

NEW ZION PARK STAKE CREATED AT CONFERENCE

Eight Wards Taken from St. George Organization to Form New Unit in Eastern Part of the County

Zion Park stake comprising Springdale, Rockville, Hurricane North and South, Toquerville, La Verkin, Virgin and the Short Creek and Cane Beds branch wards, was created at the quarterly conference held here last Saturday and Sunday. This district has a church population of approximately 2500. Twelve wards remain in the St. George stake having a population of approximately 4300.

The stake presidency of the newly created stake are: Claud Hirschi of Hurricane, James Judd of La Verkin and Russell B. Swenson, seminary teacher at Hurricane.

Eight high council members as follows were named and sustained: James Jepson, David Hirschi, Morris Wilson, Jr., John E. Sanders, Alvin Englestead, Harvey Jackson, John R. Crawford and Marvin Terry. These eight councilmen, associated with the stake presidency, will select other officers and perfect the auxiliary organizations of the stake.

Brief remarks were made at the general session Sunday afternoon by the new stake presidency and by Joseph K. Nicholes and Wm. O. Bentley of the stake presidency. Elder D. O. McKay reviewed the history of the St. George stake, mentioning previous divisions when the Nevada wards were separated.

The proposition of dividing the stake was given unanimous approval at the general meeting and was favored by practically everyone. in the priesthood section Saturday. The line dividing the stakes extends north and south at the east boundary of the Leeds ward, placing all east in the newly organized stake. The line in Arizona diverts so as to include Mt. Trumbull in the original stake.
