

## Historical Sketch, Cardston Third Ward.

The first meeting house in Cardston was completed 24 Jan. 1888 and as need arose it was remodelled into what was later known as the Assembly Hall. This building burned in Feb. 1917, but the stake Tabernacle had been dedicated in 1911 and served the needs of the saints until the Cardston 2<sup>nd</sup> ward chapel was dedicated 31 Dec. 1922. This ward was created by the division of the original Cardston ward, 6 Feb. 1914. Thus Cardston was divided into two wards, Cardston 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1914 to 1946. The membership of each ward had grown in numbers such that it was decided to divide them.

The population of the 1<sup>st</sup> ward was between 1000 and 1100, this ward was divided into what is now the Cardston 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> wards, the population of each was around 500 and 570. The dividing between the two wards from east to west is third ave, north to south the 2<sup>nd</sup> st. These two wards were to use the stake Tabernacle for their meetings as before, but at different hours.

Cardston 3<sup>rd</sup> ward was organized 28 April 1946 with Bishop Alma O. Wiley, 1<sup>st</sup> Coun, Ora Nielson, 2<sup>nd</sup> coun Floyd Godfrey, clerk Burton Payne.

Auxiliary organizations,  
Relief Society - Pres Dug Allred.  
1<sup>st</sup> coun. Beryl Shaw.  
2<sup>nd</sup> " Elsie Sugden.  
sec. Vivian Nielson.

Sunday School - Supt. Vern Hall.  
1<sup>st</sup> coun - Clive Butler  
2<sup>nd</sup> " Fred Uebel

Sec. Arline Godfrey, Thelma Hansen.

Y. M. M. I. A. Supt. Howard Sugden.  
1<sup>st</sup> coun. Duane Remington  
2<sup>nd</sup> " Lorin Low.  
Sec. Jen Pilling.  
Y. W. M. I. A. Pres. Ann Gregston  
1<sup>st</sup> coun. Mabel Strate  
2<sup>nd</sup> " Lucille Card.  
Sec. Gwen Strate.  
Primary Pres. Rosie McClung.  
1<sup>st</sup> coun. Verena Crawford.  
2<sup>nd</sup> " Afton Remington  
Sec. Queenie Nielson.  
Gen. Com. Chairman Roy W. Hull,  
William Isaacson, Lloyd Woodruff.  
Sec. Beth Hull.

Ward choir;

Music Committee

Old Folks Committee:  
Chairman - Clarence Olson.

Committee for L. D. S. Girls.  
Chairman Hazel Crooks,  
1<sup>st</sup> coun. Mabel Gareau  
2<sup>nd</sup> " Thelma Smith  
Sec. Audrey Pilling.

Since there was a shortage of class rooms in the Tabernacle and a large group of children ranging in age years, it was deemed necessary to organize a Junior Sunday school. This was done 1949. The Jr. Sunday school met in the scout house. The Jr. S. S. officers were,

Co-ordinator - June Olson.  
1<sup>st</sup> coun - Catharine Hull.  
2<sup>nd</sup> coun - Elva Atwood  
Secretary - Olive Oakey.  
Teachers - Della Smith, Shirley Paul.

There comes a time when our older buildings seem to have served their time and their purpose. The stake Tabernacle had served well during its life time. Many wonderful spiritual feasts were enjoyed there. Sorrows, joys and heartaches transpired within its walls.

For some years the Alberta Stake officers the General Authorities of the church and the Cardston 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> wards (because they needed more class rooms and recreation hall) had discussed plans for remodelling the stake Tabernacle or construction of new building. After much discussion they finally reached a definite plan to erect a new building, suitable for a stake and ward chapel to serve the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> wards and part for recreation hall.

The building site chosen was the east half of the block west of the Temple block. The south east part of this block was practically a swamp, to construct a building there would incur considerable drainage and then filling in with overburden and top soil to make a suitable building site. The hauling of the overburden and top soil was by donation work.

The ground breaking ceremony and dedication services were held

2 June 1951. Construction was started almost immediately. Bro. J. R. Pope was architect and Leonard A. Larson was appointed by the General Church Building Committee to supervise the construction.

By Labor Day 1951 the building was ready for shingling. Throughout the winter of 1951-52 construction continued. Various volunteer work groups were there at their appointed time to take their shift. The ladies of the wards would serve hot lunches to the workmen. The greater part of the rough construction work was done by donation by individuals under able supervision.

In the spring of 1952 Bro. Larson was called to supervise the construction of another church building, so the completion of the building was under the supervision of Jay Cahoon, one of our own capable young men, who had assisted Bro. Larson.

The finished building and furnishings cost \$250,000. The funds were raised by, individual assessments, two auction sales, Sunday school 100% Sunday, suppers, lunches, two \$5 plate banquets, other fund raising projects were Kai Oro club, Calgary was Operetta, Myrtle Carter dance, Revue, Stake primary, western dance, Lethbridge symphonians, Comedy of Errors by Lethbridge stake, Shows at Rosy theater.

Dedicatory services were held 22 March 1953, Pres. Gordon S. Brewerton conducting. Elder Le Grand Richards was the principal speaker and gave the dedicatory prayer. Other speakers were stake presidency and 1st & 3rd ward bishops.

Bishop Alma O. Wiley was released from his duties as bishop 14 Dec, 1952, after serving the Cardston 3<sup>rd</sup> ward for six years. The new bishop was Dr. Fred Spackman, 1<sup>st</sup> coun. Seymour B. Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> coun. Keith Bevans. Ward clerk, Robert Wiley.

Within the past nine years (1946-1955, the life time of the Cardston 3<sup>rd</sup> ward there has been remodelling of various parts within the Alberta Temple. The old Tabernacle has been removed, the grounds east and west of the temple are being landscaped, this is a ten year project. The street west of the temple has been moved 75 ft west. The new street serves as a street also for parking of cars in front of the temple and stake house. There is a large parking lot west of the stake house. A Bureau of information is to be built north of the stake house.

During the past nine years the Cardston 3<sup>rd</sup> ward has made improvements in building new modern homes, some old homes have been remodeled, streets have been improved, the sewage and water systems have been extended in this part of town. Natural gas pipe lines are now being laid, to make homes more modern and convenient for the home makers.

Foreign Missionaries (1946-1955) from  
Cardston 3<sup>rd</sup> ward.

Robert Litchfield	- Samoa mission
Lyle Tytk	N. California "
Lowell Olson	British ..
Douglas Low	Eastern Canada "
Byron Low	So. Africa "
Audrey Pilling	N. California "
Robert Steud	Tahiti ..
Chester Aldridge	Samoa ..
Murray Stringham	Australia ..
Bryant Stringham	Great Britain ..
Kenneth Godfrey	France "
Lorin Godfrey	S. Africa "
Robert Card	New Zealand ..
Robert Wiley	Calif + N. Zealand "
Bert Wiley	" " "
Keith Bevans	Central States "
Dale Bevans	California "
Frank Stott	Central States "
Thomas Ed. Anderson	Australia ..
Eddy J. Ockey	N. California ..
LaMar Dulce	Hawaii ..

Many of the young folks of Cardston,  
3<sup>rd</sup> ward have gone away to notable jobs,  
to service of our country, to school or to  
homes of their own.