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HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!

by Wes Hernandez



As we enter into the month of May, one might think of this month as being the last month of school. Others might think of summer just around the corner, when swimming and other summer play begin. But May holds greater events than these. For in May we see a day on the horizon wherein we honor Mothers throughout the world.

Mothers are unique, special indeed, like a snowflake, none are alike. Blessed from above to bring forth special spirits from Heaven. They welcome these sweet new blossoms of humanity, fresh-fallen from God's own home, to flower on earth. Motherhood is joyful, exciting, challenging and fun. It demands all one's best efforts. Motherhood is creation of children and of homes to nurture them in. Motherhood is partnership with husbands and the Lord.

May we all catch a glimmer of splendor we can create in our own outposts of the Kingdom of God. May the Lord bless all Mothers to continue to inspire love, hope, and charity into the lives of their children and families. For surely Mothers are blessed creations of the hand of God. §

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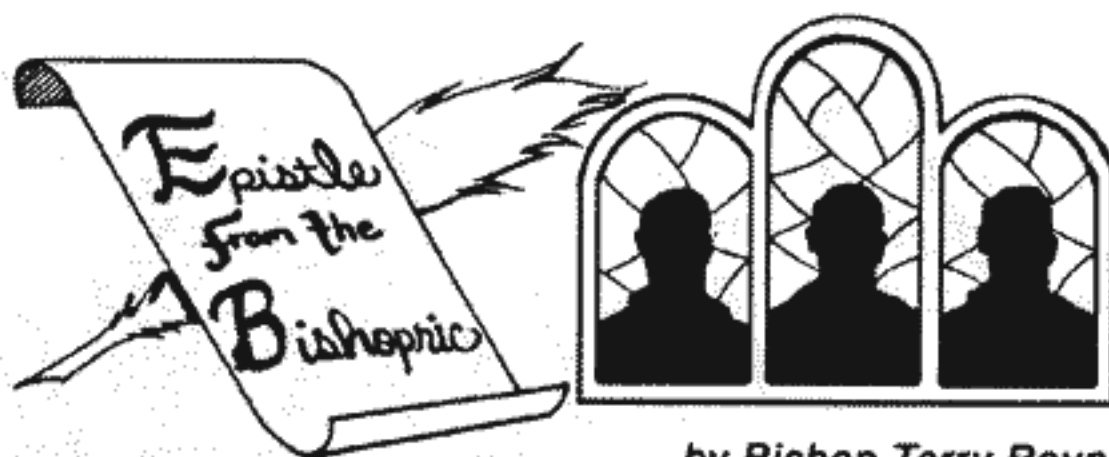
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by Bishop Terry Payne

Psychoanalyst Dr. Karl Menninger has said "Attitudes are more important than facts." That is worth repeating until its truth grips you. Any fact facing us, however difficult, even seemingly hopeless, is not so important as our attitude toward that fact. How you think about a fact may defeat you before you ever do anything about it. "You may permit a fact to overwhelm you mentally before you start to deal with it actually. On the other hand, a confident and optimistic thought pattern can modify or overcome the fact altogether." (Norman Vincent Peale)

Faith is a positive power, the first principle of the Gospel; a principle upon which all others are based. "For so he thinketh in his heart, so is he." Prov. 23:7. Is very true, because our thoughts determine our actions.

There is also a very important message in the poem "A Flower Or A Weed"

A little seed lay in the ground
and soon began to sprout.
"Now which of the flowers all around,
it mused, "shall I come out?"
"The tulip's face is fair and proud,
but just a trifle cold;
The rose, I think, is rather loud,
and then its fashion is old.
The pansy is very well,
but not the flower I'd choose;
Nor yet the canterberry bell,
I never cared for blues.
Daisies are by far too bright
and common flowers besides;
The primrose only blooms at night
and mums spread out too wide."
And so it criticized each flower
this supercilious seed;
Until it woke one summer hour
and found itself a weed!!

Our thoughts determine our actions - whether good or ill; and our actions affect others - whether good or ill. May our thoughts and actions be worthy of the blessings of our Heavenly Father, as we use faith to produce miracles. §

RELIEF SOCIETY

by Sarah Brown



President Harold B. Lee has counseled, "Testimony is not something you have today, and you are going to have always. A testimony is fragile. It is as hard to hold as a moonbeam. It is something you have to recapture

every day of your life."

As Sisters in the gospel we have a big responsibility to keep our testimonies strong that we may be able to withstand all the challenges put upon us.

We must take time to be alone, to pray for guidance and inspiration in our daily lives. Whether we have small children still dependent upon us or whether our families are grown we need to continually study and seek the Lord's presence in our lives that we may effectively help those around us.

I pray that we may all strive to obtain a stronger testimony, that we may never let it get away from us, for it is because of our testimony that many of us keep on going. God bless you. §



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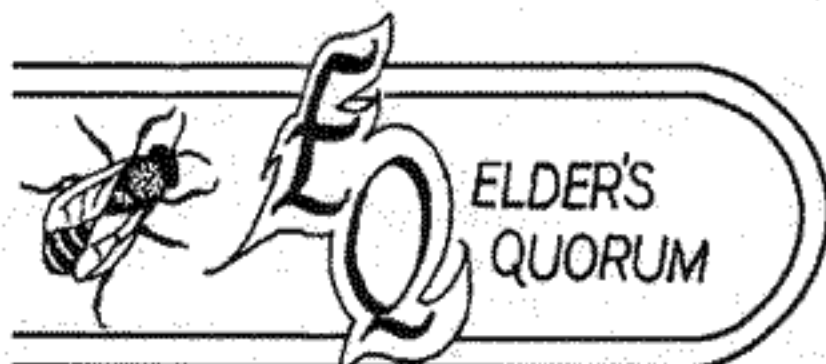
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Homemaking Night is the first Tuesday of every month



by Rodney Zitterkob

Not very long ago while I was finishing up my work, I took my rotten tomatoes to the dumpster. As I started to dump my trash someone yelled at me to stop. Of course, I was startled a bit, but I stopped and looked in and there was a man searching for something to eat. I apologized for hitting him and gave him some cookies my boss had brought to work. As I thought about this man, tears swelled up in my eyes and I couldn't

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PEOPLE YOU SHOULD KNOW

Gerald Sylvester Lindsey was born in Blanchard, Oklahoma on September 25, 1924. The second child of Oscar Joseph Lindsey and Eula Cordella Woodson. He was baptized into the Church at the age of eight years old in a Lake by the travelling missionaries. Brother Lindsey is a third generation LDS on the Lindsey side and fourth generation on his Grandmother Huggins side.

He started school in a country school south of Elk City, on his first day he got his hands paddled for chewing gum in class. He was a mischievous child and his adventures taught him a few unforgettable lessons. When he was six years old brother Lindsey's father was pulling a wagon with a 500lb hog and two barrels of water in it with his model T Ford. His Father told him he could not go with him to the field where the hog was to be butchered. So he hid on the

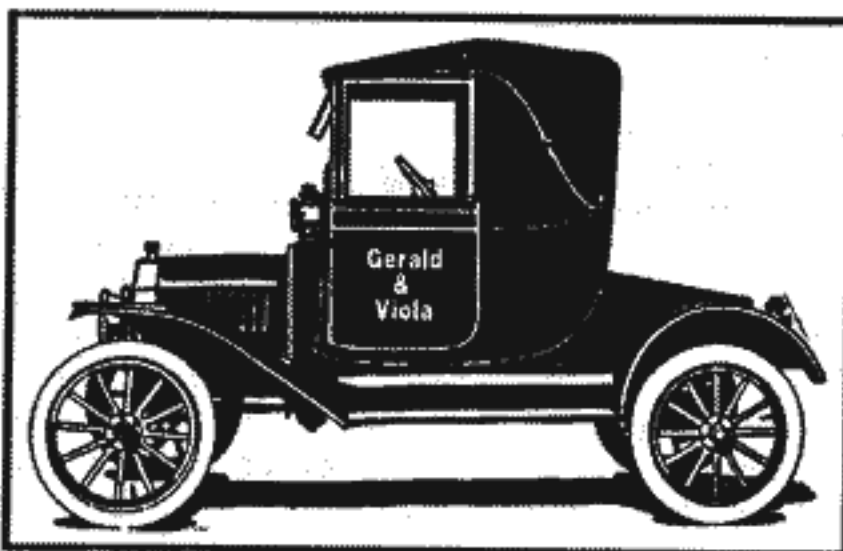


running board opposite to the driver, his uncle was holding on to the wagon and letting it pull him along, Brother Lindsey thought that was fun, so he stepped off of the running board while it was moving and fell under the wagon wheels. The front wheels ran over his back. The back wheels were about to run over his head,

but his uncle pulled the wagon sideways causing the back wheel to run over his back also, saving his life.

In 1943 he joined the Marine Corps during the Second World War. He served in the South Pacific and China.

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building.

In 1934 his family moved to Oklahoma City, the church was meeting in the old court house , from there it moved to 23rd and S. Robinson over a bar. After a while they moved to the Capitol Hill funeral home and used their chapel for the meetings. The church kept on growing and so it kept moving locations, after the funeral home they moved to an auditorium on 6th and N. Robinson, from there moved to the YWCA. Finally they built an LDS chapel which brother Lindsey helped build at 44th and N. Lee.

Brother Lindsey has served as Scout Master, Stake missionary and mission president, he had thirty four baptisms while serving in this capacity. Stake Seventies Leader, Stake Sunday School Presidency. Second counselor in the Bishopric, High counselor twice, Bishop and currently he is serving as our Stake Patriarch.

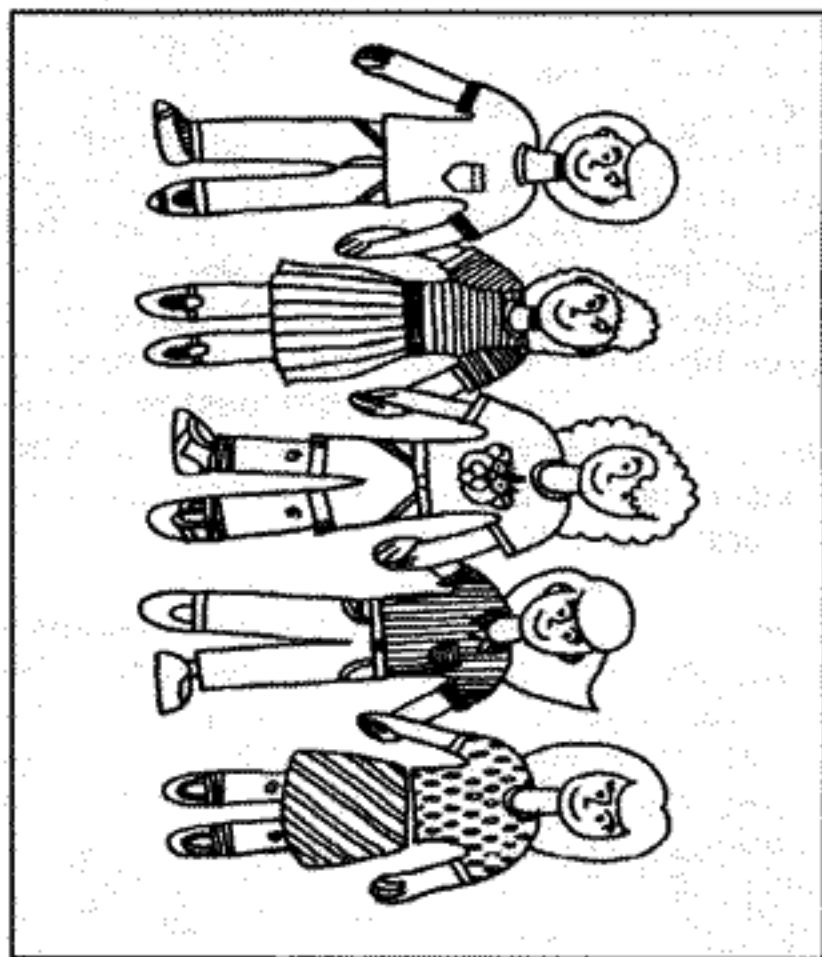
He loves sports and is a OU fan, he reads constantly. Brother Lindsey loves the Lord and has a strong testimony of the church.

On November 6, 1925 John Edgar Overcast and Annie May Martin were blessed with their first child Viola May, while living at a coal mine camp in Hartshorne, Oklahoma. Sister Lindsey has two brothers and two sisters (one of her brothers is deceased). She is twenty years older than her younger brother.

When she started kindergarten her Mother would take her to school, but Viola would beat her back home, she said: *"Eventually Mother got tired of this game, so I don't even think I finished kindergarten."* Her family was living in Kiowa, OK when she entered the first grade. Once, in Wesley Okla., she was cutting across a pasture to get to school faster, and she sure did with a bull running behind her. When she was six, her best friend spent the night at her

house, her friend woke up with the measles and so did her brothers and the whole town, but not Viola. Eventually she did get them, and it was a terribly case that almost claimed her life.

Her favorite thing to do was to play with paper dolls, on one occasion her Mother had made her a pretty dress with 6 shiny buttons on the front. The boys wanting the buttons for their planes, would trade a button for paper dolls. Gerald said she got some store bought paper dolls for her daughters and since they wouldn't play with them, one day he went into the room to see what his wife



was doing, and found her on the floor playing with paper dolls.

Sister Lindsey lived in Houston, Texas while attending Jr. High and High School. Later her family moved back to Oklahoma City. She worked for Douglas Plant until the war was over, then worked for the Telephone Company and in the office of a clothing store.

While working for the Clothing

Store she met Gerald. Viola's friend showed a picture of her to Gerald and fixed them up with a blind date to be taken place on Friday the 13th. Brother Lindsey said "I thought she was beautiful." Viola said "...sure, I had long pretty hair, and wore high heels." Sister Lindsey said she was not very impressed with him, but she knew he was going to call again the next day...he didn't, not until Sunday. From then on they saw each other everyday and were engaged three months later. Gerald asked her if she loved him in chinese...she didn't answered until he told her of his love for her first. They got married on March 21, 1947, six months after they met. The ceremony was presided by President Cullimore, and have been happily married for 43 years.

After Viola's Mother passed away, the couple moved in with her Father to take care of her younger brother and sisters.

It took twelve years for Sister Lindsey to get baptized, she would go for visits but did not get serious about the church, until one day she just asked Gerald if he was ready to go to Church he answered: "If you are ready to stop drinking coffee, we will go." Next morning she had a cup of hot chocolate, went to church and three Sundays later was baptized by President Cullimore. the following Sunday after her baptism she received three callings.

Brother and Sister Lindsey have two daughters Marti Elizabeth (Carlson) and Katheryne Elaine (Soles). They have four grandchildren two girls and two boys. Their grandchildren are very important to them, and all they want is for these choice spirits to grow up to be righteous.

When Marti was seventeen months, sister Lindsey received a call from the Doctor to see if they would like



to adopt a little girl, she said yes knowing her husband would love to and went ahead with it. She went to get brother Lindsey from his

work to go sign the papers and told him then "Congratulations, you are a new Father" "How nice" was the response and so they left to get their daughter. Sister Lindsey has had five miscarriages and two children that only lived for a short time. She feels that Kathy had chosen them as her family and just had to get to her through someone else. Viola says "...the same night, I held Kathy in my arms all night long and cried with joy, just as I did when Marti was born."

When Fourth Ward broke off from Second Ward she was the Relief Society President for two years, and has served in the Stake in different callings. Sister Lindsey was the Merrie Miss teacher for eight years, Primary Secretary for two years, Sunday School teacher one year, four years in the MIA, and worked in the extraction program for six years. She has always tried to do her very best with any calling. Currently she is serving as the magazine representative in our ward.

Sister Lindsey is learning how to play the piano, loves to draw plans for houses, and she says "I am amazed of how I can make everything fit together, I wish I could have been an architect."

Brother and Sister Lindsey walk together every day, and really enjoy each others company. §

ELDERS QUORUM

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talk. The way that man looked at me I will never forget. Later as I was driving home I thought more about the man and his condition, and thought about myself. Would this be me in "?" years. When times of tribulation are upon us? Would there be a way to prevent this happening to me? What about my family? Would I be able to provide for their needs? We as Latter Day Saints have the blessing of being instructed to be self-sufficient. If I have my food storage and learn other ways of being self-reliant, then hopefully I will never be that man in the dumpster.

..as I thought about this man, tears swelled up in my eyes and I couldn't talk. The way that man looked at me I will never forget.

While I realize this is an awful light story it's my sincere pray that we will take into our lives and hearts to follow the guidance of the Leaders of our Church so that none of us becomes the man in the dumpster.

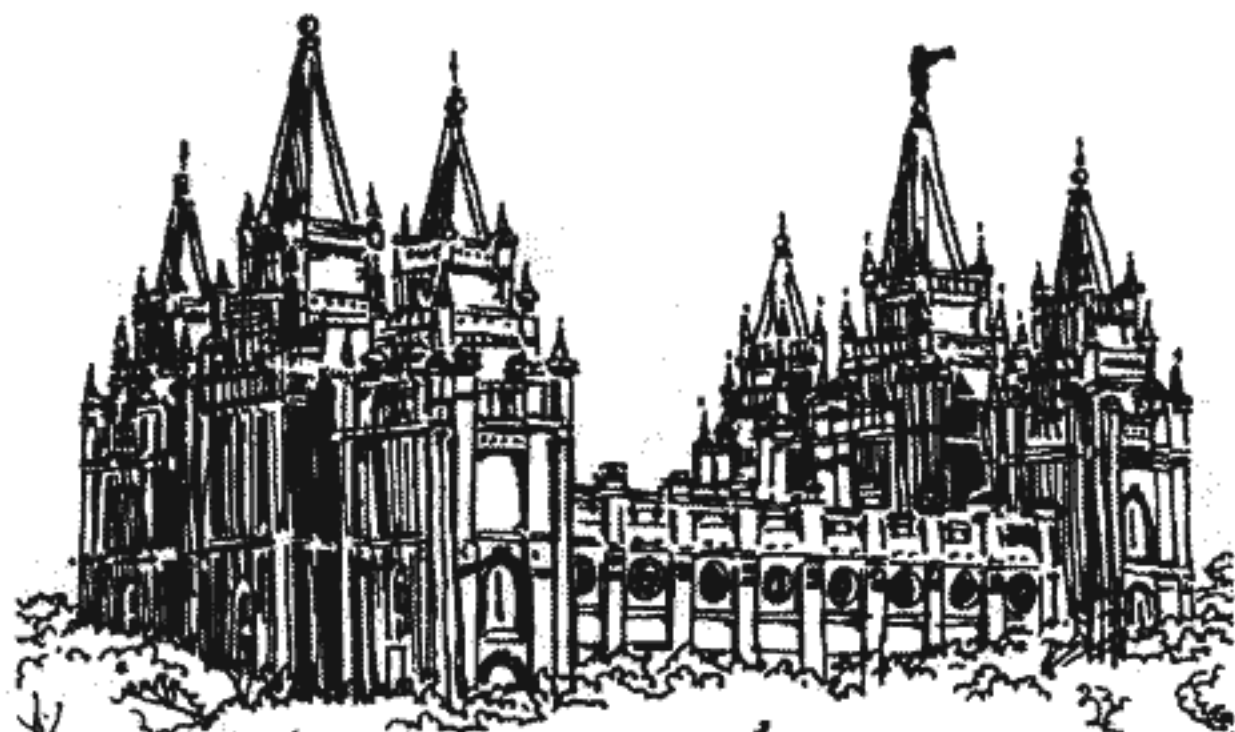
We have a lot of people in our ward who you might consider "expert" gardeners, canners, and financial advisors, but we cannot expect them to search us out- we must do the asking. I've heard so many people say they wouldn't mind helping someone to use their wheat, etc. etc. An I have heard others say they just don't know how to budget or can food etc., etc. We have so much untapped knowledge Brothers and Sisters it's up to us to put it to good use. We really have no excuses left. It's either this.....or the dumpster. §



"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.."

I am thankful for this chance to address all of you Brothers and Sisters. When thinking about something I could share with you I immediately thought of the great experiences I have had recently since I've been here in this area. Before my mission I thought that missionary work was some big extraordinary thing that could only be done by the full time missionaries. Now, I know that the work and the blessed experiences of it can be shared by all people. For instance, here in the OKC II Ward we have been receiving referrals from you. This truly has been a blessing to us and we appreciate your help and know that you have been blessed too. More importantly is the joy that comes to these people who are given this precious knowledge and act upon the promptings of the Spirit. A good example of this joy is shown in the lives of Rebecca Godden and Brad Davis who were baptized on Easter Sunday. This was my first Sunday here and what a spiritual treat it was to attend this special service and share the joy with those who attended. I pray that this work will continue to grow and increase so that we can set a high standard for the newly opening mission which will be set up here in July. Thanks for all you do.

- Elder Nelson



by Bill and Maggie Cordell

Why do we need Temples in the latter days? Temples in these last days will help us better to comprehend the visions, blessings and glories of God. We go to that holy place to participate in sacred ordinances. Jesus at first came to the Temple to be taught by the Holy Spirit and by the spiritual leaders of the day. He came to the Temple to be strengthened in wisdom and understanding by the Holy Spirit. The main object was to build unto the Lord a House whereby He could reveal unto his people the ordinances of His house and the glories of his Kingdom, and teach the people the way of salvation and to learn the celestial law and to be able to abide by that law before we can gain a place in the Celestial Kingdom. In the Temple of our God we receive our washing and anointing and our endowment and sealing, we do the work for the living and the dead. Bill and I were called and set apart to serve in the Dallas Temple. We love the Temple and all the temple workers; and as we work and meet others, as we hurry from

place to place and from one assignment to another, I feel like the angels are going around with the Saints to see all done well. The joy we feel with each other and the sweet love and wonderful spirit makes us want to hurry back to be part of it all. As soon as we present our recommend card, even before we can get to our locker room, the word has

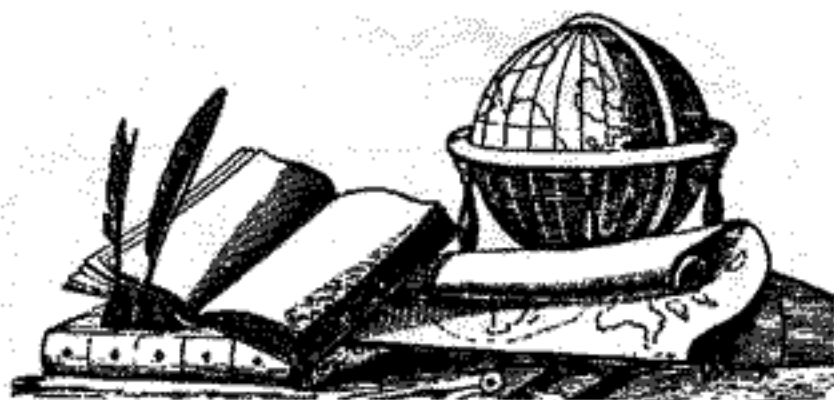
gone around that the Cordells are here and they all come to greet us with love and hugs. No one said temple work is easy, but it is so rewarding. It is worth long hours and any sacrifice we could ever make, the greater our sacrifice, the greater the blessing. Money can not buy our way into the Temple or to Heaven. God is no respecter of persons. Each one of us who desires that home, Christ said he would go and prepare a place for us. We must abide the Celestial law..... many will be called but few chosen. §



**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**

Gospel Doctrine Lessons

May 13 Judges 1-8; 15; Ruth
May 20 1 Samuel 1-4; 7-8
May 27 1 Samuel 9-21; 26; 31
June 3 2 Samuel 5-12



por Feliz Hernandez

Leemos en la Perla de Gran Precio: "Una vision manifestada fue dada a Jose Smith el Profeta, en el Templo de Kirtland, Ohio, el 21 de Enero 1836. Fue una vision del Reino Celestial.

1. Los cielos nos fueron abiertos, y vi el Reimo Celestial de Dios y su gloria. Mas si fue en el cuerpo o en el spiritu, no puedo decirlo.

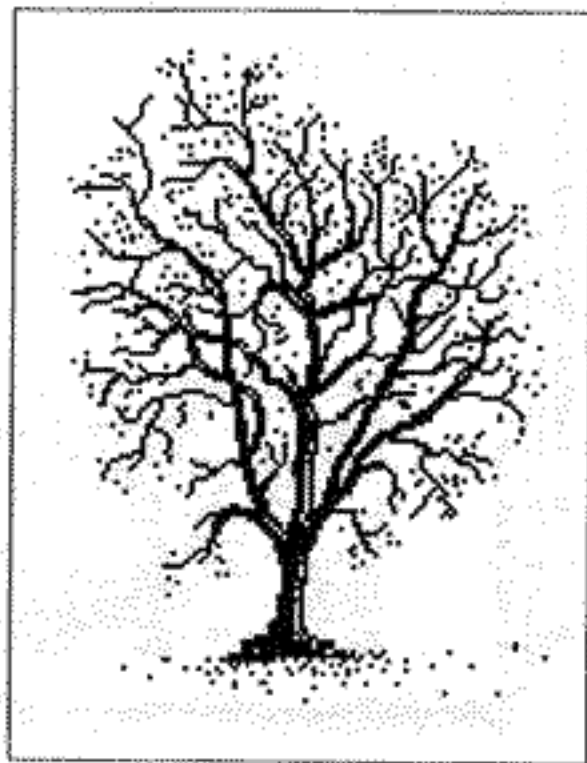
2. Vi la incomparable belleza de la puerta por la cual entraran los herederos de ese reino, que era semejante a llamas circundantes de fuego.

3. Tambien el refulgente trono de Dios, sobre el cual se hallaban sentados el Padre y el Hijo.

4. Vi las hermosas calles de ese reino, las cuales parecian estar pavimentadas de oro.

Y muchas otras cosas vi."

En el verso nueve dice: Pues yo, el Senor, juzgare a todos los hombres segun sus obras, segun los



deseos de su corazon.

Asi que sabemos de donde vinimos, porque estamos aqui y a donde vamos. Que maravilloso es saber estas cosas que el Senor nos dio de saber por medio de el Profeta. El conocimiento de las bendiciones que podemos tener si cumplimos con los mandamientos del Senor.

Debemos ser fuertes de alma y corazon, tener que ser humildes, trabajar duro en la obra del Senor. Que Dios nos de paciencia para seguir adelante y progresar en la rama hispana.

Siendo el 13 de Mayo el Dia de la Madre, espero todas las Madres tengan un dia hermoso y feliz. §

WE ARE A PECULIAR PEOPLE



by Jo Storie

We have some rather different practices that make us stand out from other churches. One of these peculiarities is Wards and Branches and our attendance. To me, this simple concept encapsulates the simple truths of the gospel. To love one another and to learn to get along together as a family.

We attend the ward we geographically live within the boundaries of. We do not go across town to another Ward because we like the Bishop better or the building is nicer. We do not go elsewhere because we don't like Sister So and So or the people are friendlier elsewhere.

Do you not like the ward you are assigned to because of various things? Such as:

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1. Are there too many older people, not enough young families?
2. Are there too many fat people, or too many thin people?
3. Are there too many poor people, or too many rich people?
4. Are there no talented people - such as no song writers, people with the abilities to write decent road shows or direct them? A lack of music people?
5. Lacking in strength in athletics?
6. Too many people of another ethnic group other than yours?
7. Not enough youth for mutual or seminary?
8. Too many small children?
9. Is your Bishop a jerk?
10. It meets too early or it meets too late?
11. Too many converts and not enough true Mormons?

Can you add to the list? What is your special one?

We do not get mad and go to another church or Ward because we need to learn tolerance, understanding, humbleness, forgiveness, love for one another and our differences. We help uplift those less fortunate by sharing our talents, time and sustenance.

This is just one of the many small things that make us "A Peculiar People." §



ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 13 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

May 18-19 Fathers and Sons Outing

May 19 Tri Stake Youth Dance

May 20 OKC II Ward Conference

May 20 Ward Youth Fireside

May 23 Young Women Parent Appreciation Night 7pm.

May 25-26 Single Adult Reginal Conference

May 26 Coed Softball Round #1

May 27 Stk Youth Comm Mtg.

Jun 1 Ward Social. Talent Show and Pot Luck Dinner 6pm.

Jun 2 Stk. Family Activity Day

Jun 3 Fast Sunday

Jun 3 Single Adult Fireside

Jun 5 Homemaking Night.

All of you talented people who would like to participate in our Ward's Talent Show, please contact Sister Lusk at 682-6548.



WARD GOALS

Brothers and Sisters, These are our goals for 1990. -Bishop Payne

PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL

- Chart of Future Missionaries
- 15 converts baptisms for the year
- Activation efforts
- Have 16 "splits" a month with the missionaries and other priesthood holders.
- Youth missions for the priests
- Maintain a force of stake missionaries
- Monthly socials and activities to which non-members could be invited, as well as fellowshipping of new and ward socializing.
- Increase participation in meals for the missionaries by three times.

REDEEMING THE DEAD

- All endowed members will have a current Temple Recommend or will be interviewed to determine where they stand in obtaining one
- Each recommend holder will complete at least two endowments
- Have the Ward average at least four times the number of recommend holders in endowments performed.
- Have members called and working in the Family History Record Extraction Program
- Youth Temple Trip on Friday June 15th
- Three dates designated as Ward Temple Trips
- Continue the one-on-one genealogy instruction

PERFECTING THE SAINTS

- Have Home Teaching and Visiting Teaching reach 70% by the end of the year.
- Have Temple preparation class or individual instruction, available for members.
- Hold Family Relations Class and Teacher Development Class.
- All active members will have a calling in the Ward.
- Family Preparedness:
 - Canning chairman called
 - Complete three canning projects
 - Call three welfare specialists ... Janet Hill, Frank & Aliene Herrold.
- Ward Welfare specialists will work with members on an individual basis with gardening and canning.
- Young Men service projects: till garden spots for members of the ward.
- Homemaking lessons and mini classes monthly to teach preparedness, self-sufficiency, and money management, savings and earnings.
- Ward emphasis on Family Home Evenings.

THOUGHTS OF MOTHER

Behold she walks in God's own light
She loves with all her might
Such simple things give her delight
Oh mother, mother dear.

To think that God would give to me
A chosen spirit such as thee
Oh may I ever worthy be
Oh mother, mother dear.

She always fills our home with love
I humbly thank my God above
That she was given to bless our lives
Oh mother, mother dear.

-Helen Pearce Gun



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