

Report to the Executive Committee

At their business meeting December 19, 1959, the Executive Committee appointed an advisory committee to make a study of the work of the Publications Committee, and from that study make recommendations.

The Problem

Since the Publications Committee was organized twelve years ago, natural growth has required an ever expanding work program. The several committees who have carried the responsibility of it thus far succeeded in spite of ever mounting odds. The report of the Chairman of the Publications Committee indicates that some action should be taken immediately if the committee continues to function.

The Advisory Committee make the following Suggestions.

1. Let the Publications Committee remain as at present constituted.
2. Let there be a division of labor established among the committee members for the printing and distributing, and the gathering and organizing of the material, for the current periodical "The Kinsman".
3. Let the place for printing and distributing the current periodical be established as permanently as possible.
4. Let the first Thursday of each month be the deadline for the printing matter for that month.
5. Let any changes become effective immediately.

Suggestions for the functional use of these recommendations.

(a) To gain a higher percentage of the Publications Committee's potential, (b) each member should effect his own committee within the family group which he represents. This committee should be representative of the whole family group. Three areas of interest should be especially provided for:

1. Genealogy. Vital statistics, temple work.
2. Finance. Subscriptions, membership dues, advertising.
3. Historical data.

The following is a suggested division of labor among the local committees: January issue by Emma Larson family.

February	"	"	Augusta Outzen	"
March	"	"	Jenet Johnson	"
April	"	"	Margaret West	"
May	"	"	Emma West	"

June, and following issues, in the above order of rotation

(c) Recommendation number three infers that printing and distributing must be assumed by one of the committee members. The mechanics involved are sufficient reason for this. The member responsible for the material for the current issue should have it in the hands of the printer before the deadline.

Here is test pattern being tried out on the January issue:

Local committee members and the division of labor.

Hyrum Smith, Chairman, reporter for Salt Lake area and own family.
Lorana Broadbent, Historical data, reporter Salt River area.
Don C Smith, Subscriptions, distributing, reporter for own family.
George A Smith, printing, reporter for own family.
Emma Dexter, reporter for California and Lorana Broadbent family.
Charcie Roy, reporter Northern Arizona area and Aikens Smith family.
Dorene Taylor, reporter New Mexico area and M Foss Smith family.

Note that it is possible by this arrangement to have an issue made up with news from only one family group. This means that if any family group committee wants anything in any particular issue they must see to it.

A GREAT MISSIONARY by Don C. Smith

Very few missionaries (if any) can come up with more years of continuous missionary work in the Church than Jesse A. Smith, who at seventeen years of age was called on a mission by President Brigham Young to settle in and colonize Southern Utah. No crystal-ball reader would have dared to predict that this was the beginning of a mission that was to last for only a few months less than fifty-five years, or until his death, June 5, 1906 in Snowflake, Arizona. His older brother, Silas, being recently married to Clarinda Ricks and having been called on a mission in Southern Utah, they also in company with their mother, Mary Aikens Smith, started from Salt Lake City in the fall of 1851 to fill out their missions. I quote from the Journal of Jesse N. Smith.

"On July 6th, Silas and I were ordained Elders in the Church by Uncle John Smith, the patriarch. On the 9th my brother married Clarinda Ricks. In the fall of 1851 my brother and I were counseled first, by George A. Smith and afterwards by President Brigham Young who sent us word by mother that he wished us to settle at Parowan in Iron County. We prepared to move accordingly. Mother and Silas sold our city lot just west of the temple block and procured a wagon and some store pay. We were soon under way and stopped for the night in Salt Lake City, at Uncle John's. He remarked that himself and brothers had always desired that one of their family should be educated and for that purpose, sent their youngest brother, Stephen, to school; he however died in early manhood just as their hopes were beginning to be realized. He wished me to remain and go to school at his expense here. He would see President Young and have me excused from the mission to the south. Although I greatly desired to get an education I preferred to go upon the mission, fearing also that the expense would be burdensome to him. When I had acquainted him with my resolution, he blessed each of us with a patriarchal blessing." ---end of quote. Read his blessing on page 17 of his journal.

The above marks the beginning of five continuous missions filled in his life time. His two missions to Denmark, covering a period of about ten years, marks his second and third missions, also included is his mission to Southern Utah when his family home was in Parowan, at which time he was called on his fourth mission to Arizona in 1878 by President John Taylor, following an extended trip throughout Arizona in company with Brother E. Snow and others. Again I quote from his Journal. "September 5th, Thursday, 1878, Brother E. Snow having asked me to accompany him on a visit to Arizona I made some preparations, bought a pair of common-sized young mules, gray, of Brother S. C. Hulet; paid \$200 cash. Brother Ira M. Hinckley came along and I joined him, hitching my mules with a pair of his animals on to his Concord carriage ..." "September 27, Friday. Brother Snow located the sight for the town of Snowflake....September 30, Brother Snow notified me that as he had charge of settling the Saints in this territory he had concluded to call me to come out here and take charge of a stake...." "November 5 (Thursday) Reached here...I soon reported myself to President Taylor as ready to start for Arizona, and I also reported the names of those who volunteered to go with me..." end of quote. (Read the text in full for yourself.)

In January 1895 President Taylor called and appointed Jesse N. Smith a member in a committee with others, "to purchase lands for the Latter Day Saints in Mexico." While serving on this mission in Northern Old Mexico, he, in company with his wife, Emma Larson and her two small children, lived in a small adobe house built by himself.

He was the only one of the committee called by President Taylor to remain and serve in locating the Saints in Old Mexico. The duration of which was about a year before returning to his home in Snowflake, Arizona. And thus ended his fifth mission. The missionary record of Jesse N. Smith stands along with the very best missionaries of The Church. Read the record in "The Journal" It is our heritage.

December 30, 1959
Salt Lake City 3, Utah

Dear Aunt Natalia,

Open up thine ears and read the thing that is before you, that ye may know of the things that are about to come to pass on the 30th day of December 1959. I did take up the stock of knowledge and write that ye may know of some of the things that are coming forth in the land northward. Now it came to pass that as I took up my journey last night through the wilderness to the door of my tent, I did find at my door's mail box that great stick which is called The Kinsman. Now it came to pass that I did read it with great vigor and long suffering, insomuch that I did come to know that if I did not get down on my seat and impart a check for the great sum of two dollars I might surely be damned and not receive the Kinsman more. Now it came to pass that I darest withhold my subscription to the Kinsman. So here is that rubber check that might bounce but I think not because I took all of the rubber out of it.

Now, as for this great valley of the Salt Lake, lo, and behold, we did get a snow storm a few days past, and now it is exceedingly cold although it looks like we may be pelted with snow again in the near future.

Now as for some of the things that have come to pass so far, on the sixth day of December 1959, we did receive a letter at the door of our tent here in Salt Lake City, from our son and his wife in the far East, even Illinois saying that Carol, our son Ray's wife, did give birth to a baby girl, even though the baby was bigger than her mother when she was born, as she weighed 9 pounds and she was 22 inches long. Now it came to pass that when my wife, Mary, read these things she at once gathered up all of her pajamas and her shawls and her dresses, and all of her possessions, and she did take her journey out in the wilderness by way of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad chariot. Now it came to pass that she did travel for many hours, even for the space of 24 hours, that she might find the baby dressed in burlap sacks and lying in a straw basket. And now it came to pass on the morning of December 26, 1959, behold a son was born to my son Marion K. and his wife, Renee, at that great city of Springville, Utah. And thus I have two grand daughters and two grand sons. I am beginning to fear that my posterity will become as numerous as the sands of the sea.

And now as I have many things to do I must bring this epistle to a close. I hope that the next issue of the Kinsman wont have to chase me all over the great City of Salt Lake to find me, but the it will come directly to my tent door, 275 E. Street, Salt Lake City 3. And now I seal these things up that they may come forth on the first morning of mail delivery, and what I have written let no man put asunder lest he hear from me by thunder. With best of love for all the Smiths.

Your nephew, Ernan.

December 13, 1959, Joseph City, Arizona

Dear Aunt Tal,

Happy Christmas to you all. Enclosed please find check for four dollars to apply on last year and for a change pay in advance for next year's Kinsman. We have enjoyed reading this paper very much. Our thanks to you for your kind efforts, and our sincere best wishes to you all everywhere for a prosperous and Happy New Year.

Yours, Milton F. Dushman

Salt Lake City, December 16, 1959

Dear Sister Myrtle: Find check enclosed for \$16.00. Please send the Kinsman during 1960 to the following: Hyrum Smith, 2173 S. 17 E. Salt Lake City, Utah. Marvin E. Smith, 1665 Atkin Ave. Don. H. Smith 1186 Pacific Ave. Dorothy S. Clark, 2426 Green St. Lois S. Whitaker 1042 Elgin Ave. June S. Barker, Rt. 1, Shelley Idaho. Virgil B. Smith, 825 So. 8th St. San Jose 12, California. Dr. Cliver R. Smith 970 N. 12 East, Provo, Utah. We wish you a happy and prosperous New Year.

Affectionately, Hyrum

News from the Margaret Fletcher family by Margaret S. Larson.
We are receiving this week an invitation to a surprise birthday party honoring cousin Silas L. Fish. On January 9th he will be eighty years old. The party will be held in the 8th - 12th ward house in Phoenix. We are so happy his family are doing this---no one certainly is more deserving. He is the only one of Aunt Adelaide's family left. And we of the Joseph W. family greet him as our special cousin to be proud of.

Edith S. Bushman was rushed to the hospital (South-side, Mesa) after her doctor (Hiatt) discovered a breast tumor. She underwent surgery Wednesday the 30th. She has our faith and prayers as well as our love for a safe recovery.

The Bushman's daughter, Francis, with her husband, Paul R. Pecl, and two small children, came from Cron, Utah, and spent Christmas with her parents at Mesa. She returned home Saturday the 28th. President Jesse E. and Marvel, Laurence and family, and the Bishop Ericksons from Snowflake were down taking advantage of the last sessions of the "Festival of Learning" held at Tempe. Tuesday the 28th, brought Morris Bushman and family from Provo. They were able to come and go in between storms.

We are so happy to observe now well our sister Leonora has improved so much in health, and now she has been able to make such a distinct adjustment, after surviving the severe injuries of last summer's car accident, and the passing of her husband in September. We are proud of her character, her poise, and her knowledge of the gospel. The Samuel Walker West family organization have recently spent \$60.00 for a Fletcher book. We hope we are able to do a lot of good from this venture since the Fletcher's are some of our immediate lines. Our Larson genealogist, Helen Coplan, Maybelle Foulk, and Norma Elliot attended the Festival of Learning at Tempe. They are so enthusiastic over the courses given.

Mrs. Maxine Larson McKissick, who is teaching at Chula Vista, California, spent the Christmas week in Edmonds, Washington, with her son Bill Cole, and his family. They came and went by plane.

Idenna, Janette, Wallace, and Madine, children of Dwight and Gladys Willett of Flora Vista, New Mexico, were making short calls on Sunday the 27th. They had spent Christmas day with relatives in Florence. Lorna Carpenter has Ok'd the announcement of the birthday party for her father. If anyone did not receive the special invitation, please come any way. And she says, yes, she does have a new baby girl born October 23rd. Her name is Lisa.

Dear George:

Please give me a 1960 subscription to the Kinsman. Greeting of the Season. Edith.

News from our folks in Salt Lake. Mary Reason had the misfortune to slip on the icy pavement and break her right arm. She was wearing it in a cast when her daughter Genevieve reported.

J. Fish and Lillian, the family globe trotters, were able to spend their Christmas at their new home in Salt Lake City for the first time in a number of years. J. Fish is a busy man rotating from California to St. Louis, Missouri, where he has business interests.

Ernon's wife, Mary, went to Pekin, Illinois, to spend Christmas with their son Ray, and to care for his new daughter. Ernon also reports a new grandson born December 26th, to his son Kay's wife.

Homer B. Smith, 736 Indian Avenue, Salt Lake City 2, Utah
December 29, 1959

Dear Editors: Happy New Year. The past year has been good to us. We have survived all our illnesses and the end of the year finds us all well and we hope that it has been the same for all of you and yours. We are glad to send you the enclosed check to help all it does and to get so much family news in the Kinsman.

Aunt Rebecca and Uncle Andrew went to Snowflake for Christmas and had a very enjoyable time. But due to a heart condition Aunt Rebecca was advised by her doctor to "get down off that hill". She is somewhat improved since returning to Mesa. George Papa brought them from Snowflake.

Report on Activities of Smith
Cousins Club in
Valley of the Sun

Four years ago, when Henry, Joel and Joe Jarvis got their heads together here in the "Valley of the Sun" and decided that the Smith Cousins should function and promote closer understanding and enjoyment with each other. They promoted a holiday party which was so successful that we have all wanted one since, which would be similar. Parties have been held in the park since during warm months, but none of us have had time or inclination for one during the holidays. When it was suggested last summer that we try another, the new organization, to be headed by Cousin Lyneer Smith with representatives from every mothers family decided that Howard and Ida Church should spear head one for 1959 holidays.

We called on these officers to help and surely appreciate the support they gave us in making this effort. President Lyneer left for the holidays but hoped to be back from Salt Lake in time for the January 2nd party. The terrific winter conditions made it impossible for him to be here in time on Saturday.

Alden Smith, the Aunt Em representative, took the responsibility of arranging housing facilities and surely had everything in good shape for us with nice warm room and pleasant surroundings. Mayola Rogers Miltonberger was there to provide us with refreshments when the time came, with her gracious yet playful manner. Norman Farr, the Aunt Augusta member, with his others help, arranged a good stimulating Quiz show which was won by the Aunt Margaret contestants. Beulah Shumway Peterson is Aunt Janet member of committee and lives in Safford, so we called on good Cousin Joel Smith, who helped out in many needed places throughout the evening and beforehand with his moral support.

Our party began about eight o'clock on the cold crisp night of January 2nd and as the group finally gathered, things began to warm up a bit and before the evening was over we had about seventy five relatives present. The program began with group singing, then prayer by Joe Jarvis. We enjoyed a short report of his recent mission from David Shumway from Chandler. He is a son of Jesse and hadn't known many of the Smiths before this time, but met a lot at this gathering. He was followed by a trio sung by Alden's three youngest children. They rendered the songs "Winter Wonderland" and "Jingle Bells" with their mother at the piano. Aunt Esther then read her humorous reading about the "Rheumatiz and the Shere she was In" which caused some good merriment. Philip Smith, son of Pauline and Asahel sang "Little Gray Hens in the West." Pauline Udell Parkinson then represented Aunt Leah's family with a little Scotch reading reminiscent of her grandmother. Uncle Elice's son Melvin from Idaho Falls gave us a wonderful tall tale about 'Old Blue' and the ones says he had had following the account of his trip up north during the recent snow storm from Uncle George. It had been a thrilling experience for our Uncle for he had driven for the first time in a lot of years, due to snow and impassible roads which made Aunt 'Popsy' too 'stuck up' to drive. He said that three times, someone came along and insisted on helping them when their car stalled and he realized again that the milk of human kindness was still running. His description of Snowflake the morning after the big snow up there made us all more than a little homesick for a winter wonderland again. Our program was concluded with two more musical numbers. The Uncle Joseph family was represented by Felice and Ray, children of Lela and Alice in some of their superb piano and guitar numbers. It was Kertchner music at its best with plenty of beat and melody. Melven then agreed to sing Invictus for us with his sister Bernice at the piano.

We then gathered around the punch bowl and visited for another hour. The members of the 'first family' who attended were Uncle Don, George, Elias with the five Aunties living in the valley at this time... Aunt Esther, Leah, Lorana and Aunt Natalia and Rebecca who finds that her heart and blood pressure are more apt to behave down here, than when she gets up to Snowflake. We missed the loyal and enthusiastic presence of our beloved Uncle Marich, who has always been a loyal member of the Smith clan. I imagine that our Henry is attempting to gather all the cousins together over there with all the many older members who would gladly rally around us they do willingly here when we try to do anything.

The Quiz Show which was the feature of our evening again showed up the fact that we younger ones especially should study our Smith Lore and family histories a little more closely. If a cold hadn't struck our Cousin Silas Fish so hard, he would have been there to relate some of the Smith history and stories of Grandfather that we need to tell our own families. We had many calls from good folks who would have loved to join us and we hope that this can be an Annual affair which will gain more and more support from all of you. The warmth that one feels in the presence of Kinsmen makes the effort to get together truly worthwhile.

Thanks again everyone for being with us and helping out in so many ways.

Howard and Ida Church

December 30th the Uncle Elias family gathered at his home, 728 East First Avenue, Mesa, to hold a family reunion. Elias said that there would be 45 grandchildren present. The Sunday Arizona Republic reported: The family of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Smith gathered here over the New Year's Holiday for its first reunion in twenty years. The Smith's have nine children and it was the first time in two decades that all of the children and parents were together. Of the sixty-five family members, fifty-seven attended. Relatives came from points in Arizona, Utah, and Idaho. The next reunion was voted for August 1961 at the home ranch in Linden.

The children of Aunt Tal gathered at her home, 45 South Olive, Mesa, one night during Christmas week to view some slides of Switzerland and Belgium which Earl sent from his mission field. He also sent a tape recording.

Merle and Annetto Farr and baby have returned from Holbrook where they spent Christmas with Annetto's parents, the Arthur C. Whitings. Lemarr Farr and family spent part of the holidays with Aunt Tal and Ardath in Mesa. They returned to Holbrook Thursday.

Gus and Nelda Farr and family went to St. Johns to spend New Year's day with Nelda's parents, the Newton Neales.

Henry P. Ashcroft has been in Mesa in rehab and called to the bedside of his father, Paris I. Ashcroft, who passed away December 30th.

Henry is the husband of Aunt Tal's daughter, Lebell. The family will go to Eger for the funeral, January 2nd.

Aunt Pauline went to California for a few months to do research and visit relatives. She is recovering nicely from a stroke which she sustained after arriving in Los Angeles. She is at the home of her son, Richard.

Aunt Lerana Broadbent went to Fontana, California, to Christmas with her daughter, Emma, and Keith Dexter.

Ted and Marge Harris are in the valley for a Harris reunion. They stopped in for a short haul and farewell Wednesday morning.

Six of the children of Aunt Leah, with their families, were here to keep Christmas merry for their mother.

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