

## New Stakes Created

The growth of the Church in this area was evidenced by the formation of the new Lake City Florida and Dothan Alabama Stakes and changes in the Panama City Stake (formerly the Marianna Florida Stake). With the Marianna Ward going to the new Dothan Alabama Stake, the name of the Marianna Stake was changed to the Panama City Florida Stake.

Our own Tallahassee Florida Stake was affected by these changes as the Apalachicola Branch was moved to the Panama City Stake. Elder James O. Mason, Regional Representative, presided at a stake conference held in Panama City on March 9 and conducted the business of reorganization. The new Panama City Stake contains the Bonifay, DeFuniak Springs, Liberty, Panama City First and Panama City Second Wards, and the Mexico Beach and Apalachicola Branches.

The creation of the new Lake City Florida Stake also caused a decrease in our ranks as the Valdosta Ward became part of that new stake. Elder Robert E. Wells, counselor in the North America Southeast Area presidency, presided and conducted the business at a stake conference held in Lake City on March 16. The new stake is comprised of units from the Jacksonville West, the Gainesville, and the Tallahassee Stakes and includes the Lake Butler, Lake City First, Lake City Second, Live Oak, Starke, Macclenny, and Valdosta Wards.

## New Temple Policy

In a letter to priesthood leaders dated February 12, 1986, the First Presidency issued the following statement regarding the issuance of a temple recommend to a person married to a spouse who has not been endowed.

A person who is married to an unendowed spouse may receive a recommend when he or she has provided the bishop with written consent of the spouse and both the bishop and the stake president are satisfied through appropriate interviews that the responsibilities assumed with the endowment will not impair marital harmony.

Several individuals in our stake have already taken advantage of this opportunity to go to the temple. Sister Marie King of the Tallahassee Second Ward summarized her experience as "really, really wonderful." She expressed that she gained a much greater understanding of how far-reaching the covenants we make are and finds that "it is a wonderful tool in helping the family to grow spiritually." On a day-to-day level, Sister King says that her attitude has changed, she has found added strength, and doesn't get discouraged as quickly.

Sister King reports that her non-member husband has had a change of attitude as well. He said that he now more fully recognizes how important the Church is to her.

This new temple policy will open the way for many faithful Latter-day Saints to receive the blessings which temple attendance affords.

## BYU's International Folk Dancers To Perform



Stake Cultural Arts Specialist, Linda Hall, announces the performance of the Brigham Young University International Folk Dancers on Monday evening, May 19, 7:30 p.m., at Leon High School in Tallahassee.

LaVona Jenks, former member of the Tallahassee Student Ward, will be performing as a member of the group.

The International Folk Dancers present "an adventure in world folk performance through an authentic array of colorful costumes and flawless formation." Representing more than a dozen countries and their cultural traditions, the Dancers have toured the world for more than 25 years typically performing selections from Eastern and Western Europe, the Orient, Latin America, and the United States. Folk dancing presentations have been given in almost every European country, throughout the Far East, in Israel, and in the United States.

BYU's International Folk Dance program is one of the largest and most successful in the United States. Mary Bee Jensen, an internationally recognized folk dancing expert and a former director, founded the group. Her desire for authenticity in costuming, movement, and music has resulted in the present stature of folk dancing at BYU. When not performing, members of the group are often involved in exchanges with other youth and folklore organizations, thereby gaining an intimate understanding of the people of the world.

Receiving raving reviews all over the world, these young people reflect in their dancing a great enthusiasm for life as well as professionalism, talent, and exuberance.

Tickets will be available in advance in each ward and branch and at the door. They may also be purchased at the Stake Roadshows April 18 & 19. Prices are: \$3.00 adults, \$2.00 students, \$10.00 family.

# Stake Presidency Message



by W. Paul Nicholson  
Second Counselor

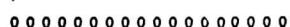
Each year the Christian world celebrates Easter as we have just done. One of the greatest ideas we can have this time of year is that the Savior lives. He is alive, and He is the son of the living God. This is His Church, operating under His instructions and knowledge, guided by His ordained prophet and apostles. His servants have been ordained with His priesthood to build up His kingdom and bless the lives of His saints. They have been commissioned to perform all the ordinances necessary for salvation and exaltation in the Celestial Kingdom.

Very few things that took place 2000 years ago can be proved as conclusively as the death and resurrection of the Savior. The evidence is beyond reproach. It is recorded in Holy Writ, and was witnessed by many. I know of no one who denies that Jesus lived and died. Some deny the resurrection, but none deny the man.

His death and resurrection were the most important events to take place on this beautiful earth that He created under the direction of the Father. Not only was His own resurrection witnessed by many people, but we are also told, "The graves were opened and many bodies of the Saints which slept arose and came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many." (Matt. 27:52-53.) I think it very interesting that this scripture specifies BODIES that arose.

We know that many more people saw the resurrected Christ in the new world. He showed himself to the Nephites, taught them and called apostles to guide and direct His work here on this continent. We also know that 1800 years later He appeared to Joseph Smith in the sacred grove, standing on the right hand of the Father. He came back to restore once again the fullness of His gospel to this earth and see to it that it would never be taken from the earth again. He has been seen by many others since that time. The list goes on.

Christ and our Heavenly Father live today. That is the great message of Easter. Because they live we may live also. That is the heart of the gospel. With this sure knowledge we can go forward with the assurance that if we are faithful, we too can look forward to a glorious resurrection and life eternal in a celestial world where joy, happiness, beauty, knowledge, wisdom, kindness, and love know no bounds.



**Cory Campora** (Tallahassee Third Ward) has been called to serve in the Italy Rome Mission. He will leave in May for the Missionary Training Center.

## New Bishop In Quincy

At the recent Quincy Ward Conference, the members unanimously sustained Kenneth Rudd as the new bishop, making this the third generation of the family to serve in this capacity in Quincy. Rudolph Davis was chosen as first counselor and Noah Barber as second counselor in the bishopric.

Brother Barber, grandfather to the new bishop, served as the first branch president when the Quincy Branch was originally organized in August, 1942. Kenneth Rudd succeeds his uncle, Willard Rudd, who served as bishop for 6 years.

Byron Rudd, father of the new bishop, was sustained as ward clerk replacing his son in this calling. Byron Rudd also served as bishop of the Quincy Ward from February, 1978 to February, 1980.

Bishop Kenneth Rudd is a lifetime member of the Church and works as an electrician in Quincy. He and his wife, Linda, have two sons: Christopher, 7; and Duncan, 4.

The Quincy Ward membership is very excited about the change in leadership and looks forward to serving under the quiet but firm hand of Bishop Rudd.



Seven of those who have served as bishop/branch president in Quincy. L to R: Noah Barber, Marco Clark, Carlos Deason, Paul Nicholson, Byron Rudd, Willard Rudd, and Kenneth Rudd.

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## Genealogy

by Douglas T. Rusmisell  
Assistant Genealogy Librarian

Who has seen fury riding in the mountains?  
Who has known fury striding in the storm?

Thomas Wolfe's fury, as he puts it, was that part of himself which pulled him back to the South, his home. The mountains of North Carolina never released their hold on this noted author. In fact, most of his writings reveal the almost haunting influence they had on his view of the world, and his desperate longing to return.

We live in a highly mobile society, to be sure -- transferring for better jobs, more money, led across this country by circumstances, led to believe that we are self-sufficient and independent. Yet, we cannot escape the love that binds a family together through the years and across the miles. We can no more escape our past, our heritage, than Thomas Wolfe.

Often, we are unable to recognize why certain things (i.e. the twang of a Banjo, rolling hills, or a cool autumn breeze) touch us so deeply. Perhaps it is our own fury calling us home, reminding us of our place in a larger perspective, our family which endures through the generations despite the immediate hurts and trials of its individuals.

It has been said that to be obsessed with the past robs the present, but to be ignorant of the past robs the future.

In genealogy, you are not learning about some unimportant figure in a dusty old parchment, but of yourself. In learning from whence you have come, you can now decide where you must go.

The fury, our past, is not our nemesis, not some undaunted adversary with which we must contend, but our strength to endure each trial, just as the family endures. It is our understanding to see, in all things, some greater good, just as in the family where shortcomings are overlooked. With the heart-felt knowledge that the love of the family will survive, we see the hand of God move through our lives.

## Single Adults

### THAT SPECTACULAR TIME OF YEAR

Yes! It's that time again when LDS Single Adults from all over the Southeast area gather in Tallahassee for fellowship and fun!

On May 2-4, the Annual Multi-Regional Single Adult Spectacular will be held. Registration begins Friday evening in the new Ramada Inn on North Monroe. This year's theme is "Onward and Upward in Pursuit of a Steady Course." The stake Single Adults have planned a fun-filled and uplifting weekend including a casual dance Friday night, workshops Saturday morning, activities and movies Saturday afternoon, and a banquet and semi-formal dance Saturday night. Of course, Sunday morning is Relief Society, Priesthood, and the traditional testimony meeting.

If you're a single adult, be sure to come! For further information contact Robin Alley at (904) 681-6342 or Ken Futch at (904) 878-3554.

## ROADSHOWS

by Linda Hall  
Stake Cultural Arts Specialist

"Love Makes The World Go Around" is the theme for this year's roadshows to be presented Friday and Saturday, April 18 and 19, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

About half of the nine participating wards and branches will present their show on Friday night, with the roadshow scoring the highest to be repeated Saturday night with the remaining shows. Lacy Douglas, Donna Tucker, Blair Clawson, and Suzanne Chapple will fill the difficult role of judges for this year's roadshows, and Ron Stone will serve as sound specialist.

Bring your friends and neighbors to see how many ways "Love Makes The World Go Around"



## Scouting News

Daniel Copelin, 13, will be awarded the rank of Eagle Scout at a court of honor this month. He is the son of Bill and Cheryl Copelin of the Tallahassee Second Ward and the oldest of four children.

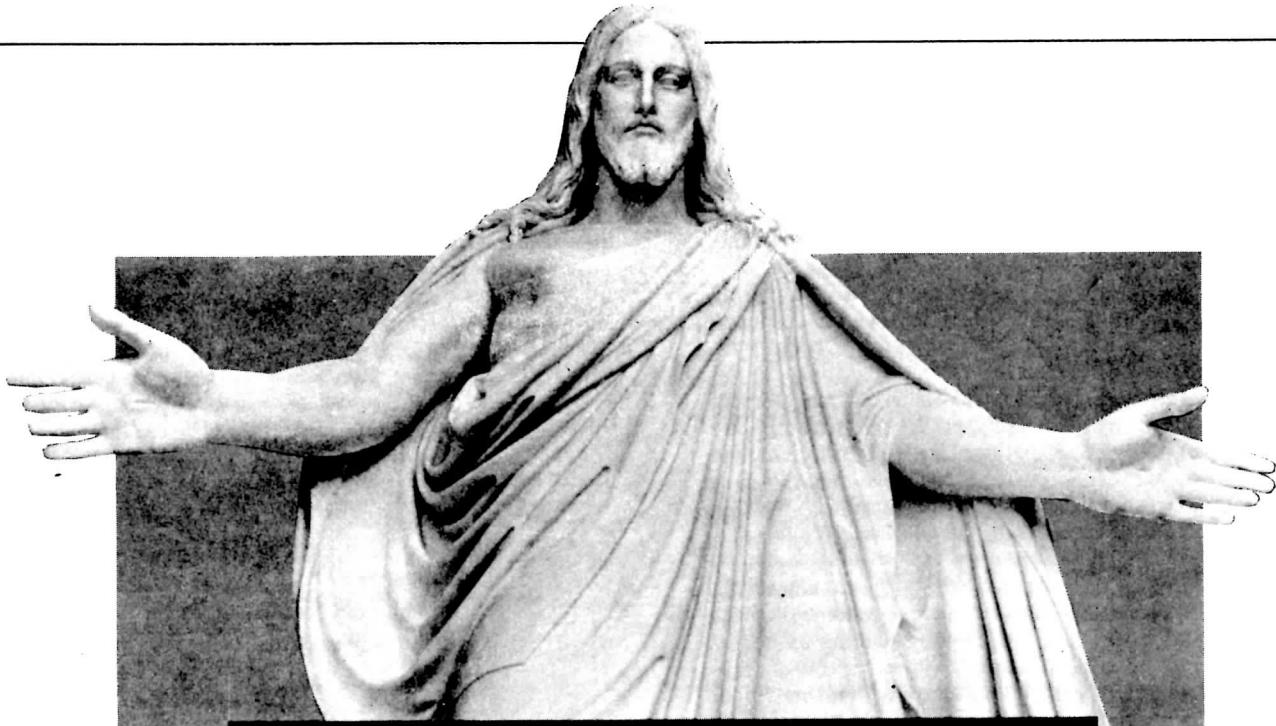
Daniel has been active in scouting for many years. As a cub scout he earned the Arrow of Light and all 15 possible activity pins. It was while he was a cub scout that he made the personal goal to become an Eagle Scout.

Daniel showed a talent for scouting skills at an early age; when he was four years old he pulled his little brother out of the swimming pool, saving his life. He finished all the merit badges and requirements for advancement to Eagle in approximately two years. He has served as Den Chief, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader. He was also chosen to become a member of the Order of the Arrow. Because of his life-long interest in safety and in helping others, he chose for his Eagle project to teach stranger awareness to several children's groups in an interesting and fun way. The presentations were made with a costumed Winnie the Pooh bear, the Walt Disney stranger awareness film, and real live experiences with scouts play-acting the strangers.

Daniel's other interests include sports. He plays on the Cobb Middle School soccer team and has been on several local baseball teams. (He was named Little League Rookie of the Year in 1984 and team captain and Most Valuable Player in 1985. He is currently playing catcher for a Babe Ruth baseball team.)

Daniel is active in church and serves as his deacons quorum president. He plays piano and saxophone, and participates in the advanced band at Cobb. He also knows sign language for the deaf.

Daniel wants to continue working in the scouting program. He hopes to develop the skills to someday become an effective scoutmaster. He is currently working on printing a missionary cookbook, and his future goals are to serve a mission, play professional baseball, and work in a profession that helps people.



*Special statement of The First Presidency*

## An invitation to come back

**A**t this Christmas season we rejoice in the blessings that come of membership and activity in this Church whose head is the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ. In deep sincerity we express our love and gratitude for our brethren and sisters everywhere.

We are aware of some who are inactive, of others who have become critical and are prone to find fault, and of those who have been disfellowshipped or excommunicated because of serious transgressions.

To all such we reach out in love. We are anxious to forgive in the spirit of Him who said: "I, the Lord, will forgive whom I will forgive, but of you it is required to forgive all men." (D&C 64:10)

We encourage Church members to forgive those who may have wronged them. To those who have ceased activity and to those who have become critical, we say, "Come back. Come back and feast at the table of the Lord, and taste again the sweet and satisfying fruits of fellowship with the saints."

We are confident that many have longed to return, but have felt awkward about doing so. We assure you that you will find open arms to receive you and willing hands to assist you.

This is the Christmas season when we honor the birth of the Lord who gave His life for the sins of all. We know there are many who carry heavy burdens of guilt and bitterness. To such we say, "Set them aside and give heed to the words of the Savior: 'Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.'

"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

"For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matt. 11:28-30)

We plead with you. We pray for you. We invite and welcome you with love and appreciation.

Sincerely your brethren,  
**The First Presidency**



## Reflections on Motherhood

by Alice Packard  
Tallahassee Florida Mission Matron

I have often told people who have asked how I managed 14 children, "One at a time." You learn to adapt to almost any situation if you put your mind to it. It is the same principle in rearing children. You start with one and add them one at a time and you find your time stretches, your love multiplies, and you quickly find where your priorities need to be.

I suppose the children had the usual squabbles with one another, but when the Church introduced the family home evening program and we began putting the principles into practice in our family, fussing and back-biting were almost totally done away with in our home. We constantly taught, and feel so now, that the members of your own family should be your closest friends. When you love the members of your family and treat them with respect, then you can go out into the community and show that love and concern for others.

Are the younger ones more spoiled than the older ones? The older ones think that they had life harder than our younger children do. As we have thought about it we feel that the older ones had some challenges and some opportunities that the younger ones don't have, such as being at home when the family group was large and we had more time to spend in family-oriented activities. The younger ones have had the opportunity of going into the missionfield with us - a very choice blessing, but they have had to sacrifice in the area of having a lot of time with Dad and Mom, and aren't around babies and young children like their older brothers and sisters were.

We try to keep the family members close through various ways. I write a family letter twice a month and make copies for each member, adding a short note at the bottom if there is something I need to say just to them. I write our two missionaries weekly and include portions of their letters in the ones I send to their married brothers and sisters. We have planned family reunions every two or three years which are always fun and a great way to get reacquainted with children and grandchildren. Our younger unmarried children have gone each summer to stay with, learn and help their older married brothers and sisters. We don't send them all to the same place, but spread them around, and it is always a hard decision as to where they will go for they would all like one for the summer.

Our children range in age from Bennett, who is 14 years old, to Alison, who is 34 years old. We have 8 children who are married - Alison, Alene, Loween, Shirlene, Floyd Jr., Forrest, Owen and Esther. We have two on missions - David in Chile and Melody in the Florida Tallahassee Mission. Our daughter Ruth recently returned from the Chile Concepcion Mission and is at present attending BYU. Janelle, Janene, and Bennett are here with us at the Mission Home. These eight married children have given us 27 grandchildren, with 4 more due this year.

If I were to give any advice on rearing children it would be to always let them know you love them, but couple that with firm discipline. Be consistent in the things you do and say so they know just what the guidelines are.

My own mother was a beautiful person - very loving and understanding. Probably the thing I remember most about my mother was her gentleness and patience. I don't know if I will ever live long enough to develop that characteristic of hers, though I would like very much to attain it.

What a glorious privilege it is to be a Mother in Zion and have the opportunity of bringing these choice spirit children into mortal bodies. I love my children very much and learn so many things from them. As I watch them grow I realize that we must have been tremendous friends in the pre-existence because we are so very close now. It is thrilling to see them grow and mature in the gospel and to see that physical body begin to catch up with the maturity of the spirit.

## Young Men

FATHERS AND SONS TO  
COMMEMORATE THE RESTORATION  
OF THE AARONIC PRIESTHOOD

by Arnold K. Garr



Every year, in the month of May, the Tallahassee Stake sponsors a fathers and sons outing to commemorate the restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood. This year the outing will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 9th and 10th. Specific details on this year's outing will be forthcoming, but in the meantime we hope that the fathers and sons of all ages in our stake will make plans now to be with us.

The Aaronic Priesthood was restored on May 15, 1829 on the banks of the Susquehanna River near Joseph Smith's home in Harmony, Pennsylvania. While translating The Book of Mormon from the gold plates, Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery came across several passages which spoke of the importance of baptism for remission of sins. This caused them to ponder on the subject of baptism, which was a controversial issue among christian churches of the day. Accordingly, they retired to a small grove of trees on the banks of the Susquehanna River and approached the Lord in prayer. In the midst of their prayer a bright light overspread them and a messenger of the Lord confronted them. He introduced himself as John the Baptist and informed them that he was acting under the direction of Peter, James and John, who held the keys of the Melchizedek Priesthood. He told Joseph and Oliver that the Melchizedek Priesthood would soon be given them, but he had been sent to confer upon them the Aaronic Priesthood. Then he placed his hands upon their heads and said:

Upon you my fellow servants, in the name of Messiah I confer the Priesthood of Aaron, which holds the keys of the ministering of angels, and of the gospel of repentance, and of baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; and this shall never again be taken from the earth, until the sons of Levi do offer again an offering unto the Lord in righteousness. (D&C 13)

Following the bestowal of the Aaronic Priesthood, John commanded the two men to baptize each other in the Susquehanna River. Joseph then baptized Oliver, who in turn baptized Joseph. After their baptism the messenger then instructed them to lay hands on each other and reconfer the priesthood which had been bestowed upon them by John. Thus transpired one of the greatest events in the history of the world.

May we, who hold the priesthood of God, show our appreciation for this great event by always living righteously and by faithfully carrying out our priesthood responsibilities.



# Young Women

by Ann Christiansen  
Second Counselor  
Young Women Presidency

At a special rehearsal dinner on Friday, February 7, the Young Women to be presented at the Gold and Green Ball and their escorts were treated to a turkey dinner, good companionship and encouraging support as they prepared for the big event. Under the direction of the Stake Young Women presidency, the Laurels and their escorts gained a better understanding of what they could expect at the Presentation. The evening was fulfilling, fun and filling as all shared in the excitement and preparation following the delicious meal.



Valentine's Day was an appropriate event to combine with the Gold and Green Ball and the Laurel Presentation. On the evening of February 14, those Young Women who had turned 16, or would shortly thereafter, were presented by their fathers or escorts to the Tallahassee Florida Stake. The setting was beautiful with hearts, lace and flowers, but it was the Young Women, whose lovely appearance was enhanced by their inner beauty, who captivated those in attendance. The presentation created beautiful memories for these special Young Women.

Those presented were: Teresa Brantley (Monticello), Mizell Ricks (Moultrie), Lori Bonnell (Tallahassee 1st), Tracy Leigh Hewett and Sylvie Anne Voyles (Tallahassee 2nd), Wendy Dransfield and Janene Packard (Tallahassee 3rd), Mildred Adams and Shannon Covington (Thomasville), Diana Bridgman, Shea Lynn Giddins and Michelle Godair (Valdosta).

## MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

The 8th Annual Tallahassee Stake Marriage Conference took place on March 15. Those able to attend were well-rewarded. The conference was designed to emphasize "how to." It included a wide breadth of topics, acknowledging that all couples are at different places in their married life and have varied concerns.

To begin, everyone gathered in the Primary Room which had been transformed through paintings, wicker furniture, and floor pillows into a comfortable, homelike atmosphere. Here President Richard Chapple and President Charles Madsen talked about why being married to a best friend is better than being married to an idea. They discussed how spouses bring expectations of each other to a marriage which are sometimes unrealistic and pointed out some of the challenges of living with the real person.

Next, everyone separated for workshops. In the first hour, participants chose from Establishing Relationships With Self, Teaching Family Values in a Secular World, and Preparing for the Unexpected.



Seminary provides opportunities for scripture study and greater understanding. This was put to the test on Super Saturday, March 8. All Seminary students were invited to attend a Seminary-sponsored stake Young Men/Young Women activity--a scripture chase followed by a dinner and a dance. The event was well-attended with Brother Arnie Garr, Director of Seminaries and Institutes, at the helm during the scripture chase.

A barbecue followed by sundaes increased the energy level enough to have a great time during the dance which, followed. Scripture chasers note: the next Super Saturday is scheduled for May 17. Get ready now!

On Sunday, May 18, at 8:00 p.m., a broadcast relating to the blessings of the priesthood is scheduled from Salt Lake City for Young Men and Young Women. Another date to keep in mind is Sunday, May 25--Seminary graduation is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Also, the youth will want to be saving and earning money in anticipation of Youth Conference in June, the Stake Youth Temple trip in July, and Girls' Camp in August.

From recent activities we are again reminded of the outstanding qualities our youth exhibit. As youth in the latter days, the Young Women in our Stake are some of the most choice our Father in Heaven has sent, and we feel privileged to work with them and their leaders. We pray for the Lord's blessings to be upon them. May we all be found providing the best examples possible for our youth to follow.

Establishing Relationships With Self dealt with the aspect of learning to love and accept yourself. Being realistic and learning to forgive yourself are part of this process. Bonnie Newcomb used the scriptural basis of "loving thy neighbor as thyself" to teach that the depth of our relationships with others is directly related to our ability to love and respect ourselves.

Patrick and Helen Lightcap led an involvement seminar in which participants worked in groups to determine ways of Teaching Family Values in a Secular World. The groups decided that the best way to teach the value of marriage is by example. Family councils are useful for teaching and reinforcing roles and responsibilities as family members. Physical and emotional faithfulness can be achieved by teaching and demonstrating self-control. Eternal perspective is important in understanding the importance of families.

Susan and Jason Barber, both attorneys, presented valuable information on legal procedures in the event of the loss of a spouse. Preparing for the Unexpected explained what the State does with your property and assets if you don't have a will. Participants were urged to avoid unexpected problems by being prepared with a will.

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## New Members

We welcome the following new members of our stake who were baptized during January and February:

**Apalachicola:** Andrew Bryant, Ive, Lorna, and Mildred Velazquez

**Cairo:** John Morey

**Madison:** Diane Courierier

**Moultrie:** Avis Steen, Mildred, Randall and Sandra Willis

**Quincy:** Carmen Heirs, Brenda Morales

**Tallahassee Student:** Lawrence Banks, Earl Hahn

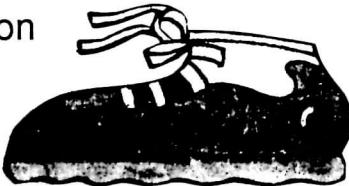
**Thomasville:** Lin Davis, James Miles

**Valdosta:** Shirley Bridgman, Felicia Burgess

## Thomasville Men

### Take First In Region

#### Basketball



by Perry Anderson  
Stake Athletic Director

On March 2, we held the Tallahassee Stake Basketball Tournament at the Stake Center and at the Florida High School gymnasium. Participants in the Men's Division were Tallahassee First Ward (two teams), Second Ward, Third Ward, Student Ward, Bainbridge, and Thomasville. The Student Ward placed first and Thomasville placed second with both being invited to the Regional Tournament. The Young Men's Division had participation from Tallahassee First Ward, Third Ward, Apalachicola, and Thomasville with First Ward finishing first and Third Ward finishing in second place.

The Women's Division was held on March 20 at the Stake Center with just two teams participating, but these games drew the largest crowd. The Tallahassee Third Ward won the tournament with Second Ward placing second. Both teams displayed excellent sportsmanship and kept in mind the real reason we have the tournament - to friendship and fellowship and grow closer as wards and a stake.

March 22 brought the Regional Basketball Tournament to Tallahassee involving the top two teams in each division from the Tallahassee Stake, Marianna Stake, and Pensacola Stake. Thomasville Ward represented our stake very well in the Men's Division as they won the double elimination tournament without a single loss! Congratulations to them for taking first place in the Region in the Men's Division! The other Tallahassee Stake teams did not do as well as expected in each division; however, they played their best and maintained the high level of fair play and good sportsmanship we had hoped for.

Well, everyone can now rest (from an athletic standpoint) until the Softball Tournament this summer. We look forward to participation from all units, and please, feel free to call me or your ward athletic director for the details.

## Crawfordville



Annette Allen (YW Pres) and Sherri Kight (Class Pres) preparing for Valentine's Dinner

by Frances Councill  
Crawfordville Branch  
Pub. Comm. Director

Valentine's Day saw one of the most enjoyable activities held at the Branch. The Young Women put on dinner to help raise money for the youth temple trip. The menu consisted of salad, shrimp creole, and rolls with English Trifle for dessert. Entertainment was furnished by Stan Tucker on the banjo, accompanied by a friend on the guitar.

Crawfordville Relief Society was treated to a very special homemaking program as Melanie Guris of the Tallahassee Second Ward joined them to present a lesson on gardening. If only half can be remembered and put into practice, Crawfordville will certainly eat well.

The young people of the Branch have been busy the last two months. Eddie Gonzales won second place in Biology at the Science Fair and Tanya Sasser participated successfully in the county-wide elementary school Brain Brawl. Diana Gonzales won recognition for her Spanish skills. Awards for reaching their Personal Progress Goals in the Young Women program were received by Sherrie Kight, Kelli Allen, Holly Hunter, Shannon Tucker, and Diana Gonzales. Levi Little and James Sasser received Gospel in Action awards.

The Branch was asked to host an organizational meeting for the Apalachee Community Mental Health Services to seek volunteers from the county to work in the child abuse prevention outreach program. Mrs. Lindermood stated she picked our Church because of the great emphasis on and strength in the family.

A Primary-Adult Softball game was held on the Crawfordville School grounds. The Littles, Tuckers, Allens, McCabes, Kights, and Sassers had a lively time with husbands "throwing out" wives, mothers striking out daughters, astonishment at having really caught balls, and fun being had by all. The goal of every child on base at least once was met, and rumor has it that some parents ran so fast that their "in tow" children's feet seldom (never?) hit the ground. When the last out was made, all retired to where Chef Bob had the hot dogs ready.

Nikki Young and Velma Garner both had open heart surgery and are both doing well. Nikki hopes to return to work soon.

Bob Little and Stan Tucker represented the Crawfordville Branch at the recent North America Southeast Area Conference on Young Women in Georgia. Advice received from Elder Vaughn J. Featherstone and others will have special bearing on our youth.

## Book Review

by Suzanne Meik  
Seventies Bookstore Representative



Attention Yorgason fans! The Yorgasons have collected true experiences from more than 60 people whose lives have been changed by the actions of others and published them in their new book Becoming. They tell about one rebellious teenage girl who was later able to marry in the temple because of the loving fellowship of a true friend. They share the story of a woman who left home to escape her abusive father but who found peace only when she forgave him years later. In Becoming, they teach how love and how kindness can bring a soul to Christ--and how hatred and sin produce more hatred and sin. Every reader can use these examples to enrich their family, work, school, and church relationships.

Henry Smith's book Matthew Cowley: Man of Faith has been reprinted. To Latter-day Saints, the name of Matthew Cowley will always be associated with the power of faith. Using Elder Cowley's own letters and letters of friends, conversations with relatives and Cowley's addresses, the author has portrayed the dramatic quality of this man's life.

What makes teenagers tick? Why do parents act and react the way they do? Hugh Allred has written Teenager: A Survival Guide for Mom and Dad by drawing from his many experiences as a father and counselor. This book reveals how such things as family size, birth order, age and sex affect both child and parent. Whether you have toddlers or teenagers, this guide is for you, because it's never too early to be prepared nor too late to develop sound parent-teenager relationships.

## Student Ward

by Dee Durrance



What an exciting moment for the Tallahassee Student Ward! On the weekend of March 1, 16 members of the ward left the great state of Florida to visit the Atlanta Temple. Now, as exciting as that alone can be, the greatest excitement was the joy of seeing three of our members receive their own endowments. James Williams and Kerry Hammock have been members of the Church just over one year. Tina Blankenship, Marty Guris' bride-to-be, received her endowment in preparation for their marriage on March 22 in the Washington D. C. Temple. Those who were able to attend the temple and witness this special moment in the lives of their brothers and sister of the ward felt a great bond grow between them.

The Student Ward was able to participate in 59 sessions in the temple. Evon Orton, and one of our newest members, Mary Drinkwine, took part in three baptism sessions each.

It is a wonderful feeling to be a part of such dedicated young people in the Church. It is so true that when we attend the temple together a special bond develops and a unique friendship grows. For just a moment we can forget the outside world and see each other as spirit children of our Father in Heaven. This cannot help but make a friendship that will outlast the Eternities.

## Calendar

### April

18-19 Stake Roadshows 7 p.m.  
20 Monticello Branch Conference  
20 Stake Presidency Missionary Fireside 7 p.m.  
25 Annual Bishop's Social

### May

2-4 Single Adult Spectacular  
3 Scout-O-Rama  
4 Mission President's Fireside 7 p.m.  
9-10 Aaronic Priesthood Commemoration  
(Father and Son outing)  
11 Mother's Day  
17 YM/YW Stake Youth Activity (Dinner/Dance) 7 p.m.  
18 Perry Branch Conference  
Satellite Broadcast 8 p.m.  
19 BYU International Folk Dancers  
23 Stake Parents Night Out 7:30 p.m.  
25 Moultrie Branch Conference  
Seminary/Institute Graduation 6 p.m.  
26 Memorial Day (observed)

### June

1 Tallahassee 1st Ward Conference  
Mission President's Fireside  
8 Stake Priesthood Meeting 5 p.m.  
15 Father's Day  
20 Annual High Priest Social  
22 Crawfordville Branch Conference  
Stake Presidency Missionary Fireside 7 p.m.  
1st Week Boy Scout Camp  
25-27 Youth Conference  
29 2nd Week Boy Scout Camp

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## Bishop's Corner

by Dallas M. Watson  
Bishop, Thomasville Ward

A few weeks ago, just after my daughter had learned to ride her two-wheeler bicycle, she and I and my son struck out on an extended trip down town.

We were riding on the sidewalk in a residential area. The sidewalk was straight and down hill. When it came time to turn a corner, I could see Crystal was going too fast to make it and I called to her to slow down. She didn't heed the warning, and when she tried to make the turn she realized, too late, that she was not going to make it, so she veered to the left and found in her path a rather large telephone pole. To avert hitting the pole she straightened the bike back up and promptly ran right off the curb.

That evening as I reflected on this incident, it struck me that living our lives is much like this bicycle trip. We can liken that sidewalk to the path our lives are on. It is much easier to go down hill and try to coast, but when it comes time to make the turn we often find we are going too fast. We try to turn anyway but then is when we find the obstacle that Satan has placed in our way, and we have to veer away. Sometimes the veering away causes us to ride over a bumpy curb. This bumpy curb can be called repentance. Repentance, though not always easy, is the only way to correct our mistakes of trying to coast through life and getting caught going too fast down easy street.

How much better it is to have to work hard going uphill at a much slower pace. Then when the time to turn comes it is not nearly as difficult, and much easier to stay on track.

The Lord never promised us life would be "down hill on easy street." He has, however, given us plenty to do while we are here. These things appear to make life an uphill journey; it is, because the celestial kingdom lies at the top of the hill and it's worth working for.

So the next time life places a hill before us let's climb on up; turning around and going downhill is the coward's way out.

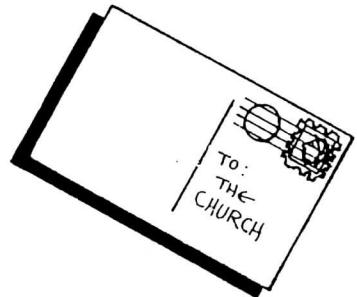
## A Thought . . .

Have you ever considered how much our "free" agency "costs" when we choose incorrectly in our decisions!??!

Diane Meresse  
Tallahassee Third Ward

## Missionary

## Mailbag



Hi! I've been asked to do a very difficult thing--write a short article for the Stake News about my mission in South Korea (August 1984 to January 1986). For those who may not know me, I attended at the the Tallahassee Student Ward from 1981 to 1984.

When I think of all the special things I learned and experienced on my mission, the Seoul Temple dedication stands out in my mind. It was an honor and privilege to attend the dedication. I could write for hours about all the miracles that had to occur for the temple to open there. During that time many prophecies were made regarding South Korea. In our (the missionaries) lifetime we will see the gospel spread from South Korea into North Korea and China. Also, the temple is safe from physical harms caused by natural disasters or wars. This is amazing considering it lies in a city which is only 3 minutes bombing distance from North Korea! For Heavenly Father **NOTHING** is impossible!

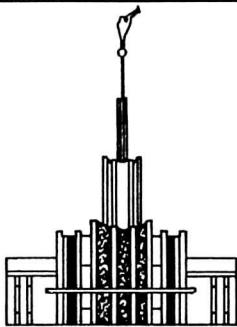
Many people ask me how many baptisms I had. Let me give a complete picture. Our mission, with 170 missionaries, averaged about 100 baptisms per month. Christianity in general is growing quite rapidly in Korea. They are a prepared people! Mostly high school and college students join--though it is quite difficult for them to be active because of family and school pressures. High school seniors study from 7am to 10pm daily!

I was blessed with many opportunities to see those I had taught baptized, but I never "found" anyone to teach. Each one was referred to me through a member. When the members lived Church standards, they were noticed and others wanted to know more. That's where my companion and I came in. I must say the examples of those members will influence the rest of my life. Without them, I would have had **ZERO** baptisms!

Brothers and Sisters, this is not an American Church. I know what that means a little more now. Heavenly Father knows a lot of foreign languages!! No, seriously, it means that I could fly 15 hours to a far away country and receive a properly blessed sacrament. It means that someone with a lousy memory can learn Korean if the Lord needs them to. Above all, it means that Heavenly Father cares about and loves us all. He could do all the home and visiting teaching 100 percent; He could be a perfect bishop or stake president (or missionary!); but in His infinite love He allows us to have the privileges and challenges so that we can grow. How awesome!

I miss you all and hope to spend more time in Tallahassee this summer. Currently I'm visiting my parents in Texas, and guess what--the Church is growing in the Rio Grande Valley, too!

With much love,  
Lori Nowlen



# Principle Exacts Its Price

by Stella Herring  
Atlanta Temple Worker  
Tallahassee Second Ward

"Neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing." (2 Samuel 24:24)

May we all have a greater understanding that being true to a correct principle is worth whatever it costs.

In August of 1975, an Area Conference was to be held in Manila, Philippines. A branch president on a distant island encouraged all of his branch to attend the area conference. Of the 209 branch members, 203 made the trip and brought with them 251 investigators. They had saved their money as well as selling whatever they had of value to make the trip. They had to walk the first 20 miles to reach a bus that took them to the sea where they boarded a freighter to Cebu. They traveled by railway across the (Cebu) island to the sea and boarded another freighter to Luzon. They traveled 5-1/2 days, 24 hours a day.

Sacrificing in order to follow the counsel of priesthood leaders is only one way obedience to correct principles exacts its price. Valiant members of the Church have sometimes been shunned and even discouraged by family and friends for accepting and living gospel principles. Suffering heartache and pain, even death, are prices that are often exacted for obedience to correct principles. The signers of the U.S. Declaration of Independence did mutually pledge to each other their lives, their fortunes, their sacred honor, and in many instances, this pledge cost them their lives or fortunes or both.

Rewards always come to those who obey correct principles, and often the greatest reward is the character development in the person who remains true. We are not living for the moment; we are living for eternity. Paul says, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." (1 Corinthians 2:9)

The following story is typical of faithful Latter-day Saints as they seek to make their family eternal. Brother and Sister Paloma live on an island in the Pacific. The Mormon missionaries had come to their small house and taught them the gospel. They listened to the beautiful truths and were baptized and confirmed members of the Church. The Paloma family longed to go to the temple to be sealed for all eternity. The Hawaii Temple was the closest to them but they never seemed to have enough money for the trip. There were twelve children to feed, clothe, and educate. The parents taught their children the importance of eternal marriage. With joy and longing, they watched their firstborn son and his bride leave the island to be married in the temple at Hawaii. "Someday, Mother, we will find a way," Brother Paloma told his wife.

But the years brought more sacrifice as some of the children were called on missions. Each time one of the children was ready to marry, the family managed to raise the money for the couple to travel to Hawaii. Gratefully and tearfully, Brother and Sister Paloma would send their children to be married in the temple. Grandchildren added to their joy, and also to their longing to be united as a family forever.

Finally the Paloma's youngest child, Martha, and her husband-to-be were ready to marry in the temple. Soon twelve sons and daughters would all have been married in the temple.

"Now Mama, surely we will find a way," Papa said. Then letters began to arrive saying, "Papa, Mama, it is your time now! Come with Martha and Ken." Each of the children sent a letter containing money to make their parent's journey possible. Gathered from many places, all the sons and daughters of the Paloma's came to the temple in Hawaii to be sealed to their parents. Brother and Sister Paloma saw their last beloved child married and had an unforgettable temple wedding ceremony of their own. They knelt at the altar of God, surrounded by twelve sons and daughters, and by the power of the priesthood they were sealed for time and all eternity. The long awaited dream had come true. No words could describe it but Mama was heard to say, "Today we saw a glimpse into eternity."

Now, brothers and sisters, let's come a little closer to home. I never knew very much about the Dominican Republic or its people, but last summer I met some of the greatest and most choice people that live there, or maybe anywhere else. They wanted to come to the temple so they saved their money and sold whatever they had that was of any value. They flew to Miami, and there chartered a bus to Atlanta. In the Dominican Republic, there is no vacation time allowed like there is in the United States. So, there were only three brothers that would have jobs when they returned. Besides, \$1.00 in the Dominican Republic is only 25 cents in the United States. Very few of them could speak English and only part of the temple workers could speak Spanish, but there was a beautiful spirit there. On their last evening, one of the sisters that spoke English came to the part where I was assigned and thanked me for all we had done for them. I said I was sorry I could not communicate with them; she said, "Your smiles were sufficient." We see and know for ourselves that principle exacts its price.

It is important that we set goals for ourselves to attend the temple and strive diligently to reach our personal goals. While many people of the world have to make great sacrifices to receive the blessings of the temple, our sacrifice might be our vacation time from work, our meager savings, or doing without something we would really like to have in order to be able to go. But anything worth having is worth working and sacrificing for. President Spencer W. Kimball said, "The temple is the university of learning, the graduating class of the Church, a place to earn the highest degree in the celestial kingdom."

May we all make a deeper commitment of obedience to correct principles. We will reap the rewards, if not here, then surely hereafter.

## DO YOU HAVE YOUR WATER STORAGE?

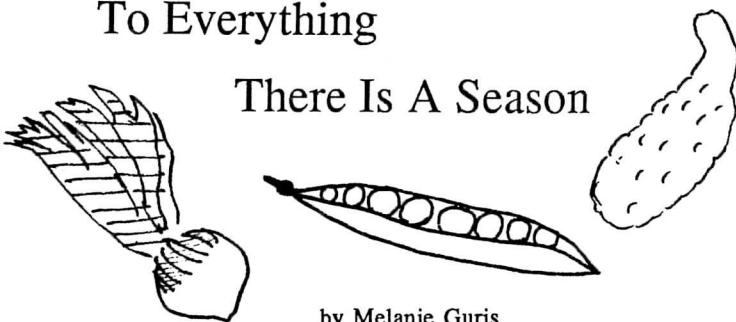
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## To Everything

### There Is A Season



by Melanie Guris

With the warm spring days we feel the pull to get outside. What better to do than work in the garden.

If you haven't gardened before, choose the sunniest spot (6-8 hours a day), take out the sod at least 2" deep and replant it in another spot. Dig up the garden area with a shovel or tiller and dig in manure, compost, peat moss, and lime. Add lime at the rate of 5 pounds per 100 square feet for a new space. A little less lime should be added if the space has been gardened before. Water the area well for several days, then turn over the ground again, level it and make rows.

Don't make your garden spot too big. It is a lot of work and this can be discouraging; we want this to be a positive experience. The most popular vegetables to plant are tomatoes, beans, corn, peas, potatoes, cucumbers, squash and peppers.

Plant any vining plants at the bottom of a fence and let them grow up the fence - you get more yield in less space with cleaner vegetables and easier picking. Bush green beans mature quickly so plan to can or freeze those you don't eat fresh.

There are two types of tomatoes--determinate (bush) and indeterminate that need to be tied to a 6 foot stake. Check with any garden center for wire to make tomato cages. I have found the tapered types that you can buy to be too flimsy to be useful. The cages are for the bush type of tomato. If these plants are left uncaged, they will fall over and rest on the soil and insects will get into them. I plant indeterminate tomatoes - Whopper, Big Boy, etc. and tie them up to a 6 foot fence.

Tendergreen or Blue Lake Bush beans are good for canning or freezing. Kentucky Wonder are good pole beans and offer a longer harvesting season than the bush beans. We love Florida Staysweet corn. It is a hybrid and shouldn't be planted with any other variety at the same time or they will cross pollinate and revert back to field corn. You lose the sweetness that is so good in corn when this happens.

We plant zipper cream peas (field peas) because they taste good but are very easy to shell. We also use the little pickler cucumbers (on a fence). They are good eating and we make pickles for the rest of the year. Two or three squash and one zucchini go in our garden. Squash reproduce heavily, so one or two will furnish enough for a family of four.

White potatoes and Sugar Snap Peas should have been put in much earlier as they don't withstand the summer heat. However, it is time to put in sweet potato plants.

These are the vegetables we like the best, but there are many others you can plant.

Good luck in your garden. I'm not an expert, but if you have a question call (904) 575-4271. If I don't know the answer I'll tell you where to call! Happy gardening!

### MARRIAGE CONFERENCE, from Page 6

During the second hour, participants had a second chance to attend Establishing Relationships With Self. Other choices were Career Development and The Color Perfect.

Where are you now?, Where do you want to be?, and How do you get from here to there? were the three steps outlined in the workshop on Career Development led by Barbara Young. The discussion focused primarily on the first step in order for participants to analyze their current skills and values and how they can be utilized and supplemented to achieve steps two and three.

Because looking good helps people feel good about themselves, The Color Perfect workshop, by Tayloe and Steven Russi, offered insights into determining wardrobe colors best suited to compliment your complexion and coloring.

At 5:00 pm everyone reconvened in the Primary Room where the stake presidency spoke about falling out of love (that is, how to prevent it!).

Finally, everyone met in the Cultural Hall for a fabulous picnic supper! The Cultural Hall was filled with learning centers (displays) on Creative Dating, Writing a Personal History, Budgeting Teaching Aids for Children, Home Decoration Ideas, Reverence Tips, and Patio Gardening.

Many thanks to everyone who helped with workshops, displays, nursery, music, decorations, food, set-up and clean-up for creating a beautiful occasion. Thanks also to the participants for being there. And if you didn't attend this year's marriage seminar, plan on it next year.



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