

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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"Behold, I give unto you a sign: for five years more cometh, and behold, then cometh the Son of God to redeem all those who shall believe on his name. ... And behold there shall be a new star arise, such an one as ye never have beheld; and this also shall be a sign unto you."

Samuel, the Lamanite



"... there were some who began to say that the time was past for the words to be fulfilled, which were spoken by Samuel, the Lamanite. ... saying, Behold, the time is past, and the words of Samuel are not fulfilled; therefore, your joy and your faith concerning this thing hath been in vain."



"And it came to pass that (Nephi) cried mightily unto the Lord, all that day; and behold, the voice of the Lord came unto him, saying, Lift up your head and be of good cheer, for behold, the time is at hand, and on this night shall the sign be given, And on the morrow come I into the world, to shew unto the world that I will fulfill all that which I have caused to be spoken by the mouth of my holy prophets."

"And it came to pass that there was no darkness in all the night, but it was as light as though it was midday. ... and **they knew that it was the day that the Lord should be born** ... And it came to pass also, that a new star did appear, according to the word."

*These are words taken from the Book of Mormon concerning the time surrounding the birth of our Saviour.
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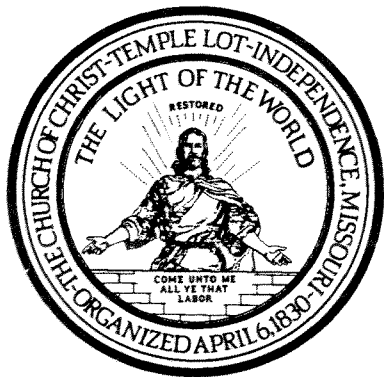
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KEEP YOUR HAT ON STRAIGHT

So many sayings of yesterday were able to capsule a thought, a warning, a fear and hope in few words. These sayings were able to express, spiritually and physically, a message clear and concise. Today, we have sayings but do they accomplish what the giver intends or desires? Do they give to the receiver what he stood in need of in a clear and concise manner? Do they not address the physical side of life and ignore the spiritual? Are today's sayings a capsule of help or do they mirror a self-indulgent people? Think of the sayings of today, the bumper stickers and the slogans; compare these with those of our fathers and grandfathers.

One saying my Dad was fond of using when I was a boy and I would be out of his sight and direct supervision for a period of time was, "Keep your hat on straight!" I do not remember any of my friends' fathers using this expression nor have I heard it used elsewhere as I grew into manhood. "Keep your hat on straight" ... I knew exactly what it meant!

It was a warning that it was my hat that would be seen, commented on and judged by others (even though I wore no hat by choice and still do not wear one today unless I must). I knew what my father was speaking about; he spoke of my behavior in public, the example I set for others around me to see.

The thought was given to me afresh that I had been taught how to wear my hat each time I heard my Dad use, "Keep your hat on straight." The choice was then mine to make. My parents taught by example or, in other words, they lived as they would have me live. My parents disciplined when lines drawn were crossed, even though these lines were invisible to others.

Praise was given when my hat remained straight when the winds of life blew and the temptation to remove my hat with friends was resisted.

Each time I heard, "Keep your hat on straight," I heard fear and hope expressed also. Fear of situations, problems, people, and accidents beyond my parents control. When younger, they were always there to control not only me but what happened to me. As I grew older and was given freedom they were not always there. Parents fear for their children but at the same time hope as they grow, watching their child place his hat on his own head.

A lot can be learned observing an individual's hat. The angle at which a hat is worn can show carelessness, conservativeness, innocence, recklessness, etc. Style may mirror an individual's upbringing, education, environment, or self-esteem. Crispness may show the hope an individual has, the preparation or work he is willing to invest towards a goal.

Before our God, we as parents or children are all as children before Him. He has given us fair warning that it is our hat we must wear, only one life to prepare and for which we are responsible come judgement day. He has given us our moral agency and freedom of choice as to how we wear our hat. The angle at which we wear our hat is ours to choose, the style developed over our whole lifetime is ours to choose, the crispness with which we prepare and grow is ours to choose.

There are many scriptures I could close with and many you might suggest but this scripture I feel led to quote:

Editorial ...

by Priest Michael McGhee

For behold, my brethren, it is given unto you to judge, that you may know good from evil; and the way to judge is as plain, that you may know with a perfect knowledge, as the daylight is from the dark night. For behold, the Spirit of Christ is given to every man, that they may know good from evil; wherefore I show unto you the way to judge: for every thing which inviteth to do good, and to persuade to believe in Christ, is sent forth by the power and gift of Christ; Wherefore ye may know with a perfect knowledge, it is of God; but whatsoever thing persuadeth men to do evil, and believe not in Christ, and deny him, and serve not God, then you may know with a perfect knowledge it is of the devil. Wherefore I beseech of you, brethren, that ye should search diligently in the light of Christ, that ye may know good from evil; and if ye will lay hold upon every good thing, and condemn it not, ye certainly will be a child of Christ. -- Moroni 7:13-15, 18

I pray that you "Keep your hat on straight."

Temple Lot Local Gives Thanks!

We have an endless 1990 Thanksgiving list. We've been challenged, humbled, encouraged, strengthened and pressed to exercise our faith, charity and creativity. Here are just a few things from the blessing list:

Blessed with a perfect "last day." We shared New Year's Eve at the Temple Lot with many East Local folks. We took pictures - memories to view and hold in our hearts. Our lives were protected -the arsonist's hand was stayed 'til morning, when the building was empty.

Blessed with building plans. In the first week, Greg and Denise (Rudd) Evans acted independently, on direction Denise received from God, and drew basic church plans. Architects refined the details, but the basic design is still God's. Before the fire, we had no knowledge rezoning would be needed for a new church. Drawn plans are required for rezoning application, The Evans' drawings allowed almost immediate application. We are thankful Denise and Greg had the courage and talent to follow God's direction.

Blessed with donations. News media coverage was excellent. Immediately, donations came from non-members in Independence and across the country. One of the first was from the former pastor of the RLDS Stone Church; one from the arsonist's sister; a construction company gave \$1,000; a lady driving by the ruins handed someone \$3.00, and donations

from \$1.00 to over \$100,000 from Church of Christ individual members and locals throughout the U.S. ... and on and on! God touched their hearts.

Blessed with places to meet. Of course, the East Local invited us to meet with them. Thankfully, there are too many of us for Sunday mornings, so we meet there Sunday evenings and Wednesday prayer services. Unfortunately, it's not as crowded then - our goal is to change that this next year. Many churches generously offered us a meeting place, but we wanted to keep our own identity, so we chose the "neutral ground" of the YMCA, which had contacted us and offered Sunday morning - first month free - only \$25 each Sunday morning thereafter. We never had to search for a meeting place. God found it for us.

Blessed with fund raisers. We had little to NO fund raising experience. Always had more than we needed to operate the Local! But, God gave us some creative ideas, strength and success. The United Workers sponsored two garage sales, netting over \$2300. The Bruners and Kauffmans staged two Gospel Music shows and produced a \$5.00 tape entitled "BAK To Gospel" (with the electronic recording expertise of Dan Lawrence), all netting close to \$3,000 so far. Dr. Don Case held a "Pet Day," using Alvin Harris' garage as a temporary clinic. Over \$500 in fees for animals' shots went to the local Fund.

We are currently saving grocery labels, have a craft and bake sale scheduled, and other ideas brewing. Each project began with specific people: succeeded with everyone's participation and God's help.

Blessed to contribute to the General Church Headquarters building: At our September 18th business meeting, the Local committed \$100,000 to the building. We already had \$10,000 in a "starter" building fund before the fire, but the rest was received since January 1st. Additional donations since September 18th bring the total Local Building Fund to \$214,722 - and God is blessing people to be able to add to it every day!

Blessed by Unity: Unity of Apostles' and Bishops' plans and actions for rebuilding. Unity of the all members' prayers, their votes at the April Conference, and their overwhelming affirmative referendum vote approving Temple Lot Local use of the new building. Perhaps best of all, unity of Independence members of both Locals, seeing us through turning this tragedy to a blessing. We praise and thank the Lord for His guidance and strength and for giving us our brothers, sisters and friends everywhere.

Sincerely,
Joyce Harris, Reporter

An Appeal

By conference action this past April 1990, the Church has determined to build a new structure to replace the headquarters building which was destroyed by fire on January 1, 1990. Approval for the use and control of this new building has been given by the Church at large.

There has been general enthusiasm and financial support in preparation to build, which is deeply appreciated by the Apostles and General Bishopric. The response has been truly remarkable in consideration of the smallness of our numbers. However, the original estimate of approximately \$488,000 to complete the structure, exclusive of internal fur-

nishings, has necessarily been revised upward due to the incorporation of needed design changes, most of which were by the way of suggestion from members of the Church.

The funds necessary to complete the building and furnish it are not presently available. Therefore, we appeal to each of you to sacrifice as may be needed and give to the "NEW BUILDING FUND." This new building will also enable us to meet for conferences in expanded facilities to accommodate our increased numbers; in recent years, this has not been possible, and has necessitated the rental of other facilities in the Independence area at considerable

The Sunday School Teacher's Code of Conduct

An experienced and dedicated Sunday School teacher shares some of her God-given wisdom on how to teach our little ones ...

First of all, I don't use quarterlies in my class for Book of Mormon lessons. I just study ahead of time, digest it thoroughly, and then tell the children. "This is in my own words," and read the crucial parts straight from the book, explaining things as I go, bringing emphasis on parts necessary to their souls' salvation. Praying about this always helps -- way ahead of time, of course. I think the good Lord holds me accountable for what and how I teach.

It's good to have an older child that can read to do so -- a few verses at a time if they can read well. If they stammer or hesitate too much in their reading aloud it causes the other children to lose their train of thought. It is good to, sort of, act out the story as you go along with gestures and facial expressions like you think the characters involved really used. Talk like people talk naturally. If you notice someone shuffling their feet or gazing quietly off into space -- you have lost their attention and need to brighten it up a little. Bring out the timid ones by kind remarks and questions, and sit the most unruly ones closest to you -- without telling them why. Once in a while I treat the class with non-sticky goodies. This treat is a silent message that I consider them very special to me.



I cannot find Book of Mormon material in the book stores that present the story in a lively manner -- so I illustrate many on my own. I use maps to show the travel pattern of the Jaredites and the Nephites, and how our country means so much in the plan and how it fits in with the parable of the tame olive tree, and at another time -- the ships that Hagoth built and sent out to "who knows where" -- maybe the Pacific islands, California, Alaska, etc. I scour around in coloring books looking for pictures of Indians and how they lived, as well as for pictures of old cities, etc., in other places on our continent, pictures of gentile landings, like the Pilgrims, Cortez and others. I stress how important it is to obey the laws of God so we can safely stay here, and we name some of these.

The children need to know well that there really is a heaven and there really is a hell. Especially that there really is a God over all and his only begotten son, Jesus Christ, who loves us and rewards us for doing good -- and the purpose that Satan has in mind for our souls, and how enticing he is using all kinds of tricks to try and stop God's plans. You know, of course, that humanism has invaded our schools, so stress has to be put on these subjects, plus the creation story to offset the Darwin theory. Teaching the children polite manners is important -- and little songs of praise that they can understand. Encourage them all you can in doing good in any thing, and let them know you love them above all.

Love,
Kate Moyer

The General Sunday School Association is suppose to be contributing to Zion's Advocate this year. This contribution is actually a letter Sister Katie Moyer (Independence, Missouri) sent me several years ago when I had asked her for suggestions on teaching the Book of Mormon. I thought it had such good suggestions for any Sunday School teacher that, perhaps, it could be printed in Zion's Advocate. Sister Moyer has a lot of wisdom, and takes her job as a Sunday School teacher very seriously. -- Becky Sheldon

For Contributions

cost. As in the past, the Temple Lot Local Church will meet in the building on a regular basis and will contribute to the upkeep of the building; this congregation has already donated at least \$100,000 to the fund.

Those who are able, who have previously made gifts of money for this project, are asked to still donate further. Regular offerings by many of us, though relatively small individually, if continued for a year, would probably finish the job.

In addition to this project, let us not forget our tithes and offerings which are so essential for the regular needs of the Church.

The Lord has commanded His people to tithe and make offerings. Will you, then, make a sacrifice offering to this important project? We feel this will be pleasing to our Heavenly Father and will further the advancement of the kingdom of God. You may be sure that all your offerings will be used in a maximum effort of economy and strictly toward the purpose for which it is given.

Please send your donations to the Business Manager as listed on the inside front cover of Zion's Advocate. Mark donations for the new building project as "NEW BUILDING FUND." Thank you!

Importance of Living the Gospel

by Elder Allen Kauffman

Why are ye ashamed to take upon you the name of Christ? — Mormon 4:52

As we look at the world today, particularly the United States; we feel part of the land has been blessed. We hear our nation being called a Christian nation, a nation that believes in Jesus Christ. But as we look about us, are we truly a Christian nation? Do we truly keep the commandments of God or are we like it says in Mosiah 1:119-120:

For the natural man is an enemy to God, and has been, from the fall of Adam, and will be, for ever and ever; but if he yields to the enticing of the Holy Spirit, and putteth off the natural man, and becometh a saint, through the atonement of Christ, the Lord, and becometh as a child, submissive, meek, humble, patient, full of love, willing to submit to all things which the Lord seeth fit to inflict upon him, even as a child doth submit to his father.

When we can submit ourselves and put off the natural man, only with the help of God, then we will be Christ-like or can truly be called Christians.

Matthew 7:21-27:

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the

winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

We can see not all people who call upon God will enter into the kingdom of Heaven. It says it will be he that doeth the will of the Father. We have to align ourselves with God enough to know what His will is. As Christ said many times, "Not my will, but thine O Lord." (paraphrased, A.K.) It goes on to say he that heareth these sayings and doeth them, his house will be built upon the rock, which is Jesus Christ. And we can withstand the floods when they come, which are the temptations and the trials of life.

Alma 19:43-47:

Behold, it hath been made known unto me, by an angel, that the spirits of all men, as soon as they are departed from this mortal body; yea, the spirits of all men, whether they be good or evil, are taken home to that God who gave them life. And then shall it come to pass that the spirits of those which are righteous, are received into a state of happiness, which is called paradise; a state of rest; a state of peace, where they shall rest from all their troubles, and from all care, and sorrow, etc. And then shall it come to pass, that the spirits of the wicked, yea, which are evil; for behold, they have no part nor portion of the Spirit of the Lord: for behold they chose evil works, rather than good: therefore the spirit of the devil did enter into them, and take possession of their house; And these shall be cast out into outer darkness; there shall be weeping, and wailing and gnashing of teeth; and this because of their

own iniquity; being led captive by the will of the devil. Now this is the state of the souls of the wicked; yea, in darkness, and a state of awful, fearful, looking for, of the fiery indignation of the wrath of God upon them; thus they remain in this state, as well as the righteous in paradise, until the time of their resurrection.

It gives us a choice, or shows us we have a choice of which way we shall go; to paradise or to outer darkness. That choice is ours to make. No one can make it for us. Christ stands at the door and knocks. If any man will hear His voice and let Him in He will sup with him and he with Him. Christ will not kick the door in and force himself on us. We have to choose. But Alma gives us a picture plain and easy to understand of where our choice will lead us; to God, or to Satan.

II Nephi 6:28-42:

Wherefore, death and hell must deliver up their dead, and hell must deliver up its captive spirits, And the grave must deliver up its captive bodies, and the bodies and the spirits of men will be restored, one to the other; And it is by the power of the resurrection of the Holy One of Israel. O how great the plan of our God! For on the other hand, the paradise of God must deliver up the spirits of the righteous, and the grave deliver up the bodies of the righteous; And the spirit and the body is restored to itself again, and all men become incorruptible, and immortal, and they are living souls, having a perfect knowledge like unto us, in the flesh; Save it be that our knowledge shall be perfect; Wherefore, we shall have a perfect knowledge of all our guilt, and our uncleanness, and our nakedness; And the righteous shall have a perfect knowledge of their enjoyment, and their righteousness, being clothed with purity, yea, even with the robe of righteousness. And it shall come to pass, that when all men shall have passed from this

first death unto life, insomuch as they become immortal, they must appear before the judgment seat of the Holy One of Israel; And then cometh the judgment; and then must they be judged according to the holy judgment of God. And assuredly, as the Lord liveth, for the Lord God hath spoken it, and it is his eternal word, which cannot pass away, that they which are righteous shall be righteous still, and they which are filthy shall be filthy still; Wherefore, they who are filthy are the devil and his angels; And they shall go away into everlasting fire, prepared for them; and their torment is as a lake of fire and brimstone, whose flames ascendeth up for ever and ever; and has no end. O the greatness and the justice of our God! For he executeth all his words, and they have gone forth out of his mouth, and his law must be fulfilled. But, behold, the righteous, the saints of the Holy One of Israel, they which have believed in the Holy One of Israel; they which have endured the crosses of the world, and despised the shame of it; they shall inherit the kingdom of God, which was prepared for them from the foundation of the world: and their joy shall be full for ever.

This tells us that when we come to the final judgement of God if we have chosen to serve God and be righteous, we will be righteous still, but those that have followed the leading of the natural man and became filthy, will be filthy still. So we have to decide in this life who we will serve.

I Thessalonians 5:1-23:

But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor

of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep, sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do. And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves. Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men. See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men. Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Paul's letter to the Thessalonians he tells them, as well as us, to not be caught sleeping as do others, but to be aware of those things that are going on around us. For the prophets speak of things that are to take place in our day, but we have to be aware and have an understanding of what these things mean. So we need to read the scriptures to understand what is taking place in the world today. Other scripture tells us to watch and pray always so that these things will not come upon us unaware; having our lamps trimmed and ready. Christ says

He will come as a thief in the night, no man knows the hour or day. In verse 22 Paul tells us to abstain from all appearance of evil. We need to refrain from being in places that we can't take the Spirit of the Lord with us.

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James 1:22-25:

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

James tells us that we have to work and not just hear what the gospel says. How is the gospel going to be spread if we, as Christians, (the church that Christ set up) don't do the spreading? Are we going to let others spread the gospel when we say and believe that we have the fullness of the gospel?

Matthew 22:36-40:

Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

When Christ was asked this question, we should ask ourselves, do we have this love for God that we would give all that we have and take up that cross and follow after Him? And do we have that love for one another that

we would lay down our lives for each other? If not, we need to get on our knees until we do. If we had that love then we wouldn't have any of the problems we have in the church.

Matthew 19:16-22:

And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honor thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy self. The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to

the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.

When Christ was approached with this question of eternal life, He said to keep the commandments, and I'm sure that most of us keep the commandments. We don't murder. We, hopefully, don't commit adultery. We don't steal or bear false witness and, hopefully, we honor our father and mother, and have love for our neighbor. If we do these things we are as good as the one that came to Jesus. But what do we lack yet? What is our weakness? His was riches. He couldn't give them up and follow Christ. Is there something in our life that we need to give up to become perfect? Verse 21, "If thou wilt be perfect _____." You fill in the blank with what you have to do to be perfect. Yea, Christ asks us to be perfect,

even as your Father which is in Heaven.

We must live the gospel in our hearts daily, not just on Sunday or Wednesday night, but daily; seven days a week, twenty four hours a day. Does that sound easy? No, but if we put off the natural man and rely on the Holy Ghost then it becomes easy. We can't do it alone, relying on our own strength.

Colossians 3:17: "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him" Let's do all that we do in the name of Jesus Christ. If what we're saying or doing doesn't glorify Christ, we better stop doing it. Even though we do all we can do, the best we can do and serve God continually, we would still be unprofitable servants, because Christ gave his life, the ultimate sacrifice, for you and me.

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HARVEY JOHN BELL

Harvey John Bell was born March 3, 1900, and passed away October 25, 1990, after a long illness at the age of 90 years, 7 months, 22 days.

The family, brothers and sisters of the Church of Christ, and friends gathered at the Martin Mortuary on October 29, at 1:00 P.M., to pay tribute and respect to our loved husband, father, brother and friend, Harvey J. Bell, of Grand Junction, Colorado. He was laid to rest in the Orchard Mesa cemetery. With Sr. Becky Down at the organ, some of the grandchildren, Jean, Joan and Kathy Larsen, Gerry Case and Dan Hedrick, sang "Home Sweet, Sweet Home" and "Jesus, Savior Pilot Me" which gave the service that special touch of love, appreciation and praise to God. The 12 grandsons served as pall bearers. The son, John E. Bell, gave a tribute to his father, which was echoed in the hearts of each of the family, remembering the special heritage of thoughtfulness, love, training and constructive criticism. The service, conducted by Elders Leslie and Marvin Case, reminded us of the gospel of Christ and the plan of salvation through Jesus Christ, that Harvey had loved. We were told and advised that we would pay tribute to our beloved for-

bearer many times in our lives by remembering his training and teaching and his example of laboring for the best we can do in life, both materially and spiritually, that was part of him.

At the graveside, part of Revelations, 21st chapter, was read giving the condition of joy that God has laid up for those who love Him and keep His commandments. There will be no more tears or death there. The closing prayer asked for strength and comfort to those gathered and gave thanks for this life and example God had loaned to us.

Harvey was the second of four sons born to John Francis and Rena J. (Gastrot) Bell on March 3, 1900, in Portsmouth, Iowa. In the family of boys, there was one foster sister. As a boy, Harvey received his training from his father in a sawmill, a blacksmith shop, ranching and farming. In his early teens, he worked on the shoeing floor of his father's blacksmith shop in Persia, Iowa, and later in Huntsman, Nebraska. The ranching and farming experience was received in Sioux County and Sidney, Nebraska, areas.

Harvey was united in marriage to Alvina C. Schnuelle on March 14, 1923, at Sidney, Nebraska. We all appreciate the attitude and dedication these two made to their growing family in the difficult years of the depression. After their marriage, they lived around Sid-

ney, Nebraska, farming until they moved to Sioux County, Nebraska. In the Sidney area, Alice, Irene, Edith, Fern and Caroline were born. Johnny was born in Sioux County.

Harvey was baptized into Christ through the R.L.D.S. Church as a boy and Alvina shortly after their marriage. Both Harvey and Alvina transferred to the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) in 1928, when Elder Martin M. Case visited that area bringing them a brighter hope.

In 1936, the Bell family moved to Missouri to be close to the Church and settled in Ava, where, together with Brother Arthur and Sister Minnie Smith and their family, a church group was established where they all harvested the benefit of assembling themselves together to worship the Lord.

In Ava, Harvey farmed for a while and then went into carpenter work. During World War II, he worked at Camp Crowder, Ft. Leonard Wood and Fort Riley Hospital in Missouri, several military installations in Kansas and an air base in Whitehorse, Canada.

The youngest daughter, Lois June, was born at Ava in 1947.

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"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

We used that verse as the theme for our Bible School this year, and the theme song went like this: "I know I can trust in the Lord, no matter what happens to me. For I know He will take care of me." This song and scripture are simple, and their meaning is easy for a child to understand. Yet, it has a profound message, a message we felt the kids needed to have reinforced in their hearts and minds. They can face any of life's heartaches, disappointments, and trials as long as they have learned to trust in the Lord.

The knowledge that God is with us in a time of trouble and that He will take care of us is not just for our children. The reality of those words have special meaning to me because of an event that took place this past September.

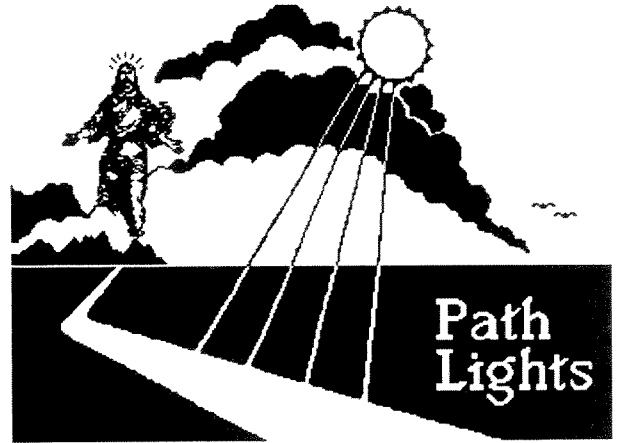
It was late afternoon and I was canning tomatoes. Because it is my biggest kettle, I filled my 21 Quart pressure cooker with water and started to bring it to a boil. In an effort to get the skins off the tomatoes, I put the tomatoes in a strainer and submerged them into the cooker. Unthinkingly, I latched the pressure cooker lid. Then I went downstairs to do a load of laundry. I got distracted, however, and did several other household chores, too. After 15 minutes or so, I came back upstairs.

Remembering the tomatoes and wanting to take care of them promptly, I went over to the pressure cooker and undid the lid. Boiling water flooded out of the cooker and onto my hands and the front of my body. I realized at once I was badly burned. Because of the testimonies I've heard about blessings from the consecrated olive oil, and because I desired God's immediate intervention I grabbed the olive oil and poured it over my burns.

There was extreme pain in my left hand and I knew I could not drive myself to the hospital. Taking inventory of the situation, I asked my daughter, Tabitha, to make three phone calls. As I ran cool water over my burns, she dialed 911 and asked them to send an ambulance. Then she called my father-in-law, William Sheldon, and told him the situation. She also called her Aunt Darl (Temple) and asked her to call the Church people for prayers.

When the ambulance arrived the pain was excruciating and we had to wait almost an hour before we could leave for the hospital. Yet, in the midst of this ordeal, I felt God's peace and Holy Spirit with me. Even though I was burned and in pain I knew God would take care of me. My in-laws arrived just as they were putting me into the ambulance, and my father-in-law was able to administer to me. Brother Nicholas Denham was at the hospital when we arrived and he and my father-in-law administered to me again. It was wonderful to have them there full of faith and love.

The doctor assessed my injuries. I had second degree burns on my hands, chest, stomach and thighs. I was admitted to the hospital so they could control the pain and keep an eye on me. As I lay in the hospital bed that evening, waiting for my husband Randy to arrive, I felt the pain and heat in my hand leave and coolness come over it. I knew at that moment that God had blessed me. Throughout the night the nurse came in and asked me if I needed a pain pill. Each time she would say, "Now let me know if you start to have some pain. Don't try to be brave. We don't want that pain to get a head start." I assured her that I was not trying to be brave, but I simply was not having any pain. The next day before I left the hospital, the morning nurse dressed my burns. She commented that it was very unusual



that I was not in pain because second degree burns are the most painful.

I was able to go about my daily routine within a day or two. As my burns healed I had only minor discomfort, even with an infection in one of them. The only pain medicine I received was the morphine the paramedics gave me right after the accident. I haven't even needed an aspirin. I do not attribute this to "mind over matter" or "a high tolerance to pain." It is a blessing from God and I want to thank and praise Him! As I write this, another theme we had at Bible School comes to my mind: "God Answers Prayer." I know the peace I experienced along with the relief from pain came as a result of the many prayers that were offered in my behalf.

I want to thank all my brothers and sisters who prayed for me. I have a wonderful Church family.

In closing, I want to testify to all who read this that God does answer prayer, and we can trust in Him no matter what happens to us. I know from experience that "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

Becky Sheldon
Independence, Missouri

ZION'S TEMPLE

The House of The Lord

Part Five (conclusion)

We have previously emphasized the fact that the law of Christ is to go forth from the New Jerusalem (Zion), and wish to here affirm that the temple will be the seat or the very focal point of that government. This temple will be built on the property called the Temple Lot, in possession of the Church of Christ in the present city of Independence, Missouri. However, drastic changes must yet take place, both from a spiritual and physical standpoint. Were it not so, the statement of Christ could not be a reality: "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth" (Matt. 5:5).

It is not wisdom to attempt in this treatise a rehearsal of the tragic events prophesied in the scriptures to come upon the gentile nations because of rejection of the fulness of the gospel, and because this nation, with all others, is rapidly deteriorating in spiritual and moral values; in that the wicked are numerically and rapidly outstripping the more righteous people, and setting the stage of world events to unleash the fury of an offended God.

The culmination of the most terrible events prophesied must very soon be a reality, and Zion must become just as real, or there should no flesh be saved. For this reason we are told that -

"... Judgment must begin at the house of God; and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" 1 Pet. 4:17-18.

There must be a correcting process take place in the Church of Christ before Zion can be, and a temple within a New Jerusalem be built; and we must pray and be willing that the process begin with ones self. The nations must literally be humbled of God, and the land of Zion laid waste; but the saints will be preserved, and the people of Israel "shall build the waste cities and inhabit them" (Amos 8:14), and thus shall the New Jerusalem be built and a holy temple erected.

Why do we say that the temple is

by Apostle William A. Sheldon

to be the seat of Christ's government upon earth? Isaiah 2:2-3 has been previously referenced. There we are told that the nations (who remain after the desolation) will desire to "go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob". Here, the word, mountain, is used as a symbolic representation of the government of the Lord. This is borne out in Joel 3:17:

So shall ye know that I am the Lord your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.

Even more specifically do we find in the second chapter of Daniel where, in the interpretation given to Nebuchadnezzar's dream, he saw a stone cut out of a mountain without hands (or, by God), and itself become a great mountain (vs. 34,35,45). We understand that the mountain from which the stone was cut represented the U.S.A., and that the stone represented the kingdom of God, or the establishment of this Church of Christ,

which occurred in 1830. The government of Christ upon earth (the stone) was cut out of this American nation, or government, by the hand of God; it is a divine institution, and not accomplished by human hands. So, the "mountain of the Lord" to which the nations shall flow in the last days, is the Zion of God, the government of Christ. They are to go to the "HOUSE of the God of Jacob", His holy temple; and "out of Zion shall go forth the LAW" (Isa. 2:3).

Furthermore, you may remember that Christ told his apostles (Matthew 19:28):

Verily I say unto you, that ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

The regeneration spoken of is a synonymous term meaning, resurrection. Thus, in the first resurrection, Christ will bring His original apostles (with Matthias in place of Judas), and they all shall sit upon thrones (in His temple, of course) and to judge the tribes of Israel.

We are not to understand this judgment to be in the sense of a final judgment as in Rev. 20:12-13; note that it applies only to the tribes of Israel. The judgment to be exercised by those apostles is in the same sense as the Lord gave unto Israel to be ruled by judges after Moses and Joshua had passed away, and as the Nephites were given judges after King Mosiah. Remember, too, that the 12 disciples of the Nephites are to be judged by the 12 apostles of Christ, and the Nephites disciples are to judge the seed of Nephi, as lesser judges (see 1 Nephi 3: 114-116).

Through Isaiah (1: 26-27) the Lord has said:

And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city. Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness.

Through the righteousness of her judges, shall all Israel become righteous, and Zion (the New Jerusalem) together with a sanctified Jerusalem of old, shall be as beacons to the nations because of it; and the glory of the Lord shall be there in Zion, and her defense, as well (read Isa. 4:2-5).

"And there shall be a tabernacle (a temple, W.A.S.) for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain" (ibid., 6).

Who will doubt that there is to be a holy temple in the New Jerusalem? Whether it be now that the temple should be built is debatable. The world is ripening in iniquity (surely it must be nearly to the full), and when God sees fit, divine justice will be poured out beyond measure. but, at the same time, He is moving even now in preparation for the safety of His saints, moving the cause of Zion, and the eventual gathering of all Israel. The New Jerusalem will be built by repentant gentiles, who shall assist a repentant remnant of Jacob (American Indians who shall have been converted to the gospel of Christ) to build that holy city. This all seems to us a tactical impossibility, and a long way off, but in so reckoning we, as usual, think in terms of man's ability, and not the ability of God. I feel sure in my mind that the speed of prophetic fulfillment will increase in blinding, astounding measure; and who of us are ready for the great day of the Lord?

Nevertheless, it seems incumbent upon those who are concerned with the establishment of Zion and the building of the house of the Lord to be engaged in mighty fasting and prayer. When shall His temple be built and how may we assist? It is evident that latter day Israel (the Church of Christ included) has not been suffi-

ciently desirous, nor spiritually prepared, not willing to sacrifice to that end. But God will bring it to pass in His own time, by a willing people of presently scattered Israel.

We have previously stated that

God must give the plans for His temple. Because of spiritual revelation to several within the Church, even to some with-out, I feel

that the plans which were executed in 1929 were given of God. Those plans have incorporated instruction given through Joseph Smith, that the inner court is to be 55 feet by 65 feet (see D&C 92:3 and 94:3), and that these dimensions are the only provisions having claim to being divine instruction at that time.

If we have erred in this, then we need to find it out. But it's time for greater spiritual preparation, increased humility, and a zeal to build - to build the temple for the Lord! Let us seek the Lord in a consistent manner as to when and how we may assist in this vital project, for His temple cannot be built except by His direction. It would seem that in the passage of so much time because of our failure to qualify ourselves in the establishment of Zion, we need to concentrate our spiritual energy in this matter in conjunction with a concerted effort to preach the gospel to the American Indian. With such a united effort, could we not expect, then, that God would open the windows of heaven for increased communication from Him? And so would be fulfilled the word through the prophet Zechariah (6:12,13, 15):

... Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord: Even he shall build the temple of the Lord, and he shall bear the glory, and shall

sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both ... And they that are far off shall come and build in the temple of the Lord ... "

(Emphasis w.a.s.)

A marginal reference for the term, "shall grow up out of his place", is: "branch up from under him". Christ, of

course, is the BRANCH. They who branch up from under Him are the saints of God; they are the branches that bear fruit, because they abide in the vine, the main Branch (see John 15:1-5). In such branches is revealed the Christ, growing up "out of his place". The "place" of Jesus was in the holy land, but He is seen in His disciples wherever they are, even in America (or, "out of His place").

But He, the Branch, will build the temple of the Lord, or give the plans, and use those who abide in Him in this wonderful project. And many of these laborers shall be from afar. Will these laborers include a handful from the Church of Christ? It is up to us.

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"... Judgment must begin at the house of God;"

PASS IT ON

If you feel so inclined, and have the opportunity, pass this issue of Zion's Advocate on to another ...

One never knows what will happen when even the smallest of seeds is planted!

TESTIMONY OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN AND THE STICK OF JOSEPH

✿ Compiled by Harvey E. Seibel

Part Twenty

■ MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF- FERING FURTHER EVIDENCES TO THE TRUTHFULNESS OF THE BOOK OF MORMON

The Book of Mormon makes mention of the horse and other large animals:

Mr. E. Richmond Thomas in his article "Death Trap of Prehistoric Beasts" for the Travel Magazine (November 1934) says that between the years 1906 and 1913 many large extinct animals were brought up out of the tar pits. "Among these beasts were imperial elephants, mastodons, saber-toothed tigers, camels, bison, ground sloths..." (cited in Roy Weldon, *Other Sheep*, p. 105). Note the great flood could have caused this particular destruction, but so could the crucifixion catastrophe in this country.

Stephen D. Peet in his book "Ancient Monuments and Ruined Cities," (vol. 4, p. 456), says that the first Americans were contemporary with gigantic animals which have passed away never to return. He states that they had to contend with the Mastodon, the Megatherium, the Mylodon, the Megalonyx, the elephant, etc., (cited in Roy Weldon, *ibid.*, p. 106).

In regard to the horse, from an article in the American Encyclopedia cited in Roy Weldon's "Other Sheep," p. 106, its fossil remains are so common in both North and South America that no doubt can remain of the former existence of the horse on this continent.

The Book of Mormon says that the Nephites fought their wars using quilted armor:

"When the Tultecs fought they would put on some sort of long tunics down to the heels, of a thousand colors, embroidered, and very closely woven and thick, so that no matter how hard they would hit each other with the lances - for these were what

they most used - they could not pass them; and they used long lances, and others which were thrown and clubs garnished with iron. They wore morions and helmets of brass and gold, and some used the rodela particularly those who had clubs" (Works of Ixtlilxochitl cited in Hunter the Ferguson, *Ancient America and the Book of Mormon*, pp. 274-275).

Rapid formation of Stalactites disproves the vast time theory:

Constance Irwin in her book "Fair Gods and Stone Faces" (p. 89) relates the archaeological discovery of one of the ancient tombs in Central America. As the archaeologist (Ruz) entered into the interior of the pyramid he came upon long stalactites which trailed from high ceilings and slender stalagmites which rose from the floor. At best it is not likely that this pyramid is much over 2,000 to 3,000 years old.

■ THE COTTON PROOF

The cotton plant is one of the greatest proofs for the migration of people to America via either the Pacific or Atlantic oceans and not via the Bering Straits as so often conjectured.

According to George Carter, a botanist, in his paper which was read before the 29th meeting of the International Congress of Americanists held in New York City (September 1949), there are three groups of this plant known. Of the three types the first has thirteen large chromosomes. The second has thirteen small chromosomes, and the third has thirteen small and thirteen large chromosomes. The cotton with the large chromosomes is native to the old world while the new world wild cotton has the small chromosomes. The cotton, however, which was composed of both the large and small chromosomes was cultivated by the cultured settlers of Middle America. It is a blend of the old world and new world cotton. (See Hunter and Ferguson, *Ancient America and the Book of Mormon*, p. 307). The early settlers must have brought the Old World cotton with them and blended it with the New World cotton to create the new cotton.

The domesticated New World twenty-six chromosome cotton appears to have been carried to the Polynesian Islands where this cotton was

also cultivated in pre-European times (*ibid.*, p. 307).

Constance Irwin in discussing the question of how cotton seeds were brought to America from Asia in the second millennium B.C. disclaims that they could have been brought over by birds, who won't touch the things, nor by the west wind across such a vast distance or even by a Stone Age traveler via the Bering Strait whose time in transit would far exceed the germinative life of the seed. The only conclusion remaining, says she, is an unidentified man in a vessel. (*Fair Good & Stone Faces*, p. 280).

Cyrus H. Gordon in his book "Before Columbus" (p. 145) assures us (according to botanists) that American cotton, which is characterized by thirteen large and thirteen small chromosomes, is the product of hybridizing the wild native American plant with the Old World cotton such as was grown in ancient Egypt. He then goes on to say that the Old World variety could not have reached America by northern Viking routes because the cold kills it; nor could it have floated with the currents across the ocean because water kills it; nor could it have been carried by birds because they will not touch the cotton boll that contains the seeds. His conclusion is that the Old World variety must have been brought dry, aboard ship, via warm sea-lanes.

■ OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST - FOOD PLANTS GIVEN TO US FROM AMERICA

The Irish Potato - Native of Peru and given to us by the Incas; Corn; Pineapples; Squashes and Pumpkin; Sweet Potatoes and Yams; Avocados; Beans (Kidney, lima, black, navy, in fact all beans except soybeans and the horse bean); Persimmons; Tomatoes; Peanuts; Peppers (sweet and hot); Tobacco; Rubber; Turkey; Chocolate; Vanilla Bean; Manioc or Cassava (used to make Tapioca); Blackberries; Chewing Gum; Black Raspberries; Gooseberries; Quinine and Cocaine.

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Bradley Local News

Dearest Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Brother and Sister Bruner and Brother and Sister Kauffman took the time to visit Bradley, MI to put on a musical program. They spent an extended weekend with Elder LaVerne and Sister Joyce Lussenden in Hopkins, MI, whose hospitality, as usual, is to be commended.

The spirit of song filled the air on the eve of September 22, 1990, which was also Brother and Sister Lussenden's 39th wedding anniversary. Brother and Sister Kauffman and Brother and sister Bruner graced the Bradley Local with songs of inspiration and praises unto our heavenly Savior. Our little local was packed to the walls with 110 people consisting of not only our local worshippers but neighboring community churches as well.

Smiles on faces and applause followed each number. What a gift of love that permeated the air. But, how much more happy must the Lord have been when he looked down and saw so many of his people gathered together in his name.

Brother Bruner provided us with God's words at services on Sunday. There was a potluck dinner afterward. They then left for the long journey home.

We wish to once again thank the Bruners and Kauffmans for the effort on their part to spread God's word through song.

God's Blessings to All,
Pam Lussenden
Secretary, Bradley Local

Flint News

Dear friends,

We are glad to share some news from around Flint. Well our numbers have decreased some here. Brother Charles and Sister Amy Pinder with their 2 girls Amanda and Kelly moved to Phoenix Arizona. They will be missed here, but Phoenix will be gaining a nice family into the fold. Well, plans are under way for the November Harvest dinner, last years was quite a success so we are all looking forward to meeting with our brothers and sisters from all over the

State. Our prayers are with all of you and pray that we may be always spreading the Gospel here. I also would like to share a poem I wrote, excuse me if it sounds familiar, I may have heard bits and pieces over the years from different ones.

'Tis good to follow the Master
And be prayerful throughout every day
If we yield to his gentle calling
In his arms he'll keep us to stay
Tho trials may always beset us
And the cares that cause us to sway
We may stumble, but he says
My child, I'll be there for you along
the way

He asks us to love his children
And help those that go astray
To let our faith in Jesus
Shine forth as the Sun's bright ray

He promises a crown of Glory
For those who want to stay
He asks only to love me
And I'll help you throughout every day

Your Brother in Christ
Priest Adam Porter

Grand Junction News

Over the past months we have enjoyed visits from members of Christ's family from Arizona, Missouri and Colorado.

In August Sister Alvina Bell underwent serious stomach surgery for cancer. Please remember her in your prayers as her recovery has been slow.

We mourn the passing of our loved one, Elder Harvey Bell, on October 25. He was always willing to help those in need and to teach Christ's gospel to all who would hear. He left with us knowledge of the Lord's doctrine and hope in His promises to those who obey His commandments. Brother Harvey did not want us to grieve for his leaving this life to go home to the Lord, as his suffering in this life would then be over. Many family member and friends came to pay their last respects as Brother Harvey was laid to rest on October 29. His family is grateful to all those who came to visit Brother Harvey and offered assistance and prayers for all of us during his illness. Your love and support have strengthened us in our time of sorrow.

Sister Margie Downs and Brother Aric Downs have recently had surgery and would appreciate an interest in your prayers. Prayers and testimonies from members of our local and from visitors have expressed concern because of the

few in number who diligently make the effort to meet together to worship the Lord and hear His gospel. This concern is for other locals as well as ours. Many do not seem to appreciate the freedom and privilege we have of meeting together to worship. Several in this local also have other trials which need your earnest prayers.

Joan Larsen
Advocate Reporter

Temple Lot Local News

We've been busy and blessed with special Fall days. On September 16th, Leslie and Irene Case hosted an Open House in honor of Bertha Case's 90th birthday. Over 90 people attended - the weather was perfect, so the large crowd could be inside and outside.

September 23rd, Elder/Bishop Ed Podhola, from Michigan, was our guest speaker. Brother Podhola has not been in Missouri for some time because of ill health. While he still has health problems and needs continued prayers, he was blessed with strength to spend a week with us and meet with the Bishops, finalizing construction arrangements for the new church. He is always a phone call away for decision making, but his attendance and contribution at this time were deeply appreciated.

On September 29th, John Bell, from Grand Junction, spoke to us. Johnny and Enid were in town for a "surprise" early-birthday celebration for Lois Harris, who will be 80 on New Year's Eve (when it's a bit more difficult for family to travel here). Almost all brothers, sisters, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren met at the Red Rooster Restaurant in Polo, Missouri, on October 6th. We're thankful Johnny and Enid were back in Grand Junction with their Dad and our dear brother, Elder Harvey Bell, as he finished his life and left us on October 25th. Many of his children are members of our local; we share their loss.

An added blessing at the October 7th Sacrament Service was the ordination to Elder of Brother James H. Case. Jim is the eldest son of Elder/Bishop Leslie Case and the eldest grandson of the late Evangelist Maynard Case. This family's ministry has blessed the Church for many years. Jim is always counted on to grab his

tools and make or repair anything. Part of Jim's testimony is that he was shown that the Bible and Book of Mormon are his tools.

Our October 19th Craft and Bake Sale was organized by young women of the local and assisted by their Moms, Aunts, Grandmothers, and friends from both Independence locals. The entrance to Wal-Mart was the sale site. After spending 12 hours there, we think the whole world passes thru their doors. The Sale netted \$813 in one day for the Building Fund.

October 20th was the fifth annual Cider Press and Potluck supper hosted by Don and Bonnie Case in Higginsville, and attended by members of several central Missouri Locals. We pressed 80 gallons of cider through Don's antique press. Jugs of cider were sold at the end of the day, adding \$325 to the Building Fund. After the work, we had a feast and fun.

On October 31st the final survey of the Temple Lot was completed for the building project. At long last, the construction will begin! By the time you receive this, with God's help, the building will be framed in. Please pray for safety of the workers, a late and mild winter, and a speedy completion of the project.

The October issue of the Phoenix Local's Hand of Fellowship featured letters from isolated members. They reminded me of our family's 15 years in Ames, Iowa, and the many blessings we had while we were away from a Local. It also made me wish all these people could be with us at this very busy time to take part in our activities. We are so blessed to be part of a large group - so many ministers - so much family - and to be here at this history-making time. The new church building will hold three times as many people as the old one. If anyone is considering a move, come to Independence and share all this!

Sincerely,

Joyce Harris, Reporter

Harvey John Bell

(Continued from page 168)

In 1957, the Bell Family moved to Grand Junction, Colorado, where building was going strong. Harvey loved the carpenter trade and left many examples of his labors in cabinet making, furniture and gifts with his children and grandchildren. His love for the mountains and outdoors gave him an appreciation for hunting fishing and camping.

Harvey was ordained an Elder in the Church of Christ in July, 1950, and served as Pastor of the Ava Local and later the Grand Junction Local. He left a strong faith and hope in the scriptures through Jesus Christ with those to whom he ministered. He was firm in his belief that the scriptures meant what they said and said what they meant.

Brother Harvey Bell is survived by his wife, Alvina, of Grand Junction, who is recovering from an illness, six daughters Alice Larsen and Lois Bell of Grand Junction, Irene Case of Kansas City, Missouri, Edith Case of Lee's Summit, Missouri, Fern Sarratt of Bates City, Missouri, and Caroline Hedrick of Independence, Missouri; one son, John E. Bell, of Clifton, Colorado; 23 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter. Harvey's three brothers and foster sister preceded him in death.

We who remain give thanks to a wise and merciful God who has given us such a great heritage. Though we will miss this one we loved so much, we will forever appreciate the example and light of Jesus Christ he left with us.

A Tribute to Dad from His Eldest

With Love, from Alice (Larsen)

I recall when my Dad was young
how handsome he was and so strong
He could work with the strength of two
and end the day with a song.
Competitive in work and games
with his keen wit and ready smile,
He won respect and hosts of friends
extended o'er many a mile.
Many of those friends have gone
and dear ones he has known
Have travelled to another life,
as the years have swiftly flown.
Still he is strong in many ways --
those who know him well reflect --
Strong in aspects of character
that still earn love and deep respect.

When I was but a little child,
waking frightened in the night,
I'd call my Daddy and he'd come
bringing the old lamp turned up
bright.

Through many years of life since then
I have seen him carry the light --
Not of the old kerosene lamp,
but glowing faith and truth so bright.
He isn't one to wave a torch
or grand words of philosophy,
Neither a follower of any man
nor seeking a leader to be;

Humbly he leads by example
while teaching in simplicity
The wonderful gospel of Christ,
whose servant and minister is he.

One time I drew decorations
and put them on Dad's birthday cake -
Just a few plain simple symbols --
a "record" of his life to make:
A walking plow and sheaf of wheat
told of the farm years that he spent;
A saw and hammer then were placed
for building trade and art talent.
The labors thus exemplified
are of his life a minor part;
Above them, love and family
were portrayed by a good full heart.
The Scriptures which have been his
guide
were there, equal with love, to bless;
Hovering, too, for joy and peace,
there was the dove of happiness.

Dad's house was full of giggling girls
(who sometimes made Mom giggle
too)
And one tall son. Some sternness
taught
us to obey, be peaceful, true.
A family needs a balancing
of learning, fun, worship and work;
It takes wise discipline and love;
these things good parents do not shirk.
Dad was the strong head of the house,
our hero, friend, and guardian too;
He taught all the good old virtues,
as all loving dads should do.
Each evening came our study time;
a chapter of Scriptures was read,
We knelt and Dad or Mom would pray,
then children were tucked into bed.

And as we all became adults,
responsible and reverent too,
We realized how we'd been blessed
to have parents as good as you.
Words are too weak to thank you, Dad,
for sacrifices you have made,
The long years of your dear hands'
work,
your supporting and your aid.
How dear I deem the many items
in sickness, grief or other need
When I've called "Daddy", and you
came
with faith wise words and helpful deed.
The staunchness of your faith in God,
your teaching us to have that trust,
Are equalled by your gentle love,
bidding us be tolerant, just.

I hope when I am eighty-five
my kids will think I'm half as fine.
May you have many happy days!
And much love to you, Daddy-mine!

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News From Warrensburg

Inasmuch as it has been quite some time since we have sent news to our Zion's Advocate, we apologize and would like to take the time now to extend warm greetings to all. We will try to put in print a few of the many happenings that we have been blessed with these many months.

We have been very busy with our Lord's work. Although we are few in number, our meetings have been full of spiritual food. Our pastor, Elder Eugene Gould, keeps our faith and hopes strong with the old time gospel truth that has been taught in former years. We have had a number of sermons from visiting ministry, which carry the same thought of the love of Christ and the need to serve Him with all our heart, mind and strength.

On July 28th, 1990, a very beautiful wedding was held in Warrensburg with Elder Eugene Gould joining our Sister in Christ, Heather Stephens, with Troy Craig in Holy Matrimony. Mr. and Mrs. Craig are residing in Warrensburg while Heather attends C.M.S.U. and Troy is working for Osco Co.

Very soon now, we will be dedicating a new building to our Lord and Saviour. With the finishing touches almost completed, we would like to extend our hands in welcome to all who wish to come worship with us. To get here, you take Hwy. 13 south of Warrensburg to Jct. Y and go east about 1 mile until you get to the first gravel road that turns south. You go down that gravel road only about 1/4 of a mile to the first cross road where you should be able to see our building nestled there among the trees. Our new address is: Rt. 5, Box 447B, Warrensburg, MO 64093.

Our heartfelt thanks to all those who have been with us from time to time, your prayers, your thoughts, your encouragement and your precious hugs and handshakes. Our thanks and praise go out to our Father and His son, Jesus Christ, who has brought about all these blessings. Please remember us in your prayers as we shall remember you.

Your Sister in Christ

Sarah Brantner



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