

Seminary and Institute Graduation

by Arnold K. Garr
Seminary and Institute Director

The largest seminary and institute graduation in the history of this stake was held on June 2, 1985 at 6:30 p.m. in the stake center. Seventeen seminary students received certificates of achievement or graduation diplomas. In addition, four adults graduated from the institute program. Each received a beautiful certificate signed by President Kimball and a present from the Tallahassee Stake Presidency. Following are the names of those who were honored:

Two Year Certificate -
Tonda Sharpe (Bainbridge)

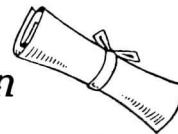
Seminary Graduates -

Wendy Blankenship (Bainbridge), Kimberly Shere Johnson (Cairo), Jackie Taylor (Tallahassee I), Kimberly S. Williams (Tallahassee II), Cory Campora, Kevin Carlos Canova, Lisa Marie Carroll, Ivan S. Lybbert, Marcie Lynne Madsen, Melody Packard, Christopher John Shipley, Clayton A. Tew (Tallahassee III), Shawn King, Michelle Watson (Thomasville), James Gill (Valdosta).

Institute Graduates -

Carolyn Richards, Elsie Peddie, Mark Peddie (Tallahassee I), Marion Whitley (Tallahassee III).

Special recognition was also given to seminary students who read a chapter a day in the new testament for the entire school year and for those who had perfect attendance. Eight students received "A



"Chapter a Day" certificate. They were: Ronni Bartholomew, Dana Butler, Wendy Dransfield, Roy Harding, Kimberly Johnson, Brenda Martin, James Moody and Altera Tew.

Three students received awards for perfect attendance at seminary for all four years and 18 students received awards for perfect attendance during the past year. The three who had perfect attendance for four years were: Clayton Tew, Ivan Lybbert and Jackie Taylor. They were given an additional present by the stake presidency. The 18 who had perfect attendance for the past year were: Mildred Adams, Teresa Brantley, Dana Butler, Larissa Chapple, Shannon Covington, Gray Dixon, Malcom Goodwin, Kimberly Johnson, Shawn King, Brenda Martin, James Moody, April Nesmith, Michael Nicholson, Tonda Sharpe, John Taylor, Altera Tew, Rick Watson, Natalie Williams and Joey Ward.

Altogether 82 students in the Tallahassee Stake received credit for seminary this year. They were all honored by their names being printed on a special page which was inserted into the graduation program.

Jackie Taylor spoke on how the study of the New Testament increased her testimony and Ivan Lybbert gave a talk on how his involvement in seminary increased his testimony. Marion Whitley, an institute graduate, spoke on the importance of continuing your weekday religious education. All the graduates received formal counsel and advice in a talk given by their stake president, Richard L. Chapple.

Spotlight



by Carolyn Richards
Tallahassee First Ward

Although President Chapple is well-known and loved throughout the stake, his wife, Sister Chapple, is unknown to many people.

Suzanne Chapple (people who know her call her Suzi) was born in Jackson County, Missouri and looks forward to returning one day when the Saints establish Zion. She was raised in Overland Park, Kansas, a

suburb of Kansas City and attended a small protestant college in Oklahoma. After her freshman year she spent the summer at Bryce Canyon where she received her first introduction to real Mormons. She found them to be a unique group of people and her curiosity was aroused. One fellow seemed to be a friend to everyone and had a natural love for people, so she decided to ask him about the Church. He was a bus boy and a bell hop (she was a waitress) and his name was Richard Chapple. Between meals, Suzanne was taught the discussions, was baptized the end of the following summer, and married nine months later. Her family was opposed to her joining the Church in those early years, but have since seen the benefits of her conversion.

President Chapple had been a student at BYU, but went on to graduate school at the University of Illinois in Urbana/Champaign. They were married for four years before any children joined their family. Although Sister Chapple felt anxious about being able to bear children, those four years helped her appreciate children more and grow stronger in the gospel. She was eager to develop a meaningful spiritual relationship with her husband and they shared several Church callings together during their stay in Illinois. When President Chapple finished his schooling, their only job offer was from Florida State (but they wouldn't have it any other way!).

The Chapples have six lovely children. Larissa, 14, plays the flute and piano and has a nice singing (see CHAPPLE pg. 7)



by Richard L. Chapple
Stake President

Since 1914 the second Sunday in May has been observed nationally as Mother's Day and since 1936 the third Sunday in June has had a national designation as Father's Day. On these days potted plants, ties, and greeting cards often serve as annual monuments of emotion which release the children from any further obligation until the following year.

At the very least, all of us should feel gratitude toward our parents for having given us life and the opportunity to live in mortality. It is natural for children to desire loving parents, and these little ones have a great ability to love and to forgive. Thus, parents can sometimes receive much more than their actions would merit from children who crave their nurture.

Children also have a desire to walk in the footsteps of their mothers and fathers. This is clearly for good and for ill. It enables parents to lead in righteousness with some assurance that their children will follow. The Lord has said, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6) That, of course, is true to the extent of a person's free agency. It is vital that parents do the best they can and then not feel guilty when children make mistakes. Parents, on those occasions, should feel compassion and a desire to help rather than guilt. Our immortal journey is a lengthy one, and all of us do in fact have time to repent.

How could a child honor his mother and father? Parents would likely desire that the children keep sacred the doctrines and covenants that they themselves reverence. A parent would gladly exchange obedience to every rule of the home for a son who honored his priesthood, a daughter who served the Lord, and children who desired a temple marriage and were faithful to it. Some things in the jobs of parenting and of growing up clearly matter much more than others. The Lord hopes that both parents and children "turn out okay."

The Lord has redeemed little children through His Son, has made it impossible for them to sin, and has forbade Satan to tempt them so "that great things may be required at the hand of their fathers." (D&C 29:46-48) What would some of these great things be? Of prime importance is to "teach them . . . to understand the doctrine of repentance, faith in Christ the Son of the living God, and of baptism and the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of the hands, when eight years old, . . . to pray, and to walk uprightly before the Lord." (D&C 68:25,28) Mothers could well teach sensitivity, compassion, and caring.

At this point we encourage, counsel, support, and love while allowing everyone free agency.

May we be the kind of mothers, fathers, daughters, and sons which the Father can receive unto Himself.

Stake Presidency Message



by Nan Whitfield
Stake Relief Society Secretary

The sisters of the Tallahassee Florida Stake were honored May 3 by a visit from Sisters Joy Evans and Wylene Fotheringham of the Relief Society General Board. Sister Evans serves as First Counselor to Relief Society General President Barbara Winder while Sister Fotheringham serves on the General Board's committees of leadership, welfare and research and evaluation. What a great thrill it was for the sisters of our stake to be able to meet members of the General Board and partake of their radiating influence.

During a special women's meeting held that evening, Sister Fotheringham spoke on the mission of the Relief Society. She emphasized that through compassionate service to individuals, an increased self-worth and love for all can result.

Sister Evans admonished us to reach out to the inactive sister who so desperately needs the full fellowship of the gospel. She may not be attending because of personal struggles or feelings of isolation but truly longs for our companionship and acceptance. Even though some of these sisters discourage our visits, she counseled us to never give up trying to make contact and express love to them. We were also encouraged to love and support the sister(s) whose testimony might not be as strong as our own.

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Our next stake leadership meeting will be Tuesday, July 30 at 7:00 p.m. The following board members should plan to attend: presidents, first and second counselors, secretaries, treasurers, single women representatives, teachers, compassionate service, visiting teaching and homemaking leaders.

Cairo



by Kati Walker
Cairo Branch Public Communications Director

The Cairo Branch men cooked, served and cleaned-up after a delicious dinner for the Cairo Branch women on Saturday, May 18. The dinner, which was held outside, included barbequed chicken, salads and yummy desserts.

Scout Troop 312 has been busy -- holding a Court of Honor in April and participating in a canoe race in May. Four teams participated in the canoe race and four teams won trophies!

The following new members have been baptized: Jerry, Jane and Tony Allen, Michael and Scott Johnson, Frank, Linda and Jeremy Knight.

In addition to these convert baptisms, three primary children have been baptized in the last month: John Bynum, Stephanie Holt, Harold Humphries, Jr. As you can imagine, the Cairo Branch is thrilled to have their baptismal font filled nearly every week.

Tony Allen, son of Brother and Sister Jerry Allen, recently participated in the Thomasville Special Olympics where he placed first in frisbee throw and softball throw and fourth in the walk. It was Tony's second year of participation in Special Olympics events. Tony and his parents were baptized in April.

Young Women

by Cherie Garr
Stake Young Women President

On April 19th the youth had a dinner/dance. They were served ham, baked potatoes, tossed salad and hot fudge sundaes. Music was provided by Brother Wahiquist from the Marianna Stake. It was a great evening for all who attended but we missed many of the youth who did not attend.

Another activity was the stake youth Career Day held Saturday May 18th. Three excellent workshops were given to help the youth learn about future employment.

Sister Nancy Baggs conducted a workshop on first impression -- the importance of cleanliness, how to dress for a job interview and the importance of a good attitude. Brother Steve Campora spoke about "Career Choices and Resumes." Brother Ernie Bone presented the topic of work ethics - putting in an honest day's work for an honest day's pay.

After the workshops, Sister Ann Cluff organized three fun skits demonstrating the right and wrong ways of the principles learned in the three workshops.

The youth learned some wonderful ideas, and to finish the day off the youth were treated to hoagie sandwiches and a dance.

We, as the stake Young Women presidency, would like to thank all the youth leaders for all their dedication, work and support of our stake functions. At stake leadership we had 100% attendance!

The past few months we have enjoyed attending ward and branch conferences and meeting each young woman to get to know them better and feel their sweet spirits. We want them to know we love them, and we appreciate the love, service and examples they set for us all. Keep up the good work.

We have some great events coming up:

June 27, 28, 29: Youth Conference at Troy State for all youth 14-18 years old. This will be a great experience so plan to attend! Contact your Young Women advisor if you want to attend.

July 10 through 12: Temple trip and Six Flags, combination of fun and a great spiritual experience. This is for all youth 12-18. You won't want to miss this activity.

July 30: Stake Leadership Meeting, 7 to 9 p.m. for all presidents and camp specialists. This important meeting will be held to discuss details of Girl's Camp (August 13-16).

We hope all youth are working on their service projects. Also, all 12 and 13 year olds, we haven't forgotten you! A great stake activity is planned for September for all 12 to 18 year olds!



Sunday School



Skip Evelo of the Tallahassee Second Ward has been called to serve as the Stake Sunday School President.

Brother Evelo and his wife, Sonja Ann Gillis, moved to Tallahassee from Terre Haute, Indiana on December 28, 1970. (They love Tallahassee!) They have two sons. Mark is married to Vicki Beatty and they have two children -- Jared, age 2-1/2, and Shelly, age 15 months. Their younger son, Christopher, returned from the California Ventura Mission in December 1981 where he had served for two years.

Brother Evelo is retired from the U.S. Prisons Bureau and is now employed installing satellite systems. He also keeps busy as a volunteer fireman for the Chaires community. He plays baseball for the American Legion, has coached high school baseball and played semi-pro baseball.

Some of his former callings in the Church have been ward executive secretary, ward clerk, Sunday school president, High Priest Group Leader, ward mission leader, Venture leader for eleven-year-old boys, and he has served as a stake missionary.

Brother Evelo would like to see more emphasis put on the importance of Sunday School.

Thomasville Ward

by JoeAnn Owens
Thomasville Ward Public Communications Director

The Cub Scout program is alive and well in the Thomasville Ward. April 2nd, Pack 309 had their Piney Wood Derby. Thanks goes to Brother Charlie Butler of Cairo who supplied the track. The race was fun and the boys worked hard getting their cars ready.

Grand Champ was DeWayne Joiner, 2nd place Matthew King and 3rd was Matthew Watson. It was a night of fun and refreshments.

Sister Anna NeSmith is the den mother to the "Cubbers," as she calls them. All of the young boys love going to Scouts and are advancing in the ranks, some ahead of schedule.

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TALLAHASSEE III

by Dorothy Roberts
Tallahassee III Public Communications Director

Missionary efforts and service projects seem to be at the top of the list for our young women. Different types of parties were planned which involved the young women and young men, missionaries and non-members. There were five parties with an average of six non-members at each of them and one baptism resulted from this effort.

The girls and their advisors feel that if there is anyone who can be helped to feel better about his or herself, then they accept the challenge to find a way to accomplish this, from polka dotting a house to honoring someone as queen for a day. The first is done by cutting hundreds of assorted colored dots out of paper and sticking them all over someone's trees, house, yard and bushes. The second is done by baking cookies and making a crown for someone that needs their day brightened. The girls sing songs and have a nice visit with the "Queen for a Day."

Planning in advance for temple trips has been a blessing for all involved. We've organized three garage sales so far and raised more than one-thousand dollars. We sold everything we were given, from toys to baked goods.

Primary has been buzzing with a new theme each month. They have been busy discussing the importance of and how to seek the Lord early and the children are the best examples.

In March, the children proved how flexible they are when they had to move "Let's Go Fly a Kite" activity inside because of rain. They made their kites inside and looked forward to flying them another day.

In May, the children discussed the love they have for Heavenly Father. They also made beautiful Mother's Day cards which they presented to their mothers, together with a wrapped carnation after singing praises to her in sacrament.

The past few months, we have seen a wonderful growth period in Relief Society. Our room is filled to capacity (we began with more chairs than sisters). This can be credited to the fantastic teachers we have and the extra effort they put into their lessons.

Our visiting teaching program is steadily growing in strength. Because of the loving efforts of many sisters, many inactive sisters have been reached and have been encouraged to become active again. Many more are hoped to be reached so they too may partake of the Lord's rich blessings.

Homemaking meetings have been both fun and spiritually rewarding. We have mini-classes on indoor plants, soft sculpture, candy making, food storage, basket painting and color analysis. These evenings are always such a special way to develop sisterhood and to develop each others' talents. We really need each other and we don't want to leave any one out.

Troop 119 (Tallahassee I, II and III) Boy Scouts, have been especially busy during the months of April and May. Several new Scouts have joined the troop and two new assistants have been called, Jim Cormichal (Tallahassee I) and Kit Tucker (Tallahassee III).

In addition to this new growth the troop participated in three successful outdoor activities. April 19-20, twenty-two boys and leaders hiked into

the wilderness camping area at St. George Island and camped on the beach. Several boys helped the Park Ranger police the public parking areas and rid it of trash.

On April 27, several 11 -year-olds participated in Stake Blazer Day Camp. And finally, the Troop participated in the Big Bend District Scout-A-Rama, May 4, where they were awarded a Second Place ribbon for their ax yard demonstration.

We are also very proud of our new Varsity Scout Program. It is a relatively new program developed for 14 year olds and up to participate in advanced skills. To our knowledge, there are only 3 or 4 Varsity Teams in this area. Out of our team, we hope to have at least 7 or 8 Eagle Scouts by the end of this year. Needless to say, we are proud of all of our boys.



Family Preparedness

by Lois Davis
Home Production and Storage Resource Specialist
Tallahassee First Ward

My latest acquisition is a spinning wheel. In this day and age spinning is not a very practical skill, so why a spinning wheel? Because I love the feel of the wool, the lullaby rhythm of the treadle, and the making of beautiful things. Also, there is a desire deep inside me to learn some basic skills.

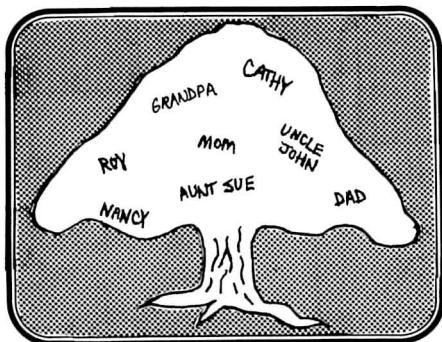
The first time I set my hand to making soap I read various instructions. One included directions for leaching lye out of ashes. I was very glad this caustic material came in a well sealed canister and that I did not have to go through an arduous and dangerous process to get it. In fact there was no need for making the soap at all. But I'm glad I did. There was a wonderful feeling of having made something from nothing.

More important though was an appreciation of my ancestors who depended upon the products of their own hands. And in making things from scratch I began to realize the extent of their labors and their thrift, for they wasted nothing. Also, I believe they appreciated what they had.

Because they obtained their sustenance from the earth it was easier for them to see how the Lord had provided for them. We must not lose sight of the ultimate source of all our many blessings-- the Creator. In our daily contacts with advanced technology it is easy to forget this. When President Kimball says to plant a garden, to harvest and to preserve the produce, there are deep underlying spiritual needs to be fulfilled thereby. If we think home production and storage is only having a year's supply of freeze dried foods under the beds we are missing part of the blessings available.

If you haven't already put in your garden, put in some summer vegetables. Be on the lookout now for produce, both picked and "U-pick."

One last point -- start saving for another bulk order. Don't spend all that tax return money!



Genealogy Library

by Laura Byington
Stake Genealogy Librarian

Our Heavenly Father tells us that the first steps back to Him are faith, repentance, and baptism. As we become faithful members of His kingdom here on earth He gives us knowledge of a celestial kingdom in the world to come, a kingdom of love and joy in which our family can progress. We are instructed to make ourselves worthy to enter His Holy Temple in order to be endowed with special blessings and to seal our family together for "time and all eternity." As our Heavenly Father's children we not only have that blessing but - also - that responsibility.

President Kimball, as the mouthpiece of our Heavenly Father, has admonished each of us to complete a four-generation genealogy and be responsible for the spiritual progress of each of those individuals. We must not only send in the pedigree charts and family group sheets for recording our family but also the Entry Forms required for performing their ordinances.

Missionary work is as active in Paradise as it is in our own stake! President Kimball has said, "I hope to see us dissolve the artificial boundary line we so often place between missionary work and temple and genealogical work, because it is the same great redemptive work." We rejoice when a brother or sister enters the waters of baptism knowing that now they can receive Heavenly Father's blessings even as we do. Yet how many of our own ancestors are anxiously awaiting their baptism so that they can continue their progression?

"As a venerable patriarch sat and witnessed the baptism ceremony in the Manti Temple, . . . to his view appeared the spirits of those for whom they were officiating in the font by proxy. There the spirits stood awaiting their turn, and, as the Recorder called out the name of a person to be baptised for, the patriarch noticed a pleasant smile come over the face of the spirit whose name had been called, and he would leave the group of fellow spirits and pass over to the side of the Recorder. There he would watch his own baptism performed by proxy, and then with a joyful countenance would pass away, make room for the next favored personage who was to enjoy the same privilege." (Temple Manifestations, p. 102)

It is unwise for us to think we can easily progress if we are a "stumbling block" unto our ancestors. We have been commanded to perform vicarious ordinances for all who have died for "they without us cannot be made perfect - neither can we without our dead be made perfect." (D&C 128:15) "And inasmuch as we are not saviors of men, we are as salt...that has lost its savor and shall be cut out." (D&C 103:10)

To become a savior on Mt. Zion, we must care for our immediate family, then those of our four-

generation family and continue, with diligent effort, our genealogy as far as possible.

Each of us, as we live worthily, may enter the House of the Lord to show forth our love for our progenitors by serving as proxy for their baptism and thus open the gate to become a savior on Mt. Zion. "And if it so be that you should labor all your days...and bring, save it be one soul unto me, how great shall be your joy with him in the kingdom of my Father! And now, if your joy will be great with one soul that you have brought unto me into the kingdom of my Father, how great will be your joy if you should bring many souls unto me!" (D&C 18:15-16) Through our devotion many may have the opportunity to come unto Him and great shall be our joy!

The youth and young adults may act for their family and others. Temple trips are scheduled each year so that our young people may partake of this special spiritual experience. These trips also provide a time for those from part-member families to enter the temple for the purpose of vicarious baptism for their families.

I bear my testimony that as we find our ancestors and serve them, the special love we find in the temple and the sacred experiences we are blessed with there will enrich our lives eternally.

Then let us rise without restraint and act
for those we love,
For they are giving their consent and wait
for us to move.

(Hymn 45, The Glorious Gospel Light Has Shown)

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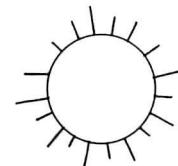
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CALENDAR

June

27-29 Youth Conference
30 Single Adult Fireside

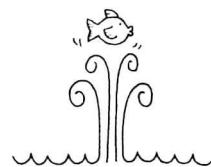


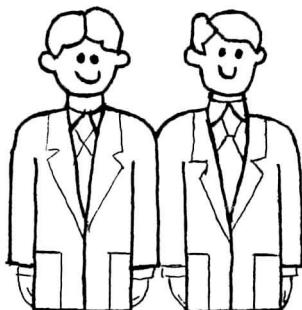
July

4 Independence Day
10-12 Youth Temple Trip
26 Stake News Deadline
30 Stake Leadership Meeting
Auxiliaries 7:00 p.m. Priesthood 7:30 p.m.

August

3 Regional Softball Tournament
9 Youth and Young Adult Dance
23 Single Adult Dance/Pool Party
24 Stake Tennis Tournament
25 Single Adult Fireside





Missionary Mailbag

The following are excerpts from Elder Leslie Williams' letters to his family since arriving in the Republic of China in mid-March.

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I am in Taiwan! I love it. It's much like Florida except much more lush. The temple is gorgeous; the mission home is 7 stories high. Taiwan is like being in an endless Chinatown.

The third day here I went out and did some tracting. I got a first-hand taste of Taipei traffic, rode a bike. What an experience! Sunday we went to Church; I've never had such a large dose of Chinese before! I also got my first assignment, in Ban Chyan, about ten miles southwest of Taipei. It is a large industrial town, nice and modern. I'm very excited to be here and finally to get to work. It's a little different to be in the real world after being in the Missionary Training Center for two months.

I will need you to send me some deodorant. It doesn't exist here. In Taiwan the garbage trucks play music like ice cream trucks in the U.S. Next to our 5 story apartment there's a little nursery school, and every morning the children all line up and sing the national anthem and other favorite children's songs. Every morning for breakfast we have hot soybean milk and a steamed bun with a fried egg in the middle. It's very good. We eat out most of the time because it's very cheap and convenient. I usually spend no more than \$3 a day on food. The other night a family we are teaching invited us for supper: barbecued and baked duck, beef and celery, beef with hard-boiled eggs, fried tofu, stir-fried broccoli, rice, green onion and squid soup, and a tangerine for dessert.

I feel much like Paul the apostle in a culture steeped in tradition and idolatry. I'm going to begin reading Paul again and try to pick up on his tactics. It's a strange fact that in this modern world there are still people that worship, or profess to worship, idols. My constant thought is how to reach such a people. They are spiritually starving. The Buddhism they practice here is very convenient and pragmatic, even more so than being a Protestant. They burn incense to the ancestors and the wooden "gods" along with little offerings of food. They also burn paper money (not real) to their forebearers so they'll have money in the next world. That's so much easier than sitting in Church for an hour on Sunday, wouldn't you say? Even more convenient, their worship stands are right in the house, but you can walk down to the corner temple. The temples are very ornamental but just no substance.

They have a nice, friendly ward here, but not many priesthood holders. It is a little distracting to have meetings in Chinese, but I'll get used to it, I'm sure. A new sister and I told about ourselves and bore our testimonies in the ward yesterday. I do love the work here and feel it a privilege to serve the Lord here. I just hope I can learn the ropes quickly and become more and more efficient.

The night before last we felt we should go to a certain area. The first door we knocked on the lady invited us in; we began teaching her, and then her husband came out, too. They were very attentive, and excited that we would return to teach them. Their name is Ye, which means leaf. They have a boy and a girl, and they remind me of our family when we were taking the discussions.

This work isn't as easy as I thought it might be. It's quite a bit of work. There are so many facets to missionary work, so many balls to juggle. I'm grateful to have an all-member family who loves me and keeps me in their prayers. Thank you for your monetary as well as moral support. Your letters are very much appreciated. I love you all.

Elder Leslie Williams



Gardening TIPS

by Melanie Guris
Stake News Staff Writer

It's hot, it's dry, it's weeds. Just think about Christmas and Santa Claus and go "Hoe, Hoe, Hoe!"

Working in the garden in June and July is hot unless you get out there early in the morning when the plants are still wet with dew. It is cool and quiet and if you stop and say a little prayer you can feel the presence of our Creator. Just remember He created the garden so we might have "sweat on our brow" and know the joys of working in the soil and harvesting the benefits from it. Next Christmas when you and your family sit down to peas or beans, corn, okra and tomatoes, squash casserole flavored with the garlic and onions you grew in the garden, you won't remember the sweat, but you will remember the cool quiet mornings when the dew still covered the ground and the feeling of closeness to our Heavenly Father.

Keep a close watch for any insects. If your potatoes have not been dug, check to see if they are large enough to harvest. If the tops are turning brown and dying, it's time to harvest. If you have potato beetles, dust with Rotone powder. Rotone is effective on any chewing insect. It is an excellent pesticide to use in the garden because it will kill the pest and is effective for one day only. You can dust one day and harvest the next and know there is no residue left from the pesticide.

If you have corn keep a close watch for corn ear worm. Even in plants 18" tall the worms can be in the growing tip and destroy the plant. Rotone is good for this to. You have to dust more often but Rotone is the safest pesticide on the market. Always wear a mask over your nose and mouth to keep from inhaling the dust. Try to apply pesticides so the wind will carry the dust or spray drift away from you. What kills bugs will also kill humans and pets if a lethal dose is applied.

Keep safe, and happy gardening!

CHAPPLE (from page 1)

voice. She is a good student at Rickards and achieved 100% attendance at Seminary. Like her dad, she loves people, is compassionate and friendly, and is an avid reader.

Marika, 13, is also an avid reader. She is more shy than her older sister, but they have always been best friends. She plays the clarinet and piano, has a lovely alto voice, and is also a very good student at Cobb Middle School. She has a subtle sense of humor that provides comic relief to the family.

Michael, 11, is the only Chapple son. He loves sports like his dad and would love to be a professional football player. He's a hard worker, good student and loves the outdoors. He goes home teaching with his father and is a fifth grader at Apalachee.

Allyson, 9, is excited over her new curly hair. She is "sunshine and affection" and an excellent fourth grade student. Her parents realize she tries hard to please them in order to get their attention and they try to use this quality to her advantage.

Ashley is in the first grade. Her mother senses in her a brightness and a musical ability that need to be developed. She also likes to please and she likes to talk.

Lindsey, 4, is her mother's home companion and the first to be the only one at home. She's a live wire, but her mother really enjoys her. They share many good times together.

A tour of the Chapple home reveals an oddity in today's society -- no television. Sister Chapple admits there are good programs on TV but there are also a lot of not-so-good programs. Besides, they've gone so long without one that she doesn't want the arguments over programming that would come if they were to get one. Other benefits they have derived from a television-less home are their children are good readers and have learned to entertain each other.

Through her experiences in raising a family, Sister Chapple has learned that we can change our natures through conscious effort and the Lord's help. When her children were very young, she used spanking as a form of discipline. The spanking became more frequent and she realized it had become her natural reaction to anger and frustration, which is contrary to the Savior's teachings. She has not spanked her children for many years now, but she went through a difficult transition period as she discovered alternative discipline routines. She feels the key to parent/child relationships is to give individual attention to each child every day. When problems arise, talk it out; when tempers flare, send them to their rooms to calm down.

Sister Chapple is not jealous of the time her husband spends with the stake. She was first attracted to him because he made himself so accessible to people and she understands that people are drawn to him, for he loves everyone and treats all with love and respect. President Chapple is a loving father who also knows the nuts and bolts of running a household. Three years ago, Sister Chapple spent three weeks in Europe at her husband's encouragement and he spent those weeks taking care of the household. A colleague was amazed that he would do such a thing; to Sister Chapple it seemed quite natural.

For many years he has been involved in a fathering lecture, and recently in a community obstetrical workshop with Dr. Deeb, a pediatrician, and two new fathers. Such occasions give him the opportunity to do community service and teach gospel principles at the same time.

Perhaps his greatest influence on his family is his willingness to rearrange his lifestyle to conform to the brethren's teachings. This inspires the whole family to do the same. Sister Chapple says she tries hard to always appreciate her husband. Talking with her, that is quite evident. It is also evident that our stake president has an elect lady and family supporting him.



New Converts We Wish to Welcome. . .

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

Apalachicola: Cleveland Adams, Betty Andrew, Teresa Billingsley, Christopher Chaffee, Christine Cohran, Melissa and Russell Cumbie, Josh Dykes, Daniel Garrett, Deborah Whittington

Bainbridge: John and Linward Cox, John, Robert and Shannon Maddox, Rachael Rackley, Thomas Robinson

Cairo: Helen, Jerry and William Allen, Christopher and James Jr. Bynum, Geoffrey Johnson, Jeremie, Jewel and Linda Knight

Crawfordville: Erick Neilson

Quincy: Elmer Chester

Tallahassee I: Mary Craig, Shasta Crews, Jerome Heiker, Edward Maxwell, Alicia McMahon, Linda and Nicole Rupp, John and Sheila Saunders, Robert Taff

Tallahassee II: Mayra Daniel, Willie Peterson

Tallahassee III: Debra Daniels, Rebecca Mallory, Bettie McGuire, Curtis Nichols, Jessica Pliskin, Colin, Janellen and Sandra Stoutamire, Michael and Rosalinda Wright

Tallahassee Student: Richard Annino, Anna Deibler

Thomasville: Judge James

Valdosta: Tracie and Tricia Love



BUILDING DEDICATIONS

Two building dedications were held in our stake on March 24, 1985. The following article was adapted from the unit histories compiled by Charles L. Butler, Jr. of Cairo and Mae Dollar of Thomasville.

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The Cairo Branch was first organized in December 1947 with Charles L. Butler Sr. as branch president and counselors Thomas L. Walker and Marshall S. Neff. Meetings were held in the Masonic Lodge on South Broad Street.

Missionaries went to work in the area, and with the resulting baptisms and new nove-ins, membership grew. It soon became necessary to find a larger place to meet. The branch moved to a house on 4th Street N.W. and then to the Tom Walker home. It was at this time that President Butler was succeeded by John Rankin as branch president after 10 years of service. Just after President Rankin was called, the branch moved to the Graham House on 4th Avenue S.E.

More and more families were coming over from the Thomasville area, and the branch wanted to find a more permanent residence with more space. In 1958, they moved into the closed Forsyth Funeral Home. Soon after, Brother Hays was called as branch president. As growth continued, the branch decided to purchase property to build a chapel of its own, and much effort and sacrifice went into raising the finances to purchase the land on which the new building stands today.

Along with growth comes change, and as members increased from Thomasville, a branch was organized there, taking away from the numbers in Cairo. In September 1966, W. Harland Smith was called as branch president and served until the branch was disbanded in May 1972. The members were sent to the Moultrie, Thomasville, and Tallahassee congregations.

In February 1979, a branch was again established in Cairo with Charles L. Butler Jr. as branch president and Charles L. Butler, Sr. and Leroy Carver as counselors. Meetings were held in the Miller-Brock Funeral Home until the owner received pressure from other churches in town. The branch moved to what is now the Pac-A-Sack office building as they searched for a building with adequate space for their needs. Average attendance at sacrament meeting was over 40. This brought them to the old Griner house on 3rd Street S.E.

In July 1981, Larry Brock, of Tallahassee, was called as branch president. He was given the charge to build a chapel in Cairo. Groundbreaking took place with President Brock's first year, but it was not until December 1983 that actual construction began. The first meeting in the new building was held May 27. The following Sunday Douglas D. Taylor was sustained as branch president.

The Thomasville Branch was organized on December 5, 1965, in the home of Virgil Cox. At this meeting, Laurie Isgett was sustained as branch president with Arrie D. "Pat" Watson and William Folsom as counselors. Membership totaled 28.

About one month later, the Church purchased a tract of land at 755 Remington Avenue with an old home that was converted into a chapel for meetings. The house had not been lived in for many years and was not even visible from the street due to a wilderness of tall, heavy reed. The sisters cleaned the house and the brothers cleared a driveway. It took many months of hard labor, but finally, by using a bulldozer, the reed was destroyed.

In 1967, Les and Lillis Larson were assigned to Thomasville as full-time missionaries. Elder Larson became branch president after the death of President Isgett. The members helped the Larsons make the old house more attractive and comfortable.

Due to the small membership many had several callings to fill at one time, but the work was done with very little complaint. As the branch grew, a wall was removed to enlarge the meeting room. Some pews were loaned from Cairo, and the room really looked like a small chapel.

When the Larsons were transferred, Leonard M. and Helen Cowley were assigned as missionaries. Elder Cowley became the third branch president. When the Cowleys were transferred, A.D. Watson, who served as first counselor to the three previous branch presidents, was sustained as branch president in February 1969. In October 1972, President Watson was succeeded by Randal Smith.

In November 1975, the Thomasville Branch was included in the Tallahassee Florida Stake; until then, they traveled to Douglas for stake conferences.

Ground breaking for a new church building was held in August 1976, and the Thomasville Branch moved into the new building the following February. In October 1976, Charles King was called as the sixth branch president. President King moved out of the Thomasville area in July 1977 and was succeeded by Randal Smith. When sustained as branch president the second time, he said, "I must not have done a good job on my first calling, so I'm being given a second chance."

In September 1978, the Thomasville Branch became a ward. Charles King, who had returned to Thomasville, was called as the first bishop. Two years later, Doyle Alley was sustained as bishop where he served for two years until his family moved to Colorado.

Stanley McWhorter was called as the third bishop in June of 1982, and under his administration the ward prepared for the addition of a chapel to their building. The first Sacrament Meeting was held in the new chapel on September 23, 1984. In the meantime, Bishop McWhorter moved to Albany and Dallas Watson succeeded him as bishop in February of 1984.

CRAWFORDVILLE

by Fran Council
Crawfordville Branch

The Crawfordville Branch held an open house on Saturday, April 20. The efforts of the branch were coordinated by Jon McCabe and Brother and Sister Godfrey, the missionary couple serving in the Branch.

Displays were centered around the different programs of the Church. The Boy Scout troop had a display which covered their activities. This was especially meaningful to the Branch since one member of the scouts had just received his Eagle award. The young women had a display concerning their Personal Progress program while primary had a series of pictures depicting their courses of study. The Relief Society had displays of a large number of crafts that the women of the Church engage in. These included decorations, quilts, canning, sewing, ornaments and many others. There was also a display on genealogy centered around a projected potential genealogy class. The women of the Branch contributed so many cookies that everyone ate more than they could hold and there were still enough to serve at a Branch pot luck a few days later. In times when there was no activity,

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Glenna Sasser, Relief Society President, furnished entertainment with outrageously funny Disney movies.

It is not known if any impact was felt by the community, but those who participated in the open house came away with a warm feeling of having done something pleasing for their Heavenly Father. With membership increasing, it is hoped a new chapel will once again offer the community a practical and spiritual look at the Church in action.

by Randi Joiner
Crawfordville Branch Public Communications Director

The Cub Scouts of the Crawfordville Branch are having an award ceremony and the young men have been busy. Those receiving Beads are: Kenji Kerns, Brad Tucker, James Sasser, Ted Colvin, Brian Speigner and Collin Haley. Receiving their Bobcat Badge are: Brent Tucker, Brad Tucker, Spencer Hunter and Brian Speigner. Collin Haley is receiving his Wolf Badge and James Sasser has earned his Bear Badge and his Gold Arrow Point. The mothers of James and Collin are receiving pins to match their sons' awards.

Elementary students in the Crawfordville Branch have been walking away with awards in their school's science fair. In the third grade James Sasser won first place and Spencer Hunter received a second place. In the fifth grade Holly Hunter placed second and Levi Little received honorable mention.

AT A GLANCE



Map reading was just one of the outdoors skills new scouts learned at the Blazer Day Camp held in May, sponsored by the stake Primary.



"A Lovelier You" was the theme of the stake women's luncheon and fashion show held March 23.

Moultrie

by Wendell Allegood
Moultrie Branch Public Communications Director

LOYALTY DAY

Local VFW Post 4830 invited Boy Scout Troop 444, of the Moultrie Branch, to celebrate Loyalty Day with them on Sunday, May 5. They provided a wonderful dinner, and we listened to their guest speaker, our own Sister Edris Parrish. Also present were the youth from the Georgia Sheriff's Boys Ranch. Thanks VFW for your support of our troop!

FATHER AND SON OUTING

On May 10-11th, the Moultrie Branch participated in the father and son outing at Reed Bingham State Park. The Valdosta Ward was host and provided a great barbecue chicken dinner Friday night. The Quitman Branch was also well-represented.

The fathers and sons viewed the Church video "Restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood."

Brethren from the Moultrie Branch participating included Presidents Barlow and Parrish of the branch presidency, Dennis Yount who attended with his son Billy, Tim Burnette and son Timmy, Donald Jacobs and son Dennis, Jimmy Terry and son Jody Wayne and nephew Bo Jackson.

We wish to extend special thanks to the Valdosta Ward for a job well done.

MOTHER'S Day

The Moultrie Branch honored its mothers by presenting each one in attendance with a red or white carnation.

As usual, the Primary did a superb job with the choral part of the program. Special thanks to Primary president Edris Parrish and her counselors.

MUSIC NEWS

Some members of the Moultrie Young Men organization were unable to participate in the Father and Son Outing because of prior commitment to musical competitions scheduled for the Colquitt County High School choral and band organizations.

Aaronic priesthood holders Dennis Yount and Donald Jacobs participated with the band in the Smokey Mountain Music Festival in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. The CCHS band took first place trophies in the field show and the wind ensemble, and a third place trophy in jazz ensemble.

Jeremy Allegood participated with the CCHS acapella choir in the Orlando Florida "Contest of Champions." The choir won honors of first place in AA schools and grand champion overall. They also enjoyed a day at Walt Disney World and Sea World where they received the awards.

SATELLITE BROADCAST

The priesthood holders of the Moultrie Branch enjoyed the recent satellite broadcast of the commemoration of the restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood, thanks to special arrangements by brother Neil Roberts who operates Satellite Systems of Moultrie. Thanks Brother Roberts and thanks to Thomasville for sending us the Roberts family. --and look out Valdosta one Friday night next Fall.

Books! Books! Books!

by Suzanne Meik
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Let's take some up-to-date looks at upcoming books:

If you read A Soul So Rebellious and He Restoreth My Soul several years ago, by Mary Sturlaugson Eyer, you will be interested in her latest book, Reflection of a Soul, which came out in April. In her third book on reflections of her life and its problems, she and her husband become parents. Perhaps your burdens can be lightened or your thoughts prepared for your own trials by sharing Mary's.

Master storytellers Blaine and Brenton Yorgason bring the lessons of the Book of Mormon to life in The Loftier Way: Tales from the Ancient American Frontier. The authors say that because they are tellers of stories, they found that they better understood the concepts and doctrines taught in the scriptures when they made tales of them. In this book are nine fictionalized accounts of events and personalities in the Book of Mormon.

At last there is a fun way for children to record the experiences of their childhood and begin a book of remembrance! In July, we will be carrying Deseret Book's Making Memories: A Book of Remembrance for the Latter-day Saint Girl/Boy. These soft-bound books cover the first twelve years of a child's life and can be inserted into a book of remembrance binder.

Come August, Jeff Holland's book However Long and Hard the Road will be making its appearance in the bookstore. In this instructive and inspirational book, each chapter presents a practical, down-to-earth approach to facing the uncertainties of life, with an interlacing of humor, real-life stories and examples.

There are many more new books already on the shelves at the bookstore and new ones coming every week. This is only a small sampling listed above. Lots to choose from for your summer reading!



Scout's Honor



by Randi Joiner
Crawfordville Branch Public Communications Director

Boy Scout Troop 126, sponsored by the Crawfordville Branch, held a special Eagle Court of Honor to present Joseph M. Lewis with scouting's highest honor--the rank of Eagle Scout.

Joe has earned a total of 29 merit badges on his

trail to becoming an Eagle Scout. He has been in many leadership positions in his troop including Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. He is also a member of the Order of the Arrow and has served as Treasurer, Lodge Chief, and Historian. He has been the Handicraft Director at Camp Wallwood, has attended Section Seminars and Conferences, and is the Committee Chairman for the 1985 Section Conclave.

Joe is also active in his school and community. He is on the yearbook staff and is the school's photographer. He is involved in sports and is a member of Youth Alive. He has participated in renovation projects in the community and, for the past two years, in Bike-a-Thons for Cystic Fibrosis and the March of Dimes. He has played baseball on community teams since he was in the Cub League.

He hopes to join the Air Force and specialize in computers.

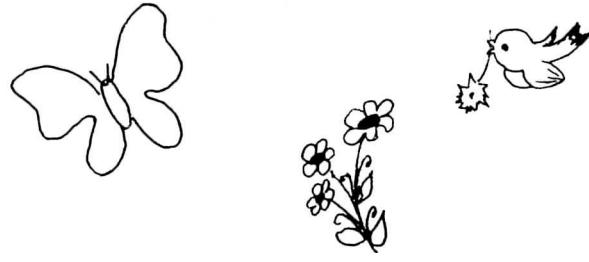
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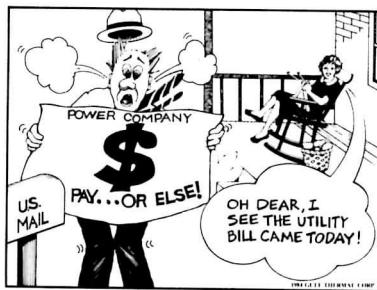
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