

## Hats Off To Graduates



Front row, left to right: Lori Bonnell, Holly Parrish, Larissa Chapple, Leigh Hewett. Middle row, L to R: Matt McCreless, Rick Watson, Ben Torgesen, Chris Hall, Altera Tew. Back row, L to R: George Smith, Rodney Schank, Brooke Bliss, Derek Sims, Christopher Poppell, Joel Bowers.

Commencement exercises for 12 Seminary and 1 Institute student were held Sunday, June 5, at the Tallahassee Stake Center. A total of 85 students received credit for Seminary this year, the highest number our stake has ever had.

Those graduating from Seminary were: Holly Parish (Moultrie); Joel Bowers (Tallahassee I); Matt McCreless and George Smith (Tallahassee II); Brooke Bliss, Larissa Chapple, Derek Sims, and Ben Torgesen (Tallahassee III); Chris Hall, Leigh Hewett, and Altera Tew (Tallahassee IV); and Rick Watson (Thomasville). In addition, Lori Bonnell (Tallahassee I) and Christopher Poppell (Tallahassee III) received 3-year certificates.

Graduating from Institute was Rodney Schank of Tallahassee First Ward. Marion Whitley of Tallahassee Second Ward received a post-graduate certificate.

Those students who completed reading the Old Testament, the Seminary course of study for the year, were: Daniel Brough and Sean Johnston (Bainbridge); Kelli Allen, Sherri Kight, and Shaun Taylor (Crawfordville); Allison Burge (Quincy); Joel Bowers (Tallahassee I); Michelle Johnson and Matt McCreless (Tallahassee II); Marika Chapple and Christopher Poppell (Tallahassee III); and Altera Tew (Tallahassee IV).

Twenty-six students were recognized for perfect attendance during the school year. They are: Daniel Bishop, Daniel Brough, Rhet Butler, Larissa Chapple, Marika Chapple, Nathan Christiansen, Jonathan Cranford, Desia Demous, Ben Fort, Krista Godwin, Chance King, Walt Moody, Billy Roberts, Holly Parrish, Natasha Parrish, April Prady, Christa Rudd, Elena Russold, Ben Smith, Maenell Smith, Shaun Taylor, Altera Tew, Jason Tew, Rick Watson, Joe Whitfield, and Nancy Whitfield.

Four of the seminary graduates were recognized for perfect attendance

for all four years of Seminary: Holly Parrish, Larissa Chapple, Altera Tew, and Rick Watson.

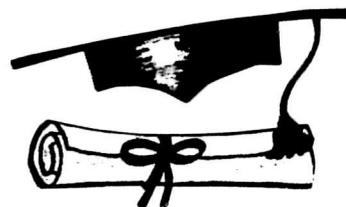
This year's scripture mastery (otherwise known as scripture chase) champions were:

Individual - Danny Brough

Small Class - Bainbridge

Large Class - Tallahassee, Reynold Meyer's class

"It was one of the best graduating classes we have ever had," said Arnold Garr, CES Coordinator. "It was a great bunch of kids."



## Tallahassee Stake Singles' Conference

by Betty Macia  
Stake Single Adult Secretary

About 200 singles descended on Tallahassee the weekend of May 27 for the annual Tallahassee Stake Singles' Conference. New friendships were started and old ones renewed as singles from as far away as Louisiana mingled.

The conference got off to a great start with a street dance and carnival Friday night. Singles could shoot hoops, putt golf, or visit the "kissing booth," among other attractions behind the Institute building. The festive atmosphere took off as couples danced until 1 a.m. to music provided by Todd Wahlquist. It was a beautiful night, perfect for dancing. After the dance, groups of singles covered at the local Shoney's for early morning eats and talk.

The testimony meeting held Saturday morning was accompanied by such a special feeling that it was difficult to end.

The conference theme "To See His Face" was brought home at the afternoon workshop with talks by Arnold Garr of the stake presidency and Mission President John Tanner. The conference members then separated into discussion groups with facilitators to discuss a scenario of life just prior to the second coming. Each group shared what they learned about the realities of living the gospel and being prepared to meet the Savior.

Another highlight of the conference was the formal dinner and ball held Saturday night. The sisters were beautiful in their ballgowns, and the brothers were dashing in tuxedos or dress military uniforms.

Sunday morning Sacrament meeting ended the conference and lots of hugs and thanks were exchanged as the conference goers packed their cars and headed for home.

## Stake Presidency Message

by Arnold K. Garr  
Second Counselor

### TRADITIONS OF THE FATHERS

One of the nicest traditions in our society is the custom of setting aside a specific day for the purpose of paying tribute to our fathers. This is only fitting inasmuch as the Lord, Himself, commanded us to honor our fathers when He revealed the Ten Commandments to the prophet Moses on Mt. Sinai over 3,000 years ago (Exodus 20:12).



I have always found it interesting that the Lord considered fathers (as well as mothers) so important that He specifically named them in the Ten Commandments. He thought honoring fathers was more important than honoring friends, employers, colleagues, professors, teachers, governmental leaders, musicians, athletes, boyfriends or girlfriends. According to President Ezra Taft Benson, this is because "The major responsibility for teaching the great plan of the eternal Father ... rests with the fathers" (Conference Report, October 1985, p. 49). Therefore, what the fathers teach (or fail to teach) has a tremendous impact on society. The scriptures, especially The Book of Mormon, often refer to this influence as "the traditions of the fathers."

The Book of Mormon tells us that the Lord blessed the people when they followed the correct traditions of their fathers (Alma 3:11). However, when the people believed in the incorrect traditions of their fathers they "dwindled in unbelief" (Mosiah 1:5). It is, therefore, extremely important that the fathers of our Church establish correct traditions for their children to follow.

Fathers can find several excellent examples in The Book of Mormon of correct traditions that we should strive to emulate in our own families. First, a tradition of teaching our children the gospel. Enos gave a great tribute to his prophet-father, Jacob, when He said, "He was a just man - for he taught me in his language, and also in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Enos 1:1). Jacob's teachings eventually inspired Enos to seek a remission of his sins. Enos described the beginning of a wonderful spiritual experience with the following words: "Behold, I went to hunt beasts in the forests; and the words which I often heard my father speak concerning eternal life, and the joy of the saints, sunk deep into my heart" (Enos 1:3). Note the phrase, "I had often heard my father speak."

Second, a tradition of worshipping together as a family. Before King Benjamin gave his last great sermon at the temple in Zarahemla, Mosiah gave the following account of how the families prepared to worship: "When they came up to the temple, they pitched their tents round about, every man according to his family, ... every man having his tent with the door thereof towards the temple, that thereby they might remain in their tents and hear the words which King Benjamin should speak unto them (Mosiah 2:5-6). It is noteworthy that they stayed together as a family when they worshipped. Fathers in our own day would do well to establish that tradition with their families, especially during sacrament services and stake conferences.

Third, a tradition of patience and love. When the angel appeared to the rebellious Alma the Younger he said, "Behold, the Lord hath heard...

the prayers of His servant, Alma, who is thy father; ... for this purpose have I come to convince thee of the power and authority of God" (Mosiah 27:14). Alma the Younger came back into activity primarily because of the faith and prayers of a patient, loving father who did not give up on a wayward child.

Fourth, a tradition of correcting a child when he has done wrong. When Corianton left his mission to seek after a Lamanite harlot, his father, Alma, said, "I command you, my son, in the fear of God, that you refrain from your iniquities" (Alma 39:11). Corianton did repent and was eventually called to preach again (Alma 42:31). Repentance might have never taken place, however, if Alma had not corrected his son.

Finally, a tradition of prayer. When the Savior was on the American continent He gave a wonderful promise to fathers who would hold family prayer. He said, "Pray in your families unto the father, always in my name, that your wives and your children may be blessed" (3 Nephi 18:21). I cannot think of anything a father would desire more than to have the Lord bless his wife and children. It is certainly worth the effort to hold family prayer.

May the Lord bless the fathers of our stake to establish correct traditions in their homes so that their families will be blessed rather than to "dwindle in unbelief."



### Calls...

Russell Tew (Tallahassee Fourth Ward)  
New Mexico Albuquerque Mission  
Catrin Davies (Tallahassee Third Ward)  
England Bristol Mission  
David Torgesen (Tallahassee Third Ward)  
Chile Viña Del Mar Mission

### ...And Releases

Cory Campora  
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Arizona Phoenix Mission  
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## Family History Center

by Arthur J. Lahtinen  
Tallahassee Third Ward

Are you ready to dig into your genealogy? If so, there is help available.

Your ancestors are probably waiting for you to discover them; you need them and they need you (see Mal. 4:6; D&C 128:15). There is a sense of accomplishment when you go to the temple with names of members of your family to perform ordinances in their behalf.

My wife and I were searching for a cemetery in Dixie, Georgia. Despite several trips and finding nothing, we made one more trip. For some reason, we turned on a dirt road that we hadn't tried before. We saw a man sitting on his porch and stopped to ask him if there was a cemetery nearby. Following his directions, we found the grave of the ancestor we had been searching for and members of his second family. We like to think we were given the help we needed from our relatives beyond the veil.

Many people are sure that they will find unpleasant things about their ancestors—horse thieves, bank robbers, or other unmentionables. Or like the one in our ancestry who was always brushed aside with a “we never talk about him.” Accidentally, we came across the reason. At age 42 he married a 16-year-old girl.

Take your ancestors as you find them. They lived in a different age and probably had a different outlook on the world than you have in this day and age.

“Family History”—sounds interesting doesn't it? Writing your family history is a wonderful way of becoming acquainted with, and appreciating, your ancestors. It can start a family tradition.

## New Members



We welcome the following converts who were baptized in our stake during March and April, 1988:

<b>Cairo:</b>	Allen and Jeffery Shazer
<b>Monticello:</b>	Lorraine and Rufus Wade; Tiffany Williams; Dorothy and Walter Williams
<b>Moultrie:</b>	Betty Lewis, Armogene Slaughter
<b>Quincy:</b>	Beverlene Goodson; Melissa Hiers; Cheryl and Arnold Shaw; Katherine and Columbus Smith
<b>Tallahassee I:</b>	Tera and William Adams; Lauri Bishop; Wendy Kelley
<b>Tallahassee II:</b>	Chastity Reed
<b>Tallahassee III:</b>	Lucy Simmons; Margie and Minkah Wiggins
<b>Tallahassee IV:</b>	Andrea Harmon; Evans Cheri and Issac Wates
<b>Thomasville:</b>	Macalton Rathel

## Sharing Time—

### Meet the New Primary President

by Elaine Salisbury  
Tallahassee First Ward



If you haven't met Sherry Maxey, chances are you will soon. Sister Maxey, of the Tallahassee Forth Ward, was called in February to be the new Stake Primary President. Her cheerful approach to life and warm acceptance of others makes her stand out wherever she is serving.

Sherry brings a lot of practical experience to her calling, the kind of experience gained as a mother of six children and the grandmother of two. She and her husband, Dennis W. Maxey, are the proud parents of: Melissa, age 22, married to Mark Barnes of Tallahassee First Ward; Michelle, 20, married to Steve Stone, living in Salt Lake City; T. Dennis, 16; Michael, 13; Jenny, 12; and Sheralyn, 6. Matthew, 2, and Marie, 4 months, children of Melissa and Mark, are the first grandchildren, but others are sure to follow.

Sherry and Dennis met in Largo, Florida, during her senior year in high school when his family moved into the house behind hers. They were married 1-1/2 years later on June 27, 1965. Eight years later, while they were living in Winter Haven, the LDS missionaries knocked at their door. The missionaries explained to Sherry how the Book of Mormon and the Bible work together to testify of Christ. “That makes sense,” she said, and invited them back when her husband would be home. She and Dennis were baptized March 8, 1973. A year later they were sealed as a family for time and eternity in the Salt Lake Temple.

Sherry has had many opportunities to serve in church callings. Before moving to Tallahassee in 1983, She served as Relief Society president in Thomasville, Georgia. In Tallahassee First Ward, she served as a counselor and later president in the Relief Society, as homemaking leader and Primary president. When the Fourth Ward was formed she was called as counselor in their Primary.

Sherry and her counselors, Claire Bowers of Tallahassee First Ward, and Lindi Cosson of Tallahassee Second Ward, are working to help each unit's Primary presidency have the best Primary they can with the people, space, and resources available to them. “I'm proud of all those Primary presidents and their dedication to the Lord and their callings. We want them to feel good about their callings and know that there is a reason for their having been called,” said Sister Maxey. Speaking of all the Primary leaders she said, “We want to give them as much information as we can at leadership meetings and always be ready with a sympathetic ear. We want them to know they can call if they need help or have a problem.”

Sister Maxey and her counselors will be making visits to the Primaries in the stake throughout the year.

## Relief Society

### YOU ARE WHAT YOU THINK

by Jo-Ann Jones  
Stake Homemaking Leader

The mind has three realms, which in a way could be compared to the three degrees of glory. When we are dwelling on the lower level of our minds, we are receiving all the thoughts of that lower group. In fact, we are associating with them, abiding with them, conversing with them, being one with them. Hence, the great judgement against our idle thoughts if they are of low caliber. Lucifer is continually broadcasting into this realm, for it is his kingdom.

The kingdom we abide in mentally is also influenced by the contributions of our thoughts, and the realm we habitually inhabit in life will be the one we will inherit in eternity. The thoughts should belong to the individual, instead of the individual being the slave of his thoughts. "They who are righteous shall be righteous still, and they who are filthy shall be filthy still." (2 Nephi 9:16)

Most people are subject to the "blues" occasionally, but those who take a slump into lower regions, wallow in depression, self-pity, self-justification, fear, or cling too long and too hard to sorrows will often find the stairway back up to higher regions almost insurmountable. If they reside too long in the basements of their minds they stand to lose the knowledge of the higher realms. Self-pity is one of the greatest dissipations of the human race and one of the most detrimental. It seals the way of progress.

The positive promise is: "He who receiveth all things with thankfulness shall be made glorious; and the things of this earth shall be added unto him an hundred-fold, yea, more." (D&C 78:19) Gratitude is the song of the soul that will lift any individual into joy and light, no matter what his condition.

When one has reached the stage where the mind keeps a song of glory and devotion and the heart all love, the privilege is there to ask anything and have it granted. By this time thoughts are so purified that there are no selfish desires for self-aggrandizement, no hate, no discord, no darkness. The whole desire is to magnify God's name upon the earth and to help lift His sons and daughters out of the mud into the light.

When you hear the expression "A penny for your thoughts" make sure your thoughts are worth at least that!

"Though man a thinking being is defined,  
Few use the great prerogative of mind.  
How few think justly of the thinking few!  
How many never think, who think they do."  
—Jane Taylor

## Tornado Disaster in Madison

Four people were killed and seventeen injured when a deadly tornado ripped a 12-mile swath of destruction through Madison County on the morning of April 19, 1988. The twister first touched ground just south of Highway 90 on the west side of Madison, only 800 yards from the Madison chapel. In only 15 minutes several businesses and homes were damaged or destroyed in the tornado's path.

Within minutes of the disaster, church members were coordinating efforts to help. All electricity went out at 4:56 a.m., but Patrick Lightcap, who was awake when the tornado came through, was able to monitor the first reports of damage on a battery-operated law enforcement radio. "I knew what I had heard in the distance was a tornado when an officer told the dispatcher that the Gulf Life building was gone."

Sister Lightcap immediately called next door to Elder and Sister Olson, full-time missionaries from Salt Lake City, to alert them as to what was going on. Elder Olson agreed to ride with Brother Lightcap to check on the chapel and members in town. It took them an hour to reach the chapel, normally a 5-minute drive, because of downed trees, fallen power lines, and the severe darkness, and they found that the chapel was not damaged. It was impossible for them to get to the elders' quorum president, Bill Russell, because of trees and power lines across the road. The twister had hit within 200 feet of his home.

Sister Lightcap initiated the Branch Emergency Plan from her home. Since telephones were still working, she was able to contact the branch membership to assure their safety. Only one member, Julie Vann, was actually in the path of destruction. Her mother's home was one of 10 destroyed or damaged in her neighborhood. It took workers 5 hours to clear the roadway before the first vehicles could enter the area.

Audrey Harris, Relief Society president, had also checked on families through visiting teachers. Because of these coordinated efforts, the status of all members who were home was verified just hours after the tornado hit.

The actual emergency was over very quickly. However, the laborious work was just starting. Ted Harris, first counselor in the elders' quorum, coordinated the priesthood efforts to contact families to determine any needs. Patrick Lightcap continued to work throughout the day coordinating the efforts of amateur radio operators who came to assist from Leon and Taylor counties. Elder and Sister Olson volunteered to assist Red Cross as part of the damage assessment team. Lonnie Chapman also volunteered with the Red Cross and assisted in delivering 4700 meals to families and relief workers over the succeeding 7 days.

Ted Harris and Elder Olson assisted a non-member in replacing a roof on his home and clean-up activities around the exterior and yard. Patrick Lightcap was asked by Madison County Sheriff, Joe Peavy, to serve on the committee to distribute disaster funds. Food remaining after the branch conference, held just 5 days after the disaster, was divided by

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Damage from the tornado at North Florida Junior College, just "down the hill" from the Madison Chapel

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Relief Society sisters into 27 individual dinners and 8 family platters. Vicky Harris assisted in getting donated containers to transport the food.

Branch President Bill Canova maintained contact with local leaders, keeping information flowing to the stake leadership. He made numerous contacts with members and non-members to see what the church could do to assist in relief efforts. He and Sister Canova worked diligently to cope with the disaster from 55 miles away. Knowing of the support of the church at the stake and national level created a feeling of peace and security in the local members.

Many more members than those mentioned played a part in search and rescue efforts as well as helping those in need for days after the initial losses. We can be proud of the efforts of this small branch in a time of trouble.

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*The editors wish to thank Patrick and Helen Lightcap for providing the information for this article.*

## Crawfordville



by Fran Councill

Crawfordville Public Communications Director

At long last, Crawfordville Branch is in its new chapel. Hours of landscaping, cake bake fundraisers and other contributions have brought the dream to life. To initiate this beautiful work, the Branch's missionary efforts have seen visits by the musical virtuosos whom we greatly respected for their special talents. Deep appreciation is expressed to Marvin Goldstein and to Roger Drinkall and his wife, Diane Baker, who shared their talents at two spiritual firesides. Joining them were speakers President and Sister John Tanner, mission president and matron, and Brother Ed Granger, a former Catholic priest, of Tallahassee First Ward.

A special Bar-B-Que was nominated as one of the social highlights during the last couple of months. In spite of a rainy deluge, Paul Haskins and Dennis Frazier kept the fire burning and produced a rare treat to accompany the feast brought by each family. Rumor has it that a little Wakulla County alligator even graced the table along with the oysters.

The young people, as usual, have served as an example to us all. A work day was held in Sister Grace Tucker's yard. The seminary group, under the special guidance of Laura Downer, performed exceptionally well in the Super Saturday scripture chase. Primary presented a very special Mother's Day program which was accompanied by the traditional flower for the ladies.

## On The Road to Excellence

If you visit Joel at home, you might find him practicing the high kicks he learned in his Cuong-Nhu karate class or studying for a test or reading a book. He might be comforting his little sister after she got hurt or he might be baking brownies for a snack. He is always doing something and rarely watching television. At night he will be reading scriptures and writing in his journal, no matter how late it may be.



He has been the peacemaker in his family, helping his brothers and sisters get over their quarrels. They all look up to him and love him.

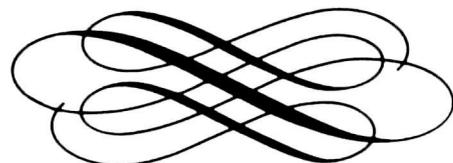
Joel likes to be creative. His favorite toys as a child were anything with wheels and Legos with which he would build complicated space vehicles. Now his creativity has been channeled into amusing essays for school, or serious research for projects, or a lead role in the ward roadshow. He loves Spanish and has studied it for 4 years, speaking quite well with an excellent accent.

Joel is very studious and does well in school. He always has good grades and is popular with his teachers and classmates. This year he earned the top Spanish student at Godby High School, as well as the Overall Top Foreign Language Student award. He also earned the American Legion Medal, The Presidential Academic Fitness Award, the Academic Scholars Finalist Award and Scholastic Excellence Awards in Science, Math and Social Studies. He was also a National Merit semi-finalist. Having just graduated, he will attend Brigham Young University this fall where he has been awarded a four-year full tuition scholarship. He will major in Spanish or Education, as he wants to teach college Spanish for a career.

Joel, age 17, is one of seven children of Roger and Claire Bowers of Tallahassee First Ward. He was born in Knoxville, Tennessee but his family moved to "a drier climate" in Utah when he was very young because of a severe illness he suffered. The climate didn't seem to help Joel at all, but he eventually did improve and the family returned to Tennessee where Joel's schooling began.

Joel said his favorite part of the day was early-morning seminary, from which he also graduated this year. He said it started him off right. He is preparing himself to go on a mission next year and hopes it will be to a Spanish-speaking country. He has a strong testimony of the gospel.

Joel's road through life will probably be rocky at times, as it is with all of us, but being on the higher road to excellence will smooth out the ride.



## Bishop's Corner

by Jack H. Hall  
Bishop Tallahassee First Ward

Since Mother's Day has come and gone I have given thought to all the great wives and mothers I have known, especially since joining the Church. Throughout all the scriptures, mention is made of mothers leading their families to righteousness. Remember the story of the 2,000 stripping warriors who went to battle because their fathers made a covenant with God not to go to war? But they had not made that covenant. In Alma 56:47-48, "Now they never had fought, yet they did not fear death; and they did think more upon the liberty of their fathers than they did upon their lives; yea, they had been taught by their *mothers*, that if they did not doubt, God would deliver them. And they rehearsed unto me the words of their *mothers*, saying: We do not doubt our *mothers* knew it" (italics added). Helaman worried that the battle had become so great that many of his 2,000 "sons" would be slain, but to his great joy "not one soul of them had fallen to the earth..." (verse 56). What a great testimony of the strength and influence mothers have on their children.

In a recent issue of the Church News, four LDS mothers were honored as "Mother of the Year" in their respective states: Helen Burton - Texas, Helen Dyreng - Utah, Leola Leavitt - Arizona, and Ruth Smith - Oregon. All these mothers had very similar philosophies of motherhood. Sister Leavitt summarized best by five points. 1) Involve two partners:...first God and, second, a good husband whose philosophy and convictions of parenting match your own. 2) Give devotion and service to God through His Church. There should be no discrepancies between what is taught at Church and what is practiced in the home.... 3) [Have] positive attitudes toward accomplishing and succeeding at home, Church, school, work and community. 4) [Give each child] unconditional love, which exceeds life itself. 5) Smile, laugh, giggle, joke, sing, kiss, hug, compliment and encourage."

These are great words of wisdom for all parents and grandparents to follow.

Although my parents were not members of any Church as I was growing up, they were always encouraging me to do well in whatever I attempted. My mother has always displayed great happiness and pride in my meager accomplishments, and for this I will always be thankful.

Mothers of Zion, with the great tug of war for our children, let us do as Sister Leavitt stated above. May the Lord bless all the mothers throughout the world.

## Calendar

### July

- 16 Welfare Project, peach picking, Ozark, Ala.
- 20-25 Single Adult Temple/Pagenat Trip
- 27-30 Regional Youth Conference - Troy State

### August

- 6 Temple and Family Day
- 13 Young Men/Young Women Dance
- 20 Regional Softball Tournament
- 27 Boy Scout Eagle Merit Day
- Stake Family Night

## Roadshows

There was standing room only in the cultural hall at the Stake Center on the night of April 30 when five roadshows were presented. Each participating ward and branch did an outstanding job. Below are scenes from Tallahassee First Ward's performance, awarded "Best Overall Roadshow."



Other awards were as follows:

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| Monticello              | Highest Percentage of Participation, Make-up, and Scenery |
| Tallahassee First Ward  | Costumes  |
| Tallahassee Second Ward | Performance   |
| Tallahassee Third Ward  | Script  |
| Tallahassee Fourth Ward | Choreography and best dance performance                   |

Thanks to all who participated, both on stage and behind the scenes, for sharing their talents and providing a truly entertaining evening.

## The Water Hose Commercial

The following was written as a school assignment by Myra McNatt, a nursing student in South Carolina. Myra, who is not a member of the Church, is the niece of Elma Bone of Tallahassee Fourth Ward.

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Commercials today are just that. Commercials. They are either hard sell gimmicks, abstract, or straight forward. I prefer the straight forward, like the ones sponsored by the Mormon Church. I smile everytime I see the one where the three children are playing with the water hose. This commercial shows how family fun and unity can be found even in a simple water fight.

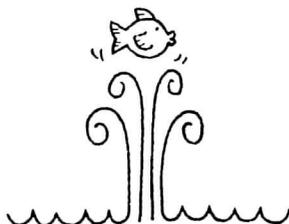
The scene is set in the front yard of a small farm house in the late 1940's or early 1950's. Three kids have in their possession a wild and powerful water hose, wiggling out of their hands from the force of the running water. It appears to be a wild snake flying and wiggling up in the air and back to the ground.

The boys, dressed in overalls and long sleeved shirts, appear to be about 12 and 7 years old and the girl about 10. The oldest boy's dark hair is wet and muddy, hanging in his face with water dripping into his eyes and off the tip of his nose. The girl is dressed in a simple dress, her hair hanging to her shoulders with water dripping down her front and back. The youngest boy has his arms wrapped around his big brother's legs. Not an inch of him is dry. The battle of fun and water has been going on long enough for the yard to be a mud puddle. The laughter is overwhelming. I laugh with them. I feel their laughter must echo for miles. This is a special time.

Suddenly, a truck drives up almost to the spot where the children are playing. The laughter stops! They have been discovered. Out of the truck steps father and mother, arms full of packages. They are not laughing. Even their eyes seem to reflect disapproval. I can feel the tension. The father points at the kids and says, "Don't move! Don't any of you move." I feel real compassion for these kids, knowing they're in trouble. As the father walks away I'm sure he's gone for a hickory stick. The mother, her face solemn, says, "I think you've really done it this time." I feel the tension, knowing they're going to get a licking. The fun and laughter is over.

With that stern look still in his eyes the father returns. Suddenly he yells, "Smile!" Out comes the camera. As father snaps the picture, mother becomes the lone possessor of the wild and wiggly water hose. The air fills immediately with love and joy as mother holds the water hose over father's head. The laughter has returned.

I not only see the family unit but also feel the joy. Here are parents who love their children, who enjoy seeing them have fun, and a father who wants to capture this moment forever. Very little is said verbally in this commercial, yet it does so much to restore my faith in the importance of the family unit.



## Old Friends in the Spotlight

Robert L. Millet, former Tallahassee bishop and counselor in the Tallahassee Florida Stake Presidency, has been appointed department chairman of ancient scripture at Brigham Young University effective April 25.



"Dr. Millet is a well-versed scholar who has done extensive research and writing on the New and Old Testaments," said Robert J. Matthews, dean of religious education at BYU.

Many in our stake remember Brother Millet for his service as Director of the Tallahassee Institute of Religion and as a teaching support consultant in the Southern States.

He has authored several books and articles, the most recent being "To Be Learned Is Good If..." He and Joseph F. McConkie are co-authors of the book *Doctrinal Commentary on the Book of Mormon, Volume 1: First and Second Nephi*. The two are working on Volume 2, which will cover the books of Jacob through Mosiah.

Brother Millet received his bachelor's and master's degrees from BYU in psychology and religion, and his doctorate at Florida State University in Biblical studies. He now lives in Orem, Utah with his wife, Shauna, and their six children, ranging in age from 15 years to 21 months.

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Dr. Garth L. Allred, former Institute Director in Tallahassee, has been named "Teacher of the Year for 1988" at Brigham Young University, Hawaii campus. He was elected in a campus-wide student poll.



The basic doctrinal classes and Old Testament courses he teaches are part of the required coursework of each student enrolled at BYU-Hawaii.

Brother Allred has authored the doctrinal textbook *The Eternal Plan For the Children of God*, several articles for the *Ensign* and *New Era*, and contributed to the Seminary, Sunday School, and Primary courses of study.

Dr. Allred graduated from Brigham Young University where he majored in Psychology. He earned his masters degree at BYU in Family Relations and went on to receive a doctorate from Florida State University. In addition to his university responsibilities, Brother Allred is a licensed marriage and family therapist in private practice.

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