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Snowflake Area News

Louis and May Decker have returned from 'a three months' sojourn in Mesa where they have enjoyed their work in the Arizona Temple.

Marion and Lenora S. Rogers are vacationing in Hawaii with their son, Roscoe. They flew over after visiting their two daughters, Louise and Bessie, in the Northwest.

Spencer and Edna Rogers are busy renovating the home of his grandmother, Aunt Augusta, which he has purchased recently. They arrived with their two little sons from Provo, where they have been living for several years. Aunt Sophronia has vacated the old home and is planning to live in Mesa, where her health should improve greatly.

Aunt Natalia, with sons, Ardith and Gus, was in Snowflake on the 11th of this month attending Stake Conference and visiting. She reports that her daughter, La Mel Ashcroft is being forced, by the induction of her husband, Henry A., to move to Eagar to live with her small children while her husband is in the service.

Aunt Pauline spent a week in Snowflake recently visiting with the two families of her children located there and with old friends.

Dr. J. N. Heywood is selling his home to Mr. Hakes, seminary teacher, and is moving to the Northwest to live by his son, Bernard, and family. He was asked to talk in conference and paid his highest tribute to his neighbor across the way, Samuel F. Smith, for his integrity and love of fellowmen.

The two young people chosen from the stake to talk on the subject of how church and school activities go hand in hand and enhance one another were JNS descendants. They were Loral Decker (s. Silas S.) and Norma Tillman (d. Effie S.).

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President's Message

Uncle George informs us that he intends to use his executive authority to pass on the privilege (?) of writing up material for this section of the Kinsman. Beginning next month the vice-presidents are going to help share this responsibility.

In regards to the family get-together for this year, Louis A. Decker has suggested a reunion at Parowan together with the Decker family. However, via grapevine it is indicated that two of the family groups are not very interested. Perhaps others might indicate their views.

We quote, "I wish to mention casually that many kinsmen going to and from, here and there, now and then, doing this and that, for and in behalf of, and heretofore, completely ignore the opportunity of stopping in Show Low long enough to see or say 'Howdy, President'. That isn't too good for my ego. Come see me."

George A. Smith,
Family Association President

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Provo News

The editor, Robert J. Smith, and his wife, Lola, are happy to announce -- but let her speak for herself:

At Utah Valley Hospital

In Provo, March seven,

I came into this world,

A little bundle from heaven.

My weight was 5-13½,

At 4:02 p.m. I came,

And my parents say that Shirley

Is going to be my name.

My daddy's name is Robert J.,

My mother's name is Lola,

My brother's name is Lynn,

My sisters' Lynette and Junola.

Now that I have joined the Smiths,

It is plain to see,

Together we will find great joy--

Our happy family.

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Mesa News

Uncle Heber and Aunt Susie Jarvis are convalescing from the flu which has kept them homebound for the past two months.

On Jan. 29th Ardeth and Ruth Shumway and two little girls were in a car accident--unavoidable on their part. Besides sustaining bumps and bruises and being badly shaken up, Ruth received a deep cut in her forehead which required 20 stitches. We all join in wishing them speedy and complete recoveries.

Aunt Sarah T. Smith has been in Mesa for the past few months enjoying the mild climate, visiting relatives and attending temple sessions when her health would permit.

Henry L. and Beatrice Smith and their son, Lawrence, and wife, and also Stella Smith, all of Duncan, Arizona, were in Mesa with the Mt. Graham Stake Temple excursion group recently.

Elder J. Fredrick Shumway (s. Aunt Esther) has recently been appointed president of the Sapporo District on the island of Hokkaido in the extreme northern part of Japan.

Aunt Lorana reports from Mesa that she and Uncle Hyrum have had a very enjoyable winter, especially in their temple work. She reports seeing a large number of relatives from Colorado, mostly from Uncle Silas S. Smith's family. Sanford Hawkins and wife from Manassa (g. son Silas S. Smith, Sr.) spent a month in Mesa. John Samuel Knight visited in Snowflake with Jesse Mons and Helen Broadbent and in Mesa with his daughter, Arzella K. Gylling, and husband. Brother and Sister Gylling are set-apart temple workers. (Brother Knight married Betsy Lenora Smith.)

Levi Dunn and wife, Emma Jane Smith; David Shawcroft and wife, Martha Smith, with a son and daughter; and Sarah Ann Smith DePriest were members of a family excursion. (The three women mentioned last are daughters of John A. Smith). This group was entertained at Aunt Pauline's new home one evening. Rebecca and Andrew Rogers were in Mesa with a Snowflake Stake group and also attended. There were reminiscences among the group. They sang "Happy Childhood Home"; Andrew read "The

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From Salt Lake City

Kenneth Monson was visiting in Salt Lake around Feb. 18th on missionary business. He is the President of the Denver Stake Mission. Among other things he wanted to say good-bye to his kid brother, Bob, who had to leave for Fort Lewis, Washington.

Aunt Margaret had a farewell party on Feb. 24 for Glenda and Al Smith and family. They have moved to Fort Sill, Okla., where Al is stationed. Paul Jensen showed movies of the last party at the Jensen home on 21st South, just before the big move last fall.

Sadie Greaves is getting into the rush of another daughter getting married. This time it is Anne, who is to wed Edward Donald Snow of Provo on April 5th. Both young people are graduates of the B.V.U. and have since been teaching school. A reception for the couple is to be given at the Bonneville Ward on the evening of their marriage in the Salt Lake Temple. They plan to make their home in Provo.

Homer Bushman is a happy man since his wife and three-year-old son have returned from Leanshire, England, where Freda has been visiting with her mother and family for the last five months. The grandparents were happy to see their grandson, Johnny Fredrick. Freda and son returned on the Queen Mary and arrived in Salt Lake on March 2nd.

Edgar Lyon enjoyed a week in San Francisco recently where he attended the 75th anniversary of the Fire Underwriters' Association of the Pacific. He flew down one Sunday morning and back the next Saturday evening. While in San Francisco he enjoyed a visit with Daphne Dalton Olsen and her husband, Frank. Edgar is the Assistant Manager of the State Fire Underwriters of Utah.

March 16th was the marriage date of Melvin Frost (s. Clarence and Seraphine) and Dorothy Skousen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Smith H. Skousen of Mesa, Arizona. The reception for the couple was in the Mesa First Ward. They are to reside in Marticello at Melvin's folks' home while his parents are away on their mission.

Aunt Priscilla's 18th great-grandchild arrived Feb. 23th. A boy was born to Esther Anderson and Eldon Kimball of Malad, Idaho.

Snowflake News
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Evelyn Flake (d. Virgil) recently departed for the California Mission. Of the nearly forty missionaries out now, at least one-third are JNS descendants.

Daniel E. and Anna Flake Schnebly and family have moved to Mesa. Their large family was very active in church and school work and will be missed by the community.

Gale Hansen, outstanding young violinist, has been invited to attend a music convention in California March 18-21.

Dr. A. Marion Smith was an overnight visitor in Snowflake last week. He carries on a large veterinary practice in the Phoenix-Scottsdale area. He now sports a new station wagon along with his beautiful new home. It would seem he has a good business.

Lorenzo Decker was released from the Stake Mission presidency and replaced by Virgil M. Flake, whose new secretary is to be Lenora S. Hansen. Other missionaries with Smith connections are: Post Flake, Albert Hall, Glenn Shumway, Sessal Allen, Paul Rogers, Marion Hansen, Vaughn and Naomi Bushman, and Gerda Flake.

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We have another appeal from Uncle Silas D. who has labored for a long time very faithfully trying to get complete information on all family members with all too little cooperation from others. He states that the children of the five mothers is the only generation for which full information is contained in the records. He has gathered information from newspaper accounts and all other sources available but some of this information is not too accurate. Heretofore he has made estimates as to the number of descendants from his records but refuses to commit himself any more in this regard without more accurate figures available. Will each and every family, therefore, please send in to him the names, births, deaths, etc. of each and every family, including marriages and spouses' names. The best way to do it will be to use a family group sheet. Then pass on the word to all other family members. (44 South Udall, Mesa.) This work is important! LET US ALL COOPERATE!

Mesa News
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Cow" and Esther read "The Hat." Martin D. Bushman sang "Mother McCree" honoring his mother's birthday, and Brother Dunn sang a song.

Aunt Lorana also met Don Smith and wife from Salt Lake City, cousins from the Silas S. Smith family.

Jesse N. Udall (s. Aunt Leah) returned recently from a two-year mission in England and called in to see Aunt Esther in Mesa.

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Mary B. Gilchrist of Ontario, Oregon, reports that at the request of Joseph Flake who lives in nearby Nyssa she gave the Sunday School lesson there about Grandfather. She reports many persons have commented on the life and works performed by our illustrious forebear.

Mary and her husband made a trip to Provo where they attended the Opera Workshop on March 1. Her husband's sister, Dorothy Gilchrist, assisted with it and took a leading role.

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We have some more requests for printed journals:

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| Mary B. Gilchrist | 1 | |
| Silas D. Smith family | 6 | |
| Eleanor S. Butler | 4 | |
| S. Lorenzo Rogers | 1 | 1 |
| Ida S. Church | 1 | |

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In the Church News of Feb. 28th in the section "Introducing Our Stake Presidents" was an interesting article about Jesse M. Smith, Snowflake Stake President, containing not only a tribute to him, but a little of the family background and of the part played by the Jesse Nathaniel Smith family and their associates in the history of that section of Arizona.

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Other news gleaned from the Deseret News was the announcement that S. Eugene Flake is to be released as president of the Southwest Indian Mission and is to be replaced immediately after the April conference by Golden R. Buchanan. Eugene has acted as mission president for the past four years and has done much for the spreading of the Gospel among that branch of the house of Israel.

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Much appreciated letters were received this month from the following persons not elsewhere mentioned: Francis L. Smith, Davis, Calif.; Eleanor S. Butler, Snowflake; Harold H. Smith,

Heber, Utah; Bart W. Dalton, Norwalk, California. All sent in subscription renewals and thanks for the family contact made possible through the pages of the Kinsman.

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1884 Sat. Sept. 13. con. Some men's mouths are like open sepulchres. What is more grievous than betraying sacred things? This course carried out will make a man a Judas. I wish the brethren of this ward and Taylor to commence work on the ditch. I call upon the brethren of the two wards to start this work immediately and continue until its completion.

L. H. Hatch said if we tell things to outsiders about our brethren's families, we may be called upon for the proofs of what we say. I was once arraigned for polygamy. When it comes to that the question will be, have you a wife? If so, where did you get her? Certainly not in this territory. When men rise up and speak in derision of the sacred principles of the Gospel they ought to be severed from the Church. Let us be one in bringing out the water. Why do men go around saying our political policy is not right? If Jesus had not been betrayed into the hands of His enemies He would not have been crucified. Let us stand together and not profess to know more than our leaders.

I said with regard to political matters there are some wise-aces who are trying to change the ticket after it has been agreed upon; have understood that this spirit has invaded the ranks of the home missionaries.

J. H. Standifird asked, "Suppose an individual neglects to pay tithing in 1882 and in 1883. What shall we do when he comes to settle in 1884?" Pres. Hatch replied, "The neglect of these duties will finally lead to apostasy." Bro. Savage asked, "Can a person be classed among the worthy poor who will go to the store and buy tea and coffee?" I replied, "These matters are left to the Bishops, who stand between the people and God. They need to be humble men. They need to be prayed for." Bro. W. H. Solomon asked if non-payment of tithing would debar a man going to the temple. I said it also required other qualifications to enable one to go to the temple. The Apostles told the Bishops not to recommend a man who used tobacco.

Sun. Sept. 14. p.m. I said I undertake the task of being your servant with much diffidence. Four years ago our political hopes failed us. Some said it was caused by a blunder of mine. That is not so. I wash my hands of it.

Two years ago we also suffered defeat, lacking about 26 votes. That number and more were lost by the treachery of the brethren. If the brethren will be united we shall prosper, if not we shall not. Let those who have made the opposition bear the burden of the defeats. We have built up a mercantile house which is successful, but a system of credit has been inaugurated that will ruin us unless it is stopped. I have all the time taken strong ground against crediting. The kingdom cannot be built upon the credit system. We have got to educate the people into a better system of business. I do not blame the brethren, but it is the duty of those on the watch tower to give notice of approaching danger. I want the Bishops to be patterns of the highest type of morality. I will never consent to have our daughters led away by the wicked. It is not safe to have wicked men in your houses even though you may be there to preside. It may be safe for your sons to work for outsiders, but it is not for your daughters. What is the evil that afflicts the world today? It may be said to be infidelity. I will say that one of their evils is they have lost all confidence in the virtue of women. Some of the finest gentlemen will say they dare not marry because they do not believe there are any virtuous women. Such men are to be shunned. Many have been led away by such persons. The character, like the body, is formed in youth. It may be bent in any direction while young. Do not associate with the vile. Do not send off your youths to be exposed in freighting camps to everything that is vile. Why do you do this when there is everything to lose and comparatively nothing to gain? We are not going to convert the wicked by throwing our houses open to them. Conversion comes through hearing the word of God. Our public meetings are open to all and those who wish to hear are always welcome. Do you think you can convert them by sending your daughters to work in their houses? Sooner than do this I would rather my daughter should be raised in poverty. Why take these risks? I trust we may be found as the wise virgins that went forth to meet the bridegroom.

Thurs. Sept. 18. With several brethren proceeded to St. Johns where we met Bros. Joseph F. Smith, Erastus Snow, John Morgan and their wives. In company

with them visited friends in that place and held meeting, when we started with them for Snowflake. Stayed the night at Erastus where meeting was held. Reached home the following day. Joseph F. and wife, Edna, and child stayed at our home.

Thurs. Sept. 25. At meeting Bro. John Morgan said, "Am pleased to meet with the Saints here and feel gratified in meeting acquaintances. It is gratifying to see the progress that is being made in this country. I remember there was a company selected to locate in Arizona. One of the brethren upon his return to Utah made a report of this country that was not at all flattering. I visited Sunset some three years ago and thought his description was correct. Some of the Saints in the Southern States wished to locate here. I told them it required people of experience in frontier life to locate here. Read from Isaiah, 'The Lord would perform a marvelous work and a wonder' together with context. When we reflect upon the journeys and labors of the Latter-day Saints, the settling up of the deserts and the difficulties they have had to grapple with, we are led to say, 'Surely it is a marvelous work and a wonder.' The powers of the government in oppressing the people have been added to the many natural difficulties we have had to encounter. If they had reflected, these statesmen, they could have seen that this class of men and women knew no such word as fail, but the prophet said, 'The wisdom of their wise men should perish.' The government has inflicted upon us all their broken down politicians and preachers in the shape of federal officials for Utah, in this way almost making our settlements a Botany Bay colony. Our settlements now extend north and south for 1000 miles along the Rocky Mountains. The Saints are building habitations all along this extensive region. Was surprised to learn that your numbers in this stake amounted to 2625 souls. This is in fulfillment of another passage of scripture which says, 'Give us room that we may dwell.' We find here a people blessed and prospered, but the place will soon become too straight, for here yourselves and children cannot all have each a section or a $\frac{1}{4}$ section of land. It has truly

been said it is a marvelous work and a wonder. It was said of this place that there was only enough water here for one family. Now we find 50 or 60 families here and about the same number on the creek above here. Places that we little dream of will yet furnish homes for the Latter-day Saints. Look at the secret combinations in the land. Look at the efforts now being made by the government. The government is trying to arrange things socially. It wants the pews to dictate to the pulpit. In Salt Lake City we are more favored in some respects than you are here. We are thrown in direct contact with civilization in all its phases and modern improvements, including houses of prostitution, which are recommended as a means of breaking down Mormonism. In the 14th Ward of Salt Lake City 24 girls married Gentiles. Only two of the 24 are now living with their husbands. Most of them have been deserted. The circumstances that surround you are the same as elsewhere, but there are certain principles that must not be lost sight of. We must train up our families and school them in the Gospel. In proportion to our obedience to its principles shall we be prospered. On the other hand if we are neglectful we shall lose the blessings we are heirs to through obedience. The majority of the world are like the minister that once spoke in reply to me. He said he believed I had tried to tell the truth and had told the truth, but that he did not believe what I had said. The Savior said, 'By their fruits ye shall know them.' Here in your settlement we find peace and happy families. Can the like be found in the outside world? We find that men have weaknesses. Does this make the truth any less true? The lack of integrity in the Apostle Peter had nothing to do with the principles of the Gospel. The testimonies of the Gospel would still be just as true if you should apostatize from the faith as they were when you uttered them. The homes of the Saints shall spread over the land and the blessing of the Saints shall redeem the soil. Was there ever a day when gospel truths were not derided? Those who have been faithful have received a testimony for themselves and care not for the opinions of men."

(To be continued)