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- FROM YOUR EDITOR -

With the printing of this copy we conclude our editing career for the past year. According to latest information the editing committee of the journal will resume publication of this paper. We are unable to supply you with definite addresses yet but send in your news and subscriptions just the same to our Joseph City address and they'll be forwarded to the right person.

We do express our appreciation to all who have in any manner contributed to the success of the KINSMAN and hope everyone enjoyed its pages.

Seasons greetings to all. Have a happy holiday.

Ross D. Hansen.

- KINSMEN HERE AND THERE -

Margaret S. Larson (d. Jos. W.) writes that she and husband (Pratt) are enjoying their missionary work in Hawaii. They have been on the island of Hilo for nearly a year.

Several of Aunt Esther Shumway's children have been visiting recently with their parents in Mesa. They are Walter and Fern Mason, Richard and Patricia Shumway and five children, and Phil and Wanda Jo Shumway and baby.

Among numerous tributes given at the death of Elder John A. Widstoe, we find one in the Nov. 29th Deseret News and Telegram written by Harold H. Smith (s. Samuel F.). Harold is executive secretary of the Delta Phi, a national honorary fraternity of returned missionaries. Dr. Widstoe was Grand president and founder of the organization.

- SALT LAKE CITY -

On Dec. 12th many friends and kinsmen met at the J. Fish Smith home to visit and pay regards to Uncle Silas and Aunt Ernestine as they prepare for departure to the Northern California Mission. Twenty five in all came.

A ten year old grand-daughter, Marlene Jensen, of Uncle Nephi and Aunt Margaret gave her first piano recital on Dec. 13th.

Sorry to report that Aunt Priscilla fell and broke her collar bone last week.

Mary Monson is much improved now after her fall and now her arm is out of the cast.

Six of Uncle Hyrum's and Aunt June's children were at home on Uncle Hyrum's birthday anniversary Dec. 15th. They expressed tribute and praise to their father and mother for the good foundation of teachings received in the home.

And the new grandson of Uncle Hyrum, son of Marvin and Irene, will be named Scott Hyrum.

J. Fish Smith expects all of his family home for Christmas. Dec. 27th will be the wedding day of their daughter, Amy. She is to be married to John Lawton in Salt Lake City. John is a petroleum geologist now working on his doctor's degree at Stanford University. Another daughter's (Anadelle) husband recently flew to New York for an interview at a research laboratory at Brookhaven, Long Island. He also is a Stanford graduate having just completed his doctor's degree on a study of micro-waves.

Oliver R. (s. Hyrum) attended a national convention of prominent editorial writers in Denver, Colo. Nov. 19th. With his family he visited relatives and friends in Salt Lake City.

A report on THE STORIES BEHIND THE STORY for the new journal is given by Don Mack Dalton, a member of the editing committee. His letter is printed here direct:

"I have stories from Uncle Silas D. Smith, Myrtle, Sophronia, Natalia S. Parr, a lovely poem from Aunt Leah, The Old Smith Barn by Lorana S. Broadbent, A Grand-daughter's Recollection of Jesse H. Smith from Lorana Rogers Fish (d. Eliza) and that is all. The stories written from the above are all very interesting and will surely add to the fine book soon to be published.

The committee appreciates the efforts taken by those who

have sent stories. We are also certain all the rest of the original family are busy trying to complete some memories of experiences with their father. The committee urges each of the original children to make an extra effort to put in writing something about grandfather.

Some of the articles are quite lengthy but very good and I am reticent to attempt to abridge any of them. But I will give a few excerpts from some of them to show the others what we hope for.

Uncle Silas writes: "When we used to go to the grist mill, the big pond always had to be crossed. That was the pond a lot of us were baptized in. However, old Queen and Jule were the big mule team. Old Jule got balky and to get her to go some of the boys tied a rope around her tongue and pulled---Jule pulled too and after that pulling her tongue always hung out several inches. Always after that when we drove across the pond to the grist mill, old Jule always had to stop and wet her tongue."

Uncle Silas doesn't include his father in this, but he does apply it this way, that our tongues can get us into a lot of trouble.

Myrtle writes: "The first incident in my young life concerning my father was at his funeral when I was lifted up to see his body lying in the casket in the church house. Another lasting impression was made by the high regard and almost reverence with which my mother always spoke of him. Her attitude, akin to worship always made me feel he must certainly have been near perfect. Mother's courtship was unromantic, but she was thoroughly satisfied and that she was very fortunate to be chosen as the fifth wife of Jesse N. Smith, 30 years her senior. Father was an unusual man his judgements were dictated from a clear conscience, and true to his convictions he was at peace with himself and his God."

Sophonria writes: "My fondest remembrances are of my childhood days when I would walk down the path between our place and Aunt Emmie's to meet Father when he would come to our house for dinner or supper. Most of the time Natalia was with me and we'd each take a hand and hold his middle fingers. I remember how happy I was. Usually he would ask us what we had been doing and if we were all well. When he was at home, quite often he would sit by the fire for a while in the winter, and then we would ask him to sing. Usually it was "Gentle Annie". I remember real well, just how it sounded when he would sing it, so sweet and soft. The children liked to play bear at night, but we never dared to make too much noise, yet father was never cross. One time in particular, we really did hush when he gave one of his characteristic sneezes. He made the sound "hush-u", really loud. We didn't make any more noise that evening as we thought he said Hush you.

Natalia writes: "When father would come into the house he would say, "Are you all serene?" He desired that serenity be in his homes. I began to take note of his prayers which went like this: 'Heavenly Father bless us with food and raiment and give us an abundance of Thy spirit and temper the earth and the elements for the good of Thy people. May good fellowship and love abound in the earth, and may we all be heirs in Thy Celestial Kingdom.' We were the happiest kids on earth---what with so many mothers and such a father. We never knew what it was to knock. We went in and out of each others homes and were care-free and glad to be alive and well cared for."

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Two verses from Leah's poem:

About ten bells we knew our fate
When our Mothers called,
"Come children, it's getting late."
Then we'd gather 'round Pa's chair
While he said the evening prayer.
Those prayers in memory still impart,
The precious treasures of his heart.
"Guide us, Father, to Thy praise,
And keep us in Thy holy faith."

Sometimes on cold winter nights,
We gathered 'round the fire light,
To eat parched corn and laugh and sing
And play "Button, Button" and "Hide the Ring".
But we'd all sit quiet and listen-so
While Pa sang "Gentle Annie" soft and low.

"I FOLLOW A FAMOUS FATHER"

I follow a famous father, his honor is mine to share
He gave me a name that was free from shame
A name he was proud to bear.
He lived in the morning sunlight,
And marched in the ranks of right
He was always true to the best that he knew
And the shield he wore was bright.

I follow a famous father-and never a day goes by,
But I feel that he looks down on me
To carry his standard high.
He stood to the sternest trials as only a brave man can,
Tho' the way is long, I must not wrong
The name of so good a man.

I follow a famous father
Not known to the printed page
Nor written down with the worlds renown
As a prince of his little age
But never a stain was attached to him,
And never he stooped to shame
He was bold and brave as to me he gave the pride of an honest
name.

I follow a famous father
And him I must keep in mind
Tho' his form is gone, I must carry on---
The name he left behind.
It was mine the day he gave it
And shone as a monarchs' crown,
And as fair to see-as it came to me,
It must be when I lay it down.

- Author Unknown.

Contributed by: Esther S. Shumway.

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ShowLow Ward sent a cash offering of \$5 for the Manti Temple. Andrew L. Rogers added \$5, Bishop Hansen \$1, Bishop Merrill E. Willis, \$1, I gave \$5, total \$17.

Wed. Jan. 25. Bro. Smith left for Salt Lake. I started with my team. Stayed the night at Woodruff; John Henry preached.

Thur. Jan. 26. Sister Mary Standifird and her little girl joined us; at Holbrook took train. Bro. Hatch joined me and we proceeded to St. Joseph, arriving late. Stayed at Bishop John Bushman's.

Fri. Jan. 27. The ground muddy, reading. Bro. J. H. Richards took us home with him where we supped. Attended evening meeting. Bro. Hatch and I spoke with good liberty.

Sat. Jan. 28. Bro. Richards had gathered 118 head of tithing cattle and 8 tithing horses; they were males and would go into Mexico duty free; Proceeded to Woodruff; attended an exhibition in the evening under the auspices of the Sunday School.

Sun. Jan. 29. Attended Sunday School, also meeting, at the latter by request spoke on the early history of the Church.

Mon. Jan. 30. Reached home.

Wed. Feb. 1. Today and yesterday wrote on Bro. Samuel H. Rogers journal.

Thur. Feb. 2. Commenced making the stake tithing settlement for '87 with Bro. Joseph Fish the recorder.

Sat. Feb. 4. With Bros. Hatch and Fish and Emma L. and her infant Don Carlos went up to Pinedale Ward. Stayed at Bro. Fish's.

Sun. Feb. 5. Bros. Samuel H. Rogers and A. Larson officiated as home missionaries. Proceeded to organize the Relief Society, Eliza Fish, President; Sophia Johnson and Anna Hilton, counselors; also the Young Mens Mutual, John L. Fish, president; whom we ordained an Elder; Albert Brewer and George Cheney, counselors; also the Sunday School, George W. Bryan, Supt.; John L. Fish, 1st assistant, Albert Brewer, 2nd assistant. With other brethren set all these officials apart. Attended evening meeting in Bro. Fish's house; spoke.

Mon. Feb. 6. Returned home. I let to Bro. William J. Flake 1981 tithing sheep to deliver next fall in Juarez, Mexico, he to pay all expenses and keep the number good and have the wool and meantime increase for his trouble. Also let him 1240 tithing sheep to deliver in Snowflake next September together with 1½ lbs. of

wool per head and an increase of 12½ lambs.

Tue. Feb. 7. Sick, but wrote to my brother Silas.

Sat. Mar. 17. Albert Jones, alias Frank Bradshaw, arrived from Salt Lake City, a special agent of Bishop Preston's empowered to settle up the tithing matters pertaining to the various wards of our stake, and also to review the Stake accounts. He gave the first week to the consideration of the Taylor Ward accounts, Merrill E. Willis Bishop.

Sat. Mar. 10. Quarterly conference. In some opening remarks I said we have very little drinking and gambling in our midst. If you establish the principles of uprightness and integrity in the minds of your children there is not much danger of them going astray in after years. Teach them early to honor their father and their mother. They cannot attain to highest blessings without humility and faith. While wealth and education are quite proper when properly used yet without the divine gifts of faith and humility there will be a lack. Later I said in the Middle Ages the Catholic Church held such sway over the nations that men dared not proclaim more advanced views upon any subject. We are living in a time when it claimed that thought and speech are free, yet officers of our government are resorting to the old methods of forcing their fellows to retract from their religious views or submit to pains and penalties. In Utah such a thing as trial by jury has become a farce. Men there are being forced to promise under oath that they will not teach the doctrine of polygamy, which is a part of their religion. Why this departure from the principles of freedom? Why this cruelty? It is because there are two churches and two only. They are the Church of Christ and the Church of the devil, and those who have yielded obedience to the latter are jealous of those who are serving the Lord. This is a land of liberty; it is a land that the Lord has decreed shall not be desecrated by the oppression of kings, and wickedness shall not to a great extent abound without those guilty of it being called to a reckoning by the Lord. The persecutions now being heaped upon the Saints are having the effect to convince the young of the truthfulness of the work. Exhorted the saints to humiliation before the Lord and to remember the glorious example of Peter of old when he said, "Is

it not better to serve God than man?"

Tue. Apr. 10. Received a telegram from Pres. Woodruff, Salt Lake City, instructing me to be at St. Johns on the 10th instant to act in connection with Pres. Udall in securing legal help to have the St. Johns Ward of the Church incorporated under the laws of Arizona. Bro. Bradshaw, my wife Emma S. and son Silas D. went to St. Joseph.

Thur. Apr. 12. Executed papers for David Pulsipher in connection with his pension claim as a soldier in the Mexican War.

Fri. Apr. 13. Our folks returned from St. Joseph; also Bro. Bradshaw.

Sat. Apr. 14. Started for St. Johns, Bro. Bradshaw accompanying, also my wife Emma L. and her infant. Reached Erastus; stayed the night at Bishop Kempe's. He was not at home. The town was fragrant with peach and plum blossoms.

Sun. Apr. 15. Remained and attended meeting at 10 am. by invitation of Counselor Charles Riggs. A number of men passed through town on their way to attend district court at St. Johns tomorrow as jurors and witnesses. Bro. Kempe came home. Dined at Bro. Riggs. Proceeded to St. Johns; stayed at Bro. Udall's; he was not at home.

Mon. Apr. 16. Called on Probate Judge Morrison; met District Judge Wright; met Mr. Donnelly of the land department of the A. & P. Railway. He assured me that our land at Snowflake and Taylor was already sold and deeded to the Aztec Land and Cattle company. I told him Gen. Williamson and Mr. Sedgwick of the Railway Land Department had both promised me that the citizens of those places should have the first chance to buy. He said the land was sold anyway. I examined the county record and found that the land was recorded to the said Aztec Company which had been assessed for said land for the '86 and '87. Took supper at Charles Jarvis.

Tue. Apr. 17. Called on various county officials; saw John K. Newman, son of Elijah Newman, formerly of Parowan. He was married to a Mexican woman and was little better than a vagabond. Bro. Udall came home.

Wed. Apr. 18. Went with Bro. Udall and employed Attorney J. C. Herndon, who was in attendance on the district court, to draw up an article incorporating the St. Johns Ward of the Church. Again called on Mr. Herndon, meeting Col. Wilson and Mr. Morris, lawyers. Started home. Bro. Brad-

shaw remained, but Culver Kartchner accompanied us. Stayed the night at Bishop Kempe's.

Thur. Apr. 19. Reached home; found Bro. John Henry Smith who came during my absence.

Fri. Apr. 20. Received from the secretary of the territory a certificate of my official standing as Notary Public, the term would expire Nov. 6, 1890. Mailed David Pulsipher's application for pension to Daniel Tyler.

Sun. Apr. 22. Bro. John Henry Smith preached in Snowflake at 2 p.m. and in Taylor in the evening; attended both meetings.

Tue. Apr. 24. A reception was held at my house for John Henry Smith and family at which many good wishes were expressed for their future welfare.

Wed. Apr. 25. I took Bro. Smith and his family to Woodruff; meeting in the evening at which he spoke.

Thur. Apr. 26. Accompanied them to Holbrook where they took the train for Albuquerque at 2 pm.

Tue. May 1. Bro. Henry Lunt of Cedar City, his wife Sarah and 5 children and son Oscar arrived in Snowflake.

Thur. May 3. Attended Past meeting. Bros. Lunt and Hatch preached.

Sat. May 5. With Bros. Joseph Fish and James Lewis accompanied Bro. Lunt and family to the outskirts of Pinedale Ward where Bro. Fish provided them shelter and some land to cultivate.

Sun. May 6. Attended two meetings at Pinedale Ward; spoke.

Mon. May 7. Returned home.

Tue. May 8. On behalf of the people of Snowflake and Taylor I engaged Alex. Stewart to regulate the flow of water in various irrigating ditches during the coming two months for the sum of \$50.

Tue. May 15. Received a printed letter from President Woodruff informing me among other items that the Council of the Apostles had decided to allow me \$100 per quarter for my services as president of the Snowflake Stake to be paid in tithing produce, and my counselors each \$50 per quarter.

Thur. May 31. Attended the High Council where I read President Woodruff's letter. The case of John D. Reidhead, who had been disfellowshipped by the Bishop's Court of the Snowflake Ward, charged with stealing flour belonging to the government while freighting same from Holbrook to Fort Apache, came up for hearing on review. The decision was that the evidence in the case did not warrant the judgement given in the Bishop's Court, and Reidhead was

(To be continued)