

Three Years of Dedicated Service

President Floyd L. Packard, his wife, Alice, and his counselors, Dale Dransfield, Wilford Jordan (Lake City Stake), and L. Blain Vorwaller (Jacksonville Stake) have led the Florida Tallahassee Mission for the past 3 years. (R. Malone Peddie of the Panama City Stake was recently called as counselor.) Their outstanding leadership has resulted in the following highlights:

Through April, 1987 (2 years and 10 months) 2,731 souls were brought into the Church. This was an increase from 61 converts per month in 1983 to 102 per month in 1987, a 60% increase.

Two new stakes were created: Lake City (March 2, 1986) and Dothan (March 16, 1986).

Our Mission has grown until it has been found sufficiently strong to be divided to form the new Florida Jacksonville Mission. This Mission will consist of the Gainesville, Lake City, Jacksonville West and Jacksonville East Stakes from the Florida Tallahassee Mission and the Deland Stake from the Florida Tampa Mission. The Florida Tallahassee Mission will also have the following five stakes: Dothan, Panama City, Tallahassee, Pensacola and the Mobile Alabama Stake from the Louisiana Baton Rouge Mission. Our region recently incorporated the Mobile, Alabama Stake so that, too, will be added to the Florida Tallahassee Mission.

Much progress has been made in sharing the Gospel with the blacks. Many strong black members are now rendering great service in the wards and stakes.

During the last three years the Stake Missions have taken on a new stature. We have strong Stake Mission presidencies with devoted ward mission leaders. Our Stake Presidency and Stake Mission Presidency have been extremely supportive.

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New Mission President Called



John H. Tanner, age 62, has accepted a call to serve in the Florida Tallahassee Mission. President Tanner, along with his lovely wife, Bertha "Bobbie" Pratt Tanner, will serve for three years beginning in early July.

President Tanner, from the Phoenix North Stake, has been regional representative since 1981 to the St. Johns and Flagstaff Regions. He has also spent 15 years as a counselor in the Phoenix North Stake Presidency, served on the stake high council, and fulfilled many other ward and stake responsibilities.

President Tanner, proud of his L.D.S. heritage, was born to Rollin C. and Anna Harbrecht Tanner in Joseph City, Arizona. This town was founded in part by his grandparents who faithfully responded to Brigham Young's call to settle the Little Colorado Valley.

After graduating from North Phoenix High in 1943, John Tanner immediately enlisted in the U.S. Air Force where he piloted a B-17 Bomber during World War II. Upon returning home, he married his high school sweetheart, Bobbie, great granddaughter of Parley P. Pratt.

In 1950 he graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles as a civil engineer and joined the Tanner Companies, a business founded by his father. Presently, the construction and development company known as Tanner Southwest ranks as Arizona's sixth largest privately owned business. John Tanner will retire as president of the company when he assumes his responsibilities as mission president.

Sister Tanner is the Relief Society Spiritual Living Teacher in their ward. She also has served as the ward Young Women president, stake Primary president, and on the stake Relief Society and stake Young Women boards.

President and Sister Tanner are the proud parents of five children--all married in the temple--and twenty grandchildren, all living in the Phoenix area.

Stake
Presidency
Message

by Arnold K. Garr
Second Counselor



OUR DUTY TO GOD AND COUNTRY

One of the most inspirational, non-scriptural lines ever penned by the human hand is the first sentence in the scout oath: "On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country." What a wonderful society we would live in if all citizens of the United States would diligently strive to live according to this important creed.

Of course, we as members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints understand that a significant part of our obligation to our God is to do our duty to our country as well. For us the two duties are inseparable. In Doctrine and Covenants 101:80 it states that the Lord "established the Constitution of this land, by the hands of wise men whom [He] raised up unto this very purpose, and redeemed the land by the shedding of blood." Furthermore, in the twelfth Article of Faith, the prophet Joseph Smith admonished us to obey, honor, and sustain the law of the land.

One of the most tragic stories in American history is the true account of Philip Nolan, "The Man Without a Country." In 1805, Nolan, a young officer in the American army, became involved with Aaron Burr, who conspired to establish a new nation west of the Mississippi River, with Burr as emperor. The conspiracy was put down by the government and Philip Nolan, Aaron Burr and others were court-martialed for what they did. During the trial Nolan cried out in a fit of frenzy, "Damn the United States! I wish I may never hear the name of the United States again." The court was shocked. Colonel Morgan, who was presiding, issued the following sentence: "It is the decision of the United States that you shall never hear the name of the United States again."

From that moment until the day he died, fifty-five long and lonely years, Nolan lived as "the man without a country." He was put aboard an outgoing government ship and was never permitted to come within a hundred miles of American territory again.

When Nolan died on May 11, 1863, there was a slip of paper in the Bible on which he had written his last request. It said in part: "Won't someone set up a stone in my memory...that my disgrace may not be more than I ought to bear? Say on it, 'In Memory of Philip Nolan, Lieutenant in the Army of the United States. He loved his country as no man ever loved her; but no one deserved less at her hands.'" (*The Majesty of Books*, p. 261)

May the Lord bless us to always appreciate the freedoms we enjoy under the inspired Constitution of this great nation. May we also strive diligently to always do our duty to God and our country.

New Chairman and Specialist
Join Stake Activities Committee

Sister Gail Roberts was recently called as the new Stake Cultural Arts Specialist. Gail, her husband Denis, their three-year-old son Danny, and one-month-old Janet, are members of the Tallahassee First Ward. She joined the Church in Tallahassee and served a mission in Bolivia. Some of her previous callings include LDS Social Services Representative, Young Women president, Relief Society president, and Nursery leader.

A native of Cocoa Beach, Florida, Gail has a wide range of talents. She received a bachelor's degree in criminology from FSU, a master's degree from BYU in business management, and since returning to Tallahassee is working toward a Ph.D. in design. Gail enjoys learning about landscape for her family's business, Classic Lawncare and Design.

In her new calling Gail is looking forward to drawing on the skills of many stake members. A calendar of next year's activities is currently being planned. Through the activities, Gail hopes members of the stake can develop talents and friendships, as well as having a good old time.

Shortly after Gail was called, Bill Christiansen was called as the new Activities Committee Chairman. Gail will be working under his direction, as will Perry Anderson, who has been serving as Physical Activities Specialist for 2 years.

Brother Christiansen is from Provo, Utah and moved to Tallahassee four years ago to accept a position as professor in the Department of Finance, FSU College of Business. He was raised in the church and served a mission in South Korea from 1969-71. Since arriving in Tallahassee, he has served as Young Men president and Elders Quorum president and counselor in the Tallahassee Third Ward before being called to the High Council in April. He and his wife, Ann, have four children: Nathan, 14; Shawn, 12; Brandon, 10; and Alissa, born last January.

Brother Christiansen wants to be sure that stake activities are well planned and organized. He feels that "participation from the wards and branches is the key to success."

Special thanks to Willard Rudd, who served as Activities Committee Chairman for 1 year, and Linda Hall, who served as Cultural Arts Specialist for 11 years.

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Twentieth Century Pioneers

In the early days of the Church, it was not uncommon for families to be "called" to gather their belongings and move to a new location to begin a new Mormon community. Similarly, two Tallahassee families were recently called, not to leave their Tallahassee homes, but to temporarily move their membership to Monticello to help establish the Church in one of the smallest branches in the South. Several times in the history of our stake a priesthood leader has been called to serve as branch president outside his home boundaries, but this is the first time whole families have been called to serve in another branch. These families have been released from all callings in Tallahassee and will commute approximately 30-miles (one way) at least weekly to attend meetings and serve in the Monticello Branch for six months.

"The Monticello Branch is a good little branch," explains President Arnold Garr. "They have good statistics and good people. They aren't 'limping' because the people aren't doing well; they're just understaffed."

Brother Dave Davis was released as Tallahassee First Ward Elders Quorum president to fulfill this assignment. Other previous callings include ward executive secretary, Young Men president, Sunday School president, Sunday School and priesthood teacher. He works for the State as a public defender specializing in capital appellate litigation and enjoys amateur radio and history. His wife, Lois, is working on her Master's in Fine Arts at FSU and has served in various Relief Society and teaching positions. The Davises have six children: Ian, 10; Lydia, 8; Jessica, 6; Miriam, 5; Rachel, 4; and Laura, 2. Regarding this calling Brother Davis says, "I'm excited about it. I was in a small branch before and it brings back lots of good memories. It's a nice drive and they have good members there."

The Richard West family, from Tallahassee Second Ward, is not a total stranger to the Monticello Branch. Brother West previously served as High Council representative to Monticello and his family sometimes accompanied him on visits. Brother West is a state employee with the Division of Consumer Affairs answering consumer complaints regarding insurance. When time permits, he enjoys tennis and softball. His wife, Sharon, is an elementary school teacher and loves to read and sew. Her past callings include Primary teacher, ward and stake Primary president, Young Women president, and homemaking counselor in Relief Society. The Wests have four children: Micah, 12; Trava, 10; Serena, 7; and Joseph, 3. Sister West grew up in a small branch and said that while her family recognizes the assignment as a challenge, she knows the potential for growth. "We seem to do best when we have to," she said.

The Monticello Branch was organized in 1979 under then stake president Richard Chapple. The Branch rented a building previously used as a funeral home until they purchased a house in 1981 which has been partially remodeled to better meet their needs. They purchased a site for their future chapel, which they hope to qualify for in the months to come. They have about 30 strong, active, devoted members who have each had the opportunity to serve in just about every calling possible.

These new families will be called to serve in positions that haven't been filled because of lack of members, and it will give local members more time to devote to member missionary work. In addition, a full-

time missionary couple has been assigned to Monticello, whereas one set of missionaries previously worked in Madison, Monticello, and sometimes Perry.

It is hoped that this increased concentration on missionary work will bring not only new converts, but activations and new move-ins as well, and that the Branch will begin to grow.

If this "experiment" proves successful President Garr says, "The Stake presidency may do it in other small branches as well."

Let the husband and father learn to bend his will to the will of God, and then instruct his wife and children in this lesson of self-government by his example as well as by precept.

Brigham Young

Genealogy

By Laura M. Byington, Librarian

WHAT'S FOR SUMMER?

Vacation! That's what!

Picnics--trips to the beach. Maybe some time in the cool mountains. A visit to Aunt Mary--going to Grandpa's, and oh, yes, the family reunion. That's summer.

There's never a better opportunity for genealogical finds than summer.

Plan that vacation with a stop at a family historical site--the house where Dad was born, the church where Grandma and Grandpa were married, the farm they once owned, the swimming hole where they cooled off.

Stop by the court house and get a copy of a marriage license, will, or deed. You might find an "old timer" sitting on the steps who knew Grandpa "back when."

Family reunions--what a genealogical gold mine they can be. Take copies of your old pictures and offer to share. Your Book of Remembrance will bring questions and additional information.

As a part of your vacation preparation, list some genealogical information you need and who might know the answers. Think of someone who lives in an area you need to research. If you let them know what to look for and where to look you might find just the help you need.

What's for summer? Lots of fun and endless opportunities to become a Savior on Mount Zion.

Note: Make preparations for summer genealogical archeology. The library will be closed the month of July. Dig up your ancestors now!!!

Single Adult Leaders: A Well Rounded Team



Enjoying the fruits of their labors at the Singles Conference, L to R: SA Chairman Leslie Rybak, SA Co-Chairman Carolyn Thompkins, friend Ken Joyner, SA Secretary Betty Macia, and YSA Rodney Schank (not shown YSA Co-Chairman Kim Reeves).

Leslie Rybak, of the Tallahassee Third Ward, was recently called as Stake Single Adult Chairman. A native of Glenwood, Minnesota, he has lived in Tallahassee since 1973. His strong testimony of the gospel and love of the singles will provide a good foundation for the service he has been asked to give. His best friend is his five-year-old son, Brian. Leslie's goal as chairman is to unite the singles and develop brotherly love. (He's also looking for the right girl.)

Rodney Schank, of the Tallahassee First Ward, currently serves as Stake Young Single Adult Chairman. He is a native of Gainesville, a returned missionary, and currently a computer science major at FSU. Rodney is a "get-it-down-now" sort of a guy who loves life. He is always open to new ideas.

Kim Reeves, the Stake Young Single Adult co-chairman, was born 21 years ago in Niceville, Florida. This FSU Management major, from Tallahassee First Ward, has also served as a Sunday School teacher and ward singles representative. Her short term goal is to finish school while her long term goal is to have a celestial family.

Betty Macia, mother of 4, was recently called as stake single adult secretary. She attends Tallahassee First Ward and is a legal secretary by profession. Her enjoyment of high energy activities makes this calling perfect for her. Her creativeness is appreciated on the single's team.

All these people joined Carolyn Thompkins, also of Tallahassee First Ward, who has served as Single Adult co-chairman for about a year and a half. Carolyn has 2 sons and is working on her masters in music theory at FSU. She is a hard worker and is well-organized, thereby contributing to a well-rounded singles leadership team.

The words that a father speaks to his children in the privacy of home are not heard by the world, but, as in whispering galleries, they are clearly heard at the end, and by posterity.

Jean Paul Richter

Regional Singles Conference

by Betty Macia
Stake Single Adult Secretary

Tallahassee was invaded the weekend of May 22-24 by single adults ready to enjoy the Tallahassee Florida Stake Regional Singles Conference. Members traveled to the Holiday Inn on Apalachee Parkway from as far away as Virginia and Missouri. The happy squeals and warm hugs started before people even finished checking in at the registration table as friendships, started at other conferences, were rediscovered and renewed.

The conference took right off with a panel discussion on "Being Single in a Family Church". The questions that concerned the singles most seemed to be those regarding temple ordinances (i.e. sealings). The brothers assured the singles that worthy living is the key. People can not control all that life has to offer but they can choose to live worthy of exaltation. Some people wanted the discussion to go on, but others were ready to start dancing.

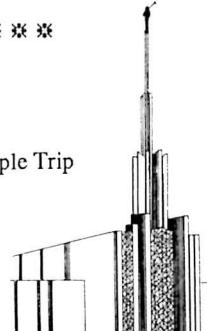
The Friday night sock hop got everyone moving and provided some great laughs as contestants from the "crazy sock" contest were chosen. Creative conferees came in lighted socks, sequined socks, laced and bowed socks, and yes, the winner, whose socks were wrapped by pink flamingos.

Sharing testimonies got Saturday off to a spiritual start. This was followed by workshops covering such areas as "Pioneer Dancing," "Gateway to Communication," "Signing," and "How to Lead and Motivate Others." Saturday afternoon was free time to relax and get ready for the formal ball at the Stake Center.

The cultural hall was decorated with a giant parachute which seemed to be held up by the silver and purple helium balloons that ringed it. Tiny white lights outlined the blue dividers at the back of the room, and plants, as well as the round tables set in a horseshoe around the stage, all added to an elegant atmosphere. The sparkling cider evoked toasts and much laughter among those who were seated together. The food was terrific. Everyone seemed to be involved in the dancing and the night had gone by much too quickly as the Sabbath approached.

A special Sacrament Meeting at the Holiday Inn closed the conference on Sunday; everyone was uplifted by the spiritual messages delivered by Brother Augmond Voyles and President Charles Madsen. These brothers encouraged the singles to prepare for the second coming by preparing for a mate. They suggested that this best be done by studying the scriptures, paying tithing, praying always, serving the Lord by serving others, and exercising free agency--the key to self-control.

Looking Ahead— July 2, 3, 4
Singles Temple Trip



No More Strangers

From the Stake Mission Presidency

A great spirit of missionary activity has settled upon our stake and mission. Many opportunities are opening to individual members to share the Gospel message with their friends.

"Friend" is a key word to us if we are to be successful. Non-members must trust us, respect us, and desire to be in our presence before we can effectively share our sacred message of hope and truth. We must be their friends first. Christ said, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13) Is this not what He has done for us? While we may never be called upon to make such a sacrifice, it is this special love our friends must feel from us. They must feel the Spirit through our love and then the Spirit can testify to them of the truthfulness of the principles we live and teach.

God and Jesus Christ are friends to all. In speaking to Moses, God said, "For behold, this is my work and my glory--to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man. (Moses 1:39) Can we be anything less than friends in doing our part? It was meant for all men to feel the love of this scripture--"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God." (Eph. 2:19)

The purpose of sharing is to find those whom God has prepared within our circle of friends. The efforts expended in sharing the gospel bring added love to us and our friends as we become interdependent in our quest for eternal glory.

New Members



We welcome the following converts who were baptized in our stake during March and April 1987:

Bainbridge: Sean Harris, Erik Johnson, Robert Moore, Margaret Murrell, Dixie Suggs

Madison: Lynn Kinard

Perry: Kimberly Norman

Quincy: Jerome Bryant, King Dixie, Ahmin Keys

Tallahassee I: Hilary Dennis, Shaun Gill, Craig Parker, and Laura Tiedt

Tallahassee II: Sophie Levatte, Desdemma, Desmond and Rosa Martin, Teressa Mattson, Lisa Ridlehoover, and Denise Wilfork

Tallahassee III: LeAnn Allen, Crisman Brown, Ronald Hendry, Renee Wright

Thomasville: Cynthia Golding, James Jr. and Oreatha Killens, Tammy and Bonnie Newell

Calls:

Randy Ramsey (Tallahassee First)
Washington Spokane Mission

Janice Tucker (Tallahassee Third)
Spain North Mission

Chris Wessel (Tallahassee Third)
California Los Angeles Mission



Calendar

June

- 27 Mini-Youth Conference
- 28 3rd Week Boy Scout Camp

July

- 2-4 S.A. Temple Trip
- 4 Independence Day
- 5 4th Week Boy Scout Camp
- 10-11 Stake Girl's Camp and Canoe Trip
- 11 Stake Softball Tournament
- 14 Stake News deadline
- 18 Peach picking

August

- 10-15 Stake Youth Temple Trip-Nauvoo Visit
- 22 Boy Scout Eagle Merit Day
- Region Softball Tournament

PACKARD, from page 1

The mission presidency feels it has been a great privilege to touch the lives of 506 full-time missionaries and watch them take on greater devotion and commitment to the Lord. These missionaries should be in a position to render valued service in the building of the Kingdom for years to come.

In 1984, the Florida Tallahassee Mission rated 39th among missions in the United States and Canada in care of vehicles. Last year, the Mission placed 5th in the Church in care of vehicles.

President Packard and his family will return to their home in Carlsbad, California where President Packard will join two of his sons in a family dental practice. He reported that he and his family are leaving with mixed emotions and that his children would like to stay. "We truly enjoyed being with the good people here in the South."

Dale Dransfield will embark on a new journey with his family in July as President of the Pennsylvania Harrisburg Mission. Their new address: 3502 Foxcroft Drive, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

An evening in honor of the Packards and Dransfields will be held on June 27 at the stake center, 7 p.m. All adult members of the stake are invited.

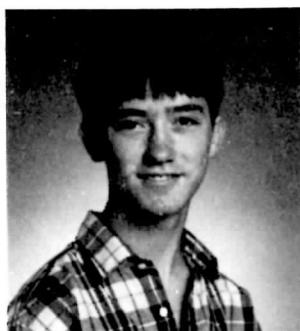
Church Youth Excel in Music

The inaugural Leon County all-county band turned out to be a showcase for young Tallahassee members of the Church. Hard work made these youth very prominent in the concert held April 10 in Florida State University's Ruby Diamond Auditorium.

Taped auditions pared the county's 1200 middle school and 500 high school band students into two 80 member bands which performed under the direction of two well-known guest directors.

Selected to participate in the band were Dax Brock, Dusty Brock, Kerry Davis, and John Miller from the Tallahassee First Ward, Daniel Copelin, Michael Chapple, Marika Chapple, and Leigh Hewett from the Tallahassee Second Ward. In addition Koneisha McGuire, daughter of Betty McGuire of the Second Ward, was also selected.

Special recognition came to two members of each band who were awarded "Most Outstanding Participant" certificates and free tuition to the Florida State University summer band camp. Daniel Copelin, the first chair alto saxophone player in the middle school band and a recent eagle scout, and Leigh Hewett, the first chair clarinet in the high school band, were so honored.



**Bennett Packard
Attains Eagle**

Bennett Packard, 15, was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout at a Court of Honor held on December 27, 1986. Bennett is the 14th child of President Floyd and Sister Alice Packard (Florida Tallahassee Mission), and the 5th and final son to attain the rank of Eagle Scout.

He went through the cubbing program and part of his regular scouting in Carlsbad, California, and completed his Life Rank and Eagle Scout requirements in Tallahassee. For his eagle project, he directed a very successful blood bank drive that contributed to the stake account. He has also received The Order of the Arrow. He has associated with great men as he has achieved each merit badge, and developed greatly in his leadership skills as he served in various priesthood and scouting opportunities. Bennett and his family feel they owe a great debt of gratitude to the good people of the Tallahassee Third Ward, especially those who have given so much of their time and talents to help him in his scouting and priesthood activities.

Bennett completed his freshman year at Lincoln High and is an honor student. He played community football for two years and freshman football this past year. He is a fine artist and loves camping, hiking, fishing, and people. His little nieces and nephews all love him--age makes no difference. He has always planned on serving a mission, and just wonders, "Where am I going?" Bennett has always said he wants to be a dentist like his father.



Young Women

by Suzanne Chapple
Stake Young Women President

During the April leadership meeting Young Women leaders were enlightened by discussion from a panel of five active young women from the three Tallahassee wards. Carol Austin of the Stake Young Women presidency directed the questions which provided insight into the girls' feelings about parents, friends, and Young Women leaders.

Attitudes expressed concerning parents were quite positive with some mention of typical teen-parent conflicts, such as use of the telephone.

When asked how they feel about church friends who do not live up to the standards they have been taught, their replies were, "I feel sorry for them;" "Sometimes I want to punch them!" "They don't realize that they hurt us, too;" "I get really frustrated, but I don't want to dismiss them because of their problems." Responding to a question of how much pressure they personally receive to behave contrary to what they have been taught, one said that she received a lot, both from church friends and non-member friends, which made choices difficult. Another said that her friends know her standards and she does not feel pressures from them. The others agreed that they experienced a combination of these two situations.

The qualities these typical young women value most in their Young Women and other church leaders are acceptance, a listening ear, unconditional love, flexibility, and forgiveness. They agreed that young women would like to be left alone to carry out any assignments (while acknowledging a need for follow-up by leaders) but they think it is great when occasionally leaders do everything!

Sister Austin asked the young women to describe their future lives at age 30. Their responses indicated their strong desires to develop their talents, pursue on-going education, and live in families according to gospel principles.

Young Women leaders who listened to the panel felt that the young women and their adult leaders have many desires in common concerning friends and family, goals and frustrations, and were delighted with the depth of thought shown by the girls' responses.

Early in May, Leslie Horton of Tallahassee Third Ward was called to be Stake Young Women Camp Director. She directed the first Young Women camp for 1987 on June 12-13 at Kolomoki State Park near Blakeley, Georgia.

Do you have a white dress that doesn't belong at your home? Maybe it is one of our lost baptism dresses. We are short at least two frequently needed women's dresses. We would appreciate it very much if they found their way back to the Stake Center. No questions asked.

If you would like further information contact Carol Bliss at 386-6307.



Relief Society

Dear Sisters in the gospel of Jesus Christ,

Our hearts swell with gratitude and joy when we ponder the great work the sisters in the ward and branch Relief Society presidencies do on our behalf. Dedicated and hard-working, they serve the Lord even as they serve us, and we do appreciate it.

There have been changes to the Relief Society presidencies in several of the units recently, and further changes are in progress. We extend our love and thanks to all who have and are still serving, and our offer of help and encouragement to those just beginning their new callings. The callings are needed and important, and these sisters are an example to all of us as we strive to live life to the fullest of our abilities.

The following are listed in the order of President, Education counselor, Homemaking counselor, and secretary.

BAINBRIDGE: Dot Covington--mother of two, loves to cook and do crafts. Jan Sharpe--proofreader at the Post Searchlight newspaper, good homemaker, loves to do calligraphy. Virginia Riffle--mother of five children and four grandchildren, loves softball and arts and crafts, has sewn a lot of her children's clothing.

CAIRO: Betty Butler Bouton--newly married, BYU graduate and a good teacher who is willing to tackle any responsibility, home-bound schoolteacher, served in Primary for 20 years and Young Women for 20 years. Jane Wood--nicknamed Jane, this sweet lady loves children and loves looking after everyone; loves to attend the temple. Linda Knight--talented at everything, decorates cakes and stays active in the church while raising three children and taking classes at night; also involved in the volunteer teaching adults to read program.

CRAWFORDVILLE: Gloria Kight has just been called as president and has not yet called her Education counselor. Josephine Creek has been called as Homemaking counselor. Many thanks to Helen Whiddon and her counselors.

MADISON: Audrey Harris has just been called as president. Her counselors are Margaret Robinson and Elizabeth Brinson. Many thanks to Sharon Floyd and her counselors.

MONTICELLO: Vicki Flynn has just been called as president and has not yet called her counselors. Many thanks to Kay Abbott for her efforts.

MOULTRIE: Dianne Roberts--a pretty lady with two boys and two girls; loves animals. Joy Terry--"Super dependable," says Dianne. Joy also has four children, two of which are twins; working on her Master's in Education. Myrtice Smith--Bubbly and vivacious, very knowledgeable about the gospel, loves to teach.

PERRY: Ginny Brown--has two children, ages 8 and 10; loves sports, music and dancing, fishing, boating, and waterskiing. Faye Malone--lives on a farm and is involved in raising a variety of animals for her and President Malone's own use; always smiling. Linda Johnson--a great cook, loves to do crafts.

QUINCY: Claudia Teare--a ceramicist who owns her own shop, has

four children and four grandchildren. Martha Deason--a teacher, working on her Master's, has two sons. Linda Rudd--pretty as can be, the mother of two boys, loves to cut hair. Mary Edmonds--has four children and a "bunch" of grandchildren, recently retired from the state after 25 years, quiet but gets things done, loves quilting.

TALLAHASSEE I: Sheri Maxey has just been called as president with Linda Hall and Kathy Clark as counselors. Many thanks to Pat Brock and her counselors.

TALLAHASSEE II: Many thanks to Donna Hewitt and her counselors, Vicki Evelo and Marie King, who have just been released. New president Mariwilla Shippey and her counselors, Sue Morgan and Sue Williams.

TALLAHASSEE III: Sylvia Caruthers--Sylvia and husband are blessed with good health, a good marriage, three children and seven grandchildren; loves people and is good at everything. Ann Christiansen--mother of three sons and one daughter, Ann majored in art at BYU and puts it to good use at Fairview Middle School where she teaches Arts and Crafts. Donna Douglas--adept at all homemaking skills, gourmet cooking, sewing, china painting, and all kinds of crafts which can be found in her home.

THOMASVILLE: Darlene Clinkscales--young and happy homemaker, has three children, sews, loves to cook, has plenty of patience with kids, and loves serving her Heavenly Father. Linda Covington--mother of four children, enjoys her job as secretary at the Dialysis Center at Archibald Hospital, loves doing arts and crafts, and serving others in the church. Mary Ellen King--mother of a son who brings much joy to this happy homemaker, has talents in music and crafts, loves the gospel.

Our apologies to those whose names we couldn't get on time for this newsletter. As you can see, there are many sisters serving us in our wards and branches who are talented and hard-working. Again, our many thanks and heartfelt gratitude for serving us.

Lovingly,

The Relief Society Presidency
of the Tallahassee Florida Stake

Fatherhood is leadership--the most important kind of leadership. It has always been so; it will always be so. Father, with the assistance and counsel and encouragement of your eternal companion, you preside in the home. It is not a matter of whether you are the most worthy or best qualified, but it is a matter of law and appointment. You preside at the meal table, at family prayer. You preside at family home evening. And, as guided by the Spirit of the Lord, you see that your children are taught correct principles. It is your place to give direction relating to all of family life. You give fathers' blessings. You take an active part in establishing family rules and discipline. As a leader in your home, you plan and sacrifice to achieve the blessing of a unified and happy family. To do all of this requires that you live a family-centered life.

Spencer W. Kimball

Crawfordville

by Fran Council
Crawfordville Public Communications Director

The Young Women of Crawfordville earned money toward their temple trip by providing the Branch with a delicious spaghetti dinner. A few weeks later they presented a beautiful play showing the good that comes from refusing to gossip.

The Branch is also very proud of the fine work done by its youth in the McConkie Bowl.

Homemaking meeting was a special treat in May. Jo Ann Bone of the Stake Relief Society presidency presented a stimulating overview of the simplicity of food storage when put in proper perspective. Included were storage tips from pastas and meats, to butter and candy. Richard Chapple presented a beautiful view of "Together, A Happy Family." Included was an explanation of why we allow ourselves to be upset over "tremendous trifles" and what types of things make him feel good at home.

Primary held its spring softball game which resulted in laughter, sore muscles and a wonderful afternoon of togetherness.

*I follow a famous father,
His honor is mine to wear;
He gave me a name that was free from shame,
A name he was proud to bear.*

*I follow a famous father,
And him I must keep in mind;
Though his form is gone, I must carry on
The Name that he left behind.*

Edgar A. Guest

A Resource for Church and Home

The ward (or branch) library is not, as many have thought, simply for use by teachers in the auxiliaries. It is for each member and family as well. This library can serve as a great resource in teaching your family during family home evenings or other times.

In the Tallahassee wards' library, anything except equipment can be checked out for home use. The library has flannel board stories, pictures, church magazines from 1971, Church News, videos, filmstrips, some books, and children's records. You can usually check materials out one Sunday and return them the following Sunday.

One excellent home evening resource, for example, that should be found in your meetinghouse library is the manual *Gospel Principles*. This paperback book contains forty-seven chapters of simplified information on the basic principles of the gospel. It also contains scripture references, a glossary, photographs and illustrations, and more than fifty pages of hymns and children's songs.

Ward and branch libraries throughout the stake offer a wide assortment of resources for your study of the gospel. Certainly not every meetinghouse library will have all materials and equipment, but chances are that every library will have materials that can be put to good use in various activities. You are encouraged to take advantage of the library in teaching your family principles of truth.



by Carol Droubay Bliss
Tallahassee Third Ward
(from Tooele Utah)

July 24 is a special day for Western Mormons and descendants of the original settlers. Known as "Pioneer Day," activities are held in commemoration of the day Brigham Young arrived at the Salt Lake Valley and declared, "This is the place" for the settlers to end their arduous journey.

Tooele was a small town settled at the direction of President Brigham Young. Many of us were "cousins" of one sort or another--some through plural marriages, some simply through large families.

I look back on Pioneer Day as a day of fun, picnics, parades, and seeing lots of friends and relatives--perfect for family reunions.

We had activities in the city park with a carnival atmosphere--each ward would be in charge of an activity like cake walks, fish ponds, and pony rides. There were food booths with lots of good food.

We had church programs, talks, and skits about pioneer life. Much reminiscing was done about all that the pioneers sacrificed so we could be free in our way of worshipping.

Our town parade was held in the evening because we were so close to Salt Lake City that many of us went there to see, or be in, the "big parade." Our high school band led off the parade for several years. We got to see the prophet and other general authorities as they passed by in open cars or sometimes in antique cars.

Some people dressed in "pioneer style." Women wore long calico dresses with sunbonnets while men wore plain shirts and pants with a sun hat.

The year of the Centennial in 1947, we were at the dedication of "This is the Place" Monument at the mouth of Emigration Canyon.

Many went to the cemetery, too. In a small Mormon town, much pride was taken in the appearance of the cemetery.

Pioneer Day is still much the same in my home town today. We have a proud heritage that we should never forget. It is something we can pass along to our children so they will know what it's all about even though we live so far from Salt Lake Valley.

Bishop's Corner

Dear Father,

It is such a good feeling to be alive and enjoy the beauties of the earth. Each morning I awake smelling the freshness of a new day and wondering what challenges will be mine that can help me grow. I marvel at the flowers, trees, insects, and animals; the majestic hills and mountains, the calming influence of the ocean's rhythmic flow, and the seemingly never ending miles of prairie and desert found in this country.

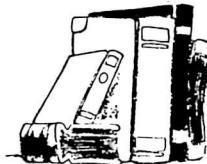
You know, I am very thankful to have been born here and not to have suffered as many do in other lands. It is a privilege I hope never to take for granted. I feel blessed to live in a free country where I can make a choice, where my opinions count if I but voice them and then work so that they are heard. I look back with joy and thankfulness to my forefathers who fought for the ideals of freedom, not only for themselves but for their posterity. They were not afraid to stand by their beliefs and die if necessary for me. Much has been sacrificed for this country since its beginning and more will probably be asked in the future. I know, Father, that we all need to do our portion. As I think about it, very little is asked of me in comparison with what others have given in the past.

I do so hope that I can fulfill our agreements. I have been so greatly blessed; there is not anything I would rather do than help others find and understand the joy that is mine. Thank you for this land, thank you for my forefathers, and thank you for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

A loving son

Book Review

by Suzanne Meik
Seventies Bookstore Representative



Patriotism will blossom when America celebrates the 200th birthday of our Constitution. In the book *The Constitution: A Heavenly Banner*, President Ezra Taft Benson explains the importance of the Constitution. *The Charter of Liberty*, by William O. Nelson, tells the origins of the Constitution, the motivations of the men who created it, and its relationship to the Church. Paul H. Dunn has written a book called *The Light of Liberty* in which he tells how as a 19-year-old soldier in World War II, he learned much about freedom, loyalty, and responsibility.

Volume 5 of *Especially for Mormons* will be out soon. This latest volume of quotes, stories and verse is a must for those who have grown to love these bestselling collections of thoughts for Latter-day Saints. It includes an updated index for all five volumes.

The Sermons of Jesus the Messiah, by Keith Howick, will be available in June. This book reveals how the Savior wove messages into the fabric of everyday life and how he taught the new law and the gospel. In the spirit of *The Miracles of Jesus the Messiah* and *The Parables of Jesus the Messiah*, this third volume explores the sermons, discourses, and instruction of the master teacher.

Seminary and Institute Graduation



Scripture chase champs, L to R:
Rhett, Charlie, and Dana Butler
(above); Janene Packard (right)

Commencement exercises honoring 12 Seminary and 5 Institute graduates took place in the Stake Center chapel on Sunday, May 17.



Wendy Dransfield (Tallahassee III) spoke about how attending Seminary can improve one's life. Jim Moody (Thomasville) explained how reading the Book of Mormon can help us in our life. The importance of attending Institute after Seminary was discussed by Kim Reeves (Tallahassee I). A special musical number was presented by Janelle and Janene Packard accompanied by their mother, Alice Packard (Tallahassee III).

Seventy-nine students received credit for attending Seminary this year. Special awards were presented for those students who had perfect attendance at Seminary for the entire year (160 school days), those who didn't miss a single class for the four years of Seminary, those who completed reading the Book of Mormon during the year, and those who read daily from the scriptures.

Those in attendance were given the opportunity to witness the Seminary students in action as President Garr led a sample scripture chase session. This year's individual scripture chase champion was Janene Packard (Tallahassee III). The Cairo Branch class, consisting of Dana and Rhett Butler, and their teacher/father, Charlie Butler, Jr. took the team championship in the scripture chase competition.

The twelve Seminary graduates were: Dana Butler (Cairo), Teresa Brantley (Monticello), Michael Nicholson and Kim Rudd (Quincy), Penny Clark and Courtney Williams (Tallahassee II), Wendy Dransfield, Janelle Packard, Russell Tew, and David Torgesen (Tallahassee III), Shannon Covington and Jim Moody (Thomasville). The five Institute graduates were: Joanne Childers, Yvonne Orton, and Gail Roberts (Tallahassee I), Gail Fitzgerald (Tallahassee II), and Printess McCreless (Tallahassee III).

Stake President Paul Nicholson talked about repentance, reminding the audience that even though sin is bad, the people committing sin are good. He pointed out that those who attend Seminary usually go on missions, and those who go on missions usually marry in the temple.

THE CONSTITUTION: AN INSPIRED DOCUMENT

by John Barger
Tallahassee Third Ward

Part II of a Three-Part Series

The Constitutional Convention, which began in Philadelphia in the summer of 1787, was a distinguished gathering. Although seventy-four delegates were appointed by the various states, only fifty-five put in an appearance and approximately forty of these took a real part in the work of the Convention. Many of the most important men of the nation were there—successful merchants, planters, bankers, and lawyers, former and present governors, and congressional representatives (thirty-nine of the delegates had served in Congress).

Only eight of the fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence were present at the Constitutional Convention. Among the Revolutionary leaders absent were Thomas Jefferson, Thomas Paine, Patrick Henry, Sam and John Adams, and John Hancock. Of the active participants at the Constitutional Convention, several men stand out as the prime movers. Alexander Hamilton was one of the most impassioned proponents of a strong national government. Born in the West Indies, he lacked strong local attachments and was dedicated to the vision of a unified and powerful United States.

From Virginia came two of the leading delegates, General George Washington and James Madison. Washington had been extremely reluctant to attend the Convention and accepted only when persuaded that his prestige was needed for its success. He spoke only twice but the assumption that he would serve as the first President under the new Constitution inspired confidence in it.

James Madison was only thirty-six years old, but he was one of the most learned members present. Realizing the importance of the Convention, Madison had spent months preparing for it by studying the history of Greek confederacies and Italian republics. His notes of the proceedings are our major source of information about the Convention.

Benjamin Franklin was half the Pennsylvania delegation. At 81, Franklin was the Convention's oldest member, and as one of his fellow delegates said, "He is well-known to be the greatest philosopher of the present age."

Over the years, many have attempted to portray "imperfect men raised up by the Perfect Man." But there can be no doubt about their conviction that their mission was divinely inspired; General Washington acknowledged God's direction and stated, "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports... Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principles."

You hear it said that fathers want their sons to be what they feel they cannot themselves be, but I tell you it also works the other way. A boy wants something very special from his father.

Sherwood Anderson

Stake Hosts Father/Son Outing

Ochlocknee State Park was the site for the annual stake Father/Son Outing and Aaronic Priesthood Commemoration on May 15-16.



About 200 men and boys of all ages, representing 9 wards and branches, turned out Friday evening in time to set up their tents and enjoy a chicken 'n rice and cole slaw dinner prepared by Willard Rudd of the Quincy Ward. President Arnie Garr of the stake presidency welcomed the group before a video on the restoration of the priesthood was shown. Dads and sons then got to while the hours away with movies such as "The Apple Dumpling Gang," "The Sword and the Stone," and various cartoons. Brother John Morgan of Tallahassee Second was kind enough to keep the videos and popcorn in ample supply until about 3 a.m.

Many of the wards and branches provided breakfast for their group. Swimming and various playground activities were enjoyed throughout the morning. By noon most headed for home, having been reminded of the blessing of the priesthood power on the earth and having built fond memories with one another.

The Way They Were



A scene from Tallahassee I Roadshow, L to R: Alice (Jackie Taylor), Rock-a-Bye-Baby (Mike Poppell), Mad Hatter (Joel Bowers), Mother Goose (Candy Settles), Old Woman who Lived in a Shoe (Petrea Schrader)

The recent Tallahassee Stake roadshows were among the best ever. Each of the four participants (Bainbridge and the three Tallahassee wards) excelled in story, music, costumes, and scenery, entertaining the full house at the stake center. Guest judges from the Panama City Stake had a tough job with all the talent to choose from.

Tallahassee I took first place with a superior rating. Written and directed by Dianne Futch, their story portrayed Alice in Wonderland amid mixed up Mother Goose nursery rhymes to expound on the theme "The Way We Were." The entire script was written in rhyme.

Bainbridge, Tallahassee II and Tallahassee III received excellent ratings. Special recognition for outstanding performance was given to: Cloggers Traci and Bobbie Brough, from Bainbridge, for their opening dance; Jackie Taylor (Alice in Wonderland) and Joel Bowers (The Mad Hatter), from Tallahassee I; and Don Horton ("the father") from Tallahassee III.

Special thanks to all those behind the scenes, especially to the Stake Roadshow Specialist, Jacki Annino, Sound Technician Ron Stone, Master of Ceremonies Ray Willis, judges Gretchen Gentry, and Farrell and Todd Wahlquist, and to Linda Hall, Stake Cultural Arts Specialist.

Sharing



This is your opportunity to share your talents with others and to develop and improve the skills you have been blessed with. We look forward to hearing from men and women of all ages with poetry, short stories, and artwork. Please submit your contributions to "SHARING," c/o Marion Whitley, 5084 Tallow Pt., Tallahassee, FL 32308.



Jesus is blessing the girl.

Jared Huggins

Pictures by the Bainbridge Star Primary Class (age 5)

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The tomb



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Jesus in the tomb

Jesus has risen



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