

CANNON WARD

When taking the Garden of Eden away from off of the face of the land-  
The Lord overlooked a wee little bit, He left on the earth to expand.

Not rich with the beauty of worldly goods, But endowed with a spiritual gleam  
This small bit of Heaven left on the earth reflects a bright Heavenly beam.

Therein grows a wonderful vineyard, with fruit sweet beyond compare-  
The fruit of this vineyard is children, as many as the vine can bear.

This vineyard, this Eden, this bit of God's world, placed here on this beautiful earth-  
Has come to be know as the CANNON WARD, reflected in its dear peoples' worth.

No wonder the Lord in his wisdom, smiled upon this little plot-  
For here were a few of His children, in fact, He saw quite a lot.

For what richer Eden could there be, who could set greater goals-  
Than to fill this, God's world on Earth, with clean and beautiful souls.

(Written for Cannon Ward's 75th Anniversary)  
By Jackson O. Zumwalt April 1971

In preparing this book we have tried to obtain old history and pictures of Cannon Ward as far back as we could go--realizing that by the time the next book is printed many of the people whom we have obtained information and pictures from, will be gone--and what they could contribute gone with them. We humbly realize our own weakness, knowing that there are still some stones unturned--some items that could be included that we were not able to obtain. Therefore, we have made this book in such a way that it can be enlarged upon easily in the next printing, and material added with a minimum of effort. This is the reason that this book is printed in the form it is--so that material can be added without having to re-write what is already here. We have also re-written much of the material that was printed in the 60th Anniversary book--bringing it up to date, and re-writing it so that it need not be changed again for a future printing.

Many, many hours have been spent in the preparation of this book and many, many people have very generously contributed material and pictures to make this fine book possible. It is not the work of one person, or a few, but many who have been unselfish to help make this book a very fine success.

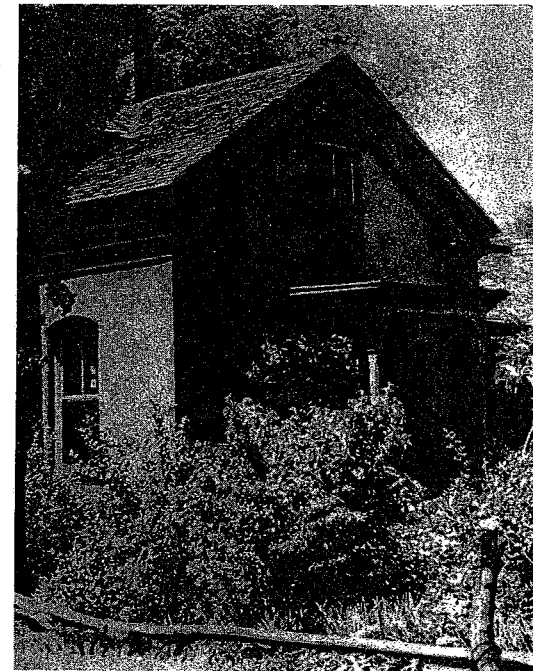
Much research has been done to give facts and figures that tell the history of Cannon Ward through the years, and of course, no one knows more than we that much has also been left out that really should be in this book. We know that many, many names of people who have accomplished great things in Cannon Ward have been left out. We did not wish to hurt anyone's feelings by leaving their names and accomplishments out--we just couldn't obtain the information needed to give all credit where credit is due. Therefore, we sincerely hope that we will be forgiven for what we have missed and can only hope that we can be notified of these things so that they can be included in a future printing. A file is being organized to store up this material so that when the next booklet is printed it can be even bigger and better than this one.

We felt that it would be a shame not to mention the names of those whom we could remember who rendered a great service in Cannon Ward, for if these people were not mentioned, there would be very little to say about Cannon Ward, because Cannon Ward is made up of people.

Again, to those who might have their feelings hurt because we have left out something that they feel should have been included, please forgive our poor memories and help us by notifying us so that this material can be included in the next printing.

After much thought, and consulting with many people, it was decided to print this booklet so that it will fit in a Book of Remembrance so that those who wish can preserve it in this manner. It also has a protective cover that will help keep it nice for those who do not wish to put it in their Book of Remembrance.

Most of the pictures included in this book have been taken within the last 20 years. Either people did not have cameras much in the "olden days" or they were reluctant to use them. Perhaps this book will help to inspire people to record in pictures some of life's important events, for themselves as well as for the benefit of others. It has been said that a picture is worth a thousand words, and a truer statement could not be made. How priceless pictures are of our loved ones after they have passed on, and how priceless they are of events many years after they have occurred and we wish to reflect upon them. We wish to express our deepest appreciation to all those who have allowed us the use of their priceless pictures so that all may enjoy and treasure these precious moments in the history of Cannon Ward.



OLD SCHOOL HOUSE ON CANNON FARM  
WHERE CANNON WARD WAS ORGANIZED

Perhaps the inspiration for the progressiveness of Cannon Ward has been derived from the sacred heritage imposed upon us by the name Cannon, the story of which stems back into the past when John Taylor (later President of the Church) took for his wife, the inspired Leonora Cannon in Toronto, Canada, sometime in the 1830's. Leonora emigrated to America through pressure of an English girl friend whose father was secretary to the Lord Governor of Canada. Leonora was inspired through a vision, to marry John Taylor, who at that time was searching for the true Church, together with a group of men called the Toronto Society. These men had come to the conclusion that the true Church was not here since no authority was apparent, so they must wait.

At this time, Parley P. Pratt was called by revelation to go to Toronto and proclaim the Gospel there. He was met with doubt and disbelief by this Toronto Society, but through the divine revelation of Leonora, now John Taylor's wife, John Taylor believed and was baptized into the Church. Upon learning John Taylor's identity they had the desire to immigrate to America. The family, with six children, journeyed to New Orleans, (a 7 month's journey). Ann Quayle Cannon died before reaching their destination and the rest of the family continued on to St. Louis, which journey proved fatal to the father George.

A 15 year-old son, George Q. was sole protector of the rest of the family and decided to continue with a company to Nauvoo. He was one of those who was privileged to see the mantle of Joseph Smith the Prophet, fall upon the shoulders of Brigham Young. George Q. Cannon moved West with the first company in 1847 and so began the history of Cannon Ward--as George Q. Cannon was the first settler of this community.



An original engraving of George Q. Cannon, done by E. G. Williams & Brother, New York

In the little red dining room--school house on the George Q. Cannon farm the nucleus of Cannon Ward was formed. Few there are left who attended that first meeting and even their memories are taxed to remember the early boundaries and conditions existing here at that time and a few years previous. At the time of organization our boundaries extended from Sixth West on the East to Redwood Road on the West--from about what is now Twenty-seventh South on the South to Indiana Avenue on the North. Within the confines of Cannon Ward there has been in the past numerous land owners of important ecclesiastical degree. Our section of the valley fairly abounded in Bishops. A part of the Ward now adorned with handsome homes and our lovely Jordan Park was formerly owned by Bishop Abraham Hoagland of the 14th Ward. Another section was owned by Bishop Hickenlooper of the 16th Ward. Bishop Jenkins of the 4th Ward was a long-time property owner and builder of houses which later came into possession of Bishop Spiers of the 10th Ward. Bishop Thorn of the 7th Ward also had a piece of our fair territory and so did Bishop Sheets of the 8th Ward. Bishop Clawson of the 12th Ward, Bishop Weber of the 3rd Ward, Bishop Raleigh of the 19th Ward and Bishop Burton of the Presiding Bishopric, and President John Taylor once owned several acres just South of our present Chapel. Other land owners now merely names are some of the Richards, Nicholes, Groesbeck, Mother Moesser, Dr. Darwin Richardson, George Stringham and many others. A fragment of the old mud wall that was erected around part of the city extended into our boundary running in a Southwest line near the river about where the train track now is and still another fragment until recent years extended along a portion of the Redwood Road.

Most of the older members remember the cow paths, the swamps and the muddy roads making it difficult to attend meetings and indeed trying to one's faith. Our beautiful Eighth West with its pavement and walks and frequent busses show only a part of our progress. In mentioning our busses we feel that no history of Cannon Ward would be complete without mentioning the old "Dinkey Car Line", a unique and marvelous possession we once claimed as particularly our own. At one time it was horse drawn, but later became an electric car, taking us to and from work or school. Most of us in recalling this convenience will also recall some of its operators, Davis, Orson Mathews, Harry, (known as Harry the six shooter), and Happy Jack.

When the Ward was organized, the country hereabout, was still in it's pastoral state. The father and founder of it and for whom it was named was the late President George Q. Cannon, in whose school the organization was effected. At that time the homes were far apart and not merely blocks but miles from a meeting place for the Saints. So it was deemed advisable to create a new Ward for these people. A special meeting was held in the school house on May 31, 1896. This meeting was attended by President George Q. Cannon of the First presidency, Apostles Brigham Young and Abraham H. Cannon, President Angus M. Cannon and Joseph E. Taylor of the Salt Lake Stake Presidency and many members of Farmers, Brighton, and the 5th Wards from which Cannon Ward was made.

Lewis M. Cannon was selected as Bishop and was ordained a High Priest and Bishop by President George Q. Cannon. Brother Cyrus Henry Gold was chosen as First Counselor, Brother Alma West was chosen as Second Counselor. Brother Gold was taken from the Senior Presidency of the 14th Quorum of Seventy. He was ordained a High Priest and set apart by Apostle Brigham Young. Brother Alma West was not present at the meeting so was set apart at a later date.

Meetings were held in the school house but almost immediately steps were taken to erect a new Meeting House. The bricks for this building were made during the summer of 1896. The foundation was laid the same year and 800 loads of sand were hauled on the grounds to make it above the level of the low lands surrounding it. The acre of ground upon which it stands was donated to the Ward by President George Q. Cannon.

Work was pushed on, and the meeting house and the building was brought under roof before the close of 1897. It was a solid brick structure 60 by 30 feet in size. Early in 1898 the new Ward House was so far completed that the first meeting could be held in it on March 6th 1898, but it was not fully completed until the close of the century. In April of 1897, Ether Moroni Davey left for a mission to the Southern States, being the first missionary to leave the New Ward.

Cannon Ward grew rapidly, very soon outgrowing the one room building with the stoves at either end to heat it and the long red curtains hanging at the sides by wires to divide the different classes for the organizations. Building was continued, the class rooms being added across the back, each equipped with their own stoves for heat, for it was not until Nov. 14, 1915 that the heating plant was installed and in operation with the large steam boiler in the basement and the radiators in each room. Meanwhile, Poplar Grove Ward had been created, thus changing the Northwest boundary line of our Ward, taking the part lying between Indiana Ave. and Mead Ave., West from the River. This change took place November 27th 1908.

Much later, on September 13, 1938, when the Redwood Ward was created, we lost some of our area along the Southwest boundary. This was the territory lying West of the river and South of 21st South.

Pioneer Stake was organized on March 24th, 1904, and Cannon Ward became a part of the new Stake and was largely drawn on for new Stake officers, always being glad that our men and women were selected to higher positions. In July, 1916, most of the Cannon Ward area which was then in Salt Lake County became part of Salt Lake City, thereby giving us benefits of city schools, lights, water, better streets and sidewalks etc.

Of course there were the years when we had floods and much of our fair land was under water with basements flooded, lawns covered and no way of getting in or out of some of our homes except by planking from porches to higher parts of the streets. It is needless to say that at least the children enjoyed this for there wasn't any school, but plenty of fun playing in the water in boats, tubs, boxes, or whatever they could get.

Then again there was a sorrowful time when everything was closed because of the flu epidemic. No school or meetings were held in our district for approximately three months with the exception of one special Fast Meeting held on January 5th, 1919. We were exceptionally fortunate during this seige and while we had sickness, death only visited our Ward once.

So we grew and developed, outgrowing our Chapel and classrooms. In the early 1920's plans were again discussed for a new and better Chapel and in August of 1926, work on this new building commenced. The basement was dug with Teams of horses and scoops that would be filled by scraping along the ground, then dug up out of the hole and dumped out where the dirt was needed. William Davis spent many many hours at this hard chore so that the footings and foundations could be poured. William Duehlmeier said that all the concrete was mixed and poured there at the site and he along with many others worked at this chore day after day until it was finally finished. Beautiful purple colored brick was laid upon this foundation to create a beautiful new Chapel that Cannon Ward members were thrilled and proud to meet in. The Chapel was above and the classrooms below, which at the time of construction were joined by doors that could be opened up to make one large area for the serving of banquets, having of socials or other special occasions. One such special occasion was held while Ed Sorensen was our Bishop. It was so hot one summer that it was decided to try holding a Sacrament Meeting downstairs where it was a bit cooler. The experiment was not too successful however, because some of the people could not see too well what was going on, but nevertheless it was a memorable occasion.

This new Chapel when built had a seating capacity of 400 people. This beautiful building was completed September 19, 1927 at a cost of \$50,000, but was not dedicated until May 26th, 1935 when it was entirely cleared from debt.

These first years were when our country was enjoying years of prosperity, but during the later part of the erection and furnishing of the Chapel we were going through the trying times of depression. Our people gave freely of time and labor as well as contributing what means they had. Bishop Tracy Y. Cannon in one outstanding Testimony Meeting held in the Ward promised the people that if they would help pay off the Ward debt the Lord would bless them so that they would be better off than ever before. Many stood up in Testimony Meetings later and testified that this was their experience and that they had been blessed abundantly for their efforts.

When the new Chapel was completed and in use the old Meeting House became our Amusement Hall, and many plays, picture shows, dances and Road Shows etc. were held there.

We are a progressive group in Cannon Ward, always striving for better and finer things, so realizing what a fine part music played in our meetings there came a desire for a new organ, and plans were started to obtain one. In February 1938 an electric organ was borrowed and placed in the Chapel to let the members hear how it would sound. Seldon Heaps, a visiting organist, played several solo selections on it, but it was not what we wanted, so plans went forward to install a fine two manual pipe organ. The work on this new organ was completed on Saturday, December 9, 1939, and on Sunday, December 10th it was dedicated and used for the first time. Tracy Y. Cannon played the Sacrament music and Bishop Edward H. Sorensen gave a report on the cost of the organ. The total cost was \$2,250.00. The Church paid \$825.00 and the Ward members paid the balance of \$1,425.00. The cost of building the organ pipe chamber amounted to \$750.00. The material was bought by the Church and the labor was donated by the Priesthood, thus the organ was entirely paid for the the Ward free of debt.

We feel that special mention should be made of beautification committees who have worked throughout the years, both inside and outside of our buildings. Under the leadership of Bishop Edward H. Sorensen a marvelous project took place in the rear of the building. A parking lot with curb and sidewalks was made, lawn planted and a fireplace constructed so that there could be parties on the back lawn, and many more things done to the outside of the building and lot. Also on the inside much work was also done, such as a general clean up, washing of walls and ceilings in all the rooms and Chapel, repainting of the entire inside of the Chapel and classrooms and so on. Bishop Sorensen took great pride in the appearance of our Cannon Ward. He of course was not alone in this endeavor for there were other Bishops who felt just as he did and had projects much the same. There always seemed to be work to be done on the building and the grounds to keep it fit to be a place to worship the Lord.

As the years have rolled on families have come--some to stay long, some temporarily--new homes have been built, streets, sidewalks, city water, sewers, gas--and all the things that come to build up a community have been ours and so we have grown and moved forward with the time.

The Riley School added much to our district, but before that school house was built, school was held in the back rooms of the Meeting House, in what we called "the portable" before the brick school house was built. Of course, many years later as the community grew, more space was needed and a new Riley School was built adding that much more to the beauty of our neighborhood. Mrs. Sally White will long be remembered from the old Riley school.

The remodeling and additions to the Chapel, the landscaping and all the fine things we have acquired, not to mention our fine pipe organ, have taken financial help. No group of people have been more loyal or generous than those living in our part of the city. Money and labor--love and loyalty have kept us working and united. For many years an annual Ward fair or bazaar was held to raise means for different projects, work, yes, but none of us will forget those good times, the booths we built and decorated--the queen contests, the raffles we were all so interested in and best of all the amount raise through the efforts put forth. Then there were our regular Ward outings to City Creek Canyon. In the very early days there were wagons leaving early in the morning with great baskets of lunch, ice cream freezers and all the good things to make a day a joyous one. Of course, there were the long ropes for swings, the baseballs and bats, the hours shoes, the races for everyone with always lots of prizes for the winners. With the coming of the automobile longer trips have been made--beach parties and trips to Saratoga or further into the canyons. Father and Sons outings have held a certain place of their own during the late summer days, knitting together bands of lasting friendship. These are some of the things Cannon Ward members will never forget.

How well many remember the father's and Son's banquets which were held years ago in the basement of the Chapel. The doors between the class rooms were opened and tables spread from one end of the building to the other. Who cared for table decorations or fancy things which the Mother's and Daughter's had at their banquets. We were hungry and were interested only in food which had been prepared for our enjoyment. Most of the boys went back for seconds and thirds. These banquets were usually held in the fall of the year (at deer season) so that the meat was

naturally donated by the lucky hunters. Gallons and gallons of milk were donated by the good old Hegerhorst dairy, potatoes by one or two of the farmer members of the Ward, as well as some of the other vegetables. Probably no-one had to lay out much cash at these banquets. That did not mean that they were not a success because the building would be bulging at the seams. Of course, before anyone partook of the wonderful meal we all gathered in the Amusement Hall and enjoyed wrestling—that is, the young boys did the work and the older men sat back and enjoyed watching them throw each other off the large mat that had been borrowed from the Pioneer Stake Gymn. The wrestling got quite exciting when all the Deacons would begin on the mat and the boys would see who could be last to be thrown off. Of course, there was a little politics involved too because some of the smaller boys would band together to throw off a larger boy and then later they would be at each other to see who would be champion. These were really great times.

The Mother's and Daughter's also had many fine banquets together. They liked to have things fancier and prettier than the men folks so their affairs were more work. The harder they worked at their affairs the more they seemed to enjoy them. Often times the Bishopric were elected to be their servants, all dressed up in costumes to add sparkle and gaiety to the occasion. Often the Superintendent of the Y.M.M.I.A. would do the serving. Of course, they would not think of wrestling before dinner so instead they would have a very fine program which was enjoyed by all. Unlike the Father's and Son's affairs, the ladies tried to have something different each time. Sometimes they would have guest speakers, special musical numbers, or readings by Sister Joseph-Fetzer and so on. These were memorable occasions that will linger in the memories of many sisters of Cannon Ward for years to come.

Another of the fine affairs remembered by the men of Cannon Ward is the annual Aaronic Priesthood outing at Saratoga. Those who had cars would take those who didn't and we all had a very fine time swimming and then afterwards enjoying hot dogs or hamburgers and soft drinks which were provided. The Aaronic Priesthood boys looked forward to these outings from year to year.

In more recent years there have also been some very outstanding events that will be remembered by the people of Cannon Ward. Take for instance, the trip to visit the grave of Martin Harris in Clarkston Utah. This memorable trip was planned for the Aaronic Priesthood, however some sisters and parents went along to help fill the bus. We stopped off at Logan for a tour of the Temple grounds, where we were shown the many different kinds of trees which came from many lands. Also at Logan we visited the University and saw the cheese factory there and had a taste of very fine ice cream made there. We saw other things on the grounds which were interesting, such as the dairy herd and the milk barn. When we arrived at Clarkston we were told a little of the history of the Church and of Martin Harris. On the way back we stopped at some school grounds and played soft ball and had a good time.

Since the Youth Missionary Committee, later to be called the Bishop's Youth Council, was organized in Cannon Ward, many outings have been enjoyed by the youth and those who went with them. One such was an over night trip where we stayed in some cabins in American Fork Canyon. This was in March when there was still lots of snow in the canyon and Fred Mellen got his truck stuck so deep in the snow that it took a lot of shoveling to get it out again. The boys and men stayed in one cabin while the girls and women stayed in another. We had a rollicking good time in the snow, going down the hill on inner tubes and sleds, of course getting ourselves wet.

Another youth outing was held at Bear Lake where there was swimming and water-skiing and boating, and of course lots of food and fun for everyone who went.

A fine trip was had for the Aaronic Priesthood where they went on a rabbit hunt, staying over night in Cedar Valley Utah and then going on to visit the ghost town of Mercur where at one time a very profitable mining community flourished.

These are but a few of the many many wonderful times spent by the youth of Cannon Ward. We could go on and on but must save space for other items of interest.

We must mention the acoustics in our Chapel. With the curved dome at the front of our Chapel we have acoustics much like the Salt Lake Tabernacle with its curved dome. The effect on music played or sung in the Chapel is noticed—not so much by the Ward members who hear it every week, but by those who visit our Ward. Many notable singing groups, organists and other musicians have commented on the fine sound transmission of our building. We have had such groups as the Swanee Male Chorus—or Swanee Singers, as they are more commonly known as, sing in our Chapel on more than one occasion. They enjoyed our acoustics so well that they sang number after number not scheduled on their program, just so they could hear the fine rendition of their singing in our wonderful Chapel.

Along with the good experiences we enjoy in Cannon Ward, come some unhappy ones, such as the flood in 1952. However, here was brought to light the spiritual stability of the members of Cannon Ward. Everyone worked with a common consideration for the plight of their neighbor, and none felt that any work was too hard, that would save a friend from loss of property or heart-break.

On April 27th, 1952, it became very apparent that the homes lying West of the railroad tracks just East of 6th West and South of 13th South were to be inundated by reason of a forced flooding of this area in order to save the much more populated area North and West of this location. For days previous to this date, every man, woman, and child, physically able, had turned out en-masse to do everything possible to divert the flood waters raging down from Parley's and Emigration creeks, down 13th South to the river, hoping that by sand-bagging and digging out this street, the water could be directed into the Jordan River, where it could run off into Great Salt Lake. But as the hours and days passed, it became very obvious that even the Jordan River was filled way beyond capacity, and all the work that was being done was not going to accomplish the hoped-for result.

On May 1st a channel was cut under the railroad tracks, and water turned in the direction of our homes. Only those who stood by and saw the relentless surge of dirty, destructive, sand-filled water into their homes could fully realize the utter dejection and hopelessness of feeling experienced. However, none shall ever say that faith was lacking very long, or that the saying "God helps those who help themselves" wasn't put into practice. It was inspiring to witness the conversion from apathetic fear and shocked depression, to the energetic and forceful urge to "dig in" and accomplish that which was necessary to retaliate, and remedy a situation brought on through no fault of the people themselves. Once the situation was accepted, the return of vibrant action on the part of the people must have been an inspiration to all who had anything to do with it.

The Welfare Plan was brought into action and in the words of Don E. White, assistant fire chief of the Salt Lake City Fire Department at that time, when evacuation was apparent, "the thing that was most interesting in evacuation, was the speed with which action and trucks were obtained and the organization set up. It proves the need of our Welfare Plan in an emergency. When you consider that the whole thing was accomplished in 24 hours, and over 200 families moved, the proof of the value of the Welfare Plan, not only as a God-given thing, but a very practical thing when real help is needed." May the names of Fred H. Peck Jr., and Elder Harold B. Lee never be forgotten, and also members of the General Church Welfare Committee and the entire body of the Pioneer Stake Priesthood.

Thank God for a people who could see the humor in the situation, too. Boats were brought into use,—one could see children rowing up and down the streets, pulling out very sizeable fish and grown people were wading about in hip boots discussing ways and means of helping each other. Night darkness brought Red Cross duck boats into action, and one couldn't help getting some excitement out of these barges going up and down the "streets" of water, their red and green lights flashing on and off, offering hot drinks and sandwiches, and clothing if needed, to the people marooned in dry homes but surrounded by water. Many a hearty laugh exploded at someone getting soaked and unusual friendships were formed by a common bond of distress.

Rehabilitation and the "cleaning-up" process was no small task, but undaunted, our members rose to the occasion and accomplished what was necessary. Let us pay tribute right here to the

untiring efforts of our beloved Bishop Alfred Wesemann, who sacrificed many dollars worth of food from his grocery store, many weary hours of hard work, many sleepless and prayerful nights, appealing to Our Father for assistance and comfort for his people.

During this trying time our Ward suffered quite a lot of flood damage. Meetings were held in the 26th Ward Chapel until the middle of June, when we returned to a damp, musty Chapel, but oh, so glad to be "back home" Thus, passed into memory another epic in the ever-sacredness of Cannon Ward history.

Thus too, sprang into existence, all manner of means to raise funds for the Welfare Plan. Our famous "fish pond" on the Stake Farm came into being, and many a good-natured joke has been passed to and fro about the little body of water located a few miles West of Cannon Ward which was supposed to settle our Welfare Assessment troubles forever! The idea was to raise fish which could be sold commercially. However, the project proved unsuccessful, trash fish could not be kept out of the pond, gophers tunneled through the dikes, causing the water to leak out and several other things happened which made it impractical to continue the project. However, there is one thing about the project that will never be forgotten, and that is the brotherhood that was experienced by men and boys, and women working together in a common cause. This alone was worth all the effort put forth. We do not call this project a failure, but rather an experience which taught us love and the value of working together.

This is a "young people's" Ward. Our Chapel is crowded with eager young men and women who recognize that here is a genuine love and interest for the welfare of the future generation of a community already rich in heritage. Nothing we can do is too much to do to make our children realize that they are important to us, and that we appreciate the nice records they are setting for Cannon Ward in the attendance of their meetings. They have won many beautiful trophies which stand as monuments to their prowess in sports and sportsmanship. Many, many Individual awards, and Certificates of achievement have been won by our young people, setting many records for greatest numbers in the Stake.

On March 1st, 1953 the Cannon Stake was organized with Elder Spencer W. Kimball and Elder Mark E. Peterson officiating. At this time Cannon Ward had the only completed building in the Stake. Two others were near completion however. With this new Cannon Stake we obtained a very fine Stake Presidency with Fred H. Peck Jr. as President, C. Leland Davey (son of Bishop Charles E Davey) as 1st Counselor, and Donald K. Bagley as 2nd Counselor. Kenneth Frost was appointed Stake Clerk with John DeVisser as his assistant. John DeVisser had been Clerk of Cannon Ward, so a new Clerk Don E. White was appointed in his place. Three months later Don was sustained as a member of the Cannon Stake High Council and Clarence Davis took his place.

Cannon Ward has been divided, and divided again until what was originally Cannon Ward is now Cannon Stake, the boundaries being almost exactly the same. So, what was originally one Ward is now eight Wards in Cannon Stake plus part of another Ward in another stake.

On January 16th, 1955, the Cannon Ward Bishopric was re-organized. Bishop Alfred Wesemann was Released as Bishop and ordained a Patriarch of Cannon Stake. J. Peter Loscher was sustained as Bishop with Wilford S. Stevenson Jr. as 1st Counselor and Don E. White 2nd Counselor.

About this time the Bishopric called on different families to furnish the program for our Sacrament Meetings once a month. This really gave us a chance to learn more about our people and learn to love them more. Though not as often, this still has been done in recent years with the same effect as before--the building of love and fellowship within the family of Cannon Ward.

This is a progressive Church, and Cannon Ward improves with age. In the words of our former and beloved Bishop Alfred Wesemann: "May the Saints of this noble Ward remain true and loyal and devoted to the cause of the Lord and bear well the name of a great man after whom all the Wards in our Stake have been named, George Q. Cannon, one of the Lord's devoted and loyal servants, who became Counselor to President Brigham Young."

Perhaps one of the most interesting fund raising projects that Cannon Ward had in recent years was Bishop Light's "Talent Project." This was begun on March 21, 1965 with each baptized member who wanted to participate being issued \$1.00. He was asked to "multiply" that dollar in any honorable way he wished and at the end of the project which was May 30th, he was to turn in the one dollar issued with all the increase realized. Here are a few of the projects that the families had: selling baked goods (which proved to be the most successful), making pillow cases, pillows, planter boxes, Easter eggs, home made Root Beer, pop corn balls, large bags of pop corn, fudge, aprons, hot pads, cupcakes, dish towels, bulletin boards, selling litter-bags, and sponges, and even tearing down an old chicken coop, (for a price).

This project was a huge success with somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1,500.00 being realized as profit.



CANNON WARD DURING THE FLOOD IN 1952 GR