

Third Ward Youth Hold Walk-a-thon



Walk-a-thon participants convene at church with Cameron Paige prior to 22-mile trek.

The Y.M.Y.W. were encouraged to canvas their neighborhoods for pledges and contributions for three weeks in advance and each had a minimum goal of \$50 to attain in order to qualify to walk. At first, some youth thought \$50 too much, but as they became involved they realized just how generous most people are and there was not one person who came in with only \$50. One youth managed to raise over \$500 with only a few hours labor. Unofficially, the total contributions are somewhere past the \$3,000 mark!

As the group reached Wakulla Springs a big picnic awaited them plus the beckoning 68-degree Springs to cool their weary feet and aching muscles. The adventure ended at about 4:30 p.m. with cake and watermelon to send them on their way to their nice soft beds.

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by Marion Whitley
Laurel Adviser
Tallahassee Third Ward

The Tallahassee Third Ward Young Men and Young Women were involved in a Walk-a-thon on Saturday, May 31, in an effort to raise money for the Cameron Paige Leukemia Fund. The idea was generated as the group made plans for their yearly community service project. Once informed of Cameron's plight, the group wholeheartedly endorsed the plan to raise money for the increasing medical expenses.

The Third Ward Youth made arrangements with the Leon and Wakulla County Sheriff's Offices to provide escort service from the church to Wakulla Springs, a journey of some 22 miles. Veteran walkers, Nell Tucker and Linda Campora, mapped the route so that the Youth would have the safest possible experience. Charles Bowen, counselor to the bishop, led the pack at rapid pace, 4 miles per hour, so they would get out of the city limits as quickly as possible to avoid traffic. The pace slowed to about 3 miles per hour as they got south of town. Bishop Don Whitley brought up the rear so that stragglers would have a wonderful companion to commiserate with!

As the group approached Highway 61, WCTV was waiting with cameras rolling and did a fine story on the activity which aired on the 11 p.m. news as well as the Sunday 6 p.m. broadcast.

The causes which produced the American Revolution were so far behind the veil (sic) that the writers of American history and the orators who expatiate on the subject on occasions like this, and on other occasions, have not acknowledged that it was the Almighty -- the invisible and omnipotent hand of Him who made the heavens and the earth and the fountains of waters, who worked the secret wires, and opened up the revolutionary scene, to lay a foundation and prepare a people, with a system of government among whom the work of the last days could be commenced upon this earth.

Elder George Albert Smith
Address delivered July 4, 1854
Salt Lake City Tabernacle





Stake Presidency Message

by Richard L. Chapple
Stake President

The world was recently shocked by the nuclear disaster in Chernobyl near Kiev, the capitol of the Ukranian Soviet Socialist Republic. Responses ranged from shock to fear

to anger and even to satisfaction that the Soviets had finally received what they deserved. People were shocked that such a disaster could occur, they feared for their lives and the quality of their food, air, and water, and they were angry as they looked for someone to blame.

Such occurrences and disasters of other types will become increasingly common in our modern technological age, as time moves inexorably toward the chaotic end that the Lord has promised. In the scriptures we find numerous prophecies about the sorrow and destruction that will characterize the end of mortality. Even now we hear of the "wars and rumors of wars" and natural disasters that are promised.

Amidst all of these things, where is security and safety?

Can we take refuge in our storage? Will our stored food, water, and other necessities protect us? Can we rely upon the Church for food and protection?

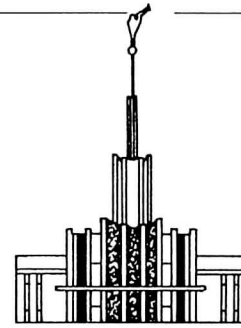
Temporal measures are of course important. We have long been counseled to have a year's supply of everything from wheat to money and to be willing to share what we have with others. We have further been counseled to carry adequate insurance protection.

The Church itself, through the storehouses and fast offering funds, will be able to care for only a very small percentage of its membership. While those resources are certainly available, we are all directed to be as self-reliant and self-sufficient as possible, so that we can do the caring for rather than be cared for.

While all of these things are important, it becomes immediately clear upon serious reflection on the scriptures that what ultimately matters in the face of life-threatening disaster is not what we have but who we are. True security is in our faithfulness, our godliness.

Individuals do not always know when their mortality will come to an end. We may not have the luxury of living through the disastrous end of the world as we now know it. Because of this we should spend more time soberly considering and practicing our faithfulness than in worrying about or even preparing for disasters.

Our response to Chernobyl should be to improve our lives, not to worry.



A Letter From the Temple

As we approach the third anniversary of the dedication of the Atlanta Temple it seems an appropriate time to inaugurate something we have been considering for some time. Judging by the questions and comments we have received from so many of you as you visit the temple, we perceive a hunger for information about the temple and its purpose, and our personal responsibilities related thereto.

In an effort to respond to these needs, we propose to publish a series of monthly articles designed for inclusion in ward or Relief Society newsletters, at the option of the ward public communications director. In these articles we will discuss a variety of topics relating to the function of temples, the history of temples, the purpose of temple ordinances, as well as the operation of the Atlanta Temple. As it relates to sacred matters, we will, of course, confine our writing to information that has been previously published by the Church.

We invite readers who have specific topics they might wish discussed in this space to submit them to us at the temple.

In the meantime, let's talk for a moment about personal responsibilities. In the recent survey of the 56 stakes in our temple district, we discovered that there are approximately 18,300 temple recommend holders. When you consider that the seating capacity of our endowment rooms for an entire year is 222,000, some exciting thoughts come to mind. If each temple recommend holder would perform an average of one endowment per month, then every session, every day throughout the entire year would be filled to capacity. Not everyone, of course, can visit the temple each month, but look at it this way: a person coming to the temple twice a year, performing six endowments per visit, could achieve the average of one per month mentioned. Put in this light, that doesn't sound too hard, does it? "Now you may suppose this is foolishness in me, but . . . by small and simple things are great things brought to pass" (Alma 37:6).

We do not encourage temple attendance merely to fill up seats in the endowment room, but do so because of a sure conviction as to the critical essentiality of the temple to our salvation and exaltation.

As with most advances we make along the gospel path, we do things first through obedience and faith, later on learning the true significance of our actions. Remember the words of Adam when questioned by an angel as to why he had built an altar after his expulsion from the garden: "I know not, save the Lord commanded me." (Moses 5:6) Thus it is with our temple responsibilities.

Robert M. Winston
President, The Atlanta Temple

The editors felt that the above message from the Atlanta Temple was not only appropriate for ward or Relief Society newsletters, but for the stake newsletter as well. For those wishing to write with specific topics, the address is The Atlanta Temple, 6450 Barfield Rd., Sandy Springs, Georgia 30328.

WALK-A-THON (from Page 1)

Plans are being made for continued fund raising for Cameron. We would like to encourage other wards and branches to participate in this effort. As we were baptised we made a commitment to our Heavenly Father that we would "bear one another's burdens" and this is a great opportunity to do just that. As we make sacrifices for others our faith grows as well as our love for each other. There is no better way to feel good about oneself than by being of service to another person. "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the Law of Christ. As we therefore have opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." (Galatians 6:2,10)

Reactions of some participants:

"It was fun! It was a good cause and I'm grateful it was a success." (David Torgeson)

"It was well worth it; I'm glad I could help someone." (Chris Hall)

"I think it was fun! It made me feel good to know I could accomplish it and that we did it for someone else." (Lennea Speck)

"It was terrific! I like the way it was set up--doing something for someone else who couldn't." (Shawn Canova)

"In spite of the heat and sore feet, it didn't bother us because we were with our friends doing something for a good cause; it was something we could be proud of." (Larissa Chapple)

"I liked it, I lost about 5 pounds! I'm glad I did it." (Travis Robbins)

"It was an easy thing to do simply because of the reason for doing it. It was the biggest contributor to developing unity in the Y.M.Y.W. group." (Nell Tucker, Beehive Adviser)

"It was one of the most gratifying things I've done in a long time. I like to do things with a purpose and this had a very special one. I looked forward to it and enjoyed every minute of it." (Charles Bowen, Bishop's counselor)

"Everyone needs to have that kind of a feeling just once; to stretch their capacities; to know they can do it." (Linda Campora, Y.W. President)

Cameron's Story

Four year-old Cameron Paige, son of Lynn and Gilbert Paige of Tallahassee Second Ward, was admitted to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital in March for pneumonia. Doctors soon discovered that he was also suffering from leukemia and recommended his transfer to Shands Hospital in Gainesville. Since then, doctors have diagnosed the problem as AML leukemia, a very rare and strong adult form of the disease. Leukemia is a form of cancer.



Cameron is home for now after eight weeks of hospitalization for leukemia and many other serious problems

caused by this disease, including heart and kidney problems, and a stroke which left him partially paralyzed. He was in the isolation unit at Shands on his 4th birthday.

Brother Paige reflected on the tremendous strain put on the entire family. Sister Paige was nearing the end of her pregnancy, and having a hard time of it, when Cameron was taken to the hospital. Lynn's mother came to Gainesville to help when Cameron was in intensive care. She also had to be admitted to the hospital and subsequently died. The doctors at Shands said that they had never before seen a situation like the Paige's were experiencing.

In addition to the great emotional strain, Brother Paige said that the medical expenses are astronomical because Cameron has required over two months of specialized hospitalization with expert treatment by 12 doctors and a large group of support personnel. Even though it is still too early to tell just how high they will climb, the bills will easily go into the tens of thousands of dollars.

Cameron's leukemia is currently in remission, but he is still receiving chemical treatments, and he works with physical, occupational, and speech therapists. Because of the nature of the chemical treatments, which can last anywhere from 1 to 3 years, Cameron's biggest threat is his high risk for the possibility of a relapse. The alternative to this prolonged and more dangerous treatment is bone marrow transplant. Cameron could get this treatment, with his 6-year-old sister, Gabrielle, as the donor, with a 1-1/2 month stay at Shands. Then, he would only have to return for routine check-ups. A bone marrow transplant would not only be the faster way to treat his problems but it would insure a great deal less risk of causing Cameron to relapse. Of course, as with everything else involved, a bone marrow transplant requires a great amount of money and support from friends for babysitting and other family needs.

Lynn Paige said, "Cameron has won the hearts of the nurses and doctors at Shands. Their attitude has been one of great concern and love for him."

The Paiges have expressed their gratitude for the support they have received from members of the Church and non-members alike. The Saints in Gainesville "would not take no for an answer" as they provided 3 babysitters a day, in addition to their other support. Also, Bishop Meyer of the Tallahassee 2nd Ward "has spent many hours in support of our family." Brother Paige reports that the greatest response in Tallahassee has been from the community. He said, "We as LDS members think that 'the Church' will take care of someone's problems when it is really individuals that have the greatest effect. He continued, "Sometimes, as we think of the gospel and how much non-members 'don't have,' we forget how special these people can really be. The non-members in this community have clearly exhibited the great Christian principle of service."

An account has been established to help defray medical expenses for the Paige family. Contributions can be sent to The Cameron Paige Leukemia Fund, c/o Anchor Savings Bank, 345 S. Magnolia Dr., Tallahassee, Florida 32301. For more information contact Gilbert Paige, 4495 Shelfer Rd., #705, Tallahassee, Florida 32304 or call (904) 878-8544.

Spreading The Word

by Tom Rhames
Senior President of Seventy

The Lord, through President Benson, has urged us to see that a copy of The Book of Mormon is placed in every home. It is a mighty goal indeed. Its importance cannot be over emphasized, when one understands the many lives even one can influence, when the Lord is guiding it.

Members are the sole source of copies of The Book of Mormon for personal and missionary distribution. Late last year President Vaughn J. Featherstone Jr. (then our Area President) stopped the incessant flow of copies of The Book of Mormon from Utah Mormons to our mission and stake. He prophesied that the South would someday out-baptize all other English speaking missions combined. He reasons further that we need to be self-sufficient in support of our local missionary efforts, including supply and distribution of copies of The Book of Mormon; hence, we have the blessing of supplying these copies.

We are encouraged to prepare them to be read before distribution. Preparation should include at least the first two steps following:

1. Using a highlighter pen or pencil, mark appropriate scriptures. A list can be obtained from the mission leader or missionaries. Be sure to write in the margin which page to turn to for the next scripture.

2. Personalize each book. This is done by including a short testimony of this book inside the front cover. It is also nice to include a small individual or family photo. These steps make it a personal gift. You may also want to include a self-addressed post card, so that the person can forward their thoughts or reactions.

3. (Optional) You may have the book embossed with the person's name. This really makes it a personalized gift. Embossing is done at the mission office on Thomasville Road.

A book which has been properly marked and personalized is much more likely to be treasured as a gift and read due to curiosity about all those markings.

Distribution of the books should be a joint effort of missionaries and members. Once the books have been prepared a large portion should be given to the missionaries; however, a portion should be kept by members for immediate distribution to friends, relatives and acquaintances. These books are too valuable in the hands of non-members to occupy our "I'll do it later" shelf in our library.

There's more than one way to accomplish the logistics of preparing the books. Here are some ideas which are being used by different units:

1. Marking and personalizing activities by the Young Men or Young Women, Relief Society, Elder's Quorum, Seventies, High Priests, etc.

2. A weekly challenge within each of the above organizations to place one book and report on it.

3. Each family giving one personalized copy of The Book of Mormon to another family on regular intervals.

While giving copies of The Book of Mormon is a wonderful help in missionary work, it is not our ultimate responsibility. It is a part in a process of spreading the Lord's gospel. Our ultimate annual goal should be to have at least one non-member taught in our home and baptized.

New Members

We welcome the following new members who were baptized in our stake during April:

Bainbridge: Glenda Harry

Tallahassee I: Matthew Hickey

Tallahassee II: James Miller, Denise Vandergrift

Tallahassee Student: Timothy Higgins

Thomasville: Sarah and Willie Belcher, Floyd Green, Gaylord and Nancy Krafft

The Truth About "The God Makers"

As the film "The God Makers" makes its way throughout the nation, including our own stake, many Church members have become curious as to what the movie is all about and, more importantly, how to handle questions and comments from non-members regarding issues raised in the film.

The book and the movie, "The God Makers", state numerous negative and false allegations against the Church.

As a resource in countering allegations raised in the book and the film, Dr. Gilbert W. Sharffs has written The Truth About "The God Makers". Dr. Sharffs is a member of the faculty of the LDS Institute of Religion at the University of Utah, and he began the work as he prepared to advise and counsel his students who had read the book or seen the movie.

In 432 pages, this long-time Institute instructor rebuts "The God Makers" in a detailed, point-by-point analysis of the accusations. Issues covered include plural marriage, Mormonism and the occult, temple ceremonies, Book of Mormon origins, and much more. Recently announced by Bookcraft Publishers, The Truth About "The God Makers" should be available in our Seventies Bookstore by the time of this printing.

Our three missionaries are all from the Tallahassee Student Ward:



Chris Lundahl
Mexico Mexico City South Mission

Keith Mascho
Arizona Phoenix Mission

James Williams
Ohio Cleveland Mission

Young Women



Bainbridge Branch scripture chase team (left to right): Naomi Riffle, Daniel Bowers, Arnold Garr (Coordinator), Joel Bowers, Michelle Kitchens, Mindy Webb (Teacher)

by Cherie Garr
Stake Young Women President

On May 17, the Young Men and Women enjoyed a great Super Saturday! The activities started at 6:00 p.m. with the "McConkie Bowl." This is where all Seminary-age youth competed in "Scripture Chase." The youth were given a situation of life and then given 15 seconds to find the scripture to match the situation. All the seminary youth have been working hard all year to master 40 of the scriptures from the Doctrine and Covenants and Pearl of Great Price. The individual winner of the McConkie Bowl was Daniel Bowers, from Bainbridge Branch. The team winner was the Bainbridge Branch. Their teacher is Mindy Webb. The four members of the team were Daniel Bowers, Joel Bowers, Michelle Kitchens, and Naomi Riffle. Congratulations for your great efforts!

Following the McConkie Bowl, Brother Garr gave a talk on the importance of following the prophet's counsel to read the Book of Mormon every day.

Then the youth were treated with a great spaghetti dinner and dance. There were 96 youth and leaders in attendance.

On May 18, a combined Young Men and Women fireside broadcast was held at the stake center to commemorate the restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood.

The keynote speaker was Ezra Taft Benson who gave a special challenge to youth to stay morally clean, stay close to their parents, and stay close to their Father in Heaven through daily prayer. Elder Vaughn J. Featherstone of the First Quorum of Seventy and Young Men General President spoke on the historical and spiritual nature of the restoration and the gospel. Young Women President Ardeth G. Kapp explained the significance of the priesthood restoration in the lives of young women. Included in the fireside were two video segments -- one dealing with the importance of prayer, scriptures and sacrifice, and the other showing vignettes of young men and women supporting and strengthening each other. It was a wonderful and very uplifting fireside! The June 1986 New Era features the talks from the fireside if any of you missed it.

Here's what's coming this summer. Come join us for some great activities and experiences!

July 9, 10, 11: Youth stake temple trip for all youth ages 12 and older. The cost is \$65.00.

July 25 and 26: Girl's canoe trip for all young women ages 14 and older. The cost is \$15.00.

August 12, 13, 14, 15: Girl's camp for all young women ages 12 and older. The camp will be at Camp Piney Woods in Thomasville and will cost \$25.00.

For more information contact your Young Women president or your bishop or branch president. Don't miss a summer of fun!

We want our Young Women to know we are so proud of them as they continue to "stand for truth and righteousness."

Singles Conference

by Max Sweat
Stake Single Adult Chairman

Announcing the first Tallahassee Florida Stake Regional Single Adult Conference exclusively for singles ages 31 and over!

"Being Single: A Time To Prepare" will be the theme of the conference to be held at the Tallahassee Hilton August 15, 16, and 17. The success of this first effort will determine whether or not any conferences like this will be held in the future.

The weekend activities will include hobby and craft displays, a talent show, parlor games, dancing, swimming, jog-walks (1 & 3 miles), banquet (New York strip steak!), testimony meeting, fireside with President Charles H. Madsen Jr. (Being Single in a Family-Oriented Church), workshops (sign language, communion, pioneer dancing, management and leadership skills), friendships, and fun!!!

The keynote speaker will be Brother James B. Cox who will address "Qualifying For the Celestial Kingdom." Brother Cox has taught mind control with Napoleon Hill, author of the recent best-seller, Think and Grow Rich, and he taught a seminar with Donald Chamberlain on SDB's (self-defeating behaviors). He served as president of the Spokane Washington Stake where he conducted a seminar for singles.

Sunday's activities will consist of a 30-minute Sacrament Meeting followed by addresses from Presidents Paul Nicholson and Richard Chapple on "Meeting the Savior Face to Face" and "Singles and the Millenium" respectively. Because the "traditional" testimony meeting provides great opportunity to get acquainted, it will be held on Saturday to allow more time to mingle with new-found acquaintances.

The pre-registration deadline (to assure accommodations) is July 10. Registration forms, including a breakdown of costs for rooms, conference, and banquet, can be obtained through your bishop or branch president. For more information call Patricia Hickey (904) 575-9740 or Carolyn Thompkins (904) 575-0128.

Seminary Graduation



Seminary graduates (left to right)--Front row: Allen Nicholson, Daniel Bowers, John Taylor. Back row: Mechelle Maxey, Kimberly Roberts, Shannon Canova, Coni Durrance, Natalie Williams. Not shown: Russell Schrader.

by Arnold K. Garr
Director of Seminaries and Institutes

The Tallahassee Stake Seminary Graduation was held on Sunday, May 25, 1986 at 6:00 p.m. in the Stake Center. Nine students received graduation diplomas or certificates of achievement signed by President Ezra Taft Benson. They also received a gift from the Tallahassee Stake Presidency. Following are the names of those who were honored:

Two year certificate - Natalie Williams (Thomasville)

Seminary graduates - Daniel Bowers (Bainbridge), Allen Nicholson (Quincy), Mechelle Maxey, Russell Schrader, John Taylor (Tallahassee I), Shannon Canova, Coni Durrance (Tallahassee III), and Kimberly Roberts (Thomasville).

Special recognition was also given to seminary students who read daily in the scriptures for the entire school year. Seven students received daily reading certificates. They were: Chris Poppell, Wendy Dransfield, Altera Tew, James Moody, Kimberly Roberts, Shane Roberts and Rick Watson.

There were also 15 students who received recognition for reading the entire Doctrine and Covenants during the school year. They were: Daniel Bowers, Joel Bowers, Dana Butler, Sheri Kight, Shaun Robinson, Frankie Williamson, Bobby Cooper, Holly Parrish, Lori Bonnell, Chris Poppell, John Taylor, Larissa Chapple, Wendy Dransfield, Altera Tew, and James Moody.

John Taylor received an award for perfect attendance at seminary for all four years and 20 students received certificates for perfect attendance during the past year. Those so honored were: Dana Butler, Larissa Chapple, Marika Chapple, Shannon Covington, Gray Dixon, Lamar Dransfield, Wendy Dransfield, Robert Duquette, Diana Gonzales, Sheri Kight, James Moody, Allen Nicholson, Michael Nicholson, Holly Parrish, Naomi Riffle, Kimberly Roberts, Shane Roberts, John Taylor, Altera Tew, and Rick Watson.

Altogether, 62 students in the Tallahassee Stake received credit for seminary and they each received a one year certificate for their achievement.

Coni Durrance and John Taylor each spoke on how seminary helped increase their testimony. In addition, Mary Drinkwine, an Institute student, spoke on the importance of

continuing one's weekday religious education. The concluding speaker was Richard L. Chapple, Tallahassee Florida Stake President, who gave inspirational counsel and advice to all of the graduates. After graduation the stake Young Women presidency provided delicious refreshments for all those who were in attendance.

Single Adult Program Revised

In an April letter sent to priesthood leaders, changes in the single adult program of the Church were announced.

The changes included new terminology and age groupings for single adults. Formerly, the groups were Young Adults, 18-25; Young Special Interests, 26-40; and Special Interests, over 40. The new groups, effective June 1, are Young Single Adults, 18-30 and Single Adults, 31 and over. In each ward Young Single Adults will have a mature married couple as advisers. The couple will teach, train and serve as a role model. Each ward will also have a single adult committee composed of this couple, a member of the bishopric, a member of the Relief Society and elders quorum presidency, and quorum and Relief Society representatives from both the single adults and young single adults.

President Charles H. Madsen Jr. explains: "This change recognizes the fact that the program in the past has not sufficiently met the needs of our single adults. Of course, the mere regrouping is not the most important aspect. All members need to try to understand how difficult it is to be single in a 'family oriented' Church. Each individual is important and all of us, single or married, with or without children, need to focus on principles of the gospel. Following this need, those of the singles need to be addressed. Hopefully, the new groupings will help in this regard."

Super Spectacular

by Ken Futch and Robin Alley
Stake Single Adult Representatives

The weekend of May 2-4 resulted for many, in a weekend of travel, training, and dancing. Single Adults from all over the Southeast came to Tallahassee to attend the Single Adult Spectacular. The brand new facilities of the Ramada Inn North hosted this year's annual event. The busy weekend did indeed possess fruitful highlights of which all who attended will attest. Seminars, masterfully prepared and delivered, were to the benefit of all. Those of us present became students of sound counsel. President Richard L. Chapple, who made the seminar specialties even more evident, delivered powerful words of perception, prudence, and potential, covering many areas of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our thanks go abundantly to all those who participated including a marvelous display of talent offered by Pete Butler, who led us through two exciting dances, and those who donated time and talent during the planning stages. However, special thanks is deserved to all who were in attendance. We were thoroughly impressed, and are convinced that the Lord is indeed raising unto himself a righteous people, a chosen generation. Appreciation is given to all as we anticipate another great conference next year.

Branch President's Corner



by Larry G. Brock
Monticello Branch President

We as Latter-day Saints come under much scrutiny in everyday life. We are judged by commonly known precepts we hold dear, by a yardstick that others do not have knowledge of. Most of us try to pray daily, read the scriptures, hold family home evening, pay tithing, do our home and visiting teaching, and the list goes on and on. Some do well in most areas, fail in others, and we never seem to do all things, all the time, as we would like. When life's ups and downs come along, and minor tragedies befall us, some feel it is a direct result of failing in one of these areas. Believe me, it rains on the just and the unjust. There's probably good strong L.D.S. families who own farms in the Southeast who are not receiving the rain needed to make their farms profitable. These problems strengthen some; others become depressed, while others throw up their hands and say "What's the use." I think maybe this fatalism is misdirected in our lives when we choose the latter.

How can we build great testimonies in spite of life's difficulties? How can we feel truly spiritual when at times we're having trouble coping with just our daily routine? How can we get a good feeling about our duties when life's problems seem to weigh so heavily?

Perhaps, we can receive some answers by concentrating on some things that we know we should do, and do them. Perhaps making prayer a habit with us, even when we do not feel like it; maybe doing it because we know we should is a good practice. Reading our scriptures is another. As we do these two things consistently a testimony will grow; we have that promise. Perhaps if we can be of service to others, our problems can be diminished with this unselfish service. Many times as I have returned home after counseling and visiting others, I have remarked to my wife that "we have not problems," compared to what I've seen. Perhaps, we can attend our meetings and truly try to gain something from each one. Perhaps if our bishop asks us to do something we can do it to the best of our ability. Then with each act of giving, we can realize who we are and that the Lord has reserved us for the last days, and that our Father in Heaven loves us and will help us just as we would help one of our children.

Remember the Prophet Joseph Smith's vision of the Celestial Kingdom pertaining to his brother Alvin who had passed away before the Church was established? In the vision, he realized that we will be judged by our desires. Even though just having the desire does not exempt us from doing our duty, perhaps that desire can work in us as Mormon directs, and with that desire build into a great and mighty testimony. It is my prayer that we will have that desire. In Christ's name, Amen.

Genealogy

by Alicia McMahon
Assistant Genealogy Librarian

People become interested in genealogy for many reasons. For some, that interest stops with brief curiosity; but for others, it develops into a full-scale passion.

The research process is better understood when compared to a detective solving a crime. First he gathers all known facts and pieces of evidence available from eye-witnesses and from material evidence found at the scene of the crime. Once the data has been assembled, the detective evaluates the evidence. He moves from the known to the unknown, draws conclusions, designs future inquiries and tests each item as to its validity.

Genealogy follows much the same procedure. Relatives and others who knew members of the family are the first source. Collect this information and evaluate its content, reliability, and clues for further research.

Most beginning researchers are surprised by the amount of information in the homes or in possession of relatives.

Birth certificates are one of the best sources of information. You can obtain many things -- birth date, place, parents names, etc.

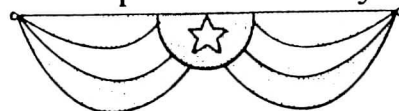
Although it's not likely that you will find a birth certificate for anyone born before 1900, other documents may provide some information. Many churches baptize or christen infants shortly after birth and some issue baptismal or christening certificates. Information will vary from denomination to denomination, and even from church to church within a denomination.

Another source of birth information, often found in family papers, is school records, report cards and graduation certificates. Occasionally they yield the precise date of birth. Birth information can also be found in babybooks, birth announcements, hospital records, newspaper clippings, telegrams, photos, samplers, engraved jewelry, military papers, obituaries and naturalization papers.

As you wander back in time, letters, diaries and Bibles often contain priceless information about births and other family events not recorded elsewhere.

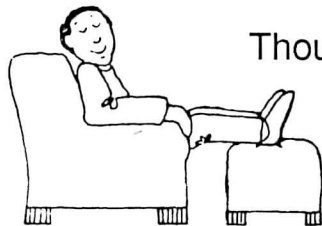
You won't find it all on every member, but all that is needed to document a birth is one reference.

Independence Day



It was through and by the power of God, that the fathers of this country framed the Declaration of Independence, and also that great palladium of human rights, the Constitution of the United States. There is nothing of a bigoted-narrow-contracted feeling about that instrument; it is broad and comprehensive.

- John Taylor, 3rd President of the Church



Thoughts on Fatherhood

by Floyd L. Packard
Florida Tallahassee
Mission President

At this time of year when we honor fathers, I am impressed with the statement that "There is no more important leadership responsibility in the Church than that of Father. You don't have to be a stake president, elders quorum president, or a bishop to have the opportunity to govern with love and patience, to teach correct principles, to learn how to work with love in cooperation with people, to learn how to express love, to use persuasion, long-suffering, to keep thoughts pure and keep your eye always set on eternal goals. All of these opportunities are available to the father in working with his companion, in helping the family to obtain all the blessings that our Father in Heaven can bestow upon any man. A father's home is a kingdom."

I have also been impressed with the statement of President David O. McKay that "No other success in life can compensate for failure in the home." President Harold B. Lee put it this way, "The greatest work you will ever do will be within the walls of your own home."

These basic principles were brought very forcefully to my mind a little over five years ago when I was released as a stake president, after having served about 22 years in continuous priesthood leadership assignments. After being released, it became very evident that the only leadership assignment I had was that of presiding over my family. Had I been negligent as a father I am fearful that that realization would have been very painful. However, thanks to the careful attention of an outstanding wife, even though busy serving in other capacities, we also found time to implement into our home those basic principles that the gospel teaches in such a manner as to have all of our children safely anchored into the family, which family was securely tied to the gospel plan.

I remember when I was ordained a bishop in 1960 by Elder Marion G. Romney. After having performed the ordination and setting me apart to preside over the Oceanside California Ward, he looked me right in the eyes and said, "Now Bishop Packard, you can go out and save every person that lives within your ward boundary and lose just one of your children and you will have been somewhat of a failure, won't you?" That sank deep into my heart and I have never been able to forget it.

I recognized how important fathers are in the home when as a young father I had just completed a family home evening. I laid down in front of the fireplace, a favorite place of mine, placed my head on the hearth, crossed my legs, folded my arms over my chest and was thoroughly enjoying the evening. Out of the corner of my eye I noticed my little son, Owen, who was about 3 years of age. He had a pillow, laid down beside me, and put his head on the hearth. I noticed he would look over at me, cross his legs, look back at me, fold his arms over his chest, and then I noticed a look of complete satisfaction appear on his face. He was just like Dad. I realized that not only my son Owen, but other of my children would be watching their dad, wanting to be just like him, and that it was imperative that this dad not do things that would lead his children astray.

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Book Review

by Suzanne Meik
Seventies Bookstore Representative

What a wonderful conference Church members witnessed as we all had the opportunity to sustain the thirteenth President of the Church. Specific reference was made to President Benson's welfare work in Europe just after World War II. Were you aware that he figures prominently in On Wings of Faith, by Frederick W. Bammel? The book chronicles President Benson's and Frederick Bammel's efforts to restore physical and spiritual sustenance to the European Saints after the war and is the only account in print of Elder Benson's early years as an Apostle.

Bookcraft is going to print the 27-volume Journal of Discourses again. There will only be 1,000 sets printed and you may reserve your sets now at the pre-release price of \$189.95 per hardbound set.

Parents, teachers, and children themselves, never seem to get enough stories. Shining Moments: Stories for Latter-day Saint Children, Volumes 1 and 2 are true stories collected by Lucile Reading while she was editor of the Friend magazine. The brief stories are perfect for Primary lessons or talks, family night lessons or worthwhile entertainment. Each story demonstrates an attribute such as honesty, courage, faith or love.

The Constitution of the United States is a glorious standard; it is founded in the wisdom of God. It is a heavenly banner; it is to all those who are privileged with the sweets of liberty, like the cooling shades and refreshing waters of a great rock in a thirsty and weary land. It is like a great tree under whose branches men from every clime can be shielded from the burning rays of the sun.

- Joseph Smith

Calendar

July

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- 6 3rd Week Boy Scout Camp
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- 9-11 Stake Youth Temple Trip
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- 20 Stake Presidency Missionary Fireside
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August

- 3 Mission President's Fireside 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Region Softball Tournament (Pensacola)
- 12-15 Girl's Camp
- 15-17 Single Adult Regional Conference (Tallahassee)

Moultrie Breaks Ground



by Wendell Allegood
Moultrie Public Communications Director

When members of the Moultrie Branch held groundbreaking ceremonies on March 29 for their new chapel, four couples with more than 40 years of service to the Church were honored with the privilege to turn the first shovelful of dirt at the site on West Boulevard just off South Main in Moultrie.

Lincoln and Mildred Barlow, Fred and Luella Bell, William and Marion Harvey, and Robert and Lillian Thornton, as well as current Branch President Neil Roberts and his wife, Diane, broke ground with gold-painted shovels for the \$800,000 structure, which members hope to occupy before Christmas this year.

Members and community leaders in attendance heard general contractor Harvey M. Edwards of Pelham pledge his company's best effort for a timely and efficient completion of the construction. His company completed a similar facility for the Bainbridge Branch.

County Commission Chairman, Joe Clark, spoke to the assembly and reiterated his personal conviction that "good leadership must be on Christian principles."

Mayor Bill McIntosh acknowledged the beautiful spring weather, which complemented the occasion, as a "testimony to the renewing power of the Risen Lord." He further noted that such commitment to efforts of renewal and rebirth is a "sure sign of a healthy community and a monument to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ."

City Councilman Alton Parrish, who also serves as first counselor in the Moultrie Branch Presidency, spoke of the apprehension he felt when the undertaking was first being considered by the Moultrie Saints. He testified of the "faith building experience it has been to see the dream nearing realization."

Branch President Neil Roberts, who conducted the ceremonies, spoke of his joy at the prospect of this "new beginning" for his congregation. He stated he is "looking forward to serving his fellow members diligently and to a new era of growth for the Moultrie Branch."

Stake President Richard L. Chapple noted the spiritual presence already apparent on the grounds at the site, as he assured community and civic leaders that, "we believe in being good citizens and good neighbors," and "we believe in putting our places of worship in residential areas because we are a family Church." Commenting on the beautifully wooded lot, President Chapple said, "What a beautiful place to worship the Lord Jesus Christ," and "what better reason to build a building than for the purpose of teaching and learning of the resurrected Lord, who's triumph we join in celebrating with all our Christian brothers and sisters this Easter Season."

Left to right: The Barlows, the Thorntons, the Roberts, the Bells, and the Harveys.

Relief Society



by Renee R. Anderson
Stake Relief Society President

At the leadership meeting on April 29th several new sisters were sustained to Stake Board positions:

Kathy Clark - Welfare
Ann Christiansen - Homemaking Leader
Harriet Moody - Curriculum/Inservice
Edith Rehberg - Leadership Training

Student Ward, Quincy, Monticello, and Madison will be seeing these sisters each month as unit liaisons.

At this special leadership meeting a "Coping With Stress" workshop for leaders was held. We found that "stresses are a natural and necessary part of this existence. Our purpose is to learn to manage stress and use it to advantage." (from Tragedy or Destiny, Spencer W. Kimball)

In Joshua 1:9 we find "Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed, for the Lord thy God is with thee, whithersoever thou goest." Not only can the comfort of the Lord and the spirit of the Holy Ghost be with us in times of trial, but also we as sisters should be ready "to bear one another's burdens, that they may be light." (Galatians 6:2)

Sometimes the assistance that is extended, the hand that is there, makes all the difference in whether a major stress or crisis leaves a person in a better emotional state, at the same level of functioning as before the problem, or leaves her bitter and more unable to meet life's challenges than before.

The gospel teaches us that the stress of the moment will indeed pass, and that there is no problem that cannot be solved or changed or endured with the help of the Lord.

My prayer is that we can always feel we can call upon the Lord and each other as we pass through everyday and major stresses in our lives.

Primary

BLAZER DAY CAMP

by Nadine Gairns
Stake Primary Secretary

On the sloping hill overlooking Lake Moore, Blazer Scouts gathered on April 26 to be instructed and get practical experience in scouting. The Blazer Day Camp began with a very impressive opening ceremony as ten scouts explained the meaning of the pledge to the flag.

First on the agenda was a five mile hike through the woods. Brother Bill Canova, High Council Adviser to Primary, aided by his faithful companion (and guardian of the bubble gum) Sister Canova, headed the first patrol. The other patrols were guided by Michael Nicholson and Randy St. Cyr, varsity scouts from Quincy. The boys enjoyed following the Indian signs Brother Canova left to mark the trail.

Brother Dennis Prescott, Scoutmaster, Tallahassee II, also conducted a class in the morning on environment. The boys spent 3 hours discovering the kinds of insects, birds and other living things around the lake.

As the scouts returned to camp, President Paul Nicholson, cooking instructor, had the fires ready and demonstrated cleaning fresh Florida mullet. Many of the boys then had their first experience dressing, preparing and cooking a fish over the open fire. The boys also cooked their own foil dinners. Nobody went hungry.

After lunch was cleared away it was off to classes again. Brother Arthur Lahtinen taught first aid. Almost every boy completed all the requirements for this skill award. It's a good thing, too, because sometimes cooking and ax and knife instructors cut their fingers!

Brother Canova taught the ax and knife skills well and each boy participated carefully. Each earned his Tote 'n Chip card.

Farther down the hill, maps and compasses were used as President Charles Madsen instructed the boys in these important skills.

Finally, everyone gathered for the closing ceremony and presentation of awards. Brother Canova used his Scoutmaster's Minute to remind the boys of the strength of togetherness. He challenged them to help each other as they worked toward their scouting goals.

Nine skill awards were earned that day with four more almost completed. Sister Cleo Miller, stake Primary president, presented the awards along with Day Camp Patches to each boy who participated.

Everyone was tired at the end of the day but pleased with a job well done. Even though these boys were new scouts, they demonstrated a super scouting spirit being helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, and all the other things scouts should be.

Those who attended were: Rusty Butler and Greg Taylor from Cairo, Shane Flowers from Quincy, Dusty Brock from Tallahassee I, Shaun King, Jason Leishman, Rodney Moore, Micah West from Tallahassee II, and Shawn Christiansen, Marc Madsen, Danny Torgesen and Drew Vass from Tallahassee III.

The Stake Primary Board would like to express deep appreciation to all who worked so hard to make this a successful day for the boys!

Remarks from the boys:

"Camp was fun! I liked the Indian signs and cleaning the mullet best of all." (Dusty Brock)

"It was fun! I liked the hike best. If I could tell a boy next year what to expect, I'd tell him he would get to cook his own meal and have a lot of fun!" (Danny Torgesen)

"Camp was fun. I liked cooking lunch and first aid. I'd tell a next year Blazer he'd get to hike 5 miles, cook lunch, use a map and compass and have fun at Blazer Day Camp." (Shawn Christiansen)

Tallahassee II



by Barbara Young
Tallahassee II Public Communications Director

On the evening of April 3, 1986 Young Men and Young Women from the Tallahassee Second Ward left for the Atlanta Temple in a van driven by Bishop Meyer. Roger Lunt drove a station wagon with room for only one passenger, Suzanne Chapple, because of all the luggage. When they arrived at the Executive Villa at 11:30 that night, mini pizzas were waiting for them, prepared by Karen Lunt who had arrived earlier.

Friday morning the Young Men and the Bishop rose early for a brisk swim. At noon, everyone went to the temple where 300 baptisms were performed.

After getting out of the temple, the group took off for Bryson City, North Carolina in the Smokeys. They hiked up the mountain in the dark to rustic cabins and had a late taco supper before going to bed.

At 10:00 the following morning they gathered for a raft trip on the Nantahala River. They were bussed 8 miles up the river and rafted for 3-1/2 hours in the warm sun and cold river down to where they started. A few of the groups of 6 in each raft learned a good deal about rafting from guides. The groups without guides also learned how to survive on the river, and enjoyed the challenges of maneuvering rafts over rocks and climbing back in after falling out. Everyone received special instruction at one point before going over the last and most challenging rapids.

After changing into dry clothes, they returned late to Tallahassee with many memories of a great time.



Roadshow Results

Eight excellent roadshows were presented on the evenings of April 18 and 19. Tallahassee First Ward, whose entire script was cleverly written in rhyme, edged into first place over second place winner Tallahassee Student Ward and Quincy and Perry, who tied for third place. One of the judges, Suzanne Chapple, described the First Ward roadshow as, "entertaining to all ages, using ideas understood by young and old alike."

Tallahassee First Ward's "Oh Wouldn't It Be Loverlee" used this year's roadshow theme "Love Makes the World Go Around" to portray the idea that everyone needs someone to love and everyone can find someone to love. It showed that self-love and self-worth are important to loving others.

While many in the audience were heard to comment that they would have found it very difficult to be a judge and choose a winner from such excellent roadshows, Sister Chapple said she enjoyed the responsibility of having to carefully analyze the components of a roadshow. What she found most difficult was wanting, and not being able, to give public recognition to each roadshow for its quality characteristics. Judges Lacy and Donna Douglas agreed that it was hard "weighing all the factors and trying to judge fairly the different units who have such differing resources."

Costumes and scenery efforts seemed to be strong in all the roadshows this year. As a judge, Blair Clawson noticed the way simple props were used to convey a scene so very well. A perfect example of this was Monticello's "cat dump yard," which received special recognition.

Special recognition was also given to Bainbridge's "Dr. Hatestone" and "Creepgor," played by Roger Bowers and his son Joel, for outstanding performance, and to cloggers 9-year-old Traci and 6-year-old Bobbie Brough, who choreographed their own material. Also, Perry Branch received recognition for special effects.

Stake Cultural Arts Specialist Linda Hall stated that the purpose of the roadshows is for "individuals to experience growth." It was obvious that participants enjoyed themselves, talents blossomed, creativity flourished, and friendship and unity developed and grew.

Brother Clawson summarized his feelings as being impressed with the number of participants and the good spirit displayed. "It was a delight to see all the roadshows," he said. "I came away with the feeling that even though there is a lot of work involved, this is really worth doing."

Special thanks to Ron Stone for his intricate work as sound technician, to Joe Caceras for manning the spotlight and to Perry Anderson for timing each road show. Thanks also to those involved in make-up, music, scenery, and scripts, to all those who participated, and to all those who offered their support by attending.

Crawfordville

Clare Grant looks through the telescope while Shannon Sasser, Mariko and Kenji Kerns, and Dr. Tucker look on.



by Fran Councill
Crawfordville Public Communications Director

As usual, Crawfordville, and especially the youth, have been busy. Eddie Gonzalez received the priesthood. Chris Hill became a Teacher. Tanya Sasser, Clare Grant and Brad Tucker received their Gospel in Action awards. Besides these individual achievements, the youth were involved in two major community service efforts. The cub scouts cleaned up all the trash from Hudson Park, a public facility; and the Young Women, Young Men, and Boy Scouts from Troop 126 assisted in a county-wide Easter egg hunt. They set up tables, fixed areas, hid eggs, directed children, and in all ways helped this first county-wide hunt be a success.

Many members of the Branch had a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to enjoy the splendor of our universe as many families, non-members, friends, and some Tallahassee members went together to view Halley's Comet. Dr. William Tucker of the physics department at FAMU not only gave special attention to making this a good experience for the children, but he also set up additional telescopes which allowed a breathtaking view of Saturn and Mars.

The adults have also been busy. Leland Sasser, Glenna Sasser, Gloria Kight, Betty Hunter and Bill Wasdin had a special trip together to the Atlanta Temple. A special adult progressive dinner was held with salads being hosted by the Allens, main course by the Sassers and desserts by Gloria Kight. Great fun and delicious food were enjoyed by all. A fund raiser for the new building was held in the form of a mother-son cake bake and auction. It is hard to say who had the most fun: President Little with his auctioneering, the children with their bidding, Nikki and Frank Young, or everyone with the eating afterwards.

Two of the homemaking



meetings were especially publicized and had non-members in attendance. These were by "Boots" Palmer who taught color selection to accentuate good looks, and a professional chef, Scott Hill, who taught how to make food garnishes such as vegetable and fruit flowers, birds, etc.

Chef Scott Hill and Gloria Kight

Spotlight



Thurman Burnett, Director of the Division of Unemployment Compensation, presents award to Joy Barber.

Sister Joy Barber of the Tallahassee Third Ward was recently honored with an award for her services as an executive secretary with the State of Florida, Department of Labor and Employment Security. Having won this distinction in the Northwest Subchapter of the International Association of Personnel in Employment Security, who sponsors the award, Joy went on to receive the award on the state level for 1986.

In addition to receiving an engraved pen set, wall plaque, and certificate, Joy attended a seminar in Hollywood, Florida, where winners in various categories and department officials exchanged ideas and discussed new techniques and ways to better meet the needs of the public they serve.

Individuals are nominated for their awards by means of a book, which contains a short history and photo of the nominee and letters from "sponsors," individuals acquainted with the nominee and familiar with their work. Joy said that these letters were "the most special part of the award because it made me feel good that these co-workers and administrators, whom I respect, could show such confidence in me."

Sister Barber has worked for the Department of Labor and Employment Security for 15 years and for the same boss, who is the Director of the Division of Unemployment Compensation, for 11 years. Working for a man who maintains a quick pace and expects others to be as dedicated to their work as he is, Joy has remained competent and easy-going, never seeming to get flustered by the demands placed upon her. Illustrative of these qualities, Joy taught a workshop at the meeting in Hollywood on "How To Help Your Boss Have a Better Day." She says that she manages to keep calm when the pressure is on by "thinking pleasant thoughts and never taking anything anyone says personally." She enjoys being able to meet a wide variety of people, having a certain amount of responsibility, and the opportunity to use her own judgment in her work.

Many women in our stake can relate to the struggles of juggling a profession outside the home on top of duties as a wife and mother. Joy and her husband, Larry, have two children: Todd, 5; and Katie, 3. Her secret for smoothly managing work and family is, "When I'm at work I try to leave family problems at home, but when I go home at 5:00, I leave my work behind and give my all to my family."

Sister Barber will get to keep the book that was compiled in her behalf, but not until it returns from Omaha, Nebraska, where it is being reviewed once again for the award on the international level.

Congratulations, Joy, and good luck in the upcoming competition!

To The Beehives

You're each a tender angel;
A child of royal birth.
But you've a mortal mission here
Upon this garden earth.

You were sent here for a leaven
In these last and sinful days.
You were lent to us from heaven
Each a blessed and shining ray.

Your Heavenly Father loves and longs
And waits for you each day
To come receive his counsel
As you kneel and bow and pray.

Discover all His gifts to you
And use them every one
and choose the right dear angels
Till your mission here is done.

by Ann Little
Crawfordville Branch

When the people shall have torn to shreds the Constitution of the United States, the elders of Israel will be found holding it up to the nations of the earth and proclaiming liberty and equal rights to all men, and extending the hand of fellowship to the oppressed of all nations. This is part of the program, and as long as we do what is right and fear God, he will help us and stand by us under all circumstances.

- President John Taylor
Gospel Kingdom, p. 219.



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My wife and I made an agreement with our children that has come down through the years, that we would not do anything in our lives to embarrass them out in public if they would not do anything to embarrass their mother and father. That agreement has been very helpful in our family both for parents and children.

At one time while presiding over the Carlsbad California Stake, one of my sons temporarily forgot that agreement. At a stake baseball game he disagreed with the call of an umpire, and allowed his emotions to lead him into vocally expressing his disagreement. Due to other commitments I was not in attendance at the game, but the word came to me quickly that a member of our family had conducted himself in a manner that was not appropriate for our family. That evening I asked my son if he would meet with me in my study. In preparation for that meeting I had prayerfully asked my Heavenly Father to help me successfully teach my son the lesson that needed to be taught. After prayer I handed him the Book of Mormon and asked him if he would be kind enough to read from Alma 31:11 where it says ". . . Oh my son, how great iniquity you have brought upon the Zoramites; for when they saw your conduct they would not believe in my words." I then asked him to evaluate how well the members of our stake would now believe in the words of their stake president as he tried to teach them good sportsmanship and to control their thoughts and actions during the heat of competition. There was considerable silence in the room, but the Spirit of the Lord, His scriptures, and a loving father taught a powerful lesson to a very fine son. Later, he confided to his sister that a whipping would have been much easier. He has never forgotten the lesson.

In our home we have always felt that discipline is essential but we also recognize that the very finest method of discipline in the home is explained very carefully in Doctrine and Covenants 121:41-43 wherein the Lord indicates that love should govern all of our actions. When reproof is required it should always be under the influence of the Holy Spirit with a great increase of love after the discipline has been measured out. We have often mentioned to our children that the only reason we discipline them is because we love them. It would be much easier to bypass discipline, but in the process of doing so we would be teaching our children that we really didn't care enough to correct them, as our loving Heavenly Father has always corrected us. We have also tried to follow the counsel of the Brethren by holding a regular family home evening, studying the scriptures in the home, holding family prayer morning and evening, eating together as a family, and singing the hymns of Zion in the home.

To be a successful patriarch over a home/family is a most sacred responsibility and can only successfully be administered upon the principles of righteousness. Fathers are intended to be to the family as a lighthouse is to a ship trying to make the harbor during a storm. During stormy weather a lighthouse where the light has gone out is very dangerous to a ship that is depending upon the light. Likewise, a patriarch of a family who has allowed the light of the gospel to go out of his life can be most dangerous and result in a shipwrecked family. The patriarch of the family must love the Lord, love His church, and teach his children to do likewise.

One of the best things that a man can do for his children is to love their mother. As the patriarch in our home I have not only loved and respected my wife, the mother of my children, but I have also expected my children to do likewise. I would never tolerate my children to be disrespectful or "talk back" to my wife. She is my queen first and their mother second. To hurt my queen, my wife, was tantamount to hurting me severely

and the children knew this was unacceptable to their father.

There has never been a time when our children have heard their Mom and Dad argue, profane or swear, speak negatively of our church leaders (ward leaders, stake leaders, or general authorities) nor have they ever had reason to feel that Mom's and Dad's testimony was faltering. Fathers must realize that they are always teaching their children, whether they know it or not. Sometimes they teach good, sometimes they teach bad. It is imperative that we live our lives the way we would want our children to live theirs, for surely they will follow in our footsteps all of the way. One of my favorite scriptures is found in III John:4 where it says, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth." May the Lord bless all fathers everywhere that their priesthood calling to preside over their home will be the most glorious and successful experience that they will ever have here upon the earth.



BYU Dancers A Hit!

The BYU International Folk Dancers gave their best at Leon High School in Tallahassee on May 19. For 2-1/2 hours the audience enjoyed unique entertainment that is not available to us very often.

There was hand-clapping, foot-tapping, laughing, and sheer enjoyment at the beautiful, vivid costumes and performance that was given.

Especially popular were the red ribbon dance from China and the fan dance from Korea. Another favorite was the Poltavskyi Duet from the USSR, where the dance told of the tall lady that wanted to dance with the short fellow. It was funny to watch her pick him up, fling him around, and carry him about, but he finally won out and carried her away over his shoulder!

Most of the hand-clapping and foot-tapping came with the American selections of bluegrass, square dancing, clogging, and playing of the "Orange Blossom Special," especially when the fellows on guitars tried to outplay the lady fiddler.

We have been fortunate to have Church-sponsored performances like this come to us from time to time. It is wholesome, enjoyable entertainment for the whole family, and friends, and neighbors as well.

"Because of Elizabeth"

"Because of Elizabeth" was prepared in narration and song and presented at the Relief Society Women's conference in March. A story of pioneer faith and courage, this lovely presentation was repeated at the High Priests Social on June 20. Narrator Ann Cluff and C. L. Fordham told the story of Elizabeth (Janice Tucker) who came to America from England in the early days of the Church. While in Nauvoo, she meets David Andrews (Jim Haskins), and they fall in love, court and marry. It tells of the hardships as well as the triumphs typical in the lives of Saints during this time in Church history as they cross the plains.

Cast members shown in photo (left to right), Front row: Brenda Bonnell, Ann Nicholson, Carol Bliss, Pat Haskins, Valerie Davis. Back row: Iwan Teare, Cal Walker, Cleve Atchley, Jim Dame, Jim Haskins, Donnie Davis, Paul Sparkman.



Not shown: Lori Bonnell, Mike Brown, Suzanne Chapple, Jeanne Fordham, Candace Settles, Janice Tucker.

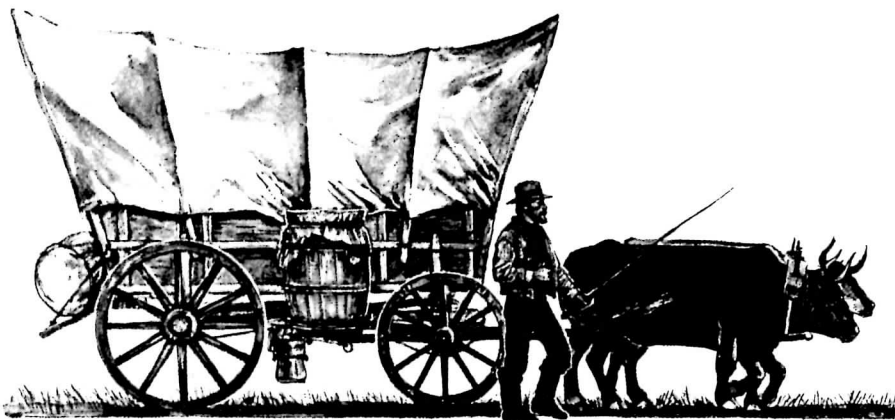
Directors: Ann Nicholon and Jeanne Fordham.
Pianist: Teresa Bliss.

A Tribute to Pioneers

The celebration of statehood was barely forgotten when a second public observance attracted the attention of the Saints in Utah. This was the Pioneer Jubilee of July 20-24, 1897--in one sense a symbolic rite of passage from the old order to the new--and it presented two significant themes. One looked back and honored Utah's pioneers, while the other marched forward from 1847, applauding progress. These same themes would reveal themselves continuously in the coming years.

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It is proper to contemplate the pioneers whose arrival in the Salt Lake Valley [139] years ago we commemorate this month. The tremendous progress of the Church in which we, as all members, share today is but the lengthened shadow of the faith and sacrifices of those devoted early Saints.



It is good to look to the past to gain appreciation for the present and perspective for the future. It is good to look upon the virtues of those who have gone before, to gain strength for whatever lies ahead. It is good to reflect upon the work of those who labored so hard and gained so little in this world, but out of whose dreams and early plans, so well nurtured, has come a great harvest of which we are the beneficiaries. Their tremendous example can become a compelling motivation for us all, for each of us is a pioneer in his own life, often in his own family....

Can a generation that lives with central heating and air conditioning, with the automobile and the airplane, with the miracle of television and the magic of the computer understand, appreciate, and learn from the lives and motives of those who had none of these and yet accomplished much of tremendous consequence?

In the environment in which many of us live, there is need for reminders of lessons learned in the past. In our times of abundance, it is good occasionally to be taken back to earlier days, to have our minds refocused on the struggles of the early Latter-day Saints, to remind us of the necessity for labor if the earth is to be made to yield, of the importance of faith in God if there is to be lasting achievement, and of the need to recognize that many of the so-called old values are worthy of present application.

- President Gordon B. Hinckley
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Lady Liberty

The year 1986 marks the centennial celebration of the Statue of Liberty, a gift to the United States from France to commemorate France's alliance with the American colonies during the American Revolution. The idea for Lady Liberty was suggested in 1865 by a French historian, Edouard de Laboulaye, in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of American independence.

When Laboulaye's idea was approved, the task of making the statue was given to Frederick A. Bartholdi, a French sculptor, who set about creating the figure of a woman wearing a crown on her head, and dressed in a flowing robe. In her right hand she was to hold a high blazing torch, and in her left hand a tablet carrying the date of the Declaration of Independence.

Bartholdi began the work in 1872. But it was such a big job Bartholdi knew he could not complete the entire statue in time for the 100th Commemorative anniversary, so he concentrated on the great arm holding the torch. When this piece of Lady Liberty was finished in 1876, it was sent to the United States to be displayed at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia.

In 1881, on the centennial of Cornwallis' surrender to the Americans and French at Yorktown, the United States ambassador, Levi P. Morton, drove the first rivet into the foot of Lady Liberty as she began to be mounted, piece by piece on a towering iron frame designed by Gustave Eiffel, builder of the famous Eiffel Tower in Paris.

When all the pieces were finally in place, Morton formally accepted the statue for America on July 4, 1884.

Now came the laborious task of dismantling the giant lady so she could be shipped to the United States. Packing her hundreds of pieces in 214 crates, was a job which took three months to complete.

Finally, in June 1885, the French warship *Isere* landed the statue at New York.

But Lady Liberty had to wait before her pieces could be assembled, for the 155-foot high pedestal on which she would rest had not been completed.

In May 1886, the work of putting the pieces of the statue together began. The next few months saw a gang of workmen clinging to Liberty's sides as they secured some 100 parts for the statue to its framework.

After all the delays, Lady Liberty was finally completed on October 28, 1886 and the "Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World" was unveiled on Bedloe's Island (now named Liberty Island). More than 100 million Americans had relatives who first saw America by sailing past this monument.

As part of the statue's 100th birthday celebration this summer, more sailing vessels than participated in Operation Sail during the nation's Bicentennial will sail into New York harbor. Also, each of the 50 states will participate in two days of celebration of their heritage as part of another 100-day festival.



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