

## EARLY HIGHLAND LEADERSHIP-THE WARD CLERK

By Charlie Greenland

Bishops and their counselors come and go but in Highland the Ward Clerk stayed.

In those early days of the Highland Ward there were not a lot of active members so everyone who was willing took many callings. One story is told of a man who had five different callings and his wife held seven at the same time.

Clarence Greenland came to Highland with his family in 1906 when he was ten years old. He attended the Highland School under the tutelage of O.C. Day and others and, on occasion, substituted for Mr. Day. In 1910, before his fourteenth birthday he was sustained as assistant Secretary in the Sunday School organization. A year later he was given the position of Secretary, which he held for three years, then was released for a year during which taught Sunday School, then returned to the Secretary position in 1915, when the Ward was organized. He held that position, then Treasurer until 1922 then in 1924 was chosen as Assistant to the Superintendent, a position he held for seven years.

In the meantime, at the organization of the Ward in 1915, Archie Taylor, who was the Superintendent of the Sunday School, was chosen as Ward Clerk and served in both positions for eighteen months then moved from the Ward and Charles Graham replaced him as Clerk. He served for two years and in February, 1919, Clarence Greenland was sustained as Ward Clerk and served under all six Bishops until February, 1956-thirty seven years. During this time the Ward didn't have an Executive Secretary, a Membership Clerk, a Financial Clerk and two or three assistants-he was it. Upon his release he was honored at a Ward banquet and given a six volume "Comprehensive History of the Church", which he read through before his death in June, 1957. The "Church News" ran a small article telling of his accomplishment-few people have served longer.