

Harvest Festival

OCTOBER 4-11



What Would You Give to Jesus?

No gift is too small in the eyes of the Lord when it is the gift of a generous heart, when the contributor gives what he can. Jesus took a few loaves and a few fishes and fed a multitude. It was all that a small boy had to give; that made the difference.

This is the way a Harvest Festival offering is given—whatever can be spared by a generous heart. Harvest Festival is a collection of these offerings to be used in feeding hungry boys and girls at Hillcrest Children's Home and in the kitchen of Bethany Retirement Home. Your pastor will be glad to give you full details. (If you live in the south-eastern region, your offering will go to Bethany Retirement Home; the south-central region will donate to Hillcrest Children's Home; and other regions will contribute cash for wholesale buying to Harvest Festival, % Department of Benevolences.)

Make the Harvest Festival week of October 4-11, 1964 your week of sharing whatever you have with the Lord's blessing!

A Visit to Valley Forge

Johnnie Barnes Reports on Sixth Boy Scout Jamboree

HISTORIC VALLEY FORGE PARK IS PICTURESQUELY situated amid rolling, wooded hills and deep valleys along the Schuylkill River and Valley Creek in Pennsylvania. Here on this hallowed area General Washington's tiny continental army camped and suffered through the bitter winter of 1777-78. Almost overnight this beautiful Pennsylvania countryside became dotted with 30,000 tents to accommodate 52,800 Boy Scouts and leaders attending the Sixth National Boy Scout Jamboree.

My first impression upon entering this 1,900-acre encampment was the tremendous amount of preparation needed to provide water, transportation, equipment, food and other essentials. Food consumption alone was expected to include: 1.1 million cans, jars, and packages of foodstuffs; 600,000 quarts of milk; 25,000 quarts of ice cream; a 22-mile string of frankfurters; 75,000 chicken drumsticks; and 25,000 pounds of steak.

This reminded me that I had preparations to make also. I made my way to the Chaplains' HQD tent where I was assigned the duty of Deputy Protestant Chaplain General. My responsibility was to assist in the supervision of Protestant Chaplains in each of the 31 sections of the Jamboree. Arrangements also were to be made to minister to the spiritual need of each boy. This included daily devotions in each section, religious services on Sunday,

visitation for sick boys, and counseling sessions for boys with problems. A New Testament and a special issue of the Sermon on the Mount were made available to each boy.

The opening rally, which included a pageant of American history, was quite impressive. It began with the landing of Chief Scout Joseph Brunton, Jr., and B.S.A. President Thomas Watson, Jr., on the stage of the arena in a helicopter. Among the outstanding participants was Lady Baden-Powell, the widow of the founder of the Scouting movement. The rally concluded with a giant fireworks display.

During the Jamboree we enjoyed a very interesting chat with Lady Baden-Powell. Once during our chat she looked wistfully across the encampment and said, "As long as we can teach our youth to live by the right principles, there is still hope for our world."

On Sunday there were 15 different religious services conducted by various religious groups. The largest of these was the united Protestant service conducted in the Jamboree arena with an attendance of approximately 30,000. The main speaker was Robert Meneilly, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village, Kansas. He delivered a practical hard-hitting sermon on the subject, "Believe and Behave."

Each day became filled with important



Al Iverson, Director of Protestant Relations, introduces Johnnie Barnes (center) to Chief Scout Joseph Brunton, Jr., at Valley Forge.