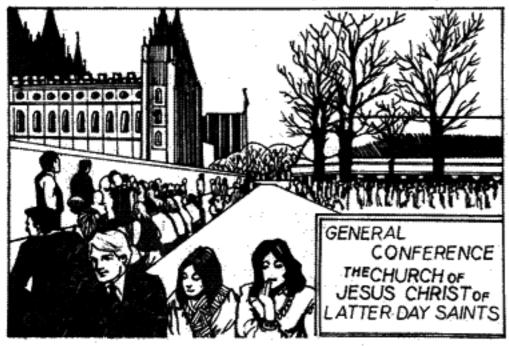


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But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the House of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, come and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the Law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. (Micah 4:12)



Oct. 3-4 1981 marks the occasion of the 151st semiannual world conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Leaders in the church from various nations along with members of the church from throughout the world will flow unto the mountains of Utah to recieve counsel from the Lord's inspired servants. Among this multitude of faithful saints will be members of our own ward, particularly if the efforts of Stake Patriarch

Gerald S. Lindsey see fruition. Bro. Lindsey has consistently over these many years been the main figure through whom the saints in our area have found transportation to these conferences by way of a weeklong bus excursion. Traveling on the bus, our saints are blessed with the great opportunity of serving the Lord in many of the Temples the week prior to the conference and open themselves to a world of spiritual experience. The personal sacrafices that may be involved are comparatively minor in view of the benefits of this worthy pilgrimage. If you have never personally attended a General Conference in Salt Lake City you are cheating yourself from some of the greatest of blessings...arrangements should be made with your Bishop and Brother Lindsey in order to take advantage of this experience while we still have the opportunity



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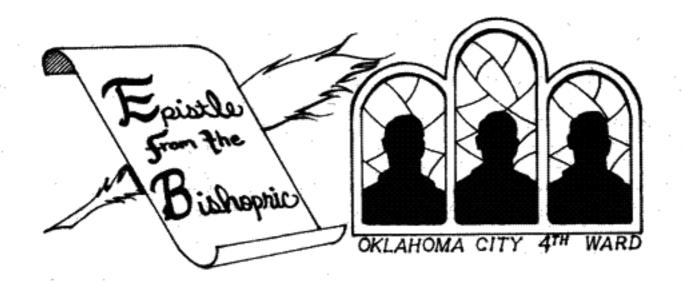
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IN APPRECIATION FOR THE MANY COMPLIMENTS WHICH WE HAVE RE-CEIVED IN REGARDS TO OUR WORK ON THE LIAHONA WE WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU THIS "BEHIND THE SCENE" GLIMPSE OF THE PAPER'S PRODUCTION. A TYPICAL MONTH MIGHT GO LIKE THIS:





Several years ago in April conference, our Prophet President Kimball said, "The church is finally mature enough to move forward in a significant way. The preparations have been made organizationally, but the decision to act must rest with each individual." He then proceeded to give us specific assignments which, if accomplished would help us to become a sanctified people. The assignments were to:

- 1. Bring a family or individual into the Church each year.
- 2. Accept a call to serve a full-time mission if eligible.
- 3. Assist an inactive family into activity each year.
- 4. Do more endowments than we did the year before.
- 5. Accomplish more selfless acts than before.
- 6. Allow spouses and children to receive the benefit of more time spent with fathers each month.

If each family were to accomplish these six goals this year, can you imagine how much happier and stronger we would be? To help us with the time needed to do these things, the Church has implemented the consolidated meeting schedule. Soon we will have a temple in Dallas. As your Bishop, I have been strongly impressed that as a ward we must change. The ways we have always done things in the past are no longer acceptable if we are to become the sanctified people standing in holy places who will greet the Savior upon his return.

Let us change now by sincerely striving to accomplish these six goals between now and next year at this time. The Lord has promised all of the help, strength and inspiration needed to be successful. All we must do is supply the faith and work. Are we to be included with those President Kimball spoke of who are mature enough to do it?

The Relief Society anonces that the Visiting Teachers meeting and message, "Feed My Sheep", will be presented on wednesday evening at 7:00pm October 7th. Also the Homemaking meeting, on the same evening, begining at 7:30pm, after the Visiting Teachers meeting, will be under the direction of Sister Wanda Owens and Sister Sharon Wood.

Mini-classes for October include...Finish the Advent calendars and the clothes pin wreaths. New classes that will be starting are...... Sewing, Mr. and Mrs. Snowman, Food preparation, and making Christmas candy. Also we will have Learning Quilting projects for beginners and also we will have a clase for advanced quilters. We wish to thank all who have participated.

Relief Society lessons on Sundays, for the month of October are:

SPIRITUAL LIVING...Teaching by the spirit (see W. Grant Bangerter, "Teaching by the Spirit", Ensign, May 1980 pp. 46-47; and James E. Faust, "Communion with the Holy Spirit", Ensign, May 1980 pp. 12-15.)

MOTHER EDUCATION... "Decide to Decide", (see Rex D. Pinegar, Ensign November 1980 pp. 71-73.)

SOCIAL RELATIONS..."The Savior's Touch", (see M. Russell Ballard, "The Savior's Touch", Ensign November 1980, pp. 22-24.)

CULTURAL REFINEMENT..."The Largest and by all Measure, the Greatest Womens Organization on Earth", (see Boyd K. Packer, "The Circle of Sisters", Nov 1980 Ensign, pp. 109-111.)



PRIMARY

Our Primary "Mystery Person" for August was Sister Estella Fulmer. Six of the seven years she has been a member of our Church have been spent working with our children in Primary. But the children are not the only ones that love her, because the missionaries think of her as their "Mom away from home."

The Little Lambs will miss "Grampa Barlow" every Sunday, as he was recently released from Primary. But they will soon learn to love Sister Fairel Webb, as we welcome her to the Primary nursery. We would also like to welcome Sister Amanda Pitts as the new CTR A teacher. Her calling will be a challenge, as she teaches the largest class in Primary, with over fifteen children enrolled.

We will miss Sister Vicki Sperlein and Brother Jeff Atchley, as they too, have been released from Primary. We are grateful for all the time and effort they put forth as teachers.

Our congratulations to Heather Allen and Darren Cook for their graduation from Primary. Heather always gave well prepared talks and we appreciated her efforts very much. Although Darren was only with us a few weeks we will miss his friendly smile!



Our Missionaries At Home and Abroad

Many people came to the prophet Joseph Smith and asked him to inquire of the Lord what they could do that would be of most worth to them. Each time the answer would come: "That which will be of most worth unto you will be to declare repentance unto this people that you may bring souls unto me, that you may rest with them in the kingdom of my father". D&C 15:6.

On another occasion the Lord said.... "and again, I say unto you, I give unto you a commandment, that every man, both elder, priest, teacher, and also member, go to with his might.... and accomplish the things which I have commanded, and let your preaching be the warning voice, every man to his neighbor, in mildness and in meekness." (D&C 38:40-41)

Can you tell that we are building up to something here? Ah...yes!....for we, your faithful missionaries, "Know that the Lord giveth no commandment unto the children of men, save he shall prepare a way for them that they might accomplish the things which he commandeth them." (1 nephi 3:7)

The way has been prepared! One of the greatest discoveries in modern times has come forth.....the cottage meeting program!

In discussing the missionery force of the Church, Rex Reeves refered to the members as a "sleeping giant" that neede to be aroused. Once this giant had been awakened great things would occur in the missionery work of the Church. The cottage meeting program is a vehicle that the Lord has designed to put this "giant" into action.

Our sincere appreciation goes out to those who have already participated in this great program. At least two more of our Heavenly Fathers children will be entering His kingdom thru the waters of baptism at the end of the month as a result. "How great shall be your joy with them in the kingdom of our Heavenly Father."

We love and appreciate all of you, Elders Walters, Hadlock, Goodin, and Parshall. continued on PG.7

ELDER'S QUORUM LESSONS

October 4 - General Conference

October 11 - First Presidency Message for October

October 16 - Elders Quorum Social (Friday)

October 18 - Sharing the Lords Power

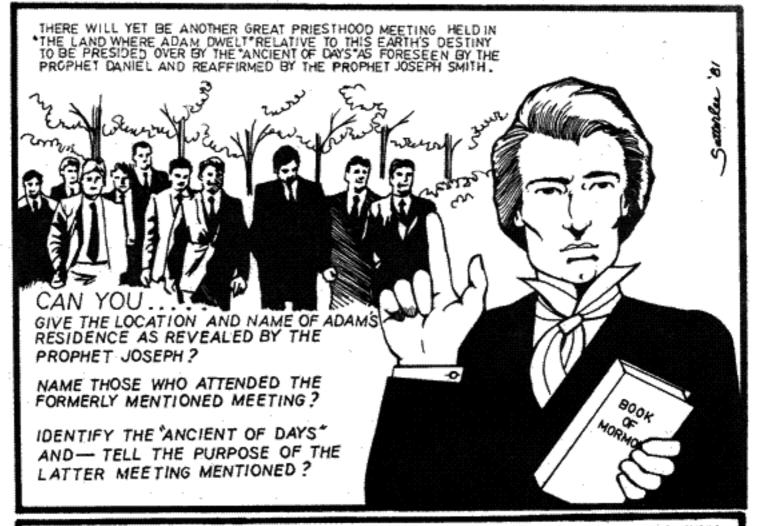
October 25 - Serving the Lord











JUST AS THE ANDERT OF DAYS (ADAM) ASSEMBLED SETH, ENOS, JARED, CAINAN, MAHALALEEL, ENOCH, METHUSELAH AND THE RESIDUE OF HIS RIGHTEOUS POSTERITY IN THE VALLEY OF ADAM ONDI AHMAN DURING HIS MORTALITY—SO HE SHALL YET CALL HIS RIGHTEOUS CHILDREN TOGETHER IN PRESENT THEM TO CHRIST PREPARMINGS OF ADAMS OF AUTHORITY AMONG THEM AND PRESENT THEM TO CHRIST PREPARMINGS HIS REGION OF REIGH ON EARTH, (DAY DAY, 9-14 D.C. 116), D.C. 117 S.3-56, and T.E.ACH IN GS P. 16.7

The Church is really flourishing here in the Dominican Republic, but most of the Branches are suffering from lack of leadership. These Branches were started by proselyting missionaries who usually conduct all the meetings because the members are new and inexperienced in the ways of the Church. That is where we older missionaries are sorely needed. We help the Branches become independent. The need here is great as we suppose it is everywhere in the world because the Church is growing so fast. Can you imagine the leadership problem Ward Iv would have if it had been split four times in less than three years, or if the oldest active member had been in the Church all of one year? At the last count we had, there were 22 Branches in Donimican Republic and five couples.

It isn't as though we are working great miracles here amongst the people it is simply a matter of being in a place where we are needed and we are helping where we can. We help individual families to learn how to have a Family Home Evening in their homes, the importance of Genealogy work and how to fill out the forms. We help teach them to write talks, teach classes, conduct meetings, etc..etc.

There is a great need and work of the Lord for the older couples of the Church. May the Lord bless you all.

Elder and Sister ATCHLEY Apartado #59 Bani, Dominican Republic

YOUNG MEN, YOUNG WOMEN ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR OCTOBER

On October 30 1981, from 7:30pm until 9:30pm, the Young Men and Young Womens' organization will sponser a spooky fun filled family night. We would like to extend an invitation to all of the members and their friends to come to an exciting night at the "Spook House" filled with fun, games and excitment. We are also going to have a costume contest, but would like all members to keep in mind that maskes are not allowed in the church. Refreshments will also be provided, so we would ask all of the members to come and have a good time.

We would also like to give appreciation to all of the young men and women for all of the work and time that they have put forth to make the planning of this and all of the other activities a success here in OKC Fourth Ward.

I built a ship - a great large ship, And Pride stood at the helm

And steered for Fame, that wondrous land, And Wealth - bright, golden realm:

And Pride was captain, mate, and crew, And launched my ship with much ado.

"Now go, my ship, my great, great ship, And laugh the winds to scorn."

And lo, my ship came back to me All broken, bent, and torn!

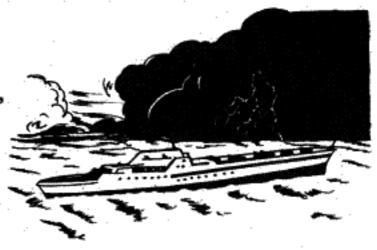
I built a ship, a lovely ship, With modern wings of white,

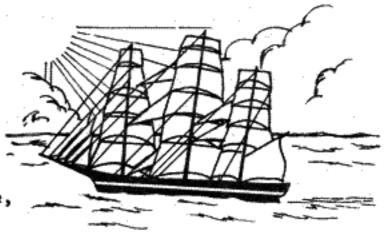
And thought not of bright Wealth or Fame, But Service rose in sight.

Love was my captain, mate, and crew And launched my ship without ado.

"Now go, my ship, my lowly ship, Thy modest wings unfold."

And lo, my ship came dancing back Just weighted down with gold!





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