

New Counselor in Stake Presidency



Presidents
Madsen,
Chapple,
and
Nicholson

by Colleen Porter

The long-awaited change in the Tallahassee Florida Stake Presidency was made at the recent stake conference when William Paul Nicholson of the Quincy Ward replaced Robert L. Millet as second counselor.

President Nicholson expressed excitement about his new assignment and a firm conviction that it was a calling from the Lord. He comes to us with much experience, having served as bishop of the Quincy Ward for six years and most recently as a counselor in the Quincy ward bishopric and Gospel Doctrine teacher.

A convert of 15 years, President Nicholson was born in Gadsden County, and returned to Quincy 11 years ago. He currently owns and operates Paul's Pest Control. President Nicholson has been active in civic affairs, including Jaycees, Kiwanis, Lion's Club, American Legion, and a recent bid for a county commission seat.

President Nicholson married the former Ann Floyd, and they have four children ages 14-20. Sister Nicholson was recently released from the Young Women's presidency in her ward and now teaches Course 17 in Sunday School.

President Nicholson will be a counselor to President Richard L. Chapple. President Chapple has presided over the Tallahassee Florida Stake for more than five years. Prior to that he was the stake executive secretary.

Many members of the stake would agree with the sentiments expressed by President Millet at stake conference, "I know of no more Christlike man than President Chapple." He is always ready with a quiet smile and soft-spoken word of encouragement.

President Chapple teaches Russian as well as the Gospel. He is on the faculty at FSU and has authored several books in his field. In 1977 he was honored with the Amoco Foundation Award for excellence in teaching. He also serves in the community by teaching fathering classes for a local organization.

President Chapple is a native of Spanish Fork, Utah and has lived in Tallahassee for 11 years. He married the former Suzanne Robinson

Concert Pianist to Perform in Tallahassee



Wladimir
Jan
Kochanski

We are pleased to announce that the Tallahassee Florida Stake will host a performance of the Polish concert pianist Wladimir Jan Kochanski on October 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Leon High School auditorium, East Tennessee St., Tallahassee.

Mr. Kochanski's musical background is impressive. He was educated at the Juilliard School of Music in New York City by Eduard Steuermann and Mme. Rosina Lhevinne. He has received guidance from such musical giants as Rubenstein, Horowitz, and the great Paderewski.

Known as the "People's Pianist", Wladimir Kochanski combines brilliant musicianship with unusual personal concert manners which always result in tremendous audience response. He enjoys speaking to his audience from the stage during the concert and he also likes to visit with the audience during intermission and after the concert. He averages some 120 concerts a year throughout the United States and Europe. He has made it his mission to introduce as many new listeners as possible to the joys of classical music. Kochanski has said, "...it is for the people that I play. If the music reaches only the trained musicians and fails to reach the hearts of the people, then I have failed."

His programs are designed to embrace a wide range from Baroque to modern and from classical to popular. His concerts, with their atmosphere of excitement and warmth, always result in new enthusiasm for seasoned concert goers, and a devotion to music on the part of new listeners. His appearances are always in great demand. One critic wrote of a Kochanski performance, "This concert is definitely not for purists or those expecting the 'stuffy' traditional stereotyped concert. Those who want great music to be the exclusive property of the educated elite will be sorely disappointed."

In addition, Wladimir Kochanski joined the Church in 1978. He has expressed that his baptism into the Church is the greatest event in his life.

Mr. Kochanski especially enjoys having children attend his concerts. Parents are

Stake Presidency Message



by

Charles H. Madsen, Jr.

First Counselor

Alma the Elder was a priest in the court of king Noah, a corrupt Nephite ruler. While in the service of that wicked monarch, he witnessed the ministry and subsequent martyrdom of the great prophet Abinadi. Alma believed upon Abinadi's words and "...according to his faith there was a mighty change wrought in his heart." (Alma 5:12) Following his conversion, the newly committed missionary earnestly preached to all who would listen and so powerful was the impact of his exhortation that "a mighty change was also wrought in their hearts, and they humbled themselves and put their trust in the true and living God. And behold, they were faithful until the end; therefore they were saved." (Alma 5:13)

Symbolically, virtues such as love, honor, courage, faith and rectitude have been "heart" centered. The scriptural injunction "...love the Lord with all thy heart" implies a total allegiance to God and an emotional commitment to obedience. Certain scriptural references indicate a direct physical link to spiritual and emotional conversion. The Lord, speaking of the latter days, said, "I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people." (Jeremiah 31:33) The greatest among the children of Israel have demonstrated an inward commitment to the carrying forth of God's will and the work of his kingdom.

Peter and Andrew, upon hearing the Savior's call "...straightway left their nets, and followed him." (Matthew 4:20) Paul praised the saints of Rome for having "...obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you." (Romans 6:17) Nephi counseled members that they "...must press forward with a steadfastness in Christ, having a perfect brightness of hope, and a love of God and of all men."

Christ commands all who would follow him to seek first the kingdom of God. He set the perfect example of devotion to the Father, in that, pain and personal sacrifice notwithstanding, he "...committed himself to him that judgeth righteously." (I Peter 2:23) The admonition and attendant blessing are well summarized by Nephi; "Wherefore, if ye shall press forward, feasting upon the word of Christ, and endure to the end, behold, thus saith the Father: YE SHALL HAVE ETERNAL LIFE." (II Nephi 31:20)

Alma the Younger, anxious for his people to receive the aforementioned blessing, queried, "...have ye spiritually been born of God? Have ye received his image in your countenances? Have ye experienced this mighty change in your hearts?" (Alma 5:14)

May we all seek to be able to answer those questions in the affirmative, is our prayer, in the name of Christ, Amen.

A Look at LDS Social Services

by Vickie Lockmiller

Whenever there is a flood or tornado, the impact on human lives and property can be devastating. Just as devastating, but not as easily recognizable, are the social-emotional problems which people often face. Marital disharmony, a childless family seeking to adopt an infant, unwed parents, these are all needs which cannot be met by ministering temporally to the individual. But the Lord has provided us with an important resource in meeting these needs. This resource is the LDS Social Services division of Welfare Services organized by the First Presidency of the Church.

The purpose of LDS Social Services is to help priesthood leaders assist members who have social-emotional needs. This is done by using highly qualified staff members and volunteers whose values, knowledge, and professional skills are in harmony with the gospel and the order of the Church. Assistance is provided in two main areas - licensed and clinical services. Licensed services include those functions which are governed by law, such as adoptions and foster care; and clinical services include consultation, evaluation, and professional therapy for individuals and families.

Licensed professional adoption services are available to qualified Latter-day Saint families through LDS Social Services in compliance with all state and federal laws. The goal is to provide an eternal home for children who need one.

Children who are unable to remain in their natural homes may be placed temporarily in licensed foster homes which are approved and supervised by agency personnel. Foster homes provide guidance to the child. Priesthood counseling and agency therapy service are provided for the parents and child. The goal is to restore and strengthen the natural family unit and help prepare for the reuniting of the family.

Unwed parent services primarily assist single persons in coping with out-of-wedlock pregnancy. Services are provided in confidence and upon personal request or upon referral by priesthood leaders, family, or friends. Services may include counseling, foster care, education, medical care, placement of the child for adoption with approved LDS families if desired, and above all, friendship and understanding. Services of this type are available for both members and nonmembers. This program also provides an alternative to abortion to anyone, married or single.

Clinical services provided by LDS Social Services include consultation, evaluation, and treatment in the form of counseling for social-emotional problems. At the request of priesthood leaders, professional therapists assist members in exploring causes and solutions to their problems.

In the Tallahassee Florida Stake, our LDS Social Services Representative is Julie Humphreys. It is her job to help implement and administer licensed adoption, foster care, and unwed parent services. All representatives must undergo training for this calling.

If you would like further information regarding LDS Social Services, you may ask your Bishop or Branch President, or contact Sister Humphreys: (904) 575-8954

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SEMINARY - "Our Choice Young People"

by Colleen Porter

It is still dark out, the roosters have not yet crowed, and most people are still asleep. But all over the Stake, alarm clocks are buzzing, cereal is rustling into bowls, and car doors are slamming behind running feet. It is time for early morning seminary.

According to Arnold Garr, Director of Seminaries and Institutes, 13 units in the Stake have seminary programs, involving a total of 70 high-school aged youth. Tallahassee First Ward is the largest with 20 students, while four of the programs have only one pupil. Most units have early morning seminary, with starting times between 6 and 7 a.m. However, Crawfordville students are taking seminary by home study; every week they do four lessons on their own and meet together each Wednesday afternoon. Our young people are in good company: Church-wide there are 250,000 seminary students; 40% are early morning seminary; 20% are take-home study, and the remaining 40% are on release time (some of the Western states allow time during regular school hours for students to attend seminary).

The importance of seminary has been stressed by President Spencer W. Kimball, who has said, "Secular knowledge, important as it may be, can never save a soul nor open the

Primary

FRESH ORIGINALS

By Luslla S. Barnes
New Zealand Mission

I'm only a Primary teacher,
A sister said to me,
I just teach the younger children,
What challenge is that to me?
There's no need for great preparation,
I just go there week after week
And give them the lesson that's outlined,
No need to delve or to seek.
I'd like a chance with the adults
Who's knowledge a challenge would be
For study, to build up my wisdom
And give advancement to me.

How narrow your vision, dear Sister.
Have you forgotten the thought
That those "Fresh Originals," straight from God,
Must all His truths be taught,
That lessons learned during early years
Are the most important of all?
That those who teach these little ones
Need wisdom for their call?
Can you discount the imprint
That is made on these young souls
By an unenlightened teacher
Who fails to give them goals?
But the humble, faithful teacher
Can form a pattern for life
That will guide God's children daily
And keep them safe from strife.

Take up this noble challenge,
Accept this humble call,
Give to your Primary teaching
Your love, your heart, your all,
And, yours will be the blessings
As you study, prepare, and teach,
These children will call you blessed
As maturity they reach.
For under careful teaching
Those "Fresh Originals" become
God's chosen men and women
Among all Christendom.

celestial kingdom...can you see why we must let spiritual training take first place?" And further, "All of our choice young people should avail themselves of this medium for recognizing and strengthening their eternal relationships with God."

This year seminary students throughout the Church will be studying the Book of Mormon. Requirements for seminary include reading the Book of Mormon, knowing the assigned scriptures, and attending 80% of the classes (this translates to 144 of the 180 school days). The students are assigned 40 quotes from the Book of Mormon for scripture mastery, formerly called scripture chase. Students need not memorize the exact wording, but they do learn the meaning, location, and application of these verses.

Brother Garr cannot hide his pride as he speaks of those participating in seminary. "I am touched as I visit the early morning seminary classes throughout the Stake and see the faithful students and dedicated teachers who get up so early to study the scriptures together."

High-school students interested in seminary who are not currently enrolled should contact their bishopric for more information.

Relief Society

by Linda Campora
Stake Relief Society President

"Charity Never Faileth." This beautiful Relief Society motto phrased over 100 years ago holds especially true today in these hectic, busy times.

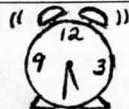
The Lord holds charity as the most important quality one can develop, and He uses it as a measuring stick for those who truly love Him.

Most of us do not have the means, time, nor opportunity to render extensive charitable acts, or make large donations to causes, but all of us can cultivate a charitable heart by exercising love in small day-to-day acts. There is not one of us who could not do any or all of the following:

1. Pay a generous fast offering.
2. Call one lonely person.
3. Write to a missionary.
4. Put a few homemade cookies in the mailbox to surprise your mailman.
5. Send a card to a shut-in.
6. Hold someone's hand when it needs holding.
7. Leave a love note under your child's pillow.
8. Take your used magazines to the hospital waiting room instead of discarding them.
9. Be forgiving.
10. Send a thank you card to your parents on your birthday.
11. Next time your family goes to a movie, invite a widow to go with you.
12. Do quality home and visiting teaching.
13. If you can't bake bread, then buy your neighbor a carton of ice cream - it doesn't really matter!

By doing small acts of kindness often, one's capacity for giving and loving increases. If there is unhappiness in your life, reach out to someone else - make their life better and you are happier -

Charity never faileth!



A Missionary Ensign

from the Stake Seventies

Over 150 years ago, in the little town of Fayette, New York, the Lord set up an ensign to all the nations. It was in fulfillment of the prophesy made by Isaiah many centuries ago. That ensign, which was established for the last time, never to be destroyed or taken from the earth again, was the church of Jesus Christ. It has been the greatest event the world has seen since the the Redeemer atoned for our sins. It means more to mankind than anything else that has occurred since.

Following the raising of this ensign, the Lord endowed his Elders with the power and authority of the Holy Melchizedek Priesthood and sent them forth. They traveled to many nations of the earth bearing witness of the restoration of the Lord's Church. They have continually called upon the inhabitants of the earth to repent and to follow the Savior with meek and lowly hearts.

Today they are still preaching the gospel and gathering out of the nations the seed of Israel unto whom the promise of Abraham was made.

Latter-day Saints have been taught that whatever else we do in life, it is our responsibility to establish and organize Zion. We are often overwhelmed by the responsibility of preparing ourselves and others to meet the Savior, but there is nothing more important in our mortal existence than this. The Lord teaches us through his prophets and leaders that each of us is to be a missionary, that each of us is responsible for Zion in our Stake. What greater privilege could be ours than to be a witness of the true and living gospel established by the Savior of the world!

It was summed up in such a simple fashion by President Kimball in the opening address of General Conference in April, 1981:

"My brothers and sisters, as the Brethren of the First Presidency and the Twelve have meditated upon and prayed about the great latter-day work the Lord has given us to do, we are impressed that the mission of the Church is threefold:

- To proclaim the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to every nation, kindred, tongue and people.
- To perfect the saints by preparing them to receive the ordinances of the gospel and by instruction and discipline to gain exaltation;
- To redeem the dead by performing vicarious ordinances of the gospel for those who have lived on the earth.

All three are part of one work - to assist our Father in Heaven and His Son, Jesus Christ, in Their grand and glorious mission, 'to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man.'"

This is the key to building Zion. The Lord has placed, in proper sequence, the threefold mission of the Church. If we didn't have members of the Church, there wouldn't be anyone to perfect or do temple work. Without missionary work the Church would become stagnant and our progenitors would be lost.

Whether we come from a long line of Mormon ancestors or are the only members of the Church

in our family, someone shared the gospel with us and now we are reaping the blessings. Let us all know and realize the importance of the Lord's work here in the Tallahassee Stake. The Lord's work will go forth, Brothers and Sisters, and it is our prayer that you will continue to be a part of it. The battle is real, but we can be grateful that the Lord is on our side supporting us in all that we do.

Let us remember as we bear our testimonies to include our missionary experiences and explain how they have helped to strengthen that testimony.

Notes on Stake Conference

The semi-annual conference of the Tallahassee Florida Stake was held September 18 and 19. Elder Willard T. Brannen, Regional Representative, presided.

The Saturday evening session focused on financial and resource management. We were counseled to make and meet financial goals that allow us to live on less than we earn. Of primary consideration is to "seek ye first the kingdom of God." (Matthew 6:33) We are promised that if we pay an honest tithe, the Lord will "...open the windows of heaven..." (Malachi 3:10) and bless us abundantly. Likewise, the payment of a generous fast offering brings rich blessings. The Lord did not promise that we would be materially wealthy, but many spiritual blessings are realized from obedience to these commandments. Finally, we were reminded to be creative and incorporate such things as gardening and sewing as a financial resource.

The Sunday general session was filled with emotional farewells to President Robert L. Millet, who was released as Second Counselor in the Stake Presidency. The Millets, who have moved from the area, will be missed by their friends throughout the Stake. Brother William Paul Nicholson was sustained as Second Counselor to President Chapple.

Instruction was given on a variety of subjects. It was pointed out that trials and adversity are given to us to strengthen us and help us prepare to meet the Lord. There is no scriptural basis for saying we have adversity because we did something wrong or that if we live righteously we will not have adversity. We were reminded to be happy and cheerful, for we, of all people, have much to be happy about. Our joys can be multiplied by sharing the gospel with others. We were promised that if we and the missionaries would kneel together in prayer in our homes, in faith and with real intent, that we would be given someone to teach the gospel to.

We heard inspiring remarks about our land of America, which land is great because it is a free land, and when it ceases to be free it will cease to be great. This is the promised land which will remain free from bondage and captivity if we will but serve God.

We were counseled to learn to love others by doing things for them. The Savior loves each of us so much because of what He did for us.

There is a spark of divinity within each of us, and we were told that what we are is a gift from God and what we become is our gift to Him. In closing, the challenge was given to carry with us into our everyday living the Spirit and counsel we received and to remember who we are.

Temple Briefs

by Conrad Futch
Temple Coordinator

We wish to commend all who have performed ordinance work in the Washington Temple. The Lord will bless you for your willingness and obedience.

In August, 38 adults and two children from the Tallahassee, Florida Stake attended the Temple and 626 endowments were performed. We all can be very proud of this.

There is one more excursion this year leaving October 17. We need your continued support, so please see your Bishop or Branch President and make arrangements to go.

Atlanta Temple

We are looking forward to the completion of the Atlanta Temple anticipated in the Spring of 1983. How special it will be for those whose attendance is limited because of the great distance to Washington, and how wonderful it will be for all of us to have the opportunity to attend more frequently.

Prayer Roll

Names sent to the Washington Temple to be included on the prayer roll will now remain on the roll for a two week period. As a result it will not be necessary to re-submit the names of those that continue to be ill that you desire to be remembered in prayers in the Temple, until after the two weeks have expired.

Special Patrons

A physical disability need not keep one from receiving the blessings of the Temple. Sister Nola Carlson of Chicago, Illinois, who is confined to a wheelchair, said that she had found it surprisingly simple to perform temple ordinance work, and felt that other "special patrons" should be informed of what to expect. She submitted the following 13 points, which may be helpful.

1. In the Temple there are no handicapped people - just "special patrons".
2. Wheelchairs are available. They have self-steering wheels. Just ask!
3. Special washrooms and dressing rooms are also available.
4. You will receive your covenants and make your vows sitting down, if necessary.
5. Completing a session can be done from a wheelchair, with assistance if needed.
6. Make your needs known. Temple workers want you to be comfortable, but cannot help if you do not let them know.
7. When spending a full day at the Temple, be sure to eat. Ask for assistance in obtaining your food at the cafeteria.
8. Remember, when doing several endowments, you can leave your recommend at the Name Desk on the second level. Your recommend will automatically be sent to the third level with a new name.

9. For your own comfort and convenience, when entering an endowment room take a minute to evaluate your needs. If you need extra leg room, try the front row. If you need extra support when standing, sit in the second row.
10. A "special patron" means handicapped. Look for this wording. You will find a lot of help.
11. You may use your own wheelchair, cane, etc., so long as you are comfortable.
12. Canes do not need to be white to be used in the Temple.
13. Relax and enjoy your day at the House of the Lord. You are "special".

How Great Will Be Your Joy

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

MEMBER MISSIONARY

by Max Sweat
Stake High Councilor

The Lord has given us guidelines on doing missionary work in the Church:

"Our goal should be to identify as soon as possible which of our Father's children are spiritually prepared to proceed all the way to baptism into the kingdom. One of the best ways to find out is to expose your friends, relatives, neighbors, and acquaintances" (note: "acquaintances" - these are people such as your barber, laundry attendant, gas station attendant, doctor, etc.) "to the full-time missionaries as soon as possible. Don't wait for long fellowshipping nor for the precise, perfect moment. What you need to do is find out if they are the elect. '(My) elect hear my voice and harden not their hearts.' (D&C 29:7) If they hear and have hearts open to the gospel, it will be evident immediately. If they won't listen and their hearts are hardened with skepticism or negative comments they are not ready. In this case, keep loving them and fellowshipping them and wait for the next opportunity to find out if they are ready. You will not lose their friendship. They will still respect you."

--Spencer W. Kimball (Ensign, Oct. 1977, p.6)

"The heads of families should report their progress in missionary work to their priesthood leaders. Fathers who are home teachers may report in their regular personal priesthood interviews. Others may report through their home teachers."

--(Gen. Missionary Handbook, p.11)

Here we have the promise of a prophet of the Lord, that we will lose neither friendship nor respect as we attempt to share the gospel with others. May we be anxiously engaged in this most necessary work, "For behold the field is white already to harvest; and lo, he that thrusteth in his sickle with his might, the same layeth up in store that he perisheth not, but bringeth salvation to his soul..." (D&C 4:4), and if we bring one soul unto Christ, "how great shall be your joy with him in the kingdom...and...if your joy will be great with one soul...how great will be your joy if you should bring many souls unto me!" (D&C 18:15&16)

Tallahassee 2nd Ward

by Colleen Porter

The girls of Tallahassee Second Ward got a taste of Relief Society when a mother-daughter homemaking night was held September 7. The evening began with dinner at tables decorated with pictures of the Young Women's musical production. The menu included lasagna, tossed green salad, and chocolate pudding. The mothers and daughters chose from a variety of classes. Lynda Bergstrom led a class in painting sugar cookies while Karen Lunt taught basket weaving. Sara Lee Beard gave a demonstration on make-up techniques and Geneva Feagle and her daughters gave a presentation called "Kids in the Kitchen." The Feagles were assisted by Sabrina Oven and Audra Oven, who won the Tallahassee Democrat's cooking contest for young people. About 50 mothers, daughters, and friends attended the event. The meal was prepared by Marie King, Marion Whitley, Lois Newham, Mary McCreless and Jennifer Fish.

Tallahassee Second Ward held a Youth Missionary Day Saturday, August 27 to end the summer in style. It was an all-day affair, involving mutual-aged young people from Tallahassee First and Second Wards, Madison, Quincy, Crawfordville, Apalachicola, and Monticello, as well as their non-member friends. The afternoon was filled with outdoor games and volleyball, followed by a cookout. That night there was a dance at the Stake Center. About 80 teenagers attended; approximately a third of those were non-members.

Can you really travel from Idaho to Tallahassee via a slide? Second Ward has a new family that did just that. For several years, Monte and Patty Christofferson and their four children had been living on a farm outside the small, predominantly Mormon town of Gooding, Idaho. However, for over a year they had been considering that a change of scenery might be nice. Their prayers were answered unexpectedly; Patty's relatives had been building a water slide in Tallahassee and wanted someone in the family to manage it. The Christoffersons made the cross-country journey and their new ward quickly put their talents to good use. Patty is a counselor in Primary and Monte is working with the Webelos.

The Second Ward Primary gave a special presentation at sacrament meeting September 12. The theme was "By Love, Serve One Another," and the children gave a beautiful performance of primary songs and adult hymns.

Bainbridge Branch

Individuals in the Bainbridge Branch have been selling food storage items to raise money for a chapel. Some items are still available for purchase. Interested persons may call Lane Giddens at (912) 246-8100 for additional information.

It may not be a chapel yet, but the members in the Bainbridge Branch are getting closer to that goal. They have recently moved into a new building, which was previously used by two other denominations and abandoned.

Bryan O'Neil has made an advancement in the priesthood. He was ordained an Elder at the recent Stake Conference. Members of the Bainbridge Branch are proud of his faithfulness and diligence.

Tallahassee 1st Ward

by Sandy Taylor

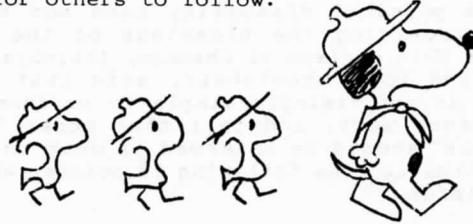
President Kimball said that all Saints should be involved in some sort of an exercise program to get our physical bodies in condition to keep up with the fast-paced world that we live in. The boy scouts in the Tallahassee First Ward are doing just that. Under the direction of the ward young men's president, Brother Tom Grant, and the scout leader, Brother Terry Bunker, the boys planned a hike from Astoria Park Elementary School to Silver Lake, walking the entire 13-mile distance, some carrying back packs.

First-time hikers were Chris and Mike Poppell, Brooke Bliss, David Clark, Buddy Jones, and non-members Perry Ponder, Chris Francourt, Jason Stoutamire, Richard Cavendish and Kurt Cantrell. The more experienced hikers were Ric Peregrino (senior patrol leader), John Taylor (assistant senior patrol leader), and Russell Tew (patrol leader).

What started out to be a beautiful, clear day soon became wet and rainy during the last mile of the hike, but it was refreshing to the tired, hot troop. Even though boys and belongings were dampened, spirits were not, and with the experience of Brother Grant, tents were set up, fires were started, and meals were cooked. During the night, the boys took turns doing a one-hour night watch. On Saturday, under the direction of Brother Bunker, valuable lessons were taught and duties were carried out as planned.

Future plans are in the making for a two-day canoe trip down Blackwater River.

These scouts are certainly setting an example for others to follow.



Calendar

October

9	Stake Volleyball
15-16	Priests/Laurels Conference
17-23	Temple Trip*
25	Wladimir Kochanski Piano Concert*
31	Tallahassee I Ward Conference
31	S.A. Fireside



November

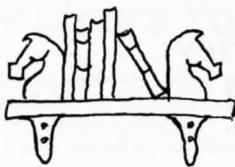
5-7	Multi-Region S.A. Conference
6	Special Interest Conference
6	Primary Priesthood Preview
10	Stake Newsletter Deadline*
12	S.A. Hayride
13	Y.W./Y.M. Service Project
14	Cairo Branch Conference
20	Stake Auxiliary Training Mtg.
21	Tallahassee II Ward Conference
25	Thanksgiving
28	S.A. Fireside



*see articles for details

BOOK REVIEW

New Arrivals



by Suzanne Meik
Seventies Bookstore Representative

Do you like to read the life stories of our Church leaders? Available at the Stake Seventies Bookstore are two new books - the biographies of President N. Eldon Tanner and Elder LeGrand Richards.

N. Eldon Tanner: His Life and Service, by G. Homer Durham, Deseret Book, \$8.95.

The Tanner biography explores the life of this fascinating man who has served as counselor to four presidents of the Church and who has been acclaimed as a financial genius, an astute businessman, and a loving husband and father. Above all, his life has been one of integrity and of always doing what is right rather than what is expedient. This book will provide a fuller understanding of this beloved man, this devoted witness of Jesus Christ.

LeGrand Richards: Beloved Apostle, by Lucille Tate, Bookcraft, \$7.95.

Elder LeGrand Richards, at 96, is the oldest General Authority of this gospel dispensation. He has also become a legend in his own lifetime. His life story is done in an attractive and readable style and with many fascinating anecdotes and personal experiences. He authored the classic missionary tool, A Marvelous Work and a Wonder. Elder Richards knows and loves the South, having served as the Southern States Mission President in the 30's. His great example stands out in these pages.

A Mormon Mother

This autobiography of Annie Clark Tanner, the polygamous wife of a leading Church educator and mother of a large family, provides insight to one of the most interesting periods of Church history.

A Fragment: The Autobiography of Mary Jane Mount Tanner

This book provides a fascinating picture of Mormon society a hundred years ago as she describes life in a polygamous family, her Church activities, and responsibilities as wife of a bishop and mother of a large family.

Letters of Long Ago

Emma Just was a Mormon pioneer woman on the Idaho frontier. This is a chronical of her happiness and frustration, her courage and fear as she worked to build a home and rear a family.

A Biography of Ezra Thompson Clark

This Mormon pioneer held various Church positions, served several missions, married three wives, and fathered 21 children while establishing himself as a farmer and businessman.

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and they have six children ranging in age from 1-1/2 to 12. Sister Chapple serves in the Tallahassee II Young Women's Presidency.

Since assuming the stake presidency, President Chapple has been assisted by Charles H. Madsen, Jr., who served initially as Second Counselor and then as First Counselor the past two years. President Madsen is known throughout the stake for his love of the gospel, commonsense advice on marriage, and interest in Florida State football.

President Madsen is a psychologist who teaches at FSU and directs a private family counseling clinic. He too, has authored and co-authored many books in his field and is highly respected by his peers. A native of Price, Utah, he has lived in Tallahassee since 1967 and previously served as a high councilor, elders quorum president, branch president, and various positions in the Young Men's organization.

He married the former Diane Broadbent and the couple has six children ranging in age from 4 to 20. Sister Madsen teaches Gospel Doctrine in the Tallahassee I Ward.

We are fortunate in the Tallahassee Florida Stake to have such devoted and inspired leaders. It is not an easy job. A conservative estimate is 20 hours of work per week for each member of the presidency.

The week starts on Sunday, often rising as early as 5:30 a.m. to visit each of our units at least once a year. They fast every visiting Sunday, and often do not return home until late afternoon.

Wednesdays are also devoted to the Lord's work, and again they fast to have the spirit. The Stake Presidency meets at 4:30 in the afternoon, and for an hour they discuss policy and personnel. From 5:30-8:00 p.m. they conduct interviews: temple recommends, bishoprics, priesthood quorums, stake auxiliaries and others. Twice monthly the High Council meets at 8:00. As a council or in committees, the stake presidency meets with the high councilors for several hours. After the council meeting is finished, the presidency meets staff, clerks, and secretaries. Sometimes they are finished by midnight.

Our stake leaders are dedicated servants and good examples. "I just want everyone in the stake to know," said Sister Chapple, "that Richard is really as nice at home as he is in public."

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Wherever They Are Called

by Elder Royce Backman



With one-hundred ninety plus missionaries under his charge, President Joseph F. Horne of the Florida Tallahassee Mission has quite a load on his shoulders. His responsibilities, along with presiding over the Mission, include keeping nearly two hundred full-time missionaries happy, healthy, and growing in knowledge and spirituality.

At the Mission Headquarters in Tallahassee, President Horne has called special missionaries to help keep the Lord's work moving smoothly in Northern Florida, Southern Georgia, and Alabama. Their experience and willing attitudes make the Mission go.

Elder Keven Jensen from North Ogden, Utah and Elder David M. Lee from Sebastopol, California have been called to serve as "Assistants to the President". An Assistant will usually remain in this position until he returns home. Elder Jensen is responsible for the work and welfare of the missionaries in the western half of the Mission, and Elder Lee the eastern half. Along with filling out reports on the progress of the areas, these Elders travel throughout the Mission and work individually with the missionaries, sharing their experience and love with them.

Says Elder Jensen of his calling, "It's been a real growing experience. I never realized how much work was involved. It's been neat to serve with President Horne and see how much he loves and cares about the missionaries. You can really feel the spirit guide you as you try to make decisions and as President Horne prays with us about new callings or transferring missionaries."

Elder Lee is the newest member of the Mission Office Staff, and will be finishing his two-year call soon. He has truly loved serving among the Southern people. "It's an honor to be an Assistant to President Horne," says Elder Lee. "He's a great man and very personable and loving. He relates very well to people, and they always respond in a positive way."

Sister Heather Hancock has been assigned to work as the Mission President's Secretary. "I spend most of my time typing letters for President Horne. He sometimes has as many as forty letters for me in a single day. I also take care of most of the Mission's correspondence, keep track of the new missionaries coming in, and make sure the telephone gets answered. It has been a great experience to see all that takes place in keeping a mission going." Sister Hancock comes from Fresno, California and a family of six. She enjoys doing the Lord's work wherever she may be.

Sister Hancock's able companion from Provo, Utah is Sister Linda Trebesch. She takes the responsibility of Mission Recorder. "I process the Baptismal Recommends and do the Monthly Stake Comparative report, which shows how each Stake in the Mission is doing in its

missionary work. In addition, I maintain the current address, phone number, companion and assignment of each missionary and a Mission directory." The Mission Recorder also makes sure that referrals are forwarded to the correct areas and keeps up the Mission History and transfer records. "I've grown a lot since coming into the office and working with President Horne. I think he is a very spiritual man. I've never seen anyone so dedicated to doing what's right. He's a very wise and loving leader."

Filling the spot as Mission Financial Secretary is Elder Dana Izatt. His job is probably one of the most difficult in the Mission. He is sometimes called the "Car Czar" by the other missionaries because of his responsibilities over the cars. "We have forty-five cars in the Mission, and I have to answer for them to Salt Lake. They're pretty strict about the cars and if something goes wrong, I usually get a phone call right quick!" Elder Izatt has been in the Mission office the longest with 7 months under his belt. Along with the cars are the mountains of paper work that the Church requires for financial reasons. Elder Izatt plans on being an accountant when he gets home and feels this calling has really helped him to grow.

Elder J. Attridge from Deer Park, Washington, runs the Mission Commissary. "I've got three rooms full of pamphlets, books, and you name it. I spend most of my time making sure that the missionaries get all the supplies they need to work effectively. I've really enjoyed working with President Horne and helping the other missionaries."

Sister Trebesch and Sister Hancock spend their proselyting time in the Tallahassee 1st Ward and the Monticello Branch. The rest of the office staff work in the Tallahassee 2nd Ward, in the northeast section of Leon County. Since these missionaries work in the office until five in the evening, they aren't as able as other missionaries to get as much proselyting work accomplished. One of the staff members said: "We don't get to see as many people as we'd like to, and we're not nearly as 'visible' as the full-time proselyting missionaries. But it doesn't really matter because we know that we're making a vital contribution to the Gospel effort and that Heavenly Father blesses us for our diligence too! We know the behind-the-scenes contributions we make are necessary and important."

These hard working young people strive to grow closer to the Savior by helping their fellow missionaries better fulfill their callings. But they each said that the rewards in personal growth and strength of testimony were all well worth it. This is how President Horne makes the Florida Tallahassee Mission one of the greatest and most successful in the Church - dedicated missionaries that love the Lord and His work and have a willing desire to serve wherever they may be called!

Baptisms

We welcome the following new members who were baptized in the Tallahassee Stake in July and August:

July

Moultrie Branch: Michael DeVane

Tallahassee I Ward: Lee Ann Goodwin

Tallahassee II Ward: Odell DeSue

Valdosta Ward: Gabriel Irehuku

August

Moultrie Ward: Melinda Knauff

Tallahassee II Ward: Madelyn Hutchison
Stephanie Hutchison
Terence Hughes
Jennifer Hughes
Cynthia Hughes
Bridget Strickland

Valdosta Ward: Tommy Goss

CONCERT PIANIST TO PERFORM (from Page 1)

encouraged to bring their children who are 8 years or older. The stake presidency reminds us that this is a good family activity for a Monday night.



Tickets will be sold to the public at the Sears ticket counter at Governor's Square Mall in Tallahassee beginning October 1 and at the door the night of the concert. In addition, all members of the Church may order tickets for themselves and their guests by mail with the form below. The prices include Patron-\$10 (reserved seating), General Admission-\$4, and Student/child-\$2.50 (both non-reserved seating). Orders for tickets by mail must be received by October 15. These tickets will be held for you at the door or mailed to you if you include a stamped, self addressed envelope with your order. Tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis to members and non-members alike, so please respond by mail or go to Sears as soon as possible.

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Missionary Releases

Two members of the Tallahassee Florida Stake were recently released as full-time missionaries. We welcome them back, and congratulate them for their faithful and honorable service.

Sister Linda Allen (Student Ward)
Peru, Lima North Mission

Brother Thomas Freeman (Quitman Branch)
Idaho, Boise Mission

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