

MALTA COMMUNITY
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JULY 1974
DATE



PREVIOUS LETTER-DAY PROPHETS



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BARBARA VICTOR, JR.



LOREN C. GUNN



WILL S. PRIDGEN

Previous Bishops



1940 1948
Thomas Taylor



1945 1976
Austin A. Hollinger



1949 1955
Isaac Jerome Kibbey



1957 1959
Orono of Orono



1959 1967
John O'Connell



1947 1948
Rowland J. Harper



1948 1947
Charles H. Barlow



1947 1967
Henry Thompson



1967 1968
Harvey J. Wight



1968 1970
Wallace O. Stigge

Bishop's Message



Bishop D. Jay Harper
Jay Cottle
Clave Smith



Keith Gordon, Finance Clerk
Kenneth Crump, Ward Clerk
Rodney Hall, Ward Clerk
Boyd Booth, Decative Secretary

Dear Ward Members;

In the Book of Mosiah 1-17, we read of King Benjamin's counsel to his people, "And behold, I tell you these things that ye may learn wisdom; that ye may learn that when ye are in the service of your fellow being ye are only in the service of your God.

What is your attitude as you serve? Do you serve willingly and with a cheerful heart? Willingness of service has ever been important to the Lord. He has praised those who gave freely of their time and their talents. He says that willingness must become a part of that service if the full blessing would be obtained.

Now is that he might have joy, and the greatest joy of all is in the service of our God, in the satisfaction of having done our part well to establish his work, and in the knowledge that we have made lighter the burdens of our fellow-men.

We the Bishops, would like to thank those who have given of their time and talents in the service of their fellow-men. As we are nearing the completion of our new chapel, we wish to give thanks for your faithfulness and support in this important goal. It is through your dedication and united effort that this chapel is being built.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve the members of the Malta Ward.

Bishop D. Jay Harper
In behalf of the
Malta Ward Bishops



Building Fund Committee
Music Dept.
Sunday School Music
Sunday School Secretary

Relief Society Presidency
Librarians
Sunday School Presidency
Young Adult Group Leader

Elders Quorum
Deacons Quorum
Teachers Quorum
Priest Quorum

High Priest Quorum
Young Men & Young Women
President & Secretary
First Year Beehive
Second Year Beehive

Executive Committee
WIA Match
Laurel
Sales Group

Service



Geraldine Adams



Harold Hutchison



Roger Meddo, Jr.



Sam Patterson



Gene Thompson



Jimmy Thompson



David White

Missionaries



Michael R. Allred



John Angus



Dorothy Barrett



Kathryn Gardner



Ricki Booth



Brad Gardner



Mr. & Mrs. Jay Harper



Phillip Hedges



Loris S. Jones



City Councilmen



Fire Department



Malta Ward Junior Boys Softball Team - Ventures
Malta Ward Junior Boys Softball Team



C & T Women's Softball Team
R. E. A. Women's Softball Team
Maite Weed Girls Softball Team



Eller & Ellen Jones & Family
 Fred & Nora M. Jones & Family
 Howard & Helen Anderson & Family
 Mark & Joan Peterson & Family

John & Iris Jones & Family
 Don & Doris Taylor & Family
 Clarence & Yvonne Stewart & Family
 Neil & Marjorie Joseph & Family

Gene & Marjorie Baxter & Family
 Grant & Grace Baxter & Family
 James & Mildred Kelly & Family
 Neil & Wilma Smith & Family

John & Mary Portway & Family
 Howard & Mary Jane Campbell & Family
 Douglas & Elsie Campbell & Family
 Jim & Marjorie Carter & Family

Gilbert & Norma Smith & Family
 Jay & Juliana Garcia & Family
 Kenneth & Barbara Crump & Family
 Gene & Jeanette Carter & Family



Elmo & Louise Elmo & Family
 Leo & Julia Elmo & Family
 E. Sam & Judith Fyfebrum & Family
 Roger & Sherry Fyfebrum & Family

Tony & Eileen Fyfebrum & Family
 Nelson & Barbara Gendron & Family
 Bruce & Deborah Hill & Family
 Nancy & Jean Hill & Family

Elaine & Steve Harper & Family
 Doug & Rachel Harper & Family
 Gary & Dawn Harper & Family
 Jay & Janet Harper & Family

Ray & Dawn Harper & Family
 Ted & Betty Orr & Family
 Jack & Irene Hill & Family
 James & Frances Horton & Family

Martha Jean, Harold, Will, & Norma Hill
 Ted & Marie Hill & Family
 Ted & Sylvia Johnson & Family
 Robert & Sharon Johnson & Family



Neil & Wynhelen Turner & Family
 Janet G. & Nancy Robinson & Family
 Yukon & Sharon Sanderson & Family
 Jim & Janet Jones

Gordon & Sylvia Gordon & Family
 Gerry & Frances Stridbeck & Family
 Helen & Gary Larson & Family
 Helen & Gary Larson & Family

Allan & Ann Gye & Family
 Ege & Ruth Olson & Family
 Robert & Gertrude Kjaer & Family
 Alan & Marge Swain & Family

Len & Day Peterson & Family
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 Paul & Judith Kjaer & Family
 Glen & Fay Robinson & Family

Alan & Debbie Peterson & Family
 Glenn & Edna Berry & Family
 James (Bud) & Beverly Smith & Family
 G. S. & Jeanne Smith & Family



Tony D. & Carol Morris & Family
 Robert & Nancy Neumann & Family
 Doug & Betty Shuman & Family
 Tom & Vicki Hill & Family

Kay & Nancy Stenberg & Family
 Steve & Sharon Tapp & Family
 Kay & Aron Thaxton & Family
 Wm & Barb Allen Yelverton & Family

Kay & Aron Thaxton & Family
 Frank & Linda Orr & Family
 Wes & Sharon Tracy & Family
 Frank & Linda Orr & Family

Jerry & Debra My & Family
 Steve & Janis Warr & Family
 Clay & Suzanne Williams & Family
 Charles & Janet Varr & Family

Steve & Janis Warr & Family
 Nancy & Clara Williams & Family
 Bob & Lucene Williams & Family
 Nancy & Clara Williams & Family



David & Janet Wright & Family
 John & Elizabeth Wright & Family
 James & Susan Sullivan & Family
 Sam & Rose Sullivan & Family



Jay Adams & Family
 Dean Nelson
 Ellen Nelson
 Tom Nelson



John & Barbara Edwards & Family
 Mary Kilian
 Donald & Estelle Hill
 Edward & Pearl Hill



Burke & Ann Hill & Family
 Joseph & Lena Hymowitz
 Wally & Gladys Hill
 Helen & Elva Hoffman



Just & Sylvia Kautsky
 Morris Kautsky
 David M. & Beulah Kautsky
 Mary Kautsky
 Lawrence & Jane Kautsky
 Debra & Jay Kautsky



David Kautsky
 Ernest Kautsky
 L. M. Kautsky
 Ellen G. Kautsky
 Miriam & Rosetta Kautsky
 Wade & Jan Kautsky & Family



Phillip & Grace Kautsky
 Ethel & Naomi Kautsky
 David & Rosemary Kautsky
 Lane & Sylvia Kautsky
 Kelly & Ellen Kautsky
 Wendy, Todd, Greg, Amy Kautsky



Frances Smith
 W. P. Smith
 Tolly & Marlan Taylor & Family
 Jay & Eda Swenson
 Arthur & Fostelle E. Young & Family
 Lorenson Young



Charles & Helen Young
 Charles & Mary Manning
 Marie & Viola Wright
 Henry & Hazel Wright
 Emma Day
 Edna & Catherine Day



Elsie & Janet Taylor & Family
 Howard H. Sullivan
 Betty Ward & Family

History of the Raft River Valley

"The history of the Raft River Valley is inextricably interwoven and intermingled with the great historical pageant of the discovery - exploration, occupation and development of the Great Northwest."

"Across the stage have passed the great English, French, and Spanish explorers - the great fur companies, traders and trappers; - James Bridger - Kit Carson - Fremont - the Pathfinder and others, General William Ashley - James Beckwith - David Jackson - William Sublette - Jedidiah Smith, Peter Steen Ogden - trappers fur traders and trappers - their impress has been left upon the entire Western United States." In their great discoveries and explorations they have passed

through the portals of our mountains. In these early days the Raft River flowed wide in the valley floor, reaching in the early spring a mile wide, in the high water run off. Thus did it get the name Raft River as it was necessary at the time to raft across her. There was no large brush in those early days, wide expanses of grass belly deep to the horse, waved in the breeze. Cattlemen and sheep raisers found it ideal for their flocks and herds.

In 1847 James Shilley and Charles Gambie drove a herd of cattle into the valley from Texas. They spent the summer and fall in the valley and the winters at Fort Hall, returning in the spring.

In 1870 Andrew Secor came. Soon came James W. Pierce, John Marshall, Dell and Bill Rice, Sam and James Coe Andrew Lounsbury, George Scott, William A. Bealman, James Hill, Jane Hill, Stauffer and Tamm, John and Jonas Chubburn, Ed Conant, Fred O'Leary, Lewis and Schwabacher, Frank Tennill, Emery, Geiss, Keogh Bros, W. J. Pierce, William Jones, Charles Fiske, Berchens, Parishes, Barbens, Hubbards, Taylors, Hutchinsens, Haggfields, Powers, Gallihens, Robertsons,

Longo, Credits, Wm. A. Bull, James Parby, Krasnowa, Caldwell, Oatkeats, Coffey, Bowen, Mann, Komarog, Kisha, Olanos, McGill, Butters, Kemplon, Barnes, Neale, Stanglen, Dunfee, Whitaker, Bronson, Darlington, Edwards, Spencer, Emce, Johnson, Graham, Homan, Stockenbop, John Hapworth, Hall, and Watts, and others not known by this writer, by 1900.

These stock raisers trailed their cattle to Corinne, Utah to market them. They were loaded on stock cars and shipped by rail to market. Later the railroad was extended across the Great Salt Lake and Kelton was the loading zone for the herds and flocks.

The early settlers ground their own grain for flour and cereal or hauled their wheat to Corinne, Utah and brought back their grain. John and Jonas Chabure saw a future in the milling business, so they sought out a spot where they could build a small grain mill on a small stream west of Malta about eight

miles. People came from west and east with their wheat to get their years supply of flour and cereal. Ed Conrad bought them out and ran the mill for many years. This area was known as Conrad.

Mrs. Charles Gamble, Petala Weber, and Emma Smith delivered babies and helped the sick, giving freely of their time.

The mail in this area was delivered in open boxes along the way. First come gifts arrived was the custom. In the winter of 1884 and 1885, Julia Ada Condit, Sarah Condit Sacch, and Dana Condit, their brother, secured a permit from the United States Post Office Department to open a post office and name the community. Apparently it seemed like an island in a wide expanse of sea, so they named it Malta.

Wm. A. Bull owned and operated the first store, which was located just below the cemetery hill.

Leonard Condit established the next store in Malta. He also owned and operated a dance hall. He built a two story home with rooms he rented out as a hotel.

There were saloons and other western establishments.

George Sundich was a colorful character connected with the saloon business. At one time in the early 1900s, George and a friend were taken by the law for an offense. The friend said "Give me justice." George replied "Give me anything but justice." The first school was a log building one mile north east of Waffle in the Bull Lane. Sarah Condit was the first teacher. School lasted three or four months. The students were often as not bigger than the teacher, which posed a problem.

In 1902 a red brick building was constructed to house the school. It was also a one room school. Later on they built another room. It was a frame structure adjoining the brick building. This building still is in use as the hot lunch room.

By 1912, it was necessary to build another building. This one was constructed of cement and sandstone. Two grades were in each room. The basement was not finished at that time. As families grew in numbers, the people of the community banded together to establish a high school. This was supported by tuition.

Each student attending was required to pay.

Their needs became greater and finally they were able to have a better high school supported by School Taxes. It was held in the old red school. About 1928, Mr. D. D. Biggers was the principle. Through his efforts and the support of the community the basement of the gray school was finished. People donated books, and loaned books to establish a library, which was necessary for the school to be accredited. The students still had to buy their own books for classes. Typing was taught as a new subject. Each family supplied the typewriter for their own children.

In December, 1930, the school was razed by fire. Typewriters, books, furnishings were all lost, with the exception of the few books taken home to study. The following summer a group of the men constructed the building of a new school. It was beautiful to us who had been left with only the old red school house and an old hardware building to attend classes in. This building is the present eleven-room school. I. J. Waddo, Jesse Shill, John A. Ellison, and George W. Waddo were the chief contractors with others in the community working on the project. The brick laying was

contracted for brick mason from Burley.

Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints were among the early settlers. This area was presided over from 1877 by Francis W. Lyman, president of the Toole Stake. Small branches were organized.

November 19, 1887 the Cassia stake was organized with Horton P. Haight as president. Eliza Ward was organized that same year with Thomas Taylor Sr. as Bishop. Walta was a branch of that ward.

In 1902 Sunday School was held in a one room log building on the Taylor Ranch in Bull Lake. Some of those working about that same time in this organization were; Thomas W. Smith, Charlotte Hall, Robert Wade St., and Isaac James Wadda Jr.

Walta Ward was organized in 1918 with Thomas Taylor Jr. as Bishop.

The Raft River Stake was organized April 17, 1919 with John A. Edison as president. He was called to move to Alma, Idaho, with his family to preside over the new

stake. He left a good job in Oakley to answer the call. The year 1919 made another change for the stake, as it was decided to have stake head quarters in Walta. All the stake officers were called to move to Walta, in order to be where the stake meetings were held.

Walta Ward grew by a number of families moving into the area, in obedience to the call were, Eliasas, Barlow, Hopkins, Myers, Richins, Paskalls, Richards, Johns, Tracy, and less. There may be others not known to this writer.

President Edison built and operated a flour mill in Alma. Later as he was called to move to Walta, he moved the mill. The basement of The Clarence Battell Home is the only remaining part of the mill.

The first church building was built of logs with siding as the outside finish. The inside was finished with wainscoting. As the need became apparent the Michel Dante Hall was purchased to house the Ward and Stake meetings and activity programs. Everyone in the community participated in the dances and parties held at the church. The Relief Society annual celebration on March 17, was always

well attended by the whole community.

The Relief Society prepared the bodies for burial and the Bishop conducted the funerals for everyone alike. When sorrow and other problems bowed the people down everyone rallied around to help. One man said in recent years, "The Bishop is Bishop of everyone even if we aren't members." And so the love for one another was strong.

This great valley has suffered drought and pestilence. In the late twenties and early thirties, as the great depression swept this land, the drought was taking its toll. Through the efforts of some of the men in the valley, people were able to secure free gasoline with which to pump water to irrigate the parched land. Some were forced to participate in the WPA program in order to survive. It was a very humbling experience for all and perhaps much good was gained.

The people have been patriotic in saving the country as the need has arisen. Great Pierce gave

his life for his country in World War I, Kent Horne and Travis Perkins in World War II, and Ted Hedges in the Viet Nam Conflict.

Following the free gasoline some of the men organized and were able to secure an RFA loan, with which they brought power into the valley, and surrounding areas. November 1941¹⁹⁴⁰ saw the switches engaged and the life giving power flowed through the lines. If study was life giving, so we were now able to pump water to quench the thirst of the land. Lands that were abandoned by the former owners and early settlers have been reclaimed. The dreams and visions of those in the past are now being realized.

For many years Flossie Smith was the music leader in the ward. Martha Jane Hutchison, better known as Jenny Hill to us, served as organist in the early years of the church organization. Flossie Smith played the piano and Fred Gardner played the fiddle for all the childrens dances, and also on occasion for adult dances.

One whom we hold in high esteem was our great country doctor Chester I. Sater, who came in 1910. He gave freely

of his time and effort to keep us all well, and restore us to health, when we become ill. He very often served people with out receiving one cent of pay. \$15.00 was his fee for delivering the babies. "About a buck" was the fee for the house calls. During the great flu epidemic of 1918, when so many people succumbed to the ravages of the flu, Doctor Sater cared for the people with tender care. He had not heard from his brother who lived in Hegler and decided to pay him a visit. To his great sorrow, he found his brother dead and the sick wife lying by his dead body in the bed unable to arise. Oron Sanders dispensed medicine under his direction. Prior to his service, Dr. Husk was our druggist.

Bishops of the Malta Ward following Thomas Taylor Jr., who served from 1910 to 1915, was Aaron A. Zollinger 1915 to 1916, Isaac James Reddo Jr. 1916 to 1919, Oron S. Sanders 1919 to 1924, John O. Smith 1924 to 1941, Rawlins J. Harper 1941 to 1944, Skindley H. Barlow 1944 to 1947, J. Henry Thompson 1947 to 1961,

Harvey J. Wight 1961 to 1968, Wallace O. Briggs 1968 to
D. Jay Harper is now our Bishop.

The Church was organized in May 1932. Scott Gamble was the first pastor, and Rocha Powers was the first Secretary. Among the early members were Scott and Chrissy Gamble, Harrison and Rocha Powers, Frank McGraw and his wife Lillie, James and Jeany Hill, Iho and May Powers, John and Lou Powers, Dr. Chester J. Sater and Mrs. Sater, Frank Ribell, Dr. Charles, Arthur and Beulah Pierce, Jessie and Lois Pierce, John and Fern Hill, Dr. and Mrs. Ross Roberts, and E. C. Waha. In all there were thirty members. They held their first meetings in the old red school house. Later they purchased a building in Idahome and moved it to Walco. They laid a hard wood floor and made it suitable for dancing. They later built in a kitchen and dining room.

The Lion's club and Social club were organized the community in more recent years. Each has made contributions to the community. Through the leadership of the Lions Club our school has benefited much. They have done much work in the area of sight. At the present time they are and have

raised money to put seating in the school auditorium. Also they are working to furnish the money for the teachers lounge at school.

In the 20's Kraft Food Company purchased the original church building for a cheese factory. James Housat moved to Malta to be the cheese maker. He operated the factory alone. He did not have power machines to assist him in his labors, but he at times made up three vats of cheese a day. At a later date, they purchased a piece of land from Deardorff and built a more spacious building where many were employed. New men were moved in the valley to manage the operation, from time to time. Because of dissention among the milk raisers and their friends, the factory was vacated. Milk is now being hauled into Rupert. Some of the men who hauled milk in this area were, Earl Hutchison, E. W. Kelsey, and Wayne Whitaker.

We have had various men operate garages in Malta. Chauncey Platts, Mathias Ody, and David W. Hutchison,

(better known as Garage Dave), were among those remembered. Gill Bros. Also in more recent years operated a shop and garage service.

Space in this book will not permit us to have a detailed report of every one who has helped with the building of the community, or even to mention every family name.

At the present we are engaged in building a new chapel, because of the need. Bishop Wallace O. Briggs started the project and Bishop D. Jay Harper is carrying the project through to the finish.

At this time we would like to thank everyone who has helped in making this book a success, and especially Mrs. Naomi Fastell for compiling and writing this history of the Raft River Valley.

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For the best representation of the temple, the architect's drawing was used. The drawing was done by the architect and is not necessarily to scale. The drawing is not intended to represent the actual temple, but to show the design of the temple.

LATTER-DAY SAINT TEMPLES



THE NEW ORLEANS TEMPLE
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
Dedicated 12th May 1958



THE BOSTON TEMPLE
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
Dedicated 1st October 1957



WASHINGTON TEMPLE



THE PORTLAND TEMPLE
PORTLAND, OREGON
Dedicated 12th October 1958



THE SALT LAKE TEMPLE
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
Dedicated 21st May 1893



THE ASTORIA TEMPLE
ASTORIA, OREGON
Dedicated 22nd October 1957



THE DENVER TEMPLE
DENVER, COLORADO
Dedicated 12th October 1958



THE KALAMAZOO TEMPLE
KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN
Dedicated 1st April 1958



THE LAS VEGAS TEMPLE
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
Dedicated 12th November 1957



THE SALT LAKE TEMPLE
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
Dedicated 21st May 1893



THE SALT LAKE TEMPLE
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
Dedicated 21st May 1893



THE SALT LAKE TEMPLE
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
Dedicated 21st May 1893



THE WASHINGTON TEMPLE
WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Dedicated 22nd November 1957



THE SALT LAKE TEMPLE
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
Dedicated 21st May 1893



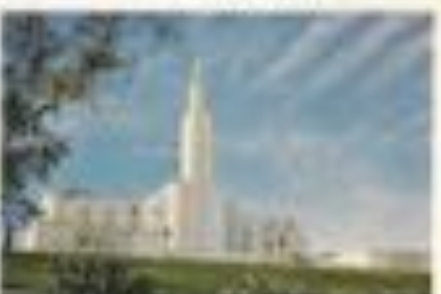
THE SALT LAKE TEMPLE
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
Dedicated 21st May 1893



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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
Dedicated 21st May 1893



THE SALT LAKE TEMPLE
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
Dedicated 21st May 1893



Malta Elementary School
Malta Junior High School

Malta State and Forest Park
City of Malta National Park



See Church under construction
City Church
School Church

Malta State Elementary
Schwan's Milk
Schwan's Milk

Malta's Cafe
Malta's Dairy
Malta's Dairy



Malta Post Office
New Post Office
First Church
Malta Service Store
Malta Cafe
Malta River Park Station
Supermarket, Inc.
General Mills