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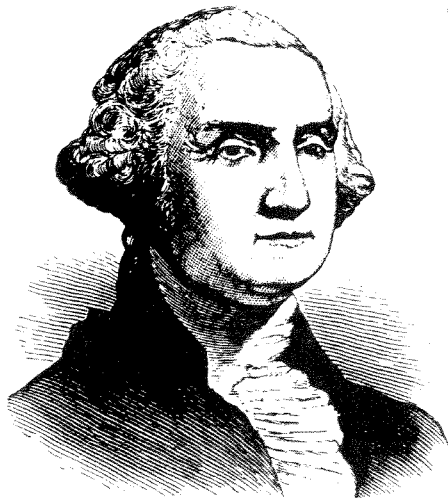
*"And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day,
for they shall have the gift and the power of the Holy Ghost...."*

1 Nephi 3:187

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Washington's Inaugural Address to Congress

"It would be peculiarly improper to omit, in this first official act, my fervent supplication to that Almighty Being, who rules over the universe, who presides in the councils of nations, and whose providential aids can supply every human defect, that His benediction may consecrate to the liberties and happiness of the people of the United States... No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the invisible hand which conducts the affairs of men more than the people of the United States. Every step by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation seems to have been distinguished by some token of providential agency... We ought to be no less persuaded that the propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right, which Heaven itself has ordained."

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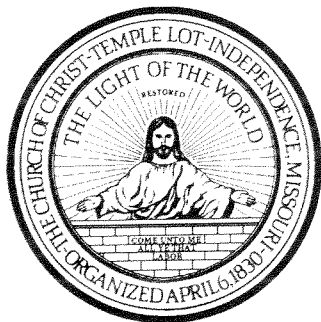
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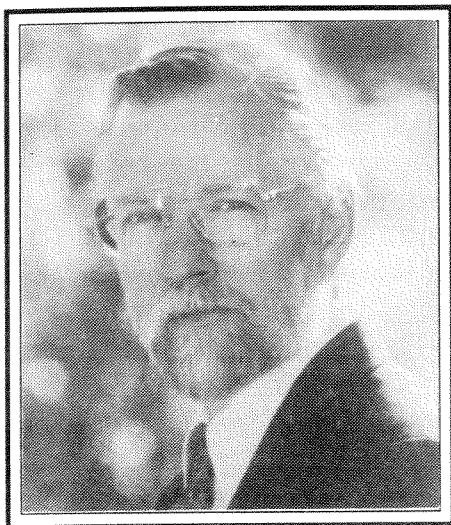
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To promote Jesus Christ as our only Saviour;
 To promote His Teachings & His Church, the Church of Christ
 To be a voice of warning to His people; to be Zion's advocate.

The Signs of the Times



By Harvey E. Seibel

Another year has passed, and with it all the attendant evils which are steadily increasing around us. We are about to enter a new millennia and still the gospel "of the kingdom" has yet to be carried to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. Zion also awaits redemption. The power of the heathen (mentioned in Joel 2 and Ezekiel 30) is upon us, as is clearly evident by the increasing paganism we see about us, and the accompanying New Age Movement and its attendant humanism.

More importantly for us is the work of the gospel which has

become even more imperative for the reason that time is now very short. According to the writings of the early Church fathers, the successors to the Apostles, they understood that Christ would not return until the 6000 years were finished. That time is nearly upon us. Yet we know that except those days be shortened no flesh shall be saved, but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

The signs of the end are now speaking to us in thunder-tones.

1 Jerusalem is no longer trodden down of the Gentiles. The scripture says that the generation standing in the day when this is fulfilled shall not all pass away until all things are fulfilled. (See Luke 21:24-32.)

2 As it was in the days of Lot so shall it be in the days of the coming of the Son of Man. This sign has been fulfilled beyond what we could have imagined a generation ago. (See Luke 17:28-30.)

3 The love of many shall wax cold. Today the instinct to love and nourish up little

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children has suffered a tremendous lapse. Paralleling this is a vastly increased immorality for the sake of selfish gratification. The desire not to accept responsibility nor the consequences of such a lifestyle is reflected in the tremendous worldwide abortion rate, which is given at 60 million yearly, or 166,000 daily, according to *The Kansas City Star*. In the U. S. alone more babies have been killed since 1973 than the total population of Canada, Alaska and several of our western states. (For scriptural reference see Matthew 24:12, 2 Timothy 3:1-4 & 13.)

4 The scriptures warn of false Christs, instructing us not to believe such reports that He is in the desert or in the secret

world, that fact having been announced to the whole world in banner headlines in the *USA Today* newspaper. (See Matthew 24:23-27.)

5 The time of the end was also to be marked by other signs: for many shall run to and fro and knowledge shall be increased. The chariots shall be with flaming torches in the day of His (God's) preparation...the chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings. (See Daniel 12:4 and Nahum 2:3-4.)

“Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts. And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water; Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished. But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men” II Peter 3:3-7

In the time of the end all nations, both Jew and Gentile,

were to be drunken with iniquity. This is certainly true today more than ever before, even to exceed that which we have ever known.

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“But behold, in the last days, or in the days of the Gentiles; yea, behold all the nations of the Gentiles, and also the Jews, both those who shall come upon this land, and those who shall be upon other lands; yea, even upon all the lands of the earth; behold, they will be drunken with iniquity, and all manner of abominations; And when that day shall come, they shall be visited of the Lord of hosts, with thunder and with earthquake, and with a great noise, and with storm and with tempest, and with the flame of devouring fire...” (2 Nephi 11:116-117).

We are fast approaching

that time, and even now it is upon us. The whole world is fast ripening in iniquity, and, yes, it will increase even further for a time.

And so what is now at our doorstep? The fulfillment of every remaining prophecy. Former generations have looked forward to the redemption of Zion and the Lord's return, but did not live to see their fulfillment. But now the warnings which wait vindication are soon to burst upon us. We have now been brought to the line. The words of God will be fulfilled in our day whether we are ready or not. The next few years will see fulfilled all the great evils prophesied of concerning our day, including the mark of the beast, the coming of Gog, Armageddon, etc. At the same time God's work will commence in earnest. Zion will be redeemed, the servants of God will be sent forth in power, the gospel will be preached to every people, Babylon the great will fall, Israel will be gathered, the saints delivered and Christ return to usher in the wrath of God upon the wicked and the thousand year reign of peace with His saints.



Harry S. Truman Remembered

By Jim Gordon

As we near the end of the century the world will be giving us a progress report on the last hundred years. If we wait until the year 2000 the spiritual progress may be lost in the ballyhoo of space travel and a myriad of scientific wonders. So let's consider this now.

First off I believe the single greatest prophetic event to occur in this century was when the Jews living in Arabian Palestine rose up and took Jerusalem and the surrounding country and claimed themselves to be the new State of Israel in 1948. Three years before this time the United States had proven itself the most powerful nation on earth by winning a war on two fronts, one in Europe and the other in Asia.

In chapter 2 of Isaiah it says: "For out of Zion shall go forth the law." Those of us who know where Zion is will understand how Isaiah's prophecy came to pass. In a revelation given July 1831, Joseph Smith brought forth: "Behold the place which is now called Independence is the center place, and the spot for the temple is lying westward upon a lot which is not far from the courthouse."

Also not far from the courthouse is the home of a man named Harry Truman. He was President of this great nation just

after the war ended, and when the new State of Israel was seeking recognition as a nation.

Harry Truman, known to the world as the man from Independence, but known to us as the man from Zion, in his rush to make certain that the United States was among the first to recognize the new state of Israel pushed the idea into law without consulting most of his advisors. The ones he did consult, notably George Marshall, Secretary of State, were angered and infuriated by the idea. While Harry Truman rushed through a law to recognize Israel, other nations debated the issue. But with the approval of the United States, other nations were compelled to follow. On Friday, May 14, 1948, Israel became a nation.

That night on the radio, Lowell Thomas, a well known newsman, said, "Americans in every part of the country would be turning to the Bible for some historical background for this day of history." I believe that the law went forth out of Zion at that time.

Truman was not an elected president, but a succeeding vice president. His political position was shaky at best. He had created so many enemies in Washington that no one thought he could win the election. Most of his advisors, and especially George Marshall, the most powerful influence in his retinue, had

opposed the way he handled the Israeli issue. Even some of his friends wanted him to step down and not run for office for the good of the party.

But God was not through with Harry Truman. Truman had caused the law to go forth out of Zion, but Israel was a new weak nation who needed to be nurtured by a big ally like America. Then in November of that year another miracle occurred. Harry Truman, against all odds, against the best political advise, and contrary to all major polls, won the election.

By the time he left the White House Israel was well established as a nation, and the details of its existence had been worked out. Moreover, while Truman was President he established precedents which still affect us today.

Not all that comes out of Zion is good. Those laws that come out of Zion will be a curse to those who disobey God. They will bless only the obedient. So be careful how you treat the privilege of living in Zion.

YOUNG PEOPLE!!!



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Where: East Local, Independence, MO

When: April 5th, 1999, at 4 p.m.

► Plan on attending the 1999 Youth Forum.

This year's forum will be filled with
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Statement for the 1999 Solemn Assembly

The Council of Apostles recommends the return of the original purpose of the Solemn Assembly as given at the time that it was established in 1967:

Whereas, By numerous prophecies we know that the day of the Lord is nigh at hand, and

Whereas, We know that great destruction will come upon all people before the great and dreadful day of the Lord, and

Whereas, The Lord commands the Church of Christ today, as recorded in Joel 2:15-17, "Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth out of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the minis-

ters of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them; wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?"

Therefore, Resolved, That the whole membership of the Church of Christ, from the youngest child to the oldest member, be called to a solemn assembly, that a period of fasting may be sanctified unto our God.

Resolved, That this period of fasting and prayer be held on the Temple Lot.

Resolved, That we seek to lay hold on the promise recorded in Joel 2:32, "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be de-

livered: for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call."

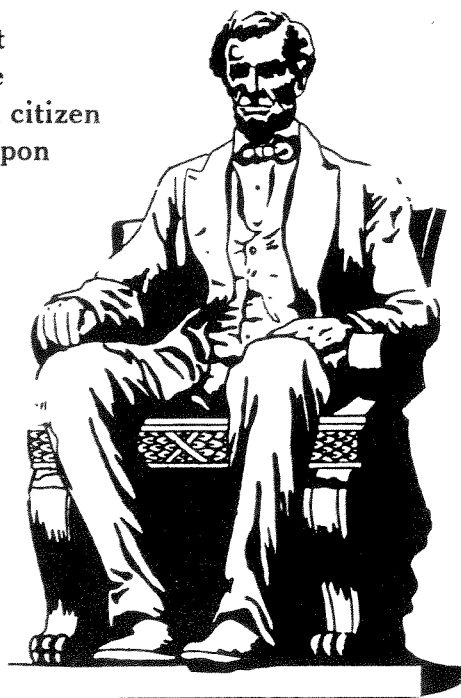
Resolved, That all members of the Church of Christ, who are hindered by circumstances beyond their control from assembling on the Temple Lot, will dedicate the same period to fasting and prayer in their locals or in their homes, that the whole church may be united in one heart and one mind, that the guidance of the Lord may be made known to us, and that the power of Pentecost may cover us as the waters cover the sea, that the servants of the Lord might go forth in boldness and power and speak the word without fear unto the utmost ends of the earth.

Lincoln's Inaugural Address

I do not forget the position assumed by some that constitutional questions are to be decided by the Supreme Court.... At the same time, the candid citizen must confess that if the policy of the Government upon vital questions affecting the whole people is to be irrevocably fixed by decisions of the Supreme Court, the instant they are made...the people will have ceased to be their own rulers, having...resigned their Government into the hands of the eminent tribunal....

Intelligence, patriotism, Christianity, and a firm reliance on Him who has never yet forsaken this favored land, are still competent to adjust in the best way all our present difficulty.

—President Abraham Lincoln,
Inaugural Address, March 4, 1861.



NOTICE OF THE 1999 APRIL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

As instructed by the 1964 April Ministers' Conference, be advised that the 1999 April Ministers' Conference will begin on Monday, April 5th, 1999, "Conference Sunday" being Sunday, April 4th, 1999. The first business session will begin at 9:00 a.m. Monday, April 5th, 1999, at the General Church Building on the Temple Lot.

According to action taken during the 1998 April Ministers' Conference, Solemn Assembly will be held Friday, April 2nd and 3rd, 1999, at the General Church

Building on the Temple Lot.

All committee reports should be forwarded to the Conference Secretary at least two (2) weeks in advance of the beginning of the first business session. As is always the case, it is requested that any business desiring to be placed before the 1999 April Ministers' Conference should be forwarded in advance of the first business meeting so that document packets may be completed for distribution.

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HYMN

Giver of all that crowns our days,
With Grateful hearts we sing Thy praise!
Through deep and desert led by Thee
Our Canaan's promised land we see.

Ruler of Nations, judge our cause!
If we have kept Thy Holy laws,
The sons of Belial curse in vain
The day that rends the captives' chain.

Thou God of vengeance! Israel's Lord!
Break in their grasp the shield and sword,
And make Thy righteous judgments known
Till all Thy foes are overthrown!

Then, Father, lay Thy healing hand
In mercy on our stricken land:
Lead all its wanderers to the fold,
And be their Shepherd as of old!

So shall one Nation's song ascend
to Thee, our Ruler, Father, Friend;
While Heaven's wide arch resounds again
With Peace on earth, good will to men!

—Oliver Wendell Holmes
After the Emancipation Proclamation



WITHIN THE CHURCH OF CHRIST THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED
3,000 TO 4,000 SERMONS PREACHED EACH YEAR UNIQUE TO:

- ◆ THE PREACHER
- ◆ THE CONGREGATION
- ◆ THE SEASON

LAST YEAR WE RECEIVED AND PRINTED ONLY THREE.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS, PLEASE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD WITH US.

—ZION'S ADVOCATE STAFF

PHOENIX NEWS

Greetings from Phoenix! The germs are enjoying our beautiful winter as much as we are. In addition to the "church cold" that goes around every year, several of our members have gotten pneumonia. Maybe we should issue travelers' warnings to visitors!

We just said goodbye to our pastor of the last four years, Joel Yates. Thanks for taking such good care of us Joel! We welcome Gordon McCann as our new pastor. We know the Lord will bless him as our shepherd. Glen Orsted and Bob Hedrick will serve as assistant pastors.

It is with great joy that we welcome a new sister and brother to our congregation: Alesha Yates and Mark Whitehead, Jr. Alesha was baptized by Elder Ken Oar, and Mark was baptized by his grandfather, Elder Hubert Yates.

Toby Case, son of John and Barbara Case, is here attending Northern Arizona University. We're happy to see him in our Sunday services when he has a chance to get down. Shawn Riley of Missouri is also attending school in Arizona. Our sister Verda Malone has decided to call Phoenix home again. Welcome back Verda! And congratulations to Annette Whitehead and family on moving into their new home!

Our fall season was a revolving door of missionary activity: Hubert and Ed Yates and Ken and Marlene Oar visited the Navajo Nation on separate trips. Ken Oar visited Ontario, Nova Scotia, New York and Michigan. Joel and Hubert Yates visited several states in the northwestern United States. Hubert had to return home and Rodger Bruner joined Joel to complete the trip. Jay Moser and Andy Brown visited Honduras and helped with home add-ons and repairs, in addition to teaching the gospel. When Andy returned home, Jay went on to visit Guatemala and Yucatan. Don McIndoo and Bill Malone both visited Yucatan, where they were joined by Bob Oldham. Gordon McCann and Rodger Bruner visited Saskatchewan, Canada. And Don McIndoo and

Ken Oar visited California.

Jay and Chris Moser travel to Showlow, Arizona, for church services twice a month when Jay is available. When Jay is away on other missionary trips Andy Brown holds down the fort in Show Low. His wife Debbie and their sons Andrew and Nathan accompany him when they're able. Andy labors together with Jim Yates, Jr. in Payson, Arizona, as well. They conduct services there twice a month.

At Christmas time Ken and Marlene Oar sent out Sunday School lessons and a newsletter to our friends on the Navajo Nation. They continue to meet with the Richard and Linda Sloan family in Mesa about once a month to do Sunday School lessons.

Bob and Liza Hedrick remain our faithful Young Peoples' leaders; often opening their home for study and game nights.

Brother Don McIndoo recently gave a presentation on disaster preparedness. He recommended a moderate approach: a 72 hour supply of food and medical and survival equipment that could be thrown on your back if needed. This is a starting place that could grow into more extensive storage. He warned us not to allow concern for our physical safety to distract us from our spiritual work for the Lord.

We had a very beautiful reunion this year. Several important themes emerged from our services: We must overcome depression in the Lord. We must find our happiness in the gospel. The Church is our life line. Every family will be tried. And we must be prepared for the times that are coming.

Brother Placido Koyok Yam asked for prayers for his daughter Raquel. She has had health problems for many years. A spiritual dream revealed to him that her current problem may be life threatening. He asked us to pray for Raquel and for their family.

We thank the Lord for everyone's generosity. Our "Central American Aid" dinner this year raised 1,700 dollars.

In closing, some quotes from sermons:

- *Sometimes when we ask for a sign, God may say: What about so and so's testimony? What about the sermon that you heard last Sunday? What about what your mother taught you?*
- *What really matters in life? Nothing but to be prepared to meet God.*
- *As God comforts us we need to represent God and serve God by doing that for the fellow members of the church. It's important for the strong to hold up the weak.*
- *Inside each of us there's that fear of confrontation if you tell someone that you believe in the Book of Mormon. Take that extra step and tell them that you believe in the Book of Mormon. It may present a situation that can bring one more soul into the gospel of Christ.*
- *Unless you allow time for the Lord to speak to you, He may be speaking but you're not hearing.*
- **DIAGNOSIS:** *Sickness of sin. PRESCRIPTION:* *Rest with the family of God, Support Group (church), worship, study, endure to the end. FOLLOW UP:* *Full armour of God.*
- *The Church of Christ is not full of hypocrites, but it is full of sinners. Knowing something is right and desiring to do it and failing is not being a hypocrite; it's being a sinner.*
- *If we have charity, we're going to have the fortitude to endure the pains of life with courage.*
- *We're strengthened by our trials. We can see where our sin is. God forces us to make a choice.*
- *Don't be unequally yoked with things of this world if you want to be part of God's work.*

—Marlene Oar

OBITUARY

Bertha Matilda (Stade) Case

September 15, 1900~January 14, 1999

Bertha Matilda (Stade) Case was born the fifth child of John and Mary Elizabeth (Snider) Stade on September 15, 1900, in East Chilliwack, British Columbia, Canada, and passed from this life January 14, 1999, at the age of ninety-eight years, three months, and thirty days. At birth she weighed about three pounds, and was kept in a shoe box on the oven door of the wood cook stove.

In 1907, Bertha's father and mother and seven children, Maud, Fredrick, Mary, Charles, Bertha, Daniel, and Frank, moved to Cameron, Missouri, where they located on a farm one and one half miles east of town. There two more daughters, Alice and Dorothy, were born.

Bertha attended school in Cameron, Missouri, where she completed twelve grades, graduating in 1920. She worked in a garment factory making overalls until her marriage to James Maynard Case on August 2, 1923. To this union was born three sons, Robert Charles, Leslie Paul, and Marvin Maynard, and one daughter, Mary Emma.

Maynard and Bertha resided in Cameron, Missouri,

where Maynard worked for the Burlington Railroad and operated a filling station and store for a while. In 1929, when the depression hit, Maynard was dismissed from the railroad because of an accident that left him crippled. The three sons were born while they lived in Cameron.

In 1932, Maynard and Bertha with their three young sons moved to Independence, Missouri, where they made their home at 1106 East Gudgell. While there Mary was born and made their family complete.

Bertha's health was poor during those years, and with the depression, health care was not readily obtained. By faith in God and help from their church family and neighbors the little family survived.

Maynard worked where ever he could and at whatever opportunity gave. The children give their thanks to God and appreciation to their mother and father for their labors, sacrifice, love, and dedication that provided the necessities of life, and an example of faith and dedication to God, to prepare them for the road that lay before them.

Bertha and Maynard became members of the Church of

Christ on June 30th, 1929, and attended the Church of Christ in Hamilton, Missouri, until they moved to Independence, Missouri, in 1932.

Bertha was dedicated to Maynard, helping him with his needs because of his disability. She traveled with him in his service to the Lord. She was chairman of the United Workers women's group for a while, and helped start the Vacation Church School for the children at the Temple Lot Church. She also taught a children's Sunday School class.

Bertha was preceded in death by her mother and father, seven of her brothers and sisters, and her husband, Maynard, who passed from this life on February 3, 1989. Bertha remained in the home until her afflictions forced her to move to the Independence Chateau, an assisted care facility, in July 1993. On November 22 of 1998, because of a stroke, she was in the hospital until November 27th, when she was moved to the Independence Health Care Center, where she passed away.

Bertha is survived by one sister, Alice Stubblefield of Odessa, Missouri, the four children: Robert and Joy Case of Bartlesville, Oklahoma; Leslie

and Irene Case of Kansas City, Missouri; Marvin and Edith Case of Lee's Summit, Missouri; and Mary and Warren Johnson of Higginsville, Missouri; fifteen grandchildren, thirty-eight great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, and a host of church family and friends.

Services were at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 16, 1999, at the Speaks Midtown Chapel with Elders Roland Sarratt and Rodger Bruner in charge. Eulogies were given by Brother Leslie Case in behalf of the children, and Brother James Case in behalf of the grandchildren.

Music was provided by the grandchildren, with Sister Martha Bruner as organist. Interment was at the Salem Cemetery in Independence, Missouri.

The Heart

The heart is a garden
Where flowers grow~
The thoughts that we think
Are the seeds that we sow.

Every kind and loving thought
Bears a kind and loving deed~
But a selfish thought
Is just like a weed.

So we must watch what we think
Every minute of the day~
To pull out the weed thoughts
And throw them away.

And plant loving flower thoughts
So thick in a row~
That the weed thoughts will have
No room to grow.

(A copy of this poem was found in Sister Bertha's purse)

OBITUARY

In Loving Memory of GRACE EDDY

January 12, 1909~January 14, 1999

Grace was born to Frank S. and Ivy May Allen on January 12, 1909, in Manhattan, Kansas.

On December 1, 1949, Grace was wed to Merlin Charles Eddy (Hook) in Manhattan, Kansas. They were both employed at the Viking Manufacturing Company in Manhattan.

On December 21, 1950, their son, Merlin Lyle Eddy (Spike) was born.

On April 4, 1952, their daughter Verna Grace was born, but she lived only ten days.

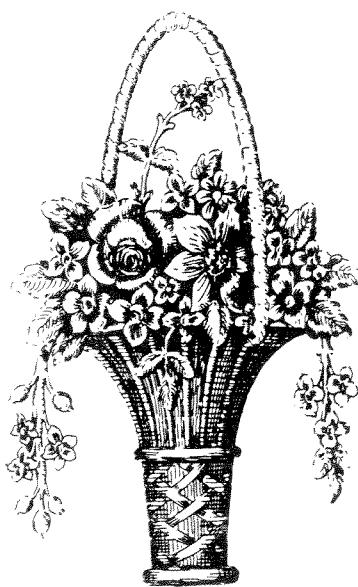
On October 1, 1952, the family moved to Eau Claire, Wisconsin, where Hook was employed at National Presto Industries. They have lived in the Eau Claire - Chippewa Falls area ever since. Grace did not work outside the home after they had children.

On January 14, 1999, Grace Eddy passed on to her reward in Heaven at the age of 90 years.

Grace was preceded in death by four sisters: Cora Mallon, Francis Creighton, Jessie Whitney and Roxie Judd; one brother, Charles Allen; and a

daughter, Verna Grace Eddy.

Grace is survived by two sisters: Bessie Inman and Nellie Westgate, her husband, Merlin



Charles Eddy, their son, Merlin Lyle Eddy, and three grandchildren, Joseph Eddy, Jacob Eddy, and Jennifer Eddy.

On August 13, 1967, Grace Eddy was baptized into Christ, joining the Church of Christ (Temple Lot). She was a scattered member of the church, not living close to a local all her life. Hook and Grace always were willing to have, and did have,

church services in their home when visiting ministry came to the area. Grace liked to listen to a Bible Study program on the radio.

Grace received joy from the simple things in life. She liked gardening, traveling, camping, and picnicking—and just doing things together as a family. Grace also liked to read poetry and watch the wildlife that would come to the feeders in their yard. No wife had a greater love for her husband. No mother had a greater love for a child, and no grandmother had a greater love for her grandchildren than Grace.

Because Grace took upon her the name of Christ, because she did the good works of a loving and devoted mother and wife, and because she treated all people with kindness, I am persuaded that her spirit at this very moment is in the paradise of God—a state of happiness, a state of rest, a state of peace.

OBITUARY

LEON VANE THOMPSON

February 11, 1929~January 18, 1999

Leon Vane Thompson, the son of Albert Vane and Doris Mercie Sinclair Thompson, was born in Kent County, Grand Rapids, Michigan, February 11, 1929, and passed from this life at 2:58 A.M. on January 19, 1999, in Jackson, Tennessee, having lived 69 years, 11 months, and 7 days.

As Leon was growing up the family lived in several communities around the Grand Rapids, Michigan, area. In 1948, he enlisted in the United States Air Force. He was stationed in Okinawa, Japan, and at Carswell Air Force Base in the United States. In 1951, he met Wanda Louis Nichols and they were married in Houston, Texas, on June 6, 1952. To this union were born three children, Lois Leonise Thompson Heavner, Dayle Denise Thompson Morse, and Brian Vane Thompson, all of Puryear, Tennessee.

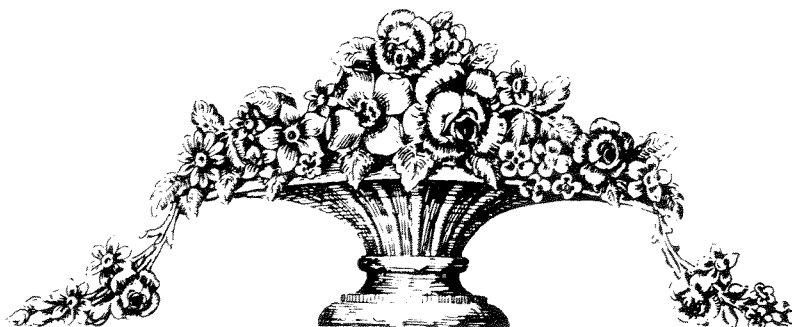
When he received his military discharge in 1954, they moved to Alto, Michigan, where he began employment at Michigan Express. He worked there for 17 years until the company went bankrupt. He then spent a period of time working for the Caledonia, Michigan, school system. In August of 1980, after three consecutive years of January blizzards in Michigan, Leon and Wanda moved to Puryear, Tennessee. There he worked for the Henry County Highway Department, the McEvoy Funeral Home and the Northwest Tennessee Human Resources Department.

Leon was baptized into the Church of Christ on November 6, 1994, and was ordained an elder in the Church of Christ on September 5, 1995. He was an active and diligent member of the Foundry Hill Church of Christ.

Surviving Leon are his

wife, Wanda, their three children and their spouses, Cecil and Lois Heavner, Mike and Dayle Morse, Brian and Tonya Thompson; three brothers, Keith Thompson, Lloyd Thompson, and Dennis Thompson, and a sister, Lois Ridenour, all of Michigan; six grandchildren, Tracie Stallings, Dean Heavner, Jeremiah, Marty, Kristina and Kacy Morse; and four great-grandchildren, Joshua Tomblin, Emaleigh Heavner, Savanna Stallings and Jasmine Morse.

The funeral service for Leon was conducted at the McEvoy Funeral Home in Paris, Tennessee, on January 21, 1999, at 2:00 P. M., with Elder Leslie Case conducting the service and Elder Rodger Bruner assisting. Interment was in the R. L. D. S. Cemetery near the Foundry Hill Church of Christ, Puryear, Tennessee.



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