

STAKE CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 18-19

Elder Willard T. Brannen, the regional representative for the Tallahassee Region, will preside at Stake Conference on September 18-19. Of special note during the conference will be the sustaining of a new second counselor in the stake presidency to replace President Robert L. Millet, who is moving from the area.

The following meetings have been scheduled:

Saturday, September 18

3:00 Priesthood Leadership Meeting for members of stake, ward, and branch priesthood executive committees.

5:00 Saturday Evening Session for all adult members of the stake. (The theme will be Financial and Resource Management.)

Sunday, September 19

10:00 General Session for all members of the Church and their friends.

10:00 Primary for children age 3 to 6.

All are encouraged to attend. Priesthood leaders and home and visiting teachers should arrange for transportation for those who require it.

Adhering To Church Policy

by Richard Anderson (High Councilor)
Stake Physical Facilities Representative

In the United States, the Church as a general rule enjoys a tax free status with respect to its properties that are used for worship, religious training, or Church related activities. We as members and leaders in the various units within the Tallahassee Stake have an obligation to the Church, ourselves, and the local, state and federal governments to maintain this status by only conducting and/or participating in those activities on Church property which do not violate the rules and regulations established to maintain this status. The following statements have been taken from various policies and procedures established by the Church to help us govern ourselves in these matters.

(1) Meetinghouses (including the grounds and parking lot) may not be used to raise funds by-

(a) Making or selling goods on a regular or ongoing basis (example: the making of dolls, candy, bread, etc., in the meetinghouse as a project to raise funds)



The Garr Family

NEW INSTITUTE DIRECTOR

by Colleen Porter

The Stake extends a warm welcome to our new Institute Director, Arnold Garr, and his family, who will be residing in Tallahassee First Ward.

Brother Garr is a veteran of the Church Education System with 13 years of experience teaching both Seminary and Institute. The last four years were spent at BYU, teaching classes in Church history and The Doctrine and Covenants.

Sister Cherie Garr is a graduate of Weber State College and has taught physical education. She has served as president of both the Relief Society and Young Women's organizations, and is expecting a baby in September. The Garr children include Wendi, 10; Natalie, 4; and Randy, 1.

Brother Garr has degrees in history from Weber State College and Utah State University. He will be receiving a doctorate in American History from BYU, with a dissertation on the interaction of American presidents with the Mormon Church in the 19th century, through 1908. Although the negative impact of Presidents Van Buren and Buchanan are well known, Brother Garr's research indicates that Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt had friendly attitudes toward the Church.

Brother Garr has served the Church in many capacities -- as a missionary to Finland, a high councilor, and bishop of the Palmyra, New York Ward.

Brother Garr's reaction to taking over as Institute Director is an echo of President Kimball's feelings at following in the footsteps of Harold B. Lee. "I hope to build on the strong foundation that President Millet has laid. We expect things will get even better."

With a twinkle in his eye he added, "Another difference between us is that President Millet probably has more hair than I do."

Institute classes will commence at the start of the fall semester at Florida State University. Classes offered will include Book of Mormon and Doctrine and Covenants.

STAKE PRESIDENCY MESSAGE



by Richard L. Chapple
Stake President

It was significant this year that the commemoration of the birth of our nation coincided with the Sabbath Day. Historically there has been a firm link between the Lord's people, their homeland, and their faith.

In the scriptures we find that two lands have been referred to as promised lands, lands in which the Lord's people could gather and in which religious events of transcendent importance could occur. In the Old World it was the land of Jerusalem into which the Children of Israel were led and where the Redeemer of the world was born, performed His ministry, and then died for mankind. In the New World it was the American continent where new scriptures would be written and where the Lord would restore the gospel through the prophet Joseph Smith for the final time.

At various times in the history of the world, the Lord has gathered His people in these two lands to teach them, refine them, and prepare them to have an impact in the world. These two locations will remain important even in the Millennium when "...out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." (Isaiah 2:3)

Those people who are referred to as the Lord's people and who possess a promised land have always had responsibilities placed upon them for the land. Their staying in the land was and is contingent upon their conduct and faithfulness. The words of the Lord through the prophet Ether are typical and apply to us today:

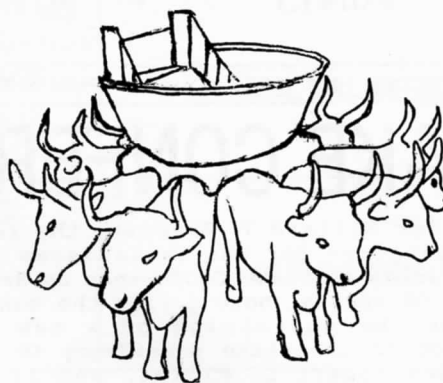
"And now, we can behold the decrees of God concerning this land, that it is a land of promise; and whatsoever nation shall possess it shall serve God, or they shall be swept off when the fulness of his wrath shall come upon them. And the fulness of his wrath cometh upon them when they are ripened in iniquity.... Behold, this is a choice land, and whatsoever nation shall possess it shall be free from bondage, and from captivity, and from all other nations under heaven, if they will but serve the God of the land, who is Jesus Christ..." (Ether 2:9, 12)

The relationship between love for God, love for family and heritage, and love for country is very real for members of the Church. An appreciation for our promised land can only be gained after an appreciation for ourselves, our families, and our divine legacy. May the Lord enable us to feel these things and put them into active use in our lives.

Travel With The Millets!

President and Sister Millet will present an informal lecture/slide fireside about their recent trip to Rome, Egypt, and Israel at 7:30 in the Stake Center chapel on Friday, September 17.

Youth Temple Trip



The annual youth temple excursion returned July 15 after a very successful trip to the Washington Temple. Seventy-one youth and nine chaperones participated in the excursion under the direction of President Richard Chapple and President Charles Madsen of the stake presidency and Conrad Futch of the high council.

In addition to completing several hundred baptisms, the youth held a family home evening testimony meeting on Monday evening and toured several areas in Washington, D.C., including the FBI building, the National Archives, Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, the Capitol Building, and the Smithsonian Institution.

The youth who participated included Chris Jensen, Dan Brue, and Naomi Riffle (Bainbridge); Frankie Williamson, Richard Floyd, David Floyd, and Wendy Dransfield (Madison); Rick and Mizell Ricks (Moultrie); Paige Lee (Perry); Allen Nicholson, Michael Nicholson, and Kelly Teare (Quincy); Brooke Bliss, Kent Bliss, Richard Martin, Rick Peregrino, Clayton Tew, Russell Tew, Chris Poppell, Pam Riles, Christy Gillis, Machel Madsen, Marcie Madsen, Rachel Helms, Paisley Clark, Suzie Clark, Coni Jo Durrance, Michele Stayton, Carol Sims, Jacki Hall, Dorothy Roberts, Ginger Gronewald, Brenda Martin, and Sterling Gillis (Tallahassee First); Steven Anderson, Marty Guris, Cory Campora, Shawn Futch, Kenny Futch, Penny Clark, Sylvie Voyles, Melissa Johnson, Lennea Speck, Laticia Feagle, Kim Williams, and Courtney Williams (Tallahassee Second); Joe Gill, Larry Taylor, and Jimmy Gill (Valdosta); Michael Clanton, Shawn King, Alan Clanton, Gary Dixon, Rick Watson, Kim Roberts, April Nesmith, Michele Watson, Melissa Maxey, Mechelle Maxey, Shannon Covington, and Melodie Watson (Thomasville); and Vanessa Dykes (Apalachicola).

Special guests included Daryl Lee of the Tucson Arizona East Stake, who formerly lived in Valdosta, Kenny Sandell of the Orlando Stake, Lena Thorsen and Ginger Tice of the Marianna Stake, Lisa Carroll of the Douglas Georgia Stake, and Faith and "Doodle" Owens from the Tampa Stake, who formerly lived in the Tallahassee First Ward.

The chaperones were Frances Collins (Madison); Tim Bryan, Cindy Bryan, Carol Bliss, and President Madsen (Tallahassee First); Susan Russell (Apalachicola); President Chapple (Tallahassee Second); Edith Rehberg (Thomasville); and Linda Carroll (Douglas Georgia Stake).

The excursion was a great success and parents can be proud of the way their youth conducted themselves.

ADHERING TO CHURCH POLICY (from page 1)

- (b) Sponsoring the sale of commercial items (example: the advertising or selling of food storage items, or any other fund raising project on the meetinghouse property)

In general, merchandising activities are not to be conducted by quorums, branches, wards, or stakes, including purchases and sales of any items not related to the exempt purposes of the Church.

Renting or leasing of meetinghouses (including grounds and parking lot) to any person or organization for commercial purposes, posting of commercial advertising in meetinghouses, advertising amusements, promoting business schemes or commercial selling, and sponsoring commercial entertainment for fund-raising projects, fall within this category. This also includes notices by individuals for services (babysitting, lodging, or indicating where good purchases are found, etc.).

Activities such as dinners, dances, movies, if conducted for social purposes, are permitted if the following criteria are met:

(1) The activity is held only for persons living within the boundaries of the church unit sponsoring the activity, and there is no advertising or solicitation of the general public.

(2) Attendance is by budget donation or by direct voluntary contribution. It is permissible to suggest a donation per individual or family for the purpose of defraying costs, however, a mandatory admission charge cannot be assessed.

Many activities not only have consumer liability, but also have income, sales, use, excise, and property tax implications. Such activities include entertainment for which admission is charged and for which performers are paid for their services (payment of travel expenses is not payment for services rendered).

While this policy must be strict to protect the tax-exempt status our Church enjoys, the stake presidency encourages the use of the Stake News as an appropriate source of communicating the availability of goods and services.

Primary Scenes



by Karen Lunt
Second Counselor
Stake Primary Presidency

The Perry Branch Primary had a delightful surprise on the 4th of July. The program began with a reading called "I Am An American" given by the Primary leaders (complete with patriotic hats) while Ginney Brown played soft music in the background. Denise Register and "John Boy" Compton then sang "The Star Spangled Banner" for the children. Borrowed from the public library was a film called "Our Flag," which the children enjoyed. After singing the traditional birthday song, six year old Deanna Murray had the privilege of blowing out the candles which topped the American Flag birthday cake. The sharing time that day proved to be both educational for the children and fun for all.

Tallahassee First Ward Primary is really working hard on personal histories. They are fortunate to have Sister Johnnie Helms to take the time to help individual classes write their personal histories through questionnaires, forms, and creative writing.

The CTR class of the Cairo branch took charge of sharing time on the 4th of July and

shared with the other children their thoughts on their love for America and appreciation for their independence.

The children of the Valdosta Ward helped set the mood for their Ward conference by singing "Love One Another" in sign language. What a beautiful way to show their love and concern for the handicapped.

Tallahassee Second Ward Primary has recently learned about the missionary goals and what they, as individuals, can do to prepare for their mission. They invited Sister Linda Campora to share pictures of her son, Randy, who is now serving a mission in Texas. She related some of the ways Randy prepared for his mission as a child and told the children that they could one day have their name engraved on a plaque in the Bishop's office when they go on their mission.

The primaries in the Tallahassee Stake have really been working hard on their priesthood goals - and having loads of fun while working.

We, in the Stake Primary Presidency, are really proud of all the primary organizations, their teachers and children, and those members in the wards and branches that help out.



Single Adults

On June 19, the Tallahassee Stake Single Adults had their annual picnic. This year they traveled to Torreya State Park where they sang songs and shared each others picnic lunches. After stuffing themselves, the group split into smaller units that toured the historic Gregory House and explored the many nature trails the park has to offer. Those who went had a fun time and enjoyed each other's company. We extend our deepest thanks to those who contributed to this event. Plans are already underway for next year's picnic which will be held at the Marianna Caverns.

Here's a preview of upcoming Single Adult activities:

August 13 - Square dance at 7:30 pm at the Stake Center in Tallahassee. Prizes will be given for best cowgirl and cowboy. There will be a caller and refreshments will be served.

August 15-21 - Temple trip. Fees will consist of \$80 bus fare, \$30 hotel accommodations, and your own food money of approximately \$9 per day. Buses will leave Sunday evening from the Stake Center in Tallahassee. Tickets can be purchased in your unit or from Brother Conrad Futch (Stake High Councilor in charge of temple trips).

August 29 - Fireside at 7:30 pm. The topic will deal with setting and fulfilling goals by expanding your horizons.

September 10-12 - Regional Single Adult Conference in Panama City.

September 24 - Movie night at 7:30 pm at the Institute Building in Tallahassee. This date has been changed from the 17th. The movie will be "Seven Alone" which is an 1800 epic of children who had to cross the wilderness without their parents. Refreshments will be served. A one dollar donation is requested at the door.

September 26 - Fireside at 7:30 pm at the Institute Building in Tallahassee. The topic will deal with preparing oneself to enter the temple.



Thomasville Ward

Building Dedication

Sunday, July 18, 1982 is a day the Thomasville Saints will proudly remember. President Richard L. Chapple presided at the Thomasville Ward building dedication at 4 o'clock on that day. Bishop Stanley McWhorter welcomed those in attendance after which all sang 'We Love Thy House, O God'. The invocation was offered by Charles King (past bishop). Thomasville's ward choir joyfully sang 'This House We Dedicate To Thee'.

Bishop McWhorter was the first speaker. He recalled that when he arrived in 1966 there were only twenty-eight Saints meeting in a small building. He then centered his remarks on gaining salvation through working in God's kingdom, quoting D&C 14:7, "And, if you keep my commandments and endure to the end you shall have eternal life, which gift is the greatest of all the gifts of God."

Substituting for Mayor Tom Faircloth, Mayor Pro-tem Burgess represented the city of Thomasville. He expressed that the city leaders thought church growth in Thomasville was important and that the city was behind the Saint's efforts. He pledged that business and industry would not infringe on the LDS community. Finally, he stated that he was impressed with the Church's standards and its moral code.

Brother Dallas "Pat" Watson (past bishop) talked about the history of the Thomasville Saints. In 1964, there was no meetinghouse so they met in a funeral home in Cairo. In 1966, they found a house and three acres of land. The house was old, shabby, and chilly, and has since been removed, but the new building is still located on the same three acres.

President Charles H. Madsen, Jr. then fondly remembered that his first high council assignment was in Thomasville. He reminded everyone that the Church follows its own counsel to remain free from debt by not having mortgages on its property. He then spoke of Thomasville's future indicating that an addition to the existing building would be forthcoming because of the rapid growth in the membership there and concluded by indicating the importance of obedience in our personal lives.

Following President Madsen, the ward choir, led by Sister Carolyn Clanton, sang a

special musical number, 'Where Love Is'.

President Chapple drew a parallel between buildings and our lives. We dedicate the parts of a building, bless it, ask that it be accepted by the Lord, and ask that those who enter its doors will feel the Lord's spirit. In our lives, we dedicate our mind, body, and spirit to the Lord, covenant to live righteously, pledge ourselves to good works, and have faith in God's grace. Also, we keep both our lives and our buildings clean.

On behalf of all those in attendance, President Chapple offered the dedicatory prayer. He opened in gratitude, expressing the desire of the Saints to live the commandments, a hope to fulfill the covenants they have made, and an appreciation for the atonement. He recognized the sacrifice put into the building, and asked that the Lord accept it as His house and bless its mechanical parts that they would function smoothly. He prayed for the Lord's spirit to dwell there, that all who enter will feel His influence, and that all who preside will sense divine direction and closeness. The building was dedicated as a sign of growth, and included was a promise to love our Heavenly Father with heart, mind, and strength.

The congregation then joined in singing 'Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow'.

Brother Randall Smith (first counselor and past branch president) offered the benediction.

Bishop McWhorter attributes the growth of the Thomasville Ward to the Church's emphasis on the family. Currently, the members meet in a multipurpose room that holds approximately 160. Future plans include a new chapel, cultural hall/gymnasium, and more classrooms. Under the new building program, 96 percent of the money for the new construction will come from Church headquarters.

Crawfordville Branch

Branch President Called

Robert F. Kerns was called and sustained as president of the Crawfordville Branch at their branch conference held on June 27. He replaces Donald M. Whitley who faithfully served as branch president for one year after moving to Crawfordville from Montana. The Whitley family recently moved into Tallahassee where they will be members of the second ward.

President Kerns formerly served as second counselor to President Whitley. He and his counselors, Don Brock and Stan Tucker, feel that the area in which Crawfordville needs to strive the hardest at this time is missionary work. These brethren look forward to the blessings and growth that result from hard work.

President Kerns expressed appreciation for the opportunity of working with President Whitley and learning from his example of leadership.



Valdosta Ward

by Brenda Courson

The Great Scout Getaway

On June 5, the Valdosta Ward Scouts met at the Church at 5:00 am. Something was definitely up, for as we all know, it's almost impossible to get a teen-aged boy out of bed that early on a Saturday morning!

The group was led by Scoutmaster Gordon Walker, assisted by Carl Henderson, and bringing up the rear with the last four boys was Brenda Courson (wooed by promises of being made an honorary Scout! - Is that possible?!). The group was headed to Ichetucknee Springs, where they launched their crafts (tubes and two-man rafts) into the sparkling clear waters and jumped in. Brrrr! The water felt as if it had ice cubes in it! Once everyone grew accustomed to the frigid depths and the goose pimples disappeared, they were off.

The Springs were thoroughly explored by the entire troop. Nearly three hours after embarking, they landed their crafts at the end of the Springs. Everyone was tired and hungry, and some were blistered. Lunch was dispatched with haste, and after a short rest, they began their trip home. Everyone was exhausted, but happy - and certainly willing to go again.

A Finger-Lickin' Good Time

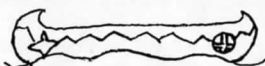


(or Have You Ever Seen So Many Chickens in Your Life?)

On June 18, a Friday, the priesthood of the Valdosta Ward sponsored a barbecue chicken dinner from noon to 8:00 pm to raise money for the Welfare Project.

That morning, smoke was seen rising from behind the chapel. The church was a hive of activity as everyone worked to prepare a super feast. The smell of good food covered the west end of Baytree Avenue, and everyone waited for the magic hour of 12:00 noon when they began serving tons of the best baked beans and cole slaw this side of heaven with the chicken grilled to a turn and topped off with a roll and good lemonade. It was a meal fit for a king.

Lots of thanks go out to the good folks who donated their time, effort, and hard work preparing and making this cookout a success. The food was great! The cookout cleared between \$700 and \$800 for the Welfare Project, and other activities are being planned for a later date.



Way Down on the Withlacoochee (or How to Spend a Rainy Weekend)

It's Friday evening, June 25. At the Valdosta Ward, there is activity noted. Once again, Boy Scout Troop #418 is ready for adventure.

The Troop, under the fearless and undaunted leadership of Gordon Walker, struck

out under dark thunder clouds with canoes and backpacks to explore the wild course of the Withlacoochee River.

Camp was made and supper fixed as the dark gloom deepened all around. But true to the Scout tradition, only a few knees were knocking and only a few fears were voiced. Later, as everyone huddled together in the ever-thickening mist and darkness, stories were exchanged - tales of monsters and wild man-eating animals who roamed the vast uncharted reaches of the river. Soon it was time to hit the bedrolls, and the sounds of the night descended all around. But the stout-hearted Scouts drifted off to sleep as the night passed on.

Morning came with everyone's account of how the night went. No bears, or bobcats, but mosquitoes took their toll. The Scouts fought the battle bravely armed with a case of "OFF". But by some accounts, the mosquitoes were the victors. Brother Walker was heard to exclaim, "I believe I will need a transfusion when we return to civilization."

After a breakfast of canned meat and Kool-Aid, all mixed with sand, the troop was ready to face "The River." Canoes were packed. The Scouts loaded and off they went. Once on the water, everyone realized that no one had taken the time to instruct in the art of paddling a canoe! A few canoes went in circles a while, but soon all were more or less headed in the right direction.

It wasn't long before they encountered an unforeseen enemy -- rain! Lunch that day consisted of soggy sandwiches, limp crackers, and salt that wouldn't pour; but the spirit of adventure was never dampened. Onward! Canoes were swamped. Bedrolls were washed overboard and had to be retrieved. Everyone was soaked to the bone, and still the river lay before the weary, wet party.

As the Scouts paddled on, each wondered, "What am I doing here?" I could be home -- dry, full, rested, and watching the ball game! Why? Because it's here, it's fun, and it's an adventure! (And besides, if I were home I'd have to cut the grass!)"

At last, land, and the preparations for the trek home. It was agreed that new frontiers had been met and conquered. The Scouts had once again overcome a great challenge. The spirit of adventure and exploration triumphed over all obstructions.



HEAR YE, HEAR YE



If we don't hear about it we can't print it! Tell us about your ward/branch news! Details can be submitted through your Public Communications Representative, or sent to the Stake News, 2310 Oxford Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32304.

OOPS!

We never have met the McDermotts but the McDermids sure are nice folks. Sorry for the misspelling in the last issue of the newsletter.

Tallahassee Student Ward



Home Teaching/Visiting Teaching Conference

by Lauretta Garrett

On Friday evening, June 4, the Student Ward Elder's Quorum and Relief Society presidency hosted an inspiring Home and Visiting Teaching Conference. Bishop Richard Meik conducted the well-attended meeting at which Stake Patriarch, Brother Mark Peddie, his wife, Sister Elsie Peddie, and Stake President Richard L. Chapple were guest speakers.

Sister Peddie spoke of the example of Christ and said that we must give each sister the same love which Christ gave to us. She reminded us that although we cannot effectively serve every sister in the church, we are given charge over a manageable number so that we can serve each sister well. This results in the visiting teacher better knowing and loving each sister and, consequently, becoming genuinely concerned and being a friend and confidant. Sister Peddie said we know we are approaching Christ-like love when we yearn for the celestial exaltation of those we visit as much as for ourselves. She spoke of the importance of visiting teaching companions praying together before entering the home to ask the Lord's guidance and to establish the proper spirit. Listening to that spirit and following its promptings can help us develop a greater love for the sister we visit and for our Saviour. We must be careful not to take with us the attitude that we are being put-upon. Superficial attitudes and gestures will not hide an uncaring heart. It is not possible to give the sisters we teach too much love, kindness, and gentleness.

Sister Peddie closed by expressing the joy which comes through this service, by which we can know that we are serving our Heavenly Father.

Brother Peddie spoke next and drew upon his long experience in the Church for many inspiring and instructive examples.

He recounted the story of one branch that had many inactive members and in which a small number of brothers did most of the home teaching. The love and determination of these brothers was shown to the Lord and soon more people attended meetings. He spoke of the wonderful opportunity we have to serve others by home teaching and the great effect good home teachers have on Church members. Spirituality increases; attendance and activity increase; and the result is more active home teachers. Brother Peddie also emphasized the special growth and joy which comes in teaching inactive members. We need to remember that they once had a testimony. We must work to break down the barriers which have grown between them and the Church. He advised us not to wait until someone asks us

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Tallahassee 2nd Ward

by Colleen Porter

Second Ward has undergone a series of reorganizations during the last few months. Jay Barber is the ward clerk, with Robert Guris as executive secretary. Gilbert Paige is the new Elders' Quorum president, with Jerre Sadler and Sanford Porter as counselors and Tunji Okunyade as assistant secretary. Sue Williams is the Relief Society president, with Cathe Laird as education counselor, Jeanette Okunyade as homemaking counselor, and Bea Blaisdell as secretary.

Second Ward's newest missionary is Edwin Lee Baird, who was called to the Colorado Denver Mission in June. Elder Baird is a 1981 graduate of Seminary, and Lincoln High School, where he participated in a work-study program that landed him a job as a shoe salesman. He had attained the position of assistant manager before leaving on his mission. Elder Baird is the son of James and Cynthia Baird of Tallahassee.

The Merrie Miss class had an end-of-school slumber party in June at the home of Betty Barber. The girls brought their own toppings for homemade pizza. Sister Barber and Laura Downer joined with the girls in an evening of fun that included watching movies, making "people pyramids" in the back yard, clobbering each other in pillow fights, and trying to stay awake the longest.

Young Women's Standards Event

by Barbara McDermid
Tallahassee II Y.W. President

Tallahassee 2nd Ward provided a most unusual Standards Event for their Young Women's program on May 21-22, 1982. The theme presented was "Papas, Peers, and Pinafores," which emphasized positive relationships being developed with their families and friends. The 16-hour marathon event, which took place at the home of Fred and Sue Williams, began the evening of the 21st with a cook-out to which the girls had invited their fathers, or the individual who serves in that role for them. After a delicious supper featuring the traditional hotdogs, salads, and s'mores, the fathers met outside on blankets with Richard Chapple, Tallahassee Stake President. President Chapple spoke to the dads on how to maintain a close relationship with their daughters during these difficult teenage years. At the same time, indoors, the girls were listening to the wisdom of Sister Linda Campora, Stake Relief Society President, and her daughter Lana and niece Nancy Campora, who spoke on parental concerns and parental relationships. Following the hour-long presentations, the fathers and daughters exchanged letters of love they had prepared in advance. After the letters, and hugs and a few tears, the girls escorted their fathers to their cars, and saw them off. Jeannie Tuten, one of the Beehives, said, "I can't believe my dad wrote a full page, type-written." Other letters varied in length from a paragraph to four typed pages.

Sister Kelli Foster, PhD candidate in psychology at Florida State University, then spoke with the girls about peer relationships, and how to deal with those girls whom we know but would not necessarily immediately select as friends, and how to

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"Broadway Our Way"

"Broadway Our Way" was the name given to an evening hosted by the Tallahassee 2nd Ward Young Women's organization on June 5. After serving a cafe style French dinner complete with cream puffs, scenes from various Broadway musicals were presented.

The production was directed by Mary Green, a sophomore in Nursing at Florida State University, who attributes her experience to high school plays, including a musical, and a preliminary Miss America event. While not a member of the Church, Mary devoted endless hours helping to put the show together.

The Young Women's production was well-balanced by participation from all age groups. Sister Barbara McDermid, Young Women's President, reported that the event raised enough money to fulfill the Y.W.'s annual budget.



Left to right: Janice Tucker, Annette Cranford, Les Williams, & Sonnie Little - "Sabbath Prayer" (Fiddler On The Roof)



Entire Cast - "Let Us Entertain You (Gypsy)"

Richie Tucker - "Edelweiss" (Sound of Music)



Larissa Chapple - "Wouldn't It Be Lovely" (My Fair Lady)

Kim Williams & Ray Gray - "Juke Box Saturday Night" (Stars On Ice)



Marti Monti - "Cabaret" (Cabaret)



Annette Cranford - "New York, New York" (New York, New York)



Margaret Williams
and
Scott McDermid

"Anything
You Can Do"

(Annie
Get Your Gun)



Melissa Johnson (left) and Shannon Canova - "Honey Bun" (South Pacific)

Left to right: Larissa Chapple, Jeannie Tuten, & Peggy Clark - "Put On a Happy Face"

(Bye,
Bye Birdie)



TALLAHASSEE 2nd WARD (from page 6)



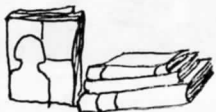
Vick Cranford
exchanges
letters with
daughters
Annette (left)
and Ronnie

deal with those girls who are only partially active and come to only a few events a year. This was an exciting and helpful presentation, especially enjoyed by the girls.

Following the conclusion of Sister Foster's talk, the slumber party began, and went on, and on, and on...

Not a minute too soon, it was time for breakfast. The mothers had been invited to arrive at 8:30 for a breakfast of homemade cinnamon rolls and breakfast quiche, and to hear the concluding speaker, Sister Ronnie Green, Stake Young Women's President, who spoke in a positive, upbeat manner on dressing in a modest and becoming manner. Her message that young men like to see a beautiful young woman, not a body, was well received by the audience. Also, her advice to begin dress standards with our toddlers as a means of avoiding the teen-age confrontation was appreciated.

As a Young Women's Presidency, we feel the Standards Weekend was most successful and one that will not be quickly forgotten by the girls or the advisors who attended! As the Young Women's President, I wish to express my thanks to Sister Suzanne Chapple, 2nd Counselor and Beehive Advisor, for a well coordinated event.



BOOK REVIEW

Grant A. Worth, Do Your Prayers Bounce Off The Ceiling?, Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1982.

Grant A. Worth, a former bishop in Richland, Washington, has taken a fresh look at answers to prayer in this excellent new publication. Concerning his book, he writes: "The audience is any and all Latter-day Saints who have experienced difficulty discerning answers to prayer. The book is intended to benefit even new members, but it was written primarily for long-term members who have never fully mastered the skill of divine communication. If we feel that the Lord doesn't answer our prayers, or if we have difficulty discerning His response, there are steps we can take, something we can do to assure success in prayer."

Do Your Prayers Bounce Off the Ceiling? isn't a book that teaches how to pray, but rather a book on how to recognize a response to prayer. It identifies many peripheral factors that frequently affect our ability to recognize an answer.

The chapter titles are intriguing: "Why Can't I Get an Answer?," "I've Tried That -- It Still Doesn't Work!," "Petition or Decision?," "How Do I Ask?," "Why Am I Afraid?," "What Will I Hear?," "Praying in Spite of Weakness," "Developing Self-mastery," "Learning to Forgive Ourselves," "Exercising and Building Our Faith," "Will We Always Get an Answer?," and "Passing the Trial of Your Faith."



Spot light

by Sue Morgan

Meet Lynn Picolo. A member of the Tallahassee Student Ward, she was baptized nearly five years ago. Lynn was born with a bone disease which confines her to a wheelchair, but that doesn't limit her from anything she is determined to do.

Recently, Lynn was in the local spotlight when she received the "Miss Achievement" award in the Miss Wheelchair Florida 1982 Competition. Lynn explained that the contest isn't a beauty contest, but is based on the individual's achievements and how they've overcome their limitations. The purpose of the contest is to promote public awareness of physical handicaps.

Lynn earned her B.S. degree in Home Economics from Florida State University where she is currently working on her Masters. She works for the State Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services as a rehabilitative technician. She has a bright, sunny personality and is always willing to pitch in and help. Besides being an excellent cook, Lynn's other hobbies include swimming, gardening, and doing all kinds of handicrafts from sewing and crochet to embroidery and crewel work. She's an avid genealogist and a loving, caring visiting teacher - one who is always willing to give. This has been shown through the many things she's done for those she visits.

Lynn is very modest about her achievements. She has helped many other people who are handicapped. Since she works mostly with those who have hearing impairments, she is quite proficient in sign language. This was a blessing when the Student Ward acquired a new member who was deaf. Lynn would sit with this sister in church and translate all that was being said.

Lynn Picolo plans in her career to help others become as independent as she is. She is an example to all who know her.

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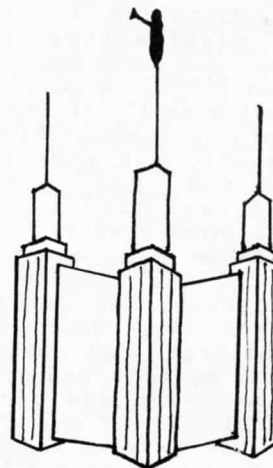
Living in a Catholic convent, working with the government, conducting workshops for parents and teachers, and flying half-way across the world to a tropical island are things Vickie Lockmiller, of the Tallahassee Student Ward, never imagined doing when she decided to serve a mission. Yet all of these things were a part of her unique missionary experience.

Usually when we think of missions we automatically think of proselyting or welfare services, but neither term adequately describes this mission. Vickie was called to Singapore to help meet a special need - start a home-based training program for handicapped children. Both her education and work experience helped prepare her for this assignment.

In Singapore, handicapped children greatly need a home-based training program because they frequently have to wait four, five, six years or longer to be admitted into one of the special schools for the handicapped run by the Singapore Association for Retarded Children, which is a voluntary organization. Voluntary organizations in this area must contend with inadequate facilities, untrained teachers, shortages of funds, and endless waiting lists. This new program was designed to reach children on these waiting lists by teaching parents how to train their handicapped children. This was accomplished by hiring home trainers who, along with a parent, social worker, and volunteer, were trained by Vickie and her companion to go into the children's homes and teach parents basic self-help-skills (such as feeding, toileting, dressing), socialization, and language development. These skills could then be taught to the child by his mother. Approximately 20 families were initially involved in the home-based training program, and only then after an extensive pre-service workshop lasting 10 weeks, which was given by the missionaries. Topics covered included child development, behavior modification, working with parents, and working in the home-based program. The missionaries had the responsibility for designing and conducting the training workshops as well as designing and implementing the home-based training program. The program reached different socio-economic levels and cultural groups in Singapore. Chinese, Malay, and Indian families were all involved in the program. Vickie said, "It was interesting to work with different cultural groups. I realized that handicapped children, indeed all people, are virtually the same everywhere. These children have the same needs for acceptance, training, and love as handicapped children anywhere else."

The team members were trained to function independently so that they could

The Lord's House



by Melody M. Futch

"There is no better place to be than in the house of the Lord".

Stella Herring
Tallahassee II Ward

I certainly agree with Sister Herring. There is no other place in this world where His spirit dwells as strongly as it does in His Holy Temples.

There are many, greater than myself, who have spoken about the Lord's House. Let me share with you a few of their remarks.

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord:

And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." (Malachi 4:5-6)

"And now, my dearly beloved brethren and sisters, let me assure you that these are principles in relation to the dead and the living that cannot be lightly passed over, as pertaining to our salvation. For their salvation is necessary and essential to our salvation, as Paul says concerning the Fathers -- that they without us cannot be made perfect -- neither can we without our dead be made perfect." (D&C 128:15)

"Brethren, shall we not go on in so great a cause? Go forward and not backward... Let the earth break forth into singing. Let the dead speak forth anthems of eternal praise to the King Immanuel, who hath ordained, before the world was, that which would enable us to redeem them out of their prison; for the prisoners shall go free." (D&C 128:22)

Indeed it is our responsibility to free the "prisoners". We are going to have the opportunity to do just that August 15-21 and October 17-23. Not only will we help those who have passed on, but we will also feel the sweet reassuring Spirit which accompanies those who attend the Temple sessions. Nobody says it better than Sister Herring -- "There is no better place to be than in the house of the Lord".

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continue the program after the missionaries left Singapore. Now the home trainers are continuing to expand the program and reach out to serve other children.

In addition to this program, Vickie was able to work with the Association for the Educationally Sub-normal, an organization which provides education for the mildly retarded. The missionaries conducted a workshop on classroom management techniques and a workshop on DISTAR, a program to teach language and reading skills in the classroom. "I didn't know anything about DISTAR before going to Singapore, but when people are depending upon you, you tend to learn quickly. Now I feel like I could teach DISTAR in the classroom myself!"

Other classroom management workshops were presented to the Spastic Children's Association, a school for children with cerebral palsy, and the Singapore Association for Retarded Children. Two workshops were given for parents of retarded children and one three day workshop was given for 80 teachers of disabled children. The purpose of this workshop was to teach teachers how to be creative in the classroom and how to make and use instructional aides from "junk." "We spent weeks and weeks collecting 'junk' - bottle caps, different-size boxes, old film containers, old yarn or material, etc., - to give teachers ideas. We made lists of 'junk' materials and things that could be done with each item. I believe I discovered 101 uses for colored blocks!"

The people were able to begin a program at the school for the blind for 20 multiply-handicapped children. "These children who are multiply-handicapped have an especially difficult time receiving services. The school for the blind says that the school for the retarded, deaf, or spastic should work with them. Then the schools for the retarded, deaf, or spastic say they are blind, so the school for the blind should work with them. As a result, the children suffer." This program was the first effort by an organization to meet the needs of some of these multiply-handicapped children.

Singapore may be a progressive, modern country, but in terms of mental retardation and other disabilities, they are still rooted in superstitions and traditions. "We had to cope with many things from parents who thought their children were gifts from God, and as a result catered and overindulged them rather than allowing them to grow and develop, to parents who thought their children were a curse and hid them away from education, training, and all outside contacts. For the most part, though, the people we worked with were loving and eager to learn anything that might help their child."

"At every opportunity, we were eager to share the gospel with those whom we met. We were asked by the government not to proselyte, but we were able to share that which is most precious to us with our friends and colleagues. In many instances we were the first contact our colleagues had had with the Church. We hope that many seeds have been planted!"

"For me, this was a great opportunity and wonderful experience. I'm glad I was able to use my education and training in this way. My love and understanding for these groups has broadened and I have come to more clearly understand the meaning of the word 'serve.'"

Baptisms

We welcome the following new members who were baptized in the Tallahassee Stake in May and June:

Bainbridge Branch: Edith Davis

Cairo Branch: Callie Donaldson

Monticello Branch: Denise Wilcox

Moultrie Branch: Alta Hayles, Robert Hayles,
John Jenkins, Amy Sims,
Clydeen Summerlin

Tallahassee First: Brandy Berry, Michele
Mudra, Janet Stabile
Raymond Yarbrough

Tallahassee Second: Fola Akinrinlola,
Al DeSue

Thomasville Ward: Edith McWhorter

Valdosta Ward: Mary Averette, Melody Ellis,
Richard Ellis

Missionary Calls...

The following members of the Tallahassee Florida Stake were recently called to serve as full-time missionaries. We wish them much good luck and success in the service of the Lord.

Terry Dove (Tallahassee II Ward)
Italy, Milan Mission

Joseph Tucker (Tallahassee II Ward)
Colombia, Bogota Mission

Bessie Mumford (Quincy Ward)
Washington D.C. Temple Mission

...and Releases

Brother Noah and Sister Lucille Barber (Quincy Ward) have recently been released as full-time missionaries in the Washington D.C. Temple. We welcome them back, and congratulate them for their faithful and honorable service.

Calendar

August

3-7	Girls Camp
13	S.A. Square Dance*
15-21	Temple Trip
29	S.A. Fireside*

September

12	Stake News Deadline*
10-12	Regional S.A. Conference*
11	Priesthood Leadership
12	Apalachicola Branch Conf.
17	Millet's Fireside*
18-19	Stake Conference*
24	S.A. Movie Night*
26	Madison Branch Conference
26	S.A. Fireside*

*see articles for details

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to do something for them -- "if you see that they need something done, do it!" Brother Peddie closed by expressing his love for the Church and his joy in doing the Lord's work.

After viewing the film "Worthy to Stand" and enjoying a delicious dinner, everyone returned to their seats for the remainder of the program.

Bishop Meik spoke next. He emphasized that the Lord works through us. He has us do what he would do if he were here. We must work with Him. The Bishop reminded us that we have the responsibility to serve as the Lord would have us serve. The gospel model is to emulate Jesus Christ. The Bishop expressed his hope for a renewed commitment to home and visiting teaching. He said these services connect us to everyone else in the Church and it is the teachers' responsibility to be able to answer questions about genealogy, journals, family preparedness, and other Church programs. We teach and are taught. As we serve each other, the things we teach are passed on by those who learn them to those they teach and so on. Thus, the commitment of each member to his part in these programs helps determine the direction of the whole ward.

The final speaker, President Chapple, presented his talk in the form of four questions. First, he answered the question "What are we doing?" He emphasized that the words home teaching and visiting teaching imply that we teach, that the teaching is done in the home (unless it is impossible), and that we are visiting members to assess their needs.

Next, he discussed the question "Why?". Why do we home and visit teach? Turning to Matthew 22:36-40, President Chapple reminded everyone of the two great commandments and that the key to loving the Lord is loving thy neighbor. He also reminded everyone of 1 Nephi 3:7, which says "the Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save he shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which He commandeth them." The Lord has given us the home and visiting teaching programs through the prophets. The most important unit is the family, and church programs are there to help the family. These programs are delivered by home and visiting teachers. President Chapple referred to 1 Timothy 3:1-7, in which Paul is giving Timothy counsel on how to be a good bishop (counsel which is still used by bishops today). Verse seven says, "he must have a good report of them which are without". The bishop depends on us, through our home and visiting teaching, to help him with this duty.

The third question President Chapple asked was, "What are the parameters?" (i.e. how often and how long do we teach?). The answer was as often as necessary, but at least once a month. Visiting teachers are encouraged to limit their visits to approximately ten minutes.

The final question discussed was "what do we do?". Visiting teachers present the lesson from the Relief Society manual with the person they are teaching in mind. President Chapple counseled us to remember to teach by the spirit. He added that many we teach will be reading the same lessons, so we need to be aware of their special needs.

Home teachers have a different stewardship. Because the Lord works through the priesthood structure, home teachers must serve the whole family through its priesthood

leader, if any. President Chapple advised us not to read the lesson (from the Ensign), but to adapt it differently for each family and person. In D&C 20:51 the Lord says that the priesthood is to "visit the house of each member, exhorting them to pray vocally and in secret and attend to all family duties". President Chapple said that home teaching is standing ministry of the Church. He closed by telling us how home and visiting teaching provides a way for us to be charitable. Charity starts at home, and we all influence each other and are connected in the Lord's work. He encouraged everyone by saying that it is good to be reminded that we need to do better, for we want to do the best we can because of what Christ did for us.

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