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President's Message

Recently I had a conversation with a bright and thoughtful young Latter-day Saint attorney. In the course of our discussion he said: "You know, I sometimes think that LDS people become so efficient as church and auxiliary organization officers that they forget the simple principles of Christian living. They even excuse their Christian failures by pointing out how efficient they are in their service to the organizational programs of the church."

I do not choose either to deny or defend his thought, but it has caused me to do some introspection--and might do the same for some of you who read this. In a similar vein I trust that our identity with the Jesse N. Smith family and our participation in its organizations will serve to make us better citizens of our communities and country; better Christians; and better Latter-day Saints.

--Harold H. Smith

Reunion at B.Y.U.

The semi-annual gathering of J.N.S. descendants attending Brigham Young University, together with families in the central Utah area, will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 7, at the Alumni House on the campus.

All members who will be in Utah to attend General Conference Apr. 4-6 are especially invited. Officers of the family association will be among those present.

Parents who have students at BYU are requested to notify them of this event and urge them to attend. Entertainment numbers are planned by young people representing all branches of the family.

Chairman of the student Club is Clarence E. Bushman, 6A Wymount Terrace. Chairman of the Provo group, whose name was inadvertently omitted from the list in last month's issue, is L. Flake Rogers, 847 N. 1260 E., Provo, Utah 84601.



Special Features This Month

AN HISTORIC LETTER TO J.N.S.
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INTRODUCING OUR 4th VICE PRESIDENT
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AN HISTORIC LETTER TO JESSE N. SMITH (Photocopy on pages 3 and 4)

Editor's Note: Members of the J.N.S. family will find much of interest in the two-page letter from Joseph F. Smith, sixth president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which is reproduced on the two following pages. It conveyed congratulations on the occasion of Jesse N.'s 70th birthday in 1904 from the church president, then 66. Pres. Smith was born in Far West, Mo., in 1838, the eldest son of the Patriarch, Hyrum Smith, who was a first cousin of Jesse N. Joseph F. died in 1918 at the age of 80. The letter was furnished us by Maria S. Ellsworth, second daughter of Asahel Henry Smith and Pauline Udall, who pens the accompanying background information. She is the wife of Dr. S. George Ellsworth, professor and head of the department of history at Utah State University, Logan.

by Maria Smith Ellsworth

Knowing the times in which Pres. Joseph F. Smith wrote his letter gives insight into his comments. You may remember that he was called to Washington to testify at hearings held in connection with the debate over the seating of Apostle Reed Smoot who had been elected as U.S. Senator from Utah. He must have had a very distressing time during the questioning over the practice of polygamy by the Mormons. In April of 1904 the "Second Manifesto", as it is called, had been given in the general conference of the Church in Salt Lake City. Elder Smoot did not gain his seat until February of 1907.

Those were difficult years for the Church. Financial problems resulting from the earlier years of persecution took much of Pres. Smith's time. There were still problems with active polygamists. Written as it was in this period, the letter shows the deep affection Pres. Smith had for our grandfather.

This letter, and a few other papers, came to me by way of Aunt Sophronia, who seemed to inherit them with the home of Grandmother (Augusta Marie Outzen). During Sophronia's last illness, my mother cared for her in Mesa. Mother kept them, and more than a year ago she gave them to me. Knowing our interest in the use of such material, plus the fact that I was always Aunt Sophronia's errand girl as I was growing up in Snowflake, made her feel that we should have them. They are very enjoyable to me, but I do want to share those of wide appeal.

The text of the letter of Joseph F. Smith appears on page 461 of the Journal of Jesse N. Smith, published in Salt Lake City, 1953.

COMING NEXT ISSUE: Another handwritten letter from a president of the Church, Heber J. Grant, will be reproduced in part in the April issue of The Kinsman.

OFFICE OF
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 of Latter-day Saints

P.O. Box 21

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 13th 1904

Hon. Jesse N. Smith
 Snowflake, Arizona.

My Dear Cousin Jesse N.:

Your valued invitation to be present at the "Smith Family Reunion" on the occasion of ^{the} Seventieth Anniversary of your birth day, came duly to hand; and I would gladly have availed myself of the same had it been in my power. I am this day sixty-six years and one month old, and I sometimes wonder if I shall be permitted to reach my 70th anniversary. The pressure from all sides upon my strength, seemingly increasing as the months roll by, is about all I know how to bear at times. There is one satisfaction I have, which helps to sustain me, and that is, The Father is at the helm.

I congratulate you on the attainment of your 70th anniversary in possession of good health, and reasonable bodily vigor and sound mind, surrounded, as you are, by numerous loved and loving wives and

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children, and Children's Children. And I hope you may live to witness the gathering around you of the fourth generation of your posterity - all honoring you and doing honor to themselves and the great cause to which, under God, they do and will owe their existence. And then that you may continue to live and enjoy life as long as you desire it. This poor old world can ill afford to part with men like you and such of your sons as it has been my pleasure to know. And yet, like some of the great and good who have passed to the great beyond, you will be known better there and then than here and now. Cousin Jesse C.

I honor you and love you from the depths of my heart. Your example of life, your integrity to the truth, your patience and devotion to God's Work has endeared you to all who truly understand and know you. You have my blessing, my confidence and my love! in which my family joins me most heartily. Yours, Jas. F. Smith

ROBERT C. ROGERS, 4th VICE PRESIDENT

Richard C. Rogers, serving as 4th vice president of the J.N.S. Family Association, was born 17 March 1921 at Snowflake, Navajo County, Arizona. He was the third son and fourth child of Andrew Locy Rogers Jr. and Rebecca Smith. His father was the first child of Andrew Locy Rogers Sr. (a pioneer well known in northern Arizona) and Clara Mari Gleason, and his mother was the fifth daughter and seventh child born to Jesse N. Smith and Augusta Maria Outzen.

He was given the first name and middle initial of his mother's elder brother, Robert Christian Smith, who had died almost one year earlier.

Robert attended school in Snowflake, graduating from Snowflake High School in 1939. He then attended Brigham Young University for one year before joining the U.S. Navy where he served during World War II. After the war he returned to BYU where he completed his B.S. degree in agronomy. He accepted employment at the Geneva Works of U.S. Steel Corp. in Utah.

On 1 June 1945 he married Venice Mae Hansen in the Salt Lake Temple and they made their home in Provo and later in Orem. The family includes two boys and two girls. Robert Chase Jr., 22, is a returned missionary and third year pre-dental student at BYU; Jerri Ellen, 19, is employed in Provo and attends BYU part-time; Laynann, 15 attends 9th grade at Lincoln Junior High; and Jeffery H., 10, attends 5th grade at Scera Park School in Orem. The family members hold responsible positions in the Orem 31st Ward.

Roberts offers the following words of counsel to J.N.S. family members:

"There is something the Apostle Paul said in his first epistle to the Corinthians which contains a lesson for us all: 'Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.' Now the charity, or love, that Paul speaks of is not the romantic kind, nor the love of flesh or money of any of the worldly things that have always been and are so popular, but the pure love of Christ and His gospel. As I think of my 6,000 kinsmen in this great family I know of no 'tinkling cymbals' or pieces of 'sounding brass' among the first generation. Our great challenge is--how are we of the succeeding generations going to sound?"



ROBERT C. ROGERS

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR FAMILY GROUP SHEETS

Your officers appreciate the response which many have made to last month's request to send in a family group sheet on the family of each descendant of Jesse N. Smith. These need to be up-dated at this time to reflect current information on such data as births, marriages, and deaths.

Please use the regular long form (not the short form), and include temple ordinance data where applicable. (This instruction is a correction of the erroneous one on page 5 of the February Kinsman to the effect that the latter would not be needed.)

So--if you haven't yet sent in the current sheet for yourself, spouse, and children, please take a few minutes and do it now. Mail it to M. W. Smith, 504 N. 4th E., Provo, Utah 84601. It will help us compile an accurate record of the present posterity of all of the children of Jesse N. Smith.

NEWS FROM FAMILY MEMBERS IN ARIZONA

Mesa--This kinsman is happy to be one of you for the history of the past and the dreams of the future. The spirit of Jesse N. is growing in the minds and hearts of his descendants.

It was my good fortune to spend Christmas holidays with my wife and our daughter Susann at the homes of our sons, Boyer and Wesley, in Salt Lake City, and Jesse in Ogden. Enroute home we stopped by Don Mack Dalton's home in Pleasant Grove and partook of the warm hospitality extended by him and his good wife, Geneve. He is doing and has done much to help us catch the spirit of family unity and togetherness. It is my hope that more and more of our kinsmen will see the personal advantage of becoming an active member of the Jesse N. Smith "tribal unit".

Enclosed you will find the names and addresses of our children, and a check for their memberships. If perchance any of them has sent for it on their own please use the money for the purpose of spreading the spirit of the family among the Jesse N. descendants.

--Joseph Smith Jarvis (s. Susan Janet S. Jarvis)

(Sons and daughter: Dr. Joseph Boyer Jarvis, Salt Lake City; Kenneth Arthur Jarvis, Auburn Wash.; Wesley Dwight Jarvis, Sandy, Utah; Jarrett Smith Jarvis, Phoenix; Dr. John Heber Jarvis, Mesa; George Edward Jarvis, Los Angeles; Jesse Selvoy Jarvis, Ogden; Susann Jarvis, Santa Ana, Cal.)

Mesa--The year 1968 had its ups and downs for the family of the late Elias Smith (only son of J.N.S. and Janet M. Johnson) and Ernestine Hansen Smith Hurst. There were many "ups" to be thankful for: the recovery of Camilla (w. of Joel Smith) who was seriously ill for so long; the survival of Ted Smith, family, and livestock during the blizzards and heavy snowstorms of 1967-68; the remarkable rescue of Ted from drowning by Quinn, his 9-year-old son, who threw a lasso rope out to him; and the miraculous recovery of Joel from a strange malady through administration, faith and prayers so that he could return to his teaching.

Marge Tribe, Bernice S. Bowers, and Aunt Ernestine each had serious surgery but is now back to work again. Robert Bowers (s. Bernice) returned from his mission to Texas, and his brother Kenneth is in the Brazilian Mission. M. Reuel Smith (s. Melvin L.) went to serve a mission in Honduras, Central America.

Esther S. Heaton became a grandmother on 11 Dec. when her daughter, RuLea Brooksby, gave birth to a girl. Laverne S. Chambers married James B. Wilson in Hawaii and flew from there with her children, Bruce, Mary, and Joan, for a short visit in Arizona. They were at Jan S. and Lee M. Shumway's in Taylor when Joel and Camilla Smith and family and Grandmother Ernestine and Grandpa Guy Hurst arrived. Ted and Inez Smith and family from Linden joined them for the visit in the new, spacious home of the Shumways. The Wilsons will make their home in Long Beach, Cal.

E. Herman Smith (eldest son of Elias) acquired a ready-made family when he married Irene Owens, who had three daughters and four sons by an earlier marriage. She presented him with a new son, Terrance Owens, last October as reported in the January Kinsman.

Aunt Ernestine now has 61 grandchildren and six great grandchildren, making her feel wonderfully blessed. She is also grateful for an understanding companion to sustain and bless her and her family.

CHANGING YOUR ADDRESS?

If you are going to have a new mailing address, please remember to send it in promptly to M. W. Smith, 504 N. 4th E., Provo, both the new and old address and ZIP codes so that future issues of The Kinsman will reach you without delay.

NEWS OF J.N.S. SONS AND DAUGHTERS

Salt Lake City--Aunt Margaret S. Jensen, 86, continues in about the same condition at the Wasatch Villa rest home, where she is well cared for, reports Ruth Udall Evans.

Hyrum Smith attended a welcome-home program Mar. 23 in the 35th Ward for his grandson, David Hyrum Smith (s. the late Don H. and Naomi Stevens Smith), on his return from the Argentine Mission. One of the first converts David baptized was a woman whom his father had taught in a Primary class there 30 years ago.

Mesa--Esther S. Shumway, 81, writes: We all look forward to reading The Kinsman, so please keep it coming. Since the operation on my eye I haven't done much writing. Love and best wishes from the Esther S. Shumway family.

Leah S. Udall, 77, writes: The family officers of the past year are to be complimented on the outstanding job done. We were happy to see our daughter Ruth feeling so well, and to know she and her husband (Woodrow E. Evans) have moved into their new home in Provo.

Myrtle S. and John Blocker (former Kinsman editors) write: Enclosed is an extra \$10 toward providing the J.N.S. nameplate in the Pioneer Memorial Theater. Things are looking up. Keep on keeping on!

NEWS FROM KINFOLK IN CALIFORNIA

Gridley--Justin M. Smith (s. John Walter) is now teaching in Chico State College. We're glad to see some of our kin coming to northern California! Daphne, our oldest daughter (Mrs. Larry Kessinger) has moved to Atascadero. Son Rodney is in the West Central States Mission, P.O. Box 133, Anaconda, Mont. 59711, and son John F. is serving in the Navy aboard the USS John C. Calhoun. He'll be in submarine service for another year and will then be glad to get home and go to college for a change. --John V. Bushman (s. Daphne D. & P.A. Bushman; g.s. Emma Seraphine Smith)

San Francisco--I have many fond and cherished memories of the reunions and the organization of the Cousins' Club at BYU, and feel very close to those I've been privileged to associate with. My mother (Natalia S. Farr) asks about our organizing a club here in northern California. My husband, Trev G. Blazzard, works for the Dept. of Justice as chief deputy to the U.S. Marshal here, and is 1st counselor to the bishop in the San Francisco Ward. I'm working as president of the Relief Society. We have five children.--Sylvia F. Blazzard, 1467-23rd Ave. 94122

Palos Verdes--John Stansel, husband of Renee (d. Dorothy S. and Ellsworth M. Clark, Salt Lake City) has been sustained 1st counselor in the bishopric.

Modesto--Ellen R. Rands (d. George A. Rencher, g.d. Georganna Bathsheba) and husband George C. Rands plan to move to Provo in June where he will study toward a doctor of education degree at BYU. He has been teaching mathematics for seven years after completing B.S. and M.S. degrees at BYU and Texas A&M. They have four children. Barton, 8, plays the organ in the ward chapel.

REPORT FROM THE J.N.S. JOURNAL REPLICATION SURVEY

Since last month's notice regarding publishing a new edition of the Journal of Jesse N. Smith, kinsmen have sent in requests for a total of 60 copies. If you have not already done so, please send in the form from the February issue or else a simple note to indicate how many copies you'd like to reserve of the new edition. Mail it to the family treasurer, 504 N. 4th E., Provo, Utah 84601.

ADDRESS LIST TO BE PUBLISHED

Would you like to receive a compilation of the names and addresses of all families enrolled in the J.N.S. Family Assn.? Send in your name, parent's name, and \$5 fee for 1969 enrollment so that you can be included, and the list will come to you in a later issue of The Kinsman. 'Twill be mighty handy for reunion contacts, correspondence, Christmas card lists, etc.!

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE YOUNG KINSMEN!

Letters of greeting have gone from our association president to the following family members whose recent marriages were reported in response to the request for this information in The Kinsman last month. Word of additional marriages as they occur, should be sent in, and complimentary membership will be presented, including copies of The Kinsman for 1969.

6 Jun 68 Nicholas Albert Smith (s. Albert A.) and Mary Ann Free; Columbus, Ga.
 20 Jul 68 George M. Papa Jr. (s. Beatrice Rogers) & Debra McRae; Chinle, Ariz.
 26 Jul 68 Donald R. Papa (s. Beatrice Rogers) & Kathleen Nichols; Tempe, Ariz.
 14 Aug 68 Bonnie Lyon (d. Ellen Smith Lyon Haycock) & Derek Kaufman; SLC, Utah
 14 Aug 68 Robert Marvin Smith (s. Marvin E.) & Joan Smith; Salt Lake City, Utah
 20 Aug 68 Beverly Adams (d. Clea Pearce Adams) & Thomas W. Welch; Provo, Utah
 24 Aug 68 Linda Heaton (d. Esther Smith Heaton) & John L. Bench
 6 Sep 68 Terril Kent Palmer (s. Susie Isabell DeWitt) & Virginia Post; Safford, Az.
 15 Nov 68 Olivia Lea Smith (d. Oliver R.) & Charles A. Baird; Holladay, Utah
 22 Nov 68 Mary Darlene DeWitt (d. Laron Waldo) & Troy O. Brinkerhoff; Mesa, Az.
 28 Dec 68 Ray Osborne Smith (s. Osborne N.) & Vicki Ann Noble; Mesa, Az.
 17 Jan 69 Carolyn Sue Harris (d. Margaret Pearl DeWitt) & Frances Marion Neff
 25 Jan 69 Timothy Kent Smith (s. Justin M.) & Cynthia Kinder; Provo, Utah

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