

Ye can do good and be restored unto that which is good, or have that which is good restored unto you; or ye can do evil, and have that which is evil restored unto you. — Book of Mormon, Helaman 14: 31.

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Aaronic Priesthood Plans 1937 Program

Successes During 1936 Give Impetus

CLOSING a year of most unusual activity the Aaronic Priesthood of the Church is looking forward to a new season of greater achievement, spurred on by a special program sponsored by the Presiding Bishopric.

To acquaint all bishoprics and quorum officers with details of the activities to be undertaken during 1937 by the Aaronic Priesthood, the Presiding Bishopric has issued a bulletin. This bulletin states that a complete program of Church,

social and fraternal activities has been planned for every quorum and class which they hope will be inaugurated and followed consistently in order that the training and activity of the young men may be developed to the fullest degree.

A Favorable Time

The bulletin calls attention to the beginning of a year as a favorable time to bring into activity those who have not been ordained and to advance those who are worthy and who have reached the proper age; to complete quorum organizations where necessary; to form new quorums if there are sufficient members to do so; and to generally lay a foundation for a profitable year.

The bulletin mentions the importance of each member having the quorum manual. Special Priesthood manuals have been prepared again this year for each

group in the Aaronic Priesthood. The subject of the Priests' manual is, "Priesthood and Spiritual Growth," for the Teachers, "Priesthood Responsibility," and for the Deacons, "Priesthood and the Development of Character."

A New Suggestion

A new suggestion this year is that a special lesson manual committee be appointed in every quorum or class to take the orders of the members. It is emphasized for efficiency in quorum conduct that each member have the manual and study the lessons regularly.

Social and fraternal functions should be given a prominent place in every quorum program to develop quorum unity and morale, and increase the spirit of brotherhood among the members, the bulletin states. To emphasize this the first two lessons in each of the three manuals are devoted to fraternity and cooperation.

Many reports of quorum social activities have reached the Presiding Bishopric during the past year. These list unusual programs and functions at which the quorum members and officers accept the responsibility of leadership and organization. They are literally Aaronic Priesthood social and fraternal functions.

Stressed in the bulletin is the Standard Quorum Award, which it is stated, is to be continued in 1937 as an encouragement to all quorums to follow. It has as its basis adherence to the complete, well-rounded Aaronic Priesthood program outlined by the Presiding Bishopric.

The Standard Award

It is not yet known the number of quorums which have achieved this award during the past year, but it is estimated that a sufficient number will receive this distinction to give impetus to others.

A standard quorum award is one which has achieved in the following standards (all figures to be based on members of the quorum over 12 and under 20):

Set up and follow a yearly quorum meeting program in accordance with the recommendations of the Presiding Bishopric for 1937.

Set up and follow a yearly program of social and fraternal activities in accordance with the recommendations for 1937.

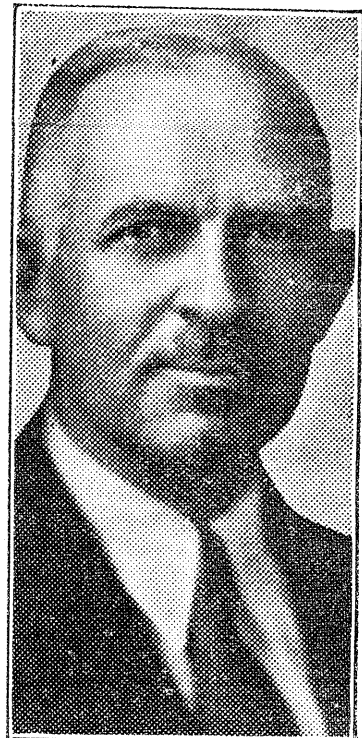
Have an average attendance record of 60 per cent or more during the year.

Have 75 per cent or more mem-

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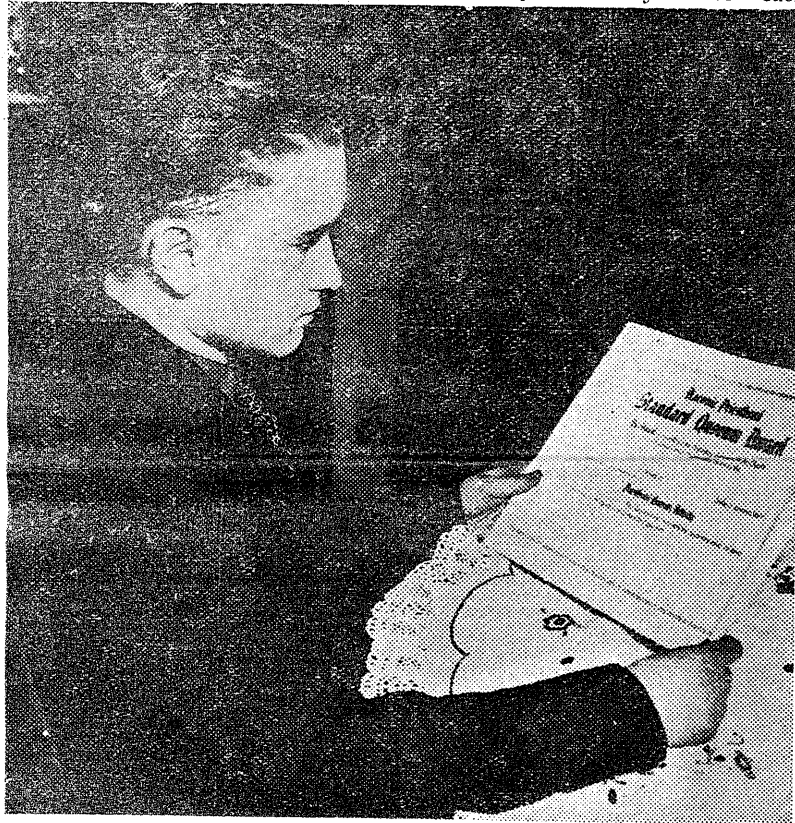
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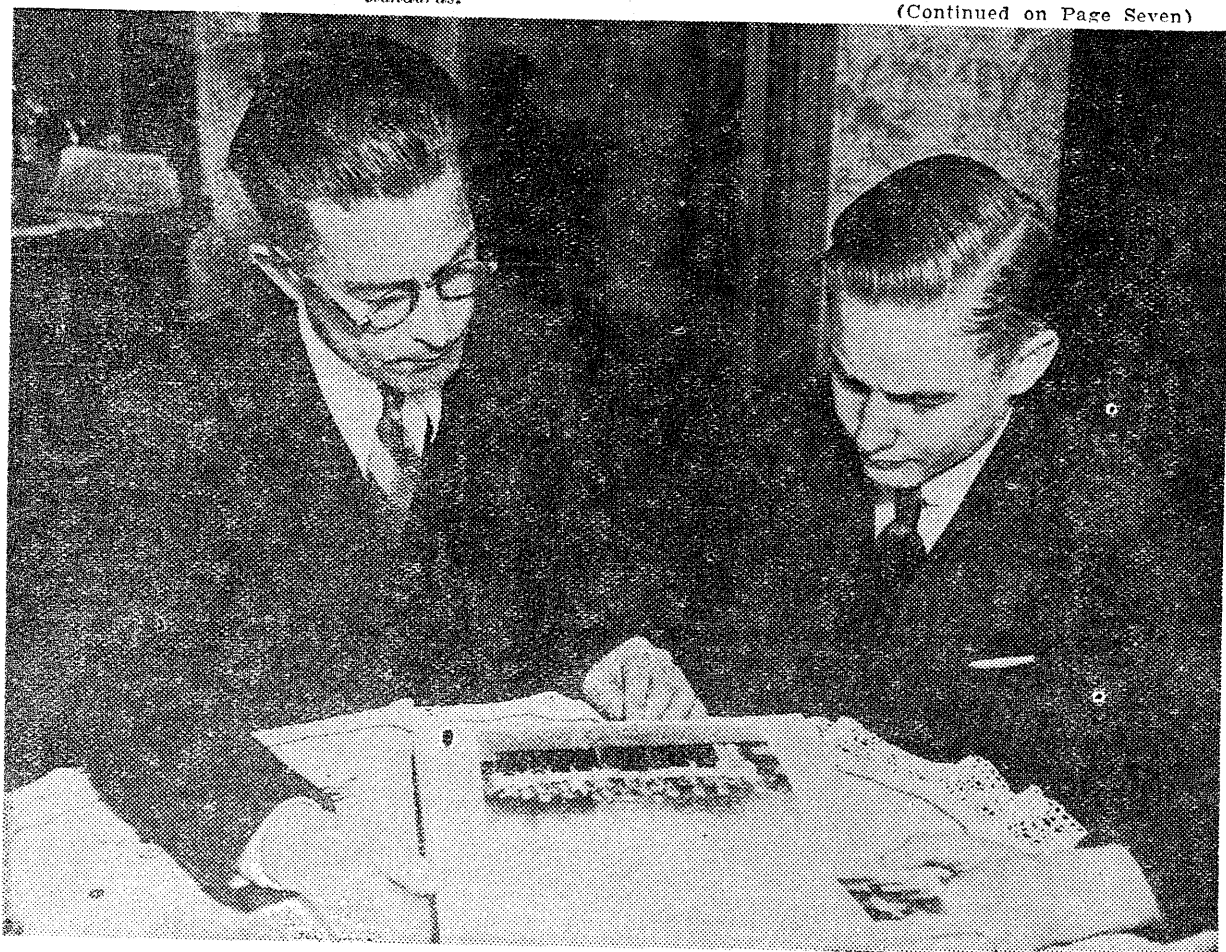
BISHOP DAVID A. SMITH
First Counselor



BISHOP JOHN WELLS
Second Counselor



Calvin Kuhre, president of the first quorum of Deacons of the Cottonwood Ward, examines a copy of the Standard Quorum Award, which will be awarded again this year to all quorums achieving certain prescribed standards.



Orlando N. Anderson, Deacon's supervisor of the Cottonwood Ward, examines with his son, Jack, president of the second quorum, the scrapbook which gives a true picture of the unusual record of Priesthood service and social activity undertaken during the past year.

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bers fill assignments during the year.

Have 75 per cent or more members observed the Word of Wisdom shown by the annual report of the Bishop of the Ward as of December 31, 1937.

Have 75 per cent or more of the members who earn money during the year paid tithing, as shown on the annual report of the bishop.

Have 50 per cent or more members participated in two or more quorum service projects.

High Standards

Standards were purposely set high as an incentive to outstanding achievement. At the same time, however, the names of all adults were authorized to be transferred to special rolls in order to have the figures represent only those under 20 years of age.

The plan has created considerable interest throughout the Church and is credited with increasing activity in many stakes and wards.

The procedure recommended by the Presiding Bishopric is that the Stake Aaronic Priesthood Committee is to check all quorum roll books to learn which quorums have reached the required standards. A list of the quorums qualifying is there to be sent directly to the Presiding Bishopric. The awards will be sent to the bishop of the ward for all quorums in his ward with the recommendation that the award be made in Sacrament meeting to the quorum officers, with the quorum seated as a body in an appropriate place on the stand or near it. It is also suggested that the Stake Committee arrange with the Stake Presidency for suitable recognition of the standard quorums in stake conference or stake Priesthood meetings.

The awards have been printed on heavy certificate paper suitable for framing. Each award will contain the individual signatures of Presiding Bishop Sylvester Q. Cannon, and his counselors, David A. Smith and John Wells. Awards will be prepared and sent out as soon as reports are received from stake Aaronic Priesthood committee chairmen.

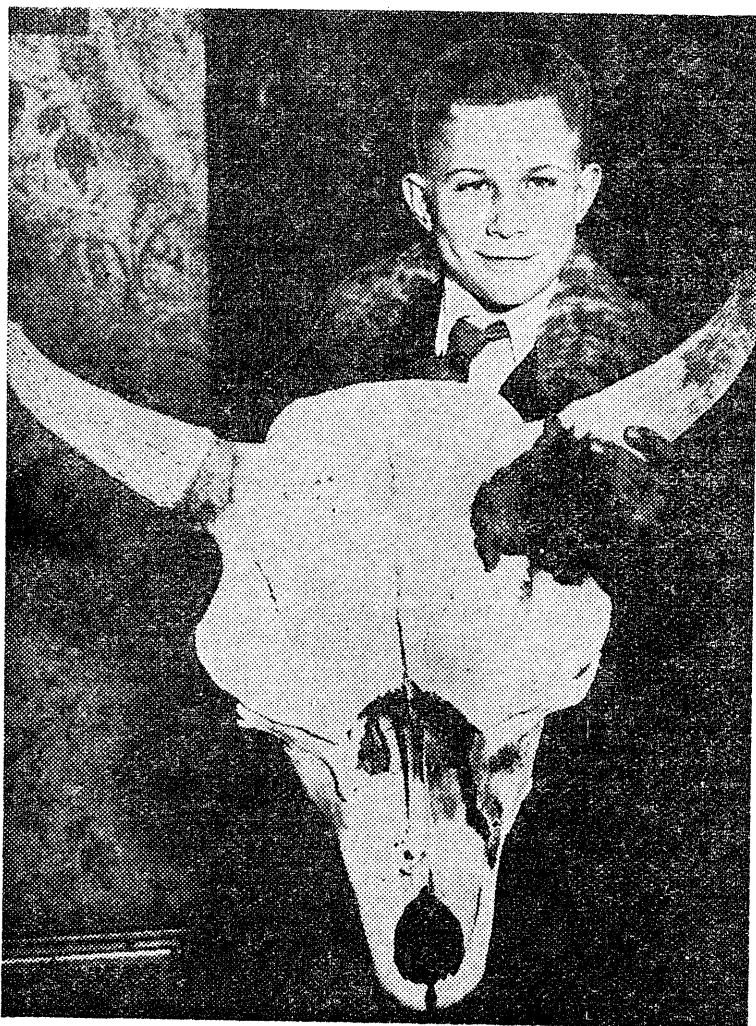
Ward Teaching

The bulletin expressed hope of the presiding bishopric for improvement in the ward teaching activity of the Aaronic Priesthood. It was pointed out that there were many gratifying reports of this activity, but where possible it should be increased.

The bulletin stresses the work for Adult Aaronic Priesthood Classes, declaring it to be the object of a Church-wide campaign in 1937. Bishops are urged to organize this work and encourage it in every possible way.

Many quorums have achieved some commendable activity records during the past year. A scrapbook from the Cottonwood Ward of the Cottonwood Stake, bears record of a commendable activity.

Scrapbooks of quorum activity are recommended. The manual instructions suggest that each quorum be provided with a scrapbook in which to paste clippings, articles, photos or other interesting things that may be developed during the year. The scrapbook will make it possible to file information for future reference and make it available for quorum use. The



When the Deacons of the Cottonwood Ward took an excursion trip to Antelope Island they found this perfect specimen of a buffalo skull. Willis Thiede, who found the skull, is pictured holding it. The skull is now a quorum possession. The story of this excursion, its many thrills, and pictures taken by the boys, form a part of the quorum's scrapbook.

book used for this purpose need not be expensive. One may be purchased for a small sum or it may be made of durable paper by members of the quorum.

Deacons Quorums of the Cottonwood Ward in Cottonwood Stake have submitted to the Presiding Bishopric as evidence of consistent activity in harmony with the recommendations for Aaronic Priesthood Quorums, a Deacon's Scrapbook compiled by members of the first and second quorums of that ward.

Features of this scrapbook include signatures with dates of birth of all quorum members, a list of all quorum officers; photos of members engaging in social and fraternal activities, including a hike to Big Mountain, a trip to Antelope Island and trips to temples and other Church buildings by quorum members, copies of talks made by members in Sacrament meeting; reports and pictures of quorum activities of quorums in other wards and stakes; special programs participated in during the year; the annual banquet, with details of menu, program; financial report and comment and news reports with illustrations of outstanding items of Church and world history.

Three features of exceptional interest include a concert given by the Gustav Adolph Male Chorus, sponsored, advertised and managed

by the deacons, a special tribute to Elder Carl J. Jensen, 90-year-old Pioneer and for many years a member of the ward and a geological activity in which demonstrations were made of the method of beginning family group sheets and plans for complete genealogical records.

Sponsor Concert

The concert of the Gustav Adolph Male Chorus was managed in its entirety by the deacons, who engaged the chorus, made all financial arrangements, wrote the advertising matter, prepared the tickets and a printed program matter. The concert was a pronounced success and yielded a substantial return.

The scrapbook also contains letters received from members away from home, a complete outline of the Church Security Plan under which projects in the ward have been conducted and achievements of individual members of the quorums in activities outside of priesthood activity.

Photographs contained in the scrapbook besides those of purely local interest include those of President Heber J. Grant, Mayor Irwin and others at the site of the new "This is the Place" Monument, President David O. McKay and Bishop David A. Smith as speakers at the Youth Conference on Sabbath Observance in the Salt Lake Tabernacle last May, President

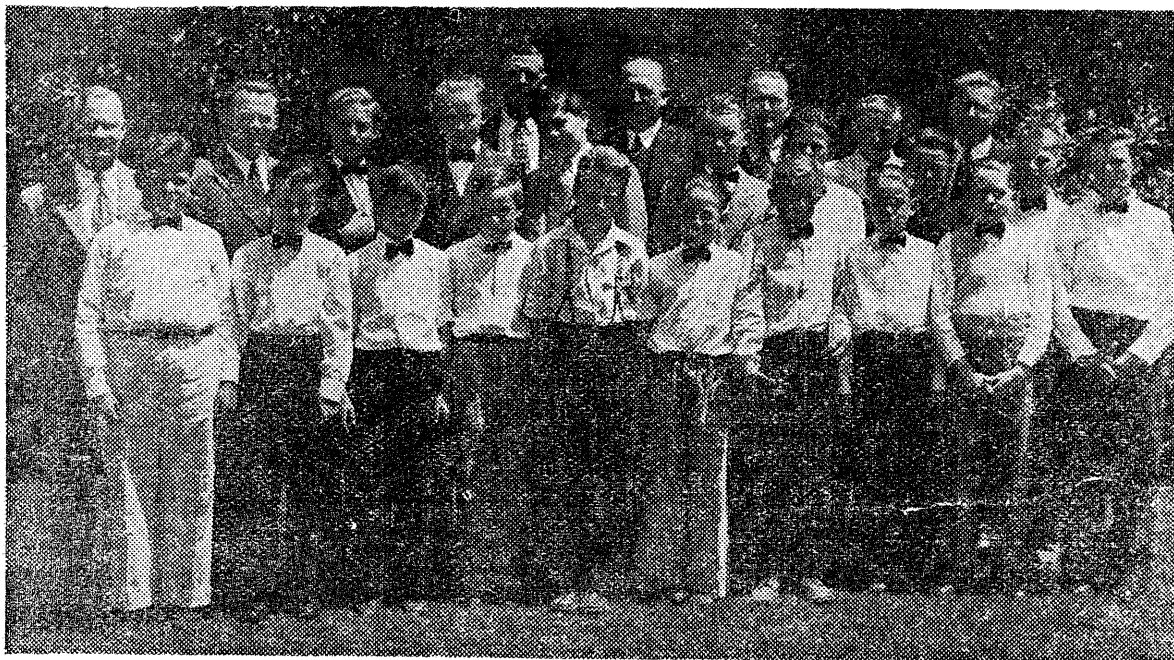
Henry D. Moyle, Melissa Jane Davis, whose portraits appeared in The Deseret News, May 9, 1936, in connection with Mothers' Day, Prince Gustav Adolph, the Gustav Chorus, Logan Eleventh Ward Aaronic Priesthood on Temple Square, Governor Henry H. Blood, breaking ground for children's monument on the City and County Building grounds, J. Cecil Alter, weather observer and Pope Pius.

Official Pictures

The many features of unusual interest and rare historical value to members of the quorums are climaxed by an official picture of members of the quorums, the ward bishopric. Aaronic Priesthood chairman and the quorum supervisors, quorum officers of the quorum, supervisors and members of the bishopric, all of whom have encouraged the quorums in their activities include: First quorums, Calvin Kuhre, president; David Bagley, first counselor; Phil Garn, second counselor; Jack McFarlane, secretary. Second quorum: Jack Anderson, president; Marvin Wilderburg, first counselor; Bryant Poulson, second counselor, and Lacle Woolsey, secretary. O. N. Anderson is supervisor of deacons assisted by Ellis Tronier, with Algot Johnson, chairman of the Ward Aaronic Priesthood committee. T. C. Stayner, Newell Kuhre and George A. Faust comprise the bishopric with Ray Smith as ward clerk.

The complete record contained in the scrapbook is the work of the quorum members, practically all of whom assisted in its compilation.

The scrapbook gives a picture of a quorum that has achieved in many activities. The social functions and fraternal activities of these two quorums have been foremost in their successes. The reason for success of this quorum is the interest and activity of O. N. Anderson, supervisor. His responsibility with the quorum has not been a Sunday morning activity alone, but his home is a central gathering place for the boys and he keeps them busy during the entire year, just keeping up with him.



Here are the Deacons of the Cottonwood Ward who under the direction of their bishopric and supervisor have completed an enviable record of quorum and social activity. They are, left to right, first row, John Clawson, Charles Bagley, Donald Jackman, D. V. Mowers, Howard Pederson, Clarence Meadows, Wallis Thiede, Clifford Meadows, Weldon Bergreen and Warren Fred-

erickson. Second row, George Faust, second counselor in bishopric; Ellis Tronier, Jack Anderson, Lacle Woolsey, Phil Garn, Calvin Kuhre, David Bagley, Bryant Poulson and Jack McFarlane. Third row, Algot Johnson, Aaronic Priesthood, chairman; Bishop T. C. Stayner; Newell Kuhre, first counselor in bishopric; Marvin Wilderburg and O. N. Anderson, Deacon's supervisor.

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