

Cheri Rothlisberger of Taylor is living with her aunt in Mesa — at 335 E. Fifth Ave. while she is taking a course of radium treatments. Cards and letters would do a lot to cheer her lonely and uncomfortable days. **SNOWFLAKE HERALD**

Did you know Marvin Phil Schaede, UHS teacher, plays the guitar? Well, we didn't, until we heard that last week he was a guest on the Nester Motor radio program. But better still, he played a 12 string guitar made for him about one and one-half years ago by Joe Brimhall of Taylor. And what did he sing on the program? "Old Folks at Home." We thought this was worthy of note both for Schaede and for Joe Brimhall.

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Last week another historic landmark faded into memory. The Samuel F. Smith home was razed. For the past several weeks the house has been taken down in slow stages but last week a bulldozer and the Snowflake Fire Dept. came on the scene to finish the work of destruction. Now the historic lot is wiped clean . . . even many of the trees are gone. Is it always the right philosophy to say "Off with the old — on with the new." Does history ever stay? We think it should.

Samuel F. Smith was one of the great men of Snowflake in our opinion. He was the youngest son of Jesse N. and Emma S. West Smith, born to them in Parawan, Utah, Nov. 21, 1873. When he was not quite six years old he began his life in Snowflake, and it was here he remained except for very short periods of time, until his death at the age of 80 years.

His was a life of service — to his community and the communities around Snowflake; service to his family of 13 children (many of whom are prominent men and women around the Western states), and service to his Church. He succeeded his father as President of the Snowflake Stake, and served in that capacity for 32 years.

The Smith home was the scene of many events in Snowflake history. The notable people of church and state that were entertained within those walls are too many to mention, and those who came were entertained royally, by his delightful wife, Lula Jane Hatch Smith, and himself.

Lula Jane, was one of Snowflake's most sparkling and vivacious ladies, and her wit and good humor will always live in the memory of those who knew her. She not only was the epitome of a homemaker, and a marvelous manager, but she emerged through it all with the sparkle, grace and merriment that few women ever attain.

We shall miss the Samuel F. Smith home, but the memories will always remain. Snowflake has lost another of her landmarks to the bulldozer. Why can't Snowflakers capitalize on their history?

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There have been some mighty happy little Cub Scouts around town lately. Last Monday night the Snowflake Ward Pack 60 held its annual Blue and Gold banquet, and we had a real "whopping success."

Is Original Smith House

The Snowflake Pioneer Memorial Home was the original home of Jesse N. Smith and his fifth wife, Emma Larson Smith, who were married Oct. 28, 1881 in Salt Lake City. After returning to Snowflake, she lived in the log house, called the "big log house," located on the north side of the present Memorial Home. Here she resided and reared her family until the big brick house was completed.

Jesse N.'s first wife, also called Emma, "Aunt Emmy," had a small apartment on the opposite end of the "big log house."

About the turn of the century, plans were made to build a new brick home just south of the log house. The bricks were made by William W. Willis, known as "Uncle Billy" Willis. The older boys in the family hauled the bricks and stacked them. For the foundation rock, the native stones were quarried and chisled by Amos and Smith D. Rogers. The foundation was laid and it was allowed to "settle" for nearly a year before the actual masonry was begun on the house. The bricks were laid by George Gardner, and Brother Anderson, a Dane who lived in Snowflake at the time.

The plan called for 13 rooms in the house. The lower south sitting room was prepared for Aunt Emmy's quarters, and it was here that Jesse N. carried on his duties as president of Eastern Arizona Stake, which later was divided into Maricopa Stake in 1882; then St. Joseph Stake in 1883, and St. John's Stake in 1887, and Snowflake Stake in 1887. He presided over the Snowflake Stake until his death in 1906.

The home was not completely finished when Jesse N. died, but the family was living in it. After his death, Emma's boys, Don C., and Hyrum, completed the home with the help of carpenters in the area. Jim Frost did a lot of the carpentry work.

Emma L. Smith was a widow for 35 years. During this time she supported her family by serving as a mid-wife in the community. Her bedroom was the little south room above the dining room. There were four large bedrooms on the upper story. One room was never finished, called the "Sorry Room," and it was here that the boys slept when company spent the night with the Smith family.

Aunt Emmy occupied the little lower sitting room until her death in 1910. She took her meals with the other Smith family. The families of Aunt August, the fourth wife, and

the family of Aunt Janet, the third wife, lived in their own separate homes — one next door and the other across the street. The second wife, Margaret F., a sister to Aunt Emmy, died while her husband was serving as president of the Danish mission. Her two children were reared by her sister, Emmy.

When Emma Larson Smith died in June 2, 1943, the home was occupied by her eldest living daughter and her family, Lorana Smith Broadbent. Mrs. Broadbent cared for her mother during her declining years.

In 1963, the 100th anniversary of Emma Larson's birth, the family donated the home to the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers to be restored as a Pioneer Memorial Home in honor of their mother, Jesse N. Smith and other pioneers of the area.

The restoration took approximately six months, with members of the family donating the money which went into the cost of the restoration. The Daughters of Pioneer organization canvassed the pioneer homes of the area for furnishings, which they refinished, Reece Wasson doing the majority of the refinishing work, and placed into the home. Many pieces of furniture came from other Smith homes in town.

The Inscription on the front of the door, prepared by Don C. Smith, who was the "main power" behind the project, reads:

"This house was built by Jesse N. Smith and his sons at the turn of the century. It stands on ground adjacent to the log house built in 1881 where he had his office, having been made first President of the Eastern Arizona Stake in 1879 and later made president of the Snowflake Stake in 1887. It was the home of Emma Larson Smith. Her children donated it to the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, who restored it and it was dedicated July 18, 1963 in the memory of Jesse N. Smith, his wives, Emma S. West, Margaret F. West, Janet F. Johnson, Augusta M. Outzen, Emma Larson and other pioneers who transformed the desert into a fruitful field."

Last year, Don C. Smith of Mesa donated and installed a covered well form and placed it in the front of the grounds.

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