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Snowflake Area News

Commencement time is here again! Snowflake is in her glory at this season with all the fruit trees and lilacs in bloom.

At Honor Exercises on May 8 Loral Decker (s. Silas & Eva) received greatest honors; Valedictorian; best all round senior boy; Science Award and Music Awards; and word from Polytechnic that his application was accepted along with 180 out of 10,000 Freshman applications received this year.

Nena Flake, Gale Hansen and Alene Smith (who is only a Junior) received outstanding recognition in music and service fields. Fifty-one students are to be initiated into Alumni.

Mrs. Marion Rogers was in Bedford, Wyoming, to help care for her new grandson, born to Mr. and Mrs. Royal Preston the latter part of March. This is Louise's third child and their 5th grandchild.

Uncle George was safely flown to Mesa on May 6th where he is showing good improvement since a severe set back in April. He can be reached by mail at 445 1st Ave., Mesa. His heart condition should improve considerably in the lower elevation climate, they feel.

George Smith, Jr. recently returned from his mission to New England and plans to go to school in Tempe this fall. He is a fine looking duplicate of his dad and will no doubt lift a lot of the weight his father has been prone to carry.

Uncle George and Uncle Elias' youngest children are both graduating, Karlie and Erna Jan. The Smith names are getting fewer here on the school rolls.

Nelle Rogers Hansen presented her husband with a fine son this spring, making her fourth child.

From Salt Lake City

May 10th was Aunt Priscilla's 76th birthday. Her daughter, Emily Parker, honored her with open house in the evening. All the relatives living close by and many dear friends called. Aunt Margaret was the able helper in remembering all the old timers--especially anyone as important as the first beau who lived in Snowflake years ago. To show how friendships last--when the first beau arrived with his wife and sister the wife said, "Kiss her, Jack, it's Priscilla's birthday." So he did, and needless to say Aunt Priscilla accepted and everyone laughed. Some of the older ones will remember Jack Rowe and his sister, Alice R. Longson.

Bessie and Owen Anderson from Spring City were present with their four children living at home. Two other married children came also--Robert and Fern from Provo and Margaret and husband, David Adams, from Layton. Elaine and two boys from Layton also drove in. She is the wife of Eldredge, Aunt Priscilla's little cowboy who grew up to be one. He has a cattle ranch in Nevada and couldn't leave.

The granddaughters, Karen Anderson and Emily Ann Parker, helped with the serving, also little Harlene Jensen, Aunt Margaret's granddaughter. Marge Smith, daughter of Uncle Elias, who is now living with Aunt Margaret until her boy friend returns from his mission, assisted with the party. Uncle Hyrum was also present, and with Aunt Margaret represented the brothers and sisters.

Fred Bushman has been under Doctor's orders lately since his heart has been acting up. Perhaps it was the excitement of being Grandpa too often--we hope that's it anyway. He is better now. Fred's daughter, Jean, and husband, Franklia Don Spencer, had to make another bed for their fourth child--a little girl born March 19th. Anna Joy and her

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Around the Country

We had a nice letter from Margaret S. Larson, telling about J. N. Smith, III, who was in the veteran's hospital at Papago where he had undergone several operations and was in a serious condition. We sincerely trust that he is much better by now, if not completely recovered. Henry, his brother, from Duncan has been the Good Samaritan to him and has been helping a lot. A.P. has been a good friend of his for many years and when he and Margaret went to visit him, he asked that A.P. visit him every day until he was better. We are sure that anyone in that area who could find time to call on him in Ward 2 would help keep his spirits up.

Francis E. Broadbent writes from Ithaca, N. Y. that he has been doing some part time missionary work in the area around the Peter Whitmer farm, but without notable success. He says, in fact, that he and his wife can probably raise more Mormons than they can convert.

Louis A. Decker writes that the Decker family is counting on having their family reunion this year at Parowan on June 22nd. He wonders if some of the Smith families might be interested in having their reunion there near the same date. We pass this on to the proper officers as a suggestion. It seems, however, that Uncle George mentioned some time ago that he had found a feeling among some of the family members not in favor of going to Parowan.

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George A. Rencher writes asking that he be added to the list of those who desire copies of Grandfather Smith's journal if it is printed. We note from the stationery he used that he is Chairman of the St. Johns Stake Genealogical Committee.

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husband, Richard Burton, presented Fred with a new granddaughter on May 4th. They already have a young son, Richard (Rickey).

The Edgar Lyons offer anyone a chance to go to the mountains and streams and trees without flies, etc. They have just finished papering their living room with such a scene--or rather Edgar did--Ellen says she, for once, kept her fingers out of the paste.

Ellen Lyon forwarded to us a letter from Susan West Burt which we think is worthy of passing on to you as she wrote it, so with her permission we publish it below:

Glendora, Calif.

April 5, 1951

To the Kinsman:

Don't know that I was ever more pleased receiving a gift in all my life than when the Kinsman came to our home. Thanks to dear, thoughtful John, my cousin.

When some friends asked Oliver and me to go to Pomona to Church, we thought we would be among strangers. When John Smith touched me on the shoulder and asked if I was Sue West, I looked up and could see traces of a childhood face, but could not place him. He teased me awhile, telling me I used to be his Sunday School teacher and this and that. Then finally he said that he was John. Then I knew that he was Walter's and Lois's son. That little boy--now such a fine stalwart man, and when I was told that he was the patriarch of that stake, tears of great joy came, for to me that was better news than to know he was a millionaire.

In my childhood days, next to my father was Uncle Jesse N. Smith, "that well read, refined man of God." I was always thankful that he loved and married two of my father's sisters, Aunt Margaret and Aunt Emma. No one could say one wife was better than the other--he chose them all.

I have learned to love Margaret S. Jensen for her love and devotion to every one of her brothers and sisters and their children. To me she is like I have our first mother in heaven pictured--"A Perfect Mother."

Not long ago my missionary companion and I started out tracting. I felt we should go in a certain house, but my companion said, "Oh no, not there, for a minister of the Brethren church lives there." "Well," said I, "We have asked guidance from the Lord." So she submitted and we went in. He and his wife treated us very kindly and after a few words I held the Book of Mormon in one hand and the Bible in the other and told them here was the complete fulfillment of Ezekiel 37:15-20 and Isaiah 29:1-20. I explained what the stick meant--that it was the voice from the dust, and all about it. They listened and seemed to follow me.

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Mesa News

Uncle Heber and Aunt Susie are able to be around again. Two of their daughters visited them recently--Pearl Farr from Gallup, New Mexico and Ethel Bastian and little daughter, Ruth Ann, from Reno, Nevada.

April 20th a stork shower was held at Aunt Esther's home, honoring Anna Flake Schnebly. That night the baby girl was born -- their 10th child. They call her Mary Bonita.

Don C. spends part of his time in and around Snowflake these days looking after his business interests there.

Elwin B. and Genevieve Aikens Garfield and their children, Ada Lynn and Vance Smith, are visiting relatives and friends in Mesa. Their home is in Los Angeles.

Aunt Pauline enjoyed a visit with her son, Henry, of Tucson, recently.

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Sherree Rogers (d. Paul) was selected to attend Girls State from our school.

We enjoyed a brief glimpse of Harold Smith and family who were here from Heber, Utah.

Mrs. Edna Smith and Ida Church were honored on their birthdays with a lovely surprise party at the home of Vincent Flake.

Lilly and Eugene Flake, recently released from the Southwest Indian Mission Presidency, are home again with us, tending cattle, farm and home. It seems so good to feel their spirit in our ward again.

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We appreciated very much the nice letters containing encouragement and thanks for the Kinsman from the following: Guida S. Herrick (d. Don C.) of Salt Lake City; Wanda T. Smith, wife of Dr. A. Marion of Phoenix; and Elder Jordan G. Smith, from Minneapolis, Minn.

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Bits from Provo

Ted and Inez Smith added a granddaughter to the posterity of Uncle Elias on April 12th. They brought their little girl, Annelle, over to see the editor and family one Sunday afternoon and visited for a few minutes.

Chad and Virginia Avery broke precedent and had their first boy on April 15th. They already had three girls. It is rumored that Chad is building up his son as a future fullback on the B. Y. U. football team.

Sadie Avery and family recently moved to 741 D Street. They are just a few houses from the editorial office of the Kinsman, but all of us seem to be as busy as ever and so get very little visiting done.

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Although a little late, we would like to pass on to you two Mother's Day poems by James J. Hetealfe, sent in by Ellen, our Salt Lake reporter:

Mother Dear

Dear Mother, you are part of me....And I am part of you....And you are part of everything....I ever think or do....And out of all the parts of life....I am or hope to be..I need not tell you, Mother dear...You are the best in me. You are the sweetest of my songs. The truest of my friends...You are the sunshine in my heart..The dream that never ends...You are the hand that comforts me....The smile that lifts me up....And you are all the sugar...At the bottom of my cup...Oh, Mother dear, there are some things....I cannot write or say....But all my love and gratitude...Go out to you today!

When You Became a Mother

When you became a Mother.... You began another life...And gave me twice the pride and joy...To call you spouse and wife...You took the stars from all the skies...And laid them at my feet...Fulfilled the dearest dream I had...And made my world complete... You gathered up the fragrance rich...Of every flower fair...And scattered it along my path...Of duty and of care...When you became a mother...You were brave as brave can be...To suffer and to sacrifice....For mankind and for me....And that is why I love you so....And that is why I say...I cannot thank you half enough... Today and every day.

Susan Burt Letter
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The minister said he had the Book of Mormon but couldn't understand it. I asked him if he had prayed to understand it. He said he hadn't thought of that.

When we got up to go, he asked this question, "How is it that such a bright, intellectual people as the Mormons would stoop to such a low-down, dirty practice as polygamy. How I prayed that everything all down through the years would come to my remembrance. I related first the prophet's own feelings regarding this, how the women felt about it, Brigham Young's feelings. Yet, when they were convinced it was truly a commandment, then all men and women who really had a testimony of it, went into it for the purpose of obeying the Lord.

I told him of my grandfather Robinson's experience. When he was stopped in the road by a woman saying she and her four children didn't have a thing to eat or a place where she could earn a dime, he replied, "My good woman, I couldn't think of taking you for we are a large family and rationed to one tablespoon of flour a day." She held up her finger and said, "Don't say another word until you go ask your family, because it was God who told me you would take me in answer to my prayer." He went home and his wives told him to go get her and her family.

I said God was not going to let the widows and children lose faith in Him. He had to prepare a way -- even if our prophet and many others had to lose their lives or be beaten, thrown in prison and suffer all kinds of cruelty from the hands of American law makers.

I told him of Wilford Woodruff's wonderful testimony when

he signed the manifesto. I told how I heard President Joseph F. Smith tell the Saints that anyone now practicing polygamy would be excommunicated.

The minister asked me if any of the families got along in polygamy. I replied, "Most of them did. Those who prayed together, sang and played together." Then I told about my girlhood with Uncle Jesse's family, that I never heard one complaint from anyone. All had respect for the other. My childhood days were perfect. I felt so secure in the love from others and my love for all.

His wife made several remarks along the way of deep sweet understanding and he said he was very grateful to me for putting him straight in this matter. I was so grateful to my Heavenly Father for bringing everything to my remembrance, as He has promised.

They took several tracts, we called back, but he seemed to have changed. He said he couldn't get any sense to it. We told him of the cottage meetings where everything was explained. He said there was too much to learn and they were too old to learn now.

My husband and I work and preach to our tenant at night. We have converted and baptized one couple since being here. Four more are asking to be baptized. We wish that we could do the work that the missionaries used to do; like President Woodruff.

We have seven children and all are married in the temple. But I tell them it is how we die that really counts. So many fail between. We have fourteen grandchildren.

I send my love to all the family, especially to Silas D. Ellen and their families, Maria and her family, and to all the others.

Susan West Burt

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"If we expect this land to be a Zion unto us we must become the pure in heart. Do not become discouraged but learn among other duties to mind your own business. Do not like to meddle much with politics but as has been said select and vote for the best man practicable. The Saints should be on the side of justice. Zion must be built up on the principle of justice. Would like to see this house finished; have understood that the burthen of it has been upon this ward; would like to have all the wards take an interest and help about this matter. When this house is completed, then make better dwellings for yourselves and families. When prosperity comes we get to be indifferent and proud. We must live as humbly before the Lord in prosperity as in adversity. I believe that a Saint will be humble even when rich. It will be difficult for the rich to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, and also for the one who has only one dollar, if he sets his heart upon it. A man may be rich if he can only realize that his wealth belongs to the Lord. The trouble with the young man that went to Jesus was that he did not love Him as much as he loved his possessions. If a man loves his wealth more than he does God, it is impossible for him to enter into the Kingdom of God. When a man begins to love his wealth, if the Lord has any respect for the man He will change his position so that he can see his folly. The Lord does not design that we shall love the world very much. Let us bend our energies to bring our thoughts and appetites under subjection. You are now on the frontiers, but in a little while you will find yourselves in the heart of Zion. The wicked will be shattered and broken asunder, and out of the wreck God will develop a people, and here is a nucleus where a mighty people will grow up. Zion is North and South America and we will possess it, and those who disbelieve it will see it come to pass if they live a little while, for this is a marvelous work and a wonder. The progress of the work of God is onward and upward. I look for you to have trouble and enemies, and we will all have all that we can stand. We will be tried with drouth, persecution, poverty and riches, so that it will be the pure gold only that will remain. Everything

that is good we are entitled to. There is a chance in the kingdom to possess everything that is good. There is no good thing but a Latter-day Saint may get and enjoy upon correct principles. I pray God to enable you to obtain seed adapted to this climate. When you get a better knowledge of the soil and climate you will raise an abundance. You have a beautiful site for a city. I hope you will be strong enough to bring out the water. We should dedicate our homes, our farms, and flocks to the Lord. If we do not, we do not have the claim upon the Lord for His blessings that we might have. The Lord bestows some blessings alike upon all His children. The sun shines upon all, the evil and the good. Can He make the sun and the rain of more benefit for the good than for the evil? Yes. When a man sows he expects to reap, but we claim that the Lord will more abundantly bless the soil for the faithful. We all know the Lord has blessed the elements for our sakes. Some men do not like to pay tithing. It is necessary that the poor should be looked after, and the Gospel be sent abroad and the Lord has established the law, so pay your tithing and be blessed. When I have paid my tithing I have prospered the most, and when I have been neglectful I have had less prosperity."

Erastus Snow said, "I have truly aided and cherished the settlements in this part of the country. This was put upon me to do before Pres. Young's death. He felt to stretch out in this direction. We wish healthy places where we can raise healthy children. For this reason we have not planted our feet upon the sea coast nor on the low lands. God has directed that we occupy the mountain region. I have felt anxious for some of our younger men to see these settlements. Am glad that Joseph F. is here. You should not send abroad for your fruit trees. You should raise them here. They will then stand the climate better."

Meeting at Taylor at 6:30 p.m. Pres. Joseph F. Smith said, "There seems to be ample facilities here for raising up a people in this country. In all our labors and wanderings we should bear in mind our obligations to each other, showing forth our love by our good works. We are called out from the nations not only to build cities, but to establish

righteousness, that sin may be banished from where we dwell. The primary object of our labors is to establish ourselves in righteousness. We are called to come out of the world, and are told that we are not of the world. For this reason we are hated by the world. The condition of things upon which we can fraternize with them is for them to practice righteousness. Some think we should be more liberal and join them in their gatherings. A Latter-day Saint can only associate with an enemy when the latter repents. Some have thought that our sons should associate with outsiders and our daughters with the daughters of the Gentiles. Some say they go to saloons with outsiders in order to get an influence over them. This is all bosh. My experience is that the Latter-day Saints that are reserved, but courteous to all, and do not make confidants of all, are the ones who command the most respect. The Son of God said, 'He that is not for me is against me.' I have noticed the application of this all my life; have seen those who were friendly to the Saints for an object; none of these can ever stand to be tested. They invariably take the opposite side. I cannot call to mind but one outsider who voluntarily took our part and always remained our undeviating friend. That was General Thomas L. Kane. There may have been others who were friendly but not one that would stand up for us at the sacrifice of his popularity. When we think we are making friends by drinking, smoking, or gambling with them, we only deceive ourselves, for if we get any into the Church in that way, they will only be 'Winter Moormons.' You can be successful in bringing persons into the Church only by teaching principles of virtue and temperance, for upon such principles only will they receive the Holy Ghost. Men can believe that this is the Kingdom of God, but to know it they must have the gift of the Holy Ghost, and the Holy Ghost will not dwell in unholy temples. In order to have this spirit a man must be cleansed from everything that is unclean. When a man truly and sincerely repents of his sins and gets baptized for the remission of them, by one in authority as we teach, then he receives the remission of them, and no man can ever have his sins wholly cleared away except by the fulfillment of this law of baptism. A person in

this situation is in a condition to learn. He will then receive the spirit of prophecy and revelation. All men who stand steadfast in this Church will do so through having this testimony. A man must sincerely repent of his sins. If a man only makes a show of repentance and gets baptized does he partake of the Holy Ghost? No. He has been baptized but his sins are not remitted. He cannot deceive God, but he is in a condition that if he repents he can obtain a remission of his sins, and can then know that Jesus is the Christ, and no man nor woman need deceive themselves by thinking they have a testimony unless they have repented. Many people have been baptized who received not the gift of the Holy Ghost. They have turned away later, never having received the testimony, not being able to endure the trials of the Saints, not being able to discern the truth. Do not imagine that because the Elders say to you, 'Receive you the Holy Ghost,' that you will receive it. That only gives you the right to receive it. There is a distinction between the Holy Ghost and the gift thereof. The gift is the right to possess and enjoy the Holy Ghost by which alone we can receive a testimony of the truth, and of Christ. It is not in the power of Satan to deceive the Holy Ghost. When a man that has received the Holy Ghost and witnessed many things, turns away and arrays himself in the ranks of our enemies, what is the matter with that man? He has grieved away the spirit of God and abides in sin. He has sinned against the Holy Ghost, and for such sin there is no forgiveness. Some indeed turn away who never received that gift. They never received the Holy Ghost and therefore had nothing to apostatize from. They are not apostates but back sliders. But the man who received a testimony and afterwards turns away, he has sinned, for he could not turn away without, and he can only come back by repentance. You may baptize him but that alone will not restore him. When he has only received a hope, and from that falls away, he may be preached to and brought back. When a man murders there is no forgiveness for him, and when he receives the spirit he knows that murder and adultery are sins unto death, and those who commit them are the sons of Belial and have given themselves over to serve Lucifer.

(To be continued)