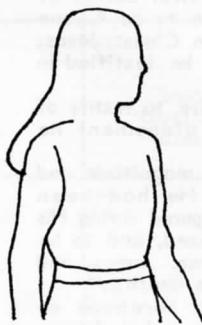
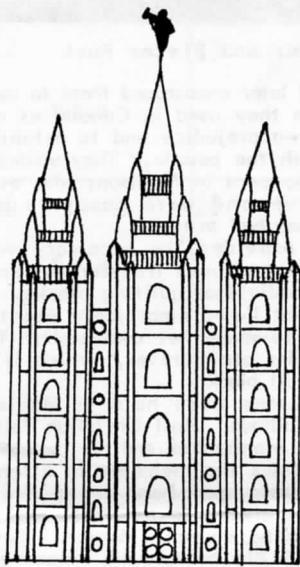


GENERAL CONFERENCE



CELEBRATION of SISTERHOOD

by Linda Campora
Stake Relief Society President

"We have given a lot of tribute and honor to the women of the past, but we feel women of today are magnificent and they need to be recognized," said Barbara Smith, General Relief Society President.

A series of events, sponsored jointly by the Primary, Young Women, and Relief Society, took place during March throughout the Church worldwide to honor Latter-Day Saint women, featuring outstanding talents and accomplishments.

The Tallahassee Stake Relief Society is hosting an Honors Banquet on March 27 with the theme "Celebration of Sisterhood," and will honor young women 12-18 who have achieved the highest award in the Personal Progress Program and local women who live and serve in the community in the Tallahassee Stake. The program will include a video cassette called "Women of the Kingdom," highlighting outstanding women of the past, pioneering medicine, music, and the first woman in the United States to vote, Sarah Young, grand-niece of Brigham Young.

The highlight of the activities will be a Women's Meeting following the banquet. This will be held in Temple Square, presided over by President Kimball, and broadcast via satellite in order for the proceedings to be viewed live. This will be viewed in the Stake Center chapel at 8:00 p.m.

The Relief Society also celebrated the 140th anniversary of its founding with the public opening of the Sarah M. Kimball home on March 11 in Nauvoo, Illinois. This home was the place where a group of women met March 11, 1842 to organize a ladies' society to further the work of the Church.

The purpose of the "Celebration of Sisterhood" is to strengthen our Latter-Day Saint women. In spotlighting women of the past and present, it is hoped all women will build within themselves a great sense of pride in their heritage and in the accomplishments on women today. A woman's opportunities for growth are limitless. The responsibility of achieving growth is our own.

Elaine Cannon, General President of the Young Women, said, "Perhaps one of the good things to come out of the women's rights movement has been the intellectual awakening that has come to women themselves. This awakening has been an excuse to consider what it means to be human as well as be female. For a woman to consider blessings and responsibilities, realities and unchangeables, frameworks and possibilities, is to open a door to fuller living."

The Tallahassee Florida Stake will be blessed to receive a full schedule of General Conference broadcasts on April 3 and 4. There will be audio and visual reception, direct from satellite, in Tallahassee and Valdosta only. The satellite receiving equipment will be rented from President Dan Brough's company, Total Video Systems, of Bainbridge, Georgia. Large 4'x4' screens will aid congregation viewing. It is anticipated that there will be no local commercial television coverage of any kind for this conference.

The schedule is as follows:

Saturday, April 3

9:00 am Welfare Service Committee
12:00 pm General Session
4:00 pm General Session
9:00 pm Priesthood Session

Sunday, April 4

12:00 pm General Session
4:00 pm General Session

All priesthood holders, ages 12 and older, are especially encouraged to attend the 9:00 pm session on Saturday.

There will not be any Sacrament Meetings throughout the Stake on Sunday, April 4. All Saints attending these broadcasts are reminded that they will be sitting in the chapel and should observe the dress standards and remain reverent.

This General Conference will be a special opportunity to receive the counsel of the Lord through His Prophet, counselors, the Twelve Apostles, and members of the First Quorum of the Seventy. This will be especially enjoyable in the company of the Saints in the House of the Lord.



Stake Presidency Message

by Charles H. Madsen, Jr.
First Counselor

The apostle Paul, in a letter written to Timothy, a long-time companion in the ministry and first bishop of the church in Ephesus, declared there to be "...one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time." (I Tim. 2:15)

We, as your Stake Presidency, desire to testify of Christ Jesus and the reality of the atonement he wrought in our behalf.

The Lord, in anticipation of the magnitude and bitterness of the task for which He had been foreordained and for which He had prepared during His earthly sojourn "...began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy; and saith unto them (Peter, James, and John), 'My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death...'" At the brink of an experience which forebode an incomprehensible amount of pain, anguish, and darkness, He, who knew no sin, nor had ever tasted its gall, implored, "Father,...take away this cup from me!" We declare that he did not shrink from His appointed mission and in that small garden, known as Gethsemane, atoned for the sins of all mankind.

We further testify that after having been cruelly scourged and crucified, the Saviour completed His perfect work, bearing the burden of Gethsemane once again upon the cross. The despair of His solitude during those awful moments is evidenced by His pitiful cry, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Mark 15:34), thus indicating that though he faced the task without the presence and sustaining power of the Father, He shrank not from His duty and completed His work alone. Having concluded His preparations unto the children of men, the great God of Abraham, Isaac, and Moses, declared, "It is finished," and voluntarily died of a broken heart.

Three days later, in a garden tomb, He gloriously defeated the grave through the sacrifice of the resurrection. The angels declared the glorious news, "He is not here, but is risen..." (Luke 24:6)

Brothers and sisters, let us render due benevolence to He who made possible our immortality and eternal life by offering up our sacrifice of a broken heart and contrite spirit. We testify that He who bled on Calvary is the very Living God, Jesus Christ, who guides and directs this church today, in His Holy name. Amen.

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Quilting A World Together

Missionary work has played an important role in the lives of Elder Paul Hunt and Sister Irma Hunt.

Elder Hunt, as a young man, served a mission from July 7, 1930 to March 3, 1933 in the Central States Mission with headquarters in Independence, Missouri. They have three sons and one daughter. The sons have all filled two-year missions.

The Hunts were called on a mission and served for 18 months from November 1976 to June 1978 in the Canada Winnipeg Mission. It was there that they introduced the hand-painted quilting program.

In 1980, Elder and Sister Hunt again accepted a mission call, this time to the Florida Tallahassee Mission. President Curtis assigned them to labor in the



Elder and Sister Hunt

Madison area and later encouraged them to use the same quilting program they used in Canada as a missionary tool to break down prejudice and to establish friendly relationships with the people. They visited the editors of the two newspapers in Madison, who were friendly and cooperative and were happy to publish any announcements they had to make.

The Hunts provided the necessary materials for making the quilts and used transfer patterns to make designs on the individual quilting blocks. Each class member then used liquid embroidery paints to color enough squares to make her own quilt. The quilting theme was "Families are Forever," which is painted on the centermost quilt block.

Quilting classes were held in Madison, Perry, Monticello, and Quitman. Most Christian faiths in each community were represented, and non-members numbered as much as ten times the members in attendance. The quilting classes were opened and closed with prayer, and a spiritual thought given which ties in with the theme that families can be eternal. Mormon Tabernacle Choir music was played in the background. Many people were so excited about the classes that they arrived early and stayed late, and even offered to pay the Hunts for their service. Some of the members of the other churches took patterns to begin a quilting class with other members of their own congregation.

Sister Hunt mentioned the feelings of Jule Walker, a member of a Baptist Church in the Madison area: "Every church was represented in the quilting classes. The pillars of the Baptist Church attended. The Lord doesn't expect us to be a little group here and there; He expects us to be one. You people are the only ones who have brought all these churches together, to work together and have fun together. This is what the Lord expects us to do, to be all together. You are the only people who have brought all of Madison to one church house."

In the Quitman area, a Mr. Hunter said that the quilting project had given his wife something special to work with and that she had attained a better self image.

Tallahassee Mission President, Joseph F. Horne, and his counselor, Dale Dransfield, were instrumental in extending the program to Monticello, Quitman, and Perry by giving both moral and financial support. Elders Harlan and Mohr, who are stationed in Perry, worked closely with the Hunts in the painting classes and the quilting in that area. In Quitman, Elder and Sister Hartman, a missionary couple working in the Branch, are assisting the Hunts in the quilting program in that area. The Hartmans have had much of the responsibility of the proselyting and follow-up given to them. Likewise, Sisters Gillen and King in Madison have delivered Books of Mormon and taught discussions to the non-members who attended the classes.

From the Hunts dedicated efforts, more than 150 copies of the Book of Mormon have been or will be placed in the homes of class members who are not members of the Church and have expressed a desire to have one. Many people are being taught the discussions. The Church image has greatly improved in these areas, thanks to the Hunts.

Stake Conference Summary

by Dianne Hale

"The greatest and grandest duty of all is to labor for the dead." (Joseph Fielding Smith). Genealogy was the theme of the Stake Conference Saturday session. The importance and the great blessings of genealogy and of the temple were stressed during the two-hour session.

The meeting was opened by the David Schrader family. The conference attendees were treated to two inspiring songs concerning the eternal nature of families.

The first speaker, President Robert Millet, explained that the priesthood was, indeed, revealed by the hands of Elijah. Elijah ushered in the dispensation of the fullness of times when he appeared to Joseph Smith at the Kirtland Temple in Ohio. Elijah was the last prophet to hold the keys to administer in all ordinances. The keys of the priesthood were bestowed upon Joseph Smith that we might have the fullness of the Melchizedek Priesthood and one day become kings and queens; heirs to Celestial glory. President Millet stressed that the fullness could not be received outside the temple.

Four members of the stake then expressed their feelings on the temple and genealogy work. Sister Sandy Taylor spoke of the many blessings families receive by a visit to the temple. Brother Gil Paige talked of the great love and respect he felt for his ancestors. He shared some inspiring stories of the struggles his Jewish ancestors encountered. A beautiful story was shared by Sister Mae Dollar illustrating why we love our ancestors. She told of the great love she felt for her grandmother and of how special she still is to her. Finally, Brother Richard Anderson gave an informative talk on family organization. He explained that through gathering family members into an organization to work together to research ancestry, genealogy work will be accomplished more effectively.

The final speaker for the Saturday session was our visiting General Authority, Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin, a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy. Elder Wirthlin first stated the three major goals of the church, as revealed by President Spencer W. Kimball: 1) Missionary work- sharing the gospel; 2) Genealogy - redeeming the dead; 3) Perfecting the saints.

Elder Wirthlin expressed the importance of working toward all three goals and stressed genealogy work. Elder Wirthlin stated, "We have the fullness, the authority, the keys of the kingdom." He stressed the importance of temple work as he proudly announced that by 1984, 37 temples will be in operation.

"I Am a Child of God," sung by the Primary chorus, sounded throughout the chapel at the beginning of the Sunday morning conference session. The primary chorus, directed by Sister Settles, provided a perfect start to an inspiring and informative meeting.

After a unanimous sustaining of the Church leaders, conducted by President Robert Millet, Stake President Richard Chapple emphasized the importance of perspective in our lives. He pointed out the tendency to focus too much "on the moment." When perspective is lost, it is so easy to forget who we are. President Chapple presented some helpful remedies to keep perspective: 1) Gain an appreciation of our ancestors; 2) Remember our feelings and commitment at baptism; 3) Reflect on the temple - remember those feelings and desires; 4) Pray better and gain an appreciation that we do have a loving Heavenly Father who has provided a way for us to return to Him; 5) Remember and reflect upon an answered prayer - remember what it is like to be taught with the Spirit; 6) Obtain, read, and reread our Patriarchal Blessing; and, 7) read and appreciate the scriptures.

In closing, President Chapple said that contact with the Lord on a daily basis will make us better people.

Brother Marty Gurus spoke on how he was preparing for a mission by loving the Lord. He emphasized planning and stressed the importance of preparation. Preparation is learning and trying to live the gospel. Preparing for a mission is preparing for life.

Sister Debbie Fordham talked on the topic of testimony. She quoted from Psalms 119, "Blessed are they that seek a testimony." Fasting, studying the

scriptures, service for others, prayer, and temple work are all ways of strengthening one's testimony. The stronger one's testimony, the greater strength one has against temptation.

Brother Curtis Sanders, a newly baptized member, shared what joining the church has meant to him by bearing his testimony.

An enthusiastic talk was given by President Charles Madsen on preparation time. President Madsen asked: "Wouldn't it be interesting to put ourselves on a spiritual stress test?" Just as our bodies can't function without proper food and preparation, neither can our spirits. He illustrated the importance of preparation through the parable of the ten virgins. Preparation doesn't come in a vision, but comes slowly, deliberately, day by day, moment by moment, drop by drop. Just as the lamps of the five wise virgins who had prepared for the return of the bridegroom were filled, we too can fill our lamps drop by drop if we live righteously. Sin knocks a hole in our lamp. He pointed out that change does not matter. Real progress, spiritual progress, is important. Ignorance and sin keep us from our progress.

President Joseph Horne, president of the Florida Tallahassee Mission, spoke next on saving the living. He first asked the full-time missionaries, all 34 of them, to stand. Then he asked all converts to the church to stand; the majority of those in the chapel stood. President Horne stressed that the greatest gift was the gift of the gospel of Jesus Christ. He closed with a quote from D&C 80, "Behold, I send you out to testify."

Testimonies were then given by Bishop Stanley McWhorter and Sister Wirthlin. Sister Wirthlin, a mother of eight and grandmother of 30, read a letter written by her great-grandmother to her great-grandfather about the Prophet Joseph Smith. She expressed sincere gratitude that her ancestors had passed along their testimony of this great prophet to her family.

The final speaker was Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin. He began by commanding the children of the stake. He expressed his hope that we would always remember Jesus Christ and our Heavenly Father. Elder Wirthlin read a quote from a California minister who was looking at the reasons for the tremendous growth of the Mormon Church. The minister pointed out: 1) The genuine love and concern showed by the Mormons as illustrated in the taking care of their people; 2) The visiting teaching and home teaching programs which no other church has; 3) The programs that Mormons provide for their young people; 4) That Mormons believe in divine revelation. He next quoted a Catholic cardinal who, amazed at the progress of the Church, commented to one of the apostles that he admired two things the church had: tithing and the missionary system. When asked why the Catholic Church didn't have them, the Cardinal replied, "Our people will not pay tithes or do missionary work."

Elder Wirthlin then admonished us to know the Prophet better and to strengthen our testimonies through this. It pays for us to teach and preach the gospel and to be good examples. "The influence of the gospel will dispel the darkness in our lives and cast light into the lives of others." Performance is what counts, and to do less than our best is to be dishonest. The key, Elder Wirthlin expressed, is to live outside ourselves...to love one another.

To illustrate that we can become perfect in many ways, Elder Wirthlin cited an example of a branch in the Caribbean that had a record of 100% on home teaching, visiting teaching, tithing, and attendance! He stressed the importance of family home evening, scripture study, tithing, attendance of meetings, and loving one's spouse and children. In closing, Elder Wirthlin expressed a hope that the Savior would exclaim when we meet again, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."



Young Women

Any young women, 16 years of age, desiring to be presented at the Gold and Green Ball, should contact Sister Green at (904) 893-3043 immediately.

MARRIED'S CONFERENCE SUMMARY

Together Forever

by Patty Shaffer

As couples and families, you may ask: What kind of dominion should exist in our homes? How can I stay out of debt and what kind of insurance do I need for my family? What specific things am I responsible for as a member of the Church? These questions were answered at the Tallahassee Florida Stake's 4th Annual Married's Seminar in February. The seminar was for marrieds and adults over 18, which encompasses a large portion of the members in our stake.

The seminar opened with welcoming remarks from President Chapple. He stated many positive aspects of participating in such a seminar.

The first speaker was President Robert Millet, who spoke on self deception. President Millet stated that "we are not guided or pushed by processes beyond our control." The control that we have is our free agency. President Millet said "if you take away a man's agency, you take away his manness or humanness." We need to take responsibility for our actions, to think twice before we speak and three times before we act. You have heard that patience is a virtue; can you have patience with yourself? In the realm of self deception, we must learn the difference between the whisperings of the spirit and that of the adversary. All of us should sit down and contemplate how far we have really come. Sometimes, we expect everything to happen all at once. President Millet, in his closing remarks, stated that there are no instant Christians, that it's based on a process of time.

One class, taught by Brother Jack Hall, covered the possibilities of budgeting and investing your money. His main emphasis was on our responsibility for our family's security and protection. Bro. Hall said it is not wise to not have insurance. We need health, home, and life insurance. Many people say that they can't afford insurance, but in reality you can't afford not to have it. As members of the church, Brother Hall listed six categories of investment that we should have:

- Final Expense (burial, medical, outstanding bills)
- Family Income
- Education
- Emergency Fund
- Mortgage
- Retirement

All of these categories require a certain amount of sacrifice.

Another class, on the work of the ministry in our homes, was taught by President Richard Chapple. He spoke on the three goals of the church: first, to proclaim the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people; second, to perfect the saints; third, to redeem the dead, which can be done through our efforts in genealogy. In closing, President Chapple mentioned that we should teach our families to live the gospel in the home, strengthen family relationships, and participate in family activities and traditions. To emphasize his point he quoted President Kimball's saying, "DO IT!"

The third class, taught by President and Sister Whitley, was on righteous dominion. Humility was emphasized as the key to achieving righteous dominion. We can become happier people if we apply the righteous principles taught in the class to our lives.

I believe that we all came away from these classes with a better perspective of how we as individuals and families have responsibility over our own lives.

The closing speakers were Sister Linda Campora on the subject of Human Intimacy, and President Charles Madsen on Ages and Stages. Both President Madsen and Sister Campora spoke on special topics that have a great effect on us as individuals and families. Sister Campora sensitively covered the topic of Human Intimacy. President Madsen drew on his knowledge of the subject

and discussed the stages of development we all experience in a lifetime.

President Chapple closed the activities with comments expressing the uniqueness and importance of each and every one of the members of the Church and the great responsibilities that we have.

I would like to end this article with a little quote that I once heard in one of President Millet's Institute classes: "Feet are made to move forward." Let's all move forward, and "lengthen our stride" as President Kimball suggests. If we only take one step forward, it is a step towards progression and perfection.

Single Adults

by Toby Nixon
Stake Young Adult Chairman

There are many fine activities scheduled for Single Adults in the next few weeks. These include:

Fireside - 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the Institute in Tallahassee. Sister Renee Anderson, of the Tallahassee 1st Ward, will address us on "Spiritual Strength in the Community". Sister Anderson is quite experienced in community work, and her presentation should be interesting, exciting, and motivating. All members of the stake (married and single) are invited.

Single Adult Spectacular - April 23-25, 1982, at the Tallahassee Hilton. Details below.

Movie Night - 7:30 p.m., Friday, May 14, at the Institute. The film to be shown will be announced shortly. A small donation may be asked to offset the cost of film rental and refreshments.

Fireside - 7:30 p.m., Sunday, May 30, at the Institute.

Details on any of these activities may be obtained by calling Bro. Nixon at (904) 386-8391.

A Spectacular Spectacular Planned!

Posters and registrations materials for the Eighth Annual Single Adult Spectacular "Mormons in a Modern World" have been sent to all members in the Tallahassee Region through their bishops and branch presidents. Registration forms should be returned before March 28. Registration for the conference and all activities is \$6.00; meals (for those eating at the Hilton) are \$21.00; two nights at the Hilton sharing room with three others is \$22.00 - a total of only \$49.00. There is a \$4.00 additional charge for late registration, and rooms and meals may not be available for those registering late.

The Spectacular will include a Tropical Poolside Dance on Friday night. Dress is casual, and Hawaiian dress is most appropriate. Icebreaking activities will include Hula lessons, and all those attending will be adorned with a lei.

The seminar sessions on Saturday morning will be given by President Madsen and Millet (Living Your Religion in the Modern World), President and Sister Horne of the Florida Tallahassee Mission (Missionary Work in the Modern World), and Sister Renee Anderson (A Woman's Role in the Modern World). General addresses will be given by President Chapple, and other prominent speakers to be announced.

The Saturday night semi-formal dance will be held in the Hilton ballroom (as will all meals and general sessions). Music will be provided by FM-99, who will be giving away records and T-shirts to those attending.

Sunday meetings will include Relief Society (Sister Mildred Barlow, Quitman Branch, speaking), Priesthood (Bro. Max Sweat of the High Council speaking), and a two-hour testimony meeting (President Millet will speak on "What is a Testimony").

It should be a fun and exciting conference, and all singles in the stake are encouraged to attend and welcome our friends from other stakes.

Youth Conference

The Tallahassee Stake youth were greeted in a beautiful Southern mansion for our 1982 Youth Conference. The mansion was the masterpiece of Nell Tucker and Linda Hall. Due to its unique beauty, the mansion will be used again for our Stake Gold and Green Ball.

Our Youth Conference began with a formal ball where our young ladies were presented to the young men. Saturday morning we had two exceptional workshops, one on temple marriage by Shauna Millet, and the other on creative dating by John and Susan Tanner. We proceeded to the State Capitol for a hoagie lunch and a wonderful explanation of the legislative process by Jimmy Helms. Our youth were then divided into groups and given vocational experience in one of the following fields: Computers, by Dave Schrader; Braille, by Cynthia Baird; Telephone, by Maylon McCreless; Silk-screening, by Larry Brock; Printing, by Joe Durrance; and Paramedics. Our conference ended with dinner in the mansion, and a testimony meeting set off on a special note by our Stake Presidency.



On June 11, there will be a Cultural Arts Festival at the Stake Center. All those who would like to perform or display their artwork are invited to contact Gil Paige, who is the Cultural Arts Specialist in charge of the evening. There will be judges who will award certificates to those performances and exhibits of merit. A time will be announced and unit leaders will be receiving detailed instruction in the near future.

Missionary Releases

Welcome Home to our recently returned missionaries. We're glad to have you back in our midst.

Elder Rodney Carey (Talla. Student W.)
- California Oakland Mission
Elder Danny Watson (Thomasville)
- Chile Osorno Mission
Elder Bob Gomia (Monticello)
- California Anaheim Spanish



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

From the April 1981 General Conference

Elder James Faust: "The dignity of self is greatly enhanced by looking upward in search of holiness."

Elder Boyd Packer: "Little children do not understand the selfish yearning of unhappy adults."

Elder Marvin Ashton: "Where we serve there will be our love."

Elder Loren Dunn: "Faith is the ability to live the laws of God that control the blessings we are in need of. Faith is the ability to allow ourselves to be guided by the priesthood."

President Ezra Taft Benson: "Great fathers lead their children to Christ."

Elder David Haight: "Live so your memories can bless the full length of life."

"Success depends upon previous experience."

Elder Teddy Brewerton: "If we do not obey, the power to obey disappears."

President Spencer W. Kimball: "If this were not the Lord's work, the adversary would not pay any attention to us."

APALACHICOLA

Sister

Thurza Adkisson



The Apalachicola Branch celebrated the birthday of Sister Thurza Adkisson with a surprise party on the evening of January 22, 1982. Approximately 60 well-wishers from Apalachicola, Port St. Joe, and throughout the stake were in attendance.

How old is Sister Adkisson? A little hint: when she was born, Britannia ruled the waves and Queen Victoria ruled Britannia. Lorenzo Snow was prophet. Sister Adkisson is 97!

She was born on a farm on the western bank of the Ochlockonee River in Liberty County. There, the family raised everything they ate, including rice, except for flour which was purchased. When she was about fifteen years old, two young men traveling through the countryside visited the family farm. Her father never refused food and lodging to travelers, and the two young men, "walking Elders," were made welcome.

The elders taught the gospel to the family, and Sister Adkisson's mother stated her desire to be baptized. On the night prior to her mother's baptism, Sister Adkisson slipped away from the house, and knelt in prayer under a live oak tree. She inquired of the Lord concerning what the elders had taught.

On the following morning, January 19, 1900, Sister Adkisson was baptized. She feels that baptism is an appropriate way to commence a new century but does not recommend that investigators wait for such an occasion.

Sister Adkisson was married on November 12, 1912, to James Albert Adkisson. They moved to Apalachicola in 1919.

The Adkissons had three children: Martha Teola Melvin (deceased), Tura Lee Buzzett (Apalachicola), and Albert Hershell Adkisson (Beaumont, Texas).

Sister Adkisson lost her mate in 1931. She cut hair for twenty cents and made dresses from scratch for \$1.50 in order to pay off the mortgage. She insisted that her children finish high school with honors, which they did.

Her prescription for raising children? Teach them three things: obedience, church attendance, and tithing. Out of every dime, a penny must go to the Lord.

Sister Adkisson holds a current temple recommend, and visited the Salt Lake Temple last April.

She has been a mainstay in the Branch since her arrival in Apalachicola, and continues to be a source of steadfast inspiration. Those who know her also enjoy Sister Adkisson's sense of humor.

Happy Birthday!

CAIRO

"And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you that this poor widow hath cast more in than all they which have cast into the treasury:

"For all they did cast in of their abundance, but she of her want did cast in all that she had..." (Mark 12:43)

This scripture so aptly describes the commitment of the members of the Cairo Branch. They have met 75% of their building fund goal of \$10,000 through donations. President Brock related a story of one couple who have six small children and live in a modest home. Their donation to the fund was \$2,000. This family exemplifies the spirit of the Cairo saints.

The members now hope to raise the remaining \$2,500 through fund-raising projects. Currently they are selling compost and hoping that all those who need it for their gardens will support their efforts. Let us all help and support our fellow saints in their efforts to build a new chapel.

TALLAHASSEE I

The Blazer and Merrie Miss B class had a bake sale on March 6 at the K-Mart on North Monroe Street. Their profits totalled over \$40, and the funds will be used to help with their activity day expenses. A special thanks to those ward members who supported them.

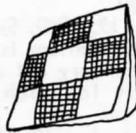
Activity Day is held quarterly with the intent of giving the children present the opportunity to meet together and have fun. The first activity day for 1982 was on March 10, and the activities were planned by the teachers for each group.

Brenda Martin and Susie Gillis, both 12 years old, advanced recently from Primary to the Young Women's organization.

A special program planned to coincide with the stake-wide "Celebration of Sisterhood" was presented at our Relief Society Birthday Party on March 17. This program was coordinated with the church-wide "Tribute to Women" program.

We will no longer provide a nursery for Homemaking evening.

We have several new babies: Tara Ashley, daughter of Perry and Sherri Dove, February 5; Desyree Chanelle, daughter of Richmon and Mary Ann Jones, February 24; Cheston Brian, son of Brian and Cindi Allen, February 20.



QUITMAN

On January 6, the Quitman Branch began a quilting class presented by a missionary couple in Madison, Elder and Sister Hunt. Each sister began by hand painting enough stamped blocks to make her quilt. Attendance totalled 23 in the beginning, but the number quickly rose as the word got around. Quilting classes are now being held three times a week in order to finish before the Hunts return home to Idaho in April. On April 9, a pot-luck supper will be held to show off all the beautiful quilts. The association the sisters enjoyed with one another will long be remembered, especially during the winter!

Opportunities for fellowship occur each month in Quitman as the Branch has a birthday party honoring all those who have a birthday during that month.

The Quitman branch recently organized a Scout Troop consisting of two member boys and four non-member boys.

Everyone is appreciative of the special spirit present and the progress achieved under President Lincoln Barlow's leadership.

CRAWFORDVILLE



Hello from Crawfordville, the branch with a mission. And what is our mission? To baptize, to be sure, but also to spread love throughout our branch and its area. Indeed, we are building strong Saints. Just three years ago, there was no branch here. Now we have the strength of many good brothers and sisters, and a place for our meetings. Our main focus is to build a chapel, expand our membership, and touch the hearts of all people within the surrounding area.

Reaching out to others can be fun as our recent 50's dance and Bazaar and Fish Fry were. Whenever we have activities, everyone is invited to attend. Come down and partake of the fellowship and help the building up of the Crawfordville Saints.



TALLAHASSEE II

Tallahassee II Ward Primary is starting a personal history project. Most of the children have already filled out family group sheets and family trees going back to their great-grandparents. Now they are working on an eight-page booklet that will make a detailed personal history of childhood from birth through Primary graduation. The children are busy finding the answers to questions like, What was the weather like on the day I was born?, What kind of birthday parties did I have?, and What were my favorite TV shows?

Reaction from the children seems to be positive:
Bisi Akunyade: "I learned you need to keep your records so your grandkids will know what you did."

Karlyn Paige: "I like to find out a little bit more about the people that lived before me."

After the personal histories are completed, they will be presented to Bishop Williams. This experience should help the Primary children develop a lifetime habit of journal keeping.

PERRY

The Perry Branch Young Women had a Valentine's Day dinner/party with their parents and friends. Sister Betty Murray, Young Women's President, and Sister Carol Williams, Young Women's Advisor, cooked the delicious dinner of chicken and rice, green beans, potato salad, and for dessert, apple pie and ice cream.

Sister Debra Moss entertained at the piano and sang before the dinner. Afterwards, Sister Moss sang a duet with her husband. Then, the surprise of the evening, Brother Dennis Register performed a dance which was... very interesting. The missionaries, Elder Mohr and Elder Harlan, along with Brother Register, sang their rendition of "Sixteen Tons." A fun time was had by all.



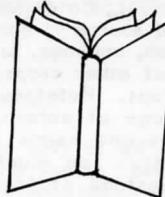
STUDENT WARD

The Tallahassee Student Ward's annual auction will be held on Friday, March 26, at the Cultural Hall in Tallahassee. Members of the ward have contributed many items and services, and Bro. Charles Gregory of the Tallahassee 1st Ward will auction them to those attending.

Preceding the auction will be a Mexican dinner. The menu includes appetizer, tacos, burritos, enchilada casserole, dessert, and beverage. The cost is only \$3.00 per person (children under 14 half price). All members of the stake are invited to the dinner, and to the auction following.

The Student Ward has also scheduled its annual Ward Picnic and Easter Egg Hunt for April 10, 1982, at Lake Hall (MacLay Gardens). During the week before, members have egg decorating parties. The ward activities committee takes charge of hiding the eggs, and all members, young and old alike, hunt them out. A pot-luck picnic lunch will be followed by many fun games and activities.

BOOK REVIEW



by President Robert L. Millet

Victor L. Brown, Jr. Human Intimacy: Illusion and Reality. Salt Lake City: Parliament Press, 1981.

Victor Brown, Jr., Area Director of LDS Social Services in Northern California, has produced a major work which I consider to be one of the most important publications in many years. Having been given a special charge from President Kimball to study human intimacy and aberrant (or deviant) sexual disorders, Brother Brown brings an unusually strong background (over eight years of research) to the task of discussing a delicate subject.

Vic Brown sets out to show the effects of modern philosophies upon our understanding of human relationships, and establishes a convincing argument that far too often persons deal in illusions and not reality: fragments of human beings rather than whole personalities; stereotypes rather than roles; and sexual exploitation rather than relationship skills. This book, though particularly relevant to Latter-day Saint families, is written in such a way as to have deep meaning for people of all faiths and denominations of good will. It emphasizes the place of time-honored values and standards in human relationships, and utilizes research from a number of disciplines in demonstrating empirically what we have known spiritually (in the matter of human intimacy) for a century. Intimacy exists when constructive relationships are built, not when sexual intercourse alone is involved. "Cohabitation" is the result of living together without true intimacy, not alone through living together without marriage.

In my mind, perhaps his greatest contribution is a penetrating discussion of the emotional damage that has been perpetuated through the "macho male" or "cute female" stereotypes. Too many young men have struggled under the crippling yoke of misinformed fathers who feel that their boys must be hard or harsh or firm (unnaturally) or stoic. Too many young women submit (unnaturally) to a stereotype of ignorance and unreal simplicity, with no desire for betterment or personal improvement in education or training. Suggestions are given by the author as to how these illusory stereotypes may be avoided, and also how readers may become involved in the realities of building relationships.

This work was sent by the General Welfare Committee to every Bishop and Stake President in the Church as an aid in counseling with members. The book is a critical one, and needs the attention of anyone sincerely interested in building relationships.

New Members

The following new members have been baptized since January 1. We welcome them into our midst:

Apalachicola Branch - Chris Williamson
Crawfordville Branch - Ronald Datson

Moultrie Branch - Thelma Palms

Quincy Ward - Richard Chambers, Florence Robinson, Henry Robinson, Robert Smith, Queenie Smith, Kenneth Sanders, Linda Sanders, Carolyn Lifherd, Curtis Sanders, James Barnett

Tallahassee 1st Ward - Aldene Burton, Steven Bess, Cathy Folson, Carilee Spilling

Tallahassee 2nd Ward - Danny Bishop

Tallahassee Student Ward - Cheryl Castle, Theresa Cubberly, Tangela Thompson

Thomasville Ward - Earney Bloodsworth, Betty Edwards

Valdosta Ward - Donald Whilden, Andrew Fox, Michael Fox, Nancy Fox, James Fitzpatrick

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Stake Presidency asks that we be more careful to observe Church guidelines in regard to fund-raising publicity. While individual merchandising, part-time work available, and various money-making projects to promote our Church programs are all worthwhile, we need to restrict our publicity to the appropriate media. Quoting from the Church Bulletin, Number 20, February 1982, we read:

"Protecting the Tax-exempt Status of Church Property - The following is a reaffirmation of current policy. Meetinghouses are not to be used for any purposes other than worship, religious training, or programmed activities relating to the Church. ...Meetinghouses may not be used by local units to raise funds by making or selling goods on a regular or ongoing basis, or sponsoring the sale of commercial items.

"Many activities not only have consumer liability, but also have income, sales, use, excise, and property tax implications....

"Fund-raising activities should be held only for persons living within the boundaries of the sponsoring unit, and there should be no advertisement or solicitation to the general public. **Do not post commercial advertisements in meetinghouses.**" (emphasis added)

A commercial advertisement is one that is viewed with regard to profit. Some examples of advertising which are inappropriate for our Church bulletin boards include: babysitting, mail-order sales, business cards, garage sales, vacation house rentals, food storage items, chapel fund-raising projects, Church News subscriptions, Marriott Hotel rates, Aspen Grove vacations, and similar items.

The Stake Presidency suggests that the Stake News be used as an appropriate substitute for advertising. There are special ads with artwork and individual blocks. Also, for less money, there are newspaper-style classified ads. Funds raised through advertising are used to defer the cost of printing and mailing the Stake News.

Our advertising coordinator would be happy to assist you in your advertising. Sister Sue Morgan can be reached at 3562 Seasons Lane, Tallahassee, Florida, 32304, (904) 575-4948. Please call her with your questions, suggestions, or patronage. We are grateful the Stake Presidency has allowed us to include this service in the Stake News.

Newsletter Staff

HELP WANTED

A Call For Authors

All Latter-day Saints in the Tallahassee Florida Stake are welcome to write for this newsletter. We are especially looking for those who would enjoy reporting on any stake or unit meetings or activities of interest to members throughout our stake. Some of these submissions, with prior approval of the author, may be given to community newspapers. Submissions may be revised at the editor's discretion, but everything possible will be done to maintain the original thought and content of the article by keeping revisions to a minimum.

While this will not be a calling to the Public Communications Committee, we do need your support to make this our stake newsletter. We would like to have a list of people who are interested in writing for future editions of the newsletter. There is no obligation for those who volunteer to be on this list.

Please contact Earl or Joanne Childers at (904) 575-2117 if you would like to participate.

(Note: The illustration of a quill pen and ink bottle is located to the left of the 'HELP WANTED' section.)

Some Gardening Facts



by Mary Anne Helms
Tallahassee Student Ward

All right, folks, it's gardening time! Books have been written concerning the subject of gardening, so how about investing in one! I am far from an expert and am still learning as I go. I hope some of the following may prove helpful and informative, especially for the novice.

First of all, let's begin with planning the location and size of your garden. The basic requirement is a patch of ground that receives at least six hours of sun, has good drainage, and a supply of water. Avoid areas near large trees with wide spreading roots. A garden of 300 square feet (15' x 20') employing conventional rows can provide an adequate supply of food for a family of four. Deep bed methods will allow you to produce more in less space. A deep bed may extend in size from a row 10" wide to a small plot not larger than 5' x 20'. The soil in these beds is loosened to the depth of two spade's lengths. The first spade's length of soil is removed, the subsoil underneath is loosened, and then the "topsoil" is replaced. Once prepared, you never walk on them. With the deep bed method, the plants grow in very loose, deeply dug soil; their roots are able to grow down instead of sideways. Consequently, you can plant closer together and produce more with a given area. This method is good for carrots, beets, lettuce, spinach, other greens, onions, beans, and peas. An excellent reference is The Self-Sufficient Gardener by John Seymour.

You may choose to garden in containers. For example, potatoes may be grown in a trash can. Fill about one sixth of a can with earth. Plant a "seed" potato. Keep adding more soil as the plant grows upward. This building up of soil encourages the formation of more potatoes. When the plant begins to flower, you may harvest your potatoes. (Generally, the middle of February is the best time to plant potatoes, so it's a little too late to try this.)

Once you have decided where you would like to put your garden, it's time to consider how to prepare the soil for planting. Soil preparation includes improving its texture and providing sources of nutrients. The texture of soil is improved by adding organic matter; manures and composts are good sources of organic matter as well as nutrients. Compost, in its simplest form, is a type of artificial manure made up of organic materials such as leaves, grass clippings, left-over food, etc., which has decomposed over a period of time (usually several months). Tilling distributes the organic matter into the soil and may be done in the fall or late winter. When done in the fall, more time is available for the breakdown of organic matter into humus. Tilling can be accomplished with a shovel.

Commercial inorganic fertilizers are a good source of nutrients. The three major nutrients are nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), and potassium (K). When you buy commercial fertilizers, you will find at least three numbers on the label. This is the N-P-K rating and represents the percentage content of these three

constituents. Potassium is also known as potash, and one good source is burned ashes. Leafy vegetables such as spinach, cabbage, or lettuce require more nitrogen than most other crops, so 8-8-8 may be suggested for these crops. Potatoes and root crops require a high percentage of potash, so 5-10-15 may be suggested. Tomatoes and beans require moderate amounts of fertilizer. Too much nitrogen may stimulate plant growth instead of fruit production. You may buy fertilizer by the pound; however, it is cheaper to buy by the 50-pound bag. You can always use it next year. Additional fertilizer may be supplied at the time of planting in bands along each side of the seed furrow in rows three to four inches deep and six inches apart. I apply a band of fertilizer under my seed furrow but at a deeper depth. I use a hand plow to do this, for I can dig a deeper furrow easier with a hand plow than with a hoe.

Now that we can provide some nutrients for these potential crops, let's mention seeds and plants. Certain vegetables are usually started indoors and transplanted to the garden. Examples are peppers, cauliflower, tomatoes, and cabbage. Indoor planting must be started at least six to eight weeks in advance of planting time and requires techniques which I haven't tried. I still buy my tomatoes and pepper plants. Many seeds can be sown directly in the garden. Consult planting guides for distance between seeds or plants, depth of planting, distance between rows, and time of planting. These planting guides are often available free at your garden center or such places as the County Agricultural Extension Agency in Tallahassee which provides a wide range of free information already paid for by your tax money. Seeds may be bought in packets supplied by commercial companies. Local garden centers also sell generic seed in bulk or packets generally at a slightly lower cost. Left-over seed may be used for the next planting season if stored in a cool, dry place and planted thicker and thinned as required as the plants grow. Rotate crops, especially tomatoes, potatoes, squash, sweet potatoes, turnips, and cabbage, to prevent the build-up of soil-borne disease. Plant corn in short, parallel rows to ensure good pollination.

When it comes to gardening, experience is the best teacher; however, it helps to have some reference source. This source can range from a fact sheet or pamphlet to a book. Oftentimes, the folks at your garden center are willing to offer advice and information. So let's give it a try, even if it's a container of tomatoes or peppers.

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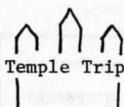
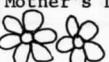
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MAY 1982

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