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## Auditorium Gets a New Face

Photo by Keith B. Stokes

FOR THE benefit of Conference visitors, who may be seeing for the first time the new entrance and foyer of the Auditorium, some facts of interest have been gathered through the aid of the staff of the office of the Presiding Bishopric. This great improvement in the beauty and convenience of our building—containing the headquarters of the church and providing a home for the General Conference—has been accomplished at a cost of approximately one-half million dollars.

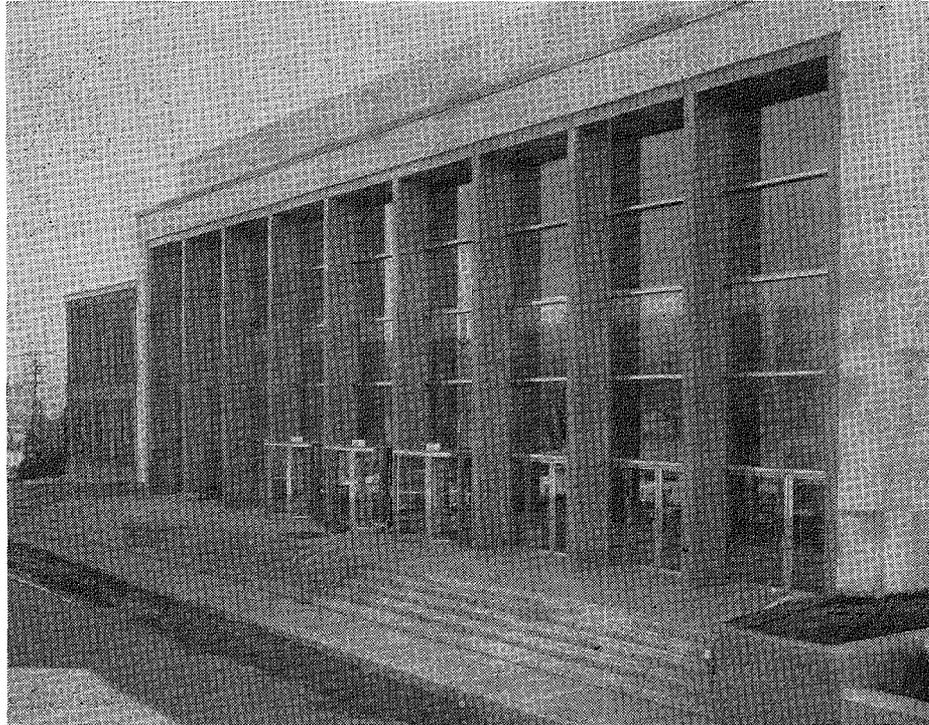
### EXTERNAL APPEARANCE

The entrance is of contemporary design, along simple classical lines, to harmonize with the main structure.

In the exterior construction a variety of materials has been used. The outdoor planter boxes are of architectural brick with limestone caps. The steps are of gray granite, quarried in Maine. Lights have been placed intermittently along the steps to assist visitors at night.

The exterior framework of the facade is of limestone. The doors are of glass, framed in stainless steel, like the windows above them. There are nine bays fitted with doors, the three in the center being of the revolving type, and three on each side of the swinging type—fifteen doors altogether.

For safety, the swinging doors can be opened from the inside at any time. Nobody can become locked in the building. There is a lever that can be pressed so they will easily open outward in case



of possible panic conditions. The revolving doors are also constructed to yield to pressure, permitting the wings to fold so that crowds can leave through both sides—another safety feature. However, these doors are rigid when locked at night. Only the swinging doors can be opened at all times. Special heaters are inside the doors to warm the air in cold weather.

### INSIDE THE FOYER

The floor of the foyer is of pink Kasota stone. Eight red granite columns separate the nine entrance bays. They were quarried at Cold Springs, Minnesota. These columns are oval in shape to offer smaller obstruction to crowds moving past them.

The wainscoting in the foyer, and in the two elevator lobbies adjoining the foyer, is also of red granite. Two elevators are in the lobbies, one at each end of the foyer. They are automatic, operated by push buttons, and serve floors one to six. The foyer is on the third level, a fact to be remembered by visitors when they wish to leave the building.

The ceiling is of acoustical tile. The lighting in the foyer is of the direct type, while the cove has neon lighting.

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## Greetings from the First Presidency

To All Readers and Friends:

The production of the *Conference Daily Herald* has been entrusted to members of our regular editorial staff, who are working with our corps of official personnel at headquarters. They will be assisted by faithful and devoted volun-

teers who will serve for the joy and satisfaction of helping in this important work. To all these good people we express our thanks and appreciation.

For those readers who are in attendance at the General Conference the *Daily Herald* will serve as a permanent record such as no individual could possibly keep. It will report more meetings and activities than any one person could attend. For those who cannot be present at the Conference, it will be the only available means of sharing in the good things that we enjoy here. We trust that it will serve a good purpose for all who read its pages.

To all our readers, whether at the General Conference or at home, we extend most cordial greetings and good wishes, and we take this opportunity to add an expression of our confidence in the good will and integrity of our people and our faith in the great cause to which they are devoting their time and strength.

### THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

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# Auditorium

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## THE WOODWORK

Walnut paneling has been used in the foyer and in the elevator lobbies adjoining it. This is American black walnut, natural finish. The walnut veneer all came from the same tree. It was probably grown in western Missouri or in eastern Kansas. The veneer was cut on a skiver by a method called plain slicing. When the veneer was produced, it was found to be unusually clean and with exceptionally fine character, and with a type of figure seldom found in walnut. This special flitch of veneer was laid away in the plant for a year before being used. The solid walnut was grown in Kansas.

Walnut doors, fitted with glass panels, are at each end of the foyer and lead to halls and ramps.

Special doors, covered with leather, and with special lettering on them, have been in preparation to be installed in the doorways leading into the main conference room. Delivery has been promised so that they will be in place by Conference time.

Inside the foyer are two offices, one occupied by the telephone exchange for

the building. Any office in the building may be reached by dialing TEmple 1-1000. The other office is occupied by the Guide Service, where information or assistance may be obtained by visitors.

The architects designing the new work are Bloomgarten and Frohwerk of Kansas City. The consulting architect is Joseph D. Murphy of St. Louis. Hare and Hare of Kansas City are the landscape architects.

## OTHER PLANS

Plans for the further development of the Auditorium and the grounds around it are being developed one project at a time. The main conference room has been prepared for the coming General Conference on a temporary basis. The seating facilities have been cleaned and other installations have been made or checked to meet the requirements of the occasion.

It is hoped that the next project to be approved by the Conference will be the completion of the big main conference room. Officials would like to have the work begun immediately after the close of the Conference sessions. When completed in its permanent form, the room should seat six thousand persons.

L. J. L.

# Report of the Council of Twelve

To the First Presidency and General Conference:

Truly it is a marvelous age in which we find ourselves. Especially is it so to one who, with the light of God's Spirit, senses it as the noontime of God's readiness to bless mankind. It is a wonderful period of time in which to live and for the church to have an existence.

The profound fact that God and men can and do work together was put by the Apostle Paul in this language: "We are laborers together with God." What can equal a consciousness of being in the category of such laborers?

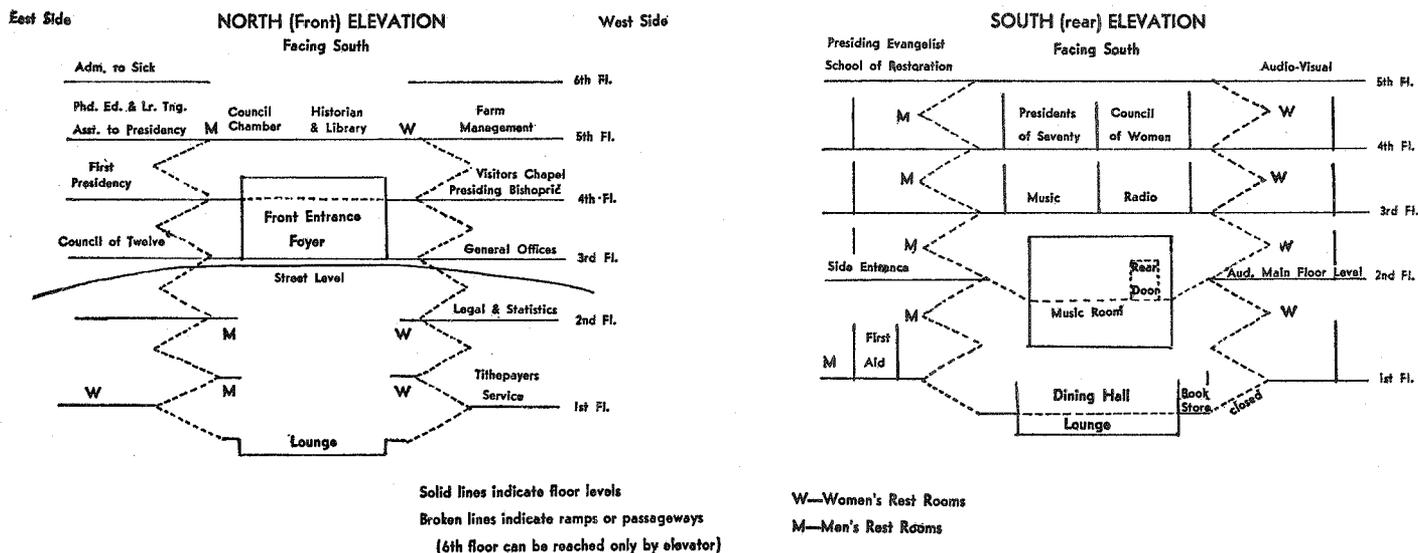
In the time since last General Conference, my joy in serving in the ministry of the church has been equal to any happiness experienced in other years. Added to various activities entering into magnifying my calling, it was my privilege to visit places of special archaeological interest in Italy, Greece, Egypt, and Lebanon, and to spend three weeks in Israel.

PAUL M. HANSON

## EASTERN MISSION

The following is a brief statement of the achievements accomplished in the area to which I have been assigned dur-

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ing the inter-Conference period from 1954 to 1956.

The spiritual tone of the eastern area is on a high level. This fact is testified to by the percentage of baptismal gains, as well as by the fine co-operation extended to the General Church through her immediate representatives. It is also witnessed to in the enlarged activities of the local ministers who have given themselves more assiduously than ever to the prosecution of the work of the church in the area composing the northeastern United States.

This is substantiated through the following factors: Baptismal gains in the area for the calendar year 1955 were 516. This is a gain of 70 over the year previous. Two new missions have been organized; fourteen church buildings have been erected or purchased; twelve church buildings have received major repairs; four other church buildings are in process of erection. Aside from these, fourteen branches have substantial building funds and are looking toward the erection of new places of worship.

It is only right that I should call special attention here to some outstanding events. The opening of the new church in Washington, D. C., we consider of church-wide interest. There we have a representative edifice of which every Latter Day Saint can well be proud and which will be our national shrine in one of the greatest nations in the world. Added to this, and well worthy of special mention in the building program of the area, are the new churches at Toledo, Dayton, Akron, and Middletown, all in the state of Ohio.

Of special interest in the missionary line is the baptismal gain in some of the districts and branches of our Eastern Mission. Kirtland District had a gain of one hundred and ten in 1955 over sixty-five in 1954. Of this increase, fifty were from the Kirtland Branch, bringing a ten per cent increase in baptismal results in this, one of our oldest branches in the church. In Maine we had in 1955 a 100 per cent increase over the baptisms of the year prior—forty-eight in 1955 as against twenty-four in 1954. In other districts we had most excellent results which give us encouragement for the years to come. We now receive information that twenty-three have been baptized in Stonington, Maine, one of the small branches of that venerable district.

So, the good work moves on. May it be blessed likewise in all parts of the world.

D. T. WILLIAMS

#### SOUTHERN MISSION

The Southern Mission, where it has been my pleasure to labor during the past Conference period, consists of six

districts and considerable territory where there are scattered members not sufficient in numbers to be organized into branches and districts. We regret that we have been unable to give ministerial help to the many groups that show promise, but until such time as we have additional appointees and some financial assistance we will not be in a position to take advantage of many opportunities that are opening before us as a church.

The following full-time workers are assigned to this mission by the General Church: Duane E. Couey, John R. Darling, O. C. Henson, Jr., Lee R. Oliver, Richard M. Reid, James E. Renfroe, and Joseph H. Yager. Brother H. I. Velt is shared with this mission and the mission of Apostle Charles R. Hield. Four of these appointees are serving as general administrative officers, and the other brethren are serving as missionaries. We are indeed grateful for the assistance of so many fine local men. Without their help our small force of appointees would be entirely inadequate.

While our baptisms in 1955 were not equal to the baptisms of 1954, the biennial period shows an excellent record in baptisms for this mission.

We have had the pleasure of having several churches dedicated, and growth is also revealed in the building of several new edifices, including one fine church school unit. Several other new church buildings are now being planned, and arrangements are being made to finance them. We are following the rule to build within our income and qualify for what church loans may be available.

The Southern Mission conducts four reunions. We own one reunion property, and rent well-equipped grounds from the Methodist Church for the Southern Indiana Reunion. We are fortunate in having the use of a state park for the Kentucky and Tennessee Reunion, and have now secured another good camp in Arkansas for the Arkansas-Louisiana Reunion. These reunions are all well supported and have rendered an intellectual and spiritual uplift to all who attend.

We have been grateful for the assistance furnished by the general officers, not only for the reunion gatherings but other special services conducted in the Southern Mission.

E. J. GLEAZER

#### EAST CENTRAL STATES MISSION

The territory as a whole includes North Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, most of the state of Illinois, Northern Indiana District, the Nauvoo District and St. Louis District, together with Southern Missouri District. The total membership is in the neighborhood of 13,500.

The Red River District has been strengthened by the ordination of Doctor Charles F. Young to the high priesthood; although the district is small numerically, the spirit of the people is good, and missionary gains are satisfactory.

In Minnesota the strongest concentration is around Minneapolis—St. Paul, to which place recently has been assigned a full-time minister. The outlying branches of this district are weak, but we have a number of missions started which hold a great deal of promise. I cannot commend too highly the work of Brother Delbert Smith, who is an excellent minister and a fine missionary. Brother John Whipple has been recently assigned to the Twin Cities.

In Wisconsin our work has been materially strengthened by the building of a nice church at Sparta. This building was opened a year ago and represents a fine effort on the part of the local people who will, without question, discharge their obligations in connection therewith to the General Church. Brother Berridge is doing excellent work here.

In Chicagoland we have recently opened a very fine church at First. We were strengthened by the ordination of three high priests recently, and the missionary work of Eldon Dickens, who teamed up with Brother Woodstock, has been of a high order. I have held several series of meetings here in this territory and found the response good and the spirit of the people excellent.

In Northern Indiana we have made the best missionary gains of any place in my field. Here Brother Arthur Middleton has worked with Edward Barlow, our missionary, and they have done a really splendid job. Northern Indiana, as so many other districts, is essentially a missionary situation.

In Northeastern Illinois, Brethren Dickens and Fishburn have done excellent work, concentrating their efforts largely on the smaller branches and missions. These three last-named districts have recently acquired a reunion grounds near Marcellus, Michigan; when this is developed it will prove an excellent addition to our church property and also provide a place for cultural as well as spiritual education.

In Nauvoo District Brother Zonker has been doing excellent work, although it is yet quite soon to tabulate concrete results. Brother Zonker has been in the district only three months, but his work already has been effective. We look forward hopefully to the future in this territory.

In Central Illinois the picture is not so good. There are a number of reasons why this area has not been as productive as one would wish. Brother Daugherty

has done excellent work here, at Casey, Jacksonville, and Pana, and has concentrated on new missions at Danville and Rantoul.

In Southeastern Illinois our baptismal gains have been excellent and our work has been materially strengthened by the ordination of Russell Ellis to the high priesthood. I have used Brother Daugherty in this district as well as Central Illinois, and he has been mainly responsible for the very fine development of the Brush Creek reunion grounds; the improvements here are almost unbelievable. These two last-named districts, together with St. Louis, share in this reunion experience; we believe that a bright and rich future awaits the wise use of this investment and these grounds.

In St. Louis Brother Jack Wight and Brother Ronald Manuel are working together well. We have initiated a building program with the co-operation and help of the Presidency and Bishopric which we hope will be in line with the recommendations of the survey team which went there in 1947. Brother Jack Wight shares his time with Southern Missouri where he is district president, and he has shown fine administrative judgment and ability as well as doing an excellent job as a missionary in the two districts. In this field a number of significant ordinations have taken place and two new buildings have been opened—buildings of consequence. A reunion grounds has been purchased. Another reunion grounds has been so vastly improved as to make it almost a new experience for those worshiping there. Youth camps have been held, mostly with the personnel in the territory, and these have proved beneficial.

ARTHUR A. OAKMAN

#### BORDER STATES MISSION FRENCH OCEANIA AND LATIN-AMERICAN MISSION

Church membership in the Border States Mission has had a healthy growth. Central Texas and Southwestern Districts have increased from 1,988 members in 1948 to 2,489 at the end of 1955. New Mexico and Arizona, still unorganized territory, have grown from 481 to 1,074 in the same period of time. Much of this growth is due to the missionary spirit of our local priesthood and members, ably assisted and taught by our missionary force. In Central Texas District, with the ministry of Seventy John Puckett, the Saints have converted and baptized 84 in 1955 as compared with 52 in 1954. Houston and Dallas especially increased their conversion percentage, as did the nonresidents, ministered to by John Puckett, C. W. Tischer, and Ed Thompson. In the Southwestern Texas District, where

Seventy Charles Kornman is the missionary, the baptisms increased from 32 to 51. San Antonio doubled its conversions under the leadership of Pastor Rouss Eastham. Phoenix, Arizona, more than doubled its baptismal record.

Several new missions have been organized in these three states: Winslow, Prescott, Yuma, and Morenci in Arizona; Los Alamos, Las Cruces, and El Paso in New Mexico. These have been due largely to the efforts of our good missionary Robert I. Wakeman. Central Texas District has established new missions at Victoria, Livingston, and Tyler.

Along with the splendid spiritual growth of the Saints in this area has gone a deep desire to adequately and beautifully house their congregations. New churches have been completed and occupied at Fort Worth, Dallas (a beautiful new sanctuary was added recently), Pasadena, Bellaire (in the Houston area) and Bryan in Central Texas District. The Saints in the Rio Grande Valley at Weslaco, with assistance of the General Church for a Latin-American Mission headquarters, have completed a beautiful church building and educational plant. San Antonio is in the process of building a second branch on the north side and has another mission in the southwest part of the city. Phoenix, Arizona, has already outgrown its new church and is planning soon to enlarge its facilities. Tucson has beautified its new sanctuary and continues to grow under good priesthood ministry. New churches will soon be occupied at Albuquerque and Las Cruces, New Mexico. Houston and San Antonio have shown the fastest growth. Houston now has three branches and has organized an area developmental council to expand the physical aspects of its metropolitan area, and the pastor's committee to coordinate the spiritual phase of its devotion. San Antonio also has three congregations—a branch and two missions. The missions will soon qualify for branch status.

The Latin-American Mission moves forward slowly but steadily. Tracts have been prepared, and the translation of the Book of Mormon into Spanish should be published within a year. There are now about one hundred members of the church who are of some Spanish and/or Mexican ancestry—and we have four members of these fine people in the priesthood. The present effort is being concentrated in the Rio Grande Valley at Weslaco, where the mission headquarters is located. When this Latin-American membership is built up to about 150, we plan to push the work down into Mexico and other South American countries with the assistance of native missionaries.

In French Oceania we have about 2,300 members of the church. There are 298 members of the local priesthood: 96 elders, 77 priests, 55 teachers, and 70 deacons. These are ably assisted by two appointee Seventies of the General Church. We have congregations on about 27 of the islands and atolls. Often the church membership is comprised of the local governor, local police, some schoolteachers, and a majority of the citizens. Steps are being taken to augment the literature in both the native Tahitian language as well as French. Schools have been established by the French government on most of the Islands where there are villages, and the French language is taught. About 147 baptisms were obtained in the past year with a percentage of approximately 6.7 per cent which far surpasses the average of the General Church. Three new missions have been built on the island of Tahiti, and local Elders Abrahama, Mervin, Manua, and Hare a Tiho are proving excellent leaders. Many local elders—including Denis, Haiura, Kaua, and Maru—are acting as missionaries.

CHARLES R. HIELD

#### SOUTH CENTRAL STATES MISSION

This mission consists of twelve districts and two small unorganized areas. The districts are Eastern Colorado, Eastern Nebraska, Nebraska, Kansas, Kaw Valley, Spring River, Springfield (Missouri), Rich Hill, Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Western Oklahoma, and Western Texas. Slightly in excess of 16,000 members reside in this area at the present. The six hundred and fifteen baptisms processed through the Statistical Department at headquarters make roughly a four per cent baptismal rate based on membership at the beginning of 1955. We have noted in this area that rather consistently General Church contributions increased in 1955 over 1954. Nine states or portions thereof are represented in these districts: Colorado, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas, Missouri, and Arkansas.

The present appointees laboring in this mission are Jack A. Pray, Harry L. Doty, Herbert A. Lynn, Arthur F. Gibbs, John Jordan, Ward A. Hougas, Myron F. La-Pointe, Frank A. Fry, Peter H. Harder, Alfred H. Yale, Wallace A. Jackson, William E. Williams, and James S. Menzies. William Patterson's time is divided between this mission and the Northwest Mission. In addition, Calvin Carpenter and Ronald Manuel have labored in this mission until being reassigned during the inter-Conference period.

Continuous and consistent efforts in the matter of securing and perfecting houses

of worship have been carried on throughout the entire mission. During the inter-Conference period church buildings have been dedicated at Wichita, Wilburton, and Goodland in Kansas; at Mansfield, Missouri; Gering, Nebraska; Olton, Texas; at Blackgum, Seminole, and Wilburton, Oklahoma. Buildings have been purchased, remodeled, or added to at Iola and Columbus, Kansas; Westport Branch in Springfield, Missouri; Fort Morgan and Lamar, Colorado; Imperial, Nebraska; and Ponca City, Bartlesville, Sand Springs, and Haileyville, Oklahoma.

In addition to the above, the obligations on the church congregations at Turley and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and at Lawrence and Pleasanton, Kansas, have been paid off. Very desirable lots have been purchased or given for future church projects at Clovis, New Mexico; Lawrence, Kansas; Amarillo, Texas; Stillwater, Oklahoma; and Colorado Springs, Colorado. Construction is well underway or has been completed during the inter-Conference period at Great Bend, Bonner Springs, and Pittsburg, Kansas; Aurora and Camdenton, Missouri; and El Reno, Oklahoma.

At the Ozark reunion grounds at Racine, Missouri, a women's rest room and a swimming pool have been constructed. Denver, Colorado, has completed its educational unit, and the reunion facilities at Palmer Lake, Colorado, have been strengthened by the construction of a commodious lodge with sleeping facilities for 128, equipped and constructed for year around use.

In recent months plans have been worked out mutually with the Burge Hospital at Springfield, Missouri, whereby our Central building there will be shifted to an adjoining block making our present location available for additional construction of the hospital; this is mutually advantageous.

I have found most of the Saints very co-operative and devoted to their church, giving themselves in excellent co-operation to the appointee ministry assigned to their respective districts.

D. BLAIR JENSEN

#### REPORT OF WEST CENTRAL STATES MISSION

The work of the church in the West Central States Mission has been reasonably good. The following are the high lights of what has happened over and above the regular activities in stakes, districts, and branches.

New missions opened .....	5
Branches organized .....	3
New churches officially opened .....	5
Major improvement and additions made to existing churches .....	4

Although baptisms in the five stakes averaged lower than 1954 (863 in 1955 and 956 in 1954), there was a fine increase in the districts (400 in 1955 and 291 in 1954), giving 1955 a slight increase over 1954 in the whole mission, reaching close to 4 per cent of the membership.

Kansas City Stake showed a fine up trend, which was also true in the Missouri Developmental Area.

The Rock Island District purchased a fine piece of property, located close to Maquoketa, Iowa, that lends itself well to reunions and exceptionally well to youth camps, retreats, etc. This property represents an over-all value of at least \$90,000, but it was purchased for \$20,000.

The Des Moines, Northwestern Iowa, and Southwestern Iowa Districts have joined in purchasing a fine reunion site consisting of one hundred and seventy acres located on the Racon River, eight miles north of Guthrie Center. The grounds will be developed jointly, but reunions, youth camps, etc., will be held separately.

The members have responded very well to the financial law, the filing of inventories and annual statements, and payment of tithes and offerings. In most places they reached or topped their quotas for the Auditorium fund.

The future looks bright with laymen, priesthood, and official personnel looking forward to seeing continued progress.

R. E. DAVEY

#### AUSTRALASIAN MISSION

##### I. *Missionary Activities*

Growing awareness of our missionary opportunities, improved physical assets, and the creation of new centers of church ministry have combined to make the last two years fruitful ones in Australasia.

The baptismal rate for this period is higher than for any comparable period for a number of years.

All appointee ministers are giving major emphasis to missionary activity, and more of our standing ministers are successfully devoting themselves to this basic work. Some pastors are particularly alert to their responsibilities in this phase of our work and are commended for this.

New branches have been organized in Brisbane, Queensland (Morningside Branch), in Sydney, New South Wales (Ryde Branch), and in Adelaide, South Australia (Hayhurst Branch).

##### II. *Church Buildings*

Under the leadership of Bishop D. A. Alberts, excellent progress has been made in the building program. Branches which have either moved into new buildings recently or are now constructing them are

Taree, Guildford, Port Kembla, and Drummoyne (formerly Balmain), all in New South Wales, and Carnegie in Victoria. Branches which have remodeled or made additions to existing buildings or are now in the process of so doing are Wingham, Hamilton, and Leichhardt in New South Wales, Euroa in Victoria, and Auckland in New Zealand.

New building sites have been purchased by the Ryde and Campsie Branches in Sydney, New South Wales, and by the Hayhurst Branch in Adelaide, South Australia. Other branches are also developing building plans and searching for building sites as they accumulate building funds.

##### III. *Special Activities*

Reunions were held during Christmas week of 1954 and 1955 at both Tiona and Mountain Hut in New South Wales and Victoria respectively. Elder Sydney Jacka was reunion director both years at Tiona. Elder A. R. Gunning administered the Mountain Hut Reunion in 1954; this was done in 1955 by Elder A. S. Frater. All of these men are to be commended for excellent work.

A needed program for priesthood education is being developed by Elder C. A. Davies, mission director of religious education and priesthood training. Institutes and residential schools have been conducted as part of this work.

In November and December of 1954 President Edwards and Apostle Hield surveyed the mission in association with the mission president, Apostle Draper. The ministry given by Brethren Edwards and Hield during this survey was much appreciated throughout the mission.

##### IV. *Financial Activities*

Under the capable administration of Bishop D. A. Alberts the financial activities of the mission are constantly improved. On the basis of such matters as number of contributing members and percentage of members filing tithing statements, the mission is near the top of the list for all organized areas of the church. Both years have shown financial gains, which reflect the devotion of the Saints.

##### V. *Priesthood Ministry*

The call and ordination of new men, increasing skill by those already ordained, and the spirit of consecration being manifest by many members of the standing ministry combine to give sympathetic and devoted ministry. The appointees are men of devotion serving in the following capacities:

D. A. Alberts—mission bishop

C. A. Davies (high priest)—Mission director of religious education and priesthood training

Floyd Potter (seventy)—Brisbane and Northern N.S.W. Missionary Area (at present in U.S.A.)

A. F. Burdekin (seventy)—Sydney and Victoria Districts

S. Jacka (high priest)—Hunter Manning District President

A. R. Gunning (high priest)—Sydney District President

A. S. Frater (high priest)—Victoria District President

J. D. Imrie (elder)—New Zealand

G. F. Spencer (elder)—South Australia and West Australia

MAURICE L. DRAPER

#### NORTHWEST MISSION

The Northwest Mission provides excellent opportunities for church expansion. Growth and progress are especially significant in Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, the Prairie Provinces of Canada, and Oregon. Our work is becoming well established on the west coast area of the mission in the state of Washington and the Province of British Columbia.

The missionary spirit is everywhere in evidence among the Saints. The general spiritual qualities of devotion and outlook are encouraging.

Baptismal gains are steady. Some districts show over 7 per cent annual increase for the past two years.

Five branches were organized in 1955 in the total territory. Several new missions and groups have been established.

Our houses of worship are constantly being improved. Many churches have been constructed or purchased recently. Several buildings are in the process of construction, and other places have plans well under way. Improvements are very encouraging in the Prairie Provinces of Canada. There was, in these provinces, an urgency for adequate houses of worship at all strategic centers. The present need has been quite well supplied or plans are now being made to meet current needs.

Reunions, youth camps, and several departmental and priesthood institutes have contributed much to the educational needs in the field. Reunions of recent origin are in the Spokane and Columbia River Districts. New grounds have been procured for these. A large tract of land, adjacent to the Silver Lake reunion grounds, has been purchased. Two other districts are contemplating the purchase of grounds. Altogether, there are ten reunions now in the mission.

There is a growing need for youth camps, especially for juniors and Zion's League age. This need is being met as rapidly as leaders and facilities are avail-

able. The mission is now holding ten youth camps.

Departmental work is moving steadily forward. Much is being achieved through the church school, Zion's League, and women's department. District institutes are provided periodically to enhance and further develop these activities.

The appointee ministers to the area, though several are men of not many years experience, show fine quality. They have the support and confidence of the people.

Likewise, we may be proud of the splendid quality and devotion of our standing ministry. A number of these are carrying local responsibilities to do missionary work. These have given excellent assistance to the appointee ministry in caring for assignments and opportunities to spread the gospel, much of which could not be cared for without this assistance. Similarly, those who carry other ministerial and administrative responsibilities are serving with ability and unreserved devotion. This core of workers is constantly being enlarged as more men are preparing and qualifying for service.

The Hawaiian Islands are attached, at present, to the Northwest Mission and can very well be supervised under this arrangement. However, the needs and conditions are comparable to those in other missions abroad.

This district has nearly one thousand members. At present, there are two appointees to the area: High Priest Stephen Black, the district president, and Seventy Elvin Vest, who is devoting his time to missionary work. These men are supported by men of quality and devotion in the standing ministry. Here, as perhaps nowhere else in the church, we have a blending of races and nationalities under the ensign of the gospel, lifted up by the Almighty in the last days. In Hawaii one can see why the Lord said, "And ye that are upon the islands of the sea, listen together." There are great opportunities to work among resident Orientals, especially the Chinese and Japanese.

Two new missions were organized on the Island of Oahu—one at Kailua and the other at Waianae—during the past year. Waianae is a new opening. A building site, worth at least \$25,000, has been donated by a Mr. Castle for the new church at Kailua. There are nearly two acres in this very fine plot.

The Saints at Hilo are to be commended for the fine work of repairing the church, which was completed and paid for in 1955.

On the whole, our work in Hawaii is progressing rapidly and securely.

P. E. FARROW

#### SOUTHWEST STATES MISSION AND ALASKA

We are endeavoring to keep pace with the explosive development of this fast-growing area. The rapid increase in population means many things, not the least being the need for the gospel of Jesus Christ to help stabilize personal and community life.

Facts and figures only partially disclose spiritual values and achievements. However, the following constitute a tribute to the diligence and initiative of the membership of this mission:

*Per cent of baptismal increase for 1955; By districts, etc.:* Western Colorado, 5.59 per cent; Central California, 5.52 per cent; Los Angeles Stake, 4.95 per cent; Alaska, 4.28 per cent; Northern California, 4.28 per cent; Southern California, 4.18 per cent; and Utah, 2.64 per cent.

For the entire mission, 4.57 per cent.

*New missions organized since General Conference, 1954:*

California: Merced, Oakland, Fontana, Yucca Valley, Anaheim, Arcade, Barstow, Upland, Pacific Beach, and San Luis Obispo.

*New branches and congregations organized since General Conference, 1954:*

California: San Fernando, Yuba City, Walnut Creek, Escondido, Lakewood, Burlingame, and Richmond.

Utah District: Pocatello, Idaho.

Alaska: Anchorage.

*Districts organized since General Conference, 1954:*

Central California: Sacramento, San Francisco Bay.

*New church buildings since General Conference, 1954:*

Durango, Colorado; Livermore, California; Dinuba, California; Venice, California; Escondido, California; Napa, California; Berkeley, California; Turlock, California; and Wilmington, California.

*Building sites acquired since General Conference, 1954:*

California: Arcade, Santa Rosa, Richmond, Upland, East Los Angeles, Norwalk, Southwest Los Angeles, Fresno, San Jose, Barstow, Riverside, Livermore, and Pomona.

*Churches remodeled since General Conference, 1954:*

Pocatello, Idaho; San Diego, California; Central Los Angeles, California; Anchorage, Alaska; Pasadena, California.

*Additions to churches since General Conference, 1954:*

Bell, California; Yuba City, California; and San Bernardino, California.

These are symbolic of the more significant gains in the evangelistic vitality of our people. A most significant step forward in this has been made in the Utah District, where a spirit of optimism is clearly apparent. In 1954, the baptismal

increase in the Utah District was in excess of 4 per cent.

Among the highlight events have been our reunions, the annual institutes for presiding elders and appointees, and numerous major evangelistic campaigns. The response of the people to service opportunity is evidenced in the relatively large number of men ordained during the biennium.

Through the field we are encouraged and humbled by our opportunities.

REED M. HOLMES

#### GREAT LAKES MISSION

This mission continued its activity in the extension and sharing of the gospel to new families to support the revelation which states, "But firstly let my army become very great" (Doctrine and Covenants 102: 9). During the past two years there were 1,800 baptisms, or a 24.8 per cent increase over the previous two years.

Ten new missions were opened during the last Conference period, and three missions were organized into branches. Eight new church buildings were completed or are under construction, with new sites purchased in nine cities. There is a possibility of moving into other cities, and we could establish forty missions if we had missionary supervision. Our success in evangelism has been enhanced by the available services of priests and elders of the standing ministry, who wish to spend their annual vacation time in conducting preaching series or cottage meetings. There is a noted increase in this endeavor. Supplementing this, our appointee district presidents have been conducting one or two missionary endeavors a year in branches of neighboring districts.

Prominent growth is reported in Detroit International Stake and Metropolitan Toronto area, particularly as this growth relates to the opening of new missions. Other areas are responding likewise. There is a noted strength among the appointee staff, and the manifestation of unusual unity is found among the brethren.

During the Conference period we have instituted an annual elders' retreat for the mission, at which 300 were registered. Similarly, four Aaronic priesthood institutes were held throughout the mission, all on the same week end. Tremendous improvement in participation is noted among the Saints in their endeavor to complete the Auditorium building at Independence. All districts in the mission showed great improvement over the previous Conference period.

We have received rich benefits in annual association with the appointees of the Eastern Mission; these one-week annual schools have been high lights to the men.

There are six reunions in the mission on five well-equipped reunion grounds with approximately five hundred enrolled for each reunion. Considerable physical improvements have been made during the biennial period. There are fifteen other camps held annually at the five reunion grounds in the mission. Our two Ontario reunion sites and three Michigan sites care for our summer needs very adequately.

There is every reason to rejoice. The preaching of the word is being well received, and the latter-day glory is being shared with more and more.

D. O. CHESWORTH

#### EUROPEAN MISSION

The membership in the European Mission as of January, 1956, is as follows:

British Isles	1,551
Germany	1,404
Holland	396
Sweden	11
Denmark	11
Norway	45

Total 3,418

#### British Isles

The baptismal increase in 1954 numbered 32, or a 2.1 per cent increase. In 1955 our baptismal increase reported to the Department of Statistics was 65, an increase of 4.19 per cent.

During the inter-Conference period, one mission group has been organized in Pennllergaer, South Wales. This has the promise of being the strongest organized effort we have in South Wales. Last fall a regular Sunday class was started in Scotland, which already has resulted in several baptisms.

This mission has been very active in constructing new buildings, securing new places of worship, and/or bettering their places of meeting and worship.

Birmingham has purchased a new place of worship in the center of a new housing estate. Warrington officially opened its new building, which is the result of a consecrated and devoted group. Stockport has opened and now occupies the first unit of its new building—also in the center of a new housing estate, and, to date, the only church in the area. After meeting for fifty-four years in a small, inadequate room, Leeds has been successful in securing a new church home. This move, especially, is giving new incentive, with increased missionary zeal apparent. Sutton-in-Ashfield, Wigan, Farnworth, and Bradford have bettered their physical facilities.

In addition to improving their physical plants, more of our people have responded in the filing of their statements and the paying of their tithing.

#### Holland

In 1954, the baptismal increase was 5. In 1955, the baptismal increase was 19 or 4.8 per cent.

Considerable time and energy have been spent with the city authorities of Rotterdam in securing a lot suitable for the erection of the Mission Headquarters building. Progress is reported, and building plans are awaiting approval by the commission.

The task of translating the Doctrine and Covenants into Holland's language is almost completed; this also adds incentive to our missionary program and response.

#### Germany

Baptisms in 1954 numbered 15, and in 1955, 16—a 1.13 per cent increase.

In the Western Zone of Germany we are stressing a missionary program, which should, this year, begin again to show results.

Brother Alfred Urban continues to labor in the Eastern Zone under conditions that, at times, are most trying. There, too, we have a group of folk devoted and consecrated in the sharing of the good news of the gospel.

#### Scandinavia

One person united with the church in 1954; there were no conversions in 1955. We have some good openings and non-member friends who should, shortly, begin to pay dividends in this area. Our two missionary Seventies have recently been successful in securing good houses in which to worship at Oslo and Porsgrun. As a result of this move, our few Saints are sensing more the interest of the church in them. Now, with places of meeting, we have better opportunity to invite more folk to worship with us.

We continue to stress the need of bearing our testimony and the winning of souls for Christ. DONALD V. LENTS

## Long Tenures for High Council Members

Several men appointed to the Standing High Council have remained in this office for long periods of service. The one who served the longest was Calvin Beebe. He entered the Council in 1860 and was not released until 1903—after 43 years of service. Winthrop H. Blair also began his tenure in 1860, but terminated it in 1894 after 34 years years. The present member of the Council having the longest service record is D. O. Cato. He was appointed in 1925 and is now working on his thirty-first year.

Other members of past councils who have served over 25 years are Zenos Whitcomb, Edwin Cadwell, Oliver P. Dunham, J. C. Crabb, Asa S. Cochran, R. M. Elvin, and J. M. Baker.

# Report of the Order of Evangelists

January 1, 1954, to December 31, 1955

To the First Presidency and General Conference:

The activities and ministry of the men of the Order of Evangelists may be statistically summarized as follows:

	1954	1955	Two Year Total
Sermons Preached	2,495	2,574	5,069
Services Attended	8,832	8,315	17,147
Children Blessed	130	141	271
Confirmed	167	166	333
Baptized	121	77	198
Administrations	2,962	2,687	5,649
Marriages	49	53	102
Patriarchal Blessings	1,431	1,441	2,872
Individuals Counseled	884	1,044	1,928
Series of Services	137	162	299
Pastoral Visits	3,137	6,189	10,326
Classes Taught	755	749	1,504

A statistical report presents only information quantitative in nature. Each year more of the patriarchs through study, special training, and experience are giving an expanded and more qualified service to the members of the church. Significant in the foregoing report is the increased activity in the field of personal counseling. During the past few years a greater number of the patriarchs have been giving more time and consideration

to the ministry of vocational guidance, marital counseling, and personal spiritual counseling. Another significant trend is the increase in the number of revival series being held each year by the men of the order, bringing spiritual growth and maturity to both member and congregation.

The office of the Presiding Evangelist has been moved to the southeast corner of the Auditorium where additional office rooms are available. One of these rooms has been planned, decorated, and furnished with the expressed purpose of providing a suitable environment for the personal ministry of counseling and the ordinance of patriarchal blessing. An illuminated painting of Christ in a setting of growing plants, soft light, and appropriate music contributes to and provides a place suitable for worship. It is hoped that an increasing number of congregations will strive to provide more adequate facilities for the personal ministry of the evangelist and local priesthood members. During the past year a secretary has been assigned to the office, making it possible to modernize the storage facilities for the files of patriarchal blessings, which now number close to one hundred thousand.

The following men, as authorized by the last General Conference, have been ordained to the office of evangelist:

Francis M. Bishop, Springfield, Missouri; James A. Damron, Sacramento, California; Harry Jacka, Eurora, Victoria, Australia; Albert Livingston, Omaha, Nebraska; Floyd M. McDowell, Inde-

pendence, Missouri; Lester Macrae, Southgate, California; William J. Moyle, Sr., Lomita, California; Arnold J. Ourth, Nauvoo, Illinois; V. D. Ruch, Columbus, Ohio; W. J. Vaughn, Tuncurry, N.S.W., Australia; Loyd A. Whiting, Richland, Washington; Miles Whiting, Longview, Washington. Greater losses than usual have come to the Order of Evangelists during the inter-Conference period recently closed. We lost by death some of our finest and best members—including some men to whom we had confidently looked for at least several more years of service. These losses included:

Arthur W. Gage, Indianapolis, Indiana; William F. Bolinger, Independence, Missouri; Alma K. Dillee, Independence, Missouri; Fred A. Smith, Independence, Missouri; Richard Baldwin, Lamoni, Iowa; Arnold Ourth, Nauvoo, Illinois; Frederick W. Roberts, Onset, Massachusetts; Allen Schreur, Gaylord, Michigan.

While we grieve for these men, we rejoice that they served faithfully until release came honorably in death.

Numerically the loss of these men left the Order about as it was when last we reported to the General Conference. At present there are seventy-four members in the Order including fifteen men who are inactive because of age, infirmities, or other reasons. Eleven men are under active church appointment. We confidently expect to see numbers of good men called to the office of evangelist and patriarch to much more than make up for our numerical losses. In fact the need for men to minister in this office as outlined in the law will call for constantly increasing numbers of ordinations. We fully appreciate the attention that the men of the Presidency and Quorum of Twelve Apostles are giving and have given to that matter.

In various ways we feel that the Order has made improvement and has moved forward. Of late years many men of excellent standing and great ability have been added to our numbers. Some of these men are specializing on various lines of their ministry, especially, perhaps, in the ministry of counseling and revival work.

No less attention than formerly is given to the ministry of patriarchal blessings, rather more and better attention, and thousands are benefited by it; but more attention and better service than formerly is given to some other phases of the ministry of patriarch and evangelist.

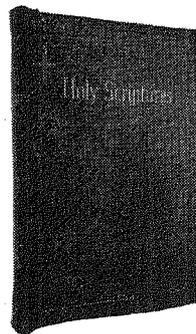
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## Report of the Quorum of High Priests

*To the First Presidency and  
General Conference:*

Four hundred and fifty high priests from all over the world, wherever the church is represented, constitute the Quorum of High Priests. Since high priests are primarily administrative officers, their activities if reported would cover almost every priesthood activity to be found in the church. There is no way in which to evaluate the multitude of responsibilities carried by this group of men. There is scarcely an area in the church which does not feel the impact of high-priestly ministry, however.

Each Conference as we meet we are made aware of the fact that death has made inroads in our numbers. These are not always the aged, who have given a full share of ministry, but also some in the prime of life whose ministry has been transferred to the church militant for such service as may be needed over there. For these losses we are filled with sorrow, yet with a faith which interprets ministry in terms of the whole of life, now and hereafter we rejoice that we are a part of such a movement.

This year the quorum is building its Conference program around some of the activities in which high priests carry special responsibilities. Then, through the medium of panels, these areas of thinking will be opened for the general discussion of the quorum in attempting to come to a clearer understanding of some of the possibilities yet unachieved in ministry. Such topics as the relationship of high priests to the ministry of preaching, presiding, evangelistic work, administration of the ordinances, etc., will hold their attention for the week.

A high percentage of the discussions will be led this year by the younger men of the quorum; this should give assurance that in the general progress of the work of ministry in the various fields we are not failing to advance and keep pace with new and sound developments in the fields of education.

It is the hope of the quorum that the potentials of the high priest may be used not only in the routine administrative activities to which they are assigned but also in a concerted educational program which will lead into areas of thinking which will assist in the clarification of many questions now existent. The program for this Conference is but a beginning in this endeavor. Already there are

many requests on file for future consideration which, if thinking can be clarified in such fields, would perhaps assist much in the ministry which high priests offer.

The high priests will not have a booth this Conference as in years past. They will have an office room in the Auditorium to which members are welcome to come with inquiries and problems which they feel could be properly discussed with those belonging to the quorum.

Daily sessions will be held in the Kansas Street Chapel where panels will be held beginning at 10:00 a.m. The quorum official personnel remains as it was last year with Emery E. Jennings of St. Joseph, Missouri, and J. C. Stuart of London, Ontario, serving as counselors to the quorum president. W. J. Breshears of Rock Island, Illinois, is the secretary, and Charles J. Smith of Sioux City, Iowa, continues as treasurer.

The members of the quorum are strong in their determination to continue the work of administration and the various kindred duties caught up in such activities. Likewise they are determined that the power and strength of such ministry shall be more high priestly in nature and in quality than ever before. They are conscious that ministry has value only as it is instrumental in bringing souls to Christ, and to this end they soberly dedicate their service as they shall continue to be called upon to represent the church.

WARD A. HOUGAS, *President*  
*The Quorum of High Priests*

## Report of the Council of Presidents of Seventy

*To the First Presidency and  
General Conference:*

The Council of Presidents of Seventy submit this report with pleasure as we feel that the past two years have been years of growth and progress. We express thanks to God for his help and to the church for its support. Our experiences have confirmed again our deep convictions that this is God's work and that he is stretching forth his hand to help his people build up his kingdom and establish his righteousness.

The ordination of Harry L. Doty and Sylvester R. Coleman to our council has made it possible for us to function with seven members as provided by law. This has strengthened our work. We are happy to have these men sharing in the work that God has given this council.

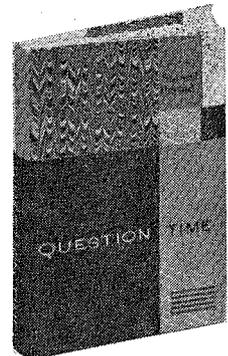
Events of the last General Conference focused attention upon the work of the Seventy. We feel that the revelation of God to the church at that time places special responsibility upon us. At the close of the Conference, we began a prayerful study of this, and our concern has continued to this date. Our considerations as a group have been concentrated in two one-week sessions of our council. One of these was held in December, 1954, and the other in December, 1955. Our study has been directed toward reaching an understanding

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of Doctrine and Covenants 143:3 and its implementation that will be found in accord with the law concerning the Seventy as given by God and interpreted by his prophets. We feel that with the help of his Spirit we have made considerable progress in this.

The law states that there can be only seven quorums of Seventy. Therefore, inasmuch as the Seventy is a body numerically limited by God, called to share with the Council of Twelve in the world-wide witness for Christ, and given responsibility in the work of "... baptizing, organizing and setting in order . . .", we have felt considerable concern as to the qualifications of men to be called to the work of the Seventy. Our considerations in this matter have led us to a clearer understanding of the task that is ours. We feel deeply the responsibility of using wisdom and responding to the spirit of revelation in the calling of men to this work.

We have also given consideration to our responsibility of releasing men from the quorums of Seventy. This has been a concern of the Council of Presidents of Seventy for many years. As a result of our study and prayer we have some recommendations to make in this regard.

As we traveled among the people of the church we sensed a growing desire for a better understanding of the law of God regarding the Seventy. As a result we decided to write and publish the series of articles, "The History, Calling, and Function of the Seventy." Members of the council participated in this work and we appreciate the way in which these articles have been received. The experience gained in the work of preparing them has been valuable to us, and we hope that they may be helpful to all.

As we approach this Conference we note that for the first time in many years there is a good possibility that it will be necessary to organize the Second Quorum of Seventy. This will be a historic event that points definitely to the progress being made within the church. It should serve as a challenge to all. A study is being made of the procedure and law concerning this, and we plan to make definite recommendations to the Conference regarding such organization. As this possibility nears we thank God and ask all to pray the Lord of the harvest that other laborers may be sent forth.

We call attention to the need for a greater number of elders who will turn their attention and talents to the work of winning souls for Christ. We hope that an increasingly effective program to help train such elders will be developed. We know that administrative work can easily consume all the time and talents of the elders, but we pray

that we as a church may hear and respond with increasing zeal to the call of men for the gospel. Only as the elders qualify themselves in spirit "by ministry and by witnessing for Christ" can the quorums of Seventy be filled and the program of evangelism be expanded.

May the blessings of God's Spirit continue with his people.

THE COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS  
OF SEVENTY

Z. Z. RENFROE, *Senior President*

RUSSELL F. RALSTON, *Secretary*

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## Report of the First Quorum of Seventy

*To the First Presidency and  
General Conference:*

We approach this General Conference with both anticipation and apprehension, for we feel that we are living in a crucial period of time. We are deeply concerned that the church move forward toward its goals of "evangelizing the world" and "establishing the cause of Zion" consistent with the law that God has given and to which we have ascribed ourselves. Our world is confronted by turbulent conditions in which the leaders of our times seem unable to restore order, and there are perplexing problems for which they have no solutions. The internal conditions of many countries and the relationships between countries strongly remind us of the revelation of the early days of the Restoration, "I the Lord, knowing the calamity which should come upon the inhabitants of the earth, . . . gave commandments . . . that they should proclaim these things unto the world" (Doctrine and Covenants 1:4).

There is a great need throughout the world that challenges the church to accelerate and effect the building of Zion. Even though the past two years have witnessed a good increase in baptismal growth, we cannot rest in comfort on the belief that our gains in numbers and financial resources will exert a significant influence on the world. The predominance of evil and the trend toward selfishness in the works of the world are growing at an alarming pace, and there is an increasing need for an awakened conscience and a passion for truth and righteousness among our people. It is to this need that the Seventy wish to direct the fullest of their strength and attention. In many instances we have found opportunities to present a message of warning. However, we are hoping that a growing testimony and a vigorous, kindly, sustaining call to repentance from dead works, which have

no contribution to make to the cause of Zion, shall continue to be the burden of our ministry.

We are happy that there is continuing a steady growth in the numbers of the Seventy. During the period covered by this report, ten men—Richard D. Andersen, Howard Fisher, Wallace Jackson, Charles Kornman, Donald Landon, Myron LaPointe, Cecil V. Robbins, Delbert Smith, Clair Weldon, and John G. Wight—have been ordained Seventies and have taken their place in strengthening this missionary quorum of the church. During the past two years there have been only two losses, one through ordination to the high priesthood, and the other through regulations that affect the number of the Seventy. Thus the quorum has attained its greatest strength in a period of many years.

On January 1, 1956, it had sixty-four members. Of this number fifty-three are serving as full-time appointees while eleven are working on a local level. These "local seventies" report opportunities of doing missionary work, but time and circumstance limit their serving and functioning to the fullest capacity as a Seventy should. While we see a stable growth being made in the body of the Seventy, there is a great need for men of quality and devotion to share in this divinely appointed work. We have every confidence and much faith that the strength and standing of the Quorum of Seventy shall continue increasing as the church grows in its effectiveness.

The past two years have found the Seventy functioning in many areas of ministerial responsibility: in charge of missions, as pastors, as district presidents, as field missionaries, as missionary supervisors, and as local church workers. Thus the ministry of the Seventy is found in a wide range of the total program of the church and its achievements.

While the Seventy have been happy to serve in many capacities that are not entirely in the main area of their calling, there is a deep concern among the members of the quorum for developing a more thorough program of ministry throughout the church that will permit them to work at their special responsibility as the law requires. The Seventies should be available for supervisory work. In branches and districts they should be concerned with the stimulation, organization, and administration of a program that would build up and set church work in order as the law requires. A great area of ministry is the opening of new places. Individual reports reveal that many of the Seventy have had opportunity of effecting at least one new opening; some indicate several. As the "warning voice" goes to all the world, more and more of the Seventy should

be engaged in this field of church expansion.

Much of the effectiveness of the work of the Seventy is aided by local priesthood and church members who are willing and eager to assist in the missionary endeavor. To them we wish to express our gratitude and appreciation. We trust that this spirit of devotion and concern can be increased, and that an even stronger program of evangelism on the local level can be developed.

While the greatest work of the Seventy is in the front line of ministry and in individual activity, there is also a phase of the work that has to do with quorum activity. From time to time the body meets for fellowship, worship, study, and business. Two types of such gatherings were arranged during this period. One meeting of more than usual significance was held in April, 1954, when the First Presidency, Council of Twelve, and the Quorum of Seventy met for several days in a joint session of concurrent jurisdiction. For the first time in many years these groups and individuals shared ideas regarding the

function of the Seventy both as a quorum and as individual members. A feeling of fraternity and fellowship was developed among these leading quorums of the church as we shared ideas and discussed questions that came before the council.

The other area of quorum activity occurred in the sessions held at the General Conference of 1954. A program of education, inspiration, and business was conducted. These meetings have greatly contributed to the fellowship of the quorum and have been of help to the personal ministry and power of evangelism throughout the church.

"Here am I, Lord, send me" is the answer of the members of this body to the age-old call of ministry. We continue to dedicate our efforts and activities to the advancing program of the church as high ideals and magnificent opportunities are realized and the world is warned and won to the cause of Christ.

#### THE FIRST QUORUM OF SEVENTY

GLEN H. JOHNSON, *President*

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## Report of the Board of Trustees of Graceland College

*To the First Presidency and  
General Conference:*

The attached report of Edmund J. Gleazer, Jr., President of Graceland College, showing the activities since the last General Conference including a condensed balance sheet, was approved at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Graceland College, held at Lamoni, Iowa, on February 25, 1956.

This report thus becomes the report of the Board of Trustees of Graceland College to the First Presidency and General Conference.

VERNE L. DESKIN, *Secretary*  
*Board of Trustees*  
*Graceland College*

An excellent way to evaluate the worth and utility of an educational institution is to determine to what extent the objectives and goals of the institution are made effective in the life of the graduate. Unfortunately this is a field of measurement which resists somewhat objective appraisal, and we are left to a reliance upon general impressions and opinion. However, it is our conviction that Graceland College has a function of importance in

the life of the church. Supporting this observation is one unmistakable fact—more of the young people of the church are applying each year for admission to the college. The Graceland program for the past two years has been related, of necessity, to this development, and steps have been taken in the expansion of services, of facilities, and of financial and moral support.

#### WHAT IS THE ENROLLMENT PICTURE?

Graceland enrollment in the college year 1955-56 reached the highest point in the history of the college, exceeding even the so-called veteran "bulge" of 1947 and 1948. Enrollment for the past ten years has been as follows (includes all students registered at any time during the year including second semester new registrants):

1947 — 663	1952 — 574
1948 — 667	1953 — 610
1949 — 559	1954 — 602
1950 — 596	1955 — 612
1951 — 615	1956 — 668

After veterans had been graduated enrollment declined sharply for a short period and then began to climb again. In the fall of 1955 Graceland College for the first time in its history found it necessary to reject qualified students because of lack of space and facilities. Such action will be necessary again in September, 1956.

#### DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

College Board members are aware of factors in our social and economic environment and in our church program which will lead to a greatly increased enrollment potential in the next several years. They are planning ways to meet developing needs. The first objective is to meet more adequately the needs of the present number of students enrolled. This involves additional dormitory space on campus, food service facilities, music space, library space, physical education facilities, auditorium and/or chapel. Also noncapital needs require attention, such as retirement provisions for faculty and a larger amount of money available from nonstudent sources for enrichment of the instructional program.

The second objective is what might be called the expansion program. Actually, additional space can be built into buildings already needed for the present enrollment thereby providing for some expansion at a proportionately small outlay of funds.

The Board has directed the administration to plan future buildings for an enrollment of 850 and with flexibility provided so that additions can be made later on if it seems desirable to go beyond that point. The Science Hall was planned for 850 enrollment and with two areas that can be glassed in as future classrooms as well as a room which can be made a corridor into a future wing.

#### GRACELAND COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

In recognition of the growing needs of the college the Board of Trustees authorized the establishment of the Graceland College Development Council in the summer of 1954. The council exists to mobilize the resources of its members in support of a greater Graceland and to augment the support given through other channels, for example through General Church appropriations.

The First Presidency, the Presiding Bishopric, and the Council of Twelve have been kept aware of the purposes and functions of the council, and meetings have been held to assure that there shall be no conflict of purposes between this group and other organizations of the church. The intention of the council is to obtain funds for capital improvements from contacts with individuals, groups, and corporations in such a way as not to interfere with regular fund-raising activities of the church. There are many sources not now being utilized such as gifts through wills, stocks, insurance, real estate, and corporations. Approximately forty-five people are now serving as members of the council. An executive com-

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mittee of nine persons includes three members of the college administration and a member of the Board of Trustees of the college. Persons who have served as members of the executive committee since its beginning, aside from college personnel, are Merle L. Spence, who was the first chairman, Dwight Vredenburg, present chairman, Donald E. Manuel, Howard Elliott, Russell Archibald, Ronald Carmichael, and Aaron B. Coonce.

The program of the council is a long-term one. However, even though primary attention has been given thus far to establishing the organization and preparing materials with which to work, results are becoming apparent and the contribution of this group to the growth of the college will be substantial in many ways.

COLLEGE DAY AND ALUMNI SUPPORT

We are also glad to report that College Day offerings have increased from a total of \$13,350.00 in 1953 to almost \$21,000.00 in 1954 and an amount estimated at more than \$24,000.00 in 1955. These funds have been most helpful in providing for architectural services, equipment for the Science Hall, athletic field and track construction, and campus planning.

The annual alumni fund has continued to grow since 1951. Last year, 1,482 alumni contributed to the fund with an average gift of \$7.57. If our experience holds true with colleges that have had more experience with an alumni fund we can expect this source of support to increase in significance. This is especially true if the graduate feels that his Graceland experience has been of value to him.

We also wish to acknowledge the consistent support of the Graceland Mothers' Club of Kansas City and Independence. Many thousands of other people have contributed as well through various means—tithing, College Day, personal donations—to make possible the Graceland program. There is a growing strength for the institution in these thousands of interested people which reminds one of the nine tenths of the iceberg that is below the water—not obvious, but giving support and stability.

SCIENCE HALL

A major addition to the instructional facilities of the college has been the Science Hall. An appropriation of \$340,000 was made at the General Conference of 1954 and made possible the construction of the building. Alumni and College Day contributions were used for equipment purchases beyond the amount provided by the Conference. Total cost of construction, equipment, architectural fees, and other expenses was approximately \$395,000.00.

CURRENT FUND

GENERAL SECTION:

Assets:

	1955	1954
Cash .....	\$ 21,630.48	\$ 86,833.97
Receivables—Net.....	9,505.40	11,442.43
Inventories .....	43,947.91	47,102.67
U. S. Government Securities.....	74,686.50	—
Stocks and Bonds.....	354.56	364.56
Utilities and Other Deposits.....	535.00	525.00
Deferred Charges.....	6,066.67	4,967.12
Total Assets.....	<u>\$ 156,726.52</u>	<u>\$ 151,235.75</u>

Liabilities:

Payables.....	\$ 3,136.58	\$ 3,854.13
Due to Student Loan Fund.....	12,927.14	13,927.14
Student Credit Balances and Deposits.....	21,330.51	18,701.82
Equity .....	119,332.29	114,752.66
Total .....	<u>\$ 156,726.52</u>	<u>\$ 151,235.75</u>

SPECIAL SECTION:

Assets:

Cash .....	\$ 38,490.28	\$ 14,281.69
Due from Other Funds and the Presiding Bishopric.....	4,670.82	4,670.82
Total Assets.....	<u>\$ 43,161.10</u>	<u>\$ 18,952.51</u>

Liabilities and Funds:

Track and Athletic Field Construction Fund....	\$ 12,999.43	—
World Fellowship Fund.....	4,197.95	6,107.00
Construction Fund.....	20,000.00	338.54
Campus Chapel Fund.....	2,108.60	1,782.87
Other Funds.....	3,855.12	10,724.10
Total .....	<u>\$ 43,161.10</u>	<u>\$ 18,952.51</u>

PLANT FUND

Assets:

Land and Buildings—Educational and Service....	\$ 680,153.67	\$ 427,937.72
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment.....	264,675.14	254,233.40
Total Assets.....	<u>\$ 944,828.81</u>	<u>\$ 682,171.12</u>

Liabilities and Funds:

Payable to the Presiding Bishopric.....	\$ 8,878.14	\$ 9,878.14
Equity—Expended Plant Funds.....	935,950.67	\$ 672,292.98
Total .....	<u>\$ 944,828.81</u>	<u>\$ 682,171.12</u>

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Assets:

Cash .....	\$ 33.33	\$ 33.33
Coliseum Trust Company.....	25,665.16	24,910.96
Bonds Receivable.....	233,300.00	233,300.00
Accounts Receivable.....	280.10	280.10
Land and Dormitories.....	649,513.42	647,584.23
Farm Investment.....	63,789.65	54,001.39
Total Assets.....	<u>\$ 972,581.66</u>	<u>\$ 960,110.01</u>

Liabilities and Fund:

Liabilities .....	\$ 13,592.49	\$ 10,000.00
Endowment Equity.....	958,989.17	950,110.01
Total .....	<u>\$ 972,581.66</u>	<u>\$ 960,110.01</u>

## SCHOLARSHIP LOAN FUNDS

Assets:	1955	1954
Cash .....	\$ 11,965.67	\$ 7,019.58
Receivables—Net .....	29,719.29	28,729.08
U. S. Government Bonds.....	96,029.00	91,086.00
Due from Current Fund.....	12,927.14	13,927.14
Total Assets.....	<u>\$ 150,641.10</u>	<u>\$ 140,761.80</u>
<b>Liabilities and Funds:</b>		
Deferred Loan Fees, etc.....	\$ 407.50	\$ 407.50
Earnings Account.....	18,981.73	17,467.77
Fund Surplus.....	126,581.05	118,215.71
Due to Other Funds.....	4,670.82	4,670.82
Total .....	<u>\$ 150,641.10</u>	<u>\$ 140,761.80</u>

## AGENCY FUND

Assets:	1955	1954
Cash .....	\$ 659.74	\$ 325.84
U. S. Government Bonds.....	85,922.00	77,522.00
Interest Receivable.....	2,256.00	903.65
Deficit .....	1,467.11	1,530.67
Total Assets.....	<u>\$ 90,304.85</u>	<u>\$ 80,282.16</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Students' Deposits and Accrued Interest.....	\$ 90,304.85	\$ 80,282.16

## SUMMARY—ALL FUNDS

Total Assets.....	<u>\$2,358,244.04</u>	<u>\$2,033,513.35</u>
Total Liabilities.....	<u>\$ 174,229.76</u>	<u>\$ 141,721.71</u>
Total Equity.....	<u>2,184,014.28</u>	<u>1,891,791.64</u>
Total.....	<u>\$2,358,244.04</u>	<u>\$2,033,513.35</u>

I have examined the balance sheets of Graceland College, Lamoni, Iowa, as of June 30, 1954 and 1955, have reviewed the system of internal control and the accounting procedures of the College and, without making a detailed audit of the transactions, have examined or tested accounting records of the college and other supporting evidence, by methods and to the extent I deemed appropriate. A detailed report of examination has been made to the First Presidency.

In my opinion, the accompanying balance sheets present fairly the position of Graceland College at June 30, 1954 and 1955.

LLOYD L. BLAND  
*Certified Public Accountant*

Independence, Missouri  
February 17, 1956

The floor area of approximately 26,500 square feet includes lecture rooms, laboratories, faculty offices, committee rooms, and a greenhouse. Large glass areas relate the occupants of the building very closely to the beauty of the surrounding campus. The building was co-operatively planned by the Science Division of the college under the chairmanship of Dr. Roy Mortimore, the college administration and Board, and Dane D. Morgan and Associates of Burlington, Iowa.

Additional space provided by this structure resulted in improvement of the physical education facilities in the basement of Zimmermann Hall, formerly occupied by chemistry and physics laboratories, as well as several additional classrooms in the ground floor of Briggs Hall where the home economics and zoology

laboratories were located. These additions in instructional space made possible a 10 per cent increase in enrollment in the fall of 1955.

## ATHLETIC FIELD AND TRACK

This spring the newly constructed track and field will be ready for use and will represent significant improvement in the physical education facilities of the college. About \$35,000.00 has been spent on this project to date. Further additions will be made by constructing suitable stands for spectators as well as lighting the field for night use as funds become available. The alumni fund and gifts from the Lamoni community have provided a good share of the money spent thus far.

## CAMPUS PLAN

For the past several years the Board and administration have been working with the planning firm of Hare and Hare in Kansas City in the formulation of a comprehensive plan of campus development. This includes placement of buildings, relationship of functional areas, walkways, drives, landscaping. The Board has now approved the latest plan as representing in general the direction of campus development. A great deal of sidewalk has been built and many shrubs and trees set out during the last two years in accordance with the adopted plan. Also twenty-seven acres of additional land has been purchased which joins the college campus to the south. Campus area is therefore about 130 acres which is no more than necessary for the college size anticipated according to authorities in this field.

## BUILDING PLANS

During the past two years planning has proceeded for a student union-food service building and a women's dormitory. A national authority in library planning has met with a committee of the college in studying the possibilities the present Student Center offers as a library building. Present library space is insufficient both from the standpoint of students that can be accommodated and stack space. The consultant expressed his opinion that the Center could be converted to excellent library use with a relatively small outlay for alterations. Both stack space and student space could be almost doubled over present facilities.

The construction of the union-food service building therefore would not only bring relief to the food service department which has been housed inadequately but would make it possible to move student union activities to a new building and free the present structure for library space. The area of food service appears to be the most critical space problem at the present time although the need for on-campus dormitory space for women might be considered almost parallel in importance.

Plans are ready for a dormitory which would house sixty-five women. Actually this unit will be related to two additional units of about the same size which will comprise the ultimate structure. This means that one unit can be built at a time but that the completed structure will have the appearance of wholeness and the advantage of administrative efficiency.

## FACULTY STUDIES

It would be possible for one to infer by reading the materials from the college that the interests of the Board of Trustees and administration are limited largely to

matters of finance and construction of buildings. This is not the case. Dollars and bricks have a way of being somewhat more obvious than the content and methods of a program of instruction. We recognize that financial means and physical facilities make possible the real business of the college which is its program of education. This is an area of our work that has not been overlooked although not presented as graphically as other aspects of our stewardship.

Faculty committees have given their attention to the strengthening of the program of general education at the college. Serious consideration is being given to the development of basic courses in social science, fine arts, health and personal adjustment. In addition to our present offerings in communication, science, and physical education, these seem to be phases of nonspecialized and nonvocational learning which should be the common experience of all educated men and women.

Three of the nation's leading consultants in higher education have been on the campus to meet with the faculty in a discussion of our program. These have included Professor B. Lamar Johnson of U.C.L.A., who is the present President of the Association for Higher Education of the N.E.A.; Professor H. T. Morse, Dean of the General College, University of Minnesota; and Dr. Ralph E. Ellsworth, Director of Libraries, University of Iowa.

Also Dr. Harold Schilling, Dean of the Graduate School, State University of Pennsylvania, and one of the eminent physicists of our day will participate in a science conference to be held on the campus May 4-6. The conference will serve as the setting for dedication of the Science Hall. Members of the church who are engaged in the various fields of the natural sciences will be invited to participate in the conference.

#### FOUR-YEAR CURRICULUM IN RELIGION

Certainly the high light in faculty studies has been the evolution of a four-year program designed to qualify both men and women for improved participation in the life of the church. These studies have proceeded slowly and carefully. The extension of our offerings is prompted by a long-time concern to develop leadership in our church with a broad educational base and with some specialization in the field of religion. The program is designed, therefore, to be a liberal arts curriculum with a major in religion. The course of study will provide a well-balanced program leading toward a Bachelor's degree.

It is intended that the college remain essentially a junior college. A selected

group will comprise the senior college student group. Probably no more than fifty for the present. Enough offerings in religion will be provided to permit a major in religion. Courses in related departments will be offered to assure breadth and balance.

Conferences have been held with representatives of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools as well as with state agencies and representatives of state institutions so that accredited status of the college will be protected. Assurances have been received that state institutions will co-operate with the college to conserve its interests until accreditation is received by the North Central Association of the four-year part of our offering.

It is our intention to enroll the first junior students in September, 1956, and offer senior courses as well in September, 1957.

#### FACULTY CHANGES

In the late summer of 1955 Dr. Gustav A. Platz found it necessary to resign from his post as vice-president-dean because of health problems. He has continued his teaching and will retire from full-time teaching at the end of this college year. No words of mine can adequately express the magnificent contribution which this teacher has made to the lives of thousands of Graceland young people. He has become a Graceland institution. His "ask the worm" has become an introduction to the skill of scientific observation and inquiry for many of the people of the church today.

Dr. W. S. Gould is now serving as acting vice-president-dean.

James B. Burdick has resigned from the position of vice-president-treasurer effective June 1, 1956. Mr. Burdick has given excellent service since his appointment in 1951.

Roy Benson completed requirements for the Doctor of Music Education degree at Chicago Musical College after a leave of absence during the year 1954-55. Velma Ruch is completing her doctorate work at the University of Wisconsin during a leave-of-absence for the year 1955-56. Raymond D. Zinser is also on leave to complete his doctorate in sociology at the University of Chicago. During the present semester David Haseltine, Director of Housing, is completing work for his Master's degree at the University of Missouri.

Also retiring in 1955 was Mrs. Morris E. Mortimore. Myron Beebe and Mildred Judkins resigned in 1955. Others who will be leaving Graceland at the end of this year after having given very competent service are Lila Davis, women's physical education; Ruth York, languages; and Betty Mosier, music.

Appointed to the faculty have been:  
Alma R. Blair, history and sociology  
Ruth Ann Curtis, communication and literature  
Robert Flanders, history and political science  
Sally Flanders, communication  
Dorothy Hays, Director of Health Service  
Winston Inslee, communication and speech  
James White, Public Relations Director and Alumni Secretary  
Clyde Youngs, psychology

#### FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

In general the Graceland faculty is well qualified for its work. However, the objectives of our program are so great and the field of education so dynamic that we shall need to continue a program of faculty development which will emphasize careful selection, exchange arrangements, and encouragement toward participation in summer sessions. Some members of the faculty will profit by leaves-of-absence. The college has done little with this type of professional opportunity except for those persons who have been completing doctorate programs.

In order to further provide a climate for effective work, we should give attention in the near future to the possibilities of a group life insurance program as well as to supplementing the present Social Security program for retirement purposes.

#### RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

Of major importance in the life of Graceland College is its religious activities program. Most students come to Graceland because it is the church college. We see, then, that one of the responsibilities of our college is that of lifting religious thinking, exploring, worshiping, and living to the college level. It is not enough that we "carry on" and "hold" our young people, in the words of Dr. Cheville, Director of Religious Activities. They are to become developing participants in the dynamic functioning of the church. All this must be done in relationship to the total college-level development. Our program assumes the evaluative, exploratory, and problem-solving nature of religion.

#### PASTORAL GROUPS

This year there are 113 student members of the priesthood. Thirteen pastoral groups follow the lines of residence units and have the following objectives:

1. To afford more direct pastoral contacts with students.
2. To permit increased participation of students.

3. To afford laboratory work in leadership.

At the head of each pastoral group is a council comprised of (1) a student pastor, (2) his priesthood associate, (3) a women's associate, (4) a women's assistant, and (5) a faculty associate.

Other outstanding aspects of the program include an "investigators'" class for students who are not members of the church, a missionary workshop to provide some field work in missionary activities under supervision, and a unit of the year's activities in which pastoral group personnel learn and teach the financial law and other principles of stewardship.

#### MEDITATION CHAPEL

This year a long-time hope is being partially realized. Room 202 in the Administration Building has been equipped as a meditation chapel. This has been made possible by offerings of the campus congregation during recent years. Students have caught the purpose and are using it, even beyond expectations.

#### EVALUATION

And now we have come full circle. We began this report by expressing the hope that there were some way of measuring the effectiveness of the college program in terms of the growth of the student. Although we do not have concrete evidence we who have been at Graceland for some years feel that our young people are more interested in the life of the church than was formerly the case. Dr. Cheville has commented that this is the finest year he has known for quality of participation in the program of religious life. Also our young people have assumed responsibilities capably in the residential life of the college. And we do have evidence that they have gone from Graceland to represent the values of the college and church on other campuses and in other communities. This statement just received from the registrar of one of the state institutions is typical:

I am glad to know of your plans for increasing your junior college capacity. We have always been very pleased with the transfer students from Graceland. There is something about your residence program that gives the students the preparation that is not found in most junior colleges. I am not sure what it is, but it must be there.

Those responsible for the Graceland program want to work closely and capably with all departments and personnel of the church so that this element which seems difficult to describe but evident in behavior will continue to characterize the Graceland graduate.

EDMUND J. GLEAZER, JR.  
*President*

## Report of the Independence Sanitarium

*To the First Presidency and  
General Conference:*

The attached report of Bishop A. Neal Deaver, Administrator of the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital together with the Condensed Comparative Balance Sheets, dated December 31, 1954, and December 31, 1955, are passed to you with the approval of the Board.

ISRAEL A. SMITH  
*President, Board of Trustees*

A. NEAL DEAVER, *Administrator*  
O. LEE RALSTON, *Comptroller*  
RAY ASHENHURST, *Chaplain*  
NELLE MORGAN, *Director of Nursing*  
VIDA BUTTERWORTH

*Educational Director*

The Board of Trustees of the Hospital and School of Nursing is composed of PRESIDENT ISRAEL A. SMITH, *Chairman*  
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*of Independence*

*To the First Presidency and  
General Conference:*

We are happy to be able to report both development and progress for the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital, and the School of Nursing associated with it, during the two-year period since our last accounting to the church. Our report covers the several phases of our operations, clinically and educationally, and in all areas there is abundant evidence of growth in health services to the community and to the church.

#### THE OVER-ALL HEALTH CONCEPT

A wholesome and sincere endorsement of the "San" concept as it applies to services expected of the hospital, the professional schools and their many activities is much more in evidence by all of the 352 employees of the hospital than has ever been displayed so noticeably before. We are proud of these improved interpersonal relationships on the part of sincere, loyal workers who, through their unselfish interest in the patient, have resolved to carry out the

concept of the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital as we understand it.

Our understanding of this concept places upon us these responsibilities:

1. To maintain the best and most effective hospital care program possible in this community with the resources at our command, this to include the physical plant in which to house it and the equipment with which to serve it.
2. To provide the most capable professional personnel available, giving them good equipment and an atmosphere conducive to good patient care.
3. To create and maintain in all patient, clinical, and ancillary areas an environment of Christian brotherhood patterned after the teachings of the Christ and the philosophy of the Restoration movement.
4. To encourage the youth of the church, and many other young people, to train for service and find their careers in the field of medical care—specifically in the professions of nursing, medical technology, and X-ray technology.

#### TRENDS IN SERVICES

We have found a number of definite trends in our hospital growth and development during the period covered by this report.

We have been called upon by the church and by the community for an increasing volume and range of service, requiring the full use of our capacity and facilities, and making it necessary to resort to emergency measures to meet the needs of the people. Twenty-one extra beds have been set up for use on the various floors of the hospital, some of them added in the rooms and wards, and others placed in the halls.

We are in an area of a steadily growing population which causes an overcrowding of our space. The ratio of church people treated in the hospital is proportionate to that of our membership to the total population of the area.

At least two or three other factors impose increased demands on the hospital: the more extensive use of the so-called "miracle drugs" and the improved medical care techniques and use of diagnostic tests. These factors call for closer supervision of the patients by both medical and staff personnel which can best be performed for the patient in the hospital.

A fourth factor in the increasing use of hospital facilities is the greater number of persons who carry hospital insurance which entitles them to medical care under the direction of the physicians—a care that some of them would not otherwise receive.

Doctors find that they can care for far more patients by having them con-

centrated in the hospital where they can be reached quickly. With the aid of the hospital they can minister to the needs of sick people who might not otherwise have help.

The following table brings to focus the growth of demand upon our hospital facilities in recent years:

In 1951	7,707 patients required
	49,710 days of care
In 1952	7,874 patients required
	52,434 days of care
In 1953	8,910 patients required
	56,213 days of care
In 1954	9,335 patients required
	59,031 days of care
In 1955	*9,196 patients required
	57,948 days of care

(\*Practically no polio cases in 1955. Doctors took the first vacations they had for two years.)

Add to these the number of automobile and other accident patients cared for:

In 1953	— 4,171
In 1954	— 4,550
In 1955	— 4,563

Looking to the future to see what possible trends might be ahead, we anticipate a continuation of the increasing demand for medical service and care, and increasing demand for expanding facilities. To meet the needs that are now pressing hard upon us—

1. The Hospital Board has provided extra patient-bed facilities to be used in the areas of greatest demand.
2. An educational program is being carried on by the hospital administration which encourages every one of the 352 employees of the hospital to expect to work under pressure of caring for an overload demand of patients in the most efficient and pleasant manner possible.
3. Technical and clinical facilities are being improved and consolidated to meet these growing demands.

Another trend to be noted is the fact that each patient today receives on his doctor's orders more technical care than patients had in the past. Improved diagnostic equipment makes more lifesaving facilities available and takes more laboratory service. The antibiotic drugs are more often employed as time passes. Doctors use them more promptly and perhaps more frequently, with the result that the ailments of the patients are diagnosed more quickly, and the remedies applied enable patients to recover in less time. The patient is thus able to return to his normal pursuits sooner

than ever before. This includes still another important trend: namely, the short time that the patient stays in the hospital. All of this permits more patients to be cared for in limited facilities.

The Independence Sanitarium and Hospital has the shortest patient-day stay of any hospital in the greater Kansas City area. The patients here are sent home on an average after a stay of six and a half days. The average in the Kansas City area is 8.1 days. The over-all national average is ten days. This means hundreds of dollars saved to the patients of this hospital.

#### PATIENT CARE COSTS— GIFTS TO THE HOSPITAL

The hospital receives funds for paying its expenses from two sources: patient fees and income from endowed rooms. The many gifts which are received are used to buy needed equipment not otherwise available for patient care. These gifts, together with the many clothing items given by individuals and women's department groups each year, are sincerely appreciated and well used.

In the matter of patient costs of care in the hospital the following comparison is most interesting:

*In 1945* the hospital spent \$8.08 for each day each patient stayed in the hospital. The patient paid \$6.99. (The difference is covered by earnings of the laboratory, X ray, pharmacy, and physical therapy.)

*In 1951* the hospital spent \$15.33 of which the patient paid \$13.98.

*In 1955* the hospital spent \$20.39 of which the patient paid \$19.26.

With present and expected future increases in the cost of food, medications, medical supplies, cotton dressings, and paper items during the coming months, the above upward trend can be expected to continue.

In the meantime it is acknowledged by all that hospital insurance of one kind or another has proved a tremendous factor in meeting the costs of maintaining better health standards for our people.

#### OUR STUDENT NURSES AND THE SCHOOL OF NURSING

It is a fortunate hospital indeed which has as its principal source of graduate nurses a good professional School of Nursing. It is a fortunate church sponsor which has under its management a School of Nursing which has attained the highest position of accreditation in the land. And so it is with the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital School of Nursing, which after four years of building up its instruction standards was accepted as one of the Nursing Schools

of highest rating by the National Nurse Accrediting Service of New York City. News of this latest and much desired attainment came just before Christmas. All of the staff, particularly Miss Morgan and Miss Butterworth who had worked so many months for this accomplishment, were grateful for this wonderful Christmas gift. Of the twenty-seven Schools of Nursing in the State of Missouri, only nine have attained National recognition. The "San" School of Nursing is one of the three in the entire Kansas City area achieving this status.

National accreditation for our school gives assurance to the splendid students who come to the "San" from all over the United States, Canada, and Hawaii that credits earned here toward a professional degree in nursing will be recognized nationally.

As we take the privilege of speaking of this wonderful accomplishment we likewise pay tribute to the administrators, instructors, and students of the school who have contributed liberally of time and energies to bring this honor to our school.

The School of Nursing continues to grow in numbers (just as many as can be crowded into our dormitory and classrooms) and we are grateful for the quality of young women sent to us. They are a real challenge to the instructors, and their attainments in clinical experiences and professional care of patients after graduation have brought honor to the church as well as to the Hospital and School of Nursing.

#### OTHER 1955 ATTAINMENTS

Other happenings which loomed large in our attainments during 1955 can be named only in part:

*The Ford Foundation Grant*—Early in December we were greatly heartened by the announcement that our hospital had been granted \$97,000 to be used to "expand needed health care facilities of the community." This unexpected, wonderful gift came at a time when patient census in the hospital left the Board of Trustees, the physicians, and the administration wondering what could be done next to provide additional bed space for their care. With the receipt of the Ford Grant notification, we began making plans to consolidate all clinical departments of the hospital into the main floor and ground floor areas of the hospital, thereby providing space for additional beds on second and fifth floors. Further plans are being explored by the Board of Trustees up to the present time.

The Ford Foundation Grant has proved a tremendous help in our planning for the future. It has given us encouragement and hope that perhaps, with other

assistance, we can still meet those hospital needs so evident in this community.

The third outstanding happening in the advancement of activities for the good of patients in the hospital during the past year was the increasing activity on the part of the women's groups who have given their services and financial assistance to the hospital down through the years.

During the 1955 General Church Institute for Women, Sister G. L. DeLapp, President of the Mothers' Club, appeared before the women telling them of the work of the club in making clothing for the babies in the nursery. She told of the many garments already being furnished by several branches and solicited the assistance of other women's groups throughout the church in this project. The response has been gratifying.

Still other women have written for clothing projects for other departments of the hospital, and their contributions large and small have been very helpful and are genuinely appreciated.

The Women's Auxiliary of the hospital under the direction of Sister John Crandall, President, has expanded its activities measurably during the last year. The Auxiliary is made up of a composite of twenty-eight women's organizations in and near Independence. Two members from each of these groups form the Board of Trustees of the Auxiliary. These local branches of the Auxiliary carry on independent projects for the hospital as well as supporting major projects sponsored by the composite group. Many valuable and essential pieces of patient treatment equipment have been given to the hospital by these groups during the past two years.

The major project for the Women's Auxiliary for 1956 is the operating of the new Sandwich Shop just off the front foyer of the hospital. The Auxiliary employs a manager to oversee operating details. All other services are donated by some ninety members of the Auxiliary. General Conference visitors are welcome to visit this new addition.

#### THE HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

Elder Ray Ashenurst has acted as hospital chaplain for the past two years and has found his program a very busy one. It is estimated that he makes 5,000 calls per month on hospital patients—spending many hours with those who are seriously ill and needing the help of a minister. He also co-ordinates the work of other ministers of all denominations in the area as they visit in the hospital. The chaplain is a powerful source of influence for our church in the tremendous help which he renders to patients who perhaps, for the first

time, have actually taken time or actually have the time to think seriously of their religious convictions. The chaplain also acts as a counselor to our students in the School of Nursing. In these two major ways the work of the chaplain in this institution is tremendously important and of good influence as many hundreds of patients and students come and go.

#### OUR EXPECTATIONS FOR 1956

1. Under the circumstances, with continuing growth of population in the Center Place, we must expect an overcrowding of hospital bed facilities until relieved by a new building addition.
2. We do expect to spend much time and effort in organizing our several services to operate with greater efficiency with fewer personnel and with greater ease to our employees.
3. We are looking forward to the largest class of students in the School of Nursing, medical laboratories, and X-ray departments ever to come to the hospital. Already those applications received represent a very high caliber of young people coming into our schools this fall.

#### Our Need

1. Our greatest need for 1956 is to be given the permission and the means to construct those facilities needed to

adequately take care of all the patients who come to us. The cost of such construction is now estimated at approximately \$800,000. With the previous grants by the church and public donations of \$185,000, plus the Ford Foundation Grant of \$97,000, there is available \$282,000 to apply on new construction.

2. A second great need is contributions for memorial and endowed rooms in the hospital. A living memorial can be perpetuated by such a donation and will permanently memorialize the life of a loved one.
3. The tremendous influence for good which our students of the School of Nursing, the medical laboratories, and X ray pass on to our patients as they care for them constitutes one of the biggest assets of this institution and of the church. Anyone can help by directing the interests of qualified young women and young men to these departments.

#### OUR RESOLVE

We pledge to the church and to the community a continuation of total service, rendered as efficiently and as unselfishly as our facilities and personnel can possibly give.

A. NEAL DEEVER  
Administrator

## Independence Sanitarium and Hospital

### CONDENSED COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS

December 31, 1954 and 1955

	1954	1955
<b>CURRENT FUND</b>		
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Cash .....	\$ 72,851.41	\$ 132,450.23
Receivables—Net .....	118,878.43	152,136.95
Inventories—Drugs, Supplies, etc....	52,107.87	55,245.89
Deferred Charges .....	1,247.42	4,827.30
Other Assets—Women's Auxiliary..	62.96	—
Total Current Fund Assets.....	<u>\$ 245,148.09</u>	<u>\$ 344,660.37</u>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
Payables .....	\$ 34,684.49	\$ 38,571.73
Student Nurses' Deposits.....	15.31	1,854.39
Contingent Liability.....	—	1,861.05
Total Liabilities.....	<u>\$ 34,699.80</u>	<u>\$ 42,287.17</u>
<b>EQUITY:</b>		
Balance—Beginning of the Year.....	\$ 169,973.53	\$ 210,448.29
Gain for the Year.....	56,635.39	104,395.15
Adjustment from the Prior Year.....	—	2,273.21
	<u>\$ 226,608.92</u>	<u>\$ 317,116.65</u>
Relinquished to Plant Fund.....	16,160.63	14,743.45
Balance—End of the Year.....	210,448.29	302,373.20
Total .....	<u>\$ 245,148.09</u>	<u>\$ 344,660.37</u>

PLANT FUND		1955	1954
<b>ASSETS:</b>			
Land .....	\$	24,596.78	\$ 24,596.78
Building—Depreciated .....		1,219,787.46	1,223,628.46
Roads—Depreciated .....		2,246.64	1,886.64
San Shop Equipment.....			3,896.50
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment —Depreciated .....		144,087.75	151,557.31
Automotive Equip'nt—Depreciated .....		767.90	327.90
Emergency Room Const. Project....		35,000.00	
Boiler Equipment.....		15,266.69	15,603.08
Total Plant Fund Assets.....		<u>\$1,441,753.22</u>	<u>\$1,421,496.67</u>
<b>EQUITY:</b>			
Balance—Beginning of Year.....		\$1,419,152.83	\$1,441,753.22
Add:			
Relinquished by Current Fund....	\$	16,160.63	\$ 14,743.45
Relinquished by the Const. Fund .....		1,896.33	—
Relinquished by the Recreational Building Fund.....		4,543.43	
	\$	<u>22,600.39</u>	<u>\$ 14,743.45</u>
Deduct—Transfer to the Emergency Building Fund.....			35,000.00
Net Increase or (Decrease).....		22,600.39	(20,256.55)
Balance—End of Year.....		<u>\$1,441,753.22</u>	<u>\$1,421,496.67</u>

OTHER FUNDS		1955	1954
<b>ASSETS:</b>			
Cash in Bank.....	\$	52,955.43	\$ 52,756.52
Accounts Receivable.....		385.00	435.00
Due from Current Funds.....		92.00	—
U. S. Government Bonds.....		8,058.99	10,218.99
Stocks .....		1,890.00	1,890.00
Total Other Fund Assets.....		<u>\$ 63,381.42</u>	<u>\$ 65,300.51</u>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>			
Account Payable General Fund....			\$ 10,989.90
<b>EQUITY:</b>			
Sanitarium Day Fund.....	\$	26,993.82	\$ 23,505.11
Emergency Room Building Fund....		34,887.60	29,305.50
Student Loan Fund.....		1,000.00	1,000.00
Student Scholarship Fund.....		500.00	500.00
Total Equities—End of Year.....		<u>\$ 63,381.42</u>	<u>\$ 65,300.51</u>

I have examined the balance sheets of the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital as of December 31, 1954 and 1955. The system of internal control and the accounting procedures of the hospital have been reviewed and I have examined or tested accounting records of the hospital and other supporting evidence, by methods, and to the extent I deemed necessary.

In my opinion, the accompanying comparative balance sheet presents fairly the position of the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital at December 31, 1954 and 1955, and the results of its operations for the years then ended, in conformity with generally accepted hospital accounting principles applied each year on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

LLOYD L. BLAND  
Certified Public Accountant

Independence, Missouri  
February 20, 1956

## Report of the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital

To the First Presidency and  
General Conference:

We are submitting herewith the condensed comparative balance sheets for the various funds of the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital for the years 1954 and 1955.

### CURRENT FUND

The Current Fund shows gains of \$56,635.39 for 1954 and \$104,395.15 for 1955. The gains were occasioned by increased business of the Hospital during this period.

The cash balance of December 31, 1955, in amount of \$132,450.23 should be considered in conjunction with the liabilities amounting to \$42,287.17 comprised largely of accounts payable totaling \$38,571.73. The actual cash position

of the fund at the close of 1955 appears to be fairly good.

The accounts receivable increased from \$118,878.43 in 1954 to \$152,136.95 in 1955. There was an increase in the total patients' accounts receivable due to increased business; however, a substantial portion of the increase was due to accounts appearing on the books December 31, 1955, but paid in 1956. These accounts involved patients still in the Hospital at the close of the year and accounts for patients under group hospital insurance billed in 1955 but paid in the early part of 1956 and accounts for patients who carried other insurance and chose to collect their own claims.

The amounts of \$16,160.63 for 1954 and \$14,743.45 for 1955 were transferred from the Current Fund to the Plant Fund to be used for construction and improvements of the buildings and for the purchase of equipment.

### PLANT FUND

The Plant Fund equity shows a net increase of \$22,600.39 for 1954, but a net decrease of \$20,256.55. This decrease was due largely to a book adjustment of \$35,000 which was carried in the Plant Fund as a capital item for the years 1953 and 1954 but which was also carried as a cash asset and has actually been set up in the emergency room building fund.

### OTHER FUNDS

The detail of Other Funds in the balance sheet appears to be self-explanatory and represents cash in these funds for future special purposes as designated by the fund itself. The total equity balance in these funds is \$65,300.51.

THE INDEPENDENCE SANITARIUM  
AND HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
H. L. LIVINGSTON, *Treasurer*

## Pickpockets

Religious groups who meet in large gatherings such as our General Conference are considered "easy pickings" for the pickpocket men. You cannot tell them by the way they dress or talk, only by the way they act. Women who carry handbags should keep them under their arms with a hand gripping the opening whenever a passageway becomes crowded. Billfolds in men's hip pockets are rather easy to pick in a crowded place. Use extreme caution when leaving meetings through the foyer.

## Report of the Board of Publication

To the First Presidency and General Conference:

The Board of Publication is happy to present its report covering the period since the last General Conference of April, 1954.

An important part of this report is the condensed balance sheet dated May 31, 1955, with a statement of examination by Lloyd L. Bland, C.P.A. Comparison with the statement of May 31, 1953, indicates a healthy financial situation. Current assets are nine times the current liabilities. The equity account has advanced 14.1 per cent and the operating gain of the two years ending May 31, 1955, was three per cent of sales.

Herald House continues to publish and distribute a wide variety of materials with the only clientele being the reading membership of our church. Increased church membership and activity in recent years has made it possible to publish some few books in larger quantities resulting in more economical production, but low unit cost in many items is not possible because of the small number of units produced to meet the total church demand for a considerable period of time. Expanding inventories and extension of credit to purchasers means that large sums of working capital are required, and during the last two years the Board has been forced to maintain considerable bank borrowings in order to provide sufficient working capital.

The report of Kenneth L. Graham, Secretary Manager, was approved by the Board of Publication at Independence, Missouri, February 9, 1956, and is made a part of the report of the Board of Publication to the First Presidency and the General Conference.

We are appreciative of the excellent service given by the Herald House personnel, the co-operation of the First Presidency in solving publishing problems, and the continued support of the ministry of the church. It is the desire of the Board that Herald House shall continue to give increasingly better service as our church continues to grow and expand in many fields of endeavor.

THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION  
W. N. Johnson, Chairman

### REPORT OF THE MANAGER

Since last General Conference, Herald House opened a new and enlarged Bookshop in Independence, re-established its agency in England, and is completing preparation for the publication of a new hymnbook and a new youth magazine. During the same period more church literature and supplies have been distrib-

uted by the publishing division of the church than ever before.

### NEW PUBLICATIONS

October of this year will see the initial publication of *Stride* magazine, a monthly periodical designed especially for the youth of the church. For nearly five years *Stride* has been in various stages of planning, and comes now after much study and research to help meet the challenge of today's youth.

The youth of the church are fortunate that the First Presidency have been able to obtain a devoted young church journalist, Brother Roger Yarrington, formerly of Lamoni, Iowa, as editor of *Stride*, and in this Herald House has been glad to co-operate. Brother Yarrington is now on leave of absence completing his Master's degree in journalism at the University of Iowa. He will return to full-time employment in June of this year in time to put finishing touches on Volume 1, Number 1.

In the meantime, Herald House will be distributing at the Conference and throughout the church a pilot issue of the magazine designed to help young people and parents to get an idea of its nature and purpose.

Also to be published this fall will be a major addition to the music literature of the church in the form of a new general hymnbook to be called *The Hymnal*. This project has been under the general direction of Brother Franklyn S. Weddle, General Church Director of Music, and a committee of musicians and church officials who have been at work for about five years in preparation of the material in the book. It is now anticipated that the release date will be some time in late October or November.

### PUBLISHING

We are happy to report that the present *Saints' Herald* circulation of nearly 17,000 is an all-time high. It is the desire of all personnel connected with this magazine that its ministry might be continually expanded by constantly reaching into more church homes.

Other adult periodicals with more specialized purposes are all well received. *Daily Bread*, the devotional magazine, is mailed bi-monthly to more than 7,000 homes. *Guidelines to Leadership* has a circulation of about 3,000; workers in church school, music, women's departments, and priesthood who use it regularly speak highly of its helpfulness.

The Department of Religious Education has in process of preparation a new church school curriculum. It is hoped that within the ensuing Conference period much of this material will take shape in the form of new church school periodicals.

Herald House is also continuing to develop its book publication program which has been so well received by the church as a whole during the course of the last decade.

### DISTRIBUTING

In June of 1954 Herald Bookshop in Independence occupied new enlarged quarters with twice the floor space of the old store. To the expanded space was added all new fixtures designed especially to display the many specialized lines of church supplies and literature. The main reason for the existence of the Bookshop is to serve church people in and around the Center Place. We believe, however, that it is also serving as a means of improving relations with the general public.

Another important step in service to members took place in the British Mission during the Conference period. Through the diligent co-operation of Apostle Donald V. Lents and Elder William E. Eldridge, it was possible to re-open the Herald House Agency in England which had been inoperative since World War II because of customs barriers. Brother Eldridge was appointed part-time agency manager operating from his home in Birmingham, and Saints in Great Britain can obtain most major church books and order magazine subscriptions by writing to him.

During the years when church books were not available in England, Bishop A. T. Trapp acted as agent in obtaining subscriptions for the *Saints' Herald* and other magazines. Brother Trapp devoted many hours in helping his fellow members keep contact with the church through the various periodicals, and we wish here to acknowledge with gratitude his service. This work has now been transferred to Brother Eldridge. It is also with sincere thanks that we recognize the untiring efforts of Apostle Lents and Brother Eldridge in bringing about the re-establishment of the agency.

Our Australian and Canadian agencies continue to be of effective service to the Saints in their areas and of help to Herald House in the distribution of church literature.

Continuing as a major source of distribution is the Book Steward Program. Currently 481 branches have authorized book stewards who are Herald House representatives in their areas. Each is required to maintain a display of literature in the local church, and acts as a clearing house for all Herald House orders.

During the past fiscal year book stewards were responsible for 45.8 per cent of total gross sales. In return for these services Herald House returned to local branches a total of \$14,708.00 in commissions.

**BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT**

As pointed out in our report to the Conference of 1954, the building facilities of the publishing house are becoming less adequate each year. The present building, housing both offices and printing plant, was originally constructed as an armory for a National Guard Cavalry unit and was converted to its present use when Herald House moved to Independence from Lamoni in 1921. Some departments are presently quite handicapped by crowded conditions, without room for expansion. Moderate cash building reserves are now being established, but it is probable that some more specific action will need to be taken shortly if the service of the publishing house is to keep pace with the growth of the church.

**HERALD HOUSE PERSONNEL**

The inter-Conference period has brought several major personnel changes at Herald House.

After having been on leave of absence for three years while studying for his Master's degree, Elder Leonard J. Lea has returned to church service as Editorial Assistant to the First Presidency. In this slightly different relationship, Brother Lea has been asked to serve as contributing editor of the *Saints' Herald* rather than associate editor, as previously designated.

After thirteen years of devoted service Mrs. Richard W. (Jeanne) Miller resigned as Assistant to the Manager in Charge of Sales in November, 1955, to take up full-time duties of mother and homemaker. While at Herald House, Sister Miller carried the major responsibility for the development of the Book Steward Program and the expansion of Herald Bookshop to its present size. In these capacities she made friends throughout the church who join her colleagues at Herald House in wishing for her and her family rich blessings.

As previously reported, Brother Roger Yarrington is serving as Youth Editor. Brother Elton Vickers, Jr., recently of Donna, Texas, was appointed as Administrative Assistant and Controller by the Board of Publication in December, 1955. Brother Vickers, who with his family has moved to Independence, will serve as chief accounting officer. The addition of these posts is indicative of growth, and we are happy to welcome these brethren to the Herald House family.

Sister Edward (Florence) Parker, who has been employed as a retail sales lady in Herald Bookshop since shortly after coming to Independence with her family from England in 1951, was promoted to Manager of the Bookshop last fall. We are happy to have Sister Parker serve in

**Herald Publishing House**  
**CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS**  
May 31, 1954 and 1955

	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
Cash .....	\$ 16,399.60	\$ 13,305.51
U. S. Government Bonds .....	13,000.00	13,000.00
Accounts Receivable—Net .....	44,258.30	39,952.78
Inventories .....	224,839.10	265,651.45
Other Current Assets.....	8,194.63	10,421.48
Total Current Assets.....	<u>\$306,691.63</u>	<u>\$342,331.22</u>
<b>FIXED ASSETS—Depreciated:</b>		
Land, Building, and Improvements.....	\$ 16,408.99	\$ 22,298.28
Machinery, Furniture, and Equipment.....	67,396.05	57,807.87
Tools and Type.....	2,869.32	2,683.92
Bookstore Leasehold Improvements and Equipment	4,335.75	16,464.98
Total Fixed Assets.....	<u>\$ 91,010.11</u>	<u>\$ 99,255.05</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS .....</b>	<u><u>\$397,701.74</u></u>	<u><u>\$441,586.27</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		
Trade Accounts Payable.....	\$ 11,114.97	\$ 11,654.35
Customers' Credit Balances.....	683.83	328.39
Taxes Payable.....	797.23	3,455.49
Other Payables.....	195.44	283.65
Commissions Payable.....	14,282.09	14,718.97
Notes Payable—Short Term.....	7,725.00	3,862.50
Employees Funds and Holding Accounts.....	238.77	214.27
Accrued Salaries Payable.....	—	3,458.11
Total Current Liabilities.....	<u>\$ 35,037.33</u>	<u>\$ 37,975.73</u>
<b>FIXED LIABILITIES:</b>		
Notes Payable.....	\$ 3,862.50	\$ 24,015.80
<b>DEFERRED CREDITS:</b>		
Unexpired Subscriptions.....	\$ 41,874.35	\$ 42,287.87
Other Deferred Credits.....	43.50	—
Total Deferred Credits.....	<u>\$ 41,917.85</u>	<u>\$ 42,287.87</u>
<b>EQUITY:</b>		
Balance Beginning of the Year.....	\$295,577.68	\$316,884.06
Add Net Gain for the Year Ended May 31.....	21,306.38	20,422.81
Total Equity.....	<u>\$316,884.06</u>	<u>\$337,306.87</u>
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<u><u>\$397,701.74</u></u>	<u><u>\$441,586.27</u></u>

I have examined the balance sheets of the Herald Publishing House as of May 31, 1954 and 1955, have reviewed the system of internal control and the accounting procedures of the house and without making a detailed audit of the transactions, have examined or tested accounting records and other supporting evidence by methods and to the extent I deemed appropriate. Detailed reports of examination have been made to the First Presidency.

In my opinion, the accompanying balance sheets present fairly the position of the Herald Publishing House at May 31, 1954 and 1955.

Independence, Missouri  
February 16, 1956

LLOYD L. BLAND  
*Certified Public Accountant*

this capacity and feel that with full-time management the Bookshop can be of even more effective service.

Herald House workers feel a deep sense of stewardship in promoting church literature and supplies. Together and

with the support of the Saints and our heavenly Father, we shall endeavor to continue to strengthen the ministry of the printed word.

KENNETH L. GRAHAM  
*Secretary-Manager*

# Report of the Department of Statistics

*To the First Presidency and  
General Conference:*

We present herewith the statistical report for the years 1954 and 1955.

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During the period we have made a number of statistical studies including a study of the relation of blessings and baptisms; marriage and divorce, with baptisms resulting from marriages; transfers into and out of stakes; and a major study of church growth in the United States and Canada for the ten-year period of 1945 through 1954.

We have also made a detailed analysis of baptisms for the five-year period of 1950 through 1954. Our published baptismal figures have always, of necessity, been tabulated on the basis of the month in which the reports were received in the Department of Statistics. That will continue to be so but through the use of IBM machines, we have been able not only to analyze baptisms but also to tabulate them on the basis of the actual date when they were performed.

The pertinent facts revealed by this analysis of baptisms are as follows: (1) Among these years there is a rearrangement of the order of total baptisms for each year. We had formerly thought that 1951 was our outstanding year between 1921 and 1954. We now find that it was particularly outstanding only in terms of the reporting of baptisms. There were actually less baptisms performed in 1951 than in 1950. (2) The outstanding month for baptisms other than June is August. The two top months for baptisms other than June are August and July in that order. Reunion baptisms probably account for the high rate in these months. We raise the question as to why October is not also a good month in terms of baptisms. (3) The church progresses slowly if baptisms are taken as our basis of judgment. Beginning with 1950—the first year considered in this study, the rate of baptismal increase was 3.31 per cent. In 1951 the rate dropped to 3.22 per cent and in 1952 hit the low point for the period—2.93 per cent. 1953 showed a sharp increase to 3.33 per cent and 1954 rose to 3.39 per cent. If we compare the first year and the last year of the study, there is a slight overall increase from 3.31 per cent to 3.39 per cent. However, this percentage increase lies entirely in the realm of children fourteen and under. Actually the percentage here is 1.67 per cent in 1950 and 1.85 per cent in 1954.

There is an actual percentage decrease in the age range of fifteen and over. The rate there was 1.64 per cent in 1950 and 1.53 per cent in 1954. Numerically 501 of the 561 increase of 1954 over 1953 were children fourteen and under. Which is to say that in 1954 we baptized just sixty more "teen-agers" and adults than we did in 1950. Saying it another way, in 1950, 50.42 per cent of our baptisms were children fourteen and under, and in 1954 that figure had risen to 54.63 per cent.

If we begin our comparison with 1952, the low point of the period, the picture is much more encouraging. We find that the ratio of children to adults baptized rose constantly from 1950 to 1953 and then dropped sharply from 56.16 per cent in 1953 to 54.63 per cent in 1954. In 1952 the rate of baptismal increase of those above fifteen was 1.30 per cent; in 1953 it rose to 1.46 per cent, and in 1954 it rose again to 1.53 per cent. Thus it is evident after the lean years of 1951 and 1952 there were two consecutive years in which we were more successful in baptizing adults. Our missionary endeavors show real gain in 1953 and again in 1954.

Another significant fact brought out in this study is that approximately 9 per cent of our baptisms for these five years are in the "teen-age" group—fifteen to nineteen. This is especially significant when we consider that it is generally understood this is the "difficult age," as far as religion is concerned, and that approximately only 3 per cent of the total population of the nation is to be found in this range.

We also do well in the 20 to 29 age range. Approximately 13 per cent of our baptisms are people in this age group.

In 1954 and 1955 there were twenty-one branches organized. Six were missions for which records had previously been set up: Billings, Montana; Pocatello, Idaho; Walla Walla, Washington; Port Colborne, Ontario; Clovis, New Mexico; and Fremont, Nebraska. Ten were branch missions: Escondido, California; Springfield-Westport, Missouri; Omaha-Highland Park, Nebraska; Northeast Chapel-Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Redlands, California; Riverside, California; Haddonfield, New Jersey; El Cajon, California; National City, California; and Allentown, Pennsylvania. One—St. Clair, Michigan—was formerly a branch and in 1953 was amalgamated with Port Huron Branch and other missions in St. Clair County to form the Blue Water Branch. Four were district or General Church missions without previously having had a record: Yuba City, California; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Juniata, Michigan; and Wenatchee, Washington.

During the period, thirteen branches were disorganized. Five were disorganized as branches but retained their records as missions: Pueblo, Colorado; Morgantown, West Virginia; Chanute-Iola, Kansas; Lubbock, Texas; and Winfield, Kansas. Eight no longer function: Corea, Maine; Blue River, Nebraska; Manitowaning, Ontario; Wells, Michigan; Golden Gate, California; New Baden, Texas; Bellaire, Michigan; and Spy Hill, Saskatchewan.

During the period records were set up for ninety-nine missions; and three of these were disorganized: Point Marion, Pennsylvania; Lexington, Michigan; and Shawnee, Oklahoma.

The net gain in branches is only eight, but this represents a relatively large growth in terms of actual strength. The disorganized branches are in an area from which the church population has moved. On the other hand, the newly organized branches are in growing centers and present real opportunity for continued development. The fourteen branches organized, which had not previously had records as missions, had at the time of their organization a total enrollment of 1,422. The eight branches which were completely disorganized had a total enrollment of 277 at the time of their disorganization.

As of December 31, 1955, there were 163 missions of record, 568 branches, and 141 congregations in stakes, making a total of 872 congregations of record in the United States and Canada. (This does not include Hawaii.)

Continuing the policy of redistricting so as to give better integration of branches and missions in districts, the following changes were made: (1) Central Nebraska, Northeast Nebraska, and Southern Nebraska Districts were discontinued and the Eastern Nebraska District and Nebraska District formed from the territory. (2) The Oregon District was divided into the Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington District, and the Southern Oregon District. (3) The New York and Philadelphia District was divided into four new districts: the Washington, D.C., New York Metropolitan, Philadelphia Metropolitan, and Scranton Districts. (4) The Sault Ste Marie District was discontinued and the Michigan Upper Peninsula District formed from part of the territory. (5) The Central California District was organized from territory coming partially from Southern California District and partially from Northern California District. (6) Springfield District was formed from territory taken from Rich Hill District and Spring River District. (7) Western Texas District was organized from territory from Western Oklahoma District and terri-

tory which was formerly unorganized. These changes brought about a net gain of six districts, making a total of seventy-six districts in the United States and Canada as of December 31, 1955.

In some selected branches throughout the United States and Canada, and in selected congregations in stakes, we are having an activity-attendance survey made in 1956. We look forward to expanding this program in 1957 and ask the co-operation of branch presidents and recorders in this project. We believe that through this survey, valuable statistics will be made available to the church.

We continue to be humbled by the spirit of co-operation and the devotion to the cause of Christ which we find exhibited by branch presidents and recorders. We take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation to all those who have so willingly served with us.

We pray that in the future, we shall be able to expand and extend that small service which we have been able to render in the cause of Christ.

MERLE P. GUTHRIE  
Statistician

**Table I**

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES OF TOTAL ENROLLMENT FROM JANUARY 1, 1954, TO JANUARY 1, 1956**

Total Enrollment January 1, 1954		152,850
Baptisms	5,308	
Reinstatements	13	
Transferred from Unknown	58	
Gains by Correction	83	
Total Gain	5,462	
Deaths	1,702	
Expulsions	7	
Withdrawals	167	
Losses by Correction	36	
Total Loss	1,912	
Net Gain	3,550	

Total Enrollment January 1, 1955		156,440
Baptisms	5,554	
Reinstatements	17	
Transferred from Unknown	47	
Gains by Correction	92	
Total Gain	5,710	
Deaths	1,866	
Expulsions	9	
Withdrawals	223	
Losses by Correction	56	
Total Loss	2,154	
Net Gain	3,556	
Total Enrollment December 31, 1955		159,996

**Table II**

**TABULAR COMPARISON OF THE NUMBER OF MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS RECEIVED DURING THE YEARS 1954 AND 1955**

Type of Report	Number in 1954	Number in 1955
Transfers	18,943	16,527
Baptisms	5,308	5,554
Deaths	1,702	1,866
Deaths in Unknown File	5	1
Reinstatements	13	17
Withdrawals	167	223
Expulsions	7	9
Blessings	3,540	3,607
Marriages	2,514	2,776
Divorces	466	385
Change of Name	97	94
Ordinations	1,035	1,062
Licenses Restored	10	18
Silences	26	32
Licenses Surrendered	0	0
Branches Organized	13	8
Branches Disorganized	6	7
Missions Recorded	56	43
Districts Organized	10	2
Districts Disorganized	6	0
	33,924	32,231

**Table III**

Changes in church membership during the year 1954 by stakes, districts, missions, etc., showing beginning enrollments, baptisms, transfers, miscellaneous gains and losses, deaths, and final enrollments.

	GAINS				LOSSES			Enroll <sup>†</sup> Dec. 31, 1954
	Enrollments Jan. 1, 1954	Bap-tisms	Trans-fers	Misc.	Deaths	Trans-fers	Misc.	
Alabama	835	47	21	3	14	32	1	859
Mobile	1,545	66	55	4	12	92	5	1,561
Arkansas & Louisiana	1,815	47	73	1	11	78	3	1,844
Northern California	3,770	165	743	14	36	806	4	3,846
Southern California	1,953	71	652	5	31	629	2	2,019
Eastern Colorado	2,748	106	315	3	33	296	3	2,840
Western Colorado	339	15	17	2		13	2	358
Pensacola	1,476	60	167	5	28	130	1	1,549
Hawaii	932	75	29	3		114	2	923
†Idaho	883	42	131	2	3	221	1	833
Central Illinois	1,021	35	140	6	17	158	1	1,026
Chicago	1,153	31	95	1	12	102		1,166
Nauvoo	828	39	74	6	8	100	10	829
Northeast Illinois	812	24	67	5	18	70	2	818
Rock Island	2,328	60	121	4	28	145	6	2,334
Southeastern Illinois	1,413	81	54	3	21	69	8	1,453
Northern Indiana	1,009	55	72	1	15	76	6	1,040
Southern Indiana	1,154	62	22	4	14	61		1,167
Des Moines	2,407	79	177	3	35	202	2	2,427
Northwest Iowa	2,291	59	111		24	140	15	2,282
Southwest Iowa	2,287	80	100	4	43	243	12	2,173
Kansas	1,283	49	280	3	8	215	1	1,391
Kaw Valley	731	23	87		3	39		799
Kentucky and Tennessee	1,129	34	48		9	54		1,148
Maine	1,253	24	32	2	26	41		1,244
*Washington, D.C.	582	32	108	1	7	22	1	693
*Southern New England	1,119	26	28	1	17	37		1,120
Central Michigan	1,372	80	70	1	21	95	2	1,405
Eastern Michigan	1,196	52	122		19	138	2	1,211
Flint and Port Huron	2,432	73	92	1	29	97	1	2,471
Northern Michigan	1,398	58	90	2	18	115		1,415
South Central Michigan	1,699	46	81	3	21	88	2	1,718
Southern Michigan	2,216	73	158	2	29	238	8	2,174
*Michigan Upper Peninsula	448	33	84	1	8	42	1	515
Minnesota	1,051	40	81	2	10	77	1	1,086
Missouri Missionary-Developmental Area	637	13	83		11	75	13	634
Rich Hill	1,303	45	261	2	25	291		1,295
St. Louis	1,719	56	126	1	20	120	1	1,761
Southern Missouri	408	17	34	1	5	52		403
Spring River	2,942	95	235	5	28	317	11	2,921
†Northern Plains	446	4	28		15	101		362
†Western Montana	762	26	48		18	210	1	607
*Nebraska	414	31	278	2	7	37	2	679
*Central Nebraska	134				2	131	1	0
*Eastern Nebraska	1,701	75	327	2	19	196		1,890
*Northeast Nebraska	160				1	159		0
*Southern Nebraska	101					101		0
*New York	590	23	36	1	11	38	1	600
*New York Metropolitan	402	11	119		3	30		499
Red River	480	23	80		16	89		478
Columbus	1,074	41	80		20	54	2	1,119
Kirtland	2,051	65	90	1	18	135	5	2,049
Northwest Ohio	804	24	36		4	42		818
Southern Ohio	1,881	53	59		37	64	3	1,889
Youngstown	585	30	19		7	17	1	609
Oklahoma City	1,055	61	93	1	12	67		1,131
Tulsa	1,727	42	209	4	16	218		1,748
*Western Oklahoma	821	33	148	3	15	411		579
*Northwest Oregon	1,479	65	508	1	13	110	1	1,929
*Oregon	889				11	878		0
*Southern Oregon	196	49	409	1	5	43	1	606
*New York and Philadelphia	164					164		0

NAME OF DISTRICT	Enrollments Jan. 1, 1954	GAINS			LOSSES			Enroll <sup>t</sup> Dec. 31, 1954
		Bap- tisms	Trans- fers	Misc.	Deaths	Trans- fers	Misc.	
*Philadelphia Metropolitan	759	18	383		4	328		828
Pittsburgh	753	53	60	1	10	120		737
*Scranton	457	12	16		4	8		473
Central Texas	1,435	52	186	2	17	163	1	1,494
Southwest Texas	904	32	75		14	79	1	917
*Western Texas	141	31	392	5	2	137	1	429
†Utah	380	19	150	1	7	51		492
†Seattle	2,041	126	422	1	13	420	5	2,152
†Spokane	1,226	59	397	3	15	476		1,194
West Virginia	1,270	37	88	1	14	106	1	1,275
Wisconsin	1,210	43	80	1	12	95	2	1,225
Alberta	811	39	36		6	40		840
British Columbia	775	18	64	2	3	22		834
Chatham	1,168	96	38		22	54	2	1,224
London	1,307	43	77	2	23	88		1,318
Owen Sound	1,114	44	88	2	18	93	2	1,135
*Sault Ste Marie	87			1		88		0
Toronto	1,977	35	102	6	37	220	1	1,862
Saskatchewan	854	54	47	1	6	80		870
<b>DISTRICT TOTALS</b>	<b>94,502</b>	<b>3,635</b>	<b>10,604</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>1,194</b>	<b>11,893</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>95,642</b>
<b>STAKES</b>								
Center Stake of Zion	9,961	454	579	6	92	657	8	10,243
Central Missouri	2,790	126	233	1	29	229	3	2,889
Far West	3,036	130	90	16	29	121	12	3,110
Kansas City	4,145	162	338	6	30	318	4	4,299
Lamoni	2,442	84	93	2	50	223	1	2,347
Detroit International	4,101	203	186	17	44	157	15	4,291
Los Angeles	3,534	125	342	4	32	250	6	3,717
<b>STAKE TOTALS</b>	<b>30,009</b>	<b>1,284</b>	<b>1,861</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>1,955</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>30,896</b>
<b>UNORGANIZED</b>								
*Branches and Missions in Unorganized United States	672	49	441	2	12	70		1,082
*Branches and Missions in Unorganized Canada	873	29	20	1	21	141	1	760
§ Arizona Area	731	15	59	1	5	43		758
§ Nonresident Unorganized United States	1,783	23	839	5	26	553		2,071
§ Nonresident Unorganized Canada	361		65		1	43		382
<b>UNORGANIZED TOTALS</b>	<b>4,420</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>1,424</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5,053</b>
<b>UNITED STATES &amp; CANADA</b>	<b>128,931</b>	<b>5,035</b>	<b>13,889</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>1,565</b>	<b>14,698</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>131,591</b>
<b>MISSIONS ABROAD</b>								
British Isles	1,521	32	9	1	19	28	6	1,510
Australasia	3,618	115	3		28	2		3,706
Germany	1,410	15	2		10	10	4	1,403
Holland	391	4				6		389
Society Islands	2,178	105			10			2,273
Sweden	14				3			11
Denmark	11				1			10
Norway	47	1			1	1		46
Isle of Pines	74							74
<b>MISSIONS ABROAD TOTALS</b>	<b>9,264</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9,422</b>
§ <b>NONRESIDENT UNORGANIZED</b>								
ABROAD	49	1	4					54
<b>TOTAL ABROAD</b>	<b>9,313</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9,476</b>
<b>Membership Properly</b>								
Enrolled	138,244	5,308	13,907	214	1,637	14,745	224	141,067
Unknown	13,600		1,388		60	551	5	14,372
Suspense	1,006		27		5	26	1	1,001
Intra-Stake Transfers			3,621			3,621		
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>152,850</b>	<b>5,308</b>	<b>18,943</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>1,702</b>	<b>18,943</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>156,440</b>

- Central Nebraska, Northeastern Nebraska, and Southern Nebraska Districts officially disorganized as of January 1, 1954. Non-residents transferred in January, hence show as beginning enrollments.
  - Nebraska and Eastern Nebraska Districts formed from Central, Northeastern, and Southern Nebraska Districts, statistically effective January 1, 1954. Beginning enrollments are for branches and missions only.
  - Oregon District officially disorganized effective January 1, 1954. Nonresidents transferred in January, hence show as beginning enrollment.
  - Northwestern Oregon and Southwestern Washington and Southern Oregon Districts formed from Oregon District, statistically effective January 1, 1954. Beginning enrollments are for branches and missions only.
  - Western Texas District organized statistically effective January 1, 1954. Territory from Western Oklahoma District and Unorganized territory. Beginning enrollment is for branches and missions only.
  - Some branches and missions from those grouped under "Branches and Missions in Unorganized United States" included in Western Texas District. Some also included in "Arizona Area."
  - Some branches and missions added to those grouped under "Branches and Missions in Unorganized Canada." From disorganized Sault Ste Marie District and from Toronto District.
  - New Haven, Connecticut, Branch—enrollment 52—transferred from Southern New England District to New York Metropolitan District, statistically effective January 1, 1954.
  - Johnson City, New York Branch—enrollment 53—transferred from New York District to Scranton District, statistically effective January 1, 1954.
- † Boundary changes caused unusually heavy transfer figures.
- § New files set up without transfers affect beginning enrollment, as follows:
- Arizona Area—enrollment taken from "Branches and Missions in Unorganized United States" and from "Nonresident Unorganized United States."
  - General Nonresident file divided into three files: (1) Nonresident Unorganized United States, (2) Nonresident Unorganized Canada, (3) Nonresident Unorganized Abroad.
- Special Note: Fifty-six Missions records set up up 1954 were handled by transfer and cause unusually heavy transfers in some districts.

\*District boundary changes. Note differences between December 31, 1953, and January 1, 1954, as follows:

- New York and Philadelphia District divided and officially disorganized effective January 1, 1954. Nonresidents transferred in January, hence show as beginning enrollment.
- Washington, D.C., New York Metropolitan, Philadelphia Metropolitan, and Scranton Districts formed from New York and Philadelphia District, organized statistically effective, January 1, 1954. Beginning enrollments are branches and missions only. Nonresidents shown in January transfers.
- Sault Ste Marie District officially disorganized as of January 1, 1954. Nonresidents transferred in January, hence show as beginning enrollment.
- Michigan Upper Peninsula District organized statistically effective January 1, 1954. Beginning enrollment for branches and missions only.

## Table IV

Changes in church membership during the year 1955 by stakes, districts, missions, etc., showing beginning enrollments, baptisms, transfers, miscellaneous gains and losses, deaths, and final enrollments.

	Enrollments Jan. 1, 1955	GAINS			LOSSES			Enroll't Dec. 31, 1955
		Bap- tisms	Trans- fers	Misc.	Deaths	Trans- fers	Misc.	
Alabama	859	32	37		9	69		850
Mobile	1,561	62	137		3	116	1	1,640
Arkansas & Louisiana	1,844	54	126		46	234	1	1,743
*Central California	852	47	180	1	6	111		963
*Northern California	3,181	136	793	6	46	874	4	3,192
*Southern California	1,868	78	513	4	23	470	2	1,968
Eastern Colorado	2,840	99	241	2	25	232		2,925
Western Colorado	358	20	48	1	7	25		395
Pensacola	1,549	40	216	3	18	202	2	1,586
Hawaii	923	76	16	1	6	26	1	983
Idaho	833	42	37		11	98		803
Central Illinois	1,026	20	98	1	14	155	14	962
Chicago	1,166	40	99	2	4	76		1,227
Nauvoo	829	11	44	3	16	54	6	811
Northeastern Illinois	818	37	66	2	8	70	1	844
Rock Island	2,334	91	163		24	168	3	2,393
Southeastern Illinois	1,453	74	59	3	16	96	4	1,473
Northern Illinois	1,040	78	127	2	8	111	9	1,119
Southern Illinois	1,167	30	24		10	31	3	1,177
Des Moines	2,427	81	186	8	32	225	3	2,442
Northwest Iowa	2,282	120	132	2	41	191	9	2,295
Southwest Iowa	2,173	84	130	2	58	190	14	2,127
Kansas	1,391	51	183	2	16	122	4	1,485
Kaw Valley	799	22	110	1	8	119	1	804
Kentucky and Tennessee	1,148	32	92	2	22	150	2	1,100
Maine	1,244	48	132		30	152		1,242
Washington, D.C.	693	48	50	1	1	62	1	728
Southern New England	1,120	28	95		23	88		1,132
Central Michigan	1,405	64	75	1	27	91	3	1,424
Eastern Michigan	1,211	51	74	4	26	93		1,221
Flint and Port Huron	2,471	104	221	1	17	211	3	2,566
Northern Michigan	1,415	48	162	1	30	204		1,392
South Central Michigan	1,718	52	66	3	34	65		1,740
Southern Michigan	2,174	78	131	2	26	123	7	2,229
Michigan Upper Peninsula	515	15	58	2	10	81	2	497
Minnesota	1,086	46	81	2	9	55	2	1,149
Missouri Missionary- Developmental Area	634	24	79	2	10	56	1	672
*Rich Hill	1,226	29	96	2	8	161	2	1,182
St. Louis	1,761	54	85	1	20	104		1,777
Southern Missouri	403	8	29	1	7	29	1	404
*Springfield	686	30	384	3	30	247		826
*Spring River	2,304	72	338	3	71	679	17	1,950
Northern Plains	362	13	49	1	5	68	2	350
Western Montana	607	58	54		7	60	1	651
Nebraska	679	38	52	2	3	106	2	660
Eastern Nebraska	1,890	87	82	9	48	95	1	1,924
New York	600	16	48		3	42	1	618
New York Metropolitan	499	16	76		3	42	1	545
Red River	478	9	32	1	9	62	2	447
Columbus	1,119	26	34	1	7	21		1,152
Kirtland	2,049	110	92		16	120	12	2,103
Northwest Ohio	818	36	34	1	10	16	1	862
Southern Ohio	1,889	67	69	2	22	87	8	1,910
Youngstown	609	9	22	2	9	20		613
Oklahoma City	1,131	63	145	5	20	169	2	1,153
Tulsa	1,748	57	126	2	15	119	2	1,797
Western Oklahoma	579	27	83	1	8	102	1	579
Northwest Oregon	1,929	90	116	2	14	137	5	1,981
Southern Oregon	606	35	268	2	4	255	1	651
Philadelphia Metropolitan	828	9	44		8	49		824
Pittsburgh	737	23	32		5	50	4	733
Scranton	473	27	7		5	13	1	488
Central Texas	1,494	84	223	3	14	246	10	1,534
Southwest Texas	917	51	81	1	7	87	1	955
Western Texas	429	43	93		2	27		536
Utah	492	13	31	4	4	18	1	517
Seattle	2,152	78	134		24	204	1	2,135
Spokane	1,194	76	97	2	12	70	1	1,286
West Virginia	1,275	56	77		13	92	5	1,298
Wisconsin	1,225	25	71	1	8	53	1	1,260
Alberta	840	33	32		12	43		850
British Columbia	834	22	52	2	11	41		858
Chatham	1,224	62	37	3	6	58	5	1,257
London	1,318	44	41	2	22	53	2	1,328
Owen Sound	1,135	36	43	2	15	67	4	1,130
*Toronto	1,935	82	84	1	17	80	5	2,000
Saskatchewan	870	30	38	2	5	57		878
<b>DISTRICT TOTALS</b>	<b>95,751</b>	<b>3,807</b>	<b>8,612</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>1,249</b>	<b>9,545</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>97,301</b>

\* District Boundary Changes. Note differences between December 31, 1954, and January 1, 1955, enrollments as follows:

1. Central California District organized statistically effective January 1, 1955. Beginning enrollment is for branches and missions only.
2. Territory from Northern California District transferred to Central California District statistically effective January 1, 1955. Included five branches and missions—enrollment 701. Anderson mission—enrollment 36—transferred from unorganized territory (Branches and Missions in Unorganized United States) to Northern California District.
3. Territory from two California Districts transferred to Central California District. Included Bakersfield Branch—enrollment 151.
4. Springfield District organized statistically effective January 1, 1955. Beginning enrollment is for branches and missions only.
5. Territory from Rich Hill District transferred to Springfield District. Included two branches and missions—enrollment 103. Iola, Kansas, mission—enrollment 34, transferred from Spring River District.
6. Territory from Spring River District transferred to Springfield District. Included five branches and missions—enrollment 583. Also, Iola, Kansas, mission—enrollment 34, transferred to Rich Hill District.
7. Cameron, Ontario, Branch—enrollment 73—transferred from Unorganized territory ("Branches and Missions in Unorganized Canada") to Toronto District.

† Nonresident records set up for Unorganized Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, and New Mexico. All except New Mexico taken from "Nonresident Unorganized United States," without transfers. Hence January 1, 1955, enrollment of "Nonresident Unorganized United States" is different from December 31, 1954, enrollment.

Special Note: Records were set up for forty-two missions in 1955. This accounts for unusually large number of transfers in some districts.

Table V

BAPTISMS BY MONTH IN ORDER OF NUMBER BAPTIZED

Five-Year Period 1950 - 1954

Month	Number	Percentage
1. June	6,551	27.69
2. August	2,183	9.23
3. July	1,953	8.25
4. September	1,799	7.60
5. March	1,635	6.91
6. December	1,602	6.77
7. November	1,583	6.69
8. October	1,540	6.51
9. May	1,374	5.81
10. February	1,269	5.36
11. April	1,240	5.24
12. January	933	3.94
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23,662</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**Table IV (Continued)**

	Enrollments Jan. 1, 1955	GAINS			LOSSES			Enroll't Dec. 31, 1955
		Bap- tisms	Trans- fers	Misc.	Deaths	Trans- fers	Misc.	
<b>STAKES</b>								
Center Stake of Zion	10,243	365	554	3	91	673	6	10,395
Central Missouri	2,889	113	211	1	37	273	11	2,893
Far West	3,110	101	94		37	140	5	3,123
Kansas City	4,299	187	382	1	36	462	17	4,354
Lamoni	2,347	97	125		25	131		2,413
Detroit International	4,291	238	146	10	43	330	4	4,308
Los Angeles	3,717	184	274	5	34	219	13	3,914
<b>STAKE TOTALS</b>	<b>30,896</b>	<b>1,285</b>	<b>1,786</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>2,228</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>31,400</b>
<b>UNORGANIZED</b>								
*Branches and Missions in Unorganized United States	1,046	48	325	2	9	130	5	1,277
*Branches and Missions in Unorganized Canada	687	51	27		3	47	1	714
Nonresident Unorganized								
Wyoming	236	7	14		10	80		167
Arizona Area	758	25	136	1	8	129		783
Florida	163		17		2	26		152
Louisiana	54	3	3			2		58
Mississippi	63		8			4		67
Montana	138	2	9			23		126
New Mexico			109		2	3		104
Nonresident Unorganized United States	1,417	7	284		24	478	1	1,205
Nonresident Unorganized Canada	382	8	46	1		42		395
<b>UNORGANIZED TOTALS</b>	<b>4,944</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5,048</b>
<b>UNITED STATES &amp; CANADA</b>	<b>131,591</b>	<b>5,243</b>	<b>11,376</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>1,610</b>	<b>12,737</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>133,749</b>
<b>MISSIONS ABROAD</b>								
British Isles	1,510	65	9		15	18		1,551
Australasia	3,706	72	5	1	38	6	3	3,737
Germany	1,403	16	2		12	3	2	1,404
Holland	389	19			8	4		396
French Oceania	2,273	116	2		126	3	9	2,253
Sweden	11							11
Denmark	10		1					11
Norway	46				1			45
Isle of Pines	74					1		73
<b>MISSIONS ABROAD TOTALS</b>	<b>9,422</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9,481</b>
<b>NONRESIDENT UNORGANIZED</b>								
ABROAD	54	23	12			4		85
<b>TOTAL ABROAD</b>	<b>9,476</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9,566</b>
<b>Membership Properly</b>								
Enrolled	141,067	5,554	11,407	156	1,810	12,776	283	143,315
Unknown	14,372		1,874		54	516	5	15,671
Suspense	1,001		20		2	9		1,010
Intra-Stake Transfers			3,226			3,226		
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>156,440</b>	<b>5,554</b>	<b>16,527</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>1,866</b>	<b>16,527</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>159,996</b>

**Table VI**

**BAPTISMS BY MONTH IN ORDER OF NUMBER BAPTIZED—AGE UNDER 15 ALSO SHOWING SEX**

Five-Year Period 1950 - 1954				
Month	Male	Female	Total	Percent- age
1. June	2,503	2,536	5,039	39.18
2. August	556	593	1,149	8.93
3. July	486	545	1,031	8.02
4. September	433	461	894	6.95
5. December	407	415	822	6.39
6. November	385	354	739	5.75
7. October	326	401	727	5.65
8. March	288	333	621	4.83
9. April	268	234	502	3.90
10. February	227	271	498	3.87
11. May	234	261	495	3.85
12. January	179	165	344	2.67
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,292</b>	<b>6,569</b>	<b>12,861</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**Table VII**

**BAPTISMS BY MONTH IN ORDER OF NUMBER BAPTIZED—AGE 15 AND ABOVE ALSO SHOWING SEX**

Five-Year Period 1950 - 1954				
Month	Male	Female	Total	Percent- age
1. June	635	877	1,512	14.00
2. August	448	586	1,034	9.57
3. March	483	531	1,014	9.39
4. July	393	529	922	8.54
5. September	400	505	905	8.38
6. May	396	483	879	8.14
7. November	354	490	844	7.81
8. October	364	449	813	7.53
9. December	360	420	780	7.22
10. February	350	421	771	7.14
11. April	352	386	738	6.83
12. January	289	300	589	5.45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,824</b>	<b>5,977</b>	<b>10,801</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**Restaurants Open on Sunday**

Bridge Cafe, 1329 West Lexington  
 Coffee Bar, 117 East Alton  
 Coffee Stop, 24 Highway and 71 By-pass  
 Driftwood Restaurant, 9904 East New  
 40 Highway  
 Gibbons Cafe, 107 West Lexington  
 Jerry's Cafe, 10219 East Indep. Ave.  
 Legion Lounge, 308 West Maple  
 Osage Grill, 103 North Osage  
 Pioneer Restaurant, 106 South Liberty  
 Sim's Restaurant, 11424 24 Highway  
 Stephenson's Restaurant, 40 Highway  
 and Lee's Summit Road  
 Stephenson's Little Apple Dining Room,  
 233 North Osage  
 Holiday Inn, 40 Highway and Noland  
 Road  
 Kelsey's, 1011 West Truman Road  
 Maid-Rite Sandwich Shop, 803 West  
 Lexington  
 Maywood Cafe, 10305 East Truman Road  
 Pioneer Ranch, East 24 Highway  
 Santa Fe Drive In, 1415 West Alton  
 Slover's, 921 West Lexington  
 Venice Villa, 11705 East Twenty-third  
 Winstead's Drive-In, 217 South Main

**Table VIII**

**BAPTISMS 1950 - 1954**

Year	Beginning Enrollment	Age 8-14	Age 15 & Above	Total	% of Bapt. Inc. 8-14	% of Bapt. Inc. 15 & Above	% of Bapt. Inc.
*1950	139,342	2,331	2,292	4,623	1.67	1.64	3.31
*1951	142,372	2,527	2,066	4,593	1.77	1.45	3.22
*1952	145,226	2,368	1,898	4,266	1.63	1.30	2.93
1953	149,989	2,806	2,190	4,996	1.87	1.46	3.33
1954	152,850	2,832	2,352	5,184	1.85	1.53	3.39

\*Does not include French Oceania

# Credentials Report

To the First Presidency and  
General Conference:

The Credentials Committee herewith presents the following report. The credential blanks, sent from the various district, branch, stake, and mission presidents and secretaries, show the following selected as delegates to the General Conference from their respective jurisdictions:

## AUSTRALASIA

### Districts:

Hunter-Manning, 788: Maurice Draper, Ruth Draper, Floyd Potter, Tony Mackay, A. Leslie Gardner, Edith Lewis, Hazel Imrie.

Sydney, 823: Raymond Harrisson, Mrs. Patricia Harrisson, C. G. Mesley, Mrs. C. G. Mesley, Thresa Grundy, Barry R. Fuller, Lorna R. Taylor, David L. Draper.

Victoria, 582: Mrs. Addrienne Harvey, Mrs. Raechel Ballard, Mrs. Ruth Draper, David Judd, Shirley Judd.

### Branches in Unorganized Territory:

Argents Hill, 33: Floyd Potter  
Bowraville, 84: Tony Mackay  
Fremantle, 32: Dorothy Broadway  
Hayhurst, Murwillumbah, 74: Floyd Potter

Perth, 65: Joseph Broadway  
Norwood, 179: Violet Judd  
Buranda, Brisbane, 167: Maxwell E. Peisker

Morningside, Brisbane, 54: Floyd Potter

Windsor, Brisbane, 62: Mrs. Gwendoline Sorensen

## BRITISH ISLES

Midland and Southern District, 784: Donald V. Lents, Helen Lents, Lily Oakman, Dora Oakman, Arthur A. Oakman, Trevor Norton, Edward Parker.

Northern District, 719: Doris Oakman, Helen Lents, Nellie Dawbarn, Ronald Dawbarn, Joyce Dawbarn, William Muldoon, Marjorie Dewsnup

## DOMINION OF CANADA

### Districts:

Alberta District, 850: Cecil O. Diaper, Vida E. Diaper, William Glasier, Anna Mae Harvey, Keith E. Harvey, Ellen M. Levitt, Barbara McLean, Blake McLean.

British Columbia District, 858: Alfred Beer, Sr., Florence Beer, S. G. Clark, Mrs. S. G. Clark, Stanley Spargo, Aleah Koury, Mrs. Aleah Koury, P. E. Farrow.

Chatham District, 1,254: John W. Banks, Al. M. Pelletier, Luther E. Walkingham, John M. Bowman, C. Wesley Badder, Hilda Bowman, Nelson Badder, Walter Arrowsmith, Robert T. Brown, Lyle Gibson, Ellen Arrowsmith, Violet Brown.

London District, 1,328: J. C. Stuart, Eleanor Stuart, Walter Thorpe, Howard Marshal, Verna Marshal, Frank Gray, LeRoy Lucas, William Risler, Arthur Renecker, Myrtle Risler, Jessie Renecker, Albert Cordery, Marjorie Shepherd.

Owen Sound District, 1,123: Leslie W. Kohlman, Aarona Kohlman, Alex Cadwell, Wave Cadwell, Leslie Gardner, Ava Gardner, Benson Belrose, Elizabeth Belrose, Robert Butcher, George T. Furness, David Kohlman.

Saskatchewan District, 878: E. L. Bowerman, Mrs. E. L. Bowerman, G. R. Bowerman, Mrs. L. Diggle, Mr. Howard Fisher, Mrs. Virginia Fisher, Dan Laverty, Leonard Jensen.

Toronto District, 2,000: William Archer, Maurine Crownover, A. Orlin Crownover, Harry Dayton, Hilda Horsley, Harry Horsley, Doris Lighthouse, Clifford Lighthouse, Viola Moore, Oswald Moore, Blanche Needham, Annie E. McLean, Elizabeth M. Pycock, James Pycock, Evelyn Riding, Edith Vint, Robert Vint, William Owen, Alex Rowett, Russell Pycock.

### Branches in Unorganized Territory:

Kirkland Lake, Ont.  
Little Current, Ont., 76: John McCulloch  
Monteville, Ont., 39: Mrs. Calvin M. Carpenter  
New Liskeard, Ont.  
Ottawa, Ont., 113: Calvin M. Carpenter  
Providence Bay, Ont.  
The Slash, Ont., 44: John McCulloch  
Winnipeg, Manitoba, 148: Hazel Craig

## GERMANY

German Mission, 1403: Otto Smolny, Frieda Smolny, Elli Rosenthal, Andrew Buttgen, Walter F. Beil, Oskar Stüve, Betty Zonker, Louis Zonker, Eugene A. Theys, D. Blair Jensen, Arthur A. Oakman, G. L. DeLapp, W. Wallace Smith, Donald V. Lents.

## THE NETHERLANDS

Netherlands Mission, 396: Cornelis Compier, Cornelis Laban, Donald V. Lents.

## SCANDINAVIA

Denmark Mission, 11: Mrs. Clarence A. Skinner

Norway Mission, 45: Nancy Hynden  
Sweden Mission, 11: Donald V. Lents

## FRENCH OCEANIA

French Oceania Mission: Charles R. Hield, Alan Tyree, Gladys Tyree, Emma Jane Breckenridge, Allen Brecken-

ridge, Robert Brown, Violet Brown, Robert Farthing, Laura Farthing, Paul Hanson, Maurice Draper, Mark Siegfried, Gloria Farthing, Nadine Yager, Mrs. Clyde Ellis, Anita Goode, Vivian Sorensen, Lillian Yager, J. Charles May, Gwen Sorensen, Joseph Yager, Letha May.

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

### Stakes:

Center Stake of Zion, 10,395: Israel A. Smith, F. Henry Edwards, W. Wallace Smith, G. L. DeLapp, Henry L. Livingston, Walter N. Johnson, Roscoe E. Davey, Paul M. Hanson, Charles F. Grabske, John Blackmore, Floyd M. McDowell, L. Wayne Updike, F. Carl Mesle, Clifford A. Cole, Richard B. Lancaster, Merle P. Guthrie, Elbert A. Smith, Lynn E. Smith, Franklyn S. Weddle, Evan A. Fry, Charles D. Neff, N. Ray Carmichael, Carroll O. Olson, Raymond J. Ashenhurst, Mrs. Alice Burgess, Charles V. Graham, Glaude A. Smith, Herbert C. Lively, Harold W. Cackler, Fred L. Dickson, M. L. Parker, Arthur E. Stoff, Lee O. Hart, Eugene A. Theys, Elmer L. Armstrong, Ralph Hastings, Wm. Blake Liston, Norbert C. Phillips, Henry Schaefer, Mrs. Henry Schaefer, Thomas W. Thatcher, Mrs. Thomas W. Thatcher, Mrs. Earl L. Thompson, J. Hyrum Robinson, Francis E. Hansen, Wendell O. Kelley, O. E. Slayton, Blair L. Wildermuth, Delbert L. Vining, Amos E. Allen, Alma T. Whipple, Albert H. Handy, C. Myron Zerr, Mrs. Helen Skinner, Mrs. H. L. Livingston, Fred A. Fry, Elmer R. Hart, Donald E. DeTray, Mrs. Donald E. DeTray, Oscar Case, Mrs. Oscar Case, Charles F. Church, Elmer D. Sloan, Chris B. Harts-horn, F. Lester Whiting, Robert V. Mann, Mrs. Roscoe E. Davey, Mrs. Roy A. Thrutchley, Reginald A. Smith, W. Ivan Clothier, Mrs. Morris C. Jacobsen, Mrs. Kenneth T. Barwise, Daniel M. Belcher, Fred L. Young, D. J. Williams, Mrs. Howard Andersen, Mrs. S. S. Arnson, E. Norman Cox, Paul N. Craig, Mrs. G. Leslie DeLapp, Mrs. F. Henry Edwards, Kenneth L. Graham, Mrs. M. A. McConley, Mrs. F. Carl Mesle, Herbert M. Scott, Mark H. Siegfried, Mrs. C. R. Smith, Mrs. W. Wallace Smith, W. Roy Stearns, Mrs. H. I. Velt, Mrs. J. T. Westwood, Jr., Gerald E. Winship, Samuel G. Balser, Mrs. Samuel G. Balser, John W. Thomas, Lester H. Haas, G. Everett Berndt, Chester D. Kramer, Mrs. S. S. Smith, Hudson P. Grundy, O. L. Athey, Mrs. E. Y. Hunker, Everett S. Graffeo.

Central Missouri Stake, 2,893: Herbert Barto, Mrs. Herbert Barto, W. C. Becker, Mrs. W. C. Becker, Leon Look, S. E. Mifflin, Mrs. S. E. Mifflin, Leonard Smith, Roy Weldon, Mrs. Roy Weldon, P. W. Moore, Mrs. P. W. Moore, Ammon Beebe, Burr Bronson, Otho Clark,

Harold Constance, W. G. Ferguson, Mrs. W. G. Ferguson, Roy Smith, Perry Hiles, D. R. Hughes, Mrs. D. R. Hughes, Paul Landsberg, H. J. Simons, Mrs. H. J. Simons, J. T. Smith, Robert Young, Mrs. Robert Young.

Detroit International Stake, 4,308: W. Blair McClain, Gwendolyn McClain, O. Kenneth Byrn, Lawrence O. Brockway, Hazel Brockway, Eldon V. Osborn, John W. Bradley, Jean Bradley, Athol B. Packer, Artie M. Ecker, Rachel Ecker, David E. Dowker, Jennie Dowker, Richard L. Gault, Mildred Gault, Glada Crinzi, Herbert Voltmann, Joseph Mifflin, Dorothy Mifflin, Alma Grant, Reva Grant, Noble C. Gault, Otto Berndt, Myrtle Berndt, Roland Curtis, Evelyn Curtis, Truman Horton, Jo Ann Horton, Ena Saslor, Maxine Korman, Bernice Jenkins, Claude Cook, Aloma Cook, Edward C. Williams, George H. Booth, Gladys Booth, Rigby Leighton, Ruth Leighton, Russell Knight, Mona Knight, William Garnier, Yola Garnier, Robert Newman.

Far West Stake, 3,123: Emery E. Jennings, Donald E. Harvey, Robert V. Turner, Charles E. Haden, Mae Salisbury, Orman Salisbury, Ruth Haden, Frank Hinderks, Grace Salisbury, John Moffet, Sr., Ethel Swails, Mrs. Kenneth Piepergerdes, Mrs. Frank Hinderks, Melvin Hougas, Alyce Hougas, Lewis E. Landsberg, Helen Bowman, Vernon Ruoff, Robert Gould, Mrs. John Moffet, Sr., Joseph Hidy, Mrs. Arnold Adams, Arnold Adams, David Gamet, Kenneth Nelson, John Moore, Jack Ballinger, E. J. Armstrong, William J. Rounds, Mrs. John Moore, Eva Hedrick.

Kansas City Stake, 4,354: Mrs. Harold F. Anderson, Fred Baldwin, Mrs. Fanny Baldwin, Joseph E. Baldwin, Lawrence M. Ballinger, William S. Bennett, Donald E. Benton, Mrs. Carol Benton, Lester W. Bronson, Gladys Irene Bronson, Roy E. Browne, Margaret K. Burgess, Alden C. Colyer, Vernon Ether Cornish, Violet Lorene Cornish, F. O. Davies, Ada Davies, Virgil Raymond Fisher, Inez Alberta Fisher, Simon Parker Gress, H. Ross Higdon, Harmon A. Higgins, Edith H. Higgins, Wardell E. Hinderks, Lyman Jones, Violette Ann Jones, Meredith E. Mader, Josephine Mader Lauzon Henry Maxwell, Howard F. Miller, Leo Francis Parrish, Ruth Ringer, Seth S. Sandy, Albert A. Scherer, Twyla Verle Scherer, Rena W. Steele, Verna Blanche Travis, Clare Everett Van Biber, Curtis A. Vernon, Edith Pearl Vernon, Francis Roy Whipple, Frank R. Westwood, Sr., Louis B. Wolf.

Lamoni Stake, 2,413: Robert S. Farnham, Earl T. Higdon, E. J. Gleazer, Jr., Roy A. Cheville, John P. Lane, Cecil H. Noftsgar, Alma J. Heide, Mabel A. Hyde, Jerry Runkle, Gerald D. Evans, James B. Burdick, Harold A. Tabor, Roxana Gail Farnham, Oscar G. Sharp, Norman Nelson, Virgil J. Billings, Charlotte Rose Gould, William E. Shakespeare, Viola M. Lorance, Merriett G. Brooks, James W. White, Bernice Kopp, Cleo Marie Gwinn, Wilma Viola Baker.

Los Angeles Stake, 3,911: G. E. Tickemyer, J. S. Kelley, Nell Sutherland, Josephine Johnson, Harold Rowlett, Helen Brackenbury, Claude Kress, Victoria Kress, Edla Cotton, Kay Reed, Lewis Scott, Ann Scott, Betty Saunders, Herbert Saunders, Sylvester Sheldon, Clara Sheldon, Howard Smith, Inez Smith, David Holmes, Hazel Gregg, Marie Sheppard, Alma L. Nunamaker, Earl Yager, Myrle Yager, Joseph Weaver, Helen Weaver, William Kemple, Nelson Lucas, Bertha Lucas, Ruth Davis, Jack Davis, Harry Waylett, Helen Waylett, Audentia Kelley, Hazel Tickemyer, H. R. Blakeman, Mayme Blakeman, A. H. Knowlton, Richard D. Andersen.

#### ALABAMA

Alabama District, 850: Marvin L. Salter, Pauline M. Salter, James W. Odom, Joseph H. Yager, Rogene Odom, Mylan Odom, William N. Sellers, Eunice Sellers.

Mobile District, 1,640: John R. Darling, Sr., Beatrice Darling, Brewton Greene, Sr., Elizabeth Greene, A. V. Peavy, Jean Peavy, T. L. Smith, Jr., Charles Lombard, Abe McQueen, Lola McQueen, Rudolph Williams, Myrtle Jennings, Rosa Rogers, Mary Parker, Ann Goff, John R. Darling, Jr.

#### ARKANSAS

Arkansas-Louisiana District, 1,743: Bertha Springer, Lillian Powell, Ina Sevier, Sally Carpenter, Paul Fuller, Orel Fuller, B. F. Pollard, T. B. Sharp, Dale Edwards, Edna Zeigenhorn, Richard Reid, June Reid, Charlene McDonald, Frank Owens, Minnie Owens, Curtis Morgan, Harley Moore.

#### CALIFORNIA

Central California District, 957: Chas. O. Cary, Mrs. Chas. O. Cary, Harry E. Hampton, Mrs. Harry Hampton, Clinton Saxton, Eubert Downing, David Elliott, James R. Reynolds, Mary Stark.

Sacramento District, 1,136

San Francisco Bay District, 2,009: Maynard E. Whiteley, Emery Parks, Clay-

ton Condit, Mrs. Jo Ann Condit, David C. Holden, Robert C. Brown, Don Davis, Mrs. Laura Sommers, Fred C. Banta, Mrs. Janet K. Banta, Orville Belville, Glen Johnson, Mrs. Alice Johnson, Nielse Olsen, Mrs. Audrey Olsen, Kenneth Epperley, Donald Manuel, Gary Lucas, Wilford Winholtz, Kyle Conway.

Southern California District, 1,940: John P. Davis, Louis J. Ostertag, Mrs. John P. Davis, David B. Carmichael, Nelson Van Fleet, Mrs. Nelson Van Fleet, Roy Ash, Cecil Gunsolley, Mrs. Roy Ash, Mrs. Cecil Gunsolley, Roy Curtis, Keith Kinart, Mrs. Keith Kinart, Kenneth Arkley, Marshall Savage, Peter Whalley, Tom Campbell, Mrs. Tom Campbell, Mrs. Peter Whalley.

#### COLORADO

Eastern Colorado District, 2,925: Ward A. Hougas, Joseph A. Hufferd, Mrs. Joseph A. Hufferd, Edwin P. Peterson, Dwain Miller, Harold Schneebeck, Mrs. Harold Schneebeck, E. R. Sivits, Malcolm B. Barrows, Mrs. Malcolm B. Barrows, Ivan Duff, Mrs. Elsie Harper, John H. Jordon, W. Farr Kemp, Karen Mumma, Burrell R. Shupe, T. Evan Thomas, Mrs. T. Evan Thomas, Robert L. West, Owen H. Self, Conrad E. Graybill, Mrs. Conrad E. Graybill, Mrs. Russell Goddard, Alfred Bullard, Mrs. Alfred Bullard, Mrs. Ted Zion, Judy Whittimore, Donald Peterson, Mrs. Ward A. Hougas.

Western Colorado District, 395: Cecil Lewis, Clarence B. Wallis, Maxine Pottorff.

#### FLORIDA

Pensacola District, 1,587: Ross McCurdy, Eunice Hall, John Merron, Grady Tipton, Claudia Tipton, Nell Russell, Clarence Langham, Faye Langham, Mary Jo Tipton, Lee Oliver, Lucille Oliver, Ben Jernigan, Lula Jernigan, J. H. Yager, Mrs. J. H. Yager.

#### HAWAII

Hawaii District, 974: Lea Black, Stephen Black, Louise Clark, Nina Crowell, Isaac Harbottle, Jr., Henry Inouye, Sr., Charles A. Lee, Sr., John Ledo, Marcelo Pagat, Sr.

#### IDAHO

Idaho District, 803: G. Wayne Smith, William Sivits, Alice Sivits, Ray Chapman, Wanda Nelson, Tex McNeel, Erma Cater, Ella Chapman

#### ILLINOIS

Central Illinois District, 962: Rex Hield, Patricia Hield, Margarette Daugherty, Harold Walker, Fred McKane, O. C. Henson, Eva Brown, Jack Raveill.

Chicago District, 1,219: Lyle W. Woodstock, Mrs. Lyle W. Woodstock, Elbert Chandler, Mrs. L. S. Wight, L. S. Wight, Mrs. Elbert Chandler, Stephen Lester, Jr., Kenneth D. Lusha, John Boren, Bertie A. Kidd, Robert Kent, Mrs. Robert Kent.

Nauvoo District, 811: Max Hromek, Louis Zonker, Ralph Gunn, Robert Fishburn, Harold D. Smith, Joy Hulmes, Merle Grover, Edward Stark.

Rock Island District, 2,366: W. J. Breshears, Evelyn Breshears, E. J. Lenox, Sylvia Lenox, Norman Preusch, E. R. Williams, Nora Williams, C. E. McKee, C. M. Beil, Doris Beil, Lee A. White, Nellie White, Phillip Wagler, J. C. Stiegel, Winifred Stiegel, George Shippy, Ruth Shippy, Buren A. Lenox, Esther Lenox, Warren A. Hinkle, Frances Hinkle, Ambrose King, Grace King.

Northeastern Illinois District, 844: Donald Lusha, Mary Lusha, Eldon Dickens, Ruth Dickens, Blaney Blay, Norman Pement, Mamie Hayer, William Hicklin.

Southeastern Illinois District, 1,473: Russell H. Ellis, Pearl Ellis, Dr. W. E. Phillips, Mabel Phillips, Cecil V. Robbins, Donna Robbins, O. P. Allen, Edith Allen, William Poore, Elizabeth Poore, Norman Jackson, Glenna Jackson, Otto Henson, Stella Henson.

#### INDIANA

Northern Indiana District, 1,089: T. Edward Barlow, Marjorie L. Barlow, Arthur F. Middleton, Vera Middleton, William D. Wismer, John M. Drader, Maude F. Drader, Paul Z. Swain, Geneva G. Swain, William Casey.

Southern Indiana District, 1,180: Chester B. Metcalf, James Welch, James Renfroe, H. W. Burwell, Howard Pace, Edna S. Gage, Vernes Collins, Rose Metcalf, Carl Johnson, Nita Burwell, Cecil Shanks.

#### IOWA

Des Moines District, 2,441: Ralph Wicker, Mrs. Marion Ratcliffe, John Caswell, James Parker, Mrs. Lisle Townsend, Anna Wicker, Stephen Robinson, Blair Richardson, Thomas F. McIntire, Mabel Merrill, Harry Coonce, Cecil Ettinger, Asa Smith, Darl T. Trusty, George Orr, Wm. Haden, Victor G. Lents, Alfred Stanley, Henry Castings, Clarence Tyree, Thelma Williams, Avis Tyree, Ernest Kirlin, Merle Mann.

Northwestern Iowa District, 2,304: W. R. Adams, Ruby Adams, Hazel Butterworth, Catherine Baughman, Sylvester R. Coleman, LaVona Coleman, Chester Davis, Floris Davis, Eldon Edwards, Ben T. Fish, Luella Fish, Charles Holben,

Velma Holben, A. Wayne Hough, Jean Hough, Guy Johnson, Eunice Johnson, Bea McNamara, Roy Shumate, Bessie Shumate, Howard Seeley, Chas. J. Smith, Jeannette Weldon.

Southwestern Iowa District, 2,127: Helen Booth, John E. Booth, Ruth Hale, Leslie W. Hale, Blanche Currie, Orace A. Currie, Lois Spence, L. Merle Spence, Donna Mae Olsen, Elsie Carlile, David Carlile, Charles F. Putnam, Eileen Heuermann, Maurene Cottew, Carrie DeBar, Grover DeBar, Peter H. Heuermann, Edna Klopping, Marie Shank, Russell Pearson, Lela Ranney.

#### KANSAS

Kansas District, 1,485: C. R. Richards, James Menzies, Wm. E. Landers, Ralston Jennings, Burl Allen, Kenneth Stobaugh, J. R. Graybill, Kenneth Ingram, Wallace Brotherton, Laurence Deck, Dale Coen, Byron Graybill, Mrs. John Hufford, Mrs. Iva England.

Kaw Valley District, 804: Lindly Dorsey, Collier Hendricks, Mrs. Given Binns, Bertie Patrick, Ralph Sader, David Sader, Leila Hendricks, Jean Stowell.

#### KENTUCKY

Kentucky-Tennessee District, 1,121: J. Adelbert Withee, Duane E. Couey, B. J. Horton, Thomas S. Gough, Jerry C. Fitch, Hazelle S. Withee, Floyd Fears, H. F. Van Nieuwenhuyze, Melva Fears, Ernest Graves, Robbie Salmon.

#### MAINE

Maine District, 1,219: Donald L. Kyser, Mrs. Donald L. Kyser, Wallace Carter, Mrs. Wallace Carter, Chester Gray, Mrs. Chester Gray, Mrs. Ion Ainsworth, Eugene Stanhope, Calvin Crowley, Virgil Foss, Benjamin L. Carter, Mrs. Benjamin L. Carter.

#### MARYLAND

Washington, D.C., District, 728: J. T. Conway, Dr. Robert A. Carr, Melvin S. Henderson, Harry E. Ratcliffe, Gordon W. Mesley, Mrs. Lily M. Vitek, Mrs. Melvin S. Henderson.

#### MASSACHUSETTS

Southern New England District, 1,132: Jacques V. Pement, Lester I. Tacy, Harold S. Cash, Jr., Myron C. Fisher, Jr., Moroni Heap, Roy Churchill, Elizabeth Churchill, Florence Sinclair, Joan Cash, Katherine Fisher, Beatrice York.

#### MICHIGAN

Central Michigan District, 1,424: Burt Benjamin, Rena Benjamin, Jay Doty,

Beulah Doty, Robert Ball, Charles Mundorff, Joyce Mundorff, Charles Twining, Clara Twining, Leora Gussman, Henry Gussman, Harold Keeley, Byron Doty, Cristie Doty.

Eastern Michigan District, 1,221: Audrey Murray, Charlotte Murray, H. E. C. Muir, Bernadine Muir, John Blackstock, Leona Blackstock, Herbert MacFarlane, Lillie MacFarlane, Jennie Campbell, Tom Campbell, Lillian Dunlap, William Wells.

Flint-Port Huron District, 2,558: Almer Sheehy, Vivian Sheehy, R. Melvin Russell, Eleanor Russell, John R. Grice, Arthur Slater, Doris Slater, Ruth Bush, Arthur H. DuRose, Muriel DuRose, Carl Vun Cannon, Sr., Sophia Vun Cannon, Gilbert Chartier, David Sheehy, Beatrice Chartier, J. E. Davis, Florence Davis, Elwood Hester, Gladys Hester, Ronald Ross, Della Ross, James McBride, Dorothy McBride, T. A. Beck, Sunshine Beck.

Grand Rapids District, 1,306: James C. Phillips, Isabel Phillips, William Farwig, Anna Farwig, Merrill Champion, Rosetta Champion, Nellie Mottashed, Vernon Swager, Wilma Swager, Glen Condon, James Arnold, Earl Farwig, Albert Markey.

Lansing District, 901: Alva Dexter, Eva Dexter, T. A. Beck, Sunshine Beck, Perry Mair, Helen Mair, Muril Robinson, John Luce, Ronald Freeman.

Northern Michigan District, 1,392: Anna Widrig, Hazel Ormsbee, William Ormsbee, John Lawhon, Max Lawhon, Henrietta Laur, Chester Johnston, Beth Johnston, Beatrice Howard, Merle Howard, Elroy Hanton, Wanda Hanton, James A. Morgan.

South Central Michigan District, 1,740: Elna Campbell, Robert Campbell, Bonnbelle Chelline, Warren H. Chelline, Earle G. Falconer, Artemus F. Freeze, June R. Freeze, Blanche Leaman, Leonard Leaman, Raymond T. Persall, Ruth O. Persall, Doris I. Persall, John E. Wiley, Jerry Wiley, G. Harold Mogg, J. B. Wilcox, Mary V. Ferguson.

Michigan Upper Peninsula District, 505: Rex Stowe, Mrs. Rex Stowe, Mrs. George Backman, William Bushila, Russell Sarasin.

#### MINNESOTA

Minnesota District, 1,149: Paul R. Staffeld, Delbert D. Smith, Wesley Elvin, Vernon E. Lundeen, John L. Whipple, Mrs. Paul Staffeld, Doyle E. Sundell, Howell Champion, Mildred T. Lundeen, Harvey M. Seeley, Leda Colbert.

## MISSOURI

Rich Hill District, 1,182: Wm. E. Williams, A. Leroy Beckham, Mildred L. Ingram, Arthur B. Dennis, Dale Crown, M. Allen Piatt, Hazel Dennis, Melvin S. Ingram, Thelma Piatt, Henry E. Winegar, Maxine Beckham.

St. Louis District, 1,778: Clarence Archibald, Mathol Archibald, Prosper Carl, Elizabeth Counts, Zora G. Davidson, Mary Dickens, Dorothy Evans, Charles B. Fletcher, Martha Fletcher, Ronald E. Manuel, Marian L. Manuel, Fred J. Mottashed, Celeste Nicholson, J. E. Nicholson, Jr., Harry R. Overhauser, Jane Wight, John G. Wight.

Southern Missouri District, 404: Lena Young, J. A. Phillips, Phillip Kelley, James M. Smith.

Springfield, Missouri, District, 826: Mrs. Deane Edwards, Lester Hunt, Francis M. Bishop, Phyllis Anderson, Farron Stafford, Fred Sherrill, Kenneth Cady, Richard Jones.

Spring River District, 1,951: Jack A. Pray, Helen L. Pray, B. Frank Kyser, Sr., Gail Kyser, P. Walton Fritz, Helen Fritz, Athol Cochran, Floyd Nichol, Mrs. Nobie Bath, Esther Heller, Irma Landrum, C. Dave Wilson, Jappie M. Roberson, Clarence Rook, Hazel Rook, Melba Morehead, Wm. M. Miller, Eldon Kastl, Besie Kastl.

## MONTANA

Northern Plains District, 357: Gordon Wheeler, Wilbur Smith, Hazel Miller.

Western Montana District, 651: Luther S. Troyer, Ruby Troyer, Percy Farrow, Theodore Lorange, Alta Joyce Minthorn, David Gordon.

## NEBRASKA

Nebraska District, 661: Lavern Sivits, Robert W. Gunlock, Lois Ries, Irl Chandler, Margaret Chandler, Myron F. LaPointe.

Eastern Nebraska District, 1,908: Frank A. Fry, Zeta Fry, Clifford B. Constance, Audentia Anderson, Bertha Hulmes, James Mayfield, Alta Mayfield, Joe Hanna, Sharon Hanna, Maxine Link, Craig Bradbury, Wm. Taylor, Sally Jo Taylor, Rogene Prucha, George Gates, Grace Gates, Russell Maryott, Buelah Maryott, Mark Wilson.

## NEW YORK

New York District, 628: Earl Wagner, George Landes, Vivian Bryant, Evelyn Boltmann, Jack Kennedy, Florence Kennedy.

New York Metropolitan District, 524: Loyd Adams, Charles W. Harris, Clifford Webb, Dorothy Webb, Perce R. Judd.

## NORTH DAKOTA

Red River District, 447: Karl Schiebold, Mamie O'Neil, Mrs. Harry Miller, Mrs. Orbert Nelson.

## OHIO

Columbus, Ohio District, 1,148: E. E. Smith, Margaret Barker, G. T. Glandon, Lucinda N. Madden, Lilly V. Smith, J. D. Overly, V. D. Ruch, O. M. Hooten, Charles Goodin, Donna Overly, Viola Bradford.

Kirtland District, 2,100: Harry W. Black, Allene Black, Charles Brockway, Edith Brockway, Earl Curry, R. W. Conrad, Wilma Conrad, Gerald Davidson, Kenneth Green, Shirley Green, Alvin Jones, Charlotte Jones, Hubert Mitchell, William Rimes, Richard Speigle, Dale Minkler, Edward Davidson, Alvin Wallace, Erle Wildermuth, Jerry Wildermuth, Erma Wildermuth.

Northwestern Ohio District, 854: Lloyd Deitsch, Ardith Lancaster, Victor Lancaster, Lloyd Lynn, June Siska, Paul Telli Johann, Walter Wirebaugh, Donald Winquist.

Southern Ohio District, 1,908: R. M. Rockwell, Calvin French, Marvin Reed, Edward Ashley, Franklin Rieske, Floyd Rockwell, LaVon French, Harvey I. Shaffer, Richard C. Cochran, Heber Woods, Dale Cunningham, Jacob Halb, George Beaty, Myrtle Boeckman, Anthony Lampe, Kenneth Kriebel, Mrs. R. H. Hunter, Mrs. Jacob Halb, Mrs. Franklin Rieske.

Youngstown District, 607: Leone Darling, Homer McDowell, William

McCune, Amy Axelson, Glenn Richard, William Clinefelter.

## OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City District, 1,207: Loren S. Vickery, Don Dollins, Norman Page, O. O. Dollins, Clifford Gaither, Kenneth G. Sinclair, Wallace A. Jackson, E. F. Yerrington, Mrs. E. F. Yerrington, O. J. Stephens, Lawrence Webb, Paul L. Norris.

Tulsa District, 1,796: Alfred H. Yale, Miriam Yale, Lyda Wood, Theron Wood, Carl Guthrie, Robert Beck, Gladys Beck, Louis Bailey, Mrs. E. Louis Bailey, Alan Kelley, Doris Kelley, John Gorker, Raymond Yeubanks, Merle Elwell, Jess J. Davis, D. E. Harder, Wilma Harder.

Western Oklahoma District, 592: Melvin Rittenhouse, Roberta Rittenhouse, Ralph Graves, Velma Graves, Arthur F. Gibbs.

## OREGON

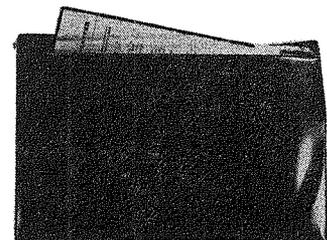
Columbia River District, 1,981: P. E. Farrow, Geo. A. Njeim, J. L. Verhei, Effie E. Verhei, Robert Taylor, Wanda Taylor, Miles Whiting, Clara Whiting, Harold Carpenter, Leona Carpenter, Clinton Dobson, Della Dobson, Lloyd Shannon, Leonard Harrington, Paul Fishel, Ruby Fishel, Wm. N. Swain, Sr., Pearl Swain, Marjory Kemp.

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The Committee recommends that the persons listed be seated as delegates in the Conference and be given the right of voice and vote in all deliberations.

### THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

*Merle P. Guthrie*  
*F. O. Davies*

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## Report of the Church Historian

### *To the First Presidency and General Conference:*

We wish to thank the hundreds of faithful local historians who have gathered the information of history-making events and forwarded it to this department for permanent filing. We are pleased to report that the number of local historians who are regularly reporting has increased and now exceeds the 550 mark. The preservation of these written histories is very essential. We are conscious that this information becomes increasingly important and valuable as time rolls back into the past. Appreciation of this work on the local level among the pastors and priesthood members is reflected in their co-operation with the department. All pastors and district presidents have been asked by this department to insist that a local historian be appointed in every mission, branch, and district. All local and district historians are invited to come to the historian's office on the fifth floor of the Auditorium to check the files of their branch, district, or stake.

## CORRESPONDENCE WITH AUTHORS, EDITORS, AND PUBLISHERS

We have continued to correspond with authors of school text books, fiction, and other type books who have misrepresented the history of the church or have placed the burden of the origin of the heresy of polygamy and spiritual wifery upon the prophet Joseph Smith, Jr. This correspondence has included publishers and editors of newspapers and magazines who have misrepresented the beliefs and practices of the church. There is much misinformation published by prejudiced and uninformed writers. We have by correspondence tried to correct the viewpoint of these authors and have been successful in many cases. We have received much co-operation from the Saints who have sent in clippings of newspapers and magazines enabling us to send correct information to the authors and publishers.

## INFORMATION PLEASE

An increasing number of our people are writing to the department for answers to questions of history and for general information. This service has become important and occupies much time. Students doing research in the universities write for references and for specific information. Occasionally authors write to the department or visit the library for information and data upon specific problems. As the church grows and expands its influence, the calls for information will increase and become more exacting and important. To meet this demand facilities for micro-filming and for reading micro-films are becoming essential. We should consider the micro-filming of many of our valuable letters, documents, and books as necessary for the preservation of their contents. The department has welcomed these inquiries and requests for information from both our friends and sometimes from our apparent enemies.

## THE RESEARCH LIBRARY

We are constantly acquiring new additions to the library in recent publications and old and rare books and documents. The monetary value of the library cannot be accurately estimated. It is obvious that these books, letters, and documents cannot be loaned outside the precincts of the Auditorium. We consider this valuable library as a research library, and not as a lending library.

Information of historic content has been made available to the general officers and to the various departments upon request. The library and its facilities have been used to advantage by many of the officials, appointees, and students of the church.

We are constantly in the process of reading, classifying, and filing valuable old documents and letters for future reference and study. These documents increase in value and importance as time passes. Gradually we are card-filing essential information for quick and ready reference.

If any of the Saints have books, letters, or documents dating back into the early period of the church, we would appreciate receiving them as a gift to the library where they will be preserved for study by future generations. How-

ever, we do not want books merely because they are old. We want books that contain information about the life and history of the church.

Many scholars from all parts of the world will be visiting the Truman Library. It is to be expected that there will be an increase of visitors to the library of the church for research purposes.

#### AS THE HISTORIAN SEES IT

Our church is being recognized as one of broad dimensions and of increasing

influence in the society of various nations. Internally, we are rapidly growing in spiritual culture, refinement of worship, in excellency of functional church buildings and houses of worship. We have passed the days of the one-room church. There exists a wholesome frankness in studying our beliefs, our achievements, and our goals. We are maturing culturally and intellectually. We are growing upward.

JOHN BLACKMORE

*General Church Historian*

## Report of the Society for Archaeological Research

*To the First Presidency and General Conference:*

Paul M. Hanson, president of the Council of Twelve, in an extensive trip abroad found much of archaeological interest, especially in Greece, Egypt, and Lebanon. Apostle Hanson will give two lectures with slides at the General Conference.

High Priest Roy Weldon has made several trips to Mexico, taking with him a carload of interested people to study the ancient ruins in the central part of Mexico. Brother Weldon will give one of the lectures at the General Conference with illustrations of his trips, discussing "New Evidence of Christ in Ancient America."

Melvin L. Fowler, curator of the Illinois State Museum, will give a lecture on "New Developments in American Archaeology." Brother Fowler has done considerable research along archaeological lines in Illinois and has had several articles published on his findings.

Kenneth Raveill, of the Audio-Visual Department, accompanied by Seventy Clair Weldon, made a trip to Mexico City, Oaxaca, etc., and made a movie in color of some of the ancient rituals. This movie will also be shown at General Conference.

Apostle Charles R. Hield has continued his study of the Cliff Dwellers in the United States and will show the results of his research in an illustrated lecture Tuesday at General Conference.

Much interest has been created with the discovery of the figure of a horse in the carvings on one of the ruins at Chichen Itza. The Mexican National Museum has now an excellent reproduction of the crypt discovered at Palenque.

The Society continues to furnish information and mimeographed outlines for members of the church and others who contemplate trips into Mexico and Central America for the purpose of visiting sites of the ancient civilizations.

CHARLES R. HIELD  
*Chairman*

## Administration to the Sick

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(See pages 54 and 60 of General Conference Program)

### DAILY TIME SCHEDULE

8:00-9:30 A.M.      12:00-1:45 P.M.      4:30-5:00 P.M.      7:30-9:00 P.M.

### PERSONNEL LIST AND DAYS ASSIGNED

(Those thus assigned may volunteer for service on others days if they desire)

(Volunteer service by other elders also acceptable)

SUNDAY, April 8—	In charge: E. Y. Hunker Evangelists assisting: Henry Castings; William Twombly Elders assisting: L. E. Holmes; Ivan Clothier; M. C. Jacobson; Frank S. Stowell; John Eggens; James Walton; James D. Gault
MONDAY, April 9—	In charge: James A. Thomas Evangelists assisting: F. M. Bishop; J. F. Curtis; P. L. Weegar Elders assisting: Ray A. Frisbie; Victor Eklof; W. H. Oliver; J. W. Jones; W. I. Betts; Ira G. Whipple
TUESDAY, April 10—	In charge: J. Charles May Evangelists assisting: George H. Booth; H. W. Burwell; Orman Salisbury Elders Assisting: William O'Dell; Irving Sheffer; John Eggen; Lyman W. Fike; James Watson
WEDNESDAY, April 11—	In charge: William Patterson Evangelists assisting: A. W. Lundeen; L. S. Wight; John R. Grice Elders assisting: Victor Eklof; G. F. Mintun; Charles Chapman; James D. Gault
THURSDAY, April 12—	In charge: V. D. Ruch Evangelists assisting: Louis J. Ostertag; H. A. Higgins Elders assisting: Irving Sheffer; D. J. Williams; Herbert C. Swoffer; David Lundquist; W. H. Oliver; W. I. Betts
FRIDAY, April 13—	In charge: J. F. Curtis Evangelists assisting: O. C. Henson; Willard Hield; A. Livingston Elders assisting: William O'Dell; D. J. Williams; David Lundquist; W. A. Farley; John A. Robinson.
SATURDAY, April 14—	In charge: C. L. Archibald Evangelists assisting: Charles Lee; F. T. Rockwell; William Twombly Elders assisting: W. A. Farley; Ray A. Frisbie; W. Preston Hubble; G. F. Mintun; Herbert C. Swoffer
SUNDAY, April 15—	In charge: F. M. McDowell Evangelists assisting: R. W. Scott, H. I. Velt; E. Y. Hunker Elders assisting: Ivan Clothier; William C. O'Dell; W. Preston Hubble, Ira G. Whipple; James Watson.

Emergency calls for administration may be made over the public address system. The man in charge for that day, with one or more of his assistants, should respond. The administration room will be open all day. The elevator operators will know where to direct those desiring administration. Some persons who desire to choose certain elders to administer will find the administration room available to them.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

## Conference Parking

There are several parking areas open for free parking during the Conference. The area northeast of the Auditorium, the pasture to the east of the Auditorium, and the area on River Boulevard near the railroad tracks may be used.

Both the south and east parking lots at the Auditorium are reserved for those with special administrative duties at the Conference. Conference delegates and visitors who have not been assigned space in those lots are asked to abide by the restrictions.

We regret the necessity of giving parking preference to any, but we are sure Conference visitors realize that there are many people who have to divide their time with the Conference business and with their respective church institutions and areas of labor throughout the city. In every case, our chief concern is to have a smoothly operating Conference for your enjoyment.

Your consideration and co-operation in leaving these reserved areas open for those who are assigned space will be greatly appreciated.

CHARLES D. NEFF  
Assistant to the  
First Presidency

## Home-cooked Meals

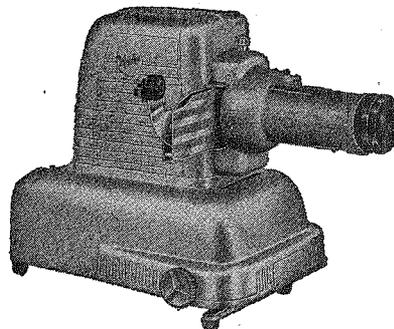
The Young Adults of the South Crysler congregation (Thirty-first and South Crysler Streets) will serve the evening meal to Conference delegates and visitors. Serving (cafeteria style) will start at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights. They will continue to serve till 7:00 o'clock.

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## An Apostolic Epistle

To the Saints of All Nations:

We of the Council of Twelve greet the church of Jesus Christ in the name of our Savior, whose witnesses we are.

We have increasing opportunities through television, audio-visual materials, and similar media to share the promises of our Master with the world and testify of his transforming power. He is always concerned with men and their needs, and the same spirit of love and interest evidenced by Jesus must likewise be the demonstration of his followers today. We rejoice in observing the high note of confidence and expectancy among our members, and we believe that the church will continue to recognize divine leadership in many of the advancements made in human achievement.

Our primary calling is to bear witness of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus and to manifest an understanding of our fellow men. Let us respect the rights and be tolerant of the opinions of others. The grace of Christ aids us in the much-needed ministry of reconciliation among men. As we continue to emphasize the need for repentance, the spirit of reconciliation will prepare us for greater forward strides of achievement in kingdom living.

The angelic ministry of the nineteenth century found a favorable response in the hearts and minds of the Latter Day Prophet and his associates. We testify today that the angel message is one of good news and desire to share these glad tidings with others throughout the world.

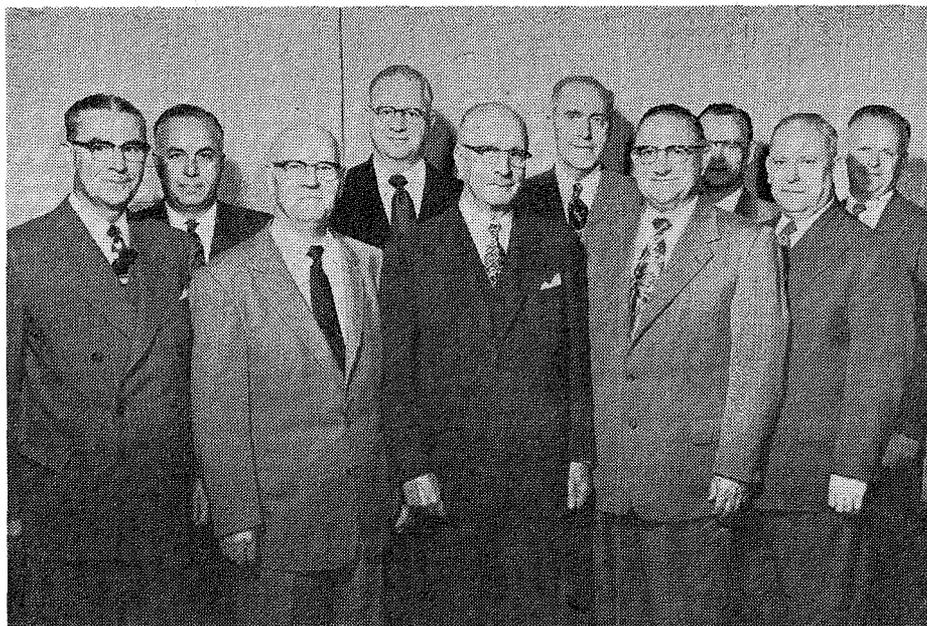


Photo by Audio-Visual Department

The ten members of the Council of Twelve shown here are (left to right) Charles R. Hield, D. Blair Jensen, D. T. Williams, D. O. Chesworth, Paul M. Hanson, Roscoe Davey, E. J. Gleazer, Sr., Percy Farrow, Arthur A. Oakman, and Reed Holmes. Apostles Maurice Draper and Donald Lents had not yet returned from their overseas missions when this photograph was taken.

This is the spirit which motivates the ministry of our brethren, the Seventy. The ordination of more seventies is bringing additional life and power into our missionary program. The strength being developed in every witnessing quorum is reflected in the growth of evangelic spirit among all our appointees—elders, seventies, and high priests.

There is also a noteworthy increase in personal evangelism by our membership at large, which has resulted in an upward trend in baptisms. Many new houses of worship have been built, and improvements in branch facilities have also been made. This is commendable.

We appreciate the many devoted men of the standing ministry and our consecrated members who have made this progress possible. We are reminded of the words of latter-day revelation: "If ye have desires to serve God, ye are called to the work." (Doctrine and Covenants 4: 1.) The unfinished task is not alone an assignment for the priesthood, but for all.

As the Council primarily responsible for the missionary extension of the work, we rejoice that our missions abroad con-

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## Sunday Communion Service

HELD FROM 6:45 TO 12:30

For the first time in General Conference history three complete Communion services were held on the opening Sunday; these began at 6:45, 8:45, and 10:45 a.m., with a fifteen-minute prelude of organ music. The order of service was identical for the three gatherings.

Following the congregational singing of three hymns, President Israel A. Smith gave the call to worship. President F. Henry Edwards offered the invocation, and Presiding Bishop G. Leslie DeLapp gave the oblation statement and prayer. One hundred and fifty deacons took up the offertory.

Presiding Evangelist Elbert A. Smith gave the Communion address; High Priest Ward A. Hougas and Seventy Z. Z. Renfroe offered the Communion prayers.

Special music was provided by the two-hundred-voice Messiah Choir under the direction of Franklyn S. Weddle and the Graceland College Choir, directed by Henry Anderson. Selected Scripture reading by the Appointee Oral Choir was led by Arthur Rock. President W. Wallace Smith gave the benediction.

Two hundred and seventy-five elders and priests participated in serving the five hundred and eighty-five trays of wine and plates of bread. This work was supervised by Elders William Worth and Winfred Albright. The original "blue-print" for serving Communion at General Conference was worked out by Elder Henry Stahl.

# Church Auditor's Report of Examination

To the First Presidency and the General Conference:

We have examined the records of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, an unincorporated association with headquarters at Independence, Missouri, and have prepared the balance sheets of the funds as of December 31, 1954 and 1955, the related statements of income and expense, and equities for the years then ended. Without making a detailed audit, the accounting records of the church, the accounting procedures and other evidences have been reviewed in support of the financial statements. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards applicable in the circumstances, and tests were made to the extent we deemed appropriate.

The following comments apply to the balance sheets at December 31, 1954 and 1955, and to the transactions for the accounting periods then ended.

Cash in banks was verified by direct correspondence with the depositories and by reconciliation.

United States Government and Canadian securities are held for safekeeping by the First National Bank in Kansas City, Missouri, as fiscal agent. Verification was made by direct correspondence and by reconciliation.

## GENERAL, LAND AND INHERITANCE, AND TEMPLE FUND

The assets, liabilities, and results of operations of the Central Development Association and the Real Estate Department are consolidated in this fund. Reports of examination of these two operations have been made to the First Presidency.

Cash in the hands of bishops and agents, except for funds held in missions abroad, was traced to subsequent receipts and deposits.

Funds due from or to the Australasian and Society Islands Missions are not included in the amount due from bishops and agents but are included in the accounts of the Australasian and Society Islands Missions, respectively.

Real estate contracts are assets of the Real Estate Department and are detailed in the report of examination of that department.

Accounts receivable which include amounts due from related institutions were verified by reference to individual ledger sheets and by other supporting evidence. Notes receivable were examined.

Inventories of feed, livestock, and supplies were taken and priced by farm managers. We tested the accuracy of pricing and computations of inventories.

In accordance with a policy approved by the Presiding Bishopric the operation of farming properties owned by the Ministerial Reserve Fund and the Stewardship-Endowment Fund was placed on a fiscal year ending February 28. Net earnings from farming operations for the fiscal years ended February 28, 1954 and 1955, are included in the equities of the funds owning the farms.

The beneficial interest in the Stewardship-Endowment Fund represents the difference between the depreciated value of the Atherton and Spring Branch real estate and the amount due Graceland College in the form of bonds and an account payable. The beneficial interest is increased by the expenditure of funds for capital items and reduced by annual provisions for depreciation. Earnings on these lands from farm operations are held in the Stewardship-Endowment Fund as earned equity.

Additions to furniture, fixtures, and equipment were examined, and depreciation in the amount of \$5,000.00 was charged to the General Fund as operating expense.

Unexpired insurance on real estate improvements and transportation deposits relative to the Society Islands Mission comprise the amount stated as "Deferred Charges."

The assets entitled "Australasian Mission" represents the net worth of that mission at December 31, 1954 and 1955, as reported by the bishop in Australia.

Accounts Payable include accounts with vendors, active and inactive allowances payable, and payroll taxes payable. A major portion of the amount stated as payable at December 31, 1955, has been paid.

Schedules of Administrative Expense (Schedule Number 1), Ministerial Expense (Schedule Number 2), Contributions by Stakes and Districts (Schedule Number 3) are included as a part of this report.

## AGENCY FUND

The Agency Fund was created in the year 1942 in order to segregate from the General Fund and other funds all liabilities which for some reason could not be liquidated. It also acts as a depository for cash and bonds held for safekeeping for individuals and church organizations.

## CONSECRATION AGREEMENT FUND

The Consecration Agreement Fund was set up during the year 1942 to record the assets and liabilities relative to certain agreements entered into by the Presiding Bishopric with certain individuals.

These agreements arise out of a desire of individuals to make a contribution to the church and at the same time provide for themselves some security for the future. These agreements, as detailed in the accompanying schedules, are described as follows:

Class B: This class represents the type of agreement wherein the individual turns over to the church cash, bonds, or other negotiable assets as a consecration, in consideration of which the church agrees to pay the individual a regular amount each year, with the possibility of additional (liability reducing) payments in cases of need. The total amount of such additional payments is not to exceed the amount of the original consecration. Furthermore, when such additional amounts are paid, the amounts of the annual payments are reduced proportionately.

Class C: Under this type of contract the individual gives cash, bonds, and in some cases real estate as a consecration. There is no provision for regular annual payments, but the additional payment provision, as in Class B, is included. Some of these agreements provide for the payment of last sickness and funeral expenses. Where real estate has been conveyed to the church, the contract and the asset have been recorded at nominal value. The liability in such cases is lim-

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## Conference Daily Edition The Saints' Herald

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ited to the amount which is realized from the sale of the property.

Class D: This represents agreements where there is a definite amount payable per month or per annum, but no additional payments are required.

Class E: This class represents non-negotiable notes, payable to the individual, which contain a provision that the note shall be canceled in the event of the death of the payee.

Class F: This class represents bonds payable to the church at the death of the payee, and both the liability and the asset are carried at nominal value.

Real estate investment represents nominal values, plus costs of acquisition and improvements, of real estate consecrated under an agreement. Some of these agreements provide for a life estate in the real estate by the consecrator.

#### HOUSES OF WORSHIP FUND

The Houses of Worship Fund is divided into two sections. The Restricted Building Fund section consists of cash, accounts receivable, bonds, and other assets which have been acquired by contributions from local congregations or from the sale of houses of worship which were no longer in use. It has been the policy of the church to hold the receipts from the sale of houses of worship in this fund, restricting its use to the acquiring of property in the vicinity of the congregation from which it was acquired. If it is found inadvisable to utilize the asset in the immediate vicinity, it is to be used somewhere in the district in which the branch was located.

Accounts and notes receivable are in the most part due from local congregations and are detailed in an accompanying schedule.

It has been the practice of the Presiding Bishopric to issue notes to certain local congregations covering contributions to the fund. These notes are shown as liabilities, but they differ from other receipts of the fund only in that a note payable has been issued as evidence of trusteeship.

The Real Estate Investment section represents the portion of the fund invested in buildings and grounds used for local congregations, reunion grounds, and properties having historical value in connection with the history of the church.

Auditorium building and grounds is stated at the amount carried in the General Fund at December 31, 1942, plus the cost of subsequent construction.

Chapel accounts A, B, and C represent church buildings, reunion grounds, and historical properties, respectively. As a result of a Houses of Worship appraisal survey, an adjustment was made as of December 31, 1949, to increase Chapel

A properties to the appraised value of \$5,689,006.94. A like adjustment was made to increase the Invested Surplus account.

Mortgage payable in the amount of \$880.00 represents a liability of this fund to the General Fund (Real Estate Department).

#### HOUSES OF WORSHIP REVOLVING FUND

A revolving fund in the initial amount of \$300,000.00, and increased by subsequent appropriations to \$1,000,000.00 was established in 1946 to assist branches by means of loans at a nominal rate of interest in the construction of houses of worship.

Notes Receivable representing loans to branches and districts were examined.

#### HOUSES OF WORSHIP REVOLVING FUND—MISSIONS

A fund for mission houses of worship was created by a transfer in 1955 from the Houses of Worship Revolving Fund in the amount of \$100,000.00. Loans are made at a nominal rate of interest to aid in the construction of houses of worship for missions.

Notes receivable representing loans to branches and districts were examined.

#### MINISTERIAL RESERVE FUND

The Ministerial Reserve Fund was created in 1937 and has been increased in subsequent years by appropriations from the General Fund and by income and investments.

The requirements of this fund are computed by the church attorney and are based on the life expectancy of those appointees now covered. The assets of the fund are held to cover retirement costs, death benefits, and other contingent costs relative to future needs of appointees. This fund does not accrue for the benefit of any one minister or his dependents. The annual transfers of cash, although based on individual cases, build up a fund which can be used to provide the necessities of life to the appointee and his dependents after his retirement or after he has reached the age of seventy. The fund balances are carried separately on the books according to the purpose for which each is intended.

Real Estate represents investment in Missouri farm lands.

Family allowances for those appointees who have reached the age of seventy were charged to the Retirement Reserve.

The Unallocated Reserve represents the segregated reserves which have been accumulated for those ministers whose appointments have terminated.

The Graceland College Faculty Retirement Reserve was created in May, 1942.

The 1954 and 1955 appropriation was \$4,000.00 for each year.

#### AUSTRALIAN MINISTERIAL RESERVE FUND

This was created by General Fund appropriation of funds received and held in Australia. Subsequent additions have been covered by Conference appropriations.

Cash in banks and government bonds are stated as reflected in the audited reports received from the bishop in Australia.

#### MISSIONARY RESERVE FUND

This fund was set up in accordance with General Conference action of April 6, 1944. The original appropriation of \$100,000.00 was to provide funds for appointment of personnel in interim Conference periods, with further provision that up to \$5,000.00 annually could be expended for the cost of a school of instruction for ministerial appointees, and provision for the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 to cover the cost of preparation and translation of missionary literature into foreign languages.

Subsequent appropriations have been made to rehabilitate the fund.

#### OBLATION FUND

The Oblation Fund was created to record the contributions received as oblation subsequent to January 1, 1942, and to record the disbursement of these funds. This fund is restricted only to the extent that it shall be used "for the purpose of giving temporary aid and benevolences, and at the same time to make possible its use for the permanent rehabilitation of those who have become physically incapacitated or disabled, and who are worthy of the assistance and help of the church."

The surplus of this fund is increased or decreased by the operational deficit or surplus of Resthaven and Liberty Home Farm.

Accounts, notes, and contracts receivable were examined and are considered to be well secured.

Real Estate Investment represents the Resthaven property, the Social Service Center building, and other property located in Independence, Missouri.

#### OPERATING RESERVE FUND

This fund was created by General Conference action of April 6, 1944, the purpose being that of providing a fund of sufficient amount to permit the appropriation of operating expense from this fund rather than from the income of the current year.

## STOREHOUSE TREASURY FUND

Created by General Conference action of April 9, 1950, the purposes of this fund are detailed in a document presented to the Conference on April 8, 1950. Contributions specifically designated for this fund are included in the fund equity.

## STEWARDSHIP-ENDOWMENT FUND

General Conference action of April 6, 1944, authorized the segregation of the Atherton and Spring Branch farm lands as collateral for the bonds issued to the Graceland College Endowment Fund. The net differences between the real estate investment and the amount payable to Graceland College Endowment Fund is designated "Beneficial Interest—General Fund," and appears in the General Funds as an asset.

It is the expressed opinion of the Presiding Bishopric that "the net income from these lands is to be made available for improvements as may be necessary and required for the further development of the lands segregated." The capital account of this fund is the net earnings from operation of these lands.

The bonds payable to the Graceland College Endowment Fund mature January 6, 1956.

## SUBSIDIARY INSTITUTIONAL FUND

This fund was created by action of General Conference on April 6, 1944, and subsequent action. The funds are held subject to disbursement in accordance with the requirements contained in the appropriations.

The institutions for which these funds are held are designated in the balance sheet of this fund.

## UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS FUND

This fund was created in the year 1947 in order to properly segregate funds held for future needs.

Allocation of these funds is detailed in the Equity section of Fund Balance Sheet.

## OPINION

In our opinion, the accompanying fund balance sheets and related statements of income and expense and equities present fairly the position of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at December 31, 1954 and 1955, and the results of its operations for the years then ended, in conformity with accepted accounting principles, applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

LLOYD L. BLAND

*Certified Public Accountant*

# The Financial Report of the Presiding Bishopric

*To the First Presidency and General Conference:*

The figures we are presenting covering the operations of the church for the years 1954 and 1955 reflect a continuation of the excellent progress which has characterized the church in recent years. It is essential that we express our thanks to God; this we do most sincerely. We are also deeply grateful for the leadership and co-operation of the First Presidency, the Council of Twelve, and that of the other quorums of the priesthood. The continued support of the members of the church to our financial policy has been and continues to be a major factor in our progress.

The policy adopted by the General Conference of 1932 of establishing adequate reserves has proved sound. While there are some few who always question the need for reserves in church financial administration, we feel that the growth of the church is dependent upon the availability of resources to maintain it as a going concern, despite adverse economic conditions, whether deflationary or inflationary. At the present time inflationary trends are still most visible. That there can be some new consideration of both the use and the amounts of reserves is duly recognized.

Reviewing the areas of our work which are worthy of special note, we call attention to the following:

1. In recent years the percentage of members filing tithing statements has increased steadily, the figures for the domestic field for 1954 and 1955 being as follows:

1954	19,074	14.5 per cent
1955	21,063	15.74 per cent

During 1954 there were 39,834 contributors to the General Fund, or 30.3 per cent of the properly enrolled membership of the United States, Canada, and Hawaii. Contributors to the General Fund in 1955 were 40,876, or 30.6 per cent of membership. (The 1955 figures do not include contributors to Christmas offering, formerly a part of the General Fund, but now included in Auditorium offerings.) When contributors to all funds are included, the percentage of members contributing to the General Church in 1955 increases to 36.3 per cent, and represents a marked improvement in the degree of member participation in the financial program of the church. Substantial gains in tithing statement filers and contributors are also being made in some missions abroad.

The per capita contributions to General Funds for 1954 and 1955 were

\$12.98 and \$13.81 respectively. When Oblation, Auditorium, College Day, and Sanitarium School of Nursing offerings are included, the per capita contribution to the General Church in 1955 is \$17.62.

2. Appropriations by the General Conference of 1954 made possible the new Science Building at Graceland College. This was a much-needed addition to the facilities of this institution and will prove its worth in the service rendered both to faculty and to the young people of our church.

Appropriations by the 1954 Conference also made possible work on Kirtland Temple and the Nauvoo properties.

Appropriations for the mission headquarters building in Rotterdam, Holland, made possible the beginning of that project, and final plans for the building have been approved.

Appropriations were also made for the headquarters building for the Latin-American mission at Weslaco, Texas.

3. The completion of the new Home for the Aged on Truman Road is now an accomplished fact. The building is designed structurally to provide for additional floors and a wing. In our opinion, this is a most important achievement for the church. The care of the aged is recognized as one of the most pressing and acute problems presently facing our society. Our church should be in a position with this facility to demonstrate our concern and interest in this large segment of our church membership. This new home may well serve as a laboratory for development of trained personnel and techniques of ministry.

4. The completion of the foyer of the Auditorium has brought enthusiastic response from those of our members who have had the opportunity of viewing it. Likewise it has brought much favorable comment from visitors who come from all parts of our world.

Parking lots have been developed to meet the ever-increasing needs of our Conference and Auditorium visitors.

5. Further progress has been made in compliance with the law of consecration of surplus. We again call attention to the document on Surplus by the General Conference of 1950. This is reflected in the statement of the Storehouse Treasury Fund.

6. Our Houses of Worship Revolving Fund policy has been a most important factor in the expansion and building of many houses of worship throughout the entire church. This is covered in detail in a subsequent paragraph in our report.

7. The policy of General Church ownership of all automobiles operated by the ministerial personnel has met with favorable response throughout the church. In many instances districts and branches

have turned their equities to the General Church as contributions to the Auditorium Fund. This has been more than helpful.

8. The installation of IBM equipment has proved to be a most excellent investment. This, with other mechanized equipment, has facilitated the handling of our records more efficiently and with greater dispatch.

There are still goals for immediate and long-time achievement ahead of us. To these we call attention:

1. We pointed out in our report to the Conference of 1954 the almost unlimited need for additional funds for capital expenditures for our institutions—Graceland College and the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital—and for construction of houses of worship.

The building needs for Graceland College have been presented by its Board of Trustees as those of food service department, dormitory space for girls, and library—the estimated cost of these being approximately \$700,000.00.

The needs of the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital for emergency room facilities, forty-five additional beds, and other needed improvements would cost approximately \$750,000.00. To meet this there is available \$282,000.00 from previous appropriations and gifts, including the Ford Foundation grant of \$97,000.00.

Consideration of these or any part of them will come before the Board of Appropriations, with recommendations to the General Conference.

Further reference to our need for capital funds for houses of worship is made later in this report.

2. While the Herald Publishing Plant has not required appropriations or action of the General Conference, we would like to call attention to the need for some long-time planning for this most important institution of the church. It seems obvious to us that with the rapid growth of the church, plans for the relocation and building of a new plant could well be developed, this to the end that when the demand and need become imperative, we shall not be under the necessity of moving on the basis of expediency. Our expanding missionary work will, without question, throw greater loads upon this institution than it will be able to carry as presently situated.

3. Reference has been made to the work accomplished on the Auditorium. It is obvious that its completion continues to be a present objective. The response of our church members, both in contributions to this project and in tithes and offerings, is most encouraging and is evidence of determination to complete this task.

There are available funds to continue work on the interior. We have devoted every effort possible to have plans completed for the interior. At this time we still lack the specifications and details of the mechanical work to be done and are therefore not able to say just how soon this work can be started. The total contributions to the Auditorium Fund during 1954 and 1955 amounted to \$528,146.29.

4. Reference has already been made to the current needs for construction of houses of worship throughout the church. These needs are covered in the comments and data submitted regarding the Houses of Worship Revolving Fund. Specific recommendations are being made to the Board of Appropriations by the Presiding Bishopric regarding the meeting of these needs. The need for houses of worship and for the purchase of sites for future development is most pressing in many areas.

5. The need for increase in our missionary force is still constant. This is as it should be, for the major purpose of the church is that of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. This increase in the missionary force is reflected in the increase in budgetary appropriations, both for administrative and ministerial personnel for the years 1956 and 1957.

It should be noted that throughout the years there has been only partial consideration of policy relative to vital needs such as education for children, provision for inheritances, insurance, housing, and retirement of appointee ministers. The budgetary appropriations to be considered by the Board of Appropriations should include more equitable provisions to meet these needs. It is important that such a program be kept within range of the ability of church members to adopt and maintain a similar program for themselves. Such objectives are contemplated in the temporal law of the church and may be applied to the membership as a whole.

The increase in our missionary force must, of course, be in keeping with our financial ability to sustain both personnel and program. The cost of maintaining the Missions Abroad already established, on a basis to make possible their sustained growth and development, will run into substantial figures. In addition to that, there is need for capital funds for headquarters buildings and other facilities wherever and whenever a new mission is established. All of this requires careful planning.

6. Included among other long-time needs will be that of provision at some future time of additional office space. This was referred to in previous reports, and study is being made of these needs and their provision along with other

studies pertaining to the final completion of the Auditorium.

7. Basic to continued success in all of our fields of endeavor is compliance on the part of our members with the laws of stewardship. As a part of our program in this connection, audio-visual facilities have been developed, and organizational plans effected which will make possible the carrying of the message of stewardship and the Restoration to our membership on a broader basis than ever before in our experience. Special attention will be given to this throughout the General Conference.

8. Despite the changing conditions in our world, the gathering is basic to the attainment of the major purpose of the church. The hope of the church in this respect is caught up in the motion picture entitled "The Center Place," which will be shown in a membership visitation program in every district and branch of the church.

Specific information relative to our financial condition and the operation of the financial business for the church for the past two years is set forth in the financial statements and schedules following:

#### INCOME AND EXPENSE

Our income of tithes and offerings (exclusive of Auditorium offerings and Oblation) has again mounted to an all-time high, reaching the amounts of \$1,872,634.55 in 1955, and \$1,719,980.96 in 1954.

Our Operating Net Gain for the two years 1955 and 1954 was \$453,609.59 in 1955 and \$421,445.98 in 1954.

Other income of \$87,794.49 for 1955 and \$54,013.65 for 1954 raised the excess of income over expenses to \$541,404.08 in 1955 and \$475,459.63 for 1954. This net is still a very favorable margin of income over expenses, but is not equal to that for the two years 1953 and 1952—\$726,147.64 for 1953, and \$611,802.63 for 1952.

Family allowances and elders' expenses have increased with the continued increase in living costs and with the additions to our list of appointees. From December 31, 1953, to December 31, 1955, the appointee list was increased by twenty-seven men.

We have continued our policy of replenishing the Missionary Reserve Fund from time to time by action of General Conference for funds that have been used for the cost of inter-Conference appointments.

Elders' expenses continue to constitute a substantial portion of our total budget. Included in the elders' expenses are amounts of \$70,263.55 for 1955, and \$39,926.16 for 1954, for depreciation expenses of church-owned automobiles;

also amounts of \$14,832.20 and \$12,742.46 for liability insurance on automobiles for 1955 and 1954 respectively.

We have continued to keep our expenditures for both years within the budgetary appropriations authorized by General Conference.

#### BALANCE SHEET ASSETS

While cash assets at the close of the year 1955 show an amount of \$843,719.65 in the General Fund, which is quite favorable, it is substantially less than our cash position as of December 31, 1953, when we had an amount of \$1,526,499.01 on hand. This latter was allocated to specific purposes by the Conference of 1954.

It is to be noted in this connection that the inventory item of Furniture and Fixtures and Equipment as of December 31, 1955, amounted to \$337,173.70 as compared with \$221,778.93 in 1953. The substantial portion of this increase is due to the policy of the General Church to take over ownership of appointee-operated automobiles, which inventory figure as of December 31, 1955, amounted to \$204,178.82.

Accounts and Notes Receivable consist largely of contracts and mortgages receivable on real estate.

The amount shown as Due from Other Funds is made up for the most part of Houses of Worship Revolving Fund, Ministerial Reserve Fund, and Missionary Reserve Fund.

Other Assets and Deferred Charges is made up of Real Estate accounts, Unexpired Insurance, and Net Worth of Investments in the Australasian Mission.

#### LIABILITIES

Liabilities are made up of current Accounts Payable, Amounts Due Other Funds, and a deferred payment on real estate purchase.

#### AGENCY FUND

This fund is maintained as a service to the individuals concerned. The assets of this fund are kept liquid so that complete payment of all obligations is provided for. It is our policy to keep this at a minimum as for the most part deposits are made by individuals with the church.

#### CONSECRATION AGREEMENT FUND

These funds for the most part represent property consisting of cash, bonds, and real estate turned over to the church, wherein the church assumes certain obligations during the lifetime of the individual. This fund is kept liquid, and accumulation of capital is left in the fund. It is to be noted that the fund

equity shows continued increase and now amounts to \$118,160.01.

#### HOUSES OF WORSHIP FUND

We again wish to call attention to the increase in this fund, which reflects the growth of the church. Periodic surveys help us to keep our books adjusted to include new houses of worship and improvements to existing properties. We again wish to express our appreciation to general and local officers for co-operation given in the past and at the same time to ask for a continuation of their support in keeping us informed of new projects and of their costs.

We continue the practice of making loans from this fund to the congregations when funds are not available from the Houses of Worship Revolving Fund. These funds are trust funds and must be so treated. General funds in the amount of approximately \$88,000.00 have been advanced to this fund to cover loans to branches and districts. It is anticipated that the General Fund can be reimbursed as other loan funds become available. The invested building fund equity as of December 31, 1955, was \$13,576,751.85, as compared with \$7,048,746.54 as of December 31, 1953, an increase of \$6,528,005.31. Current surveys from year to year will show consistent increase in this equity due to the continued expansion of our building program throughout the entire church.

#### HOUSES OF WORSHIP REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Since the Houses of Worship Revolving Loan Fund was established in 1946, the sum of \$1,626,951.00 has been loaned to a total of 173 congregations. The amount repaid up to December 31, 1955, is \$610,992.00. While this is a splendid record of activity and repayment, there was a deficit in this fund as of December 31, 1955, of \$11,019.74. This was represented by a debit balance to the General Fund.

Requests for loans by congregations have far exceeded the money available for this purpose. However, some congregations have made payments on loans ahead of the schedule provided in their contracts. This has made money available to others waiting for loans, so we are suggesting that every congregation consider making extra payments according to its ability to do so. Such money will immediately be loaned to congregations wanting for funds.

In recent months we have, with the help of the Council of Twelve, attempted to survey the needs for additional loans for the coming Conference period. The following represents, as nearly as we can determine, our present status:

Loans approved	\$ 43,900.00
Loans approved (subject to funds available)	391,685.00
Possible loans	1,493,150.00
Total	<u>\$1,928,735.00</u>

It is also interesting to note that our survey showed that in the ten-year period, 1945 to 1955, improvements have been made to church properties in 364 locations, at a total cost of \$7,588,830.00.

In addition to the Houses of Worship Revolving Loan Fund, the General Conference of 1954 authorized setting up of Worship Revolving Loan Fund—the amount of \$100,000.00 in the Houses Missions. This fund covers missions of districts or of unorganized areas, and the basis of loans is that the General Church will lend an amount equal to that raised by the mission, the maximum loan being \$7,000.00.

#### MINISTERIAL RESERVE FUND

As reported by previous Conferences, the beginning of this fund was in 1937. Substantial appropriations were made by General Conference from time to time until the fund was established in sufficient amount that only current appropriations were necessary. These appropriations are made on an annual basis.

As pointed out in previous reports, this fund will meet only a portion of the costs of retirement, the balance being met out of current income. It was realized when this fund was established in 1937 that the amounts provided under the retirement program would not be adequate to meet total retirement costs. Since that time, continued inflation has taken place. With the recent provision of the Social Security Act to include ministers, our appointees are now eligible and will participate in the Social Security benefits. It is anticipated that these benefits, supplemented by our Ministerial Reserve Fund provisions, will much more adequately meet the needs of our retired appointees.

#### AUSTRALIAN MINISTERIAL RESERVE

The policy of the setting up of funds to meet the cost of our ministerial personnel practiced at headquarters is also being carried on in Australia.

#### MISSIONARY RESERVE FUND

The purpose of this fund is to provide support of missionary endeavors in the years which are ahead, provide funds for appointment of men between Conferences, for the maintenance of the School of Instruction, and for the preparation and translation of missionary literature into foreign languages. It has

also served to provide means whereby additional facilities and equipment could be provided for Missions Abroad. It is customary to rehabilitate this fund from current cash accumulations to replace withdrawals made. This procedure will be followed in making specific recommendations to this Conference.

**OBLATION FUND**

The segregation of this fund a number of years ago has made possible the fund's increase during the years, while at the same time meeting the many demands made upon the church for financial assistance to its members, including some cases of rehabilitation. It has also made possible the extension of aid in Missions Abroad.

As reported to the General Conference in 1954, steps were taken to build a new Home for the Aged on the Mark S. White property on Truman Road. This building has now been completed at a cost of approximately \$500,000.00 including equipment. We have other references to this in the first part of this report.

The Real Estate Investment shown on the Balance Sheet, amounting to \$574,-

255.49, is made up of the Social Service Center buildings, the Resthaven properties on Winner Road, and investment to December 31, 1955, in the new Resthaven property.

In our report for 1954 we called attention to the need for employment of a well-trained social worker to assist the Bishopric in adequately rendering service to those in need. This has not yet become an accomplished fact, but the need still exists.

**OPERATING RESERVE FUND**

We wish to call attention to the fact that at the time this Operating Reserve Fund was established, it was hoped that it could be kept at a figure equivalent to a year's operating expense. The reserves in this fund are now equal to only nine months of operation on the 1955 budgetary level; and with the increase that will take place in budgetary appropriation for 1956, it will be considerably less than the nine months.

**STOREHOUSE TREASURY FUND**

At different times in the past we have pointed out that the consecration of Surplus will, over a period of time, become increasingly important to the church.

We wish to call attention to the increase taking place in this fund, which fund now amounts to \$24,013.95.

**STEWARDSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND**

This represents the value of the Atherton and Spring Branch farm lands which were hypothecated for the Graceland Endowment Fund issue. The beneficial interest of this fund is \$230,515.81, as shown on the General Fund Balance Sheet as reported previously. Surplus arising out of farming operations provides for capital improvements as conditions and circumstances justify.

**SUBSIDIARY INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS**

This represents funds set up by the authority of General Conference to provide for institutional building needs.

**UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS**

This fund consists of appropriations made for Auditorium construction, Radio Fund, and other items listed which are self-explanatory.

THE PRESIDING BISHOPRIC  
*G. L. DeLapp*  
*H. L. Livingston*  
*W. N. Johnson*

**Exhibit "A"**

**Fund Balance Sheet**

**REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS**

**GENERAL, LAND AND INHERITANCE, AND TEMPLE FUNDS**

For the Years Ended December 31, 1954 and 1955

	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
<b>CURRENT:</b>		
Cash on Hand and in Banks.....	\$ 253,217.21	\$ 260,844.29
Cash in Hands of Bishops and Agents.....	315,585.62	303,297.52
U. S. Government Bonds and Securities.....	57,276.75	271,853.37
Canadian Securities.....	6,082.66	5,775.79
Other Stocks and Bonds.....	2,438.43	1,948.68
Receivables:		
Accounts Receivable—Includes Institutions.....	\$ 42,518.74	\$ 46,395.24
Notes Receivable.....	53,244.96	64,260.50
	<u>\$ 95,763.70</u>	<u>\$ 110,655.74</u>
Less Reserve for Losses.....	86,257.44	101,149.48
Inventories—Feed, Livestock, Supplies, Etc.....	26,291.76	26,486.11
Due from Other Funds.....	85,336.27	230,809.49
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS.....</b>	<u><b>\$ 832,486.14</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 1,202,164.73</b></u>
<b>FIXED ASSETS:</b>		
Real Estate—Depreciated:		
Saints' Home and Liberty Farm Buildings.....	\$ 54,264.48	\$ 47,834.38
Other Properties.....	430,476.46	498,784.08
Farm Management—Net Assets.....	136,869.85	139,776.58
Beneficial Interest in Stewardship-Endowment Fund.....	221,839.31	221,839.31
	<u>\$ 843,450.10</u>	<u>\$ 908,234.35</u>
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment—Depreciated.....	300,134.57	337,173.70
Libraries—Depreciated.....	9,447.65	9,447.65
<b>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS.....</b>	<u><b>\$ 1,153,032.32</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 1,254,855.70</b></u>
<b>OTHER ASSETS AND DEFERRED CHARGES:</b>		
Other Assets.....	\$ 5,082.39	\$ 10,784.78
Deferred Charges.....	16,517.15	24,623.69
Australasian Mission.....	91,088.94	106,013.54
<b>Total Other Assets and Deferred Charges.....</b>	<u><b>\$ 112,688.48</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 141,422.01</b></u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS.....</b>	<u><b>\$ 2,098,206.94</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 2,598,442.44</b></u>

## Fund Balance Sheet — Exhibit "A" (Continued)

### GENERAL, LAND AND INHERITANCE, AND TEMPLE FUNDS

For the Years Ended December 31, 1954 and 1955

	1954	1955
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts Payable—Includes Institutions.....	\$ 18,295.41	\$ 29,302.72
Due to Other Funds.....	157,093.48	70,081.25
Note Payable.....		22,000.00
Society Islands Deficit.....	2,427.29	5,013.53
Deferred Credits.....	3,874.90	26,189.14
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b> .....	<b>\$ 181,691.08</b>	<b>\$ 152,586.64</b>
<b>EQUITY ACCOUNTS:</b>		
General Fund.....	\$1,871,213.18	\$2,400,190.35
Land and Inheritance Fund.....	30,370.01	30,394.01
Temple.....	14,932.67	15,271.44
<b>Total Equities—End of Period</b> .....	<b>1,916,515.86</b>	<b>2,445,855.80</b>
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$2,098,206.94</b>	<b>\$2,598,442.44</b>

#### AGENCY FUND

<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Cash in Bank.....	\$ 17,477.99	\$ 14,793.01
U. S. Government Securities.....	10,787.00	10,787.00
Accrued Interest Receivable.....	1.80	1.80
Accounts Receivable.....	135.20	
Due from General Fund.....	808.67	3,532.57
Bonds Held for Safekeeping.....	50.00	52.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> .....	<b>\$ 29,260.66</b>	<b>\$ 29,166.38</b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
Accounts Payable.....	\$ 29,010.66	\$ 28,916.38
Notes Payable.....	250.00	250.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b> .....	<b>\$ 29,260.66</b>	<b>\$ 29,166.38</b>

#### CONSECRATION AGREEMENT FUND

<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Cash in Banks.....	\$ 68,628.04	\$ 73,868.14
U. S. Government Securities.....	100,783.12	174,727.50
Stocks, Bonds and Shares.....	10.00	10.00
Accrued Interest Receivable.....	191.10	148.74
Due from the General Fund.....	9,103.76	5,266.22
Notes Receivable.....	4,580.85	23,230.96
Real Estate Investment.....	15,206.64	14,484.67
Household Furniture and Equipment.....	1.00	1.00
Unexpired Insurance.....	22.97	7.65
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> .....	<b>\$ 198,527.48</b>	<b>\$ 291,744.88</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:</b>		
Miscellaneous Accounts Payable.....	\$ 1,000.00	
Consecration Agreements.....		
Maximum Liability:		
Class B.....	\$ 50,329.99	\$ 85,101.71
Class C.....	49,954.46	90,556.85
Class D.....	(2,434.11)	(1,722.77)
Class E.....	448.58	448.58
Class F.....	7.00	(799.50)
<b>Fund Equity:</b>		
End of Period.....	99,221.56	118,160.01
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b> .....	<b>\$ 198,527.48</b>	<b>\$ 291,744.88</b>

#### HOUSES OF WORSHIP FUND

##### RESTRICTED BUILDING FUND SECTION:

<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Cash in Bank.....	\$ 23,684.09	\$ 19,491.01
U. S. Government Securities.....	160,221.50	105,904.00
Receivables.....	152,724.19	186,275.78
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment—		
Depreciated:		
William Marks House.....	\$ 272.26	\$ 204.26
Lawrence, Kansas.....	60.00	55.00
Nauvoo Youth Camp.....	109.50	73.00
Nauvoo District Reunion.....	137.25	92.33
Nauvoo Mission.....	1,087.22	1,463.10
Kirtland Temple Tools and Equipment.....	1,539.67	1,390.55
<b>Total Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment</b> .....	<b>3,205.90</b>	<b>3,278.24</b>
Deferred Charges:		
Deposits for Utilities.....	\$ 7.60	\$ 7.60
Prepaid Insurance.....	1,981.48	1,494.76
Other Deferred Expense.....	113.00	1,502.36
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> .....	<b>\$ 341,937.76</b>	<b>\$ 316,451.39</b>

# Fund Balance Sheet — Exhibit "A" (Continued)

GENERAL, LAND AND INHERITANCE, AND TEMPLE FUNDS

For the Years Ended December 31, 1954 and 1955

	1954	1955
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITIES:</b>		
Deposits on Contracts for Deeds.....	\$ 425.00	
Due to the General Fund.....	46,376.48	\$ 88,232.08
Accounts Payable.....		170.05
Notes Payable to Branches and Districts.....	6,923.28	6,923.28
Restricted Building Fund Equities.....	288,213.00	221,125.98
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITIES.....</b>	<b>\$ 341,937.76</b>	<b>\$ 316,451.39</b>
<b>INVESTED BUILDING FUND SECTION:</b>		
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Auditorium Building and Grounds.....	\$1,430,582.99	\$1,806,008.38
Chapel Account "A".....	11,236,791.35	11,203,527.46
Chapel Account "B".....	429,465.07	470,817.81
Chapel Account "C".....	75,442.30	85,571.30
Mound Grove Cemetery.....	11,705.90	11,705.90
Pacific Land Development Society.....	1.00	1.00
<b>TOTAL INVESTED FUND ASSETS.....</b>	<b>\$13,183,988.61</b>	<b>\$13,577,631.85</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITIES:</b>		
Mortgage Payable on Chapel Property.....	\$ 880.00	\$ 880.00
Invested Building Fund Equity.....	13,183,108.61	13,576,751.85
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$13,183,988.61</b>	<b>\$13,577,631.85</b>
<b>HOUSES OF WORSHIP REVOLVING FUND</b>		
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Cash in Bank.....	\$ 298,631.27	\$ 80,185.84
Canadian Government Securities.....	70,000.00	
U. S. Government Securities.....		20,000.00
Notes Receivable from Congregations and Districts.....	787,758.57	1,046,712.10
<b>TOTAL ASSETS.....</b>	<b>\$1,156,389.84</b>	<b>\$1,146,897.94</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:</b>		
Due to the General Fund.....	\$ 25,805.82	\$ 111,199.00
Fund Equity—End of Period.....	1,130,584.02	1,035,698.94
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$1,156,389.84</b>	<b>\$1,146,897.94</b>
<b>MINISTERIAL RESERVE FUND</b>		
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Cash in Banks.....	\$ 330,554.67	\$ 396,285.74
U. S. Government Securities.....	293,792.00	284,776.25
Canadian Securities.....	40,552.85	40,400.00
Cash Imprest Funds for Farms.....	4,500.00	4,306.12
Prepaid Insurance.....	320.21	789.11
Real Estate Investment.....	324,341.79	341,653.40
Notes and Contracts Receivable.....	61,540.00	60,880.00
Deferred Expense.....	6,036.68	
Accrued Interest Receivable.....	480.64	205.04
Investment Land O'Lake Creamery Certificate.....	6,000.00	6,000.00
Stock Investments.....		750.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS.....</b>	<b>\$1,068,118.84</b>	<b>\$1,136,045.66</b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
Due to General Fund.....		\$ 3,252.16
Miscellaneous Accounts Payable.....	\$ 4,608.27	152.67
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES.....</b>	<b>\$ 4,608.27</b>	<b>\$ 3,404.83</b>
<b>EQUITIES:</b>		
Retirement Reserve.....	\$ 574,217.51	\$ 598,132.66
Death Benefit Reserve.....	234,226.50	260,364.44
Disability Reserve.....	98,394.93	108,092.21
Special Reserve.....	1,069.34	1,069.34
Unallocated Reserve.....	69,127.95	73,061.99
Earnings on Real Estate Operations, Etc.....	54,929.21	44,988.86
Graceland College Faculty Retirement Reserve.....	31,545.13	28,392.83
Special Ministerial Reserve.....		18,538.50
<b>TOTAL EQUITIES—END OF PERIOD.....</b>	<b>1,063,510.57</b>	<b>1,132,640.83</b>
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$1,068,118.84</b>	<b>\$1,136,045.66</b>
<b>AUSTRALIAN MINISTERIAL RESERVE FUND</b>		
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Cash.....	\$ 349.03	\$ 435.48
Government Bonds.....	14,867.57	13,652.57
<b>TOTAL ASSETS.....</b>	<b>\$ 15,216.60</b>	<b>\$ 14,088.05</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITIES:</b>		
Fund Equity—End of Period.....	\$ 15,216.60	\$ 14,088.05

## Fund Balance Sheet — Exhibit "A" (Continued)

### HOUSES OF WORSHIP REVOLVING FUND MISSIONS

**ASSETS:**

Cash in Bank.....	\$ 47,522.84	
Notes Receivable.....	52,613.16	
Due from the General Fund.....	30.00	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> .....	<b>\$ 100,166.00</b>	

**LIABILITIES AND EQUITIES:**

Fund Equity—End of Period.....		\$ 100,166.00
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### MISSIONARY RESERVE FUND

**ASSETS:**

Cash in Bank.....	\$ 51,111.09	\$ 41,175.18
Deposit for Letter of Credit.....	4,000.00	4,000.00
Accrued Interest on U. S. Government Securities.....	136.75	
Premium Paid on U. S. Government Securities.....	156.25	
U. S. Government Securities.....	140,000.00	140,000.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> .....	<b>\$ 195,404.09</b>	<b>\$ 185,175.18</b>

**LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:**

Due to the General Fund.....	\$ 1,857.52	\$ 27,672.26
Equity—End of Period.....	193,546.57	157,502.92
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$ 195,404.09</b>	<b>\$ 185,175.18</b>

### OBLATION FUND

**ASSETS:**

Cash in Banks.....	\$ 258,235.24	\$ 63,795.96
Petty Cash.....	76.98	63.54
Accounts Receivable.....	1,175.38	1,321.82
Utility Deposits.....	6.95	39.35
Notes Receivable.....	11,250.66	11,136.08
U. S. Government Securities.....	155,003.00	155,002.00
Canadian Government Securities.....	3,047.43	3,038.80
Advance—Social Service Center.....	3,000.00	3,000.00
Real Estate Investments.....	264,201.64	574,255.49
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment—Social Service Center—Depreciated.....	8,485.03	7,275.43
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment—Resthaven, Depreciated.....	6,486.23	8,717.28
Deferred Charges.....	1,859.03	1,811.74
Due from the General Fund.....	25,129.43	21,317.80
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> .....	<b>\$ 737,957.00</b>	<b>\$ 850,775.29</b>

**LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:**

Accounts Payable.....	\$ 1,763.36	\$ 6,634.30
Contribution for New Saints' Home.....	115.00	
Equity—End of Period.....	736,078.64	844,140.99
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$ 737,957.00</b>	<b>\$ 850,775.29</b>

### OPERATING RESERVE FUND

**ASSETS:**

Cash in Banks.....	\$ 115,997.98	\$ 117,183.23
U. S. Government Securities.....	817,645.46	816,265.63
Canadian Government Securities.....	165,169.10	165,286.80
Corporation Stocks.....	1,325.00	1,325.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$1,100,137.54</b>	<b>\$1,100,060.66</b>

**LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:**

Due to the General Fund.....	\$ 137.54	\$ 60.66
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**EQUITY:**

Balance—End of Period.....	1,100,000.00	1,100,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$1,100,137.54</b>	<b>\$1,100,060.66</b>

### STOREHOUSE TREASURY FUND

**ASSETS:**

Cash in Bank.....	\$ 6,082.37	\$ 8,910.55
Real Estate Investment.....	3,003.40	5,005.40
Investment in Walnut Park Development Association.....	9,600.00	9,600.00
Due from General Fund.....	973.11	498.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> .....	<b>\$ 19,658.88</b>	<b>\$ 24,013.95</b>

**EQUITY:**

Balance—End of Period.....	\$ 19,658.88	\$ 24,013.95
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## Fund Balance Sheet — Exhibit "A" (Continued)

### STEWARDSHIP-ENDOWMENT FUND

ASSETS:		
Cash in Bank.....	\$ 80,914.08	\$ 68,018.46
Real Estate Investment.....	476,282.14	486,811.85
U. S. Government Securities.....	20,000.00	20,000.00
Canadian Government Securities.....	72,134.43	71,380.11
Due from the General Fund.....		6,282.63
<b>TOTAL ASSETS.....</b>	<b>\$ 649,330.65</b>	<b>\$ 652,493.05</b>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITIES:		
Bonds Payable to Graceland College Endowment Fund.....	\$ 233,300.00	\$ 233,300.00
Account Payable to Graceland College Endowment Fund.....	280.10	280.10
Due to the General Fund.....	6,499.64	
Beneficial Interest—General Fund.....	221,839.31	221,839.31
Fund Equity Balance—End of Period.....	187,411.60	197,073.64
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$ 649,330.65</b>	<b>\$ 652,493.05</b>

### SUBSIDIARY INSTITUTIONAL FUND

ASSETS:		
Cash in Bank.....	\$ 49,834.89	\$ 33,340.37
Graceland College Imprest Fund.....	20,000.00	
Accrued Interest.....	422.56	419.00
U. S. Government Securities.....	400,140.55	120,000.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS.....</b>	<b>\$ 470,398.00</b>	<b>\$ 153,759.37</b>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:		
Due to the General Fund.....		\$ 393.33
Equity—End of Period:		
Independence Sanitarium and Hospital.....	\$ 155,000.00	\$ 153,366.04
Graceland College.....	315,398.00	153,366.04
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$ 470,398.00</b>	<b>\$ 153,759.37</b>

### UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS

ASSETS:		
Cash in Banks.....	\$ 482,799.57	\$ 438,471.82
U. S. Government Securities.....	448,291.99	495,419.00
Due from the General Fund.....	121,027.51	33,154.03
<b>TOTAL ASSETS.....</b>	<b>\$1,052,119.07</b>	<b>\$ 967,044.85</b>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITIES:		
Miscellaneous Accounts Payable.....		\$ 4,950.00
Equities:		
Auditorium Fund.....	\$ 714,018.21	\$ 661,766.90
Books and Tracts Subsidy.....	1,187.80	1,187.80
British Isles Headquarters.....	15,000.00	15,000.00
Historical Documents.....	475.00	475.00
Holland Mission.....	50,000.00	50,000.00
Library Fixtures.....	1,014.00	1,014.00
Latin American Mission.....	10,000.00	138.11
Radio Project.....	184,492.77	180,977.77
Radio Room Improvements.....	1,530.04	1,530.04
Rehabilitation of Nauvoo and Kirtland Properties.....	24,021.02	
Scandinavian Mission.....	50,000.00	50,000.00
Society Islands.....	380.23	5.23
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITIES.....</b>	<b>\$1,052,119.07</b>	<b>\$ 967,044.85</b>

## Exhibit "B"

### Statement of Income and Expense GENERAL, LAND AND INHERITANCE, AND TEMPLE FUNDS Years Ended December 31, 1954 and 1955

	1954	1955
TITHES AND OFFERINGS:		
Tithes.....	\$1,699,651.33	\$1,848,930.95
Offerings.....	20,329.63	23,703.60
Total (Exclusive of Bequests).....	\$1,719,980.96	\$1,872,634.55
Bequests.....	31,093.33	42,884.06
<b>TOTAL TITHES AND OFFERINGS.....</b>	<b>\$1,751,074.29</b>	<b>\$1,915,518.61</b>

# Statement of Income and Expense — Exhibit "B" (Continued)

## GENERAL, LAND AND INHERITANCE, AND TEMPLE FUNDS

For the Years Ended December 31, 1954 and 1955

	1954	1955
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
<b>Ministerial:</b>		
Active Family Allowances:		
Regular.....	\$ 445,296.83	\$ 488,269.28
Extra and Medical.....	120,186.14	144,293.38
Sub-Total.....	\$ 565,482.97	\$ 632,562.66
Less Amount Received from:		
Missionary Reserve Fund.....		\$ 22,064.13
Ministerial Reserve Fund.....	\$ 6,300.00	12,600.00
	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 34,664.13
Total Active Family Allowance.....	\$ 559,182.97	\$ 597,898.53
Payments to Ministerial Reserve Fund.....	68,384.40	68,671.82
Payments to Australian Ministerial Reserve Fund.....	708.74	708.75
Total Active Family Allowance and Reserve.....	\$ 628,276.11	\$ 667,279.10
Elders' Expense:		
Personal.....	\$ 146,437.86	\$ 155,187.12
Travel and Official.....	256,024.96	295,822.02
	\$ 402,462.82	\$ 451,009.14
Less:		
Payments from Missionary Reserve Funds.....		2,429.69
Offering from Saints and Friends.....	184,477.46	205,605.36
	\$ 184,477.46	\$ 208,035.05
Total Elders' Expense.....	217,985.36	242,974.09
Inactive Family Allowance.....	\$ 96,055.16	\$ 95,541.17
Less Payments Received from Ministerial Reserve and Australian Reserve Funds.....	14,364.37	7,849.64
Total Inactive Family Allowances.....	81,690.79	87,691.53
<b>Administrative:</b>		
General.....	\$ 222,166.20	\$ 260,675.50
Stakes and Districts.....	54,694.84	56,009.62
Missions Abroad.....	4,652.17	11,726.64
Depreciation of Fixtures and Equipment.....	5,000.00	5,000.00
Social Security Taxes.....		4,163.16
Total Administrative.....	286,513.21	337,574.92
Payments to Graceland College:		
Appropriation.....	\$ 71,250.00	\$ 86,250.00
Interest on Endowment Bonds.....	11,679.00	11,679.00
Faculty Retirement Fund.....	4,000.00	4,000.00
Total Payments to Graceland.....	86,929.00	101,929.00
Houses of Worship Improvements and Expense:		
Kirtland.....	\$ 3,315.00	\$ 3,891.26
Nauvoo.....	5,943.95	5,138.33
Salt Lake City.....	1,750.33	201.72
Other Properties.....	(280.46)	(209.69)
Architectural Service.....	91.41	328.32
Total Houses of Worship Expense.....	10,820.23	9,349.94
Exchange.....	82.69	455.11
Messiah Broadcast.....	6,559.66	6,282.72
Radio Broadcast.....	6,377.50	4,642.56
Miscellaneous Expense.....	4,393.76	3,730.05
Total Expense.....	\$1,329,628.31	\$1,461,909.02
Operating Net Gain.....	\$ 421,445.98	\$ 453,609.59
<b>Other Income:</b>		
Miscellaneous Income.....	\$ 4,919.07	\$ 2,585.73
Gain on Real Estate Operations.....	8,509.99	52,578.56
Interest Income—Domestic.....	29,901.60	27,905.69
Interest Income—Canadian.....	10,323.70	4,280.71
Dividends—Corporate Stocks.....	359.29	443.80
Total Other Income.....	54,013.65	87,794.49
<b>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSE.....</b>	<b>\$ 475,459.63</b>	<b>\$ 541,404.08</b>

**Statement of Fund Equities**  
 REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS  
 For the Years Ended December 31, 1954 and 1955

	Total	General	Land and Inheritance	Temple	Consecration Agreements	Houses of Worship		Houses of Worship Revolving	Houses of Worship Revolving Missions	Missionary Reserve
						Restricted	Investment			
Balances—December 31, 1953.....	\$11,214,235.33	\$2,676,883.54	\$30,370.01	\$14,521.67	\$ 97,866.32	\$ 306,535.21	\$ 7,048,746.54	\$ 876,637.99		\$162,674.05
Additions for the Year 1954:										
Offerings for Special Funds and Normal Increments.....	6,580,593.59			411.00		156,683.56	6,134,362.07	250,000.00		39,136.96
Excess of Income over Expense.....	488,071.66	475,459.63			2,557.95			3,946.03		6,108.05
Sub-Total.....	\$18,282,900.58	\$3,152,343.17	\$30,370.01	\$14,932.67	\$ 100,424.27	\$ 463,218.77	\$13,183,108.61	\$1,130,584.02		\$207,919.06
Deductions for the Year 1954:										
Normal Fund Disbursements.....	1,471,710.96	1,281,129.99			1,202.71	175,005.77				14,372.49
Total Fund Equities—December 31, 1954.....	\$16,811,189.62	\$1,871,213.18	\$30,370.01	\$14,932.67	\$ 99,221.56	\$ 288,213.00	\$13,183,108.61	\$1,130,584.02		\$193,546.57
Additions for the Year 1955:										
Offerings for Special Funds and Normal Increments.....	568,276.85		24.00	338.77		74,270.84	393,643.24		\$100,000.00	3,273.59
Excess of Income over Expense.....	570,739.36	541,404.08			20,780.77			5,114.92		
Sub-Total.....	\$17,950,205.83	\$2,412,617.26	\$30,394.01	\$15,271.44	\$ 120,002.33	\$ 362,483.84	\$13,576,751.85	\$1,135,698.94	\$100,166.00	\$196,820.16
Deductions for the Year 1955:										
Normal Fund Disbursements.....	294,944.33	12,426.91			1,842.32	141,357.86		100,000.00		39,317.24
Total Fund Equities—December 31, 1955.....	\$17,655,261.50	\$2,400,190.35	\$30,394.01	\$15,271.44	\$ 118,160.01	\$ 221,125.98	\$13,576,751.85	\$1,035,698.94	\$100,166.00	\$157,502.92
Balances—December 31, 1953.....	\$3,595,165.13	\$1,003,777.68	\$11,892.08	\$647,265.15	\$1,000,192.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 718,090.42	\$ 4,154.00		
Additions for the Year 1954:										
Offerings for Special Funds and Normal Increments.....	15,437.69									15,437.69
Excess of Income over Expense.....	195,217.62	29,723.51	1,188.92	156,620.20		100,000.00	465,000.00	405,531.15	7,617.80	67.19
Appropriations from Other Funds.....	1,047,595.05	72,563.90	4,500.00							
Sub-Total.....	\$4,853,415.49	\$1,106,065.09	\$17,581.00	\$803,885.35	\$1,100,192.00	\$ 495,000.00	\$1,123,621.57	\$187,411.60	\$179,793.80	\$ 4,154.00
Deductions for the Year 1954:										
Normal Fund Disbursements.....	206,401.80	39,934.19	2,364.40	67,806.71	192.00	24,602.00	71,502.50			
Total Fund Equities—December 31, 1954.....	\$4,647,013.69	\$1,066,130.90	\$15,216.60	\$736,078.64	\$1,100,000.00	\$ 470,398.00	\$1,052,119.07	\$187,411.60	\$187,411.60	\$ 19,658.88
Additions for the Year 1955:										
Offerings for Special Funds and Normal Increments.....	4,267.73									4,267.73
Excess of Income over Expense.....	207,525.30	7,562.50	1,021.10	189,192.32					9,662.04	87.34
Appropriations from Other Funds.....	91,210.32	91,210.32								
Sub-Total.....	\$4,950,017.04	\$1,164,903.72	\$16,237.70	\$925,270.96	\$1,100,000.00	\$ 470,398.00	\$1,052,119.07	\$197,073.64	\$197,073.64	\$ 24,013.95
Deductions for the Year 1955:										
Normal Fund Disbursements.....	522,598.69	32,262.89	2,149.65	81,129.97		317,031.96	90,024.22			
Total Fund Equities—December 31, 1955.....	\$4,427,418.35	\$1,132,640.83	\$14,088.05	\$844,140.99	\$1,100,000.00	\$ 153,366.04	\$ 962,094.85	\$197,073.64	\$197,073.64	\$ 24,013.95
<b>TOTAL ALL FUND EQUITIES.....</b>	<b>\$22,082,679.85</b>									

## Statement of Administrative Expense

## GENERAL, LAND AND INHERITANCE, AND TEMPLE FUNDS

For the Years Ended December 31, 1954 and 1955

	1954 Appropriations	Total	Salaries	Stationery & Supplies	Postage	Telephone & Telegraph	Miscel- laneous	Earnings & Credits
<b>GENERAL:</b>								
The First Presidency.....	\$ 19,711.00	\$ 17,474.45	\$ 11,936.32	\$ 1,172.86	\$ 955.33	\$ 873.62	\$ 2,536.32	
The First Presidency—Priesthood								
Education.....	3,095.00	1,841.34	1,021.40	376.20	327.74	119.02	77.23	\$( 80.25)
Council of Twelve.....	12,624.00	11,857.16	8,396.39	515.52	811.57	1,545.95	587.73	
Presiding Bishopric.....	47,240.00	42,054.80	33,476.16	2,188.92	2,441.97	1,422.34	2,525.41	
Tithe Payers Service.....	29,342.00	23,799.70	15,493.27	2,132.82	1,967.43	145.26	4,060.92	
Department of Religious Education.....	15,651.00	14,080.27	10,577.47	1,313.01	814.74	751.11	2,308.91	{ 1,684.97}
Radio.....	21,103.00	13,790.50	3,231.17	853.52	821.45	469.67	9,578.45	{ 1,163.76}
Music.....	4,924.00	2,954.34	2,177.87	73.08	84.04	154.27	733.52	{ 268.44}
Department of Statistics.....	24,765.00	20,196.07	14,436.27	1,019.79	739.14	272.16	4,165.47	{ 436.76}
Historian.....	3,254.00	2,371.72	1,716.86	64.39	71.41	109.78	409.28	
Council of Presidents of Seventy.....	1,000.00	683.91	164.90	179.84	199.68	98.34	41.15	
Quorum of Seventies.....	625.00	308.08		56.33	10.56	6.28	234.91	
Auditor.....	3,100.00	2,714.04					2,714.04	
Women's Department.....	3,591.00	9.88	1,820.29	669.65	279.52	95.33	261.13	{ 3,116.04}
Legal Expense.....	8,318.00	5,961.38	2,351.62	268.19	220.45	189.61	2,931.51	
Guide's Booth Auditorium.....	500.00	131.39		26.68		94.48	578.36	{ 568.13}
Auditorium Operating.....	55,871.00	49,244.31	24,426.31			332.78	27,701.74	{ 3,216.52}
Archaeological Society.....	75.00	36.00		11.00			25.00	
Ministry to College Students.....	1,500.00	1,299.50					1,299.50	
Audio-Visual Department.....	9,873.00	11,357.36	9,042.37	808.10	283.82	288.23	7,613.69	{ 6,678.85}
<b>TOTAL GENERAL.....</b>	<b>\$266,162.00</b>	<b>\$222,166.20</b>	<b>\$140,268.67</b>	<b>\$ 11,729.90</b>	<b>\$ 10,028.85</b>	<b>\$ 6,968.23</b>	<b>\$ 70,384.27</b>	<b>\$(17,213.72)</b>
<b>STAKES AND DISTRICTS:</b>								
Center Stake of Zion.....	\$18,493.00	\$ 18,493.00					\$ 18,493.00	
Kansas City Stake.....	5,640.00	5,734.43	\$ 470.00	\$ 161.29	\$ 83.32	\$ 79.46	4,940.36	
Far West Stake.....	5,185.00	5,188.19	2,730.00	526.50	500.26	485.22	946.21	
Lamoni Stake.....	4,740.00	4,752.87	2,825.95	569.90	261.49	257.09	838.44	
Central Missouri Stake.....	4,660.00	4,166.81	2,230.10	425.05	345.75	392.73	773.18	
Detroit International Stake.....	5,000.00	5,034.21		136.74	10.25		4,887.22	
Los Angeles Metropolitan Stake.....	4,000.00	4,058.70		41.66	16.50		4,000.54	
Canadian Bishopric.....	2,070.00							
B & A Field Expense.....	6,050.00	7,266.63	10.00	3,052.86	2,498.34	480.21	1,225.22	
<b>Total Stakes and Districts.....</b>	<b>\$55,838.00</b>	<b>\$ 54,694.84</b>	<b>\$ 8,266.05</b>	<b>\$ 4,914.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,715.91</b>	<b>\$ 1,694.71</b>	<b>\$ 36,104.17</b>	
<b>MISSIONS ABROAD:</b>								
Australasian.....	\$ 2,722.50	\$ 1,540.71	\$ 1,248.99	\$ 135.40	\$ 394.85	\$ 196.11	\$ 240.59	\$( 675.23)
British Isles.....	1,000.00	382.35		128.19	79.53	162.45	241.29	{ 229.11}
Hawaiian.....	1,500.00	1,551.24	1,545.00		6.24			
Scandinavian.....	100.00	31.66					31.66	
Society Islands.....	2,050.00	2,359.36	217.34	92.21	44.53		2,005.28	
German.....	100.00	(1,370.11)					(1,370.11)	
Holland.....	150.00	156.96					156.96	
<b>Total Missions Abroad.....</b>	<b>\$ 7,622.50</b>	<b>\$ 4,652.17</b>	<b>\$ 3,011.33</b>	<b>\$ 355.80</b>	<b>\$ 525.15</b>	<b>\$ 385.56</b>	<b>\$ 1,305.67</b>	<b>\$( 904.34)</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION—Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment.....</b>								
	5,000.00	5,000.00					5,000.00	
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE.....</b>	<b>\$334,622.50</b>	<b>\$286,513.21</b>	<b>\$151,546.05</b>	<b>\$ 16,999.70</b>	<b>\$14,269.91</b>	<b>\$ 9,021.50</b>	<b>\$112,794.11</b>	<b>\$(18,118.06)</b>
<b>1955</b>								
	Appropriations	Total	Salaries	Stationery & Supplies	Postage	Telephone & Telegraph	Miscel- laneous	Earnings & Credits
<b>GENERAL:</b>								
The First Presidency.....	\$ 21,069.00	\$ 20,614.52	\$ 14,287.44	\$ 1,274.25	\$ 1,163.72	\$ 875.27	\$ 3,013.84	
The First Presidency—Priesthood								
Education.....	3,311.00	2,353.42	2,058.70	83.84	35.26	95.50	80.12	
Council of Twelve.....	13,474.00	12,099.30	9,104.22	435.97	735.75	1,493.76	329.60	
Presiding Bishopric.....	51,408.00	46,270.13	35,822.31	3,977.86	2,223.35	1,529.84	2,716.77	
Tithe Payers Service.....	31,011.00	25,455.24	16,202.06	2,667.90	1,569.99	155.55	4,859.74	
Department of Religious Education.....	16,561.00	14,660.18	11,252.15	951.13	696.30	685.70	2,429.70	\$( 1,354.80)
Radio.....	27,803.00	18,066.66	13,952.34	735.86	760.10	333.72	3,633.55	{ 1,348.91}
Music.....	5,630.00	3,811.63	2,567.87	92.05	75.49	231.55	844.67	
Department of Statistics.....	26,765.00	25,162.88	16,678.61	2,784.11	687.50	258.04	4,973.22	{ 218.60}
Historian.....	3,446.00	1,777.90	1,183.83	143.80	67.64	93.23	289.40	
Council of Presidents of Seventy.....	1,000.00	514.01	180.20	54.64	141.97	102.70	34.50	
Quorum of Seventies.....	725.00	901.43		14.50			886.93	
Auditor.....	3,100.00	2,618.97					2,618.97	
Women's Department.....	3,784.00	(760.14)	843.00	627.63	388.52	107.03	231.46	{ 2,957.78}
Legal Expense.....	8,710.00	5,041.05	3,035.17	333.02	217.27	398.01	1,057.58	
Guide's Booth Auditorium.....	1,000.00	1,029.55		83.01	8.00	114.12	1,386.08	{ 561.66}
Auditorium Operating.....	59,090.00	62,308.71	36,917.63	129.44	2.90	352.58	26,728.34	{ 1,822.18}
Archaeological Society.....	75.00	24.00					24.00	
Ministry to College Students.....	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,657.44	98.18	190.53	105.81	818.15	{ 1,370.11}
Audio-Visual Department.....	11,873.00	12,226.06	12,510.43	739.31	634.94	284.71	910.80	{ 2,854.13}
School of Restoration.....		5,000.00					5,000.00	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL.....</b>	<b>\$291,335.00</b>	<b>\$260,675.50</b>	<b>\$178,253.40</b>	<b>\$ 15,226.50</b>	<b>\$ 9,599.23</b>	<b>\$ 7,217.12</b>	<b>\$ 62,867.42</b>	<b>\$(12,488.17)</b>

	1954 Appropriations	Total	Salaries	Stationery & Supplies	Postage	Telephone & Telegraph	Miscellaneous	Earnings & Credits
<b>STAKES AND DISTRICTS:</b>								
Center Stake of Zion.....	\$ 20,016.00	\$ 20,016.00					\$20,016.00	
Kansas City Stake.....	5,640.00	5,640.00					5,640.00	
Far West Stake.....	5,185.00	5,178.53	\$ 2,730.00	\$ 484.03	\$ 478.48	\$ 470.36	1,015.66	
Lamoni Stake.....	4,980.00	4,787.45	3,191.83	633.46	277.10	270.00	429.55	{ 14.49}
Central Missouri Stake.....	4,660.00	4,537.25	2,496.99	491.77	410.09	386.30	752.37	{ .27}
Detroit International Stake.....	5,000.00	5,000.00					5,000.00	
Los Angeles Metropolitan Stake.....	4,000.00	4,000.00					4,000.00	
Canadian Bishopric.....	2,010.00	841.42		77.22	84.32	179.04	500.84	
B & A Field Expense.....	6,050.00	6,008.97	65.00	2,288.39	2,576.46	485.08	594.04	
Total Stakes and Districts.....	\$ 57,541.00	\$ 56,009.62	\$ 8,483.82	\$ 3,974.87	\$ 3,826.45	\$ 1,790.78	\$ 37,948.46	{ 14.76}
<b>MISSIONS ABROAD:</b>								
Australasian.....	\$ 2,722.50	\$ 1,003.26	\$ 950.77	\$ 136.17	\$ 303.36	\$ 102.73	\$ 74.12	{ 563.89}
British Isles.....	1,000.00	1,320.49		72.65	58.54	114.86	1,074.44	
Hawaiian.....	1,500.00	1,572.48	1,560.00		12.48			
Scandinavian.....	100.00	(11.15)		10.48	25.13	.42		{ 47.18}
Society Islands.....	2,050.00	3,428.02		181.66	39.00	116.09	3,111.82	{ 20.55}
German.....	100.00	4,297.00		11.98	59.63	217.95	4,007.44	
Holland.....	150.00	116.54	1.02	38.07	27.85	76.93	.29	{ 27.62}
Total Missions Abroad.....	\$ 7,622.50	\$ 11,726.64	\$ 2,511.79	\$ 451.01	\$ 525.99	\$ 628.98	\$ 8,268.11	{ 659.24}
<b>SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES.....</b>								
		4,163.16					4,163.16	
<b>DEPRECIATION—Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment.....</b>								
	5,000.00	5,000.00					5,000.00	
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE.....</b>	<b>\$361,498.50</b>	<b>\$337,574.92</b>	<b>\$189,249.01</b>	<b>\$ 19,652.38</b>	<b>\$ 13,951.67</b>	<b>\$ 9,636.88</b>	<b>\$118,247.15</b>	<b>{(13,162.17)}</b>

Schedule 2

Statement of Ministerial Allowances and Expenses

GENERAL, LAND AND INHERITANCE, AND TEMPLE FUNDS

For the Years Ended December 31, 1954 and 1955

ACTIVE:	No. of Elders' Depend- ents	1954				No. of Elders' Depend- ents	1955			
		FAMILY ALLOWANCE		ELDERS' EXPENSE			FAMILY ALLOWANCE		ELDERS' EXPENSE	
		Regular	Medical Etc.	Personal & Medical	Travel & Official		Regular	Medical Etc.	Personal & Medical	Travel & Official
Adams, Loyd.....	4	\$ 2,988.00	\$ 608.40	\$ 388.97	\$ 1,840.33	4	\$ 2,988.00	\$ 899.13	\$ 553.92	\$ 1,657.01
Alberts, D. A.....	4	1,561.50	146.92	366.41	950.20	4	1,606.44	118.74	298.11	870.49
Andersen, Richard.....				1,123.63	922.21				1,294.37	1,047.58
Andrews, Alma C.....	1	1,968.00	454.82	942.86	1,215.28	1	2,122.00	1,018.40	769.37	1,614.22
Ashenhurst, Raymond J.....	3	2,638.50	599.43	736.76	1,077.69	3	2,880.00	421.41	790.13	882.55
Baughman, Mrs. Alma.....			18.37							
Barlow, T. Ed.....	2	1,272.50	314.40	443.80	910.90	3	2,496.00	733.33	697.73	1,490.15
Baldwin, Joseph E.....	3	2,370.00	523.14	967.62	740.91	4	2,670.00	257.08	1,102.71	964.90
Banks, John W.....	3	2,835.00	738.04	864.25	830.55	3	2,760.00	683.73	930.94	850.67
Banta, Fred C.....	2	1,958.68	451.05	473.03	1,071.77	2	2,220.00	678.29	540.75	1,650.55
Banta, Wayne C.....						3		45.75		
Beck, T. A.....	1	2,400.00	499.18	1,019.23	1,807.94	1	2,460.00	757.63	1,328.49	2,005.86
Becker, W. C.....	1	2,292.00	727.80	803.66	1,190.65	2	2,460.00	378.10	801.75	1,007.22
Beil, T. R.....	2	1,155.00	505.79	517.38	576.59			45.96		
Berndt, G. Everett.....	2	2,435.00	612.82	1,040.61	791.82	2	2,760.00	597.31	1,223.94	609.46
Berridge, Barnett W.....	4	3,130.00	1,009.96	716.73	1,160.24	5	3,240.00	1,032.14	490.58	1,205.61
Billings, Virgil J.....	4	2,982.00	403.24	804.58	972.53	4	3,012.00	551.09	832.69	1,090.04
Black, Harry W.....	1	2,180.00	558.58	1,163.38	954.25	2	2,228.00	480.50	996.20	914.39
Black, Stephen A.....	5*	3,180.00	887.66	1,059.73	1,928.43	5	3,180.00	506.21	1,174.68	1,321.03
Blackmore, John.....	1	2,400.00	418.80	2,129.93	362.69	1	2,400.00	548.86	1,526.39	388.08
Blackstock, J. W.....	2	2,730.00	832.40	760.50	1,345.16	2	2,760.00	1,022.74	571.31	1,311.05
Bobbitt, Ralph.....	1	2,363.50	428.95	1,063.07	1,306.12	1	2,398.00	995.00	827.91	886.25
Booth, J. E.....	3	2,330.97	521.62	1,144.04	1,213.99	3	2,340.00	334.76	1,223.18	729.49
Boren, John H.....						4		126.00		
Breckenridge, Allen J.....	3	2,622.50	608.60	561.18	1,312.32	3	2,580.00	770.00	1,044.97	1,232.29
Bradley, John.....						3	1,185.00	487.87	431.50	644.15
Breshears, W. J.....	3	2,640.00	140.05	1,183.94	914.11	3	2,640.00	184.34	1,177.18	1,006.45
Bur-Jekin, Floyd.....	4	1,462.50	91.80	83.91	554.51	4	1,530.00	128.08	123.32	367.97
Butterworth, F. E.....	4	2,715.00	357.13	821.79	1,427.04	4	3,360.00	576.53	640.57	1,607.67
Byrn, Kenneth.....	2	2,283.00	526.30	955.20	755.87	3	2,276.00	638.34	1,012.32	799.34
Benton, Donald E.....	1	450.00	319.88	876.50	541.81	1	2,160.00	700.00	1,030.49	572.47
Buck, Clifford.....	2	1,317.16	22.50	464.56	779.55	2	2,640.00	462.60	760.09	835.63
Carpenter, Calvin.....				365.35	500.40	1	1,462.50	578.25	900.86	979.46
Cackler, H. W.....	2	2,340.00	268.12	1,688.28	197.84	2	2,460.00	402.94	1,551.17	326.55
Carmichael, N. Ray.....	2	2,400.00	269.01	931.59	1,532.81	1	2,400.00	970.24	1,118.35	1,671.71
Cash, Harold S.....						5	1,589.50	157.11	232.68	609.01
Chelline, W. H.....	1	2,365.00	478.50	737.66	1,677.82	1	2,340.00	1,536.80	781.15	1,423.84
Chesworth, D. O.....	2	2,880.00	524.90	744.56	1,568.03	2	3,000.00	752.93	741.77	1,867.99
Coleman, Sylvester R.....	4	2,552.00	213.71	580.18	1,072.07	4	2,736.00	440.36	704.08	1,020.54
Compier, Anton.....	3	1,676.13	336.72	941.74	1,695.97	3	1,770.00	380.87	293.16	792.76

# Statement of Ministerial Allowances and Expenses — Schedule 2 (Continued)

## GENERAL, LAND AND INHERITANCE, AND TEMPLE FUNDS

For the Years Ended December 31, 1954 and 1955

ACTIVE:	No. of Elders' Dependents	1954				No. of Elders' Dependents	1955			
		FAMILY ALLOWANCE		ELDERS' EXPENSE			FAMILY ALLOWANCE		ELDERS' EXPENSE	
		Regular	Medical Etc.	Personal & Medical	Travel & Official		Regular	Medical Etc.	Personal & Medical	Travel & Official
Conway, John T.....	4	3,090.00	1,285.74	1,196.33	1,021.28	5	3,360.00	1,123.21	1,095.69	966.52
Conway, Walter J.....						1		21.75		
Cox, Norman.....			81.70							
Covey, Duane.....	2	1,075.00	212.74	284.06	496.43	2	2,100.00	540.84	719.43	989.21
Crownover, A. Orlin.....	3	2,521.61	833.85	1,042.02	936.78	3	2,760.00	675.03	1,299.06	1,407.02
Cole, Clifford A.....	4	3,000.00	229.44	1,113.96	745.07	4	3,000.00	298.87	1,238.74	1,086.68
Clinefelter, Mrs. Wm.....	3	1,475.50	176.70	278.71	654.22	3	2,724.00	237.25	699.91	1,019.51
Crinzie, E. Paul.....	3	109.00	30.75	37.32	38.72	3	2,616.00	748.00	751.22	1,026.05
Curtis, J. F.....						3	1,500.00	2,441.22	243.57	422.04
Curtis, Jack.....						4	275.00	80.64	33.46	165.96
Darling, John R.....	2	2,420.00	434.44	1,286.00	1,005.83	2	2,520.00	379.00	1,076.15	1,137.05
Daugherty, James C.....	4	3,330.00	1,070.78	1,169.50	1,705.14	4	3,240.00	1,298.25	1,015.95	2,010.01
Davey, R. E.....	1	2,700.00	429.49	654.08	981.97	1	2,700.00	746.20	765.59	852.23
Davies, Charles A.....	1	972.15	564.12	528.70	633.74	1	1,131.75	60.75	139.29	460.49
Davies, F. O.....	2	2,640.00	737.11	1,250.16	970.74	2	2,640.00	724.08	1,082.88	878.45
DeLapp, G. L.....	1	2,760.00	977.46	1,236.23	1,178.71	1	2,760.00	1,115.15	1,285.17	1,246.40
Doty, Harry L.....	4	2,869.00	382.55	612.52	1,295.99	4	3,072.00	474.00	532.73	1,208.69
Draper, Maurice L.....	4	1,908.36	113.52	281.56	1,520.53	4	2,028.00	183.03	213.50	836.05
Dickens, Eldon.....	2	1,594.00	408.34	284.49	848.79	3	2,700.00	1,321.79	688.38	1,371.92
Dickson, Fred L.....	3	1,320.50	534.12	477.49	316.85	3	2,676.00	783.41	893.81	425.62
Edwards, F. H.....	1	2,760.00	1,340.55	1,365.18	2,927.31	1	2,760.00	1,151.15	1,119.64	1,504.81
Ettinger, Cecil R.....	3	2,760.00	294.42	756.67	1,032.50	3	3,000.00	403.62	892.01	1,047.55
Everett, James A.....	2	2,400.00	646.85	636.04	1,710.90	2	2,520.00	544.45	457.67	1,301.00
Evans, Jack R.....	3	1,544.76	318.67	705.99	413.20	3	2,690.00	421.85	1,513.90	1,414.02
Farnham, R. S.....	2	2,717.00	280.96	768.25	1,204.96	2	2,700.00	532.31	698.74	1,102.40
Farrow, Percy E.....	1	2,280.00	1,132.69	744.24	2,587.88	1	2,600.00	988.27	787.60	2,152.44
Fisher, Howard W.....	3	2,308.50	211.77	260.74	1,615.63	4	2,265.00	501.55	569.95	1,362.63
Fisher, K. G.....						5		58.00		
Fishburn, Robert.....	1	902.50	185.31	270.34	744.63	2	2,400.00	384.70	622.21	1,105.94
Frater, A. S.....	3	1,463.86	101.02	216.46	588.86	2	1,323.08	110.60	197.78	577.91
French, Calvin.....	1	2,410.00	600.06	711.87	1,032.23	1	2,340.00	607.32	641.27	1,134.60
Fry, Evan A.....	3*	3,192.00	247.33	1,817.90	886.42	3*	3,192.00	333.27	1,673.57	801.65
Fry, Frank A.....	1	2,100.00	939.39	846.55	971.35	1	2,100.00	516.00	743.63	752.65
Gouty, P. A.....	1	1,505.00	87.47	369.61	864.89	1	1,536.36	24.10	96.77	91.98
Gardner, Arthur Leslie.....	1	1,440.00	74.81	513.87	1,011.64	1	2,160.00	80.00	545.19	1,009.16
Gibbs, A. F.....	3	2,340.00	214.19	347.12	1,172.18	3	2,340.00	324.04	488.35	1,349.30
Gleazer, E. J., Sr.....	1	2,316.00	624.92	992.79	1,930.30	1	2,340.00	1,004.55	849.45	1,736.16
Graham, Charles V.....	4	3,360.00	217.09	1,875.98	464.63	4	3,480.00	293.79	1,899.85	637.42
Grice, John R.....	1	2,100.00	377.50	611.77	603.81	1	1,868.00	1,710.00	1,000.29	596.10
Gunning, A. R.....	3	1,344.04	93.67	198.52	509.42	3	1,359.00	239.29	217.91	308.48
Guthrie, Merle P.....	3	2,940.00	474.48	1,029.42	679.88	3	3,192.00	409.06	978.67	501.55
Guthrie, William T.....	4	3,000.00	305.90	429.37	950.37	4	3,240.00	1,206.91	335.41	817.44
Green, Kenneth.....	1	1,222.50	195.13	444.46	415.72	1	2,164.00	667.64	913.29	781.61
Grundy, Hudson P.....	2	1,880.00	480.68	721.07	626.54	2	2,460.00	866.59	985.82	964.08
Harder, Peter.....				229.63	662.17	1	700.00	201.99	429.55	985.40
Haden, William C.....	3	2,328.00	116.55	790.92	667.54	3	2,328.00	112.13	748.42	613.77
Hanson, Paul M.....	1	1,200.00	1,900.56	799.96	372.19	1	1,200.00	2,739.50	263.29	246.98
Hanton, Elroy E.....	3	2,834.50	185.00	539.79	1,609.00	3	2,880.00	206.00	682.24	1,307.18
Hart, Lee O.....	2	2,402.00	477.62	1,114.14	480.85	3	2,688.00	372.89	1,116.42	620.63
Hansen, Francis E.....	2	1,206.50	591.03	557.94	247.73	2	2,004.00	671.47	1,095.34	725.75
Harvey, D. E.....	2	2,499.00	932.23	879.08	1,118.47	3	2,782.00	657.59	827.20	1,327.08
Henson, O. C., Jr.....						5		474.00	426.85	45.59
Hield, Charles R.....	1	2,592.00	824.67	738.74	3,019.70	1	2,662.00	943.54	858.36	1,450.12
Higdon, Earl L.....	1	3,052.50	458.00	1,034.86	1,067.00	1	2,960.00	635.27	905.15	1,086.42
Hobart, C. H.....	4	2,220.00	659.30	792.55	939.08	4	2,388.00	879.75	1,030.06	1,122.51
Holmes, Reed M.....	6	3,180.00	272.26	925.70	2,077.24	6	3,660.00	490.58	769.70	2,123.18
Harahitu, Tawhiti.....	1	714.84	3.36	148.83	148.84	1		8.20	273.12	273.12
Hougas, Ward A.....	2*	2,604.00	353.74	591.39	1,314.02	1	2,760.00	840.46	635.72	1,214.92
Horn, William F.....	2	1,270.00	372.80	94.18	434.54	2	2,310.00	893.42	316.41	761.59
Hunker, E. Y.....	3	3,000.00	452.36	887.18	579.64	3	3,000.00	658.48	1,120.60	460.62
Harvey, Keith.....	3	1,325.50	353.99	242.09	719.95	3	2,376.00	840.62	593.67	1,377.18
Hough, A. Wayne.....	2	2,366.25	437.51	452.61	1,710.30	2	2,400.00	262.69	554.97	1,055.29
Huggett, Raymond.....						2		34.33	17.17	
Imrie, J. D.....	3	1,150.49	122.91	234.16	408.14	3	1,140.72	132		

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## GENERAL, LAND AND INHERITANCE, AND TEMPLE FUNDS

For the Years Ended December 31, 1954 and 1955

ACTIVE:	No. of Elders' Dependents	1954				No. of Elders' Dependents	1955			
		FAMILY ALLOWANCE		ELDERS' EXPENSE			FAMILY ALLOWANCE		ELDERS' EXPENSE	
		Regular	Medical Etc.	Personal & Medical	Travel & Official		Regular	Medical Etc.	Personal & Medical	Travel & Official
Kaleikau, David A., Jr.	1	1,982.00	314.68	318.94	1,066.11	2	2,100.00	570.15	337.27	1,128.35
Kelley, J. S.	1	2,400.00	52.96	803.55	1,356.44	1	2,508.00	813.40	908.70	1,229.63
Kemp, James N.	3	2,605.00	614.22	1,043.24	1,091.32	3	2,676.00	606.69	1,116.73	1,005.84
Koehler, J. A.	1	300.00	5.25	.40	19.70					
Kohlman, L. W.	6	3,600.00	679.56	940.29	1,606.69	6	3,605.00	595.63	991.97	1,167.12
Kornman, Charles				550.01	1,303.88				887.13	1,067.23
Koury, Aleah	4	2,879.00	510.93	568.94	1,367.41	4	2,760.75	653.67	659.80	1,256.84
Kyser, Donald L.	3	2,608.50	161.16	527.31	1,096.39	3	2,820.00	161.16	472.05	852.55
Kinart, Keith	4	1,790.00	749.98	251.05	523.64	5	3,000.00	616.75	358.74	970.64
Lancaster, Richard	1	1,209.00	235.49	751.26	336.80	2	2,292.00	496.47	1,430.89	1,060.96
Landon, Donald	2	2,217.00	767.81	367.26	1,292.26	2	2,367.00	626.84	569.62	1,345.67
Landsberg, L. E.	3	2,760.00	465.97	1,006.42	975.60	3	2,760.00	285.62	1,009.38	1,113.54
LaPointe, Myron F.	3	2,830.00	668.06	643.27	1,260.42	3	2,760.00	363.75	324.25	1,533.71
Lents, Donald V.	3	2,667.95	64.91	524.61	2,079.09	4	2,412.00	151.83	498.67	1,875.96
Lively, H. C.	4	3,120.00	96.85	1,370.94	600.60	4	3,240.00	122.02	1,203.70	798.73
Livingston, H. L.	5*	3,420.00	1,120.97	1,466.16	1,925.92	4*	3,420.00	1,184.42	1,564.18	1,578.00
Loren, John N.	3	2,600.00	767.16	855.29	803.11	3	1,050.00	212.58	289.84	291.36
Lynn, Herbert A.	1	1,824.00	10.00	787.63	962.21	1	1,866.00	34.00	461.85	885.45
McClain, W. Blair	3	2,736.00	278.35	938.38	1,441.42	3	2,736.00	401.03	1,031.93	1,276.50
McConley, M. A.	1	1,956.00	4.50	770.32	267.41	1	1,980.00	1,626.86	721.91	296.57
McDowell, F. M.	1	2,460.00	305.06	1,149.57	824.04	1	2,520.00	934.01	896.01	1,006.58
McMurray, William	3	2,520.00	466.60	255.63	882.48		649.20	92.70	706.61	706.61
Manuel, Ronald	3	2,640.00	266.38	766.01	792.42	3	2,640.00	161.30	857.08	903.38
May, J. Charles	1	2,220.00	23.00	319.52	474.05	1	2,220.00	1,656.60	339.04	478.46
Menzies, J. S.	3	2,628.00	317.42	522.39	898.57	3	2,652.00	399.93	315.01	856.78
Mesle, F. Carl, Jr.	4	3,120.00	151.19	873.55	953.07	4	3,240.00	219.75	929.48	879.65
Mesley, C. George	1	1,080.00	427.67	423.55	278.98					
Moore, Philip W.	4	2,605.00	449.37	826.38	965.68	4	2,736.00	428.42	828.40	1,089.91
Mair, Perry	3	2,150.00	685.35	502.94	562.35	3	2,772.00	928.93	859.26	904.61
Mundorff, C. R.						3	1,430.00	87.00	291.09	541.13
Neff, Charles D.	5	2,570.50	467.17	1,181.63	1,400.34	5	3,228.00	177.90	1,064.54	1,691.79
Njeim, George A.	3	2,617.00	815.00	717.37	1,058.02	3	2,592.00	1,307.84	614.71	1,229.72
Oakman, Arthur A.	2	2,160.00	703.42	1,137.63	2,799.30	2	2,640.00	1,136.91	1,047.00	2,924.98
Oliver, Lee	4	2,940.00	1,004.23	1,053.21	1,289.33	4	3,180.00	973.00	1,025.67	1,163.94
Olson, C. L.	3*	2,880.00	201.51	995.23	1,102.21	3*	2,880.00	294.10	1,105.69	981.17
Pearson, Russell W.						2	340.50	153.82	30.05	85.91
Packer, Athol	3	1,610.00	129.22	462.40	521.98	3	2,760.00	420.82	697.50	1,083.48
Patterson, William	3	3,000.00	219.54	541.21	1,217.05	3	3,000.00	695.91	673.72	1,323.44
Pelletier, Al M., Jr.	5	2,517.00	304.60	655.72	1,478.83	5	2,508.00	72.71	601.46	1,569.47
Pement, J. V.	4	3,000.00	633.51	1,059.14	1,143.05	4	3,140.00	343.89	862.15	1,400.30
Pfohl, Stanley	1	2,524.33	544.15	660.26	1,089.04		892.00	102.50	197.50	403.66
Phillips, James C.	4	2,646.00	848.09	1,035.09	1,018.19	4	2,712.00	863.95	803.45	1,127.04
Potter, Floyd	3	1,422.00	100.57	196.79	682.65	3	1,422.00	163.22	304.61	963.67
Pray, Jack A.	3	2,518.00	616.24	840.44	1,102.18	3	2,520.00	585.29	753.09	795.68
Puckett, John T.	3	2,365.00	652.68	432.67	1,698.20	3	2,520.00	276.22	629.18	1,564.25
Reid, Richard M.	1	1,990.00	552.16	396.98	982.87	2	2,280.00	395.01	553.05	1,115.39
Ralston, R. F.	4*	2,760.00	548.88	1,004.03	1,527.24	4*	3,048.00	661.51	916.65	1,642.09
Renfroe, James	3	2,328.00	539.37	321.11	1,205.07	3	2,476.00	127.60	315.23	1,093.93
Renfroe, Z. Z.	1	2,160.00	724.00	456.43	983.14	1	2,160.00	1,180.95	810.91	925.21
Robbins, Cecil V.	2	2,208.00	584.55	600.26	865.68	2	2,292.00	231.16	654.37	931.91
Rock, Arthur J.	3	2,820.00	270.14	1,393.16	1,055.34	3	2,760.00	334.59	1,121.63	1,265.41
Rowe, Eric S.	4	1,209.60		549.72	1,383.53	4	1,209.60		229.30	861.15
Ruch, V. D.	1	2,316.00	380.40	566.88	637.64	1	2,580.00	1,310.45	355.56	712.48
Russell, R. M.	4	3,420.00	867.62	1,161.66	969.09	4	3,420.00	558.80	1,196.22	1,035.46
Saxton, Clinton	3	2,797.50	827.77	840.89	1,732.79	3	2,760.00	708.66	931.27	1,851.45
Scherer, Albert	4	3,120.00	218.34	960.17	887.94	4	3,300.00	163.08	1,093.10	983.52
Scott, Herbert M.	3	2,595.50	1,136.41	2,693.63	971.13	3	2,566.00	873.17	1,282.19	766.20
Seeley, Robert M.						5	1,582.00	413.43	339.23	587.95
Sheehy, Almer W.	4	2,504.50	743.18	697.43	841.29	4	2,472.00	327.27	934.67	999.02
Sheehy, Howard	2	2,630.00	823.00	868.28	1,082.60	2	2,580.00	1,353.51	1,040.93	1,228.88
Simmons, Wayne E.	4	2,795.00	366.70	582.69	1,195.26	4	2,760.00	409.70	512.11	1,161.66
Simons, Harry J.	3	2,520.00	220.80	911.01	1,158.89	3	2,520.00	434.26	943.69	730.33
Smith, Delbert	4	2,175.00	502.98	364.42	937.57	4	2,160.00	425.50	489.06	1,225.54
Smith, E. Elwood	3	2,760.00	792.17	995.56	895.33	3	2,760.00	704.72	865.29	960.55
Smith, Elbert A.	1	1,680.00	205.93	492.01	495.99		1,680.00	1,608.97	840.06	243.62
Smith, G. Wayne	4	2,765.26	944.72	1,008.93	1,127.56	4	2,976.00	1,154.84	836.56	1,469.15
Smith, Glaude A.	1	1,554.60	35.00	1,347.74	661.15	1	1,503.20	1,320.42	1,430.25	761.89
Smith, Israel A.		2,110.00	372.15	1,025.53	1,192.80		2,160.00	1,205.00	1,112.66	1,038.50
Smith, W. Wallace	1	2,760.00	735.81	814.84	1,441.09	1	2,880.00	1,006.01	941.83	2,181.89
Sorensen, V.	4	2,421.75	22.50	254.15	833.84	4	2,889.28	554.24	508.29	965.26
Stoff, A. E.	1	2,028.00	68.50	617.43	323.73	1	2,028.00	1,814.48	601.00	497.35
Stuart, J. C.	3	2,724.00	627.12	1,534.14	734.33	3	2,724.00	618.35	1,545.53	913.45
Stuve, Oscar	3	1,847.04		166.58	988.08	3	1,962.72	688.25	512.28	1,177.99
Smith, Lynn E.	3	2,760.00	518.76	1,164.47	655.05	4	2,760.00	615.29	1,268.98	394.84

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ACTIVE:	1954				1955					
	FAMILY ALLOWANCE		ELDERS' EXPENSE		FAMILY ALLOWANCE		ELDERS' EXPENSE			
	No. of Elders' Dependents	Regular	Medical Etc.	Personal & Medical	Travel & Official	No. of Elders' Dependents	Regular	Medical Etc.	Personal & Medical	Travel & Official
Spencer, G. F.	1	636.37	39.50	119.63	218.22	1	1,269.00	104.79	120.74	419.00
Tacy, Lester I.						6		116.00	37.75	30.21
Theys, E. A.	3	2,820.00	509.46	1,440.65	846.35	3	3,000.00	1,028.94	1,035.28	1,161.57
Tickemyer, G. E.	3	3,000.00	325.80	1,038.30	1,576.48	3	3,000.00	294.55	994.22	1,393.13
Trapp, A. T.									28.15	28.15
Troyer, Luther S.	3	2,977.50	884.91	666.44	1,408.87	3	2,820.00	1,038.54	559.94	1,611.37
Turner, Robert V.	2	2,112.16	499.44	741.85	948.64	2	2,064.00	188.50	760.73	1,029.04
Tyree, Alan	2	2,286.50	19.69	519.14	535.85	2	3,082.16	15.41	540.58	664.67
Taylor, Robert E.	2	1,430.50	241.93	300.23	662.92	2	2,382.00	762.30	743.74	1,024.25
Updike, L. Wayne	3	2,835.00	660.80	1,189.02	1,380.01	3	2,820.00	800.06	1,482.56	1,409.68
Urban, Alfred	1	1,440.00		50.58	87.39	3	1,200.00	158.70	165.45	308.73
Velt, H. I.	2	2,820.00	136.55	605.52	740.43	2	2,820.00	871.06	537.99	703.36
Vest, Elwin R.	3	2,760.00	449.55	758.08	1,767.29	3	2,844.00	945.92	635.23	1,588.21
Wakeman, Robert I.	6	3,663.25	603.68	667.65	999.52	6	3,541.80	922.65	844.19	1,171.90
Webb, R. LaVern	3	2,268.00	322.77	884.73	1,200.29	3	2,428.00	298.45	613.76	1,600.74
Weddle, F. S.	2	3,120.00	509.35	1,671.73	1,496.02	2	3,120.00	657.27	1,561.78	1,639.90
Weldon, Clair	2	2,453.00	632.57	909.80	1,130.61	2	2,508.00	520.32	756.40	1,121.10
Whalley, Peter S.	1	1,140.00		175.39	287.21	1	2,400.00	1,544.99	343.30	58.28
Whipple, John	3	1,452.50	315.19	317.22	315.54	3	2,700.00	895.66	1,266.67	722.35
Wight, John G.	3	2,484.00	397.07	632.41	1,541.03	3	2,808.00	483.60	879.37	1,652.40
Williams, D. J.	1	600.00		223.33	277.97	1	1,800.00	2,028.15	601.09	114.44
Williams, D. T.	1	1,980.00	294.68	470.74	915.93	1	2,256.00	1,338.82	565.74	1,155.88
Williams, William E.	3	2,635.00	203.78	661.75	1,027.03	3	2,688.00	415.99	823.20	891.61
Witte, Victor, J.	3	2,820.00	465.04	813.14	2,758.00	3	2,880.00	243.86	596.49	2,708.82
Woodstock, Lyle	3	3,338.68	856.52	916.59	1,184.59	3	3,420.00	657.68	909.47	1,239.20
Worth, L. E.	4	1,795.35		287.98	700.34	4	1,908.00	19.00	265.29	988.41
Yager, J. H.	2	2,177.50	248.96	226.91	927.72	2	2,340.00	2,072.98	240.45	985.46
Yale, Alfred	3	2,988.00	1,006.58	821.20	1,182.03	3	2,956.00	1,219.04	730.30	1,116.26
Zonker, Louis	4	3,000.00	42.00	522.65	2,199.80	4	2,980.00		528.92	2,212.98
<b>SUB TOTALS</b>		<u>\$445,296.83</u>	<u>\$87,369.73</u>	<u>\$146,437.86</u>	<u>\$203,356.34</u>		<u>\$488,269.28</u>	<u>\$125,533.96</u>	<u>\$155,187.12</u>	<u>\$210,726.27</u>
Moving Exp. Paid in Behalf of Ministers Transferred to New Assignments			32,816.41					18,759.42		
Depreciation Exp. of Church-owned Automobiles					39,926.16					70,263.55
Liability Ins. on Automobiles					12,742.46					14,832.20
<b>TOTALS</b>		<u>\$445,296.83</u>	<u>\$120,186.14</u>	<u>\$146,437.86</u>	<u>\$256,024.96</u>		<u>\$488,269.28</u>	<u>\$144,293.38</u>	<u>\$155,187.12</u>	<u>\$295,822.02</u>

## INACTIVE

NAME	1954		1955	
	Regular Allowance	Family Extra Family and Medical, Etc.	Regular Allowance	Family Extra Family and Medical, Etc.
Anderson, Mrs. P. T.	\$ 840.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 840.00	\$ 136.72
Arber, Mrs. Ethel	1,197.00	129.64	1,440.00	20.94
Bailey, J. W. A. and Anna B.	1,620.00	1,313.63	1,620.00	1,057.03
Baker, A. M.	1,200.00		50.00	2,031.41
Baldwin, Richard	805.00	586.64		173.65
Barmore, Mrs. A. C.	357.75	6.18	378.00	16.39
Bishop, Emily A.	1,620.00		1,620.00	
Burgess, Mrs. S. A.	1,680.00	294.13	1,920.00	326.96
Burton, Mrs. P. R.	722.00	683.50		
Carmichael, Albert	1,500.00	111.90	1,500.00	87.74
Carpenter, Blanche	1,440.00	150.93	1,440.00	123.74
Case, Hubert and Alice	1,224.00	1,040.69	1,299.00	2,052.87
Cook, M. H.	797.50	232.68	65.00	2,515.88
Corbett, A. J.	84.26		72.96	19.12
Curtis, J. F. and Orpha	1,500.00	194.15		
Daniel, Mrs. G. Scott	480.00		480.00	
Davies, Mrs. E. H.	189.00		207.00	56.25
Davis, Mrs. E. R.	1,140.00	136.05	1,200.00	66.25
Davis, J. Arthur	1,260.00	373.49	1,064.44	5,966.31
Dutton, J. O. and Myrtle	1,056.00	80.68	1,056.00	
Ellis, Mrs. Clyde F.	1,500.00		1,500.00	
Fligg, W. I. and Alice	1,080.00		1,080.00	
Fry, Charles and Emily	1,260.00	583.80	1,260.00	402.44
Gamet, Pearl	1,080.00		1,200.00	
Garver, Mrs. J. F.	1,162.50	116.54	1,320.00	149.80
Gillen, Mrs. James A.		543.86		
Griffiths, Catherine E.	900.00	65.99	900.00	3.00
Haden, Mrs. W. E.	1,301.99		1,302.00	7.00
Harper, C. E. and Althera J.	1,056.00	41.75	1,032.00	72.43
Hawn, Mrs. O. J.	780.00	16.72	780.00	
Higdon, Amos T. and Vinnie	1,440.00	215.77	1,440.00	179.18

INACTIVE

NAME	1954		1955	
	Regular Allowance	Family and Extra Medical, Etc.	Regular Allowance	Family and Extra Medical, Etc.
Holloway, L. G. and Flora	1,800.00	32.50	1,920.00	
Houghton, Mrs. Leonard	900.00	51.00	1,020.00	
Hull, E. B. and Josephine	1,320.00	685.10	1,500.00	482.41
Haworth, W. J.	202.50	168.86		
Jones, Mrs. H. I.		46.06	357.00	443.84
Jenkins, Hannah	240.00	250.00		
Kelley, Mrs. J. E.	900.00		900.00	
Kelley, Mrs. W. H.	660.00	114.15	660.00	25.00
Krahl, Mrs. D. J.		1,452.23		1,424.24
Koehler, J. A. and Edith	900.00	104.07	1,200.00	195.35
Lewis, Mrs. George C.	1,800.00	75.25	2,100.00	565.04
Loving, Albert L. and Hilda	1,200.00		1,200.00	
Macrae, W. S.	1,080.00	326.77	1,120.00	500.56
Miller, C. Ed and Anna B.	1,620.00	117.53	1,620.00	93.94
Muceus, Mrs. Peter	816.00		816.00	
Mussell, F. T.	1,020.00	17.40	777.00	400.00
McConaughy, J. C.	622.13	673.00		1,433.89
McGuire, Fannie E.	1,200.00		1,200.00	
McDonald, Mrs. Frank	1,757.00		1,680.00	
Okerlind, Mrs. O. W.	1,140.00		332.50	546.73
Peisker, Mrs. E. A. H.	351.00		351.00	
Peterson, Mrs. J. W.	1,320.00	60.99	1,341.60	1.63
Phillips, A. B. and Josie	960.00	271.10	960.00	436.44
Pycock, Mr. and Mrs. James	1,500.00		1,560.00	110.00
Quick, Mr. and Mrs. Lee	960.00	78.64	960.00	67.89
Robinson, Mrs. A. V.	303.75		135.00	
Rushton, Mrs. John W.	1,500.00	735.46	1,375.00	197.56
Sawley, Mrs. F. L.	660.00		660.00	
Scott, Mrs. S. W. L.	600.00		600.00	23.00
Sheehy, Mrs. J. T.	1,800.00	437.90	1,725.00	803.99
Silvers, Mrs. A. C.	840.00	1,048.08	840.00	1,015.40
Skinner, C. A.		485.85		119.75
Slover, Mrs. F. M.	630.00		630.00	
Smith, F. A. and M. Esther	1,860.00	2,469.82	1,020.00	9.50
Smith, Mrs. S. S.	1,020.00	293.83	1,020.00	72.10
Sorden, Mrs. D. B.	2,100.00	159.37	456.37	2,417.37
Sparling, Mrs. William	225.00	150.00		
Stebbins, Mrs. H. A.	325.00		600.00	
Thorburn, Mrs. G. W.	630.00	93.65	630.00	49.32
Vanderwood, Bertha	1,200.00		1,200.00	
Vaughan, W. J.	459.00	7.87	459.00	143.32
Wells, Gomer R. and Adelaide M.	1,368.00	159.70	1,368.00	508.54
Whiting, Birch and Abbie A.	1,380.00	254.63	1,380.00	187.02
Wildermuth, L. O.	900.00	42.75	900.00	43.10
Woodstock, Mrs. C. B.	840.00	181.05	840.00	279.26
Whalley, Peter S. and Mary	1,200.00	353.95		
Williams, D. J. and Clara R.	1,297.50	40.00		
TOTAL	\$ 77,679.88	\$ 18,375.28	\$ 67,479.87	\$ 28,061.30

Schedule 3

Statement of Tithes and Offerings (Excluding Bequests, Surplus, and Oblation)

STAKE OR DISTRICT	Enroll-ment Dec. 31, 1954	Total	Tithes	Offering	(Memo) Christmas Offering	(Memo) Bequests	(Memo) Oblation
General Church							\$ 318.42
General Conference							5,269.65
Center Stake of Zion	10,243	\$ 250,512.01	\$ 246,417.05	\$ 4,094.96	\$ 394.81	\$ 4,711.43	\$ 13,044.85
Far West Stake	3,110	46,903.75	46,574.05	329.70	89.54		3,408.53
Central Missouri Stake	2,889	36,937.73	36,653.56	284.17	173.34		3,728.04
Kansas City Stake	4,299	69,551.82	68,608.31	943.51	70.00		4,049.46
Lamoni Stake	2,347	32,683.65	32,343.98	339.67	116.04		3,257.59
Alabama	859	9,598.31	9,564.71	33.60	55.04		574.82
Mobile	1,561	15,987.29	15,882.62	104.67	219.94		1,794.85
Arizona	758						
Arkansas and Louisiana	1,844	8,319.42	8,229.42	90.00	78.10		1,120.97
Los Angeles Stake	3,717	49,467.69	48,771.12	696.57	244.56		3,461.16
California, Northern	3,846	50,019.58	49,576.76	442.82	404.06		4,684.34
California, Southern	2,019	34,103.82	33,740.50	363.32	582.44	500.00	2,524.49
Colorado, Eastern	2,840	33,753.09	33,172.39	580.70	599.61	23,265.52	3,182.51
Colorado, Western	358	5,006.23	4,968.78	37.45	3.87		379.92
Lower Florida—Included in Unorg. U.S.		12,994.42	12,846.09	148.33	178.23		968.68
Pensacola	1,549	11,276.41	11,262.41	14.00	56.99		881.80
Idaho	833	6,447.23	6,383.19	64.04	445.61		776.96
Illinois, Central	1,026	9,234.63	8,869.92	364.71	166.16		1,176.95
Nauvoo	829	14,285.84	14,192.68	93.16	518.25		1,086.60

## Statement of Tithes and Offerings (Excluding Bequests, Surplus, and Oblation)

STAKE OR DISTRICT	Enroll- ment Dec. 31, 1954	Total	Tithes	Offering	(Memo) Christmas Offering	(Memo) Bequests	(Memo) Oblation
Illinois, Northeastern	818	16,296.33	16,196.93	99.40	652.78		1,124.12
Rock Island	2,334	31,004.03	30,779.93	224.10	980.08		2,206.34
Illinois, Southeastern	1,453	16,900.89	16,850.05	50.84	411.41		1,294.33
Chicago	1,166	16,743.89	16,481.59	262.30	778.75		1,290.83
Indiana, Northern	1,040	10,783.41	10,724.40	59.01	234.90		963.15
Indiana, Southern	1,167	12,549.50	12,486.65	62.85	239.32		1,138.94
Des Moines	2,427	37,860.61	37,593.83	266.78	232.83		2,801.19
Iowa, Northwestern	2,282	22,405.91	22,128.37	277.54	1,145.14		2,062.39
Iowa, Southwestern	2,173	25,488.82	25,198.69	290.13	553.87		1,453.43
Kansas	1,391	17,995.00	17,948.72	46.28	147.13		1,576.81
Kaw Valley	799	10,100.14	9,956.66	143.48	41.79		744.00
Kentucky and Tennessee	1,148	9,611.53	9,607.53	4.00	35.61		713.94
Maine	1,244	6,668.55	6,534.75	133.80	637.69		1,220.46
Washington, D.C.	693	13,568.16	13,423.27	144.89	282.16		1,265.36
New England, Southern	1,120	15,569.83	15,511.03	58.80	294.64		1,646.40
Michigan, South Central	1,718	15,818.48	15,562.75	255.73	381.20		1,540.82
Michigan, Central	1,405	9,682.24	9,659.99	22.25	319.74		1,615.81
Detroit International Stake	4,291	78,638.52	77,930.37	708.15	697.17		7,583.57
Michigan, Eastern	1,211	17,525.50	17,488.17	37.33	314.60		1,588.16
Michigan, Northern	1,415	9,549.80	9,438.73	111.07	222.71		1,066.94
Michigan, Upper Peninsula	515	3,874.05	3,852.20	21.85	618.15		563.13
Michigan, Southern	2,174	25,261.57	25,096.89	164.68	121.33		1,903.93
Flint—Port Huron	2,471	25,989.06	25,908.00	81.06	29.41		2,337.66
Minnesota	1,086	9,595.94	9,334.59	261.35	290.20		728.46
Missouri Missionary Area	634	5,176.82	4,949.63	227.19	21.00		659.09
Rich Hill	1,295	14,909.89	14,855.00	54.89	250.76		1,598.13
St. Louis	1,761	17,066.40	16,983.04	83.36	1,272.40		1,668.17
Missouri, Southern	403	2,860.17	2,860.17		30.86		1,670.37
Spring River	2,921	32,475.03	32,219.61	255.42	494.00		3,527.93
Montana, Northern Plains (Eastern)	362	3,863.62	3,844.59	19.03	231.57		341.88
Montana, Western	607	8,398.64	8,363.31	35.33	273.25		646.48
Nebraska	679	5,249.30	5,215.19	34.11	53.71		590.71
Nebraska, Eastern	1,890	18,712.23	18,378.01	334.22	359.53		1,279.69
New York	600	10,788.15	10,763.30	24.85	458.49		1,039.36
New York Metropolitan	499	6,929.07	6,854.46	74.61	279.39		548.94
Red River, North Dakota	478	3,489.08	3,467.95	21.13	438.44	43.01	450.53
Columbus	1,119	18,037.78	17,497.65	540.13	419.57		1,361.20
Kirtland	2,049	32,689.77	32,282.46	407.31	568.93		2,237.13
Ohio, Northwestern	818	10,247.64	10,215.90	31.74	78.50		834.89
Ohio, Southern	1,889	18,143.40	17,975.19	168.21	351.86		1,799.17
Youngstown	609	6,089.11	6,018.71	70.40	407.40		647.37
Oklahoma City	1,131	21,816.94	21,743.67	73.27	241.74		1,292.47
Oklahoma, Tulsa	1,748	19,548.45	19,519.99	28.46	39.26		1,429.54
Oklahoma, Western	579	4,267.74	4,160.54	107.20	234.06		711.03
N. W. Oregon and S. W. Washington	1,929	18,248.73	18,211.08	37.65	238.40		1,948.63
Southern Oregon	606	4,135.67	4,135.67		33.54		692.66
Philadelphia Metropolitan	828	10,637.99	10,608.20	29.79	242.93		1,334.69
Pittsburgh	737	9,208.95	9,141.70	67.25	103.05		1,049.79
Scranton	473	4,705.17	4,665.67	39.50	149.73		709.45
Texas, Central	1,494	13,697.06	13,581.55	115.51	215.49		1,422.12
Texas, Southwest	917	13,544.20	13,475.27	68.93	102.59		922.55
Western Texas	429	4,599.03	4,581.83	17.20	66.05		632.57
Utah	492	4,475.26	4,445.51	29.75	119.54		513.46
Seattle	2,152	21,155.72	20,945.32	210.40	306.07		1,978.35
Spokane	1,194	12,618.78	12,549.66	69.12	251.38		1,380.87
West Virginia	1,275	7,642.44	7,562.44	80.00	408.58		1,320.88
Wisconsin	1,225	14,135.33	14,080.45	54.88	125.95		1,394.14
Unorganized, Domestic	3,153	13,000.34	11,980.71	1,019.63	201.65	626.76	1,377.19
Unorganized, Canada	1,142	7,869.06	7,790.25	78.81	90.94	200.25	661.97
Unorganized, Arizona	758	8,265.33	8,222.54	42.79	65.59		622.79
Unorganized, Foreign	54	1,217.96	1,210.96	7.00	3.00		
Alberta	840	10,166.73	10,116.73	50.00	185.86		561.32
British Columbia	834	6,725.02	6,636.73	88.29	139.62		701.98
Chatham	1,224	10,668.80	10,645.05	23.75	199.42		1,249.61
London	1,318	15,920.92	15,733.44	187.48	366.09		1,436.02
Owen Sound	1,135	15,086.79	14,934.89	151.90	459.65		1,755.09
Toronto	1,862	23,732.61	22,941.76	790.85	1,061.42		2,267.75
Saskatchewan	870	7,057.81	6,999.56	58.25	177.16	120.00	700.23
Australia	3,706	26,347.51	26,129.69	217.82	59.58		1,982.67
British Isles	1,510	4,111.79	3,987.36	124.43	120.75	1,626.36	646.88
Hawaii	923	7,496.57	7,310.63	185.94	122.94		767.18
Holland	389	448.53	448.53				92.36
Scandinavia	67	198.76	155.01	43.75			34.65
French Oceania	2,273	5,538.19	4,503.14	1,035.05			499.11
Germany	1,403						
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$1,719,980.96</b>	<b>\$1,699,651.33</b>	<b>\$20,329.63</b>	<b>\$26,180.89</b>	<b>\$31,093.33</b>	<b>\$151,112.07</b>

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## STATEMENT OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

STAKE OR DISTRICT	Enroll- ment Dec. 31, 1955	Total	Tithes	Offering	(Memo) Christ- mas Offering	(Memo) Bequests	(Memo) Oblation
Center Stake of Zion.....	10,395	\$ 271,501.14	\$ 267,477.80	\$ 4,023.34	\$ 512.91	\$24,344.85	\$ 29,330.73
Far West Stake.....	3,123	40,251.07	39,998.62	252.45	81.71		3,993.42
Central Missouri Stake.....	2,893	44,510.92	41,860.70	2,650.22	136.00		4,851.38
Kansas City Stake.....	4,354	73,789.45	72,790.23	999.22	34.36		5,839.72
Lamoni Stake.....	2,413	31,585.83	31,274.22	311.61	112.27		3,747.64
Alabama.....	850	8,918.88	8,908.88	10.00	37.00		701.88
Mobile.....	1,640	17,789.19	17,736.38	52.81	226.43		2,224.67
Arkansas and Louisiana.....	1,743	10,623.90	10,603.90	20.00	120.48		1,182.51
Metropolitan Los Angeles Stake.....	3,914	45,008.49	44,331.98	676.51	317.73		4,776.44
California, Northern.....	3,192	43,726.83	43,299.24	427.59	299.02		4,587.49
California, Southern.....	1,968	28,531.02	28,239.27	291.75	563.01		2,910.64
California, Central.....	963	9,881.58	9,816.44	65.14	58.95		1,387.24
Colorado, Eastern.....	2,925	33,813.07	33,183.02	630.05	595.20	1.00	4,433.39
Colorado, Western.....	395	4,048.89	3,993.84	55.05	18.94		475.52
Lower Florida.....	152	12,243.81	12,124.10	119.71	145.30		1,256.06
Pensacola.....	1,586	11,096.52	11,061.47	35.05	30.11		1,078.63
Idaho.....	803	7,934.17	7,903.34	30.83	363.64		879.05
Illinois, Central.....	962	7,622.03	7,526.42	95.61	102.66		1,275.35
Nauvoo.....	811	29,355.35	29,282.89	72.46	487.15		1,227.60
Illinois, Northeastern.....	844	14,209.44	14,131.67	77.77	579.15		1,241.86
Rock Island.....	2,393	25,648.33	25,437.54	210.79	1,094.92		2,824.95
Illinois, Southeastern.....	1,473	15,681.58	15,667.79	13.79	330.67		1,538.04
Chicago.....	1,227	20,558.99	20,274.61	284.38	582.95		1,721.39
Indiana, Northern.....	1,119	13,614.05	13,535.08	78.97	241.98		1,242.96
Indiana, Southern.....	1,177	11,577.51	11,509.62	67.89	142.77		1,436.93
Des Moines.....	2,442	35,681.70	35,523.83	157.87	198.94		3,639.33
Iowa, Northwestern.....	2,295	22,543.53	22,298.77	244.76	955.33	5,000.00	2,403.54
Iowa, Southwestern.....	2,127	21,605.95	21,063.89	542.06	429.84		2,351.43
Kansas.....	1,485	23,044.90	22,941.27	103.63	121.27		1,842.20
Kaw Valley.....	804	8,157.85	8,097.20	60.65	17.26		1,110.62
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	1,100	9,194.64	9,172.09	22.55	23.07		919.63
Maine.....	1,242	6,506.95	6,381.86	125.09	643.72		1,307.93
Washington, D.C.....	728	15,350.00	15,122.67	227.33	344.26		1,558.97
New England, Southern.....	1,132	16,121.56	16,027.97	93.59	264.56	2,140.58	1,760.57
Michigan, Central.....	1,424	11,357.12	11,344.02	13.10	238.72		1,777.05
Detroit International Stake.....	4,308	89,347.25	88,626.17	721.08	655.59	4,161.19	9,261.45
Michigan, Eastern.....	1,221	16,040.26	16,025.76	14.50	247.54	250.00	1,807.11
Michigan, Northern.....	1,392	11,217.91	11,076.42	141.49	142.59		1,108.49
Michigan, Southern.....	2,229	30,952.32	30,742.33	210.99	149.60		2,356.73
Michigan, Upper Peninsula.....	497	4,676.17	4,672.17	4.00	255.38		549.93
Flint—Port Huron.....	2,566	33,471.50	33,309.54	161.96	64.37		2,893.91
Michigan, South Central.....	1,740	18,263.49	18,173.54	89.95	305.29		2,016.07
Minnesota.....	1,149	12,957.21	12,756.92	200.29	341.69		974.93
Missouri Missionary Area.....	672	4,875.48	4,843.09	32.39	22.77		789.02
Rich Hill.....	1,182	14,691.18	14,594.61	96.57	16.72		1,633.67
St. Louis.....	1,777	21,283.45	20,959.90	323.55	1,030.64		2,184.49
Missouri, Southern.....	404	2,583.41	2,571.56	11.85	21.11		561.09
Springfield.....	826	7,740.82	7,639.77	101.05	155.58		1,340.01
Spring River.....	1,950	26,781.23	26,678.55	102.68	406.13		2,811.39
Montana, Northern Plains (Eastern).....	350	3,157.81	3,143.00	14.81	128.21	6,750.00	332.30
Montana, Western.....	651	9,179.68	9,101.96	95.72	231.76		747.63
Nebraska.....	660	6,867.72	6,805.14	62.58	47.76		633.18
Eastern Nebraska.....	1,924	22,942.45	22,729.03	213.42	437.49		1,753.19
New York.....	618	11,811.96	11,712.01	99.95	616.96		1,158.64
New York Metropolitan.....	545	7,473.88	7,347.32	126.56	273.07		766.71
Red River.....	447	5,488.52	5,473.03	15.49	221.87		467.47
Columbus.....	1,152	16,701.42	16,255.86	445.56	389.80		1,644.69
Kirtland.....	2,103	35,510.84	34,774.89	735.95	430.13		3,144.20
Ohio, Northwestern.....	862	13,449.77	13,400.47	49.30	3.92		1,147.50
Ohio, Southern.....	1,910	18,727.32	18,497.32	230.00	406.40		2,256.24
Youngstown.....	613	5,770.39	5,692.04	78.35	548.19		785.69
Oklahoma City.....	1,153	23,371.92	23,238.49	133.43	159.58		1,439.09
Oklahoma, Tulsa.....	1,797	23,701.72	23,661.61	40.11	31.46		1,584.88
Oklahoma, Western.....	579	3,590.30	3,508.80	81.50	239.58		688.77
Philadelphia Metropolitan.....	824	10,876.34	10,640.19	236.15	193.95		1,736.50
Pittsburgh.....	733	11,675.34	11,604.61	70.73	78.42		1,052.51
Scranton.....	488	5,183.71	5,149.81	33.90	138.39		772.52
Texas, Central.....	1,534	27,138.59	27,023.69	114.90	277.58		1,992.13
N. W. Oregon and S. W. Washington.....	1,981	16,566.34	16,516.01	50.33	270.54		2,283.41
Southern Oregon.....	651	5,950.80	5,935.80	15.00	15.05		852.10
Texas, Southwestern.....	955	13,642.69	13,583.53	59.16	95.61	116.44	1,236.84
Texas, Western.....	536	6,671.97	6,638.82	33.15	56.91		834.99
Utah.....	517	4,468.70	4,466.78	1.92	76.84		555.37
Seattle.....	2,135	24,601.02	24,217.70	383.32	233.68		2,541.51

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STATEMENT OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

STAKE OR DISTRICT	Enroll-ment	Total	Tithes	Offering	(Memo)	(Memo)	(Memo)
	Dec. 31, 1955				Christmas Offering	Bequests	Oblation
Spokane.....	1,286	12,441.01	12,420.51	20.50	235.89		1,846.73
West Virginia.....	1,298	9,560.83	9,484.35	76.48	263.42		1,229.76
Wisconsin.....	1,260	15,381.85	15,247.70	134.15	124.90		1,468.96
Unorganized, Domestic.....	3,004	17,998.60	17,931.60	67.00	121.53		1,780.24
Unorganized, Arizona.....	783	9,042.27	9,016.24	26.03	76.77		935.49
Unorganized, Canada.....	1,109	5,718.50	5,707.49	11.01	59.42		650.61
Unorganized, Foreign.....	158	103.50	94.50	9.00	3.00		25.20
Alberta.....	850	8,171.37	8,119.37	52.00	81.21		639.56
British Columbia.....	858	26,317.23	26,231.05	86.18	140.33		834.82
Chatham.....	1,257	14,044.84	14,000.34	44.50	241.51		5,267.15
London.....	1,328	15,160.39	14,998.81	161.58	219.24		1,389.80
Owen Sound.....	1,130	15,818.47	15,788.86	29.61	319.11		1,967.94
Toronto.....	2,000	24,980.41	24,845.06	135.35	920.44		2,700.78
Saskatchewan.....	878	7,948.51	7,821.55	126.96	175.00	120.00	706.42
Australia.....	3,737	32,521.53	32,302.50	219.03	59.89		2,294.14
British Isles.....	1,551	4,333.34	4,192.15	141.19	119.01		844.49
Hawaii.....	983	8,916.22	8,794.19	122.03	92.94		1,298.75
Holland.....	396	569.67	569.67				154.07
Scandinavia.....	67	1,160.01	1,145.01	15.00			80.99
French Oceania.....	2,253	5,528.22	4,150.80	1,377.42	46.22		445.38
Germany.....	1,404	4,410.66	2,339.34	2,071.32			59.55
<b>TOTALS.....</b>		<b>\$1,872,634.55</b>	<b>\$1,848,930.95</b>	<b>\$23,703.60</b>	<b>\$23,170.26</b>	<b>\$42,884.06</b>	<b>\$194,153.94</b>

Report of the Radio Department

To the First Presidency and General Conference:

The use of radio has continued to expand during the past two years as an important agency in spreading the teachings of Christ and in advancing the purposes of the church. This growth is reflected in the serving of approximately double the number of radio stations with our recorded devotional programs as in the previous Conference period of 1952-54; in the greatly enlarged plan of distribution for the annual *Messiah* broadcast by the Independence Messiah Choir; and in many other services to branches, individuals, and other church departments.

STATUS OF BROADCAST SERVICE

PROGRAM RESOURCES

Our library of recorded devotional programs continues to increase with the weekly recording of the "Hear Ye Him" series. This series is used locally on KMBC of Kansas City and its associate station, KFRM, near Concordia, Kansas. More than ninety programs of this series have been revised for broadcast on stations throughout the country, with others being added each week.

During the inter-Conference period, a fifth series (thirteen programs) of doctrinal sermons has been completed, as well as the recording of four additional series. Radio Minister Evan A. Fry prepared and recorded the sermons for two Book of Mormon series, while the other series include "Challenges of the Restora-

tion" by Cecil R. Ettinger; "The Church and You" by Herbert M. Scott; and "Family Life" by Floyd M. McDowell. The total number of programs now available for broadcast is approximately 450, with 52 of these being a half-hour, and the balance a quarter-hour in length. Sermon scripts are available for all of these programs, to fill listener-requests.

In supplying programs to the stations on our current list, tapes are freshly recorded from master tapes and mailed well in advance of their broadcast date.

PROGRAMS ON THE AIR

During the past inter-Conference period the following radio stations have been served with devotional programs prepared in the Auditorium studios: (Stations marked \* have a weekly or bi-weekly series in progress February 15, 1956; stations marked \*\* broadcast programs at irregular intervals. Broadcasts have now been discontinued on the other stations named.)

Stations Served, 1954-1955

Alabama	WATM—Atmore*
	WKRG—Mobile*
Arkansas	KNEA—Jonesboro*
	KWCB—Searcy
California	KWSO—Wasco*
Colorado	KIUP—Durango*
	KCOL—Fort Collins
	KUBC—Montrose*
Connecticut	WNLK—Norwalk*
Florida	WEBY—Milton
	WLOF—Orlando*
Idaho	KSPT—Sandpoint*
Indiana	WOWO—Fort Wayne
Illinois	WRMN—Elgin*
	WJPF—Herrin*
	WQUA—Moline*
	WMIX—Mt. Vernon*

Iowa	KWBG—Boone
	KXGI—Fort Madison*
	KOKX—Keokuk**
	KBIZ—Ottumwa
Kansas	KFRM—Concordia*
	KIND—Independence
Massachusetts	KPLM—Plymouth**
Michigan	WLEW—Bad Axe*
	WATC—Gaylord
	WHGR—Houghton Lake*
	WKMI—Kalamazoo
Minnesota	KDLM—Detroit Lakes*
Missouri	KFAL—Fulton*
	KMBC—Kansas City*
	KBOA—Kennett
	KMMO—Marshall**
Montana	KGCX—Sidney
Nebraska	KCSR—Chadron
	KRGI—Grand Island
New Mexico	KCLV—Clovis*
New York	WWHG—Hornell*
North Dakota	KSJB—Jamestown
	KOVC—Valley City*
Ohio	WICA—Ashtabula
	WAND—Canton
Oklahoma	WMON—Bartlesville*
	KGLC—Miami
	KLCO—Poteau
	KWSH—Seminole
	KVIN—Vinita
	KSIW—Woodward**
Oregon	KSRV—Ontario
Pennsylvania	WHLM—Bloomsburg*
	WESA—Charleroi*
	WCED—DuBois*
	WIBG—Philadelphia
Tennessee	WHBQ—Memphis
Texas	KMLW—Marlin
	KRGV—Weslaco**
Washington	KWIE—Kennewick*
	KAYE—Puyallup
	KGA—Spokane*
	KHFS—Vancouver*
Wisconsin	WRCO—Richland Center*

The Radio Department has also given assistance in the planning of locally produced programs in a number of other cities.

## IMPROVED PRODUCTION FACILITIES

Mention should be made of a number of new equipment and studio facilities which have been provided during the inter-Conference period. Conference delegates and visitors may see the newly finished music room on the second level, south. This room will provide a much improved rehearsal room for orchestra, chorus, and band, and will also give us for the first time a studio in which we may make a satisfactory microphone pick-up. This condition results from the specially planned finish treatment of walls, ceiling, and other parts of the room. Installed in this room is a most adequate pipe organ, built by N. Fred Cool according to specifications based on the needs of this particular room. It is expected that the Radio Choir and other musical groups may be much more satisfactorily recorded in this new studio.

To provide the necessary recording facilities for the control room of this studio a new Ampex Model 350 professional tape recorder has been added to our equipment, assuring the best possible transcription results. Another Ampex special tape recorder unit has been installed in the main control room which, with our other equipment, makes possible the production of full-track tape duplicates for playback at 3¾, 7½, or 15 inches per second from our master tapes. For "remote" recording of broadcast quality and for situations in which a portable recorder is required, a professional portable tape recorder is now on order.

To further improve our operation, several old Model 639 microphones have been replaced with the latest type Altec broadcast models.

These improvements are of major importance. From this standpoint the Radio Department is prepared to give increased and improved service in the future.

## MESSIAH BROADCASTS

The annual broadcast of Handel's *Messiah* has been by far the largest single undertaking of the Radio Department. Through the years, the Independence Messiah Choir has become one of the foremost among large choral groups in this country. Its standing has been established and made secure by its many nation-wide broadcasts at the Christmas season, first with Paul N. Craig as director, and for the past thirteen years under the direction of Franklyn S. Weddle.

In 1954 the C.B.S. Radio Network, having had requests from a number of other large choruses for the opportunity to present *Messiah*, changed its policy for

the annual Christmas broadcast of this oratorio. After fifteen annual broadcasts by the Independence Messiah Choir, C.B.S. decided to alternate this opportunity from year to year among different choruses.

This change, considered at first to be a serious loss to the church, developed rather as an opportunity for greatly increased radio coverage. It was decided to give the public performance at an earlier date than usual, edit the recording to one hour in length, and extend invitations to stations throughout the country to use a tape recording in their Christmas programming. This was done, with the result that in 1954, 525 sets of tapes were required to supply stations in that many different cities in all forty-eight states, Alaska, and Canada.

No longer limited to a single network (C.B.S.), we learned that a great many stations of all networks, and many independent stations as well, were anxious for the privilege of using our taped transcription. Included were nearly 60 C.B.S. stations which preferred to continue their tradition of broadcasting the Independence Messiah Choir.

The same procedure was used for the 1955 Christmas *Messiah*, with an even greater response. In 1955, 594 sets of tapes were required, with greatly enlarged coverage abroad. More tapes were sent to Canada, Alaska, Hawaii, and Australia. Especially increased coverage was secured in Australia, through the co-operation of Apostle Maurice L. Draper and his associates. Forty-five stations broadcast the *Messiah* in Australia, providing coverage of an estimated 95 per cent of the population. Tapes were also furnished during the inter-Conference period to New Zealand, Tahiti, England, Norway, and Holland (the last three named, for direct audience use rather than broadcast).

A principal advantage of the new plan is the improved broadcast time on most carrying stations. Instead of the very late night broadcast when carried on the C.B.S. network, the new method, with tapes for each station, permitted each to schedule *Messiah* at the best available time of the day or evening. This resulted in many stations carrying the program at an excellent hour on Christmas Day, Christmas Eve, or some other "prime" time during the week preceding Christmas.

These Christmas broadcasts were made possible by the joint endeavors of a great many people. Elder Charles Neff, Church Secretary, served both years as director of an intensive publicity campaign. Hundreds of local members were enlisted in the work of publicizing the broadcasts in their respective areas. In 1954, a variety of publicity material was

especially designed and widely distributed. In 1955 the local Messiah "publicity chairmen" were provided with 53,000 colorful mailing cards, 1,000 posters for use in our churches, and 400 two-column newspaper mats for use in local advertising. Elders Neff and G. Everett Berndt, presidents of the Messiah Choir in 1954 and 1955 respectively, handled many details in the staging and publicity of the local presentations in Kansas City. Throughout this country, and in other lands, many of our pastors, appointees, and others interested in this broadcast joined their efforts with ours in the invitation and alignment of stations, forming what became, in reality, our own "Messiah Network." All of these volunteer helpers, in addition to the 250 members of the Independence Messiah Choir, have our most sincere thanks. Nor should we forget the almost 40 members of the accompanying orchestra and the host of men and women who participated in scheduling and putting these broadcasts on the air.

Although we may feel much satisfaction in the results of the past two years, it is evident that with a still earlier approach to stations, our "Messiah Network" can be made even more effective, both in number of stations and in "listener" coverage. Another year we shall work toward that end, and shall again solicit the aid of our membership.

A summary table of the 1955 *Messiah* coverage is appended.

## TELEVISION

Relatively little has been done in the field of television during the past two years. There has been much discussion and some experimentation which brought us to the realization that lacking the minimum basic equipment we are not yet ready for complete production of films for television. There have been, however, several locally produced television programs by our churches in various cities.

The film "Other Sheep" being prepared for local church uses and also for distribution to television stations, has been planned chiefly by the Audio-Visual Department, although others, including personnel of this department, have given whatever counsel was possible. This half-hour film will be available later for television use wherever suitable arrangements can be made.

The needs of television are definitely with us, and it is hoped that we may find the means to make more use of this most powerful medium of communication.

## AUDITORIUM PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM

Construction of the permanent system, begun previously, is progressing as rapid-

# "Messiah Radio Network"

Christmas, 1955

The Independence Messiah Choir

## STATION TABULATION BY STATES AND NETWORKS

STATES	C.B.S.	Network Affiliates		M.B.S.	Network Total	Independent	Grand Total
		N.B.C.	A.B.C.				
Alabama.....	2		1	2	5	8	13
Arizona.....	3				3	1	4
Arkansas.....			1	4	5	5	10
California.....		1	3	3	8	17	25
Colorado.....				4	4	10	14
Connecticut.....			1	1	2	2	4
Delaware.....			1		1		1
Florida.....	3	1	5	3	12	13	25
Georgia.....	5	1	3	1	10	3	13
Idaho.....	2	1			3	1	4
Illinois.....	2	1			3	15	18
Indiana.....			1		1	5	6
Iowa.....				5	5	8	13
Kansas.....	1		2		3	7	10
Kentucky.....	2			4	6	9	15
Louisiana.....	1				1	6	7
Maine.....				1	1	1	2
Maryland.....	2			1	3	7	10
Massachusetts.....		1	3		4	2	6
Michigan.....	2		2	2	6	7	13
Minnesota.....	1			1	2	5	7
Mississippi.....		2			2	6	8
Missouri.....			3	3	6	11	17
Montana.....	2			1	3	4	7
Nebraska.....		2		3	5	4	9
Nevada.....				3	3		3
New Hampshire.....	2			1	3	1	4
New Jersey.....						4	4
New Mexico.....	1			2	3	6	9
New York.....	3	2	3	2	10	13	23
North Carolina.....	1	1	3	8	13	10	23
North Dakota.....	1			3	4	2	6
Ohio.....	2	2	3	1	8	11	19
Oklahoma.....	1	1	2	1	5	7	12
Oregon.....	2	1		2	5	7	12
Pennsylvania.....	3	1	3		7	22	29
Rhode Island.....		1			1	2	3
South Carolina.....	1		4	5	10	8	18
South Dakota.....	1	1		1	3	2	5
Tennessee.....			2	3	5	5	10
Texas.....	4	1	2	3	10	23	33
Utah.....						1	1
Vermont (none).....							0
Virginia.....	1	1	2	6	10	11	21
Washington.....	1	1	1	3	6	7	13
West Virginia.....	2	1	1	4	8	1	9
Wisconsin.....	1	2	1	1	5	9	14
Wyoming.....			2		2	3	5
Alaska.....	1		1		2	1	3
Hawaii.....						1	1
Canada.....			(C.B.C 5)	1	6	2	8
Australia.....					(Net unknown)	45	45
Totals.....	57	25	54	92	233	361	594

### Administration to the Sick

Administration Room: 6th Floor, N.E. Corner Auditorium

(See pages 54 and 60 of General Conference Program)

#### DAILY TIME SCHEDULE

8:00-9:30 A.M.	12:00-1:45 P.M.	4:30-5:00 P.M.	7:30-9:00 P.M.
MONDAY, April 9—			
In charge: James A. Thomas			
Evangelists assisting: F. M. Bishop; J. F. Curtis; P. L. Weegar			
Elders assisting: Ray A. Frisbie; Victor Eklof; W. H. Oliver; J. W. Jones; W. I. Betts; Ira G. Whipple			

ly as consistent with the degree of the Auditorium's completion. This work has been carried on by J. Harold Higgins, engineer for the Radio Department. In this connection a new paging system is being developed. As this is written, basic units, conduits, one amplifier section, and paging speakers in the finished portion of the building are being installed, and facilities are being provided for future expansion throughout the remainder of the building as it reaches completion.

Mention might also be made that our engineer has given assistance by way of study and consultation in acoustical problems, organ installations, and sound reinforcement systems on a number of our church building projects in this area and others.

#### CONFERENCE RADIO BOOTH

An invitation is extended to all Conference visitors to visit the radio booth in the exhibit area of the Auditorium. There they can examine our program resources for any broadcasts they may arrange in their own locality. Tapes and playback equipment will be available for audition purposes, and complete information will be awaiting them concerning programs and series now available.

#### PERSONNEL

Personnel of the department, in addition to the director, includes Radio Minister Evan A. Fry who has devoted many years of service to this special field of ministry; J. Harold Higgins, engineer; Norma Ruth Kendrick, secretary; Bethel Knoche, part-time organist; and Joseph Knoche, part-time engineer. Arthur J. Rock has assisted by doing the announcing required, and we are fortunate in having available to us the volunteer services of a most capable group of singers in the Radio Choir. Activities of the Radio Department are co-ordinated with those of the Audio-Visual and Music Departments by Franklyn S. Weddle who is also Director of Music.

Although growth and progress are evident in the work of the past years, it is evident that much further development in this area remains to be made. We are aware of and confident of the many values of a skillful and sincere ministry through the avenue of radio. The splendid cooperation of many of our church members as they assist in developing this ministry in their local areas is greatly appreciated. Members of the radio staff wish, most devotedly, to contribute all they are able to the added growth and quality of this radio ministry.

CHARLES F. CHURCH, JR.  
*Director of Radio*

## Report of the Music Department

To the First Presidency and General Conference:

We are pleased to report on the activities of the Music Department of the General Church for the inter-Conference period, April, 1954, to April, 1956. Very many people have contributed to the growth and expansion of the work of this department through their activities in the Radio Choir, the Messiah Choir, and the orchestra, and in various committees which have been carrying on work locally, as well as throughout the entire church in the leadership of music and worship. Not only musicians but pastors and district and branch presidents have been very co-operative in implementing the suggestions made by the department to the end that the worship of God might be enhanced through a wise and appropriate use of music. Our gratitude goes out to all who have participated and co-operated with us in our progress.

### LOCAL

#### MUSIC IN ZION

Miss Aleta Runkle has continued as supervisor of music for the congregations in the Stake of Zion. She has been ably assisted by the choir directors and music leaders in various local congregations. Sister Bethel Knoche has been carrying on a series of Church Music Workshops, which are bearing rich fruit in a continually improving quality among the organists of this area.

#### THE INDEPENDENCE

##### SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

This orchestra is a community enterprise which involves many church musicians. The General Church has contributed in many ways to its success and had a part in the founding of the orchestra and helping it in the struggles of its early years. The General Church Music Director is its conductor, and Bishop Livingston is its president. During this Conference, on Friday evening, the orchestra will have a large part to play in the concert. The church can look with some pride on the progress that has been made since it has so large a stake in this organization.

#### COMMUNITY MUSIC ASSOCIATION

The Community Music Association of Independence is another organization whose music director is the General Church Director of Music and on whose board of directors may be found many members of the church, in fact the president this year is Brother Evan Fry. This

organization also has received excellent support from the church and in turn offers benefits to church members, as well as to all people of the community, in cultural advantages and inspiration through community music. A feeling of fellowship is promoted in the community through working together in producing and promoting fine music, and in its appreciation among the people of this area. The activities of the Community Music Association include the sponsoring of four regular concerts by the Independence Symphony Orchestra, each with an outstanding soloist; one or two concerts by some outstanding artist or group of artists well known in our country; a piano festival each year which gives opportunity for approximately one hundred pianists to work and perform together; and last spring it sponsored the performance of *Elijah* with the orchestra and a community chorus with soloists. It has also been an encouraging influence for the improvement of the school music program of Independence, and for a number of years has been a well-organized cultural force in this area.

### MISCELLANEOUS

We have spent quite a bit of time in working with architects and acoustical engineers on the effective treatment of the Auditorium Music Room in order that it might be used not only for the rehearsal of the Messiah Choir and the orchestra but also for recording radio programs.

#### AUDITORIUM ORGAN

The selection of an organ for the Auditorium has required a considerable amount of time in the past two years involving some trips out of town and consultation with the architects, acoustical engineers, and organ representatives for the proper size and placement of the organ.

#### AUDITORIUM PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM

We have spent quite a bit of time in working with the Bishopric and architects on the public address and paging systems to be engineered into the Auditorium building, and also with regard to the stage space, choir loft space, etc., as they relate to the facilities for musical performances in the auditorium.

#### GENERAL CHURCH

This department has responsibility for providing music for most of the services of this 1956 General Conference. As may be noted in the schedule in the Conference Program, it has necessitated a considerable amount of co-operation from many people throughout the church. We wish to take this opportunity to express

our appreciation for the wonderful co-operation we have had. In addition to the scheduling of music for the services, there are daily classes on church music.

#### RADIO CHOIR

The Radio Choir functions intermittently as the need for hymn transcriptions is felt in the Radio Department. Since last Conference this choir, consisting of about twenty voices, has recorded several hundred hymns.

Upon the completion of the music room, which will give opportunity for a better balanced pick up, this choir will be re-activated and will re-record a good portion of the hymn material to be found in the new hymnal. These recordings will be used in subsequent radio programs.

#### MESSIAH CHOIR

The broadcast of *Messiah* each year by the Messiah Choir and soloists, accompanied by members of the Kansas City Philharmonic Orchestra, is an activity of the General Church Music Department as well as the Radio Department. In the Radio Department report is a detailed account of statistics regarding the broadcast the past two years. The Independence Messiah Choir has attained a high degree of national renown because of its musical excellence and has brought fame to the name of the church. In addition to that it has fulfilled a longing on the part of each church member for some recognition nationally for our church, and has created new interest in many areas. The chorus consists of about two hundred and seventy-five voices and each year has sung to a local audience of around two thousand.

#### REUNIONS

Since last Conference the Director of Music has served in the following reunions, 1954: Deer Park, Onset, and Maine; 1955: Spokane District and the Oregon reunion.

#### INSTITUTES

We have participated in institutes, both priesthood and music institutes, at the following places in this inter-Conference period: Deer Lodge, Montana; Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; Lewis River, Washington; Central Illinois and Southeastern Illinois Districts; Rich Hill District; Chicago District; Central Missouri Stake; also taught a class in church music in the Graceland Summer Session in 1954 and worked with Brother Updike in the Aaronic Priesthood Retreat for the Stake of Zion in 1955. We also arranged for Brothers Paul Craig and Charles F.

Church, Jr., to carry on a series of workshops in Central Missouri Stake.

#### THE CHILDREN'S HYMNAL

This is to be a hymnbook for pre-school through the junior age, for use at church school, vacation church school, and reunions. It will contain upwards of one hundred hymns and other material suitable for these uses. The committee appointed by the Presidency to work on it consists of Mrs. Earl V. Hill, Mrs. G. Leslie DeLapp, Mrs. Meredith Mader, Mrs. Franklyn Weddle, Miss Anna Marie Smith, Mrs. Lawrence Jones, Mrs. Stele A. Bryant, Mrs. Walter Johnson, Miss Eleanor Sandy, Miss Aleta Runkle, and Mr. Jack Evans, with Director of Music Franklyn S. Weddle as chairman.

#### THE HYMNAL

This hymnal for adults is at present being proofread with October 1 of this year as the target date for publication. The committee work on this book was finished in June, 1954. The editorial and mechanical work has been done since then. For this Conference and for reunions this year a supplement has been prepared which will be in the hand of all people who register at Conference. It contains a large number of the new hymns, plus words only for other hymns which are familiar.

Since last November the *Herald* has been carrying two "Hymns of the Month" each month in an effort to bring before the people of the church some of the new material contained in this manual of worship which we call "The Hymnal."

#### CAMP AND FELLOWSHIP SONGBOOK

Mention has been made in previous reports to the Conference of preparation of material for Zion's League, camps, reunions, banquets, etc. The work of this committee consisting of Carl Mesle, Aleta Runkle, and the Director of Music, is essentially complete, and this book will be available in time for this summer's activities.

#### MUSIC CAMP PROJECT

We have been working in the Music Department on a project for a youth music camp to serve those who have completed their sophomore year in high school, up to and including the age of twenty, who are interested in music. This camp will accommodate about one hundred such students and the activities will include choir and orchestra, theory, service playing (organ), voice and instruments, a daily class on church music, and a daily class in doctrines of the Restoration. The purpose of the camp is to stimulate the young musicians of the church to qualify in the field of music, and to center their attention on how their talent might be used to advantage in the work of the church. A complete announcement and prospectus of this camp will be found elsewhere.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INTER-CONFERENCE PERIOD 1956-1958

We recommend that the Conference of 1956 appropriate an amount which the Appropriations Committee shall deem sufficient to assure the continuation of the

nation-wide broadcasts of *Messiah* during the Christmas seasons of 1956 and 1957.

As we have carried on the work of this department we have felt increasingly the necessity for having the time to work in the General Church area and have felt restricted in this because of the local commitments that we have had in carrying on the work of the Messiah Choir, orchestra, and so forth in this area. We feel that the time is soon coming when it will be necessary for us to expand the personnel of the Music Department to allow for both types of activity to be more adequately carried out.

#### CONCLUSION

We have felt as we have traveled among the people of the church that there has been a gradual raising of the general level of the type of music used for worship in our congregations. We see in many places an urge to improve worship through the use of appropriate and well-chosen music. We are aware that growth of this nature in an organization as large as the church is necessarily slow. It is therefore incumbent upon each one who has responsibility in this field to continue the effort toward improvement of the choice of music for worship and to be constantly on the alert to use the best materials available. We feel particularly that the pastors and members of the priesthood who design worship services should avail themselves of all the helps possible. The new hymnal is a significant contribution in this direction, and we therefore urge the priesthood and those who have the leadership of worship throughout the church to become acquainted with this book so that it might be used intelligently in the planning and functioning of worship services.

Music leaders and choir directors should be very careful to use music for worship which would be an aid to worship rather than entertainment for the congregation, and we should all be very careful that the use or performance of music in worship shall not in any way detract from the center of all worship, God.

We solicit the prayers of the Saints in behalf of the work of the General Church Department of Music and pledge to serve to the best of our ability.

FRANKLYN S. WEDDLE  
Director of Music for  
the General Church

## Love . . . or Perish

by Dr. Smiley Blanton

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#### GRACELAND MOTHERS' CLUB TEA

The Graceland Mothers' Clubs of Kansas City and Independence invite all women who have, or have had, a son or daughter in Graceland to the Graceland Mothers' Club tea on Thursday, April 12, at 4:15 p.m., in the Stone Church Educational Building, Room B-201.

# Report of the Audio-Visual Department

*To the First Presidency and  
General Conference:*

We are pleased to report progress and growth in the work of the General Church Audio-Visual Department during the inter-Conference period of April, 1954, to April, 1956.

The Audio-Visual Department is the most recently organized department of the General Church. It was created by action of the General Conference of 1952 when Arthur J. Rock was assigned on half time to audio-visual work.

The services of the Audio-Visual Department have increased steadily until today there are five persons giving their full time, serving the church in this important new field of communications. Included in the personnel are Mrs. Clifford Wood, Miss Dyvonne Miller, Stele A. Bryant, Kenneth K. Raveill, and Arthur J. Rock.

The administrative policies of this department are formulated by a committee including the First Presidency, the Presiding Bishopric, and the co-ordinator of Music, Radio, and Audio-Visual Departments.

Much of the inter-Conference period was devoted to expanding the services of the Audio-Visual Department in an effort to meet the needs of the church in this field. The department has moved to larger quarters in the Auditorium and has secured high-quality production equipment and qualified technical personnel.

The services of the Audio-Visual Department can be classified in three general areas:

1. Production of new materials
2. Distribution of materials to the user
3. Utilization or the proper and effective use of these audio-visual tools by the user

## PRODUCTION

### *Motion Pictures*

The Audio-Visual Department has been instrumental in the production of the first two sound motion pictures produced by the church. *The Center Place*, a 20-minute, 16mm sound, color film was produced for the Presiding Bishopric. This film tells the story of the building of the Auditorium and is designed to be a part of a stewardship educational program.

*Other Sheep*, a 28-minute, 16mm sound color film was produced with the co-operation of the Society of Archaeological Research. This film tells the re-

markable story of men in ancient America and introduces the Book of Mormon as the sacred Scriptures of these people.

There is an increasing interest in the church use of motion pictures. Most church institutions have indicated a need to have films made to tell their story. It is hoped that the Audio-Visual Department can help meet these new opportunities to tell the Restoration story to increasingly larger numbers of people.

## SLIDE SETS

The following listed slide sets were produced by the Audio-Visual Department during the inter-Conference period and offered for sale through Herald House. Before Stele A. Bryant was on the regular staff he had developed the first ten slide sets listed. These were later taken over by the Audio-Visual Department, given some revision, and approved for General Church use.

### *Script Slide Sets*

1. The Apostasy—57 frames
2. Archaeological Evidences—54 frames
3. The Financial Law—36 frames
4. God's Ownership—Man's Stewardship—37 frames
5. Gospel Principles—70 frames
6. Song Slides—38 frames
7. Archaeological Script Slides—148 frames
8. Whence Came the Red Man—30 frames
9. Ye Must Be Born Again—28 frames

### *Picture Slide Sets in Color*

10. The Restoration Story—42 frames
11. God's Ownership—53 frames
12. Visit Independence—20 frames
13. Our Yuletide Heritage—7 frames
14. The Church of Jesus Christ—74 frames
15. The Falling Away—57 frames
16. The Restoration—51 frames
17. Evidences of the Book of Mormon—54 frames
18. Christ in America—30 frames

### *Revised Slide Sets*

19. Life of Christ (William Hole)—80 frames
20. Jesus Christ among Ancient Americans—40 frames
21. I Will Build My Church—22 frames
22. Life after Death—30 frames

*Specialized Slide Sets* (not for general distribution)

23. Norwegian Language Doctrinal Script Slides—136 frames
24. The Auditorium, Independence, Missouri (for Auditorium fund drive) 36 frames
25. Between the Covers of the Book of Mormon—80 frames

## AUDIO-VISUAL SERVICE

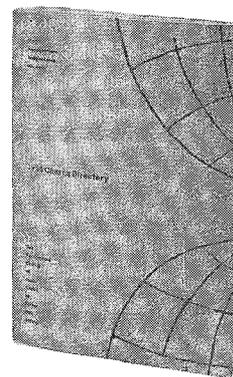
The Audio-Visual Department produces several different types of material. The following is a general breakdown of the different materials produced in the 1954-1956 inter-Conference period.

General Photography—1,087 public relations and publicity pictures were taken and processed.

## 1956 Church Directory

This directory gives a complete listing of branch and mission locations throughout the world; also the names and addresses of all branch, district, and stake presidents. For pastors and church members, this valuable booklet offers information for use on many occasions. Paper bound; colorful yellow cover.

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Commercial Art Work—22 pieces of commercial art work were designed and prepared.

Lithography—86 plates for offset printing were processed.

Slides—120,090 2 x 2 slides were taken and processed.

Motion Pictures—6,300 feet of 16mm, color film motion picture film taken and used in the production of two church-sponsored films.

Numerous suggestions and scripts have been received from interested church members relating to the production of new audio-visual materials. Every suggestion has been carefully considered, and much of the progress of this work has been made possible through the consecrated talents of our own church writers and artists.

#### DISTRIBUTION

Distribution of audio-visual materials from this department is handled in several ways. All slides sets and other material offered for general distribution are sold through Herald House. Any quorum, council, or department of the General Church can receive, at cost, the photographic services or help in developing audio-visual materials from this department.

#### LOAN LIBRARY OF AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS

The General Conference of 1954 approved the funds necessary to establish a loan library of audio-visual materials.

The services of this library are available on a share-the-cost basis to any branch or congregation of the church.

The library contains 454 separate titles including motion pictures, sound filmstrips, filmstrips, slide sets, disc recordings, and other materials. Since the library started operation in late 1954, 3,346 pieces of material and equipment have been loaned from this library. Materials produced by the Audio-Visual Department are loaned free of any charge other than transportation. Other materials are loaned for a very reasonable service charge. Four hundred and thirty-eight of the 960 congregations and branches of the church are regular users of materials from this library. Pastors, church school directors, and other interested persons have been supplied with catalogues listing the materials and services of this library.

#### BOOK OF MORMON RESEARCH SLIDE LIBRARY

A library of Book of Mormon Research slides has been classified and a catalogue

prepared in the inter-Conference period. This central library of 1,200 master slides is probably the most comprehensive collection of pictures ever assembled dealing with ancient America and the Book of Mormon. This library was made possible by the donation of the finest master slides of Paul M. Hanson, Charles R. Hield, Harold I. Velt, Roy A. Weldon, Clair E. Weldon, and others. A printed catalogue listing this collection is available from the Herald House.

#### GRAPHICS ARTS COLLECTION

During the inter-Conference period the Audio-Visual Department has acquired a vast collection of historical pictures formerly held by the Graphic Arts Bureau. This collection of valuable pictures is now being catalogued and stored as a service to those interested in historical research.

#### EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTION

The Audio-Visual Department has been instrumental in establishing a service where general church personnel can purchase audio-visual equipment for church workers at substantial savings, thereby increasing the equipment available for church use in this field. During the inter-Conference period \$6,662.11 worth of equipment has in this manner been distributed, representing a saving of \$1,765.46.

#### UTILIZATION

The Audio-Visual Department seeks to promote the effective use of audio-visual tools in several ways. In co-operation with the Religious Education Department regional institutes, giving specific instruction in the effective use of audio-visual materials, have been conducted in the following areas:

##### *Regional Institutes*

Rock Island Districts  
Central Michigan Districts  
Upper Peninsula District (Michigan)  
Northern Michigan District  
Eastern Michigan District  
South Central Michigan District  
Province of Ontario, Canada

##### *Utilization Demonstration*

General Church Women's Institute  
Courses of Instruction for new General Church Appointees  
Kaw Valley District  
Kansas City Stake  
Stake of Zion

Frequent articles in *Guidelines to Leadership* have been written to instruct church leaders in the latest techniques and materials. The Audio-Visual Department often receives correspondence asking specific questions regarding use of mate-

rials and equipment. Through counseling by mail and personal counseling the Audio-Visual Department seeks to meet the problems associated with the increasing church use of projected materials. A periodic newsletter to be distributed to church leaders and giving guidance in utilization has been planned for publication in the near future.

The Audio-Visual Department is working closely with the Religious Education Department in the development of materials for the new curriculum of study.

The challenge of Christ's instruction, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations," is still unfulfilled in our day. It is the earnest desire of all personnel of the Department to help create the means and methods that will assist in bringing the comfort and hope of Christ to all people.

ARTHUR J. ROCK,  
*Audio-Visual Director*

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## Report of the General Department of Women

*To the First Presidency and  
General Conference:*

It is a privilege to attempt to summarize the achievements, objectives, and kingdom-building contributions of our women throughout the whole church as they have worked together in organized groups in practically every branch and mission of the church. The reports from district and stake leaders indicate generally increased active membership, wider scope of service, and of financial, social, and specific work, as well as a deepening emphasis on evangelistic objectives in study and personal and group projects. A survey of what the women throughout the church are studying indicates a great variety of interests and intensified desire to learn and to broaden their mental horizons. Reports and letters constantly reaching our desk from local and district leaders indicate a mounting tempo in the departmental activities and a very heartening over-all progress toward better organization, higher levels of work, study, and worship, and greater achievement in many areas.

#### ORGANIZATION AND WORK OF THE NEW COUNCIL

The General Women's Council as presently constituted met for the first time on November 11, 1954. During the six months' interim after the resignation of

Mrs. Arnson and the former council, Mrs. H. I. Velt carried the responsibility for the General Department office, with the help of Mrs. Ralph Baker, office secretary.

The first session of the new council was greatly stimulated and inspired by the presence and direction of Israel A. Smith and W. Wallace Smith of the First Presidency. Their charge to the women of the council re-emphasized the need for enlargement and enrichment of the work and program of the department as set out in the report of the First Presidency to the 1954 Conference. President Israel Smith expressed appreciation "of the fine legacy left us by Sister Arnson," and of the fact she consented to reappointment on the council. He also expressed pleasure in the acceptance of Sister Frank McDonald of the position of office secretary, and confidence in her ability to make a fine contribution to the department in view of her extensive experience both as district leader and in other capacities in various regions of the church where she had worked devotedly and efficiently with her husband.

Since its organization the council has met always once a month and often twice a month to get the work done. As of February there have been twenty-four sessions, with all eight resident members present whenever possible, and Mrs. J. C. Evans, of St. Louis, present at five meetings. Mrs. George Mesley attended on January 11; and on October 13, the closing day of the General Women's Institute, for the first time all thirteen members met together, first in the General Women's Council room for two hours of intensive work, evaluation of the Institute, etc., and later in a dinner meeting.

In response to repeated requests for help in selecting and putting on financial projects throughout the districts and branches, Mrs. Frank McDonald prepared a pamphlet "Financial Projects," edited and assembled from suggestions brought in by council members. This brochure has been widely used and has met with much appreciation throughout the church. A new "Leader's Kit" has been assembled by a committee of the council with Mrs. Arnson as chairman, providing much more comprehensive and specific help to all departmental officers and phases of the women's work. After working for several months, the council produced a detailed outline of a reunion study course, which was then written into a complete text, "Women's Opportunity in the Cause of Zion," in compliance with the request of the First Presidency.

Early in the year 1955 Mrs. Earl Bandlow started working with the Herald House on details involved in com-

pling a Cradle Roll Kit. From time to time she brought various problems and manuscripts to the council for consideration and finally succeeded, with very fine co-operation from Herald House, in bringing this project to completion by October. By January 1, 1956, sixteen hundred Kits had been sold. They are now being used in almost every district of the church. The work of the Cradle Roll Visiting program has been given marked impetus by this new tool put in the hands of the worker; this has also increased achievement in family life and in evangelism.

Early in 1955 an outstanding group of business and professional women were called together in laboratory session to work out their needs, problems, and place in the Women's Department. The results of this exploration were published in three articles in the Home Column of the *Herald* and seem to have been helpful and stimulating to the women of the church.

From March 9 to October 5 most of the council sessions were devoted to working out the program, publicity, and organization of the General Women's Institute which was held October 10 to 13. Twelve devotionals, including descriptions and illustrated sketches of accompanying worship centers, were written on the pastoral themes for the year, to be used with twelve worship center demonstrations set up for the Institute. These are still being ordered throughout the church and should help raise the level of worship and devotional services.

Since the Institute the department has arranged with Herald House to transfer eventually most of the study brochures from mimeographed form to printed pamphlets. Three pamphlets will soon be off the press: *Restoration Concepts of Food and Health*, by Mildred Nelson Smith, Mrs. Leroy Squire, Mrs. Morris Mortimore, Mrs. Raymond Booker; *Growing Together in Love*, by Mrs. V. D. Ruch; and *The Lesson*, by Mrs. Leslie S. Wight. The brochure *All Good Books* is being revised and brought up to date for printing, and the manuscript of a new study course by Mrs. Myron Curry, titled *Homemaker—Creative Artist*, is about ready for the printer. From Institute discussions, brochures are being prepared on "Friendly Visiting" and "The Business and Professional Woman Takes Her Place in the Women's Department." Later this year Mrs. Arthur Oakman has promised to prepare a study course on "Religious Art in the Home." Though most of these courses cannot be printed until after the 1956 Conference, they promise a brighter, richer future for study progress in the fall.

## THE GENERAL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE OF 1955

The General Institute for the women of the church held October 10 to 13 has been thoroughly reviewed in the Home Column, *Heralds* for December 5 and 12, but this report would be incomplete without a brief summary and evaluation of that important gathering. The four-fold objective outlined in the *Herald* of August 1, "Better Techniques of Departmental Work," "Higher Levels of Life," "Wide Areas of Study and Endeavor," "The Farther Outreach of Our Testimony and Witness of the Gospel," and a warmer, deeper fellowship, were notably pursued in the three days' program of lectures, discussions, and worship. The attendance covered a wide geographical area as indicated by the dinner for stake and district women's leaders. Twenty-four states were represented, and sixty-eight stake and district leaders were present, including three different Canadian districts. While the total registration of 1,187 women fell short of the 1500 registration for the 1951 General Institute, most sessions had capacity attendance in both the upper and lower auditoriums of the Stone Church.

Most gratifying was the high inspirational plane of every talk, discussion, and service, and the abiding presence of the divine Spirit that opens hearts and minds and binds together in warm sisterhood even so great a gathering of Saints. Many letters from near and far bear witness to this experience of spiritual blessing which continued with these women as they attempted to share with those in their home districts and branches the message and spirit of the Institute.

Council members express appreciation to the First Presidency for help and direction in setting up the Institute, to the women of Kansas City Stake for the beautiful tea tables and service at the opening reception, and to the women of the Center Stake of Zion who, under the leadership of Mrs. Kenneth Barwise, rendered efficient and untiring service in housing, registration, booth service, nursery, and ushering throughout the Institute.

## LEADERSHIP COURSE

In response to the invitation of Brother Wayne Updike, the General Women's Council, both resident and nonresident members, have been working on a leadership training course for the women of the church which the council hopes will be a part of the School of the Restoration. Twelve lessons are being prepared, and their first draft will soon be submitted to Brother Updike.

## THE HOME COLUMN AND "GUIDELINES"

Mrs. Walter N. Johnson, assisted by Mrs. Arnson, has efficiently carried the major responsibility for the Home Column; she has secured some profitable and inspirational articles, including contributions from all members of the council and from women throughout the church. Many of the fine addresses given at the recent General Institute are now being made available to all the women of the church through the Column. All the Institute program materials not printed in brochure form will be reproduced in either the *Herald* or *Guidelines*. Mrs. Johnson, however, will continue to welcome contributions from other sources throughout the coming months. Mrs. Herbert Six is making a fine contribution as editor of the Women's Department material for the *Guidelines*. Such subjects as "Workshops on Friendly Visiting," "The Task Is Getting Done," "Circle One or Circle Three," "Women's Department Yearbooks," "The New Look in Programs," "Evangelistic Emphasis in Women's Departments," "The Challenge of Visiting," and "Ways and Means of Building and Maintaining Attendance" have been discussed during the past year. It is hoped that workers throughout the church will express to Mrs. Six or to this office any special needs they feel in their department work and will send in talks, discussions, or helps that they have found profitable.

## COUNCIL MEMBERS ACTIVE THROUGHOUT THE CHURCH

Besides the work of the council sessions, members of the General Women's Council have at the invitation of district women's leaders, district president, or apostles ministered in thirty-six different districts, teaching classes in ten different reunions and taking part in twenty-five institutes. These figures are exclusive of the stake activities of our stake leaders, Mrs. W. Wallace Smith and Mrs. Herbert Six, and include neither Mrs. Smith's ministry to the women of Europe, nor my own teaching activities.

Coming into this position as a new General Leader, I have appreciated very much the privilege of meeting with the women of the church throughout twenty-seven states and districts, teaching at thirty-six institutes and two series of reunion classes. The value of this warm and friendly fellowship over such a wide area cannot be estimated. It has helped me immeasurably to understand the overall task before us and the individual problems of various localities.

The work of the council has been stimulated and our vision of the women's work abroad greatly enlarged by the opportunity of one of our members, Mrs. W. Wallace Smith, to teach and minister this summer to the women of the European Mission. In England Mrs. Smith taught six different regional or district groups of women, and with the aid of interpreters spoke to five different

groups on the Continent, including the district conference at Hannover. Her report of these experiences as it was given at the General Women's Institute will be published in the Home Column of the *Herald*.

## CHURCH-WIDE ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

In the light of reports received recently from over two thirds of the districts and six stakes, the active membership of the Women's Department throughout the church may be conservatively estimated at about 25,000 women. Their projects and activities cover a wide field. I believe that never before have the women of the church raised so much money for local building funds, district and stake projects, the Auditorium fund, and other General Church projects. Yet almost every women's group is studying, with a reported schedule of 150 different study courses and books. Many are studying tracts and articles from *Herald* and *Guidelines*, and others have varied programs consisting of book reviews, outside speakers, etc. The four most widely listed courses in these recent reports are, in order of frequency, (1) *Women's Opportunity in the Cause of Zion* (1955 Reunion Course), (2) *I Witness for Christ* by Blanche Mesley, (3) *Study of the Bible*, based on texts by Thelona Stevens and Dr. Roy Cheville, (4) *Restoration Concepts of Food and Health* by Mildred Nelson Smith and others. But women's groups study covers also a wide range of thought, such as government, economic and civic problems, economic law, various church-centered studies (including church history, Book of Mormon, and Doctrine and Covenants), personality and home problems, comparative religions—in fact, every field for which the church issues study material.

Civic and philanthropic projects are taking on increasing importance in the local women's departments, and friendly relations are set up and maintained with women of other churches by participation in the Women's Council of Churches. In one branch whenever the month has a fifth week our women either entertain or are entertained by the woman's group of the Methodist church of that area.

## MAJOR EMPHASES—NEEDS

Though the outlook is hopeful and women of the church are progressing in their work, we are still challenged by the greatness of our unfinished task. Some of the most urgent goals yet to be achieved are

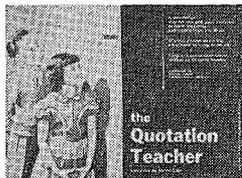
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5. A sense of world outreach.

May we as women of the church work together in the coming years toward a more perfect service to Christ, his church, and each other. MRS. S. A. BURGESS

## Report of the Church Physician

*To the First Presidency and General Conference:*

During the past two years the Physician to the Church in his official capacity has acted as a counselor in health matters to the presiding officers of the church and to such of the quorums and General Church officers as have called upon him. He has made physical examinations on many of those newly called to General Church responsibilities and has studied those reports whose physical examination records were sent in to the Center Place from distant places of examination. He also serves, ex officio, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital.

Many opportunities lie ahead for a much fuller exploitation of a health program. The Word of Wisdom opened the gateway more than a hundred years ago to a more vigorous and extended life by intelligent attention to the nutrition of our bodies and to the avoidance of noxious and toxic materials. It pointed out that we might anticipate a more abundant life if we were to take advantage of the knowledge that is available. Much additional information has come to mankind since 1833, and we could well study this body of material, sift out such as is truth from that which is unsound and speculative, "holding fast to that which is good." Such an activity would appear to be seemly.

The general health of all our people, sanitation in our homes and in our meeting places could be elevated to much higher levels if we directed concerted study and effort in that direction.

Missions centered about a minister-physician-nurse team and sent to the underprivileged areas of this country and, indeed, to the great spaces of the world, could be studied as possible activities of a saintly people. It has been done by religious bodies through the centuries and is not new. We touched upon this approval when we sent such a unit to the South Sea Islands in the early years of this century.

President F. M. Smith was much interested in the health mission of the church and used to speak often of a "Greater Graceland" with a medical school as a productive unit thereof. Again, he proposed frequently the division of the larger branches into smaller groups, to each of which would be attached a unit provoking higher plateaus of sanitation and family health.

The provision of medical service and hospital facilities by branch or quorum units under some of the various voluntary insurance agencies has been advocated and even already established in some places. Immunization against infantile paralysis, small pox, diphtheria, and other pestilences might be planned and executed by the General Church or its subdivisions. However, should such be done and should it be promoted by the Health Department of the church?

Many other opportunities to serve mankind health-wise lie open, such as medical aid to infants, children, and the needy aged, assistance to unfortunate young women, and help to neglected minority groups.

The multiplicity of openings is matched by the magnitude of planning, organization, personnel, and financing required.

For this reason the whole future of the church's role in an extending health program for its own people and others deserves first thoughtful study and careful conservative planning before the members adventure forth into this rich field

of endeavor which is likewise notoriously known to be associated with heavy costs and expense.

CHARLES F. GRABSKE, M.D.

## Supplement to Credentials Report

Delegate credentials for Sacramento district; Anchorage, Alaska; and Tampa, Florida, failed to arrive in time for our regular report. Delegates from these areas are as follows:

### SACRAMENTO DISTRICT

Edwin Charles Burdick, Donald James Damron, Eula L. Damron, William H. Dawson, H. Dean Hintz, Helen E. Hintz, Neil R. Honeychurch, Richard P. Howard, Lawrence Roderick Schall, Douglas Pearl Wright.

BRANCHES IN UNORGANIZED TERRITORY  
Anchorage, Alaska, 81: Ollie P. Schuler

Tampa, Florida, 184: Paul W. Hempel

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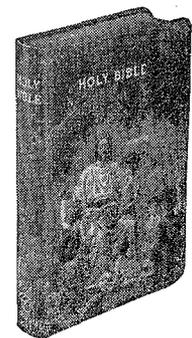
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# An Apostolic Epistle

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tinue in the ministry of witnessing. Saints in these lands need our prayerful support. To strengthen our work in these missions we must have a greater response in the domestic field to the law governing temporalities and financial stewardship. Our ministry in these lands, however, must be undertaken carefully and with due consideration of our financial resources. In assurance of continued and growing response we move ahead in the development of our work in these outposts of opportunity. We rejoice in the increasing assets which have been made available to provide the necessary man power.

In the name of our Lord, we call to the unfinished task men and women of skill, who have a lasting passion for the souls of men. Thus, let us demonstrate our integrity, our genuine concern and abiding love for our brethren. Let us remember that the Church is founded on the revelation of Jesus Christ our Lord, who instructs us, "Seek ye first to build up the kingdom of God and to establish his righteousness." This Zionie ideal beckons us on. The church is urged to continue its efforts toward these achievements.

In New Testament days the followers of Christ had found a new purpose in life. They were anxiously engaged in the good cause. Our mission is identical. The promise has been given that "no power shall stay the hand of God in the accomplishment of his purposes among his people; and as the church shall move forward in its great work, the fulfillment of prophecy may cause the Saints to tremble at the exhibition of divine power, yet they shall rejoice in the protection of his grace."

PAUL M. HANSON  
*President of the  
Council of Twelve*

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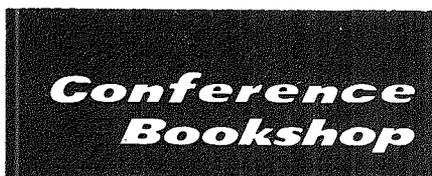
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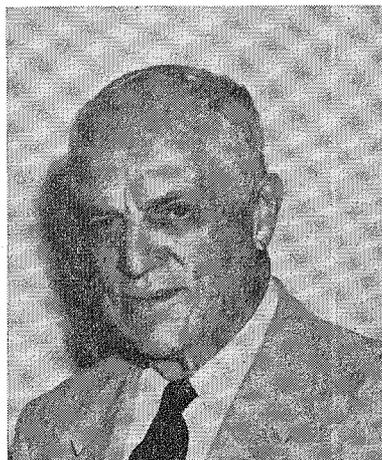
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## Bishop DeLapp Speaks Sunday Evening

Using the theme of "Implementing Our Social Ideals," Presiding Bishop G. Leslie DeLapp spoke before a crowded Auditorium at the 7:30 Sunday night service. He said that we too frequently think of social ideals in the terms of generalities, but Jesus was specific. He stressed the needs and showed by example the need of ministering. In this was revealed that a man's life did not consist in the abundance he possessed but in his attitude and ways of using.

Our social ideals are caught up in certain terms, such as "Inheritance," "Storehouse," "Gathering," "care of the poor," and "provision for widows and orphans." An inheritance is that which a man requires for his home and may include his business. The Gathering is a continuous movement toward a center place of those with qualifications in the way of talents and resources. This may be carried on in different places but finds most complete expression in the Center Place. From the central cores there must be an outreach of evangelism. The storehouse is not beyond our understanding or outside the scope of our needs. It requires the establishment of separate treasuries to receive funds consecrated by individuals and groups and is not to be confused with the General Church treasury. The care of the poor should be broadened to include those who are needy as to personal and health care.

Bishop DeLapp stressed the principles of stewardship and agency and consecration as necessary to the attainment of our social ideals. Agency is the right to do as one chooses whether those choices be right or wrong. Stewardship is not difficult to understand when there is first an acknowledgment that all of our resources and talents are a gift from God. Consecration becomes one of the highest forms of stewardship in operation. The objective of the Restoration movement is Christian brotherhood of all men everywhere. Each individual must discipline his resources so they may be sublimated to the attainment of this Christian brotherhood.



## Official Report of the First Presidency

*To the Conference:*

### Introduction

We meet in our General Conference in which every part of our world organization is represented. It should be significant that we meet one week after the Christian world has celebrated the festival of Easter. Our hearts should still be full of the assurances of the season.

We are enlisted in a great cause: the cause of the kingdom. The enterprise is by now well launched. We have a great history. This history is not the story of what we have done, but of what God has done in and through us and our fathers. We are not without great names—Joseph and Oliver, and Sydney Rigdon; Edward Partridge, Lyman Wight, and William Marks; Emma Smith, Jason Briggs, Joseph Smith III; E. L. Kelley, Frederick M. Smith, John W. Rushton. But for us, in the strictest sense, there is but *one* great name: the name that is above every other name. We meet in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to him we must first pay our humble tribute.

The church of Jesus Christ is a divine creation. In the church our Father is continually at work for the salvation of mankind. The proclamation is his proclamation. The way is his way. The power is his power. And the guarantee of victory is his guarantee. Every one of us has his part to play: the high privilege of serving his day and generation. Then we pass on to other spheres of

## Memorial Service Held at Stone Church

"The best memorial we can raise to the memory of these men is to live lives that will include the principles they attempted to instill in the hearts of those they ministered to. When they meet us again they will not need to be ashamed," Brother Ostertag advised in his address at the memorial service held at 1:45 p.m., Sunday, April 8, at the Stone Church. Evangelist Lynn Smith presided and offered the invocation. Z. Z. Renfroe read the Twenty-third Psalm.

"These men have given something of themselves, the faith they have tried to instill in the hearts of children, and the testimony they have borne to the older people. They have left a heritage on which we must build. The world is a better place because these men have lived in it. They chose to do the will of God and sacrificed for the good of the work.

"Death is not the end of living. Death is the separation of the soul from the instrument of service. Man is the instrument by which God is able to do his will on earth. We sorrow, but there is a joy, too, in looking toward the great reunion. Jesus went to prepare the place for those we honor this afternoon; we leave them with God," he concluded.

The Chapelairs sang "Sing Praise to the Almighty" and "A Prayer for These Days." Taps were sounded by Cam Austin.

Apostle D. T. Williams read "The Victors," and Presiding Evangelist Elbert A. Smith in his benedictory prayer asked the comfort of Spirit to supply the need felt by those who were left to mourn.

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service and glory and honor. But the work continues.

The purpose of the church is steadfast: to take the message of life and salvation to every nation and kindred and tongue and people, enlisting them—by the grace of God—in the specific and sacrificial and fraternal enterprises of kingdom building. But the meaning and the demands of this dual enterprise become clearer and clearer with experience. Indeed, it may

be said that we do not know the full meaning of our commission, except as we function under it. As we stand at the gateway of the years we are thrilled by the memories of past light and power. But we lose this thrill unless we continue. The growth of this insight and power depends on our continuing application to the tasks divinely set before us. God teaches us the meaning of his way as we walk in it with him. I am sure that many of you can testify to this out of the grace of God which you have known in your several places of labor. It is the experience of the church.

I think it is important to sound this note at the very beginning of our Conference for two fundamental and continuing reasons. First, we are confronted by great and specific and demanding tasks whose accomplishment will lay on us heavier burdens than we have ever yet borne. This is the very nature of our enterprise. And, second, we are assured of victory only if and as we meet the challenges of our times in the Spirit and power of God.

The importance of these two facts is emphasized as we contemplate the work of the Conference. Rarely, if ever, have we faced decisions of such significance. We will make these decisions together, under God, in harmony with the church covenants, "in order and by common consent" and "by the prayer of faith." We are not here to have our way, but to find God's way that we may walk therein. We shall decide such issues as come before us by majority vote, after such discussion as may be wise and possible. But we shall make our decisions as together we consent to the demands of each situation. This consenting will be on two levels. We will consent to do what we are led to do, and we consent to do it together according to the voice of the body.

The question may be asked: "If we are to be led by the Holy Spirit, how can we explain the differences of viewpoint which will arise?" In answer to this let me say that concerning ultimates there must be no difference. We are all here in the interest of the kingdom. We all know that we need divine guidance or we shall fail and fall. The process of working out the specific steps to be taken is an essential part of the divinely or-

ained processes of education. Responsibility is shared with us for our sake that all may grow together and that the body of Christ may be unified in love and service, out of the diverse contributions of its many members. We are each entitled to light according to our several gifts and callings. But not all the light needed is given to any of us. It is shared, rather, according to our devotion and the divine wisdom. It is one of the evidences of our Father's love that this is so.

We come together as free men and women. But we are under the disciplines which belong to the nature of our enterprise. These disciplines apply to all of us individually, and in our quorums, and in our legislative assemblies. That is significant in the instruction given to the church concerning the decisions of the leading quorums of the church. The principle underlying this instruction applies to all of us, here, today. It is:

The decisions of these quorums, or either of them, are to be made in all righteousness, in holiness and lowliness of heart, meekness and long-suffering, and in faith and virtue and knowledge; temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and charity, because the promise is, if these things abound in them, they shall not be unfruitful in the knowledge of the Lord.—Section 104: 11 i.

### Church-wide Unity

It is a great pleasure to meet here with all of you, including large delegations from Australia and Hawaii, and with our full complement of general officers: the Presidency, the Twelve, the Presiding Patriarch, the Presiding Bishopric, the Presidency of the Quorum of High Priests, and the Presidents of the Seventy.

We have had a good biennium. There is nothing which does not come within the purview of our responsibility as the presiding quorum of the church. We therefore report on the total movement. That we should do so arises out of the nature of the task committed to us. But it should not be thought that we are thereby claiming undue credit. On the contrary, we acknowledge freely and gratefully the high quality of the work done in the quorums and orders and councils and departments of the church, and refer you to the reports of our associates for information as to the specific accomplishments in these areas. Our concern is with the overview.

We have been very happy in the maintenance and growth of the unity of our people. This is of primary importance, since we are called to be one body engaged in one inclusive task. This unity is one of the fruits of the Spirit. It has been ministered to as the general officers have traveled through the church. This travel has sometimes been expensive, despite our earnest desire to conserve the resources of the church. But it is one of the means of unity peculiar to our times. Not everyone can come to the Center Place. But as we develop more and more high priests who are competent to maintain the regular ministries of the church in their several areas, and more and more supervising Seventies who can push the work into new fields, general officers are being progressively freed for leadership of the entire body. This leadership demands personal contacts as a means of effective communication.

During these two years, members of the Presidency have been in personal touch with every area in which the church is functioning. We have been well received and have been immeasurably strengthened by the evidences of the faith and devotion of our people throughout the world. Members of the Twelve and of the Presiding Bishopric, who have been in similar contact with the body of the church, report similar evidences of the faith and devotion which underlie unity.

Personal contacts are important. An even more important factor in our basic unity is the enlightenment which comes out of our common application to the total task. People who work together in heartfelt devotion develop capacities for understanding from the very work which they share. This is especially true of those who work together under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. That we have achieved a high degree of such unity is evident in our testimony meetings, in our happy support of General Church enterprises, in our sharing of the vision of what lies ahead, and in many other ways.

### Baptisms

In 1954, 5,308 baptisms were reported to the statistician. In 1955, 5,554 baptisms were reported. This total of 10,862 is the largest biennium growth in

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our history. It comes at the end of the best decade in our history. Behind it lies the sacrificial endeavor on the part of many, many good people. We have never found any way to check what percentage of our growth is directly attributable to the work of the appointee ministry, what percentage comes as a result of the labors of the local ministry, and what percentage comes as a result of the testimony borne by those not of the priesthood. Perhaps it is as well that we cannot, for this emphasizes the fact that all participate and each depends on the others. But, having said this, we should note that one of the major gains of the recent past, a gain which is not confined to these two years but which has to do with the basic growth of our people, is in our church-wide awakening to the importance of testimony. Such testimony is everyone's business. Organized endeavor toward church extension is rightly directed by the Twelve and Seventy and, within the areas of their jurisdiction, by local administrative officers. But far beyond what can be planned ahead are the opportunities for testimony which will be found on every hand by a witnessing people. Such testimony has accounted for many of our gains.

The members of the standing ministry have missionary responsibilities. So does every member of the church. Under our normal functioning, these responsibilities have been rightfully discharged in areas where we are established. But some of our people live in unorganized territory. Their testimony has opened the way to later organization. Others, who were once within the orbit of our organized endeavor, have found reason to go elsewhere. Some have even gone to distant lands. The basic obligation of testimony has not been altered. Some have recognized this, as has been illustrated by the testimony borne by members of the armed forces in Japan and Korea. This kind of thing is likely to increase, rather than decrease, as more of our people participate in the Point Four Program of the United States Government, or are employed under United Nations auspices, or are sent abroad by large industrial concerns, or have part in overseas professional and teaching movements, or in any of the many ways in which our ties with the whole world are being strengthened.

Obviously, the church is not ready to follow up every contact so made. There is a certain balance in these things. The instruction given fifty-five years ago, by which we strengthened our stakes at the same time as we increased our foreign missionary enterprise, was sound. Nevertheless, every outreach, and every possible outreach, lays obligations on us and opens up new areas of privilege.

In light of the foregoing our personnel program, our financial program, and our foreign language program must be scrutinized from the viewpoint of our expanding opportunities and responsibilities at home and abroad. Such scrutiny has been attempted down the years. In particular we have sought to pursue it during the past six weeks in sessions of the Presidency, the Twelve, and the Presiding Bishopric. These sessions have been marked by unusual light and a fine spirit of fraternity. As a result of our deliberations additional assignments have been made looking toward the strengthening of our existing missions. Further studies are under way looking toward the opening of new missions as wisdom and the light of the Spirit and our available resources indicate to be wise.

The research involved in this approach to missions abroad will be directed by a permanent committee of the Presidency, Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric.

### The Auditorium

One of the major unifying factors felt throughout the church has been our common concern about the further completion of the Auditorium. Excellent leadership has been given by the Presiding Bishopric, both in raising funds and in the expenditure of those funds in ways which are now visible to all of you. We ourselves have been very greatly heartened that our world headquarters is coming into effective existence. There remains before us the task of installing a suitable organ and in other ways pushing to completion the work so well begun. Then, yet beyond, is the even greater task of the effective use of the Auditorium and its facilities. It is our full expectation that the influence of the completed building will be felt very significantly in Independence, in the central stakes, and throughout the church. It will give opportunities for gatherings which will do much to break down the sectionalism which is inseparable from the nature of local organization. It will give many opportunities for improving our departmental activities. It will mean much in terms of public service.

During recent years, and especially during the past few months, the youth program of Center Stake has been expanded to include activities centering in the lower auditorium. It will soon be necessary for us to look beyond the auditorium as the youth program is further expanded.

Completion of the Auditorium will involve real sacrifice on the part of many of you. Moreover, the other activities of the church, involving heavy per capita expense, must necessarily be continued. Those who share responsibility in the Board of Appropriations have given care-

ful thought to this, and their recommendations will come before you in due course. The point that we want to emphasize here is that the church must move forward as quickly as our strength will permit, but in balance. No essential feature of our total endeavor must be neglected. This principle runs throughout all our planning.

### Houses of Worship

The movement to house our branches adequately, commenced ten years ago, has continued with marked emphasis since last we met. The Presiding Bishopric inform us that the church has spent \$7,588,830 on new or improved church buildings in the ten-year period, \$1,824,587 of this in the last two years. The Stone Church Education Building, which it is our high privilege to use in connection with the activities of this Conference, is perhaps the largest single evidence of what is going on, but equally important growth is being made in smaller centers. The needs still continue urgent, and the Board of Appropriations has far-reaching recommendations to make in this connection. We commend these to your sympathetic attention.

The building of houses of worship involves, in most cases, a carefully achieved meeting of minds. The general officers concerned have been happy to contribute to this meeting of minds out of an experience more varied than is usually available on the local scene. The one major need in this connection, as we have found it, has been the necessity for an earlier awareness of building requirements and possibilities. Even now many branches which ought to be adding to their facilities within a few years are delaying the preparatory work which should be done. When the time for building arrives, those who have cash in hand and who have made leisurely studies of their needs have a tremendous advantage. Almost without exception, every branch needs a building fund now for the present or immediate future improvement of its facilities or in order to assist in the planting of missions in near-by areas.

### Graceland

We continue to have cordial personal and official relations with the Graceland College Board of Trustees and with the college administration. We have appreciated the splendid work done under their direction and its significance for the church as a whole. At the college we face major problems resulting from the growth of the church and the general population, and the increased percentage of our young people who would like to begin their college work at Graceland. We are in full sympathy with the needs

of the college, and greatly appreciate the sacrifices being made by the administration, and faculty, and staff in order that these needs might be met. It is nevertheless incumbent on us to point out that the growth of the church as a whole, and the church-wide response to the law of tithes and offerings, must necessarily condition the growth being made at Lamoni. The church must do her best to meet the reasonable demands of the college. If we cannot meet all of them at this time, then action which will enable us to meet them as quickly as possible should be taken.

This is a good place for me to express the pleasure of the members of the First Presidency in the steadily increasing number of church members who take advantage of opportunities for advanced education. Their will to do good is being made effective through their polished skills. The Committee on Ministry to College Students has given us invaluable assistance in recognizing and coming to grips with some of the problems confronted by persons who go on with their education in this fashion. More needs to be done, but a good beginning has been made. Good work has also been done, under the general guidance of this committee, in bringing to the attention of church members who have achieved professional standing the enlarged fields of endeavor in which the church can utilize their services.

We have not felt inclined to establish a general advisory council of professional men and women, as some have strongly advised us to do. But we and others of the general officers have been greatly helped by the freely given contribution of persons specially qualified to help us in such fields as architecture, education, journalism, medicine, communications, and the fine arts.

### **The Sanitarium**

We are intimately connected with the work of the Sanitarium, since the Presidency is joined with the Bishopric, the Church Physician, the Mayor of Independence, and the Judge of the Western Division of the Jackson County Court on the Board of Trustees. We note here that the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital performs a significant function in the Independence Community, and for others of our people, and that this is being widely recognized. Again, we point out that the ministry afforded at the Sanitarium is in line with one of the basic functions of the church, which from the first has been called to practice a ministry of healing. And, as ought to be true, the effective discharge of such a basic function commends the work of the church to those who see us at work.

The administration of the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital has been handled effectively by Bishop A. Neal Deaver with whom Miss Nelle Morgan, R. N., has been associated as Director of Nursing. We have been happy in the well-earned accreditation achieved by the school during the past year.

In harmony with the statement contained in our report to the General Conference in 1954, there will be a meeting of the medical doctors and dentists of the church in the choir room of the Stone Church on Friday, April 13, at 11:00 a.m. It is our hope that from this meeting there shall come suggestions valuable to the program which we would like to see become a part of our permanent endeavor.

### **Reunions and Camps**

During the inter-Conference period our work in reunions has been maintained, and our ministry through camps for various age groups has been greatly augmented. But we would like to point out that many of our reunion facilities have been acquired with a view to serving reunion needs only. These differ from camp needs. We are therefore at a disadvantage in areas where the needs of younger groups, particularly, are not fully recognized.

At a conservative estimate, we have \$363,000 invested in reunion grounds. This investment is now being used to better effect than at any earlier time. Some grounds are in operation throughout the major part of the summer and for frequent week ends at other times of the year.

The tendency in all new fields of church functioning is to expect the pioneer work to be done by members of the appointee staff. With some notable exceptions, this has occurred with regard to the development of children's and young people's camps. One result has been the diminution of the appointee time available for pushing the work into new fields. This is an unfortunate trend. There are many schoolteachers, Scout leaders, and others, who are quite close to the children and young people in their communities, and who could well give excellent leadership in this field. We ask that those so qualified volunteer for this kind of service.

### **The School of the Restoration**

During the biennium under review important preliminary work has been done toward the establishment of the School of the Restoration, dedicated to the further education of leaders in every field of church endeavor. The Board of Trustees is composed of the First Presidency, charged with primary responsibility in relation to the Melchisedec priesthood;

the Presiding Bishopric, charged with primary responsibility in regard to the education of the Aaronic priesthood; the President of the Council of Twelve; the President of the Quorum of High Priests; and the Senior President of the Seventy. With these are associated the assistant to the First Presidency in charge of Leadership Education and the Director of Religious Education for the church. It is our feeling that this close relation of those charged with the spiritual leadership of the church should be carefully maintained. It is also imperative that academic standards which are necessarily important in an educational institution shall be built up as quickly as possible, and thereafter shall be held at a high level.

### **Department of Women**

The work of the women of the church has moved steadily forward under the guidance of Sister Alice M. Burgess and the Women's Council, toward a broader emphasis than was possible a few years ago. Efforts are being made, with some success, to include many of the sisters who were not active in the work of the department heretofore. Increasing emphasis is being placed in such fields as evangelism, temperance, education, and the fine arts.

The Women's Council is composed of ten women resident in or near Independence, who are available for periodic consultation, and six others resident in the domestic field and who maintain contact through correspondence and occasional visits. We suggest that membership in the Council be kept at this number. Sustaining of the Council members, or selection of their successors, will come before the Conference during the current sessions. It is expected that members will be selected for six-, four-, and two-year terms, so that hereafter Council members can all be selected for six-year terms.

### **Religious Education**

The Department of Religious Education has done good work under the direction of Elder Clifford Cole and his associates, Elders F. Carl Mesle, J. R. Evans, and Richard B. Lancaster. By action of the recent Joint Council two additional appointee staff members will be added to the department. These are greatly needed, particularly in church school and youth work.

The increased help is expected to speed up the core curriculum studies which have been going on for a number of years, and which are expected to improve our effectiveness in many fields of endeavor. It should also help in the planning and conducting of greatly needed regional gatherings.

## The Standing High Council

This Council has met monthly throughout the two-year period under review with special meetings as necessitated by emergency situations. The brethren serve on a high level of understanding and devotion. Considerable progress has been made in the clarification of the meaning and application of the law, particularly in the field of marital relations.

## The Stakes

We have had very helpful periodic presidents of the seven stakes now organized. The combined membership of these stakes is 31, 384 or 23 per cent of the membership in the United States and Canada. Insights have been shared and tested in experience. We expect these meetings to continue and result in improved leadership among the standing ministry throughout the church.

It is our conviction that, while the organization of further stakes is not advisable at this time, the administration of local affairs through stake ministry is the highest and most rewarding form of church organization and action. The creation of further stakes awaits the development of leaders of high priestly caliber in areas of sufficient population and church membership, plus the parallel development of interbranch relationships and activities.

## The Standard Books

The inter-Conference period has been marked by quickened concern regarding the Book of Mormon and Doctrine and Covenants.

A proposal will come before the Conference which, if adopted, will authorize the First Presidency to appoint a committee to consider the possibility of rewording the Book of Mormon in such a way as to eliminate objectionable phrasing. Pros and cons of the question have been debated at some length in the columns of the *Herald*. We believe the Conference should be left free to decide what the body wants done in this matter. But we recommend that if the proposed motion is adopted, and the appointment of the committee authorized, it shall be understood that publication of the authorized edition of the Book of Mormon shall continue, and that any revised edition of the book resulting from the activities of the committee shall make its way on its merits.

Interest in the contents of the book of Doctrine and Covenants has centered, for the most part, in the retention or elimination of Sections 107, 109, and 110. Elimination has been proposed on the ground that we lack evidence of the acceptance of these sections by any representative body of the church. After a rather careful study of this matter, and

consultation with the Council of Twelve, we feel that the necessities of the situation can best be met by retention of the three documents as they are with a re-statement of the introduction to each of them. The Presidency will prepare such an introductory statement, and it will be included in future editions of the Doctrine and Covenants.

We believe that no further action will be necessary by this Conference, and so recommend.

## Missionary Work

The more rapid expansion of the church is imperative if we are to fulfill the purpose of God in us. This means that the movement to free the missionary authorities for their primary task of pushing the work into new fields must be continued. This will not be achieved by mere disassociation of the Twelve and Seventy from local responsibilities. Persons of high priestly caliber and experience must be found for the work of the standing ministry in order that the preaching of the gospel may continue in areas not yet reached.

The prospects for baptismal gain are good. The number of appointees is growing rapidly; the men are developing with experience. Without undue emphasis on merely numerical gains but with deep and urgent concern for winning men to Christ and the cause of the kingdom, we believe there is every reason that the excellent record set for the past shall be again surpassed in the years before us.

The emphasis on evangelism under the direction of the standing ministry needs to be augmented by increased emphasis on the conservation of our membership. Too high a percentage of those baptized never come to full spiritual maturity, or, if they do, later fall by the wayside. A major reason for this is that in all too many cases we fail to build our new members into the pattern of church activity as quickly as we should. We are not called just to be a believing people. We are called to be a doing people.

Because our losses through faulty conservation are too high, the net gain of the church from year to year is too small. If our net increase could be enlarged by only one tenth of 1 per cent per year this would mean that we would double our membership in two thirds of the time that it now takes. Achievement of this basic increase should not be difficult. Progress by conservation is less spectacular than that accruing from large baptismal gains, but in the long run it is more effective. There is no reason why we should not have both. Success in every other field of church endeavor depends on our effectiveness in winning and holding new members.

## The Seventy

If the Conference shall approve recommendations for ordinations to the office of Seventy which will be made, the second quorum of Seventy will need to be organized at this time. Many have looked for this day with eager hope. We sincerely trust that it will become a matter of pride, supported by expertness in performance, for the standing ministry to free as many of these brethren as possible for the planting of new openings which is their basic calling. The brethren of the Seventy lose none of their Melchisedec priesthood rights when they are ordained to the traveling ministry. They do come under the heavy and exacting responsibility of planting the work in new fields. We admonish the priesthood who can relieve them to do so in the spirit of freeing them for discharge of obligations which can enrich the entire movement.

## School: Teaching Ministry

As many of you will remember, in recent years we have held various major inter-Conference gatherings. We feel that, for the most part, the work of the church can be more expeditiously advanced, and at cheaper cost, by regional gatherings than by single church-wide gatherings. Now that more experienced members of the appointee ministry are becoming available, we expect that more of these regional meetings will be held. We therefore announce but one major inter-Conference gathering: a conference on the Teaching Mission of the Church to be held on or about April 22 to 26, 1957.

## Conference Legislation Classes

We have sought to so plan this Conference that the fullest possible opportunities shall be given for participation in worship, fellowship, and legislation. There are some who have felt that since our primary purpose is legislative, additional legislative time should be provided in the mornings. Unfortunately, if this were done it would be necessary to curtail the time given to the High Priests, the Seventy, the Bishops, and the Evangelists, all of whom have important Conference functions. We must therefore continue to reserve two hours each morning for the members of these quorums.

However, we have found it possible to arrange for the members of the Conference to be divided into three groups which will meet at 8:30 A.M. daily. Each of these groups will consider the basic principles underlying the legislative work of the Conference, the appropriations recommended, the principles involved in proposals coming before the Conference, and similar matters. There

# Official Minutes of General Conference

Business Session, Monday, April 9, 1956

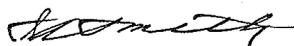
will be no attempt to anticipate or to directly influence legislation. Rather, we will seek to provide information on the basis of which the delegates and ex-officiis can determine how they wish to vote. Actual Conference debate will still be reserved for the legislative assemblies in the afternoon.

On the basis of a consideration of the problems that will come before the Conference, and the opportunities that lie before the church, we realize our human limitations. Under the weight of the responsibility that rests upon all of us, we turn to God in humble prayer for help, and we commend the spirit of humility and prayer to all who are gathered here in the name of Christ to seek wisdom and understanding, motivated by a love that reaches from our heavenly Father down to the humblest of our fellow members.

Let us try to enter into this Conference, by making reconciliation with God and man, with clean hands and clean hearts. Let us resist temptations that divide; let us avoid the spirit of contention in which the church would suffer needless hurts, and Christ would bleed from new wounds of our making. Let us remember the supremacy of the law of love, which our Savior proclaimed.

And now may God bless one and all as we move into the serious work of this Conference, that out of it the church may emerge stronger and better prepared for the great tasks and opportunities that lie before us. This is our prayer in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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## Mothers' Club Reception

The *Conference Program*, page 53, announces among the "Where to go between meetings" that the Mothers' Club will hold a reception Saturday, April 14. This fellowship is planned especially for those individuals and representatives of groups who have assisted the Club by their sewing or otherwise helping to furnish the nursery at the Sanitarium. Invitations have gone out, but in case of mail failure or someone being overlooked, this is to be considered an invitation.

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## The Seat of the Trouble

It's awful to run like the dickens to get a seat so some other good Latter Day Saint won't have one.

The 1956 General Conference assembled for its initial business session at 2:00 p.m., April 9, in the Auditorium, Independence, Missouri. Israel A. Smith, President of the Church, was in the chair. The Conference activities of Sunday, April 8, are covered in the *Official Program* of the Conference, as are the educational and devotional services for the entire week.

The national anthem was sung by the assembly under the leadership of Elder Franklyn S. Weddle, with Mrs. LaVern Taylor of Independence, Missouri, accompanying at the organ.

During the singing of the national anthem, Explorer Scout Denny Woodsmall carried to the platform the flag of the United States, accompanied by Scout Jackie Thomas and Cub Scout Daniel Brockman. Oriole Cynthia Heide, accompanied by Oriole Sharon Freeman and Skylark Deborah Martin, carried the church flag to the platform. President Israel A. Smith made the following statement, after which the flags of various other nations were unfurled:

We have sung the national anthem of the United States of America. This great republic is but one of the nations whose citizens comprise a world-wide church, the mission of which is to enlist the peoples of all lands in the cause of the kingdom.

As a symbol of unity in saintly allegiance, the flags of other countries of the world will be unfurled as the flags of the United States and the Church are set in place.

The hymn, "Redeemer of Israel" was sung and the invocation offered by Presiding Evangelist Elbert A. Smith.

Apostle Paul M. Hanson and Bishop G. Leslie DeLapp moved that the First Presidency preside over this Conference and be empowered to complete its organization. The motion was put to vote by Apostle Hanson, and it prevailed unanimously.

President Smith announced that the Honorable Robert P. Weatherford, Jr., Mayor of the city of Independence, was in the gathering and would address the assembly. He was escorted to the platform by Apostle Paul M. Hanson and Bishop G. Leslie DeLapp, where he greeted the Conference on behalf of the city of Independence.

Attention was called to the report of the Credentials Committee on pages 26 to 30, inclusive, and a supplement on page 63. The following corrections were noted: The name of a delegate from East-

ern Colorado District was corrected from Edwin P. Peterson to Edwin P. Anderson, and the name Perce R. Judd was inserted as the delegate from Hayhurst, Australia. The report was approved as corrected on motion by Bishop H. L. Livingston and Apostle C. R. Hield.

The following communication was presented, after which the chair stated that the Conference was duly organized:

*To the General Conference:*

In harmony with your action, we wish to announce the following appointments to perfect the Conference organization:

Secretaries: Charles D. Neff, Fred L. Young, Roy Stearns

Stenographers: Gladys Gould, Berneice Anderson, Rosamond Sherman, Marguerite Constance, Flora Hallier, Eleanor Minton

Music: Franklyn S. Weddle, with the privilege of choosing his assistants.

Press: Charles D. Neff, Evan A. Fry, Dick Ankney, Leonard Lea

Radio-TV: Kenneth Raveill, Norman Bernauer, Stele Bryant

Administration to the Sick: E. Y. Hunker, with the privilege of choosing his assistants

Ushers: James E. Campbell, J. W. Chapman

Housing: Fred Dickson, with the privilege of choosing his assistants

Decorations: Albert Handy, with the privilege of choosing his assistants

Messenger Service: Ralph Freeman

Communion Service (services already rendered): William Worth, Jr., Winfred E. Albright

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*Israel A. Smith*

The following greetings and messages were read to the Conference by President W. Wallace Smith:

Church group in Japan earnestly praying for successful Conference.—Carl F. Crum, Tokyo, Japan

French Oceania sends greetings and prayers for a successful Conference.—Horahitu, Breckenridge, Butterworth

The members of the Northern District British Isles Mission in conference session send fraternal greetings to all at General Conference and pray that God's Spirit be with you in all your activities.—Arthur Mayne, *Secretary*, Manchester, England

With best wishes for a successful Conference, assuring you of our prayerful support.—Tom and Betty Worth, Birmingham, England

Our prayers and best wishes are for you.—Enfield Branch

Our prayers are for the success of the Conference. May the business transacted and the decisions reached be for the over-all good of

His work.—Leila and Tsunao Miyamoto, Peggy and Elwin Vest, Hawaii District

I have the regret to tell you that my beloved husband, John Mervin has passed away on the twenty-second of this [March] month. He had been in the hospital for eight days, and died of kidney troubles.

We are hoping that you're in good health. May God bless you in your work is our prayer.—Emeré Mervin, Papeete, Tahiti

Our prayers are that the Spirit, intelligence, love, and unity are present with you.—The Everett and Landon families and the Norwegian Mission, Oslo, Norway

The following document was read and was adopted without objection:

#### *To the General Conference Greetings:*

We recommend that the following be adopted to govern parliamentary procedure in General Conferences:

A yea and nay vote may be ordered on petition of one third of the delegates and ex officio present and voting.

A motion to suspend the rules, or to make any matter a special order of business, shall require a two-thirds majority vote.

The previous question, objection to consideration, and motions to limit debate may all be ordered by majority vote.

In all elections, voting shall be continued until a nominee receives a majority of the votes cast, except where otherwise previously announced.

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*Israel A. Smith*

The chairman called attention to the reports as published in the *Daily Herald*:

The following reports are published in the *Daily Herald*:

Report of the Council of Twelve, Paul M. Hanson, pages 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.

Report of the Order of Evangelists, Elbert A. Smith, Presiding Evangelist; Lynn E. Smith, Secretary of Order of Evangelists, page 8.

Report of the Quorum of High Priests, Ward A. Hougas, President of the Quorum of High Priests, page 9.

Report of the Council of Presidents of Seventy, the Council of Presidents of Seventy, Z. Z. Renfroe, Senior President, Russell F. Ralston, Secretary, pages 9, 10.

Report of the First Quorum of Seventy, the First Quorum of Seventy, Glen H. Johnson, President, Virgil J. Billings, Secretary, pages 10, 11.

Report of the Board of Trustees of Grace-land College, Edmund J. Gleazer, Jr., President, pages 11-15.

Auditor's Report, Lloyd L. Bland, C.P.A., pages 12-13.

Report of the Independence Sanitarium, A. Neal Deaver, Administrator, pages 15-17.

Auditor's Report, Lloyd L. Bland, C.P.A., pages 17-18

Report of the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital, Independence Sanitarium and Hospital Board of Trustees, H. L. Livingston, Treasurer, page 18.

Report of the Board of Publication, Board of Publication, W. N. Johnson, Chairman; Kenneth L. Graham, Secretary-Manager, pages 19, 20.

Auditor's Report, Lloyd L. Bland, C.P.A., page 20.

Report of the Department of Statistics, Merle P. Guthrie, Statistician, pages 21-25.

Report of the Church Historian, John Blackmore, General Church Historian, pages 30, 31.

Report of the Society for Archaeological Research, Charles R. Hield, Chairman, page 31.

Church Auditor's Report of Examination, Lloyd L. Bland, Certified Public Accountant, pages 34-36.

The Financial Report of the Presiding Bishopric, Presiding Bishopric, G. L. DeLapp, H. L. Livingston, W. N. Johnson, pages 36-39, and with Exhibits and Schedules, pages 39-54.

Report of the Radio Department, Charles F. Church, Jr., Director of Radio, pages 54-56, with "Messiah Radio Network" report, page 56.

Report of the Music Department, Franklyn S. Weddle, Director of Music for the General Church, pages 57, 58.

Report of the Audio-Visual Department, Arthur J. Rock, Audio-Visual Director, pages 59, 60.

Report of the General Department of Women, Mrs. S. A. Burgess, pages 60-63.

Report of the Church Physician, Charles F. Grabske, M.D., page 63.

The reports were received and made a part of the record with the following statement from the chair: "Those whose names appear at the end of these reports and who wish to comment thereon will please file a statement to this effect with the chair, and time for such comment will be set apart."

The following communications from the First Presidency were presented for future consideration:

#### *To the General Conference:*

We suggest that in selecting members of the Council of Women we choose three from the Independence area for six-year terms, three for four-year terms, and three for two-year terms.

We also suggest that in selecting associate members of the Council from the general domestic field, we choose two for six-year terms, two for four-year terms, and two for two-year terms.

If this procedure is followed, it will give us a council membership of ten, including the leader of women (who is appointed) and nine from the Independence area and six from the remainder of the domestic field.

In line with the foregoing, and in consultation with the leader of the Department of Women, we wish to nominate as follows:

#### INDEPENDENCE AREA

##### Six-year terms

Pauline J. Arnson (Mrs. S. S.)  
Marjorie Bandlow (Mrs. Earl)  
Bertha Johnson (Mrs. Walter N.)

##### Four-year terms

Jeannette Nichols (Mrs. Wm.)  
Bernice Six (Mrs. Herbert)  
Rosamond Smith (Mrs. W. Wallace)

##### Two-year terms

Evelyn Velt (Mrs. H. I.)  
Byrna Zerr (Mrs. C. Myron)

#### DOMESTIC FIELDS

##### Six-year terms

Dorothy Evans (Mrs. Cedric)  
Aarona Kohlman (Mrs. L. W.)

##### Four-year terms

Blanche Mesley (Mrs. C. George)  
Ena Slasor (Mrs. Otto W.)

#### Two-year terms

Ethel Squire (Mrs. E. LeRoy)  
Madeline Ostertag (Mrs. Louis J.)

It will be noted that we have arranged the names of those who have served on the council in alphabetical order, and those recently selected follow them in alphabetical order.

In harmony with the action of the General Conference of 1954, nominations from the floor for membership in this council are in order.

It is suggested that after the council has been selected it be understood that the term of membership on the council be six years, and that a third of the council members be selected at every two-year period.

The method of voting will be to present the names of those suggested for the Independence area for six-year terms. If nominations are received from the floor these will be added to those here presented. The vote will then be taken and the three receiving the highest votes will be declared elected. The same procedure will be followed for four-year terms and for two-year terms, and the procedure with regard to the domestic fields in general will then follow the Independence pattern.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
*Israel A. Smith*

#### *To the General Conference:*

Preambles and resolutions in the matter of race relations within the church and in missionary endeavors were considered by the General Conference of 1954 (*Daily Herald*, April 9, 1954, pp. 94-95). By action of the Conference this matter was "referred to the three quorums of concurrent jurisdiction, the First Presidency, the Council of Twelve, and the Quorum of Seventy, to be brought back to the next General Conference [1956] for consideration."

The Council of the First Presidency, Council of Twelve, and the Quorum of Seventy, therefore, report and recommend that the following be adopted by the General Conference as a substitute for the preambles and resolutions on race relations submitted to the General Conference of 1954.

The gospel is for all mankind. It knows no distinction of race or color.

The possibility of sharing the gospel has always been influenced by racial, social, economic, educational, and political factors. This is still true.

The social patterns are changing in the direction of closer integration between the various groups comprising the total population. It is difficult to imagine segregated churches in a society which takes for granted integrated schools, sports, hospitals, and trades unions.

Wherever groups, missions, branches, and congregations are organized they should be formed as a matter of administration and not as a matter of racial discrimination.

In some areas, members of other races will be welcomed into our churches. This gives us hope for progress. There are other areas where we must first build up the will to welcome them, which condition gives us cause for great concern. In such situations discretion is important, but only as an essential factor in breaking down barriers.

We should welcome all who respond to the call of the Lord from among all races.

Persons of any race who are ordained to the priesthood should function freely according to their gifts and callings. Some may well receive church appointment. Such appointees should be assigned with reasonable consideration for the opportunities for ministry to their own race, but such assign-

ments should not be to that race only.

The appointing authorities should carry the needs of all men in their hearts with ministry being directed according to the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the general, local, and missionary presiding officers concerned. It should be shared in by the Saints in the spirit of fraternity, which is the spirit of Zion.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
*Israel A. Smith*  
THE QUORUM OF TWELVE  
*Paul M. Hanson*  
THE SEVENTY  
*Z. Z. Renfroe*

*To the General Conference:*

The *Saints' Herald* for February 6, 1956, contained official notice of an action of the Standing High Council taken January 26, 1955. This action was published in the official columns of the *Herald* for February 13, 1956, and reads as follows:

Resolved as a substitute for paragraph 69 of the Church Court Procedure that:  
"All courts of the church have full power to hear and decide the issues involved in the cases submitted to them in accordance with the provisions heretofore set out, and their final decisions shall have all the authority, power, and effect of a branch, district, stake, or mission conference action of the jurisdiction of the parties concerned. In cases of expulsion from the church the judgment of the court is final and conclusive, but must be presented to the church (a properly constituted unit of church organization, such as a branch, district, stake, or mission, having jurisdiction of the person involved) in conformity with the law for removal of names from the church record:

And the elders shall lay the case before the church, and the church shall lift up their hands against him or her.—Doctrine and Covenants 42: 22.

The above statement is imperative and mandatory, not discretionary. When a duly appointed church court has found a member guilty of an offense which makes that member subject to expulsion from the church, after the time for filing an appeal has expired, or the appeal has been heard and overruled by the court, the finding of the trial court becomes final and the member is disfranchised and cut off from the church. Inasmuch as the one thus disfranchised is a member of a certain branch, district, stake, or mission, the members of this unit of church organization wherein he or she may have membership must thereafter by lifting up their hands remove his or her name from the membership of the church wherever located.

"In the event that the members of such branch or other unit of church organization shall under these circumstances fail to lift up their hands against the person involved in the aforesaid judgment of the court, the administrative officer in charge of that unit of church organization shall certify the matter to the next larger unit, such as for example from a branch to a district, and in the event of failure of the appropriate district, stake, or mission conference to act in the matter, or of branches in unorganized territory, the matter shall then be certified to the Standing High Council of the church for the necessary action on behalf of the church."

We present the resolution of the Standing High Council for such action as you deem wise.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
*Israel A. Smith*

Approval of the following resolution was moved by Elders F. Carl Mesle and Evan A. Fry, and action was deferred until a later business session:

*To the General Conference:*

The following resolution has been submitted to the First Presidency for presentation to the forthcoming General Conference:

WHEREAS, General Conference Resolution 317 (1886), concerning dancing, and General Conference Resolution 377 (1893), concerning dancing and card playing, and General Conference Resolution 671 (1912) concerning

theater going have been stated more affirmatively in General Conference Resolution 813 (1920), and General Conference Resolution 924 (1932), in an approach which stresses the spiritual welfare and the discretion of the individual, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That General Conference Resolutions 317, 377, and 671 be rescinded, and that General Conference Resolutions 813 and 924 stand as the more mature judgment of the church, and be it further

RESOLVED, That it is the belief and experience of this church that the repeated practice of social dancing by church members should be discouraged as likely to lead them toward temptation and away from Christ and his church, and from the higher spiritual life of his kingdom, and be it further

RESOLVED, That it is the considered conviction of the church that as stewards over time and talent, it is incumbent on each church member to make his leisure time activities contribute to his own mental and spiritual development, the service of his fellow man, and the building of the kingdom, and

That as a means to this end, the church should encourage and help to train all age groups among our membership in an appreciation of the best in art, drama, literature, music, painting, sculpture, and all allied cultural, artistic, scientific, educational, and recreational fields, in order that they may make wise, informed, and spiritually sound choices of activities for leisure time.

(Signed) CARL MESLE  
EVAN A. FRY

The following documents were presented for future consideration at this Conference:

*To the General Conference:*

At the fall conference of the Columbia River District the following motion was adopted for presentation to this General Conference:

WHEREAS, The name the church is known by, that of "Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints," is very misleading and

WHEREAS, This name has had no proper official sanction, therefore, be it and it is hereby

Resolved, That the name, "Church of Jesus Christ Restored," be adopted by this Conference as the official name of the church.

In harmony with the district action we transmit this proposal for your consideration.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
*Israel A. Smith*

*To the General Conference:*

The Saints of the Columbia River District have taken action asking this Conference to authorize the change of the name of the church. Under these circumstances the Joint Council of Presidency, Council of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric have authorized us to present to you the findings of a committee which have been giving careful consideration to this matter for many months. The committee consisted of Elders Israel A. Smith, President of the Church, Paul M. Hanson, President of the Council of Twelve, and G. Leslie DeLapp, Presiding Bishop.

A recent report of this committee to the Joint Council states that the members of the committee "are united in the conviction that it would be inadvisable to make any change in our present name, largely because it is not necessary. Our reasons for so believing come from the fact that we recognize our present name is but a combination of the name given by Divinity in 1838 with certain affixes of a descriptive nature for the purpose of identification.

"When the Reorganization movement was begun in 1852 and for quite a number of

years our name was The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, the original name of the church, and this name was used until sometime in the 1860's—approximately 1866, when the word 'Reorganized' was affixed.

"That no formal action by the General Conference was the basis for such a change is quite understandable, because it is quite apparent to us that it was not considered as a change.

"As we analyze the matter, and as it was undoubtedly considered by our church leaders, the proper name of the ecclesiastical body had in no degree been abandoned: It was still 'The Church of Jesus Christ' with the original suffixes, 'of Latter Day Saints,' to distinguish it from the church in the days of Christ. They had but to add the prefix, 'Reorganized,' to prevent confusion in the public mind because of the 'Mormon' movement in the West that was at that time (1860's) resisting the United States Government in its attempt to extirpate or wipe out polygamy.

"They no doubt believed that they were in no way changing the name. The real name provided by Divinity was and still is preserved. The name, as we have already explained, was 'The Church of Jesus Christ.' That name stands, but for identification purposes there is a prefix and there are suffixes. . . .

"It is our thought, and we so recommend, that in implementing the name, emphasis be made on 'Church of Jesus Christ,' printing, where necessary, in small letters the words 'Reorganized' and 'of Latter Day Saints.'"

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
*Israel A. Smith*

*To the General Conference:*

WHEREAS, The administration of the church is one of the most fundamental acts in which the church as a whole does engage; and

WHEREAS, The effective administration of the church must involve the expenditure of moneys for administrative purposes such as the promulgation of religious, educational, and activity programs within districts and stakes, as well as missionary work, elder's expenses, office expenses, etc.; and

WHEREAS, The raising of these funds often creates difficult burdens for the various districts and stakes of the church; and

WHEREAS, These needs are always created, not only in the interest of the district or stake in particular but also in the interest of the church as a whole; therefore be it

Resolved:

1. That the church direct 10 per cent of the tithing submitted by the members of the church in the various districts and stakes back to those districts and stakes to be used by them to assist in meeting those administrative costs outlined above.

2. That the above shall apply only to tithing paid by a district or stake and shall not include offerings and other general contributions made by those areas.

3. That the payment of these funds by the church shall be done annually to the district and stake treasurers and that the expenditure of those moneys by the districts and stakes be the sole responsibility of those groups in accordance with their annual budgets.

4. That the amount of tithing returned to each district or stake shall not exceed one half (50 per cent) of the current budget of those districts and stakes, and that any tithing moneys available to be returned which are in excess of one half (50 per cent) of the current budget of each district or stake shall not be paid and shall not accrue to the benefit of those areas.

Southern New England Delegation  
J. V. Pement, *Chairman*

*The General Conference:*

The Board of Appropriations recommend that action on the proposal to return a proportion of their contributions to districts be deferred, and that the First Presidency be requested to appoint a committee of seven members of this Board to study this problem and make recommendations to the next meeting of the Board of Appropriations.

It is further recommended that this committee consist of representatives of both districts and stakes.

THE BOARD OF APPROPRIATIONS  
By *Israel A. Smith*

Elders George A. Njeim and Glen H. Johnson moved the approval of the recommendation concerning the release of Seventies. Action was deferred pending its publication:

*To the First Presidency and General Conference:*

As the numbers of the Seventy grow there continues to come before the Council of Presidents of Seventy the problem of regulating membership in the quorum or quorums of Seventy. Inasmuch as we are limited by law to seven quorums, or 490 Seventy, the need arises for releasing men from connection with the Seventy under certain circumstances in order to maintain a high standard of service of the Seventy of the church.

History shows that this has been a matter of concern of the Council of Presidents of Seventy from the beginning. In the *Journal of History*, Volume 7, pages 83 to 91 there is considerable reference to action taken by the Council of Presidents of Seventy in this regard. In the *Saints' Herald*, Volume 30, page 270, there is an apparent answer from the Presidency to questions concerning members dropped from the quorums of Seventy for (1) cause, (2) inactivity, (3) disability.

The responsibility for recommending release from the quorum or quorums of Seventy is inherent in the Council of Presidents of Seventy. As late as May 21, 1947, in answer to a proposed Conference Resolution regarding this, the First Presidency stated, "The Resolution of April 10 is acceptable. We would like to point out, however, that no action is needed in order to give you the power indicated in this resolution. You already have this power . . ."

To clarify this we set forth a statement of reasons for the release of men from the quorum or quorums of Seventy:

*A. Cause*

1. The imposition of silence because of unfitness to function as a minister
2. If a man becomes unqualified to serve under General Church assignment
3. If a man persistently rejects missionary assignment

*B. Inactivity*

1. Failure to report to the quorum president for two conference periods
2. Failure to function in the work and spirit of a Seventy in activities such as conducting missionary services, stimulating the Saints, and witnessing for Christ
3. Willful abstention from quorum function

*C. Disability*

1. Disability of a nature to make impossible further active service in the quorum of Seventy.

These reasons have been the basis for releasing men from the quorum or quorums of Seventy. Therefore, be it resolved that the foregoing statement of reasons for release be

included among the rules and resolutions of the church.

THE COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS  
OF SEVENTY  
By *Russell F. Ralston*

Letter from the Presidents of Seventy was read recommending the organization of a Second Quorum of Seventy. Elders Russell F. Ralston and James C. Daugherty moved approval, which motion carried:

*To the General Conference:*

The Council of Presidents of Seventy is happy to note that for the first time in many years there will be enough Seventies available to necessitate the organization of a Second Quorum of Seventy.

We therefore recommend to this Conference that action be taken providing for the organization of the Second Quorum of Seventy.

THE COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS  
OF SEVENTY  
By *Russell F. Ralston, Secretary*

Letter as follows was read concerning the ordination of bishops:

*To the General Conference:*

After careful thought and prayer we feel directed to recommend that Elders Frederick L. Dickson, Francis E. Hansen, and Hudson P. Grundy be ordained bishops. This recommendation has the approval of the Joint Council of the First Presidency, Council of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric, and also of the Order of Bishops.

In view of the wide discussion of these recommendations by those most likely to be well informed concerning the calling of the brethren, we do not think that extended affirmative discussion of the proposed ordinations will be necessary. Any who have any objections to urge should feel entirely free to do so.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
*Israel A. Smith*

Bishops G. L. DeLapp and H. L. Livingston moved "That we approve the recommendations and that the ordinations be provided for." Each man expressed his willingness to accept the ordination, after which each was approved unanimously.

A letter recommending the ordination of Elder L. Wayne Updike as a member of the Standing High Council was read:

*To the General Conference:*

At the General Conference business session held Sunday, April 11, 1954, members of the Presidency were authorized to fill the vacancy existing in the Standing High Council in the interim between Conferences, and to submit their action to this Conference for approval.

We discussed this matter with the Standing High Council and during the Conference interim have used Brother L. Wayne Updike as an emergency member of the Council. However, we preferred not to authorize the setting apart of Brother Updike to permanent membership on the Council without prior General Conference action.

We now request the Conference to authorize the ordination of Elder L. Wayne Updike as a member of the Standing High Council of the church.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
*Israel A. Smith*

Motion to approve was made by Elders Paul M. Hanson and Glen H. Johnson, and Brother Updike gave expression of his willingness to serve. Motion to approve carried.

The Presidency presented the resignations from the Standing High Council of Elders J. A. Becker and H. L. Barto:

*To the General Conference:*

Elder J. A. Becker has handed us his resignation as a member of the Standing High Council of the church. Elder Harry G. Barto has been called to membership in the Evangelical Order, and accordingly he, too, has resigned from this Council.

Brother Becker has served on the Council from 1920 to 1925 and continuously since 1940. Brother Barto has been a member since 1932. Both of these brethren have served with marked distinction and have won the abiding affection and respect of the other council members. The church is deeply indebted to them.

We suggest that the resignations be accepted by a standing vote, and that this vote indicate our appreciation of the faithful service of the brethren.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
*Israel A. Smith*

Elders Willard Hield and C. L. Olson moved to accept the recommendation. The resignation of each was accepted and appreciation expressed by a standing vote.

The hymn "Lord of the Living Harvest" was sung at this juncture.

The following recommendations were made by the First Presidency to fill the vacancies existing on the Standing High Council:

*To the General Conference:*

To fill the two vacancies existing in the Standing High Council of the Church, we recommend the selection and ordination of Elders Lloyd L. Bland and Sanford Downs.

The two brethren are at present members of the Standing High Council of the Center Stake, so that, if their ordination is approved, they will come to their new responsibilities with considerable prior preparation.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
*Israel A. Smith*

Upon a motion by Elders G. L. DeLapp and F. S. Weddle, the recommendation was approved, after each man expressed his willingness to serve.

The following document recommending the ordination of Seventies was presented to the Conference:

*To the General Conference:*

The Presidents of Seventy have recommended that the following named elders be ordained to the office of Seventy: Samuel E. Anderson, Flora, Illinois; Frederick C. Banta, Richmond, California; T. E. Barlow, Ft. Wayne, Indiana; Barnett W. Berridge, Madison, Wisconsin; Harry W. Black, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; E. W. Dickens, Aurora, Illinois; E. R. Fishburn, Nauvoo, Illinois; Calvin V. French, Middleton, Ohio; A. Leslie Gardner, Guelph, Ontario; A. Wayne Hough, Pisgah, Iowa; J. D. Imrie, Auckland, New Zealand; David A. Kaleikau, Jr., Jefferson City, Missouri; K. N. Kinart, Redlands, California; Richard Reid, Hot Springs, Arkansas; Oskar

E. F. Stuve, Hamburg, Germany; Alan D. Tyree, (Papeete, Tahiti) Independence, Missouri; Alfred Urban, Hannover, Germany; Robert I. Wakeman, Phoenix, Arizona.

In view of the fact that these calls have been attested by the Presidents of Seventy and approved by the Presidency, Twelve, and Seventy, we believe that it will not be necessary to take time for speeches on the Conference floor favoring these ordinations.

Any who may be opposed to the ordinations recommended are invited to confer with Elder Z. Z. Renfro, Senior President of Seventy, in Room 415 of the Auditorium, as soon as is mutually convenient. Such persons will be entitled to the floor later in the Conference when these names are presented for approval and the brethren recommended make their statements of acceptance.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
By Israel A. Smith

President Israel A. Smith read the following communication regarding superannuation:

*To the General Conference:*

On behalf of the Joint Council of First Presidency, Council of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric, we recommend that the General Conference accord the honor of superannuation to Elder Taruiarii a Tauhiti (Horahitu), of the French Oceania Mission.

Elder Horahitu was ordained an elder in 1913 and a Seventy in 1951. He is widely known throughout the mission, and has rendered distinguished service. It is our thought that recognition of this honor shall be given Elder Horahitu on some suitable occasion when next one of the general officers of the church is available in the Islands.

We recommend that the honor of superannuation be granted Brother Horahitu by a rising vote.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
Israel A. Smith

Elders Joseph Yager and Alan Tyree moved approval, which carried by a standing vote.

Another communication regarding superannuation was presented:

*To the General Conference:*

On behalf of the Joint Council of First Presidency, Council of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric, we recommend that the General Conference accord the honor of superannuation to Bishop A. T. Trapp of the British Isles Mission.

Elder Trapp was ordained an elder in 1916, a high priest in 1921, and a bishop in 1930. He is loved throughout the British Mission where he has rendered distinguished service. He and his wife were present at the General Conference of 1947. It is our thought that recognition of this honor should be given Bishop Trapp on some suitable occasion when next one of the general officers of the church is available in the British Isles Mission.

We recommend the honor of superannuation be granted Brother Trapp by rising vote.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
Israel A. Smith

A standing vote of approval was given after a motion to accept the recommendation was made by Elders D. V. Lents and Edward Parker.

The following recommendation concerning the erection of signs was pre-

sented to the Conference and was approved upon a motion by Elders W. Wallace Smith and A. A. Oakman:

*To the First Presidency and General Conference:*

By action of the 1952 General Conference the Presiding Bishopric was appointed to give consideration to the erection of signs to inform tourists and travelers of the presence and locality of the headquarters of the church.

We have given this matter consideration and study and wish to report that while progress has been made, we feel that it would be advisable to ask for additional time for further consideration. To do this adequately a considerable amount of money will be required. This type of advertising should be related to the whole program of advertising for the General Church. Furthermore it would seem desirable to defer the placing of these signs until shortly before the General Conference of 1958 at which time it would be our hope that the Auditorium would be more nearly completed, as well as the landscaping. This would seem a more appropriate time to do any extensive advertising.

In the meantime we recommend the placing of small road signs, giving direction to those who wish to visit headquarters. An appropriation for this purpose is included in the recommendations to the Board of Appropriations.

THE PRESIDING BISHOPRIC  
G. L. DeLay

High priesthood recommendations were presented as follows:

*To the General Conference:*

On the suggestion of the members of the Council of Twelve concerned, and with the approval of the Quorum of High Priests, we wish to recommend that the following named brethren be ordained to the high priesthood:

Elroy E. Hanton, Gaylor, Michigan  
Duane E. Couey, Paris, Tennessee  
Paul Henricks, Drummoyne, Australia  
James N. Kemp, San Diego, California

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
Israel A. Smith

Apostles D. O. Chesworth and M. L. Draper moved to approve the ordinations. Each of the brethren expressed his acceptance, after which approval was given.

A recommendation from the Board of Appropriations concerning the Houses of Worship Revolving Fund was presented for later consideration by the Conference:

*To the General Conference:*

The following action of the Board of Appropriations is transmitted for your consideration and action:

WHEREAS, The Board of Appropriations has given careful consideration to the need for augmenting the Houses of Worship Revolving Funds to meet the many demands for Houses of Worship construction loans, and

WHEREAS, An amount of \$100,000.00 is suggested in the list of allocations of funds on hand to supplement the Houses of Worship Revolving Fund, and

WHEREAS, The Board has approved the allocation of \$500,000.00 from the Ministerial Reserve Fund to be loaned for Houses of Worship construction purposes at 3 per cent, and

WHEREAS, There is obvious need for such additional resources for Houses of Worship loan purposes, be it hereby

*Resolved*, That the Conference look with favor upon the allocation of said \$100,000.00 to increase the Houses of Worship Revolving Fund, and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Conference authorize the use of \$500,000.00 for Houses of Worship construction loans from the Ministerial Reserve Fund at 3 per cent; and that

Effective as of April 15, 1956, new loans from the Houses of Worship Revolving Fund are to be at 3 per cent, and that

Further, we encourage congregations and districts to repay outstanding loans as rapidly as possible.

Israel A. Smith  
FOR THE BOARD OF APPROPRIATIONS

A document from the First Presidency suggesting a time limit for introduction of new business was presented as follows:

*To the General Conference:*

We suggest that the time limit for the introduction of new business be set at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, April 12. As is our custom, business coming from the quorums and General Conference committees is not affected by this action.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
Israel A. Smith

Motion to approve was by Apostles D. B. Jensen and R. E. Davey, which motion carried.

A communication from the First Presidency was read pertaining to the date of the 1958 General Conference. Elders R. E. Davey and H. Dean Hintz moved to approve. Action was deferred pending further consideration:

It has been our custom to hold General Conference during the week which includes April 6. However, at the Conference of 1954 it was decided to hold the Conference of 1956 a week later than would normally be the case in order to avoid a conflict between General Conference and Easter.

In 1958 Easter Sunday will fall on April 6. We are therefore suggesting that the 1958 General Conference be held April 13 to 20 inclusive.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
Israel A. Smith

The closing hymn was "O God, Give Strength to All Thy Saints." Evangelist Myron A. McConley pronounced the benediction, and the meeting was declared adjourned.

CHARLES D. NEFF  
FRED L. YOUNG  
W. R. STEARNS  
*Secretaries*

## Familiar Face

There were too many new faces at Conference for seventeen-month-old Leslie . . . until he saw a picture on the wall. "O Jesus!" he said, with the happy ring of recognition in his young voice. He too had found an old friend at Conference.

# Report of the Board of Appropriations

The General Conference of 1956:

The Board of Appropriations, which consists of the First Presidency, the Council of Twelve, and the Order of Bishops, met Friday and Saturday, April 6 and 7, 1956, to consider the financial needs of the church for the years 1956 and 1957.

We submit herewith a schedule of 1955 expenses and of the 1956 and 1957 appropriations recommended by the Board.

We submit, also, a list of special appropriations recommended.

THE BOARD OF APPROPRIATIONS  
By Israel A. Smith

## SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

MISSIONS ABOARD	
French Oceania (Mission House).....	\$ 15,000.00
Hawaii (Grant for Church Building).....	20,000.00
Alaska (Mission House).....	15,000.00
Holland (Mission Headquarters).....	20,000.00
Missions Abroad Research Fund.....	10,000.00
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	\$80,000.00
Nauvoo—Kirtland—Buildings—Landscaping.....	25,000.00
Auditorium Construction.....	200,000.00
Graceland College.....	100,000.00
Independence Sanitarium and Hospital.....	75,000.00
Missionary Reserve Fund.....	42,497.08
Operating Reserve Fund.....	100,000.00
Houses of Worship Revolving Fund.....	100,000.00
Districts, Administrative Budget.....	20,000.00
Financial Educational Program: Movie—Art Work—Posters.....	16,000.00
Armed Forces Manual.....	2,000.00
Unallocated.....	5,202.07
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Total.....	\$765,699.15

## RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATIONS—1956-1957

	Actual Expense 1955	Recommendations 1956	Recommendations 1957
<b>MINISTERIAL-ACTIVE:</b>			
Family Allowance.....	\$ 597,898.53	\$ 769,972.80	\$ 813,898.56
Ministerial Reserve.....	69,380.57	74,964.42	77,495.00
Elder's Expense.....	242,974.09	228,600.00	231,600.00
Auto Insurance.....	—	14,100.00	15,000.00
Total.....	\$ 910,253.19	\$ 1,087,637.22	\$ 1,137,993.56
<b>MINISTERIAL-INACTIVE</b> \$ 87,691.53 \$ 97,864.96 \$ 101,643.00			
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXP. (see below)</b>			
General Church.....	\$ 260,675.50	\$ 342,070.31	\$ 363,147.24
Stakes and Districts.....	56,009.62	66,040.00	70,004.00
Missions Aboard.....	11,726.64	11,087.50	11,287.50
Depreciation Equipment.....	5,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Social Security Taxes.....	4,163.16	—	—
Total.....	\$ 337,574.92	\$ 444,197.81	\$ 469,438.74
<b>PAYMENTS TO GRACELAND</b>			
Appropriation.....	\$ 86,250.00	\$ 85,500.00	\$ 85,500.00
Interest on Endowment.....	11,679.00	11,679.00	11,679.00
Retirement Reserve.....	4,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Total.....	\$ 101,929.00	\$ 103,179.00	\$ 103,179.00
<b>HOUSES OF WORSHIP</b>			
Kirtland, Ohio.....	\$ 3,891.26	\$ 2,970.00	\$ 2,970.00
Nauvoo, Illinois.....	5,138.33	6,865.00	7,265.00
Salt Lake City.....	201.72	700.00	300.00
Other Houses of Worship.....	— 209.69	500.00	500.00
Architectural Services.....	328.32	1,000.00	1,000.00
Totals.....	\$ 9,349.94	\$ 12,035.00	\$ 12,035.00
<b>MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS</b>			
Exchange.....	\$ 455.11	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Messiah Broadcast.....	6,282.72	7,600.00	7,810.00
Radio Broadcast.....	4,642.56	5,000.00	5,000.00
Miscellaneous Expense.....	3,730.05	3,800.00	3,800.00
Totals.....	\$ 15,110.44	\$ 17,400.00	\$ 17,610.00

	Actual Expense 1955	Recommendations 1956	1957
Total Budget.....	\$ 1,461,909.02	\$ 1,762,313.99	\$ 1,841,899.30
Less Ministerial.....			
Reserves.....	69,380.57	74,964.42	77,495.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$ 1,392,528.45</b>	<b>\$ 1,687,349.57</b>	<b>\$ 1,764,404.30</b>

<b>EQUIPMENT</b>			
Auto and Regular.....	61,744.89	119,700.00	110,000.00
Furn. and Fixt.....		20,521.00	8,392.00

## RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATIONS 1956-1957

	Actual Expense 1955	Recommended 1956	1957
<b>GENERAL CHURCH</b>			
First Presidency.....	\$ 20,614.52	\$ 26,517.00	\$ 27,452.00
First Presidency Priesthood.....	2,353.42	3,155.00	3,264.00
Presiding Evangelist.....	—	4,234.00	4,378.00
Council of Twelve.....	12,099.30	14,250.24	14,783.24
Presiding Bishopric.....	46,270.13	55,782.56	58,675.56
Tithepayers Service.....	25,455.24	30,439.48	32,157.48
Dept. of Religious Ed.....	14,660.18	21,016.40	22,664.00
Music Dept.....	3,811.63	4,340.52	4,580.52
Radio.....	18,066.66	21,687.48	22,945.48
Audio-Visual Dept.....	12,226.06	12,130.48	15,505.48
Dept. of Statistics.....	25,162.88	32,229.00	35,359.00
Legal Dept.....	5,041.05	8,247.00	8,539.00
Historian.....	1,777.90	3,644.32	3,775.32
Pres. of Seventy.....	514.01	800.00	800.00
Quorum of Seventy.....	901.43	1,428.67	550.00
Archaeological Society.....	24.00	75.00	75.00
School of Restoration.....	5,000.00	3,558.00	6,138.00
Auditor.....	2,618.97	3,100.00	3,100.00
Auditorium Operating.....	62,308.71	87,170.00	90,071.00
Ministry to College Students.....	1,500.00	5,215.16	5,215.16
Auditorium Guide Service.....	1,029.55	1,850.00	1,850.00
Women's Dept.....	— 760.14	1,200.00	1,269.00
Total.....	\$260,675.50	\$342,070.31	\$363,147.24

## ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES—RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATIONS—1956-1957

	Actual Expense 1955	Recommendation 1956	1957
<b>STAKES AND DISTRICTS</b>			
Center Stake.....	\$ 20,016.00	\$ 22,475.00	\$ 24,034.00
Kansas City Stake.....	5,640.00	6,770.00	7,450.00
Far West Stake.....	5,178.53	5,600.00	5,800.00
Lamoni Stake.....	4,787.45	5,000.00	5,200.00
Central Missouri Stake.....	4,537.25	4,825.00	4,825.00
Detroit International Stake.....	5,000.00	5,700.00	6,025.00
Los Angeles Stake.....	4,000.00	5,000.00	6,000.00
Canadian.....	841.42	3,680.00	3,680.00
B and A Field Expense, Dists.....	6,008.97	6,990.00	6,990.00
Total.....	\$ 56,009.62	\$ 66,040.00	\$ 70,004.00

<b>MISSIONS ABOARD</b>			
Australian.....	\$ 1,003.26	\$ 3,487.50	\$ 3,487.50
British Isles.....	1,320.49	1,000.00	1,000.00
Hawaiian.....	1,572.48	1,600.00	1,600.00
Scandinavian.....	— 11.15	150.00	150.00
French Oceania.....	3,428.02	4,000.00	4,200.00
Germany.....	4,297.00	700.00	700.00
Holland.....	116.54	150.00	150.00
Total.....	\$ 11,726.64	\$ 11,087.50	\$ 11,287.50
Depreciation—Furn. and Fixt.....	5,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Social Security Taxes.....	4,163.16	—	—
Total Adm. Budget.....	\$337,574.92	\$444,197.81	\$469,438.74

## QUOTES

It is the nature of love to intrude itself in the sorrow of others.—P. M. HANSON, *Communion Talk*

It is a commentary on the one spirit that unifies us that I should come from a spiritually underprivileged country, compared to this one, and should be asked to minister to you here.

—FLOYD POTTER, *Seventy from Australia*



Standing (left to right): Richard Dunlap, Eldon Hart, and Carl Mesle, liaison officer from Committee on Ministry to College People—the sponsoring organization; seated: Ann Morgan, treasurer; Elsie Sutterfield, employment information co-ordinator; Alefa Runkle, chairman; Alice Edwards, and Edith Murray, acting treasurer.

## R.L.D.S. Professional Teachers Association Host to Schoolteachers Attending General Conference

In the congenial atmosphere of a dinner at South Chrysler Church, the R. L. D. S. Professional Teachers Association held a get-together on the first Saturday night of the 1956 General Conference, April 7. The enthusiastic pedagogues met with a feeling of kinship, belongingness, and purpose. One did not have to look back too far to remember when there was no such communion among R. L. D. S. Public School teachers. Only two years ago, regardless of their merits as individuals or as participants in various group activities, they were in no way an integrated body of people. The road leading to the present is bordered by well-marked mileposts which one sees when recalling the contrast between then and now.

Probably it is impossible to know exactly when and where the movement to establish the teachers' association began. However, an early milepost of significance was a meeting at the General Conference, 1952, over which Dr. Chevillie presided. Two years later, although little had apparently been accomplished, more people than previously had been thinking along lines of utilizing the professional teacher resource of the church. Thus, in 1954, Dr. Evan Shute conducted another Conference-time meeting to consider the needs, function, and possibilities of the church's teachers. Only six months later, the teachers received important emphasis at the College Student Conference held at Carthage, Illinois, September, 1954. Finally an executive council was formed to get to work building the teachers' organization. Between these mileposts were countless yard markers of importance—too great a number to estimate in a short time or space. The main thing is that there is

now the Association, representing a great human resource within the church, a new state of mind, a high morale, and a new horizon for R. L. D. S. teachers. These things would have escaped the casual observer of the friendly gathering at South Chrysler Church on Saturday night, but had he stayed to listen to the conversations of those seated there, he would soon have known that they were teachers with objectives of importance to them that were not directly related to public school curriculum fields. He'd have seen that they were church centered and shepherded in their activity. Above all, he'd realize that the Association to which they were attached was nonexistent two years before.

The R. L. D. S. Professional Teachers Association is closely related to the church. In no sense does it see itself apart from the church, although it stands solidly behind the idea of the free, public, tax-supported school system. As the trial of an idea regarding the organization of personnel in the church, it aims at serving the needs and aspirations of teachers, utilizing their talents within the church, developing communication among teachers, and demonstrating to teachers themselves that many successful professional people are deeply involved in church work. The success of this idea will be followed, in all probability, by a similar associating of other professional R. L. D. S. people.

The organization of the teachers has done much to professionalize them. This has happened by virtue of the completion of the teachers' Directory with over five hundred people listed according to name, teaching field, location, academic record, and so forth. There has also been the sharing of ideas through

meetings such as the April 7 dinner, a similar occasion one year ago, and the Institute at the Stone Church on February 4, 1956. "Professionalizing," as here used, means increasing competence, conscience, and dedication.

The teachers were fortunate last Saturday night in having as master of ceremonies, R. Edwin Browne, Director of the Kansas University radio station, and as guest speaker, Dr. Roy Chevillie of Graceland College.

The R. L. D. S. Professional Teachers Association welcomes everyone at its booth in the Auditorium.

RICHARD F. DUNLAP

## Saturday Night Mixer

The Education Building was the scene of 2,000 man-hours of mixing Saturday night at the big "loosen-up" shindig sponsored by the Center Stake Zion's League for all church young people from the Independence area, and those here for the Conference. A Gargantuan group of one thousand R. L. D. S. high school and college age young people sang, talked, laughed, and prayed together for two hours at the first meeting of the youth's "social conference." Of course the result was pleasant chaos, but that's why everyone came.

The basement of the building was a caldron where the kids mixed, bubbled, laughed, and formed the elector-valent friendship bonds destined to last all week. There isn't much doubt that many friendships, buddy-ships, and even romances were formed. Therefore, the gathering was rated a "big success" by its planners. This isn't even mentioning the renewed friendships dating all the way back to last Conference.

Lee Hart of Independence had the not-to-be-envied task of making an audience out of the aggregation. His key to success was the remark, "Hey, you guys. Quiet those girls down, will you?" Carl Mesle, youth director for the General Church, was on hand to lead a few songs, and Charles Graham added an appropriate serious note by offering the invocation.

This was sponsored by the Center Stake Zion's League, as all youth activities will be through out the week.

CLAUDE LEE

## Guide for One-day Tour of Church Historical Sites

A tour of historical church sites from Independence to Adam-ondi-ahman, near Gallatin, Missouri, can be taken in one day.

With the Auditorium as a point of departure, you may follow River Boulevard north to a point above the Missouri River near the old Wayne City Landing where the Saints left Jackson County in November, 1833. An excellent view of the river can be obtained at a point on the boulevard directly above the smokestacks of the Missouri Portland Cement Company. Across the river is Clay County.

Continuing on North River, the boulevard winds to the east and intersects with U. S. Highway 71, approximately five and one-half miles from the Auditorium. Follow Highway 71 (left) across the Missouri River bridge and continue a few miles to the edge of Liberty. At the sign "To Liberty Business District" follow State Highway 33 (right) less than a mile to the junction of State Highway 10. Turn left on Mill Street (Highway 10) for two or three blocks to Main Street, then turn right three and one-half blocks (past the city square) to the site of the old Liberty Jail where Joseph Smith and other Saints were imprisoned early in 1839. It was here that Joseph III was blessed by his father during a visit by Emma and her son before their departure for Illinois. A house owned by the Mormon Church is now located on the jail site.

Retracing your route to the junction of Highway 10 and Highway 33, continue on Highway 10 toward Excelsior Springs. About seven miles from Liberty you will cross Fishing River, famous because of its association with the Fishing River Revelation (Section 102) received at "Zion's Camp" on this river, June 22, 1834. The actual camp site is not definitely known. Some feel it was at the junction of Williams Creek just north of Highway 10 crossing. Heman C. Smith has expressed an opinion that the Saints stayed part of that stormy night of flood and mob danger in a church at Prathersville, less than a mile beyond the river on Highway 10.

Others feel that the camp was farther east and south near Milford where Lick Creek enters Fishing River. Milford is directly south of Excelsior Springs on County Road "N" nearly six miles. This would place the camp in Ray County and would more nearly conform with the account in our *Church History*.

Two miles east of Excelsior Springs is the turnoff (right) to Lake Doniphan

## I Have the Floor

By Dick Ankney

*Mr. Ankney, a columnist with the "Houston Post," Houston, Texas, has consented to do a column on the people and activities of the Conference. He is personally acquainted with many of this country's celebrities and dignitaries, and we are proud to offer our readers this daily feature.*

THE EDITORS



### WELCOME TO ZION

Where else can you wake up after Easter and find the birds coughing? ? This reporter is going to try to keep you informed about things that you might not otherwise know. So if there's something you're going to do that you don't want in the *Herald*—DON'T DO IT.

What public relations man, from what church college, and his wife, Marj, are expecting a "you know what"? (A little bird told me.) . . . Professor Ray Zinser and wife, Celia Rae, breezed in from Chicago where he's completing work on his Ph.D. . . . The Naval Aviation Cadet you see at Conference is Peter Fisher from Corpus Christi. He's the Bawston boy who captained Graceland's tennis team last year. . . . Government planning engineer, Wilford Winholtz and wife, Allie, recently had their fifth child. Someday Wilford will have peo-

Reunion Grounds. Approximately a mile south on a gravel road is the entrance to Center Stake and Kansas City Stake reunion facilities.

Richmond, at the junction of Highway 10 and Highway 13, is approximately sixteen miles east of Excelsior Springs. Entering the town you see a cemetery on the left of Highway 10. Here is the grave of David Whitmer, one of the three witnesses to the Book of Mormon. On the city square one block from the junction of the two state highways is a statue honoring General Doniphan, a friend of the Saints in the troubled days of the 1830's. One-half block east of the highway junction is the site of the home of David Whitmer during his last days. A Negro Baptist Church is now located there. This is the spot where the manuscript of the Book of Mormon was stored until after his death. Following Highway 13 north, you will find an old L. D. S. cemetery located about eight blocks from the square on the right side of the highway. This is still in the city limits. A monument to the "Three Witnesses" stands in this cemetery.

ple to support his resolutions. Congratulations!

Skelly Oil's Don Booz is in for the Conference and looking very dapper. He's district sales manager in Illinois. . . . Seventy Alfred Yale is all smiles because he has heard the word that his daughter, Eleanor Lewis, and her husband Stephen are going to make him a grandfather. . . . Des Moines insurance exec Aaron Coonce is telling everyone he sees about the recent golf score. He shot a "68," and even if he is bragging—that's something to brag about.

If you want to grow old gracefully check with Retired Seventy Jacob Halb from Middletown, Ohio. He looks ten years younger than he did ten years ago. The secret—he read the book, *You Are What You Eat*. You won't believe it, but he's seventy-six.

The "Battle of Crooked River" between the Far West Militia and the Ray County Militia took place not far from the Crooked River Crossing on Highway 13 in 1838. Crooked River is about three and a half miles north of Richmond.

The next major point of interest is Far West. To reach the present church building and old temple site, follow Highway 13 to Kingston; turn left on County Road "H" approximately seven miles to cross road "D." Then turn right on "D" two and one-half miles to Far West. The church is on the left side of the road and is identified by a sign. The temple site is one-quarter block farther on the right side of the road. Portions of the original foundation can be seen.

U. S. Highway 36 is five and one-half miles north of the temple site. Follow Highway 36 (right) seven and one-half miles to Hamilton. Haun's Mill turnoff is nine and one-half miles east of Hamilton (three and one-half miles east of Nettleton) on U. S. 36. The turnoff road is poorly identified with the sign

"Emmadine Farms Road." Follow the Emmadine Farms Road south (right) four and two-tenth miles to jog; jog left, and continue south on Emmadine Farms Road two miles to the dead end at the river bank. Haun's Mill site is about one-half mile to the right over a winding dirt road. A marker is buried at a right-angle turn in the road.

Return to Highway 36, turn right, and go nearly two miles to Breckenridge. In the city park there, three blocks north of the highway, is the mill stone used at Haun's Mill.

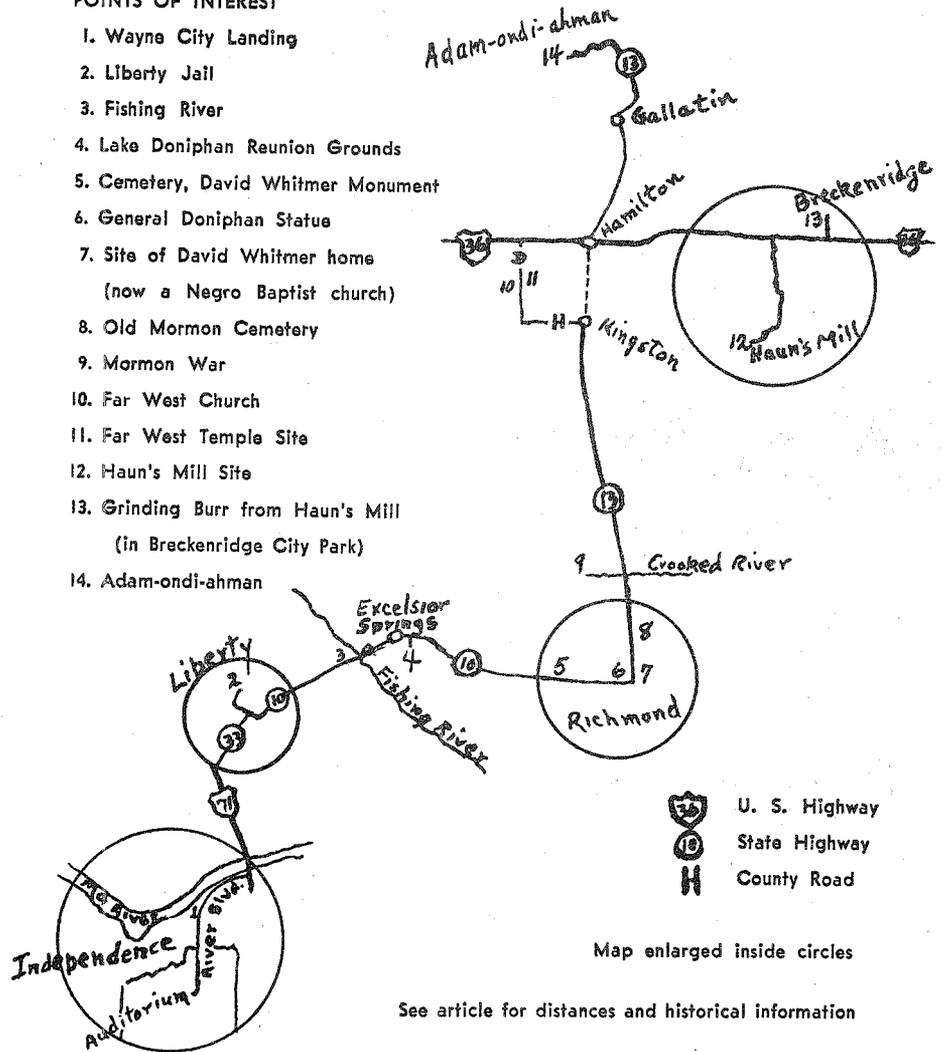
Retrace your route to Hamilton and turn north (right) on State Highway to Gallatin (thirteen and one-half miles). Six and a half miles north of Gallatin on Highway 13 is a turnoff (to the left over railroad tracks) to Adam-ondi-ahman. A large arrow sign pointing the way will be seen on the right side of the highway. The dirt road continues a winding path for nearly three miles to site of Adam-ondi-ahman. This was the name of an early Saint settlement here. Joseph Smith writes in *Church History* that this location was given the name because "it is the place where Adam shall come to visit his people, or the Ancient of Days shall sit, as spoken of by Daniel the Prophet." Other accounts have said an early Mormon belief was that this was the "grave of Adam." The remains of a stone altar now overlooks the valley of Grand River. The foundation of Lyman Wight's house is just below the crest of the ridge.

Return to Highway 13 by the same route.

## Historical Tour

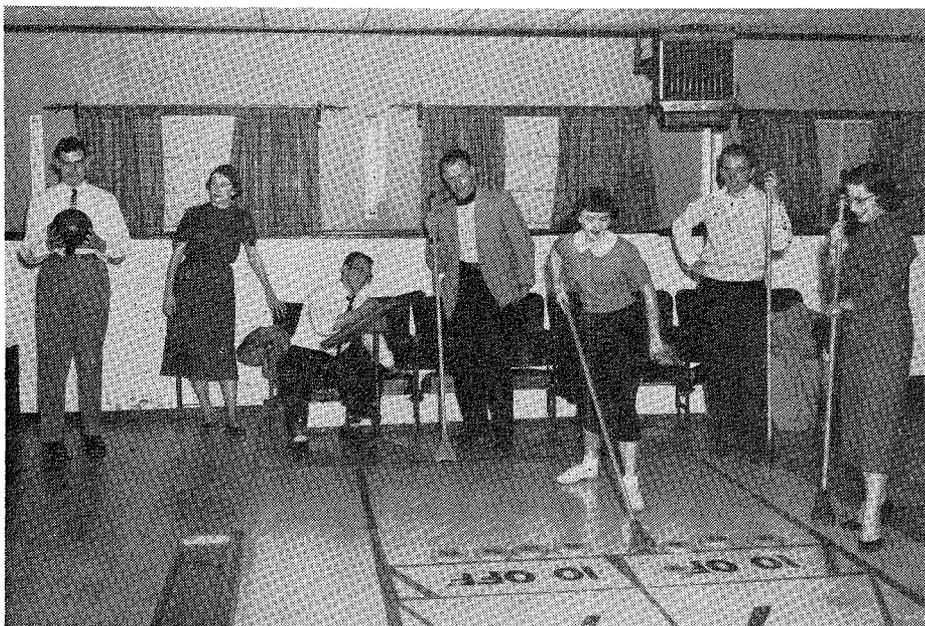
### POINTS OF INTEREST

1. Wayne City Landing
2. Liberty Jail
3. Fishing River
4. Lake Doniphan Reunion Grounds
5. Cemetery, David Whitmer Monument
6. General Doniphan Statue
7. Site of David Whitmer home (now a Negro Baptist church)
8. Old Mormon Cemetery
9. Mormon War
10. Far West Church
11. Far West Temple Site
12. Haun's Mill Site
13. Grinding Burr from Haun's Mill (in Breckenridge City Park)
14. Adam-ondi-ahman



Map enlarged inside circles

See article for distances and historical information



Trying out the games (left to right) are Gerry Winship, assistant youth director of Center Stake; Carole Miller; Terry Smith; Fred Rawlins; Kay Pinson; Eddie DeTray, Center Stake Zion's League president; and Carol Fisher.

## New Center Stake Youth Center

The Spring Street Youth Center of Center Stake was opened early in March to accommodate group parties of Leagues, church school classes, and other church groups.

This new center of activities is located at 413 North Spring. Youth of almost every congregation of the church in Independence have donated at least one evening of labor to get the building ready for use.

The building is equipped with a bowling alley, shuffleboard court, chess, checkers, and other table games. It will accommodate from fifteen to twenty-five persons at a time.

Stake League President Edward DeTray announces that the project is under the direction of William Horner. Mr. and Mrs. Cebert Young are advisers.

## Employment Information Service of Interest to Teachers and Pastors

The R. L. D. S. Professional Teachers Association is now equipped to give employment information service. Teachers interested in relocating to church ad-

vantage—i.e., with the purpose of increasing church privileges for themselves or families, or with the thought of expanding their opportunities for service—are invited to request this help. Pastors, district presidents, and other church administrators who may want to encourage R. L. D. S. schoolteachers to locate in communities in their areas are

invited to make use of this service.

Further information may be obtained at the booth of the R. L. D. S. Professional Teachers Association in the lower auditorium just east of the stage. The employment co-ordinator will be available at the booth Monday through Friday from 4:00 to 4:30 and other times by appointment.

## "Other Sheep" — Color Movie To Be Shown Wednesday after Business Session

**T**HE FIRST PUBLIC VIEWING of the new Audio-Visual Department production "Other Sheep" will occur in the Education Building, Wednesday evening, immediately following the close of the business session. It's a beautiful job—in full color, and narrated by Radio Minister Evan A. Fry.

Last General Conference a preview of some of the film now included in "Other Sheep" received such a fine reception that the First Presidency asked the Audio-Visual Department what could be done to make this material available for TV and church showings. After several consultations within the department, it was suggested that a commercial company, Alan Shilin's Productions of New York City, be contracted to develop the film.

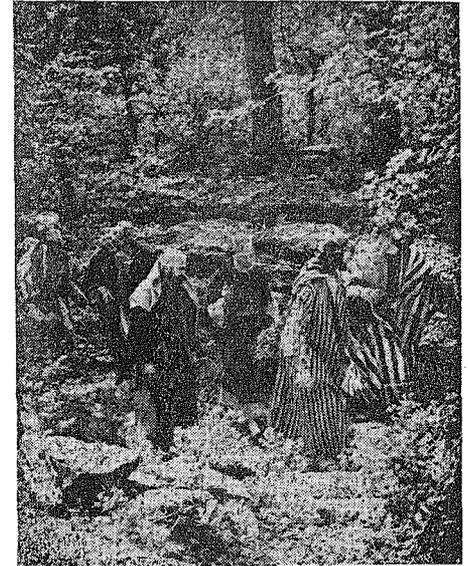
So the contract was let. But before production could get started, Mr. Shilin died. The future for the film looked pretty dim. What to do next? Kenneth Raveill of the Audio-Visual Department asked permission to carry the project through to completion. Permission was granted.

Kenneth and a former schoolmate in Warrensburg, Missouri, Clair Weldon,

had gone to Mexico in 1952 with a camera and had brought back the original of film shown at the 1954 Conference. Again in 1955 they returned to Mexico City to find the additional scenes they needed to complete a script that Kenneth had written. With the new film in hand, Kenneth set to work against the 1956 Conference deadline. Just two weeks ago the sound track was recorded at the Calvin Company of Kansas City. And since then that company has been working around the clock to have the film ready for this premier showing.

"Other Sheep" first started as a travelogue idea, but Kenneth soon saw that another approach must be used to catch up the spirit of the Book of Mormon and the religion of ancient Americans. How he did this we'll let you discover for yourself.

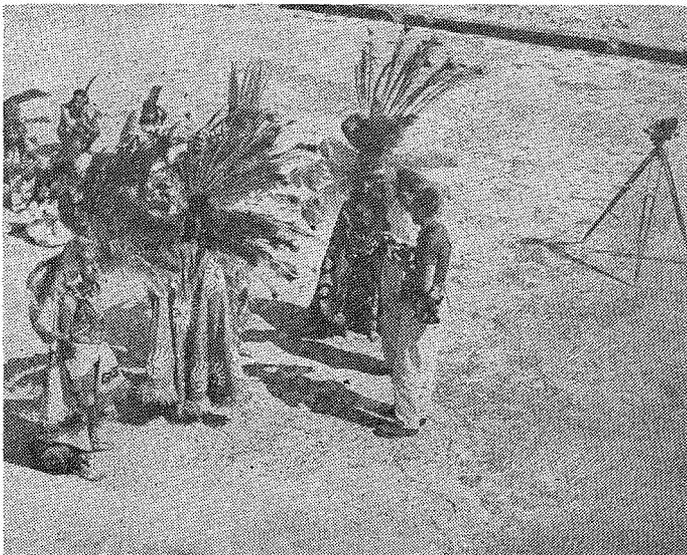
This is the first major color motion picture production by Audio-Visual. It lasts 28 minutes. This length was chosen purposefully so that it could be used on TV. Details on release of the film for general use throughout the church have not been completed. However, it is expected that a number of copies will be prepared for TV use only, and other



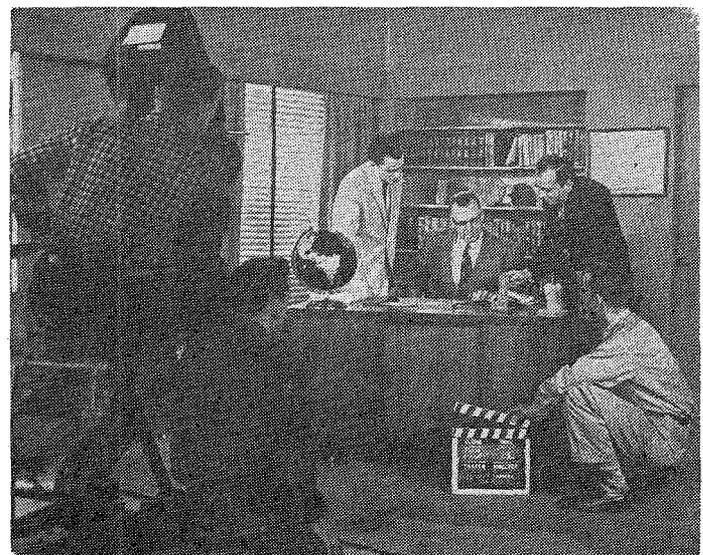
Disciples of Christ are pictured on their way to hear him teach in the opening scenes of "Other Sheep." The motion picture is an Audio-Visual Department project. The film will be used for television and missionary presentations.

Photos by Audio-Visual Dept.

copies will be available for showings in local churches and cottage meetings. Definite plans for release will be publicized through the *Herald* at a later date.



Indians in ceremonial dress are waiting for the Mexican photographer and Seventy Clair Weldon to iron out a detail in one of the scenes. Some of the most colorful parts of "Other Sheep" are created by these native Americans.



Radio Minister Evan Fry, seated at desk, and Kenneth Raveill (left) of the Audio-Visual Department discuss script and plans for shooting the "study" scene for "Other Sheep." The photography crew is in the foreground.

## Notice to Alaskans

All who are from Alaska, or are interested in going to Alaska, are urged to meet with Reed Holmes at 4:15 p.m., Wednesday in Room B-200 at the Stone Church Education Building.

## Attention, Schoolteachers

There will be an important meeting of all R. L. D. S. schoolteachers on Wednesday, April 11, in the Auditorium Music Room immediately following the business session.

## Reservations for Book Steward Dinner

All book stewards who plan to attend the book steward dinner should make reservations at the desk in Herald House or the Conference book store before 5:00 p.m., Thursday. The dinner is to be held at 6:30 p.m., Friday, April 13, in the Little Apple Restaurant, Truman Road and North Osage.

## Hawaiian Get-together

All those who have been to Hawaii, and their friends, are invited to an informal get-together with the Hawaiian delegation to Conference, consisting of about sixteen members, the Hawaiian students from Graceland and the San, and other Hawaiians residing on the mainland. General Church officials and their wives are also invited. They are welcome any time between seven and ten on Tuesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald DeTray, 1100 North Kiger Road, just off Highway 24.

## Writers' Reception

All writers who have had manuscripts accepted for publication in any of our periodicals since last Conference are invited to meet in the Music Room following the Tuesday afternoon business session. Artists and photographers who have contributed to our publications are also invited to come. This is an excellent opportunity to identify names you often see with faces and personalities you haven't seen.

Two short talks of an inspirational and craft nature will be given to present a quick glance at journalistic methods and editorial problems. Leonard J. Lea and Paul Wellington are to be the speakers. This will be followed by introductions and refreshments. Please plan to be there. The Music Room is under the choir loft of the main auditorium.

## Colorful R. L. D. S. Road Markers

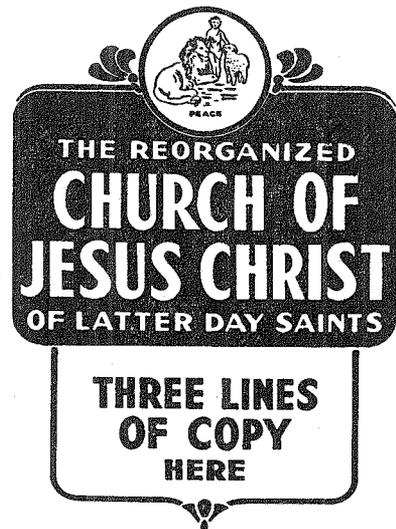
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(See pages 54 and 60 of General Conference Program)

### DAILY TIME SCHEDULE

8:00-9:30 A.M.      12:00-1:45 P.M.      4:30-5:00 P.M.      7:30-9:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, April 10—

In charge: J. Charles May  
Evangelists assisting: George H. Booth; H. W. Burwell;  
Orman Salisbury  
Elders Assisting: William O'Dell; Irving Sheffer; John Eggen; Lyman W. Fike; James Watson

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## Impressive Program at Nurses' Graduation

The class of 1956 of the Sanitarium School of Nursing was graduated at Commencement exercises in the Auditorium Monday night, April 9. Elder Almer Sheehy, former chaplain at the Sanitarium, gave the commencement address. Diplomas were presented by President Israel A. Smith, assisted by Miss Vida Butterworth, educational director of the school. The school pins were presented by Miss Gertrude Copeland, superintendent emeritus, assisted by Miss Nelle Morgan, director of training.

The procession was very impressive. Undergraduates and former graduates joined the staff of the school and the graduating class on the platform. The Sanitarium Board of Trustees, the School of Nursing Committee, the Medical Staff, Gray Ladies, and licensed practical nurses and nurse aids also participated in the exercises.

The red capes of the graduates draped their chairs and added the right touch of color to the festivities. And the rich deep voice of the baritone soloist, Floyd Worthington of Brooklyn, New York, brought added solemnity to the occasion. Mr. Worthington had special interest in the service, for his daughter, Diana, was one of the graduating nurses. He sang "Psalm XXIII," "In Thee, O Lord, Do I Put My Trust," "The Lord's Prayer," and "Savior, Hear Us When We Pray."

Approximately 4,000 Conference friends heard Elder Sheehy challenge the twenty-eight graduates to "pledge tonight to bring honor to the Independence Hospital, to your family, to your church, and to your community through good deeds."

Members of the graduating class are Ruby Marilyn Alford, London, Ontario, Canada; Mary Emma Anderson, Kansas City, Mo.; Doris Jean Brooks, Joplin, Mo.; June Faye Bryant, East Wilton, Me.; Pamela Jeanne Fizer Carroll, Higginsville, Mo.; Phyllis H. Chan, Honolulu, Hawaii; Florence Arlene Crozier, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Sharon Lee Doty, Council Bluffs, Ia.; Lovisa Carol Walsh Freytag, McMillan, Mich.; Mary Fanella Hill, Davis City, Ia.; Frances Ellen Scott Huston, Portland, Ore.; Joan Mary Jenkins, 1409 East Pacific, Independence; Janice Louise Jones, Duncombe, Ia.; Misao Katsura, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Lola Louise Levitt, Kalispell, Mont.; Beverly Ann DeWitt Magby, Warrensburg, Mo.; Dolores Jane Martin, 1607 South Osage, Independence; Marlene Mae Morgan, Clarinda, Ia.; Beatrice K. Nahuina, Halaula, Hawaii; Mary Eleanor Newman, Wichita, Kan.; Lynda Lee Nulph, Boyne City, Mich.; Jane Hiroko Okada, Hawi, Hawaii; Lois Norine Rounds, Deloit, Ia.; Eiko Shigemasa, Haalehu, Kau, Hawaii; Marjorie Lee-Ann Swanson, Chicago, Ill.; Joyce Marie Travis, Colyoke, Colo.; Ruth Elaine Swaney Weir, Smithville, Mo.; Diana Fern Worthington, New York, N. Y.

## Apostle Hanson Speaks on Prophecy Fulfilled

Speaking at the Stone Church upper auditorium Monday night at seven thirty, Paul M. Hanson, President of the Council of Twelve, used as his subject, "The Present Age in the Light of Prophecy." From the Three Standard Books he read prophecies and commented upon their fulfillment in our day. Experiences were drawn from his recent trip to Bible lands. He pointed out that not alone in Bible lands are prophecies coming to pass; here in our own land we can see God's hand at work and the church moving toward its divinely appointed goals.

The large congregation was challenged by Apostle Hanson's statements: "When these things [foretold by the prophets] begin to take place, should we go around as the children of God looking as though we didn't have a friend? When these things begin to take place, lift up your heads and rejoice, for the redemption of the Lord draweth nigh.

"What a privilege to see the church of God moving to its glorious consummation. I am convinced myself that the redemption of Zion is on. We have an opportunity now to rear some of the walls."

Officiating with Apostle Hanson on the rostrum were Elders J. C. Stuart and F. M. McDowell. Loren E. McConnell served as song leader, and the Cantanina Chorus, under the direction of Kathryn Westwood, furnished special music.

# Official Minutes of General Conference

Business Session, Tuesday, April 10, 1956

The General Conference convened in business session at 1:45 p.m., Thursday, April 10, 1956. President Israel A. Smith was in the chair.

The opening hymn, "Lord of the Living Harvest," was directed by Elder Charles F. Church, with Miss Norma Kendrick at the organ. A service of ordination followed.

Frederick L. Dickson was ordained to the office of Bishop by Presidents W. Wallace Smith and F. Henry Edwards.

Francis E. Hansen was ordained to the office of Bishop by President F. Henry Edwards and President W. Wallace Smith.

Presidents F. Henry Edwards and W. Wallace Smith ordained Hudson P. Grundy to the office of Bishop.

Paul Henricks was ordained to the High Priesthood by Apostles Maurice L. Draper and Roscoe E. Davey.

The minutes of Monday's meeting were read and approved as corrected.

The following communication from the Credentials Committee regarding replacement of a delegate was presented, and made a part of the record:

## To the General Conference:

It has been affirmed to us by Mrs. N. L. Booker that at a called business meeting of the Miami, Florida, Branch, she was elected as a delegate to the General Conference to replace Robert Pieper who had previously been elected but found he could not be present.

We recommend that Mrs. N. L. Booker be seated as a delegate, and that the name of Robert Pieper be deleted from the list of certified delegates.

THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE  
Merle P. Gutbrie  
Fred O. Davies

The following documents from the First Presidency were read, and entered into the record for later consideration:

## To the General Conference:

The following resolution was adopted at the Conference of the Center Stake of Zion held at the Stone Church Sunday, February 12, 1956.

RESOLVED, That members of the Center Stake Presidency are hereby requested to properly present the following resolution to the General Conference of 1956:

WHEREAS, The primary function of the General Conference is the adequate consideration of and action upon matters which properly come before it, and

WHEREAS, Certain delegates holding membership in the various priesthood quorums and councils have opportunity to discuss and act upon matters which originate with such quorums or which are referred to them by the General Conference; therefore be it

Resolved, That all delegates not holding membership in one of the established quorums or councils shall be organized as a legislative committee with freedom to originate legislation to be brought to the Conference, or to act upon legislation referred to it by the Conference. Be it further

Resolved, That the First Presidency shall appoint a chairman for this committee, which appointment shall be subject to the approval of the committee, and that time and space be provided in the Conference program for the meeting of this committee.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
Israel A. Smith

## To the General Conference:

A proposal has been submitted to the General Conference looking toward the organization of "all delegates not holding membership in one of the established quorums or councils" of the church "as a legislative committee with freedom to originate legislation to be brought to the Conference, or to act upon legislation referred to it by the Conference."

Inasmuch as this proposal has to do with the basic structure of our chief legislative assembly, members of the First Presidency have given it careful consideration, noting both its anticipated values and its possible misuse. In light of this consideration we call attention to the following observations:

Members of the established quorums or councils are not on the same footing with delegates in General Conference since they have permanent responsibilities which are not shared by delegates. It is for this reason that they are organized into quorums. The fact that they are organized does not appear to us to afford sound reason for the parallel organization of delegates who do not have parallel responsibilities.

The proposed organization of delegates lends itself to the origination of legislation at General Conference by delegates. It is our carefully-arrived-at opinion that action should not be taken to facilitate the origination of legislation at General Conference

but, rather, that legislation should come to the Conference from the quorums and orders of the church or after branch, district, or stake conference action. This procedure would permit scrutiny and refinement of such action before it claims Conference time and attention.

In the proposed resolution the membership of the delegate group is not clearly defined as between those who are delegates only and those who are members of the various priesthood quorums and councils.

It might appear that elders (but not high priests or seventies) should be included in the proposed delegate group. If this should be done, the combined group would include the entire membership of the Conference, save only the high priests and seventy and some elders. This group would be of sufficient numerical strength to determine action on the Conference floor.

If the elders should be excluded from the delegate assembly, this exclusion, plus the setting up of the delegate assembly, would lead to the revision of the work of the mass meeting of the elders. It would also bring into being a delegate group with important group functions but constitutionally deprived of the guidance of members of the Melchisedec priesthood who, under the law, "hold" the several conferences (Doctrine and Covenants 17: 25a).

In addition to the foregoing we call attention to the classes on Conference legislation which were arranged before we knew of the motion in question and which are available to all members of the Conference. These classes are designed to acquaint those participating with the principles involved in Conference business.

Under these circumstances we respectfully suggest that the proposed motion looking toward the formation of "a legislative committee" composed of "all delegates not holding membership in one of the established quorums or councils" of the church and "with freedom to originate legislation to be brought to the Conference, or to act upon legislation referred to it by the Conference" be laid on the table.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
Israel A. Smith

Elders Albert L. Loving and J. C. Stuart moved the adoption of the following resolution regarding language of the Book of Mormon. Consideration was deferred until a future business session:

## To the General Conference:

Notice has been given the First Presidency of the following motion:

WHEREAS, Many persons conversant with and friendly to the Book of Mormon believe the language of the same could be improved, made more understandable and effective, now, therefore, be it and it is hereby

Resolved, That the First Presidency be asked to appoint a special committee of three or more persons to consider wherein and if its language and wording may be improved, and make report of their findings and recom-

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mendations to the General Conference of 1958. Be it further

*Resolved*, That if in their judgment the language of the book should be changed in the interest of clarity or for other good reason, the Committee make report of their suggested changes to the same General Conference, or if more time should be required, to the General Conference of 1960.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
*Israel A. Smith*

The following recommendation concerning the above resolution was presented by the First Presidency:

*To the General Conference:*

We wish to recommend that if the motion having to do with editorial changes in the Book of Mormon is approved, it be understood that we will continue to publish the Authorized Version of the Book of Mormon and that any additional version will stand on its merits in relation thereto.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
*Israel A. Smith*

Communications as follows from the Order of Bishops were presented for future consideration of the Conference:

*To the General Conference:*

In harmony with the recommendation of the committee on road signs approved by this General Conference, the Order of Bishops recommend that an amount of \$1,000.00 be set aside as part of the special appropriations of General Conference to meet this need.

ORDER OF BISHOPS  
*W. N. Johnson, Secretary*

*To the General Conference:*

WHEREAS, Bishop D. A. Alberts of the Australasian Mission has recommended special appropriations of General Church funds available in Australia in line with practices of recent years; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That \$6,750 be appropriated to the Operating Reserve Fund and \$7,425 be appropriated to the Houses of Worship Revolving Fund and that Bishop D. A. Alberts be authorized to transfer these amounts from his general account to the above specified funds.

ORDER OF BISHOPS  
*W. N. Johnson, Secretary*

A communication from the First Presidency concerning the Graceland College Board of Trustees was read, with the statement that it would be called up later for consideration at which time other nominations may be made:

*To the General Conference:*

The six-year terms of Elders Verne L. Deskin and Franklin L. Parsons, members of the Graceland College Board of Trustees, expired at this Conference.

After consultation with the members of the Council of Twelve and Presiding Bishopric, we suggest consideration of the names of Franklin L. Parsons, L. Merle Spence, Harold A. Tabor, and Gerald W. Swanson in making nominations to fill these two vacancies.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
*Israel A. Smith*

The actions of the Board of Appropriations concerning inheritances for appointees and the needs of Graceland College were read into the minutes for later consideration:

*To the General Conference:*

We submit the following action of the Board of Appropriations for your consideration:

WHEREAS, The General Conference of 1928 adopted a resolution (892) setting up rules governing allowances and inheritances for Conference appointees, which in principle established an equitable basis for providing such inheritances; and

WHEREAS, The intent of this resolution pertaining to inheritances was not carried out except in a minor degree due to the subsequent change in economic conditions and the inability of the church to specifically meet inheritance needs; and

WHEREAS, There was included in this resolution provision for life insurance and housing; and

WHEREAS, Provision for life insurance and housing has become commonly accepted, and in many instances our incoming appointees have already assumed obligations for both housing and insurance; and

WHEREAS, The cost of such housing and insurance is included as necessary items in each current year's budget of our families; and

WHEREAS, The establishment of the Ministerial Reserve Fund has now made feasible the financing of some of the provisions for inheritances; and

WHEREAS, There is need for clarification of policy to enable the Presiding Bishopric to administer family budgets equitably and according to the needs of individuals; therefore be it hereby

*Resolved*, That provision for inheritances may be included in the family budget on the current basis for housing and insurance, and that this policy be considered as in harmony with the intent and purpose of General Conference Resolution 892;

The further intent and purpose of this resolution being that of recognition of a situation which already exists in that a substantial portion of appointees now have both housing and insurance programs which are included in family budgets; and, further, that present long-time purchase programs for housing are now a part of our total economy; the further implementation of this program to be subject to review of the Presiding Bishopric, the Joint Council of the First Presidency, the Council of Twelve, and the Presiding Bishopric, thus harmonizing with the provisions of Resolution 892, which resolution also provided for and set up the methods for consideration of both inheritances and family allowances; and

Further, that Resolution 953, adopted by the General Conference of 1946, regarding the setting of family allowances, be considered as one of the factors included in the 1928 resolution:

Allowance to be made on the basis of needs and just wants, church, government, and other statistics, also the financial condition of the family and the budget request being determining factors.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
*Israel A. Smith*

*To the General Conference:*

The following action of the Board of Appropriations is transmitted for your consideration and action:

WHEREAS, There is obvious need for Graceland College to have further facilities to meet its current needs, and

WHEREAS, It is our established policy that we shall not borrow from outside sources to finance expansion, be it hereby

*Resolved*, That

- (1) We approve the allocation of \$100,000.00 for new construction at the College as recommended in the list of appropriations.
- (2) That we make provision in the two-year Conference period from 1956 to 1958 for the payment in cash of the \$233,000.00 of Graceland endowment bonds.
- (3) That we make every effort to provide additional funds either by appropriation at the next General Conference, or by obtaining loans through internal financing from members of our church sufficient to provide the needs for such a building in 1958.

THE BOARD OF APPROPRIATIONS  
*Israel A. Smith*

The chairman called attention to the Report of the First Presidency as found on pages 65 through 70, and the Report of the Board of Appropriations on page 75 of the *Daily Herald*. These were received and made a part of the record.

The recommendations for ordination to the office of Seventy, as found on pages 73 and 74 of the *Daily Herald*, were brought to the attention of the Conference. Elders D. T. Williams and George A. Njeim moved to approve, which motion included the recommendation for ordination of A. M. Pelletier, Jr., whose name was omitted from the original list. Each of the brethren present made a statement of acceptance. Seventy Sylvester R. Coleman conveyed the acceptance of Elder Samuel E. Anderson who was unable to be present, and Seventy Russell F. Ralston spoke in behalf of Elder J. D. Imrie, who is in New Zealand. Seventy James C. Daugherty spoke for Elder Alfred Urban, who is in Eastern Germany. The ordination of each man was approved.

At this interval, the hymn "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" was sung.

The following letters from the Council of Twelve were presented recommending ordination to the evangelical order. The chair stated that the Order of Evangelists had concurred in these recommendations:

*To the General Conference:*

The Council of Twelve recommend the ordination of the following high priests to the evangelical order. These recommendations have been concurred in by the First Presidency;

Harry G. Barto, Independence, Missouri; Samuel G. Clark, New Westminster, British Columbia; E. E. Gamet, Butler, Missouri; Ralph A. Harder, Independence, Missouri; Alma Johnson, Seattle, Washington; Monte E. Lasater, Seattle, Washington; J. Edward Nicholson, Belleville, Illinois; W. J. Sherman, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Roy W. Smith, Hammond, Indiana; Howard C. Timm, Independence, Missouri; C. W. Tischer, Houston, Texas; Robert Lewis West, Denver, Colorado; Francis Roy Whipple, Overland Park, Kansas; and Samuel M. Zonker, Wellsburg, West Virginia.

Each of the brethren concerned has expressed his willingness to serve. These recommendations are now submitted for the approval of the Conference.

THE COUNCIL OF TWELVE  
*Paul M. Hanson*

*To the General Conference:*

The Council of Twelve recommend the ordination of the following elders to the high priesthood and the evangelical order. These recommendations have been concurred in by the First Presidency: Shankland S. Arnsion, Kansas City, Missouri; E. L. Bowerman, Shellbrook, Saskatchewan; G. Earl Burt, Fort Wayne, Indiana; and Harry P. Jones, Waterloo, Iowa. Each of the brethren has expressed his willingness to serve. These recommendations are now submitted for the approval of the Conference.

THE COUNCIL OF TWELVE  
Paul M. Hanson

Bishop G. Leslie DeLapp took the tribune and discussed the Financial Report of the Presiding Bishopric as found in the *Daily Herald* beginning on page 36.

The resolution from the Standing High Council concerning Church Court Procedure, as found on page 72 of the *Daily Herald*, was brought to the attention of the Conference. Elders Paul M. Hanson and C. L. Olson moved approval.

Elders Arthur A. Oakman and Thomas F. Gough moved to amend by inserting the word "appellate" in the eighth line

of the second paragraph between the words "the" and "court," making it read: "and overruled by the appellate court . . ." The amendment carried.

Elders C. L. Olson and Albert L. Loving moved to amend the third paragraph by inserting "General Conference or" between "the" and "Standing," making it read: "the matter shall then be certified to the General Conference or Standing High Council . . ." The amendment was approved, as was the amended document.

The following letter from the First Presidency was read concerning the Society for Archaeological Research:

*To the General Conference:*

In harmony with the General Conference action of 1944, authorizing the Presidency to nominate the executive committee of the Society for Archaeological Research, we submit the following: Charles R. Hield, president; Paul M. Hanson; H. I. Velt; Roy Weldon; and Melvin R. Fowler.

This involves no changes in the present Executive Committee.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
Israel A. Smith

Elders D. B. Jensen and H. L. Livingston moved to approve the nominations, which motion carried.

Messages of greetings were read as follows:

Victoria District sends greetings to delegates and prays for a successful Conference.—Alan F. Frater, Melbourne, Australia.

In New Zealand we are conscious of the arrival of the organization day of the church, and of the commencement of the General Conference in two days' time.

Saints and leaders here have joined with you all in the weeks immediately past in prayer for the enlightenment of your gatherings with such wisdom and purpose as is essential to the advancement of the kingdom.

Fraternal greetings are extended as we expect to share also in the spirit of this great occasion for the church.—J. D. Imrie (Appointee), Auckland, New Zealand.

With the singing of "Brethren, Breathe One fervent Prayer" and the benediction by Patriarch Charles Lee of Honolulu, Hawaii, the Conference adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

CHARLES D. NEFF  
FRED L. YOUNG  
W. R. STEARNS  
Secretaries

## Welcome Travelers

The youth mixer held Monday night in the upper auditorium of the Stone Church was an evening of accents. It combined the delightful brogues of young people from all corners of the earth.

Les Gardner started the parade of accents by leading the group in singing. He did it with such gusto that he had taught the kids an Australian camp song and had them singing it before they realized it was one they hadn't heard before.

Another red-head—Carl Mesle—took over where Les left off and exceeded the program the remainder of the evening. He was a combination Burt Parks and Groucho Marks on the Welcome Travelers mixer, interviewing all the various celebrities present.

The first of the "celebrities" interviewed was Allen Axelson from Youngstown, Ohio. His midwestern manner of speaking was a sharp contrast to the one of David Draper who was just back from Australia. David not only enjoyed his four year stay "down under," but he said he'd like to go back.

All of the guests chosen by the Center Stake committee to appear on the program were outstanding and talented. There were probably more presidents of organizations and more straight "A" students on the show last night than have ever been assembled in one place before.

The next guest Mr. Mesle talked to was Sigrid Duhnberg. She is an eighteen-year-old blond recently arrived from

Germany. She is enrolled in William Chrisman High School and plans to be an interior decorator.

The next four travelers again were from the middle west. They were Larrene Burgess from Kansas City; Barney Fuller, Duane Thomas, and Jerry Griffin from Graceland. Larrene represented the busy high school co-ed living in the Center Place and the three boys were from Graceland's basketball team.

The next two fellows came from opposite ends of the globe. Joe de la Cruz is a Graceland from Hawaii and Casper Kaat is a Hollander from Canada.

Japan came to the stage in the form of Kisuki Sekine and Saku Nishizawa. They are called Seki and Judy at Graceland, because no one on the hill seems to be able to master completely their Japanese equivalents.

The last traveler of the evening was Oskar Stüve from Germany. During his interview he told of his conversion to the Reorganized Church and how he had been healed from war wounds.

Threading throughout the service was a feeling of unity between the young people being interviewed and the audience. There were both happy and serious moments during the evening as different experiences were related by each of the guests.

Prayers by Oskar Stüve in German, Chun Ill Park in Korean, and Maurice Draper in English closed the service.

GORDON HEADY

## Pickpockets

Religious groups who meet in large gatherings such as our General Conference are considered "easy pickings" for the pickpocket men. Women who carry handbags should keep them under their arms with a hand gripping the opening whenever a passageway becomes crowded. Billfolds in men's hip pockets are rather easy to pick in a crowded place. Use extreme caution when leaving meetings through the foyer.

## Closed Doors

Lost Soul No. 1: Too bad we couldn't get in to that prayer service.

Lost Soul No. 2: Oh-oh, that's a priesthood class. Women can't get in there.

Lost Soul No. 1: Here's a room full of women. Let's go in.

Lost Soul No. 2: This is the nicest looking group I've seen—and everyone's so friendly!

Lost Soul No. 1: We won't need to feel out of place here until next service.

Voice from the Front: Now if there are any ladies here who aren't appointees' wives, please leave.  
(Exit two lost souls.)

# Report of the Committee on Ministry to College People

To the First Presidency and  
General Conference:

The active concern of the committee has continued in a two-pronged reach: (a) toward students and (b) toward professional people. The biennium now ending has seen a marked expansion of the second effort, and this occasions a re-statement of the basic objectives of the committee together with an outline of its recent activities.

## STUDENTS

### COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES

The first objective of the committee is to encourage and strengthen the total movement toward increased study and advanced education. This emphasis is related to the fulfillment of human destiny as envisioned in the establishment and demonstration of life according to the principles of the kingdom of God. We are aware, too, that the search for knowledge and skill through the channels of formal education is often beset by disillusionment. The young person may find that his religious concepts shaped in adolescent years seem inadequate when he is confronted by an expanding view of science and history and the world. Moreover, the objective learning process which seems to erode prior religious concepts produces no moral or ethical imperatives to take the place of discredited values. When we then encourage the pursuit of knowledge and advanced education it is imperative that we provide a program for the culture of faith which can be a fit companion to knowledge. We believe it is for such reasons that the Restoration movement from its beginnings has laid its dual emphasis on study and faith, spirit and intellect, heart and mind, worship and knowledge.

Specifically the committee seeks (1) to provide information on where to go for education, (2) to encourage active companionship with church people, (3) to sponsor forums and group associations wherein worrisome questions can be threshed out and faith can mature, (4) to afford opportunities for guidance and leadership by church people of experience in many fields, (5) to publish written helps and guides, and finally (6) to remind all scholars that the intellect without the grace and warmth of the spirit is barren.

## I Have the Floor

By Dick Ankney



Don't miss the movie, *Other Sheep*, which is to be shown in the Educational Building after business session Wednesday. It is one of the most outstanding pieces of propaganda this church has produced. It was produced and directed by Kenneth Raveill, and it's slightly terrific!!! . . . Missionary Lou Zonker and wife, Betty, have a storkdate. . . . Dr. Dwight DW Davis flew in from Texas. He's the psychologist and was there on business. (He wasn't treating Texans. He was trying to hire some.)

The trouble with General Conference is the wrong people are in the soundproof booths.

Graceland College president, E. J. Gleazer, Jr., breezed in from Chicago where he has been conferring with other execs of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. That's the group that accredits schools in a nineteen-state area . . . There's wedding bells soon for Missouri U's Viola Velt (she's the darling of Evangelist H. I. Velt) and Graceland's Garold Barney. . . . Howard Sheehy, Jr., has gone into the service; he is stationed at Newport, Rhode Island. . . . The old Army Game! Tom Bishop (K.P. Brigade) will peel more than 6,000 pounds of potatoes during this week.

Life can get pretty grim when you pass 80. Especially, if there's a motorcycle cop behind you.

. . . Chuck Church will be getting his M.A. at K.U. in June, and in September he will get his P.A. (his wife Eldeen is knitting booties) . . . It's a little late but we want to wish happy birthday

to Mrs. Nelle Goodrich, President of the Laurel Club. She's 80, but looks 60 and acts 40. . . . Sears exec Linden Wheeler and wife Sally are here from Dallas. . . . If you are mad about the weather, blame Carl Mesle. He's so busy during Conference that he wasn't going to be able to water his lawn so he prayed for snow.

A small boy playing in the yard came running into the house shouting, "Look, mother, there's little peaches growing on the 'switch' tree."

. . . Mary Jane (Closson) White has her mother baby-sitting every day so that she can graduate from Graceland. Orchids to grandmother. . . . Walnut Park pastor, Donald Pyper, is building that congregation. He and wife Hilma are expecting their fourth addition. . . . George and Blanche Mesley are due in from Milwaukee today. . . . That sweet lady passing out water in the Laurel Club is Mrs. L. F. P. Curry. . . . The handsome couple wearing Hawaiian leis at the Nurses' Reception were Elder Bill Alford and wife Ruby who are here from London, Ontario, Canada. Their daughter was one of the grads. . . . Concrete man Frank Arnold from Houston, Texas, is looking for some one here who can carve the church seal out of redwood so that he can make church seals in concrete. . . . **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY** Mrs. Alice Edwards told of her visit to Boys Town where she saw children of all races playing and swimming together. When she asked, "Father Wagner, how do you teach the children tolerance?" He replied, "Mrs. Edwards, we don't teach them. They teach us."

## STUDENT INFORMATION

In the latest full school year (1954-55) information was obtained on 610 church member students located in one hundred and one colleges and universities (excluding Graceland College). Nearly 500 of these were in thirty schools having five or more church students on each campus. Complete personnel data was obtained on 436 students, and this information on the field of vocational training has become a part of the permanent file available to church officers searching for members in specific fields.

## CAMPUS VISITING

Visits to campus groups both by church officers and by business and professional

people have become an established feature of the program of the larger campus groups, and the committee has directed more attention to some of the smaller groups. The participation of Brothers F. M. McDowell and Richard Lancaster in ministry to small groups has been much appreciated.

## CONFERENCES

Annual regional student conferences have now been established in four areas: Iowa (reaching groups at Ames, Iowa City, and Des Moines), Missouri (reaching Warrensburg, Columbia, Kansas City, and Lawrence, Kansas), Michigan (reaching Ann Arbor, East Lansing, Detroit, Kalamazoo, and Mt. Pleasant), and

Ontario (reaching Toronto, London, Windsor, and Guelph).

The seventh and eighth annual Labor Day conferences were held at Carthage, Illinois, and at Denver, Colorado. The latter a joint conference for older young people, students, and servicemen—was attended by two hundred and eighty. The results were generally so favorable that future Labor Day conferences will also be jointly planned for older young people and students. That in September, 1956, will be held in southern Wisconsin at a site near the origin of the Reorganization.

#### PUBLICATIONS

The *University Bulletin* has become established on the basis of three issues during the school year, and the total circulation of 1200 includes all church member students (except Gracelanders), church appointees, college teachers, and paid subscribers at the rate of \$1.50 a year. Other publications in preparation by the committee include a revised edition of the "Directory of Colleges in Church Towns," a listing of schools recommended for instruction in various specific fields, and a series of brochures on the opportunities for church-related service in various professions.

Tangible gains can be counted in the number of students and campuses reached by correspondence, by personal visits, and by regional conferences. Less tangible but more important is the way in which more students are aware of the direct interest of the church in their growth and development in the responsive church-oriented motivation and commitment toward significant church-centered service. For this reason counseling with students has become increasingly effective.

Finally, we are well aware of great lacks and shortcomings in the committee activity, but the values of a program directed toward students have been established beyond question, and the investment in time and effort is richly repaid.

### PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE

#### COMMITTEE PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

Church members with specialized training or experience are considered as professional people. The concern of the committee in ministry to and from professional people arises from the conviction (1) that all church people should be challenged not only in general appeals but also through the medium of their special interests and (2) that the realization of the mission of the church will require the consecrated service of many specialized skills. The mission of the committee in its ministry to professional

people as with students is basically one of motivation.

The second objective of the committee is to promote the development for the church of a corps of kingdom-minded scholars and professionals whose specialized knowledge and experience will be available to the church as an institution and more generally to the cause of Zion. We attempt (1) to stimulate the church thinking of our professional people toward an evaluation of their own church relationships, (2) to encourage a continuing restudy and clarification of the goals of the kingdom, (3) to challenge men to devise the techniques for accomplishing the righteousness of the kingdom, (4) to direct the attention of professionally and technically trained persons to the various aspects of the program of the kingdom where they can render unique service, (5) to bring people of the same specialty together for collective study of the church-related aspects of that specialty, (6) to bring people of assorted specialties together for mutual enrichment and enlargement of thought. The process suggested here can be described as the mobilization of specialized human resources into a pattern that becomes a part of the kingdom. The committee tries to serve as a signpost pointing in this direction.

Special emphasis is given to broadening the concept of church service. The concept begins for all people with their active association in church-sponsored activities at the branch and district levels and continues with the opportunity for a limited number of people for full-time General Conference appointment or employment by a church institution. Still in close association with the existing program is the role of consultant and adviser on special problems. Beyond that is the deep need for the interpretation and evaluation of many specialized professional skills in relation to the fundamental mission of the church. Here is opportunity for the finest exercise of initiative and agency since only the professional is in a position to know adequately both his own profession and the objectives of the church; only he can propose the supplements and extensions for the church program which will take full advantage of the fruits of his profession. Out of a closer collaboration of consecrated specialists from many fields with appointee ministers bearing administrative responsibility can come an enrichment of church program and performance measuring more nearly to the high standards divinely set for us.

#### EXPERIMENTS IN MINISTRY

Against the background of these ideas there has been started a series of small-

scale experiments in ministry to professional people in the hope of encouraging a great movement of ministry *from* and *by* professional people. The beginning of a reach toward any group is a census of the group. The preliminary survey begun three years ago among selected categories (medical men, dentists, lawyers, architects, and holders of any form of doctoral degree) has yielded an incomplete listing of four hundred and fifty names. This vocational information is supplemented in the listing of fifteen hundred members who have been enrolled as students in four-year colleges at some time during the last six years. In addition the Professional Teachers Association has supplied an initial listing of about six hundred schoolteachers. The need for organizing such personnel information into an easily sorted and readily available form has led to the start of an experimental file showing vocational training and experience punched on IBM cards, which will include all current college graduates, all holders of degrees beyond the baccalaureate and as many other members with specialized experience as can be reached. It is hoped to gain experience that may ultimately lead to the use of vocational information on all church members by the Department of Statistics or perhaps by a personnel department of the church.

An experiment in professional organizations was started in April, 1955, by the R.L.D.S. Professional Teachers Association with Miss Aleta Runkle as chairman of an executive council of seven members and a secretarial group of three. The association has over three hundred dues-paying (\$5.00 annually) members who are teaching or administrative staff members of elementary schools, high schools, and colleges. The members receive subscriptions to the *University Bulletin*, which now carries a teacher's section. The association has published a directory listing about five hundred church member teachers; it is formulating an employment information service intended to provide information to teachers seeking jobs in locations having special church interest; it has a program of workshops for developing more fruitful relations between church member teachers and both the formal and informal teaching functions of the church. The basic objective of the association is the stimulation of teachers to an evaluation of themselves as professionals in relation to the objectives and program of the church.

#### PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES AND CLINICS

Several other experiments in challenging professional people have been started. Two conferences for professionals were

held in Washington (February, 1954) and Philadelphia (March, 1955); counseling with the local committees and with church appointees in the area has led to the appointment of the Eastern Regional Professional Council, composed now of Stanley Fike (Washington), Keith Harder (Washington), Dr. Paul Edwards (Baltimore), Joseph Piedemonte (Philadelphia) and Sanford Fisher (Boston). This council is engaged in an intensive survey of church professionals along the east coast with a view toward more effective participation in local, regional, and General Church activities.

A conference for professionals was held in Berkeley, California, in June, 1955, without any specific organization for follow-up being formed. A clinic following a different pattern was held in the Chicago area on October 15 and 16, 1955. A local committee issued invitations to a week-end retreat where, in the style of a clinic, a constructive exchange of ideas on church program and channels for personal service was held with Bishop DeLapp as the principal resource person. All such meetings are exploratory with the aim of finding the techniques most effective in reaching some of our trained people; for the near future further efforts will be made in the areas already named.

#### PERSONNEL

The personnel of the committee and its close associates is nearly the same as reported by name to the 1954 General Conference. The principal changes have been the addition of Mr. W. E. Ford to the general committee and the replacement of Dr. Dwight DW Davis by Dr. J. E. Van Biber as chairman of the subcommittee on ministry to students. A tremendous improvement in the organization of the committee planning and communication is due to the availability during the past year of a full-time executive secretary. In spite of the volunteer status of the committee and its associates major contributions have been made by all six members of the main committee, the nine additional members of the sub-committees, the five regional representatives, the seven members of the secretariate, and the many planners and participants in the local conferences.

L. O. BROCKWAY, *Chairman*  
*Committee on Ministry to*  
*College People*

#### A Legal Reply

The chairman gave us fellows a good evasive tactic when the "Little Woman" confronts us with the demand, "Did you mail that letter?" Lift the eyes skyward and as a good "lawyer" says "We regard as having been done what ought to have been done."



#### Remember When?

This is a view of the entrance to the Auditorium before its recent face-lifting. The late counselor to the president, John F. Garver, is the man on the right.

### Report of the Department of Priesthood Education

*To the First Presidency and  
General Conference:*

The General Conference of 1954 took action to combine the two areas, priesthood education and leadership training, under one head. Previous to that time priesthood education had been under the direction of Dr. Floyd M. McDowell. Leadership training, a part of the Department of Religious Education, was supervised by Sister Thelona Stevens. In September, 1954, the work of priesthood education was placed in the hands of the undersigned, and in November of the same year leadership training work was transferred to the new director.

The need for priesthood and leadership education is so widely recognized that it hardly needs commenting upon in this report. One of our first endeavors was to establish clearly a frame of reference within which the work could be made effective. This led us to the conclusion that the leadership-training approach of studies "for credit" should be continued, but that arrangements should be made by which such credits could be given in a situation conducive to work on a more effective basis. It became apparent rather quickly that providing educational opportunities for large numbers of people can best be carried on through an educational institution rather than from a department of an ecclesiastical organization. Such an educational institution would provide:

1. A method of encouraging studies of higher educational value
2. Opportunity to prepare a broad cur-

riculum on an organized basis so that each student could make intelligent selections for his personal studies

3. Opportunity to present educational materials on a basis commensurate with the cost of such presentation and thus keep at a minimum the appropriations of General Church funds for this purpose.

In harmony with these the Director of Priesthood Education and Leadership Training suggested the advisability of establishing such an educational institution. The First Presidency appointed a Board of Trustees for a school to be known as the School of the Restoration to be located in Independence, Missouri. The appointment of the Board of Trustees was announced in the *Herald* of May 23, 1955. The Board is made up of the First Presidency, the Presiding Bishopric, the President of the Council of Twelve, the senior president of presidents of Seventy, the president of the Quorum of High Priests, the director of Department of Religious Education, and the director of Priesthood Education.

Since the appointment of the Board of Trustees several meetings have been held. It was decided that the school should be concerned with an adult education program pointed toward preparing people for more efficient work in the branches of the church. Some sixty courses were listed as a point of beginning. By the close of 1955 forty-two of these courses were in the hands of various individuals who accepted the assignment for preparing the necessary materials to offer the courses by correspondence. It was agreed that courses provided by other schools which can be adapted to our use will be included when circumstances indicate the advisability of so doing.

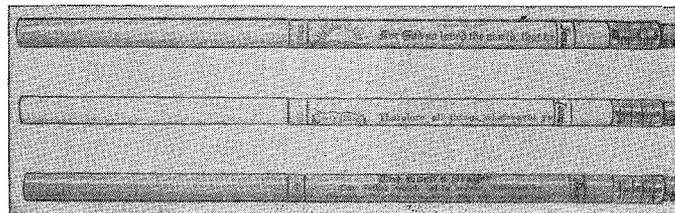
In addition to offering courses by correspondence it has been thought advisable to look forward to setting up as soon as possible a residence school in Independence beginning with a session of at least two weeks. As enrollment grows we believe we can work toward having a full "quarter" one or more times each year and eventually become a school offering three full quarters annually. In accord with this objective the Board took action to establish the first residence session of the School of the Restoration in Independence, Missouri, June 10 to 23, 1956. Announcements concerning this session will be made in the *Saints' Herald*.

The Leadership Training Program as formerly constituted is being continued until such time as the matter of "credit" studies can be adequately handled through the School of the Restoration. On December 31, 1955, there were 575 students enrolled under the Leadership Training Program. This is a decrease from the average number of students per month over the past few years because of the lack of promotional effort. When the transition is made to the School of the Restoration, every effort will be made to allow full credit for the courses previously taken and to increase enrollment as quickly as possible.

It is obvious that work as important to the progress of the church as is priesthood education and leadership training cannot long remain effective without adequate staff. The first and most urgent need is for someone to assume the responsibility for the School of the Restoration so that we can give our attention to producing new materials, encouraging and promoting enrollment in the School of the Restoration, giving advice and counsel to local administrative officers with regard to their local priesthood and leadership-training programs, and carrying on educational work in various areas of the church where the greater concentrations of the priesthood and leadership are available.

Under the urgency of the task that lies before us in preparing people to better function in the branches of the church we move forward with that which we have at hand to do what can be done to increase the witnessing potential among the people of the church. Our sincere thanks go to all throughout the church who have given sustained and helpful support to the Leadership Training Program in the past. We pledge ourselves to continue to push the work of priesthood education and leadership training and hope the future will find the School of the Restoration increasingly helpful.

L. WAYNE UPDIKE  
*Director of Priesthood  
 Education and Leadership  
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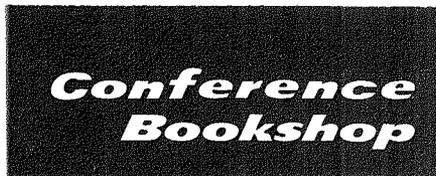
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**WEDNESDAY, April 11—** In charge: William Patterson  
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 Elders assisting: Victor Eklof; G. F. Mintun; Charles Chapman; James D. Gault

# The Saints' Herald

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## "Guarantees of the Kingdom"

Some of the "Restoration Guarantees of the Kingdom" were presented by Apostle Maurice Draper to an overflow congregation at the Stone Church Monday morning at the eleven o'clock hour.

Specialization is the order of the day, he said. Extensive personnel is required to keep the wheels going in our structure of modern civilization. Specialists find it difficult to keep up with all the skills and knowledge in the frontiers of development, and fragmentation results.

A great number of fields of specialty need the centralizing motivation of belief that God is, and that God has a purpose in creating us. God decides why he makes us, and we have no moral right to ignore his purpose in us. Our agency lets us refuse to meet the use for which we were created, but our moral obligation is to meet the purpose for which we were created—to seek to bring forth and establish the cause of Zion.

The kingdom of God must be the life-giving unity of all diversity around us which attracts our attention and service, or we come to a blind end.

Joseph Smith prophesied in a day when the Saints were expelled from the state that they and their children would return with songs of everlasting joy. This has been fulfilled. Thousands not now with us, whose lives have been touched by ours, have their eyes on us in this place, and their thoughts are with us.

We are convinced that the kingdom of God will be, because there are so many reasons why it ought to be. The Restoration guarantees and assures that that for which we long and give our lives shall indeed be accomplished.



Photo by Keith B. Stokes

## "The Open Door to God"

Stone Church was filled upstairs, downstairs, in the balcony, and in the radio room Tuesday evening with people who came to hear Apostle Donald V. Lents preach on "The Open Door to God." The Graceland College Choir sang under the direction of

Henry Anderson, and Seventies Merle Guthrie and Glen Johnson assisted with the service.

## "Journey to Jerusalem" Intriguing and Suspenseful

"Journey to Jerusalem," by Maxwell Anderson, is being presented each week night of Conference to capacity crowds. The White Masque Players, under the direction of Richard Maloney, do a very convincing job of making Christ's journey to Jerusalem at the age of twelve a living experience.

The play is in nine snappy scenes. Philip Soper and David Seal double in taking the part of Jesus at the age of twelve. Ginger Balch is a very lovely Mary, and Joseph Long fits our concept of Joseph. Many other well-known White Masque players of past performances are in the play. Included are Leroy Bradford as the soothsayer; Elbert Dempsey, Jr., as Herod; Joseph Crum as Shadrach; Rex Wildermuth as the Centurion; Stewart Carson as Ishmael; and Burhl Hill as Gennesareth. The cast of thirty-three includes many new members of the White Masque.

Lighting, costumes, make-up, and stage decorations are excellent. Many hard-working and devoted people who are never seen on stage have set the religious tone of the play through their artistry.

This is the last Conference play expected to be seen in the Stone Church Annex. It will be razed in the near future.

Brother Lents introduced his theme by telling of the devotion of the Saints in Europe. He said that in their meetings they always pray for those in "Joseph's Land." He mentioned that at one preaching service in Leeds, a ninety-year-old woman walked seven miles to attend. This is the sort of devotion and concern we should all show for the work of the church.

There are two important questions we might ask about any door, "Where does it lead?" and "What does it lead away from?" Brother Lents then emphasized that Christ is always an open door that leads away from temptation. Repentance is a door to God. Life is never over for those who follow Jesus Christ.

A Christian is a mind through which God works, a mouth through which he speaks, a heart through which he loves, a hand with which he helps, and a soul through which he lives.

Brother Lents emphasized that humility is an essential characteristic of the true Christian. We need a humble, responsible, social-minded faith to establish the kingdom; we are God's children and should do what Christ did for others. Because of Jesus Christ and his philosophy, we have the capacity to become something greater than ourselves.

# Report of the Department of Religious Education

To the First Presidency  
and General Conference:

It is our pleasure to report two years of growth in the ministry given through the Department of Religious Education. The period since last General Conference has been characterized by a sharp increase in the demand for printed materials, program helps, institutes, conferences, and other services offered by the various divisions of our department. A new era of ministry has been added to the department, that of Ministry to the Blind.

Following last General Conference, the department set four major objectives for emphasis during this inter-Conference period.

1. Continuation of the curriculum research project
  2. The production of study and program materials based on the findings of the curriculum study
  3. The promotion and organization of a more adequate educational program at the district and branch level in the United States and Canada
  4. Investigation of possible means of extending the services of our department to various missions abroad
- Progress has been made in these areas of emphasis.

## CURRICULUM STUDY

The curriculum study which was so ably launched under the direction of Brother R. M. Holmes has continued. We are particularly indebted to Brother Richard B. Lancaster for completing a major phase in our curriculum research project. The horizontal and vertical age groups were synthesized. This means that the research of our local age group specialists was harmonized with the age group analysis, which was done on a vertical scale through the sixteen fields of experience. Brother Lancaster has also prepared a series of articles for *Guidelines* relating to the eleven age groups and their religious needs and interests. Further curriculum promotion needs to be undertaken so that the curriculum might be understood and interpreted on the local branch level.

The church is reaping important benefits from the research study as it progresses. All departments have accepted it as a basis for the development of materials and programs for use in the church. This brought integration to our work, reduced duplication of efforts between departments, and gave more adequate coverage in the preparation of materials for use throughout the church. The curriculum study has provided the guiding principles for the development of the materials which have been produced by the department during the last inter-Conference period.

## THE CHURCH SCHOOL

The department has given emphasis to the development of church school materials over the past two years. While there has been a great demand for study materials in all age groups of the church school, the adult division has had the most urgent need. We were happy, therefore, to present two new adult courses during this inter-Conference period.

1. *The Prophets Speak*, by Clifford A. Cole
2. *The Family Living Study Series*, prepared under the direction of Richard B. Lancaster, Director of Adult Education

The *Study Series* represents a new approach which permits greater flexibility in writing and studying our materials. Fifteen study units were contemplated in the series; thirteen have been completed.

Another series of study units in the field of Latter Day Saint doctrine and theology is now in the process of preparation. Beside these, five other adult courses are in the process of preparation. It is expected that they will be made available within the next year.

1. A course in Zionic community building by Bishop G. L. DeLapp
2. A study of the apostasy and the emergence of the Restoration by Roy A. Cheville
3. A course for senior adults in the church by Evan Fry
4. A course on the life and letters of Paul by Alfred Yale
5. A course on science in the latter day light by Deam Ferris

We shall continue work on adult materials during the next inter-Conference

period but give emphasis to the development of the graded church school curriculum for those from nursery through senior high ages.

## VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

It is encouraging to witness the many new branches and districts that are including vacation church schools in their calendars. During the past two years the children's division of the Department of Religious Education, in conjunction with the Center Stake leaders, has prepared new materials for the vacation church school. The new material will be available for general distribution in May of this year. We are hopeful that the new material will be effective in ministering to the children during the vacation period.

## REUNION MATERIALS

The adequacy and comprehensiveness of both children's and young people's reunion materials have increased during the past two years. Many capable people participated in the preparation of these helps under the direction of Brother J. R. Evans and Brother Carl Mesle.

## CHILDREN'S CAMPS

Brother J. R. Evans was able to assist in three children's camps in various areas of the country during 1955. He found it helpful to assist in these youth camps to obtain a comparison picture of the needs of the various age groups. Our recommendation to those anticipating entering the children's camping field is "proceed with caution." Camps for children can be a profitable venture, but we would recommend it only after careful consideration is given to the following recommendations:

1. Plan the camp to be conducted more on the basis of a church school or vacation church school than on a general camping basis.
2. Plan for at least one counselor for every four or five children.
3. Obtain counselors who are acquainted with outdoor life and who are concerned with the spiritual welfare of the child.
4. Plan for facilities—such as sleeping, eating, and playing—with the physical needs of the child in mind.

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5. Activities should be planned which are not the same as those found in the junior high or senior high program.
6. Plan for children ranging in age from nine through eleven.

While we are not discouraging camping for children, we most heartily recommend these be kept in mind in planning children's camps.

#### YOUTH CAMPS

From one youth camp in 1928 with approximately 30 campers, the youth camping program of the church has expanded to 57 camps in the summer of 1955, including 29 senior high camps, 20 junior high camps, and 8 combined camps.

During each of the past two years separate and substantial publications have been prepared providing helps for camp leaders of both senior high and junior high camps. Separate themes, classwork, and other materials necessary to a total week's program in camp have been provided through the efforts of numerous volunteer writers until this has become an annual major endeavor of the youth office.

During this time we have encouraged camp leaders to establish an active relationship with the American Camping Association which provides training, camp standards, and other helps related to camping for church as well as for other groups.

With the rapid growth in both junior and senior high age camping, the church has been hard pressed to keep up with and to maintain a standard quality of ministry. To assure maintenance of high quality of ministry in this field, we need a basic manual on youth camping to guide all camp directors and a training course which may be conducted regionally for camp directors and leaders. Some effort has been made to fill the gap by the periodic publication of bulletins and helps for our camp directors throughout the church.

#### BOYS' WORK

While no accurate figures are available, it is estimated that the church sponsors some forty Boy Scout Troops and twelve boys' clubs whose leaders devise their own programs. In addition, large numbers of our boys are affiliated with Cub Packs, Scout Troops, and Explorer units sponsored by other churches and civic groups. The continued rapid growth of the Boy Scouts of America indicates that the number of our boys affiliated with these programs is likely to continue to increase.

In the period from April, 1954, to February, 1956, 179 of our boys have enrolled and 46 have completed the requirements of the "God and Country"

award as established by our church. During this period, a restudy of the program has resulted in new requirements which, it is anticipated, will be launched as soon as they are further refined and the necessary supporting materials can be developed. This will open the way for the rewriting and reprinting of the church manual on Scouting and the preparation of other materials to further spiritualize Scouting for our boys—as our man power and energies permit.

#### GIRLS' WORK

One of the most noteworthy inter-Conference developments in Oriole work was the recent establishment of the program in the Society Islands under the leadership (until February of this year) of Mrs. Alan Tyree. On her return to the States, the work continued under Mrs. Allen Breckenridge, who, with her husband and family, recently began their appointment to the Islands. The Skylark work is to be started there a little later.

*Present Girls' Work:* During the inter-Conference period growth of the Skylark and Oriole programs has continued. There are at present 1,555 girls currently registered in these programs, representing 158 circles and bands. Of these, 275 Oriole girls of 29 circles are in the Center Stake; 420 girls in 41 circles are in ten states, England, Canada, and now the Society Islands.

Skylark girls number 310 in 37 bands of the Center Stake, and 550 girls in 51 bands in thirteen states, Canada, and England.

The greatest concentrations of members are in the Center Stake, Northwest Iowa District, Canada, Lamoni Stake, and the Chicago District.

Some 300 girls' leaders, assisted by approximately 1,000 sponsoring committee members and honor badge examiners, administer and work in the programs.

*Girls' Camps:* One-week Oriole camps served approximately 300 girls. A few of the junior high church camps included special program features for the Oriole girls. In addition, several overnight or week-end camps were held for Oriole girls.

Approximately 250 Skylark girls participated in overnight or other short-term camps. Each summer, six weeks' field work was done either in Oriole camps or in junior high camps providing Oriole program opportunities.

*Light of Life:* Since last General Conference, 131 girls have enrolled in the Light of Life religious award program. Twenty-six girls completed all requirements and received the Light of Life pin. Of those getting the final award,

sixteen were Oriole girls, five were Girl Scouts, three were Camp Fire girls, one was a Girl Guide, and one a 4-H girl. The inter-Conference period brought the first nonmember and the first 4-H girl to receive the award. In a few instances girls have joined the church while working on the award.

*New Publications:* The newly revised *Oriole Girls' Handbook* will be on sale in the near future. Program requirements were brought up to date, new badge areas added, and old ones revised. With the counsel of more than one hundred specialists, the revised Oriole program should ideally fit the needs of girls of the church for many years. Activity requirements cover forty-five fields but are especially centered in the home, the church, and the out of doors.

As a part of this work, and to serve also the girls of our church in the national activity programs, the Light of Life requirements have been re-evaluated and revised.

*The Oriole Monitors' Manual* will be revised as soon as the work schedule permits, possibly within a year. This is the training course and resource helps for activities.

We hope that a resource book may be prepared for study by girls in the Light of Life program. This was planned for the previous inter-Conference period but not completed because of pressure of other work.

No revision is planned of the *Skylark Leaders' Manual*, as this was completed recently.

*Plans for Expansion:* In the near future it is hoped that girls' work may be opened on the European continent, Australia, New Zealand, and Hawaii.

Since the best and most stable growth occurs when the work is organized on a district-wide or stake-wide basis, we hope more district or stakes may organize. We trust this can be done as more administrative officers come to realize the vast potentialities of the programs for educating girls in home skills; for increasing interest, attendance, and participation in the work of the church; and for opportunities for evangelism to the nonmember girl and her family. In addition, Oriole girls may perform valued services to the church, such as taking care of clerical duties, assuming church school responsibilities, or assisting with church dinners and related work.

We hope that the department may give more information and assistance to the district president or branch president and other administrative officers in the organization of girls' work, as well as some field help.

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# Official Minutes of General Conference

Business Session, Wednesday, April 11, 1956

With President Israel A. Smith in the chair, the General Conference assembled in business session at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 11, 1956.

Hymn No. 254, "By Revelation Called of God," was sung under the leadership of Elder Harold Neal, with Mrs. Rhoda Wilson of Los Angeles, California, accompanying at the organ. The invocation was by Elder Paul Henricks of Australia.

In the ordination service which followed, L. Wayne Updike was set apart to the Standing High Council by Apostles P. M. Hanson and A. A. Oakman; Lloyd L. Bland was set apart to the Standing High Council by Apostles D. T. Williams and C. R. Hield; and Sanford Downs was set apart to the Standing High Council by Apostles E. J. Gleazer and D. B. Jensen.

Oskar E. F. Stüve of Hamburg, Germany, was ordained to the office of Seventy by Apostle D. V. Lents and Seventy Z. Z. Renfroe.

The minutes of the session of April 10, 1956 were read and approved as corrected.

A motion was made by Elders David E. Dowker and Charles R. Hield that a committee be appointed by the First Presidency to draft a suitable memorial to the Mervin family of Papeete, Tahiti, in memory of the late John Mervin. This motion carried.

Messages of greeting were read:

Greetings to the First Presidency, the Quorums, and all assembled in our world-wide General Conference. Be assured that the thoughts and prayers of the Saints in continental Europe and Scandinavia are with and for you in these momentous days. May the Spirit of God give direction to your deliberations and actions that the witnessing power of his church may continue to increase. May light and unity of purpose prevail. We sincerely anticipate sharing the news and the ministry of the Conference.—Appointees Compier, Everett, Landon, Urban, Webb, and Witte

Greetings from the membership of British Isles Mission. May God bless you in all ways essential to carrying out his purposes.—Eric Rowe, Thomas Worth, Alma C. Andrews, appointees to the British Isles

Attention was called to the report of the Committee on Ministry to College People on pages 85-87, and the report of the Department of Priesthood Education on pages 87-88 of the *Daily Herald*.

The resolution as follows concerning the School of the Restoration was received and read into the record for future consideration:

To the General Conference:

The Joint Council of First Presidency, Council of Twelve, and Presiding Bishopric has approved the following, and we present it for such action as you deem wise:

WHEREAS, There is increasing need for trained personnel to do the work of the church in the various branches and districts, and

WHEREAS, This task is inherent in the work of the leading quorums of the church, and

WHEREAS, The work of training such personnel can best be done if there is an educational focal point for such activity, and

WHEREAS, The School of the Restoration has been organized for this purpose under the temporary leadership of a Board of Trustees appointed by the First Presidency, therefore be it

Resolved, That the General Conference do now hereby authorize the establishing of an institution of learning to be known as the School of the Restoration for the purpose of carrying out a leadership educational program, such school to be governed by a board of nine trustees, as follows:

- The members of the First Presidency
- The members of the Presiding Bishopric
- The President of the Council of Twelve
- The President of the Quorum of High Priests
- The Senior President of Seventy

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
Israel A. Smith

Two amendments were offered to the resolution on dancing, as found on page 72 of the *Daily Herald*. These were accepted for later consideration by the Conference:

To the General Conference:

WHEREAS, General Conference Resolutions 813 and 924 are affirmative in nature; and

WHEREAS, The resolution moved by Elders Mesle and Fry printed on page 72 of the General Conference *Daily Herald* is affirmative in nature, with the exception of paragraph 4; and

WHEREAS, Dancing is specifically mentioned in General Conference Resolution 924, which is not rescinded by the motion under consideration; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the motion presented by Elders Mesle and Fry, printed on page 72 of the General Conference *Daily Herald*, be amended by deleting paragraph 4, which reads as follows:

Resolved, That it is the belief and experience of this church that the repeated practice of social dancing by church members should be discouraged as likely to lead them toward temptation and away from Christ and his church, and from the higher spiritual life of his kingdom.

Moved by J. T. Conway  
Washington, D.C., delegation  
Seconded by Robert Carr  
Washington, D.C., delegation

An Amendment:

Moved to amend (1) by striking out the last three paragraphs and the last four words of the preceding paragraph, and (2) by inserting after "Resolution 924 (1932)" in the first paragraph the phrase "and General Conference Resolution 929 (1934)" and (3) by inserting after "924" in the second paragraph the phrase "and, 929."

ROY CHEVILLE  
ALMER SHEEHY

A substitute for the document found on page 74 of the *Daily Herald* regarding the dates for the 1958 General Conference was presented for later consideration by the Conference:

To the General Conference:

The brethren of the Presiding Bishopric have informed us that it is only with the utmost difficulty that they can secure reliable figures concerning the finances of the preceding year in time for presentation to the Appropriations Committee and April General Conference. Some consideration has been given to changing the fiscal year, and it was with this in mind that we recommended that the Conference of 1958 be held April 13-20 inclusive. We have now found that it is the consensus that a change in the fiscal year will be attended by difficulties which should be avoided if at all possible.

We therefore recommend, as a substitute for our earlier recommendation in this connection, that when this Conference adjourns it does so to meet at a time to be set by the First Presidency in consultation with the Council of Twelve and Presiding Bishopric and with the understanding that the date set will be May 4 to 11, unless further investigation shows that this date also involves conflicts which should be avoided.

In the event this substitute action should be adopted, we invite all who may be interested to write to the First Presidency expressing their views.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
Israel A. Smith

The following document was presented as a correction to the Financial Report of the Presiding Bishopric:

To the General Conference:

The following schedules are submitted as a part of the statement of fund equities of the Storehouse bottoms of pages 42 and 45 of the April 9, 1956

	STOREHOUSE TR
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash in Bank.....	
Real Estate Investment.....	
Investment in Walnut Park Development Associ	
Due from General Fund.....	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> .....	
<b>EQUITY</b>	
Balance—End of Period.....	
<b>STATEMENT OF</b>	
Total Fund Equities—December 31, 1954.....	
Additions for the Year 1955:	
Offerings for Special Funds and Normal Incren	
Excess of Income over Expense.....	
Appropriations from Other Funds.....	
Subtotal.....	
Deductions for the Year 1955:	
Normal Fund Disbursements.....	
Total Fund Equities—December 31, 1955.....	
<b>TOTAL ALL FUND EQUITIES</b> .....	

A statement of explanation was made by Bishop G. Leslie DeLapp.

A letter from the Presidents of Seventy listing the members of the First and Second Quorums of Seventy was read as follows:

**To the General Conference:**

The Council of Presidents of Seventy have assigned the men of the Seventy to the following quorums and send these assignments to you for your approval.

**FIRST QUORUM**

Andersen, Richard D.	Pement, J. V.
Anderson, Samuel E.	Potter, Floyd A. J.
Ashenhurst, Raymond	Puckett, John T.
Banta, Frederick C.	Ralston, Russell F.
Barlow, T. Ed.	Renfro, Z. Z.
Bevan, Frederick G.	Robbins, Cecil V.
Black, Harry W.	Rowe, Eric S.
Billings, Virgil J.	Scherer, Albert A.
Breckenridge, Allen J.	Simmons, Wayne E.
Burdekin, Alvin Floyd	Smith, Delbert D.
Burt, George E.	Smith, G. Wayne
Butterworth, F. Ed.	Sorensen, Vivian C.
Coleman, Sylvester R.	Stuve, Oskar E. F.
Daugherty, James C.	Tyree, Alan D.
Dickens, E. W.	Urban, Alfred
Doty, Harry L.	Vest, Elwin R.
Engle, Harry A.	Wakeman, Robert I.
Everett, James A.	Weldon, Clair E.
Fishburn, E. Robert	Wight, John G.
Gardner, A. Leslie	Winegar, H. E.
Gibbs, Arthur F.	Worth, Thomas E.
Guthrie, William T.	Yager, Joseph H.
Haden, William C.	Yale, Alfred H.
Harvey, Donald E.	
Horahito	

**SECOND QUORUM**

Hough, A. Wayne	Adams, Loyd R.
Imrie, John D.	Berridge, Barnett W.
Johnson, Glen H.	Fisher, Howard
Johnson, Stanley M.	French, Calvin V.
Kaleikau, David A.	Guthrie, Merle P.
Kinart, Keith N.	Hobart, C. Houston
Koehler, Arthur H.	Jackson, Wallace
Kornman, Charles	Menzies, James S.
Koury, Aleah G.	Renfro, James E.
Kyser, Donald L.	Reid, Richard M.
Landon, Donald D.	Theys, Eugene A.
LaPointe, Myron F.	Troyer, Luther S.
Larmour, David K.	Zonker, Louis
Ledsworth, Ernest A.	
Loren, John N.	
Loving, Albert L.	
Lynn, Herbert A.	
Marsh, Charles F.	
Minton, Harvey V.	
Moore, Philip W.	
Njeim, George A.	
Pelletier, A. M.	

**THE COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS OF SEVENTY**  
*Russell F. Ralston, Secretary*

mittees, on page 82 of the *Daily Herald*, was moved by Brethren L. Wayne Updike and Vernon Ruoff:

**To the General Conference:**

Regarding the resolution coming to the Conference from the Center Stake I wish to move the following amendment:

*Resolved*, To amend so that the last two paragraphs will read as follows:

*Resolved*, That all delegates not holding membership in one of the established quorums or councils shall be organized in one or more legislative committees with freedom to originate legislation or to act upon legislation referred to them by the Conference, and be it further

*Resolved*, That the First Presidency shall appoint a chairman for each such committee, which appointments shall be subject to the approval of such committees, and that time and space be provided in the Conference program for the meeting of such committees.

L. WAYNE UPDIKE

Consideration was deferred to a later business session.

The discussion of the Financial Report of the Presiding Bishopric was continued from the previous session. Apostles R. E. Davey and D. O. Chesworth moved to approve the report. The motion to approve carried.

Elders E. Elwood Smith and Alvin Jones moved to approve the Recommended Appropriations for 1956 and 1957 on page 75 of the *Daily Herald*. During the discussion of this motion, President Israel A. Smith left the assembly and President F. Henry Edwards assumed the chair. The appropriations as listed were approved.

Elders John T. Puckett and A. Orlin Crownover moved approval of the Special Appropriations found on page 75 of the *Daily Herald*. Elders G. Leslie DeLapp and Emery Parks moved to amend by including the appropriations recommended by the Order of Bishops which appears on page 83 of the *Daily Herald*. The corrected schedule follows:

President W. Wallace Smith assumed the chair at this point.

Apostles P. M. Hanson and D. T. Williams moved approval of the calls to the evangelical order presented at Tuesday's business session. Each of the brethren present made statements of acceptance. Apostle A. A. Oakman spoke in behalf of Roy W. Smith who was not present, and Apostle P. E. Farrow spoke for E. L. Bowerman who was absent. Each of the brethren was approved.

The recommendation from the Board of Appropriations concerning the Houses of Worship Revolving Fund, found on page 74 of the *Daily Herald*, was brought to the attention of the Conference. Elders D. T. Williams and G. Leslie DeLapp moved approval, after which an amendment was moved by Brethren Jack Raveill and Fred McKane: "That any reference to interest whatsoever in the resolution be stricken from the document, and that the cost of operation of the Houses of Worship Revolving Fund be paid by a special appropriation." The motion to amend lost. The motion to approve the recommendation of the Board of Appropriations carried.

The singing of the hymn, "Once More before We Part," was followed by the benediction by Elder Joseph Broadway of Australia. The meeting was declared adjourned.

CHARLES D. NEFF  
 FRED L. YOUNG  
 W. R. STEARNS  
*Secretaries*

replacements of the balance sheets and portions of the Treasury Fund appearing on portions of the 6, Conference daily edition of the *Saints' Herald*.

**TREASURY FUND**

	1954	1955
.....	\$ 6,082.37	\$ 8,910.55
.....	3,003.40	5,005.40
.....	9,600.00	23,600.00
.....	973.11	498.00
.....	<u>\$ 19,658.88</u>	<u>\$ 38,013.95</u>
.....	<u>\$ 19,658.88</u>	<u>\$ 38,013.95</u>

**FUND EQUITIES**

	Total	Storehouse Treasury
.....	\$ 4,647,013.69	\$ 19,658.88
.....	18,267.73	18,267.73
.....	207,525.30	87.34
.....	91,210.32	
.....	<u>\$ 4,964,017.04</u>	<u>\$ 38,013.95</u>
.....	522,598.69	
.....	<u>\$ 4,441,418.35</u>	<u>\$ 38,013.95</u>
.....	<u>\$ 22,096,679.85</u>	

**MISSIONS ABROAD**

French Oceania (Mission House).....	\$ 15,000.00
Hawaii (Grant for Church Building).....	20,000.00
Alaska (Mission House).....	15,000.00
Holland (Mission Headquarters).....	20,000.00
Missions Abroad Research Fund.....	10,000.00
	<u>\$80,000.00</u>

**SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Nauvoo—Kirtland—Buildings—Landscaping.....	25,000.00
Auditorium Construction.....	200,000.00
Graceland College.....	100,000.00
Independence Sanitarium and Hospital.....	75,000.00
Missionary Reserve Fund.....	42,497.08
Operating Reserve Fund.....	100,000.00
Houses of Worship Revolving Fund.....	100,000.00
Districts, Administrative Budget.....	20,000.00
Financial Educational Program: Movie—Art Work—Posters.....	16,000.00
Armed Forces Manual.....	2,000.00
Road Signs.....	1,000.00
Unallocated.....	4,202.07
Total.....	<u>\$765,699.15</u>

**AUSTRALASIAN MISSION**

These funds are available in Australia for appropriation to these specific funds:

Houses of Worship Revolving Fund.....	\$ 7,425.00
Operating Reserve Fund.....	6,750.00
Total Appropriation of Australian Funds.....	<u>\$ 14,175.00</u>

Elders George A. Njeim and Harry L. Doty moved "that the document be approved and the Quorums set in order," which motion carried.

Approval of an amendment to the resolution regarding legislative com-

# Report of the Department of Religious Education

(Continued from page 91)

## JUNIOR HIGH COED PROGRAM

In the absence of material and personnel to adequately establish our boys' and girls' work programs in the majority of our branches (which has left many of our branches without a program for junior highs) and in the light of the comparative popularity of the Zion's League program, there have arisen to fill the vacuum well over one hundred junior high "Zion's Leagues." While led by devout and able leaders, these groups have been without General Church program helps and have thereby been required to develop their own, borrowing as necessary from the regular Zion's League program developed for the older age. Where heavy borrowing from the Zion's League program has taken place, we have reason to believe that the junior high Zion's League tends to undermine the regular League experience at the older age level. In view of these several factors, we have been conducting a study for some time looking toward the development of a suitable program for these junior high coed groups which can be correlated with the Zion's League program and the boys' work, girls' work, and religious awards where they are now established or may be provided in the future. Suggestions for such a program are being submitted to a workshop of junior high leaders at this General Conference.

## ZION'S LEAGUE

The chief accomplishment in Zion's League work was the development and distribution of a twelve-hour workshop-type course, "The Zion's League Program and How to Use It." This course has been used one or more times by many of our district and stake youth leaders in the training of their local League leaders.

## OLDER YOUNG PEOPLE

This group of young people, including those between school and marriage, represent the age of greatest loss to the church. To attain a practical program of effective ministry to this group, we have conducted experiments in several areas, with older youth gatherings in Far West Stake, California, and the Center Stake. These were climaxed in the combined conference at Denver, Colorado, September, 1955, which was attended by over one hundred older young people, in addition to those classed as college students and service personnel. Further combined conferences will be held as we continue our gradual effort to effect

common patterns of value and ministry to this age throughout the church.

Other programs offering a specialized ministry to this age group are provided by the Committee on Ministry to College People, of which the General Church Youth Director is secretary, and the Committee on Ministry to Service Personnel, of which he is also a member, thus providing for effective co-ordination of these three areas of ministry.

## YOUNG ADULTS

We conducted a survey project among all of the branches and districts of the church in order to find out more information and the extent of young adult activities. There was a 35 per cent response to this survey. We expect that this information will be of real value in the promotion and guidance for a sound program of ministry to young adults.

Ten points were established as foundation principles for ministry to young adults. The further application and expansion of these principles will be a major project for the coming inter-Conference period. A well-thought-out and firmly grounded program was further promoted through *Guidelines*. One major emphasis of the next inter-Conference period will be the further development and promotion of ministry to young adults.

## MINISTRY TO THE BLIND

About June 1, 1955, the First Presidency transferred Ministry to the Blind to the Department of Religious Education and asked that Sister Thelona D. Stevens head up this work. She accepted the assignment and began at once the study of Braille, at the same time seeking to establish contact with all known blind members and friends of the church. Within a few weeks she was able to write to the blind in Braille. She also began to build up a file of names and addresses of those who need this ministry, as well as those who might possibly serve in this work.

At the time this work was turned over to this department, Braille literature in our possession consisted of one copy of the Book of Mormon (sixteen volumes), and three tracts: *Hear Our Story*, *You Should Read the Book of Mormon*, and *The Voice of Warning*.

Since that time Sister Barbara Cook of St. Joseph, Missouri, has contributed four tracts: *Faith of Our Fathers*, *Latter Day Saints?*, *Immortality and the Resurrection*, and *The Eternal Judgment*; Sister Cecile Bailey of Kansas City, Kansas, has contributed the tract, *Latter Day Saints and What They Believe*, and a second copy of the first volume of the Book of Mormon; Sister Edna Koontz

of Lincoln, Nebraska, the tract, *Faith of Our Fathers*; Sister Jennie Elliott of Kansas City, Missouri, the tract, *20 Reasons Why I Am a Reorganized Latter Day Saint*; and Sister Thelona Stevens the tracts, *Church membership Is Important* and *Joseph Smith Tells His Own Story*.

A number of additional tracts are being prepared, as well as some longer texts, such as *Joseph's City Beautiful*, *The Call at Evening*, and *He Saw History in the Making*. What is more important, however, is that the Doctrine and Covenants is being Brailled by Sister Myrtle Fortney in Denver, Colorado (who was instrumental in securing the services of the Red Cross Chapter in that city who did the Book of Mormon for us, participating in the Brailing of it), and Sister Edna Koontz whose reader is Sister Bonita Gates. While it is not possible to say when either of these copies will be completed, work is progressing nicely on them.

The services of several proofreaders have been enlisted. To date, most of this type of service has been done by Sister Gretta Elwell and Sister Carol Lynn Lowery. It is expected that Sister Iva May Speed and Sister LaDean Sage, both highly qualified teachers in schools for the blind, will participate in this service when their time permits and perhaps when more materials are ready for checking. Both have expressed their willingness.

Perhaps equally important to the actual Brailing being done is the fact that a number of individuals have shown interest in learning to transcribe and for this purpose are studying this system of writing. One class of three members began to study last fall, obtaining instruction by a teacher, Mrs. Clarence Phillips, supplied by the Kansas City Association for the Blind. A second class of fifteen members is being taught by this same teacher, who comes to Independence for their instruction. In addition there are at the time of this writing five correspondence students studying under the direction of the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. One of these, Dr. W. J. Winn of Merriam, Kansas, promises to offer special help through a system of duplication which should make multiple copies possible if enough workers can be enlisted.

As a special service to the blind who read Braille, volunteer workers have made 75 calendars, most of which have already been distributed to those who need them. More will be supplied as there may be calls for them throughout the year.

The process of transcribing literature in Braille is slow and exacting and requires great patience, for it must be done with great precision. However, we

hope and expect that the coming year will see the possibilities for greatly extending our services to the blind.

Of course Braille is just one phase of Ministry to the Blind, but in time we hope that other avenues of ministry may open, such as "talking books" for those who do not read Braille. As additional resources may be made available, we hope to serve also the blind who must depend upon their hearing alone.

#### DRAMA

Through the combined efforts of the Youth Office and a committee composed of members from the White Masque Players, and with the co-operation of the Herald House, twenty-three plays written by church members have been selected and approved for use in the church. Included in this list are church history plays, biblical plays, full-length drama-pageants, one-act plays and those suitable for use in a worship service, and other religious plays. These are available through Herald House and will help answer the need of our people for this type of program material.

#### GUIDELINES

By using the space available to us in *Guidelines*, we have sought to give leaders and teachers specific helps in matters having to do with the entire scope of activities under the supervision of the Department of Religious Education.

We have sought to bring to the attention of leaders and teachers up-to-date information regarding approaching events of general interest, such as reunions, camps, conferences, institutes, etc. We have sought to inspire leaders and teachers to greater efforts through special messages from leaders of experience and ability outside of the department, as well as the various divisional heads within the department; we have tried to provide practical helps for leaders who are responsible for planning and providing local worship services; we have tried to stimulate greater teacher interest in *Guidelines* through the presentation of practical suggestions for teachers of all age groups, and through sharing with *Guidelines* much of the actual Curriculum Planning Committee's material; we have attempted to promote interest in and application of the principles involved for the various age levels.

#### FIELD WORK

Due to the strong emphasis on the preparation of materials and organization of educational and activity programs, we, the members of the department, have not been able to do as much field work as we would like to have done.

## I Have the Floor

By Dick Ankney



THAT LAST TIME I SAW PARIS: Dr. Lawrence Brockway (just arrived at Conference) spent last Saturday in Gay Paree. He recalls that as he sat in one of those exciting sidewalk cafes his mind wandered to Independence and General Conference. Is he kiddin'?? Bishop Earl Higdon and wife, Faith, are bustin' their buttons because their daughter, Winnie, and her husband, Lawrence Piepergerdes, added a little boy to their grandchildren. . . . That very continental chap attending Conference is world traveler, Dick Chevillie, who recently returned from Tokyo, Japan. Dig that hat and umbrella. . . .

Some delegates could save face if they kept the lower half shut.

The Canadian heart doctor, Evan Shute, flies in today from London, Ontario. He's also an artist, a musician, and a poet. I can't do justice in describing him—you have to "experience" him. . . . The silver blonde with that beautiful mink stole who looks like a movie star is Dana Sutton. She's the former Dana Wendelburg who was pleasingly plump when she attended Graceland. . . . Former New Englander Helen Black is in the San with pneumonia. . . . Ellen Arrowsmith of Chatham, Ontario, (sister of F. Henry Edwards) is one of the nicest visitors to the Conference. . . .

A Conference hepcat was playing jazz tunes for some young adults late at night in one of the over-packed appointee homes. One of

the delegates trying to get some sleep hollered, "Say, young man, do you know there's important work tomorrow?" The trumpeteer answered, "No, I don't know that number but if you can hum it, I'll fake it."

Des Moines High Priest Cecil Ettinger claims that his great-grandfather traded the land that Dallas, Texas, is built on for a team of mules. (Make up your own gag on that—I'm from Houston. Does Macys do business with Gimbels?) . . . YOUR SLIP IS SHOWING: This reporter has been checking, and every time the women of the Laurel Club sit down to eat—each slips off her shoes. . . . Larry Shoemaker and Kay Shakespeare will middleaisle in June. . . . Navy Lt. Gordon Mesley and wife, Betty, are a welcome sight to old friends. . . . Philadelphia YMCA exec. Paul Frisby and wife, Betty Jean, are searching the skies for that big bird. It'll be his fourth visit.

Ask Brother Floyd McDowell about that man who saw GPC in the sky and wanted to Go Preach Christ but had to be told that it meant Go Plow Corn.

STORK PARADE: Graceland professor Alma Blair and wife, Kathryn, are expecting their third. . . . N. F. Cool and wife, Romaine, are expecting their fourth. . . . Seventy Al Pelletier and wife, Betty, are expecting their fifth. . . . Dr. C. L. Melenyzer is attending conference without his wife, Betty, because they just had their sixth. . . .

We have, however, participated in the following church activities throughout the United States and Canada since last General Conference.

Conferences and institutes for church leaders	92
Camps	21
Reunions	5
College Student Conferences	16

We are anxious to extend every help possible to the church through field service offered by the members of our department.

#### PERSONNEL

Personnel in the department consists of Clifford A. Cole, General Director; J. R. Evans, Director of Children's Work; F. Carl Mesle, Director of Youth Work; Richard B. Lancaster, Director of Adult Education; Edna Easter, Director of Girls' Work; Thelona D. Stevens, Director of Ministry to the Blind; and Ruth Hays, Edith Ibsen, and Wilma Redfield, secretaries. Others who have worked in the department during this Conference period are Kathleen Costlow and Sharon Lynn Yates.

#### AREAS NEEDING ATTENTION, 1956-1958

1. Increased emphasis on the curriculum research program with attention to implementing the expression of its findings on the branch and congregation level.
2. Special attention to strengthening the church school program of the church. The effectiveness of the church school must be increased and the participation of our membership in serious and consistent study must be stimulated. Perhaps the most urgent need in our department is for additional man power in the church school division.
3. Continued growth in the services which our department can make available to the missions abroad.
4. More effective training of educational leaders and teachers in the districts, stakes, branches, and congregations of the church.
5. More adequate communication between the departments and local administrative officers in order that the services rendered through the department can be known and made available to the church on an ever-increasing scale.

CLIFFORD A. COLE, *Director*

## Talent Show

A capacity crowd bulged the Memorial Building Tuesday evening for the Talent Show planned by the stake cabinet.

After Carl Mesle took the intro with a short singing session, Reed Holmes stepped in as emcee, and everyone embarked on an hour of fun.

Ed (hot lips) Faunce from Lamoni, Iowa, started the shindig off with a trumpet solo. From Ed's staccato serenade the listeners were easily dropped into a more quiet mood by Nana McLain's rendition of a passage from Joan of Arc.

The quartet from Graceland sang a song which was on the hit parade about three years ago. Phil Hampton, Jack Ballanger, Ed Fuller, and Roe Mortimer teamed up and sang "Crying in the Chapel" with Phil's tenor voice taking the lead.

Perhaps this next fellow need only have his name mentioned to bring back pleasant memories to hundreds of high school and college kids. He is Gerry Westwood, one of the most versatile performers the Independence area has ever seen. Gerry did several impersonations, then he and Everett Graffeo did the Abbott and Costello act of "Who's on First."

Gary Oatsvall played the "gitar" and sang as the fifth attraction on the All Star Show. He did a catchy tune that kept everyone guessing until the end. (Some people were a little worried as Gary's mellow voice slowly went from verse to verse.)

The next number was presented by five female jazzsters led by Marilyn Corley. They pantomimed a record that, at times, approached similarity to Twelfth Street Rag. They were "real gone."

The "gitar" came back on stage with Bill Wagoner and Jim Scott who sang "Down in the Caribbean." Jim retired, and Gary came back to do a duet with Bill.

Dean Limrick exhibited his ability to perform mental telepathy. With two people, one on each side, Dean led them to, and found, the object that had been picked by the audience.

The Graceland quartet came back for the final number and sang the "Graceland Blues." Reed Holmes closed the show with a prayer.

GORDON HEADY

## Book Steward Dinner

All book stewards who plan to attend the book steward dinner should make reservations at the desk in Herald House or the Conference book store before 5:00 p.m., Thursday. The dinner is to be held at 5:45 p.m., Friday, April 13, in the Little Apple Restaurant, Truman Road and North Osage.

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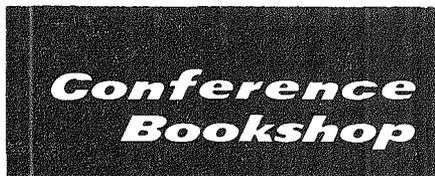
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8:00-9:30 A.M.      12:00-1:45 P.M.      4:30-5:00 P.M.      7:30-9:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, April 12— In charge: V. D. Ruch  
Evangelists assisting: Louis J. Ostertag; H. A. Higgins  
Elders assisting: Irving Sheffer; D. J. Williams; Herbert  
C. Swoffer; David Lundquist; W. H. Oliver; W. I.  
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## Colorful Graceland Program

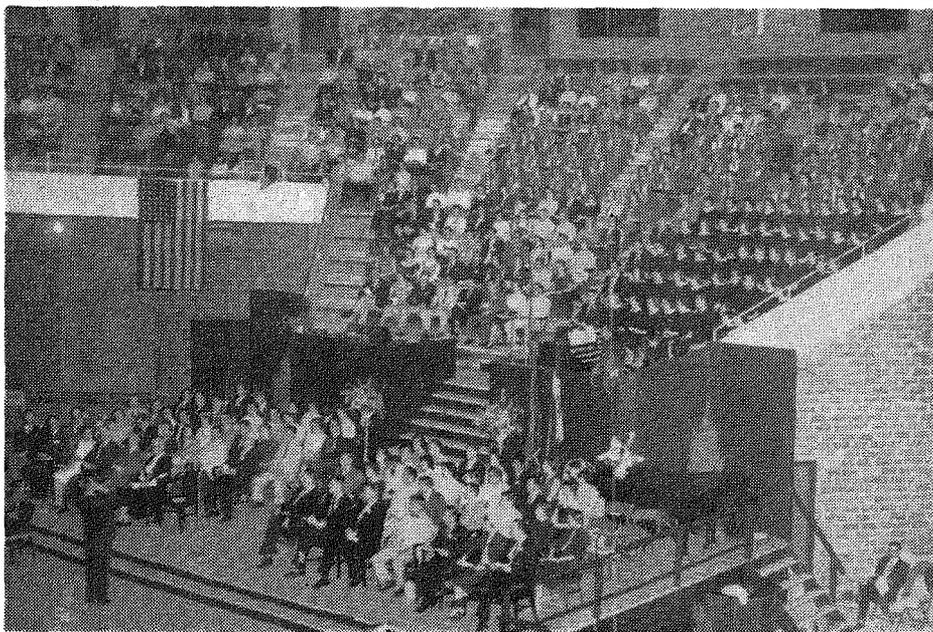
A majority of the student body of Graceland joined in presenting a clear picture of several of the major functions of Graceland Wednesday evening at the Auditorium. Titled the program "Seven Stewardships of Graceland," narrator W. S. Gould, acting vice-president and dean, introduced the pageantry, dialogue, and song which made up the College Night presentation.

After James White, director of public relations for the college, welcomed a well-filled Auditorium, everyone joined in singing the Alma Mater Hymn, and Bishop E. T. Higdon, chairman of the Board of Trustees, offered the prayer of invocation.

The first stewardship portrayed was "The Achieving of Youth Fellowship." Three students illustrated the typical application for entrance to the college: most students place "fellowship" with youth of like faith as their major reason for going to Graceland. Then Dr. Roy Cheville led the students and congregation in songs of campus fellowship, and the Chapel Choir sang the choral hymn, "You May Sing of the Beauty."

The second stewardship, "The Exploring of Our Potentials," was dramatized by three "campus conversations"; and the third, "Integrating Our Fields of Learning," was in pageant form. Representatives of fields of campus life and curricula were dressed "for the occasion." The Concert Choir sang "Hail, Alma Mater."

"The Developing of Occupational Participants" was the fourth stewardship, and nearly a score of students expressed their occupational ambitions growing out of choices made in the Graceland influence. "This Little Light of Mine" was arranged for and sung by the Concert Choir. The



Dr. Cheville directs the singing at the Graceland Program.

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fifth, "The Interpreting of Our Faith," brought three students to the rostrum to give their testimony of the value of the Graceland fellowship in raising their standards of religious faith.

President E. J. Gleazer, Jr., announced "The Furthering of Instruction in Religion" as the sixth stewardship of Graceland. He reported the establishment of a four-year curriculum in religion—a liberal arts curriculum with a major in religion. This course of study will lead to a Bachelor's degree and will be limited to a selected group of approximately fifty students for the first two years. (A complete statement on this educational extension is found on page 14 of the Sunday *Daily Herald*.)

A pageantry of flags forcefully brought the seventh stewardship, "The Expanding of Our World-Church Outlook," to the attention of the audience of five thousand. Ten countries are represented on the campus, and their flags were unfurled in a colorful ceremony.

A unison pledge of dedication by the students to these stewardships was followed by the choral hymn, "Here at This Altar" by the Chapel Choir. The program closed with a benedictory prayer by Dr. Cheville, and the congregation sang "Home of the Open Heart." Another view of Graceland progress was written into history.

## Co-laborers with Christ

"Christ does not want to be your Savior only; he wants you to work with him all the time. He is not interested in always acting as a life-saver—he wants you to learn to swim." With these statements Apostle Charles R. Hield began his sermon, "Co-laborers with Christ Eternally," at Stone Church on Wednes-

day evening.

Going off alone will not insure salvation. Christ fasted in the wilderness, but he came back from his fast and worked with people. The Army prepares men for war. Squirrels prepare for winter. So we must prepare for eternity by assuming responsibilities here and now. People live on earth with free agency for an average of about sixty-seven years apiece. What did God make you for? Are you just a toy to be junked at the end of life?

Can you merit the responsibility to assist Christ in the hereafter? Those who get celestial glory will be those who have been profitable to Christ on earth, and who can minister to those in lesser glory.

Christ could have been tempted. He could have killed or deceived, or been immoral. He was too intelligent to sin. He wants people to assist him who are likewise intelligent enough to be good. To such he will give authority and power. If you are not given these things in the hereafter, whose fault is it?

Belief that Jesus Christ is the Son of God is not enough for salvation. The devils believe this, and they are not saved.

Brother Hield emphasized that those who can use power are those who make others feel valuable as persons. Christ offers to such persons love, protection, and the presence of the Holy Spirit.

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# Official Minutes of General Conference

Business Session, Thursday, April 12, 1956

The General Conference convened in business session at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 12, 1956, with President Israel A. Smith in the chair.

Under the direction of Franklyn S. Weddle, the hymn "With a Steadfast Faith" was sung, with Mrs. Edna Ehlers of St. Joseph, Missouri, at the organ, after which Elder Floyd Potter of Australia offered the invocation.

The minutes of the Wednesday business session were read and approved with the following corrections:

The last sentence, center column, of page 93 of the *Daily Herald* should read as follows: "The corrected schedule, which was approved, is as follows:"

The word "Elders" was deleted from the first sentence of paragraph 3, middle column, of page 93.

The chair called attention to the Report of the Department of Religious Education as found on pages 90-95 of the *Daily Herald*.

President Israel A. Smith surrendered the chair to President F. Henry Edwards.

The letter concerning nominations for membership on the Council of Women, found on page 71 of the *Daily Herald*, was called up for consideration.

Nominated for six-year terms from the Independence area were Mrs. S. S. Arnson, Mrs. Earl Bandlow, Mrs. Walter N. Johnson, and Mrs. Orris Salisbury. Elected were Mrs. S. S. Arnson, Mrs. Earl Bandlow, and Mrs. Walter N. Johnson.

Nominated for four-year terms from the Independence area were Mrs. William S. Gould, Mrs. William Nichols, Mrs. Orris Salisbury, Mrs. Herbert Six, and Mrs. W. Wallace Smith. Elected were Mrs. William Nichols, Mrs. Orris Salisbury, and Mrs. Herbert Six.

Brethren E. E. Closson and Henry Porter moved that the candidates nominated by the First Presidency be the choice of this body for the two-year terms from the Independence area, which motion carried. Nominated for the remaining

vacancy were Mrs. William S. Gould and Mrs. W. Wallace Smith. Elected were Mrs. W. Wallace Smith, Mrs. H. I. Velt, and Mrs. C. Myron Zerr.

Brethren Blair McClain and Walter Thorpe moved "that we accept all six nominations of the First Presidency for the domestic field." The motion lost.

Nominations for six-year terms in the domestic field were Mrs. Cedric Evans, Mrs. L. W. Kohlman, Mrs. Genevieve Lusha, and Lucinda N. Madden. Elected were Mrs. Cedric Evans and Mrs. L. W. Kohlman.

Nominated for the four-year terms in the domestic field were Mrs. William S. Gould, Mrs. C. George Mesley, Mrs. Earl Moore, and Mrs. Otto W. Slasor. Elected were Mrs. C. George Mesley and Mrs. Otto Slasor.

It was moved by Elders Daniel Belcher and E. E. Closson "that we have a standing vote to approve the nominations of the First Presidency on the two-year terms." The motion lost. Nominated were Mrs. D. O. Chesworth, Mrs. Genevieve Lusha, Lucinda N. Madden, Mrs. Louis J. Ostertag, Mrs. Florence Sinclair, Mrs. E. LeRoy Squire, and Mrs. J. L. Verhei. Elders James S. Menzies and Chester Davis moved that nominations cease, which motion prevailed.

Elected were Mrs. Louis J. Ostertag and Mrs. E. LeRoy Squire.

Approval of the following resolution was moved by Elders Gordon W. Mesley and Keith Harder:

*To the General Conference:*

WHEREAS, The General Council of Women of the church continues to give fine leadership to the work of the women of the church as a whole, and

WHEREAS, The church recognizes the consecration and devotion of the members of the General Council of Women and their appointed leader, and,

WHEREAS, The members of the General Council of Women are not members of the General Conferences of the church, unless their home districts or stakes elect them delegates to represent their home districts or stakes, therefore be it

*Resolved,* That members of the General Council of Women and the appointed chairman of that Council be made members of the General Conferences of the church and be given the same voting privileges afforded ex-officio members of the General Conferences.

GORDON W. MESLEY  
KEITH C. HARDER

Elders Elroy Hanton and John Blackstock moved to defer, pending publication of the document in the *Daily Herald*. The motion to defer lost. Brethren Leonard Hoisington and Myron LaPointe moved the previous question. This motion carried. The original motion was defeated.

Hymn No. 203 was sung by the assembly.

President F. Henry Edwards surrendered the chair to President W. Wallace Smith.

The following proposed resolutions were read into the minutes for consideration at a later time:

*To the General Conference:*

WHEREAS:

A. Part of the twelve-point "Program for the Establishment of Zion" adopted by the General Conference of 1925 and adopted by the Joint Council of April, 1924, included the following,

9. That in looking to the completion of the surveys of man power, capital, markets, territories, etc., a bureau of research and service be established.

10. That the determination of the order of economic development should be given immediate consideration. And,

WHEREAS:

B. For various reasons the above steps have not been implemented, therefore be it

*Resolved,* That this General Conference reaffirm its interest and intent that the above points be implemented as soon as practicable.

*To the General Conference:*

WHEREAS:

(1) The General Conference represents the deliberate body of the church assembled for the conducting of business of general concern to the membership as a whole, and

(2) It is our understanding that transcripts of the General Conference proceedings, in whole or in part, cannot be made available to interested persons without the authorization of the Conference, and

(3) It is our understanding that the General Conference is an open and public meeting, with the press invited, and that the words that are spoken are "public property," and that it is possible for any person to make his own written notes in whole or in part, therefore be it

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*Resolved*, That the General Conference authorize a transcription of the shorthand notes (or other recordings) of the proceedings of the Conferences as a matter of historical record, and that individuals desiring copies of such proceedings, in whole or in part, be granted copies by paying for the cost of the secretarial and other expense involved in preparing same.

*To the General Conference:*

WHEREAS, The observance of the financial law is enjoined upon all members of the church, and

WHEREAS, At the present time it is possible for a member to contribute an unlimited amount of money for the specific purpose of building houses of worship which is one of the uses of surplus, and

WHEREAS, Under the present system of recording, this member does not receive credit for his contribution as such, and

WHEREAS, The present method of recording contributions at General Church headquarters does not give a true picture of the extent to which a member supports his local branch, and

WHEREAS, This failure was noted as long ago as 1930 in General Conference Resolution 905 which says in part "Resolved Further, That due credit shall be given by the Presiding Bishopric to each individual for all offerings made in the interest and support of local church work," therefore be it

*Resolved*, That from this time forward the contributions of the Saints for the purpose of building houses of worship in their branches

shall be accounted unto them as a consecration of surplus and so recorded on the records of the Presiding Bishopric.

E. J. Gleazer, Jr., President of Graceland College, presented a statement which the chair stated would be considered as a part of the report of the college found on pages 11-15 of the *Daily Herald*.

The recommendation of the Board of Appropriations found on page 83 of the *Daily Herald*, concerning Graceland College, was brought to the attention of the Conference. Apostles M. L. Draper and D. T. Williams moved approval of the recommendation. Elders L. O. Brockway and Noble Gault moved to amend by striking out the phrase "such a building" in the last paragraph, and inserting "new construction." The amendment lost. The chair stated that without objection the figure in paragraph 2 would be corrected to read \$233,300. The motion to approve carried.

After the singing of Hymn No. 281, and the prayer of benediction by Apostle D. V. Lents, the Conference adjourned.

CHARLES D. NEFF  
FRED L. YOUNG  
W. R. STEARNS  
*Secretaries*



## "Spiritual Treasures Available through Faith in the Restoration"

Seventy Vivian Sorensen of French Oceania was the speaker at the Stone Church Educational Building for the 9:45 service Sunday morning, April 8. The following is a resume' of his address.

There is a strong motivation in the human heart to seek hidden treasure. Some men have wasted their lives seeking buried treasure because it brings power. The real power that makes men's lives stand out is the power of knowledge.

Great men of all nations have used their power for the benefit of their people, not for accumulating wealth. Happiness and contentment come not by wealth but through service to others.

Should all the banks of the world crash, it would not affect those who have laid up treasures in heaven.

The search for spiritual wealth can be just as fascinating as the search for material wealth. Material and spiritual treasures must be controlled by spiritual forces. Are we spiritually mature? Can God trust us to be custodians over spiritual riches when we have not yet learned to control material wealth?

We benefit by the spiritual truths brought to us, through no effort on our part, when the One through whom they came had to give his life. Whenever discouragement makes us feel we have failed in our ministry, Satan takes all the spiritual riches and walks off with them. As spiritual gifts come to us we should not use them for personal aggrandizement, but rather for the glory of God.

their faith through persecution and deprivation until General Church assistance came to them.

He ended his sermon with this challenge: "We are a people of faith. Let us become a people of greater faith."

## "A People of Faith"

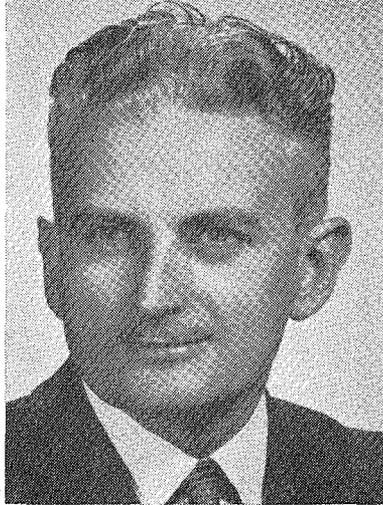
for a new church building; how they traveled a hundred miles in small sail boats to attend a district conference. He also told of the example of steadfastness set by John Mervin, who only a few years ago was one of the islands' most prosperous shippers. After losing all his boats and finding himself heavily in debt, he was offered financial aid by the minister of another faith—without the necessity of repaying the gift—if he and his family would join that minister's church. John, choosing financial bankruptcy to spiritual loss, remained firm in his faith.

Keynote of Elder Tyree's sermon was that faith plus works equal righteousness. "When the two are wedded," he said, "the attributes and virtues of Christian personality are manifestations of the resulting righteousness. Offsprings of the marriage are devotion, sacrifice, consecration, and giving without hope of returns."

He told of the sacrifice and devotion which had resulted in the growth of the church in French Oceania. At one time the Saints were forced at bayonet's point to attend Catholic services. Some who resisted were killed; others were assigned to slave labor camps. During this difficult period they were also without leadership from the States, yet they held to



Elder Alan Tyree, recently returned to the States after three years of ministry in French Oceania, spoke at the 10:45 service Sunday morning, April 8, at West College Church. He used not only a scriptural text but a reading from *Church History* telling of the beginning of the Restoration work in Tahiti by Elders Wandell and Rodger to set the tone of his sermon. He drew freely from his experiences in the islands to develop his theme, citing the generosity and devotion of the natives as being true works of faith. He told how they labored from early morning until late in the evening to keep the church grounds beautiful; how many gave their complete savings



## "Revelation, to What Purpose?"

A. Orlin Crownover started Conference preaching on a high spiritual plane in his Sunday morning sermon at Liberty Street Church. Using "Revelation, to What Purpose?" as his theme, he set the tenor of the 11 a.m. service with his reading of the first chapter of Ephesians.

Brother Crownover defined revelation as the impress of God on the will and mind of man. Then he pointed out the varying views of our Christian civilization on revelation. He discussed the view in which the church is the recipient, custodian, and interpreter of revelation, then the contrasting view of each person being his own contact point with God. He also pointed out how we combine the best features of both views.

To make use of the word of God, he said, man needs to exercise more than a submissive acceptance of it. He must search for understanding, for comprehension of the meaning in terms of everyday living. God is continually active in revealing his will. That is why we maintain our open canon of Scripture.

Of course, he added, there is a great need for our demonstration of the power of living which comes from putting God's revelations into practice. There is condemnation on us for not achieving Zion-ic conditions. But in spite of our shortcomings, Brother Crownover expressed the assurance that has come to him that God is still directing the destiny of this church, that the will of God will triumph through the church.

He foresees a new era ahead: the church is coming of age, is overcoming its pettiness and humanness. Many members are preparing themselves for service of the highest caliber.

Summarizing the purposes of revelation, Brother Crownover noted that it brings to us the will of God, brings us power to save men and to build the kingdom of God. "We need to go out into the darkness of the world and put our hand in the hand of God—then with our other hand lead others of the world into the light."

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## Book of Mormon Manuscript on Display Friday Afternoon

The original manuscript of the Book of Mormon will be on display at the Museum on the fourth floor (east side) Friday afternoon from 4:30 to 7.

The marked Bible and manuscript pages written in connection with the inspired correction of the Bible were on display Wednesday afternoon.

Every noon and late afternoon objects of art are on display in the Museum.



## Testimony of a Conversion

In his Sunday morning sermon at Englewood Church, Elder Oskar Stüve from Germany bore his testimony concerning his own conversion. The first time he heard of the restored gospel, he wondered what such a small church could have to restore. He laughed and remarked that if the head of the restored church were a prophet, then he himself was the Emperor of China. Through persuasion by his mother-in-law, however, he attended services where an Apostle spoke, and there he realized the concern that Apostle had for the people gathered in the schoolhouse, and his love for them.

Deciding to investigate further, he studied historical books concerning the life of Jesus and his disciples. Thus he knew that they had really been upon the earth, but he wondered where he could find what they had had. He attempted prayer, and no answer came—just as he had expected. After a few months he learned that to pray one must give up self and not ask for experiences, but rather be willing to receive whatever God sends. In this spirit, he received the sure knowledge that God is, that he is the same God who spoke to Joseph Smith, Jr., and who speaks to men today.

Brother Stüve was injured during the war, and did not have full use of his arms and legs. However, after his baptism, he was as well as ever. His testimony is that rebirth is possible outside as well as inside. God is able to perfect both body and spirit. Some time later he had X rays from a doctor who told him that he had evidently not been hurt in the war. He brought to this doctor his army records, and the testimony concerning his baptism and healing. The doctor responded that such "things were too simple for man's intelligence."

Brother Stüve recalled a time when he had laughed at a sick lady who had said, "If Jesus or his disciples were here to lay their hands on me, I know that I would be healed." Today he himself is a living testimony that such things do happen.

## "The Hour of God's Judgment"

In his sermon on Sunday, April 8, at 11:00 A.M. in the Stone Church Education Building, Seventy Floyd Potter of Australia made these statements:

God set up certain signposts that people might know the time in which they are living. This is the hour of God's judgments.

Some people get results from life; others get consequences. Life is made to work in just one way—in harmony with Christian law, which will free us from the judgments.

A wise woodworker will work with the grain of the wood. So many of us try to live across the grain—against the Christian law.

A locomotive can arrive at its destination only by staying on the track. It is given us to live with the grain of the wood—to stay on the track.

We have Christian lungs, bones, and blood because we are made by a Christian God. The Christian law is ingrained in the person. Broken laws bring their own judgments. We are sitting down to a banquet of consequences of broken laws.

Have we gone so far in our thinking that we vision God as just too good and loving to rap us when we need it? God's patience will become exhausted. If this book of commandments means anything at all it means that there is a God of judgments of this generation. Will we flout his laws? What kind of a God do we believe in?

Men don't like to be reminded of a day of judgment. God has brought his word by way of judgment, and there shall be a day of accounting. This concept is written in the heart of every prophet's message.

Things do not happen because God has foreseen them, but God sees them because they will happen as a consequence of our choosing. We have made the kind of person we are by our choosing, and we will recognize the kind of character we have become at the day of judgment.

## Center Line of Auditorium Points "True North" through Center Line of Stone Church

PRESIDENT Frederick M. Smith and Church Architect Henry C. Smith apparently were concerned with the symbolism of directions. A letter reprinted in the October 26, 1927, *Herald* reveals that they asked the surveyor, W. O. Hands, to locate the Auditorium in such a manner that "a line drawn through the exact center of the Auditorium will produce straight through the exact center of the old Stone Church and will be a true north and south line."

Brother Hands wrote in a letter of October 10 of that year that he was successful in accomplishing this request. He wrote:

The compass needle does not point true north. This year at Independence, Missouri, it points 6° 39' east of north. That means if you followed the needle one mile, you would be 607 feet east of the point you started from.

The North Star is not stationary, but moves around the North Pole in a small ellipse.

I remember [your requests]. It seemed it would be impossible to satisfy both of you, but when the line was finally worked up it was found to produce through both buildings and to be a true north and south line.

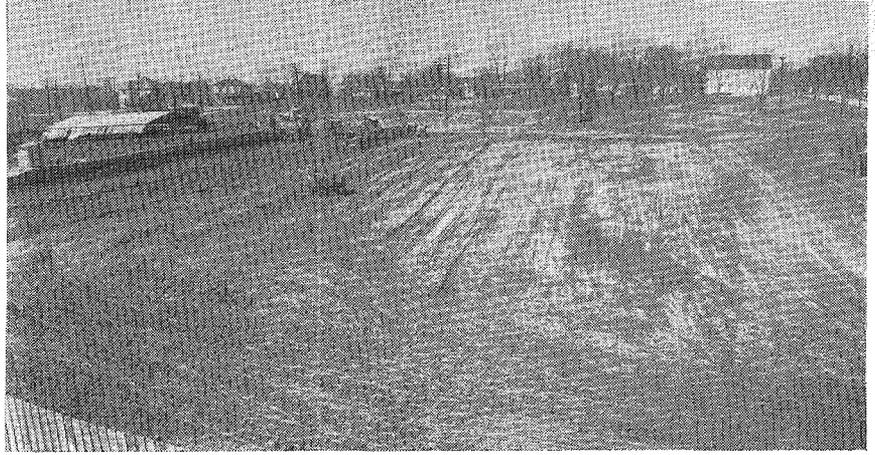


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Looking north from the south end of Auditorium site in February, 1926. Stone Church with KLDS radio tower is against skyline in center.

## Conference Floral Setting

Testifying to a Creator's love for beauty is the colorful floral setting around and on the Auditorium rostrum.

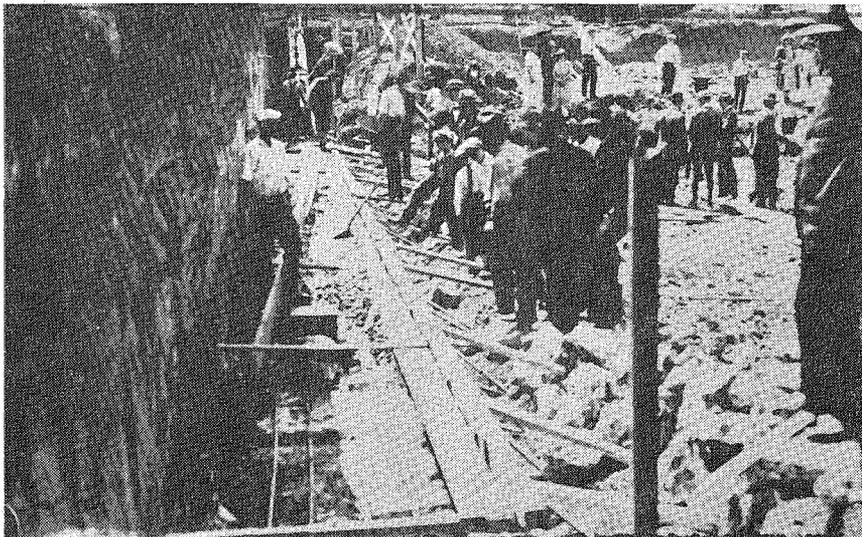
On either side of the rostrum at the back are tall baskets filled with rose snapdragons and small lavender chrysanthemums. Nearer the front are similar baskets of white gladioli and red carnations. A basket of salmon-colored gladioli and one of white snapdragons and pink carnations are at center front. Two potted evergreen shrubs stand at either side by the steps and at the rear of the platform.

Upon the green-carpeted steps surrounding the rostrum are potted yellow

chrysanthemums, yellow and white jonquils from Washington state arranged among huckleberry branches, and Boston ferns. Centering this arrangement on each side is a large bouquet of rose japonica.

The contributions from Hawaii this year are anthuriums in shades ranging from light rose to dark with their natural leaves, dainty striped orchids by the botanical name of *Cymbidium Lowianum*, and bird of paradise.

The four potted evergreens were supplied by local nurserymen. Seven beautiful floral sprays were furnished by local business firms. Albert Handy, who has charge of the flowers, rearranges and freshens them after every business session.



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## Historic Copper Box Buried in Footings 30 Years Ago

THIRTY YEARS AGO next May 24 the first concrete of the Auditorium footings was poured. Into that first load of concrete went a copper box (16 inches long, 12 inches wide, and 10 inches deep) containing "current church literature complete enough to establish the faith and belief of the church."

A large number of Independence people attended this historic event. Standing near the center of the south wall, they observed Mark H. Siegfried carry the copper box from the east foundation line to the center and hand it to Presiding Bishop Albert Carmichael. He in turn placed it in the center of the

group of church people, on a large rock, and offered a dedicatory prayer.

At the conclusion of the prayer, President Frederick M. Smith spoke briefly, stating that the object of the act and ceremony being performed that day was to preserve to future generations the records of the church. He explained that in the box were the Three Standard Books, the four volumes of *Church History*, current issues of the *Saints' Herald* and *Ensign*, two issues of *Autumn Leaves*, and other manuscripts of current church literature.

The *Herald* for May 26, 1926, gives additional detail in describing how the box was prepared:

The articles in the box were heavily paraffined, wrapped in heavy paper, and each individual package heavily paraffined again. This sealed them and made them impervious to dampness. The lid to the box was heavily soldered and made water tight, and sheet copper of the heaviest kind obtainable was used.

After President Smith's remarks, he took the sealed copper box and, with the assistance of the superintendent of building construction, placed it in the concrete mixture. It disappeared into the flowing mass as the five-foot thick footing began to take shape.



## "The Golden Now"

Recalling a theme used by the great missionary, John J. Cornish, Bishop Leslie Kohlman used as his subject "The Golden Now of Our Gospel Heritage." He spoke to a packed house at the nine o'clock hour Sunday morning in the Stone Church upper auditorium.

"A great day of preparation and work is upon us. It is the golden now to express our faith in Jesus Christ and the work of the kingdom," he said. He listed the occasions from 1946 on when the church had been challenged to hasten our efforts of preparation. "Joint responsibility is laid upon all." "It is yet day when all can work. The night will come when for many of my people the opportunity will have passed," he quoted.

The bishop said that he had been deeply impressed that the Lord is saying, "If ye believe in me ye will labor. Many have not yet sacrificed, but it is a day of tithing and sacrifice."

Bishop Kohlman pointed out that as the living standards and wages have gone up we have extended ourselves toward ourselves, instead of toward other selves in the kingdom way. He told of receiving a letter from a man in Yukon who sent some tithing and explained, "This is not all the tithing I owe, but it is the best I can do now. But we will pay the rest when we can." He wrote, "We are not yet members of the church but want to be baptized this summer. I know the Reorganization teaches the correct doctrine of tithing."

The bishop assured us that as we assist in any way the work of the kingdom, God is pleased. So many are so easily discouraged. Stability and steadfastness are important. We must not quit; the only way is ahead.

## Lancaster Logic

Bad apples spoil the good ones instead of good ones restoring the bad, for both are cut off from the source of life.

The hope of the world rests on our capacity to love.

To become mature, adults must learn to take the yoke of life upon them.

So many adults have a duck's eye view of life—rest, food, and squabbling.

English kings and queens are anointed with oil at their coronations. Charles I was anointed with a crockful of oil. It dripped off his elbows—elbow grease.

It isn't enough to know the words, "The Lord is my shepherd." One must know the Shepherd.

Adults must grow toward that great experience of death, which is only life in transition.

"All God's children got" problems, but God's children meet them and grow from them. RICHARD LANCASTER

## A Light unto Our Feet

During Conference week, at Stone Church, a fuse burned out during Apostle Donald Lents' evening sermon. The west exit, which is a long flight of stairs, was left absolutely dark. A young Graceland student went into the radio room to take off his choir robe, and came back with two flashlights. Crossing his hands, he beamed one up and one down the stairway, so that those coming out could get safely down the stairs. Several people looked up gratefully and said, "Thanks, whoever is doing that."

This unidentified boy is one of the too few of us who can see the thing that needs to be done and then promptly does it.

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## The Togetherness of Worship

Human fellowship is necessary, but it will not suffice for all our needs. We must have fellowship with God. Worship is necessary, for worship pulls us together.—HERBERT LIVELY.

## "We Believe in the Doctrine of Stewardship"

Bishop J. E. Baldwin was the speaker at Liberty Street Church, Independence, on Sunday morning, April 8, at 9 a.m. His subject was "We Believe in the Doctrine of Stewardship." His Scripture reading and texts gave the key to his discourse; significant phrases being, "He that is a faithful and wise steward shall inherit all things"; "Give an account of thy stewardship," and "It is required of the Lord, at the hand of every steward, to render an account of his stewardship."

Bishop Baldwin told of being at a reunion where a junior girl asked him, "What kind of a ship is a stewardship?" In explanation, he told her, "You are a stewardship—your life is a stewardship."

Defining stewardship, he quoted various church leaders: Bishop G. L. DeLapp, "Stewardship implies the development of all the finer attributes of personality"; the late Bishop Albert Carmichael, "Stewardship is the management of the investment of God in us." It is a partnership with God and with our fellow men. We are responsible to God for the use we make of our possessions. Stewardship is a recognition of the supremacy of God.

There is a universal responsibility for stewardship—"Appoint every man his stewardship." The Doctrine and Covenants has many admonitions contributing great weight to the importance of obedience to the financial law.



"It is the purpose of stewardship to serve to establish a Christian community called Zion," said the speaker. "Stewardship is co-operative. Stewardship is love. Stewardship is God's way between man and man."

We have been warned that we should not expect continuous gifts of new light through revelation until we obey the light that has been given. Stewardship has been brought to our attention many times, but many have failed to give obedience. Blessings follow those who obey.

The life of Christ was an example of the total stewardship of life. He gave everything to it. If we would follow him, we must obey that law.



## Welsh Singer at Conference

A native of Wales has appeared as a guest soloist at two Conference services. Mrs. Evelyn Greenshields, who sang at the Monday women's reception and the Tuesday evening preaching service at Enoch Hill, met her husband, Fern Greenshields—an American soldier—while he was stationed in England during World War II. They were married in 1945 and returned to the United States in 1946. They live at Salem, Missouri.

During her childhood, Mrs. Greenshields took voice lessons, specializing in Welsh folk songs. Just before meeting her husband she was in line for acceptance at the Royal Academy of Music, a highly prized goal for musicians in England. But she gave it up when love beckoned.

Since arriving in the United States she has continued her vocal training. Last fall she sang at the Welsh National Singing Convention held in Salt Lake City and won top honors. She sang "Cymru Fach," a Welsh song meaning "Land of Mine." This same song she sang at the women's reception.

Mrs. Greenshields appears to be thoroughly Americanized after ten years in this country. Her Welsh brogue has almost completely disappeared—except when she wants to use it. Her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Edwards, is also in the United States now, so the mother and daughter have opportunity to keep the Welsh language in practice.

One of the delights of Conference for Mrs. Greenshields has been the discovery of numerous Welsh tunes in the new hymnal to be distributed this fall. Of course she is a consistent attender of the music classes at Conference, for she is the music director of her home branch in Salem.

## I Have the Floor

By Dick Ankney



**OILMEN IN ZION:** Many elders are burning the midnight oil discussing the resolution by the First Presidency about a legislative committee. Some outstanding thinkers consider this the most important piece of Conference business in their lifetimes. . . . **ANOTHER GROUND SWELL:** Delegates are abuzz about the procedure of allowing a "Motion to Table" to kill legislation without both sides of an issue being heard. . . . Velma Ruch is just in from Madison, Wisconsin, where she is seeking her Doctor's degree. . . . Athol Packer had to leave Conference to return home to his wife, Dolores, and their new baby boy. Dolores' mother died in Evansville, Indiana. . . . Atty Bill Piedmonte is home with poison ivy.

A delegate wanted the floor to speak and didn't have his thoughts collected on the matter. He was advised, "Take the floor and talk until you think of what you want to say." (I overheard it.) . . .

**WHERE WAS THE JOURNEY WHEN THE LIGHTS WENT OUT:** The other night the lights went out on *Journey to Jerusalem* and the cast had to come out and help lead singing until lights could be repaired. It took twenty minutes. . . . Tommy McGeorge is due in from Tulsa. His popular wife, Jo (Slasor), has been here all week. . . . Dr. Gustav A. Platz drove down from Lamoni for the Graceland program. He hasn't been too well, and hundreds were glad to see him with his old spunk.

Laurel Club celebrates its fiftieth anniversary next month. It was organized by six women, and one of them is still living—Melissa Etzenhouser. Speaking of living: Laurel Club member Ada Cox (78 years old) works every day—all day—in the kitchen. . . . General Conference was started on Seventy Jack Wight's birthday anniversary. . . . The Edwards family (F. Henry, Blanche Mesley, and Ellen Arrowsmith) had a "memory dinner" Thursday. It was their mother's birthday anniversary. . . . High Priest Earl Moore and wife Grace are here from Ft. Worth. . . . Isn't Mrs. Floyd McDowell studying Florida travel folders? Hummmmm? ? ? . . . HELP! Mrs. Fred (Nell) Shipley, here from Charleston, South Carolina, has no branch, no district —no nuttin'.

Mrs. Richard (Ellece) Ankney told some of her husband's friends, "Dick and I get along beautifully. We are both in love with the same person—him."

Orchids to the mother of the Morgan sisters. They were all at the nurses' reception. Nelle is Director of Nursing at the San, Anne is a K. C. public school principal, and Tess is a professor at Graceland—all serving in the Morgan manner. . . . Jerry Hampton and wife, Helen, in from New Mexico with their newly born Bobbie Kay. (It's a girl—but the father picked the name prematurely.)

**Depressing thought:** By the time most couples can afford to have children, they have grandchildren.

Dr. Marian Froelich arrived in Kansas City for a convention and may get a short visit to the Conference. Behind that big name is our own sweet "Skip" Bishop.

Dale Jones and wife, Rosanne (Brackenbury) are buying baby clothes in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. . . . **DEAD WORKS:** Sam Kemple is designing caskets these days. . . . That cute nurse in the balcony checking everybody and everything with her miniature binoculars is Mrs. Franklin Rieske, Jr., of Cleveland, Ohio. . . . Dr. Charles F. Grabske will give the final address to the Medical Science Club at Graceland. . . .

**Advice to those who have a branch problem:** "Work as if no prayer could help, and pray as if no work could help."

**WHO GOOFED?** When the flags representing the countries that have sent students to Graceland came forth, the flag of Colombia, South America, was missing. Harold Arango, the Catholic student from that country, was in the audience. We're sorry. . . . **DID THE BISHOP MAKE UP THOSE PROGRAMS?** The last number on the above program should have been "dedication to our stewardship": it was misprinted DEDUCTION TO OUR STEWARDSHIPS. . . . Mrs. Richard Lambert was the first person to register at Graceland back in 1895. Israel A. Smith was a classmate. Her impromptu appearance brought the greatest ovation of the Conference.

**LEAP YEAR TIP:** Fellows, don't mistake the light in that girl's eyes. It might be the sun shining through the hole in her head.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:** Eighty-year-old President-Prophet Israel A. Smith is in charge of our spiritual food, and eighty-year-old Nelle Goodrich is in charge of our physical food. Both are doing a great job.

## Highway Accidents

Those who enter the traffic lanes of thought and then "stop to think" will be passed by or run over.

## Rebirth of Christianity

We're on the doorstep of a great renaissance in world thinking which will put Christ first—always.

MAYOR WEATHERFORD



## Anna Marie Smith Soloist in Conference Music Concert at Auditorium Friday Night

Miss Anna Marie Smith, contralto, will be one of the featured soloists in the Conference Concert at the Auditorium Friday night. She will sing the "Alto Rhapsodie," by Brahms, with the male chorus of the Messiah Choir, accompanied by the Independence Symphony Orchestra.

Miss Smith is vocal instructor at the Independence Junior High School and regularly directs the Stone Church teenage choir. She also plays viola with the Symphony, is a member of the Messiah Choir, and is an accomplished accompanist. During Conference she will be organist at two of the services.

Originally from Nevada, Missouri, Miss Smith took her musical training at Drury College in Springfield and received her Master of Music degree at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. She began her teaching career in Independence immediately after graduation from Drury College. Her first contact with the Reorganized Church was after arrival here. On March 21, 1954, she was baptized at the Stone Church. She often sings in local R.L.D.S. churches.

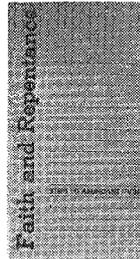
Other featured artists on the Conference Concert include Elder Garland Tickemyer, who will sing Walther's "Prize Song" from *Die Meistersinger* by Richard Wagner. Elder Herbert Lively will sing "These Things Shall Be" by John Ireland, with the choir and orchestra.

Miss Doris Harding, pianist, will be featured with the orchestra in "Symphonic Variations" by Cesar Franck. And the opening number will be by the orchestra with Mr. Harold Neal of Graceland College as guest director of "Overture to Oberon" by Carl Maria von Weber. Franklyn Weddle will conduct the orchestra during all the other numbers.

The concert begins at 8:00 p.m.

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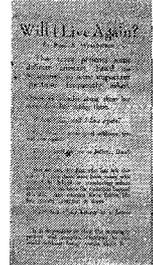
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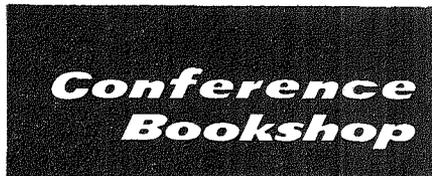
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### DAILY TIME SCHEDULE

8:00-9:30 A.M.      12:00-1:45 P.M.      4:30-5:00 P.M.      7:30-9:00 P.M.  
FRIDAY, April 13—

In charge: J. F. Curtis

Evangelists assisting: O. C. Henson; Willard Hield; A. Livingston

Elders assisting: William O'Dell; D. J. Williams; David Lundquist; W. A. Farley; John A. Robinson.

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## Historic Manuscripts on Display

Thousands of Conference visitors viewed the original manuscript of the Book of Mormon yesterday when it was put on display in the newly constructed museum on the fourth level of the Auditorium. The manuscript continues on exhibit through Saturday from 12 to 1:30 p.m. and from 4:30 to 6:45.



Photo by Audio-Visual Department  
President Smith, as he inspected the Book of Mormon manuscript when it arrived at the Auditorium yesterday.

On Sunday from 12 to 1:30 p.m., the Inspired Version manuscript will again be displayed with two additional items: the copy of characters taken to Professor Anthon in 1828, and the last letter written by Joseph Smith, Jr., in 1844 from Carthage, Illinois, jail to his wife.

The Book of Mormon manuscript is made up of over five hundred pages of large, unruled paper inscribed in ink in small, clearly written script. The manuscript is in a good state of preservation and is regularly stored in the vaults of a Kansas City bank.

Its earlier history is quite eventful. Many of its years were spent in the custody of David Whitmer, one of the three witnesses to the golden plates; and David reports that on one occasion "while camping . . . in a tent, all my effects exposed to the weather, everything in the trunk became moldy, etc., but they [the manuscripts] were preserved, not even being discolored."

In David Whitmer's home in Richmond, Missouri, the manuscript was "kept tied in old newspapers lying under his bed" and preserved from several attempts to steal it. The *Ray* (County) *Chronicle* of June 3, 1878, also tells of its miraculous escape from destruction during a tornado that hit the community two days before: "Language is too poor

to adequately describe the desolation and ruin of Richmond. Within a few moments a third of the town was made desolate. . . . Although the buildings all around it were torn to atoms, it is an interesting historical fact that the room in which the original manuscript of the Book of Mormon was kept was uninjured, although the building itself was damaged."

After David Whitmer's death in 1888 this manuscript and several other valuable documents, including the copy of the characters taken from the golden plates, came into the possession of George W. Schweich, a grandson of David Whitmer. Mr. Schweich, feeling he was divinely directed, gave the manuscripts to leaders of the Reorganized Church on April 18, 1903.

Last Wednesday's display of the Inspired Version manuscript included a copy of the King James Bible marked for correction. On Sunday, only the manuscript will be shown. The last letter of Joseph Smith in the display was given to the church by his wife and children.

This is the first attempt to show these valuable historic documents to a large Conference gathering. Please follow the guards' directions to refrain from touching the glass case and the table on which they are exhibited.

## The Divine Presence

"Angels and Divine Presence" was the subject of Apostle D. O. Chesworth's sermon at eleven o'clock Wednesday morning at the Stone Church. To Israel of old was given the promise that angels should go before them. To latter day Israel has been given the promise that not only angels shall go before us but also the divine presence.

In early Old Testament days angels had a relatively small function, for the prophets believed they could directly communicate with God. In later Old Testament times angels were mediator between God and man.

Angels are messengers and interpreters of the word of God; they bring consolation; they confirm our hope; they display the glory and power of God. Angels declared the birth of Christ. Moroni, Jonh the Baptist, Peter, James, and John ushered in the last dispensation gospel. They bridged the gulf between God and man. There are few references to angelic ministration between God and Jesus, for there was no gulf between them. Jesus held the high priesthood. After Joseph Smith received the Melchisedec priesthood he received direct communication from God.

After being taught of God, Joseph Smith dared to declare to the world many things foreign to the thinking of that day—that heaven should come to earth, that peace would soon be taken from the earth until Christ should come again, that Christ should come in his power and glory.

Today the doors are open for direct communication with God. We are engaged in a task which is too great for us unless we are inspired by the ministry of angels and the divine presence.

# Official Minutes of General Conference

Business Session, Friday, April 13, 1956

President Israel A. Smith was in the chair for the opening of the General Conference business session at 1:45 p.m., Friday, April 13, 1956.

The singing of the hymn "Christ for the World We Sing" was under the direction of Elder Evan A. Fry, with Mrs. Joy Harder Browne accompanying at the organ. Seventy Z. Z. Renfroe offered the invocation.

The minutes of Thursday, April 12, were approved as read.

A statement of memorial for Elder John Mervin, as requested by the Conference, was read for the information of the assembly:

Mrs. Tihoni Mervin and Family  
Box 458  
Papeete, Tahiti  
French Oceania

Dear Friends:

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is with a deep sense of grief that we learned of the passing of your husband and father. Please accept our sincere expression of sympathy and love in your loss. Your loss is also felt by the church.

Yet, we, with you, have many happy memories of his devoted service to his family, to the Saints wherever he met them, and to his God. We recall with appreciation his trip to the General Conference of a few years ago, and particularly his ministry as he bore his testimony of the divinity of Christ, and his deep convictions of the righteousness of the church as organized by our Savior.

Many who have been in French Oceania will always cherish the memory of his friendship. Many, many lives have been touched for good because of his example and teachings. You, with us, can find comfort and peace in God's justice and the assurance of a future life, where he may continue his ministry to mankind and his God, and where we may hope to have association with him and the righteous, without disease, death, or sorrow.

We of the General Conference of April, 1956, extend to all of you our love, and we pray that God may richly bless and comfort you. In the name of our Savior and Redeemer, we salute you.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF 1956  
Israel A. Smith

The document on race relations, contained on pages 71-72 of the *Daily Her-*

*ald*, was called up for consideration. Motion to approve was by Elders John T. Puckett and Robert Seeley. The chair stated that, without objection, the document would be considered paragraph by paragraph. The following action was taken:

Paragraph 1, approved

Paragraph 2, approved

Paragraph 3: Elders J. C. Stuart and A. O. Crownover moved a substitute for the paragraph, as follows: "The social patterns are changing in the direction of closer integration by the various groups comprising the total population. It is difficult to imagine segregated churches in a society which teaches the gospel of Jesus Christ." The substitute was approved.

Paragraph 4, approved

Paragraph 5: Elders J. C. Stuart and A. O. Crownover moved a substitute for the paragraph, as follows: "There are areas where the church must first build up the will to welcome all races. In such situations discretion is important, but only as an essential factor in breaking down barriers." The substitute was approved.

Paragraph 6: Brethren J. C. Stuart and Frank Gray moved to amend by striking out the words "We should welcome" and inserting the phrase "The church welcomes." The motion to amend carried.

Paragraph 7, approved

Paragraph 8, approved

The resolution, as amended, was approved. The document, as corrected, is as follows:

The gospel is for all mankind. It knows no distinction of race or color.

The possibility of sharing the gospel has always been influenced by racial, social, economic, educational, and political factors. This is still true.

The social patterns are changing in the direction of closer integration by the various groups comprising the total population. It is difficult to imagine segregated churches in a society which teaches the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Wherever groups, missions, branches, and congregations are organized they should be

formed as a matter of administration and not as a matter of racial discrimination.

There are areas where the church must first build up the will to welcome all races. In such situations discretion is important, but only as an essential factor in breaking down barriers.

The church welcomes all who respond to the call of the Lord from among all races.

Persons of any race who are ordained to the priesthood should function freely according to their gifts and callings. Some may well receive church appointment. Such appointees should be assigned with reasonable consideration for the opportunities for ministry to their own race, but such assignments should not be to that race only.

The appointing authorities should carry the needs of all men in their hearts with ministry being directed according to the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the general, local, and missionary presiding officers concerned. It should be shared in by the Saints in the spirit of fraternity, which is the spirit of Zion.

The resolution pertaining to the Book of Mormon, as found on pages 82-83 of the *Daily Herald*, was presented for consideration. A substitute, as follows, was moved by Elders Roy Weldon and Sylvester Coleman:

## SUBSTITUTE

*Resolved*, That the First Presidency be asked to appoint a special committee of three or more persons to have charge of a project to research the grammatical styles, composition, and so-called errors in the Book of Mormon with a view to determining the advisability of the eventual publication of a Book of Mormon with marginal citations or footnotes explaining to the reader the sources of its peculiar literary styles. . . . This committee to make report of its findings to the General Conference of 1958, or later Conferences as circumstances may make advisable.

After considerable discussion, Apostles M. L. Draper and R. E. Davey moved the previous question, which motion carried. The substitute lost, and the original motion to approve the resolution carried.

President Israel A. Smith surrendered the chair to President F. Henry Edwards.

The document on dancing, as published on page 72 (with proposed amendments on page 92) of the *Daily Herald*, was brought to the attention of the Conference. The following amendment was moved by Elders Roy A. Cheville and Almer Sheehy:

Moved to amend (1) by striking out the last three paragraphs and the last four words of the preceding paragraph, and (2) by inserting after "Resolution 924 (1932)" in the first paragraph the phrase "and General Con-

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ference Resolution 929 (1934)" and (3) by inserting after "924" in the second paragraph the phrase "and 929."

After discussion, Elders Sylvester Coleman and Charles R. Hield moved the previous question. This motion carried. The motion to amend was defeated, and the document as originally submitted was approved.

At this juncture, President F. Henry Edwards relinquished the chair to President W. Wallace Smith.

The communication from the First Presidency printed on page 83 of the *Daily Herald* concerning the Board of Trustees for Graceland College was called to the attention of the assembly. The chair called for nominations to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Elder Verne L. Deskin. The following were nominated: Verne L. Deskin, Franklin L. Parsons, L. Merle Spence, and Gerald W. Swanson. Elders John Whipple and Sylvester Coleman moved that nominations cease, which motion carried. Elder Verne L. Deskin was elected.

Nominations to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Elder Franklin L. Parsons were W. E. Ford, Franklin L. Parsons, Gerald Swanson, and Harold A. Tabor. The motion that nominations cease was by Elders James Menzies and A. Wayne Hough. This motion carried. Elected was Elder Franklin L. Parsons.

The chairman stated that the following documents would be printed in the minutes for later consideration:

#### *To the General Conference:*

WHEREAS, The whole matter of allocation of funds to stakes and districts has been under consideration and study by the Board of Appropriations, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Appropriations recommended the appointment of a committee to study the needs of stakes and districts in respect to administrative budgets and allocation of funds from the General Church income to said stakes and districts; and

WHEREAS, The studies that have been developed up to the present time and which have covered a period of several years reveal a number of problems incident to the implementation of any such program of allocation of funds; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Appropriations recommended the appointment of a committee to make further study of this particular phase of our financing; and

WHEREAS, Such committee has been appointed by said Board of Appropriations, and included in the personnel of such committee are those who are representative of district interests; be it hereby

*Resolved*, That the Order of Bishops recommends to the First Presidency and the General Conference that this matter be referred to the Board of Appropriations, pending receipt of recommendations from the committee appointed; and that the Board of Appropriations bring back to the next General Conference specific recommendations relative to this prob-

lem of allocation of funds to stakes and districts; and

WHEREAS, A resolution has been presented for consideration of the General Conference regarding allocation of funds to districts, be it further

*Resolved*, That this resolution be a substitute in lieu of the resolution coming from the Southern New England District printed on page 72.

THE ORDER OF BISHOPS  
W. N. Johnson, Secretary

#### *To the General Conference:*

WHEREAS, After the death of President Frederick Madison Smith the General Conference appointed a committee "to draft suggestions for a memorial for the late President Frederick Madison Smith," and

WHEREAS, The committee has given this matter consideration from time to time, and

WHEREAS, The matter has been discussed in General Conferences subsequent to the death of the late President Frederick Madison Smith, and

WHEREAS, Suggestions have been made, for example that (1) a library be built, to be known as the "Frederick Madison Smith Memorial Library," to be located on the Campus at Graceland College; (2) that the Auditorium be completed and dedicated as a memorial to the late President Frederick Madison Smith; and (3) that the new Science Building at Graceland College be designated as a memorial; and

WHEREAS, In the opinion of the committee, none of these seem to be appropriate as true memorials to our late President and Prophet, Frederick Madison Smith, although in each there is evidence of his leadership and of his contribution in their final development, and

WHEREAS, It would seem that a memorial could more satisfactorily be designated which would be in memory of Joseph Smith, Jr., the Prophet of the Church, and Joseph Smith III, the President and Prophet of the Reorganization, as well as the late President and Prophet, Frederick Madison Smith; therefore,

The committee recommends as a Memorial for the Prophets, a campanile located on an appropriate site near the Auditorium, and of sufficient size to include historical data and valuable relics having special significance in the lives of our presidents and prophets;

And the committee further recommends that the plan for the financing of the memorial be kept within the other budgetary and fundraising needs of the church. A goal of \$25,000 per year for a period of ten years, to be received from contributors in small sums, would enable a large number of people to participate in the achievement of such a goal.

E. J. Gleazer, Sr. Paul N. Craig  
Alice Edwards G. Leslie DeLapp

Greetings were read as follows:

Greetings from Saints in Korea to General Conference. May God bless your every effort.—Floyd Engstrom

Our prayers and best wishes are for a wonderful Conference.—Mr. and Mrs. George Young, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Whiting

The closing hymn was "Praise Ye the Lord," the benediction was by Seventy Glen H. Johnson, and the Conference adjourned to meet at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, April 14.

CHARLES D. NEFF  
FRED L. YOUNG  
W. R. STEARNS  
Secretaries

## Rebels vs. Yanks

Thursday night the South won its first major victory since Lee's surrender at Appomattox. The occasion was the "Rebels vs. Yankees" volleyball game sponsored by the Center Stake Zion's League in the Memorial Building. The battle was waged according to the rule book, and no one was injured. Feeling ran high, but sportsmanship and good humor prevailed.

In the first skirmish, the southern forces advanced a lanky sextet of Independence All-Stars. Fighting with this bold band was Larry Hurshman, Roy Schaefer, Virgil Leibold, Gerry Winship, Wayne Sallee, and Jerry Hampton. Their worthy opponents, the Graceland All-Stars, boasted such volleyball greats as Dennis Knudson, "Bones" Gilberts, Ed Fuller, Gary Hannaman, Carl Morris, and Davie Harris, with Jim Elvin and Dana Freiburg acting as alternate cannon fodder.

The game was played in eight-minute periods, with the team winning two out of three being declared the victor. The Independence six decisively won the first tilt 13 - 5. In the second period, the Yanks from Graceland made a gallant comeback and edged southern foes 6 - 5. In the deciding match, the southern All-Stars impressed the audience with their prowess by winning.

Things looked black for the northern forces, but their hope rested with reinforcements from the rear echelons. The brave little band calling themselves the Graceland Faculty took the floor to meet their foes. Dick Carter, "Hap" Dennis, Alma Blair, Jim White, Dick Chevillie, Ed Gleazer, and Ned Jacobson were the members of this ill-fated band. The spirited Rebels also fielded a new and fresh force. This group was made up of General Church appointees who called themselves the Fightin' Preachers. Among their number was Almer Sheehy, Carl Mesle, Lee Hart, Delbert Smith, Barry Berridge, and Bill Guthrie.

The North thought it had the first period when the time limit ran out, and it was leading 5 - 4. However, the referee declared that a victory must be by a two-point margin, so the Fightin' Preachers proceeded to make three points in a row to win 7 - 5. The faculty sextet fought with renewed vigor and triumphed in the second period 7 - 4. However, there was no stopping the Rebels who had tasted victory, and they ruthlessly crushed the Graceland Faculty in the third period 5 - 3.

It was truly a day for the history books.

CLAUDE LEE



### The Early Church Bore Witness of a Risen Christ

Z. Z. Renfroe

What is the principle upon which the church was found? The foundation principle was that Jesus Christ arose from the dead.

We must sense a conviction of our own sins. It is easy to see wrong in another man but difficult to measure ourselves according to the standard of Christ. There is only one standard by which we should measure our lives, and that is the standard of Jesus Christ.

At the end of each day how many of us look back and see where we have made mistakes and try to make amends?

The people of the early church under the power of the Holy Spirit did great things.

This is a missionary church and every person should be concerned by missionary work. We must be fired with spiritual power.

Members of the early church knew that Jesus Christ was the son of God, and because they knew it they wanted to give themselves to his service.

If you ask people into your home you should want to ask them into your church.

### The Summons to Spiritual Growth

Sylvester Coleman



The church is a parallel to the human body. In Genesis we are told that man was created spiritually first, but a spirit must have temporal and physical being to give it the opportunity of expression.

A body is dead if the spirit departs. The kind of spirit we carry is often portrayed by our physical acts. All God's laws are spiritual. Every law given to the church has spiritual destiny. The church serves the same purpose for the Spirit of God that the body serves for the human spirit.

The ordinances are physical in form but also deeply spiritual. Baptism is a physical act, but God's spirit is made available to us through this ordinance, as it is through other ordinances of the church.

The church became diseased and died soon after the first apostles were gone. The reformers had only the dead form left. The living church was brought to earth again in 1830, never to be taken away again. The kingdom was here as early as 1831, but the full benefits have not yet been achieved.

We are all interested in spiritual gifts. We would all like to be healed, hear prophecy given, and have spiritual dreams and visions. But to receive these things we must come to God as members of the body of Christ, not for selfish personal interests.

### The Restored Church, the Household of God's Grace

James Daugherty



Often, I believe, we have been *playing* church instead of *living* church. . . . Our job is not to *conform* but to *transform* lives under the grace of God.

The church is the source of spiritual strength to take Christ to the market place and to the field. . . . We should not take our friends to our church home to insult them any more than we would insult our friends in our individual homes.

Human fellowship is not enough. We must have fellowship with Christ also. We must do good in relationship to Christ. . . . The only reason for our being sons of God is to reveal his will to others and to do his will. . . . The only thing in life that is important is God's will.

The kingdom of God must be built through sacrifice.

Nature is God's will in matter and tissue. We must learn to use the laws of the physical body properly first before we can use God's will for our spiritual being.

We don't know Deity because we don't fellowship enough with him or with those who knew or know him best.

### The Work of God Cannot Be Frustrated

Russell F. Ralston



I have found strength in time of discouragement by reading Doctrine and Covenants 2: 1, 2. It is an imposing

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challenge. Only as we sense that God's work cannot be frustrated can we move forward.

This is God's work: it is not man's work. But to that extent with which we share his great work it becomes our work. If we walk with God we shall share with him eternal victory.

If we separate ourselves from God, there is only one result—our failure.

God's work cannot be frustrated because it is eternal. Only as man identifies himself with God can his work become eternal.

The crucifixion of Christ did not stop the work of God. There followed the resurrection, and that brought the opportunity for eternal life to all men. In Christ shall all be made alive.

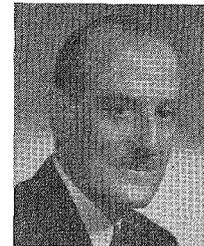
Only the hand of God could have sustained the church through all its hardships. This is God's work and as such it cannot fail.

Our concern ought to be centered in giving ourselves for fruitful growth for God's work.

I am not concerned that God's work might fail, but I am concerned that God's work in me might fail.

### They Who Have the Doctrine Have Both the Father and the Son

George Njeim



What is doctrine? It is what the doctor prescribes. The body has its physician; the soul also has a physician, who is Christ. As they minister in his stead, men of the priesthood are also physicians.

Once I was asked to conduct a series of meetings in Michigan. When I got there I found handbills advertising "Dr. George Njeim" as speaker for the series. I hastened to explain to the good pastor, who was responsible for this publicity, that I did not hold a doctor's degree. He was unabashed. "Brother Njeim," he said, "if you aren't a doctor of souls, then we don't want your preaching."

When a physician prescribes certain medication, he assumes that the patient will follow directions and receive help. Ministers assume the same. Don't condemn the doctor until you have tried his doctrine.

# esidents of Seventy



## His Glory, the Coming Maturity of the Kingdom

Harry Doty

In 1929 Palestine was still a British mandate, not the home of the Jews. It was not until 1948 that Palestine was given re-birth and became a nation. It is a hope for a place of peace, of safety, of freedom from fear, of refuge and joy.

One thing we are able to see now is the growth of the church over the years and see the measure of maturity we have attained. Since the church is the family of Christ there will always be marks of immaturity, for there will always be babes in the kingdom, new members beginning their growth.

There has never been the measure of unity in the church as we have now. Big issues may now be presented without discussing personalities. A few years back major issues could not be brought up without some getting angry and walking out. We have now reached the point where we love each other so that we will not discuss personalities on the Conference floor. If we shall come to a unity of understanding we must discuss things, but not as a display of differences.

Zion is not just a place of refuge, but a place out of which the message of the gospel shall go out to the world. Zion is a place for growth for those within and salvation for those without. Only as we seek to save our fellow men shall we find growth, reason for being, satisfaction of mission.

A healthy people will not alone establish Zion. Not only must we be a healthy people; we must first of all be a holy people. It is in the glory of the recreation of man that God finds his greatest glory.

In creating sons of the kingdom, God works with creatures of will. He must stimulate our response by giving us a vision, setting before us a model.

We need forgiveness in the flesh, not just the word in our Scriptures. Our love, if it shall be the love of Jesus Christ, must be the love for our fellow men which makes us long to share the fellowship of this church with our fellow men. If we love God we will love our brothers and sisters whom we have not even seen.

Meekness and humility must be so much a part of us that they bring forth acts of meekness and humility. "Humility" comes from "humus," the very basis of life.

Why are we here? We are here for one purpose only, to build the kingdom and establish his righteousness and praise him and his works.

We can prove the church by the mathematical equation of Scriptures, but that alone does not make it the church of Christ. It must show the spirit of Christ.

To find high-quality experiences of the spirit we must discipline or contain ourselves. The things we try to conceal destroy us. The sins we try to cover up shall someday sap the strength and quality out of our lives.

Zion is not here in germ, in seed, something that hasn't started to grow. It is here in its blossoming time, bearing fruit as we can testify. Zion is in measure a reality.



## These Things Shall Be

Glen Johnson

The building of the kingdom of God starts within. There is no kingdom of God if there is no rule or dominion of faith within the life of man. The measure of faith reveals itself in the life of man without reservation and without fear. Faith toward God encompasses not only a belief but a way of life. The measure of the faith of the men of history has been the measure of their complete faith in the will of God.

The gospel of Jesus Christ is life centered, not priesthood centered, stewardship centered, organization centered—but all this and more.

Revelation is not complete because it is written in Three Books; it is complete when it is written in the hearts and lives of men. The heart of man must be motivated by this all-significant principle we call love. . . . If we don't have these forces within, we will never be able to stand against those forces without that are coming. The kingdom of the world will take hold of us and destroy us.

Our heritage is in becoming sons and daughters of God. The church is the instrument which shall bring this about. If we let ourselves move freely under His wisdom and intelligence, out of this church will be born the kingdom of God.



## Death of John Mervin

Elder John Mervin died March 22 at the hospital in Papeete after a long illness. He recovered from his first attack, but recurring attacks of heart trouble and complications were too much for his weak body to stand. He died under the hands of the elders, and departed peacefully from this life.

Brother Mervin was born February 22, 1900, at Papeete, Tahiti. He was baptized September 25, 1921, at Apataki. He was ordained a priest December 28, 1924, and an elder February 6, 1938. On December 2, 1922, he married Emere Bellais, and they had four children: Dede Vairaaroa, Jeanne Mervin, Phoebe Mervin, and Octave. One child died in infancy.

Brother Mervin became branch pastor on January 1, 1956. He had held government positions and was active in civic affairs. He was once known as the copra king of Tahiti. At one time he operated six schooners and carried pearl shell to America on his own boat.

He visited America in 1948, and attended General Conference. He had a host of friends in and out of the Islands.

Seventies Allen Breckenridge and F. Edward Butterworth were in charge of the funeral service.

Conference attendants who wish to extend their sympathy may write Mrs. Mervin at Box 458, Papeete, Tahiti.

## Point of View

Two junior age boys visited the History Department of the church in the Auditorium and asked to see the "old animal bones." They were disappointed to find that the department contained old ledger tomes and books for religious research.

It seems some people avoid attending prayer meetings for a similar reason. They want to experience spectacular miracles instead of such common things as prayers to God. KAY WILLIAMS

## 1927 General Conference First in Auditorium

**F**ACILITIES were meager (to say the most), but the delegates were happy. That's the report that came from the first General Conference in the Auditorium.

A summary of the physical conditions surrounding that Conference will illustrate the "meagerness" aspect of it. An editorial resumé of the Conference (reported in the April 13, 1927, *Herald*) gives a glimpse of the experience:

The basement room of the new Auditorium Building had been finished to a point where it could be used temporarily. . . . Of course there was no glass placed to enclose the building; the doors were just rough boards salvaged from form work; the large openings were closed with nothing but canvas; the heating plant was made up of four Independence furnaces, placed in four widely separated quarters of the room, a box of soft coal in close proximity to each furnace; the tables were rough boards covered with plaster board; the rough cement floor was covered with shavings from the planing mill; but the Saints who wished to get together in one room at a General Conference were all there, and what were these trifles to men and women who wanted to be present at the opening meeting!



Audio-Visual Reproduction

A 1927 view of Auditorium. Stone Church radio towers in upper right corner of picture. Semicircular hole in center of building is the orchestra pit, now temporarily covered with rostrum.

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## New Music Room an Important Addition

**E**VERYTHING in the new Music Room in the Auditorium is there for a special scientific reason. The appearance of contemporary architectural design is incidental to the nature of the materials used and the effects necessary to be achieved for the service the room is to render. Above all, it is a functional

room, designed for the maximum utility in relation to space and purpose.

Special features of design have been used to reduce and control reverberation. No two walls are exactly parallel. All larger surfaces have been broken up in various ways and special acoustical materials have been used for sound control.

Microphones are located on an elevated platform during recordings, and the adjacent wall has had special treatment—a covering of monks cloth to give a completely "dead" surface in the acoustical sense, the only surface in the room so treated. This is to prevent any possibility of echo that would blur the accuracy of a recording through the microphone. Like other walls, it has a hidden backing of four inches of spun glass insulating material.

The rest of the walls show different treatments. The west wall has a polycylindrical surface. The east wall is covered with transite, a perforated pressed asbestos sheet material. Between the units of the new organ on the north wall is a covering of another kind of perforated material. All these provide the room with walls that cut down reverberation without making an acoustically "dead" surface. The purpose is to achieve optimum conditions for the production of music and transmission of sound effects.

At the southeast corner of the Music Room is a small soundproof room enclosed in glass where guides may admit visitors without causing noisy interruptions that make rehearsals and recording difficult or impossible.

In the southwest corner of the room is the control booth, also enclosed in glass, for the sound engineer and his recording equipment (mixing panel and electronic equipment rack, with amplifiers).



Photo by Keith B. Stokes

The new organ is installed in two units on the north wall. It is a sixteen-rank pipe organ, each rank having from 62 to 72 pipes. One or more of the ranks may be used simultaneously for tone effects. Tone volume on these ranks can be controlled by special shutters mounted in front of the organ units. Mounted on the northeast organ unit, not controlled by the shutters, is a "positive" organ of the old type, on which early organ music can be played as it was originally.

The organ is of the two-manual type, with pedal board, the console being located on the main floor of the room. It was manufactured by the Temple Organ Company of Independence. Fred Cool, head of the company, is the builder. He is a member of the church and is well-qualified by experience in the business.

The Music Room has a seating capacity ranging from 250 to 285. It will be cooled by two air-conditioning units. Its equipment includes a Steinway grand piano. The room is so planned that singers and musicians may enter from the south side of the building, avoiding a long walk through the Auditorium.

Storage space has been found through careful planning of the area. A removable panel in the north wall gives access to a place for storing chairs. Music racks are stored under a stairway on the west side. A ship's ladder leads from the main floor to the recording platform.

The room was planned by members of the Radio and Music Departments, according to Franklyn S. Weddle, Director of Music, working with the firm of Bolt, Beranek, and Newman, Inc., consultants in acoustics. Construction was by Andes and Roberts of Independence.

"This is a multipurpose room," Mr. Weddle said. "It will serve for rehearsals of the Messiah Choir, the Independence Symphony Orchestra, and the Independence Community Association Band; it is also equipped as a recording room for the Radio and Audio-Visual Departments. In addition, it serves more general purposes such as a meeting place for larger groups and a classroom during General Conference."

## Greetings and Salutations

Don't apologize for forgetting names and faces of those at Conference. It is a nice compliment to be able to speak the name of one you haven't seen for months or years the instant you meet, but you are not a normal person if you can do it. The registration cards are not provided for mere decorations. Being normal, I depend so much on them that when someone "hello's" me, I often read the card when I could easily have read the face.

## I Have the Floor

By Dick Ankney



**POINT OF ORDER:** After Apostle Oakman's statement that Mrs. Cedric Evans is one of the most beautiful women in the church, High Priest J. C. Stuart spent the rest of the day explaining to delegates that Dorothy Evans is his wife's twin sister. The twins were formerly Dorothy and Eleanor Fairbanks of Independence. (Besides they are Chris Harts-horn's nieces, and he's my boss.) . . .

Two students in the College Booth asked Sister Alice Edwards what her job was. She replied, "I don't have any official title but I do carry a lot of weight."

When Bishop DeLapp read the financial report and every figure ended in so many cents, a delegate rose and asked, "What's all the cents for?" Apostle E. J. Gleazer quipped, "This church needs cents." You mean SENSE, Ed? ? ?

Trying to do a good public relations job, I selected an oldtimer to make feel wanted at the Conference. He told me that he had been in the church before most of the men on the platform. Just to make conversation, I said, "I guess you have seen lots of changes in the church in your days." He bounced right back with "I sure have, and I voted against every one of them."

Former *Look* magazine photographer, Marion Pease, has arrived from Des Moines. He's free lancing now for five magazines. . . . Vendo Co's Jack Burlington is due in from Chicago today. . . . United Air Lines Pilot, Howard Anderson, is expected to land any moment. . . . Graduate student Sam Scherer is just in from Missouri U. . . . Fred Turnbull is here from Ojai, California. He was in the Graceland class of 1904. . . . Don't ask Ray Zinser about his son if you don't have time to look at a lot of pictures. . . .

Overheard an elder say, "Many families in our branch think that church is like a convention—they just send one representative."

**A BIRD TOLD ME or THIS IS FOR THE BIRDS:** Seventy Lou Zonker and wife, Betty, are living with a bunch of foreigners. Their first child was born in Canada, the next in Holland, and the last in Germany. They are hoping for an American on their upcoming storkdate. . . . Ron Dawbarn and wife Joyce are anticipating. . . . Doris Stollsteimer, Dr. Lawrence Brockway's daughter, is expecting a bundle from heaven on Labor Day. That's not a joke. That's what her doctor said.

**ON WHOM THE BELLES TOLD:** Gerry Winship and Carole Miller of Stone Church congregation have set the date—June 17. . . . M.U.'s Gene Adkins and Geneva Ulman (student nurse at the "San") are engaged. . . .

The *Independence Examiner's* Sue Gentry, who is covering the Conference, continually gets calls from all over the country. She's assisting the correspondents who are coming here to cover Margaret Truman's wedding. . . . We wish to express the heartfelt sympathy of the Reorganized Church to Fred Schullenburg, *Kansas City Star* reporter, and his wife for the recent loss in their family.

Seventy Glen H. Johnson said jokingly, "I think we ought to ordain women. That would be one way we could silence them."

The high priests' and elders' classes on Conference legislation have been beehives of activity. If the classes were twice as long, all of the questions could not be answered. . . . When the issue of women holding ex-officio status was discussed, an oldtimer remarked, "Democracy really had its day today." . . . Orchids to two wonderful ladies: Mrs. John Garver and Audie Anderson—Gracelanders Forever. . . . If you saw the Pageant of Wedding Dresses, I'll tell you a secret. Lucy McDowell's was used a year after her wedding as her Graceland graduation dress. . . .

The Sanitarium has had to turn so many folks away that one staff member who doesn't want me to use his name, said, "We ought to get the WELL out of here!"

**COUNT TO TEN** (Well, maybe you ought to count to 12): A girl selling bumper signs saw a group of men coming and picked out the one she thought looked the most prosperous. The man was Apostle Chesworth. The girl pleaded, "Please buy one, mister. They're only a dollar." He dismissed her with "My elder's expense can't afford it." She came back, "Sir, if you're an appointee, you can buy one for 50c." . . . **CONFERENCE BADGE:** A sweet young thing, who must be new in the church, walked up to a handsome young man holding the office of teacher and asked, "What grades do you teach?"

"Zion will be redeemed by those who have rhythm in the SOULS not those who have it in the SOLES."—Patriarch William Patterson



## Laurel Club President Eighty Years Young

Mrs. Nell Goodrich, president of the Laurel Club for the past two years, celebrated her eightieth birthday last November—and is about as energetic as ever. She is noted for her interest in sports. She enjoys a good baseball game and the boxing and wrestling programs on TV. She always has a ready retort and a good sense of humor for every occasion.

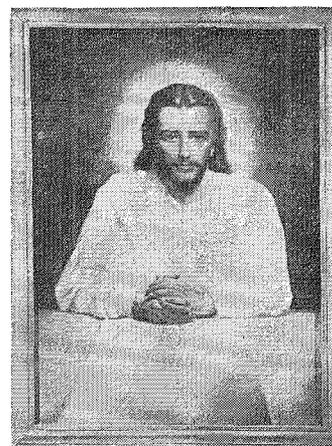
It is under her direction that the Club is providing the food service in the Auditorium dining hall at this Conference. Last week was spent in getting ready: cleaning; filling the storerooms with new stock; preparing cakes, pies, and meats in advance and storing in deepfreeze; and making biscuit and cornbread dry mixes. This week Conference visitors are tasting the final products.

## Restaurants Open Sunday

Bakers Cafe, 129 E. Lexington  
Bridge Cafe, 1329 W. Lexington  
Coffee Bar, 117 E. Alton  
Coffee Stop, 24 Highway and 71 by-pass  
Driftwood, 9904 E. New 40 Highway  
Gibbons, 107 W. Lexington  
Holiday Inn, 40 Highway & Noland Rd.  
Jerry's Cafe, 10219 E. Independence Ave.  
Kelsey's, 1011 W. Truman Road  
Legion Lounge, 308 W. Maple  
Maid-Rite, 803 W. Lexington  
Maywood Cafe, 10305 E. Truman Road  
Osage Grill, 103 N. Osage  
Pioneer Ranch, E. 24 Highway  
Pioneer Restaurant, 106 S. Liberty  
Santa Fe Drive In, 1415 W. Alton  
Sim's Restaurant, 11424 24 Highway  
Slover's, 921 W. Lexington  
Stephenson's Little Apple  
Dining Room, 233 N. Osage  
Stephenson's Restaurant, 40 Hiway &  
Lee's Summit Road  
Venice Villa, 11705 E. 23rd Street  
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### DAILY TIME SCHEDULE

8:00-9:30 A.M.	12:00-1:45 P.M.	4:30-5:00 P.M.	7:30-9:00 P.M.
<b>SATURDAY, April 14—</b>			
In charge: C. L. Archibald			
Evangelists assisting: Charles Lee; F. T. Rockwell; William Twombly			
Elders assisting: W. A. Farley; Ray A. Frisbie; W. Preston Hubble; G. F. Mintun; Herbert C. Swoffer			
<b>SUNDAY, April 15—</b>			
In charge: F. M. McDowell			
Evangelists assisting: R. W. Scott, H. I. Velt; E. Y. Hunker			
Elders assisting: Ivan Clothier; William C. O'Dell; W. Preston Hubble, Ira G. Whipple; James Watson.			

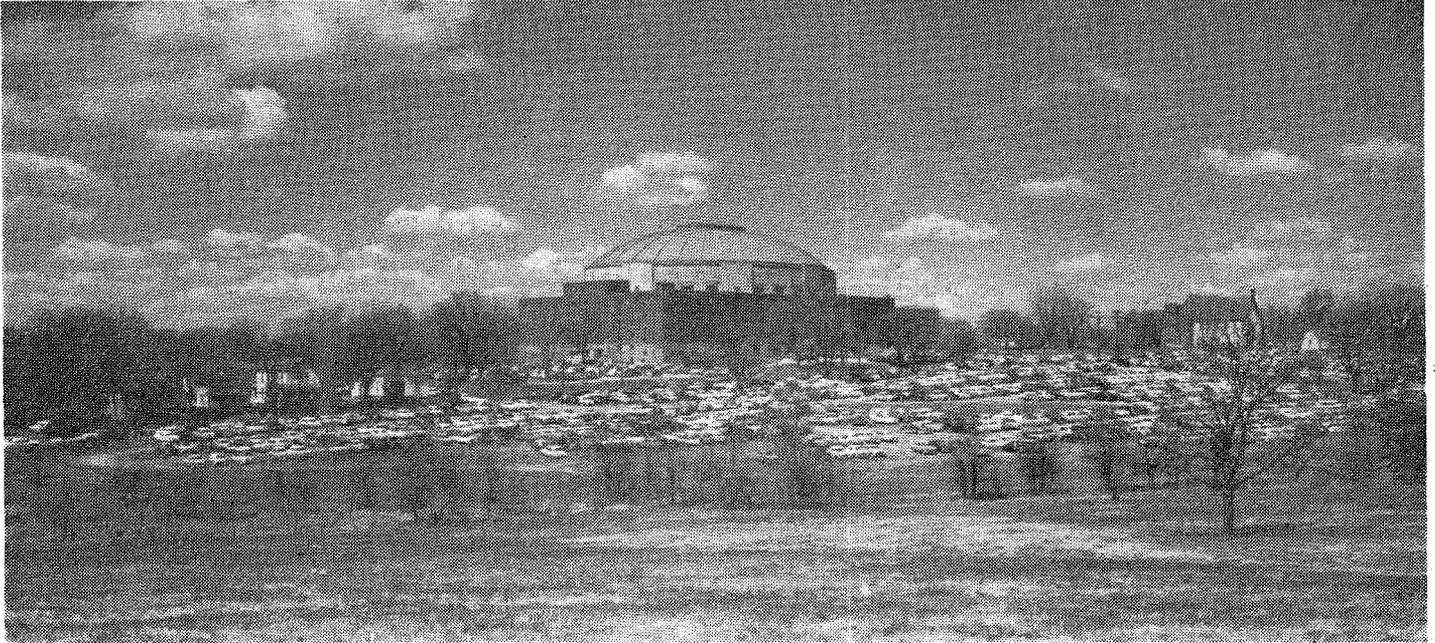
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## Closing Statement of President Israel A. Smith, April 15, 1956

I HAVE ALWAYS felt a natural delicacy and hesitancy in trying to advise those men who will accept missionary appointment and go out on the firing line, because I never have had the experience that they have had. And probably I am not competent from experience in a way to advise them. But when I look over this magnificent array of missionaries, I am reminded of the few men—the little handful of men—who met in the home of a farmer in western New York in 1830 and organized this church.

I can imagine the satisfaction that group of men had when a convert would come over into the ranks of the church. I imagine that when they found an opening to preach in a schoolhouse or a church they were very happy. And especially were they happy when they found that they were getting large enough to own even a single house of worship.

I can contrast that picture in my mind with the picture we have here with us today—all these able, devoted, consecrated ministers for the church—and I feel to say to them that if they are united and devoted in their efforts, coordinating their labors in the spirit of sacrifice and devotion which characterized this church from the very begin-

ning, there is no implement that can be devised, wherever the source, that can be successfully wielded against them; that there is no power under heaven, or in the earth, or even in hell, that can be successful against them. Because if they are united they will have the power of God. We have seen this manifested of course in the history of the church.

I feel to advise them today to be unified in their efforts and not to let anything separate them from each other or from the church; to work in the love of the Master, follow in his footsteps, preach the gospel of Christ, and be true witnesses. Incidentally in this matter of witnessing I have felt that the greatest instrument of success which the Lord ever placed in our hands is the Book of Mormon. Each and every one of us can become proficient in defending and presenting the Book of Mormon and our claims with respect to it, thereby becoming better-qualified witnesses for Christ.

I believe that there is a spirit in the church today that is quite manifest, which for some time has tended for harmony. Let us keep that trend alive.

As I said in the priesthood prayer service this morning, I believe this is the only Conference that I have faced

when it didn't appear to be necessary to secure and give the divine will on some matters, such as a break in some of our quorums and councils; nevertheless, while I appreciated the situation, as I was not faced with the emergencies which faced me heretofore, I tried to keep myself receptive to the divine mind in the event that there was something to be given to the church. It did not appear to be the Lord's will that anything should be given at this time. Although there were matters before the Conference on which I had decided convictions—and I could well state that I believe I knew what the divine mind was in respect to them—I did not yield to any temptation such as my father once said would lie with men occupying in this office, a temptation to get his way and assert his will by a "Thus saith the Spirit." I have not felt like yielding to any such temptation.

I feel to commend the Conference and the delegates and all the councils of the church that have responsibilities in connection with it, for what I think is a very, very fine gathering of the Saints. From this Conference there will go out to the world a new and greater work and an impress upon the people of the world. I thank you all.

# Official Minutes of General Conference

Business Session, Saturday, April 14, 1956

With President Israel A. Smith in the chair, the business session of Saturday, April 14, 1956, commenced at 10:00 a.m.

The hymn "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues" was sung under the leadership of Elder F. S. Weddle with Mrs. Lois Spence at the organ, and the invocation was offered by Presiding Patriarch Elbert A. Smith.

The minutes of the business session of Friday, April 13, 1956, were approved as read.

Communication from the Seventy regarding organization of the Second Quorum of Seventy was read as follows:

#### To the General Conference:

In harmony with Conference action, and by the call of the Council of Presidents of Seventy, those designated as members of the Second Quorum of Seventy met in Room C 305 of the Stone Church Education Building, April 13, 1956, at 10:00 a.m. There were present the three members of the First Presidency, the President of the Council of Twelve, and the members of the Council of Presidents of Seventy.

The Senior President of the Council of Presidents of Seventy presided over the meeting and the Second Quorum of Seventy was organized. Russell F. Ralston was unanimously chosen as president, and Eugene A. Theys was selected as secretary.

THE COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS  
OF SEVENTY  
Z. Z. Renfroe, Senior President

Elders Paul M. Hanson and J. C. Daugherty moved to approve the following action of the Seventy. The motion to approve carried:

#### To the General Conference:

In harmony with his selection as President of the Second Quorum of Seventy, Russell F. Ralston has been released from membership in the First Quorum of Seventy.

We thus assign him as a member of the Second Quorum of Seventy and recommend your approval of this assignment.

THE COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS  
OF SEVENTY  
Z. Z. Renfroe, Senior President

The following document announcing the release of brethren from the Seventy was presented for the information of the Conference:

#### To the General Conference:

By action of this Conference Elder Taruiari a Tauhiti (Horahitu) was granted the honor of superannuation. In harmony with General Conference Resolution 579, he is released from membership in this Quorum.

By further action of this Conference the ordination of G. Earl Burt to the high priesthood and the evangelical order was provided for. Brother Burt is thus released from membership in this Quorum.

THE FIRST QUORUM OF SEVENTY  
Glen H. Johnson

The two documents printed on page 72 of the *Daily Herald* concerning the name of the church were called up for consideration. Apostles D. T. Williams and A. A. Oakman moved the approval of the document submitted by the First Presidency. Elders A. O. Crownover and J. C. Stuart moved to defer consideration until the General Conference of 1958. The motion to defer lost. Elders Floyd Potter and Sydney Harvey moved to amend by adding to the end of the First Presidency's document the following:

and further, that whenever we must abbreviate the name of the church we should henceforth use the more significant phrase "Church of Jesus Christ" in lieu of the current use of the undignified "R.L.D.S."

Brethren A. M. Pelletier and Harold Carpenter moved the following as a substitute:

that the prefix "Reorganized" which now precedes the official name of the church, "the Church of Jesus Christ," be replaced by the word "Restored," and that the suffixes "of Latter Day Saints" be deleted from the name and the usage of the church.

Elders Stephen Robinson and Sylvester Coleman moved the previous question, which motion carried. The substitute offered by Brethren Pelletier and Carpenter lost. The amendment carried. The original document submitted by the First Presidency, as amended, was approved.

Brethren D. T. Williams and Leonard Hoisington moved the following:

That the Conference request the First Presidency to write a letter interpreting this document for distribution after the close of the Conference to the district presidents and pastors as well as general officers.

Elders Wayne Simmons and Oskar Stüve moved the previous question, which motion carried. The original motion was also approved.

The action of the Board of Appropriations concerning inheritances for appointees, as found on page 83 of the *Daily Herald*, was presented for consideration. Seventies George A. Njeim and John T. Puckett moved approval of this document. The motion to approve carried.

The chair called attention to the documents concerning legislative committees found on page 82, and the amendment on page 93 of the *Daily Herald*. Seventies Glen H. Johnson and Sylvester Coleman moved approval of the document submitted by the Center Stake of Zion. The above amendment, moved by Brethren L. Wayne Updike and Vernon Ruoff, lost. Apostles D. B. Jensen and R. M. Holmes moved that the document of the First Presidency be a substitute for the entire matter. The previous question was moved by Apostles R. E. Davey and P. E. Farrow. This motion carried. The substitute prevailed.

The Conference recessed at 12:00 noon after the singing of hymn No. 87, to meet again at 2:00 p.m.

The General Conference reconvened at 2:00 p.m. with President Israel A. Smith in the chair. Miss Anna Marie Smith was at the organ.

The following document was read for the information of the Conference as a result of a request at the morning session:

#### To the General Conference:

At this morning's session the Conference adopted a communication from the First Presidency and thereby disapproved the organization of "all delegates not holding membership in one of the established quorums or councils" of the church as a legislative committee of the Conference. Within the document presented by the Presidency occurs the statement, "It is our carefully-arrived-at opinion that action should not be taken to facilitate the origination of legislation at General Conference . . ." We stated then, and we are glad to repeat now for inclusion in the minutes, that adoption of this document does not thereby deny to Con-

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ference ex officio or delegates any of the rights they previously held, and, specifically, that properly elected delegates may still originate Conference legislation as heretofore.

This statement will be printed in the minutes of the Conference and will be appended to the document above referred to whenever it appears in the published list of Rules and Resolutions.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
*Israel A. Smith*

Elders Roy Cheville and Russell Rockwell moved approval of the recommendation of the Presiding Bishopric concerning personnel of the Board of Publication:

We recommend the continuation of the present personnel of the Board of Publication, which is

Walter N. Johnson  
Harry G. Barto  
David S. White  
Howard P. Andersen  
Arthur B. Taylor  
Shankland S. Arnson  
Montague L. Parker

THE PRESIDING BISHOPRIC  
*G. L. DeLapp*

The motion to approve carried.

At this juncture President Israel A. Smith relinquished the chair to President F. Henry Edwards.

The resolution, printed on page 72 of the *Daily Herald*, concerning the return of tithing to districts and stakes was brought to the attention of the Conference. Brethren Myron Fisher and Marcelo Pagat moved approval. Approval of the substitute offered by the Board of Appropriations found on page 107 of the *Daily Herald*, was moved by Elders G. L. DeLapp and Charles Brockway. The substitute carried.

Elders Lewis Landsberg and Alfred Yale moved approval of the document concerning the School of the Restoration, as published on page 92 of the *Daily Herald*. The motion to approve carried.

The resolution regarding the establishment of a Bureau of Research and Planning, printed on page 98 of the *Daily Herald*, was presented. Approval was moved by Brethren Wilford Winholtz and Alma L. Nunamaker. The motion to approve carried.

Elders James C. Wardle and Wilford Winholtz moved adoption of the resolution regarding the transcription of General Conference proceedings. By agreement, the word "deliberative" was substituted for the word "deliberate" in the first paragraph. An amendment was moved by Elders C. R. Hield and Arthur Dixon that we add to the last paragraph "this manuscript to be furnished only at the discretion of the First Presidency." By agreement, the phrase "business session of the General" was inserted in the fourth line of the last paragraph of the document between the words "the" and "Conference."

Elders David Dowker and Leroy Beckham moved as a substitute for the entire matter "that a convenient number of recordings be made so that they will be available to those who are engaged in the business of research and made available to them at their convenience by the officials of the church." Brethren Richard C. Cochran and Sylvester Coleman moved the previous question, which carried. The substitute motion lost, as did the motion to amend and the motion to approve the original document.

The document on credit for contributions to Houses of Worship construction, as found on page 99 of the *Daily Herald*, was brought up for consideration. Brethren Russell Rockwell and Alma Nunamaker moved adoption. Elders Loyd Adams and Noble Gault moved to limit individual speeches to two minutes and total debate to sixteen minutes, which motion lost. Elders Walter N. Johnson and Lee R. Oliver moved adoption of the following as a substitute. The substitute carried.

*To the General Conference:*

WHEREAS, Contributions to local building and operating funds are essential and constitute an offering and are administered by local officers, and

WHEREAS, The law of the church is clear with reference to surplus as adopted by General Conference Resolution 977, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the motion in regard to building funds being receipted and credited as surplus be laid on the table.

ORDER OF BISHOPS  
*W. N. Johnson, Secretary*

Elders Franklyn S. Weddle and Earl Moore moved adoption of the recommendations of the committee regarding a memorial for the late President Frederick Madison Smith, as found on page 107 of the *Daily Herald*. Brethren Thomas McIntire and Marcelo Pagat moved as a substitute that we attempt to finish the Auditorium and then proceed to evangelize the world. The following was moved by Elders Fred Banta and Fred O. Davies as a substitute for the entire matter:

That as a memorial for the prophets of the church a suitable building in keeping with the over-all planning of the development of Graceland College facilities, and at the discretion of the Graceland College Board of Trustees, be erected on the Graceland College campus.

And further, that the plan for financing of the memorial be kept within the other budgetary and fund-raising needs of the church. A goal of \$25,000 per year for a period of ten years, to be received from contributors in small sums, would enable a large number of people to participate in the achievement of such a goal.

Brethren Delbert Smith and Anthony Lampe moved to lay the matter on the table, which motion lost. Brethren Elwood Smith and R. W. Conrad moved

the previous question, which motion carried. The substitute for the entire matter lost, as did the substitute offered by Brother McIntire. Elder Russell Rockwell called for a "yea" and "nay" vote, which motion was denied by vote. The vote on the original motion was taken. Apostle D. B. Jensen requested that the votes be counted, and upon the count being taken, the motion prevailed.

President F. Henry Edwards relinquished the chair to President W. Wallace Smith.

The chair stated that members of the committee making the report considered above were discharged, and thanked them for their service.

The matter of the dates of the 1958 General Conference was brought up for consideration. The chair called attention to the original recommendation and motion to approve on page 74, and the proposed substitute as published on page 92, of the *Daily Herald*. Brethren Lee Oliver and Clarence Langham moved approval of the substitute, which motion carried.

The document submitted by the Presidents of Seventy as found on page 73 of the *Daily Herald*, concerning release of Seventies, was brought up for consideration. The document as published was approved.

A resolution from the Order of Bishops concerning the completion of the Auditorium was presented:

*To the General Conference:*

WHEREAS, In the past two years the church has raised the amount of \$528,146.29, including Christmas Offerings, for construction work on the Auditorium, we, the Order of Bishops, wish to express our sincere and deep appreciation to the members of the church who have made this achievement possible. Furthermore, we feel that all those who have contributed to this should be most highly commended.

WHEREAS, Many of those who are here as delegates, as ex officio members, and as visitors to the General Conference have expressed appreciation for that which has been accomplished and are desirous of seeing the work continued; and

WHEREAS, Plans have been made for an extensive program of teaching the temporal law throughout the entire church during the two years, 1956 and 1957, for which program there has been developed the motion picture film *The Center Place*, and other materials to be made available to the priesthood and workers throughout the church; and

WHEREAS, There are unfinished portions of the Auditorium, including the main room, the facing of the front wings adjacent to the foyer, the lower auditorium, the ramps, and the landscaping; and

WHEREAS, The estimated costs of the main room, the organ, the seating, the east, west, and south entrances will be more than \$1,000,000 (which does not include the lower auditorium, the ramps, or the landscaping); and

WHEREAS, There is now on hand approximately \$750,000, including the appropriation of \$200,000 made by this Conference; and

WHEREAS, As stated herein, we think it is the wish and the intent of the members of the

church to continue this most important Auditorium project; and

WHEREAS, We should have a minimum of \$950,000 of cash in hand before letting the contracts for completion of the main room; and

WHEREAS, We believe that the raising of the additional money should be co-ordinated with and made a part of the total financial objectives for these years; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That we make every effort to have an additional \$200,000 in hand not later than November 1, 1956. We therefore recommend the raising of this additional sum of \$200,000 by November 1 and a further additional amount of \$300,000 by December 31, 1957, to assure continuation of construction of this building, making every effort to finish the interior of the main auditorium before the Conference of 1958, including the seating and the organ; and, furthermore, that we pledge

ourselves to the continuous program of construction to these ends.

THE ORDER OF BISHOPS  
*W. N. Johnson, Secretary*

Elders John Darling and Sidney Dabarn moved approval, which motion carried.

Hymn 119 was sung. The benediction was by Elder J. C. Stuart, and the Conference adjourned at 4:15 p.m., to meet again at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, April 15, 1956.

CHARLES D. NEFF  
FRED L. YOUNG  
W. R. STEARNS  
*Secretaries*

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# Official Minutes of General Conference

Business Session, Sunday, April 15, 1956

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The final business session of the 1956 General Conference convened at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, April 15, with President Israel A. Smith in the chair.

The opening hymn 130 was sung under the leadership of Elder Franklyn S. Weddle. Elder Evan A. Fry was at the organ. The invocation was by Apostle R. E. Davey.

The minutes of the April 14 business session were read and approved.

Authority to call a meeting of the Board of Appropriations was granted upon a motion by Brethren John Wight and Leonard Hoisington. The motion carried.

## *To the General Conference:*

WHEREAS, Changing economic conditions make it difficult to foresee economic trends which may affect the operations of the church over a two-year period; and

WHEREAS, It is important that the administrative officers of the church have the authority to make adjustments in the event that economic conditions change to make such adjustment imperative; be it hereby

*Resolved*, That the First Presidency be authorized to call the Board of Appropriations at any time in consultation with the Presiding Bishopric to review our financial situation and to take such action as may be necessary within reasonable budgetary restrictions, to adjust our finances to permit the carrying on of the work of the church efficiently.

THE PRESIDING BISHOPRIC  
*G. L. DeLapp*

The following committees, to make a study of the language and wording of the Book of Mormon, were announced by the First Presidency in harmony with previous action of the Conference:

## *To the General Conference:*

At the business session of April 14, you asked us to appoint a committee to consider wherein and if the language and wording of the Book of Mormon may be improved; this committee to make report of the findings, and recommendations to the General Conference of 1958 and to accompany this report with such changes as they might suggest.

In harmony with this action we wish to announce the appointment of the following committee:

Evan Fry, Chairman,  
Elva Oakman  
Leonard Lea  
Herbert M. Scott  
Russell Ralston

As an advisory committee to the above, we are naming:

Roy Cheville  
M. L. Daper  
Alice Edwards  
Melvin R. Fowler  
C. R. Hield  
Evan Shute  
Garland E. Tickemyer  
James D. Wardle  
Roy Weldon

It should be understood that the committee will be free to call on any specially qualified persons for assistance, and that if thought wise any such persons may be added to the main or advisory committee at the discretion of the First Presidency.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
*Israel A. Smith*

A resolution of appreciation was read by the First Presidency, after which it was announced that the chair would take the responsibility of writing additional letters of thanks to others who have contributed to the success of the Conference:

## *To the General Conference:*

This Conference has had excellent coverage from the press, radio, and television. This has been a valuable service to those members who have not been able to attend, as well as the community and nation. We hereby wish to express the thanks of the Conference to the organizations concerned for their courtesies.

We further wish to record our thanks to the city of Independence for its courtesies and services in handling the traffic and extending police protection. This has been both indulgent and efficient. The extra burdens thrown upon the city during this Conference period have been met with all the consideration of a good and gracious host.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
*Israel A. Smith*

Elders D. T. Williams and J. C. Daugherty moved adoption of the following resolution regarding the grant of the Ford Foundation to the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital, which motion carried:

I move that we authorize the Presidency to formulate a letter to the Board of Directors of the Ford Foundation stating the appreciation of the General Conference for the gift of \$97,000 to the Independence Sanitarium and Hospital.

The business of sustaining church officers proceeded as follows:

It was moved by Elders Paul M. Hanson and L. S. Wight to sustain the First Presidency. The motion was put to a vote by Apostle P. M. Hanson and carried unanimously.

The motion to sustain the Council of Twelve carried unanimously, after a motion by Elders W. Wallace Smith and Glen H. Johnson.

Upon motions duly made and seconded, the following officers and departmental leaders were sustained by unanimous vote of the Conference:

The First Presidency  
The Council of Twelve  
The Standing High Council  
The Presiding Evangelist  
The Presiding Bishopric  
The Presidency of the Quorum of High Priests  
The Council of the Presidents of Seventy  
General Church Secretary C. D. Neff and Assistant Secretary Fred Young

The Department of Religious Education  
Clifford Cole, Director  
Richard B. Lancaster, Young People  
Clifford P. Buck, Church School  
Athol B. Packer, Adults  
Jack R. Evans, Children

The Department of Women, Mrs. S. A. Burgess, Director  
The Radio and Audio-Visual Departments  
Franklyn S. Weddle, Co-ordinator  
Arthur J. Rock, Audio-Visual Director  
Charles F. Church, Jr., Radio Director  
Evan A. Fry, Radio Minister

The Department of Music—Franklyn S. Weddle, Director  
Paul N. Craig, Assistant Director

The Church Historian—John Blackmore  
The Church Statistician—Merle P. Guthrie  
The Church Physician—Charles F. Grabske,  
M.D.

At this juncture, Brother Henry Inouye of Hawaii directed a ceremony in which leis were presented to the general officers on the platform by women of the Hawaiian delegation.

Apostle Paul M. Hanson moved that a standing vote of confidence be paid President Israel A. Smith. The motion passed unanimously and the tribute was given by the entire assembly.

The minutes of the Sunday session to this point were read and approved.

President Israel A. Smith read the General Church assignments and asked those called to proceed to the platform and the wives to stand in their places:

#### FIRST PRESIDENCY

Israel A. Smith  
F. Henry Edwards  
W. Wallace Smith

#### COUNCIL OF TWELVE

P. M. Hanson—Representative of the First Presidency

D. T. Williams—Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Red River District, Illinois, including Nauvoo District, Northern Indiana, St. Louis and Southern Missouri Districts

E. J. Gleazer—Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Southern Indiana District

A. A. Oakman—Maine, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, Southern New England, and Washington, D.C., District

C. R. Hield—French Oceania, Latin-American Mission, Associate Minister in Central and Southwestern Texas District, Texas Unorganized, Arizona, and New Mexico

D. B. Jensen—Eastern Colorado District, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Western Texas District, and Spring River, Springfield, and Rich Hill Districts

R. E. Davey—Australasian Mission  
M. L. Draper—The Central Stakes, Iowa, including Rock Island District, and Missouri Missionary Development Area

P. E. Farrow—The Prairie Provinces of Canada, Washington, Oregon, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Unorganized North Dakota, South Dakota, British Columbia, and Hawaii

R. M. Holmes—California, Nevada, Utah District, Western Colorado, and Alaska

D. O. Chesworth—Ontario, Canada, and Michigan

D. V. Lents—British Isles and European Mission, Associate Minister in Central and Southwestern Texas Districts, Texas Unorganized, Arizona and New Mexico

#### PRESIDING EVANGELIST

Elbert A. Smith

#### PRESIDING BISHOPRIC

G. Leslie DeLapp  
Henry L. Livingston  
Walter N. Johnson

#### STANDING HIGH COUNCIL

D. O. Cato  
Carroll L. Olson  
Howard P. Andersen  
Charles F. Grabske  
F. S. Weddle  
Amos E. Allen

Arthur B. Taylor  
Howard W. Harder  
C. Myron Zerr  
L. Wayne Updike  
Lloyd L. Bland  
Sanford Downs

#### HIGH PRIESTS' QUORUM

Ward A. Hougas, President  
Emery E. Jennings, Counselor  
J. C. Stuart, Counselor

#### PRESIDENTS OF SEVENTY

Z. Z. Renfroe  
Glen H. Johnson  
George A. Njeim  
James E. Daugherty  
Russell F. Ralston  
Harry L. Doty  
Sylvester R. Coleman

#### GENERAL CHURCH SECRETARIES

Charles D. Neff  
Fred L. Young, Assistant

#### THE STAKES

CENTER STAKE  
Charles V. Graham, President  
Harold W. Cackler, Bishop

#### KANSAS CITY STAKE

F. O. Davies, President  
J. E. Baldwin, Bishop

#### CENTRAL MISSOURI STAKE

Harry J. Simons, President  
Willard C. Becker, Bishop

#### LAMONI STAKE

Robert S. Farnham, President  
Earl T. Higdon, Bishop

#### FAR WEST STAKE

Emery E. Jennings, President  
Fred L. Dickson, Bishop

#### LOS ANGELES STAKE

Garland E. Tickemyer, President  
J. Stanley Kelley, Bishop to October 1  
Francis E. Hansen, Bishop, after October 1

#### DETROIT INTERNATIONAL STAKE

W. Blair McClain, President  
O. Kenneth Byrn, Bishop

#### DEPARTMENTS

##### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Clifford A. Cole, Director  
Clifford P. Buck, Church School  
Jack R. Evans, Children's Work  
Richard B. Lancaster, Young People's Work  
Athol B. Packer, Adult Work

##### CHURCH PHYSICIAN

Charles F. Grabske, M.D.

##### CHURCH HISTORIAN

John Blackmore

##### CHURCH STATISTICIAN

Merle P. Guthrie

##### DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

Franklyn S. Weddle, Director  
Paul N. Craig, Assistant Director

##### RADIO AND AUDIO-VISUAL DEPARTMENTS

Franklyn S. Weddle, Co-ordinator  
Arthur J. Rock, Audio-Visual Director  
Charles F. Church, Jr., Radio Director  
Evan A. Fry, Radio Minister

##### DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN

Mrs. S. A. Burgess, Director

#### GENERAL CHURCH

##### Appointees Assignment, 1956

Adams, Loyd R.—New York Metropolitan District

Alberts, Donald A.—Australasia; Bishop  
Andersen, Richard D.—Columbia River District

Anderson, Samuel E.—Northeastern Illinois and Chicago Districts

Andrews, Alma C.—British Isles Mission, President

Ashenhurst, Raymond J.—Independence Sanitarium and Hospital, Chaplain

Baldwin, Joseph E.—Kansas City Stake, Bishop

Banks, John W.—Owen Sound District

Banta, Frederick C.—San Francisco Bay District

Banta, R. Wayne—Central Texas District, Houston objective

Barlow, T. Edward—Northern Indiana District

Beck, T. A.—Spokane, Seattle, Southern Oregon, and Columbia River Districts, Bishop

Becker, Willard C.—Central Missouri Stake, Bishop

Benton, Donald E.—New Mexico and Arizona

Berndt, G. Everett—Supervisor, Auditorium and Guide Services

Berridge, Barnett W.—Wisconsin District

Billings, Virgil J.—Lamoni Stake

Black, Harry W.—Kirtland District and Akron

Black, Stephen A.—Hawaii District

Blackmore, John—Church Historian

Blackstock, John W.—Southern Ohio District

Bobbitt, Ralph A.—Southern Ohio District

Booth, John E.—Southwest Iowa District, Council Bluffs objective

Boren, John H.—Assistant to Presiding Bishopric

Bradley, John W.—Detroit-International Stake

Breckenridge, Allen J.—French Oceania

Breshears, W. Joseph—Rock Island District

Buck, Clifford P.—Department of Religious Education, Church School

Burdekin, A. Floyd—New Zealand

Butterworth, F. Edward—French Oceania

Byrn, O. Kenneth—Detroit-International Stake, Bishop

Cackler, Harold W.—Center Stake of Zion, Bishop

Carmichael, N. Ray—Assistant to Presiding Bishopric

Carpenter, Calvin M.—Unorganized Ontario and Ottawa

Cash, Harold S., Jr.—Assistant to Presiding Bishopric in Southern New England, New York Metropolitan, Philadelphia Metropolitan, Scranton, Maine, and Washington, D.C., Districts

Chelline, Warren H.—South Central Michigan District

Clinefelter, William R.—Youngstown and Pittsburgh Districts

Cole, Clifford A.—Department of Religious Education, Director

Coleman, Sylvester R.—Hawaii District

Coltharp, N. G.—Memphis and Arkansas-Louisiana Districts

Compier, Antonius D.—Holland and Assistant to Presiding Bishopric in Continental Europe

Conway, John T.—Washington, D.C., District, and Washington, D.C.

Conway, Walter J.—Northwest Ohio District

Couey, Duane E.—Memphis District

Crinzi, E. Paul—Spokane District and Spokane

- Crownover, A. Orlin—Toronto District and Metropolitan Toronto
- Curtis, J. Frank—Spokane District
- Curtis, Jack M.—West Virginia District
- Darling, John R.—Mobile District and Mobile
- Daugherty, James C.—Spokane and Columbia River Districts
- Davies, Charles A.—Australia, Director of Priesthood and Religious Education and Missionary at Large
- Davies, Fred O.—Kansas City Stake, President
- Dickens, Eldon W.—Alaska
- Dickson, Frederick L.—Far West Stake, Bishop
- Doty, Harry L.—South Central States Mission
- Downey, H. T.—Center Stake of Zion, Bishopric
- Ettinger, Cecil R.—Des Moines District, Des Moines objective
- Edwards, Lyman F.—Detroit Stake
- Evans, Jack R.—Department of Religious Education, Children's Work
- Everett, James A.—Scandinavian Mission
- Farnham, Robert S.—Lamoni Stake, President
- Fishburn, E. Robert—Nauvoo District and Guide
- Fisher, Howard—Minnesota and Red River Districts
- Fisher, Kenneth G.—Alberta District
- Francis, Melvin E.—Tulsa District and Tulsa
- Frater, Alan S.—Australia; Victoria District
- French, Calvin V.—Philadelphia Metropolitan District
- Fry, Evan A.—Radio Minister
- Fry, Frank A.—Eastern Nebraska District and Omaha
- Gardner, A. Leslie—New Zealand
- Gibbs, Arthur F.—Nebraska District
- Gorker, John G.—Central Illinois District
- Graham, Charles V.—Center Stake of Zion, President
- Green, Kenneth T.—Kirtland Temple Minister
- Grice, John R.—Great Lakes Mission
- Grundy, Hudson P.—Assistant to Presiding Bishopric
- Gunning, Alfred R.—Australia; Sydney District
- Guthrie, Merle P.—Eastern Michigan District
- Guthrie, William T.—Missouri Missionary Development Area
- Haden, William C.—Seattle District
- Hansen, Francis E.—Assistant to Presiding Bishopric until October 1, 1956; Los Angeles Stake, Bishop, October 1, 1956
- Hanton, Elroy E.—Chatham District
- Harder, Peter H.—Rich Hill District
- Harford, E. Merle—Northern Michigan District
- Hart, Lee O.—Los Angeles Stake
- Harvey, Donald E.—Far West Stake and St. Joseph
- Harvey, Keith E.—Saskatchewan District and Winnipeg
- Henson, O. Chester, Jr.—Unorganized Florida
- Higdon, Earl T.—Lamoni Stake, Bishop
- Hobart, C. Houston—Utah and Western Colorado Districts
- Horn, William F.—New York and Scranton Districts
- Hougas, Ward A.—Eastern Colorado District and Denver
- Hough, A. Wayne—Northwest and Southwest Iowa Districts
- Huggett, Raymond—British Columbia
- Hunker, E. Yewell—Central States and East Central States Missions
- Imrie, John D.—Australia; Sydney and Victoria Districts
- Jacka, Sydney—Australia; Hunter-Manning District
- Jackson, Wallace A. A.—Oklahoma City District
- Jennings, Emery E.—Far West Stake, President
- Johnson, C. F.—Far West Stake
- Johnson, Glen H.—Northern California
- Johnston, Glenn E.—Upper Michigan Peninsula District and Manitoulin Island
- Jordan, John F.—Eastern Colorado District
- Kaleikau, David A. K., Jr.—Missouri Missionary Development Area
- Kelley, J. Stanley—Los Angeles Stake, Bishop; after October 1, 1956, Assistant to Presiding Bishopric
- Kemp, James N.—Southern California District and San Diego area
- Kinart, Keith N.—Southern California District
- Kohlman, Leslie W.—Canada, Bishop
- Kornman, Charles E.—Toronto District
- Koury, Aleah G.—Central California District
- Kyser, Donald L.—Maine District
- Lancaster, Richard B.—Department of Religious Education, Young People's Work
- Landon, Donald D.—Scandinavian Mission
- Landsberg, Lewis E.—Michigan, Bishop
- LaPointe, Myron F.—Pensacola and Mobile Districts
- Lively, Herbert C.—Center Stake of Zion
- Lynn, Herbert A.—Western Texas and Western Oklahoma Districts
- Mair, Perry M.—Lansing, Michigan District and Lansing
- Manuel, Ronald E.—St. Louis District and St. Louis
- May, J. Charles—Referred to the President of Twelve for special assignments
- McClain, W. Blair—Detroit-International Stake, President
- McConley, M. A.—Direction of the First Presidency
- McDowell, Floyd M.—Revival Minister in Domestic Fields
- Menzies, James S.—Kansas District
- Mesle, F. Carl—Young People's Camps, Ministry to College Students, and Ministry to Armed Forces Personnel
- Moore, Philip W.—Central Missouri Stake
- Mundorff, Charles R.—Central Michigan District
- Neff, Charles D.—Assistant to First Presidency
- Njeim, George A.—Central States Mission
- Oliver, Lee R.—Pensacola District and Pensacola
- Olson, C. L.—Assistant to Presiding Bishopric
- Packer, Athol B.—Department of Religious Education, Adult Work
- Page, M. N.—Kansas-Colorado District
- Patterson, William—South Central States and Northwestern Missions
- Pearson, Russell W.—Northwest Iowa and Southwest Iowa Districts
- Pelletier, Al. M., Jr.—Ontario
- Pement, Jacques V.—Southern New England District
- Phillips, James C.—Grand Rapids District and Grand Rapids
- Potter, Floyd A. J.—Australia; Brisbane-Bowraville area
- Pray, Jack A.—Spring River District
- Puckett, John T.—Central Texas District
- Ralston, Russell F.—East Central States Mission
- Reid, Richard M.—Arkansas-Louisiana District
- Renfroe, James E.—Southern Indiana District
- Renfroe, Zenos Z.—Rock Island District
- Robbins, Cecil V.—Southeastern Illinois District
- Rock, Arthur J.—Audio-Visual, Director
- Rowe, Eric S.—British Isles Mission
- Ruch, Verne D.—Eastern States Mission
- Russell, R. Melvin—Flint-Port Huron District, Flint objective
- Saunders, H. E.—Utah District, Salt Lake City objective
- Scherer, Albert A.—Kansas City Stake
- Scott, Herbert M.—Center Stake of Zion, Stone Church objective, Assistant Pastor
- Seeley, Robert M.—Southern Oregon District
- Sheehy, Almer W.—Flint-Port Huron District and Port Huron
- Sheehy, Howard S.—Seattle District and Seattle
- Simmons, Wayne E.—Southwest Texas District
- Simons, Harry J.—Central Missouri Stake, President
- Smith, Delbert D.—Hawaii District
- Smith, E. Elwood—Columbus, Ohio, District and Columbus
- Smith, G. Wayne—Idaho District
- Smith, Glaude A.—Center Stake of Zion, Stone Church objective
- Smith, Lynn E.—Central Stakes
- Sorensen, Vivian C.—Des Moines District
- Spencer, Geoffrey F.—South and West Australia
- Stobaugh, K. E.—Springfield, Missouri, and Spring River Districts
- Stoft, Arthur E.—Center Stake of Zion
- Stuart, J. C.—London District and London
- Stüve, Oskar E. F.—Germany
- Tacy, Lester I.—Southern New England District
- Taylor, Robert E.—Center Stake of Zion, Young People
- Theys, Eugene A.—Center Stake of Zion
- Tickemyer, Garland E.—Los Angeles Stake, President
- Troyer, Luther S.—Western Montana, Northern Plains District and Wyoming
- Turner, Robert V.—Latin-American Mission
- Tyree, Alan D.—Missouri Missionary Development Area
- Urdike, L. Wayne—Assistant to First Presidency in charge of Priesthood and Leadership Education
- Urban, Alfred—Germany
- Velt, Harold I.—Southern and Southern Border States Missions
- Vest, Elwin R.—Northwest Iowa District
- Vreeland, Charles E.—Sacramento District
- Wakeman, Robert I.—New Mexico and Arizona
- Webb, R. Vern—Germany, Mission President
- Weddle, Franklyn S.—Director of Music, Co-ordinator of Radio and Audio-Visual
- Weldon, Clair E.—Latin-American Mission
- Whalley, Peter S.—Southern California District
- Whipple, John L.—Minnesota District, Minneapolis-St. Paul objective
- Wight, John G.—St. Louis and Southern Missouri Districts
- Williams, David J.—Center Stake of Zion
- Williams, William E.—Kansas City Stake
- Witte, Victor J.—Holland
- Woodstock, Lyle W.—Chicago District
- Worth, Thomas E.—British Isles Mission
- Yager, Joseph H.—Alabama District and Georgia
- Yale, Alfred H.—Kaw Valley District
- Zonker, Louis C.—Nauvoo and Northeastern Illinois Districts

It was moved by Brethren Roy A. Cheville and Franklin Riske that the assignments be approved. The motion to approve carried unanimously.

Following the singing of "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go," President Israel A. Smith presented a message of challenge to the ministry to the church.

Brethren Harold Tabor and Harry Horsely moved to adjourn, which motion carried. The chair declared the Conference would adjourn sine die.

With the singing of hymn 381, and the benediction by Presiding Patriarch Elbert A. Smith, the 1956 General Conference was brought to a close.

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## Missionary Rally Saturday Night

A thoroughly inspiring service climaxed the week-day activities of Conference. Under the leadership of the Council of Twelve, members of the church were reminded very forcefully of their obligation to spread the gospel.

There were several high lights in the rally, but perhaps the top one was the dramatic presentation by the White Masque Players, "Why Didn't You Tell Me?" presented high in the choir loft of the balcony. It depicted a "good" Latter Day Saint at judgment discovering that his major weakness was failing to tell his next door neighbor the Restoration story.

This dramatic bit immediately followed the distribution by the missionaries of a "missionary kit" containing four distinctive tracts.

Earlier in the service representatives from Alaska, Australia, Holland, Germany, and French Oceania expressed their thanks for the gospel having been brought to their part of the world. Representatives of Japan and the British West Indies appealed for the church to make missionary outreach to these areas.

Just before the closing hymn and benediction, Apostle Maurice L. Draper led the congregation in a directed dedicatory meditation.

On the rostrum were flags of the nations now having church organizations. Large replicas of the Three Standard Books also added to the background decorations. President W. Wallace Smith represented the First Presidency at the service, and Bishop Henry L. Livingston represented the Presiding Bishopric. The Presidents of Seventy and many from the Quorums of Seventy also participated in the program.

## I Have the Floor

By Dick Ankney



**MIS-TER PRESIDENT:** President Israel A. Smith gave his parking sticker to his sister Audentia Anderson who is here for the Conference. A Boy Scout stopped him the only time that he has had to drive to the Auditorium. Brother Smith asked, "Son, don't you know who I am?" True to his duty the boy answered, "Sir, it wouldn't make any difference. No one can be allowed in without a parking sticker." Brother Israel explained that he was the president of the church. After conferring with another Boy Scout, Scout No. 1 said, "Well, if you're president of the church, I guess we can allow you to park here."

"Kansas City Star" reporter Fred Schulenberg was telling President Smith about his ulcer. Israel quipped, "That's why I have counselors. I let them do the worrying."

Ava Gardner attended the Conference. Not the movie star—but almost as pretty—she's Missionary Les Gardner's wife. They are off to New Zealand. . . . That pretty gray-haired woman in the Snack Bar was Mrs. Vada Allen. . . . KU's director of Radio and TV Ed Browne, his wife, Joy, and their four children drove back and forth each day.

Former World Champion Cowboy Irby Mundy was all dressed up in his finest clothes. When someone complimented him, he blushing said, "These are the sorriest clothes I got."

"Some people are more experienced at getting the floor. Some wave their arms and yell—others yell and THEN wave their arms."—President F. Henry Edwards

The delegate that stood on his chair trying to get recognition was Elder Lester Tankersley of Miami Springs, Florida.

Lamoni's Charles Hyde claims this was the best Conference ever. His wife, Mabel (Carlile), wonders if there's any correlation between its goodness and the fact that Mr. Hyde has never attended a Conference and stayed the whole time. . . . Word has been received from G. Stewart Wight on Formosa that he is conducting services in his home. . . . Seventy Jimmy Renfroe and wife, Mary, are expecting the stork. It'll be his third visit. . . . Oral Surgeon Danny Waite and wife Alice were in from Iowa City for the last days of the Conference.

A delegate addressed the chair and asked, "I move a substitute to the substitute. Is that proper?" President Edwards said, "I don't think so, but we're doing it."

C. J. Swanson and wife, Nelle, were here for the Conference after wintering in Florida. They got a frostbite tan, or don't you read the weather reports from the Sunny South? . . . Famous architect D. Dane Morgan was in Independence working around the clock on plans for the "San." . . . Air Force Senior Instructor Bob Allison was in from Del Rio, Texas. . . . Fisher Junior College exec, Albert Fisher, reports that he was also captain of a Graceland tennis team back in 1931, and his son, Peter, who was captain last year still can't beat him. Tennis anybody? That was Elder Gerald Evans baby-sitting while his wife, Mary Beth, attended the teachers' meeting. . . . The Center Stake's Zion's Leaguers will produce a summertime Chautauqua the last week in June. They're planning to bring in some big names. . . .

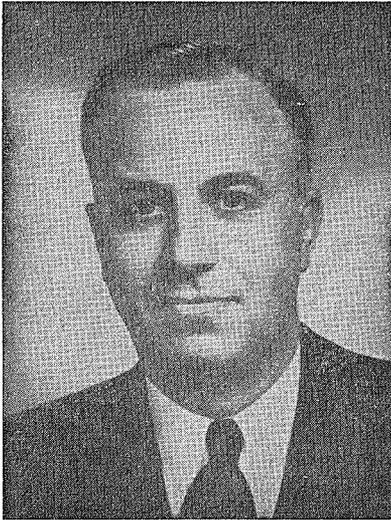
When the Hawaiians came to the platform and presented leis to the men there Leonard Lea quipped, "There are some compensations for positions of leadership."

Seventy Sylvester Coleman and Bishop Leslie Kohlman and their wives were waiting to see Bishop Livingston. When the bishop told the secretary that he would see Mr. and Mrs. Coleman, she made the announcement. Bishop Kohlman who lives in Canada and who is going back to Canada went into the bishop's office with sister Lavona Coleman. As the bishop started to tell them to prepare to go to Hawaii, he noticed it was Leslie Kohlman instead of Sylvester Coleman and replied, "Get back to those Eskimos. You're not going to Hawaii."

(Lots of folks mix up these wives—Lavona Coleman and Aarona Kohlman)

**CALLING DR. KILDARE:** Baby doctor Jim Van Biber was all excited during the past week because his dog had pups. . . . Coach Ervin Ultican and wife, Junebelle (Zonker) have a new baby and the poor child's initials are K.Z.U. . . . **WOMEN'S HANDICAP:** Mrs. Dagmar Root lost her voice and couldn't talk during most of the Conference.

Overheard after business meeting: "This church is really saving money. Hope someday it will be worth something."



## Faith—The Way to God

Apostle D. Blair Jensen preached on "Faith" at the eleven o'clock hour Tuesday at the Stone Church. "Faith is the way of God to open the mind and test the heart of his children," he said.

Faith comes not only by prophetic word but through the testimony of those who have stood in the presence of God. It is also that intangible quality remaining when our hopes are shattered—when we stand destitute of the things we cling to in life; through faith we still know that we are his.

When wealth, title, and honor are gone, faith in God, in immortality and eternal life sustains us. Faith makes us

willing to sacrifice, and we labor on with a sense of belonging to Him. It is builded on the conviction that each individual is of supreme worth in the sight of God.

It takes faith to make sense out of life and find a place in it. Suffering, destruction, and sin tempt us from faith. Yet faith has the power to lift people from abject poverty, hunger, destruction, and fear, and causes them to stand with the dignity of sonship.

People pick up patterns of goodly living because of evidences of faith at work. Faith overcomes fear of death and makes them fearful of not living rightly enough, bringing to mind the shortness of time. It masters one's fear of living and causes one to want to live fully enough to merit life eternal.

Our faith is revealed in our works: our lack of faith in what we fail to do. In days of blessings our faith is most highly builded into patterns of living; in days of storm and disaster we measure our faith.

## Bar Association Meeting

Magistrate J. L. Prentice of Toronto, Ontario, spoke to the R. L. D. S. Bar Association at the biannual meeting of the group last evening at the Enoch Hill R. L. D. S. Church. Approximately thirty-five lawyers and their wives from all parts of the United States heard Magistrate Prentice explain some of the differ-

ences in the practice of law and operation of courts between the United States and Canada.

The association elected to the Board of Directors of the organization Richard W. Mason, St. Joseph, Missouri; John W. Newhart, Savannah, Missouri; A. B. Taylor, Independence, Missouri; C. L. Olson, Independence, Missouri; and Byron Constance, Independence, Missouri.

A. B. Taylor was elected president; Richard W. Mason, vice-president; and Byron Constance, secretary-treasurer.

The lawyers adopted a resolution urging consideration of establishment of a legal clinic to aid the church and its members in legal matters.



## Gleanings from Gleazer

The church is people—people with a purpose—purpose with a program—program with participation—participation that builds people.

People become what they do. That is why it is so important what we do. The quality of our actions determines the quality of our people.

Our objectives determine our activities as individuals and as a church.

There are some desirable activities which we must forego if we shall reach our particular goal.

The ordinances of the church must function—not be just mechanics—to bring people to fuller, more abundant life.

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## What We Believe

Apostle P. E. Farrow amended his topic, "What I Believe," preached at eleven o'clock Friday morning at the Stone Church, to "What We Believe."

Belief is not that which rouses contention between individuals or churches. That which constitutes our faith today does not originate within ourselves. Faith is a gift delivered to mankind by God and is a priceless possession, and those who come in contact with it and conform their lives to it find it increasingly valuable.

There is a very prevalent idea in the religious world today that everyone has a right to believe as he chooses, but we believe we should think through what we base our belief on. Belief in the Lord Jesus Christ is important, and no people ought to be more aware of that than we. We must believe in the redemptive power and grace of God as manifested through Christ.

If it makes no difference what we believe, then why does it matter what we do? People generally once believed the world was flat, but Columbus believed otherwise; it affected what he did, and it affected generations after him.

It is not only important that we believe certain things, but the effectiveness of them rests in what we do about our beliefs. Our faith is built on what we believe, and what we believe we eventually become.

We need not think we are going to solve all the problems of what we believe about God (his truth, power, etc.), but we shall have a belief that God is, and our concept will be expanding and growing Godward.

I believe in the mission of God's projecting his power, love, purpose into the very make-up of man—an awareness of him. He has moved consistently down through the ages to cause us to become what he purposed us to become.

## Our God Shall Come

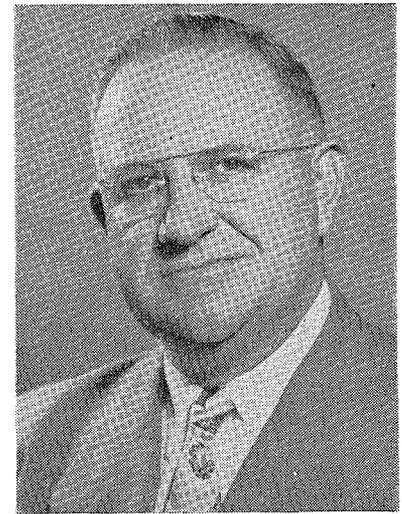
"Our God Shall Come" was the affirmation of the sermon presented by Apostle E. J. Gleazer, Sr., at eleven o'clock Thursday morning at the Stone Church. "This church came forth by divine authority. The most important announcement it brought forth was the second coming of Christ," he said.

Churches in the day of the assertions made by Joseph Smith denied the coming of Christ. Only a few individuals had the evidence that he would come a second time.

Who is concerned today in establishing the righteousness of God? Too many within and without the church are not concerned enough with God's righteousness. Zion is to stand as an ensign of the righteousness of God. All the revealments and events of the coming forth of the Restoration were to prepare us as a perfected people. Who can endure the righteousness of God unless they themselves are righteous? Unless there are righteous people the coming of Christ will be a curse instead of a blessing.

Jesus said people could observe the signs in heaven but not the signs of his birth. Is the same true today? Jesus said, For the elect's sake shall the last days be shortened.

Nothing that can happen in this world of ours can change the mind of God. When we return to the world, though we have been touched here and lifted up, the conditions in the world could cause us to doubt his coming. How



many of us who profess to believe in the second coming of Christ are prepared or preparing?

Our God shall come and shall not keep silence. This church cannot be his and keep silence. It must believe, preach, teach, and bear witness that our God shall come.

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## Overheard in the Breakfast Line

I do hope they don't have the Gathering early in the morning. I'll never make it if they do.

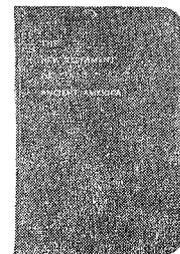
I've climbed up and down these ramps until I feel like a mountain goat.

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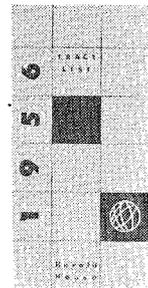
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## Brides through the Years

Patty Ashenhurst, daughter of Chaplain and Mrs. Ray Ashenhurst, wore the wedding gown of Mrs. Mark Siegfried at the "Brides through the Years" pageant presented during Conference at the Liberty Street Church by the women's department of the Stone Church. During the pageant, actual bridal costumes worn during the past sixty or more years were modeled by young women. This was presented on Wednesday evening and was sponsored by the General Council of Women for Conference visitors.

## Campfire Youth Mixer

The fine series of Conference youth mixers sponsored by the Center Stake Zion's League was climaxed Saturday night by a well-balanced program built around the symbol of youth fellowship, a campfire.

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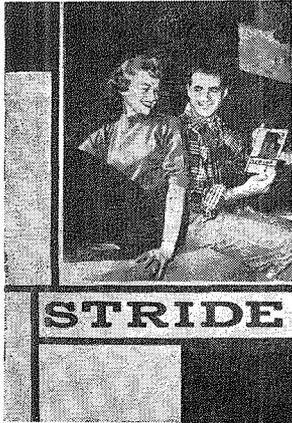
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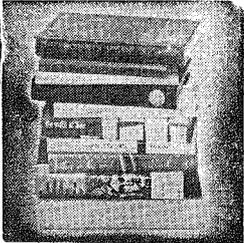
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Gabriel (Ralph Williams), Mrs. Carmen (Mary Worden), Mrs. Seaman (Mary Handy), Bruce (Joe VanRietten), and Connie (Jean Wheeler).

Once again Dr. Cheville led the group in songs, and the result was quiet, re-

ligious harmony. The fellowship was brought to an inspirational finale by Dick Ankney, who related to the young people a few of his childhood and war experiences.

CLAUDE LEE