
Washington Ward Dedication Souvenir



Sunday, April 23, 1961---7:00 p.m.



Dedication

Majestically, dear Lord, our "Ward Home" stands
An ensign to our energy and skill—
Insignia of beauty that commands
Our love and faith in keeping with Thy will.

May hearts that come within these walls be pure—
In worship and amusement may we be
So thoughtful of each act that we are sure
To ever be approved, dear Lord, of Thee.

We dedicate this Home to Thee this day—
This monument with all its trees and flowers,
And may Thy Spirit ever lead the way
To exaltation in this Home of ours.

Lord, read our souls and bless, we ask again.
Be Thine the glory evermore. Amen.



ELDER HOWARD W. HUNTER



ELDER ELDRED G. SMITH

Elder Howard W. Hunter of the Council of the Twelve Apostles has been appointed to participate in the exercises and offer the dedicatory prayer Sunday, April 23, at 7 p. m. Eldred G. Smith, Patriarch to the Church will accompany him.

East St. George Stake Presidency



We, the Bishopric of the Washington Ward wish to express our gratitude to the Stake Presidency for the fine support and help they have given us in our building program.



MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE AND THANKSGIVING

As our building program terminates we of the Bishopric reminiscently acknowledge with gratitude and thanksgiving how the Lord has blessed us in the full realization of our project, sensing with joy that our fond dream has come true.

Success has been achieved, not by large contributions of a few, but the combined effort of the Ward in general, each member bearing his or her share of the burden, all of which evokes profound satisfaction, not only in the completion of this edifice, but in the fact that the movement has stimulated greater unity and strength among the members.

We sincerely thank the Priesthood and Ladies auxiliary Dinner organization for their undivided support, fully cognizant of the adverse conditions under which they have labored. We sensitively appreciate the time put forth by those who have rendered assistance, also for the spirit of co-operation that maintains among the members. Deeply we recognize and appreciate the contributions of money and labor that have been unstintingly given to the cause.

May the Lord continue to bless us in the future as He has in the past. That we may be drawn fraternally closer. That the spirit of common brotherhood be continuously enriched. May we be guarded from the evils that surround us. May our hearts be filled with a desire to serve Him, and that individually and collectively we may be shining lights in the community, is our fervent prayer.

Clerks—Victor E. Iverson
Charles Larry Jolley

Quentin A. Nisson
Rhaldo A. Turner
Glen Tobler

HIGH PRIESTS



Left to Right, Irwin Waite, secretary; Otto Stewart, first assistant; Herbert Knell, president; James E. Turner, assistant.

ELDERS QUORUM



Left to Right, LaVon Hall, president; Mervin Iverson, assistant; Clare Tobler, secretary; Keith Iverson, assistant (missing).

THE MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD GROUP

There are two grand divisions of priesthood in the Church, comprising (a) the Melchizedek that functions in things spiritual, and (b) the Aaronic that deals with things temporal. The Melchizedek, comprising high priests, seventies and elders, are units of stake quorums, and are subject to the supervisory administration of the Bishopric in the Ward to which they belong as members.

This splendid group of men are the insignia of the Church's requirement as worthy and noble servants.

PRIESTS



Reading left to right, Quentin A. Nisson, president; Victor E. Iverson, advisor, Larry August, Ronald Bracken, Doyle Sandberg, Garth Paxman, LaVell Tobler, Gerald Turner, Leo Tobler, LaMar Ferdig; kneeling, Neil Stephens, general secretary; Ralph Staheli, and Richard Tobler.

TEACHERS



Reading left to right, Robert Nisson, Richard Ainsworth, John Mills, Randy Adams, Larry Harris, Rhaldo Turner, Bishop's counselor; Gerald Gibson, Haven Paxman, advisor; Pat Judd, and Greg Tobler.

DEACONS



Reading from left to right, First Row, Gary Ainsworth, Ned Tobler, John Paxman, Claude Milne, Michael Sandberg, John Adams. Second Row, Stanley Turner, advisor; Glen Tobler, Sam Mills, Leaf Turner, David Jolley, Ralph Iverson, Sheldon Neilson.

The Aaronic Priesthood, comprising priests, teachers and deacons, are full quorums that come directly under the supervisory administration of the Ward Bishopric.

The early training of these fine young men in leadership is outstandingly potent to develop for subsequent ordinations to the Higher Priesthood as disclosed in the explanation of the Melchizedek Priesthood.

The above is a splendid group of chaste, virtuous, clean-living boys in the offing for loftier advancement.

SENIOR AARONIC GROUP



Left to right, Joseph Judd, Ervin Hall, Clarence Bundy



Above is a picture of the interior of the new Relief Society Room with the officers seated on the front row. They are from left to right, Julia Dewey, secretary, Stella Tanner, Counselor, Lova Adams, President and Minnie Vincent, Counselor.

The Relief Society is the oldest auxiliary organization of the Church. It was organized by the Prophet Joseph Smith on March 17, 1842, and from the beginning, it's aims and objectives have been to care for the poor, the sick and unfortunate, to foster love for religion, education, culture and refinement; to stimulate faith, to study and teach the Gospel.

The Relief Society greatly enjoys the advantages of their new and beautiful modern room and kitchen. It's facilities cannot but help improve it's various functions.

An invitation is extended to all women of the Ward to become members of this soul-enriching work, for the nobility of womanhood is attained and realized through the loving service to which this Society leads.

The Loveliness of Womanhood is but the Flowering of Devoted Service.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL



Left to right, Woodrow Staheli, first assistant; Austin Iverson, superintendent; Joseph Judd, assistant; Lydia Stephens, secretary.

The great aim of the Sunday School is to more fully develop (a) faith in God the Father, His Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost, and (b) to consecrate both time and possessions for the perfection of the Kingdom on earth, (c) the elimination of selfishness, the furthering of actions both individually and collectively, and (d) the practice of engendering in hearts the practice of universal brotherly love.

The Sunday School greatly enjoys the advantages of our new and beautiful modern building, and the Junior Sunday School especially enjoys it's lovely new assembly room, eliminating the crowded conditions that existed in the old room. The facilities of our lovely new building cannot help but improve both branches of the Sunday School.



Reading left to right, Garth Paxman, secretary; Gordon Worthington, first assistant; LaVon Hall, president; Clare Tobler, second assistant

THE YOUNG MEN'S MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

World-wide educators and moulders of opinion freely point to the M.I.A. of the Mormon Church as being foremost in providing for the sane and potential conservation of leisure time.

Religion, education, and physical development are fundamental in rounding out the fine fibres of budding manhood and mature youth. In this field the M.I.A. has realized great success.

In Washington Ward, through past years, the Y.M.M.I.A. has been potential in the development of youth that today are outstanding leaders. Our Ward has also, during the past few years achieved outstanding success in our young men's athletic program, of which fact we are most proud.

With the completion of our new and beautiful edifice, constructed with facilities fully adequate to M.I.A. progress, we look forward with joy to what may be realized in fields that characterize wholesome development.

We appeal to the young and old of our community to become one with us in this meritorious Mutual Improvement Movement, remembering that there is no age limit to M.I.A.

YOUNG WOMEN'S MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION



Reading left to right, Carma Staheli, president; Vilate Neilson, counselor; Wanda Sandberg, counselor; Evelyn Worthington, secretary.

The First Presidency of the Church issued the following statement on April 1, 1941: "The sole and ultimate aim and purpose of the Mutual Improvement Association of the Church is to plant and make grow in the hearts of their members a testimony of the Christ and of the Gospel, of the divinity of the mission of Joseph Smith, and of the Church, and to bring the people to order their lives in accordance with the laws and principles of the restored gospel and Priesthood. There must be thrown around all our activities the strongest possible religious atmosphere. It must never be forgotten that the only excuse for the existence of an auxiliary organization is the attaining and building a testimony of the gospel, and of the Messiahship of Jesus."

We, as a Ward, are proud of the young women in our M.I.A. and the fine and outstanding activities they have sponsored in the fields of Athletics, Dance, Drama, Speech and Music.