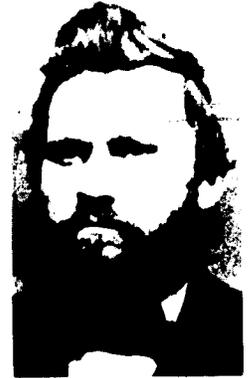


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HERITAGE OF A NOBLE PIONEER -- JESSE N. SMITH

By Silas L. Fish

(Remarks delivered at the observance marking the dedication of the monument to Jesse N. Smith at Snowflake, Arizona, July 20, 1968)

Someone has defined conscience as the small voice that makes you feel small when you do something small. Jesse N. Smith must have had a strong, active conscience because he did not have time to do small things. He was too busy doing important things all his life.

He had a large body and a big heart. I have heard it said that while he was on his mission in Denmark that at one time some ruffians planned to attack him and his companion and put an end to their missionary work, but that a Higher Power made his body look like a huge giant, and this apparition terrified the ruffians who hastily withdrew in a paroxysm of fear.

But Jesse N. Smith was not a terrifying giant. He was a kind man, a humble man, a man of soft words and a sweet spirit. He was a man of great learning, even though he had but a few months of formal education in frontier schools. What he gained was received under difficult conditions. But he read widely. He was a keen observer. He was very active, not being afraid to tackle difficult problems. He gained wisdom because he profited from his successes as well as from his mistakes.

He was a family man. All the members of his family adored him. There was something that radiated from his personality that won people's hearts, that led them to him for counsel and advice.

One man who had been cruelly beaten by a thieving bully came to Jesse N. Smith to get his approval to retaliate, because this wicked man was trying to drive the Mormons from their homes and holdings. He thought that he would be fully justified to shoot the man because of his murderous attacks with a gun and his deeds of violence. But Jesse N. Smith could not support violence. He advised a hands-off policy. He said: "Pray for the man, and the Lord will take care of him." In a short time the man was killed by one of his own kind.

Now back to my opening paragraph about conscience. General Douglas MacArthur once said: "It is the age-old struggle--the roar of the crowd on one side, and the voice of your conscience on the other." Jesse N. Smith listened to the voice of his conscience, and his friends were legion. And how did he do it? He used soft words. He was kind. But he would not disregard the voice of his conscience.

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HERITAGE OF A NOBLE PIONEER -- JESSE N. SMITH (continued from page 1)

I cannot take time to give even a summary of the life of Jesse N. Smith. I shall mention a few events as samples of his wide activities. At the early age of twenty he was a man of public affairs and a leading citizen of Parowan and of Iron County, Utah. He was a married man. He was a school teacher and a farmer, and was called to many positions of responsibility before he reached his 21st birthday.

He was chairman of the fortifying committee under whose direction the town of Parowan was surrounded by a high wall against Indian attacks. He was a member of the city council, and district attorney for the then Third Judicial District of the Territory of Utah.

He was ordained a high priest and set apart as second counselor in the Parowan Stake Presidency. He was elected to represent Iron County in the Territorial Legislature of Utah--all the foregoing before his 21st birthday. He turned 21 eight days before the legislature met and was organized. Thus he reached legal age before he took office.

He later became city clerk, mayor of Parowan, and a colonel in the militia in the Utah Indian War. Responsibilities came early, and lasted all his life. He did not neglect some duties because he had so many. He seemed to have the energy to act, and the wisdom to organize and direct. He prayed about all of his duties, and gave a Higher Power the credit for his successes.

He was, above all and through all, a religious man. He placed himself in the Lord's service, and no power or influence could cause him to deviate from his line of duty. All his life he was a minute-man for his church. People's needs must get

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'JOURNAL' PUBLICATION DATE POSTPONED

Because of delays in the submission of family record sheets and in the typing of the posterity lists, the new publication of the Jesse N. Smith Journal is not expected until the fall, according to the family association officers. New entries, such as births, marriages and deaths, will be accepted as long as feasible, and should be sent in promptly to M.W. Smith, family treasurer. In the meantime, additional orders are being received at the rates of \$10.50 for the clothbound Journal with posterity list, and \$3.00 for the paperbound posterity list only. Both prices are postpaid.

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immediate attention. He accepted King Benjamin's inspired declaration that to be in service of people was to be in the service of God. He served for about two decades in presiding positions in the Church in Parowan Stake and the Scandinavian Mission in Europe, and for over a quarter of a century he was stake president of Arizona Stakes with headquarters in Snowflake.

He was an organizer, a missionary, a preacher of righteousness, a teacher of truth, a builder and pioneer. He organized irrigation companies, cattle companies, and mercantile companies. He helped the Arizona colonists secure work on the new trans-continental railroad at a time when hunger threatened the colony. He negotiated for the land on which the Mormon pioneers had settled, not having any idea that the government had deeded the land to the railroad company to get the railroad line built across the continent.

He had forty-four children. Two died in infancy. Forty-two lived to maturity and became assets to the communities where they lived. He died at the age of 71.

Many tributes have been written to the memory of this great man. His loyalty to his Maker made of him an ideal citizen of his country, an outstanding community benefactor, and a most devoted family man. His religious devotion made him eminent in all other fields. Since his God is interested in all the people on the earth, Jesse N. Smith, in order to be true to his religion, was friend to all men, and he worked for their welfare in legislative halls, and wherever he could influence government or society. Such were the ideals he handed down to us all.

We need monuments to outstanding men to remind us and future generations of our heritage, to awaken our appreciation for the standards that former generations have upheld with faith, and blood, and tears. These Arizona pioneers paid a heavy price to pass on to future generations ideals and standards that they hoped would be preserved, cherished, and augmented, and that greater achievements would be attained. These pioneers built for the future.

May we honor them, and resolutely treasure excellence above too much leisure, courage above ease, the productive life above pleasure-seeking, and honor and strict morality against any weakening of the moral code.

These ideals the Mormon pioneers treasured. Jesse N. Smith wove them into the day-by-day pattern of his life. He was a man who lived an honorable life, a clean life, a strenuous life, a pure life, a sweet life. He loved his family, his neighbors, and his God.

NEWS OF J.N.S. FAMILY MEMBERS AROUND THE WORLD

MENLO PARK, Cal.--"I know Dad (J. Fish Smith) has ordered more copies of the Journal so each grandchild will have one, but I find need for another--to lend. I don't feel I can afford to lend a 'one and only' copy to people.

"I've taken my ancestors so for granted that I'm continually amazed to find people who are amazed to hear about them. Last summer we had an English student staying with us. Her boyfriend came to visit via New York where he had spent a month. He had had nothing good to say about this country to begin with, and coming coast-to-coast non-stop on the Greyhound only heightened his animosity. After hearing him go on for a day or so about how awful it was to ride the bus, I got out the Journal and gave him the part to read where Jesse N. Smith travels from Salt Lake City to Omaha (where he could make connection to the river boat) on his first mission. That considerably put a damper on the complaints. Then the fellow became entranced with the book and read quite a lot in it. Europeans really have no appreciation for what it took to settle this country!

"Wick had a nasty time with a perforated ear drum over the holidays and the doctor has him grounded from flying for a while. It may be we should take the children on the Zephyr for our hoped-for Utah vacation before it is too late."--Shirley (Mrs. C. Victor) Larson, 255 Cervante Rd., Menlo Park, Cal. 94025.

TAKOMA PARK, Md.--"Please notice my new address on this card. (Old address, Danville, Ill.) I don't want to miss a single copy of our wonderful Kinsman. I am presently working on my Ph.D. in botany at the University of Maryland. Let me take this opportunity to tell you how I appreciate the grand job you are doing. My husband Dave works at the Veterans Admin. Bldg. in Washington. Best wishes"--Joann Hoagland, 1005 Hopewell Ave., Takoma Park, 20012.

PROVO, Utah--Dr. Daniel L. Decker, professor of physics at Brigham Young University, has been appointed co-investigator in a two-year project in fundamental research in solid state physics. With a grant of \$42,000 he and assisting graduate students will measure effects of high pressures on rates of diffusion of one metal through another.

MANILA, Philippines--Dr. Francis Boradent and his wife Pauline and children, here on an agricultural aid mission, have taken an educational tour of the Far East including Japan, Thailand, and Singapore. They will return in June to their home at 821 A. St., Davis, Calif.

MESA, Ariz.--"The last Kinsman reported the fine reunion we had here. There is another important part I would like to report. It has been traditional for the Smiths to do temple work on the birthday of Grandfather Smith. On Tuesday, Dec. 2, we did 98 endowments and by Saturday noon we had done 225. Every Smith descendant in the valley was notified, and we want to express our appreciation to all those who participated. We know they all received joy for this spiritual service."--L. Wickliffe and Blanche Smith.

ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT GREETES NEW CHURCH LEADERS

The following letters, signed by Harold H. Smith, were sent Jan. 26, 1970:

To President Joseph Fielding Smith: On behalf of the Jesse N. Smith Family, I want you to know that we love, respect, and sustain you personally as the president of the Church and as the Prophet of the Lord. May the Lord bless you in this great calling which he has preserved you to receive, and may He bless you with health and the strength that your service may be long. Your devotion through all the years has been a source of inspiration to all who know you, and a source of reflected pride to all of us who can identify in the bonds of a blood relationship.

To President Spencer W. Kimball: It is an honor for me to represent the great family of Jesse N. Smith in expressing our esteem, even affection, for you. We want you to know that we are pleased to sustain you in the great added responsibility which has come to you in the Church. The ties of our families and geography have been of long duration, and we are thankful that they may still be identified. May the Lord continue to bless you with His inspiration and with a long life in health and strength.

J.N. SMITH FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS COMING IN AT A RECORD PACE

Family association treasurer M.W. Smith reported to the officers of the organization this month that 195 membership renewals for 1970 have been received, amounting to approximately one-half of the total for 1969. The prompt response by family members is considerably ahead of the pace for 1969, he said, and far ahead of that in 1968.

Family members living in the state of New Mexico were singled out for special praise. Thus far 65 per cent of last year's membership from that state have sent in their \$5 renewal fees for 1970, he reported.

To indicate whether dues are paid up for the current year, our treasurer has placed the figure "70" on the address label of the current issue of The Kinsman to each member whose dues were received by mid-February.

We appreciate your prompt response in supporting the family projects each year!

FUNERAL OF BURTON RUSH SMITH HELD IN MESA

A prominent grandson-in-law of Jesse N. Smith, former president Burton R. Smith of the Flagstaff Stake, died 9 Dec. 1969 in Mesa General Hospital. He was the husband of Jessie Ballard Smith, a daughter of Julia Smith Ballard. Burton was a grandson of Lot Smith, a contemporary but unrelated associate of Jesse N. Smith in northern Arizona.

Burton was born in Snowflake Oct. 7, 1893. He began work for the Santa Fe Railroad at Winslow in 1923, and retired in 1963 as Division Special Agent. Always interested in a better community, he served in many different capacities in Winslow. He was president of the Winslow Memorial Hospital, president of the Winslow Community Concert Assn., president two terms of the Winslow High School PTA, a member of the Kiwanis Club, and of the Ministerial Assn. He served many years as Juvenile Probation Officer.

He devoted many years of loyal service to his church. Following 12 years as bishop of the Winslow Ward, he was made a high councilman in the Snowflake Stake. When the Flagstaff Stake was organized he was appointed its first president, and served from 1956 to 1963. In that year he and his wife moved to Mesa where they served as ordained workers in the Arizona Temple. He often remarked that the crowning point of his life came when he went to Salt Lake City and was set apart as a sealer in the Arizona Temple. He had the privilege of sealing three of his grandchildren in marriage to their mates for time and eternity.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters and a son: Mrs. L.A. (Regina) Brinkerhoff, Stillwater, Okla., Mrs. W.C. (Julia) Rogers, Phoenix, Ariz., and Col. Kenneth B. Smith, Washington, D.C.; 12 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted on Dec. 13 in Alma Ward Chapel at Mesa by Bishop Torry D. Lofgreen. Organ prelude and postlude were played by Mabel R. Shumway. Invocation was offered by Golden P. Roundy, followed by a ladies' trio, "O My Father", with tenor soloist and violin obligato. Speakers were J. Morris Richards and Frank J. Randall. His daughters Regina and Julia played a piano duet, "La Golondrina," a favorite of their father's. Memorial sentiments from the officials, workers, and friends at the Temple were read. A male quartet sang "I Know That My Redeemer Lives." Benediction was by A. Frank Shumway. Pallbearers were eight brothers-in-law. At the graveside in Snowflake the same afternoon a male quartet sang "Abide With Me" and the grave was dedicated by John Ballard. -- Julia S. Rogers

COMING NEXT MONTH

In our March issue we will publish a further listing of the J.N.S. Family's "Cradle Roll," including the names of children born since our last listing in December. We'll be pleased to have information on these newcomers sent to us as soon as possible.

As a special feature we hope to have a sketch on the life of Aunt Esther Smith Shumway, eldest living daughter of Jesse N. Smith, and have requested a photo from her family. Sketches on other first generation members will follow as we receive them.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YOUNG KINSMEN! (since previous list in November)

The Jesse N. Smith Family Association is happy to present complimentary memberships for the year 1970 to the following young couples. We invite you to send us a family group sheet on yourselves, and keep us informed of your address, and we will send you issues of The Kinsman each month.--M.W. Smith, 504 N. 4th E., Provo, Utah 84601

- 7 Jun 69 Samuel Sollars and Barbara Smith (E.H., Elias) 601 Pacific Ave., Salisbury, Maryland 21801
- 5 Sep 69 Don Smith Rencher (Georgianna S., Bathsheba) and Connie Lee Stewart, 315 N. 100 W., Provo, Utah 84601
- 28 Sep 69 Angela Kay Rogers (Norman, Melvin J., Wilford, Eliza S.) and George Thomas Parrish
- 17 Oct 69 Ronald Kay and Rhonda Valee Willis Smith (s. Jesse M., Joseph W.) 1847 E. Apache, Pony Acres Trailer Park, Sp 70c, Tempe, Az. 85281
- 22 Nov 69 Michael Sean Collins (Phyllis Ellen Collins, Jesse S. Hulet, Sarah) and Janice Marie Nielsen, P.O. Box 711, Pollack Pines, Calif. 95726
- 24 Jan 70 Katheryn Loie Flake (Vincent, Martha) and Jack Anthony Lee. (please send addr.)
- 26 Jan 70 John Bench Updike (Paul Jarvis Updike, Janet, Susan) and Verlee Lauritzen, 461 W. 7th No., Provo, Utah 84601
- 30 Jan 70 Miles Kowallis Flake (Joseph, Martha) and Gary Hatch, 7225 10th St., Rio Linda, Calif., 95673

(Correction: In our October list the marriage date of Jeanette Millett and Wm. Claude Dunaway should have been shown as 30 August 1968.)

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