

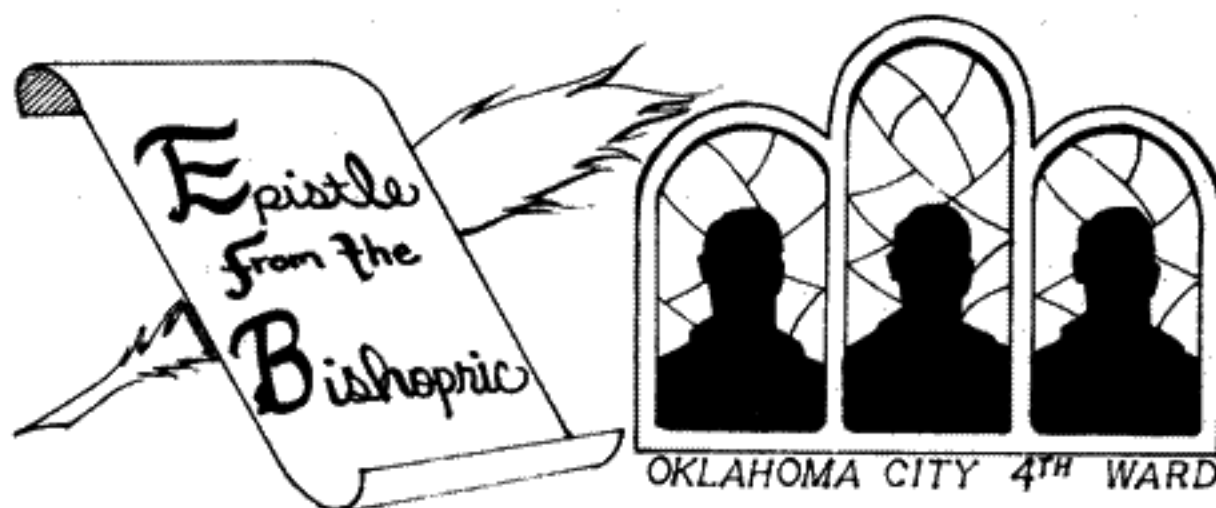
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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

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It is almost that time of year again when we change schedules with the Oklahoma city second ward. Effective September 1, 1981, the Oklahoma city fourth ward and the Oklahoma city second ward will swap schedules for a year.

Sacrament Meeting for the OKC Fourth Ward will begin at 9:00 am each Sunday morning starting September 6th. The other meetings in the consolidated schedule will be over at noon each Sunday. Activity night will change from Tuesday night to Wednesday night, beginning September 2, 1981.

By now many of you are aware that a temple is to be built in Dallas Texas in answer to the prayers of all the saints in this area. Not only has the Lord heard our prayers but has rewarded the saints for the outpouring of names submitted because of geneology research and the "extraction program."

The temple should be completed by early 1983 at a cost of approximately 5½ million dollars of which \$63,000. is assessed the Norman Oklahoma Stake. The temple will be approximately 26,000 sq. feet, or about the size of our stake center at Norman. It is the desire of the bishopric that all ward members be given the opportunity to sacrifice for this worthy endeavor by contributing of their means to the temple building fund. May I again say how pleased I am to serve you as your bishop and commend you to the Lord for your willingness to respond to the call of the Lord, and your priesthood leaders.

Bishop Robert F. Allen



data from our



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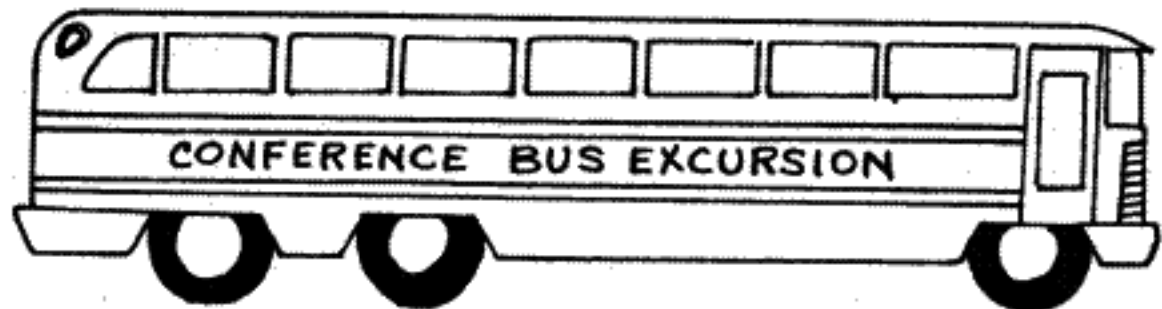
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We, the LIAHONA Staff, would like to express our appreciation to the Presidencies and auxiliaries in the ward for supporting the newspaper program. We had received such an abundance of articles that we found it necessary to expand this edition of the paper! We are grateful for the many newsworthy items and we would like to further increase the quality of the LIAHONA by reiterating our plea for all Ward members to share with us your talents! Whether it is poetry or a piece of artwork, relating an experience or sharing a testimony, we want to aid you in sharing your love for the Lord with others. We, too, follow the admonition of Paul: "If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report, or praiseworthy, we seek after these things."

The LIAHONA Staff
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The ward bus trip to Salt Lake City will be leaving the last Sunday in September (27th) and returning the first Sunday in October (4th). The trip is for the Semi-Annual Conference. All members are urged to attend. If you are planning to attend, please contact Brother Lindsey (681-4385) no later than Friday, August 28th. We need a few more people to go, or we may not be able to go. Remember, in order for us to be an EFFECTIVE Temple-building people, we must be a Temple ATTENDING people!

JOSEPH



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THE MAN/THE SEER

A Personal Insight Into The Life and Times of The Prophet
Joseph Smith By S. Bryce Chamberlain

SATURDAY AUGUST 29, 1981

NORMAN STAKE CENTER

COME HELP US COMMEMORATE THE 150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE RESTORATION OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

In this sesquicentennial year commemorating the Restoration of the Gospel, we invite you to join us and learn more of the Prophet Joseph Smith as the man, the seer.

There has been much more interest in the Prophet Joseph and here is your opportunity to see a presentation that is different from any other. What was he really like? He was a man shrouded in myth, not of his own making, but created by bloodthirsty enemies or over-zealous acquaintances. Joseph Smith was a prophet... and a human being.

In "Joseph, The Man/The Seer," S. Bryce Chamberlain presents the founder of the LDS Church as he really was, in settings and experiences described by the man himself.

He assumes the role of Joseph in his presentation. The transformation from Chamberlain the narrator, talking about Joseph, to Joseph himself takes place while the audience watches. Chamberlain does makeup and period clothing while he tells the audience of the Mormon leader's appearance and



background. But when he finishes with the make-up and clothing, he becomes Joseph, taking on the man's joys and griefs.

Chamberlain is probably best known to LDS audiences for his role in the Church film, "Man's Search For Happiness." He is a veteran of 27 years of acting, directing and producing.

His research on the character of Joseph Smith was done as part of a professional development project for BYU, where he is associated with Indian Personal Services in the school's Indian Education program. He has presented "Joseph, The Man / The Seer" hundreds of times world wide, including a special performance for a group of Joseph Smith's descendants at a family reunion in Kirtland, Ohio.

Don't miss this moving portrayal of Joseph Smith. Bring your friends, your family, members and non-members and learn of the Prophet Joseph Smith. This is a great missionary opportunity and an evening that will long be remembered.

Letter From The President

...To an LDS missionary

President Ronald Reagan, quoting from the Book of Mormon, recently wrote a letter to the son of Sen. Jake Garn, U.S. Senator from Utah.

Pres. Reagan wrote the letter last May to wish the young man well on his mission. Elder Garn has been called to serve in England.



Dear Elder Garn,

A while ago, your father shared a scripture with me. He told me it was from your Book of Mormon.

"Behold, could ye suppose that ye could sit upon your thrones, and because of the exceeding goodness of God ye could do nothing and He would deliver you? Behold, if ye have supposed this ye have supposed in vain."

I have often thought about these words. They came back to me during the campaign, especially when it would be a long day and one that didn't go as well as we had hoped. I thought of them when I was in the hospital, and they have been on my mind since Jake told me that you would soon be leaving on your mission to England.

You have my deepest admiration for the responsibility you have taken upon yourself. I have such great respect for your Church. As you probably know, the appearance of your Mormon Tabernacle Choir with its rendering of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" during inaugural week was one of the most touching moments Nancy and I have ever experienced. Although I am not a Mormon, I very much respect your Mormon values, and I can understand why you will be so proud to share them with the people of Great Britain.

You will have Nancy's and my prayers too. We both wish you Godspeed in this important work you are being sent to do.

With warm personal regard and affection.

Sincerely, Ronald Reagan

*Alma 60:11

The Elder's Quorum has recently been re-organized under the leadership of Brother Mitchell Chesney as Quorum President. He has Brother Gary Hall as his First Counselor and Brother Leslie Wilson as his Second Counselor. Brother David Hulsman serves as Quorum Secretary with Brother Jerry Dosier serving as Quorum Executive Secretary.

The Quorum Presidency is actively considering ways of creating activities to bring the Quorum members and their families into greater fellowship and harmony. There will be a listing of dates and activities in the Liahona and the Church Sunday Bulletin.

In addition to Quorum activities, the Quorum will sponsor a series of Sunday evening Firesides. The full membership and their non-member friends are invited to these functions. The first such Fireside is scheduled for Sunday evening, September 20th at 7:00. The special guest speaker will be none other than our very own Stake Patriarch, Brother Lindsey. He will speak on the meaning and importance of Patriarchal Blessings.

ELDER'S QUORUM LESSONS

- August 30 - Restoring the Kingdom
- September 6 - Scripture
- September 13 - First Presidency Message
September 1981
- September 20 - Strengthening Testimony
- September 27 - Sharing the Lord's Power



Sister Wanda Owens was sustained as Relief Society Homemaking Counselor on June 21, 1981. We feel privileged to have her serve with us, and are grateful for her understanding heart and special talents. We are happy to welcome two new teachers this month. Sister Carolyn Wagner will be teaching the Social Relations lesson and Sister Susan Creed will teach Cultural Refinement lessons. In the Homemaking department, four new mini class chairmen have been sustained this month. They are, sister Ann Andrews, sister Amanda Pitts, sister Vicki Church and sister Yvonne Janes.

Beginning in September, visiting teachers meeting will be on wednesday night at 7:00pm, and the homemaking meeting at 7:30pm. The mini classes will be: Advent calendars taught by Vicki Church....Clothespin wreaths, taught by Ann Andrews...Popcorn and cereal treats, taught by Amanda Pitts...Quilting taught by Mae Mitchell and Yvonne Janes....and Noel ribbon taught by Wilma Crowder.

Please sisters, join with us in sharing our talents, and the blessings we receive from serving the Lord and each other in Relief Society.



A Ward to the World

MISSIONARY FOCUS

At a recent missionary conference, we were advised that the Oklahoma Tulsa Mission has put into effect the "Cottage Meeting Program" as a means of getting more good and faithful members into the Church.

This plan has proven successful in other missions and can be in this mission also. If members will get enthused and fellowship a non-member family or friends in your home for Family Home Evening, a dinner, a picnic or any kind of family togetherness.

After you have fellowshiped them for awhile, introduce the Gospel to them and invite the missionaries to get acquainted with them.

We have been told by our Prophet many times "every member a missionary". Ward members, let's get enthused about this program and help spread the Gospel to everyone we meet, and see if we can't double or triple our ward membership.

"We express our sincere love and appreciation to each of you."

Elder NORRIS and Elder WALTERS



Teach up a Child

Proverbs 22:6

Our mystery person for June was Sister Florence Bigler. We all know that Sister Bigler is a dedicated teacher, but did you know her favorite color is green, she's an early riser, loves to make bread, was born in Idaho and came here to live with and help her daughter? Then in July we were able to surprise Sister Lorie Leighty. She too was born in Idaho, the youngest of 9 children Lorie is mother of 6, a bookkeeper (worked since she was 16), loves animals, camping with her family, volleyball, and is one organized and talented gal. We want both of these sisters to know we love and appreciate all they do for the Primary children.

On August 11 we had our second activity night of the year- Primary International. We started with a parade, each child with a flag from another country. Sang a few songs we've learned and we would like to congratulate and thank Sister Martha Sells for teaching these songs to the children. We learned that other wards would not even attempt to teach these songs with foreign languages in them. You did a great job Sister Sells!

Each class demonstrated something they had learned from another country. Finally Sister Bigler's class broke a piñata (and we want to thank our pianist, Sister Letha Drain for making the piñata) then everyone enjoyed refreshments from the various countries.

May we give a special and sincere thank you to all those members who have been to these other countries and came into our "Sharing Time" to help teach the children. You went the extra mile and we are grateful!

Friday and Saturday, August 28th and 29th, Oklahoma City IV Ward will have the annual camp-out at Red Rock Canyon. All members and their friends are invited. Red Rock Canyon is located 5 miles south of I-40 west on highway 281 just south of Hinton. Go west on I-40 and take the Hinton exit south. We have picnic shelter #5 reserved.

The scouts will start the activities Friday evening at 8:00 with a Fireside. Saturday morning the Bishopric will prepare a breakfast for all. There will also be swimming, fishing, and hiking. The camp-out will be officially over after the potluck picnic Saturday at 1:00 p. m.

We hope all members will be able to come out and support this activity.

Holidays, birthdays, any special occasion would be the right time to give a gift subscription to any of the Church publications. These publications are geared to the age level of the recipient and will bring many hours of enjoyment and learning in a pleasing way. We have available the Church at \$6.50, The Friend at \$6.00, The New Era at \$6.00, and the Ensign at \$8.00. Contact Sister Wilson at 794-1175.



SCRIPTURE-QUIZ

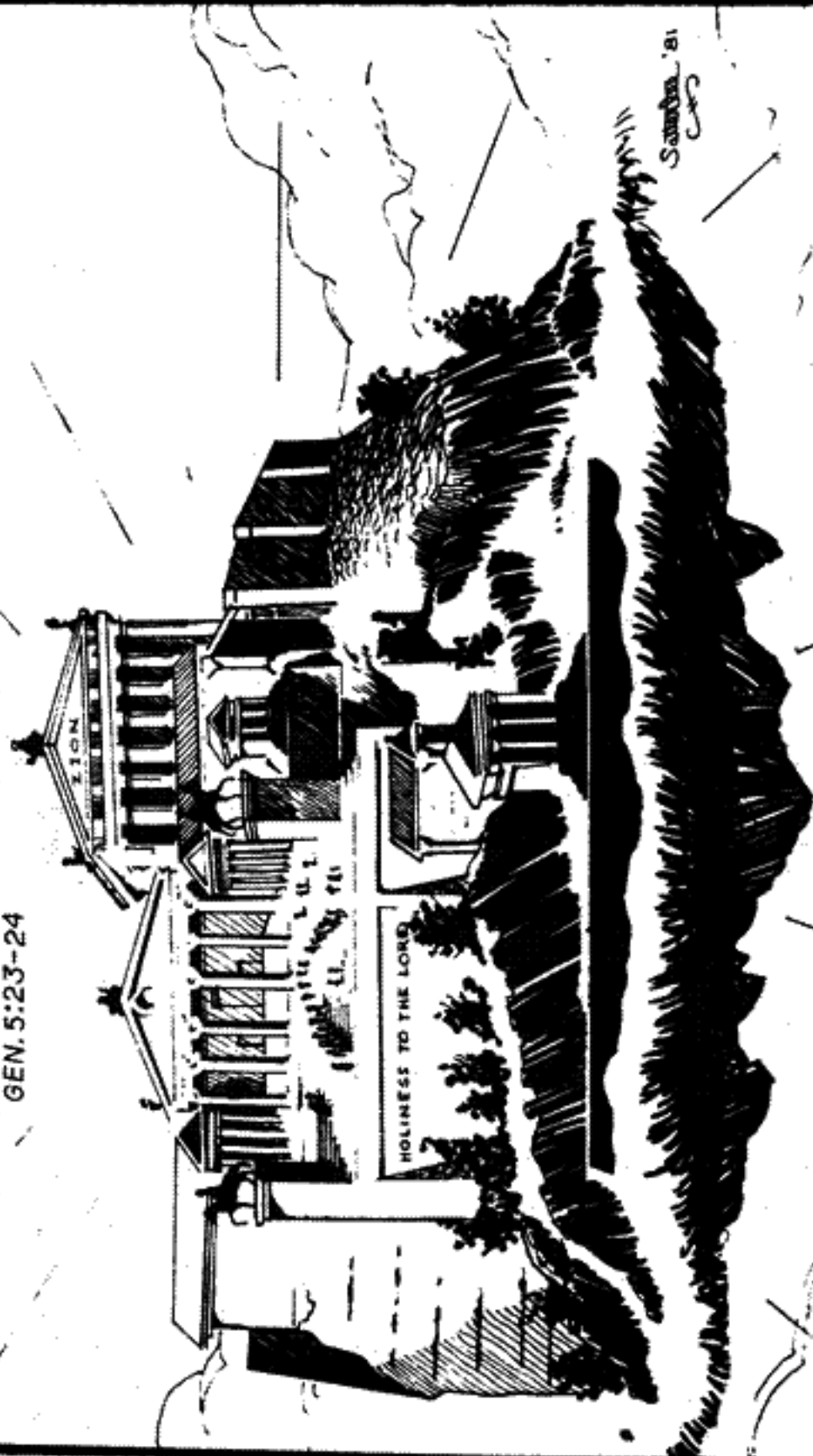
by G. J. SATTERLEE

AND ALL THE DAYS OF ENOCH
WERE THREE HUNDRED SIXTY
AND FIVE YEARS:
AND ENOCH WALKED WITH GOD:
AND HE WAS NOT; FOR GOD
TOOK HIM.

GEN. 5:23-24

(ENOCH)OBTAINED POWER TO TRANSLATE HIMSELF
AND HIS PEOPLE, WITH THE REGION THEY INHABITED,
THEIR HOUSES, GARDENS, FIELDS, CATTLE, AND ALL
THEIR POSSESSIONS.

DISC. OF BRIGHAM YOUNG



ARCHBISHOP JAMES USSHER (1581 - 1656), NOTED FOR HIS WORK ON BIBLICAL CHRONOLOGY, FIXES THE DATE OF THE TRANSLATION OF ENOCH AT ABOUT 3017 B. C. IN THE LIGHT OF MODERN REVELATION, WE KNOW THIS FIGURE TO BE INACCURATE. CAN YOU NAME THE SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES WHICH SUGGESTS 2952 B. C. MAY BE MORE CORRECT?

ANSWER: ACCORDING TO MOSES 8:1, ENOCH WAS 65 YEARS OLDER THAN GENESIS CREDITS HIM TO HAVE BEEN. THE 365 YEARS MENTIONED IN GENESIS REFERS TO THE EXISTANCE OF THE CITY OF ZION AS CLARITY. ZION WAS TRANSLATED 430 YEARS LATER IN THE YEAR 2952 B. C. IF ENOCH WAS INDEED BORN IN 3017 B. C., THEN HE AND THE CITY OF ZION WERE TRANSLATED 430 YEARS LATER IN THE YEAR 2952 B. C.

THE PRECIPICE - By Carol Goolsby

O, glorious day, begin anew!
For out of darkness we have come,
To start afresh this day,
And yet, not from the valley floor
But from a precipice,
We struggle on.

Look not down!
Though the way be mean,
One careless step, one futile glance
Can plunge us back where we began
Or chill our hearts with fear and doubt
And leave us clinging to this precarious
perch.

Onward look!
Onward and upward,
Toward the shining, glorious dawn
Of the sumountable heights,
And those successful climbers
Who urge us on
With words of hope and promises of
glory everlasting.

Then onward!
Grasp the ledge above,
Pull---Lift---Strain.
Oh, the joy of success
And peaceful rest
As the sun sets
On yet another precipice.



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