

Girls have fun

By Marie Barr Jul 17 1990

The LDS girls from southern Alberta were at Camp Impeesa last week. They returned home tired but happy on Monday after seven glorious days in the sun.

This encampment was one which occurs in the church every four to six years and gives the girls a chance to experience outdoor life.

The girls entered the camp on Tuesday, July 17 after the boys left on Monday. They took part in all the same activities as the boys did but had a few more injuries than did the

boys. Dr. John Hollingsworth said he was kept busy from about 6 a.m. until midnight some days. Although there were more different treatments given there were not any serious problems and most of the girls continued to have fun even after treatment.

Verla Wilde from Welling, one of the leadership team, said, "We've had a great camp." She said the spirit was high and the girls have learned to work together.

The chairperson of the event, Claudia Prince from Raymond said their expectations for the event had been exceeded. "We have been really pleased with the cooperation."

The camp had 1,213 girls registered with 680 leaders. There was a newspaper for the girls as there was for the boys.

Becky Shirley, program coordinator, said, "They've (the girls) done everything the boys have done. The girls have risen to the challenge." Her biggest accolade was for those who have run each of the program sites. "The people who have run the programs have spent six days in the heat sending all the girls through. They are the key to any of the programming."

She said the favorite spot for the girls was the aerial tram and the obstacle course. She said the tram was so popular there was a scout camp on the other side of the lake that asked for time on the tram. She said it will be left up all summer for those who follow the encampment.

Shirley said the girls were super and there were no discipline problems. She said the week was harder on leaders than it was on girls as they are more agile than the leaders.

All who went had a good time and are already looking forward to next encampment in four to six years.



Terry Beazer climbs the wall at the rappelling tower.

President addresses seminary graduates

By Sandra Van Ee Jun 10 1986

"Cardston is smaller than I remember it to be," said Ardeth Kapp, President of the General Presidency of Young Women's of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at the Seminary Graduation Sunday evening at the East Cardston Stake Centre

About 300 parents, friends and relatives attended the annual seminary graduation to honor 47 graduating students.

Kapp was the honored guest speaker invited to speak to the graduates and offer some words of advice and concern for the paths which these young people will choose.

She was born in Cardston and was raised in the Glenwood area, but now resides in Salt Lake City, Utah. She said she remembers her roots and many other precious memories.

Kapp boasts graduate degrees from three universities but said that "All you've read, studied, and degrees you may earn mean nothing and cannot compare to what we learn right here."

She recently returned from a month-long assignment in 10 European countries and even participated in the celebrations for Her Majesty the Queen's 60th birthday.

She addressed the students saying that now that these students are about to leave the safety of the seminary class and will be free from the requirements that it involves, they now have to come to the trough to be fed.

Kapp stressed the importance of remaining actively involved through service to others. "When we participate - we become doers."

Launa Vadnais from the seminary executive said that, "seminary is not only a place of stone labor and learning, we do have our fun times."

She said that seminary can help them to go out through the rest of life and to achieve the goals that they have set.

Justin Salmon compared life to a football game. "The object of the game is to get the ball into the end zone. You never head directly for the end zone." He said that a football team works together and tries to achieve a common goal.

"No matter what happens you

have to pick yourself up and follow the original game plan.

"Each one of us has put in practise time and the more experienced player is there to help the others reach the end zone."

The theme song "Echos of Eternity" was presented by the some of the graduates and the seminary executive presented a musical number entitled "Destiny."

For the 47 students who graduated from the seminary program, they can feel a sense of pride for accomplishing four years of requirements and study. They can also feel proud that they have set and maintained the standards in which they believe.

LDS members mourn president

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Thousands of members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (L.D.S.) in Southern Alberta, and millions worldwide were saddened at the news last week of the death of the president of their church, Spencer W. Kimball.

Kimball, revered as a modern-day prophet by his followers, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 5 at 10:08 p.m. in his Salt Lake City apartment at the age of 90 years.

On Dec. 31, 1973, Kimball became the 12th president of the church since its establishment in 1830.

Prior to being president of the church, Kimball served for 30 years in the Council of the Twelve Apostles. In that capacity he had the opportunity to travel throughout the church to attend, and preside at stake conferences, a job which brought him on occasions to Southern Alberta. Also as a member of the Council of the Twelve, Kimball was assigned to head the church's

ministry among the Indian people of the Americas - a people which the church recognizes as having a special heritage and a great destiny.

Kimball, as president of the church, put particular emphasis on missionary work and temple work. Temples have been built at an unprecedented rate during Kimball's presidency. (The Toronto area will soon be the sight of Canada's second temple. Canada's only other L.D.S. temple was built in Cardston over 60 years ago.)

Kimball will also be remembered as the L.D.S. prophet who received the long-anticipated revelation which extended the blessings of the priesthood to every worthy male member of the church.

For nine years, Kimball had as one of his counselors in the three-man presidency, an Aetna, Alberta native, N. Eldon Tanner. Tanner pre-deceased Kimball in 1982.

Funeral services for President Kimball were held Saturday morning at the Tabernacle on Temple Square in Salt Lake City. Both stake centers in Cardston as well as other stake centers in Southern Alberta and around the world, carried the live broadcast of the proceedings via satellite. Cable TV subscribers in Cardston could also see the funeral on their televisions.

Following the established pattern of the church, the senior member of the Council of the Twelve Apostles, Ezra Taft Benson, has become Kimball's successor as leader of the faith. Benson was ordained an apostle the same day as Kimball 42 years ago. Besides his labors in the church, Benson served as Secretary to the Dept. of Agriculture under U.S. President Eisenhower's administration.

Benson has chosen, as his two counselors in the First Presidency, Gordon Hinckley and Thomas Monson.