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Bits from Provo

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Taylor (Vivian Hulet) have gone to California to spend three weeks. Vivian will visit with her sister, Eugenia, who lives in San Francisco.

LaVerne Chambers and children recently left Provo to join her husband, Charles, who is furthering his chiropractic study in Washington, D. C. She went by way of Arizona where she visited with her parents, Uncle Elias and Aunt Ernestine.

The list of J.N.S. family members who have been at the B. Y. U. this past year is an imposing one. Here is the List. We hope no one has been omitted.

- Ara Jean Avery ✓
- Jesse Benson ✓
- Ruth Benson ✓
- Emma Broadbent ✓
- Alice Bushman ✓
- Anna Bushman ✓
- Jess Bushman ✓
- Preston Bushman ✓
- Connie Decker ✓
- Janice Decker ✓
- Nancy Beth Done ✓
- Sylvia Farr ✓
- Jan Fenn ✓
- Ruth Fish ✓
- Darrell Flake ✓
- Louise Foulk ✓
- Claire Gilchrist ✓
- Doyle Hansen ✓
- Eugene Hansen ✓
- Dorothy Jean Heward ✓
- Leona Heywood ✓
- Jarrett Jarvis ✓
- Rulon Kartchner ✓
- Marcel Rogers ✓
- Dale Shumway ✓
- Glen S. Smith ✓
- John Walter Smith ✓
- LeRoy Smith ✓
- Lyneer C. Smith ✓
- Virgil Smith ✓
- Dale Thomas ✓
- LaVieve Thomas ✓

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News from Phoenix

Earl Updike and family have gone to Florida for a vacation. Earl filled a mission in the Southern States several years ago and spent quite a bit of time in Florida, and will enjoy getting back to his old "stomping ground" again.

Among those from Phoenix who attended the General Conference in April at Salt Lake City were Rudder and LaPriel Smith, who flew up in their private plane, and Dave and Marie Heywood.

Phil Shumway (s. Aunt Esther) is in the environs of Phoenix selling automobiles and is "going great guns" marketing Studebakers.

Earl, Naomi, and King (2½) Udall motored to Los Angeles to attend the funeral of Naomi's grandmother, Susan Romney Schofield. The deceased was 85 years old; she died May 3.

Lolovi Fish Murdock (d. Silas L.) lives in Phoenix and has four lovely children.

Ethel Jarvis Bastain and family from Reno, Nevada, recently visited kinsmen in "El Valle del Sol."

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Much appreciated letters were received from the following during the past month: Uncle Don C.; Ruth F. Boone, Jacksonville, Florida; Eleanor S. Smith (now Butler), St. George; Justin M. Smith, Panguitch;

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The editor and his family recently moved to an apartment located more conveniently to the B. Y. U. Consequently, we call attention to the new mailing address for The Kinsman which is: 656 North 7th East, Provo, Utah.

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Provo News (con)

Besides these there are Eldon Kimball and Inga Plaas Smith, in-laws of the family. Also there are three grandsons of grandfather on the faculty: Oliver R. Smith, on leave in Iowa City, Iowa, Dr. H. Smith Broadbent, and Robert J. Smith.

Two of the students were candidates for student body offices--Jan Fenn for Vice President and Jarrett Jarvis for President. Both were unsuccessful, but it does prove that they are well thought of by their fellow students.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Lorenzo Rogers have returned from their trip to Chicago to meet their son, Garth, who was released from his mission in the Northern States. Garth really looks as though missionary life agreed with him.

Virgil B. Smith, son of Uncle Hyrum, is the author of a poem which is to appear in the spring issue of the Wye magazine, Brigham Young University's literary magazine. The magazine will appear on Monday, May 22. The title of the poem is "Revelation" if our source of information is accurate. If we can obtain permission from the author, we would like to publish it in a later issue.

Preston J. Bushman (s. Preston A.) is to marry Emogene Foutz of Kirtland, New Mexico, on June 6 in the Mesa Temple. Miss Foutz is a graduate of B. Y. U. in Dramatic Art. She recently returned from a mission to the East Central States. Preston returned in February from a mission to Uruguay. There will be a dance in honor of the couple at Snowflake on June 6, and their reception is to be held on June 7 in Kirtland.

Eleanor S. Smith wrote from St. George before her marriage, mentioned elsewhere, and gave us some interesting information about her family. She is the wife of the late Walter F. Smith, who left her with four children. The oldest daughter, Evelyn (Mrs. Robert A. Lawrence) has been

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News from Snowflake Way

President D. A. Butler brought home his new bride recently from St. George, Utah. She is the former Eleanor Seegmiller Smith, wife of the late Walter F. Smith. Both of them intend to teach school in Snowflake next year. He will continue teaching Chemistry and Science, and she will teach Home Economics.

Vaughn and Naomi Bushman (s. Preston A.) are jubilant over their first daughter born last month. They have one other child, a nine-year-old son.

Uncle Elias has just witnessed his ninth child graduate from Seminary. That makes quite a record.

The fruit has frozen for this year and the wind has been bad this spring. However, the weather was reported as ideal for commencement which was the week of the 15th.

Terrance and Myrlene Butler Rogers (s. Kimball) were home from the Canal Zone for commencement and for her father's wedding. After a summer at Harvard, they are being transferred to Sacramento, California.

The Alumni party was unusual with a fine lunch and program. A feature greatly enjoyed was two readings given by Louella Ballard Webb (d. Aunt Julia). Next year's officers for the alumni party include Edna R. Smith and LaVon Allen.

living in Midway, Utah, where her husband is teaching school. Beulah (Mrs. Marion Graff) lives in Santa Clara, Utah, where her husband is a good farmer.

Darrell F. returned last September from the California Mission, and has been attending school at the Dixie Junior College this past winter. Jordan Grant has also been attending college there. Both will graduate this month. Darrell plans to go to the University of Utah next year, and Jordan will enter the mission home June 5. He has been called to the North Central States Mission.

Emma R. Hall

As a means of getting better acquainted with members of the family we print this article about one of the oldest grandchildren in the family. We would be glad to hear from others who would have interesting things to tell.

Emma Matilda Rogers Hall, the oldest living granddaughter of Jesse Nathaniel Smith and Emma Seraphine West, was born December 29, 1879, in Snowflake, Arizona. Her parents were Smith Doolittle Rogers and Eliza Snow Smith, and she was the third of her mother's fifteen children. She also has 15 children--8 boys and 7 girls--10 of whom are now living.

The following is taken from an article written by her and sent to Uncle Don C.:

The one big thing that stands out in my memory is my happy childhood home. Each Sunday morning father and mother would have all the children attend to the morning chores and prepare for Sunday School. We would sing and pray and get the spirit of the day at home, and then all go to Sunday School. I remember mother receiving the grand prize of a Book of Mormon with her name printed in gold letters because she attended with all her family every Sunday for the whole year. To me and all the rest of the children that seemed such a wonderful gift--something she could always keep.

How kind and thoughtful our parents were to me. Father would let me ride his best saddle horse saying, "A wild Comanche Indian would be no harder on it, but I guess you had better have a ride." How little did I realize then the condition of the horse returning and being turned into the cold pasture or stable lathering with sweat, and after the cold night when taken out to water, so "jaded and stove up" it could hardly walk. Could anyone blame father for saying an Indian would be no harder on the horses? But to please the children he often relented, even though it was cruel to the poor animals. How our love goes out to our good parents; how dearly we love those sweet memories.

My memories are vivid and

sweet of the outings we used to have--on the hay racks, out to the four-mile wash, for swings in the big cottonwood trees, and the early morning breakfasts. I remember the feats father and Uncle Silas did with the horses--racing, falling off, and getting on again--all to interest the children. Mother and Aunt Ellen would say, "Quit laughing at them, or they never will let up on being clowns." But the good campfire breakfasts and picnics were such fun. On holidays in the early morning the singers in the band wagons wakened the whole town with their beautiful music. It was thrilling!

What fun we had when our Smith relatives all went up to the grist mill in Shumway to celebrate Aunt Seraphine Decker's birthday when they lived there. After a grand supper we played "Run, Sheepy, Run" out in the moonlight until late hours. We all stayed for the night with beds made on the floor all over the house. In crossing the creek when it was high the water would run into the wagon box under the spring seats, and we all had to hold up our feet to avoid getting wet. I remember the Decker boys coming to the academy in the old buckboards.

Of all the celebrations of my childhood days, I remember most vividly the occasion when Grandpa Smith cut out the partition in the big log house, making one big long room. Tables were set, and what a banquet was spread out--the little roasted pig with a blue ribbon around the neck and a big rosy red apple in its mouth; baked lamb and chicken noodles; creamed mashed potatoes; mince, apple and squash pies; doughnuts, ginger snaps, nice layer cakes, and the big birthday cake. I never saw such a table spread so richly with such a large amount of food. Almost all the people of this and other towns attended. Aunt Daphne from far away Manassa in Colorado was there, too. And when she was leaving to return home she said, "Don't any of you cry, or it will make me cry, and I want to look happy and pretty." Everyone had a big laugh.

I am happy to be a member of this big family. May God's blessings be over all.

Dr. Francis E. Broadbent (s. Hyrum and Lorana) writes that he and his family will be moving to Ithaca, New York, next month to assume his new duties with the Agronomy Department at Cornell University. He has been at Riverside, California, for the past two years. (His letter arrived just before press time so we hastened to add this little note.)

New subscribers list:

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An addition to the list of those having paid family dues is:
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1883 (Quotation of B. Young con.)
"These things are for our preservation, and require a union of effort on our part. Do not set your boys to herd stock; if you do you will lose the children. None will go back to Jackson County, only those that shall have been proved."

H. J. Grant said, "No Saint will allow his children to fall away. If it is wealth that we are after why remain in the Church?"

Sat. Mar. 31. Attended conference at St. Johns. Among others Elder M. P. Romney said, "The prediction of the Prophet that plagues should increase is being fulfilled. The only way to escape the plagues is to observe the commands of God." Spoke against some who came out here and then deserted the place they were sent to. We should acknowledge our faults; in this there was nothing degrading. He had been without lodging and when he asked the Lord to provide for him the way had been opened.

I said, "An uneasy feeling exists in all our settlements, which is a damage to the individual partaking of it, and also to the settlement where he resides. The uneasy man lacks confidence in himself. His children are seldom schooled or properly clothed. They are always on the move." Believed the Lord was able to bless this land. The Indian said, "If God made the water can he not make more. Many borrow trouble. The rich are often tormented with the fear of being poor."

B. Young spoke of the rapid growth of the Saints. Observed from the statistical report that over one-third of our numbers were under 8 years of age. Did not know that we all would gain an exaltation, but all could strive for it. More people had left the Church than were now in it. Thomas L. Kane said the government should let the Saints have the country west of the Rocky Mountains as they deserve it. We have all covenanted to spend our lives in building up the Kingdom of God. How many of those who are ranging about are filling their missions. It is the man that has not fulfilled his duty that is uneasy and unsettled. We have a perfect right to go to the Lord and get His mind on all our affairs, but when it comes to the building up of Zion this should be under the direction of the Presidency of the Church. The mission to this country was to benefit the Lamanites. We should

preach to that people by example. Many of our leading Elders and their sons imitated the world by drinking, smoking, etc. This we should not do. Let us take a course that whatever evil the world may say against us, it shall be false.

Priesthood meeting. B. Young said that quorums could dis-fellowship from their quorums and Bishops could dis-fellowship from their wards but it remained for the High Councils to excommunicate members from the Church. Treat those who come and ask rebaptism as though they never belonged to the Church. There are many girls in Utah who have never had an offer of marriage from a man in the Church. If any marry outsiders, treat them kindly. If she brings her husband into the Church all right, but until he enters the Church by the door, all communication with her should be cut off. Have seen hundreds won away by permitting such influence to get into families. Girls place their affections upon men before they have proved them to be honest. Girls who marry these men cut themselves off. It is not right for people to force these girls who have married outsiders upon the families of the Saints. Persons without recommends should not partake of the Sacrament. Girls who marry outsiders are not worthy of the Sacrament. Question asked--When a person has been suspended for three months and comes back by vote of the Ward does he need to be rebaptized? Ans.--No, he does not. When our girls marry outsiders and then try to drag them into the company of the Saints I would exclude them. H. J. Grant knew that those who were not for us were against us. Did not think that one who had a testimony of the truth of the Gospel would marry an outsider. When the Lord told us to teach our children the Gospel He knew what would be for their good. Our children will need a testimony for themselves, and they must be taught these principles. When men gain wealth they generally become less faithful. A man who enters into Celestial marriage, and then does not treat his wives right should be treated with contempt. Bro. Simon Hansen was set apart as second counselor to the president of the High Priests Quorum. I advised Bro. Hansen to hold stated meetings with the High Priests in St. Johns.

Sun. Apr. 1. H. J. Grant

addressed the conference. Some sacrifice everything for the Gospel and then lose the faith. Had noticed that after persons depart from the truth they have no longer any force. After the commission of an officer has been revoked, his official acts are no longer of any effect. A man who commits sin will apostatize sooner or later. Adultery has been a fruitful source of apostasy. Teach your children correct principles that they may be able to detect the counterfeit when it is presented. Some thought it a great thing to go out into the world to preach the Gospel. There is just as good a field at home with our children. An Elder should be as ready to teach in our Sabbath Schools as to go upon a mission. If men go on year after year breaking the commands of God we should not bear with them. When a man measures God's blessings with dollars and cents he has lost the spirit of the Gospel. When a man is prospered and neglects to pay his tithing he has lost the spirit and is on the road to apostasy. If this world's goods are of more worth to a man than eternal life is, he had better stay in the world. It is a pleasing thought that God will reward us for all the good we do.

B. Young said we wish to carry the Gospel to the Lamanites and Mexicans in this territory and New Mexico. Did not want men who use tobacco or whiskey for this service, but we want efficient help. There is no eternity of marriage without plurality. Jacob said if the Lord wished to raise up a people unto Himself He would command them. We now have that command and we must observe the law or we cannot be saved. Emma Smith burned a copy of this law when it was presented to her by the Prophet. She tried to destroy the law and taught her sons that there was no such law. If the sealing of a woman to a man was all there was in the law why did not the Prophet have his wife sealed to him and none else. The revelation meant more than one, and we must take wives in order to fulfill it. Every man who has his wives sealed to him over the altar covenants to magnify this law. The man who takes a wife for any motive other than to magnify the law brings upon himself cursings instead of blessings. The man who does not obey this law will lose his salvation. God will reward us if we obey His law.

Afternoon. The Sacrament was administered. I advised those

not in full fellowship or who were unworthy not to partake of it. I said according to the scriptural meaning there is nothing dishonorable meant by the word concubine. The Christian would have tried to associate something dishonorable with the word. Ingersoll objects to plural marriage, and says that after Abraham took Hagar to wife he drove her from his door. There were no doubt points connected with that transaction not given in the record and we should not lightly condemn this illustrious Patriarch who in ancient times gave character to family order and government. The Christian world fly from all argument and condemn this principle, right or wrong. Cut out the loathsome ulcer, law or no law, is the cry in congress notwithstanding the accepted principle that all human laws should be founded on the law of Moses. They are measuring arms with the Almighty. It is the pride of their hearts that leads them to have their will. I would be glad to have the right under our constitution to accept the Scriptures for myself. Men who wish to punish the Latter-day Saints, law or no law, will not accept the truth. No man has a greater respect for the constitution than I have. These laws against our people come from beneath and they are full of evil and revenge. If there are any rights that are sacred among them it is the right of citizenship of which they seek to deprive us. They send commissioners to force oaths upon our people thus seeking to make them accuse themselves. If there ever was a damnable law it is the Edmunds law. God will have a reckoning with them, if they do not repent. We have never injured the Republic; we have taken up with the poorest places, for the sake of peace, but they will not allow us to live in peace. We preach the Gospel, it is true, but we do not try to force it upon them. They villify us; they call us a cancer upon the body politic. They are instigated by the power of evil. They commit these inroads and persecutions upon us in the name of morality which is the great hypocrisy that smells rank to heaven. I do not propose to submit to those things without appeal. If earthly tribunals fail to give justice I will appeal our holy cause to the court of Heaven. When the apostles of old were teaching in the temple of Jerusalem they were forbidden to teach in the name of Jesus.