

MISSION PRESIDENTS: *Changing Hands*



President Joseph F. Horne, Florida Tallahassee Mission President for the last three years, will be completing his mission and returning home at the end of June. He and his wife Barbara are from Salt Lake City, where he owned an automobile dealership.

President Horne is a graduate of the University of Utah School of Business while Sister Horne attended Henagers Business College and worked in a bank prior to their marriage.

President Horne has always worked with the youth: as a Teacher's Quorum Advisor, Sunday School Teacher, Sunday School President, Bishop and High Councilor. Sister Horne has served in various leadership and teaching capacities in all of the organizations; she is also the family genealogist.

The Hornes have six children, five daughters and one son. The three oldest children are married and have given the Hornes eight grandchildren.

President Horne motivates his missionaries with love. At a conference or meeting, he is always surrounded by a flock of smiling elders and sisters. While other mission presidents try to command respect, President Horne is showered with the spontaneous and unfeigned affection of his missionaries.

It is no wonder that President Horne's callings have always involved young people. He possesses that priceless and ineffable talent of being effective with young people: joking with them while not allowing horseplay, enjoying a rapport with them while still maintaining his position, relating to them without losing respect.

Dale Dransfield of Tallahassee Third Ward has been President Horne's counselor for all three years, and sums up President Horne's tenure in one word: DEDICATION.

President Horne knew the type of commitment required to accept a mission call. He sold his very successful business so that he wouldn't have to "waste" one minute of his mission worrying about affairs back home. His only son was married in the temple, but President Horne could not leave the mission to attend. His mother and his good friend Elder LeGrand Richards passed away, but President Horne could not attend the funerals. The Hornes experienced health problems due to the unaccustomed southern climate, but didn't give up. In fact, they won't complain about any of that. They'll just tell you about the blessings of serving a mission.

President Horne's personal touch with the missionaries is summed up in Brother Dransfield's observation that, "He's the only mission president I

know of that allows missionaries to call him at home. And he'll spend any amount of time on the phone, drive any number of miles, do anything for them as long as the missionary is trying."

In her time here, Sister Horne has been a gracious hostess and supportive companion in her husband's shadow. She has inspired many sisters in the stake to become spiritually strong and prepare to serve missions with their husbands. Sister Horne is well known for making her audiences cry with her inspiring messages.

As he prepares to leave President Horne reflects, "Elder LeGrand Richards told us at our missionary farewell that we would leave part of our hearts in Tallahassee. This has certainly come true. We have loved the members and non-members, neighbors and friends. We have appreciated the way they accepted us. Speaking of the South, we will always feel a lump in our throats as we think of the friends we have made here."

The Hornes display that great trait of true southern hospitality, leaving anyone who meets them feeling warm and welcome. We in the Tallahassee Florida Stake will certainly miss the Hornes and wish them all the best as they return home.



The new mission president for the Tallahassee Florida Mission will be Floyd L. Packard, 54, of Carlsbad, California. He has most recently been regional representative for the San Diego California East and Yuma Arizona regions. Prior to that call he had served in many capacities

including Stake President, Bishop, and Seventies Quorum President. A dentist, he attended BYU and earned his dental degree from the University of Oregon.

Born in Nampa, Idaho, he served a full-time mission in the Northwestern States Mission. In 1951 he married Alice Earl, a native of Bunkerville, Nevada, in the Idaho Falls Temple. Sister Packard was just released as President of her ward Relief Society and has served in many callings in the past, including ward Primary president, counselor in Primary and Relief Society presidencies and teacher in various auxiliaries.

The Packards have 14 children; four will be coming with them. These include Melody, 17; Janelle, 15; Janene, 14; and Bennett, 12. Two of their children are currently in the Missionary Training Center: Ruth, 21, has been called to the Chile Concepcion Mission while David, 19, has been called to the Chile Osorno Mission. Eight children now married have been sealed in the temple and are active in the wards and stakes in which they reside. The Packards have 21 grandchildren with three more expected this year.

Stake Presidency Message



by Richard L. Chapple
Stake President

During the months of May and June there is much attention paid to fathers and mothers. The fact that much of the attention is commercial should not cause us to lose sight of the real significance of Mother's Day and Father's Day any more than the commercialism of Christmas should cause us to miss the meaning of that day.

There is no more exalted title or idea in heaven or beneath than mother and father. But just as it is one thing to be confirmed a member of the church and quite another to actually receive the Holy Ghost, it is one thing to become a biological parent and another to be a mother or father in the sense that God ordained it. Of comfort, however, is the truth that we are not confined to the experiences of this life - our own parents and life as we live and observe it - in learning how to become a mother and father. The scriptures speak of the "family in heaven" (Ephesians 3:15). It is comforting to know that we had the opportunity to observe perfected parents and that lessons learned there can be brought to mind through prayer and the whisperings of the Spirit.

The following principles may be of use in our efforts to become divinely approved parents.

1. Parenting, too, is for our experience. We are to learn by our own successes and failures. As in all things, it was designed that we taste the bitter and the sweet in parenting.
2. Free agency extends even to our children! We are thus not responsible for their mistakes provided we have taught and encouraged them properly. The pain a parent experiences from the trials of a child need not be accompanied by guilt.
3. The Lord expects proper effort and not necessarily perfection in parents.
4. Parents are primarily teachers. They constantly teach whether they intend to or not.

As mothers and fathers, we have the promise of ultimate success if we do the following:

1. Hold regular home evening. Few things are apparently so easy and so difficult. If we hold home evening regularly and involve all family members in the planning, we shall be rewarded beyond measure.
2. Adhere to the principles of the Gospel in our private lives so that our children are not confused by a difference between what is taught and what is lived.

May the Lord bless us all as we continue our progression toward Him, a path that we all began ages ago.

New Branch President



(Left to Right): Lane Giddens, President
Stan Webb, and Donnie Davis

On Easter Sunday, April 22, Brother Stanley Webb bore humble and sincere testimony of the Savior and his resurrection and atonement for all mankind. These were his first words to the Bainbridge congregation in his new capacity as Branch President. He seemed not to shun the call, but spoke as one eager to serve the Lord in any capacity and confident that the Lord would send guidance and direction.

When called to serve as an alternate high councilor last fall, Brother Webb didn't know it then, but he was being prepared. He says that his experience with the high council was invaluable. He especially expressed his appreciation for the example of President Larry Brock of Cairo, whom he had the opportunity to observe and work with in his high council assignment. Serving on the high council prior to being called as branch president, Brother Webb was a counselor in the Stake Young Men Presidency. Part of this responsibility included Stake Scouting Director. At the same time, he also served as Young Men President and Scoutmaster in Bainbridge. His wife, Mindy, was recently called as a counselor in the Bainbridge Young Women Presidency and has served in the past as Young Women President and Primary President. On May 9, Mindy gave birth to a son, Braddin, their third child. Braddin has a five-year-old sister, Cheyney, and a three-year-old brother, Branagan.

President Webb enjoys a wide variety of sports including handball and basketball, and he coaches a tennis team at the Junior College, where he is employed as a teacher of English and French. As a family, the Webbs enjoy acting out the lessons in their weekly family home evenings.

President Webb says that the Bainbridge Branch is full of "hard workers." He feels that one of the greatest strengths taught by former branch president Dan Brough is compassion and a feeling for helping one another. President Webb looks forward to seeing Bainbridge become a ward, for which they are well on the way. Their new two-phase meetinghouse should be completed in August which will afford many opportunities for additional growth.

While happy to serve, President Webb states that he feels very "unnatural" in this new calling and that he relies on his two competent counselors a great deal. First Counselor Donnie Davis is a paving contractor and is rarely seen without a smile and an outstretched hand of fellowship. Second Counselor Lane Giddens works with satellite television and although he seems more quiet than the other two, he is dependable, organized and sincere. Brother Earl Starling serves as Executive Secretary and Brother Bill Grant as Branch Clerk.

"Father!--to God himself we cannot give a holier name."



--William Wordsworth

"A father is. . .

. . . a guy who has snapshots in his wallet where his money used to be.

--Author unknown

Scout's Honor



Rob Speck with his parents, Don & Marion Whitley

by Bill Canova
Third Ward Young Men's President

On April 21, 1984 an Eagle Court of Honor was held at the Stake Center where Robert L. Speck was presented the Eagle Scout Award.

Rob is the son of Bishop Don and Marion Whitley and a member of Tallahassee Third Ward and Troop 119.

The Eagle Scout Award is the highest award presented to a young man in Scouting. Less than 2% of non-LDS young men and about 4% of LDS young men who enter Scouting achieve it.

Conducting the ceremony was Assistant Scoutmaster Cleve Atchley. In attendance and guest speakers were two of Rob's former Scoutmasters, Rusty O'Leary of New Orleans, Louisiana and Bill Canova of Tallahassee. His present Scoutmaster, J.T. Little, administered the Eagle Oath. A Color Guard from Troop 119 presented and retired the Colors. A group of Scouts selected by Rob presented the Pyramid of Ranks assisted by Joseph Torgeson, Committee Chairman for Troop 119.

Patriotic music was used throughout the ceremony with Shannon Canova serving as pianist. A special piano medley was presented by Marvin Goldstein with Janice Tucker joining him to sing "This Is My Country." Janice also sang and accompanied Melissa Johnson and Kim Rangland, members of Rob's Sunday School Class, in an original composition by Liz Tucker entitled "Flying High Like an Eagle." The words to this song were very appropriate for this occasion and Rob's accomplishments.

Stake Young Men's President, Arnold Garr, spoke on the importance of God and Country as they relate to the principles of Scouting. President Charles Madsen offered the invocation and presented Rob with his Eagle neck scarf.

The decorating committee consisted of Nell Tucker, Sylvia Caruthers, Peggy Dransfield, Diane Meresse and Dena Hall. A patriotic theme was used with red, white and blue bunting on the stage area and an enlarged collection of the merit badges Rob had earned surrounding an Eagle as background. Refreshments were highlighted by cakes in the shape of U.S. flags and an Eagle.

The highlight of the evening came when Rob was presented his Eagle Award by his father. The introduction of the Eagle's Nest (Eagle Scouts in attendance) accounted for over a dozen men.

The audience of better than 85 people consisted of Rob's peer group, family and friends who observed first hand this special achievement and tribute to Rob Speck.

Rob's name has recently been added to a plaque which hangs in the Stake Center across from the stake office. This plaque to honor and recognize Eagle

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A Tribute To Fathers

Father's Day is an American holiday observed in tribute to all fathers. The idea of a special day to honor fathers was first suggested by Mrs. John Bruce Dodd of Spokane, Washington. The concept originated as a tribute to her own father, who had raised a family of six young children after his wife had died. While listening to a sermon on Mother's Day in 1909, Mrs. Dodd felt the need to establish a day to recognize the untold sacrifices of fathers everywhere.

A year later her dream was realized, with the help of Spokane's YMCA and the Spokane Ministerial Association, when all the ministers in the city preached Father's Day sermons on Sunday, June 19, 1910. The day originally chosen by Mrs. Dodd was June 5, her father's birthday, but the ministers did not have sufficient time to prepare their sermons. Therefore, the first Father's Day was celebrated on the third Sunday in June, and has been ever since.

The observance of Father's Day did not spread rapidly. Communication was so limited that several people in other parts of the country hit upon the same idea. A man named Henry C. Meek of Chicago started giving speeches in 1915 before various Lions Clubs and the idea took hold. He worked for more than two decades to promote the observance of Father's Day, but was unsuccessful in having it proclaimed a national holiday.

In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge urged the observance of Father's Day all over the nation "to establish more intimate relations between fathers and their children, and also to impress upon fathers the full measure of their obligations." Father's Day became a national institution by "popular demand" in the 1930's, but it was 40 years later before it became an Official National Holiday by Joint Congressional Resolution. President Richard Nixon signed the Resolution on April 24, 1972, and issued the first Presidential Father's Day Proclamation that year.

Mrs. Dodd died in Spokane in 1978 at the age of 96. She remained active in the Father's Day Movement most of her life, watching the tiny seed she had planted in her hometown grow to hold worldwide significance. Her vision to honor Father will long be remembered as an important symbol of family unity and solidarity.

New High Councilors



Dudley F. Dixon (the shy-looking one in the middle) of the Thomasville Ward has been called as an alternate to the Stake High Council. Born in Quitman, Brother Dixon joined the Church in Valdosta 20 years ago. He is currently employed as a natural gas controller. He has served in many church callings including High Priest Group Leader, member of the bishopric, and director of Aaronic Priesthood in the Young Men organization. Brother Dixon and his wife Barbara have four children. His current assignment as high counselor is Tallahassee Third Ward.

Also pictured above with Brother Dixon are Melton Covington (right) of Thomasville and Marion Gray (left) of Valdosta, who were called to the high council about the same time and whose biographical information appeared in the last issue.

ROADSHOW REVIEW



Quincy Roadshow cast looks on while Linda Hall, Stake Cultural Arts Specialist, presents 1st Place award to Ann Nicholson

by Bob Kerns
Stake Activities Committee Chairman

It was difficult to tell who enjoyed the 1984 Tallahassee Stake Roadshows more, the performers or the audience. All of the performers from the ten units involved gave every impression of having a lot of fun, and camaraderie seemed to be overwhelming.

There was standing room only in the cultural hall and standing in the back were dozens of actors and actresses in full costume eagerly watching their competition.

A lot of hard work by a lot of people was very obvious in the Roadshows which centered around the theme "It's a Small, Small World." Quincy Ward gave an outstanding performance to capture first place overall, once again. Tallahassee First took second place and Valdosta finished in third place. Special awards were as follows: Tallahassee Second - outstanding acting, Cairo - branch participation, Thomasville - the cutest Indians in Florida, Tallahassee Third - youth participation, Tallahassee Student - original music, Moultrie - scenery befitting a small, small world, Madison - scenery and missionary effort.

All of the participating units put on excellent shows, which made the judges' job a difficult one.

Special thanks to Linda Hall, who orchestrated the Roadshows, assisted by LaVonna Jenks. Thanks also to the judges and those who did such nice jobs on refreshments, lighting, sound and all the necessary items.

This is Quincy's second year in the number one spot. How about it, will one of you unseat them next year?

Graduates Honored

Seminary and Institute Graduation held May 27 honored some choice young students who put first things first, even if it meant starting their day at 6 a.m.

Seminary graduates include Kathy Rudd from Quincy Ward, Melissa Maxey from Tallahassee First, Leslie Williams from Tallahassee Second, and Dorothy Roberts and Janice Tucker from Tallahassee Third. Kyle Chapman received a one year certificate.

"The most important thing I learned was getting along with people," commented graduate Melissa Maxey, a senior at Tallahassee's Godby High School. "Brother Barnes in Thomasville and Brother Shipley here in Tallahassee are great teachers. They have a way of getting the kid's attention and presenting the lessons well--you really get something out of it."

Institute graduates include Irene Nixon and Lynn Rice of the Student Ward, Julie Humphreys from Tallahassee First, Joyce Williams from Tallahassee Second, and Mary McCreless from Tallahassee Third. Sharon Pitts, Tallahassee Student Ward, received a post-graduate certificate.



Showtime, a song and dance troupe from Ricks College, performed at the Tallahassee Stake Center Cultural Hall on May 7 with their "Family Reunion" show. They presented a variety of lively sets with a nice pace. Their performance included singing, dancing, a variety of costumes, humor, band selections, and the use of audience participation. The show had something for every member of the family, with a varied menu ranging from Barbershop singing to a humorous melodrama. Several performers from Showtime skillfully displayed their solo talents as well.

The students from Ricks who participate in this group meet everyday after school to practice. The students are expected to be students first and participate in Showtime as an extracurricular activity. The caliber of talent is very high so the competition is strong during tryouts for this group of (number). Showtime performs near the Ricks College campus during the school year and tours the U.S. and even foreign countries during school vacations.

The Tallahassee Stake audience was very excited about the Showtime performance. The cultural hall was filled to capacity with just enough room for the sound system and technicians. Many thanks to the Stake Activities Committee for bringing Showtime here for a fun Stake Family Home Evening.

Relief Society

To all our sisters, we love and care about you. We pray that you are happy.

On April 21, we held our Annual Women's Conference. Our theme this year was "A Season for Strength." Various talks were given on every possible aspect of a woman's life, such as a "Divorced Mother" or a "Woman with a Non-Member Husband," and how she gains strength to face life's challenges. Beautiful musical selections were performed with the theme "You're Not Alone." Exquisite refreshments were prepared by Beverly Decembrino of Quincy and her committee, with decorations by Linda Hall of the Student Ward. The Leon High School "Melodears" entertained on stage.

We hope that all sisters will take the time to strengthen themselves emotionally, physically, intellectually and spiritually. Many times we become depressed and dissatisfied with ourselves and our circumstances. We must do those things to lift ourselves up and enjoy this life that we might give happiness to others.

We must reach out to Heavenly Father through scriptures, prayer, times of reflection, and service to others that we may in turn have the peace of soul we all desire. We must be of good cheer in order that our lives will bless others and strengthen them in times of despair. We must improve our minds that we might encourage and stimulate those around us to reach for the stars; and then we must care for ourselves physically that we may have the strength to do all the things we are commanded to do and not be weary. Yes, our life is ever so busy, ever so full, but there is joy in the work of the Lord; for in him there is life.

Sister Pat Brock
for Sisters Cherie Garr
and Donna Tucker

P.S. Brother and Sister Garr will be at BYU for the summer.

Primary



by Sue Williams
Stake Primary President

The eleven-year-old Boy Scouts in the stake recently spent a fun-filled day working on their skill awards. Twenty-three Blazer Scouts attended the Stake Blazer Day Camp, held April 14 at Moore Lake. Scouts from Bainbridge, Cairo, Tallahassee First, Second, and Third Wards earned hiking, cooking and first aid skill awards.

The boys were instructed by very capable and qualified adults. Pat Futch and Richard Meik were the first aid instructors. Bill Canova and Danny Brue instructed the knife, ax and saw class. Stan Webb taught the map and compass class. Hike leaders were Stan Webb, Bill Canova, Danny Brue and James Blankenship.

The Stake Primary Presidency would like to thank all the primary and scouting leaders and parents who brought the boys or arranged for them to attend. We would also like to thank those who helped instruct the boys. We feel they all did an outstanding job. A special thanks to Stan Webb, Stake Scouting Director, and Bill Canova for assisting in planning the activities.



WHAT IS A FATHER?

A father is someone who is forced to endure childbirth without anesthetic. Fathers usually growl when they feel good and laugh very loud when they're scared to death. A father never feels entirely worthy of the worship in his children's eyes. But he keeps trying to be the hero his daughter thinks he is. . . the man his son believes him to be.

Sometimes fathers go to war. They don't want to. But, as always, they know that war is a part of their most important job in life, which is to make the world a better place for their children than it has been for them.

Fathers stand at the airport and wave goodbye to a son. And while mothers cry where it shows, fathers stand and beam outside--and hurt inside.

Fathers are men who give daughters away to other men who aren't nearly good enough. . . so they can have children who are smarter than anybody's.

Fathers fight dragons almost daily. They hurry away from the breakfast table. . . off to the arena which is sometimes called an office or workshop. There they tackle the obstacles that stand in their way. . . schedules, hard work, and occasionally, the boss. They never quite win the fight but they never give up.

I don't know what fathers do after life, but I've an idea that a father doesn't just sit on a cloud waiting for the girl he's loved and the children she bore. He'll be busy there, too. . . repairing the stairs, oiling the gates, improving the streets, smoothing the way.

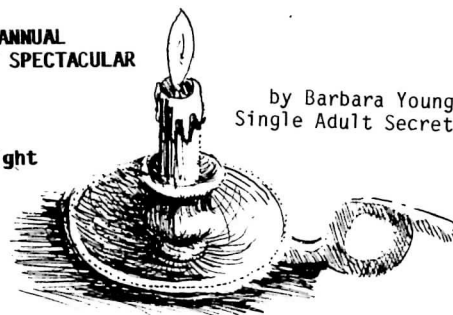
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Single Adults

TENTH ANNUAL SINGLE ADULT SPECTACULAR

by Barbara Young
Single Adult Secretary

"Let Your Light
So Shine"



This year's "Spectacular," the Single Adult conference sponsored by the Tallahassee Stake, took place May 4-6 at the Ramada Inn East on Apalachee Parkway. Over 300 people attended the conference, traveling from locations as far south as Miami, as far north as Tennessee and North Carolina, and as far west as Louisiana.

The theme of the conference was "Let Your Light So Shine" and focused on talents as a means through which we can become lights to the world. Saturday morning's workshops reflected this theme. One workshop was taught by Sister Joyce Fields of Tallahassee First Ward on "Talents: Looking for Hidden Treasures." Brother Steve Campora of Tallahassee Third Ward taught a workshop on "Developing and Sharing Talents: A Focus on Careers," and President Richard Chapple spoke on "Fulfilling the Measure of Your Creation."

The conferees spent Saturday afternoon at Wakulla Springs and returned for a banquet and dance at the Civic Center. Music was provided by Ed Mueller, a disc jockey, and by Salsa Florida, a group from FSU. One member of the group is Tony Kirkland of the Tallahassee Student Ward.

Sunday's speakers were Cherie Garr, Stake Relief Society President, Paul Nicholson and Charles Madsen, counselors in the Stake Presidency. A testimony meeting ended the conference. Those who attended felt enriched by the experience and inspired in various aspects of their lives.

The Stake Single Adults would like to thank all who assisted with the conference as well as those who attended for making it a "Spectacular" event.

Stake Single Adults!

Here are the upcoming activities for June and July. Mark your calendars now and we'll be sending your units the details later. We look forward to seeing you all there.

- June 16: Single Adult Picnic and Canoe Trip
(Contact Byron Fain 385-3392)
- June 24: Single Adult Fireside
(Contact Gerry Morrow 877-3997)
- July 7: Beach Party and Luau at St. Andrews
(Contact Mike Brown 877-3980)

CHURCH MAGAZINE DRIVE

Just a quick reminder to begin or renew your subscription to the Ensign (\$9/yr), New Era (\$7/yr) and Friend (\$7/yr) if you haven't already done so. Subscriptions in our stake run from July to June. Church magazine subscriptions can be purchased at any time during the year but our stake has been given this schedule for ease of renewal. See your ward/branch magazine representative or write directly to:

Church Magazines
50 East North Temple Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84150

CAIRO

The Cairo Branch Relief Society President, Anne Walker, at the beginning of 1984, decided it was time to heed the admonition of church leaders to become involved in community affairs and began to evaluate her available time, what areas of service would be of interest and what talents she had to contribute.

The result has even surprised her in its scope. After a discussion with the Roddenbery Memorial Library Director, Miss Wessie Connell, Sister Walker became the library's volunteer genealogy consultant once a month on the first Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. In this capacity, she helps those interested in family research with research suggestions, techniques, etc.

The Roddenbery Memorial Library, along with the Senior Citizens and Grady County Historical Society, is currently conducting a campaign to have each family in the county write a 400 word history. The collected histories will be published in a book called "Gleanings From Grady." This effort indicates the interest in genealogy which exists in Grady County.

Sister Walker also writes a column for the Cairo Messenger entitled "GENEALOGY - NOW AND THEN." The May 4, 1984 column will be reprinted in the Fall issue of PEA RIVER TRAILS, the publication of the Pea River Historical and Genealogy Society in Alabama.

In addition, Sister Walker is a registered counselor with the Boy Scouts for the Genealogy merit badge.

"The spirit of Elijah is strong in Grady County," she explained. "The people just don't know what it is yet."

QUINCY

Quincy Priesthood Supports Roadshow

by Iwan Teare
Quincy Public Communications Director

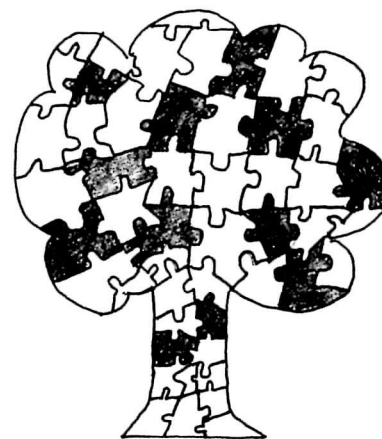
Members of the High Priest Quorum not involved in writing, directing, or acting in the Quincy roadshow volunteered to host the roadshow cast to a steak dinner at the Omaha Steakhouse. This was their response to not being able to participate 100% in the roadshow as did the Cairo Branch. We think their attitude for support is rather unique and it certainly helped smooth out the agony of presenting a roadshow with volunteer actors who really didn't want to act and "make fools of themselves."

Our priesthood said they would support our efforts whether win, lose, or draw because they recognized that the reward was not in the winning, but how we learned to know and work with each other better. Putting on a roadshow is a growing experience to say the least, and the roadshow cast from Quincy was inspired (possibly beyond their ability) when their efforts were recognized and rewarded.



The deadline for submitting articles for the July/August Stake News will be August 4. Submissions can be mailed to Stake News at 2310 Oxford Rd., Tallahassee, FL, 32304, or they can be left in the Stake News/Public Communications box in the Stake Office.

Ancestors



by Stella Herring
Stake Genealogy Librarian

If you could see your ancestors
All standing in a row
Would you be proud of them
Or don't you really know?

Now let's change the scene a little
And take a different view
When you meet your ancestors
Will they be proud of you?

I'm sure there's been many times in the past that you and I have wished we could go to the Genealogy Library in Salt Lake City and do research on every name on our pedigree charts, but because of the distance and expense involved we could not afford to. Now, we all know this is a commandment of the Lord and he always provides a way for us to accomplish what he commands us to do. We now have a genealogical library right here in our stake with the same information we would get in Salt Lake if we were there. If we do not have the information you need here, then the library can order it from Salt Lake for you.

How many have not even turned in their Four Generation sheets yet? I turned mine in before the deadline as we were asked to do a few years ago. As Latter-day Saints we know how important this work is to our own salvation, yet there are very few members that have come or are coming to the library to do research; about 80% of the patrons are non-members. They are leading, and who should be the leaders?

When we do the research that is necessary for identification, we don't need to stop there. We have been blessed with a temple that's just hours away where we can go to do the ordinance work for those identified and enjoy the spirituality, joy, and blessings that come with this work of love. We now have the Accelerated Indexing System Database (AIS) ready to use and hope to have the new IGI update by the first of July or August. President Kimball says "Do It!" Let's be obedient.

"Wherefore, now let every man learn his duty, and to act in the office in which he is appointed, in all diligence.

"He that is slothful shall not be counted worthy to stand, and he that learns not his duty and shows himself not approved shall not be counted worthy to stand. Even so. Amen." (D&C 107:99-100.)

Genealogy Library Hours:

Tuesday & 8:30 am - 12:00 noon
Wednesday 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Thursday 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

The genealogy library will be closed during the month of July.

A Child's View of Father's Day



As we celebrate Father's Day this year, we thought we would find out what makes a really good father from people that should know--children. These comments come from some Bainbridge Branch Primary children:

I like my father. He takes us camping and plays with us. To be a father, you have to have a wife and you have to be nice.

--Cheyney Webb

My father is nice, but usually he is at the office. He takes us canoeing but the best thing is when we play "grabbing plant." He lies on the floor and we run around and he reaches out and grabs our legs.

--David Brough

My father takes me fishing and lets me rake the yard. And he lets me ride bikes.

--Michael Jones

Sometimes my father plays with us but sometimes he goes to work. On Sundays he cooks lunch. Fathers are kind.

--April Giddens

Father's Day lets us thank our fathers for taking care of us. It's important for a father to teach his children what he knows. My father is a scoutmaster and I get extra help. I have a little brother, two, and sometimes we three of us go camping alone. One thing we do is have "tickle time" when my father gets on the living room floor and plays with us.

One special time I remember is when we had a water fight with squirt bottles and got the whole house wet. Oh, but my mother did that, too.

--Sean Johnston

I like to go fishing and camping with my father.

--Tony Barfield

A good father needs to be good to his children and take them places and give them things. My father just bought me a ten speed!

--Randi Kay Miller

We have Father's Day because they are so special. They share their home with us. My father takes me fishing and lets me ride the tractor.

--Cherl Covington

Missionary Calls

The Tallahassee Florida Stake extends wishes for a great mission to **Lori Nowlen**, of the Tallahassee Student Ward, who was recently called to serve in the **South Korea Pusan Mission**.

SCOUT'S HONOR, from Page 3

Scouts was donated by Barbara McDermid and her family, formerly of Tallahassee Second Ward, in memory of her husband, Don, who was killed in a plane crash last February. J.T. Little explains, "Brother McDermid loved youth and the scouting program and understood what scouting could do for youth. He knew the program and knew the Gospel."

The plaque lists all the LDS young men who have achieved this honor since the origination of the first LDS scout troop in Tallahassee. They include: Francis Nibler (1968), Scott Lybbert (1972), James Gray (1979), Eldred Leslie Williams, Jr. (1980), Mark Singletary (1980), and Robert Speck (1984).



SPOT LIGHT

Lisa Brue, of the Bainbridge Branch, recently won the two-mile run at the state class AAA track meet in Atlanta with a finishing time of 13:56. Before that, this talented freshman helped lead the Bainbridge High School Bearkittens to a third place finish in the Region IAAA track meet by taking first place in the same event.

Lisa is the oldest of seven children. She is a Laurel, and her mother has been a member for many years. She enjoys music and especially likes to dance.

Lisa trains for track by running two or three miles a day. The close of the track season doesn't mean an end to physical fitness; she likes baseball and swimming, and is planning on trying out for the swim team. Lisa finds that her classmates at Bainbridge High think it is pretty neat she is a female athlete.

Congratulations to Lisa, and we will look for her name in the winning categories many times in the next three years.

MEETINGHOUSE LIBRARY

by Nancy Martin
Meetinghouse Librarian

The Tallahassee Meetinghouse Library has a number of new items that may be of interest to stake members. Of special interest are: 1) videocassette "The Last Leaf," 2) videocassette (BYU-D) with "The Mailbox," and "Uncle Ben," 3) videocassette of the General Women's Meeting - 1983 - "A Season for Strength," 4) books - Self-Esteem for the Latter-day Saint Woman series, books 1, 2 and 3.

The library is in great need of more materials to complete and update our collection. We would like to obtain more videocassettes, conference tapes, books, and general supplies. We would greatly appreciate donations of funds or the materials themselves (new or used). We appreciate your use of the library and desire to make it a storehouse of learning materials.

A list of desired books will be available at the meetinghouse library or from your bishop or branch president.

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A FATHER IS



MANY THINGS

A father is many things to his child. As a teacher, he helps us learn valuable lessons about God's law and purpose. As a guide, he sets a pattern for life--for the ideals we should embrace and the goals we should seek. As a companion, he provides that close friendship God wishes every young person to enjoy. It is indeed, through the influence of a father on earth that we better know and understand our Father in Heaven.

--James Keller



A Fond Farewell To Friends



The Leslie Williams family of Tallahassee Second Ward is moving to Tampa due to a job transfer. They will be missed, for they have contributed much through activity in both the church and the community. One assumes they've been members all their lives, but such is not the case.

Joyce Williams first learned about the gospel back home in Tampa when a cousin married a church member in the early 1960's. She was interested and took the missionary discussions, but her parents did not share her enthusiasm. Elder Howard W. Hunter was visiting for a conference, and explained that it was not the intent of the church to break up families. So Joyce decided to put off her plans for baptism. Eleven years passed before she became a member.

She moved to Tallahassee, where she became a professor of child development at The Florida State University. She married Leslie Williams, an electrical supply salesman from Plant City, and they had two children. Through his work, Mr. Williams had met several church members and they had made a good impression by their integrity and emphasis on doing a job right. Several sets of missionaries taught them, and Joyce occasionally attended meetings, but the missionaries always left halfway through the discussions.

Their time was ripe in the spring of 1972, when two missionaries tracting in the neighborhood found Leslie at home alone. He was doing his income taxes, he explained, but would be interested in talking to them if they came back after April 15.

They returned on April 16, and the family was baptized on June 3, 1972.

"My life has changed immensely since I joined the Church," Leslie Williams says. "I've gained a greater appreciation of my family, and many questions have been answered."

Both Brother and Sister Williams agree that the biggest change was in their family. As they embraced family-centered gospel teachings and attended church

functions together, their love and respect for one another grew. They thought their family was complete with two children, but after learning of the pre-mortal existence and eternal scheme of things they decided to have more children.

Shortly after their baptism, an LDS graduate student came to live with them one summer. This was a great blessing to them because he showed them specifically how to implement programs like family home evening and family prayer.

The entire family has been active in Tallahassee Second Ward. Leslie Williams was recently released as bishop after five years. Bishop Williams is very quiet--but maybe that's why everyone listens so hard when he does speak. His wife says his greatest strength is that he forgives and forgets easily. Prior to his call as bishop, he was a counselor in the bishopric, ward clerk, high councilor and elders quorum president.

Joyce is more outspoken, always organized and helpful. An outstanding teacher at the university, she has also used her talents teaching Institute. Prior to that position she held many callings including counselor in a Primary presidency, Gospel Doctrine teacher, Primary teacher, member of the Stake Relief Society Board for five years, and pianist for several auxiliaries.

A major change in their lifestyle came in 1979, when Joyce decided to give up her position at the university. She had heard several general authorities encourage mothers to stay at home, but after talking to local leaders and friends, she didn't feel any urgency to change things. After all, she worked flexible hours and had a maid to take care of things at home.

But finally, in 1979, she made the decision and immediately two surprises came. First, her husband received a raise equal to the amount she earned after paying the maid and other costs of working. Second, she discovered she was pregnant with their fifth child.

"In all these years I've been home I've never been bored," she says, "and I don't get everything done that I want to." Of course, things like writing articles for church magazines, teaching seminars on child development for various community organizations and publishing personal histories would keep one busy.

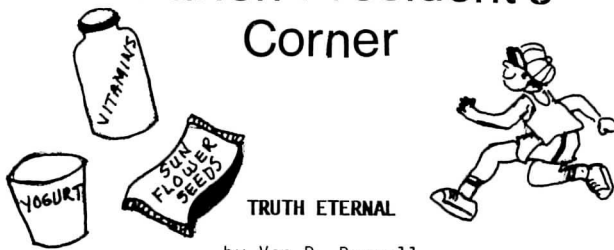
Their oldest child is Les Jr., 18, who will be going to BYU this summer and on mission early next year. He has a talent for languages and has been active in musical theater at Lincoln High School. Fred, 14, is an FSU sports fan and has been active in Boy Scouts, nearing completion of the Eagle rank. He plays saxophone in the band and is always seen in a group of friends. Margaret, 10, plays piano and sings. She is in the gifted program and school chorus. She hopes to be a teacher and practices on her younger siblings. Joy, 8, plays the violin and is a little helper. She has a flair for acting and is constantly playing jokes on the rest of the family. Joel, 4, is a whiz at anything to do with numbers; he is fast learning the significance of a dollar. He has a vocabulary beyond his years that is a delight to ward members.

Some words of advice from a family who's example inspired many: "Try to be understanding. You can't really know what someone is going through until you've walked in their shoes. To most of the ward we looked like the 'Perfect Bishop's Family', but inside we had our struggles and trials, too. But it's important never, ever to give up on the gospel; everything works out eventually, everything passes."

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Branch President's Corner



by Van P. Russell
Apalachicola Branch President

Several weeks ago, I made the trek from my home on the fringe to Tallahassee, that great center of civilization and learning. A pilgrimage of this sort can only be considered complete after one has indulged one's self with some pleasurable activity not commonly associated with the rigors of frontier life. So, with my business disposed of and the aforesaid realization not totally absent from mind, I strolled into Dubey's downtown book store.

After examining the cover and content pages of several magazines (and concluding that the state of the civilized world is truly on the decline), I stumbled upon a promising gem with the words "Ultimate Fitness" emblazoned across the cover. *Esquire*, May, 1984. Could the magic of shedding extra pounds and gaining strength and speed be revealed therein? Probably not, but I coughed up the two and a half bucks to find out.

The issue is divided into ten sections dealing with "Ultimate Fitness." All were very interesting except the ninth entitled, "The *Esquire* Nutrition Plan," which somehow sounded like old hat.

According to the article, there are two things to notice about today's nutrition. First, we are learning daily an awesome amount about food and its relation to health and disease; and second, there is a considerable amount of misinformation and fadism on this issue. Curious about what was new, I proceeded. In effect, the article stated:

Sugar is the worst food we can ingest. It contains forty-six calories per tablespoon and has absolutely no nutritional value. Red meat is eaten excessively in our diet. Our daily intake of protein need only be about 12 percent. High protein diets have been linked to a disease characterized by the shrinking of bone mass which begins at about age thirty-five. Coffee is the fifth worst thing one could possibly eat. Salt is not good. We should avoid foods whose labels "read like a high school chemistry text book."

The article went on to say that carbohydrates are the only food category not linked to any leading killer diseases:

"The answer to ultimate nutrition, most believed, is complex carbohydrates, which obey the single rule that can be put forth with no debate or hedging; the best food is that which is closest to its natural, living state. Vegetables, fruits, and grains."

I returned to the first part of the article:

"Two things to notice about nutrition; first, we are learning daily an awesome amount about food and its relation to health and disease. . ."

Is this the leading edge of the civilized world's knowledge? Consider the Eighty-Ninth Section of the Doctrine and Covenants:

And again, hot drinks are not for the body or belly.

And again, verily I say unto you, all wholesome herbs God hath ordained for the constitution, nature, and use of man--

Every herb in the season thereof, and every fruit in the season thereof; all these

to be used with prudence and thanksgiving.

Yea, flesh also of beasts and of the fowls of the air, I, the Lord, have ordained for the use of man with thanksgiving; nevertheless, they are to be used sparingly;

And it is pleasing unto me that they should not be used, only in times of winter, or of cold, or famine.

All grain is ordained for the use of man and of beasts, to be the staff of life, not only for man but for the beasts of the field, and the fowls of heaven, and all wild animals that run or creep on the earth;

And these hath God made for the use of man only in times of famine and excess of hunger.

All grain is good for the food of man; as also the fruit of the vine; that which yieldeth fruit, whether in the ground or above the ground-- (D&C 89:9-16.)

The date on the Eighty-Ninth Section is February 27, 1833. Nothing new in only one article of a \$2.50 magazine is not too bad. Meanwhile, life continues on the fringe with health food and jogging shoes rolling back the frontier.



WHEN GOD MADE A FATHER

When the good Lord was creating Fathers He started with a tall frame.

And a female angel nearby said, "What kind of a father is that? If you're going to make children so close to the ground, why do you have to put Fathers up so high? He won't be able to shoot marbles without kneeling, tuck a child in bed without bending, or even kiss a child without a lot of stooping."

Then God smiled and said, "Yes, but if I make him child-sized, who would children have to look up to?"

And when God made a Father's hands they were large and sinewy.

And the angel shook her head and said, "Do you know what you're doing? Large hands are clumsy. They can't manage diaper pins, small buttons, rubber bands on ponytails, or even remove a splinter caused by baseball bats."

Then God said, "I know, but they're large enough to hold everything a small boy empties from his pockets, yet small enough to cup a child's face."

God then molded long slim legs and broad shoulders.

"Do you realize you just made a Father without a lap?" she clucked.

And God smiled and said, "A Mother needs a lap. A Father needs strong shoulders to pull a sled, balance a boy on a bicycle, or hold a sleepy head on the way home from the circus."

God was in the middle of creating two of the largest feet anyone had ever seen when the angel could contain herself no longer. "That's not fair. Do you honestly think those large boats are going to dig out of bed early in the morning when the baby cries? Or walk through a small birthday party without crushing at least three of the gifts?"

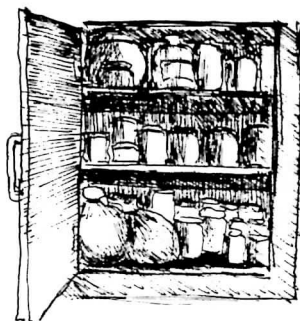
God smiled and said, "They'll work. You'll see. They'll support a small child who wants to 'ride a horse to Banbury Cross' or scare off mice at a summer cabin, or display shoes that will be a challenge to fill."

God worked throughout the night, giving the Father few words, but a firm, authoritative voice; eyes that saw everything, but remained calm and tolerant. Finally, almost as an afterthought, he added--tears.

Then he turned to the angel and said, "Now, are you satisfied that he can love as much as a Mother?"

And the angel said no more.

(Condensed from an article by Erma Bombeck)



Food Storage Tips

Many people think of food storage as preparation for a global catastrophe. However, food storage may be useful for lesser crises such as unemployment, truck strikes, floods and hurricanes.

Maintaining an effective long-term food storage system requires special effort for those living in hot, humid Florida and Georgia. There are three keys to success: rotation, rotation and rotation. Incorporating the stored food into your everyday menu will ensure that your supply is constantly replenished. Also, foods will be more acceptable to your family in times of crisis if they are already familiar.

The recommended basic storage for one person for one year is as follows:

- Grains - 300 lbs.
- Sugar or Honey - 60 lbs.
- Salt - 5 lbs.
- Nonfat dry milk - 75 lbs.
- Fat or oil - 20 lbs.
- Dried legumes - 60 lbs.

Let's take a look at each category and examine how to store those foods in our climate.

Wheat is the most popular grain, largely because of its high nutritional value and versatility. It can be used in a wide variety of dishes, from bread and cereal to the main course to desserts, and can even be sprouted for salads. The best way to maintain its quality is to purchase wheat in vacuum sealed foil packages. If wheat is purchased in bulk, it can be prepared for storage in an air-tight container (such as the plastic buckets you can purchase for food storage) with dry ice. Place a small lump of dry ice, about the size of your fist, in the bottom of the bucket and pour the wheat on top. After all the gas has evaporated, place the lid on the container and be sure to "burp" it. Be sure the container is then properly sealed.

Wheat can also be prepared by spreading it in a pan or baking sheet and putting it in the oven at 150 degrees for 20 minutes. After it is thoroughly cooled, pack it into glass jars or metal or sturdy plastic containers. If the container does not have an air-tight seal, hold the container upside down and dip the top of the jar into melted paraffin wax past the lid to form a moisture resistant seal. If you line the container with a plastic bag, make sure it is not treated with pesticide, as are many garbage bags. "Safe" bags are usually white and say "recommended for food storage" on the package.

That 300 pounds per person of grain doesn't have to be all wheat. White rice, oatmeal, cornmeal, grits and pasta are all good choices and can be stored the same way as wheat. Brown rice becomes rancid after a few months and is not recommended for long-term storage.

Milk is the food most easily destroyed by our southern heat. If you only air-condition part of the house, that is where your dry milk should be stored. It is suggested that dry milk packaged in 2-quart foil-lined packs keeps much better than milk bought in bulk, although the initial expense is greater. Canned milk is useful for making yogurt and cheese, but the cans must be turned over every few months and used

within a year. Much of the nutritional value of milk remains even after it turns brown so some sisters store strawberry or chocolate milk mix (like Nestles Quik) to make the milk more palatable should they be forced to use old milk.

If you have a baby or think you might, consider storing formula or the ingredients to make your own formula.

Sugar or honey provide needed calories for a balanced diet. Some people praise the natural superiority of honey, but nutritionists find little significant difference; store whatever is most practical for your family. Part of the sweets category can be brown or confectioners sugar.

Granulated sugar is best left wrapped in the five pound bag, as sugar eventually turns hard and smaller bricks are easier to work with. Wrap the original sugar bag in a plastic bag (1 gallon size), then place several bags in a large food storage container and seal the lid with paraffin.

Honey is best stored in 2-3 pound bottles; storing such small amounts will prevent contamination and ease liquification when it inevitably crystallizes. If honey is purchased in bulk, it can be re-bottled in smaller amounts following directions in a canning book or from your local county extension service.

Oil or fat is essential, particularly to children. High quality vegetable oil will store longest. It should simply be left in the original container. If you have extra room, storing mayonnaise could fulfill a part of the oil requirements and would provide a very usable form of oil.

Dried beans are a good protein source, especially when served at the same meal with rice or wheat. Lentils have the least "gas" and do not require presoaking. Dried beans can be stored like wheat.

Peanut butter is another protein source that stores well. The "natural" kinds, which are not hydrogenated, are not suitable for long-term storage. Choose a brand marked with a freshness date (Peter Pan is one) and search the shelves for the latest date.

Once the basic storage is obtained, you will probably want to add fruits and vegetables to give variety to the diet. Home canning is a valuable skill that can result in cost savings. Home canned tomatoes are superior to the commercial product since acidic tomato products eat through some metal cans.

Seeds for sprouting, spices and salt are easy to store and greatly enhance the diet.

Whether canned goods are produced at home or purchased, they should be dated so that the oldest products can be used first. Some sort of inventory system is also essential: a notebook or file card system will help you keep track of supplies.

Finding room for food storage in a small home or apartment is a challenge. Look for "dead" space at the bottom or top of closets, under beds, etc.

STRIVING TO BE PROVIDENT

by Lois Davis
Food Storage Resource Specialist
Tallahassee First Ward



A recent article on dairy subsidies concluded that milk will be in short supply in Florida come fall, making storing canned or dry milk a high priority this summer. Besides being less than half the current price of whole milk, dry milk has half the calories with the same protein and calcium content.

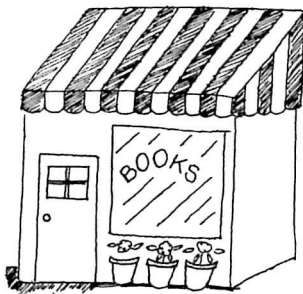
For early summer canning or freezing, watch the produce ads as carrots, tomatoes, cucumbers, and blueberries ripen soon.

If you missed getting in a spring garden, a few greens (that's collards and mustard for us transplants) and New Zealand spinach can still be planted. They like some shade.

Tallahassee First Ward is still planning to order dry milk, grain, and beans mid-summer. Contact me at (904) 562-4388, or 4533 Autumn Woods Way, Tallahassee, FL, 32303.

Book Review

by Suzanne Meik
Seventies Bookstore
Representative



Three new books in the 70's bookstore are aimed at women. The first is Bread Baking Made Easy by Dora Flack. She co-authored the book Wheat For Man which some of you have enjoyed using for its whole-wheat recipes. Now this master cook shares her recipes and secrets to make breadbaking easy. The author includes recipes for yeast, sourdough, and quick breads, breads suitable for celiacs and diabetics, and "quick and easy recipes." Just glancing through the book at the beautiful color photographs of the breads makes you eager to start kneading!

Mother: Our Heavenly Connection is George Durrant's new book full of wisdom, humor and personal experiences. He pays tribute to mothers everywhere and offers insights as to how they can be influential in their homes. He recalls his own mother, introduces his wife, and finally he counsels a daughter approaching adulthood. Mothers, fathers, and families will enjoy this candid look at home life.

All That's Golden Doesn't Glitter is not a "housework is so much fun" book, nor a "raising perfect children is easy" book, but it's a book that deals realistically with the ups and downs of homemaking. It offers sound advice as well as positive direction, and it does it with humor. This is the book to read when you wonder "Why didn't someone tell me it would be like this?"

NOTE: Because there will be no Institute classes this summer, the 70's Bookstore will not be open Wednesday evenings. The Bookstore will continue to be open on Sundays and stake meeting days. Weeknight hours will resume in the fall with Institute classes.

Calendar

June

- 10 Moultrie Branch Conference
- 16 Stake Single Adult Picnic*
- 17 Father's Day
- Perry Branch Conference
- 21-23 Regional Youth Conference
- 23 Stake Auxiliary Leadership Meetings
- 24 Stake Single Adult Fireside*
- 29-30 Stake Softball Tournament



July

- 4 Independence Day
- 7 Stake Single Adult Beach Party*
- 14 Stake Priesthood Leadership Meeting
- 21 Stake Christmas in July Dance
- 26 Stake Youth Temple Trip Leaves
- 28 Stake Pioneer Day



August

- 1 Stake Youth Temple Trip Returns
- 4 Stake News deadline
- 10 Stake Single Adult Temple Trip
- 14-17 Stake Girl's Camp



* see articles in this newsletter

Welcome Our NEW MEMBERS



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

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Bainbridge: Arthur Lewis

Madison: M'Lisa Cavanaugh

Moultrie: James Baker

Quitman: George Fender

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