

HE IS RISEN!

Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane ...

Then saith he ..., My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: ...

... and [he] prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. (Matt. 26:36,38-39, Luke 22:44)

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Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus ...

And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe.

And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: ... and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!

And they spit upon him, ... and smote him on the head. (Matt 27:27-30)



And when they had mocked him, they ... put his own clothes on him, and led him out to crucify him.

... And they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh: but he received it not.

And it was the third hour, and they crucified him. (Mark 15:20,23,25)

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In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord ... rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

And the angel ... said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

He is not here: for he is risen, as he said....

And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; ... (Matt. 28:1-2,5-7)

Happy Easter

EASTER AND SPRING

Easter and spring come almost hand in hand, offering an appropriate ritual for both the observance of the Resurrection and the arrival of spring. The risen Christ brought great joy to His people on the day of His Resurrection. And spring, a new season of birth, of hope and faith, brings joy to mankind.

Year after year, each season in turn assumes its role in the calendar of time. Spring, with its songs and flutes, buds and blossoms, brings cheer and strength and hope and the solace of faith.

That first spring blossom is as glorious to the eye as is the meaning of the Resurrection to the heart and soul of man. Humanity cannot ignore the greatness of all things in nature and life and cannot ignore that behind the great changes in the seasons and behind all life is the work, labor, and love of the Master of all.

One cannot close his eyes to the spring beauty that unfolds around him: the new green, the flowers, the longer days of sun, the warming land, the budding trees and plants. He cannot close his ears to the birdsongs that resound from orchard and woodland, from dooryard and pasture, from field and fen.

Nor can he close his ears and his heart to the glorious message of Easter as expressed in the hymns and from the pulpits of churches across the land. Each person becomes aware that there is something far greater than the accumulation of wealth and material things. He learns that all riches must be in faith and spirit and love. And with these truths before him, there will no longer be room in his heart for greed and hate. There will be room only for love and compassion, room only for peace and the richness of its content.

Lansing Christman

THE SIN BEARER

The atonement through Jesus Christ—his heavy weight, even knowing all things that should come upon him.

Sweat as it were great drops of blood now falling down to the ground.

Being in agony he prayed more earnestly and he spake of his death, his resurrection. Then entering into the bitterness of death, he redeemed us.

by Dot Brown
Thomasville Ward

A PRAYER FOR YOU AT EASTER

May the blessed Easter story
Of the Resurrection bring
New hopes, new peace,
New joy and love,
And make your heart to sing--

HE IS RISEN!

Pearl McKinney





Stake Presidency Message

by W. Paul Nicholson
Second Counselor

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING

In the Garden Tomb of Joseph of Arimathea, in the City of Jerusalem nearly two thousand years ago, the first resurrection took place. The time was early on a Sunday morning, the first day of the week. As a result of that resurrection, every one who has ever lived or will yet live, both good and evil, can look forward with confidence to their own resurrection.

There has never been another incident in recorded history that is any more important to us than the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The scriptures are so clear on this most important subject that they leave no room for doubt.

After the resurrection of the Saviour, Matthew tells us, "And behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; and 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" (Matthew 27:51-53).

The greatest hope of all people is found in the Easter Message--"He is not here: for He is risen..." (Matt. 28:6). What joy and peace well up in us from that simple message. The same Jesus that was born in Bethlehem of Jerusalem, the Only Begotten in the flesh of the Father, the same who healed the sick, made the blind to see and died so terribly on the cross, was the first fruit of the resurrection. Because He lives, we will live also.

We as members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints prepare ourselves for our own resurrection with the sure knowledge that it is true; and we bear testimony of that simple fact to the world.

This Easter message gives us hope and joy, and in this knowledge may we all remember in whose debt we are and our obligations to serve Him with diligence.

ROADSHOW

BULLETIN

by Linda Hall
Stake Cultural Arts Specialist



The Tallahassee Florida Stake Roadshows will be presented April 13 and April 14 (Friday and Saturday) beginning at 7 pm. We have eleven units presenting roadshows, thus meriting the two nights.

On Friday night, Quincy, Tallahassee I, Tallahassee II, Cairo, Monticello, and Thomasville will perform. Saturday night Valdosta, Moultrie, Madison, Tallahassee III and Tallahassee Student Ward will perform. The roadshow scoring the highest on Friday night will be presented again on Saturday. The awards will be presented on Saturday night and we hope that the two-day schedule will allow those participating the first night to attend and enjoy the presentations Saturday night when awards are received.

There is much enthusiasm throughout the Stake and new talents are being discovered. This is an exciting time for all of us in a "Small, Small World."



by Earl and Joanne Childers
Stake Public Communications Directors

Did you see the Church-sponsored television special "The Last Leaf" which aired Thursday, April 12, at 7:30 pm on Channel 40 and Cable 10 (Tallahassee) and on Sunday, April 15, at 10:00 pm on Channel 31 (Albany)? This program was produced by the Bonneville Corporation which has to its credit "Mr. Kreuger's Christmas" and the "Homefront" commercials.

"The Last Leaf," by noted short-story author O'Henry, portrays the love and sacrifice of the human spirit. Art Carney stars as Monsieur Verlaine.

Following the 23-minute presentation of "The Last Leaf" was a special 6-minute Easter production, "The Road to Emmaus," which recounts the biblical story of two of Christ's disciples who were troubled as they traveled from Jerusalem to their home in Emmaus. "The Road to Emmaus" was filmed in the desert of central Utah, which bears a remarkable resemblance to the area outside Jerusalem.

This television program is especially appropriate as we celebrate the Easter season. It also helps to educate those who are not members of our faith that we are Christians. This type of programming is excellent for inviting your non-member friends to watch as it portrays the Christian concepts of love, sacrifice, and service.

Channel 40 has been very supportive in buying this program from Bonneville Corporation and helping to advertise it locally.

We encourage each of you that were touched by the spirit of this broadcast to write letters of thanks and encouragement for continued support of future Bonneville productions. Your letters can be sent to Channel 40, P O Box 12518, Tallahassee, Florida, 32317, and to Channel 31, P O Box 4050, Albany, Georgia, 31708.

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* *It's "SHOWTIME!"* *
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* "Showtime" from Ricks college is coming to *
* the Tallahassee Florida Stake Center! This *
* talented performing group (a la Young Ambassadors) *
* will be entertaining us for a stake home evening *
* activity on **Monday, May 7 at 7 pm.** More informa- *
* tion will be forthcoming in your units. *
* This evening will be fun for youth and adults *
* alike. Those who are not members of our church *
* would also find this exciting group to be very *
* entertaining, so feel free to invite them! *
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WANTED

Poetry, short narrations (150 words or less), family traditions and/or the origin of a family tradition, humorous incidents (such as "Mirthright" in the Ensign), etc., especially but not exclusively pertaining to holidays. Material may be held in our file to be used later as space permits or when appropriate to a particular theme. All submissions welcome.

Send to Stake News, 2310 Oxford Rd., Tallahassee, Florida, 32304, or leave in Stake News/Public Communications box in the Stake Office. Contact the Childers at (904) 575-2117 for more information.

NEW BISHOPS and BRANCH PRESIDENTS

TALLAHASSEE II



Bishop N. Richard Anderson of the Tallahassee Second Ward served in two bishoprics as counselor in Atlanta and Maryland. He served on three high councils in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Atlanta, and Tallahassee. He also has served as stake young men superintendent in Washington, D.C., scoutmaster, and seminary and gospel doctrine instructor.

He is retired from the Federal Aviation Administration where he was an electronic engineer program manager for research and development. He received his B.S. at Georgia State University where he majored in Physics. Currently he is employed as a real estate broker and salesman.

Bishop Anderson is a 4th generation Mormon, all of which have been in the South. He is originally from Jacksonville. His wife, Louise, is a second generation member of the church from Douglas, Georgia. The Andersons were married in the Salt Lake Temple in 1954 and they have six children - 1 daughter and 5 sons. Their three oldest sons served missions and were married in the temple, as was their daughter. The Andersons have six grandchildren with two on the way.

Bishop Anderson knew there was going to be a vacancy in the bishopric. He kept getting impressions about certain things he would do if he were bishop and he wrote those goals down. He felt particular concern with helping the youth and training the P.E.C. and members of the ward council.

When the stake president called the bishop and his wife in for the interview, his wife was first to see the letter from the First Presidency.

Bishop Anderson replaces Bishop E. Leslie Williams who is moving to Tampa. He will be assisted by Bob Guris (1st counselor), Roger Lunt (2nd counselor), Charles Gregory (executive secretary) and John Clark (ward clerk).

As a lifetime member, Bishop Anderson has felt best about teaching seminary and being a scoutmaster "because you can see the youth progress and that's where it is so important."

Bishop Anderson has made the church a way of life.

MADISON

Patrick Lightcap was sustained as President of the Madison Branch on February 19, exactly one year after he and his wife were baptized into the Church.

The Lightcaps were introduced to the Church by missionaries who came to their door. Having always been actively involved in another Church, they were not eager to join and did not pray concerning the truthfulness of the messages delivered, going through what Brother Lightcap refers to as "intellectual gymnastics" for three years. "Once we finally prayed," he adds, "we knew it was true and fought it; we both experienced restless nights."

President Lightcap is originally from Kansas, but has lived in Florida for 23 years. He received his B.A. in Social Service Education and his M.E.D. in



Guidance and Counseling at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. The Lightcaps moved to Madison eight years ago. He is currently employed by the Apalachee Community Health Center as a mental health counselor and as coordinator of emergency mental health services for Madison, Taylor and Jefferson counties.

President Lightcap served in the Madison Branch as Executive Secretary to President Rex Taylor for 10 months, which gave him the opportunity to learn a little about the duties and responsibilities of the branch president. He once thought that he would be willing to accept almost any calling as long as it didn't require him to get up early in the morning, and that's when he was called to teach seminary. He also filled in as Gospel Doctrine teacher and assisted in public communications activities for the branch.

President Lightcap said he was "scared" when extended the call to serve in this capacity, recognizing the importance of the role and feeling like he didn't know enough about the Church as a relatively new convert. However, at the Madison Branch Conference in October, he heard a talk given by President Madsen and committed to never refuse a calling. He has been impressed with a peace of knowing that this is going to turn out for the best with the Lord's help and with the support of the Madison members. In looking back, President Lightcap recognizes many experiences that have helped to prepare him for this step. He stated that this new calling is a "natural extension of the rest of my life." He looks forward to seeing both spiritual and numerical growth in Madison.

Pat and his lovely wife Helen, who has been serving as Primary President, will be celebrating nine years of marriage in July. They have one daughter - Sherilyn, age 5.

THOMASVILLE



Anxiety is what members of the Church experience when there is a change in leadership positions.

Dallas M. Watson, a district supervisor of several Suwannee Swifty stores in the area, was sustained Sunday, February 19, as the new bishop of the Thomasville Ward.

"I felt anxious up until Friday morning,"

Dallas told the congregation only a few minutes after being given the call, "then I felt calm and peaceful, and never worried any longer that it might be me; that is, until today. I was completely stunned."

Dallas Watson, formerly ward clerk, replaces Stanley McWhorter who moved to Albany to be nearer his work.

Bishop Watson says the fright has worn off a little now, and that he's settling into his new calling. He plans to delegate and rely upon the members to do the work they are called to do. One of his biggest and earliest tasks will be to organize the members to help construct the new chapel being added to the church, which begins this Spring. The ward will be financially ready for the new addition thanks to the leadership of Bishop McWhorter.

Bishop Watson will be assisted by Randall Smith, 1st counselor, his father A.D. "Pat" Watson as 2nd counselor, and Gary Cranford as ward clerk.

(Editor's note: This article has been adapted from one written for the Thomasville Courier by Gary Cranford, who also serves as Thomasville's Public Communications Director).

New High Councilors

Three men have been called as alternate high councilors to fill vacancies created by new calls extended to their predecessors. However, we were only able to catch up with two of them for interviews for this issue. We'll lasso Brother Dudley F. Dixon of Thomasville for next time.

A member of the Church since he was 10 years old, Brother Melton Covington of the Thomasville Ward comes to the high council with wide and varied experience. He has previously served in the Thomasville branch presidency, as elders quorum president, Sunday school president, primary teacher, and scoutmaster. Currently, he is assigned as high council representative to the Monticello Branch, and as an advisor to relief society, the genealogical library, and the name extraction program. He says he feels "new and unqualified" in this assignment, but will "learn as time goes on."

Brother Covington is a Georgia State Trooper. He and his wife, Linda, have three children: Shannon, age 14; Russ, age 12; and Shea, age 6.

Born in Waycross, Georgia, Brother Marion Gray of the Valdosta Ward calls himself a "Georgia Cracker." His mother and dad were converts to the Church and Brother Gray has enjoyed being a life-time member. Some of his church experience includes serving as elders quorum president, ward mission leader, president of seventy, and second counselor in the ward bishopric. His high council assignments will involve him in the young men and young women programs and take him to Moultrie as their high council representative.

Brother Gray is a cable repair technician for Southern Bell. He and his wife, Diane, have four boys: Benjamin, 8; Jason, 6; Jonathan, 4; and Brandon, 2.

Brother Gray said he looks forward to seeing a temple even closer than Atlanta one day and senses the urgency for missionary work and reactivation. Above all, with his Southern warmth and enthusiasm, he expressed a sincere desire to grow in the gospel and serve the Lord in any way he can.



Sunday School

by David Salisbury
Stake Sunday School President

The second semi-annual Stake Teaching Workshop was held on Saturday, February 18. The theme of the workshop was "Improving the Quality of Teaching in the Church." Teachers from all church organizations in the Stake heard Stake Sunday School President David Salisbury speak about the need for teachers to use the new LDS Edition of the King James Bible in their teaching. Teachers need to know how to use the various study aids contained in the new LDS Edition and should teach their students how to use them as well. President Charles H. Madsen, Jr. spoke on the importance of being worthy as a teacher to receive the spirit.

Teachers were then divided into three separate categories. Joyce Williams conducted a session for teachers of adult classes, Sister Dee Durrance conducted a session for teachers of youth, and Sister Johnnie Helms conducted a session for teachers of children.

GOLD & GREEN BALL



by Renee Anderson and Diana Moser

Several hundred people entered the world of "Blue Bayou" on the evening of March 10, 1984 and enjoyed an unmatched night of good food, great music and dance.

The mood was set in the Stake Cultural Hall with the addition of native trees, Spanish moss, a cajun hut and fishing dock.

The Laurel Presentation for the 1984 Gold and Green Ball was organized by the Stake Young Women's Presidency: Maureen Webb, Diana Moser and Jackie Stone.

The presentation was preceded by a musical number, "Turn Around," sung by Debra Moss, and accompanied by Ann Cluff (piano) and Jackie Stone (flute).

The Young Women posed on a bridge as they were presented by Brother Arnold Garr. During the presentation Sisters Cluff and Stone played a medley of popular songs. The Young Women presented were (from left to right in photo): Stirling Gillis (Tallahassee III), Tonya Miller (Tallahassee I), Lisa and Sherri Brue (Bainbridge), Ronnie Bartholomew (Valdosta), Suebrina Manspeaker (Quincy), Coni Durrance (Tallahassee III), Mechelle Maxey (Tallahassee I), Shannon Canova (Tallahassee III), and Kim Roberts (Thomasville).

After the presentation, the Young Women and their escorts waltzed to the theme of "You Light Up My Life," played by Sisters Cluff and Stone.

Brother Jim Dame took photographs of the presentation.

Following the Laurel Presentation the youth under 14 years of age were served popcorn, chocolate chip cookies and lemonade while watching Disney films and playing games.

A local disc jockey provided a variety of music which spurred many couples onto the floor. Some said it was the most dancing they had seen in the Stake in years. A door prize of a top 40's album set was won by Shane Roberts.

The tasty food served included a seafood aspic, assorted fruit and pecan tarts, fruit muffins, donut holes and a banana/strawberry punch.

Many thanks to all those people who helped make this 1984 Tallahassee Stake Gold and Green Ball a tremendous success!

Single Adults

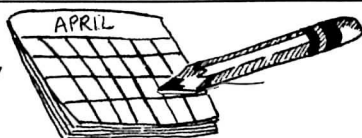
by Lynn Rice
Stake Single Adults



The 10th annual Tallahassee Stake Single Adult Spectacular weekend conference will be held **May 4-6** at the Ramada and Holiday Inns on Apalachee Parkway. The theme this year is on developing talents and is entitled "Let Your Light So Shine." We are planning some motivating workshops and fun activities for the singles throughout the multi-region area. Registration forms should be available through bishops and branch presidents.

For further information contact:
Byron Fain, Single Adult Chairman
3135 Fleischmann Road
Tallahassee, Florida 32308
(904) 385-3392

Relief Society



We would like to introduce the new officers of the stake relief society board:

Lori Nowlen - Stake Relief Society Secretary/
Treasurer

Renee Anderson - Stake Compassionate Service/
Visiting Teaching Board Member

Dena Hall - Stake Homemaking Leader

Gerry Morrow - Stake Relief Society Single Woman
Board Member/Stake Special Inter-
est Chairman

We are so excited to have these great sisters to help serve you in the stake relief society program.

Coming events of the stake relief society (you won't want to miss!!) -

Saturday April 21, 1984: Tallahassee Stake Annual Women's Conference for all sisters 18 years and older. The theme will be "A Season for Strength," with sisters speaking on different topics of strength plus some very special musical numbers and a special video segment from Salt Lake City. Light refreshments will be served.

Saturday, April 28: Stake Relief Society Leadership Meeting from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. All relief society presidents, counselors, homemaking leaders, and bishops/branch presidents are encouraged to attend. We will be having Bishop McGee from the Jacksonville Bishop's Storehouse speak to us on important matters for presidents and bishops/branch presidents.

June 1-2: "Mothers and Daughters Overnight Outing" for all ages.

Be sure and schedule these dates! These will be great stake events you won't want to miss. More information will be sent to your wards/branches.

We hope you will plan to attend and support our stake relief society activities. We care about you and hope these activities will meet some of the needs in your life.

See you all soon!

With love,
Cherie Garr
Pat Brock
Donna Tucker
Lori Nowlen

Stake Relief Society Presidency

Blue and Gold Banquet

by Colleen Porter
Stake Print Media Specialist

February marked the anniversary of scouting, and the three Tallahassee Wards celebrated the birthday of cub scouting with a combined Blue and Gold Banquet on February 24. More than 280 people--families and scouts from Packs 119, 120 and 121--participated in the potluck dinner.

Elder Robert E. Wells of the First Quorum of Seventy was the special guest speaker. Each of the packs presented skits and the boys received awards they had earned.

One of the highlights of the evening was Bobcat induction, when new 8-year-olds officially become scouts. The cub's father holds him upside down while his mother pins on the badge, thus the badge is worn upside-down; it cannot be turned around until the scout has done a good deed.

Many of those in attendance were not members of our church, since many of the boys participating in church-sponsored packs are not members.

Tallahassee I



WHEN SOMEONE CARES

by Betty Barber
Visiting Teaching Coordinator
Tallahassee First Ward

On Tuesday, January 31, the Tallahassee First Ward held their annual Visiting Teaching Convention.

President Richard Chapple spoke about the importance of compassionate service, and while sisters are very good about doing for others, they should always remember to take care of their own families and homes first. He was then presented with a small gift as a "thank you" for all the encouragement and support that he gives to the sisters in the ward and stake -- a box of tissues (something no stake president's office should be without!).

Bishop Bill Miller followed and stressed the importance of doing visiting teaching. Inactive sisters or those that are hard for us to see are probably the ones that need it most. He also mentioned the importance of visiting consistently and with a willing attitude.

The Bishop presented awards to the sisters who have done 100% visiting teaching since the ward's division last October. They were: Laura Allen, Linda Allen, Lois Bearden, Elaine Davis, Grace May, Cleo Miller, Sharon Peddie, Jackie Stone, and Sandy Taylor. They received a cross stitched "plaque," which said either "Families are Forever" or "When Someone Cares." These were made by Ann Cluff, Homemaking Counselor. Sister Cherie Garr was given "The Extra Mile" award for going the second mile in her visiting teaching duties and adding a sixth sister to her route, even though Sister Garr was recuperating from knee surgery. Her award was a red silk flower with the face of a cabbage patch doll.

Sister Lori Mauer, visiting from Hilton Head, sang "When Someone Cares," accompanied by Jackie Stone on flute and Gayle Hardee on piano. It was a very moving performance.

Betty Barber, the Ward Visiting Teaching Coordinator, gave personalized visiting teaching packets to each sister. They contained suggestions of things to do for the sisters to be visited, a schedule of meetings, list of Bishopric and auxiliary leaders, the Relief Society Board and their phone numbers, condensed versions of the visiting teaching messages that could be matted, suggested questions for getting to know each other better, a Visiting Teacher pledge, and more. Sister Barber went over the results of a survey that had been taken. It generally showed that sisters like to be visited early in the month and without children, if possible. Sisters also appreciate a companion who is willing to go and those who will make appointments and be there. Having a set time to visit, such as the first Tuesday of the month (for example) was helpful in coordinating schedules and avoiding conflicts of time. Everyone enjoyed being visited and most thought their visiting teachers were the greatest and could be counted on if the need arose.

Also covered in the workshop was how to get forwarding addresses from the post office for those hard-to-find sisters, the delicate balance between helping someone and when not to help, and helping with a warm and caring attitude.

The "When Someone Cares" theme was reflected with the Care Bear decorations, a Care Bear cake, and hot chocolate.

The Relief Society Board of the Tallahassee First Ward would like to thank everyone connected with the workshops and wish the sisters an exciting year as they grow themselves, and as they inspire, befriend, strengthen each other, and implement the Lord's message system.



Bainbridge

February was "emergency preparedness" month for the relief society of the Bainbridge Branch. In homemaker meeting, the sisters prepared emergency suitcases (or pails, or tackle boxes, or whatever). Every household should have two emergency suitcases kept in separate parts of the house in places that will make it convenient to grab while running out the door. The suitcase should contain all of the things necessary to keep your family going for one or two days in a real emergency. That should include food, clothing, and first-aid supplies.

Careful consideration should be given to the types of foods stored. Small cans of fruit juice can provide necessary fluids if local water supplies are contaminated. Don't forget to include a can opener to open tins of tuna, milk, etc. Scissors or a knife will be needed to cut first-aid tape, etc. Other reminders are: toothbrushes and paste, eating utensils, soap, matches, bathroom tissue, aluminum foil, small container of clorox, sewing kit, and diapers.

On Thursday, February 2, the Scouts helped teach emergency preparedness by giving a demonstration on emergency cooking. Chris Poppell told how to make a Vagabond Stove. After cutting a large opening in the bottom of a can and making an opening for a "chimney" at the top, a Buddy Burner is placed under the can. A Buddy Burner can be made by putting chips of wood or curled strips of cardboard into a tuna fish can and pouring in melted wax. It can be lighted with a match. This type of fire produces black smoke.

Danny Brue explained how to make a shish kabob.

Chris Jensen taught how to make burgers and vegetables in armor.

Then the participants shished their kabobs, armored their burgers and headed for the fires.

Shovels were in great demand for turning packets of aluminum, kabobs were turned and biscuits were burned.

Dessert was cinnamon apples wrapped in foil and baked in the coals.

There was plenty of smoke, plenty of food, and plenty of fun. Stan Webb even tried baking a cake in a dutch oven in the coals. The top and part of the bottom of it were plenty black, but the rest of it was just fine.

Those who missed the demonstration had a second chance to learn emergency cooking. The dinner at homemaker meeting was prepared by the ladies who were at the scout cookout!

STRIVING TO BE PROVIDENT

by Lois Davis
Food Storage Resource Specialist
Tallahassee First Ward



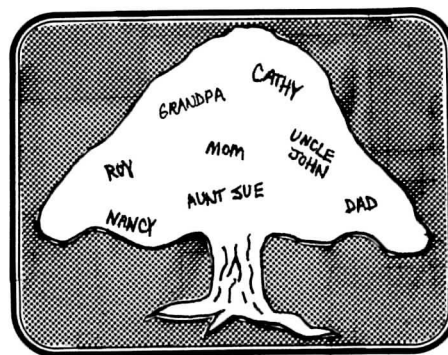
This column will be for sharing information about foods to use, buying in bulk, and use of food storage containers. I am just starting to gather such information and would appreciate any information you have.

Two wards are now in the process of buying bulk orders. Tallahassee Third is ordering Montana wheat, which has an exceptionally high protein content, at \$8.00 per 50 pounds. The orders should be called in to Debra Moss at 575-5521 or Marion Whitley at 893-7832 by April 27.

Also, I expect to order more grain, beans and powdered milk in late June. My phone number is 562-4388. If you would like to share information my address is 4533 Autumn Woods Way, Tallahassee, Florida, 32303.

Please note, it is not too late to start a garden!

New Ways



by Laura Byington
Stake Genealogy Librarian

Father has told us that he will give us no commandment unless He gives us a way to keep it. In regard to our genealogical responsibilities, He continues to emphasize their importance by constantly updating the tools we have to become "Saviors on Mount Zion."

We now have available to us The Family Registry. At this time genealogists are registering their family names as individuals and as family organizations. By mid-1984 the Registry will be accepting queries about family names. The only obligation, after registration, to participate in this program is that you be willing to promptly respond to queries directed to you.

We have on order the Accelerated Indexing System (AIS) Database. This is an index of a number of major United States records, particularly the U.S. Censuses from 1790-1850. We expect this to reach us shortly.

Later in the year we can look forward to having a much-enlarged edition of the International Genealogical Index (IGI). There will be a new section of microfiche containing 1,000 research volumes formerly available only at the Salt Lake main library.

Your Stake Library is continually building an inventory of microfilm on indefinite loan. For instance:

- Direct Hamburg Passenger List
- Families of Royal Descent
- Index to Revolutionary War Pension Applications
- Dooley County Georgia Court Records

You may also check 2-week and 6-month loan films when you visit the library to see if any may be of interest to you.

The Stake Library is conducting the Melchizedek Priesthood Genealogy Series, "From You To Your Ancestors," which began Wednesday, March 14 from 7-9 pm. This is a 4 to 5 week series of classes which will be repeated periodically throughout the year. The purpose is 1) to help each member complete a four-generation pedigree with accompanying family group sheets, 2) to submit all names about which information is available to the Genealogical Society, and 3) to schedule the temple work for those names cleared. Those interested should contact their bishop.

The Lord has provided new ways through the many technological advances of our dispensation: transportation, communication, preservation and distribution of information through the use of microfilm, microfiche, and computers for each of us to fulfill our responsibilities to our progenitors and our posterity. Many of our ancestors are eagerly awaiting the temple ordinances so that they may continue their progression in Paradise. The Lord has told us that our own salvation is in peril if we do not look to our ancestors. With the many new ways provided, it will be impossible to justify our neglect of this responsibility. Let each of us take advantage of these new ways that help us become "Saviors on Mount Zion."



MOTHER

The other day I stopped to think of all you've done for me.
The little things that mean so much that others just don't see.
I wrapped them up in one small word, to help you realize,
That each one fits just what you are; Let's try them on for size.

"M" is for the many nights you held me, oh so tight,
When I first came into the world so small and full of fright.
The way in which your tender lips would kiss my tiny head.
Your spoken words, "I love you dear, but now it's time for bed."

"O" is for the outward moods that brightened up my day.
Your songs that filled the morning air while in the bed I lay.
And then I thought, "It won't be long. In fact in just awhile."
You always came into my room to greet me with a smile.

"T" is for the time you spent to teach me how to count.
So one day when I started school, the learning would not mount.
My friends would wait outside the door until we were all through,
Then I could play, just like the rest, and sometimes you'd play too.

"H" is for the homework, I had to do each day.
That kept me pretty busy from September until May.
I never had to stay awake, all by myself at night.
For you were there to help me. The answers we would write.

"E" is for the eager ear that listened to my woes,
And then explained just how our lives are filled with highs and lows.
The feeling of security when after school each day,
I'd call your name, to find you home, and then I'd go and play.

"R" is for the rich examples you have always set.
The patience used to deal with me when I would get upset.
The way you taught me reverence, while the Sacrament was passed.
And all those times, you made me feel, that I was never last.

This poem does not do justice to the many things you do,
And all the love that you have shown, to me my whole life through.
Examples I could follow, that taught me wrong from right.
As a ship steers towards a beacon, in a dark and misty night.

If I can do just half as well as you have done with me.
And teach my own the lessons learned while sitting on your knee.
By keeping all the sacred truths that you have helped me learn.
My own sweet babes, inspired by you, Celestial realms will earn.

by Debra Moss
Tallahassee First Ward

WHAT IS A MOTHER?

A mother can be almost any size or any age, but she won't admit to anything over thirty. A mother has soft hands and smells good. A mother likes new dresses, music, a clean house, her children's kisses, an automatic washer and Daddy.

A mother doesn't like having her children sick, muddy feet, temper tantrums, loud noise or bad report cards. A mother can read a thermometer (much to the amazement of Daddy) and, like magic, can kiss a hurt away.

A mother is underpaid, has long hours and gets very little rest. She worries too much about her children but she says she doesn't mind at all. And no matter how old her children are, she still likes to think of them as her little babies.

She is the guardian angel of the family, the queen, the tender hand of love. A mother is the best friend anyone ever has.

A mother is love.

Anonymous

A GOOD MOTHER

A good mother is the loving foundation upon which the home is built, the guardian of the small lives she has borne. Tenderly she nurtures the precious souls entrusted to her care, gratefully thanking God for the individual beauty, personality and talents of each child and humbly praying for the wisdom and understanding to help each attain a sense of his own self-worth and special niche in God's wondrous world.

A good mother is the first and most loving teacher that the child will ever know, the most soothing nurse that will ever attend him, and his most understanding judge on earth. A good mother is her child's dearest and most faithful friend. He is always in her heart and mind, and she never ceases to sacrifice, work, and pray for what is best for him. A good mother is a shining beacon on the sea of life.



Louise Pugh Corder



A Temple Family

Left to right:
Dora Tuberville,
Daisy Smoke,
Maggie Smoke,
Gertrude Cutchen

There is something quite unique happening in the Washington Temple--four sisters on temple missions at the same temple. Sister Daisy Smoke of the Tallahassee Second Ward was excited to join her sisters Gertrude Cutchen, Dora Tuberville, Maggie Smoke, and her brother-in-law, Gertrude's husband, Parley. All of these sisters and Brother Cutchen were born and raised in Alabama.

Brother and Sister Cutchen were Ordinance Workers at the Oakland Temple from January 1970 to April 1978. They were called to serve in the Washington Temple for one year. They have been blessed with two sons and four daughters, 30 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. All of their children were married or sealed in the Salt Lake and Oakland Temples.

For Sister Tuberville, coming to serve in the Washington Temple is another great highlight in her life. She was married in 1940. Her husband joined the Church eight years later and they were sealed in the Manti Temple; the greatest highlight of her life. He died in 1969, a victim of illness. She has been a Sunday School teacher, Young Women M.I.A. President, District Sunday School Secretary, First Counselor in District Primary, Branch Relief Society President, and President of the Southwest Alabama District Relief Society.

Sister Maggie Smoke has been active since age sixteen, when her Junior Sunday School was organized at Selma. She married in 1936 thinking her husband would become a member in a few weeks. That stretched into 43 years! He was baptized in 1980 and died in 1982. She has taught in Primary, Junior Sunday School and Relief Society, served as Relief Society Spiritual Living Leader for the Southern States Mission, been a Relief Society First Counselor, Second Counselor, and Secretary, and a Sunday School Secretary. She has always wanted to work in a temple and loves it now.

Sister Daisy Smoke moved to Tallahassee in 1945. She was married in 1938 and has two sons, two daughters, two granddaughters, one grandson, and one great-grandson. She has worked for 15 years as a nurses aide in a hospital for the mentally retarded. In 1936, she was called on a mission to Mobile, Alabama and was set apart by Elder Reed Smoot of the Quorum of the Twelve and Mission President LeGrand Richards. She has been a visiting teacher for 38 years, most of which time she and her companions have had a 100% record over routes that frequently required fifty miles of travel. She, too, loves the work in the temple.

All four sisters were baptized at eight years of age. They lived in the country some distance from the closest LDS branch so they attended the Baptist Church, going to their own church as often as they could. Their mother would correct any errors that they were taught in the Baptist Church. There were many missionaries in their home, cottage meetings, Book of Mormon study classes, and occasional visits by their mission president, LeGrand Richards, which gave them strong testimonies in their formative years. One of their missionaries was Elder George Taft Benson, brother to President Ezra Taft Benson. Another was Elder LaRelle Perry, who is also serving now in the temple. They were a close family, enjoying evenings on the front porch with their father's stories of his life and acquaintances and mother's singing to and with them. They learned the basic arts of homemaking, cooking, canning, quilting, etc., which they have always enjoyed.



SPIRITUAL GARDEN

As spring approaches, we might plant our spiritual garden which consists of: 5 rows of peas--preparedness, promptness, perseverance, politeness, and prayer. Next to them plant 3 rows of squash--squash gossip, squash indifference, squash criticism. Then 5 rows of lettuce--let us be faithful, let us be unselfish, let us be truthful, let us love one another, and let us be loyal. No such garden is complete without turnips--turn up for church service, turn up with a smile, turn up with real determination to do what you know should be done.

(Editor's note: This spiritual thought was presented by Joseph F. Horne, President of the Florida Tallahassee Mission, at the February Stake Conference.)

FOSTERING LOVE



by Glenna Sasser
Public Communications Director
Monticello Branch

I have been asked to write about the Church's Indian Placement Program and our daughter.

The Indian Placement Program is a Church program operated mainly in the western United States. It is for American Indian children who are members of the Church, 11 years old or in the 5th grade. This is a recent change announced by the Church to start in September 1984; up to this time the children could be eligible at 8 years of age. The program was started to help the children receive a better education. Indian reservations are coupled with a particular church area for placement. The children are assigned to LDS foster homes. They live with the foster families for the school year and return home in the summer.

We, the Sasser family of the Monticello Branch, were living in Boise, Idaho, in August 1982. The bishop announced the need to place students in homes. We prayed about it and decided we would like to take part in the program.

An LDS social worker showed us pictures of two little girls and let us pick our daughter. Her name is Clarice Grant. At that time, she was 8 years old. She is a member of the Omaha tribe from Macy, Nebraska.

When we moved to Florida in August 1983, we received special permission for her to stay one school year with us. Clarice is probably the only Indian placement child in the southeast. We are hoping the authorities will change their minds and let her come back next school year. Clarice is a joy to have in our home. We really consider her one of ours along with our other four children. We are grateful to her mother for the opportunity to be a part of Clarice's life.

We would encourage anyone who ever has the opportunity to take part in a program like this to do so. It has been a great blessing in our lives.

The Sasser family - Leland, Glenna, Tanya (9 yrs.), James (8 yrs.), Shannon (7 yrs.), Sean (4 yrs.), and Clarice (9 yrs.).

THE PEDDIES OF NORTH FLORIDA: A Legacy of Service



Uncle Ed and
Florida Peddie
with two young
missionaries

by Colleen Porter
Stake Print Media Specialist

It all started in 1896 on a farm near Bristol in rural Liberty County. His name was Jasper Edward Peddie and he was 40 years old, a farmer and carpenter, a good man. He had heard about those Mormons and there were even some church members in the area, but "Uncle Ed," as everyone called him, didn't want any part of that polygamy business.

Then one night he had a dream that two men would come to his home and teach him the truth from God. It seemed so real, and he was so excited that the next morning he did not go out to the field. He told his wife, Florida, that he wanted to be there when they came. Never mind that their house was clear out in the woods, far from the path most travelers would take.

Finally, late in the afternoon, he saw them coming down the path and ran out to greet them. That night, the first cottage meeting was held in the Peddie home; it was to be only the first of many. Within days both Ed and Florida were converted. On July 16, 1896 he was baptized by Elders Frank Cutler and Joseph A. Godfrey. Florida was baptized a few days later. That baptism on a steamy summer day in a backwoods creek was just the beginning of the Peddie legacy to the Church.

There were a few LDS families in Bristol, but no local leadership. The area was part of the Florida Conference in the Southern States Mission; Ben E. Rich was President and mission headquarters was in Chattanooga, Tennessee. It wasn't always easy being a church member in those days. Some neighbors didn't look too favorably upon church meetings, and the missionaries bore the brunt of the antagonism. Many times the elders were escorted to church, surrounded by members carrying shotguns.

In the middle of winter, Uncle Ed left his wife and family to accompany some elders across North Florida to a conference at Sanderson, between Lake City and Jacksonville. On January 3, 1898, he was ordained an elder by Elders Matthias F. Cowley and Francis Lyman of the Quorum of the Twelve and President Elias S. Kimball, Mission President for the Florida Conference.

By 1898, there were enough members in the Bristol area to support a branch. Brother Peddie was set apart as the first branch president on November 29, 1898. But Ed was not the only Peddie in the branch; his brother William was also a member. A day book kept during that time, now in the possession of his grandson, contains tithing and attendance records. President Peddie built the first Latter-day Saint meetinghouse in Bristol, which is reported to be the second LDS chapel built in the state.

In 1903, the Peddie family became the first in the area to be sealed in the temple. They sold the farm to raise money and then, by ferry and train, waiting for connections and sleeping in cramped coaches, they made the long and arduous journey to Salt Lake City. They did not bring temple recommends, as mission or branch presidents were not authorized to give recommends. The family lived on the Idaho farm

of a returned missionary who had been in Florida. After six months they were able to qualify for temple recommends from the local bishop and were sealed in the Salt Lake temple. Ed also did temple work for his parents and grandparents before returning to Bristol.

Florida Peddie died in 1928, and Ed married young Blannie Evans. Nine months out of the year they lived on the land, hunting and fishing throughout the Florida panhandle. They would return to Bristol for a few months, where Uncle Ed would make concrete tombstones for the people who had died in the intervening months. Income from this work was enough to support them the rest of the year. They were very happy together, but Blannie died during childbirth in 1935, and Ed lived until 1941.

Of Uncle Ed's three children, only one, Mark Edward Peddie, lived to adulthood. He married Artha Rachael Hogan in 1910, when she was just 14. She joined the church a short time after they were married. He made a living as a contractor, building houses. In 1923 he wanted to move to fast-growing Ft. Myers where the business would thrive. But he wanted to move in September, and his wife had planted a corn crop she was intending to sell. Not wanting to abandon the corn in mid-season, she stayed in Bristol waiting for the harvest, then joined him in Ft. Myers.

The Peddies were instrumental in organizing the first Home Sunday School in Ft. Myers, held in their home. In 1926 a hurricane struck that area, inflicting great damage and destroying Mark Peddie's Model T Ford. Another hurricane in 1928, and requests from his mother to move closer to home, lured the Mark Peddie family back to North Florida. In 1928, they moved to Tallahassee, and settled in Bloxham Heights off Lake Bradford Road.

Tallahassee wasn't exactly fond of Mormons. Until 1920, missionaries were not allowed in Tallahassee; they could ride through the city on the train but couldn't disembark. That ordinance was changed in 1921, and the missionaries were allowed to proselyte, but the hearts of the people were slow to change.

When Mark Peddie moved to Tallahassee there were no regular church meetings being held, but in 1929 a Home Sunday School was organized in the Peddie home. Four families participated in those first meetings: the Hubert O. Walker family, the Mark Peddie family, and Sisters French and Temple. Later that same year, a branch of 25 members was organized, with Hubert O. Walker as branch president and Mark E. Peddie as Sunday school superintendent.

Mark Peddie had five children. The baby, Mark G. Peddie, grew up to be a leader in the church in Tallahassee. In 1948, only 25 years old and unmarried, he was called as president of the Tallahassee Branch. There were about one-hundred members at the time.

A few months later, he married Elsie Martin in the Salt Lake Temple. They honeymooned in Utah, visiting both the Manti and St. George Temples, and wherever they went young President Peddie was asked to speak.

Mark G. Peddie served as branch president in Tallahassee until 1957. Elsie Peddie served as relief society president during this decade. In the early years, the branch met in homes, then rented buildings as their numbers slowly grew. Some of the buildings were not very pleasant, but the Mormon church was still not very acceptable to Tallahasseeans, and not everyone would rent to them.

In 1950, the elder Mark Peddie assisted his son in supervising the construction of the first LDS chapel in Tallahassee. With sacrifice and hard work by the members, it was finished in a record five months. So the saints had a place of their own until 1960, when a heartbreaking fire destroyed the chapel. The property was sold to the American Red Cross, who put a new roof over the well-built brick walls.

Again the branch met in rented halls until plans for a new chapel could be formalized. Elder Henry D. Moyles, counselor in the First Presidency, came to visit occasionally as he was helping establish the Deseret Ranch. "You know, this is Florida's capital

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Spotlight



by Colleen Porter
Stake Print Media Specialist

Joseph Edwin and Elma Bone of Tallahassee Third Ward have been called to serve in the New Mexico Albuquerque Mission. They will leave April 16.

"We've always planned on serving a mission together," Sister Bone explained. "When we retired in August, it seemed like the right time. We're still healthy enough for a mission; the Lord's been good to us."

The Bones are originally from South Carolina. He was born and raised in the church, while she didn't join until several years after their marriage. She was taught by the missionaries and converted while Brother Bone was overseas in the service.

The Bones bring years of church experience to the mission field. Brother Bone has been patriarch to the Tallahassee Florida Stake since its organization in 1973. Prior to that call he served in many capacities, including elders quorum president, high counselor, and counselor in a stake presidency.

Sister Bone will tell you that her first calling in the church, her present calling, and the calling she considers most important is that of a visiting teacher. She was the first Stake Relief Society President of the Tallahassee Florida Stake. She has held many callings, including ward primary and relief society presidency and teacher in various auxiliaries.

The Bones were married in 1939 and later sealed in the Salt Lake Temple. They have three grown children who are living in the southeast. Prior to their retirement, they worked at Durra-Print, where Brother Bone is a co-partner.

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city," he observed. "You ought to have a really nice building here."

And so they did. It was a real struggle for the members to raise the money. The project was made possible by the efforts of "building missionaries," young men who served for two years with their hammers rather than tracts.

It was completed in 1966 and dedicated by President Harold B. Lee. At the time of dedication, the branch membership came nowhere near to filling the chapel.

That building on Stadium Drive is still with us, and so are the Peddies. Today the building is filled by three wards and the stake offices. Mark G. Peddie is a stake Patriarch and gospel doctrine teacher; Elsie Peddie serves as relief society chorister and as secretary to the Patriarch.

Through three generations and several decades, the Peddies have made significant contributions to the church in this area. They not only built chapels, but they helped build the church.

(Thanks to Mark and Elsie Peddie for contributing time and information to make this article possible).

Branch President's Corner



by Conrad P. Futch
Perry Branch President

Winter is over and spring is here. We are all enjoying this nice weather and looking forward to the holidays and summer vacation. With Easter, Mother's Day, and graduations coming, we are all looking forward to visiting loved ones or maybe going to the beach to enjoy the sand and water and take a break from school or work. But, we must be careful lest our holidays turn from enjoyment to horror as we travel on the highways in this beautiful land. It seems that each time we pick up a newspaper we read of death and injuries on the highways.

Recently, the newspapers reported a girl was killed because a driver took a curve too fast, hitting a tree.

The same day, a girl was in serious condition because the driver was going too fast for a curve and went into a ditch.

One day later, the paper reported one person was killed and 40 injured when a truck raced a train for the tracks and lost.

How sad it is when we put our lives and others' lives on the line to beat a train to the crossing or beat a red light or disregard it all together.

I know all high school students have heard of defensive driving which consists of common sense and controlling your circumstances. As an example, if you are going 70 mph and a car pulls in front of you, you are not in control; you have only two choices -- to hit the car or leave the road - both of which are deadly. But if you were going 55 mph you would have a good or better chance of controlling your circumstances. A good rule when following a car is to keep a four-second distance between you and the car in front. This will give you time to control any problems that may arise. In bad weather, of course, keep a greater distance.

A few safety tips that I have learned over the years that might help you are: 1) Be sure your car is in good shape--all lights work, good tires and brakes, etc. 2) Don't drive over four hours at a time without getting out of the car and taking a break. If nothing else, just walk around the car. 3) Never drive over twelve hours without getting rest. 4) Always leave early enough to get there on time. If you have to break the rules to get there on time, then be late!

Our twelfth article of faith reads, "We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rulers, and magistrates, in obeying, honoring, and sustaining the law." This also means the traffic laws.

Let's have a good summer and drive safely! If you obey the traffic laws, the least you will do is save yourself some money in fines.

(Editor's note: President Futch has been driving a bus for Greyhound for more than 20 years and is responsible for the safety of many lives on our highways. May we heed the knowledge and expertise he has gained and shared, and above all, obey the counsel we have been given by a prophet of God to obey the laws of the land, including the traffic laws.)



THE EASTER SEASON

A Secular and Sacred View



Easter Sunday, the Christian festival honoring Christ's resurrection, is the most important holy day of the Christian religion. For without Easter, Christmas would have no meaning. It is a day of much rejoicing and is so welcomed by millions all around the earth.

The name Easter comes from that of two possible sources: the Teutonic goddess Eastre - deity of both the dawn and spring, and the pagan symbol of fertility; or from the Teutonic festival of spring called Eostur.

The word Easter - first applied to this time of spring - was transferred to the day itself when the Saxons began to commemorate Christ's rising from the dead.

Among early Christians there was some controversy about when Easter should be observed. Christ rose on the first day of the week, at the time of the Jewish Passover. The Christians converted from Judaism celebrated Easter on the same date as the Passover, regardless of the day of the week. However, the Gentile converts wanted the date of Easter to fall upon a Sunday.

Non-Christians promoted the Easter season with a joyful celebration with garlands, processions, and general rejoicing, reminiscent of the pagan spring festivals that had always welcomed the return of that happy season. Perhaps it was Constantine the Great who originated the Easter parade when he ordered the court to wear their finest garments to honor this feast day. Gradually many churches developed elaborate rituals; and the old heathen time of rejoicing became one that honored Christ's return to life.

There is an old belief that on Easter morning the sun dances, and those who rise early can see this performance. Some believe that the first Easter sunrise service occurred at Herrnhut, Germany, in 1732. The night before, some young men decided to go to the cemetery on Easter before dawn, to sing hymns and to meditate on Christ's resurrection. The first of such meetings in the United States took place at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, in 1741.

Eggs have become closely associated with Easter, and are regarded as a symbol of resurrection; for they hold the seeds of life, and represent the revival of fertility upon the earth. However, the egg as a life-emblem is much older than Christianity. Several reasons have been given for coloring them: one to suggest joy; another to fulfill the longing for bright colors as spring arrived; to imitate the hues of the aurora borealis; or to symbolize Christ's blood - this last reason accounted for those stained by Christians hiding in the catacombs. Early church officials took over the pagan idea of coloring eggs and turned it into an association with Christ's blood and His resurrection. In England, friends often wrote messages and dates on the eggs they exchanged. Egg rolling is also a popular pastime. It is said that this game was based on the idea of rolling away the stone from Christ's tomb. The custom of rolling hard-boiled eggs down a hill was brought to the New World by British settlers.

The hare, too, has been important to this holiday. Many children believe that an Easter bunny brings their Easter eggs. This belief probably comes from Germany. One legend says that a poor woman dyed some eggs during a famine, and hid them in a nest as an Easter gift for her children. Just as the children discovered the nest, a big rabbit leaped away. The story spread that the rabbit had brought the Easter eggs.

In ancient Egypt, the rabbit symbolized birth and new life. Some ancient peoples considered it a symbol of the moon. It may later have become an Easter symbol because the moon determines the popular date of Easter.

EASTER IS A CONSTANT SPRING

Easter is a reminding time...
Of colored eggs and pretty dresses,
Of yellow chicks and curly tresses.

Easter is a renewing time...
For baby bunnies, birds, and bees,
For sun and rain on budding trees.

Easter is a grateful time...
For all our blessings every day,
For health and friends along the way.

Easter is a believing time...
That Christ arose for us to see
The way to grow eternally.

Easter is a joyful time...
For thoughts, for growth, for songs to sing.
Yes, Easter is a constant spring.

Ruth Carrington

WALK IN THE GARDEN AT EASTER

Come, walk in the garden at Easter
And see the lilies in bloom.
Recall how our Crucified Savior
Stepped forth from the depths of the tomb.

In the chalice heart of the lily
Rests a crown that is lovely to see,
Not unlike the crown which the Savior
Will wear through Eternity.

The lilies were there all about Him
Supporting Him all through the night.
They, too, had conquered the darkness
As they rose with the coming of light.

In the beauty of springtime flowers,
Feel the tug that is light and is life.
The cross and the crown have new meaning
In the spring when the lilies are rife.

Come, walk in the garden at Easter,
Your life and your light to renew,
For the gardener who cares for the lilies
As tenderly cares for you.

Minnie Klemme

EASTER MORNING

A cross against a pale gray sky,
His grieving people huddled by,
The Master's body quiet, torn,
Wearing still the crown of thorns,
Loving hands took Him down,
Wrapping Him in linens white,
Placed Him in the waiting tomb
And kept their vigil through the night.
Three days passed while they did mourn.
Then He arose! New hope was born
From out the dark and flowered tomb,
Assuaging mankind's anguished doom.
The sun rose high that misty morn
On the first of Easters, newly born.

Mary Frances Watkins



Stake Married's Conference

Communication — Key To Success

As the sun poured down outside and the temperature soared to pleasant heights, a special spirit of sunshine and warmth filled the Stake Center for those who attended the Sixth Annual Married's Seminar.

What a beautiful day we had, Saturday, February 11. Perhaps the beautiful weather was symbolic of the pleasure and many wonderful days that await us in the celestial realms above as we strive to overcome inevitable differences in our family relationships and truly become "one" as husband and wife.

President Nicholson opened the conference with brief remarks. We then had the opportunity to hear one of three workshops addressing preschool children, middle childhood, or youth. Leslie and Joyce Williams of the Tallahassee Second Ward creatively helped us understand a pre-school (0-5 years) child's perspective and encouraged us to put ourselves at their level in dealing with them. She suggested providing worthwhile materials for them to learn from and letting them "experience" life -- for example, hanging pictures in their room at their level so they can see and feel them. Scriptures were used to show what to teach children (D&C 68: 25-31) and how to teach (Deuteronomy 6:5-7 and D&C 121:41-44).

Brother Don Driggs, local psychologist and member of the Tallahassee First Ward, taught the workshop on middle childhood (ages 6-11). He stressed the importance of creating in children good feelings of being loved and wanted through hugs and kisses, patience, and listening, especially when they need to talk, whether or not it's convenient. He also pointed out that children should be expected to participate in the family in helping one another without expectation of a reward or allowance for everything. There was good participation from the group, and one of the things discussed was gospel-oriented activities with children, such as prayers and reading Bible and Book of Mormon stories with them.

The workshop on youth (ages 12-18) was presented by our Stake Young Men and Young Women Presidents, Arnie Garr and Maureen Webb, assisted by Ryck and Nancy Shipley of the Tallahassee Third Ward who are parents of children in this age group. Brother Garr talked about how to influence youth in general and Brother Shipley discussed how to have effective Family Home Evenings. Sister Shipley dealt with the topic of one-to-one communication with teenagers and Sister Webb tackled the subject of effective discipline.

The film "Are You Listening" pointed out common mistakes we make in dealing with one another by not listening to what is really being said. Real-life situations were presented that were easy to relate with and alternatives offered to help us become better listeners, a simple task if we will but take the time.

Plenty of food was available at the refreshment table at the 3:00 pm break. The "sweetheart" theme was maintained in the pink decorations, the red punch, and the glass temple adorning the top of the cake made by Beverly Decembrino of the Quincy Ward. Cheryl Prescott and Sue Morgan of the Tallahassee Second Ward relief society presidency did a marvelous job of providing sandwiches, sweets, and other delectables.

Following the break, we resumed for some discussion on communication. Dr. Lance Scaff, a non-member licensed psychologist and marriage counselor, focused again on developing good listening skills and encouraged us to respond to feelings rather than words by observing tone, facial expressions, and body language. He emphasized, too, the need to express both negative and positive feelings as they occur rather than saving them up and "cashing them in" like green stamps.

Bishop Don Whitley of the Tallahassee Third Ward, also a psychologist, added a gospel perspective by reminding us to use prayer in our relationships and

especially before and after a discussion with our spouse or children. "The more you involve prayer with your problems, the fewer problems you will have because you will understand each other better," he counseled. He encouraged us to "reach out our antennae" to understand others better and posed the thought of how attentive we might be if President Kimball were to stand in front of us to speak and yet we often don't pay the same respect to our spouse with whom we will spend eternity.

More communication skills were discussed in individual groups addressing problems more specific to particular stages of marriage.

A workshop for newlyweds (0-2 years of marriage) was taught by Rick and Ann Cluff of Tallahassee First Ward and Mark and Renee Mongillo of Tallahassee Student Ward. They talked about some of the adjustments that come with marriage and emphasized focusing on each other's virtues as opposed to weaknesses. They also discussed establishing good gospel habits and setting priorities that will strengthen the marital bond, such as family prayer and scripture study.

Richard and Susan Clark of the Quincy Ward led a workshop for 3-10 years of marriage. With many contributions from the audience, they discussed such things as how to spend rare and valued leisure time and how to involve young children in family activities.

Jack and Linda Hall of the Student Ward presented some ideas for those married from 11 to 25 years. Again, good communication was emphasized. They admonished couples to always have family prayer before going to bed because it's hard to be angry after prayer, and that way you never go to bed angry. They offered hints for keeping teen-age children close, such as sharing individual time with each child and a favorite family tradition they had of keeping "minutes" of all their Family Home Evenings and recording what happened during the week spiritually, physically, and emotionally.

For those married over 25 years, Lincoln and Mildred Barlow of Moultrie conducted a workshop covering such things as what you can do for each other both now and as you grow older to keep your marriage happy and healthy. They used many examples of others' success.

The final session dealt with intimacy problems in marriage. Sister Cherie Garr, Stake Relief Society President, offered insight as to the specialness and sacredness of the physical relationship. Sister Garr also reminded us of the advice given by Linda Campora last year to keep in mind personal body cleanliness and to do special things for one another to keep the love-light burning -- use perfume or aftershave for each other at bedtime, women treat yourself (and your husband) to a new nightie, etc.

President Madsen bore testimony of the beautiful bonding and union that results from the intimate physical relationship of a husband and wife. He, too, emphasized the sacredness of the special relationship ordained by God for a man and his wife. He cautioned against the false teachings of the world regarding intimacy which disrupt the family bond and are not in harmony with the teachings of our Heavenly Father. He also dealt with many specifics of human intimacy and answered questions from members regarding birth control, the wearing of temple garments, abortion, and appropriate relationships for married couples.

President Paul Nicholson concluded the seminar with a reminder that we don't get married to make ourselves happy but to make others happy, and this we must strive to do in our family relationships. He finally encouraged us to do as the printed program said - "Go home to an improved marriage!"

The Stake Presidency wishes to thank all those who worked to make this seminar possible, whether teaching or working behind the scenes preparing, and for those who took time from their busy schedules to attend. It is sincerely hoped that each family will use these skills to become a strong and solidified family and able to face the challenges of the world and times in which we live.

Book Review

by Suzanne Meik
Seventies Bookstore Representative



Great things are happening now that the 70's Bookstore has a second location from which to sell books, etc. Since a closet was provided in the Tallahassee meetinghouse, many more people have become familiar with all the literature and materials available to help them in learning and studying the gospel and applying its principles in their lives. The new location is in the northwest corner of the building near the back hall water fountain. Of course, the bookstore still has its Institute location, too, for the convenience of you Institute-goers and Student Warders. With this new addition, there is room for a wider selection of books and other materials. Since we have reached more people, our sales have increased, and since all our profits go to the stake mission fund, this fund has realized great benefits, too.

Three new books on our shelves are described below:

The Teachings of Lorenzo Snow, Clyde J. Williams. Until now there has been no published book bringing together the teachings of the fifth President of the Church. After years of research, Clyde Williams has now filled that regrettable gap. Two hundred pages in length, this is a landmark publication that every Latter-day Saint needs in his personal library.

The Choice, Larry W. Tippetts. This is a well-written, forthright book on a highly important subject, authored by a long-time teacher in the Church Education System. The choice for young people, he points out, is how to handle the amazing procreative power. An appealing book filled with examples and stories that give solid, attractive reasons for making the right moral choices.

Brother to Brother, Rendell N. Mabey and Gordon T. Allred.

Here is the faith-promoting, exciting account of the first LDS missionaries who took the gospel to Black Africa in the late 1970's. A moving story of a people who had yearned for the gospel and were now baptized by the hundreds. Told by the missionary leader, with pictures.

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Missionary Calls...

The Tallahassee Florida Stake extends wishes for much success to the following members who were recently called to serve as full-time missionaries:

J. Edwin and Elma Bone (Tallahassee III)
New Mexico Albuquerque Mission

Richardo Shipley (Tallahassee III)
Ohio Cleveland Mission

...and Releases

Two young men recently returned from full-time missions. We wish to welcome them home.

Joseph Tucker (Tallahassee III)
Colombia Bogota Mission

Terry Dove (Tallahassee II)
Italy Padova Mission

NEW MEMBERS

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

Bainbridge: Carol Cutchen

Cairo: Mike Moore, Eva Nesmith

Madison: Eugene and Christa Clayton

Monticello: Debbie, Sonia, Chad, and Tammy Branch

Moultrie: Donald Jacobs, James Terry Jr.

Perry: Robert Mixon

Tallahassee I: William Crittendon

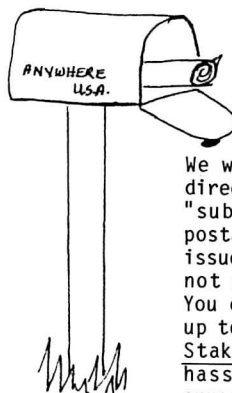
Tallahassee II: Tracie Compton,
Jose and Rosa Lizarraga

Tallahassee III: Raymond and Diane Meresse

Tallahassee Student: Charles Stirckland

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Please check with those people that you home and visit teach. It is important that our mailing list be as accurate as possible.



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A Tradition of Love

Dedication of a day to mothers is relatively new to the United States. It was not until 1908 that the first such special day was held, but the tradition of setting aside time for the public expression of love for mothers dates back to the ancient Greek empire. It was continued in pagan Rome and later by the early Christians in honor of the Virgin Mary. In England an ecclesiastical decree expanded the holiday to include all mothers. Perhaps because many of the early settlers in the United States were not members of the established Church of England, they did not bring this celebration with them. It was not until the early 1900's that Miss Anna Jarvis succeeded in establishing a new tradition.

Anna often heard her mother say that there should be an annual day honoring mothers. Although attractive and intelligent, Anna never married but cared for her blind sister. When their mother died on May 9, 1905, Anna felt her loss deeply.

Two years later, on the second Sunday in May, she invited some friends to her home in Philadelphia and told them of her plan to start a "Mother's Day." She was much concerned because too many adults neglected their mothers, and did not appreciate them until it was too late. Anna also noticed the lack of deference toward parents and believed that the hectic pace of modern life caused home ties to be neglected.

When Anna decided to campaign for a national observance of a day devoted to mothers, she wrote countless letters to people in all walks of life, including members of Congress, asking for their aid.

Before the third anniversary of her mother's death, Anna asked the local church to arrange a "Mother's Day" service to honor her mother. This was carried out. Anna donated carnations, her mother's favorite flower, to be worn by those in attendance.

From that gesture stems the custom to wear flowers honoring one's mother.

Soon the idea of observing Mother's Day spread throughout our country. In 1910 the Governor of West Virginia issued the first Mother's Day proclamation; Oklahoma followed; and in 1912, Governor Hay of Washington asked his people to attend church, to visit or write their mothers, or if their mothers were not living to wear white carnations in their memory, symbolic of sweetness, purity, and endurance. By this time, all our states and several foreign lands were observing Mother's Day.

On May 7, 1914, Thomas J. Heflin of Alabama and Senator Sheppard of Texas introduced into Congress a resolution to set aside the second Sunday in each May as "Mother's Day": "Whereas the service rendered by American mothers is the greatest source of the country's strength and inspiration...." Two days afterward, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation as "a public expression of love and reverence for mothers of this country," and urged that the flag be flown on this holiday.

Although the celebration at first was carried out by church programs, the scope of the observance was broadened to include demonstrations of affection by sending gifts, writing letters, and making visits. With this widespread celebration, commercialism began to play its part. Anna Jarvis was dismayed at this turn of events and disliked the advertisements of telegraph companies, florists, candy makers, and others.

However celebrated, Mother's Day has proved its worth and is a good thing. On this day, grateful daughters and sons and husbands attempt to express their warm thoughts and thanks to mothers and wives who have meant so much.

TO MOTHER

Yes, God is real to me
I see Him
in your smile.
I feel Him
in your gentle ways.
I know Him
through the beauty
of your soul.
Bless you!



by Alice Joyce
Davidson

When I was young I thought
Angels had wings and
Halos and carried harps.
Angels sang songs all day
and talked to shepherds and
Old men at night.
I never saw an angel
Until I heard my mother sing
and saw the tears of
Long and faithful years flow from
Sweet, believing eyes.
Then I knew --
Angels are people, too.

Anonymous



A LOVELY SURPRISE

Life has started all over for me.
The young years of happiness
Have come again in a sweeter form
Than a mother could ever guess.
The love and devotion I gave my child
I thought I could give no other,
But life held a lovely surprise for me--
This year I became a grandmother.

Kay Andrew



ME MUDDER

Who'd dress me in those Sunday frills
And make me sit so nice and still
Against me very nature and will?
Me Mudder!

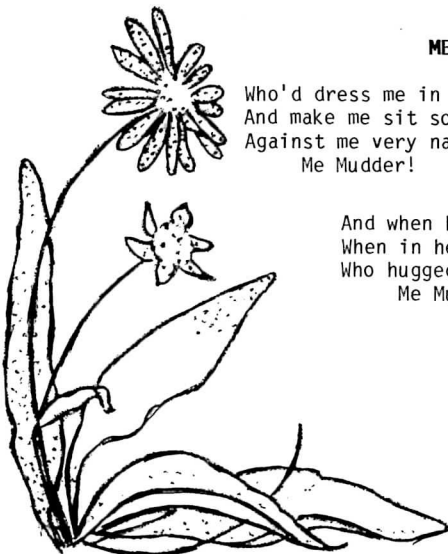
And when her patience I would test
When in her clothes she found me dressed,
Who hugged me tight against her breast?
Me Mudder!

Who'd make me sit on the icy pot
Before she'd tuck me in me cot
And make me sleep when I could not?
Me Mudder!

And as upon her knee I sat
Who'd hold me to her heart and chat
And squish my nose till it was flat?
Me Mudder!

The mother is a gardener--planting the seeds
of faith, truth and love that develop into the
fairest flowers of character, virtue and
happiness in the lives of her children.

J. Harold Gwynne



STAKE LEADERS

People have wondered from time to time who our stake leaders are. We are including the following list of stake leaders, that were sustained at February Stake Conference, for your information:

Stake Presidency - Richard L. Chapple (President), Charles H. Madsen, Jr. (1st Counselor), W. Paul Nicholson (2nd Counselor); **High Council** - Larry Brock, Loran Anderson, Conrad Futch, Frederick Williams, William Clark, Arnold Garr, Franklin Murray, Robert Kerns, Carlos Deason, Joseph Durrance, P. Maylon McCreless, Callis Walker; **Alternate High Counselors** - Stanley Webb, Melton Covington, Marion Gray, Dudley Dixon; **Stake Executive Secretary** - Harvey Moss; **Stake Clerk** - Rex Taylor; **Assistant Stake Clerks** - Arthur Lahtinen, Glen Martin II, Gilbert Paige, Bill Moller, Donald Davis, Dennis Roberts, Lee Vass, Jr.; **Stake Patriarchs** - Joseph Bone and Mark Peddie; **Presidency of the Stake Quorum of the Seventy** - Ronald Stone, David Henderson, Alan Lahtinen, John Moser, Glen Barber; **Relief Society Presidency** - Cherie Garr, Patricia Brock, Donna Tucker; **Sunday School President** - David Salisbury; **Young Men Presidency** - Arnold Garr, P. Maylon McCreless, Stanley Webb; **Young Women Presidency** - Maureen Webb, Diana Moser, Jacqueline Stone and Janice Anderson (secretary); **Presidency of the Primary Association** - Sue Williams, Barbara Canova, Karen Torgesen, and Nadine Gairns (secretary); **Secretary of the High Priests Quorum** - Conrad Futch; **Stake Director of Libraries** - Loran Anderson; **Stake Activities Committee** - Robert Kerns; Ken Bergstrom, and Linda Hall.

* * * MAGAZINE DRIVE * * *

A story is told of an investigator to the Church who was invited to his friends' for an "in-home" discussion. He learned that the Church is led by a prophet of God. He thought this was exciting and surely needed in these times. After that evening, he discovered that one way President Kimball addresses the members was through the Ensign. At his next in-home discussion he excitedly asked his friends, "What did the prophet say this month?" When they told him that they didn't subscribe to the Ensign he just did not understand how anyone could not be waiting with anticipation to read the words of a prophet of God!

April, May, and June are Church magazine months. The Stake Presidency desires that every home subscribe to at least the Ensign to receive counsel from our Church leaders. The Ensign (\$9/yr.) contains a wide variety of material, including a message from the First Presidency, poetry, humor, counsel for marrieds, etc. The New Era (\$7/yr.) and the Friend (\$7/yr.) are also excellent publications geared primarily toward youth and children respectively.

If you aren't receiving Church magazines, now is the time to order. If you are receiving them, don't forget to renew your subscription so you don't miss a single issue. Subscriptions for this area run from July to June. Check the top right corner of your mailing label to see when your subscription expires. See your ward/branch magazine representative, or send a check directly to:

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Calendar



April

- 13-14 Roadshows*
- 14 Blazer Camp
- 21 Stake Women's Conference*
- 22 Easter*
- 28 Stake Auxiliary Leadership Meeting

May

- 4-6 Single Adult Spectacular*
- 7 Stake Family Home Evening (Showtime)*
- 11-12 Father/Son Outing
- 13 Mother's Day
- 19 Stake Priesthood Leadership Meeting
- 26 YM/YW Stake Youth Activity
- 28 Memorial Day (observed)

June

- 1-2 Relief Society Mother/Daughter Outing*
- 9 Stake Soccer Tournament
- 16 Stake Single Adult Picnic
- 17 Father's Day
- 21-23 Regional Youth Conference
- 23 Stake Auxiliary Leadership Meeting
- 29 Stake Softball Tournament

* See articles in this newsletter.

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