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'UNCLE FOSS' TEACHES NAVAJO YOUNGSTERS--In a new bi-lingual program of education in San Juan County (Utah) schools with large Indian enrollments, veteran teacher M. Foss C. Smith [youngest son of Jesse N.] reads a lesson in English to a group of eager first-graders at Mexican Hat School. Navajo teaching assistants help the Navajo pupils learn other subjects in their native tongue, and also teach conversational Navajo to the Anglo pupils. The program operates under a federal education grant. (Photo from Salt Lake Tribune)

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BYU and PROVO KINSMEN TO GATHER OCTOBER 6th

Jesse N. Smith descendants attending Brigham Young University and those living in or visiting the central Utah area are invited to the semi-annual gathering of the family to be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6, in the Alumni House at BYU. This building is reached from the main western entrance to the campus (12th N. and 2nd E. in Provo) by proceeding up the campus hill and turning before the stoplight to the first building on the right.

Clarence Bushman is chairman of the student group and L. Flake Rogers is head of the Provo branch. Parents who have students at BYU are asked to urge them to attend and become acquainted with others who come to the campus from all parts of the country. A talent program and refreshments are planned.

OFFICERS' MEETINGS HELD, SCHEDULED

Officers of the J.N.S. Family Association switched their September meeting from Provo to the home of J. Fish Smith in Salt Lake City on the 9th so that he could participate while recuperating from a recent heart attack. They were pleased to find him greatly improved, and also enjoyed the hospitality of his wife Lillian.

An invitation received from the Utah Heritage Foundation for information about buildings of historic interest was responded to by Harold H. Smith, family association president, with a photo and data on the 112-year-old Smith Memorial Home in Parowan.

The next meeting of the officers will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Oct. 6 in the Wilkinson Center cafeteria on the BYU campus.

HELP US KEEP UP TO DATE ON ADDRESSES

If you are going to have a new mailing address, please remember to send it in promptly to M. W. Smith, 504 N. 4th East, Provo. Include both new and old addresses and ZIP codes so that future Kinsman issues will reach you without delay.

FIRST MISSIONARY LETTER FROM JESSE N. SMITH TO HIS WIFE

Ed. Note: Called to serve in Denmark, Jesse N. wrote this letter to Emma S.W.Smith after a 46-day wagon trip from Salt Lake City to Omaha.

OMAHA, NEB. Nov. 14, 1860. My Dear Emma,

I expect the steamboat will soon arrive and in the meantime I thought I would write you a line that I may not be entirely idle. I wrote from Florence a rambling line to Bro. Silas [Silas S. Smith] also one to Mother [Mary Aikens Smith] and how attempt to sketch a note for your perusal on this poor sheet.

We reached Florence on the 6th of the present month after a long and wearisome journey. I stood the trip quite well for me but was occasionally subjected to severe spells of headache. We came the south side of the Platte from Laramie to Fort Kearney. We met the telegraph wire and posts at Kearney, an indication of enterprise which to us was very cheering. You may say to Silas if he has not yet gone to the city when this reached you that the political news of our glorious Republic are filled with the most gloomy foreboding with regard to the peace and union of the States. Lincoln is undoubtedly elected but it is considered quite uncertain about his being able peaceably to take the Presidential chair.

Handbills were posted last Saturday announcing that the Rev. Orson Pratt would preach in the U.S. Court room in this city at 10 1/2 o'clock a.m., he having been invited to preach by the authorities of this place. The audience was large and respectable, the room was filled to its utmost capacity; the sermon was a good one. At the close the revelation concerning the wars that are coming upon the nations, found in the Pearl of Great Price, was read and all men who desire peace were invited to come to Utah.

Since the meeting we have heard of the resignation of Sen. Toombs of Georgia and that of Sen. Chesnut of S.C., and also that South Carolina has declared her independence and that Georgia has refused to honor any draft or check from any northern house. Business men are trying to close their business and many say they shall seek an asylum in Utah so soon as anarchy shall commence. It is rumored that Russell, Majors and Waddell [of the Pony Express] have failed.

My outfit, or rather the horse and harness, which in Utah were valued at \$126.00 were appraised at \$40.00 of which I drew \$25.00 leaving \$15.00 toward my passage money, the balance of which will be furnished by the missionary fund. It is a very grievous thing to me that I have to depend even on the missionary fund for any favor whatever-- it would be much more gratifying to my feelings if I was more independent. The spirit of independence which formed a striking characteristic of your husband's character while in the mountains and deserts of Utah is still unsubdued, and although I freely and frankly accept a favor from a friend, yet I would prefer by far to be above the necessity of such relief. I still believe that God Almighty never made me for a beggar nor a dog.

On our way across the plains we saw great numbers of buffalo that had been wantonly killed by the roadside but we saw no living ones; they were all scared away from the road by the emigration to Pike's Peak, Denver City, and Laramie. I slept on the ground all the way and lived on alkali bread, bacon grease, and sand, etc., upon which wholesome diet I gained 4 lbs. by the scales and would have gained more if I had had time but I had too much to do. I enjoy myself as well as I can.

ST. JOSEPH, Nov. 18, 1860. The boat arrived in the midst of my writing and I adjourned the finishing of this letter until a more convenient time. We have had a very tedious, rough time on the boat, frequently on sand bars or dodging snags. We shall start for Chicago by the passenger train tomorrow morning at 6 o'clock. The landlord has furnished me with a very inferior pen and you must excuse the writing. Remember me kindly to your father and mother and Bro. William Barton when you see him; also John and Wm. M. and in fact all our good friends at home.

Please look after the children in kindness for my sake as well as theirs; kiss them for me and may God the Eternal Father bless and strengthen and preserve you all, is my prayer,

JESSE N. SMITH

A DAUGHTER'S LETTER TO "MY OWN DEAR FATHER"

Ed. Note: The affection and reverent esteem in which Jesse N. Smith was held by his children is well exemplified by the following letter written by Hannah Daphne Smith Dalton, fourth child of Jesse N. The occasion was the approach of his 56th birthday, in honor of which about 130 relatives and others were gathering on Dec. 2 in Snowflake. Daphne, who had married John C. Dalton in 1876 and later moved to San Luis Valley, Colorado, was then 33. This transcript was furnished by her son, Don Mack Dalton, from a copy sent him by Aunts Lorana Broadbent and Natalia Farr.

MANASSA, Conejos County, Colorado, November 29, 1890

President Jesse N. Smith,

My own dear father. It is with feelings of the saddest disappointment that I sit down to write to you at this time, having hoped to have been with you in a few days and helped to celebrate your birthday. Aunt Eliza, Uncle Silas [Silas Sanford Smith], sister Josephine Smith and myself were all intending to come but were disappointed about getting rates [on the railroad], but hope at some future anniversary to be with you.

I am proud to be numbered one of your children, knowing there are very few men your superior. I have marked your goodness and integrity from the time I was a little child and have always been so proud of my noble father and hope to live worthy to be numbered one of your children through all eternity.

: John [Dalton] joins me in congratulations to you on this memorable day, and we hope that you will live to have many more such happy days and may every year be brighter than the one before and your birthdays be many. Every year we hope you will be more abundantly blessed with health, with strength, houses and land and cattle and horses and with everything that will tend to brighten your labors and make you happy.

Our little boys [John C. Jr., Edward S., Silas M., and Bart W.] wish a kind remembrance to you. The first thing when they come from school is "Mama, are you going to Arizona?"

May the sunlight of increasing prosperity and happiness be yours for many years to come, and may heaven prosper and bless you and your life be spared for doing good. A small gift accompanies this, not for its worth, but for the love it represents--I ask you to accept from your absent daughter,

Daphne S. Dalton

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA GROUP SEEKS KINSMEN ADDRESSES

Anna B. Castro (d. Garland F. Bushman, Anna) reports from Campbell, Calif. that chairman Norman D. Smith (s. Wickliffe, J. Walter) of the San Francisco Bay branch of the J.N.S. family is seeking names and addresses of any kinsmen in the area. They should be sent to him at 38435 Acacia St., Fremont, Calif. 94536. Thus far they have located 16 families in the Central Valley, 15 families in the Bay Area, and 3 families in outlying areas.

The group held a highly successful meeting on July 18 at the home of Norman and Marvis Smith, highlighted by the visit of Harold H. and Robert J. Smith and their wives. They appreciated the report of the Smith Memorial Home in Parowan and the information on the J.N.S. Journal republication project.

WITH OUR MISSIONARIES AND SERVICEMEN

Gale Kent Mortensen Jr. of Tempe, Ariz. (Nellie B.; Edith; Joseph W.) has been called to the Alaska-Canadian Mission and is serving at Pt. Alberni, B.C.

Gary S. Luke (William S.; Emma S.; Silas D.) is serving in the Nova Scotia, Canada area of the New England Mission.

Airman 1st Class Kelly Benson (Melvin; Rachel) is now serving in Vietnam. Letters will reach him at: 3rd FTS Box 2737, APO San Francisco 96277.

NEWS OF J.N.S. FAMILY MEMBERS AROUND THE WORLD

CLARK AIR FORCE BASE, PHILIPPINES--Deanna Miller Pack (d. Pearl; Robert) writes: "I visited with Aunt Lorana Broadbent in Snowflake before I came over and my boys and I went through the Memorial Home. We really enjoyed it and are looking forward to visiting it when we return. She gave us the address of Francis Broadbent in Manila and we plan to look them up. It's nice to find family members everywhere we go. We have an active branch here and everyone is very friendly. Jack has been branch clerk since February. I have been here less than two weeks and have been assigned to teach the Blazers in Primary."

SAN CARLOS, ARIZ.--After eight years in the Sacramento Valley, Joseph M. Flake has moved here to teach Indian children on the Apache Reservation. In this work he follows the footsteps of his sister, Augusta (d. Martha S. Flake), who taught on the reservation prior to her retirement.

MESA ARIZ.--L. Wickliffe Smith (s. John Walter) and wife Blanche have moved into their newly-purchased home at 211 East 6th Ave., Mesa, 85201.

PROVO, UTAH--The processing of nearly 500 Indian youngsters entering the LDS Church Student Placement program through facilities at Brigham Young University in late August was supervised by Dale L. Shumway (s. Augustus Leland; Ruth) of Orem. Dale, who is a social worker with the LDS Indian program, directed the administration of medical examinations, provision of meals and temporary housing, and the introduction of the students to their new foster parents. The group is part of the 4,000 youngsters aged 8 to 18 who are placed each school year in the homes of Church members in Arizona, California, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Utah, Washington, Alberta, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan.

SALT LAKE CITY--Sidelights on the World Conference on Records, Aug. 5-8, which was attended by Jesse N. Benson, Virginia Benson Peterson, and Catherine Decker Bartholomew in addition to Moroni W. and Lena Smith and Marguerite B. Babcock as reported last month:

"It was like a trip around the world, with 45 nations represented--all as characteristic as one had read or heard. We conversed with a number of visitors, including Russians. We did not feel quite as easy with them as with others. (The following week at a BYU Education Seminar said the Russians on their arrival would pull away when an arm was put around their shoulders, saying people did not act that way in Russia. Before they departed, however, they wanted to hug everyone! When taken to visit BYU they would not believe what they saw. They insisted that the actions and dress of the 9,000 summer school students were staged.) The visitors were high-type people, and most spoke English well. A United Nations records official in a general assembly termed it a step toward a thousand years of peace. Politically, the UN may be ineffective, but the unity of those nice world people concerned with the preservation of their history and cultures, with everyone friendly, peaceful, and kind, was most impressive." Virginia Benson Peterson, 8701 Redwood Rd., West Jordan, Utah.

MORE COLLEGE GRADUATES IN SUMMER COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

M.A., University of California: H. Daniel Stage Jr. (June Foy, Silas D.)

B.S., B.A., BYU: Bonnie June Harker Duffin (June S.; Hyrum); David Grant Rencher, (s. Clarence; Bathsheba); Mary Ann Free Smith (w. Nicholas; Albert, Priscilla).

Ph.D., BYU: J. Howard Rytting (h. Barbara Kay S.; Oliver; Hyrum).

M.A., BYU: Charles A. Baird (h. Olivia S.; Oliver; Hyrum).

M.Ed., BYU: Elaine Church (d. Ida S.; Asahel). (see note on marriage p. 6)

CRADLE ROLL (Please send in data on new members as they arrive.)

August 27--Jennifer Lea Baird; Olivia L. Smith (Oliver, Hyrum) and Charles Baird.

Item Correction: The name omitted from the joint gravestone of Mary Duty Smith in Kirtland (August Kinsman, p. 6) should be Jerusha Barden Smith (w. Hyrum).

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YOUNG KINSMEN!

The girls are leading, seven to four, in this month's report of marriages of Jesse N. Smith descendants. Letters of greeting and complimentary memberships in the Jesse N. Smith Family Association are being sent to each couple below.

In return, Newiyweds, please send us a Family Group Sheet on yourselves. Also tell us promptly of any new address changes you'll be having, and we'll send you The Kinsman during the period of your membership.

- 3 Aug 68--Deanna Brooks (Ruth Shumway Brooks, Ruth S.) and Bruce Livermore; 3701 Adams, San Diego, Calif. 92116
- 6 Dec 68--Frank W. Brooks (Ruth Shumway Brooks, Ruth S.) and Sharon Lee Hall; 3861 Armstrong, San Diego, Calif. 92111
- 25 Jun 69--Sheila D. Miller (Della S. Miller, Joseph W.) and Capt. Cleon pack; Hq USA, RYIS, Services Division, APO San Francisco, Calif, 96331
- 3 July 69--Myrna Gaye Sevey (Margaret Shumway Sevey, Lucy S.) and William D. Shepperd; 222 West 9th St., Tempe, Ariz. 85281
- 16 Aug 69--Ronald Acheson (Virginia B., Anna) and Jeanette Marie Walters, San Diego
- 15 Aug 69--Val K. Flake (Joseph M., Martha(and Luanne Udink
- 21 Aug 69--Nancy Merrill (Beatrice S. Merrill, Henry L, Jesse N. Jr.) and Norman Sanders; 847 W. Brown St., Tempe Ariz. 85281
- 30 Aug 69--Robert Gardner (Edith S. Gardner, Henry L., Jesse N. Jr.) and Janice Clement; 20 E. 900 N., Provo, Utah 84601
- 10 Sep 69--Susan Smith (A. Marion, Asahel H.) and Wayne F. LeSueur; 7B-425 Wymount Terrace, Provo, Utah 84601
- 12 Sep 69--Elaine Church (Ida S. Church, Asahel H.) and Michael Douglas Carter; c/o 657 E. 3rd Ave., Mesa Ariz. 85201
- 12 Sep 69--Christine Whitaker (Lois S. Whitaker, Hyrum) and Richard L. Arnold; 658 N. 4th East #3, Provo, Utah 84601

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