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Stake Conference Scheduled September 15-16



The semi-annual stake conference of the Tallahassee Florida Stake will be held September 15 and 16. Please note the changes in meeting times from past conferences as listed below. Elder James O. Mason, Regional Representative, will be our visiting authority.

Elder Mason is a physician and Director of the Center For Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia. He

has been a Regional Representative for about a year and this will be his first stake conference in Tallahassee since he was assigned to our region. His past church experience includes serving as a bishop twice, member of the Aaronic Priesthood General Board, 1st and 2nd counselor in stake presidencies, a high counselor in three stakes, a stake president, and various other callings. He served a full-time mission in the Danish mission from 1950 to 1952.

Sister Marie Mason is the Spiritual Living teacher in their home ward and the Compassionate Service leader on the stake Relief Society board. The Masons have five sons and two daughters.

Scheduled meetings are as follows:

Saturday, September 15

4:00 pm Priesthood Leadership (for all stake, ward and branch priesthood executive committees)

6:00 pm Saturday evening session - "Perfecting the Saints Through Self-Reliance and Service to Others" (for all adults, single or married)

Sunday, September 16

10:00 am General Session (for all members of the stake and their families and friends)

A primary will be held during the Sunday general session for children ages 3 through 6. All other children should attend the meeting with their families.

Youth Temple Trip: A Success

On July 26 three buses left Tallahassee for the Youth Temple Trip -- but this trip was far more than a visit to the temple to do baptisms. A total of 132 went on the temple trip, including 53 young women, 52 young men, and chaperones. Fourteen stake units were represented by youth and the majority of units had chaperones attend. Among the chaperones were the stake presidency; Maylon McCreless, the stake Young Men president; and Maureen Webb, the stake Young Women president.

The youth had known about the trip since the latter part of 1983, and youth in some of the units had projects to earn money such as car washes, garage sales and babysitting. And the trip was more than worth the effort.

Each day of the trip was full. The first two nights they stayed at Hobart College in Geneva, New York, south of Palmyra. On Friday they attended the Hill Cumorah Pageant. On Saturday they climbed the Hill and went to the visitors center, spending the remainder of the day at Niagara Falls.

Sunday the group visited the Peter Whitmer farm, the Martin Harris farm and Joseph Smith's home and had Sacrament and Testimony meeting in the Sacred Grove.

On Sunday afternoon the buses left for Atlanta. The group arrived in Atlanta Monday night and they spent Tuesday in the temple. The youth performed 1,064 baptisms. They arrived home Tuesday at midnight.

The highlight for many was the testimony meeting in the Sacred Grove. Overall the youth and their chaperones had a spiritual testimony-building experience.

The youth who attended were: Tonda Sharpe, Naomi and Juanita Riffle, Michelle Kitchens, Chris Jensen, Dan Brue II, James Blankenship, Dredsel and Mike Sharpe, Tim Parrish (Bainbridge); Kimberly Johnson,



Touring the historic home of Joseph Smith near Palmyra, New York

Dana Butler, Melanie Walden (Cairo); Sherri Kight, James Davis, Chris Hill (Crawfordville); David and Charles Floyd, Frankie Williamson, Jr. (Madison); Teresa Brantley (Monticello); Holly Parrish, Krista Godwin, Mizell Ricks, Donald and Dennis Jacobs, Jereme Allegood (Moultrie); Amy Compton, Paige Lee (Perry); Kathy Rudd, Kimberly Rudd, Christa Rudd, Allen and Michael Nicholson, Rhett Tucker (Quincy); Anissa Wheeler, Alicia and Millie Sanders, Jim Moody (Quitman); Sonja Settles, Petrea Schrader, Kelly Brock, Brook Bliss, Keith Davis, Russell Schrader, Rick Peregrino (Tallahassee First); Sylvie Voyles, Elena Russold, Penny Clark, Lashaun Feagle, Larissa and Marika Chapple, Sherry Tharp, Tiffany Bullock, Shawn Futch, Fred Williams, Jon Anderson, Scott McDermid, Shane and Michael Allen, Michael Maynard, Joe Caceres, Richard Bobadilla (Tallahassee Second); Carolyn Shipley, Coni and Sheri Durrance, Wendy

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Stake Presidency Message

by Charles H. Madsen, Jr.
First Counselor

The underlying principle involved in all callings and releases is revelation received by the highest authority pertaining to any position. The General Handbook of Instruction states, "Every Church officer and teacher is entitled to feel that he has been called by the spirit of inspiration. The will of the Lord should be earnestly sought in considering all calls to Church responsibilities." A decision to release should be made under the same inspiration.

However, throughout the process of calling a person to a Church position, many other considerations are necessary and appropriate. First, prayer and fasting. The beneficial effect of these actions is obvious in receiving inspiration. Second, homework concerning the position and involving potential person(s) to be considered is important. That is, in order to give the Holy Ghost the opportunity to reveal the best person for the position, it may be necessary to interview several persons and rate many attributes such as worthiness, interests, abilities, work schedules, family obligations, spirituality, leadership, etc. In these preliminary interviews, the position itself will most likely not be discussed and the Church leader will pay close attention to the promptings of the Spirit. Thirdly, the feelings and desires in the matter of the person being interviewed, as well as those of his or her spouse, will be taken into account. After initial homework is completed, the persons are considered in prayer, and after a specific decision is made the person is interviewed and extended the call by the person in authority to do so or by one delegated by him.

Speculation concerning positions and who will receive calls is not in order. It is also important for individuals who recommend persons to higher authorities not to discuss their nominations with anyone, especially the persons who may be nominated.

Many times persons are called in for interviews, under inspiration because they need to be interviewed and not because they need to be called. They may be needed in another organization, need some spiritual uplift or just need to have someone show interest in them.

Releases should come in private through the highest authority and be announced publicly so the members may give them a vote of thanks after they have been released.

Remember that the Kingdom of God is, in name and purpose, a theocracy. He makes the decisions. We should not aspire to callings or protest releases, because by so doing we place ourselves in a position above Him. Instead, humility and an attitude of acceptance are the main attributes to cultivate in preparation for work in the Kingdom. We should so live that we never have to think over or pray about a calling. We can have immediate confirmation and accept forthwith.

The Lord has given us numerous opportunities to work, causing us to grow spiritually and providing us with temporal blessings that naturally come from the work. No calling should be esteemed above another or sought after. Each Church responsibility is an integral part in the total organization if the Church is to function effectively and meet the needs of each member.

It is my prayer and hope that our Stake members will realize their roles in this process and permit the Lord to affect them through inspired callings from His appointed leaders.

NEW BISHOPS and BRANCH PRESIDENTS

PERRY



President Murray with his counselors

Franklin N. Murray was sustained as president of the Perry Branch on June 17. He succeeds Conrad P. Futch of Tallahassee.

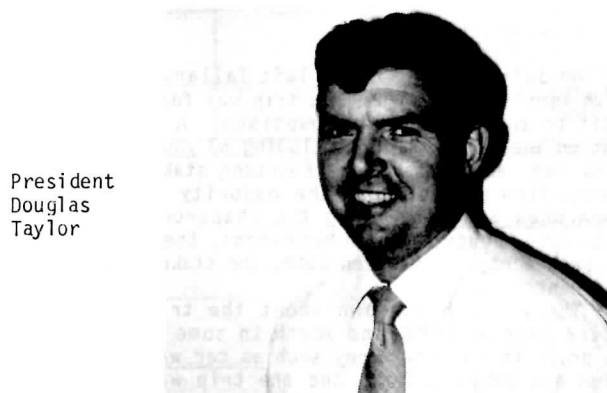
President Murray was raised in the Church; his mother was a convert. He is an employee of the State Department of Transportation and will be retiring soon. He is married to the former Betty Jean Morgan, his bride of 30 years, and they have 4 girls.

He has prior experience as a branch president, branch clerk, and most recently as a high councilor for eight years.

President Murray has been active in the Perry Policemen's Auxiliary for many years. After his retirement, he hopes to serve a mission and work at the temple.

President Murray's counselors are William M. Brown, a service station owner, and Allen C. Gunter, a mechanic.

CAIRO



President
Douglas
Taylor

A new branch president has been named in Cairo. Douglas Taylor, a Georgia native, succeeds Larry Brock of Tallahassee.

President Taylor has only been a member of the Church since 1977. His wife, the former Kathy Finley, had joined five years earlier and was instrumental in his conversion. They have five sons, and President Taylor is a local small businessman. He is also a member of the Navy Reserve.

Since his baptism, President Taylor has served as Sunday School president, elders quorum president, and teachers quorum advisor. He also has served as scoutmaster, and presently retains that job in addition to his branch presidency responsibilities.

His goals for the Cairo Branch include organizing a cub scout group and keeping the branch alive and growing.

President Taylor will be assisted by counselors Frank Harding and Robert Watts.



TALLAHASSEE FIRST WARD



Bishop Hall seated in front of (l to r) Jim Dame, Ron Stone, Jimmy Helms, and Mark Mongillo

On June 24, Jack H. Hall was released as bishop of the Tallahassee Student Ward where he served for one year and was called as bishop of the Tallahassee First Ward.

Bishop Hall was born in El Paso, Texas and settled in Tallahassee twenty years ago. He joined the Church while serving in the Air Force in South Carolina. He is the owner of Jack Hall and Associates Insurance. The bishop and his wife Linda have four daughters and four grandchildren.

Ron Stone and James Dame have been chosen to serve as Bishop Hall's counselors, with Mark Mongillo as executive secretary and Jimmy Helms as ward clerk.

Upon leaving the Student Ward, Bishop Hall encouraged the members to remember to be "lifters and not leaners."

STUDENT WARD

Joseph O. Durrance (front left) was called to serve as bishop of the Tallahassee Student Ward with Tony Kirkland and Robert M. Guris (back l to r), 1st and 2nd counselors; Terry Dove (front rt), executive secretary; and as ward clerk, Richard Rothaus.



Bishop Durrance was born and raised in Lake City, Florida and is a lifetime member of the Church. He is the owner of Durra-Print and considers his work a "hobby." He and his wife, Connie, have eight children.

In addition to the bishopric changes, the membership structure of the Student Ward itself was changed to now include only single adults between the ages of 18 and 26 (student and non-student) living on their own and married students without children who are 26 or younger. Members in these categories from outlying units such as Crawfordville and Quincy were also encouraged to attend the Student Ward. Single adults living with their parents decide as a family whether to attend Student Ward or their home ward. Single adults ages 27-30 may attend the Student Ward only with special permission from Bishop Durrance and the stake presidency. Those not meeting these qualifications were transferred to their respective geographic units, and the Student Ward lost about one-half of its membership.

Stake president Richard Chapple pointed out that those remaining in the Student Ward were "a whole bunch of returned missionaries, those who would like to marry one, and those who want to go on a mission." He stated that the mission of the Student Ward will be to do missionary work and that the change will be good for the Student Ward as well as the other units.

New High Councilors

Three new high councilors have been called.

Henry Covington is from Bainbridge; he was raised in the Church since his mother was a convert. He had served as 1st counselor in the Bainbridge Branch ever since its organization in 1976. His wife Dorothy is the Relief Society president in Bainbridge; they have two children (one on a mission). Brother Covington is a state trooper.

Richard West is a member of Tallahassee Second Ward. He is married to the former Sharon Robinson, who introduced him to the Church. The Wests are both from Florida, and have four children.

Brother West is a car salesman and had previously served as ward Young Men president and in various clerk positions. He enjoys playing tennis.

William Miller was recently released as bishop of Tallahassee First Ward where he served for about four years. A native of South Carolina but long-time Tallahassee resident, he and his wife Cleo joined the Church 9 years ago.

Brother Miller is a band director for a local middle school and they have four boys. He had previously served on the high council. In his spare time he likes to hunt and fish, and is converted to the importance of gardens.

WOMEN'S BROADCAST

The annual meeting sponsored by the women's organizations of the Church will be held September 29 at 7 p.m. in Bainbridge and Valdosta and September 30 at 7 p.m. in Tallahassee. All women ten and above are invited to attend.

A 90-minute satellite broadcast will be received from Salt Lake City.

Speaking at the meeting will be Dwan J. Young, international president of the Primary; Ardeth G. Kapp, international president of the Young Women and Barbara W. Winder, international president of the Relief Society.

Also speaking at the meeting will be Elder Gordon B. Hinckley, second counselor in the First Presidency, and Elder Dean L. Larsen of the First Quorum of the Seventy and advisor to the women's organizations.

"We take our commitment as Christian women seriously," said Cherie Garr, Tallahassee Stake Relief Society President. "We learn how to better incorporate these principles into our lives through these annual meetings. The same concepts apply for women around the world, whether they live in Tallahassee, Mexico City or Sydney, Australia."

Sister Garr said, "We want to invite all women in the community to attend this meeting. We're excited that we can receive the broadcast in these three cities and would like to share that opportunity."

"My Turn on Earth"

by Linda Hall
Stake Cultural Arts Specialist

The musical "My Turn on Earth" to be presented on Friday and Saturday, November 9 and 10 at the Stake Center, is getting well under way.

Please watch for announcements in each ward and branch for the date of try-outs. The play calls for 2 male parts and 3 female parts, all of which sing and dance. There will be many opportunities to participate in the chorus and also on the production crew.

This is a very exciting time for all of us as it will be our Stake's first musical production.

Reverence



"Reverence," wrote Ruskin, "is the noblest state in which a man can live in the world. Reverence is one of the signs of strength; irreverence one of the surest indications of weakness."

One of the greatest needs in our stake is to have more reverence in our houses of worship, better order and discipline in our classrooms, in quorum meetings and in auxiliary groups.

True and acceptable worship is always attended by feelings of deepest reverence -- feelings of awe, great respect and godly fear. It is stated in D&C 76:93 that "all things bow in humble reverence, and give him glory forever." The Psalmist records in Psalm 111:9, "Holy and revered is his name."

We, as a stake, have much room for improvement in the matter of reverence. Whether right or wrong, we know that it is difficult to bring investigators to meetings because of the noise level that exists in them. On several occasions, leaders have had difficulty conducting meetings over the noise and confusion going on.

Our classrooms are sometimes not as reverent as they should be. It is difficult to maintain reverence in a classroom, but a prepared teacher can make the difference. A teacher who pauses to search through the manual or fumbles for his visual aids allows wasted time that will tempt young students to talk out of tune or make paper airplanes. Some teachers offer children incentives for reverence by keeping a chart or giving small rewards; others invite a parent to observe the class and help maintain discipline.

In priesthood quorums and other adult classes, responsibility for reverence does not fall on the teacher alone. Adult members know how to behave and should do so regardless of how interesting the teacher seems.

Good order in our meetings is essential to instill into the hearts and lives of members the principle of self-control. They may want to talk and whisper, but they cannot do it, because it will disturb somebody else. We must learn the lesson and power of self-mastery. This is a missionary church. People come here for light and knowledge, for instruction, and they have a right to find it when they come. We want to accord proper respect to the people who have prepared to edify us.

"Keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary," is the Lord's command to Israel in Leviticus. We are told in D&C 109:21 that blessings await those who shall reverence him in his house. Obviously, the most decorous conduct -- unmarred by loud laughter, unnecessary conversation, untoward actions of any sort -- is essential to reverencing the Lord's sanctuary. And what is said of temples is also true of meetinghouses.

Reverence and obedience begin at home. Could it be that the tolerance level for noise and irreverent behavior may have risen in our homes and this may be spilling over into our meetings?

Here are some ideas of things that we can all do:

1. Call your families together, discuss with and teach them proper reverence at home and at Church.
2. Pray for the ability to be reverent.
3. Read the Book of Mormon; President Romney said in a conference address that our spirit of reverence will increase from doing so.
4. Practice self-restraint when you come to meetings.
5. Prepare your family properly for the Sabbath Day.
6. Be on time.
7. Be in class, not in the halls or foyer unless it is necessary to take a child out of the meeting.

8. Be sensitive to others around you; take a fretful child out at the first sign of disturbance; quiet it, then come back.
9. Dismiss classes promptly. Don't allow your class to go overtime.
10. Be prepared before you come, so that you will not have to engage others to get prepared once you are at church.
11. Move quickly and quietly to your next appointed place between meetings. Under the new consolidated meeting schedule, we do not have time for visiting or loitering between meetings, if we are to keep on schedule.
12. Sit quietly and enjoy prelude music. Especially during the sacrament meeting prelude music, prepare yourself mentally to partake of the sacrament.
13. Allow the bishopric to attend priesthood and Sunday School classes. They will make themselves available to you at other times.
14. Don't come up to the stand and engage the bishopric in conversation at the last minute before the meeting starts; they should be spiritually preparing to conduct.
15. Save visits and conversation until after sacrament meeting, and then conduct these in the foyer or outside the building, but never in the chapel. Move quickly and quietly out of the chapel following Sacrament Meeting.

President David O. McKay said, "I was deeply impressed with the lesson that Elder George Q. Morris taught his missionaries in the Sacred Grove. They have an entrance there now, a sort of fence and a gate leading into the sacred spot, where they hold the service. There as you enter the gate is a sign, 'quiet please'. I wish everybody in the Church could experience that quiet attitude of several hundred missionaries in that Sacred Grove, and as soon as the Amen of the benediction was given, these elders retired without conversation, without shaking hands, to the outside part of the grove."

President Joseph F. Smith said, "Self-respect requires, among other things, that one shall behave like a true gentleman, in a house of worship. No self-respecting person will go to a house devoted to the service of God to whisper, gossip and visit; rather, it is one's duty to put on self-restraint, to give one's undivided attention to the speaker, and concentrate the mind upon his words that his thoughts might be grasped to one's benefit and profit."

May we please our Savior and Redeemer by improving the reverence in his house.

(Editor's Note: This message was adapted from a talk given by Jimmy Helms on April 20, 1980 and July 8, 1984. In the next issue, we will offer some practical suggestions for parents with small children.)

Missionaries Released

The Tallahassee Florida Stake extends congratulations for a faithful mission served to two young missionaries who recently returned home from their missions.

Paula Nicholson (Quincy)
Costa Rica San Jose Mission

Brian O'Neill (Bainbridge)
Nevada Las Vegas Mission

Relief Society

by Renee R. Anderson

Relief Society Board Member for
Visiting Teaching and Compassionate Service

On June 1st our Stake Mother and Daughter Fiesta was held with a Mexican theme carried out by decorations and taco salad supper. About 150 sisters attended the evening of games and crafts climaxed by the breaking of a pinata with many treats for all. Second Counselor Donna Tucker and her committee are to be thanked for this special event.

We want to remind everyone of our Stake Visiting Teaching Convention to be held in Tallahassee on October 13th. "Be a Honey of a Visiting Teacher" is the chosen theme and we invite all visiting teachers of the stake to plan to be with us that day.

In these days of so many activities and distractions, it is easy to become caught up and wearied by worldly demands. We need to ever be watchful that we find our energies committed to serving our master, Jesus Christ, and doing His work.

Strive always to be committed to the "right" things: attending our Relief Society meetings, doing our visiting teaching, serving our families and friends and neighbors. We need to "never be weary of good works . . . let thy thoughts be directed unto the Lord . . . counsel with the Lord in all thy doings, and He will direct thee for good." (Alma 37:34-37).

We serve the Lord and ourselves by serving others. We must remember our sacred covenants to sacrifice and consecrate ourselves with all our time, talents and means to help in building up the Kingdom of God.

Make goals of commitment today for better attendance on Sundays and at monthly Homemaking meetings and to do 100% visiting teaching!

Let's bring our sisters to greater spirituality and peace that we may be lifted up now and at the last day.



STRIVING TO BE PROVIDENT

by Lois Davis

Home Production and Storage Resource Specialist
Tallahassee First Ward

This afternoon, as happens occasionally after a rain, we are without electricity. It occurs to me as I'm frustrated in cooking, washing clothes, and vacuuming, that I've become extremely dependent on this commodity. Not only can't I play a record for my children, we can't heat food for dinner, and (woe of woes) the popcorn popper is not functioning. The obvious conclusion at this point is we need food that doesn't need to be heated. Also, fuel for heat could be essential even in a Florida winter.

Two calls to action:

Get out in the garden for a late fall harvest. September plantings of snap, pole, and lima beans, cucumbers, okra, southern peas, peppers, squash, and tomatoes. Protect this crop from drought and pests. Harvest in November. In October we can still plant broccoli and winter squash. Cheryl Prescott, 2nd Ward Relief Society President, also suggests we check our bulbs for spring.

The time is short for ordering from N & R Mill through me. All wards and branches should have this information. Please contact your leaders if you haven't received it. Of course you can still contact me directly at 4009 Danesborough Pl., Tallahassee, FL 32303, phone (904)562-3660. The deadline is September 14. Act now!

Bishop's Corner

by Thurston Spivey
Valdosta Ward Bishop

Why are some people always happy, with a healthy outlook on life? They surely must have their trials and tribulations like the rest of us but they seem to be able to put things in proper perspective and enjoy a positive outlook, as if to say "this will pass, and things will get better." I feel this optimism comes from having faith and hope in Christ that things will work out and truth and righteousness will reign in the end.

We all know individuals who are always down in the dumps. Nothing goes their way, everyone is out to get them, no one loves or befriends them, fate has dealt them a hard role in life.

How can we help these individuals in our midst throw off the shackles of pessimism and develop the qualities of hope and faith? Hope is born of righteousness. "The hope of the righteous shall be gladness. . . ." (Proverbs 10:28). Hope is found through the gospel. Those who gain the full hope of eternal life purify themselves even as Christ is pure (see 1 John 3:1-3).

Faith and hope are inseparable. Hope enables men to have faith in the first instance and then because of faith that hope increases until salvation is gained. "How is it that ye can attain unto faith, save ye shall have hope?" Mormon asks. "And what is it that ye shall hope for? Behold I say unto you that ye shall have hope through the atonement of Christ and the power of his resurrection, to be raised unto life eternal, and this because of your faith in him. . . . Wherefore, if a man have faith he must needs have hope; for without faith there cannot be any hope. And again, behold I say unto you that he cannot have faith and hope, save he shall be meek, and lowly of heart" (Moroni 7:40-43). The dictionary defines meek as patient and mild; not inclined to anger or resentment. Lowly of heart is defined as being humble, which is to recognize our shortcomings as compared to God's attributes.

How then can we help people with a sour outlook on life? We can challenge them to turn to Christ and follow his teachings, for there is happiness and peace of mind. "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding. . ." (Philippians 4:7), is a gift of God to the obedient. "Learn that he who doeth the works of righteousness shall receive his reward, even peace in this world, and eternal life in the world to come" (D&C 59:23).

YOUTH TEMPLE TRIP, from Page 1

Dransfield, Brenda Martin, Monica and Michelle Stayton, Marjorie Karter, Jenifer Sauls, Lisa Carroll, Janelle, Janene and Melody Packard, Raquelle Madsen, Trista Whitley, Michelle Johnson, Yumiko Sugai, Cory Campora, Matt McCreless, Billy Roberts, Michael Carroll, Lamar Dransfield, Chris Hall, Travis Robbins, Clayton Tew, Chris Shipley, Ivan Lybbert, Robert Speck, Bennett Packard, Jeff Clotfelter (Tallahassee Third Ward); April Hesmith, Kim Roberts, Rick Watson, Shane Roberts (Thomasville); Laurel Ethington, Ronnie Bartholomew, Tammy Kassum, Julie Henderson, Jessy, Joseph and James, Jr. Gill, Michael Allen, Jared Walker (Valdosta).

The chaperones included: Earl and Brenda Starling (Bainbridge); Betty Butler (Cairo); Irene Godwin (Moultrie); Paul Nicholson, Bryan Rudd, Connie Rudd, Dorothy Rudd (Quincy); Debra Moss, Carol Bliss (Tallahassee First); John Morgan, Pat Futch, Richard and Louise Anderson, Richard Chapple, Cynthia Baird, Chris Evelo, Patty Horla (Tallahassee Second); Faye Karter, Nancy Shipley, Charles Madsen, Princess McCreless, Linda Carroll (Tallahassee Third); Edith Rehberg (Thomasville); Maureen Webb, Melba and Carl Henderson (Valdosta).

Conrad Futch, from the Tallahassee Second Ward, was the bus driver.

Scouting News



"Anyone got an umbrella?"

The big scouting news in the stake this summer was summer camp; many scouts attended a week-long session at the Wallwood Reservation in Gadsden County.

"Scout camp gives the boys a chance to be on their own and meet other scouts," explained Douglas Taylor, scoutmaster for the Cairo Branch. "Boys that age need some time away from their parents."

The boys are formed into patrols, and must learn to function as a group. They are given daily assignments for campsite maintenance. They eat in a central dining facility and sleep in army cots, two to a tent. Restrooms are modern and the toilets even flush!

Reveille is at 7 am. After breakfast and cleaning up their campsite, the boys attend classes from 9 am to 5 pm. The classes and workshops provide an intensive opportunity for them to earn merit badges and satisfy achievements.

Scouts can work at the handicraft hut where they can learn leatherwork and Indian lore, attend the rifle range where they can learn archery or earn the rifle/shotgun merit badge, or visit the nature hut with snakes and other animals. Although the swimming area on Lake Talquin was closed, the boys were transported to a pool so they could qualify for the swimming merit badge.

Chad Vandembark, Tallahassee Third Ward, earned several merit badges, and was a patrol leader at camp. He commented, "It was hard keeping track of everyone going to and fro. I didn't really miss my parents, but the tent did get a little messy sometimes."

This year scout camp started on Saturday and continued until the following Saturday. But that didn't mean missing church; in fact, some found it inspiring. The multi-ward troop from Tallahassee held sacrament meeting at the chapel in the woods; Marc Vandembark from the Tallahassee Third Ward bishopric presided. The scoutmaster spoke, and many of the boys participated in the meeting. The theme of the meeting centered on man's relationship to nature.

Wednesday was parents' night, and families visited their scouts. Many of the boys participated in a "scout marathon," where they showed off many scouting skills.

In addition to learning to work as a team and tolerate their tentmates, the boys were able to meet and interact with other scouts, most of them non-members. Twice during the week, a campfire was held. It was a special time for motivating and inspiring the campers. The boys sang songs, presented skits and gave cheers.

Some of the boys qualified for the wilderness survival merit badges; requirements included building a lean-to and sleeping in it overnight. Those seeking the pioneering merit badges built a 15 foot tower during the course of the week.

But scouts are not the only people that attend camp. Dozens of adult leaders throughout the stake accompanied their boys, many giving up vacation time or work hours. Scout camp was an enriching experience for all.

Let's go to the Hop!



The Tallahassee Second Ward elders quorum, under the direction of the stake, is organizing a Harvest Hop to be held Friday, October 19, 1984 at the Tallahassee Stake Center from 8 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. All adults 18 and over are invited to attend. The dance will feature music that was popular from the years 1945 through 1974, with the major portion of the music being from the '50s and '60s.

Tallahassee Second Ward bishop Richard Anderson will be the soda jerk for the evening.

All those who attend are requested to dress casually. In fact, it would be really "cool" to wear high school or college clothes.

In addition, a pictorial history of the members of the stake is being compiled. All members of the stake, whether attending the Harvest Hop or not, are asked to send pictures in the following categories:

1. Mission Days -- pictures in missionary attire of those who have served missions
2. Single Days -- pictures of members when they were single.
3. Pictures of couples on their wedding or sealing day.
4. Pictures of families in the early years of their marriage.

Please send pictures or slides with your name, address, ward or branch, and date/description of picture lightly written on the back to John Morgan, 3562 Seasons Lane, Tallahassee, FL 32304. Pictures are needed by September 15, so hurry and dig out the photo albums and have fun selecting some appropriate shots! Your pictures will be returned.

More details will be available through your ward or branch.

See ya at the Hop!

New Members

We welcome the following new members who were baptized in our stake during the months of May, June and July:

Apalachicola: John Joseph Buzzett, Jr., Kevin Reeder, Tom III, Dandra, and Felecia Green, and Valerie Russ

Bainbridge: Daniel and John Barfield, Timothy Parrish

Crawfordville: Jason Crosby

Moultrie: Michael Shiflett, Houston Philips, Vanessa Jenkins, Alice Roberts

Perry: Thomas Parker

Tallahassee I: Robert and Linda Knight, Jeremy Nettles, Martha Owens, Morena Villatore

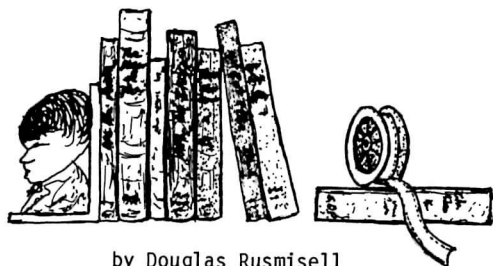
Tallahassee II: Janie Rooks, Julie and Janie McKelvin, James Haskins, Jr., Gary Roesle

Tallahassee Student: James Sparkman

Thomasville: Mildred Adams

Valdosta: Harry Miley, Orestes Johnson, Michael and Susan Stamps

Genealogy Library



by Douglas Rusmisse11
Stake Genealogy Librarian

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from
whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the Lord, . . ."

These first two verses of the 121st Psalm hold a special and deep significance for me. They not only reveal something about my relationship to God, but also reveal something about the very definition of my character. I have always loved the mountains, the outdoors, hiking, camping and canoeing. It was not until I started working on my genealogy that I found that most of my family lived in the mountains for several generations. One wonders how much of our personal likes and dislikes, and world view, have come to us from our ancestors.

Anyone who has lived life can work in genealogy. Most of us have had contact with land transactions (deeds and mortgages), wills, censuses, etc. All you need to do is apply what you know, your own personal experiences about life, to solving research problems concerning your ancestors. How would my new niece find her relationship to me using the records of the society in which we live? Vital statistics? Censuses? Wills? All you need is a little imagination.

New Additions to the Library:

Accelerated Indexing System: The Library has received the first edition. It is an index to early U.S. records such as census and related records.

Family Registry: The Library has received the first edition of this also. It is a system designed to put researchers working on the same problems in touch with one another, thereby eliminating unnecessary duplication.

International Genealogical Index: The new edition is expected sometime this fall, probably in October. It is a listing and index to items submitted by Church members and from the extraction program.

Films on Indefinite Loan: The Library is acquiring an ever growing number of films on indefinite loan. They are microfilm copies of records such as deeds, wills, etc. which are prior to 1850, and fall in the original 13 colonies, Alabama, or Florida.

The Library staff now consists of Lorine Lahtinen, Stella Herring, Laura Byington, Johnnie Helms, and two non-members, Doug Rusmisse11 and Clydene Nelson.

Library hours, as of August 1, are:

Tuesday and Wednesday
8:30 am to 12 noon
6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Thursday
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

The staff librarians are all qualified to help you solve most general research problems, and many are area specialists.

We look forward to seeing more of you attend.

Calendar

September

- 3 Labor Day
- 8 YM/YW Stake Youth Activity
- 9 Tallahassee I Ward Conference
- 11 Stake News deadline
- 15-16 Stake Conference*
- 22 Single Adult/Student Ward Opening Social
- 23 Crawfordville Branch Conference
- 29-30 General Women's Satellite Broadcast*
- 30 Tallahassee III Ward Conference

October

- 6-7 General Conference
- 13 Relief Society Visiting Teaching Conference*
- 14 Quitman Branch Conference
- 19 Harvest Hop*
- 20 YM/YW Priest/Laurel Conference
- 26 Single Adult/Student Ward Halloween Dance
- 27 Stake Priesthood Meeting and Seminar
- 27 Stake Halloween Costume Dance
- 29 Apalachicola Branch Conference
- 31 Halloween

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