

Thousands cram halls to see stake split

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More than two thousand people crammed into the Stake building of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and the Temple Street Chapel, to witness the splitting of the Cardston Alberta Stake.

Under the direction of Apostle L. Tom Perry, the meeting was conducted by Regional Representative, President Fred Spackman.

"This is an historic occasion," President Spackman said. The stake, which was previously one of the largest in North America, will now be officially known as the Cardston Alberta

Stake, and the Cardston Alberta West Stake.

Officers of the Cardston Alberta Stake are: Keith Olsen of Hillspring as President with Stan Johnson and Dahl Quinton as counsellors.

Executive Secretary is Gordon Williams. Stake Clerks are Garth Quinton and Heber Williams.

The High Council consists of: Byron Smith, Winston Bohne, Don Gregson, Devere Gibb, Bill Richards, Vern Quinton, LaRon Pitcher, John Hollingsworth, Ron Kapskos, Dale Bevans, Dale Wynder, and Jimmy Cahoon.

Patriach to the stake is Hector Baines.

Wards included in the Cardston Alberta Stake are Aetna, Blood Branch, Fourth Ward, Sixth Ward and Seventh Ward, Glenwood and Hillspring Wards.

President of the Cardston Alberta West Stake is Brent Nielson with Bryce Cahoon and Lorin Pitcher as counsellors.

Mark Wood is Executive Secretary with Max Hardie and Dall Attwood as stake clerks. Patriarchs to the stake are Roy Spackman and Grant Matkin.

Included on the High Council are Don Shaw, Chester Wallburger, Broyce Jacobs, Thomas Parkes, Lervae Cahoon, Dahl Leavitt, Mark Wallburger, Ted Mackenzie, LaVar Carlson, Jim Schaffer, Terrell Skinner and Joe Paulson.

Wards included in the Cardston Alberta West Stake are First, Second, Third and Fifth Wards, Leavitt and Mountain View.

The Alberta Stake was originally formed in 1895, and was split in 1903 when the Taylor Stake was formed, and again in 1921 to form the Lethbridge stake.

Cardston ward boundaries shuffled

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At a special fireside Sunday, members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints were advised of a change in ward boundaries, and of the creation of a new ward within the stake.

Speaking to a full capacity audience, Brent Nielson, president of the Cardston Alberta Stake, told members an increase in Stake population from 4,518 to 4,832 necessitated the changes.

Nielson added Stake activity level had jumped from 67 per cent to 70 per cent. These statistics make Cardston the leading Stake in the church, he said.

At the same meeting Wayne Bevans was named bishop of the newly created seventh ward with Brian Allred and LaVerne Vadnais as counsellors.

Second ward bishopric, Ron Kapskos, Barton Anderson and LeGrande Bevans, were released along with sixth ward bishopric, Bob Russell, Heber Williams and Gordon Williams. New bishopric for second ward is McKay Williams with Greg Burt and Ralph Kennard as his counsellors.

Barton Anderson was named bishop of sixth ward with Blaine Hogg and Don Browne as counsellors.

The wards and stakes are terms used by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to describe governmental divisions of that church.

Leavitt cantata sees 23rd year

By Denise Norton

When Leavitt Ward Choir presented their first Easter Cantata back in 1960, they perhaps didn't realize they were starting a tradition that would span 23 years.

"Originally, we didn't plan it to be an annual event," agreed Choir Director Lervae Cahoon, "but it seems in recent years it has gradually become just that."

This year's Cantata 'No Greater Love' by John W. Peterson includes some audience participation and also involves a children's choir.

"There is one song particularly suited to children's voices, so we invited some of

the young girls to become involved. They do a real fine job too," Cahoon said.

The hour-long Cantata will be presented in a Sunrise Service at 8:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday in the Leavitt Ward Chapel (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints).

"We invite all people to join us Easter Sunday," said Cahoon. "The Cantata music will be beautiful, but in addition it always seems as though there is a special spirit accompanying these presentations. As though to reflect the significance of this special time of the year."

Mar 29, 1983

Noel Pilling

announces dedication

Apr 19, 1983

Noel Pilling, Bishop of the Mountain View Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints announced the dedication of the newly renovated building will take place this Sunday at 7:00 p.m.

Work on the original Mountain View Church building started in 1981 and

was completed almost one year later. Alterations have provided a new chapel for the 300 strong congregation as well as additional offices and classrooms.

Mountain View Choir will provide the music for the dedicatory services. An Open House will follow immediately afterwards.



An unspiring sight

The spire of the Temple Street Chapel was removed last week to be replaced by a new one. With recent renovations at the Chapel and with major upgrading at the Alberta Temple currently taking place, activity around the area is quite plentiful.

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photo by Jerry Cahoon

Temple Chapel opening well-attended

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Bishoprics of the Cardston Second and Fifth Wards played host as nearly 600 individuals attended an open house Thursday evening at the newly-renovated Temple Street Chapel.

The meetinghouse had been, since last October, the worksite for carpenters, carpet layers, and heating/plumbing/air conditioning contractors.

Before being called as Second Ward bishop last August, Dahl Leavitt was the Stake high council representative in charge of physical facilities. As such, he initiated plans three years ago to renovate the Temple Street Chapel.

Michael Gibb of the architectural firm of Gowling & Gibb worked closely with Leavitt and the Stake, revising plans until they met with approval from local and general Church authorities.

"The real push," explained Leavitt, "was for a larger Relief Society room." The original Relief Society room could accommodate 60, but in recent years meeting attendance reached 100. A new wing, extending from what was the south wall of the building's chapel, now houses a sufficiently large Relief Society room.

Bishopric office are now located in the old Relief Society wing, and that in turn has freed other rooms to be used as classrooms.

Another alteration to the building's floor plan worth note was to the stage. The rear of the stage (which had been an outer wall) was moved forward, allowing a hallway to pass behind.

Other new features of the building include a new hot water heating system; and air conditioning for the chapel and chapel

overflow area, bishopric offices, and the Relief Society rooms.

New decor throughout adds a sense of comfort and warmth, and it makes the main foyer especially inviting.

Stewart & Olsen, general contractor of the L.D.S. Stake Centre on the east hill, was also in charge of construction on the Temple Street Chapel. Leavitt calculated a final figure on costs would be in the \$750,000 range.

"There's more floor space than a (newly-built) two-ward chapel would be allowed," said Leavitt. "The building used to be a stake centre."

Both Leavitt and Fifth Ward Bishop Ted Salmon agreed that their congregations' renovated home was as good, and better, than a new chapel.

Rising above the world

Approximately 200 local Cardston area young women of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints let their messages rise above the world, Saturday morning, in conjunction with a world-wide celebration. Helium-filled

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balloons carrying each youth's message of commitment, faith and hope, were released near the Temple Street Chapel. It is believed 3,000 balloons were released throughout the world. See story page A6.

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