

## Student Ward Dissolved

The anticipated closing of the Tallahassee Student Ward became official by unanimous vote in all 4 Tallahassee Wards on August 24. This decision is in accordance with new Church guidelines regarding Student and Singles Wards.

In talking with several members, past and present, memories of the Student Ward seem to revolve around the core of the ward's existence over the last 17 years.

- A great spirit of unity. Because it was a small group, everyone knew everyone well, and knew when someone was ill or otherwise in need and offered support.

- A fantastic missionary spirit. Throughout its years, the Student Ward regularly saw a good number of new converts. Testimonies of different strengths flourished in its atmosphere. Many were prepared to serve full-time missions.

- Romance. Many people met their eternal companion in the Student Ward.

- Service. Everyone had several callings and worked hard to carry them out. Home and visiting teaching percentages were often the highest in the stake. Among the greatest purposes the Student Ward served was the opportunity it gave young people to grow by serving in positions of leadership.

While the last Sacrament Meeting in the Student Ward was likened to that of a funeral from a historical and emotional standpoint, the remarks of all the speakers reflected the kind of positive outlook typical of the Student Ward. Words like liveliness, enthusiasm, spirit of giving, and unity, were used to describe the ward. Members were counseled to carry their strengths with them into the wards and "act as a leaven to help the other wards grow in different directions."

Joseph Durrance, who has served as bishop for the past 2 years, praised the Student Ward for being well on its way to accomplishing in 8 months the goals that were set in baptisms, in-home discussions, endowments, and mission calls for the year.

The stake presidency reflected on their experiences with the Student Ward and some of its individuals. President Paul Nicholson commended the young people for making good decisions in their lives, and carrying that a step further, President Charles Madsen encouraged them to be good examples, particularly to the youth in their new wards. President Richard Chapple advised the members to have a "home life characterized by doing worthwhile things," and specifically directed them to pray morning and evening, read the scriptures and gain understanding of them, learn to enjoy fasting and do it regularly and often, and heed the promptings of the spirit to share the gospel with neighbors. He concluded by stating, "You will be successful wherever you live; you will contribute to the Kingdom wherever you live. But more important is what we do outside of Church in our personal and private lives to get closer to the Savior."

Members of the Tallahassee Student Ward will be dispersed to the wards in which they live according to geographic boundaries. Tallahassee First Ward will be the greatest recipient with about 62 members transferring there; Tallahassee Second and Third Wards will each receive about 11 new members, and Quincy and Monticello will each receive one transfer.

May the hundreds who have been in the Student Ward over the years remember their experiences and spread their devotion throughout the Church.

## Meet Our Visiting General Authority

Elder Dean L. Larsen, a member of the Presidency of the First Quorum of the Seventy, has served in the Quorum since October 1, 1976.

Currently, he serves as executive director of the Church Historical Department, Church Historian, and Recorder.



At the time of his call to the First Quorum of the Seventy, he was employed as editor of magazines and director of instructional materials for the Church. He has been executive secretary of the Church's Indian Committee, coordinator of curriculum planning and the director of instructional materials for the Church's Curriculum Department. He was executive director of the Priesthood Department for five years.

Other Church service includes Regional Representative in the Colorado, New Mexico, Texas areas; member of the Church's General Priesthood Missionary Committee; member of the Sunday School General Board; secretary of the Adult Correlation Committee; mission president of the Texas South Mission, San Antonio, Texas; high councilor, Davis Utah Stake; bishop of the Byron Wyoming Ward; a stake missionary and member of the Big Horn Stake missionary presidency.

He received a B.S. Degree in English from Utah State University in 1948 and later became a high school teacher and basketball coach in Wyoming. He taught at Institutes of Religion in Ogden, Weber State College, and Salt Lake, University of Utah. Also, he taught at the Intermountain Indian School in Brigham City, Utah.

Elder Larsen and his wife, Geneal Johnson Larsen, reside in Kaysville, Utah. They are the parents of five children: Kristine, Michael, Deanne, Sandra and Jan.

## Stake Presidency Message

by Charles H. Madsen, Jr.  
Second Counselor



Last General Conference we had the opportunity to sustain a new prophet of God. What a special privilege to have in our midst President Ezra Taft Benson, the mouthpiece for the Lord upon the earth, a man schooled and prepared for many years (called as an apostle in 1943) to lead the Kingdom of God upon the earth. We sustained him with the uplifted hand and now it is an obligation to sustain him by obedience to those directions he has been inspired to give on behalf of the Lord.

One central theme of President Benson's remarks and counsel at General Conference concerned our use of the Book of Mormon. He indicated the Church is under condemnation for not reading, studying, pondering, and using the Book of Mormon in our missionary efforts. If we are to follow our prophet we need to give heed to his instructions.

I was once asked by a non-member if we indeed had a living prophet. When informed that we did he became visibly excited and inquired about his instruction that month. Perhaps many of us have not fully appreciated the blessings a prophet brings and have tended to take for granted this high and holy office. Perhaps we have been secure in the knowledge that we have such an office but have not fully contemplated our own responsibilities. When the prophet speaks officially, the Doctrine & Covenants indicates it is the "mind and will of the Lord" and whether it be "my voice or the voice of my servants it is the same."

Have you made the Book of Mormon the center of your personal and family study of the Gospel as directed by our prophet? If not, why not? Perhaps we rationalize and lie to ourselves by stating that we are now studying the Old Testament for Gospel Doctrine class and we will get to the Book of Mormon later. This doesn't fulfill our obligation. We must read, study, and ponder the Book of Mormon in addition to whatever other scripture or Church books we are reading. Or, perhaps we say we don't have time. Will we answer when the Savior asks why we did not comply that our priorities were different and we really didn't think it was that important? Or, perhaps we might say to ourselves and even to others that we put a great deal of time into Church work and that should be sufficient. Are any excuses or self-deceptions sufficient when our prophet directs? It is probably better not to take the chance. We should not worry about what course others may take but decide that for us and our families we will follow the prophet to the best of our ability.

When we do follow the prophet, blessings will invariably be poured upon our heads. President Benson concluded the General Conference on April 6, 1986 with these words:

Now, in the authority of the sacred priesthood in me vested, I invoke my blessing upon the Latter-day Saints and upon good people everywhere.

I bless you with increased discernment to judge

between Christ and anti-Christ. I bless you with increased power to do good and to resist evil. I bless you with increased *understanding* of the Book of Mormon. I promise you that from this moment forward, if we will daily sup from its pages and abide by its precepts, that God will pour out upon each child of Zion and the Church a blessing hitherto unknown--and we will plead to the Lord that He will begin to lift the condemnation--the scourge and judgment. Of this I bear solemn witness.

I testify that the Book of Mormon is the word of God. Jesus is the Christ. Joseph Smith is His prophet. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is true, in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

## Calendar

### September

- 13-14 Stake Conference
- 16 Stake News deadline
- 20 YM/YW Stake Youth Activity
- 26-27 Stake Scout Camporee
- 27 Special General Women's Meeting 8:00 p.m.  
(via satellite)
- Stake Presidency Missionary Fireside 7:00 p.m.

### October

- 4-5 General Conference (via satellite)
- 5 Mission President's Fireside 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Laurel/Priest Conference
- 19 Madison Branch Conference
- 25 Relief Society Homemaking Fair
- 31 Halloween



### November

- 1 Stake Halloween Costume Dance 7:30 - 11:30 p.m.
- 2 Cairo Branch Conference
- 8 Region Volleyball Tournament

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## Relief Society

by Dena Hall  
Second Counselor  
Stake Relief Society

The blessing of our lives is centered around our home. So we know that what is in our homes is important. If we have confusion, anger, despair, and worry we will not be able to grow and progress in the things of our Heavenly Father. We need a home of order, beauty, and love to be able to feel the spirit of our Father. "Through wisdom is an house built, and by understanding it is established; and by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with precious and pleasant riches." (Proverbs 24: 3-4).

Sisters, homemaking is the way to fill the chambers with pleasant riches. Homemaking is something that is learned. It is not something that comes naturally, maybe more for some, but we all have to work for it. Our homemaking arts help make life more pleasant and home a place of harmony and happiness.

Learning homemaking arts is fun. That is why we have Homemaking mini-classes --- to learn short-cuts, new things to make our homes run well, to make our money go farther.

On October 25 we are going to have a Stake-sponsored Homemaking Fair with a country fair theme. The Fair will begin at 10:00 a.m. and last until 3:30 p.m. We will present classes in all areas of homemaking. Lunch will be provided as well as a nursery. As you can see we are going to have a fun-filled day and we are really excited about it. It has been a long time since we have had a fair. This is Stake Relief Society's event of the year.

Sisters, the Homemaking Fair is a fun way for us to learn how to sharpen our skills as homemakers and as individuals. Heavenly Father knows that if the home is "filled with all precious and pleasant riches" that we will be a happy people. Set aside October 25.

Homemaking is made up of a bunch of little steps we do each day and sometimes we get the feeling that these things are not important. Remember, "Out of small things proceedeth that which is great." (D&C 64:33). Let us try to take small steps everyday.



## Scout Camporee

by Richard Meik

The stake will hold its first Boy Scout Camporee September 26-27 at Seminole State Park, Georgia. All scouts, 11 years and older, from Church-sponsored scouting units are invited to participate. Approximately 100 boys are expected.

Set-up will begin Friday at 5 p.m. Dinner will be provided at 7 p.m. and the opening program will begin at 8:30 p.m. that night.

Park staff and the stake camporee committee, headed by Brother Richard Johnston of Bainbridge, have planned a fun and educational program. The program will include demonstrations by Park staff, stargazing with telescopes, games and competitive scouting events. President Chapple will be on hand to conduct a special inspirational session. Also, the Park staff have provided canoes and there will be several waterfront activities at Lake Seminole on Saturday the 27th. Each troop is responsible for its own dinner on Saturday.

The culminating activity will be the camporee marathon where each troop will compete in a relay which involves swimming, canoeing and running. The camporee will conclude and scouts will return home at 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

It is requested that a \$4.00 fee be returned to Brother Johnston or Brother Richard Meik (Tallahassee III). This fee will help pay for the Friday night dinner, prizes for the competitions, and the park fee.

The stake presidency and Young Men presidency are looking forward to a successful event which can be repeated annually.

## Bishop's Corner



### THE SMALL ACTS --- THE GREAT REWARDS

by Reynold Meyer  
Bishop  
Tallahassee Second Ward

A Relief Society sister receives the assignment to visit an inactive sister. Nervous and frightened, she takes some fresh flowers with her. Touched, the inactive sister begins attending Relief Society.

I thank my Heavenly Father for this kind of courage. It is the small acts of kindness that change life.

A Primary teacher takes time to be with his boys on weekdays as well as on Sundays. These boys always want to be with this Primary teacher.

I thank my Heavenly Father for these small experiences of love. They are the most special experiences of all.

A Relief Society president with heavy demands on her time is willing to spend hours of her time to help a woman iron out her problems.

I thank my Heavenly Father for this kind of stewardship. It's often the small sacrifices that bring great blessings.

Brothers and sisters, I hope we realize how important the small acts are that we do. I promise each of you that if you continue to do the small acts of kindness, love, and charity for your neighbors that your rewards shall be great, not in this life but in the life to come.

## Here She Comes... Little Miss Decatur County

*Crowning  
1986's Little  
Miss Decatur  
County--  
Bobbie Brough*



"An explosion of light, delight and goodness" is an expression given to young Bobbie Brough by her proud mom, Toni Brough.

Bobbie is 6 years old and well-deserving of all the praise heaped upon her by friends and relatives alike. In May, Bobbie won the Little Miss Decatur County beauty pageant, the first LDS girl in her community to do so, and an event of notable discussion in her community. Bobbie won this pageant over a field of 23 lovely first graders. She danced her way to the title, clogging her self-choreographed dance.

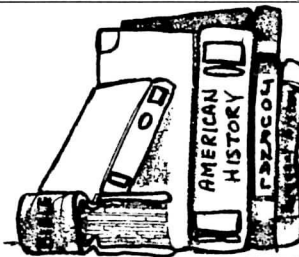
Bobbie is the multi-talented daughter of Daniel and Toni Brough of Bainbridge. She has several older talented brothers and sisters who also provide opposition enough in the form of teasing to keep her "humble." "Despite all the fuss made over her, she acknowledges the help of her Heavenly Father in all her endeavors and accomplishments," her mother notes. She learns quickly and has applied this talent to clogging, jazz, ballet, and tap dancing. Also athletic, Bobbie won all six events for her age group at a swim meet held in Moultrie as a member of the Bainbridge Barracuda Swim Team. She is also involved in compulsory gymnastics, and is active in plays and music programs at school. In spite of all the extra activities, she maintains a straight-A average in school.

Bobbie has great compassion and sensitivity for the feelings and needs of others. Weekly, she visits an elderly neighbor who suffers from arthritis and a terminal illness. This lovely lady is unable to do much for herself, and Bobbie cheers her up and helps her do many chores about the house.

She loves animals and is very caring of them. She also loves church and her CTR teacher, Lynn White. Bobbie has a strong testimony and bears her testimony almost every month. She reflects a maturity and understanding of the gospel beyond her years.

Bobbie is indeed to be commended for her many accomplishments and maturity. "She always does her best at everything she does and is a very helpful person at home," her mother says. She sets a fine example of a righteous LDS girl.

## Making History



Remember when there was only one ward in Tallahassee?

Do you know some people in the Church in Live Oak, Albany, or Bristol?

When did we become a stake?

Remember when the late Elder LeGrand Richards was president of our mission (Southern States Mission)?

Who can recall a handful of members meeting for Sunday School in someone's home?

When did the first missionaries arrive in this area? How were they received?

And I also command you that ye keep a record of this people, . . . and keep all these things sacred . . . for it is for a wise purpose that they are kept.

Alma 37:2

The scriptures we have today exist because of those who obeyed the commandment to "keep a record" and "keep it sacred".

The Area Presidency has directed the stake to produce a record of its history. Because the stake's history is largely composed of the history of its units, each ward and branch has been asked to put together its own fascinating history. These will be compiled, with information on the stake level, to create the history of the Tallahassee Florida Stake, with the ultimate goal of publishing it as a book.

Do you know some interesting facts or have a story to tell about the growth and progress of the Church in our stake? Do you have any photos of people and/or events significant to its history? If so, please contact your ward/branch historian as listed below. Photos brought to stake conference on September 13 & 14 will be copied so your valuable mementos can return home with you the same day.

The stake historical committee includes: Jay Lybbert, Rick Cluff, Fran Councill, Conrad Futch, Linda Hall, and Kit and Nell Tucker.

Bainbridge: Bertie Roberts (912) 774-2452  
Cairo: Charlie Butler (912) 872-3549  
Crawfordville: Fran Councill (904) 926-3373  
Monticello: Hester McKown  
Moultrie: Edris Parrish (912) 985-1917  
Quincy: Noah Barber (904) 627-8355  
Tallahassee I: Brenda Bonnell (904) 421-3113  
Tallahassee II: Betty Strickland (904) 877-7578  
Tallahassee III: Carol Bliss (904) 386-6307

If your ward or branch is not listed above with a representative you can contact your bishop or branch president.



# Institute



<u>Course</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
REL 121	Book of Mormon	Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.	Institute
REL 121	Book of Mormon	Tues & Th 12:20 noon	TBA
LEC 31R	Monthly Lecture	Fridays 7:30 p.m. Sept. 12 Oct. 10 Nov. 14	Institute  Dr. Elwon Lance Brother Ron Zeidner Pres. Richard Chapple

Registration: \$3.00 - College students of all ages and their spouses, Young Adults under age 26, and seminary teachers.

\$10.00 - Non-college adults age 26 and over.

For those interested in graduating from Institute, Book of Mormon REL 121-122 is a required course for graduation. The Fall 1986 and Spring 1987 semesters are an excellent time to fulfill this requirement.

Looking through our records we find that there are quite a few individuals who lack graduation merely because of not completing the two-semester Book of Mormon course. Please try to join us.

"Our great program of Church Education moves forward. . . . You who have been the recipients of this program know of its tremendous value. We urge all for whom it is available to take advantage of it. We do not hesitate to promise that your knowledge of the gospel will be increased, your faith will be strengthened, and you will develop wonderful associations and friendships with those of your own kind." (Pres. Gordon B. Hinckley)

Classes began September 3rd but you can still join us. We look forward to seeing you this fall!

## Cairo

by Anne Walker  
Cairo Public Communications Director

June saw "Mother Goose on the Loose" as the Primary sponsored a fun evening of "talent sharing" for the entire family. Families performed their version of their favorite nursery rhyme.

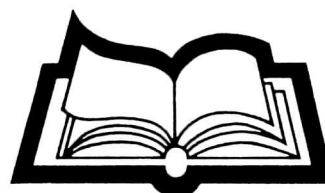
The Young Women and Young Men who attended the Stake temple trip impressed the Branch members with the strong testimonies they bore at sacrament meeting the Sunday after their return.

The Branch celebrated Pioneer Day on Saturday, July 26th, with an indoor picnic consisting of bar-b-que chicken, potato salad, green beans and lemonade. Cakes baked by the fathers and sons were the delicious dessert. Grand prize winners in the cake baking contest were Frank and Jeremy Knight. The social was also a farewell party for Frank and Margaret Harding and their family. The Hardings have moved to Glendale, Arizona.

Welcome to the newest addition to the Branch: Brooke Renee Maxwell, daughter of Donny and Renda Maxwell, born June 21, 1986.

Rusty Lee Butler, son of Cindy and Charlie Butler was ordained as a Deacon by his father on Sunday, July 27th.

New callings in the Branch: Callis Walker, first counselor in the Branch Presidency; Anne Walker, Public Communications Director; and Shirley Pyles, Relief Society secretary.



## Book Review

by Suzanne Meik  
Seventies Bookstore Representative

Let me tell you about a book in the Seventies Bookstore that is a continual best seller. It all begins with a family and the dramatic story that unfolds is one of the greatest ever played by man. In it you will read of life at its best and at its worst. You can read of the destruction of cities, highways, and buildings. You will find crisis after crisis and the disintegration of nations through pride, soft living and luxuries. You will read of human behavior and the workings of the human mind and the rationalizing processes where men convince themselves that good is bad and that bad is good. You will read of unusual instruments never patented or remade or duplicated; of elements which, without recharging, illuminate dark spaces indefinitely. This best seller is the Book of Mormon. May you read it prayerfully, study it carefully, and receive for yourselves a testimony of its divinity.

## LOST AND FOUND

A Coleman cooler was left on the bus after the last stake temple trip. To claim, please contact Conrad Futch at (904) 575-3130 or P.O. Box 2123, Tallahassee, FL, 32316.

## Sharing the Gospel

Sharing the gospel with our relatives, friends, and neighbors brings into our lives some of the most joyous feelings that we experience here upon the earth. The Lord has said in the Doctrine & Covenants 15:6:

"And now, behold, I say unto you, that the thing which will be of the most worth unto you will be to declare repentance unto this people, that you may bring souls unto me. . . ."

To help each of us perform these sacred missionary labors Heavenly Father has called a number of special missionaries to labor here in our stake. They are dedicated young men and women and couples who have been well trained in gospel principles. We encourage you to invite them to assist you in your missionary labors. It will bring untold joy into your life as well as those you teach. They can be reached by calling the following numbers in your area.

### Missionaries in the Tallahassee Florida Stake

Bainbridge:	Elders Stewart and *	246-7674
Cairo:	Elders Beard and Grow	377-7615
Crawfordville:	Elders Shull and Brian	386-5328
Madison:	Sisters Skousen and Dexter	*
Monticello:	Elders Isaacson and Reiley	386-5328
Moultrie:	Elders Roberts and Allen	985-3544
Quincy:	Elders Hardman and Card	627-8030
Tallahassee 1:	Elders Frost and Smith	576-0691
	Elders Gallacher and Evans	576-0691
	Sisters Mobley and Wilson	681-2098
Tallahassee 2:	Elders DaSilva and Yankey	656-1195
Tallahassee 3:	Elder and Sister Waldron	222-7694
	Elders Parker and Hill	224-9730
Thomasville:	Sisters Strah and Probst	226-8169

\*not known at time of printing



## Calls...

Lincoln and Mildred Barlow (Moultrie)  
New York Rochester  
Hill Cumorah Historical Sites

Clayton Tew (Tallahassee III)  
Arizona Phoenix

## ...Releases

Michael Rudd (Quincy)  
California Anaheim

Kurtis Teare (Quincy)  
Stockholm Sweden

## New Members

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

**Bainbridge:** Albert, Bonita, and Nichole Thomas, Sara Williams

**Cairo:** Donald Maxwell, Jack Pyles

**Crawfordville:** Josephine, Michael, and Michelle Creek

**Moultrie:** Donald Willis

**Perry:** Mary Brown

**Quincy:** William Rudd

**Tallahassee I:** Thomas Jenks, Yvette Terrell

**Tallahassee II:** Amanda Evans, Joseph and Nancy Whitfield

**Tallahassee III:** William and Teresa Redden

**Tallahassee Student:** Janice Pettway, Christina Thompson

**Thomasville:** Bridgett and Darren Green, Richard Warren



## Missionary Work In Monticello

by Jim Abbott  
Monticello Branch Mission Leader

The Monticello Branch carefully planned and moved forward on an ambitious work -- to have 3500 newspaper inserts containing testimonies of nationally well-known members of the Church placed in the Monticello News and follow that up with door-to-door contacts. These beautiful inserts, entitled "Will I Be Happy?," were thus delivered throughout Franklin County.

The Monticello Branch provided 10 trade-offs to our fine missionary force, 19 strong, from Monticello and other areas in the mission. We mapped out the area and proceeded to knock on hundreds of doors in the city of Monticello and many in the county.

The work was hard, the day was hot, but we persevered. The great majority of people were so nice and friendly. We all gathered at the Williams' home for a super, super lunch.

So what can we see from this effort? Thirty-nine referrals were the immediate result of this project. We had two baptisms on July 20 with two more planned. But it was also a vehicle to get us, as members, active again in missionary work.

The Monticello Branch has two generals for missionaries. The never, no never, die (or even wilt)!

Placing the newspaper inserts will do different things in different areas. It "awoke" us to missionary work. It was well worth what was spent in sore muscles, nerves, and money.

## THE MAGIC OF YOUTH CONFERENCE

by Peggy Dransfield  
1st Counselor  
Stake Young Women

The annual Regional Youth Conference at Troy State University, June 26-28, was attended by 98 youth and chaperones from the Tallahassee Stake with a total for the Region reaching nearly 450 participants. This year's theme was "MAGIC" - Making A Greater Individual Commitment which was emphasized by our 3 great speakers: Sister Helen Wells, Sister Elaine Wells (wife and daughter of Elder Robert E. Wells), and Brother Ed Gardiner of Tampa who is with the Church Education System.

Our theme was also carried out by a Poster Contest and Name Tag Contest with entries made by wards and branches from each of the 4 stakes: Tallahassee Stake, Panama City Stake, Dothan Stake, and Pensacola Stake. At the banquet, John Taylor of Tallahassee I presented trophies to the top 3 participants in each contest. Tallahassee III won the 3rd place trophy for the Name Tag Contest. Congratulations!!

After many activities such as a "Picnic on the Green," ice cream social, sports including "Battle of the Stakes," dances, a banquet, and seminars, our youth concluded Youth Conference by attending special Young Men/Young Women meetings and then meeting together for a testimony meeting. Shannon Canova of the Tallahassee III Ward conducted this meeting. Janelle and Janene Packard, accompanied by Wendy Dransfield, all of Tallahassee III Ward, sang "My Testimony" which set a spiritual tone for a wonderful testimony meeting and conclusion of Youth Conference 1986.



*Hello from Youth Conference*

**YOUNG WOMEN**  
Upcoming events

September 20: Young Men/Young Women Stake Youth Activity. Details to be announced.

✓ October 11: Special Young Women World Wide Celebration.

## YOUTH TEMPLE TRIP

by Peggy Dransfield  
1st Counselor, Stake Young Women

On July 9, 82 of the youth (12-17) of our stake set out for Atlanta for the Stake Youth Temple Trip. After arriving in Atlanta and getting checked into our rooms, a testimony meeting was held where many of the youth shared their testimonies.

The next morning, July 10, we set out for the temple in two different groups, one leaving at 8:30 and one at 11:30. Our youth were able to complete 1054 baptisms in just a few hours with each participant feeling a great sense of accomplishment. Some of the chaperones were able to do some endowments while others assisted in the baptisms and confirmations. We all left the temple feeling touched by the work we were able to do.

After some free time for eating and swimming, etc., we loaded the buses to head for Stone Mountain where we all enjoyed a Laser Show. The next morning we were packed and on the buses headed for Six Flags where we spent the day before heading back to Tallahassee after a very busy three days.

Many thanks go to the youth and chaperones of our Stake. We compliment our youth for their exemplary conduct at both Youth Conference and the stake temple trip. We praise the chaperones for the love shown to the youth and the many freely given sleepless hours which are a part of chaperoning. We thank all who participated in any way.

Those on the temple trip were:

Daniel and David Brough, Sean Johnston, John Maddox, Allen Nicholson, and chaperone Bruce Covington (Bainbridge); Jeff Bouton, Bryce and Jim Harding, Krista Meador, Dlynn and Zandra Snipes, Kristy Watts, and chaperones Frank Harding and Faye Whigham (Cairo); Amy Kinard, Kim Williamson, and chaperone Marie Ponce (Madison); Darrell and Ollis Brantley, Robert Duquette, Scott McDermid, Jennifer and Michelle Williams, and chaperone Sonya Brantley (Monticello); Robert Cooper, Mark Croft, John and Krista Godwin, Trae Whitehead, and chaperones President Neil Roberts and Irene Godwin (Moultrie); John and Amy Compton, Page Lee, and chaperone Janice Gunter (Perry); Christa Rudd and Selena Rudd, and chaperones President Paul Nicholson and Dana Williams (Quincy); Tim Barrett, Kelly Brock, Lori and Suzi Clark, Ric Peregrino, Chris Poppell, Sonja Settles, John Taylor, and chaperone Kathy Clark (Tallahassee I); Jonathan Anderson, Heath Brackin, Tiffany Bullock, Larissa, Marika, and Michael Chapple, Penny Clark, Shaun Futch, Pat Hewett, Elena Russold, Nikki Strickland, Sylvie Voyles, Joseph and Nancy Whitfield, Tiffany Williams, and chaperones President Richard and Suzanne Chapple, Conrad Futch, Melanie Guris, and Augmond Voyles (Tallahassee II); Nathan Christiansen, Christi Cosson, Amy Douglas, Vicki Dransfield, Sheri Durrance, Brian Hall, Johnny and Michelle Johnson, Jeff Karter, Raquelle Madsen, Billy and Rebecca Roberts, Joanie Seeger, Russeell Tew, and chaperones Lacy and Donna Douglas, Peggy Dransfield, (Tallahassee III); Chris Alderman, Lisa and Sherryll Clanton, Russell and Shannon Covington, Jonathan Cranford, Vicki Deason, Chance King, Jim and Walter Moody, Kim and Shane Roberts, Benjamin Smith, Rick Watson, and adults Dorman Miles and Barbara Weber (Thomasville), Lisa Carroll from Waycross, Julie Henderson and Melba Henderson from Valdosta.

## Three Scouts Earn Eagle Award



Ben (L) and David Torgesen (R) recite the Eagle Pledge.

On June 17, David and Ben Torgesen of the Tallahassee Third Ward were presented Scouting's highest rank, the Eagle, at a Court of Honor held at their home. Following a backyard cookout, the dual ceremony was conducted indoors by their father, Joseph Torgesen, who serves as Coach of Varsity Team 119. The Varsity program is for scouts 14 years and older.

The Court of Honor began with a beautiful rendition of "America" sung by Lacy Douglas who was accompanied by Wendy Dransfield. Bill Canova, who had previously served as one of David's and Ben's scoutmasters, urged the many younger boys in attendance to set high goals in scouting, school work, and Church service. Richard Meik, who also served as one of the boy's past scoutmasters, and is currently Scoutmaster of Troop 119, presented the Eagle Award to David and Ben. The badges were pinned on by their parents, Joe and Karen Torgesen. Their father then administered the Eagle Pledge and Neck Scarf presentation. After the closing prayer given by Bennett Packard, refreshments were served followed by a youth party at the Torgesen home.

David and Ben have both been actively involved in Church and scouting programs over the years while also pursuing other outside interests. Each one completed the Cub Scout program, attends early morning Seminary during the school year, and excels in school work and activities. They are veteran campers, hikers, and travelers.

David, attaining Eagle rank at age 16, has served as president of the Third Ward Deacons Quorum and also of the Teachers Quorum. In scouts, he has been a Senior Patrol Leader and Varsity Team Captain, and has received the On My Honor and Faith In God awards. An honor roll student throughout his first three years at Leon High School, David is a senior this year. In addition, he is an avid golfer and excels in most sports.

Ben is currently the Teachers Quorum President of the Third Ward, and has also served as Captain of the Varsity Team. An Eagle at age 15, Ben has also received scouting's On My Honor award. An honor roll student last year, Ben is a junior at Leon High School. An avid reader, he is particularly interested in science, computers, and technology.

For their Eagle service projects, David and Ben both chose to help do preventive maintenance and restoration work on the

home of a Church member who could not do the work. David's project involved building a new back porch, replacing screens in doors, replacing a fence gate, and removing overgrown shrubbery. Ben involved a group of scouts in preparing the house for painting, and then seven scouts spent one Saturday giving the house a new exterior coat of paint. Both boys did extra projects to help earn money for the materials to do the work on the house.

In scouting, David and Ben have particularly enjoyed the outdoors program--camping, sports, and going on outings with their friends. A highlight for both was spending a week during the summer with the Varsity Team at Camp Daniel Boone, a high adventure camp in the mountains of North Carolina.

David and Ben plan to attend BYU after high school graduation, and plan to go on missions when they are 19.

*Editor's Note: The following is a letter written by Dorothy and Bill Roberts of the Tallahassee Third Ward to their son, Bill, reflecting on the sequence of events that led to his achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.*

### A LETTER TO OUR SON

#### Congratulations

Bill, we knew you could do it. And do it you did! With the help of your parents, scout leaders and all those who encouraged you and cheered you on, you set your goals early in your scouting life and aimed for the rank of Eagle.

Remember when Dad held you upside down and Mom pinned on your cub scout pin? Ever since you entered cub scouts you wanted to earn every badge of rank, do all the skills required and go on every outing and camp out. You wanted to be the best scout you could be. To miss a scout meeting was an unforgiveable sin.

You learned along your scouting path to work with others, to take orders, to give orders, to follow things through, to share, to show compassion and concern for others, and of course, experience the wonder of the outdoors.

During your Boy Scout years you earned skill awards, 22 merit badges, and were selected to join the National Order of Arrow.

Then came the day you were ready to select your Eagle Scout project. You wanted to help in your community in some way. The holidays were drawing near and you wanted to help those whose holidays would not be as blessed as yours. You chose the Salvation Army because you could help many people.



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## Melchizedek Priesthood

by Loran Anderson  
Stake Melchizedek Priesthood Committee

In ancient days when a man was appointed to a select body, his commission, always written in Latin, outlined the responsibility of the organization, defined who should be members, and then invariably contained the words "quorum vos unum," meaning "of whom we will that you be one."

The word QUORUM does not appear in the Bible, but from that beginning it came to mean that select group without whose consent business could not be transacted, nor work proceed without authority. Priesthood bearers are organized into select bodies (quorums) to do the Lord's work.

So priesthood quorums provide the essential organization to administer to the spiritual and temporal needs of their members. A major responsibility of priesthood is home teaching—which is to "visit the house of each member, exhorting them to pray vocally and in secret and attend to all family duties" and "to watch over the church always, and be with and strengthen them" (D&C 20:51, 53).

A major goal of the Stake Melchizedek Priesthood Committee is to improve the quantity and quality of home teaching. Quorum leaders can contribute measurably toward that goal by holding proper priesthood interviews with their home teachers (see p. 9 of M.P. Handbook). The same page of the handbook outlines several excellent ways that home teachers can be more helpful and caring for their families. Members can contribute by remembering their home teachers in family prayer and by developing a proper spirit for priesthood visits to their home.

We want our home teachers to be both efficient and effective. Being efficient is doing the right job. Being effective is doing the right job right. Remember President Kimball's words: "Do it! Do it right! Do it right now!"



### The View From the Pews

What value do we place on "listening to a prophet's voice," as opposed to reading the messages of those men of God who speak at the general conferences of the Church? One might question if the message will be read when it can be easily viewed. Yet, comparatively few bother to attend the viewing sessions of general conference in April and October when semi-annual conferences of the Church are held and transmitted via satellite to this area.

As a member of the Tallahassee Florida Stake this writer is always surprised and concerned that so few members of the immediate Tallahassee area attend viewing sessions. True, a number of the members have satellite systems and enjoy conference in the comfort of their homes. In these cases mini-conference sessions are enjoyed by family and invited friends.

As church members we have been counseled to "meet together often, that we might teach one another and be edified together." General conferences of the Church are opportunities for us to meet together by the direction of the Lord's prophet at church meetings over which he personally presides. We can see him. We can hear his voice. We can feel his spirit, and laugh with him, and cry with him, and hear him testify personally of the divinity of our Heavenly Father, and Jesus Christ our Savior. Nothing thrills the heart so much as to hear one who walks spiritually with the Lord say in solemn declaration, "I know that my Redeemer lives." As those precious words are uttered the viewer will feel to respond, "amen, and amen!"

We may ask ourselves if we were present at the conference session when prophets and seers spoke of divine things; when history was made, and Ezra Taft Benson was sustained the thirteenth president of the Church; when Elder Bruce R. McConkie spoke to the congregations of the Church as he uttered so profoundly those words, "I believe in Christ" knowing that his voice so often, so clearly heard would soon be silenced to the living?

One sister of our congregation has said, "I'd rather be at general conference than any other place I've ever been." She had attended general conference in Salt Lake City for eleven years, having traveled the round trip of 5000 miles that many times. She estimated that she has spent more than 120 hours waiting in line for seating in the tabernacle during that time. Now she attends more sessions, more comfortably, as she attends conferences via satellite. What a blessing!

One of the great and noble things about the Church that has always impressed me is the effort the Church makes to extend all blessings of the Church to its members, sometimes at great expense. Modern technology of satellite television is a blessing to the world. The Church refines that blessing and extends it to us personally in the form of live conference sessions. Of what value are live sessions if we heed not the call to "come, listen to a prophets voice"? The spiritual failure when opportunity is afforded is to "have eyes and not see, ears and not hear, tongue and not speak."



Now is the time to clear our calendar and make October General Conference a high priority on our agenda for that week. Plan to attend as a family, and particularly, brethren of the priesthood, plan to attend with your sons. The promise of the Lord is a rich reward to the obedient.

October General Conference this year is scheduled for October 4-5. Live telecast times will be announced in each ward.

*Editor's Note: "The View from the Pews" is an opportunity for members of the stake to present their opinions, either favorable or critical. Articles will be edited at the discretion of the editor, printed anonymously, and should be submitted to the Stake News, 2310 Oxford Rd., Tallahassee, FL, 32304.*

## Genealogy

by Lorine B. Lahtinen  
Stake Genealogy Librarian

Most of us recognize the importance of doing genealogy, but many people find it difficult to find time in their busy schedules to do the necessary research.

The Genealogical Library does not do research for the patrons. However, our local librarians are able to do a survey of the 4 records described below for a flat fee of \$50.00 to check your pedigree chart names. If any records are found you will receive a copy of all information found or a statement that it does not exist in the IGI, AIS, GLC, or ANCESTRY in our files here.

If it should prove needful to your research to check the court records, church records, civil records, or vital statistics or census of a certain area, then there would be a further charge of \$7.00 per hour plus the postage and handling of films borrowed from the main library at Salt Lake.

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To have us undertake this survey please send your pedigree chart and family group sheets to match the pedigree chart. These charts will enable us to know where, in what country, and in what time period to begin the search. Also, this will prevent wasted time doing research that you have already done.

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All 4 of the above microfiche files are here at the local Branch Library and can be used by the general public at no charge during our Library hours:

9 a.m. to 12 noon on Tuesday and Wednesday  
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Please let us know if you desire us to do this survey and/or further research. Mail to: Lorine B. Lahtinen, Branch Genealogy Library, Post Office Box 6687, Tallahassee, FL 32315-6687

## Crawfordville

by Fran Council  
Crawfordville Public Communications Director



*The Creek Family Baptism*

There has been so much excitement in Crawfordville that it is hard to know where to start. The Branch feels deeply the loss of the Sasser family who moved to Apalachicola and the Gonzalez family who moved north. However, as if to pick us up, we have had the Miller family move in from Tallahassee and the Creek family has been baptized. The Millers have just moved in after many problems trying to coordinate electricity, etc. Jo, Michelle and Michael Creek joined the Church on May 18. Jo has already been called to teach Social Relations in Relief Society, and Michael was ordained a deacon recently. Levi Little was also ordained a deacon and Brian Byrd was ordained a Teacher. Sherri Kight and Dianna Gonzalez both graduated from their first year of Seminary.

The Primary hosted a picnic at Ochlockonee State Park where hot dogs and hamburgers were furnished and everyone else brought a covered dish. Needless to say there was plenty of food, water, sun and fun before the day ended. For Mother's Day, the Branch treated all the mothers to a special flower. A very spiritual branch conference was held with dinner on the grounds afterwards. Helen Whiddon was called as the new Relief Society President. The Stake Presidency seemed to enjoy sampling the food to pick their favorite recipes. They had a wide variety to chose from, even though no one knew they wished to do the sampling.

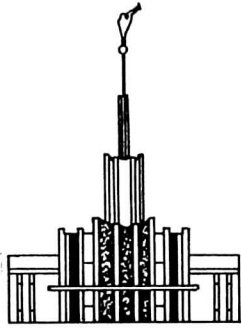
The Scouts held a Court of Honor at which Levi Little achieved Scout rank and Butch Goodman, Eddie Gonzalez and Jyo Kerns achieved First and Second Rank. The youth have also been busy with fund raising to help earn money for their temple trip. The Young Women held a pancake breakfast in conjunction with the Young Men who held a car wash at the same time.

There are many plans for the upcoming month, a baptism to be held soon, as well as a fascinating community project. The Elders Shull and Brian are doing a really exceptional job visiting all the homes and working on the ongoing Book of Mormon program in the Branch. How privileged we all feel to be a part of this magnificent Church.

# Temple Teachings

## Pre-Temple Planning

Let's talk about some specific things you should do before your first temple visit.



1. **Recommend:** See your Bishop and Stake President for a Temple Recommend. You will need a new one with both halves completed for this occasion.

2. **Appointment:** By calling the temple office to make an appointment you will insure that all the temple facilities are ready for your arrival. Further, when you make such an appointment, you will be furnished all the information you need to guide you in your preparation, including the obtaining of marriage license, blood test, etc.

3. **Temple Preparation Seminar:** See your Bishop about enrolling in such a seminar that will, through a series of lessons, help you understand what is required of you before you enter this sacred house.

4. **Read:** Find all the materials you can regarding temples and read them thoroughly. This will supplement the other instructions you receive from your church leaders, as well as that presented in the Temple Preparation Seminars. Listed below are some we find are the most helpful:

The Holy Temple by Elder Boyd K. Packer. This book, written in "easy to understand" fashion, provides perhaps the best overall view of the Temple, its purpose, its meaning and the important role it plays in the gospel plan. We recommend it highly.

Doctrine & Covenants, Sections 109, 110, 124, 127, 128, 131, 132, & 138". By reading these scriptures you can trace the progress of temple ordinances as they were restored through Joseph Smith. From these scriptures you get a "feel" as to just how important temple ordinances were to the Lord as He restored the gospel to mankind.

Church Publications. In the pages of the Ensign or the Church News, you will find from time to time many articles relating to temples. These are important contributions to our overall understanding the temples.

5. **Don't come until you are ready.** This can be the start of a rich learning experience. Don't let it be otherwise by inadequate preparation.

6. **Don't fast on the day of your visit.** This may aggravate unduly some of the stresses of the day.

7. **Bring, if possible, a small group of family and/or friends.** It always helps to have a support group at such a time as this. If a marriage is planned, the size of the group would be limited by the size of the sealing rooms to about 15 or 20 persons.

8. **Arrange for the purchase of garments prior to**

**entering the Temple.** These may be obtained at the Beehive Clothing area in the annex at the back of the Temple.

9. **Wear your "Sunday Best" clothing.** As an expression of respect for the Lord and His Temple we should always wear appropriate dress.

10. **Plan to come back soon and on a regular schedule.** You won't learn much the first time through the Temple, but repeated visits will open unbelievable learning experiences for you, and besides, you'll be performing a sacred service for those who have no other way to progress toward exaltation.

Careful attention to the details of your planning prior to coming to the temple will ensure, for you and your family, a most satisfying, sacred time in the Temple.

*From Temple Teachings, newsletter of the Atlanta Temple. If you would like to see a specific topic addressed in Temple Teachings, write to The Atlanta Temple, 6450 Barfield Rd., Sandy Springs, GA 30328*

## EAGLE from Page 8

Captain Tidman of the Salvation Army was pleased with your willingness to help and was surprised to hear you wanted to plan, gather, supply and serve all of the Thanksgiving dinner. He thought that supplying just the turkeys would be hard enough to do. But you did what you promised to do.

You held scavenger hunts with the younger scouts to gather food items needed, had collection boxes in the Church, got the help of local merchants, and collected money donations from many people who wanted to be part of such a wonderful project.

A few days before Thanksgiving, you delivered 80 pounds of turkey, potatoes, beans, pies, cranberry sauce, rolls and \$100 to Captain Tidman. Then on Thanksgiving Day you and a few scouts took the time to serve this special dinner. In fact, so much food was supplied that the excess was taken to the victims of hurricane Kate in the Wakulla area.

When asked by a television reporter, "Why did you pick this project?" you said, "I wanted to help serve others who aren't as fortunate as myself." Later at home, you said it was one of the nicest Thanksgivings you ever had.

The hard part finished, paper work turned in, board of reviews completed, your big day was here. On May 31, at the age of 15, you became an Eagle Scout.

The cultural hall decorated, family and friends present, speakers finished, Rank of Eagle Scout presented, we came to the end of the ceremony and to your closing remarks. With emotional words, you thanked your leaders, parents, and family for all their help and support, and you promised to continue to participate in the scouting program.

In a letter to your sister at Rick's college you said, "Well, part of my goals are completed. I became an Eagle Scout, now, I have a mission, college and marriage."

We are sure that if you continue to live the gospel and serve others, Heavenly Father will bless every part of your life. We are proud of you, Bill, not just because you made the Rank of Eagle, but because you serve your Father in Heaven and strive to do all He asks of you.

We love you,  
Mom and Dad

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