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ROGERS GIVEN LDS CALL

Bishop William Elrey has announced that Richard Martin Rogers has been called as the first full-time missionary from the new Tucson Fifth Ward by the First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Martin, now closing his third year as a student at the University of Arizona, is a son of Atty. and Mrs. Martin S. Rogers of 40 Calle De Amistad.

At his own expense the young missionary will serve the church for two years. He has been called to the North Central States Mission with headquarters at Minneapolis, Minn.

At the end of the present term of the university, where he is preparing to study law, Martin will go to Salt Lake City for 10 days of preparation at the Mission Home.

At the university Martin has been a student at the LDS institute and has been president of the Mutual Improvement Assn. He is accomplished as a musician, being a student of both the pipe organ and piano.

The Fifth Ward is the newest division of the Tucson Stake. It was organized last Aug. 1 by Delbert L. Stapley, a member of the Council of Twelve Apostles and former Arizonan.

With his younger sister, Rosemarie, a senior at Tucson High School Martin has given a number of piano and organ duos. The brother and sister also are well known ballroom dancers. However, during his mission Martin will give up dancing.

A NOTE

By Martins Grandmother (Ida T. Rogers) My Grandson Richard Martin Rogers is doing such wonderful work in his mission, thought I would send in a few lines, You know Wisconsin is a very difficult mission, below zero and lots of wind and snow; very seldom while tracking that they would be invited into the home.

His Father drove Dick's car out there in November and left it for him and flew home.

Martin witness Dick and Companion baptize 31 members while there, he says it was a very thrilling experience for him.

A NEWS ITEM

A party honoring Ida Tanner Rogers, wife of our nephew the late Holister Rogers, was given by her children in Phoenix for her 75th.

Birthdays. A few of the Mesa Kinsmen attended and praised the wonderful program given by children of this fine Kinswoman of ours.

SNOWFLAKE NEWS

BY

BEATRICE R. PAPA

Maxine, wife of Nephi Bushman recently had an operation in the McNery hospital. We are happy to see her up and around and feeling better.

Ida and Hyrum Hendrickson are announcing the marriage of their son Rucl, to the former Rauna Rae Platt. An open house will be held at their home honoring them March 7.

Silas Decker has returned home from the mission field and from an extended visit with his three children and their families. Everyone welcomes him back and he has accepted the position as Ward Clerk for the Snowflake Second Ward, a position that he formerly held.

Miss Jean Grappendorf became the Bride of Charles Thomas, son of Mr. & Mrs. Herman L. Thomas of Pinedale on Feb. 17th, in the Arizona Temple. Lucella Webb gave a shower in her home in snowflake honoring the new bride.

Bessie Erickson, present court President for the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers entertained the local camp and its officers in her home early in February. For the March meeting she is planning to honor her own grandparents, Aunt Nellie Marsden and Uncle Joseph W. Smith. Just such programs are planned to honor a number of the children of grandfather Jesse N. Smith, including Aunt Dena Hulett and Aunt Mattie Flake, if we can get the cooperation of the immediate relatives, especially their children in sending us sketches, incidents and data.

If it is possible we would like to honor Aunt Mattie at her former home here in Snowflake in July. This is tentative and arrangements must be made, But this would be a very lovely occasion.

FROM PHOENIX

By

MARGARET S. LARSON

Of interest to Smith-West family descendants-Several of our family met with Mary West Riggs at the Mesa Genealogical Library on Fri. P.M. Marth 13th.

It had been decided to let the West line rest, for the pres

and try to work on our other lines and bring them up to a better standard. Maybelle Foulk has been able to get records for several generations on the Fletchers. Norma Elliott reported her work on the Walker line. Plans for work on the Anderson line were outlined.

Several years ago, it was decided the Wests should have a family reunion at least once in three years.

Jack West of Los Angeles is the Pres. of this organization and so plans are made to meet this coming June 19, 1959 at Zions Park, Utah for a camp-out. It is requested all be able to assemble for early evening for a rousing camp fire meeting. Then the next day with banners afloat - A caravan is to travel the 65 miles to Washington for a graveside ceremony honoring Samuel Walker West who died in 1873 and also for a public meeting on Sat. evening June 20th. at Washington, Utah. All West descendants--Please take notice.

At the conference of Last Phoenix Stake March 15th. Dr. S. Smith, Richards Wife, was made Stake YLMA President. Another nice honor for Aunt Paulines family. We are sure she will be very capable.

Robert W. Brown Jr., Dorothy Larsens husband was recently made a Bishops Counselor for their 9th Ward Phoenix, North Stake.

Of interest to the youngsters is the Roper Room T.V. 11A.M. show, with Roy Brown on those two weeks. He can hold his own with that gang and Miss Sherric will have the whole Brown history, by the time Roy's time is up.

Silas L. Fish reports his daughter L. Murdock is making headway at recovery from auto accident at her home in Mesa.

Also Marsden Larsen another victim of auto crash is now crippling about home, hoping to completely recover.

SALT LAKE CITY NEWS

BY

HYRUM SMITH

On Monday evening March 2nd. a group of our kinsfolk gathered at the spacious and commodious new home of J. Fish & Lillian Smith to give them a house warming and to see their elegant new home. The party was arranged by Mary Manson and Aunt Margaret Jensen and was in honor of Lillian F. Smith and Ellen Lyons whose birthdays came on March 3rd.

On March 1st. Aikens & May Smith of Joseph City spent a few hours in Salt Lake. We saw them very briefly. They brought their son Dale and a neighbors son, Dale Rogers, to the mission home. On the evening of March 3th. Dale Smith left for Los Angeles and the California Mission. That same evening Robert S. Clark, son of Dorothy and Ellsworth Clark, made his home-coming talk. Robert has just returned from

two years of interesting and fruitful work in the North Central States Mission which includes Manitoba and part of Ontario. Robert was District Supervisor in Winnipeg the last few months of his mission. (He is the 2nd grandson of Uncle Hyrum)

Here are some items from Bishop Nat Smith's family: His son Fred has been Pres. of the Berne District (Swiss-Austrian Mission) since Christmas and has charge of seven large branches. He expects to carry on in this capacity until released this summer. Fred is now having the opportunity of getting acquainted with some of his mother's family who live in Berne.

Nat & Lydia's son Gordon graduates from the U. of U. this yr. Gordon Smith and Joann DeHaan have a daughter named Annette, who was born in Salt Lake City, Jan. 26, 1959.

Nat's son-in-law, Dr. James O. Mason is now an internist at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Md. In June he will be appointed to serve on the National epidemic Intelligence Board of Health. Nat's son-in-law Dr. Donald Harberg (Dentist) is stationed at Ft. Smith, Ark. where he has three more months of army service.

Lester Eli Hope and Madge Frost are proud parents of a baby girl, Emily Lorraine Hope, born Dec. 26th, 1959. Madge is a daughter of Jesse A. Frost and Granddaughter of Aunt Editha S. Frost.

MESA NEWS

2/19/59 baby boy was born to Mr. & Mrs. Joel Smith in Mesa; named Arlen Earl Smith. Joel has been appointed Administrator of the Helena Elementary School of Scottsdale. Good luck and congratulations. Feb. 27th. 1959 a baby girl was born to Trev. and Saliva Blizzard in San Jose, California.

Zachariah Nathaniel Decker 86 died March 5 1959. A High Priest in the 11th. Ward of the Mesa Stk. Bro. Decker did ordainance work in the Ariz. Temple for more than 20 years. He was a faithful member of the church and lived an honest and upright life worthy of emulation. Being a reserved and modest man, he in his life time was given very little recognition. Could it be that the clink of silver & gold has confused our sense of values, in this old world?

John Hunt Uvall Passed away March 3, 1959 at Mesa, Arizona. He was born Aug. 23, 1889 at Snowflake, Arizona. A life sketch will be in our next issue.

A Missionary Open-Home for Earl Farr was given by his mother and family March 6th. in Nelda and Gus new home at 627 e. 8th. Ave. Earl left for Salt Lake on the 20th of March. His brothers

Ardath & Lamar with his mother drove over with him. The 13th Ward honored him with a missionary farewell prior to his departure to the French Mission March 16th, 1959. Norman Farr was Master of Ceremonies, his Uncle Dewey Farr from Lakeside gave a vocal solo, songs and poems by the family. His Uncle George A. Smith gave some wonderful remarks such as "Grandad Farr would burn with thirst on the dusty roads and hiber all night under a cedar tree before compromising even that much by patronizing a place that might be even suspicious of evil. So, if Earl is anything at all like his grandad he well really put up a scrap for the right. If I were giving to Earl the best weapon that I know of for his defense I would give him his grandad Farr's uncompromising courage to always choose the right. ---Choose the right, & God will bless you evermore.

LAKE-SIDE NEWS

March 3rd, 1959 the sad word came to us of the accidental shooting and death of our grandson Grant Hall of Lakeside, grandson of Aunt Eliza and son of Emma R. Hall of Snowflake.

Grant was out with his nephew and a group of young boys rabbit hunting between Shewlow and Springerville, when he met his untimely death.

His funeral services in the Lakeside Ward Chapel were beautiful and impressive. Gussie Larsen & Gilmore Jackson paid high tribute to the life of this wonderful man. The music was in charge of Dewey Farr and Gussie Larsen. Mitchell Bushman and Donald Edwards both rendered beautiful solos.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Grant and especially to his wife and three little daughters.

NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS

Silas L. Fish
110 W. Southgate
Phoenix, Arizona

Norman D. Smith
Bldg. 29 Apt. 116
Ajo, Arizona

Nellie & Gale K. Mortenson
Tempe, Arizona

Justin M. Smith
Mohall, North Dakota

News from Justin M. Smith

He tells us they are having a hard winter. Since their first snow in the middle of November the temperature has been above freezing only about two times. The wind has blown the snow about so much that it behaves like sand-fine & heavy. You can walk through it without wetting you feet, 20 below zero, it's hard to imagine that it is moisture. Stepping outside is like

jumping through the ice into water even with a coat on. He says "I had never imagined that the weather could be so pleasant when it warmed up to zero and the wind died down--of course, that is with the same amount of clothe's and flaps on." Eileen Smith (Justin's wife) directed a choir and they participated in the City Wide Church Choir Festival in Minot. They were impressed to hear how the different churches have characteristic music.

Continuation of the LIFE OF SILAS DEARYFIELD AND MARIA ELIZABETH BUSHMAN SMITH

We lived in a small settlement, hawkeye, with the ranch, the horses, cows, and a few sheep. water had to be hauled from the river below the ranch. Father did surveying and fenced his land. Next winter we moved to Vernal, we lived on a small farm in the Glines Ward. He was a High Priest and very active in Stake work, we often went with him visiting the different wards, he and mother had so many friends went to parties and specials. While here their baby girl was born, and Bro. Joseph F. Smith came to our home. As far back as I can remember Father had family nights and how he and mother would enjoy us children taking part. We never retired without family prayer, and before breakfast we all knelt in family prayer. I think those years were the happiest of their lives together.

After another summer on the homestead we moved to Provo for the winter, he and mother went on the ranch, we children stayed in Provo weeks at a time, they would come back and forth. Two more boys were born here. During the winter father clerked in a store, then he went to Arizona. Mother did a lot of dressmaking, worked in a milliner store, as we older ones grew up we worked in the fruit from berry season to the apple harvest, assisting in getting our clothing and helping the family needs. We had a cow and chickens, which was Sammy's job, he also heard all the neighbors cows to pasture and back, and had a paper route.

We looked forward to fathers visits and the many loved ones and friends who came up to Conference. Students away from home were often invited to special dinners. Mother took in boarders, then moved to a larger house where she had both room and board.

Mother was quick to recognize our talents and encouraged us in the study of the arts, and to participate in all the church and school activities, how we thrilled when she got us a piano, some how she always managed tickets for the operas concerts and lectures, any

thing of a cultural nature, we sacrificed for. At one time we girls felt we might have to move to Ariz. and how we prayed we wouldn't have to leave the BYU.

Mother was engaged in a health promoting course and gave health lectures all over the Valley, she was an active Relief Society worker and assisted in the homes of the sick and needy.

Lois graduated from the Y in 1916 and was married to George Gilbert Meldrum they moved to Salt Lake to live. I was married the next year to Clinton Lemar Luke, and moved to Idaho, Father came up for both marriages in the Temple, about two years later Mother and family moved to Salt Lake City, where she was called to work with Bro. Harry Russel, in the Church Genealogical library. Her parents moved up from Arizona to work in the Temple, how she enjoyed having them with her again. The children were all in school and working at odd jobs. S.P. was called on a mission. Mother came to Idaho to be with us when our baby boy died.

Father and Aunt Ellen and family moved to Utah, they lived on a small truck farm at the turn of the Mt. South of the Valley, all the children helped. When S.P. returned from his mission Mother was advised to go East to do research work. They lived with Lois and family, in Washington D.C. Preston got a good job to help support the family and went to night school, where he graduated from law a few years later, Beth and Marie finished High School, went to night school for business school and got good jobs, Derry and Gar were pages in the Senate while finishing school. Daphne was called to go on a mission from Salt Lake, June was teaching school in Nevada.

Mother was a member of the Nat. Genealogical Society, and Daughters of the American Revolution, which gave her many privileges and opportunities. She did a great amount of research for many people besides her own kin and was well repaid, she traveled in all the Atlantic and Southern States in this work, and was considered an authority in Genealogy.

They were all very active in the ward church work. Derry and Gar were called on missions to Germany and were honorably released after three years service, Mother was called the Mother of the ward, the young people gathered at her home for parties and fire side chats, she is remembered for her wonderful faith promoting testimonies, many have recorded them.

All three of her sons were Majors in the Army during World War II, D.N. is A.C.I. now and is making it his lifes work. Daphne accepted Gov. Work after her miss-

ion was completed and was a controller for the Forces in Europe at the time of Mother's death.

When her health began to fail she spent her time with her children at their homes and became quite a globe trotter going from one to the other, in Florida, New York, Chicago, California and Idaho. We all loved to have her with us especially the grand children enjoyed her stories of pioneer life she was also a member of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers. She visited one of our Camp meetings here, and bore her testimony to the principle of Polygamy as instituted in her day, it was so beautifully told that all present (mostly young women) said they had never heard anything like it, now it seemed true to them.

She was bed ridden the last few years of her life, lived with Beth in California then came to our home where she passed away Jan. 7, 1953. All her children, are married, she has 23 grand children and to date 31 great grand children, who love and honor her memory. Her prayers were gone it seemed she was speaking with the angels.

Lois was with us when she passed away. We held a family service in the Mortuary here then took her body to the Sun Set Memorial Park in Salt Lake for funeral services and burial. In spite of the heaviest snow storm in the history of the valley that fell that night crippling all car and plane traffic, a lovely service was held, the fellow who recorded it for us said, "I have been to a great many funerals but this is one of the most heavenly." The floral offerings and messages of love and sympathy were very much appreciated by us. All her brothers and sisters were present and Father dedicated the grave. We'll never forget the wonderful hospitality of cousin Fred and Jesse Bushman who welcomed us to their home as headquarters and our thanks to our other dear relatives who assisted at the services and with the delicious food served afterwards. We love you all dearly, and hope we can help you in some time of need.

During the years, Father & Aunt Ellen came to visit us in Idaho, a number of times. They surprised us in Idaho Falls the day we were going to bless our baby girl, we had chosen a name but he was quite firm in his quiet way and said "she is my fifteenth decendent, and you are my Mothers name sake so I would like to have her carry this name," so we yielded and he named her Emma Lou. He enjoyed visiting in the homes of his children, and could write wonderful letters, and

full of counsel and advice. They lived in California then moved to Monticello where he and Mons did dry farming, he loved that work experimenting with planting all sorts of seeds and trees. Clarence and Serephine Frost bought a small new home in Mesa near the Temple and told father and Aunt Ellen it was their home as long as they lived. He raised a big garden and enjoyed giving to the neighbors, they had grapefruit orange, lemon and fig trees, and lovely roses. He often sent me a rose pressed in the letter, when we were shivering in the cold winter in Idaho.

They both worked in the Temple as officers, until his loss of hearing and her eye sight became a handicap. He delved into gathering data and records for his family. He was the oldest of his Fathers living children. They enjoyed the many relatives and friends and could attend church and many socials. He stood erect and had a firm quick step, never drooped or complained, and always had a job, was a guide at the church Welfare plant to the day he died.

He was faithful to his High Priest calling, and did every assignment given him to the best of his ability. His one virtue and greatest fault was that he trusted his fellow man. Sunday Feb 26th. he awoke feeling fine, attended priesthood and Sunday School, came home to lunch, then went to Stake Priesthood meeting then to Sacrament, meeting when he came home he said "I feel tired, I think I will lie down for a little nap." In a few minutes he called out he was in terrible pain and in the left arm, they hurried to him but he was gone before the Doc. or any help could be summoned. What a beautiful day of services in the Lord's work, and to leave without long suffering and pain. We were all grateful for this because he had lived a long useful life, and we were especially happy to know he and Mother were reunited, and could finish their work together.

The funeral services at Mesa were very good, so many loved ones and friends were present. There were five of Aunt Ellens children and five of Mothers family present. Next morning we went with the remains to Snowflake for services and burial.

I recall so many wonderful important things and faith promoting things that happened in the lives of my dear parents, but this was suppose to be a sort sketch.

Thanks for giving me this privilege Uncle Don.

Love to All
Emma S. Luke

CORRECTION:-----
Silas D. Smith & Maria E. B. Smith
were Married Nov. 21, 1888 in the
St. George Temple.-----

A BRIEF LIFE HISTORY OF ZECHARIAH
NATHANIEL DECKER
BY

CALVIN B. DECKER - Grandson

Nathanid Decker was born in Parowan, Utah on May 29, 1872. He was the first grandson of Jesse N. Smith, born to his oldest daughter Emma Seraphine and her husband Zechariah B. Decker. In 1880 the family, numbering 8 by then, migrated with a group of colonists to San Juan, County, Utah, and then on to the new settlement of Snowflake, Arizona.

In 1887, when Nathiel was 15 years old an epidemic came over the family; within 10 days four of his brothers and sisters passed away. Grandma relates that the only reason Nathaniel wasn't taken was that he was just too busy teasing the rest. The family lived at Taylor where Grandpa Decker became Bishop. Nathaniel finished his schooling at the newly opened Stake Academy in Snowflake, then went to the Brigham Young Academy at Provo for two years. He returned as a qualified school teacher, which was greatly needed.

He hadn't been teaching long when he found his life companion. Where? In his own classroom! In the spring of 1896 Nathaniel and his fiancee, Laura Westover of Joseph City, traveled to Salt Lake City and were married in the Temple there. He continued teaching school in Snowflake and the surrounding country.

Their first son Edwin was born in Jan. 1897 in Taylor and Jesse arrived in September of the Next year. Soon after this Nathaniel was called to serve as a missionary and worked valiantly for the church in the Tenn. area.

Edwin and Jesse were still quite young when the family established a ranch on the Decker Wash about 5 miles north of Airpine - 20 Miles west of Snowflake. Nathaniel began farming and taking care of sheep along with his school teaching work. The boys were soon big enough to help around the ranch. The family continued to grow. Joseph made his appearance in Aug. 1902, followed by Eunise in Aug. 1904. Eunise was surely a blessing in the trials that followed John was born in Sept. 1906 followed by Inez in Dec. 1908 and Emma in Jan. 1911. Inez passed away just a few days after Emma was born. Emma lived only a year and a half, then died of whooping cough. They did everything to save her. Jesse tells of milking one of their half wild mares in the hope that the milk would save her. The family was blessed with two more daughters: Ruth born in Aug. 1913, and Iva in 1916. The trials of pioneer life were nearly too much for Laura. She had been so young and beautiful - why on the 4th of July

Just after she was married she won the married lady's foot race! New Arthritis and Rheumatism were giving her constant misery. Nathaniel did everything in his power to relieve her pain. In 1935 he took her to Mesa where she took treatments in the hot mineral baths. He turned the ranch over to his son Jesse, who added it to what he had already built for himself, and moved into a small cottage just south of the Temple. Laura grew steadily worse and soon was nearly helpless. Nathaniel was with her nearly constantly, leaving only for a session at the temple. Laura finally was relieved of her suffering in Sept. 1949. Nathaniel continued to attend the temple devoting all his time to this endeavor.

Now Nathaniel has gone to join his lovely wife, no longer horribly crippled, also his little daughters and others of his family who have passed on. After a short illness he passed away at the county hospital in Phoenix on March 5, 1959.

The family had all arrived to bid him farewell and the funeral was held the next day. It was a simple but lovely service. Music was provided by the Mesa 11th. Ward. Singing Mothers, Silas Fish gave an account of Nathaniel's history and words of praise for his accomplishments. He had taken thousands of names through the temple in the 22 years he had been there. What a welcome he must have received on the other side! Brother Harry Smith of the Temple Pres. then talked on the theme that man may become as God is. The burial service was held at the cemetery at Taylor. Rufus Crandall arranged a musical number "Rest to the Weary Soul." a quartet accompanied by a string quartet. A few sentiments were given by John Westover, Nathaniel's brother-in-law. and Aquilla Standeford. The grave was dedicated by his brother Silas.

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