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Family Dues

To members of the Jesse N. Smith Family Association:

This is to remind you one and all that your family dues for the year 1950 should now be paid. Please send same to the Association Treasurer, Don C. Smith, 445 East 1st Ave., Mesa, Arizona.

The amount of your dues is as follows: children of Jesse N. Smith, one dollar; grandchildren, fifty cents; great-grandchildren, twenty-five cents; great-great-grandchildren, fifteen cents each, payable annually after January 1.

In order that you may know your status, we will publish in the April issue of the Kinsman a list of those who have paid up for 1950.

Fraternally yours,
Hyrum Smith, Pres.

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News from Phoenix

Reed Udall brought his charming bride, Afton, to Arizona recently for her first visit. This was a pleasant surprise for the John H. Udall's. Afton was very much impressed with the "El Valle del Sol" it is reported and is in favor of settling there eventually.

They made the trip with Bert and Emily Parker, who also brought their mother, Aunt Priscilla, for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Glenn Richins of South Phoenix. Aunt Priscilla expects to stay a few weeks before returning home.

Aunt Pauline U. Smith is building a new home in Mesa. Her sons, Rudger, Marion, and Philip are really doing things in Phoenix. Rud is a bishop; Philip is Sunday School Superintendent of the 6th Ward, and Marion is one of the foremost young veterinarians in Arizona. He was recently featured in the Arizona Republic with a picture and a nice article on his work. Marion and Wanda are keeping and rearing Raymond, young son of Henry, since the death of his wife a few months ago. Henry is now living in Tucson.

Bits from Provo

Alton Rogers, who lived in Provo last year and attended the Church University, has moved to Salt Lake City and is employed there at the present time. Robert, his brother, informs us that their parents, Andrew and Rebecca, will be in Utah in July to attend the Smith Reunion.

Dale and Ramona Miller (d. of Moroni W. and Lena Smith) were released from their missions in France on Feb. 15. For the past four months Dale has attended "The Sarbonne" in Paris with the consent of the Mission President, and now they have purchased a European car and gone to Madrid where Dale is taking a special course in basic Spanish for foreign students which will last six weeks. After finishing their stay in Madrid, Ramona and Dale will spend six weeks touring the continent. They will sail for the U. S. on the Queen Elizabeth and dock in New York May 25. They plan to arrive in Provo by June 5, in time to celebrate their third wedding anniversary with her parents, who will celebrate their Silver anniversary on the same day. Her maternal grandparents' Golden Wedding is another feature of the day.

Congratulations are in order for two reasons for Jan Penn (d. of Walter and Fern Mason, of Gallup, N. M.). First and most important, she is flashing a diamond presented to her last Friday by her Brazilian missionary, John Hilton, who has recently returned to the U. S. They plan to be married this summer and both enroll at the B. Y. U. next fall. John is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Hilton (a Stake Patriarch) of Oakland, California. Mrs. Hilton is the former Ruth Savage of Woodruff, Arizona.

Secondly, Jan has been elected by popular vote of the Junior class at the B. Y. U. to be a "Personality" to represent her class in the yearbook "Ban-yan."

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The Deseret News Church Section seems to carry a lot of family news. In the Feb. 19 issue is a picture of the stake presidency of the new East Long Beach Stake. John C. Dalton is the new Stake President.

The Feb. 26 issue has a picture of the Phoenix 2nd Ward bishopric, with Rudger G. Smith listed as bishop.

While we are mentioning appointments to church positions we should mention that L. Flake Rogers (s. of S. Lorenzo and Annabelle F.) was called to serve on the Chicago Stake High Council some time ago. He is in Chicago taking a 4-year course in chiropody.

A picture of a missionary orchestra group in the March 5 issue of the Church News includes J. Robert Smith (s. of Moroni W. and Lena) who is in the Central Pacific Mission.

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Uncle Silas D. Smith calls to our attention the large number of the clan doing temple work at the Arizona Temple. Among the ordained workers are: Clarence and Esther S. Shumway, John and Myrtle S. Blocker, Samuel F. and Lulu J. Smith, Silas D. and Ellen Smith, Kent S. and Fern Frost. Doing regular ordinance work are Clarence and Seraphine S. Frost and Maurine Smith. Lily O. Bushman works at the clothing counter. Others of the family are there occasionally.

(Provo News Continued)

Ruth Benson, R.N. has been appointed full time nurse at the B. Y. U. Student Health Center. She will also receive her Bachelor's Degree from the Y this June. Ruth and Rhea will be remembered as Aunt Rachel and Uncle Melvin Benson's twins.

Ross and Erna Rogers Holdaway of Orem (d. of Lorenzo and Annabelle Rogers) are the proud parents of a son born March 11 at the Utah Valley Hospital in Provo. They now have four sons and a daughter.

Word has just been received that Erna's sister, Inez, also has a new baby--a daughter.

Two weeks ago LeRoy Smith was the principal speaker in Sacrament Meeting at the Provo 8th Ward. His subject was Intolerance and Love for our Fellow Men, which we can all well afford to heed.

News from Snowflake Way

The beautiful chapel in the center of Snowflake is getting a new paint job throughout and is soon to have a large rose garden added to the church yards. Behind this work are the members of the bishopric, three of whom are of the JNS family. The counselors to Bishop Barr Turley are John Ballard and Vincent Flake; Andrew Smith is Ward Clerk.

In the missionary picture gallery are pictures of about 20 boys and girls, with S. Eugene and Lilly Flake at the top. Out of the group of 20, the Smiths can claim at least nine. This helps to show that the family influence is still strongly felt although the numbers are fewer than formerly.

In the new members department the following is reported:

Births: a son to Roscoe Rogers (s. of Leonora S. and Marion) on Feb. 19 in Honolulu; a daughter, fifth child of Post and Marjorie Flake; a daughter, first child of Wendell and Lorna Rogers Johnson (d. of Wilford Rogers).

By marriage: Gene Hansen of Lakeside who married Nelle Rogers (another daughter of Wilford). They plan to reside in Lakeside.

Another missionary is due to represent Uncle Joseph W's family. Ernen's son is to leave for the mission field from Wyoming this month.

Aunt Sarah has returned from the valley and reports she has never had a better time and was treated simply grand.

Aunt Saphronia, who has been in poor health for some time, has spent a month or so in San Diego with Virginia Atchison. She is now back at home in Snowflake, somewhat improved.

Bruce Flake and wife, Irene, have just returned from a tour through his old mission field after 22 years. They covered most of the Spanish-American mission where he labored and came back filled with the spirit of missionary work.

Aunt Julia was elected Queen from her corner of town for the Sweetheart Ball held some time ago. This proves how well thought of she is. With her son, John, as escort, she looked very sweet.

Mesa News

Uncle George A. (Principal at the Show Low school) was in Mesa recently looking after business interests.

Uncle Elias made one of his hurried business trips to Phoenix on the 1st. returning home the same day.

Aunt Lucy is living in Prescott with her daughter, Janet Davis.

Jesse M. Broadbent spent a few days in Mesa visiting with his parents and looking over the employment situation there. He hopes to locate in Mesa after his graduation in June from the Polytechnic school in San Luis Obispo, California.

Samuel F., Lulu J. and daughter, Maurine, are returning to Snowflake "for the last time" after spending their tenth winter in Mesa. After they responded to a call to work in the Arizona Temple, Samuel was made an ordained worker on March 4, 1941, and three years later, March 24, Lulu was set apart to do ordinance work also. Maurine has also been very busy. She has done endowment work for 1170 people, thus giving them an opportunity to accept this work vicariously. Aunt Esther says they will be missed greatly there, especially by the Clarence Shumway's to whom they have been "good neighbors" for the past five years. She continues that "wherever they are, they will have our love and blessing."

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We call attention again to the article in the March Improvement Era, page 176, "Pioneering Families of Joseph Smith's Uncles" as a little history and genealogy study well worthwhile.

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Correction

We acknowledge an error we made in last month's issue under the Provo news in which we mentioned Uncle Elias' daughter's name as Laverne S. Chamberlain. Her last name is Chambers.

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One great compensation for always giving "your best" to everything you do, is that "your best" is constantly improving.

In our acknowledgement department we wish to thank the following for letters and kind expressions received during the month: Aunt Ruth S. Shumway, Shumway, John C. Smith, LaVerne, Cal., Don C. Smith, Mesa, G. A. Rencher, Springerville. Others are mentioned elsewhere in the issue.

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Della S. Miller tells us of the little colony of Smiths in Albuquerque. She has three children--two girls and a boy. Garland Bushman has four children, one of whom is now at the B. Y. U. in the music department (Anna). The other three are boys. Garland has been on a selling trip into Mexico. Julia Smith Rogers (g.d. of Aunt Julia) has two boys and a girl. Her husband, Walter, is with the F. B. I.

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Edith A. Smith informed us of the death of her sister, Angeline S. Thomas, on the 8th of March in Long Beach, Calif. She is survived by five sons, a brother, and two sisters.

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Moroni forwarded us a letter from his brother, S. Cooper Smith, of Porterville, Calif., stating that Peter, the six-year-old son of Don and Frieda D. Christensen (d. of Louis A. and Mae H. Decker) is almost recovered from a serious leg injury he received on Nov. 15 when he was knocked down by an automobile while crossing the street in a pedestrian lane in front of the school. He spent three weeks in a Fresno hospital and wore a cast all winter. He now has doffed the cast and gets around on crutches. We all join in hoping he will recover fully soon.

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We ask for strength and God gives us difficulties which make us strong.
We pray for wisdom and God sends us problems, the solution of which develops wisdom.
We plead for prosperity and God gives us brain and brawn to work.
We plead for courage and God gives us dangers to overcome.
We ask for favors--God gives us opportunities.

This is the answer.

--Hugh B. Brown

To bring the list up to date we publish herewith the names of those whose subscriptions are new

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JESSE NATHANIEL SMITH

1882 Quoted a saying of Pres. Young's that we would gather the Saints to Salt Lake Valley by thousands and by millions and build a temple there upon the Temple Block. Quoted a saying of George A. Smith's at Parowan in 1851 that the Saints would cross the Colorado River by thousands. He also referred to one of the last councils in which he met the Prophet Joseph when the latter said we would build cities and temples all over the Rocky Mountains.

Mon. Nov. 27. I baptized and confirmed my son Robert C. Smith.

Fri. Dec. 15. My wife Emma Larson gave birth to my eighth son and 26th child at 11:30 p.m.

Sun. Dec. 24. I blessed him and named him Hyrum.

Sat. Dec. 30. Conference was held in the new meeting house at Taylor. Pres. Lot Smith of the Little Colorado Stake was present besides a full attendance from our stake. I said it was with considerable effort that the Saints of the Taylor Ward had erected a building to shelter us at this time. Thanked Bishop Standiford for his labor and zeal in erecting so good a house for us to meet in. Let us meet together with a spirit of thankfulness and also have a forgiving spirit, for if we expect our Heavenly Father to forgive us our trespasses against Him we must be forgiving toward each other. We should remember our own weaknesses before we bring our brother to the strict letter of the law. Reports were made from all the wards but Smithville. I said it is likely that Forest Dale will be abandoned by our people as they have been notified by military authorities of Camp Apache that they are on the Indian Reservation and that they must move off it. Since the late revelation there has been quite an awakening among the Saints. The brethren sometimes allow themselves to speak slightly of the Lord's anointed. When this is done in the presence of young persons can we wonder that they lose confidence in those who are thus spoken against. Pres. L. H. Hatch spoke; had had a testimony from his boyhood that God has again spoken from the heavens. Still he never officiated in any of the ordinances without feeling his weaknesses. The Lord has given us His spirit according to our callings and therefore we should honor Him; He has called upon the presidents of the stakes to sanctify themselves and also all the people, and made it oblig-

atory upon the priesthood to see that every member honors God. God has been merciful unto us in thus enabling his servants to present the things before the Saints for their consideration. If any people will be brought under condemnation it is those who having light offered them, have rejected it. When we are prepared the Lord will bring forth the other records of the people of Nephi. We often fail to reprove slanders against the things of God when we hear them. We rejoice that we have good men and faithful men, but we should not honor any man for only doing his duty; it is the Lord that we should honor. We receive our blessings from the Lord. We criticize our brethren and wish they were perfect. Where would we be if they were? These leading positions are thankless, but someone must be brought to the front. Spoke of the Prophet being torn from his family and complaining to the Lord about it. The Lord replied, "Are you greater than me?" Referred to the persecutions endured by the Savior. Referred to the parable of the Pharisee and the Publican. Referred to one in New Testament times who claimed leniency, as he was owing another, but he had no leniency toward the one who owed him. Referred to the use of tobacco among the Saints. It is a shame that our children have not been taught to let these forbidden things alone. There are individuals that we would be glad to promote if they would let these things alone. The time has come when we must put all these things under our feet. God will hold us accountable if we do not set our faces like a flint against evil. Against men who have faith trusting in God and honored His commandments and obeyed them, the arrows of ridicule and persecution are pointed, but the Lord has said He will visit these brethren with blessings and not with cursings. Let us labor with every person that opposes these principles. Let the curtains be lifted and every dark cloud be driven away. Let us sustain the authorities. Called upon all the Bishops to put themselves in order and purify themselves. I gave notice that there would be a Priesthood meeting in the evening. Referring to the paper started by the brethren at St. Johns I said the Lord could teach a man more in half an hour than he could learn of the world in all his life.

At the Priesthood meeting after a good deal of talk about the Coop Store at Taylor I said

believed all were trying to labor for the common good. I did not wish to be identified with anything that purported to be an institution for the good of the people but was not. Believed the people should have cheap goods, but these little stores run great risks, principally of fire. It is therefore proper that they should have larger dividends than would be the case where investments were more amply secured. Did not wish to be a member of a board where things did not run smoothly. It was the wish of Pres. Taylor that all our stores and our grist mills and saw mills should be cooperative. The variance here seems to be over an idea. If there are any rings among the people here I call upon all to forsake them, for they will bring ruin and destruction to any people that foster them. It is proper for the Bishop to be a member of the store board, but if he was not he should have the good of the people enough at heart to go ahead and not notice that he was left out. We should not indulge in idle words, nor report them, but forget them. Pres. Hatch said we should unite upon this principle of cooperation. It is vain to have two stores in this place and pay two licenses; had no desire for any office; had neither enemies nor friends to please in this matter. We should be one. If others will not meet you half way go all the way to meet them. We should get together. The Bishop has sought the good of the people. We should become one and not let the devil get a wedge between us to split us asunder. When we vote for the authorities let us sustain them, and not go out and tear them down and thus break our covenants. Pres. Mann said let the Bishop meet you half way and you meet the Bishop half way, and let the Bishop and his counselors be one. I said the Bishop is not sustaining Bro. Solomon in merchandising as against the Coop Store. He is a man that is trying to do right. His manner is a little rough. Let him tone down a little; do not be afraid of each other. George Bagnall was cut off from the Church by a unanimous vote.

Sun. Dec. 31. Pres. Lot Smith spoke of the Lord increasing the water in these parts. All things will work for our good if we are patient. Our delegate to congress once got frightened and promised to give up polygamy. I have not felt to give up this principle. About that time Bro. Woodruff wrote that they now had a chance to swap off the Kingdom

of God for a state government. Joseph Smith did not set this Church in order, God did it. Joseph told the Elders to go and set their houses in order; when they failed he told them it was because they were fools and their wives had found it out. We have got to be charitable to each other. The devil desires to split us asunder. I see many waver who have run well. Bro. John Bushman said we could not remember the teaching we received as long as we ought to, being adults. We are remiss in political matters. I read the 5th chapter of Acts. When the brethren were accused before the magistrate he said, "Did I not command you not to teach in this name." Edmunds having left his name to similar devices would sink to oblivion. Our Savior predicted that His life would be taken but that He would arise from death unto life the third day afterward. The Priests and their adherents were determined to make this prediction fail so they sealed up the tomb and set a guard to watch it. The disciples were all frightened away but some women traveled back and forth and watched the tomb. It seems plain there was a stronger tie with these women than sisterhood. It seems that the blessed Lord was married and had more than one wife. When Mary found the stone removed which closed the entrance to the tomb she said, "They have taken my Lord away," and she was the first to whom He showed Himself. The Priests, true to their instincts, and determined to falsify His prediction, hired the guard to say that His disciples stole the body away and then gave out that He was risen from the dead. Through their influence a law was passed making it criminal to preach in the name of the Redeemer. The same spirit exists at the present day. On the day of Pentecost the multitude not feeling safe to follow the directions of the Priests said to the disciples of the Lord, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Then Peter made the grand reply, "Repent, every one of you and be baptized in the name of Jesus," etc. But the Priests cast out their names as evil just as they do ours at the present day. They tell us now, "You shall not marry wives, for if you do we will disfranchise you and imprison you." In Missouri an Elder said that this Kingdom was the one that Daniel spoke of that should come forth in the latter days that should break in pieces all other kingdoms and should stand forever.

(To be continued)