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GREETINGS TO ONE MAN'S FAMILY!

When Mother and her family arrived in Snowflake as refugees from Old Mexico, and we met, for the first time, the scores and scores of friendly relatives, I thought we had found a new heaven and a new earth. Then we moved to Utah and for all those years I missed any regular contact with father's family.

Now "The Kinsman" has come to fill that void--to minister to that need. I look forward each month to feeling the hand clasp of some loved one, or sharing a smile, or even sometimes a tear.

The \$1.00 yearly subscription fee barely covers the cost of paper, ink and stamps. Won't each one of you be responsible for securing the subscription of all the adult members of your immediate family? Let's give Editor Robert our full support. Send in your dollar and your family news.

--Moroni W. Smith

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Since the January issue of The Kinsman was sent out we have received a large number of very welcome letters from all parts of the country. We were gratified that most of them are interested in The Kinsman and its success. We appreciate also the good wishes they contained. We acknowledge receipt of letters and pass on greetings to others of the family from: S. Eugene Flake, President of the Southwest Indian Mission, Gallup, N. M.; N. Pratt Smith, Aunt Priscilla Smith, Harry and Sadie Greaves, and J. Fish Smith of Salt Lake City; Leonora S. Rogers and Virgil M. Flake of Snowflake; G. F. Bushman, Albuquerque, N. M.; Mrs. John E. Fish, Richfield, Utah; Ethel S. Randall and Beatrice R. Papa, Joseph City; Don Mack Dalton, American Fork, Utah; L. Wick Smith, Globe, Ariz.; Alice S. Kartchner, Eagar, Ariz.; Uncle Silas D. Smith in Mesa; and Aunt Leah S. Udall in Phoenix; besides our regular reporters and the special contributors mentioned in other places in the paper.

FAMILY REUNION

The JNS Executive Committee has tentatively set the time for this year's family reunion for July 22 and 23 in Salt Lake City. Further details and plans for the reunion will be published in the Kinsman. All members are urged to watch for further information and to pass the word along to all others with whom they have contact. If every family had access to the family paper it would be much easier to keep them informed on all the developments.

Mesa News

According to the groundhog, spring is just around the corner in Arizona.

Sarah T. Smith is spending a few weeks in Chandler visiting her grandchildren and doing some research and temple work in Mesa.

Aunt Susie Jarvis says that her grandson, Lane Black, of Phoenix, who has been laboring as a missionary in the Tongan Mission for the past six months can now speak to the people in their native tongue.

Louis A. and Mae H. Decker are living in Mesa this winter enjoying the mild climate and working in the temple. Their grandson, Dan Decker (Lorenzo), is now laboring among the Japanese in the Paia Maui District of the Hawaiian Mission.

Aunt Esther Shumway says that she is puzzled about the question posed by Edith as to tithing on grandchildren. She says that when their tenth child was born, she considered the tithing problem and (to ease her conscience and for other reasons) had Wm. C. Smith, the bishop, bless the baby in church. The blessing was a fine one--and the result? The boy, Jesse Fredrick Shumway, left for a mission to Japan on the ship "President Cleveland" sailing from San Francisco on February 3, 1950.

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News from Snowflake Way

Leonora S. and Marion Rogers are members of the Genealogical Committee and regularly attend the monthly temple excursions in Mesa. Rebecca S. and Andrew Rogers and Jesse M. and Marvel Smith also attend the excursions.

Bruce Flake was elected president of the Gingham and Denim Club--a square dance club which has been organized in Snowflake. Most of the Smith and Flake relatives there are hearty supporters of the club, and it is reported that some are rather adept at "kicking up their heels."

With three jobs--mayor, principal of the grade school, and ward clerk--Andrew Smith is one of Snowflake's busiest men. Now that Snowflake is incorporated, there are to be plenty of the much-needed street lights.

Two of the spark-plugs on the Snowflake High School basketball team are Milo Smith (son of Lawrence N.) and Jerry Frost (son of Austin). Howard Church is the coach. The team must really be good from the sound of things. They topped St. Johns by 21 points.

The grandchildren of Joseph W. Smith seem to have taken this business of missionary work quite seriously. The following are now serving: Leland and Lelia Smith (Jesse M.), Ben Heywood (Marie), Dean Bushman (Edith), Lucile Kartchner (Alice), Perry Smith (Henry), and Robert Monson (Mary).

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Difficulty is often a blessing in disguise, but we are usually too impatient to wait until it takes off its mask.

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Barry Avery (son of Sadie Hulet and Floyd Avery) is now serving as branch president in Nuaffluir, Holland. He has been in the mission field for 15 months.

Chad and Virginia Avery have the birth of their third daughter to announce. Dianne was born Jan. 22nd in Charleston, W. Va., where her mother has been visiting with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Taylor (Vivian Hulet Taylor) have been to San Francisco for a visit with her sister, Eugenie.

Laverne S. Chamberlain (Uncle Elias' daughter) reports that her brother, Ted, is in Provo attending school--the trade school, and that her sister, Margie, is at the A. C. in Logan. (Uncle Elias also sent in this news in a very nice letter which we appreciated.)

Doyle and Eugene Hansen (Alice S. Hansen) are attending school at the B. Y. U. this quarter to add to the number of cousins of the JNS family in attendance.

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On the same page of the Church Section of the Deseret News for February 12th, we see articles describing activities of family members in stake missions. Paul J. Updike, son of Lyle Updike and grandson of Aunt Susie Jarvis, is president of the Phoenix Stake Mission. It is enjoying great success in conversions and reactivation of inactive church members. William C. Smith is District President serving in the Timpanogos Stake Mission and is active in that work.

Following is a list of present subscribers to The Kinsman. We hope that all of you will do your part in contacting the rest of the adult members of the Jesse N. Smith family and seeing that the paper comes into their homes each month.

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1882 Deseret News Article (con.)

"Next day reached the Gila River about 1 o'clock, which was about twice the size of the Provo at a common stage. The water appeared somewhat milky, with a swampy taste. Crossing and traveling up the left bank in an easterly direction we came upon a well worn wagon road with dust ankle deep.

"Arriving at Fort Thomas and the neighboring town of Maxcy we were met by Bros. Teeples and Dahl, counselors of Bishop Rogers of Smithville, to which place, 12 miles farther, three of our party proceeded, the remainder camping, as the teams were tired. The nucleus of this colony of Saints was organized at Chaff's, now Ellsworth's, in April, 1879, by Jesse N. Smith and L. H. Hatch. The ward now numbers something over 500 souls. Our party was welcomed right cordially and meeting appointed at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 14th. The town is well situated on a sandy plateau sloping to the north, covered with a heavy growth of mesquite. The valley here has a width of some six or eight miles, of which the river bottom proper takes less than one-fourth part. All the farming has been done on the river bottom thus far, but the soil of the uplands is believed to be good; to grub out the mesquite would be a heavy task. The brethren have performed a great amount of labor, long and expensive ditches having been constructed, but with their present force they cannot cultivate properly more than one-tenth of the land they are trying to hold. They have factories for a very large population. They need a grist mill. They can get grinding done now, but one-third will be taken for toil, and that is discouraging. They have not been able to build a road to the timber on the mountain, and lumber from the railroad costs \$60 per thousand. It has been found that by keeping away from the river bottoms during the cool part of the 24 hours, and by using only the well water of the town plot, which tastes better than the river water, the chills, the scourge of the Gila, can be avoided.

"Attended four meetings of the Saints in Smithville, and one Sunday School; also attended a meeting at Curtis, four miles below, on the north side of the river. Also met on Saturday evening with the Priesthood of the Ward, and on Sunday evening with the Young Men's Improvement Asso-

ciation. Instructions were given as the spirit suggested, and all were greatly edified.

"Moses Cluff has a ranch on the south side of the valley under the shadow of Graham mountains, where he raises sorghum cane of superior quality. There is too much mineral in the soil of the bottoms to raise the cane with good results. Bro. Cluff is experimenting with a view to making sugar. He will probably be successful. Left our kind friends Monday afternoon.

"Eight miles brought us to Safford, the county seat of Graham County. Farther on camped at the bend of the ditch near a Mexican freight train, where whiskey seemed to be very plentiful. Soon passed Solomonville the following morning, also San Jose, and taking a southerly course, leaving the river and valley on our left, ascended by a somewhat heavy grade to a mountainous and rocky region. Twenty-eight miles brought us to Ash Springs, where we camped with Mexicans. Next day eight miles farther on came to the river, about half as large as where we left it, having received between the two points the San Francisco fork from the north. Crossing we came upon a well beaten road, meeting heavy ox trains hauling coke from the Southern Pacific Railroad to the mining town of Clifton, situated farther down the river near the mouth of the San Francisco. We were now in the Middle Gila Valley thickly strewn with ranches, and soon came to a stone by the roadside, marking the boundary line between Arizona and New Mexico. The valley was wide, the stream less sluggish than farther down, the water bright and sparkling, the bottom beautifully timbered, the soil apparently very fertile, and still there seemed a lack of thrift. This was explained when we learned the chills were prevailing. Met some 14 mule teams loaded with timber for mining and building purposes. Every traveler we saw carried a rifle to defend himself against Indians and cowboys, the latter rather the worst. Continued up the valley about 16 miles, recrossed to the south side, and again ascended the uplands. Thirty miles in an easterly direction brought us to Burro Springs, a beautiful ranch near the top of the Burro Mountains. Bought water for our animals. We were now in the heart of a mining country. They told us of mines in all directions, the ores carrying galena, silver and gold, and

assaying all the way from \$40 to \$25,000 per ton. The road here turned sharply toward the river and descended from the mountains to the upper part of Mangus Valley. We were near the continental divide, as twelve miles farther would have reached Silver City, which we were told lay just beyond the summit of the Rocky Mountains. We turned down the valley to the northwest and twenty miles farther again came to the Gila River, running through a fine open valley, but the settlers, by their pale faces and listless movements, gave unmistakable evidence that chills abounded. Our route crossed the river and continued northwest up the valley of Duck Creek, where lies the famous White House ranch, which, we were informed, was lately sold for \$120,000. Again ascending to higher land we crossed a divide to Williams Valley on the San Francisco fork, where we found the small community of Saints known as the Pleasanton Branch.

"Held three meetings and attended Sunday School. The Pleasanton Ward of the Eastern Arizona Stake was organized, and Bro. William C. McLellan was ordained Bishop. The soil of this little valley is wonderfully fertile producing the best corn the writer has ever seen west of the Rocky Mountains. It was deemed advisable that Elder Jacob Hamblin remove to this place, and in connection with Elder George C. Williams preach the gospel in the regions roundabout. Bro. Williams is familiarly known as the 'Parson', having officiated for a long time in the Baptist Church. He kindly volunteered to show us our road through the mountains to Bush Valley. Continued up the San Francisco for several miles occasionally crossing points of the mountains on each side. Passed through the small mining town of Alma, in Keller Valley, and nooned near the village of Glorietta. Here we left the river and traveling over a difficult road descended to the Silice, by moonlight, down the meanest hill on record. The canyon of the Silice was beautifully studded with slender cottonwood, sycamores, and elder trees. One of the brethren saw a large bear near our camp. The following day reached the San Francisco at noon at Baca's, and crossing left it on our left hand, camping for the night on the Tulerosa, a tributary of the San Francisco from the east. Here west of Apache Creek our route brought us to the noted Apache hill. The Parson rode ahead and

killed a turkey. We ascended the hill and reached a ranch occupied by a cattle company from Texas. Next day passed the small Mexican town of Las Lintas, and through the Lunas valley, the latter unoccupied, but a splendid place for a settlement. Next day arrived at Bush Valley and held meeting at 2 o'clock and again in the evening. Here the facilities for grazing are unsurpassed, the land being very rich, but being high in the mountains the season is short. Recrossed the territorial line into Arizona as we entered this valley. Sent forward an appointment and held meeting at Nutrioso at 11 a.m. This place is much improved, a commodious and beautiful school house having been built, also a number of very good private houses. They have however unfortunately not built on the townsite indicated by Pres. Erastus Snow. Reached Round Valley at dark.

"Sunday Oct. 29. Held meeting at 10 a.m. in the upper town where the Amity Ward was organized and Bro. Almon N. Holden was ordained Bishop, and A. V. Greer and David W. Johnson his counselors. Here Bros. McLellan, Ballard and Mills turned off for Forest Dale, and here also was the residence of Bro. Hamblin. Held meeting at 2 p.m. at the lower town, in the Omer Ward, where Bro. James L. Robertson was set apart as second counselor to the Bishop. Next day reached St. Johns and held evening meeting, also next morning at 10 a.m. Arrived same evening at Erastus and held meeting. Home next day, having traveled 510 miles.

Respectfully,

Jesse N. Smith
Lorenzo H. Hatch."

Tues. Oct. 31. The remains of James Homer were found today by William J. Johnston near Phenix Park. Homer was lost in a snow-storm on the 13th of January, 1882, and no trace of him could be found. The remains were buried at Snowflake.

Sun. Nov. 26. At the Sabbath meeting in Snowflake I greatly discountenanced our sisters marrying outside our Church, as they thereby forfeit their claim to Celestial exaltation. Bro. Edson Whipple said Orson Hyde when on his way to Jerusalem prophesied in Philadelphia, "This nation will rise against the Latter-day Saints just as unitedly as any state has hitherto done, but whenever this occurs some other nation will throw out a wing for our protection."

(To be continued)

Aunt Nataka