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John Ford Raynham, Mass.

While the story is based somewhat on the life of the author's grandfather who was a rabbi, parts of it are fictional. The author's grandfather, however, did not join the Church.

Subject of Doctoral Dissertation

In your May issue you have an article on Samoa. My father, Adelbert Beesley, one of the first missionaries in Samoa, was there with Joseph H. Dean. He kept a four-volume diary of his mission. He was a witness of the great typhoon and wrote a minute-by-minute description of it. A cabinet containing his mementos is on exhibit at Pioneer Village in Salt Lake City.

I am 73 years old, I remember vividly father relating his unusual mission experiences. My nephew is now writing a doctoral dissertation on Father's mission.

Stella Beesley Dahlquist
Downey, Calif.

Impressed by Spiritual Qualities

I just returned from the Polynesian areas pictured in your May issue and would like a copy of it. While I am not of your faith, I was very impressed by the spiritual qualities your missionaries brought out in the natives and their children, as well as the spirituality of the missionaries themselves.

Mary Bush
San Francisco, Calif.

"Best of Movies"

You have added another touch of perfection to the Era—your new section on movies. So many times we have taken our family to what we thought was a good movie only to find it was not fit to see. As a mother of four children, I am grateful for the help you give in building spiritual homes and families. In this world and time we truly need all the assistance we can get.

Mrs. E. J. Hegerman
Minneapolis, Minn.

Thanks for your "Best of Movies" page in the Era. This is long overdue.

Dr. Clare Barlow
Van Nuys, Calif.

Home Evenings Away from Home

After reading your "Home Happiness" articles, I began to reflect upon the much happiness home evenings have given me, particularly because in our ward we have a dear brother and sister who share their home evenings with the young, self-supporting people of the ward. Each of us takes a turn presenting the lesson. If there are any young people who for various circumstances are away from their families, I would urge them to ask their bishop to arrange for them to attend home evening with one of the families in the ward. In my case—and that of my friends—it has been a wonderful blessing.

Carol Ann Craven
Santa Monica, Calif.

The Man with the Friendly Smile

I would like to express my sentiments of the Church's spirit of brotherhood:

As I went for a stroll one beautiful day, I came to a chapel along the way. I paused for a moment, as strollers do; the door was open, and I went through.

As I quietly walked up the carpeted aisle I met a man with a friendly smile. "I am the bishop of the ward," said he, and he shook my hand and welcomed me.

Some other people came in the while; they greeted them with that same kind smile, a shake of the hand, and a pleasant word as they entered into the house of the Lord.

I thought, "What manner of people are these? They seem so happy, so much at ease, so like brothers." I stayed for the service.

And now I find myself o'er and o'er entering in at that open door. And in my heart there is always a prayer: "God bless the man who welcomed me there—With a shake of the hand, a pleasant word, and a friendly smile—to the House of the Lord."

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The Church Moves On

MAY 1966

1 Sao Paulo Stake, first in South America, 417th now functioning in the Church, was organized under the direction of Elder Spencer W. Kimball of the Council of the Twelve and Elder Franklin D. Richards, assistant to the Twelve. Walter Spat was sustained as president with Osiris Cabral Tavares and Antonio C. De Camargo as counselors. The stake has seven wards and one branch, with a stake membership of approximately 3,000.

Marion J. Callister, formerly second counselor, succeeded President David K. Bicks of West Boise (Idaho) Stake. New counselors are Russell A. Relyea and Claude Brown, Jr. Elmo Watkins Orr was released as first counselor.

7 The First Presidency announced the following appointments as mission presidents: Glen L. Rudd of the priesthood welfare committee; Don H. Rasmussen of the priesthood home teaching committee; Reid E. Bankhead, bishop of the BYU 38th Ward, Brigham Young University Third Stake; John H. Groberg, bishop of the Idaho Falls 26th Ward, Ammon (Idaho) Stake.

8 Butler West Stake, the 418th now functioning, was formed from parts of Butler (Salt Lake County) Stake with Sherman M. Crump as president and Richard K. Klein and Ronald S. Beckstrom as counselors. The stake was organized by Elder LeGrand Richards of the Council of the Twelve and Elder John Longden, assistant to the Twelve. President James C. Taylor continues to preside in Butler Stake with W. James Mortimer moved from second to first counselor, succeeding L. Ronald Folkerson. Don H. Brighten is the new second counselor.

President S. Ross Fox, Jr., was sustained as president of Seattle East (Washington) Stake, succeeding President Raymond W. Eldredge, who has been called as a mission president. Counselors are Nelson A. Snow and Owen K. Jensen. President Fox and Elder Snow were serving as counselors.

Appropriate Mother’s Day services were held in many of the meetings of the Church.

12 Approval for the purchase of WRFM, a New York City FM radio station, was given by the Federal Communications Commission. The station will now be owned by International Educational Broadcasting Corp., a subsidiary of Bonneville International Corp., which is owned by the Church.

13 President David O. McKay, urging the people of Utah to attend political mass meetings, said: “Good government is assured only when both major political parties place on their respective tickets the type of nominees who are honorably and unselfishly devoted to securing and maintaining the highest standards of leadership.”

10 Elder Spencer W. Kimball of the Council of the Twelve, in a prayer at Bogotá, dedicated (Continued on page 735)
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In response to invitation, on May 14, 1965, the First Presidency transmitted a statement to President Johnson with copies to Secretary of State Dean Rusk and the cabinet committee. The document was entitled “Some Desirable Objectives to Be Sought in International Cooperation.” It was one of many submitted by 230 invited groups throughout the United States and was available for consideration at the White House Conference on International Cooperation held in November 1965. A summary of the 230 organization reports, entitled The Record and the Vision, was subsequently circulated in March 1966.

Much of the year’s significance was clouded by conflict in Vietnam. Nevertheless, the proclamation establishing the “year” had significance in inviting review of some fundamental issues. Likewise, the statement of the First Presidency has been obscured both by events and the fact of its inclusion with a large number of other transmittals. The cabinet committee also expressed interest and invited comment on 26 differing aspects of international life, ranging from agriculture and food to technical cooperation and investment.

With jet airliners transporting us throughout the world and with instantaneous communication by orbiting satellites, the statement of the First Presidency will have great interest for readers of this column. Presidents David O. McKay, Hugh B. Brown, and N. Eldon Tanner noted on May 14, 1965, that while the technical concerns of the cabinet committee carried deep significance, they suggested attention toward some of “the more profound tasks and concerns of international cooperation with full cognizance of the present state of international tensions and divergent political theories.”

First, they declared: “We believe the essential basis for human cooperation in any form is mutual recognition of the worth of the individual. Inherent and implied in each undertaking of the United States should stand the purpose of maintaining, promoting, and extending the free exercise of individual conscience and the protection of life. We also believe that the individual’s right to the ownership and control of property is an important adjunct of such purpose. This is in line with the common law maxim that a man’s home is his castle and subject only to due process of law respecting the rights
of life, liberty and conscience."

Second, the First Presidency affirmed "the historic principles set forth in the Declaration of Belief Regarding Governments and Laws in General, adopted at a general assembly of the Church in Kirtland, Ohio, August 17, 1835. Included is the belief that religion is instituted of God, and that men are amenable to him, and to him only, for the free exercise of it, unless their religious opinions prompt them to infringe upon the rights and liberties of others."

The statement continues with other portions of the Declaration of 1835, now contained in Section 134 of the Doctrine and Covenants. "We do not believe it just," said the First Presidency, "to mingle religious, or anti-religious influence with the civil government, whereby one religious society is fostered and another proscribed in its spiritual privileges, and the individual rights of its members, as citizens and as men, denied."

Third, "We feel that the right to know, to inquire, to communicate and exchange ideas is fundamental to human well-being, and an essential concomitant of freedom of conscience; that to extend by peaceful means the boundaries within which may occur the free exchange of ideas, without incitement to contempt or violence, should be an important objective of current efforts at international cooperation. Likewise, the safety of the individual, traveling from state to state on lawful business duly evidenced by passport, subject to the same laws and their protection, is a matter of equal concern."

The Presidency declared: "We feel, demonstrated by our experience abroad, that it should be a constant aim and objective of the United States to encourage the establishment and acceptance of a growing juridical scheme in international affairs reflecting the foregoing principles. Although frustrated and seemingly foreshortened from time to time by misunderstanding, conflicting principles and practices, the United States should nevertheless, with patience, inventiveness, and firmness, endeavor to find open pathways towards acceptance, in practice, of such principles."

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In our sacrament meetings all are supposed to have come to meet him and worship him, and there should be present that spirit of order and reverence which will direct the worshipers’ thoughts in the right channel. God help us to serve him with our minds, might, and strength. With kind consideration for all mankind and particularly for those who have given us honored names and pure lives, with prayer and reverence in our hearts, may we seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, that all other things may be given to us.

DUTY OF PARENTS, TEACHERS
The duty that rests upon every parent and upon every teacher within this Church is to arouse within the mind of each child a sense of responsibility toward other individuals and toward society. The sacredness of personality is a fundamental teaching of Jesus Christ.

By revelation the Prophet Joseph Smith recorded this sublime teaching from the writings of Moses:
“For behold, this is my work and my glory—to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man.” (Moses 1:39.)

In this truth is found a fundamental principle of true religion, and it touches the very heart of the government of society and the peace of the home. Let each child in the home realize that there are certain things that he cannot do to gratify his own appetite if in doing so he brings sorrow or inconvenience to other members of the household. A sense of duty to others should be a governing factor in his actions.

VALUE OF THE HOME
Earnestly I urge parents to gather their families around them and to instruct them in truth and righteousness and in family love and loyalty. The home is the basis of a righteous life, and no other instrumentality can take its place nor fulfill its essential functions. The problems of these difficult times cannot better be solved in any other place, by any other agency, by any other means, than by love and righteousness, precept and example, and devotion to duty in the home.

May you be blessed in teaching and caring for and drawing near to you those whom God has entrusted to you and in watching over your own. As you do so, love at home and obedience to parents will increase; faith will develop in the hearts of the youth of Israel; and they will gain power to combat evil influences and temptations and to choose righteousness and peace and thus be assured an eternal place in the family circle of our Father.
THE AIM OF MIA
The ultimate aim of Mutual Improvement work is to aid in bringing to pass, under the inspiration and guidance of the Lord, the immortality and eternal life of man. We have as the direct and immediate purpose the establishing in the hearts of young men and women a testimony of the divinity of God's work, without which eternal life cannot be obtained. The MIA is an organization of doing—and in its music, speech, drama, and dance programs, it has the duty to present these arts in a manner that is not only entertaining but uplifting. These activities must always picture the best in human relationships rather than the lowest. Participation in the MIA program creates a taste for, and a will to obtain, the finest in culture and in life itself. When was the last time you parents joined your young people at Mutual? How are they progressing there? An invitation is extended to you to be at your next weekly MIA meeting.

CHURCH WELFARE PROGRAM
The church welfare program was established for the benefit of the individual just as the Church is established for the salvation of the individual. This program functions:
First, by rendering material help to those in need.
Second, in rehabilitating members temporarily without means of livelihood.
Third, in developing in them a sense of self-reliance.
Fourth, all—the contributors and the recipients—receive an added spirituality to make us all real servants of God.
Is it any wonder, therefore, that our welfare projects spring alive at dawn each morning for several hours and near the end of the day and on Saturdays, as members in all walks of life join together in the common labor of brotherhood on the welfare projects?

ADVICE TO YOUTH
We hear a good deal of talk about our young people these days. Some say that they are indifferent, that they are losing their interest in the Church. I do not agree with this accusation. I realize that temptations were never stronger than they are today, but the young people who resist these temptations deserve all the greater credit.
O youth of the Church, think of the responsibility of keeping your name unsullied! Think of bringing comfort and happiness to the parents who gave you mortality! There is the fundamental thought that will lead you toward God and worship in true religion. He is a recreant indeed who, to gratify his appetite or his passions, will bring a stain upon the honored name he bears or sorrow to the hearts of his parents. If a youth comes from such a home, with such right thoughts as respecting the rights of other persons and of society, he will not go far wrong in his acts toward his fellowmen.
Repentance and Forgiveness for Sin

QUESTION: What will be the condition of those who are guilty of committing sin when their sins are not revealed and they go unpunished as far as this life is concerned?

ANSWER: The dictionary gives us the following interpretation of the committing of sin: Sin is the transgression of a rule or requirement; neglect or disregard of a divine law or commandment.

Some sins are more serious than others and less easily repented of. There are sins that cannot be forgiven, such as murder, without the punishment of the guilty with the shedding of blood. (Gen. 9:6.) All sin, no matter what nature it is, is a violation of a constituted law or commandment and hence is worthy of punishment unless the price is paid. That price could be in physical or mental suffering or by otherwise paying the debt. The scriptures inform us that for every sin there must be compensation, either by repentance or punishment.

Naturally the Lord cannot look upon sin with the "least degree of allowance." Justice demands that there must be recompense for the violation of any divine law. A human being may receive forgiveness for the transgression of divine law through repentance and a faithful turning away from sin.

There are some sins which, according to the scriptures, are worthy of death of the transgressor. This is a divine law. Compensation must be made in some way for every sin. For this reason our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, came into this world and suffered a painful death to atone for the sins of those who will repent and keep his commandments. This is called vicarious redemption from sin.

All those who repent and accept the gospel are redeemed without having to pay a price in torment or punishment. In regard to this great blessing that comes to us, the Lord said by revelation to the Prophet Joseph Smith:

"For behold, I, God, have suffered these things for all, that they might not suffer if they would repent;

"But if they would not repent they must suffer even as I;

"Which suffering caused myself, even God, the greatest of all, to tremble because of pain, and to bleed at every pore, and to suffer both body and spirit—and would that I might not drink the bitter cup, and shrink—

"Nevertheless, glory be to the Father, and I partook and finished my preparations unto the children of men." (D&C 19:16-19.)

The divine law of compensation demanded that an atonement must be made for every sin or there is no forgiveness. In his great mercy the Son of God came into this world and offered himself a sacrifice to redeem all mankind from Adam's fall and to redeem every man from his individual sins on condition of his faithful repentance and acceptance of the divine plan of salvation. Moreover, he came to restore the dead to immortality. This restoration is not only for those who accept the gospel of Jesus Christ; it also extends to every living thing upon the face of the earth and even to the earth itself, for the earth, like all creatures upon her face, must pass through the ordeal of death and be renewed in a resurrection based on the atonement of our Savior. So the scriptures, given by divine commandment, inform us that this earth is also to be redeemed and will become a celestial body and the abode of the righteous.
The air was still and August-hot—so hot that the dew of early morning still rose in silver mists from the wild alfalfa and pink-blossomed thistle in fields beside the dusty road.

Ten-year-old Jamie Carson lay flat on his back, nearly hidden in the alfalfa, gazing at the deep blue August sky and the clouds hanging there like cotton bolls swelling in the sun.

Lazily he identified the smells and sounds of summer: the ever-fresh sweetness of the alfalfa bed, the not-unpleasant odor of the warming tar on the road, and the beckoning fragrance of fresh-baked bread cooling in kitchen windows, for the womenfolk had risen early to get chores done while their kitchens still held the cool of night.

Jamie lay motionless, as a bumblebee busied itself with nearby thistle blooms. He smiled at the mockingbird clowning atop the fence posts between bars of medleys stolen from more honest songbirds, birds like the meadowlark whose sweet melody cut through the hot, still summer air at evenly spaced intervals.

Then Jamie recognized the unmistakable sound of a bus turning the corner. Without looking he knew it was crossing the railroad tracks and coming up the road. He sat up to see if Mr. Roberts were driving today. That was when he saw elderly Mrs. Smith hurrying up the road to the bus stop. She was coming as fast as she could safely manage, considering her recently sprained and still-healing ankle. Jamie leaped from the alfalfa bed and raced to meet the bus. Mr. Roberts pulled to a stop.

"Hellooo, Jamie," drawled the driver. "Now don't tell me you are going to town!"

"No, sir, Mr. Roberts," Jamie replied. "But could you please hold the bus for Mrs. Smith? She can't run so fast these days."

"Sure, son," agreed Mr. Roberts. "How's your mom?"

"Just fine," the boy replied. "Awful busy, though."

Mrs. Smith limped up to the stop, and Jamie assisted her up the steps and into the bus. She smiled at him in lieu of thanks, for she was breathless from walking so fast. Mr. Roberts waved good-bye as the bus roared away in a cloud of dust toward the few shops, bank, and general store where Mrs. Smith went once each week to buy necessities and to window-shop.

She had seated herself directly behind Mr. Roberts. They were old friends and this was their one opportunity to visit and catch one another up on the past week's events. Her ankle hurt just enough to remind her to place the leg in a protective position to prevent further mishap. When she was settled and her
breathing normal again, she spoke rather loudly in order to be heard above the rumbling of the rickety bus.

"That's a nice boy, that James Carson."

"The finest there is," Mr. Roberts readily agreed. "How is your ankle today?"

"A week better," she laughed.

"How's Jim and Lillie and the girls?" He inquired of Mrs. Smith about her only daughter, now married with a family of her own.

"I really don't know," she said thoughtfully. "She would be one to keep worry from me while I've been off my feet with this ankle. Perhaps I should stop off and see."

"Why don't you do that," suggested Mr. Roberts. "After all, if it hadn't been for Jamie Carson, you'd have missed the bus."

"That means I'm an hour to the good," replied Mrs. Smith, taking up his line of reasoning, for the bus ran its circuit only once each hour. "Do let me off there, please."

Mr. Roberts obligingly stopped the bus by the white picket fence that surrounded Jim and Lillie's spacious, shady yard. A cry of "Hi, Mr. Roberts," then squeals of "Grandma" arose from the three little girls playing there. Mr. Roberts waved good-bye as Mrs. Smith let herself in through the creaky gate. She stepped carefully along the flagstone walk while the three little girls frisked about her, chattering.

Lillie came to the door and called a greeting to her mother. Mrs. Smith thought her daughter looked thin and a little pale. It was probably the heat. And the girls could be a handful for a young mother.

On impulse she said, "I've come to take the girls shopping, if you haven't other plans for them." A second squeal of delight went up from the three little girls.

"I know they'd enjoy it very much, Mother, but is your ankle well enough?"

"Yes, I think so," her mother assured her, "but we will be very careful and walk slowly."

"Then go wash your hands and faces and comb your hair," she told the girls.

They hastened to obey. Going shopping was a great adventure for them. Lillie and her mother sat on the porch swing and talked until the children returned, flip-flopping three pairs of hands for inspection.

"Shall we change our dresses?" asked the eldest, hoping to be allowed to wear her Sunday best.

"No, dear," replied the grandmother. "We will almost certainly have ice cream, and your mother would have to wash and iron again before Sunday if you got ice cream on your dress.

"While we are away, dear," she suggested to her daughter, "why don't you just relax in the shade and read a while. Fix a tall glass of lemonade."

"That sounds nice," Lillie agreed. She waved them out of sight as they walked hand-in-hand in the bright sunshine along the sandy path toward town, just two blocks away, talking as only little girls and their grandmothers do.
How like Mother, Lillie thought, to come and take
the girls shopping just as soon as her ankle would
permit. She went obediently into the kitchen and
selected the tallest glass for lemonade. Then she
picked up the latest magazines from the rack and
grew out to the shade of the huge old maple trees.

She sank comfortably into the cushions of the
glider, took a long sip of lemonade, then placed the
glass on the low table before her and opened a
magazine. Her eye fell on a page where a clever,
easy-to-make apron was pictured with complete in-
structions beside the picture. She remembered that
Sister Carson had asked her to make one of these
for the Relief Society bazaar. She recalled with
regret her answer: No, sorry. She was never able to
do more than absolutely necessary in hot weather.
It was too hard to keep track of the girls when she
was busy at the sewing machine, and Jim's schedule
was so full that she kept nearly all of her evenings
open to assist him with his church, school, and busi-
ness responsibilities.

Sister Carson had readily understood. She had
even asked if there were anything she could do to
help, but Lillie had declined. She could manage to
meet all her present obligations, but she did not dare
take on anything more.

Lillie rose abruptly, took the magazine, and went
into the house. She pulled the remnants of past
dresses from the storage chest, chose the prettiest
two prints among them, and was soon snipping a
pattern out of newspaper. She deftly and quickly
made two lovely aprons for the bazaar. When Mrs.
Smith delivered three tired but contented girls at the
door she found her daughter radiant with accom-
plishment and was asked if she would mind delivering
two aprons to Margaret Carson on her way home.

Mrs. Carson spread the two dainty aprons on the
bed to admire them, then folded them neatly and
placed them with the collection of lovely handmade
articles for the bazaar. She was, as always, endlessly
amazed at Lillie's sewing ability. Why, Mrs. Smith
had told her that Lillie made these in one hour!
Margaret had planned to make only one of the
aprons herself. But sewing did not come easily to
er, and she had planned to allow herself one free
afternoon—an afternoon that never seemed to come
along. She had even tentatively planned to make the
apron this evening.

"Well, Margaret Carson," she said to herself, "it's
as though you have been given a gift of one whole
evening. To what use shall you put it?"

Why not make Jamie's favorite cookies? She would
make some to send to Lillie's girls too, to show her
appreciation for the aprons. Margaret Carson had
been busy lately with the many details of a bazaar
and couldn't remember the last time she had made
Jamie's favorite cookies. But she was sure it had
been much too long ago.

So it was, on a hot August evening, that Jamie
Carson sat contentedly at the kitchen table and ate
fresh cookies—his favorite kind—and drank cold milk
and marveled at his good fortune.
The Era Asks:
What Is the Granite Mountain Records Vault?

Beginning this month The Improvement Era launches an interview feature titled "The Era Asks," which will deal with timely events, people, church administration, and state of affairs of interest to Latter-day Saints. This month's interview with Elder Theodore M. Burton, assistant to the Council of the Twelve and vice president and general manager of the Genealogical Society, explores the background, purpose, and some interesting aspects of the new church records vault.

Q—What is the church records vault at Little Cottonwood Canyon?

A—It is a series of chambers in which are stored microfilm negatives accumulated from around the world and microfilms of the completed
The front corridor of the vault. A film processing room is at the right, and office, cataloging, film inspection rooms are left. Vault interior is lined with a corrugated steel, cement. Genealogical work of the Saints. A chamber is reserved for records of the First Presidency office, but aside from that there are no actual records in the vault—only microfilms.

Q—Who originated the idea of a vault for storing genealogical records?

A—Apparently it was President J. Reuben Clark, Jr. Some 20 years ago he seemed impressed with the need to find storage for church records.

Linguists check microfilm frames for completeness. The films are from many countries. If pages are found missing from filmed records, photographers are alerted to do "retakes." Above right: Looking down a long row of film cabinets in one of six vault storage chambers. Over 400,000 rolls, filmed since 1938, about half-fill one of the chambers. Rest are empty.

Q—Why?

A—Well, no one knows what might happen. Earthquakes, fires, floods, even hurricanes or tornados could conceivably come and destroy our records.

Q—Then the vault wasn't built as a precaution against war or civil crisis?

A—Oh, no! War is, of course, a possibility, but that was by no means the motivating factor.

Q—Why was the present location chosen?

A—Surveyors checked many possible sites—the hills north of Salt Lake City, mountains to the east of the city, caves and mines. They even considered an underground concrete and steel vault in the heart of the city, but for reasons ranging from prohibitive costs to loose soil to perennial dampness, these sites were all ignored. After years of searching they came upon the granite mountain in Little Cottonwood Canyon 20 miles from the city. It was high enough so that flash floods from cloud bursts or the breaking of a dam—if a dam were ever to be built in the canyon—would not reach the vault. A two-inch test bore five hundred feet into the mountain revealed that it was solid granite and devoid of moisture. The nominal cost estimates and added safety were clinching arguments in the site selection.

Q—What was the total cost of the vault?

A—A little over $2 million.

Q—Is the vault near the area from which granite was taken to build the Salt Lake Temple?

A—It is not only near—it is in the exact area. You see, stones used for the temple were rocks that had broken off the mountain and rolled to the canyon bottom.

Q—How big is the vault structure?

A—Within an area of approximately 210 yards deep into the mountain and 130 yards in width, there are
six storage rooms about 200 feet long, 25 feet wide, and 15 feet high with connecting side corridors. There is also more than half again that much space for office and film-processing areas.

Q—What are the advantages of building inside a mountain of stone?

A—The mountain provides us with more space—about 67,000 square feet—than ever could have been had for the same cost any other way. Also, by going into a mountain, heating and cooling costs are avoided. The office space is heated, but it would not be too uncomfortable to work in the temperature of the mountain. The temperature stays fairly constant through winter and summer at about 57 degrees, an ideal temperature for storing film. At temperatures much cooler than this film becomes brittle, and at hotter temperatures film deteriorates. Relative humidity must also be somewhere between 40 percent and 50 percent for film preservation. The natural relative humidity of the mountain year round is between 40 and 50 percent. And of course the 300- to 600-foot wall of dirt and rock overhead protects the vault from anything up to and including a bomb blast.

Q—What would happen if an atomic bomb were blasted in the canyon?

A—The angle of the vault construction would protect the films. A bomb blast coming through the

Below: Though the natural humidity of the vault is ideal for film storage, a special control regulator guarantees proper humidity.

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outside corridors would hit a solid granite wall. It would have to make two right-angle turns, and then it would hit a sixteen-ton steel door. The door would prevent anything from entering except perhaps a hydrogen bomb blast right at the tunnel entrance—and it very well might withstand that.

Q—How many openings have been made into the mountain?

A—Six. But only one is used, an entrance with a long tunnel that is built out far enough to provide access even if a rock slide were to close the other five entrances.

Q—Were there problems in drilling or constructing the vault?

A—At first it was thought fissures would be found in the rock, but there weren't any. Then it was thought pockets of water would be discovered, but there were none. Then it was thought that the walls would have to be shored up, but this also was unfounded. The strange thing is that there were no problems. The only surprise came when the workmen reached the rear of the vault corridors and attempted to go even further. They ran into a fracture zone and found enough dripping water for a reservoir to supply the vault's needs completely. Instead of being a problem, it turned out to be a blessing, because they had planned on pumping water from the canyon bottom.

Q—We understand the vault is airtight and the air is filtered. Why?

A—It isn't exactly airtight, but in case of a blast the air valves snap shut, thus preventing radioactive material from entering and destroying the films. The air is filtered because dust, which is actually tiny pieces of rock, would eventually scratch and ruin film.

Q—What provisions have been made for loss of power?

A—The power went out the other day for half an hour when lightning struck a transformer at the canyon mouth. We are prepared for such emergencies with a diesel-powered generator within the vault that automatically turns itself on and furnishes enough light and power for our needs.

Q—What if an earthquake were to occur?

A—The Wasatch fault runs close to the vault, but a solid piece of rock would move as a unit—if the earthquake were strong enough to move it. It isn't likely that an earthquake would crack the 800-foot-thick solid rock of which the vault is a part.

Q—It could be depressing to work within a mountain. What was done to keep a cheerful atmosphere?

A—The vault is brilliantly lighted, it has a steady flow of natural air, and in order to keep it cheerful, the walls are painted in attractive pastel colors. In fact, a reporter from a national magazine was being shown through the vault, and when we got to the water reservoir behind the vault corridors he said, "Oh, I've got to get out of here. I feel like I'm being crushed—I have a fear of being underground." Perspiration was dripping from his brow. As we took him back out into the vaults, he said, "I surely feel better now." He didn't realize that he was still 600 feet deep in the mountain!

Q—Why are records preserved on microfilms?

A—Microfilms are the best-known method for accumulating a great deal of material in a small space. In addition, microfilming enables us to photograph original records throughout the world, leave the original records where they are, and have copies for the use of the Saints.

Q—How much space can be saved by microfilming?

A—To give an example, a hundred years of the London Times could be put on film that would fill a couple of shoe boxes. (Continued on page 734)
The Role of Institutes of Religion

BY WARD H. MAGLEYB ASSISTANT EDITOR.

“T’m so grateful there is a place on many college campuses where sincere students can go to find the answers to life’s perplexing problems—where they can find a knowledge of the truth.”

An honor student in college, Clark was doing well in medical school. He was a quiet fellow and particularly introspective about the purposes of life. His home experience had helped to make him so, for while his parents provided some incentive to excel, their lives were devoid of any satisfying purpose or goal.

Clark’s classmate, Harold, was well-grounded in the goals he had set for himself. As a Latter-day Saint, he had deep convictions and was rapidly acquiring further growth through active participation in the program of the institute of religion at their campus.

It did not take Clark long to notice that Harold was different. Through investigation he discovered that Harold was a Mormon. Harold did not smoke, although he did not condemn his classmates who did, and at the medical school socials he left as sober as he came—“still having a good time.”

Near the end of the second year of medical school, Clark’s life took on a new dimension. A “library romance” with Gertrude, a German-born immigrant, was nurtured amid books and papers. Soon they began to consider a home and life together. Clark viewed this with deep concern. He sensed the seriousness of marriage and the importance of building it upon a solid foundation. Gertrude agreed. In long conversations they pondered life’s meaning.

Clark knew that if anyone could help him, it would be Harold. “Gertrude and I are going to be married in June,” he said. “As far as your church is concerned, how important is life and what are its purposes?”

Harold, searching for the right answer, mirrored the deep conviction that motivated his life. He thought of his participation in the institute program on campus and what it had done for him. He invited Clark to attend a class with him. This disheartened Clark somewhat, but because of his sincere desire to find the real meaning of life and his great respect
for the way Harold lived, he accepted the invitation. There he actually found a number of “Harolds”—university students, affable and assured, of whom he had been unaware. And the lesson he heard—“How to Communicate with God”—was soul-stirring, filling his need at this hour.

Summer came, and Clark and Gertrude were married. The beautiful experience of establishing their home did not dim their anxious search for the meaning of life. The invitation to continue to participate in the institute program was thoughtfully accepted. Conversion came slowly. Clark’s academic background demanded a thorough and continuing search, especially concerning the body and spirit of man and man’s ultimate destiny. Study, prayer, student testimonies, and activity in institute brought spiritual confirmation to his soul, and he accepted the restored gospel. Harold, now a counselor in the elders quorum presidency, was asked to share in Clark’s great joy by officiating in the baptismal service.

Now as Clark and Gertrude look to the future and that of little Helen, their baby daughter, there is new concern. This time their concern is not of uncertainty or bewilderment but rather an urge to make their lives complete, to have their family bound together eternally in a temple of the Lord, which they expect to do in the very near future.

The institute of religion program of the Church, which provides religious education for students attending institutions of higher learning other than those operated by the Church, had its beginning in Moscow, Idaho, in 1926. Over the years the program has enjoyed constant growth. Institutes—191 in number—are now located in every section of the United States and in southwestern Canada. It is hoped that in the near future the program will be expanded into other foreign countries.

Enjoying the fruits of the program are 29,700 college students. Some of these, like Clark, are asking for the first time, “How important is life, and what are its purposes?”

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Dr. Lindsay R. Curtis, a graduate of the University of Colorado Medical School and a practicing physician in Ogden, Utah, combines an experienced pen with his medical background. A former bishop, he is author of numerous publications on medical and church subjects.

The Truth about Liquor and Liquor by the Drink

BY LINDSAY R. CURTIS, M.D.

If there is one thing that every citizen will fight for, it is his rights. This is as it should be. However, sometimes these rights must be curbed somewhat in the interest of safety or health of other citizens.

For instance, few would argue that strict control over fireworks has not saved many lives and limbs. Keeping fireworks away from children and from those who do not know how to handle these dangerous devices is accepted as necessary. It protects these individuals against their own lack of precaution.

There may be those who would argue that they should not be deprived of the right to have fireworks. They may say that if one obeys the rules of safety, he need not worry about accidents. However, experience demonstrates that there will always be a minority of individuals who will not or cannot observe the rules. In order to protect this minority, the majority must be denied some privileges.

Other things equally as dangerous as fireworks affect many more people. A good example of these is alcohol. Because of its social acceptance, liquor somehow enjoys a certain immunity from protective
restriction. The repeal of the 18th amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1933 showed that the majority of U.S. citizens wanted intoxicating liquor to be manufactured, transported, and sold publicly. Constitutionally speaking, therefore, the sale of liquor in America is legal. But the Constitution does not say that citizens must promote the use of alcohol. It does not say that liquor must be made available to everyone, everywhere, and at any time.

The results of certain studies reveal that alcohol can destroy many individuals who seem unable to protect themselves against it; conversely, by the establishment of certain restrictions that inconvenience (but do not deny rights to) a few, we may hope to avert tragedy for many.

If this point of view can be substantiated, perhaps we should take a longer look at the inconveniencing restrictions. Let us review some studies and their corresponding results.

**Just how dangerous is alcohol?**

Throughout the United States, statistics show that 50 to 75 percent of fatal traffic accidents involve drinking drivers. Maryland reports that 75 percent of the drivers and 60 percent of the pedestrians involved in fatal accidents had alcohol in their blood. An eight-year study in Westchester County, New York, revealed that 73 percent of drivers in fatal single-car accidents had been drinking.

Dr. Herman Heise, chairman of the American Medical Association committee on chemical tests for intoxication, says that “possibly half of the persons doomed to die on our highways could live and over half a million more could be spared from painful and crippling injuries if the alcohol factor could be eliminated from drivers.” This would have saved about 25,000 lives in the United States in 1965 alone.

Reports show that liquor contributed to 159 of 477 American private-plane air accidents in 1963.

One study reported that alcohol was a contributing factor in 31 percent of homicides, 36 percent of suicides, and 39 percent of non-auto accidents such as burns, poisonings, drownings, electrocutions, falls, and industrial accidents.
Although alcohol's role in crime is difficult to pinpoint and figures vary according to criteria, a series of surveys revealed alcohol as a contributing factor in an average of 75 percent of the cases. The lowest figure in these surveys represented alcohol as responsible for 16 percent of the crimes. But even at this low figure, 718,000 crimes in the United States in 1963 could be attributed to alcohol. In Texas alone, the proportionate cost of alcohol-involved crimes is over $500 million per year.

It is reported that an average of more than 25 hours per year per worker is lost because of alcohol-caused absenteeism.

A survey among the district judges in Texas showed that 62 percent of the needy children (those cared for by the state) found themselves in need because their parents used alcohol. The average cost to the state was $298 per child per year—or a total cost to taxpayers in that state of over $11.5 million.

It is conservatively estimated that alcohol and its effects contributed to more than 300,000 of the 410,000 divorces granted in 1964.

Can alcohol destroy individuals who are unable to protect themselves against it?

Conservative estimates indicate that there are more than five million chronic alcoholics in the United States, a number that is increasing at the rate of 500,000 each year. Another 20 million are directly or indirectly affected by the actions of those who are alcoholics. In addition to these figures, it has been estimated that 8.5 million other drinkers in the United States are in definite need of help because of their drinking. Unless they are given help, they will soon join the ranks of the chronic alcoholics.

According to Dr. Haven Emerson, former professor of preventive medicine at Cornell University Medical College and member of the New York City Board of Health, "Moderation is the beginning, not the end of alcoholism." If more people drink, we may expect more alcoholics, since we are unable to predict who will become an alcoholic. We know that about ten percent of all social drinkers will eventually become chronic alcoholics.

About 50 percent of the alcoholics die before the age of 51. Only 7.5 percent of them live to be 70 years of age, the life expectancy for the average person. The average life expectancy of the alcoholic is 12 years less than that of the non-drinker.

As of 1963, less than one percent of chronic alcoholics were cured; in fact, a true alcoholic can never be sure that he is completely cured. He is always in danger of "falling off the wagon" again.

Now let's discuss specifically "liquor by the drink."

It has been said that it is illogical to permit liquor to be sold in one place (Continued on page 718)

HEART ROOM

BY CHRISTIE LUND COLES

"Where there is heart room there is house room,"
My mother used to say.
And true to her homely wisdom There seldom was a day

When neighbors and friends, in passing by
On their way to town,
Didn't stop at the door Going up or down

Past the white frame house near to the walk
On the shaded street To have a refreshing drink Or something to eat:

The homemade bread, brown or feather white;
Berries from the patch; Peaches from the tree; Peas from a new-picked batch.

Keep the heart's door open,
Keep its deep love there every single day.
For, "Where there is heart room there is house room," My mother used to say.
Although the evidence shows that during his mortal ministry Jesus was strong in his denunciation of self-righteousness and hypocrisy, he was wonderfully kind and helpful to repentant sinners and to those who sinned in ignorance.

The prevailing notion among the Jews of that day was that physical afflictions and calamities were the direct and immediate consequence of willful wrongdoing on the part of persons so afflicted. The disciples manifested something of this doctrine when, having encountered the man born blind, they asked: “Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?” (John 9:2.) Later, in the same chapter, the Jewish rulers demonstrated their belief in the matter. When the man born blind (but now healed by Jesus) forthrightly proclaimed that Jesus was a prophet who came from God, they replied: “Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us?” (John 9:34.)

Jesus dealt with this problem in a number of ways. In the case of the man born blind he said: “Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: [he was born blind] that the works of God should be made manifest in him.” (John 9:3.)

When informed that some of the Galileans had been slain in the pagan sacrifices, Jesus replied:

“Suppose ye that these Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans, because they suffered such things?

“I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

“Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?

“I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.” (Luke 13:2-5.)

There is no additional record in the scriptures of these two tragedies, but the substance of our Lord’s reply was that the loss of life due to the sacrifices and the falling of the tower was not evidence that the victims were great sinners. We live in a world of law, and falling bricks are as likely to injure a good man as a bad one.

The Prophet Joseph wrote of this with these words: “. . . all flesh is subject to suffer. . . . So that it is an unhailed principle to say that such and such have transgressed because they have been preyed upon by disease or death, for all flesh is subject to death; and the Savior has said, ‘Judge not, lest ye be judged.’” (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, pp. 162-163.)

Since great sin can be a more serious tragedy than death, injury, or physical defect, it is grossly unfair and unwarranted to cry transgression as the cause of one’s unfortunate circumstances.

Jesus associated with sinners, but he did so on condition of their repentance. The important thing was not so much where a person stood at any single moment but the general direction in which he was moving. It was the attitude of the sinner that was considered crucial.

A touching scene is depicted wherein a man came to Jesus seeking help for his son. Jesus said unto him: “. . . all things are possible to him that believeth.” The man’s inner feelings shone through as he said in tears: “Lord, I believe; Help thou mine unbelief!” (See Mark 9:21-27.) The man was not perfect in faith, but he was traveling rapidly in the right direction. Jesus accepted his attitude and his faith, and the son was healed.

Some passages in the scriptures show Jesus as a healer of both body and soul. He cured physical ailments and also
Elder Richard L. Evans of the Council of the Twelve and editor of The Improvement Era is the new president of Rotary International, a worldwide service organization. He was installed at the 57th annual convention of Rotary International held in Denver, Colorado, June 12-16, and his election became effective July 1.

Among those present for the installation program June 16 were President Evans' wife, Alice (whose graciousness has won the hearts of Rotarians around the world), their four sons, and two daughters-in-law. Also attending the convention was the 375-voice Tabernacle Choir with which Richard Evans has been closely identified. The choir presented a special concert for convention delegates on Sunday evening, June 12.

Rotary is a cosmopolitan organization composed of leading business and professional men in more than 12,000 communities in 132 countries and with nearly 600,000 members worldwide. Under President Evans' administration, Rotary's primary objective will be to foster international understanding for "a better world through Rotary."

The new president succeeds Dr. C. P. H. Teenstra of Hilversum, The Netherlands. The convention named as president-elect for a term to begin July 1, 1968, Luther H. Hodges of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, the former governor of North Carolina and more recently Secretary of Commerce in the Kennedy and Johnson cabinets. The convention was attended by 14,774 Rotarians and their families from 67 countries.

Tributes to the new Rotary president have come from many sources. From Senator Wallace F. Bennett of Utah came this tribute as excerpted
from the Congressional Record of June 16:

“Mr. President, today in Denver, Colorado, a great churchman, a great Utahn, and an equally great American, Richard L. Evans, will be installed president of Rotary International as the worldwide convention of Rotary International draws to a close.

“For thirty-seven years Mr. Evans has been the producer and speaker of ‘The Spoken Word,’ the inspirational talks which accompany the weekly national broadcasts of the famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir over the CBS Network on Sunday mornings. This program has the distinction of being the longest sustaining nationwide radio program on the air.

“Mr. Evans personally writes each of his weekly three-minute sermons, which today have been compiled into eleven published books. For his great service to the broadcasting industry; he has been honored by the National Association of Broadcasters with their Certificate of Commemoration.

“While these major achievements in one field would satisfy most men, Mr. Evans has expanded his field of service to include leadership in both civic and church affairs. He has long served the Salt Lake City Rotary Club with distinction, which has led him to national and now international positions of responsibility.

“In addition, Mr. Evans has also served his church in a wide variety of high positions. Since 1953 he has been a member of the Council of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

“Because of his broad background and varied experiences, coupled with an exemplary family life, he has always remained in tune with the times, and has become a widely respected commentator upon social values.”

The Rotary Bee, publication of the Rotary Club of Salt Lake City, said of the new president:

“In all appearances, Richard L. Evans at the International Convention in Denver received standing ovations.

“In his keynote address on Wednesday, President Evans stressed the importance of retaining all that is good, all that is basic, and all that has proven itself sound, and to keep ourselves flexible to adjust to our day.

“On Thursday morning, as President Evans accepted the gavel of leadership, the applause was tremendous, and it was very clear that the new international president of Rotary was a popular choice with the delegates.”

The daily newspapers of his own city made the following editorial comment:

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“Elder Evans’ life is a classic American success story: a young boy, reared by a devoted and widowed mother, achieving uncommon accomplishments which have brought him broad recognition, high positions of duty and honor, and now, the presidency of the world’s leading service club. Yet, with all of the responsibility and recognition, Elder Evans remains a humble, almost shy individual who, to quote Aristophanes, knows that ‘while his laurels grew, he kept ever in view, the heights yet unconquered before him!’” (The Deseret News.)

On June 16, KSL Television and Radio saluted President Evans in a special broadcast.

Among the most-asked questions about Richard Evans is this: How will he do all the things required by his new Rotary job and keep up his other essential work? People have been asking similar questions about busy men for years.

Admittedly it’s difficult to give a definitive answer to such questions. The important work of the world is done by busy people. This is true of Elder Evans’ close associates both in his Church and in his other areas of activity.

Somehow busy men get their jobs done, no matter what it takes. The Era believes the coming year will be no exception in Richard’s case.
Did Lehi and his family bring to the Americas traces of Persian culture because of Zoroaster’s influence on Jewish thought?

SINCE CUMORAH

NEW VOICES FROM THE DUST

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The appearance in the Dead Sea Scrolls of a story similar to that of Moroni and the “treading upon the garments” incident of the Book of Mormon is another mark of the authenticity of the Book of Mormon, according to the author. But it also shows the influence of Persian culture—and Zoroaster—upon Lehi and his Jewish contemporaries.

From the long Isaiah discussion we are learning what the even longer Homeric controversy has taught us, that once we have questioned the unity of any literary composition, we cannot guarantee the integrity of any of the parts it breaks up into. Also, we are learning that the resemblances and differences between texts do not necessarily prove common or different authorship; Prof. Gordon has demonstrated at length that a change of pace, mood, subject matter, or even dialect in an ancient writing does not necessarily denote a change of authorship. Neither, on the other hand, does a “striking resemblance” between passages prove common origin. Moreover, it is precisely the Deutero-Isaiah that is written in language “that often means many things at once, that shimmers and floats over space and time”; so any attempts to identify historically what it speaks of must “remain strictly confined to subjective criteria.”

Hopes for an objective approach to the subject today are sought in the Iranian affinities of Isaiah. Since the Persians did not take over until the end of the Babylonian captivity, it is assumed that traces of Persian influence in Isaiah require a dating of some sections to a period long after the lifetime of the prophet. But here again we run into a very complicated situation. D. Winston has very recently published a lengthy survey of “The Iranian Component in the Bible, Apocrypha, and Qumran” and found that component to be a very real quantity indeed. Years ago we called attention to Iranian elements in the Book of Mormon, and if we are still at a loss to explain them, the experts are no less baffled by the same influences in the Bible; at present “investigators are as divided as ever as to the extent of Iranian influence on Jewish literature.”

The main difficulty is in deciding what is and what is not distinctively Iranian. Teachings found both in the early Persian writings and in the Jewish scriptures and apocrypha include the idea of a council in heaven at the creation, a division of opinion and rebellion, a plan of probation for man on the earth, a world period of 7,000 years, the division of history into twelve periods, the resurrection of the body, etc. In these things “Zoroastrianism alludes itself with Judaic religious as against the Indian and Gnostic view,” while such doctrines as “the dualism of the Dead Sea Scrolls belong to the Iranian rather than the Greek or Gnostic variety.” Plainly there is a genuine affinity here.

But at the same time the Jews share these same ideas with other neighbors both nearer than the Persians and able to produce written sources far older than anything the Iranians can offer. In fact, as Wesphal Hellbusch now points
out, Iran is more often a clearinghouse for older teachings than a place of origin, so what passes for "Iranian" doctrine may well be "a fusion of Persian and Babylonian teachings." Thus if Isaiah 44-45 "shows very close resemblances to the so-called Cyrus Cylinder...it has been suggested that both are dependent on the style of the Babylonian Court Inscriptions." If the same two chapters of Isaiah suggest ancient Iranian teachings about the creation, the same teachings may be found at a much earlier time and much closer to Israel in the Memphite theology of Egypt—and Isaiah's use of Egyptian imagery and ideas has long been recognized.

The case for Iranian priority in the Bible must await some means of dating of Iranian traditions, which at the moment present "insuperable chronological difficulties." Since, as we have already noted, the appearance of the name of Cyrus in the Book of Isaiah does not even serve to date the verse in which it occurs, the more subjective appeals to a Persian atmosphere, such as the much-debated issue of whether chapters 40-48 were written before the Edict of Cyrus and 49-55 after or whether they were written at the same time, can hardly be expected to settle anything.

Further doubts as to just how Iranian the Iranian elements in Jewish literature really are are suggested by the fact that some Persian teachings are matched by Jewish ones that are definitely older and "actually indigenous to Jewish literature." We must not forget, as J. B. Bauer reminds us, that much of the material in the old Apocryphal writings is "much older than the books themselves." Indeed, it is as likely that the Persians with their well-known hospitality to the ideas and religions of other people borrowed from the Jews as the other way around. Thus, the imagery of the light versus darkness which constantly recurs in the early Jewish writings, including the Dead Sea Scrolls, does not appear in the old Persian writings, but turns up later in heretical Iranian teachings, plainly borrowed from somewhere else.

Now, the Book of Mormon itself contains one story that is far more Persian than anything in Isaiah: The legend of Kawe, who became the founder of the Persian monarchy and priesthood when he put his garment on a pole and went throughout the land rousing the people to fight for liberty and overthrow the traitor and false claimant to the throne, is the story of Moroni and Amalikiah even in detail—and it is far older than Lehi or Isaiah. Moreover, in this particular episode of the Book of Mormon, Moroni is consciously and deliberately following old ritual patterns. In one chapter, Alma 46, we have several ancient traditions and practices not mentioned in the Bible but carried out or discussed by Moroni in full consciousness of their archaic background. Most of these can now be readily understood in the light of the so-called Battle Scroll (IQM) of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Since we have discussed most of them elsewhere, we mention them only briefly here:

1. Moroni rends his coat and writes a high-sounding slogan on a piece of it, which he then fastens on the end of a pole as a banner. Such slogans and banners now meet us in IQM, Sections 5-7.
2. Before the battle "when he had poured out his soul to God," Moroni "named all the land which was south of the land Desolation, and...all the land, both on the north and on the south—a chosen land..." (Al. 46:17.) Whether we punctuate this to mean that he named the enemy land desolation and the rest "chosen" or that he named the "chosen land" and left the rest keep its ill-omened title, the point is that we have here the practice, now attested by the Battle Scroll, of formally blessing the hosts of Israel and cursing the land of their enemy before the battle.
3. In the next verse Moroni refers to his people as "despised," and he often designates them as the poor. This again is in keeping with the Old World practice as set forth in the IQM.
4. The people, arming themselves, come running to the standard, "rendering their garments in token, or as a covenant." Note the emphasis on the symbolism of what is going on; the making of this covenant involves treading on their garments, calling down upon themselves an imprecation should they ever break their covenant: "...may [he] cast us at the feet..."
of our enemies, even as we have cast our garments at thy feet to be trodden under foot, if we shall fall into transgression." (Al. 46:22.)

In a very recent study J. Z. Smith considers under the title of "Treading upon the Garments" an ancient ritual practice attested in the newly discovered early Christian Coptic texts in which a person upon becoming a member of the Church would take off his garment and trample on it "in token" of having cast away an old way of life and also of the trampling of sin underfoot, and especially "with reference to the curses placed on the inciter."28 Heretofore the custom has been traced to Hellenistic sources, but it now appears from the newly found documents that it is an original and very old Jewish rite "probably to be traced back to Jewish exegesis of Gen. 3:21 ..."29 It has all the marks of being archaic and shows that peculiar blend of ritual and real-life behavior which at first made the understanding of the Battle Scroll so difficult and which puts such a distinctive stamp upon some of the historical events in the Book of Mormon.30

5. Moroni calls to the people's attention a well-known tradition that they had read of in their books about the two parts of the garments of Joseph and how Jacob reacted to them. (Al. 46:23-27.) A remarkable thing about this story, which his hearers are expected to know by heart, is that though traces of it, or rather the merest hints, turn up in the Apocrypha, the only intelligible version of it available to us is in the account that the great Persian scholar Tha'labi picked up among the Jews living in Iran in the Middle Ages.31 Of course we don't know how long those Jews or their ancestors had been living in Persia—their being there may have been just a coincidence. But we do have here a clear indication that the writers of the Book of Mormon had access to records now lost, and there is no reason why the story of Kaveh should not be among them.

But why would Moroni follow a pagan model? This is just the question that is bothering students of the Scriptures and the Scrolls. How are we to account for "an Iranian penetration into Qumran," among the strictest of all sectarian Jews, dedicated to living the Law in its purity? How does it happen that early Jewish apocrypha are "saturated with Iranian material"?32

The frequent association and identification of Old Testament patriarchs and prophets with Zoroaster in Jewish and, following them, Christian sources, though very difficult to date, shows at least that the Jews had no antipathy for the Persian prophet (who was possibly a contemporary of Lehi).33 Though, as Winston observes, "the Jewish identification of Zoroaster in itself is no guide whatever in our attempt to ascertain the extent of Iranian-Jewish interpretation,"34 it does suggest that in the time of Lehi there were sympathetic contacts between the two peoples. If the original image of Zoroaster had been an unfavorable one, it would have remained such traditionally; ergo, the first Jewish impression of Zoroaster was a favorable one. And that could not have been the case had that image come to the Jews as that of an alien prophet of an alien people. The most pleasing Iranian images to the Jews belong to a period of Zoroaster, long before the days of Cyrus; they go back to the time of Lehi and hence leave their stamp in the Book of Mormon. Such at any rate is our amateurish surmise.

(To be continued)

FOOTNOTES

8. Winston, op. cit., p. 188.
9. W. F. Albright, in BYU Studies, 7, pp. 3-6. Whereas Assyriologists (e.g. Widengren) today derive certain roles and titles from Mesopotamian ritual sources, Egyptologists (such as Moreno) derive the same titles from Egyptian cult; both are older than the Persian, C. G. Febrer, op. cit., p. 12.
10. Winston, op. cit., p. 211.
11. Eissfeldt, op. cit., p. 447. E. Jenni, "Die Rolle des Kynoi bei Duhm," in Zeitschrift, 10 (1954), pp. 241-266, points out that Cyrus is a stock figure representing the literal and metaphorical salvation in popular literature. Such stock figures were readily substitude for each other; thus the Messianic prophets listed in 3 Ne. 10:15-17 are typical stock figures, representing the same idea regardless of the time in which they lived. A later scribe would not hesitate to put the name of Cyrus as one of those earlier deliverer who was less familiar to him and his hearers. The name of Cyrus does not appear in the Book of Mormon.
18. Ibid., p. 230-333. It has special reference to the skin garments in Zoroaster.
20. Ibid., pp. 186-98, for a translation and discussion.
22. Ibid., pp. 213-5. On Zoroaster as Lehi's contemporary, see An Approach to the Book of Mormon, pp. 458.

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forgave sins. In the instance of the palsied man, the forgiveness of sin seems to have been preparatory to the healing of the body. The episode is plainer in the Inspired Version (Matt. 9:2-7):

"And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed; and Jesus, knowing their faith, said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee; go thy way and sin no more.

And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth.

And Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, Wherefore is it that ye think evil in your hearts?

"For it is not easier to say, Thy
sins be forgiven thee, than to say, Arise and walk?

"But I said this that ye may know that the Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sins."

"Then Jesus said unto the sick of the palsy, Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thy house." (Italics added.)

The scriptures do not depict Jesus as unkind or unfriendly to anyone on the basis of sin alone. It was a person’s attitude about his sin that concerned Jesus most. He dealt kindly although firmly with sinners and accepted their genuine repentance, but self-righteousness and hypocrisy drew his most stinging rebuke.

4. Miscellaneous Situations

"Tell No Man."

Sometimes after performing a healing Jesus would instruct the person healed to "tell no man" what had occurred. (Mark 1:43-44; 8:26; Luke 8:56.) On other occasions, Jesus would give instructions to "go... and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee..." (Mark 5:19.)

Jesus did not wish to be sought by multitudes who were only curious watchers for a miracle. At times when he requested one to "tell no man," the same went out and blazed it abroad, and Jesus could no more openly enter in that city.

At times when many came to see him, not for his words but to see a miracle, Jesus cut short his ministry in a particular area. (Mark 1:45.) Faith comes by hearing the word of God and not by signs or miracles.

**Jesus’ Great Compassion**

Jesus’ compassion and love were greater than his desire to satisfy his own wants and needs. Upon one occasion, when Jesus retired to a house in the borders of Tyre and Sidon, he "would have no man know it." But when a woman sought for him on behalf of her daughter, he "could not be hid." There can be no question but that he could have been completely unavailable had he so desired, but he could not deny her, for he had compassion upon all men. It was his love that prevented his seclusion. His compassion for others exceeded his own desires for rest and relaxation. (Mark 7:24-25.)
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These Times
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The foregoing basic considerations were then commended "to the President of the United States, to the Cabinet Committee for the International Cooperation Year, to the National Citizens' Commission on International Cooperation," and to all the working parties.

On June 4, 1965, Harlan Cleveland, assistant secretary of state and chairman of the President's cabinet committee, wrote the First Presidency on behalf of Secretary Rusk, thanking them for their letter and the statement. "Your statement," wrote Mr. Cleveland, "is greatly appreciated for its pertinent contents and the thoughtful concern it represents. I am familiar with the many excellent programs of international cooperation and assistance sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and I would like to commend you both for your interest in the International Cooperation Year program and for the many continuing good works done in the field of international cooperation by the members of your Church."

All nations may well consider these goals:
1. The worth and value of the individual and his right to conscience and to life.
2. The recognition that religion is instituted of God and that men are amenable to him for its exercise.
3. The right of man to knowledge, freely and safely communicated, throughout the world.

The First Presidency contributed something fundamental indeed to the discussion of international cooperation in these times. Public attention to their statement may have been slight, but the principles set forth should carry down through the years, not only as recommended "constant aims and objectives" of the United States but for all nations to consider carefully.

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best of movies

by howard pearson

members of the bolshoi ballet of russia are shown in a scene from “bolero,” one of dances featured in technicolor film.

• two ballet films with appeal for those seeking movies of beauty in scene and music head the list of outstanding family motion pictures for this month. they are the bolshoi and the sleeping beauty.

• the bolshoi takes audiences to the famed bolshoi ballet school in moscow. through a series of scenes that move from rehearsal hall to performance, the production exposes audiences to some of the finest dancing ever filmed. editing is so skillful one is not aware of the transition from classes to auditorium.

five dances make up the production, with the well-known “bolero” being the most familiar. another features a colorful russian village festival. “the dying swan” is beautifully filmed and danced, and the other numbers are equally well done.

• the sleeping beauty is presented by leningrad’s kirov ballet with the familiar fairy tale detailed against the background of elaborate sets and costumes and a dreamlike mood created with muted pastels and unusually soft photography.

• the russians are coming, the russians are coming is a comedy that tells what happens when a russian submarine finds itself trapped in the cove of a new england coastal town. although the crew wants to escape from their trap, some members go into the resort town and cause hilarious situations that build up to an unusual climax on the church steeple.

at all times the comedy is in good taste, and the final scenes at the church prove that a little child shall lead them.

walt disney’s new shows for the summer are lt. robin crusoe, usn and run, appalooza, run. the former stars dick van dyke as a navy flier who gets lost at sea and ends up on a south sea island with a chimp from one of america’s early space programs.

• run, appalooza, run, which features beautiful scenery and scores of horses, tells of a young nez perce indian girl who raises an appalooza horse with which she wins an important race.

several other pictures that latter-day saint families should find worthy of patronage include the following:

• blindfold, a diverting thriller comedy about a kidnapping involving top scientists and enemy agents, with some slapstick moments.

• the glass bottom boat, a comedy starring doris day, rod taylor, and arthur godfrey in a story about an electronic genius who invents a top-secret rocket device and then finds that both russia and the united states are after it.

• gulliver’s travels beyond the moon, a japanese feature cartoon (with sound dubbed) that has space creatures and toe-tapping songs.

• out of sight, a spy spoof with performances by such pop music stars as gary lewis and the playboys and the astronauts.

• paradise, hawaiian style starring elvis presley in a picture made in part at the mormon polynesian cultural center in hawaii.

• tiko and the shark, a simply told story about a south sea island native youngster who lives an idyllic life and even befriends a shark, whom he later has to protect from commercial traders who move into the island.

• around the world under the sea, the science-fiction story about laying an earthquake warning system along the floor of the ocean.

• maya, the adventure-filled story of a young boy who goes to india to find the father whom he has been told is a hero but discovers is actually a coward. in the end the boy sees his father become a hero after all.

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The Truth About Liquor
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and not another. "Why deny a person liquor with his meals if he desires it?" some ask. "It keeps out much of our tourist trade," others say. "It costs businessmen thousands of dollars in lost customers who drive to other states where liquor is served." "Let's have 'liquor by the drink, not liquor by the drunk.'"

The real debate seems to be whether or not liquor should be served anywhere, such as restaurants, clubs, and cafes, rather than only through state-owned or controlled liquor stores. Before we take a definite stand on either side of this issue, let's examine some facts.

In order to compare liquor by the drink with packaged liquor distribution, let's allow some figures to answer a few questions:

Is more liquor consumed per capita in states that have liquor by the drink? The answer is an emphatic yes!

In Iowa the amount spent for bottled liquor the last year of bottle-only sales was $44,598,253.30. The amount spent in the first year after legalization of liquor by the drink was $75,173,020.01—a total increase in liquor sales of $30,574,766.71. In other words, liquor consumption increased by $30 million (68 percent) in just one year!

According to a 1961 survey of the American Businessmen's Research Foundation, states that have just bottle or package sales had per capita consumption of .93 gallon. States that had similar controls but permitted sale of liquor by the drink had per capita consumption of 1.30 gallon. This means that almost 40 percent more liquor is consumed in states that allow sale of liquor by the drink.

Is there more drunk driving in areas that have liquor by the drink? Again the answer is yes!

In Battle Creek, Michigan, during the first six months of liquor by the drink, drunk-driving arrests increased 50 percent—and drunk-
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driving arrests of women increased 700 percent! In Flint, Michigan, in the first year of liquor by the drink, arrests for drunkenness increased 47 percent.

Are there more alcoholics in states that have liquor by the drink? Yes!

According to Yale University Quarterly Studies on Alcohol, 34 states with liquor-by-the-drink licenses have 50 percent more alcoholics per capita than do 12 states with bottle sales only.

Why do people consume more liquor when liquor is served by the drink?

Reports show that more alcohol is consumed by more people when liquor by the drink is permitted because taverns push “the second drink.” Note some of the following liquor advertisements:

The extra sale to an established customer can be more lucrative than attracting a new customer.

“New drinks, new uses, new business. More drinks, more uses, more business.”

“They won’t order a second steak, but they can and will order a second drink. And that’s where your profit lies.”

Why would there be more drinking drivers if liquor-by-the-drink sales are permitted?

Surveys show that when drink is available only in bottles, a man buys a bottle, takes it home to drink, and then retires. When liquor is everywhere available by the glass or drink, a man consumes one, two, or more drinks and then drives home. This is usually at night when fatigue and poorer visibility also enter into the picture. The social drinker may thus become a hazard on the highway.

Do you want more drinking drivers on your road?

What is the difference between the “drunk” driver and the “drinking” driver?

To be charged with drunken driving, one must have a blood alcohol level of 0.15 percent. However, at one-third this level, or 0.05 percent, many people are impaired.
Legally they cannot be charged with driving while intoxicated. But the judgment of such drinking drivers is defective, their reflexes are slowed, and they may be sleepy and partially drugged.

**What is the traffic-mileage death rate for states that have package-sales or bottled liquor only compared with states that have liquor by the drink?**

The National Safety Council found that for a ten-year period, the traffic-death rate per 100 million miles was as follows:

- Iowa (a package-sales-only state until recently) — 5.57.
- The surrounding liquor-by-the-drink states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska, and South Dakota — 5.98, or 7.2 percent more motor vehicle deaths than Iowa.

Utah — 6.60. Surrounding states of Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, and Nevada (all of which have liquor by the drink) —8.26. The surrounding states in this case have 25 percent more motor vehicle deaths.

But doesn’t liquor by the drink bring more tourist trade and money into the state? No!

A Texas liquor control board survey reported that 57 percent of the money spent for liquor went out of the state again to breweries and distilleries. Since more money is spent for liquor when it is sold by the drink instead of limited to bottle only, more money is taken from other local businesses.

Wouldn’t the state collect more in taxes if liquor by the drink were permitted? The answer is no!

Reports indicate that less taxes are collected per liquor dollar when liquor is sold by the drink than when it is packaged or bottled. For instance, when one-fifth of liquor is sold, the tax return to the state is the same whether in bottle or glass. But liquor by the drink costs the customer much more; hence the return to the state per dollar spent for liquor is much less.

Do liquor taxes provide considerable revenue for the state? Again, no!

In Texas, such alcohol-caused costs as crime, welfare, lost jobs due to absenteeism, and extra policing cost the state $37 for every dollar the state collects as liquor tax.

Will more liquor be consumed by minors if liquor is sold by the drink? Yes!

It is impossible to police and regulate liquor that is sold by the drink. Tavern owners themselves admit this. A headline in the June 15, 1964, issue of *Journal of the Liquor Industry* states: “High Court Says Licensees Can’t Oversee Minors.” The article begins, “The state supreme court of Pennsylvania last week upheld the Liquor Control Board’s contention that licensees cannot provide ‘proper supervision’ for minors on their premises.”

In summary, then, we might conclude from the surveys and studies that liquor by the drink will not cause people to be more moderate in their drinking, decrease the amount of drunkenness, decrease traffic accidents or fatalities, decrease taxes, or increase income from liquor taxes.

Liquor by the drink will cause more people to start drinking, enable more minors to obtain liquor and to drink, increase the crime rate, increase traffic accidents and fatalities, contribute to more people becoming chronic alcoholics, contribute to poverty and loss of jobs.

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Institutes of Religion  
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Others were born and reared in the Church. For students away from home for the first time, the institute provides a continuing environment of church standards and activities.

One of the objectives of the institute program is to help students increase their faith and testimony of the restored gospel and the divine origin of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Marjory and her family had always been active in the Church. Marjory had a knowledge and testimony of the gospel before she went to college; her faith was strong. However, her institute instructor supplied something in her life that possibly had been lacking up to this point.

Despite her testimony, Marjory had difficulty in deciding whether or not she should fulfill a mission. In an interview with her instructor, she said: "I want to serve the Lord in so many ways. I have such varied plans for doing so. I have so many dreams in my heart."

Her instructor looked at Marjory, and on a piece of paper lying on his desk he wrote a huge "I, "This is your problem, Marjory," he said. "Your decision should not be to find out what you truly want to do, but to determine what the Lord wants you to do. Find that out and then come back and see me."

Marjory went to the Lord in prayer as she had been taught to do in every institute class and at home. She rejoiced in prayer. It had always been an integral part of her life. And the Lord answered her prayer: there came the sweet confirmation that she should accept a call to the mission field.

After serving an honorable mission Marjory again affiliated with the institute program, particularly in the social activities of Lambda Delta Sigma and in the administrative responsibilities of the institute council. These experiences helped her develop leadership abilities that she did not realize she had, culminating in her selection as "Sweetheart of Lambda Delta Sigma."

"The institute program did so much for me," Marjory said. "It helped me gain a strong and sturdy foundation of eternal values on which to build a beautiful life of service in the kingdom of our Father. The program also gave me the finest man in the world, for it was in the activities of the institute that we met, dated, and courted. We will be going to the temple in two weeks to solemnize our marriage for eternity," she added happily.

More than 200 dedicated, well-qualified instructors are engaged in the institute program, one of whom shares a choice experience with us:

"I first saw this man standing outside, looking toward our institute building. His gaze swept the structure from one side to the other as if he were recalling a cherished memory. He was on the young side of middle age, well-dressed, with the clean, confident look of a successful businessman. He introduced himself and stated that he was just passing through the city and had made a special point of stopping. 'You see,' he said, 'I was born here several years ago.'"

"The institute building is located..."
near the hospital and I thought at first he might be confused as to his exact location. Another possibility, however, seemed much more likely. I had noticed that he had paused in his wanderings near the baptismal font. Many had come there to the waters of baptism to be born again, and I felt confident that he must have had reference to his conversion and baptism.

"This must be where you joined the Church," I said.

"No, I'm not a member of the Church. But this is where I was given life."

"I did not understand what he meant, and so I invited him into my office for an explanation. He told me that he had grown up in the eastern part of the United States. As an only child he had been given everything he needed in a material way. He seldom saw his parents, however; they were both deeply involved in successful business enterprises, although they saw to it that he received special schooling."

"His problem was that he did not have one close friend. He admitted that it was his own arrogance that caused people to avoid him. His situation had made him so unhappy that he had seriously considered suicide on more than one occasion. Resisting this impulse, he determined upon a course of action that to him was practically the equivalent—he left home and headed west. Upon registering at a university, he became a recluse."

"One day he went to the music annex to practice the piano and found that all of the instruments were in use. A fellow student, observing his dilemma, suggested he go to the nearby institute building. He had never heard of an institute before. He thought it was the name of another university building."

"Upon receiving a hearty welcome to his request to use a piano, he came frequently and practiced. On one such occasion he heard someone in the adjacent room. Suddenly the door burst open and a girl shouted, 'Hi! We need someone to play the piano for the game we are playing. Would you mind?' He accepted the invitation and soon found himself playing for a group that seemed to be having a good time."

"At the conclusion of the activity, a young man came up,
introduced himself as the president of Lambda Delta Sigma, and handed him a guest card. He told him the group was having a special activity the next week and would like very much to have him come as a special guest.

"It was the first time he had ever been invited to attend a social function solely on his own merits and he accepted. He enjoyed the evening and was invited to come back a second time. And much to his surprise someone asked him to serve on a dance committee.

"During the next two years the institute became very much a part of his life. As a result of this experience he came alive from what had been a dead and useless existence. Hence his statement, 'You see, I was born here.'"

As you left the building, he paused and took another long look at it. "I don't know what inspired the Church to set a building here on this spot," he said, "but I will thank God all the days of my life that it was here when I needed it most. This is truly where I was born.'"

The social groups of the institute have provided friendships and religious and social activities for Latter-day Saint boys and girls away from home as well as for nonmember of the Church.

At one university a young man far from his home ward and very homesick found through the friendliness of the institute the strength he needed to continue his studies. A graduate student who had not been too active in the Church gave himself heart and soul to the church activities through the institute of religion and gained a lasting testimony.

A young girl at a large university who was drifting from the Latter-day Saint ideals and standards taught in her small ward of the Church was brought back to activity through the sincere friendship of members of the institute and reinforced in her determination to keep the commandments.

The above cases are not isolated ones. Such cases could be multiplied by thousands.

Using temple marriage, certainly the hope and prayer of every Latter-day Saint parent for his child, as a criterion for measuring the effect of the institute program upon the lives of college students who participate in it, we find amazing results. In a survey of institute graduates in 22 stakes who married during 1963, 93.2 percent were married in the temple.

Of institute graduates attending 43 full-time institutes during the 1964-65 school year and who married prior to June 1965, 95.4 percent were married in the temple. Conversely, of students enrolled in the same 43 full-time institutes who completed some courses but did not graduate during the 1964-65 school year and who married prior to June 1965, the percentage of temple marriages dropped to 83.8 percent.

The great influence of the institute program upon the lives of youth is further revealed in a survey of students who attended one university where an institute was available but who failed to take advantage of the opportunity to participate. Of these students who were married during 1964-65, only 34.7 percent were married in the temple.

The institute program is inspired of God to aid college students in keeping the commandments at a time when many are away from home for the first time and are beset with serious temptations that tax their power to resist. Active participation in the institute program is excellent insurance that students involved therein will remain close to the Church and its teachings.

RIPENING WHEAT

BY ZARA BABIN

All beautiful in furrowed lands the wheat fields ripple on the plains, in valleys wide, or contoured 'round the mountain's side; they hold the earth in golden bands of fast-linked chains.

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A Letter to Mom and Dad

Dear Mother and Father:

Saturday night the stake singing mothers put on a fabulous concert of 14 numbers. They had worked on it for weeks. Wifie sang in it and looked so lovely in a newly made white blouse and black skirt. She is a lovely girl.

It was a very touching performance that really made me think. The program, which had a narrator and tableau scenes with the music, told the story of a mother writing to her son in the mission field and reviewing his life and all the things that had led up to his being there. It beautifully portrayed what a tremendous influence the home and parents have on a little boy as he grows up. It opened my eyes and made me feel almost as humble as Job did when the Lord spoke to him and said, "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?"; as if to say, "You would be nothing if it weren't for your home life and parents."

A cute little boy with a teddy bear in one scene reminded me of "Bruno" and how he and I knelt down each night as Mother taught us to pray. And sometimes she rocked us in the big chair in the old kitchen. I thought, "The reason I know how to pray and have faith in it is because Mother and Daddy always prayed as a family. We prayed for each other and for help in solving problems and for healing when we were sick."

Another scene reminded me of lying on the living room floor at night and listening to Daddy read to all of us. I loved such books as Home Country, Schmozola, The Silver Chalice, and others. That's where I learned the value of books and of reading and doing things together. How fun it was to stay home each night with the family. That is the only place I wanted to be: to sing around the piano, pop corn, play games, and have fun. I love music because you both loved music. I was always so proud that both my parents sang in the choir and that my dad led the singing in priesthood meeting.

As I thought about why I attend meetings regularly, my thoughts go back to you once again. I never recall that either of you ever missed a meeting you were supposed to attend.

Father, you taught me what the priesthood meant, and you were worthy to ordain me to each office as I advanced. That made me very proud. To be able to say that "my father did it" made me love the priesthood all the more.

Mother was always a strength and tried to teach us self-confidence. So often she used to say, "Get in there and try hard, and remember you are just as good as anyone else." How Mother stood behind us in our ambitions! I remember that she even wrote the talk that I gave as an honor student when I was graduated from eighth grade. I see now that I wasn't so great (and still aren't), but it was my fabulous parents who should get credit for anything I have ever accomplished.

Some people say I have a sense of humor, but even that I have inherited and learned from you.

At the concert there was a number about testimony. I thought of Father always beginning testimony meeting with timely remarks and Mother often bearing a sweet testimony also. That's where I gained my testimony; it grew on me like whiskers.

It was your support of the authorities and your constant comments about true Christian living that instilled within me a love for the Prophet and the need to treat people with fairness.

Going on a mission was as natural for me as breathing, because that is the way you raised me. Everything was directed toward that goal, even

- There are times when men who hold the Melchizedek Priesthood wonder how effective they are in their attempts to influence their sons. Perhaps the following letter will encourage all fathers to keep trying. Home, parents working in harmony, home evenings, honoring the priesthood, examples in honor, honesty, hard work constantly performed, prayer—these will ever be the ingredients for rearing children successfully.
the example of your own missions. Serving in the armed forces was a thrill and an honor because I thought of my father enlisting and working to become an officer and how he loved the military and our country. I remember Mother's wholesome attitude toward service and how well she took the news when Richard was wounded.

How we loved canyon trips and family picnics, loved nature and all her beauty. Mother's artistic abilities helped my appreciation of art grow. I observed around home the great principle of work. I remember Dad going across the river to cut thorn trees and clear brush all day because he loved work and knew that it was essential. I thought of Mother always making bread and lovely homemade things. She never feared work. At Christmas she made lovely chocolates for gifts. A gift from her was a real part of her—always something lasting because she had made it.

How fortunate I've been!

Last Saturday in our Young Marrieds Group we talked about how ill-prepared some of us were when we went to the temple. I said that it was like everything else: Parents are the ones to help prepare us, and it should be taught in the home. It is their duty and responsibility. I told them that going to the temple was beautiful and natural for me the first time because you both had talked of it for years, and I anxiously looked forward to it.

Yes, I have unique parents. Marvelous example-setters. Not preachers or wardens but loving parents who cherished parenthood, welcomed children, and shouldered responsibility.

Just to thank you would be shallow and trite. But I'll promise you that I'll live to the best of my ability the principles you have taught and fought for, and maybe by my life and my children and accomplishments I can show you my love and thus honor you as I should. The only life I can picture in the eternal world is that of being with my family, and I hope to continue our joyous relationship forever.

May this summer be your most pleasant yet and may your flowers and yard that you love so dearly bring you much joy.

All my love to you both.

Your baby boy,

John

P.S. Thanks again for having 8 of us.
Their Christmas Gifts Paid for a Chapel

As the last Christmas season approached, our bishopric felt that the ward’s nine-year-old building debt should be paid. But it was Christmas-time, and since most of our ward families had several young children, their individual financial burdens were heavy. After much fasting and prayer we determined that if 50 percent of our families would each contribute $50, our debt would be paid.

The plan was presented the following Sunday to members of the priesthood and was discussed in much detail. The priesthood members’ recommendation was that a letter be sent to each family, asking them to give their Christmas gift to the Lord. The recommendation was heartly approved by all but one brother.

In preparing the letter we were inspired to say, “If you need a witness in order to feel that this is right, get on your knees and ask the Lord. He will give you this witness.” Almost immediately the money started to come in, and no further solicitation was necessary.

Many members mailed their contributions, and other families came to the bishop’s home to present their gift and to testify of the Lord’s witness to them. After two weeks the brother who had not favored the proposal asked if he could see me. He came with his whole family. Tears streamed from his eyes as he testified of his original doubt and then of his family’s prayers concerning the sacrifice. He said, “All we needed was to trust in the Lord and make up our minds to do it. As soon as we had set aside the money and arranged to bring it to you, we received a telephone call informing us of payment on a debt that was long overdue. We will never doubt again.”

Five days before Christmas we held a ward Christmas party to present a debt-free ward building to the members. A written invitation was extended to all, and we had the largest turnout in the ward’s history—more than 75 percent of the members came. The spirit of love, sacrifice, and devotion within our ward gave us all a most memorable Christmas.
How an Unknown Blessing Influenced My Life

I have a personal testimony of the value of the blessing of a child. My fraternal grandmother was a convert to the Church in 1913, four years before I was born. My father and mother were never converted. But because of the faith and persuasive powers of my grandmother, my parents consented to have me blessed at the age of six months by elders working in the Melbourne area. This was on March 1, 1918. From that time on, as I grew through boyhood into manhood, I was unaware of my blessing. My parents, not being members of the Church, attached no importance to it, and thus it was forgotten.

Early in 1958 two elders came to our door five times without finding us at home, but they decided to try one last time before leaving the area. This time my wife was at home. She was very impressed with their manner and invited them to return when I would be home. After a few weeks we became convinced that they were teaching the truth, and my wife decided to be baptized. I was still reluctant.

When my parents were told of my wife's intentions, my mother remembered the blessing that had been given to me years previously. After much searching, she found the blessing certificate among her belongings. I could procrastinate no longer, feeling strongly that the Lord had a work for me to do. My wife and I were baptized March 1, 1958, 40 years to the day from my blessing.

Now when I am called to pronounce a blessing upon a child, I think deeply of the words that I am prompted to say. I never cease to marvel at the great privilege given the priesthood in performing this sacred and profound ordinance.
There is something about being surprised that usually holds an element of joy. When a husband calls up in the afternoon and says, "Would you like to meet me downtown tonight for dinner?" a wife can't help but feel special and wanted. Or when a mother in the middle of the week cooks a very special dinner for her family, including all their favorite foods, a message is conveyed without words.

A mother on a stormy day decides that things are just too dreary. So after the children are off to school she surprises two or three friends by calling and saying, "Come over at 2 o'clock for an hour of good conversation." Then they sit in front of an open fire or, if the day is warm, on a shady patio. Homemade ice cream is a delight to serve at such a time. Think of the fun of forgetting calories for the moment and eating avocado or peach ice cream. (See recipes at end of article.)

Surprises come in other forms besides food.

The children can surprise mother when she is away by scrubbing the kitchen floor, cutting the lawn, making that big pile of ironing smaller, or cleaning their own bedrooms. This surprise element will work overtime in the children's minds if they have been motivated. Begin with your two- or three-year-old and say, "I hope a little fairy will pick up all the toys while I am gone." That little fairy will work her best to please if a game is made of it with perhaps a reward to follow. Just a stick of gum or a candy mint would be pay enough, and a warm feeling permeates both mother and child.

Do something nice for another person unexpectedly. It is a special way to say "I like you." A little gift given for no particular reason tells the receiver that someone wanted to remember him. The unexpected gift—a batch of bread, rolls, cookies, or a bowl of prepared, chilled fruit—is worth more than an expensive gift received on a birthday. A bottle of chokecherry
juice given as a surprise is articulate. It says, "You are worth the hours spent in the hills, the difficulty of picking the berries and the processing of them, because you are special to me." As the recipient makes the juice into jelly, the kindest of thoughts are mixed in the process. A man who catches fish, cleans them, then stops at a friend's home to divide the catch says by his actions far more than words could ever say. A woman who takes sly measurements of a girl who is to be married and then knits her a sweater is showing true affection. Hours are spent to give this surprise, and a memory is made that will last a lifetime. An employer who knows the need of an employee could surprise him with the ways or means to meet that need. Perhaps it is an afternoon given to a man to spend with an elderly mother who is in town for the day, or it might be a longer-than-usual lunch hour to visit his child in the hospital. Businessmen can have a heart. The employee can also use the element of surprise by going the extra mile. Overtime that is spent to finish a much-needed job, working through a rest break to complete a report, or a suggestion to the boss of a way to improve a procedure will be repaid a hundred times. One employer remarked that it is the exception when an employee shows in some concrete way that he cares about the success of the business that gives him his living. The little surprises that
people do without being asked bring heart dividends, and, in many cases, material gains.

Surprises don't always come in deeds: words can be the ingredient. An unexpected note can start a day just right. Someone cared enough to share with you his thoughts. A telephone call can hold a bundle of surprise, as can a thank-you note.

Use the unpredictable and become a more interesting person. As a side effect, you will gain friends. In some way, every day, happily surprise someone, and you will grow surprisingly rich.

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People Get Hungry
In August

Hunger is no respecter of months, seasons, or persons. This habit of eating is with us to stay. Little folks, those not so little, and those much too big eat three meals a day. Eating is universally enjoyed, and the cook has a great deal to do with this. A hamburger can be greasy, singed, and tasteless, or it can compete with a delicious steak. Bread can be heavy, starchy, burned black, or it can be luscious, crisp, golden brown, with heavenly taste and texture. Desserts add little but calories to a meal when they are overly sweet, overly rich, and poorly prepared. A dessert should be an elegant dream—light, flavorful, and temptingly delicious. Why waste calories on eating something that is not even second best? The cook is responsible. She should plan menus of compatible foods, use good ingredients and tested recipes, work carefully, and concoct food fit for her royal family. Food poorly prepared and sloppily served is a waste of time and money and an insult to husband and children.

Delicious summer meals do not just happen; they require loving thought, preparation, and care. Try making one of these delicious ice creams—it will act as a catalyst on a hot evening. Or cool off with a tasty milk shake or a homemade popsicle. It is fun to cook in August for those you hold most dear.

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Virginia's Avocado Ice Cream
(makes 2 quarts)

- 2 cups mashed avocado pulp (use very ripe avocados)
- 1 cup orange juice
- 1 cup pineapple juice
- 2 cups sugar
- 2/3 cup lemon juice
- 2 cups skim milk
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- A few drops pistachio flavoring

Put the ripe avocados through a sieve. Dissolve the sugar in the milk, then stir in the other ingredients. Freeze in an electric or hand ice cream freezer until mixture has proper consistency. Pack for 2 hours and serve.

Peach Ice Cream
(makes 6 quarts)

- 3 1/2 cups fresh peaches, mashed and lightly sweetened
- 3 to 4 cups of sugar to taste
- 1/2 cup lemon juice
- Juice of 2 oranges
- 2 cups whipping cream
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon almond flavoring
- 1 tablespoon grated orange rind
- Dash of salt

Mix all ingredients together. Pour into a 6-quart freezer and fill to within 2 inches of the top with whole milk. Freeze and pack for 1 or 2 hours before serving.

August Sherbet (makes 1 quart)

- 1 cup undiluted evaporated milk
- 9 tablespoons sugar
- 1 can (6-ounce) frozen orange juice, thawed
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Chill and beat the milk until thick; add the other ingredients one tablespoon at a time, whipping constantly. Pour into freezing tray, cover with foil, and freeze in refrigerator.

Homemade Popsicles

Use the smallest size of empty frozen fruit juice cans. Wash and fill or partly fill with favorite fruit drink. When partially frozen, insert plastic picnic spoons. Freeze hard. Children will love them, but keep paper napkins handy.

Quick Nut Bread

- 2 cups white flour
- 2 cups whole wheat flour
- 2 1/2 cups milk
- 1 1/2 cups coarsely chopped walnuts
- 2 tablespoons baking powder
- 1 egg
Mix and sift the dry ingredients. Beat egg, add milk, and add this mixture to the dry ingredients. Bake in one large or two small loaf pans for about 45 minutes at 350 degrees F. This bread, which is not sweet, is good served along with the main course for lunch or supper.

Boston Brown Bread

This Boston Brown Bread is an old-fashioned favorite served with cold baked ham, piping hot baked beans, and a crisp mustard cole slaw.

1 cup white flour
1 cup yellow cornmeal
2 cups whole wheat flour
2 cups sour milk
1 cup molasses
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 tablespoon boiling water
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
2 cups sour milk (not cream)
1 cup raisins

Sift the flour and salt; add the sour milk; Dissolve the soda in the boiling water and add to the molasses. Beat until foamy and add to the first mixture. Add the raisins. Fill greased soup cans 1/4 full and steam for about 3 hours.

Frankfurters—Hot Potato Salad
(6 servings)

12 frankfurters
6 medium potatoes
1/2 pound bacon, diced
1 medium onion, finely chopped
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1/2 teaspoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon flour
1/2 cup water
1 cup vinegar
1 egg, beaten

Cook the potatoes until just barely tender; then dice them. Cook the bacon until lightly browned, add onion, and cook until tender. Pour off part of the fat. Mix the salt, pepper, mustard, sugar, and flour. Add the liquids and the egg. Add this mixture to the potatoes, bacon and onion. Heat slowly until the sauce has thickened, about 5 minutes. Simmer the frankfurters in water until heated through. Arrange the frankfurters on a platter circling the potato salad.

Peppermint Brownie Milk Shake
(makes 6 cups)

In a mixing bowl beat 1 pint of softened peppermint ice cream and gradually add 1 quart of chocolate milk. Pour into glasses. Top with scoops from an additional pint of peppermint ice cream. So simple to make and so delicious to drink.

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**U and I 75th Birthday Cake**

2 cups granulated U AND I SUGAR
1 cup butter
4 egg yolks
2½ cups flour, sifted
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ cup buttermilk
1 pkg. German sweet chocolate
½ cup boiling water
1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon vanilla
4 egg whites, beaten until stiff
½ cup sliced almonds

Cream sugar and butter until light and fluffy, add egg yolks one at a time and beat well after the addition of each. Add flour and salt alternately with ¼ cup buttermilk. Melt chocolate in boiling water, dissolve soda in ¼ cup buttermilk and mix these two until smooth. Add vanilla. Fold into creamed mixture. Fold in beaten egg whites. Pour into three 9” layer cake pans or a set of tiered cake pans, greased and floured on bottom. Sprinkle the tops of two layers with sliced almonds. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) 25 to 30 minutes. Cool.

Use your favorite frosting and filling.

_The Era Asks_—

“What Is the Granite Mountain Record Vault?”

(Continued from page 701)

Q—How long can microfilm records endure?

A—No one knows. But we do have paper from 1220 A.D. and papyrus from the Egyptian era. It’s thought that since film is cellulose, it might last as long as paper.

Q—From where are the microfilm records obtained?

A—All over the world. Sometimes we buy from a government films that they have already produced. When we can’t buy, we send out our own photographers or make contracts with countries to do the work for us. We even trade films that we have already taken for films we do not have. Arrangements vary with each country and each situation.

Q—What kind of records are being microfilmed?

A—All records containing genealogical data—vital statistics such as birth dates, death dates, marriage dates, dates of confirmation and baptism. These include church records and governmental vital statistic records, census records, land records, wills, testaments, probates of wills and testaments, court decisions.

Q—At the present rate of filming, how long will it be before the present vault structure will be filled?

A—Twenty-five or more years. But remember, we don’t microfilm every page or book in the world. We just microfilm genealogical data—particularly old records that will soon deteriorate.

Q—What segment of the world’s records of genealogical value could be stored in the vault?

A—I don’t know, but if more space were needed, we would just enlarge the tunnels or construct more vaults. The Church owns property for about a mile up the
Q—How many photographers are filming for the Church throughout the world?

A—About 65.

Q—How many employees work at the vault and what do they do?

A—About 34 employees at present, but our microfilm cataloging department of 20 employees will soon be moved to the vault for a total of 55. Several hundred could be accommodated. Many of these people are very fluent in several languages and assist us in reading many of the world's languages. Work at the vault means work with film. Film comes in from our sources as raw negative film. It is taken into dark rooms and developed, then washed and dried and inspected. At present we process over 50,000 feet of film a day. We then search all film frames to determine if any are of inferior quality or have poor lighting. We double-check all pages. It's conceivable that the photographer might have missed a volume or a page. If so, we contact him immediately so that he can reshoot. We keep the negative master in our vault, send a positive copy back to the country or state—something generally required in order for us to microfilm—send a positive copy to the Genealogical Library for active use by the Saints, and make additional positive copies to be used in branch genealogical libraries throughout the Church. So we actually have both positive and negative film in the vault.

Q—Can people go to the vault to study and research?

A—No. The vault is not for that purpose. All research is done at the genealogical libraries with positive films.

Q—Can tourists visit the vault?

A—Yes, for the present, but only on Saturdays. A local bus company takes tours to the vault, leaving at 9:30 a.m. Saturday mornings from Temple Square. If a priesthood quorum, ward, MIA, boy scout troop, or other group wants to visit, arrangements can be made with the general secretary of the Genealogical Society. There is no parking facility at the vault, so only buses are permitted. People can visit only on Saturday, because during the week we are working in the vault.

Q—Is the storage of records something that is peculiar to us, or are other peoples and cultures concerned about the same thing?

A—Not long ago a famous librarian from England visited us. He said he had never seen or heard of anything like this. Another visitor from Egypt saw similarities in the pyramids and said, "Isn't it strange that in this present generation we are doing the same thing they did in ancient Egypt, preserving records for future generations?" The U.S. has an underground SAC base near Colorado Springs, but that is not a storage facility. There are provisions made at the National Archives at Washington, D.C., to save the U.S. Constitution and Declaration of Independence in case of an emergency, but this room is very small.

Q—Do you have any other comments?

A—I would like to add that when I came to the Genealogical Society I thought it would be a staid, ultra-conservative organization. To the contrary, I find it one of the most alive organizations in the Church. I call genealogy the "university work" of the Church. By that I mean that one must first be a member of the Church, have a testimony, understand the gospel and its programs, and then he is ready to enter the "university work" of the gospel—genealogy. These "university studies" bind families together in order that they might eventually dwell with our Father in heaven. It's a most thrilling and enjoyable work, so if I sound enthusiastic, it's because I am!
from the Pioneer District, Northern States Mission. Richard F. Haglund was sustained as president with Kenneth H. Dietz and George A. Bartlett as counselors.

Harvey R. Durrant was sustained as president of Ensign (Salt Lake City) Stake, succeeding President Arza A. Hinckley. Clarence C. Neslen and Rex W. Williams, Jr., were sustained as counselors. Presidents Durrant and Neslen were counselors to President Hinckley.

Eldon W. Cooley was sustained as president of East Mesa (Arizona) Stake, succeeding President Egbert J. Brown. Counselors are Joseph A. Farnsworth, Jr., and Raymond L. Russell. Presidents Cooley and Farnsworth served as counselors to President Brown.

Arden B. Hutchings was sustained as president of Fresno (California) Stake, succeeding President Dallas A. Tueller. Delmont H. White and Oliver K. Welton were sustained as counselors.

President Hutchings and Lynn F. Olsen served as counselors to President Tueller.

JUNE 1966

1 WRUL, the church-owned short-wave radio station in New York City, became WNYW. The Berlin Mission was officially combined with the North German Mission beginning today.

A new president of the London Temple was announced by the First Presidency. LeRoy J. Buckmiller of Salt Lake City succeeds President G. Eugene England.

2 Elder Howard W. Hunter of the Council of the Twelve offered the dedicatory prayer at the new wing of the Primary Children's Hospital, Salt Lake City. The addition increases the institution's capacity from 94 to 165 beds.

5 Huntington Beach Stake, 420th in the Church, 35th in southern California, was formed from parts of Garden Grove Stake, with Conway W. Nielsen sustained as president and Nobel J. Waite and Lyle Hanna as counselors. The stake was organized under the direction of Elder Ezra Taft Benson of the Council of the Twelve and Elder ElRay L. Christiansen, assistant to the Twelve.

Emerald L. Moody was sustained as president of Deseret (Utah) Stake with Frank A. Lyman and Eldon A. Ellison as counselors, succeeding President June W. Black and his counselors, L. Jay Nelson and Verdell R. Bishop.

12 The Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir—375 strong—sang this evening at the convention of Rotary International in Denver. Earlier in the day they had given their regularly scheduled radio broadcast from the Tabernacle.

16 Elder Richard L. Evans of the Council of the Twelve was installed as president of Rotary International at the 57th annual Rotary convention in Denver City Auditorium. He succeeds outgoing President C. P. H. Teenstra, Hilversum, Netherlands, and will serve for one year. Tonight a tribute to Elder Evans was broadcast simultaneously by KSL Radio and Television.

TO QUALIFY FOR THE FUTURE

RICHARD L. EVANS

With the ever increasing importance of preparation, some simple, basic thoughts suggest themselves for those who are searching for a future. We see those who drop out; those who refuse, in a sense, to prepare; those who become discouraged and give up. By contrast, we see those who seem to be engaged in a competitive race with time, with pressure, haste, and hurry. To those who do too little and give up too easily we could perhaps do no better than cite again this observation of Emerson: “The future belongs to those who prepare for it.” No one is likely to find himself better prepared than he is willing to pay the price of being, better prepared than the effort he is willing to give for acquiring competence. And those who are inclined to quit, to drop out, would well serve themselves, as well as the world, the sooner they face the fact that preparation has importance far beyond what can be calculated and that there is more and more demand for those who are well trained and less and less need for those who are not. Now, as to those who conscientiously are seeking to qualify for the future: It is still true that experience needs to be added to “book learning,” as some would say it, to knowledge unproved and unapplied. The practical must balance the academic. Despite all technical training, all acquiring and storing of facts, there still needs to be a time of seasoning, of maturing, of proving the ability to perform, which includes not only knowledge but experience and judgment. The patient would still rather have the seasoned physician; the client, the experienced lawyer; the business would rather have the manager who has proved he can meet a payroll, can operate at fair profit, can remain solvent, can produce and improve and sell a product; and positions of trust still seek those who have proved they can live with principles. And so, as always, there is still need for preparation, patience, proving, performance. “Haste is not always speed,” said Moliere. “We must learn to work and wait…”1 In a very particular sense, it is difficult—if not impossible—for a person to be “saved” in ignorance or in unpreparedness. “The future belongs to those who prepare for it.”

1Jean Baptiste Moliere, Sganarelle, sc. 12.

HISTORICALLY SPEAKING, where do YOU fit in? The generations of man have had all kinds of adventures along the way... through the scramble at Babel's tower... through the Burning of Rome and the Black Plague and the Crusades and the Dark Ages... through the Renaissance... the Explorations, the Revolutions, and the Restoration. Then came the pioneers and the great exodus west that provided a meaningful backdrop for your life as a Latter-day Saint. What does all of this have to do with you as YOU? Well, consider that you are an heir to the ages—to the lessons and learnings and yearnings and awakenings of other people before. The present is understandable only in terms of the past. Putting yourself in the picture of one historical event—walking in the steps of the pioneers—may motivate you to move forward into the future in strength. That's what this issue is all about. The Editors
Have you ever listened to someone talk about church history and felt that you weren’t really “in the picture”? Our Sunday School class had the same problem. We were talking about the history of the Church, but we couldn’t quite get into the picture.

So—we embarked on a journey that took us right through the Main Street of history, including many side roads that proved to be fascinating.

A wonderful thing happened while we “lived” this history. We learned a great deal about how the Lord guides, persuades, and encourages his children. We learned a great deal about ourselves.

In the next few pages we will take you with us, show you how all this happened.

Think about it and about the history of the area in which you live, and—
HOW DO YOU MEASURE UP?

Love of God
Knowledge
Prayer
Faith
Courage
Growth
Obedience
Tithing
Testimony
Cleanliness
Endurance

Karen Wilcock, Sherri Black, Tammy Konvicka, Shirley Wilding George Dewey, Sherri Black, Jeff Rock, Camille Rudd, Jeff Gygi

Tammy Konvicka, Sherri Black
HISTORY RECALLS:

“The rear [of the wagon train] was not the traditional position for the captain, even such a nominal one as George Donner, but it could not be helped; his bulky wagons could go no faster. The desert had shattered the company into fragments; it was every family for itself, each individual on his own. Donner, too, was fighting for his own, and had no time or energy for those up ahead.”

(Joseph Pigney, For Fear We Shall Perish, The Story of the Donner Party Disaster.)

WE LEARNED:

The Donner-Reed Party was a strange mixture of people, contrasting in background, financial means, and spiritual foundation, yet initially united in a single purpose: to seek new opportunities in California. Their intenseness drove them to risk pioneering a new trail through the Great Salt Lake Basin, preparing the way for the Mormon pioneers who would follow one year later. From the outset, problems that were increasingly crucial and severe delayed and tore at the already weak organization. Days
of precious time were spent in re-routing and rebuilding trails and fighting terrain as varied as the members of the party themselves.

We went to the shore of the Great Salt Lake where the Donner train passed. “As we talked about it, I tried to picture how it might have been to cross the salt desert. It made me realize that the Lord was good to our people and gave them his guidance. The Donner Party members were so inconsiderate of each other. The story helped me appreciate what the Lord did for his people.”

Consideration! What a wonderful tool this is—to think of others before we think of ourselves. It can open doors, broaden narrow minds, pry loose selfishness, nail down friendships, build a good road to God’s path.

Are you considerate—

To ask before you borrow?
To be complimentary?
To avoid sarcasm?
To say “I love you” to Mom and Dad?
IN CLASS WE HEARD:

"As we rounded the top of the knoll and broke through a small clump of trees, we could see Indians below burning the precious grasses upon which our animals depended. The supply of grass gathered from the last meadow and carefully preserved in every available space in the wagon was about depleted. This had happened many times before; but, as before, we knew we would find a way."

"As the mob pushed us onto the small rafts, already crowded with Saints, we were cast adrift to cross the great river. I held tightly to my baby as the cannon mounted on the temple fired upon us, coming so near that we were covered with mud and water by the shot. The Lord had given us another prophet and faith to paddle for freedom on the opposite shore."

"Sometimes we sat in council with President Brigham Young and marveled at his insight into the problems of the people—their despair at mechanical failures, their shortage of food and clothing, the sickness, the small groups of faithless who spread dissension. Many of the faithless moved from our midst, but other problems remained to test our faith continually."

So spoke three people in our ward whom we all knew well. But under the transformation of effective makeup and personal conviction, we felt we were interviewing three members of a pioneer wagon train. The guide spoke of organizational problems, of Indians, of trails, of continual decisions that had to be made. The woman who spoke used personal genealogy as her reference: how her people found relaxation in dance and song, how her son had died in the wagon train, her feelings as she looked back at the tiny rock pile where his body remained. The "elder in the councils of the Church" spoke of problems between people. The result gave us a tie with the past, and we came to realize that without the faith, hope, and endurance of the pioneers the long journey might have terminated at Winter Quarters. Being so close to these people, hearing their stories firsthand, we came to sense a meaning for us in the way they met their problems. By overcoming hardships, disappointments, and setbacks in our own lives, we not only find insight into their hardships—we also learn a lesson: Success can only come to us, as it came to them, through faith, hope, and endurance.

Do you have hope and endurance—
To finish school?
To aim for a mission?
To be married in the temple?
To be dependable?
To serve the Lord?
To look for the best in life?
To stand up to ridicule?
Endurance
HISTORIANS SAY:

"... When all seemed lost and the Saints were giving up in despair, the heavens became clouded with gulls, which hovered over the fields, uttering their plaintive scream. ... They ate, they gorged upon the pest, and then flying to the streams would drink and vomit and again return to the battle front. This took place day by day until the crickets were destroyed. The people gave thanks, for this was to them a miracle."

(Joseph Fielding Smith, Essentials in Church History, p. 468.)

WE LEARNED THAT:

It would have been easy for the pioneers to give up, to feel that the Lord had forgotten them. The disappointments on the trail had been hard, but this was worse. The first real crop they had had since they arrived in the valley was being devoured by great hordes of crickets.

While the pioneers did all they could, they turned to the Lord, knowing he would help them. And he did help them, because they had faith.

Too often we use faith in the Lord in place of action. He wants us to know that he is there, that we can depend on him; but we must depend on ourselves, too, in order to increase our faith in the Lord and to build faith in ourselves.

Do you have faith—

To try?
To pay tithing?
To obey?
To grow?
To believe?
To pray?
To know?
To love God?
IN CHURCH HISTORY IT IS RECORDED:

“What I have said I know to be true; but seeing you are to go forward, I will go with you; will help all I can; will work with you, will rest with you, will suffer with you, and if necessary, will die with you. May God in his mercy bless and preserve us.”

(Advice by Elder Levi Savage to the handcart company, quoted in Joseph Fielding Smith’s Essentials in Church History, p. 487.)

OUR CLASS SAID:

“I would never have made it! To leave most of my belongings and walk all those miles pulling and pushing. . . .” With all the external problems of Indians, bad roads or no roads at all, inclement weather, long hard days, the worst part would be sustaining the inner courage to go on. In fact, it is the same today. The only real thing keeping us from doing all we want to do, from becoming what we want to become, is ourselves!
Those who now have what they wanted at some time in the past have it because they have courage. This is the same attribute teens in the handcart companies had—teens just like you, except you have to build and use your courage in a world that has different problems and challenges.

Do you have courage—

To bear your testimony?  To be a good son or daughter?
To be honest with yourself?  To go with the right crowd?
To live the Lord’s way?  To say no?
To try harder?  To say yes?
To be fair in school?  To assume leadership?
To be looked up to?  To have an unquestionable reputation?
To be morally clean?  To realize the importance of the gospel?
FROM THE PAST:

"Immediately west of the temple stands the Mormon Tabernacle, an immense auditorium. The roof, a marvel of engineering for the period in which it was conceived, is a 10-foot-thick span of wooden lattice truss construction, the maze of timbers fastened together by wooden pegs or dowels and rawhide bindings.

"When the new Tabernacle was being planned, Brigham Young requested Joseph Ridges to build an organ of a size and quality in keeping with the new structure. Great timbers were hauled the 350 miles by ox team for construction of the pipes. The instrument has been rebuilt, added upon, and improved many times in the years since, until it is now recognized as one of the finest in the world."

(Utah State Historical Society, The Valley of the Great Salt Lake, pp. 65-68.)

OUR APPLICATION:

What would it be like if you couldn't think for yourself any more—that is, if you had to accept everything as it now stands? The only things you could read, see, hear, or eat would be those that had already been written, photographed, painted, recorded, composed, and grown. It would be a pretty dismal world, wouldn't it?

In touring the Tabernacle we saw many examples of the pioneers' use of imagination—in laying the foundations, supporting the huge roof trusses during construction, using wooden dowels and rawhide to secure complex joints and defective wood, diverting City Creek beneath the Tabernacle to turn the fan that would create air for the tall organ pipes.

Next week, or maybe even today, a solution to a problem in your life could be creatively found by using the same recipe as the pioneer youth used not only in building the Tabernacle but in building their lives.

Do you have imagination—

To express your vitality?
To bear your testimony?
To uncover your talents?
To be a good friend?
BRIGHAM YOUNG’S DAUGHTER:

“The only home I ever knew, until six years after my marriage, was the Beehive House. No matter where I go or where I live, this will always be my real home, for it holds the memories of my father, mother, brothers, and sisters, and is enshrined in my heart as a place where love and perfect harmony existed.”

(Clarissa Young Spencer, Brigham Young at Home.)

WE WERE TAUGHT:

If you were a member of Brigham Young’s household, you probably would:

Get up at 5:00 every morning.

Do the morning chores.

Study and do your homework. (Your teachers live in the house with you.)

Have breakfast at 10:00 a.m.

Spend the day working in the kitchen, making soap, sewing, making rugs, reading, helping the younger children, picking berries;

Or helping in the blacksmith shop, working in the orchard, painting, cleaning out the ditches, hunting.

Have dinner at 4:30 p.m.

Spend the evening reading, playing parlor games, watching the boys wrestle in the yard, horseback riding, acting.

Go to family prayers. (At 9:00 every night President Young would ring the prayer bell, and if you didn’t show up, the family would wait—but you can bet you would be on time the next time! Then the whole family would kneel in prayer.)

Go to bed at 10:00 p.m. (5:00 a.m. comes very quickly!)

Brigham Young made certain that the youth in his household were busy. The girls were taught the problems and joys of housekeeping and motherhood; masculine chores prepared the boys for their roles as priesthood bearers and heads of households. At one point President Young was concerned as to whether they were getting proper training and guidance, so he started an organization known as the Retrenchment Society. You know it by its newer name—the Mutual Improvement Association.

At one of our firesides two men who worked closely with George Cannon Young, the architect in charge of the restoration of the Beehive House and Eagle Gate, told us about the histories and restoration problems of these landmarks and gave us personal insights concerning them. A visit to the famous corner gave us a feeling of admiration for President Young, a prophet who could not only preside over the Church but could direct in his own household. Harmony expresses his attitude with his family, the friends who visited, and those who worked on his estate.

If we could have such harmony in our lives, the joy of a happy home, of being spiritually revitalized, and of being susceptible to the true joys of life would permeate our existence.

Do you have harmony—

To help at home?

To love each member of your family?

To organize your time?

To live and believe gospel standards?

To be courteous?
The Last Word

Oblivion is full of men who permitted the opinion of others to overrule their belief in themselves.—Goethe

“Mommy! Come see what I did to Daddy with his barber’s kit when he was asleep!”

There are no heights to which man shall aspire and attain in which woman shall not be, side by side, with him.—Elder Melvin J. Ballard

A big buck Indian ordered a ham sandwich at a roadside restaurant. While peering between the slices of bread, he said to the waiter, “Ugh, you slice ’em ham?” “Yes, I sliced the ham,” replied the waiter. “Ugh,” grunted the Indian, “you nearly miss ’em.”

Were half the power that fills the world with terror, were half the wealth bestowed on camps and courts given to redeem the human mind from error, there were no need for arsenals and forts.—Henry W. Longfellow

A business executive from the East was touring Salt Lake City. While on Temple Square he made friends with a little Latter-day Saint girl... “My home is in New York,” he told the little miss, “but you probably don’t know where New York is, do you?” “Oh, yes, I do,” the little girl replied enthusiastically. “Our ward has a missionary there.”

The desire to have many books, and never to use them, is like a child that will have a candle burning by him all the while he is asleep.—Henry Peacham

The ultimate effect of shielding men from the effects of folly is to fill the world with fools.—Herbert Spencer

Before going to bed a little boy was saying his prayers in a very low voice. “I can’t hear you, dear,” his mother whispered. “Wasn’t talking to you,” said the child earnestly.

If we do our part, our genealogies will be unfolded to us—sometimes in one way, sometimes in another. So I want to suggest to you, my brethren and sisters: let us do our part.

—President George Albert Smith
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