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- FAMILY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -

A report of the editing committee of the J.N.S. dairy reveals that they have gone as far as they can with their part of the task without assurance of financial aid. Now we the kinsmen must supply the cash.

When a member of the finance committee for this project contacts you in person, by mail, or otherwise please be ready with your pledges for the number of copies you want and the cash in advance with your order. If we plan now we can be ready when they call.

We really cannot afford to be without it. It will not only be priceless to our families, but it will be a welcome treat to our relatives and friends for the information it contains.

Don't forget to send in your stories and your family genealogies to the proper committees, (see August KINSMAN).

Sincerely,

Esther S. Shumway.

- FROM PHOENIX -

Lloyd Webster, his wife, Josephine and baby have left for San Francisco where Lloyd will attend dental school.

Aunt Susie Jarvis commemorated her eighty-fourth birthday the fifteenth of last month. Both she and Uncle Heber are enjoying good health.

Philip Smith (s. Walter) is recovering from a broken foot. He met with accident in a fall while working on the Sixth Ward Chapel.

Paul and Ireta Updike (g.s. Susie), with his parents spent the first week of last month in Chicago at a photographers convention.

Margaret Black (d. Susie) has been in Farmington, N. Mexico caring for her daughter, Mrs. Charles Powell, at the arrival of the Powell's new baby boy. The baby is the 108th great-grandchild of Aunt Susie and Uncle Heber! Quite a record, your editor thinks.

- FROM YOUR EDITOR -

Due to conditions beyond our control the September KINSMAN was not printed. We are having several changes in reporters, etc. and not enough news items were obtained to justify the effort. Because of this delay all subscriptions will be advanced one month.

We send special Thanksgiving greetings to all. Hope you enjoy your October copy. Drop us a line and tell us what you are doing -- we will be glad to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Ross D. Hansen.

- KINSMEN HERE AND THERE -

Provo, Utah: The Kinsmen from around the county held their regular semi-annual reunion Oct. 6th. Complete details aren't available this month but maybe next issue.

Ted (s. Elias) and Inez Smith have announced the arrival of a new baby in their family. They have named it Kay.

Wolf Point, Mont: A short letter from Mr. and Mrs. Clair G. Rogers (s. Rebecca) informs us that they will be teaching school in Montana at least another year.

Nyssa, Oregon and Vicinity:

Joseph M. Flake (s. Martha) sends these items about kinsmen in his area. Recently Albert and Florence (d. Sariah) Zobell, Robert and Mary (d. Sariah) Gilchrist and the Joseph Flakes visited the home of Laverl Jarvis (s. Susan) in Meridian, Idaho. Laverl is serving in the Meridian Ward Bishopric. Later Marguerite Babcock (d. Sariah), and son of Pocatello visited Joseph M. Flake in Nyssa.

Mary Gilchrist has been in Salt Lake City attending conference. She serves on the Relief Society Board in her stake. Her husband is a member of the high council, and Claire, their daughter, is a senior at B.Y.U.

With the division of the Snowflake Ward many kinsmen living in both wards have new offices. Here are a few. In the Snowflake Ward Vincent Flake was retained as first counselor to Bishop L. B. Turley; and in Snowflake Second Ward, F. W. Ericksen (son-in-law Lenora) is bishop with Lorenzo Decker as first counselor, and Howard Church (son-in-law Ashael) as Ward clerk. Louella B. Webb (d. Julia) is Relief Society president with Fern Smith, (wife Lawrence N.) first counselor, Adele Ballard as second counselor, Edna M. Rogers (wife Spencer) secretary, Ida S. Church (d. Ashael) Chorister, and Bess Rogers Ericksen (d. Lenora) work leader.

Glenavieve Decker Wood (d. Lewis & May) and two sons recently moved to Provo where she is to teach in English Department at B.Y.U.

Elizabeth Spurlock (g.d. Anna & Preston) was recently wed to Brady Smithson of Holbrook. The marriage solemnized at the Arizona Temple.

Returning to Snowflake from the mission fields are those missionaries: Herbst Decker (s. Edwin) of Western States Mission; Evelyn Flake (d. Virgil) from California Mission; and Emma Broadbent (d. Lorana) of the Southwest Indian Mission. Evelyn will remain in Snowflake, Herbst plans a year at Arizona State College, and Emma will go to B.Y.U.

Visitors to General conference at Salt Lake City from here included Pres. & Mrs. Jesse M. Smith, Pres. & Mrs. Hyrum A. Hendricksen, Mr. & Mrs. Reece Webb, Bishop & Mrs. F. W. Ericksen, Mr. & Mrs. Lorenzo Decker, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Church, Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Flake, Mr. & Mrs. Virgil M. Flake, Mr. & Mrs. S. Eugene Flake and son, Sanford and daughter, Sherry, Mr. & Mrs. Hyrum Broadbent, and Mrs. Phosia Smith and daughter, Karlie of Show Low.

In the last two months Mr. and Mrs. Jesse M. Dewey of Los Angeles, Mr. & Mrs. J. Lorenzo Smith of Salt Lake City, and their families have visited at the home of their father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel F. Smith.

George W. Whitaker, husband of Lois (dau. Hyrum) was selected with a group from the Utah Opera Theater to furnish music for the Utah-Idaho Kiwanis Convention at Sun Valley, Idaho last Sept. Lois accompanied her husband. George has recently received a promotion from a salesman to a buyer in the wholesale dry goods department of Z.C.M.I. He will make two plane trips to New York this year to purchase goods.

June S. Harker (dau. Hyrum) from Shelley, Idaho reports to Salt Lake reporter that the work on the roomy addition to their new home is progressing satisfactorily.

Mary S. Monson is recovering from a severe fall. She suffered a broken wrist, a dislocated shoulder, and numerous bruises. We all hope for your speedy return to normal activity and health.

Don Hyrum (s. Hyrum) was just released Oct. 12, as president of the Mexican branch in Salt Lake City. He has served eleven years in the presidency and seven years as president. Don was praised highly for his accomplishments, with his crowning achievement the building of the beautiful new chapel. He now accepts appointment to labor in the Spanish and Italian portion of the newly organized mission for minority groups and foreign speaking people.

Virgil B. Smith (s. Hyrum) is happy over his first success at deer hunting. He got his buck with a rifle even though he tried indian style too.

WORD OF PRAISE TO JESSE N. SMITH

Joseph M. Flake tells of a recent visit at the Albert Zobell Sr. home in Payette, Idaho. In the course of the conversation Florence brought out a picture of grandfather. As we looked at it and talked of him, Albert recalled a mission experience of his in Denmark early in the 1900's. Viewing the picture, he said of grandfather, "There was a mission president! During the period when he was in Scandanavia, more Saints emigrated to America than any other period of similar length. I heard only strong praise for Jesse H. Smith from church members of Denmark."

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1887 Sun. July 24. and Elijah N. Freeman and William H. Gibbons, counselors.

Mon. July 25. My son Joseph W. arrived from Snowflake at 7 p. m. bringing me a telegram for the three Apostles to come to Salt Lake City. Bro. Young was already moving in that direction. Bro. Hatch and I started home, reached Erastus where we held a very good evening meeting.

Tue. July 26. Health poor; reached home.

Wed. July 27. The two Apostles arrived in the early afternoon. Bro. J. H. Richards arrived from St. Joseph with a still more urgent telegram for the return of the Apostles.

Thur. July 29. The Apostles gave all stake matters into my charge with Bro. Hatch until the organization should be completed. They left for Holbrook, Sister Josephine Smith and her three children remaining at my house. The appointment for a special conference was cancelled.

Sat. July 31. Bro. A. L. Rogers received a copy of the "Deseret Evening News" giving an account of President Taylor's death, which took place on the evening of Monday the 25th instant.

Thur. Aug. 4. Received a letter from Commissioner Sparks of the General Land Office giving some hope that the Railroad Company might be induced to take lein on lands for such of their land as we occupied. Attended Past meeting, also Relief Society meeting.

Sat. Aug. 6. Went up to Joseph Fish's taking Sister Smith and family and some of mine also.

Sun. Aug. 7. Health poor; Attended meeting at Snowflake camp. Spoke on the life and services of President Taylor.

Mon. Aug. 8. Returned home, Bro. Fish with us.

Tue. Aug. 9. Sent Commissioner Sparks a very full statement of all railroad land occupied by our people in this part of the territory with explanatory account of each settlement. Also wrote Delegate M. A. Smith on the same subject. Received a letter from Bishop Preston at Salt Lake City, proposing to move Church stock from this stake to Mexico this fall. Answered. Received letters from F. M. Lyman and John Henry Smith announcing their arrival in Salt Lake City, also that the Twelve had taken charge of the affairs of the Church.

Thur. Sept. 1. Helped take

stock at A.C.M.I.

Thur. Sept. 8. A dividend of 20 per cent was declared.

Fri. Sept. 9. Relected a director and president of the board.

Fri. Sept. 23. Anna Matilda Doolittle Rogers having died, I preached her funeral sermon.

Sat. Sept. 24. My wife Emma S. told me that I would not sleep in the earth, and that a more extensive field of labor would soon be opened up for me.

Wed. Oct. 26. My wife Janet gave birth to my twenty-third daughter and thirty second child. When she was eight days old Bro. John Henry Smith blessed her. She received the name of Esther.

Fri. Nov. 4. Sent 198 head of cattle and 45 head of horses, being tithing stock, to the Church Authorities at Juarez, Mexico, by orders from Bishop Preston.

Sun. Nov. 6. At Woodruff, with John Henry Smith. Attended meeting; spoke. Bro. Joseph Fish made the following synopsis of my remarks. To commence with the existence of man upon the earth, it may be said that soon after he was placed in the Garden of Eden there came an estrangement between the Creator and man. At that time a knowledge of God was derived from a personal acquaintance with Him, but when the estrangement took place man was sent out, away from the Divine Presence, and God set a sword to guard the way which led to the tree of life, and it was no longer the purpose of God to visit man, as had been the case previously. Not long after, however, a messenger was sent, but the Lord did not come himself. It was necessary that the children that were born should be taught of the things of God. This teaching was not a perfect knowledge of God, but became faith, or a foundation for faith. This connecting link between man and his maker was called faith. The great problem was, how shall man return again to God. The answer was, man must exercise this faith. The first taken or ordinance of this faith was called baptism. But men began to be evil through giving way to the influence of the great power opposed to God, the head of which power was Satan. It became necessary to skun this being and all his works. There were raised up men of God to forward his cause, and the power of evil also increased correspondingly and men said, why shall we serve God, and so the purposes of God were measureably thwarted. Men lived to a great age, in

which to do evil. But God raised up Enoch who combatted the wickedness of his time so successfully that a numerous host were saved from the prevailing evils when God took away Enoch and his city, Zion, from the wicked world. But the wickedness increased until the time of Noah, who like Enoch was a preacher of righteousness, but during a ministry of 120 years he only succeeded in converting seven persons, all of whom were of his own household. We are told that the earth groaned under the great wickedness that existed, so that the flood or deluge may be called a baptism of the earth, like one who repents, going and having his sins washed away by baptism. To the ancient inhabitants of this western land the Gospel was fully taught. They were taught that after baptism the ordinance of the laying on of hands should be administered for the additional baptism with the Holy Ghost and with fire. Among this people many mighty men were raised up and Christ who was prophesied of, was looked for during long and weary years, but because of sin the people were sunk in unbelief. The Jews also, were looking forth to the coming of Christ, with great longing, expecting them to be placed at the head of all the nations, but it was a time of such great wickedness that they could not recognize the Messiah in such a humble person though his doctrine and example were perfect. As they would not accept him, they conspired against him to take his life. There is no doubt but the doctrines of Christ, and the organizations established by him, are amply sufficient to restore men back again to the presence of God. This plan for getting back again is called the Gospel. We are to pattern after this great man, if it be lawful to call him a man, who sought so earnestly to benefit mankind. He brought a flood of light to the world, nothing so grand as the Sermon on the Mount was known before. It is difficult to see why the Jews should have been so wicked. They had been greatly favored by the Lord. But the Urim and Thummim by which the presiding priest could receive answers from the Lord were no longer among them. The precious stones in the breast plate of the High Priest that gave forth light, had become dim. It was clearly necessary for something to be done. But they would not humble themselves and accept Jesus of Nazareth as the Messiah, although to him had been given all power. This message of salvation, this priceless boon, was

offered gratis, it cost no money, it was called glad tidings. By these tokens it can be always known. To millions those blessings may be denied, but God will send messengers to assist those who need assistance; he is all powerful, he is not poor as we are. Many of us have covenanted to work for this good cause during all the time we shall have. I have not time to come down to our own day and speak of the gifts that have come to us by the ministrations of that great man Joseph Smith; his labors have been greater, his mission more important than any other except the Savior only. We shall never be able to realize those things in full in this life. I should be glad to interest you or anyone, upon this glorious theme; and upon the further work we are now entering upon. How necessary it is that we make a good record here, it is of more value than riches. If we had riches we could not take with us a bill of exchange when going beyond the veil. I wish to devote my life to this cause, hoping to gain this great salvation. These advantages are open to all; the supply is unlimited.

Apostle J. H. Smith said, "Have listened with pleasure to Bro. Smith's remarks, how man came upon the earth, and how a mission was given unto him. Our first parents had a knowledge of God, and their children received this knowledge by tradition. They were also told of the evils that would befall them if they fell away from righteousness. We can find how the people put themselves in a way to deny these principles, if we read Josephus and other ancient authors whose writings correspond with and establish the truth of the Bible. We are still suffering the penalties of a broken law, we can never fully recover from the effects thereof. At the time of the Savior the people harbored bitterness in their hearts, and became infidel. When the Prophet Joseph first enquired after the truth, God told him that all the sects were wrong, and that he would reveal to him the way to make an offering in righteousness. This man in a very short time became educated in the things of God. When the Gospel came, true repentance was required of man, this meant the forsaking of sin that man might become pure. Man had become perverted at the time of Noah, and God wiped them from the face of the earth, only saving a remnant, the world being cleansed by water, and if necessary, it will again be cleansed by fire.

(To be continued.)