LARGE NUMBER OF OUR CALIFORNIA COVENANTERS CAN SUBSCRIBE A  
 DOLLAR OR MORE PER MONTH TO MEET THE INCOME NEEDED MONTH-  
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 FOR MORE INFORMATION WRITE TO  
 SO CALIF COVENANT CONFERENCE GROUNDS  
 PO BOX 82  
 GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA  
 (checks may be made payable to the above address)

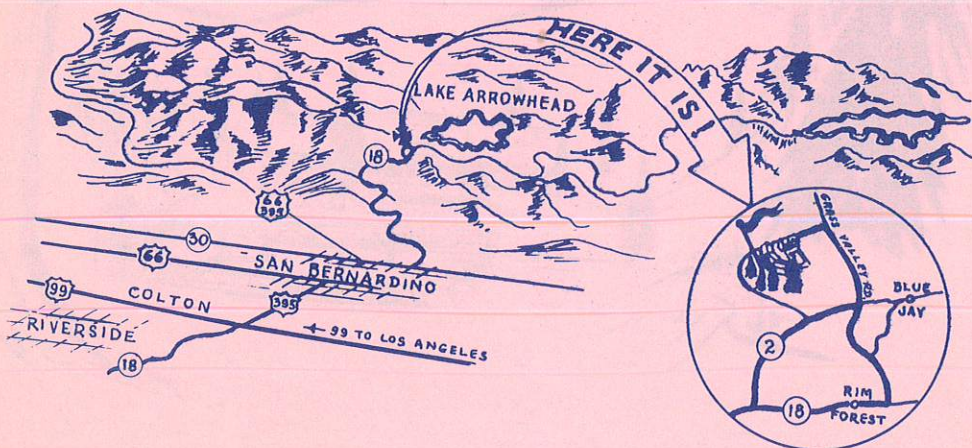
SUMMER '57

REGISTRATIONS WILL BE SOMEWHAT LIMITED FOR THE FIRST SEA-  
 SON UNTIL LONG RANGE PLANS ARE DEVELOPED WITH ADDITIONAL  
 FACILITIES. FIVE CAMPS ARE NOW BEING PLANNED:

FAMILY CAMP	AUGUST 3 - 10
JUNIOR BOYS' CAMP	AUGUST 10 - 17
JUNIOR GIRLS CAMP	AUGUST 17 - 24
FAMILY CAMP II	Aug 31 - Sept 7

(the fifth camp will be held at Camp Colby)

## How to get where we're going...





*Southern California*  
COVENANT CONFERENCE GROUNDS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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PROGRAM

DAY'S WAGES BANQUET

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

*Mission Covenant*



JUNE 7, 1957

CONFERENCE GROUNDS

## M E N U

APPLE JUICE

SALAD

BUTTERED PEAS

IDAHO BAKED POTATO

PRIME RIB OF BEEF

HARD ROLL AND BUTTER

APPLE PIE

COFFEE, TEA, OR MILK

## P R O G R A M

Invocation.....*Rev. Daniel Seagren*

### MUSICAL SELECTIONS

The "VISIONAIRES".....*Quartet*

### RECOGNITION OF HI-LEAGUERS

Greeting.....*Graham Tinning*  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FOREST HOME

### MUSICAL SELECTIONS

John Gustafson.....*Tenor*  
Charles Magnuson.....*Accompanist*

Camp Testimonies.....*Jim Stayboldt*  
CHAIRMAN, CALIFORNIA COVENANT YOUTH LEAGUE

### DAYS WAGES OFFERING

### MUSICAL SELECTIONS

The "VISIONAIRES".....*Quartet*

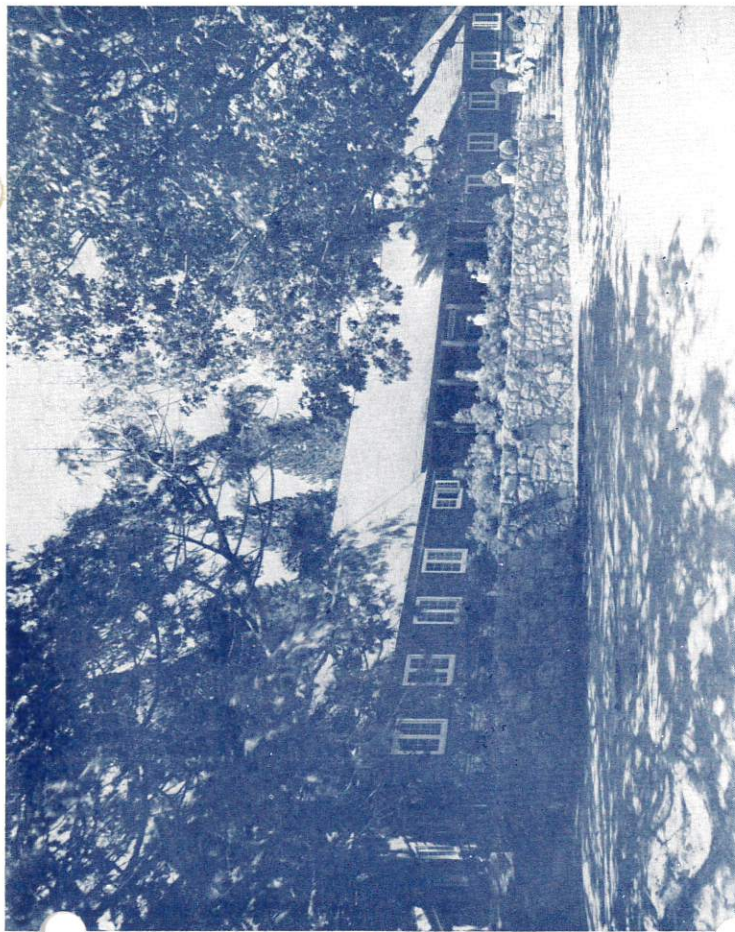
Message.....*Dr. Louis T. Talbot*  
CHANCELLOR, BIBLE INSTITUTE OF LOS ANGELES

### MUSICAL SELECTIONS

John Gustafson.....*Tenor*

Benediction.....*Rev. Gordon A. Nelson*  
SUPERINTENDENT, CALIF. COVENANT CONFERENCE



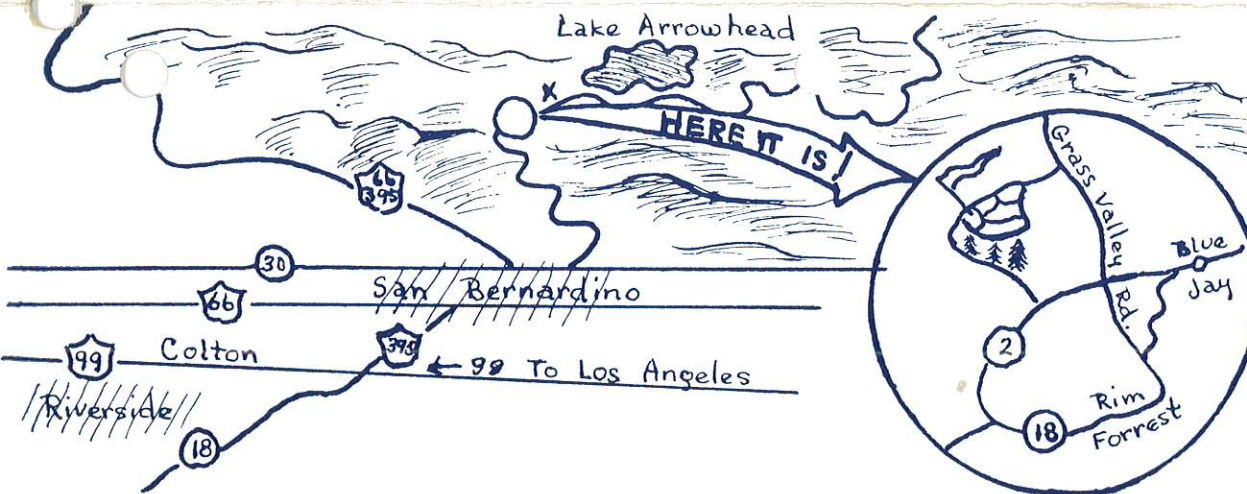


SUMMER 1957

# Covenant Youth Camps

of  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
at

**ARROWHEAD ALPINE**  
CONFERENCE GROUNDS



PHYSICAL FITNESS: I certify that .....  
is in good physical condition and is able to participate in an active athletic program.  
(Note exceptions below). In case of accident or illness I hereby authorize the director  
of the camp to provide the necessary medical care to the full extent of the campers  
reimbursement policy carried with the Continental Casualty Company. (If not signed,  
parent releases the camp of any responsibility for accident or illness and will personally  
be responsible for expenses).

(Signature of parent or guardian)

Give this card to your local registrar (see instruction inside of folder) or mail to:  
Earle Panthen, 2361 Laverna Ave., Los Angeles 41, California  
(Send no money)

*Register Now!*

The Southern California Covenant  
Conference Grounds Staff **MUST**  
Have Adequate Time To Prepare  
Accommodations For **EVERY** Camper.



## Junior Girls

Saturday, August 17—Wednesday, August 21

\$13.75 (4 Nights—12 Meals)

Speaker: Mrs. Gladys Magnuson, Los Angeles

Missionary: Mrs. Pat Camp, Ecuador

Manager: Lovell Risley, Los Angeles

Director: Vi Len, Los Angeles

## Junior Boys

Wednesday, August 21—Sunday, August 25

\$13.75 (4 Nights—12 Meals)

Speaker: Rev. Russell Camp, Missionary from Ecuador

Manager: Lyle Stokes, Los Angeles

Director: Rev. Orville Sustad, Northridge

## Junior-Hi

Sorry—This camp was held at Camp Colby this year.  
Plan now for Jr. Hi Camp at Alpine next summer.

## Senior-Hi

Sunday, August 25—Saturday, August 31

\$19.75 (6 Nights—18 Meals)

Speaker: Rev. Paul Swanson, West Point

Director: Jon Braun, Pasadena

GRADUATES of both 9th and 12 grades are welcome at Senior High camp, but 6th grade graduates are advised to register for the Junior Boys or Junior Girls camps.

ALL CAMPS open to registration at 4:00 p. m. on the opening date and conclude at 1:00 p. m. on the closing date. Parents and drivers are advised that they cannot register their children before 4:00 p. m. on the opening day.

SWIMMING privileges and the use of the pool are included in the registration.

CAMPERS have complete insurance coverage while at camp, as well as traveling to and from the camp. This clears drivers in case of accidents. Polio insurance is also included. A trained nurse is on duty at all camps.

PRE-REGISTRATION is extremely important! The deadline for pre-registration is ten days before the date of the camp in question.

HOW TO PRE-REGISTER. At least two weeks before the opening of your camp, send the card below (with no money) to the Registrar. Perhaps your counsel or pastor will prefer to collect all cards and send them in at one time. Ask him.

REGISTRATION is on the first-come-first-served basis, as it is possible that some camps will have a larger registration than can be cared for adequately.

HOW TO PAY. You are asked *not* to bring your registration money personally to camp. Before leaving home, pay the full amount to the appointed counselor in your church. The counselor will send a check to the camp registrar prior to camp, covering the full amount from your church. Checks are payable to COVENANT CAMPS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, and send to registrar Earle Panthen, 2361 Laverna Avenue, Los Angeles 41, California.



### PRE-REGISTRATION CARD — 1957 SOUTHERN CALIF. COVENANT SUMMER CAMPS

Do Not Write  
in This Space.

Cabin

Counselor

(Please Print) Name.....

First

Last

Junior Girls ☐

Boy ☐

Girl ☐

Age..... Grade.....

Junior Boys ☐

Next Fall.....

Senior High ☐

Birth: Month..... Day..... Year.....

Address .....

City..... Phone.....

Church.....

Roommate Preference:

1. ....

2. ....

WHAT TO BRING. Spending money for treats, bookstore, and missionary offerings. A double sheet or two single sheets, blankets and your pillowcase.

Towels. Flashlight. Bible. Notebook and pencils. Toilet articles.

Camera. Musical instrument. Swimsuit.

Plain (and modest) clothing for rough camp wear. Plan for considerable variation in temperature and weather. No dress-up clothes are necessary. Smaller items of personal sports equipment. Enthusiasm, smiles and a cooperative attitude.





## ALPINE ECHOES

Volume I

August 1957

Number 1

**GREETINGS** - Finally the envelopes are in the mail. And we are relieved! Getting things into ready for the first camp on August 17th was a tremendous job! To all of you who made this possible please accept our thanks.

**DOUBLE-DUTY**- Many of you have paid-in your monthly pledge already - but, like myself, most of you have been waiting for the envelope that we promised. If you could possibly do it, would you please make a double payment for both July and August...? How this would help us!

**MONEY-WISE** - We are living on borrowed money! We have a strong feeling that we will yet receive sufficient funds to repay our short term loans from the churches and Sunday Schools not participating in the June offering, electing to wait (or receive more encouragement). These monthly contributions are intended to cover mainly the monthly costs of payments and interests \$ 725.00  
insurance (approx,) 112.00  
taxes (this fiscal year) 100.00

This total of almost \$ 1,000 does not include improvements or wages or utilities. This is why we are requesting 1000 that are able to give \$ 1.00 (or more) per month or ALPINE would never have become a reality. In faith we thank you!

**NEW NAMES** - Would you become a 'missionary' for us? If each of you (almost 300 representing about \$ 500.00) would get permission to send in one name with your payment for our mailing list - pronto! we'd be there.

**DEDICATION** - All day Saturday, September 14th, 1957 has been set aside for the great festivities that is geared for the entire family. Watch for more details.

the "ALPINE" Board