

Zion's Advocate

*"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;" I Nephi 3:187*

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God in the Lord's Prayer

*The following attributes of the Divine character are implied
by the petitions taught by Jesus to His disciples:*

Our Father	Paternity
Hallowed be thy name	Sanctity
Thy Kingdom come	Sovereignty
Thy will be done	Supremacy
Give us this day our daily bread	Providence
Forgive us our trespasses	Benevolence
Lead us not into temptation	Omniscience
Deliver us from evil	Omnipotence
Thine is the Kingdom	Authority
The power	Ability
The glory	Majesty
Forever and ever	Eternity

Christ understands us completely. He knows and, better still, is able to meet our deepest needs.
Time spent with Him does far more for us than time spent with any human person.
Fellowship with Him is fellowship so wonderful that it cannot be described ...
it transcends human understanding!

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The Road in Front of the Ticul Church

I remember that we were all tired that day when we left the church at Ticul and started each one for our separate destinations. Vicente went to the east down the road all alone. The rest of us went to the west. I paused to reflect for a moment on this fact: "Vicente is all alone". The others were all talking and making plans one with another. They were rehearsing the discussions of the day in our conference and apparently were pleased with the plans we had made. However Brother Vicente was alone and walking up the street with bag over his shoulder silently silhouetted by the road in front of him. I don't think there were any other pedestrians at that moment anywhere near him.

In that brief moment I recalled his personal life. Yes Vicente is all alone walking on the road of life. No family members walk with him.

Later in the truck Brother Don McIndoo mentioned Vicente's solo journey. We grieved some for him in those few moments, but as I continued to reflect upon his life, I had no worries for him knowing that he is cut from a tough cloth. God has blessed him with the gift of poetry and with sons. He has given him strength to endure hardness of life and he will continue to walk down that road, and he is not really alone.

I also thought then as always of the great need we have there in Yucatan for more servants to be called to walk down that road of service. Again I grieved, silently though.

This year I walked down that road again in front of the Ticul church in the same direction that Vicente had traveled that day last year. We were visiting our Brother and pastor there, Fernando Castillo.

We stopped by his house to give him some money so he could put a new

floor in the church building. The hurricane had destroyed the roof of the building and he decided to put a better quality roof in its place. To do this it was necessary to install concrete columns in the walls and thus destroy the floor in the process. He was not at his house but at the church doing some preparatory work for the painting now needed. We decided to drive to the church and see him.

Earlier in the day we had picked up and brought with us four young men who wanted to go with us to the town of Mayapan to see the church and their brothers and sisters many of whom they did not know. One of these men is a priest in the Church of Christ and the pastor of the local at Mayapan because they have no other ministry there. Vicente also helps out with a regular monthly visit to Mayapan for three days each time.

On this particular trip three other young men requested that they be permitted to go with us to Mayapan. They desired to know the location of the church and who their brethren were. We had earlier stopped for lunch and prepared for them some of our food (tuna fish sandwiches). While preparing the meal I commented to Don that we will be traveling more with these young men in the future and he hopefully agreed.

When we arrived in Ticul to find Fernando C. gone and at the church these four young men decided to walk the short distance to the church. They all hopped out of the truck and took off with us following behind in the truck. We rounded the corner and turned east down the road that passes in front of the church in Ticul. There lined up shoulder to shoulder walking with the brisk strides of youth were our four brothers. Each one is young, ages ranging from 17 to 28, lean and sinewy muscular structure

by Elder Jay Moser
Missionary to Yucatan, Mexico

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**Watch next
month for
another article
introducing life
among our
brothers and
sisters in Mexico**

made by hard days of work, running to catch the bus or walking to and fro in the streets of their towns. Strong, clean, wholesome young men with two things in common: desires to serve God and smiles that can knock your eyes out.

They know what life has to offer. They already know in their young lives, hardship. They know what the world has, the food, the drink, the music, the clothes, the movies, the parties, the frivolity, and the pleasures all dangling in front of them. They are cut from the same tough cloth as their older brothers, like Vicente. My heart leaps within me as I watch them and realize that this may be the dawning of all I have ever hoped to see or wanted to be part of.

They are not alone. Three of them are married and their wives are baptized members. If they were here they too would be walking down the road in front of the Ticul church with their husbands. They would never miss a step with their pretty little feet, because they also are hearty and uncomplaining in life.

Again there is a pain in my heart causing grief as I think of my own country and people. Are we still able to walk down this road of sacrifice and hardship? Are we able to do what is necessary to further the gospel? At whatever the cost? The question goes unanswered, but there is hope trembling within me for I know that God is able to call his sheep and lead them.

We arrive at the church and enter to find old brother Fernando and several others working. We visit awhile and then leave, but first we will stop to see an old brother who has lost one leg due to diabetes. As we exit the church the four decided to walk to his house instead of ride, it is close. They begin to walk east in that same direction that we watched Vicente walk, down that same road and I can not resist the desire to walk with them. Off we go shoulder to shoulder.

Will you walk with us?

The World's Meanest Mother

Would little darlings of yours describe you in that way? Well, take heart, maybe in a few years time they will think like this:

As a child, I had the meanest mother in the whole world. She was really mean; when other kids ate lollies for breakfast, she made me eat cornflakes and eggs on toast. When others had soft drinks and lollies for lunch, I had to eat sandwiches she made.

My mother insisted on knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were on a chain gang. She had to know who your friends were and what we were doing. She insisted if we said we would be gone one hour, that we would only be gone one hour or less – she was really mean.

I'm ashamed to admit it, but she actually has the nerve to break the child labor law. She made us work! We had to wash all the dishes, make our beds, learn to cook, and all sorts of cruel things. I believe she laid awake at night thinking up mean things to do to us.

She always insisted on us telling the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. By the time we were teenagers, she was much wiser, and our lives became even more unbearable. None of this tooting the horn of the car for us to come running – instead, she embarrassed us immensely by making our dates and friends come to the door to get us. Oh, I forgot to mention that while my friends were dating at the mature age of 12 or 13, my old-fashioned mother refused to let me date until I was 16!

My mother was a complete failure as a mother. None of us have ever

been arrested, fired from a job, or had our character questioned. And who do we have to blame for this terrible was we turned out? You're right, our mean mother.

Look at all the things we missed. We didn't ever take part in a riotous demonstration, get chased by the police, or do a million and one things our friends did. She made us grow up into God-fearing, educated, honest human adults.

Using this as a background, I am trying to raise my children. I stand a little taller, and am filled with pride when my children call me mean.

You see, I thank God he gave me "THE MEANEST MOTHER IN THE WORLD."

**Submitted by Pam Lussenden
(author unknown)**

Young People — You Are Not Alone

When's the last time you really enjoyed yourself out jammin and driving fast, movin and groovin, reckless and wild – your head throbbing with the beat? Going everywhere, but nowhere fast. Naw, you probably got lucky and found some real friends, sort of like soul brothers. They understood you and you felt like talking. You weren't afraid because those kind of people you can trust. Someone started talking serious and you didn't get nervous. It was like they started asking those unanswered questions which you thought you were the only one asking. "What's going to happen to me? Who am I? What's it all about? Is there any sense in this life of nonsense?"

Remember when you and a few friends went down to the river to campout and get rugged. That day you hiked, swam, and saw a deer. You got back to camp bone tired and hungry only to find your buddie's dog had eaten your supper and laid on your sleeping bag after having taken an evening dip. Everybody laughed, and you did too, after awhile. There was still enough food to go around and while you waited for your bag to dry by the campfire you learned back on a long and watched the coals die down. The stars came out, bullfrogs drummed on the bank and night hawks flitted on the horizon. Never before had you felt so content. After talking half the night you drowsily crawled in that warm sleeping bag and went to sleep.

Many of us are veterans of the Camp For All Ages. There we play and pray and get to know each other and God. It's fun to watch families interact, battle in volleyball, and throw horseshoes. You come away feeling

good. Some minister around the campfire said something about, "...the day is fading fast, and the night is growing darker, and the snares are growing thicker while the scourge goes flaming past." It was kind of a sobering moment, but you knew it was true. You didn't have to look too far to see trouble in your friends and you could feel it's evil breath on your own neck. Is there anybody out there that feels the way you do? Are there any solutions? Where can you go?

Meet Melody Christian ...



Q. Do we need a camp just for young people?

M. Yes.

Q. Could it provide something for teenagers?

M. Yes, it could help young people get together and get to know each other better. Also, provide answers to their questions.

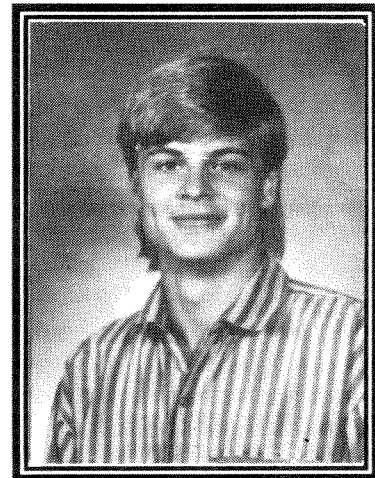
Q. What else are young people looking for?

M. Fun.

Q. What kind of activities would you want at a camp?

M. Volleyball, sketching, Bible study groups. I want to know more about the Book of Mormon. I really don't know enough about it.

Meet Jason Brickhouse ...



Q. What kind of answers are you looking for?

J. How God became.

Q. What do you like about campfires?

J. Sitting around talking. Listening to others tell stories.

Q. What do you want to happen among young people?

J. Everybody get along -- have fun.

Q. Who's the most influential person in your life?

J. My dad and older people who know what they're doing -- not bums.

Q. What do you despise in other people?

J. Greed and nosiness.

Here's Holly Smith ...



Q. Where are your best friends?
H. In church. I've grown up with them.

Q. Do you enjoy serious campfires?

H. Yes, I can find out more about people and how God works with them.

Q. What kind of a person do you want to grow up to be?

H. A good person. Someone for whom people will look up as an example.

Q. What do you want to happen at a youth camp?

H. A good experience. People having fun and maybe change their lives a bit. I'd pray about it.

Q. What's different about kids at Church camp as opposed to a group of kids out in the world?

H. Outside of the Church, people are unpredictable.

Meet Jason Oldham ...



Q. Do we need a youth camp?
J. Yes, so we can meet others in fellowship.

Q. Do you have good friends in the Church?

J. Yes, they care more.

Q. Do you like campfires?

J. Yes, they're peaceful and make me think what God can do.

Q. What do you want to happen at camp?

J. Everyone come with good sense of mind, become friends, no meanness.

Q. What do you want to be known for?

J. Someone who can be trusted.

And Tamar Seibel ...



Q. What's the difference between a Church group and a worldly group?

T. In the world things get out of hand. Rules and restrictions are good.

Q. What's happening in this world?

T. It's sad. People are ruining their lives. It sometimes ends up in suicide.

Q. What would you like to do at a youth camp?

T. Hike, volleyball, woodworking; create something with my hands.

Would you like the opportunity to fellowship with other young people, enjoy peaceful campfires, work with your hands and draw closer to God? Then escape to Teen Challenge '90. A camp dedicated to preserving our most precious natural resources: Our Young People.

The camp is August 5 - 10 (just prior to the Missouri Reunion).

Cost is \$75.00 which includes meals, lodging, and activities.

If you would like more information contact:

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Note: We need to know how many will be attending by June.

TESTIMONY OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN AND THE STICK OF JOSEPH

Compiled by Harvey E. Seibel

The Book of Mormon speaks of three of the disciples who were to remain until the coming of Christ again to the earth. They are otherwise known as the three Nephites.

"At an unknown date, but subsequent to that of Zamna's rule, we find three brothers, the Itzaob, reigning at Chichen over a people called from them the Itzas, as the city also was called thereafter Chichen Itza. They came from the west, were just and chaste men, and their reign a long and glorious one" (Bancroft, Native Races, vol. 5, p. 225).

"In another place this writer refers to three brothers, Itzaob, 'saintly men,' who were probably sent by Quetzalcoatl to spread his doctrines, but who ultimately founded a monarchy" (Bancroft, Native Races, vol. 3, Footnote, p. 465).

T. A. Willard says that the ancient Indians relate an account of the reign of three brothers in Chichen Itza. They came from the west and reigned for some years in peace and justice, honoring their god very much. They lived without wives in great honesty and virtue and were esteemed and obeyed by all (See City of the Sacred Well, p. 46 as cited in Farnsworth, The Americas Before Columbus, p. 9).

"Connected with the three brothers in a manner not clearly defined by the traditions - either ruling conjointly with them or more probably coming into power immediately after their downfall - was Cukulcan, who also came from the west, who was also famous for the purity of his life, and whose teachings in fact were identical with those of Quet-

zalcoatl among the Nahua people" (Bancroft, *ibid.*, p. 226).

What about the Book of Mormon? Did the Indians know of such a book or record?

"And before going on I want to make an account of Hue-Matzin (Mormon, Hes) the astrologer...Before dying he gathered together all the histories the Tultecas had, from the creation of the world up to that time and had them pictured in a very large book, where were pictured all their persecutions and hardships, prosperities and good happenings, kings and lords, laws and good government of their ancestors, old sayings and good examples, temples, idols, sacrifices, rites and ceremonies that they had, astrology, philosophy architecture, and the other arts, good as well as bad, and a resume of all things of science, knowledge, prosperous and adverse battles, and many other things; and he entitled this book calling it Teoamoxtli, which well interpreted means Various Things of God and divine book: the natives now call the Holy Scriptures teoamoxtli, because it is almost the same, principally in the persecutions and hardships of men" (Works of Ixtlilxochitl, cited in Ferguson, One Fold and One Shepherd, p. 214).

"This we shall write now under the Law of God and Christianity; we shall bring it to light because now the Popol Vuh, as it is called, cannot be seen any more, in which was clearly seen the coming from the other side of the sea and the narration of our obscurity, and our life was clearly seen. The original book, written long ago, existed, but its sight is hidden to the searcher and to the thinker" (Popol Vuh, p. 220).

"They well knew that there was a place where it could be seen, that

there was a book which they called the Popol Vuh" (Popol Vuh, p. 225).

"And this was the life of the Quiche, because no longer can be seen the book of the Popol Vuh which the kings had in olden times, for it has disappeared" (Popol Vuh, pp. 234-235).

"This, according to Father Ximenez himself, and according to its internal evidences is a translation of a literal copy of an original book written by one or more Quiches, in the Quiche language, in Roman letters, after the Christians had occupied Guatemala, and after the real original Popol Vuh - National Book - had been lost or destroyed - literally, was no more to be seen - and written to replace that lost book" (Bancroft, Native Races, vol. 3, Footnote, p. 43).

"Returning now to the other version of Toltec history we learn that after the death of the first king of Tolan, his son Ixtlilcuechahuac mounted the throne. His reign, like that of his predecessor, was peaceful and prosperous; but the only event recorded was a meeting of all the sages under the direction of the aged Hueman (Mormon, Hes) which took place only a few years before the end of the second king's term of office. At this assembly there were brought forward all the Toltec records reaching back to the earliest period of their existence, and from these documents, after a long conference and the most careful study, the teoamoxtli, or 'book of God,' was prepared. In its pages were inscribed the Nahua annals from the time of the deluge, or even from the creation; together with all their religious rites, governmental system, laws and social customs; their knowledge respecting agriculture and all the arts and sciences, particular attention being given to astrology; and a complete explanation of their modes of reckoning time and in-

terpreting the hieroglyphics. To the divine book was added a chapter of prophecies respecting future events and the signs by which it should be known when the time of their fulfillment was drawing near" (Bancroft, Native Races, vol. 5, p. 251).

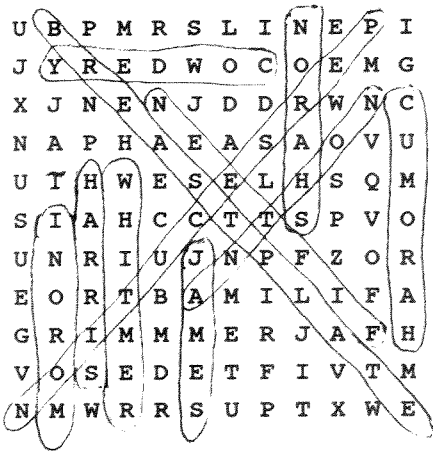
"Teoamoxtli, 'the divine book,' as it was called. According to Ixtlil-xochitl, it was composed by a Tezcucan doctor, named Huematzin,

towards the close of the seventh century. It gave an account of the migrations of his nation from Asia, of the various stations on their journey, of their social and religious institutions, their science, arts, etc., a good deal too much for one book. It has never been seen by a European ... Lord Kingsborough, who can scent out a Hebrew root, be it buried never so deep, has discovered that the

Teoamoxtli was the Pentateuch. Thus, — teo means 'divine' amotl, 'paper' or 'book,' and moxtli 'appears to be Moses.' - 'Divine Book of Moses!'" (Antiquities of Mexico, vol 5, p. 204, cited in Prescott, The Conquest of Mexico, Footnote, p. 63).

NOTE! Instead of "Divine Book of Moses" why not "Divine Book of Mormon?" Moxtli could just as well be Mormon as Moses. H.E.S.

Solution to last month's puzzle/quiz:



Joseph Smith: City of Birth - Sharon, Vermont; Epistle of inspiration - James; Age at 1st vision - Fifteen; J.S. received much - persecution; The Angel making frequent visits - Moroni; Item in stone box - breastplate; Stone box burial location - Cumorah; Three witnesses of the sacred plates & the Angel - Martin Harris, Oliver Cowdery, & David Whitmer; Mystery word (a wise professor) - Anthon.

The Z.A. staff received only one response of a positive nature regarding this proposed puzzle/quiz feature. Therefore, it will not continue. However, if follow-up response is received, AND someone will volunteer to submit a monthly subject and eleven questions and answers, the staff will consider continuing this feature. Keep in mind that it is intended that this remain an adult oriented feature, rather than for children – hoping that it will be in line with our missionary goals.

MORE INTERESTING THOUGHTS: Over a period of time, the Z.A. editorial staff has attempted various new features, none of which met with any positive response from our readership. If you have an idea for a feature that is in line with the editorial goals stated on the inside front cover, AND that you are willing to support with monthly submissions, please direct a response to either one of the editorial staff, either by mail or otherwise. We will consider your response and respond to you accordingly.

Talk With God

by Robin Ann Cox

So great the consolation in ... a talk with God above ... for He and He alone can fill ... our hearts with peace and love

How wonderful to pray to Him ... who listens to all pleas ... and gain the comfort that He gives ... all suffering He'll ease

And when our skies are dark and gray ... and nothing seems worthwhile ... just a little talk with Him ... will cause our hearts to smile

For he's the greatest one we have ... the one who really cares ... and if our love is deep enough ... He'll answer all our prayers.

Ava Local Report

Our winter is over again. Now the Spring flowers are blooming: the dogtooth and the bird'sfoot violets, dandelions, the rebud and the shadbush trees. The dogwood trees aren't blooming yet, but will be soon. The winter was mild for our part of the Ozarks. Not much snow, but much rain — we've had rain until the ground can hold no more.

Just before Christmas we did have a very cold spell that froze some water pipes. Brother and Sister Les Burgin had just finished thawing water pipes when one of their rabbit house caught fire. Several young rabbits were burned, a tragedy, but the main rabbit house and the horse barn were saved.

On a more pleasant note, Brother Tim Smith, son of our pastor, graduated from art school in New York, New York. He is now employed with an art gallery in New York. Tim's position gives him an opportunity to travel to foreign countries; which pleases him.

Brother and Sister Don Burnett have moved from the Branson, Missouri, area to Green Forest, Arkan-

sas. We are very happy that they are still close enough to attend meetings with us.

Sister Cindy Riley gave us a beautiful testimony concerning her young son. It seems that a small bruise near Cody's eye had been bothering him for some time, when he suddenly became feverish and listless. Cindy called her doctor, who had to leave for a meeting, but could see the child if they drove immediately to his office. On the way, as Cindy prayed, she felt a calmness and confidence that our Lord was with them and would take care of Cody. The bruise was infected with added danger because it was so near the brain. Cody responded quickly to the medication and was his usual bouncy self when Cindy and he attended services with us. Cindy says she feels the Lord truly blessed them both with the quick recovery and with the gift of faith and trust she, as a worried mother, received.

We have had some very welcome visitors during the winter months. Among them were Brother and Sister Loren Bryant, Brother and Sister Gerry Case, Brother and Sister Bob

Oldham, and Brother and Sister Steve McGee.

Some notes I have taken from sermons are:

- **It is required of us to build a Christian character.**
- **In our days on earth we find out how to do the will of the Lord.**
- **We need to allow people to change.**
- **What's our other choices? Willing and obedient servants of Satan?**
- **This is an active religion: we have to constantly participate.**
- **Faith is a commitment to God and a complete dependence upon Christ in all aspects of life.**

Estella Davis

Collins Local News

This is a very unpredictable time of year here in Missouri. The weather ranges from a warm 70 degrees one day to a cold 34 degrees the next. Sunshine and rain. I guess our lives tend to oscillate in a similar fashion, too. Perhaps one day all is going well for us and the next day may bring clouds of gloom. Remember the words of one of our hymns, "Let Us Pray For One Another". How else can we stand the sorrows of life or properly rejoice over the joys that are ours, but with the privilege of prayer?

One such day of rejoicing was ours to enjoy when Julie Isabelle, Penny Narner, and Heidi Adams gave a surprise 40th wedding anniversary party for their parents, Glen and Mildred Adams. It was indeed a surprise for the Adams' as Mildred's sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Buff, from Arkansas, were driving them by the Windsor Senior Center and they could see through the window several family members inside. When Betty and Buff tried to en-

courage Glen and Mildred to stop in and say hello, Mildred said she didn't think they should since there was obviously a family gathering and they hadn't been invited. What a laugh we had out of that! Julie, Penny, and Heidi, assisted by Jo Eddy and myself sang three or four songs for our surprised guests of honor before having them cut their cake and open their gifts.

January 27th was a day of sorrow and yet a day of rejoicing. Our well beloved Brother Joe Yates passed from this life to his well-deserved rest. To say he will be missed is the very least I can say. Brother Joe baptized me. I could always understand him when he preached. He had such an easy manner about him. And when he prayed I knew he was really talking to God. He taught me a lot about humility. Certainly I loved Brother Joe very much and I thank God for sending him to the Collins Local. Our sympathy and prayers are for the family. May God give comfort to each one.

Our guest speakers for the last three months have been Brothers

Glen Gill, Marvin Case, and Leslie Case. We appreciate these visitors and the gospel message they bring, but also for the opportunity it gives us to visit with them and get to know them better.

Jack and Betty Martin's oldest son, Mike and his wife, Sherry, were here for a weekend visit. They had to leave right after church as they had a long drive back to Oklahoma. I wish we could have visited longer. Maybe next time.

Here, in closing, are a few quotes I've gleaned from sermons:

- **In this life we all have a mission to fulfill.**
- **If we trust in the arm of flesh we open ourselves to strong delusion.**
- **God knows whether we're sincere or not; whether we're just giving lip service or have real faith.**

● Just to say "I know that He can" is not to say, "I know that He will."

● God does not permit sin because of the great rush of

time. (Changing world and changing times.)

● "You can't get well if you don't take your medicine." The scriptures, prayer,

church services, etc. are the medicine for sick souls.

Your reporter, Czerna Kauffman

Grand Junction Report

We gladly welcome back to our meetings Elder Harvey Bell whose illness kept him from attending church for several weeks. Recently we had the great pleasure and blessing of celebrating Brother Harvey's 90th birthday with him. Joining local family members and friends to celebrate the occasion were Elder Leslie and Irene Case, Caroline Hedrick and Carrie Geier, all from Missouri; Bob Hedrick from Arizona; Tom Larsen and his children, Tina, Shane and Bobby, from Nebraska. Brother Harvey and Sister Alvina also celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary on the 14th of March. Elder Marvin and Edith Case came for a visit the last week of March.

The number of people in our local has been lessened by 3 as Jan Banta has moved back to Iowa with her 2 young boys. They will be greatly

missed. We remember them in our prayers.

Several members of the Grand Junction Local are in need of prayers. Four days before his birthday Brother Harvey suffered a fall which resulted in a badly broken arm. He was blessed in the fact it was not his right arm. Brother Aric Downs has asked an interest in prayers that, as spring is here and pollens are in the air, he will not suffer any complications from allergies which have been severe in the past.

Many of us felt deeply the loss of the church building on the Temple Lot. We are very grateful for the information and reports we have received from family and church members concerning the fire. We are thankful for the Lord's protection of all who were at the service the evening before and for the safe recovery of the historic records, the cornerstones and other important materials. Our prayers are with all those affected by this incident as well

as the troubled one responsible for it. We are very thankful for the many blessings received by our brothers and sisters, the help given by people of their community as well as from people of other areas.

Alice, Jeanie and Joanie Larsen vacationed the last week of March in Hawaii, staying with Scott and Marie Hale and their family. They are doing well and, although the children were overcoming colds, they were able to travel around the beautiful island of Oahu and to other islands. Sunday morning there was Sunday School with the children and a taped sermon of Brother Frank Fann. It was a time enjoyed greatly in the love of fellowship and family.

We at the Grand Junction Local are looking forward to seeing many of our brothers and sisters at our reunion on June 8, 9 and 10.

Joanie Larsen
Advocate Reporter
Grand Junction, Colorado, Local

Phoenix Local News

Again, Greetings from the Phoenix area to you. We greet you in the name of Jesus Christ.

We were happy to welcome back into our midst two of our traveling ministry; Jim and Hubert Yates. We have heard that Don McIndoo and Jay Moser are back in the states from their extensive work in Yucatan. Though these brothers are all sorely missed by those of us who remain at home, we realize that the work they do among our brethren who are many miles from us, is necessary and worthwhile.

We have enjoyed having visitors with us during the past month: Emery and Mary Pinder were wel-

comed with pleasure, as they spent a couple of weeks in our area. We also were delighted to look up one day and see "Buzz" Brickhouse walk in to worship with us.

This week we "oldsters" were treated to a spaghetti supper hosted by the Young People's groups to raise money for contribution toward the new church building in Independence. They cooked, served and cleaned up under the supervision of Bill and Karin Malone. We are happy to see the younger church members take a responsibility for "their" church!

It is also noteworthy and pleasurable to watch our younger members work to prepare entertainment for their congregation. Many of the boys

and girls put forth much effort to sing, recite and play the piano for hat a joy for those of us who are two generations older.

We have been blessed with having a full house at most of our services lately. It is always so good to see the faces of those whom we love so much. And, of course, our ministry have continually fed us well. We know that their messages are guided by the Spirit of the Lord.

As I write this, preparations are being made for attendance at our annual Conference. May God's wisdom and love guide all is our prayer.

Meredyth Malone, Reporter

Houston (Missouri) Rally

The Houston, Missouri, local would like to invite all who are interested to join us in worship services on Sunday, May 27, 1990.

This is our annual Rally Day, and we will enjoy the prayer and preaching services starting at 8:30 A.M. A meal will be provided at Noon.

We hope to see our many brothers and sisters in the Gospel ties join with us this special day.
Pastor Arthur G. Smith

Independence News Temple Lot Local

The eventful days have passed so swiftly that the pen has neither the fine ability of keeping up, nor the space needed to report all that has taken place. Enthusiasm is a word from the Greek "en theos" meaning from God: "A God given excitement, a spirit filled zeal". We have seen such an enthusiasm in action and the response awarded is the sparkling gift of encouragement and bright hope out of seeming adversity; a reach into spiritual reserves demonstrates the creativeness of our people.

The YPCL sponsored an Un-talent Show at our City's Sermon Center in the theatre. This was a

somewhat modernized re-enactment of bygone days, where the un-actors and un-actresses held the special enhancement of being our loved children, brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers, and family groups. We saw us entertaining each other with music, song, comedy skits, poetry and thoughts, more comedy skits, and a puppet show with puppet stage and puppets made by "Mom", featuring Doubtful Daniel in the lion's den. According to the original plot the not-so-doubtful Daniel remained alive and well as presented by youthful voices, a favorite Bible story of bravery and faith in God's power to protect...How appropriate!

Harvey Leon Seibel was the busy director (and actor) of this benefit event, which started early and ex-

tended late. Even the judges, Marlene Cobb, Becky and Randy Sheldon, Gerry and Cindy Case, were inventive in awarding honors according to categories, so that all received honorable mention for their showmanship. (The "Un" preceding the word Talent didn't fool us; we saw and heard it shining out all over the place.) The meaning of the evening was much more than just fun and a means of expanding the building fund. It was for us an oasis from which we drank eagerly. Thanks to all. We were also grateful for the beautiful Roger T. Sermon Civic Center, and Theatre.

(Due to space requirements, the balance of Sr. Maley's news will be continued next month as part of her next report - Ed.)

Irene Y. Maley, Reporter

Missouri Spring Camp for All Ages

The Missouri Camp for All Ages, Spring 1990 edition, will be held May 18-20 at Knob Noster State Park. The camp is located about 15 miles East of Warrensburg. We have reserved the Shawnee Group Camp Site on the North side of Highway DD. Check-in time is any time after 4:30 P.M., Friday, May 18. Check-out time is 4:00 P.M., Sunday, May 20.

You may camp in tents or trailers, or use the cabins, which are provided at no extra charge. There is a large meeting hall and kitchen available for our use. Meals will be provided from Saturday breakfast through Sunday lunch.

The focus of attention will be heavy on good Christian fellowship through religious meetings, outdoor sports activities, and heavy-duty lawn chair visits. So, plan to bring your kids, your neighbors and your friends, but **leave your pets at home - state rules forbid them.**

There is a state camp fee of \$5.00 per person for the weekend. If this is a burden, **DON'T LET IT PREVENT YOUR ATTENDANCE.**

For more information, contact **Don Case** (816-584-2429, home; or 816-584-2558, office), or **Steve McGhee**, 2533 Glen Lane, Independence, Mo. 64052 (816-461-8393)

Colorado Reunion

June 8, 9 and 10, 1990 are the dates to remember for the Colorado Reunion to be held at the Church of Christ, Orchard Mesa Local, 3233 B 1/2 Road, Grand Junction, Colorado.

When you have made your plans to come and worship with us, please notify one of our committee members, so we may have a count for meals and accommodations.

Marvin Ely (303-434-8149) 236 - 32 Road, Grand Junction, CO 81503

Allen Downs (303-243-5777) 299 1/2 Holly Lane, Grand Junction, CO 81503

Robert Ely (303-434-8090) 3201 B 1/2 Rd, Grand Junction, CO 81503

Come and see our beautiful western mountains and worship with us in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Enid E. Bell, Secretary

Michigan Reunion

The Michigan Reunion, once again, will be held at Ravenna, Michigan. We extend the hand of fellowship to one and all.

Please come and worship with us at 750 S. Ravenna Road, Ravenna, Michigan, June 15, 16 and 17, 1990.

There is plenty of room for campers at the Church and other housing is available by contacting:

Priest Aaron Heath
159 E. Beech Street
Fruitport, Michigan 49415
Phone: (616) 865-3270; or
(616) 722-2253

Tri-State Reunion Notice

The 1990 Tri-State reunion will be held August 31 through September 2, at White Water State Park, Minnesota. Watch in future issues of Zion's Advocate for further details.

Missouri Reunion

The Missouri reunion will be held August 10-12 at the same location in Warrensburg as the past few years.

Contact **Jeanette Cunningham**, Rt. 5, Warrensburg, Mo 64093 (816-747-5024) for more information.

Room reservations are recommended to be made as soon as possible: \$16.50 per night for single occupancy; \$26.00 for double occupancy.

The full notice will appear in the June & July issues.

