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## Mesa News

Aunt Esther and Uncle Clarence moved out of the heat at Mesa to the cool pines at Show Low for the summer on July 19th. They returned, however, on the first of August to get ready for the Jan Penn-John Hilton wedding, which took place August 7th in the Arizona Temple. That evening they entertained at their home in honor of the newlyweds. About 50 near relatives and friends called to extend good wishes. Refreshments of wedding cake and punch were served.

The next day the party went to Gallup, New Mexico, where a reception was held in the L.D.S. ward chapel for the couple. Jan and John went to Clear Lake, California, for a honeymoon, and will be at home in Oakland until school time when they are to return to the B.Y.U.

On August 20th Aunt Esther and Uncle Clarence took another trip to the valley to take Uncle Clarence to the Grunow Clinic for examination and treatment for a heart ailment. Now they are back in the mountains once more where they can shiver under three blankets. They expect to return to Mesa when the Temple opens about Oct. 3rd.

Mildred Jarvis (Joe's wife) had a birthday August 26. The First Ward Relief Society officers and the High Priests honored her with a surprise party.

Aunt Esther says she would feel quite romantic in the sighing and whispering of the pine trees if she didn't feel so darned rheumatic.

"This is gay September" and mothers everywhere are busy making dresses, buying socks, shoes, shirts, and overalls, and "Back to school" is in the air. Are you (or were you) ready for it?

## Message from Our President.

Dear Family Members:

This month of September is an important one in our family calendar because the birthdays of four of our living stalwarts come in this month. We extend congratulations, love and good wishes to them:

To Uncle Silas D., the eldest living member of the family, born in Parowan, Utah, Sept. 9, 1867. He is a faithful and tireless worker in compiling our family records.

To Aunt Susie Jarvis, a close second to Uncle Silas D. in seniority, born in Parowan, Utah, Sept. 15, 1868. This lovable "big sister" has been a shining example of Christian living for four-score years and more.

To Aunt Margaret Jensen, that gracious lady and incomparable hostess who has kept open house for the past 48 years for conference visitors, missionaries, brides and grooms of the family and many non-relatives as well. She has given untold days and years of service for the comfort and happiness of others. She was born at Snowflake, Arizona, Sept. 6, 1882.

To Uncle Don C., that quiet, unassuming, dependable big brother who has always found time in emergencies to drive his car to funerals, reunions, etc. and to carry comfort and help to the needy. He was born at Snowflake, Arizona, Sept. 26, 1886.

We are justly proud of these brothers and sisters.

All of you who sent birthday greetings to Cousin Edith A. Smith will be glad to know that she appreciates your remembrance and message of good cheer. Recently I received a nice letter from her which will be of special interest to many of you so I am asking Robert to print it in this month's Kinsman.

Fraternally yours,  
Uncle Hyrum

From Salt Lake City

Another of our reporters reports a helper -- who reports for himself already:

Holy Cross Hospital  
Aug. 22, 1950--5:15 P.M.

Dear Folks--  
Into this world I came a yellin',  
An 8 lb.3 oz. boy for Mama Ellen--  
And I just kept right on a cryin'  
'Til I saw proud Daddy, Edgar Lyon.  
Some claim I favor my mother,  
Others say I look like Dad,  
Some think I'm just like Bonnie Lou  
Which makes me very glad.  
I must resemble all of them,  
Our expressions are the same--  
For we're the happiest family  
Since I, the baby, came.

Let's get acquainted!  
Albert Mark Lyon

On Sunday, August 27, a sad farewell party for the departing of friends from the hospitable home of the Jensens was held at the big house. The lawn served as the carpet and the shady trees served the shade. The relatives served themselves with watermelon and comments. Fred Bushman was master of ceremonies, and in his usual way proved a good one. Aunt Margaret and Uncle Nephi have now moved into their lovely home at 2147 Kensington Ave. Aunt Margaret will well remember her first birthday (September 6) in her new home.

Hawaii cast its spell the last few weeks on C. L. and Emma Smith Luke and son, Norman. They flew over and then back to visit with their daughter and son-in-law and new grandson, Roscoe Rogers. They were there during the visit of Pres. George Albert Smith.

Earl Randall and Dorothy Rae Frost of Monticello were married on August 18th at Manti, Utah. Earl is the son of Howard and Ethel Randall of Joseph City, Arizona, and Dorothy Rae is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Frost of Monticello. Ethel came up from Joseph City to see her son get married and tell him good-bye before Uncle Sam takes him back into service. Reuel flew the newlyweds to Salt Lake for a little honeymoon before Earl reports to Fort Lewis, Washington, on Sept. 11.

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Letter from Edith A. Smith

"Dear Cousin Hyrum:

"Reading between the lines, this is a belated thank you for a deluge of greetings from near and far for an August natal day. Could place all but two of the greeters at first sight and the other two on second sight. They were in very deed a happy surprise of cheer. 'Tis not always that people respond to such a call, and the seed seemingly took root readily.

"The reunion of the Jesse N. Smith family in Salt Lake City July 22 and 23, 1950, was a happy thought. Perhaps not quite as many in attendance as would have been had it been in Arizona, but it gave a number a chance to take part who reside in this state. Congratulations for a successful year as president of the group.

"Cannot remember when we first got intimately aware of the Silas S. and Jesse N. Smith families, even though they were in Paragonah and Parowan and we in Salt Lake City. The time Jesse N. Jr. came to attend the University of Utah in 1880 we were in the same classes, and later when Robert C. came to stay with Aunt Susan E. seem to be early dates. The weddings of Josephine, Eliza, Hannah, and Adelaide were red-letter days and from then on a cousin friendship grew. When the Alberta Temple was completed in 1923 we met you, June, and others during the days of the dedication services. When the Mesa Temple was finished and dedicated and your mother and Joseph W. were set apart as workers, it was a happy link to get some proxy work done to complete a record of work done up to that time in all the temples, but am not quite sure of any proxy work being done in the Idaho Falls Temple, although some names were sent there.

"The research department of the Genealogical Society, after a long search, say they have found the record of the father of Robert (our first American grandfather) in Kirton, Sussex, England, as also his father Robert and his grandfather Edward; but no mothers or children, which does not clear up the situation too much. We are hoping other facts will be found to make it more satisfactory.

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## News from Snowflake Way

Andrew Smith has improved very gradually, and although very weak and terribly thin, has showed promise of recovery. His wife, Edna, has been with him for weeks assisting the nurses with many little tasks. She has now come home to take over for Andrew in the school room. Aunt Pauline is now at the hospital much of the time taking over with her son. The cause of the fluid around the heart is not yet known, so the situation is still serious. Continued prayers for his recovery will surely be appreciated--as have been the prayers offered for him thus far.

Herbst Decker (s. Edwin and Sarah) departed for the mission field on the 9th. This makes over 20 missionaries out from Snowflake Ward.

Many JNS descendants were at the M-Men-Gleaner Convention held in Snowflake Stake August 25-27. People from the eight Arizona Stakes, including one extending to El Paso, Texas, one stake in New Mexico and one stake in Mexico attended. The Church Section of Sept. 6 carried a long report of the convention which was started some 16 years ago with the first one at Snowflake under the direction of William C. Smith and Gerda Flake and their committees. Glen Flake (s. Eugene) was in charge of the rodeo and also conducted the testimony meeting held Sunday. Many others took a big part in putting over this big convention for over 1000 young people.

Uncle George, principal at Shew Low, has completed a new home there. Ida and Hy Hendrickson are soon to move into their lovely new home in Snowflake. Georgiana (Bushman) and Rance Spurlock are to have a large 12-room home in Holbrook.

Ardith Farr, who was injured almost fatally three years ago, is home from the hospital in California. He is doing business from a wheel chair with the help of his brothers. He owns a truck and can go in it to take care of his business, contracting the hauling of hay, buying and selling to the Indians, who are very devoted to him. We are all proud of Ardith's gallant fight to keep useful to himself and others, and are happy to know that he can be home with his mother, Aunt Natalie, in St. Johns.

## Bits from Provo

The editor and his wife enjoyed a brief vacation the first part of this month to the parks in Southern Utah and Northern Arizona. They went to Bryce Canyon and Zion National Park and to the north rim of the Grand Canyon. They spent several enjoyable days with friends in Kanab. While there they saw LeRoy Heaton (h. Esther Smith) between Sunday School sessions of the two wards there.

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We have quite a list, supplied to us by Uncle Don C., to add to those who have paid family dues:

Myrtle S. Blocker  
Justin M. Smith  
Oliver R. Smith  
Della S. Miller  
Virginia B. Peterson  
Andrew L. Rogers  
Melvin J. Benson  
George W. Whitaker  
Emily Parker  
Sophronia Smith  
Rhea B. Lambert  
J. Fish Smith  
H. Smith Broadbent

Uncle Don C. also sends a word of praise to the officers and all others who helped toward the success of the recent reunion.

## Snowflake News (con.)

New appointments in the ward are Virgil Flake as Genealogical Chairman and Howard Church as new Ward Clerk, replacing Andrew Smith, who was released because of his serious illness.

Of interest to many of the family are some of the deaths which have occurred recently. Junius Heywood died in California of what seemed to be a heart attack while in the ocean for a dip. Wm. C. Baldwin died of a heart attack while talking to his friend, Charles Frost. Grandma Hendrickson, mother of Hy and Gerda H. Flake, died suddenly about a month ago. Wealthy Rogers suffered a stroke and died soon after with all her children by her side. That should be Snowflake's share for awhile.

Renew subscriptions promptly!  
Send in your suggestions and news!

We received letters and subscription renewals from J. M. Flake, Nyssa, Oregon, Alice S. Hansen, Joseph City, Arizona, and Glenn Shumway, Shumway, Arizona. We greatly appreciate hearing from all of you and the words of encouragement given to us.

Salt Lake News  
(con. from page 2)

On Monday, Sept. 11, Mary Monson saw another of her lovely daughters married. Luana became the bride of Whitney R. Checketts in the Salt Lake Temple. The reception was held at the home of the groom's sister. We wish them much happiness.

Virgil B. Smith spent a few days with his sister, June S. Harker, in Shelley, Idaho, the middle of last month.

We quote the major portion of a letter just received from J. Fish Smith of Salt Lake City:

"The reunion notes in the August issue written by Uncle Hyrum gave due credit to everyone except him. He was the head of the whole thing and was the one who made the whole thing go. The rest of us just helped out.

"The important news in these parts is that the Jensens have moved from the grand old free hotel, and have located in a very nice small house with beautiful yards. Both Uncle Nephi and Aunt Margaret have worn themselves out

Letter from Edith A.  
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"When the mission in the Sandwich Islands came into existence we had two members of the Smith family called to do missionary work there: two Silases--my father's brother, Silas, and your uncle Silas Sanford. Yet, since that time quite a long list of names could be made of members who have been there. It was quite fitting that members of the family were there in company with Pres. George Albert to take part in the centennial day celebration of the founding of the mission during these August days in a beautiful land.

"The latch string hangs out at 945 Princeton Avenue.

Love and best wishes,  
Edith A.  
Sunday, Aug. 27, 1950"

these many years feeding and caring for Smiths and many other travelers who have come to town from the whole West including Canada and Mexico. Besides their own work they have spent many hundred dollars a year in this labor of love. When I spoke of this in the Kinsman a few years ago some of the family thought I was taking a pot shot at them. That was not the case. There have been too many to make it an individual matter. I have often thought the Jensens have had more company than all of the rest of us put together....."

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1883 Fri. Nov. 9. Evening meeting at Heber.

Sun. Nov. 11. Meeting at Snowflake; p.m. meeting at Taylor. Evening meetings both at Snowflake and Taylor. B. Young spoke at the latter place and H. J. Grant at the former.

Mon. Nov. 12. The two Apostles, myself and Bros. Hatch, Freeman and Hunt started on a tour through the settlements. Held meeting at Bro. R. Whipple's at 3 p.m. The speakers were B. Young, H. J. Grant, L. H. Hatch and myself.

Tues. Nov. 13. Drove to Forest Dale and talked with Chief Pedro; continued to E. Ellsworth's and remained overnight.

Wed. Nov. 14. Reached Little Giant saw mill and stayed overnight.

Thurs. Nov. 15. Reached Amity; held evening meeting. Freeman, Hunt, Young and Grant spoke.

Fri. Nov. 16. Reached Nutrioso; evening meeting; remarks on the Word of Wisdom by Bros. Young and Grant.

Sat. Nov. 17. Meeting at Alpine at 2 p.m. I spoke, so did Bros. Hatch, Young and Grant.

Sun. Nov. 18. Drove to Luna Valley; meeting at 2 p.m. The speakers were myself and Bros. Hatch, Young and Grant. Also meeting in the evening for the purpose of organizing the ward. The speakers were Bro. Young, myself and Bros. Freeman, Hatch, Lorenzo Watson and G.C. Williams. The last named was nominated by me for Bishop, was sustained by the people of the ward and ordained by me in connection with the Apostles. Bros. Lorenzo Watson and John David Lee were sustained as 1st and 2nd counselors to the Bishop in the order named.

Mon. Nov. 19. Bro. Watson was set apart by me and Bro. Grant set apart Bro. Lee.

Tues. Nov. 20. Meeting at Omer; the speakers Bros. Hatch, Hunt, myself and Bros. Young and Grant.

Thurs. Nov. 22. Meetings at St. Johns 10 a.m. Bros. Young and Hatch spoke. 2 p.m., Bros. Grant and myself were the speakers. Priesthood meeting in the evening addressed by B. Young, myself and H. J. Grant.

Fri. Nov. 23. Evening meeting at Erastus, addressed by Bros. Hunt, Freeman, Grant, myself and Bro. Hatch.

Sun. Nov. 25. Meeting at Snowflake 10 a.m. Bro. Young said the spirit of improvement

was noticeable among the Saints here, though a few did not improve. Who are accepted of the Lord? Those who live uprightly and keep their covenants. What show has a man in this kingdom who cannot bear to be reproved or chided for his errors. The time will come when he will be opened up as a book that all the world may read him. Is it right for us to fail to practice here what we taught the brethren in the old world. Some take license to commit little sins, because they are sealed up to eternal life, so they go on until they deny the atonement, and crucify the Savior afresh. We shall not lose our reward for every good deed that we do. But the man that runs well for a season and then falls away, he cannot enter into the Celestial Kingdom of God. Believed we were advancing faster spiritually than temporally. Saw no necessity for the home missionaries taking such long journeys. Admonished to school the children.

H. J. Grant said, "The parent who says my son can get along as I have done has not the spirit of the Gospel. Rather give your children an education than leave them means to quarrel over. If we learn God will remind us of things we have forgotten when we are in need of them. We should not be self righteous. We are not in a position to judge each other. When we do a thing because others do it, knowing it to be wrong, we are under condemnation. If we have faults let us be charitable to others."

I said I was glad the brethren had spoken as they had. It was proof that they were inspired. Said none of us were full patterns. I get letters from different parts of the stake saying they do not see me often enough, but I cannot cover all the ground. I have asked the Lord to strengthen my judgment. Here we have to pay high prices for skilled labor and cannot then obtain it. We have no right to labor to such excess that we cannot pray, nor read the word of God. We often come short of the pattern, but the Lord bears with us long.

Pres. Lot Smith said he heard Pres. Young say that we should practice what we preach. If that were the case our sermons would not be long ones. Apostle H. J. Grant said it is when we neglect our duties that our burthens seem hard to bear. When we know that we are doing wrong, if we do not

cease we are on dangerous ground. We must not think we can go on in our evil ways and then be changed in a day. We must make the reformation day by day and hour by hour. Some think because they have entered into the celestial law that they have a through ticket to heaven, but a man to be saved must keep the commandments of God. No one can enter into the higher law until he keeps the lesser. Apostle B. Young said may God bless the president, his counselors, the high council and the people. May God bless this land and enable you to educate your children. If anyone is to be pulled down the president must do it, not the people. At Priesthood meeting he said if the members of the Battalion had all been faithful they might have nearly all to a man returned. We wish to enter into a closer union to protect each other from the common enemy. We should have a fund for our defense. There are some polygamists in this stake. We do not know who may be attacked. We do not want one man to fight the battle for all, with his own means. We should have a fund for our common defense under the supervision of appointed guardians therefor. If you tell the devil you are going to quit a bad habit he will see that you do not. You need a common fund for the protection of your land titles. H. J. Grant said if we teach our children properly until they are eight years old they will not be turned away by the corrupt. Our enemies are glad to see the children of the Saints corrupted. I remarked in order to preserve purity of heart it is necessary to preserve purity of body. It is hard to please the hard headed Latter-day Saints. In the home missionary service we have kept a few tried men for the improvement of the young men.

Sat. Dec. 8. Quarterly conference commencing at 10 a.m. I said it is no easy matter to be a Latter-day Saint, but it is easier than to be a sinner. Our authorities say we are the best people upon the earth. This being the case we hope the Lord will be merciful to us. We all lack cultivation. When we examine ourselves we find many barren spots. While there are no other people that will make such sacrifices for the truth as we will still there are among us many grumblers, fault finders and those who hold grudges. There are always those who are ready to blacken the rep-

utation of the brethren. I want nothing to do with that business. I understand the devil has that contract. L. H. Hatch said unless we come together we may think that the settlement where we live is the model one, and that all others must pattern after it. The Lord sometimes withholds from us things not for our good. Joseph Smith was tempted to take the plates containing the record and use them for worldly gain, but he was not permitted to do so. The enemy suggests to us get wealth that you may be able to build up the kingdom therewith, but when we get it our minds have undergone a change. We should live so as to speak the words of truth by the voice of inspiration. The prophet promised the Elders in Nauvoo that they should always be the first Elders of the Church if they continued faithful. The Lord commanded the ark to be built according to a certain pattern. There was no deviation from it, neither can we deviate from the law. We should cultivate faith in our hearts for we shall need all we can get. Some of the first Elders of this Church fell away because they forfeited the spirit of the Lord. Will we live so as to take the reproof of a friend? I hope so. It is not for me to rise up and dictate to the Lord. It is for the Lord to dictate. I am to be subject to the authority of the Priesthood. This is God's work. To Him belongs the honor, not to man. Let us seek to please Him, not men. If we seek to please men we shall not be the servants of Christ. Jacob Hamblin said, "I feel well at Pleasanton, New Mexico, because I was called there." Believe the work done by John Wesley was a preparatory work. The Lord sent us the Gospel that we might have joy. For this purpose also we were sent to this earth. Adam came here with one of the queens of heaven. Having kept our first estate it is for us now to keep our second. As many men do not wish to have families the Lord instituted the plural family relation called polygamy. The vanities of the world have been introduced among us; this should not be. There are thousands of evil spirits ready to deceive. Therefore, we should be on our guard. If we cannot observe the Word of Wisdom we have not greatness enough to be saved. If we do not give heed to the spirit we shall be left to ourselves.

(To be continued)