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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all members of the Jesse N. Smith and Silas Sanford Smith families: We cordially invite you to join with us in a big reunion to be held in Salt Lake City on July 22 and 23. We urge you all to come and enjoy yourselves; renew old acquaintances and make new ones. We are becoming so numerous and so widely scattered that we must meet in family reunions to avoid becoming strangers to each other. You will all be proud to learn firsthand of the achievements of various members of our clan. Your presence will help foster and promote good will, give encouragement to other members and give evidence of your appreciation of the fine heritage that has come down to us.

Fraternally yours,
Hyrum Smith,
Pres. J.N.S. Family Assoc.

News from Snowflake Way

Nena Flake, daughter of Bruce, represented Snowflake at Girls State. This item was overlooked last month when we published that Norma Tillman represented Holbrook.

Philip Smith and his wife and nine-month-old daughter, Marjorie, have been in Snowflake visiting. They accompanied the Hendricksons and Churches to the mountains to spend the 4th before returning to their home in Phoenix where he works as a builder.

Daphne Bushman has spent the past week with Aunt Saphronia, who has been in poor health.

Louis and Mae Decker are quite the center of attraction now with their new little Studebaker. He has learned to drive it and they have become very independent with such a nice conveyance.

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FAMILY REUNION

Our family reunion time is almost here! Again we remind you that we would like to see as many of you as possible in attendance. We are sure that you will find the program outlined and the fun in store well worthwhile. Full attendance at the Saturday evening gathering at the Forest Dale Ward Recreation Hall is especially urged.

We are sending with the current issue of the Kinsman a copy of the program from the last issue. You may bring this copy along with you to help you to be at the right places at the right time.

For several reasons it is important that we have in advance a fairly accurate estimate of the number of people and the number of automobiles that we will have in Salt Lake for the reunion. In order to properly plan the tour on Saturday and the meal at the Capitol Building where lunch is to be served, we are asking all of you to please write or phone either Uncle Hyrum Smith at 2765 Imperial Street, Salt Lake City, phone 7-0513, or Aunt Margaret S. Jensen at 738 East 21st South, Salt Lake City, phone 6-2331, telling them that you will be there -- and any others you know about. Also please include information as to the number who will want lodging in Salt Lake on Friday and Saturday nights, July 21 and 22.

Special Notice

The Decker reunion is to be held in Snowflake on August 12th. Although this is the birthday anniversary of Aunt Seraphine Smith Decker, the occasion is to be a special commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Z. B. Decker. All members of the JNS family belonging to this group are urged especially to attend and to contact other members of the Decker family who are not subscribers to the Kinsman.

From Salt Lake City

Of special interest to the numerous family members who have enjoyed the hospitality of Aunt Margaret and Uncle Nephi Jensen at their home at 738 East 21st South in Salt Lake City is the announcement that their large home is to be no more after September 1st. It has been sold to a business concern as a business block is to be put up at the familiar spot. The Jensens will continue to reside in Salt Lake, in a neat little cottage on the east side.

Mary Monson's daughter, Mary, a bride of a year, returned with her husband, Lt. Calvin W. Jackson, from Fairbanks, Alaska, where he has been stationed with the rescue department, flying helicopters. While they were in Salt Lake a number of relatives and friends spent an enjoyable evening at the home of Ramona Jacob, visiting and seeing colored slides of the Alaska work and area. (Ramona is a daughter of Bernice Smith, grand-daughter of Silas Smith. Bernice married Horace Monson, so Ramona is a niece of Mary Monson). Calvin and Mary are now stationed at Fayetteville, North Carolina, where he continues his helicopter flying at Pope Field. At Fairbanks, Mary was literary teacher in the Relief Society--another JNS family member doing that work.

During June conference Uncle Foss Smith and wife, Cleona, with their three oldest children--Norman, Darene, and Linnea, were in Salt Lake from LaJara, Colorado. Foss is Stake Superintendent of the Y.M.M.I.A. While there they stayed at the home of his niece, Dorothy S. Clark, daughter of Uncle Hyrum. Cleona is attending summer school in Provo at the B. Y. U., and Foss is working at the school to help pass away the time. (The editor had an enjoyable but brief chat with Foss on the campus recently.)

Norman, who is now 16, is already over 6 feet tall. He plans to enter the B.Y.U. this fall. He chose the B.Y.U. over the Colorado Universities although they offered a larger scholarship than he received from the Y. He ranked 7th in a recent scholarship test in the state of Colorado. It may be that the B. Y. U. had extra drawing power for him since it was there that his father met and courted his mother.

Ellen Lyon reports seeing Alma Decker (s. Louis A. and Mae H.) and wife, Rosland, from Beaver and also his sister, Katherine Bartholomew of Fayette, Utah, on Main Street at the time of June conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Don H. Smith and their five children and Uncle Hyrum took a trip in their new Studebaker to Yellowstone Park. They spent the July 4th weekend visiting at the home of June S. Harker in Shelley, Idaho. She is Uncle Hyrum's youngest daughter. While they were there Melvin Smith (s. Uncle Elias) and his wife and two children spent an afternoon visiting with them.

Melvin is the Ag teacher at Shelley high school, and recently recovered from an appendectomy in time to go to Moscow, Idaho, to attend summer school at the U of Idaho. His wife, Phyllis, and their daughter and son, Arkell and Reuel, will remain in Shelley, where they have an attractive new home.

June Harker also received a visit from her brother-in-law, Ellsworth Clark, and his three sons of Salt Lake City recently on their way to Yellowstone Park.

Wila and Curtis L. Hamilton (d. Alvin Decker) and their son, Lynn, from Cincinnati, Ohio, are visiting with her parents. Also there for a visit are a son, Blain, his wife, and two children, Marilyn and Jimmy, from Van Nuys, California. Blain is reportedly tops in his work as a C.P.A. with a large law firm in Los Angeles.

On June 27th, Florence B. Zobell had a group of friends and relatives at her home at 5924 S. Jordan Canal Road, Murray, Utah, as a farewell party for her sister Mary's daughter, Claire Gilchrist, who left the next day for her mission to the Central Atlantic States.

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This month has been unusually productive in correspondence received. Again we acknowledge letters or cards from the following in lieu of a personal answer: Oliver R. Smith, Iowa City, Iowa; Eva O. Decker, Snowflake; Mons L. Smith, Monticello; Edith S. Bushman, Joseph City; Wm. C. Smith, Pleasant Grove; Florence B. Zobell, Murray, Uncle Hyrum, Salt Lake; and June S. Harker, Shelley, Id.

Phil Shumway made a business trip to Gallup, New Mexico recently, so his parents, Clarence and Esther, went along to visit for a few days with their daughter, Fern, and family--the W. C. Masons. On the way they stopped in for a few minutes to visit with the S. F. Smith family in Snowflake.

Kenneth and Beula Petersen (d. Esther), who recently moved to Mesa, are spending a few weeks in Show Low.

Joseph and Mildred Jarvis spent several days in Dateland, Arizona, at the home of their son, Dwight and wife, Daphne. Dwight has recently been made President of the L. D. S. branch there.

Boyer Jarvis, another son of Joe and Mildred, is attending summer school at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, where he is studying speech. He will teach at the University of Arizona this winter.

Last week Uncle Heber and Aunt Susie Jarvis were in Pima, Arizona, visiting their son, Silas, and family.

George and Fanny Jarvis have two new grandchildren born in June. One was a boy born to Norma and John Crosley, the other a girl to Kathleen and Logan Brimhall. This makes the 89th and 90th great-grandchildren for Uncle Heber and Aunt Susie.

Uncle Don C. and Aunt Nell with their daughter, Margie and husband, Ed Tenney, spent the 4th holidays in Snowflake, visiting at Aunt Em's old home.

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Oliver R. Smith, chairman of the Journalism Department at the B. Y. U. and now on leave of absence to work on his Doctorate was asked to lecture on the philosophy and doctrines of Mormonism to a class in the school of religion at the State University of Iowa, where he is studying. The class to which he spoke has been studying religious groups in America and had already dealt with the History of the Church. Oliver is first counselor in the Iowa City Branch.

He reports that he sees Vernon S. Flake and family of Bonaparte, Iowa, quite frequently. Vernon is president of the East Iowa District of the Northern States Mission.

The Smith family is not immune to the June marriage bug. Leona Heywood (d. Dave and Marie) married a Brother Burton on June 30th. They are now honeymooning on the coast.

Rudger G. Smith, Jr. has been at Valley Forge, Penn. at the worldwide Boy Scout Jamboree for 1950.

Aunt Pauline Smith is in Los Angeles visiting her son, Richard, and family. Richard and wife have a new daughter, their first. Aunt Pauline made the trip with Earl and Naomi Udall. Naomi will remain there for several weeks on a visit.

Jan Smith (d. Elias) from Linden is visiting with relatives in Phoenix.

John H. Udall, Aunt Leah, and their children, Sam and Pauline, attended the July 4th festivities in Show Low.

Snowflake News (con.)

Orma Heward is in Chicago attending a famous music school, where she will continue her study of piano.

Word was received that Clair Rogers and wife have their third child, a boy, born recently. Clair is teaching in Montana at an Indian School.

Arna Lou Rogers, daughter of Paul, was married on June 30 to Junior Lillywhite in the Mesa Temple.

Francine Decker Holt (d. Silas and Eva) visited in Snowflake for a week from Alhambra, California. Her husband, Howard L. Holt, will receive his degree as an osteopathic physician and surgeon next June. It has been a long hard six and one-half years for them, but they both feel the effort is worthwhile.

A nice rainstorm on July 5th helped the dry, parched ground and made things look much fresher at Snowflake.

Bits from Provo

Besides Foss' wife, Cleona, there are at least two other family members attending summer school at the B. Y. U. -- Earl L. Smith (s. Jesse M.) and Josephine Udall (d. Aunt Leah). Earl taught school in Franklin, Idaho, this past winter and Jo taught in Solomonville, Arizona.

It is with pleasure that we publish the following poem written by Naomi S. Smith, wife of Don H., on June 25, 1950; in honor of the late June B. Smith on her 71st birthday anniversary.

REMEMBERING

Though petals of the rose may fall
The gentle perfume lingers;
It clings to warm the heart that knew
And comfort empty fingers.

Engulfed now in the winter's snow
I can't resent its bleakness,
For I may know the warmth of Spring
Remembering its sweetness.

We often said that she should write
Her lovely thoughts, the wisdom she'd attained,
But it was much that she should sit,
Recording things already gained--

When there was living yet to do.
So much she couldn't let pass by:
New truths to learn, new dreams to dream,
Ideas she must verify!

We thought the passing years might bring
A more submissive point of view,
Some day she'd be content to say,
"I've lived, now I will sit and write for you."

But we had much to learn,
The passing years might turn her hair to gray
But couldn't steal her courage
Or her youthful thoughts away.

She still could do what anyone could do
And do it quickly, ere her sun had set,
Each new experience, eagerly begun,
Was ended gratefully, without regret.

We asked her for a book to teach us truth--
She left a challenge to eternal youth!

Provo News (con.)

Gus and Fay Shumway have a new baby daughter born at Utah Valley Hospital on June 16.

Flake Rogers (s. S. Lorenzo), his wife and three children have spent a few weeks in Provo on a vacation from Chicago where he is attending chiropody school.

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1883 Sun. July 1 (con.) Our families will respect us if they see that we are sincere in our religion, but if we are hypocrites they will not respect us. If we are not honest our children will discover it, for they have sharp perceptive faculties. Would like to hear all the congregation sing together and all respond amen together. We want to become one for we all stand upon the same plane together. Wish every family to have the Bible and Book of Mormon in their houses and read them. The increase of the Latter-day Saints throughout these mountains cannot be less than 10,000 souls a year. All must have a place to dwell. Though many go on south others will take their places. We will never leave the places we have taken desolate, but they will always be occupied by the Saints. Am a friend to every institution of Zion and to everyone who pens a thought or speaks a word in her favor.

Afternoon. The Sacrament was administered. Elder Llewellyn Harris gave some of his experiences as a missionary to the Lamanites. Bro. Miles P. Romney said those that had the most influence with the Lamanites were those who said but little and were even tempered. Referred to the cyclones, fires and troubles that are not abroad; when we see these things we may know that the coming of the Son of Man is nigh.

Bro. John Oakley said if we go ahead our enemies will soon be forgotten. We live in a time when God has given us a prophet. It is beneath the dignity of an Elder in Israel to amass wealth and do nothing else. Many in the world desire small families only, otherwise fearing they cannot start in life properly.

I said when a man is called to a position in this Church it is better for him to lay it down than to carry it until he falls under it. If we cannot perform the duty to our own satisfaction we can lay down the office without prejudice, but we should not refuse to try to carry the burden when required. Our gifts are various. No one should feel envious because another has gifts that he has not. Try to show the weak points of the gifted man and thus try to hold him down to the general level. Dismiss every cankered spirit of envy. The Latter-day Saints seem to thrive best in mountain air. Think we

should stick close to the backbone of this continent, and after a while we will occupy the whole of it. Let us ask the Lord in faith for such things as we need. Wish all the brethren called as jurors to perform such service faithfully. Wished all who could get their naturalization papers to do so. Conference adjourned for three months to meet at Taylor.

I ordained Warren R. Tenney a High Priest and a High Councilor to fill a vacancy in the High Council. I also ordained Emma S. Smith president of the Relief Societies of our stake and Elizabeth Swapp a nurse for the sick.

Sun. July 29. Attended meeting at Taylor. Expressed a wish to have minutes taken of our public meetings that the ideas advanced might be recorded in our public records in our wards, and we should keep private journals likewise. It is the duty of Bishops to keep a record of all proceedings pertaining to their wards. Bro. W. J. Flake purchased the right to the exclusive use of the waters of Silver Creek for irrigating purposes below the Baily dam. I want this made a matter of record as it should be. Bro. E. Snow approved this purchase as made by Flake. It has become necessary to place this water all under one head for distribution. The people of Taylor have jumped Bro. Flake's right to this water. He stood forth as a public benefactor, and I do not like to have his wishes disregarded or his feelings trampled upon. Some of the brethren have jumped Bro. Flake's water claim. A man cannot claim the water of a stream after it passes below his dam. No man has a right to put in a dam between Baily's and the old Stinson place without Bro. Flake's consent. We ought to cooperate in building mills, in stores and in other things. Some say they do not care; they are going away. Do not go until you can find somebody to fill your place. If there is any medicine to cure discontent let us have it.

Mon. Aug. 6. Augusta gave birth to my 19th daughter, 27th child.

Thurs. Aug. 9. Meeting at Snowflake. I admonished the mothers to keep the little children from running about the floor. Our meetings are open to all, but all who attend are under obligation to observe good order. Pres. L.

H. Hatch said the late revelation says, "My servants shall be blessed with the spirit of their calling and they shall honor me." We should not envy anyone their blessings; they have them according to the wisdom of our Heavenly Father. No man that is called to take an active part in the ministry has a right to stoop to please the people, but should fearlessly discharge his duty. It is every man's duty to seek to know the will of God. It is good to be in harmony with the authorities, and willing to take their counsel, but when we are admonished in regard to our duties, or called to do some labor we are apt to think we are harshly dealt with. We should uphold the authorities and accept their counsel. We can easily say we believe in Jesus Christ but the proof is in submitting to His laws. The Lord requires that we shall be exemplary before the Lamanites and honest, upright and just before all men.

Mon. Aug. 13. Attended meeting at Woodruff. I spoke of the break in the dam; did not see but what the men who put in the portion that remained could put in more of the same kind. Counseled the brethren not to be discouraged, neither by the reports of what the railroad company was going to do about the land, nor about the damage the water has done to the dam. Know of no better place to make a living by farming in Arizona, any place occupied by Latter-day Saints, than here in Woodruff. Explained that when Latter-day Saints disposed of their landed property that they were morally bound to sell to other Saints so that outsiders should not get a foothold among us. Ordained Sister Harriet Gardner president of the Primary in Woodruff Ward.

Tues. Aug. 14. Blest my infant daughter, named her Anna.

Sat. Sept. 29. Quarterly Conference at Taylor. I spoke. Desired that as many as possible be comfortably seated inside the house. The Lord has given us a bountiful harvest. The world gave us the name Mormons as they could not tolerate the name Latter-day Saints. It is our duty to acknowledge the hand of God in all things. It is one of the evils of the world to deny the hand of God and account for everything on what they call natural principles. The eyes of the Lord are over all His creatures, but the world of mankind deny His preserving and sustaining hand, and seem to think that all nature got started in some way, and so go on without

any care or attention on the part of anyone. The prophets have stated that the calamities which will indicate the coming of the Son of Man will increase gradually and the people will try to account for them as simply resulting from natural causes. These will continue until men's hearts will fail them for fear. The knowledge that this people possess enables them to endure troubles, calamities and all the ills enumerated by the prophets as coming in the latter days. We shall be able to establish for ourselves an identity that will endure forever. Those are most unfortunate who are without God in the world. The man of faith has greater advantages. When we go out to our work let us ask the blessing of God upon our lands and upon the elements and let us sustain the organization of our Church and pay our tithes. Let us pray that we may be delivered from the wicked, and that the Lord will remember the prayers of the fathers of the Lamanites, and that hearts of those that are truly honest may be touched. The power of darkness is gaining strength. It is permitted to increase as the power of God increased. Purity of heart and life is required more and more as we advance. There is greater need of valiant works and integrity.

Pres. L. H. Hatch said every man has a right to know that Joseph Smith was a prophet. We have to know the Lord for ourselves. Do we love our neighbor as ourselves. The gospel places men on an equality. We differ much in temporal things and are not yet able to labor in the United Order. The Elders are going among the Lamanites, but unless the Lord touches the hearts of that people their efforts will be in vain. The spirit of the Lord is what has brought us here, not the eloquence of the Elders. Many people believe that we have the Gospel, but do they practice it. No. It is the practice that brings the blessings. Let us search ourselves and if there is any evil thing in us let us put it away. We have to warn the people, and when we do that we warn ourselves likewise. At the Priesthood meeting in the evening I alluded to the water difficulty. It was thought best to have the matter arbitrated. Bros. Lot Smith, M. P. Romney and A. S. Gibbons had been chosen as arbitrators to settle the difficulty. I ordained Bro. A. S. Gibbons a High Priest and a High Councilor in this stake of Zion.