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*"And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day,
for they shall have the gift and the power of the Holy Ghost;" 1 Nephi 3:187*

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We Need Each Other

We are simply spokes in a wheel,
And when working together aright
Can accomplish wonderful things
And make any task seem light.

It's such an inspiring thought
That wherever we happen to be
I am essential to you,
And you are essential to me.

For the man who is higher up
Needs the man who is lower down;
And it's just as equally true
When turned the other way 'round.

No matter where you are placed,
Whether you're great or small,
You're dependent on somebody else,
And Someone on you . . . that's all.

Each thing that you do will count,
So make it a boost, not a "knock"—
For you never function alone,
You're just one wheel in the clock.

So always keep doing your best,
And remember it's truer than true
You are needing somebody else,
And someone is needing you.

—Author unknown

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Guest Editorial . . .

The Fatherhood of God

"For in him we live, and move, and have our being: . . . for we are also his offspring."
 Acts 17:28

" . . . all ye are brethren . . . one is your Father, which is in heaven." Matthew 23:8-9

We are not in any sense responsible for the contents of the Bible, as it existed long before we were born, but we are responsible for the treatment of it's contents at our hands and are to be held accountable should we change or alter it's implied requirements. To modify it's recommendations or modernize it, will not release us whatsoever of the obligations they were intended to impose upon us, His sons and daughters.

To interpose human creeds may seem to relieve us from the strong decrees meant to guide us to ultimate eternal life with our Heavenly Father, but when these creeds are dead, the law of God will live on and we have not escaped but simply deferred our

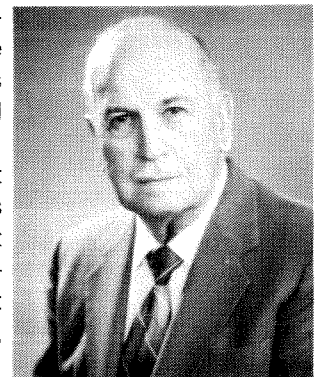
arraignment before the judgment bar of God when we shall know of the blessings missed between the now and then.

When we study (not just read it) the Bible and God's Word wherever found, it should bring upon us a certain reverential awe, for it tells us of the will of Heaven, thus:

"Where its voice is heard, all controversy dies, and human skill is wasted that aims at compromise."

I refer now to words that God has caused His prophets and teachers of old to write:

"God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth . . . hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;" Acts 17:24,26



"One God and Father of all," Ephesians 4:6

"For I am the LORD, I change not." Malachi 3:6

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." James 1:17

"For there is no respect of persons with God." Romans 2:11 (See also I Peter 1:17; Acts 10:34)

Heretofore are three points established, namely, God is our Father, He is unchangeable, He is impartial, and no respecter of persons.

A sound faith in the foregoing should pledge us to acknowledgement of the common fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man. This quite plainly fastens upon Him the responsibility of our existence as to time and place, as fully as it does the existence of Moses, Paul or Abraham and all things about them. God determined the times appointed them and the extent of their habitation and of "all who dwell upon the earth." See Isaiah 46:9, 10, and Acts 15:18 where it identifies to us that we can expect that our Heavenly Father never intended to change, would never respect one above another (when they respect and obey Him) and would not deprive one member of His family of the same privileges He provided for an earlier generation.

We are justified in believing in one universal provision for the entire earthly family, insofar as it relates to the soul.

We should find joy in the pronouncement in Ecclesiastes 3:14,15: "I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him. That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past."

The Gospel of Jesus Christ at it's inception was meant to provide the ways and means to fulfill the moral needs of God's creation.

Time and circumstances of the life of man never has diminished the human necessity to depend upon God.

"That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past," and God requires nothing more or less in our time and His provisions are infinite and covers all of our necessities. If it represented God once, it must represent Him eternally, for He cannot change.

Nothing can be put to it, nor anything taken from it, and any subtraction or addition to it will cease to represent Him as an unchangeable God without variance.

To decrease our obligations or increase that which is exacted of us, would show Him to be a respecter of persons and disprove the fatherhood of God as being impartial toward all His creation.

As man became more knowledgeable of God and His Spirit moved His prophets and teachers to speak and write of His promises to provide protection against the wiles of Satan. Meanwhile, Satan accelerated his attempts to deceive mankind into belief that just a little change or altering of God's rules and by-laws would not be harmful but would make it less difficult to fill their churches with followers.

To make it possible to defeat the adversary, God reassures us through the presence of many things identified as being a part of His working Spirit in our assemblies, our homes, while at work, and in all seasons, and we identify some thus:

"... because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts," Galatians 4:6

". . . ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD our God shall call." Acts 2:38,39

"But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues; but all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will." I Corinthians 12:7-11

"And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Mark 16:17-18 (see also John 14:26; 15:26; 16:13-15)

". . . I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit." Joel 2:28,29

We are left with a grand and glorious heritage as sons and heirs of our Heavenly Father through Jesus Christ our elder brother. By honoring the rules and by-laws of His Kingdom here on earth without deletion or addition, the function and works of the Spirit within us will give proof that the Church of Christ is alive and working under the authority of our Heavenly Father and of Christ who set up His church, gave it His name and identified its Spiritual

makeup, its official structure of Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Priests, Teachers, etc., each of which exercise the afore mentioned gifts. Read Ephesians 4:11-12.

When we communicate with God through the gifts enumerated, the future is made known to us and we discern what is to come. We are preserved from the offences of our enemies who speak evil of us (more so as time passes).

Our deceased bodies are healed and we shall abound in the fruits of the Spirit. (Gal. 5:22 and Eph. 5:9) And in the end we are redeemed from death at the resurrection of the righteous.

The Church of Christ, which we represent, has been ostracized since it's restoration in 1830, because we refuse to conform to the compromised divine law evidenced among Christendom, reformed or otherwise.

If the ordinances of God are deemed unworthy the attention of men who have formed creeds and

confessions, can they not be classified as "teachers having itching ears," without authority from God, void of understanding, desolate for the want of truth? II Timothy 4:3-4

We must believe "all things which are written in the law and in the prophets," and conscientiously observe all that they enjoin. See Acts 24:14-16

We hope for as full a salvation as was promised to the saints of old and we should not acquire exemption from the obligations imposed upon them, and we should not esteem person or persons an enemy to us who most closely clings to God.

"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son." II John 9

Finally, if God is unchangeable and we recognize that changes have been made in the Spiritual and doctrinal structure of either ourselves or the church, . . . who made the change?

Apostle Don W. Housknecht



There are two birth anniversary celebrations mentioned in the Bible. One was the Pharoah of Egypt who had thrown Joseph (Son of Jacob) into prison followed by the Pharoah's chief butler and baker. In the fulfillment of the butler's and baker's dreams, and Joseph's interpretation of them, the Pharoah, as part of his birthday celebration, restored the butler to his former position, but hung the baker on a tree to die. (Genesis 40)

The other birth anniversary celebration was for Herod Antipas (the Tetrarch, son of Herod the Great) whereupon he granted the daughter of Herodias "whatsoever she would ask." She asked, at her mother's bidding, for the head of John the Baptist, so Herod had John beheaded while in prison. (Matthew 14:1-12)

So, the aspect of these two celebrations absent from similar celebrations today, is (thankfully!) the occurrence of a violent death.

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"And it came to pass that Hagoth, he being an exceeding curious man . . . built him an exceeding large ship . . . and launched it forth into the west sea..." You may read about Hagoth and his journeys in Alma 30:5-12.

Do you know what connection this Nephite may have had with the white god Kon-Tiki?

(Answer next month)

TRIPLET MAXIMS

- THREE things to do —
think, choose, and act.
- THREE things to govern —
temper, tongue, and conduct.
- THREE things to teach —
truth, industry, and contentment.
- THREE things to advise —
intellect, dignity, and gracefulness.
- THREE things to like —
cordiality, goodness, and cheerfulness.
- THREE things to delight in —
benevolence, frankness, and freedom.
- THREE things to avoid —
idleness, loquacity, and flippant jesting.
- THREE things to wish for —
health, friends, and a contented spirit.
- THREE things to shun —
sin, Satan, and selfishness.
- THREE things to follow —
usefulness, holiness, and Christ.

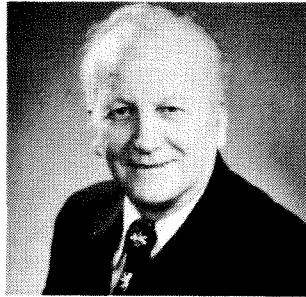
Quiet Hour Echoes

A Great And A Marvellous Work

By Apostle William A. Sheldon

PART ELEVEN

Now we will attempt to delineate elements of what the scriptures reveal in prophesying of what will be literally earth-shaking, and in fact, of universal dimension; it is called the day of the Lord. See Joel 2:11. Never before has there been an event of such proportion, nor will there be until the heavens and earth shall pass away (an even later occurrence), and there shall be new heavens and a new earth (see Revelation 21:1); nor does this take into consideration the final judgment of mankind. In so speaking of the day of the Lord, of its magnitude, we are primarily considering its physical aspects by comparison with anything of previous history. As great and momentous as the flood of Noah's time was, it is not so great, I think, as this future event. While the effects of divine wrath may be at par, so far as the flood may compare with the day of the Lord, yet His provision for His saints, including the revelation of His personage on a global scale, in this latter event, would seem to be of surpassing character.



"Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken." Matthew 24:29.

This same heavenly display is prophesied by Isaiah (12:10), Joel (2:10; 3:15), Zechariah (14:6), and John (Revelations 6:12, 13); perhaps by others. It is indicative of divine sorrow and displeasure for the exceeding transgression of mankind in the last days. No doubt this heavenly manifestation will, of itself, strike terror in the hearts of the wicked, but this will be succeeded by the most momentous event of all time — the appearance of Christ.

"And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." Matthew 24:30.

"Behold he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him..." Revelation 1:7.

"And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is

rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

"For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" (Revelation 6:14-17).

We may have supposed the glorious appearance of Christ to be less than what is revealed in scripture, so far as brightness is concerned. It is probable that we have given some thought to the earth being burned with fire, but no doubt, most think of this in terms of a complete burning process after the millennial reign of Christ, and following the great Judgment Day, in which there is to be, indeed, new heavens and a new earth. But are we aware of the burning glory of the countenance of Christ when He shall appear in the heaven, to be seen of all?

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." II Peter 3:10.

The foregoing appears to be a complete dissolution of the heavens and the earth, but this is not supported by other scriptures bearing upon the same dramatic event. We must consider it in a more limited way. For instance:

"But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fuller's soap: and he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver. . ." Malachi 3:2,3.

There will indeed be a burning, but perhaps not so literally as may be supposed. The burning will be of a character to consume, by the word of His mouth, all that is base, all that is corruptible, wicked and deceitful, including the very lives of the wicked.

"And the light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame: and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briars in one day: And shall consume the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul and body: and they shall be as when a standard-bearer fainteth. And the rest of the trees of his forest shall be few, that a child may write them." Isaiah 10:17-19

"And there shall be upon every high mountain, and upon every high hill, rivers and streams of waters in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall. Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the Lord bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound. Behold, the name of the Lord cometh from far, burning with his anger and the burden thereof is heavy: his lips are full of indignation, and his tongue as a devouring fire: And his breath, as an overflowing stream, shall reach to the midst of the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of vanity: and there shall be a bridle in the jaws of the people, causing them to err." Isaiah 30:25-28.

Let no one underestimate the power of the word of God when spoken by divinity or through His servants by the power of the Holy Ghost; for by His word were the worlds formed, and all therein; and by His word, they may be consumed, or refined!

In verse 25, we are told that rivers and streams of waters shall be upon every high mountain, and upon every high hill in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall. Verse 27 speaks of the Lord's word as burning with his anger, his lips are full of indignation, and His tongue as a devouring fire; And His breath, as an overflowing stream" (verse 28). Therefore, we are justified in the assertion that the "rivers and streams of water" which are to come upon the "mountains" and "hills", are the power of the word of God. Will He not use His servants in this manner, as well as by His own voice? Surely, also, the "mountains" and "hills" are allusions to nations great and small (as in Isaiah 2:2). The mighty word of God will "break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms" (Daniel 2:44). He will "sift the nations with the sieve of (their) vanity," and because they have permitted themselves to be bridled, causing them to err (see verse 28). Regarding this "bridle," Lamsa's translation says: "*Because there is a bridle in the jaws of the people, causing them to err.*" Perhaps this "bridle" is the "mark of the beast" (the sign of the cross). See Revelation 13:16. Again, in verse 31, we read: "For through the voice of the LORD shall the Assyrian (Gog/Russia) be beaten down, which smote with a rod."

All of this will be during the glorious, exceedingly brilliant, day of the Lord, "in the day that the Lord bindeth up the breach of His people, and healeth the stroke of their wound" (verse 26), when He shall save His people of Israel.

At this revelation of Jesus Christ in the heavens, and before His visitation of wrath upon the wicked, the saints who have died are to be caught up unto Him; this is the first resurrection, the resurrection of the just. Then, also, shall the saints living upon the

earth be caught up with the righteous dead, and this combined host, including an angelic host, shall be revealed in the heavens for all who are upon the earth to see. What a spectacular vision! And all this together with the sound of a mighty trump of the archangel! I Thessalonians 4:13-18:

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and arose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Book of Commandments 48:35-41: And it shall come to pass that he that feareth me shall be looking for the great day of the Lord to come, even for the signs of the coming of the Son of man; and they shall see signs and wonders, for they shall be shown forth in the heavens above, and in the earth beneath; and they shall behold blood and fire, and vapors of smoke: And before the day of the Lord shall come, the sun shall be darkened and the moon be turned into blood, and stars fall from heaven; And the remnant shall be gathered unto this place; and then they shall look for me, and behold I will come; and they shall see me in the clouds of heaven, clothed with power and great glory, with all the holy angels; And he that watches not for me shall be cut off. But before the arm of the Lord shall fall, an angel shall sound his trump, and the saints that have slept, shall come forth to meet me in the cloud. Wherefore if ye have slept in peace, blessed are you, for as you now behold me and know that I am, even so shall ye come unto me and your souls shall live, and your redemption shall be perfected, and the saints shall come forth from the four quarters of the earth. Then shall the arm of the Lord fall upon the nations, and then shall the Lord set his foot upon this mount, and it shall cleave in twain, and the earth shall tremble and reel to and fro, and the heavens also shall shake, and the Lord shall utter his voice and all the ends of the earth shall hear it, and the nations of the earth shall mourn, and they that have laughed shall see their folly, and calamity shall cover the mocker, and scorner shall be consumed, and they that have watched for iniquity, shall be hewn down and cast into the fire.

(to be continued)

Youth Trip 1985



The 4th of July was a warm day, excessively so. That was the day we, the Independence Young People's group and chaperons, headed for the Arizona Camp For All Ages. The horizon glared. The highway sent up waves of heat; shimmered in the distance. The wind through the open windows was a blast of heat.

It was somewhere betwixt here and there that Randy's keen eye spotted them: a man, a woman, four small children and a siamese kitten at the side of the road, stranded in the middle of nowhere beside a car that had flat given up.

Twenty five miles later, in Norman, Oklahoma, the woman, four children and siamese kitten left us. The man didn't. He wasn't, the woman belatedly pointed out, her husband. He was a hitchhiker they had picked up, and could we please take him with us? So the hitchhiker, Mike by name, spent the night with us in Armarillo, Texas.

We dropped him off the next day in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He expressed his gratitude for our kindness and was on his way. And if a sigh or two of relief was heard it was because a few had been intimidated by his presence. A comforting thought indeed to know that the Lord was with us.

Just before arriving at the Camp Friday evening in Heber, Arizona, all the girls, including myself, caked on the makeup, a useless gesture you may think, it being late and all. But it wasn't solely to enhance our looks, but to ward off the bugs. Not only did it scare the bugs away but everyone else also.

Later on that night at the Camp the young people played one of the most interesting games of Capture the Flag ever played. Never have two teams pitted strengths one against the other for so hard and for so long. Too bad the first team's flag disappeared before the game had even begun. . .

Saturday morning at the Camp Gerald Gill's fiance, Cindy, was baptized. It was a beautiful place.

Sunlight trickled through the dense foliage of the trees; the fresh, clean scent of pine needles lay heavy on the air. The pond rippled in the baking breeze that fairly blistered our skins. The silence broken only by the speaker's voice which carried easily in the mountain air.

Jason Christian and Sarah Leffert passed out during the service feeling the change of climate or altitude, but after being administered to they were able to take part once again in the activities. The only other casualty on this trip was a broken finger suffered by Kim Oldham, the result of a rough game of baseball.

Hubert Yates was in charge of the sacrament meeting Sunday morning. Many exceptional testimonies were given. Prayers were requested, blessings related, and thankfulness for the Camp was expressed. The service that I got the most out of was the Book of Mormon study led by Apostle Don McIndoo.

Monday morning we loaded the bus, said our good-byes and were on our way to Showlow, Arizona. Upon reaching there, Randy booked two rooms at a motel and everyone showered. Then we drove on to Showlow lake where we were privileged to be joined by Kathy and Mike Maloy and their three sons — Steven, Michael, and Eric. a good thing, too, because Kathy took my ice cooler that had been filling the back of the bus with noxious fumes and gave it a royal cleaning. Who would think that moldy cauliflower could give off such a putrid stench!

The second night in Showlow we set up Camp at the lake. Just as I dozed off, Joel Yates and Andy Brown arrived. The next day we all went to a beautiful campground in the White Mountains. It was raining when we got there, hence the mountains looked more wet than white. Although we were surrounded by mountains and trees on all sides there was a feeling of freedom. The extra day that Joel and Andy spent with us was a great benefit to our trip.

July 12th was a very important day for our group. Fourteen of us took our laundry, that had been moulding and mildewing and beginning to show signs of life, to be washed. Ahh! Clean clothes once again!

The other planned activity of the day was to go horse back riding at Judd's Ranch. It being such a perilous sport, Becky Sheldon was immensely relieved to see that our guide was a big hulking fellow, someone able to take care of us should any misfortune arise. Only the big hulking fellow just stood there with his arms folded across his wide expanse of chest.

"You are our guide?" Becky asked hopefully.

The man chuckled hugely. "Naw." He jerked a thumb over his shoulder. "Him," he drawled.

Becky looked. "Oh," she said weakly. Because our guide was a nine year old boy hunched over the sagging steps of a shack. However, our ride up a slope and back was uneventful, much to Becky's pleasure.

Sunday, on the way home, we encountered the only mechanical difficulty of our trip. A minor thing — a hole in two brake lines — but for four hours we were stuck in the small town of Texhoma. Our group sought refuge from the afternoon heat in a cafe that was probably around when the pioneers were heading west. Our group took up half the cafe, and after ordering an outrageous \$2.75 hamburger, the other half rapidly filled with several families in their Sunday best. The men were quietly formal in their suits, the women fairly glowed in knee-length dresses. It was as if we had taken a step back in time. When my \$2.75 hamburger arrived I was sure of it. It wasn't just a hamburger it was a meal, one which I couldn't hope to finish.

During our four hour stay in Texhoma, kids and adults alike sought the Lord in prayer concerning the problem with our bus. We were in a small town

and it was Sunday. The only garage and auto part store in the town were both closed. But, the Lord blessed us, for two men stopped to help. One man gave us his only can of break fluid and the other man took the brakeline to his home and brazed the hole. So, by God's intervention we were able to continue our trip and arrive home safely.

What stands out most in my mind about the Camp For All Ages was the love and concern shown for each other, like the special prayer service held for Michelle Yates. I'm indeed thankful that I was able to be part of the Camp For All Ages again this year. Another special thing I enjoyed on our trip after we left the Camp was a devotional held by each one of the kids every morning and evening. I especially remember a prayer meeting held for Louise Yates the night before she was to go in and have a catscan of her brain tumor. Almost every teenager in our group offered an earnest prayer in her behalf. The Camp and the trip was an uplifting experience and I believe that everyone that attended benefitted. Despite being deprived of most of the conveniences of life, it was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Ruth N. Seibel
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The following are testimonies by several of the young people who went on the trip to the Arizona Camp For All Ages.

I had lots of fun on the trip. This was the first year for me, and I want to thank all the people that persuaded me to go. I feel that it was very worth while to go on the trip.

I feel the people that prepared the food, the activities and everything, had a big job to do and I think they did it very well. I also want to thank the sponsors who kept us in line when we needed to be told and corrected about what we were doing. I think that the thing I enjoyed most were the times around the campfire. Some of those times were serious and some were full of laughter, happiness and love. I feel that all those times were fully enjoyed by all. I also want to thank the people who sent us money so that we were able to go on the trip. I feel that they made the trip possible. Most of all I thank God for watching over us at all times.

Carmine J. Case

The trip was a test to all of faith (especially the water fights and pillow fights on the bus). But, besides that, we pulled through ok. We all felt the Lord's spirit with us the whole way. The Arizona Camp For All Ages was the highlight of the trip. We had a great time swimming. So, as you can tell, we all had a wonderful time.

Jeff Oldham

I learned from a spiritual experience I had on the trip; One day when we were in the mountains, I was walking down a river and I noticed that my billfold was gone. I started looking for it. I was praying all the time that I would find it. I kept looking for it. After a while I found it, and I praise and thank God for helping me find it.

Kyle Temple

I thought the trip was fun and a great experience for me. I want to thank everyone who enabled us to go. The Camp was fun and I really got closer to more people. Like last year, I liked the meetings we had every morning and every night with the kids in charge. I am also thankful that the Lord was with us the whole trip. When we had bus trouble we got it fixed and people offered to help us. Thanks again!

Tricia Pennington

I enjoyed the whole trip and I found out how many friends I really do have, despite a few pillow fights. Because we were able to brush off the feathers and keep smiling. But, the main thing I was thankful for was that we came out of the mountains safely. When we got to the flatlands our brakes went out in the town of Texhoma. As we came coasting to a stop we went by a sign that said "Population: 995 nice people and 1 stinker." It was a good thing that

we didn't meet the "stinker," but we did meet a lot of nice people who helped us!

Greg Brickhouse

This year, just the same as last year, Randy had us kids in charge of little meetings in the morning and at night. It really helped us get closer together. I really did get closer to people on the trip and to the people at the Camp For All Ages in Arizona. Talking to them helped me.

Aimee Brockman

When we were on the trip and in the White mountains we went to see some six foot waterfalls. It was a three mile hike. We had brought our lunches to eat by the waterfalls. Randy and Becky Sheldon, Ricky and Becky Olson, Aimee, Carmine, and I were waiting for Benjamin, Sarah and Bobbi to come back because they had gone on down the trail. Ronnie and Pat and some of the other kids went back to camp to get the bus and meet us at the end of a two mile trail. We waited a while but Ben, Sarah and Bobbi didn't come back. So Ricky and Becky Olson, Carmine and I decided to head out for the bus, while Randy and Becky Sheldon and Aimee waited for the three who had gone too far down the trail. When we were three-fourths the way up the mountain we heard the bus honking. I walked on to see if I could find the bus. I went through a meadow and I could not decide which trail to follow. There was one trail that went up the side of the mountain and another trail that went across a stream. I waited until the others came and told them the situation. I had been praying that we would find the right trail. Then I noticed that one of the trails was an animal trail. Ricky headed back and found the right trail. I was happy that God had answered our prayer. We made it to the bus safely and Randy, Becky, Aimee, Benjamin, Bobbi and Sarah were right behind us.

Nancy Case

I liked the Camp best. I enjoyed everyone getting together and all the pretty scenery. I was very blessed when Benjamin, Sarah, and I went too far down the trail because we made it back. The whole trip was fun.

Bobbi Olson

About two months before the trip I had a dream. In this dream the Young People's group was going to Hollywood, California, a place where I knew in reality we were *definitely* not going. On the way there in the bus there were young people from the Church and others that I didn't know. Most of the kids were doing worldly things. They were trying to hide it, but Randy knew what was going on. There was a big radio in the front of the bus playing rock

music and everyone was listening to it (on our trips we aren't allowed to bring radios). Most of the music was pretty much nameless except one song: "One Night in Bangkok." When I woke up from the dream I felt scared because one of the people I've depended on to help me had not said anything about what he knew was wrong. On the real trip we unintentionally got a hitchhiker and he had a big radio. He turned it on and the song that was playing was "One Night In Bangkok." The words I heard were the same ones I'd heard in my dream. This put a shock into me because it was then I realized that, even on a Church trip, the devil is trying to get to us; probably even harder on Church related activities. We've got to watch out for Satan and look to God for help *at all times*. I really enjoyed this trip and the spiritual uplift it gave me.

Jenny Kidd

I have had such a good time getting to know my Brothers and Sisters in the Church. I'm glad we live in a land of freedom where we can travel. I like to see the young people come to Arizona. We have the best vacations in Missouri at the reunions and camps. This gospel is the joy of our lives.

Andy Brown

I had a very special blessing on the Arizona trip with the Young People's Group. On the very first day I lost my billfold with all my money in it. We had looked all over the bus and at the gas station we had just been at but we couldn't find it anywhere. I prayed and some of the other kids were praying for me, too. We found it in the bread box in the back of the bus. I was so thankful I found it. Another blessing I had was after I passed out at a baptism service. I thought I was going to die, but two of the Elders administered to me and I felt better in a snap and I was really thankful.

Jason Christian

Note of thanks:

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated money toward the trip. We especially want to thank Uncle Ray (Hunholz) for providing us with the money to buy each child and chaperon a Mexican dinner. The kids looked forward to it the whole trip and thoroughly enjoyed their meal! We want to thank the Phoenix people for having us at the Camp. All their efforts are much appreciated! We want to thank the chaperons, Bick Brockman, Ricky and Becky Olson and Ron Sheldon. Thank you for all your support and help and longsuffering! And last, but not least, we want to thank each one of the Young People for doing their part in making the trip a success!

Randy and Becky Sheldon

Path Lights

An Ongoing Testimony

I'm making this testimony in behalf of my father, Elder George Brantner. Brothers Isaac Brockman and Eugene Gould, and probably others, can attest to this. One of my father's dearest wishes was that we could get a local organized in Warrensburg and find a building large enough with kitchen facilities to host a Missouri Reunion. He wanted to fill the room and have a good spiritual feast.

After the reunion in 1982 and 1983, his words were almost identical: "I hope next year will be bigger and better."

This is our attendance record for the four years we've held the reunion at C.M.S.U. This is the plate count: (We had more people who did not eat some of the meals.) 1982 - 682; 1983 - 863; 1984 - 1048; 1985 - 1089.

The highest count for any one meal was Sunday noon of this year, with a count of 239.

Brothers and sisters, I want to take this time to thank each and every one for taking part to make his testimony an ongoing one.

Your sister in Christ,
Jeanette Cunningham

Prodigal Son

I made a special effort this year to come to the spring conference in Missouri because I felt there was something I must do. I felt the desire and the need to give a testimony before the congregation at conference. As it turned out, that testimony was never given, because each time I tried to stand to my feet, emotion gripped me and I remained seated. I have thought about this a great deal since conference, and now feel that maybe it is God's will that this testimony be given in the written form instead of verbally, so that everyone could know of it, including those not present at conference. Therefore, I respectfully submit this testimony for publication in the Advocate.

My story begins about 38 years ago, at the time of my baptism. Several months later, a dear friend of our family, an elder in the church, had a dream in which he saw that I would be a "Prodigal Son". I was very upset, even angry, at this Brother, over his dream, and knew he must have misunderstood because I knew I would never be Prodigal! Not!!

I eventually got over my anger however. In fact I even forgave all about this "dream", as I became

involved in growing up, getting married, having 6 children, and working long and hard to provide for my family.

Then one evening, a year ago last February, I suddenly recalled the dream! I became painfully aware that during all those years, I could recall only 5 times (for sure) that I had gone to church! I realized that the dream of long ago had been a righteous dream after all and I had indeed been a "Prodigal Son", and had wasted many long years.

I resolved then and there to return to church. As I was thinking about this, I recalled another very important incident in my life that gave me the desire to start my return by coming to the 1984 spring conference. I called my family in Missouri to let them know that I would be going to church with them at conference time. Many of you will recall that it was at this time that my Dad, Elder George Brantner, suddenly passed away. In fact I was enroute when this happened, and did not learn about it until I arrived late the next day. Consequently, I only got to the conference for about 2 hours one afternoon, BUT I had made the first step.

The incident that I had earlier recalled, that gave me the desire to start my return to church by going to conference, was this: Eight years ago, while visiting my family in Missouri, during conference time, I had a heart attack. That evening when Mom & Dad got home from church and learned about this, they came to the hospital and Dad administered to me. I never felt even one second of pain or apprehension from that time on. One year later, during conference time, I was again visiting my family in Missouri, and Mom asked me to go to church with her and Dad. As I declined, her eyes filled with tears, her voice broke and she said, "Those people prayed for you when you were sick."

So you see, this was the "incident" I recalled. I recalled my Mother's tears and I recalled that everyone had prayed for ME! My strong head and my hard heart had finally been touched, and I realized how far and how long I had drifted. I knew I must return to church, and I also knew that I must come to conference and say thank you, and God bless you. I'm only sorry it took me so long. I know it is by the mercy and grace of God toward a sinner, that I'm here at all.

May God Bless you,
Gale I. Brantner

If there is a testimony in your life I can use in this series, please send it to me.

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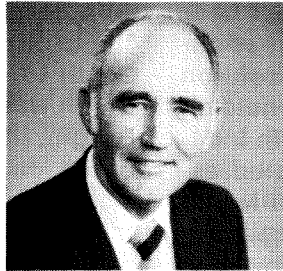
Excerpts From Four Sermons

GIVEN BY APOSTLE DON McINDOO
IN GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO IN 1985

(PREPARED FOR PUBLICATION BY BECKY DOWNS)

Unless we have a closer personal relationship with God, we may be among those who fall by the wayside. Here are twenty suggestions supported by scripture for attaining this relationship: 1) Be submissive; 2) contrite; 3) Be selfless; 4) Yearn for righteousness; 5) Be merciful; 6) Be pure in heart; 7) Make peace; 8) Reflect Christ; 9) Be reconciled; 10) Agreeable disposition; 11) Simple, honest speech; 12) Don't retaliate; 13) Give good for evil; 14) Be inconspicuously generous; 15) Pray and fast in secret; 16) Forgive; 17) Set priorities; 18) Avoid criticism; 19) Avoid deception; 20) Practice the "Golden Rule".

It is our responsibility to carry the fullness of the Gospel to the Gentiles, Indians and heathen nations. Christ gave these Gospel Commandments to outline the way before us: 1) Believe in Christ and in His words; 2) Repent; 3) Become as little children; 4) Be baptized; 5) Be united; 6) Partake of the sacrament; 7) Watch and pray always; 8) Meet together oft; 9) Study the scriptures; 10) Obey the Gospel Commandments; 11) We must do in the Church what Christ did — teach the message of the Father, pray to the Father, establish unity, be baptized and confirmed, administer the sacrament, heal the sick, bless children, call and ordain ministry to declare the words of Christ to the ends of the earth; 12) Endure to the end.



Jesus set no other example than this message: 1) 20 Gospel Commandments; 2) 12 definite commandments; 3) His relationship with God; 4) Our relationship with Him; 5) Law of Moses fulfilled; 6) Covenants with Israel; 7) Promises to the Gentiles; 8) Promises to the righteous; 9) Promises to the wicked; 10) Book of Mormon; 11) Restoration of the Gospel; 12) Tithing; 13) Zion, Judgement; 14) Promises to disciples. Concentrate on these 45 things to try our faith — let it be tried and found adequate.

We must get ourselves prepared for God to use us. From the Book of Commandments, in the early revelations, we find witness to our instruction: 1) Teach the Lamanites that they may know their history; 2) Teach the Lamanites that they may hear and know the Gospel; 3) Come to Christ; 4) Repent; 5) Keep Christ's commandments; 6) Seek the "cause" of Zion; 7) Put down contention; 8) Endure to the end; 9) Pray to the Father; 10) Be baptized.

The fullness of the wrath of God is about to be poured out upon the Americas. We must go forward in unity and not neglect our mission. We live in a day of temptation that will try our faith. We must define our mission, clarify our belief, and simplify our message.

The Mayflower Compact

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN. We whose names are underwritten, the loyal subjects of our dread sovereign Lord, King James, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith.

Having undertaken, for the glory of God, and the advancement of the Christian faith and honor of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia, do by these presents solemnly and mutually in the presence of God, and one of another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic, for our better ordering and

preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid; by virtue hereof to enact, constitute and frame such just and equal laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions and offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of the Colony: unto which we promise all due submission and obedience.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunder subscribed our names at Cape Cod the 11th of November, in the year of the reign of our sovereign Lord, King James of England, France and Ireland the eighteenth, and Scotland the fifty-fourth, anno Domini 1620.

NEWS

COLLINS, MISSOURI (Reporter Czerna Kauffman):

I bring you greetings from the Collins Local. I hope this letter finds you spiritually well and prospering in the understanding of the gospel.

I have two or three things to report to you, one of which I am at a loss of how to tell you. Please bear with my stumbling. Our dear sister Josephine Winkler was taken from this life in an auto accident on September 13, 1985. Funeral services were held on September 16th at Carson's Funeral Home in Independence. Brother Nicholas Denham officiated, assisted by Brother Curtis Yates. These are a few of the details, but I can't make you feel on paper the loss we share. I am only thankful to know and believe that Josephine is in the care of the Lord and that she is at peace and rest. Oh, that we might all be prepared to meet our Lord as I feel our sister Josephine was.

September 1st was a very special day for some of us here at Collins. It began with a beautiful sacrament service filled with love. A good part of this love was directed toward one young lady in particular. You see, at four o'clock that afternoon she was to be married. This young lady is pretty special to me — she's my daughter, Shawna. So, at 4:00 P.M., September 1st, Shawna was united in marriage to Mr. Dale Herd by her very proud step-father, Allen Kauffman. It was a lovely ceremony. The bride and groom looked like little dressed-up dolls. Now for the hard part — adjusting to "life together." I would ask your prayers for them. Life isn't easy at best, so please offer a small prayer for those two who have chosen each other for life. What better wedding present can we give?

Another blessed event took place September 22nd. Johnny Mathis, son-in-law of Joe Yates, entered the waters of baptism at the hands of Brother Allen Kauffman. The words that were said, the songs that were sung, the feeling that was shared among us was of such beauty and love that I can't describe it to you, but I'll bet you understand.

The laying on of hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost was performed by Brother Joe Yates, assisted by Brother Kauffman. Afterwards Brother Johnny sang a special for us called "It Takes Faith to Climb a Mountain." I've heard Johnny sing before and he has a wonderful voice, but this was special. He sang from his heart and it was indeed beautiful.

I would ask you to remember our Brother Johnny in your prayers and along with him I'd ask you to pray very earnestly for our sister Lynda Yates. Also for Slim (Wendell) and Oreta Yates. I believe in the power of prayer. If I didn't I wouldn't bother you with such a request. The people I've mentioned here

stand in need of a blessing from God. Please help them receive what they're needing.

May God be merciful to us all. Thank you each one for your help through prayer. God bless.

AVA, MISSOURI (Reporter Estella Davis):

In our annual elections we asked brother Arthur Smith to continue as our Pastor. Brother Joseph Smith was elected Assistant Pastor. Sister Barbara Burgin, Rt. 2, Ava, Mo. 65608. was elected Secretary of the local again.

We thank God for the blessings He has given us this last month. The illness of our pastor's daughter, Diane Hilterbrand, living at the time in Georgia but since moved to Springfield, Missouri, was not as serious as first supposed and surgery was not required. And then we were all filled with that quiet joy when Sister Myrle Darlington bore her testimony that Jesus had truly taken the pain and replaced it with a song when she had to take treatments that she had been told were very painful.

We also thank God for leading the Elders in their sermons of the month. Brother Joseph Smith reminded us that we must not put our daily material needs before our commitment to God. We must trust that God will help us get the material things we need if we will make the salvation of our souls our first treasure. Then Brother Marvin Case referred us to page 423 of the Book of Mormon wherein is said that it is necessary to desire to believe, to desire to find out the teachings of Christ. He warned us that we must never think that we have all we need of God's teachings, but we must study the Bible and Book of Mormon so we would know if anything new agrees with what they teach. We must ask God to help us judge what is true by the power of the Holy Ghost. Brother Arthur Smith brought us a beautiful message about the Temple to be built on this continent, the place of refuge where the Lord's people will be caught up (go to His house) to meet Him during the time of great hostilities. Brother Joseph Smith, in the last Sunday of September, spoke of Christ's second coming when He will establish His Kingdom in perfect order, and then the complete gospel of the Kingdom of God will go out to all the world. So we received words to guide us in our daily lives and also words to inspire us about the future.

On a more material level, the trustees of our little group have been meeting to discuss needed repairs to our building. Some work must be done on the roof, and some changes in kitchen facilities to make our dinner days more convenient and pleasant. We pray that the work will progress evenly and that we will soon be able to enjoy the improvements.

GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO (Reporter Becky Downs):

I am enjoying the briskness of the season, as it reminds us to prepare for the days ahead. Our spiritual life is much akin to our physical, as we are always looking ahead, trying to avoid the pitfalls out there "somewhere," trying to make each year better than the last. Along with our canning and caulking, we are also storing up treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt.

We have enjoyed a busy summer, full of good memories to see us through the winter months ahead. Our blessings are many, and perhaps you will read some of them in the Path Lights column. It was mentioned in a recent sermon that our prosperity boggles the mind. It is likewise staggering to count our many spiritual blessings.

We gain much from our association in social gatherings. A reception was held in June at the home of Johnny and Enid Bell, parents of Jack Bell, who was married to his sweetheart Kellie, in Houston, Texas. They have made their home in Alaska and were taking their honeymoon there when they stopped here just long enough to receive our best wishes, a few presents, and sample the beautiful cake decorated by Enid. She and I have worked together on many big cakes and her ability to dream up lovely, intricate details has always impressed me.

We welcome the cherry smile and fellowship of Enid's sister, Mildred Hooker, who is hopefully making her residence permanent in Grand Junction. You might remember her in your prayers, that she can sell her house in Missouri, and be free from the worry and expense of its upkeep.

Several members of our congregation are unemployed, and several have chronic health problems, all of whom would benefit from your prayers. After more than forty years with the same optical company, Bob Ely finds himself unemployed. We find the excuse given for his firing to be ludicrous, as Bob can tell you. We ask your prayers that God will provide peace of mind and guidance. The opportunity to do much good may present itself.

Ron Church has found Grand Junction's depressed economy a discouraging situation, as many businesses have left town and many people are out of work. Ron also suffers from a painful infirmity in his back and would appreciate your prayers in his behalf.

Dave Hinkle continues to meet with us when he is able. His frequent trips to the hospital have hindered his enjoyment of life. Many of you have visited Dave in his rock shop and know that he is not one to be idle. Will you remember him in your prayers?

Many of us have received God's blessing as a direct result of prayer. Testimonies have been given

lately concerning the immediate protection from danger when there was no time for prayer — the result of doing homework down on one's prayer bones beforehand. If one could keep an accurate journal of what is given in testimony meetings, you would have an endless accounting of God's rich blessings to his unworthy servants. I was privileged to attend such a meeting at the Temple Lot Church during my trip to attend the funeral of my aunt, Josephine Winkler. I'd like to give you a testimony of my Aunt Georgia Yates, who is of a different church, but a person who has learned to trust wholly in the Lord. My cousin Gigi Scott was to sing for the funeral, with me as accompanist. Neither one of us knew that Georgia had talked to the funeral director, and he did not want me to play the organ, as they had their own paid organist who was familiar with their equipment and procedure. She prayed and left the situation in God's hands, and I accompanied Gigi without any comment from the organist or funeral director. A small thing to ask of God, perhaps, but something which meant something special to the family.

Our prayers are for your spiritual growth and understanding, for your welfare and health. Kindly remember us in yours.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI (UPI, The Examiner 9/28/85): Ordination Approved for 235 RLDS Women.

Two hundred thirty-five recommendations for ordination of women have been approved by officers of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, the church said.

Of the 235 approved for ordination, approximately one-quarter have been considered by jurisdictional conferences, Apostle William Higdon, director of field ministries for the church, said Friday.

All but four of those considered have received conference approval, Higdon said. Those four women were considered by the Santa Fe Stake Conference in Independence, one of six jurisdictions in the metropolitan area.

It is still early in the fall schedule of conferences, Higdon said. Additional approvals are being voted at conferences each week. Final approvals have been given by conferences in Missouri, Florida, Hawaii, Michigan, Montana and in the Canadian Provinces of Ontario and Alberta as well as in Australia and other areas not named.

Ordination of both women and men will take place in many congregations throughout the church Nov. 17. Higdon noted that not all of the women who have accepted calls will be ordained on that date. Some ordinations will come later, after completion of pre-ordination training, he said.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA**(Reporter Irene Maley):**

Days begin already to be shorter; the geese began their flight south early. Signs of nature say to the old timers that the coming winter will be cold and long. The time is now for concise report of a busy summer.

The Dakota County Fair found Church of Christ members staffing the Fair booth and talking with those who stopped and accepted pamphlets. Tri-State Reunion followed closely. There were folks from Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and one from California.

We were blessed with sweet singers, one of whom sang gracefully by sign language. Sister Shirley Bailey, played organ accompaniment for singing. A wonderful and much appreciated contribution!

Each day began with an early morning prayer meeting. Brother Robert Jensen was missed. We were prayerfully mindful of him and our Sister Doris and many others. There were seven members of the priesthood present. Afternoon and evening preaching was good. Another meeting was a question and answer time. The ministry served to bring answers to some of the perplexities of life couched in questions presented by the congregation. Many from the young people took active interest in the answers given from the Bible and Book of Mormon.

Sunday morning Sacrament Service was the crowning touch of the Reunion, lasting from 9 a.m. until almost 2 p.m. We heard many earnest prayers, testimonies of our Lord's great love through remarkable experiences of our brothers and sisters who've tasted of our Lord's goodness.

On Monday morning, September 1, the clean-up crew went into action. The blackboard in the dining room held the message, "This is the" canyon "the Lord has made. . . Rejoice and be glad in it." Still we were reluctant to part, but provided a round of goodbye hugs; clasped hands, bowed heads, and asked God's blessings and protection upon the road for all. A light rain was falling. A tree nearby wafted a few yellow leaves our way on a brisk wind in farewell. God's beautiful canyon at Whitewater State park, Altura, Minnesota had again held a sweet time of fellowship. We thank all who blessed the time with their presence and help.

My sister, Josephine Winkler, met with a fatal car accident on September 13, and was layed to rest on September 16. The words of Elder Nicholas Denham and assistant, cousin and Elder Curtis Yates gave the family much comfort and hope. Nicholas and Josephine were classmates in high school and had attended a class reunion this summer in Independence, Missouri. Forest and I had visited Josephine in July.

Forest relayed to me the news that a member of the Metropolitan Opera Company and member of another "Church of Christ" had visited the Minneapolis Local on September 16th and had played the piano for the services. He also played at the evening meeting at Doug and Leah Ferrier's home. Some of the songs were written through inspiration by a woman "almost musically illiterate." We have had other visitors who are studying and earnestly seeking for a church.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**(Reporter Alzada Massey):**

The best news from our little group is that we continue to be supported by the missionaries. We need them and we think they need us, too! Since last I reported, we have had Elder Tony and Louise Grzincic, Elder Marvin and Edith Case, Apostle Marvin Ely, Apostle Roland and June Sarratt, and Elder Frank and Carol Fann. These good brothers and sisters have been ministering to us for several years and we are truly thankful.

Elder Larry Beem continues to be our good and faithful pastor and brings to us excellent sermons. I never tire of hearing Brother Larry. He always has something worthwhile to say and says it well.

We have a new church member. Sister Dorothy Deewall has transferred her membership to our local. She is attending Central Oklahoma State University in Edmond. Her little daughter, Dolly, has a place among us, too.

Brother M.G. Elwell has a new job. He is now working for the state of Oklahoma in the area of state insurance. We are proud of M.G. and Laura Mae is, too.

We have been listening to and discussing the late Brother Archie Bell's tapes called "Need of the Church for Zion." After we listen, we hold a discussion with questions and comments. We are learning and feel this is an extra special way to learn.

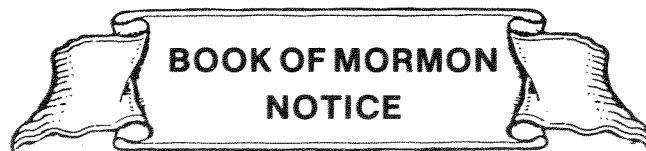
Sister Lorraine Weldon from Ava, Missouri visited with her daughter, Sister Jewell Beem and her family in August. The Fanns were guests of the Beems, too, in August. They were on their way from Texas to Missouri — moving, that is.

I spent five weeks in Missouri this summer helping care for my father, Brother Keeney. I consider it a privilege to help my father and I am thankful that I can. Daddy was greatly blessed during his illness. The Lord was and continues to be merciful unto him. For this my heart runneth over with thankfulness.

Our local uses a portable floor lectern since we continue to meet in homes. It works well and I thought, perhaps, there may be other locals in need of information about this lectern. You may write to me for information: 416 N. Texas, Weatherford, OK 73096.

May the Good Lord bless and keep each of you.

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The April 1984 General Conference determined a rather ambitious and worthy project for this Church of Christ, namely, the publication of our own Book of Mormon. It may, in fact, be a necessity if we hope to have this cherished scripture available to us in its presently accepted form.

It is planned to make considerable revision of reference texts only, as found at the bottom of each page, including an increased referral to Bible texts, etc., as appropriate. Provisions will be made, as presently, for publication with a plastic material for binding, with the book to be sold at minimum cost, with no profit. However, a limited supply with a better binding (leather or hardback) will be provided, also at minimum cost.

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This being a conference action, we would like to emphasize the importance of supporting this worthy cause to its completion. It is hoped that you will generously donate even above your anticipated order of new books, and if feasible, you will locally raise funds for the publishing of our own Book of Mormon. We pray that this precious record may always be available to us and our posterity.

A New Day

The morning's here, another day,
The sun is shining through,
I left my worries all behind;
Today, I start anew.

An orchestra of tuneful birds
Gives messages of cheer,
The dark of night has vanished
And the morning sun is here.

The dew is wet with diamonds
And the world has come alive,
The little stems I planted,
All limp; will now survive.

The morning's come, the air is sweet,
The sun is shining through,
Yesterday has ceased to be —
Today, I start anew.

Mildred H. Bell

Council of Apostles

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