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"NEW BEGINNINGS"

Just as years have new beginnings and they call them New Years, people can have new beginnings and they call them New You. Haven't you heard, "Is this the new you I've been hearing everyone talk about?" The recipient then responds, "Yes, I've lost 35 lbs," or "Yes, I received my Doctorate last week," or "Yes, I just love my new church calling." Each of these responses show the psychological needs and fulfillments of individuals. How do we initiate or put them into practice? By new beginnings, in new years, with new attitudes.

May the Lord bless each of us to make a committment to utilize this fresh start as we embark on 1983.

Love,
Bishop Mackintosh





Mission News

Australia Sydney



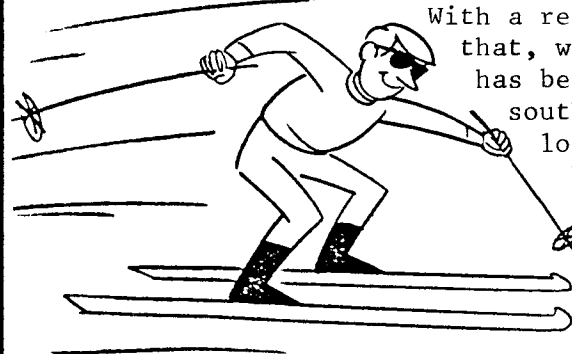
When the Watts' first got to Australia in July, the area suffered from it's biggest snowstorm in recorded history. Latest word is that they're now experiencing the biggest heat wave anyone can remember. Nick says, "You can't tell me that we haven't had an influence on this country!"

Happy New Year to you both and all our missionaries!

South Carolina Columbia

Dyke was transferred from South Carolina to Grovetown, Georgia (farther south). He and his companion have been assigned to a military base. They are finding challenges and new growth. Presently they have several families and single people investigating the gospel.

Dyke writes it is with mixed emotions that he awaits his "Big transfer in the sky." He means his release from his mission. He anticipates the fulfillment of his mission to be the first part of February. Sharing his missionary experiences is something we will miss, but are anxious to see him again. His big request is "Can we go waterskiing at Lake Powell in Feb.?"



With a request like that, we know he has been in the southern climate long enough. We have agreed to have his snow skiis ready!

Texas Houston

Todd was recently transferred to Port Neches, Texas, is working with a new companion, and really getting into the spirit of the work.

They enjoyed a nice Thanksgiving dinner at the home of members.



England Manchester

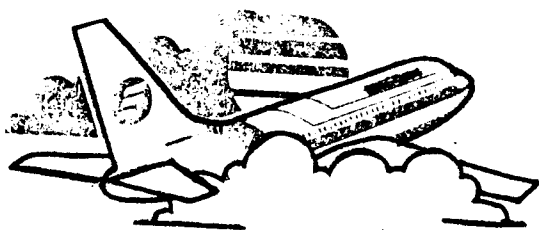
Todd sends his love and best wishes from Blackpool, England. We received a Christmas package and some pictures recently. The best part of all was a tape. It's fun to hear what Todd has to say in his own voice. He also treated us to several familiar musical numbers, such as "Home Sweet Home" and "Oh, That I Were An Angel." Some of the words had been changed, but the tune was the same. It's great to know he hasn't lost his sense of humor. He also had typed some of their tracting experiences.



It was really surprising and interesting to actually hear what he is doing five or six hours of every day. The cold continues to be a problem as well as the high cost of living, but he says he is learning a lot, and is even learning to cope with the British Relief Society Sisters!

We send him our love and continued support.

Columbia Bogota



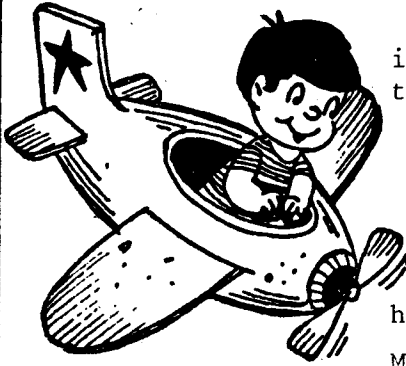
One of Delwin's good friends, Todd Grant, recently arrived at the M.T.C., and Delwin was really happy to see him there (many of us knew Todd when the Grants lived in our ward).

Delwin should be heading for Columbia close to Christmas time, but with an uncertain visa situation, their departure may have to be delayed.

Mom Clawson Reporting

Mom Kartchner Reporting

Canada Calgary



Franklin's big news is that he's scheduled to come home around the first of February.

It's hard to believe that he's been out that long already, but we're looking forward to having him home again!

Mom Clawson Reporting

Hong Kong

Steve says that they are spending sixty hours a week doing missionary work and the rest of the time is spent studying very hard and working towards his certification. They just completed another baptism and said what a great feeling it is to lift a newborn person out of the water.

For Thanksgiving, Steve had his Christmas. His packages arrived early and had to be opened because of moving. They are now looking forward to a white Christmas. Not with snow, but with being dressed

in white and baptizing.

May the New Year bring continued success in the work of the Lord.

Mom Hansen Reporting

Wisconsin Milwaukee

Rick is learning first-hand that open-hearted people are hard to find in and around Wisconsin. A local law also forbids them to go tracting at night, so the work is going slowly. However, they are teaching a 12-year-old boy who seems to be a golden contact, so that's encouraging. Rick really likes his new companion, Elder Gubler, as well as their new apartment.



They had an interesting experience one day--they visited the Miller Brewery just to see what it was like, and were amazed to learn that the one they visited produces a half million cans and bottles of beer each day. And that was only one of seven brewer's carrying the Miller label! Of course the Elders refused a free sample offered to them.

Mom Spencer reporting

Ecuador Guayaquil

Brent and his companion were able to baptize four of their investigators. These are the first baptisms of people that he has taught all the way through. Two of them were members of the Quiroz family. He feels that this is a good family. The mother reads the Book of Mormon and asks good questions about it. Brent feels that they will keep going to church and participating.

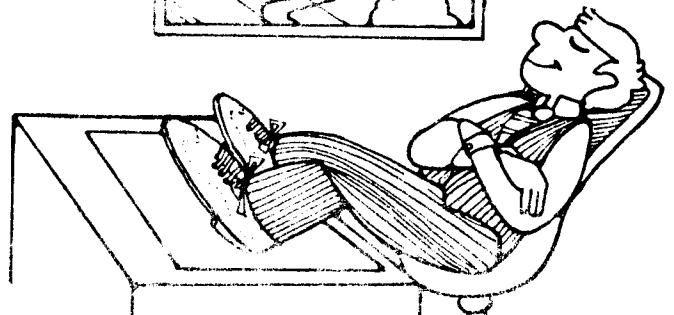
Brent has a new companion who comes from Panama. Even though Brent has only been in Ecuador two months, he has been in Porto Viejo longer than any of the other missionaries.

One Sunday they had a national census in Ecuador. Everyone had to stay in their houses and be counted.

Mom Vernon Reporting



WELCOME HOME CALVIN!



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Relief Society



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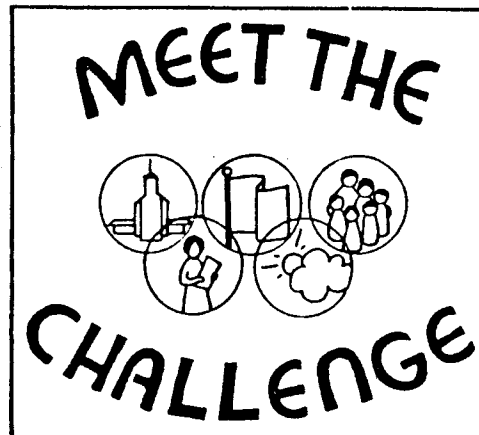
The New Year is upon us and we are all looking forward to trying to improve our lives. Relief Society is the place to go to get this motivation--excellent teachers presenting inspirational lessons! Come partake of the spirit of sisterhood with us. We love you and need you.

Our annual Salt Lake Brighton Stake Education Day is scheduled for Saturday, January 29, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Stake Center. Circle this date on your calendar and don't miss this exciting day! Sister Barbara Smith, General President of the Relief Society will

be our keynote speaker, and you

will have a choice of three of the five workshops offered:

1. ENHANCING YOUR MARRIAGE - Ed Pinegar - Ways to improve communication between husband and wife and work towards a celestial relationship in marriage.
2. THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IS GIVEN TO ALL - Carolyn Rasmus - Through the beautiful story of conversion, Sister Rasmus shows the importance of reliance on the spirit.
3. WILL THE REAL YOU PLEASE STAND UP - Nancy Hughes, Chris Hunter, Karen Leavitt - Awareness and techniques in detecting our thoughts, feelings, and acts. Ways to release stress, combat depression and discover one's real self.
4. WELLNESS LIFESTYLE - Robert L. Leake - How physical fitness can help us to cope with stress and improve our general well being. Games and physical activities for children.
5. GETTING THE MOST FOR YOUR MONEY - Carolyn Dunn - Ways Latter-Day Saint women can become efficient money managers to combat today's economy.

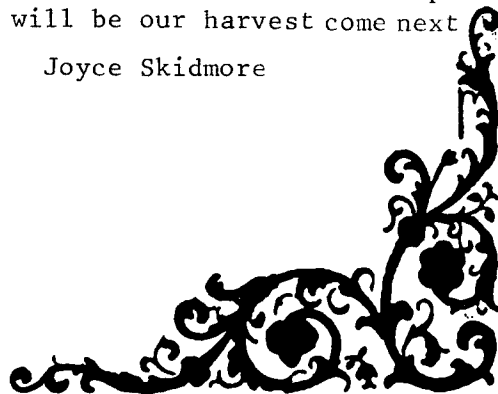


GO BEYOND YOURSELF

The Salt Lake Brighton Stake 1983 Theme is: "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."

An exciting New year lays before us. A new chapter begins in our lives. New friends and new challenges face us. May we trust in the Light of Christ, set a good example of Christian love and friendship during this coming year. Who knows what will be our harvest come next December?

Joyce Skidmore

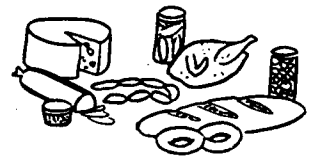


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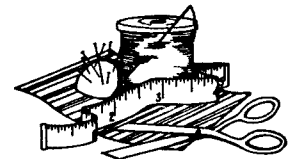
" IF YE ARE PREPARED, YE SHALL NOT FEAR." D&C 38:30

"Latter-day Saints have been counseled to prepare to care for themselves and their families in time of need. Personal and family preparedness should be a way of life, a way of provident living. Being provident involves being 'wise, frugal, prudent, making provision for the future while attending to immediate needs.' (Barbara B. Smith, "Teach LDS Women Self-Sufficiency" Ensign, May 1976)" 1

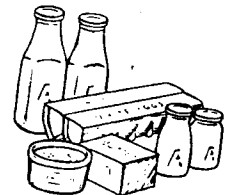
"President J. Reuben Clark, Jr. counseled that the Saints should save in times of plenty for emergencies in the lean years; 'Let every head of every household see to it that he has on hand enough food and clothing, and, where possible, fuel also, for at least a year ahead'. (Conference Report, April 1973, p.26.)" 1



"...The revelation to store food may be as essential to our temporal salvation today as boarding the ark was to the people in the days of Noah. (Ezra Taft Benson, Conference Report, Oct. 1973)" 1



"We encourage families to have on hand this year's supply; and we say it over and over and over and repeat over and over the scripture of the Lord where He says, 'Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?' How empty it is as they put their spirituality, so called, into action and call him by his important names, but fail to do the things which he says. (Spencer W. Kimball, Family Preparedness, Ensign, May 1976)" 1



As a Stake and Ward Relief Society Welfare project, we will have a Family Preparedness sheet added to the ward paper each month. It is our prayer and desire that from this reminder and the information given we may help you become more fully prepared. We know what we ought to be doing -- let's DO IT!



May we become more spiritually and temporally prepared this New Year --

IF WE ARE PREPARED, WE SHALL NOT FEAR

Young Women



The Laurel class also provided the twelve days of Christmas to a needy family.

Heather Glad Reporting

PRIMARY



The month of December has been a special time in Primary this year as we have spent time talking about the birth of our Savior. The Primary children participated in song in the Sunday School Christmas program on December 19. Velma Glad, our super-special choruser again shone out with her talents of teaching songs as we sang, "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus," "Christmas Night," and "Away in a Manger." Thanks to our special children for their sweet voices in our program.

Holly White turned that magical age of 12 and was advanced into the Mutual program on December 11. She has been a delight to have in our Primary and we will really miss her, but know her charming personality will be enjoyed in the Young Women's program.

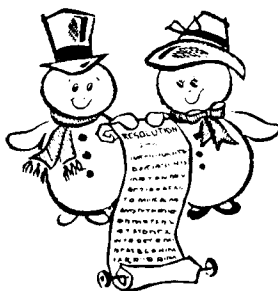
Greg Stay also advanced into the Mutual on December 19. Greg went the extra mile to learn all the old requirements for completion of his banner under the old program. He also completed the new requirements for the "Gospel in Action Award." Greg also earned the "Duty to God Trail Award" given to the Blazer/Scouts under the old program for completing the graduation requirements. This is the last month anyone can receive this award, so we are really thrilled and know he will treasure this always.

Justin Crawford and Steven Allen were both baptized and confirmed the first weekend in December. We are always so proud of our young people when they make important decisions that will affect their lives. We hope these two young men will always remember these sacred baptismal covenants and desire to serve our Father in Heaven always.

This has been a great year for our Primary. As a presidency, we would like to thank each and every one of our Primary Board Members who have served in any way during 1982. Our Heavenly Father is very pleased when we give of ourselves to serve his little lambs. Thanks to all for their devoted service!!

Stella M. Berhold

Primary President



Cub Scouts



Pack 311 has had an exciting Christmas month. The dens have been busy working on Cub Scout requirements, decorations, and Dens 1 and 2 each constructed and decorated a pinata for Pack Meeting. Both dens chose to make a Santa head. Den 1 and half the Webelos Den broke the pinata made by Den 2, and Den 2 and the other Webelos demolished Den 1's pinata. All the boys, as well as their brothers and sisters seemed pleased with the candy inside!

Before the candy fun, uniform inspection was held, and parents as well as awards were counted. The Webelos Den was the Super Den, mainly because of their excellent achievements on awards.

Eric Glad earned several activity badges, as did Danny Price. Eric also achieved his Webelos badge. Matthew Wilson earned 2 arrow points and Scott Scharman received his one-year service star. Steven Allen was welcomed as a new Cub Scout and had already earned his Bobcat badge.



Each Cub Scout brought a gift to exchange, and everyone enjoyed seeing the boys unwrap their surprises. The boys also brought food items for an anonymous service gift.

A birthday cake was served to remind us of what we celebrate.

LORD, TAKE MY HAND AND TOGETHER WE'LL GO

I've had it, Lord, right up to here,
Please take time and make one thing clear,
The little frustrations are driving me wild,
I can handle problems, but from only one child.
I could even adjust to a crisis or two,
But a corn on my toe or yesterday's stew?
A cold in my nose is not really a test,
And I repair plumbing along with the best.
When the kids forget books or the chauffeuring starts,
I keep them all going, bless their cute little hearts.
Cleaning the house is a thankless task,
It never stays done now, Lord, I ask,
Could you give me, please, one mighty chore
One clear cut endeavor, I could nobly endure?
Not the frustration I feel every day,
Give a mountain to climb, or a storm to stay.
I can take on the world, just try me and see,
I can be anything you ask me to be.
On second thought, Lord, I guess you know best,
I'm really not ready to pass the test.
I must learn to crawl before I walk,
And I must know words before I can talk.

I know I'm impatient for what's in store,
And you are right, I need to know more.
So before my problems outgrow my skill,
Let me have patience to learn Thy will.
Give me the strength and wisdom to know,
The time and place you want me to go.
Let me be truthful, loving and kind,
Give me wisdom and time to improve my mind.
Bless me, dear Lord, with a loyal heart,
Let faith, hope and charity be a part
Of every day, as I grow and learn,
With Your love to guide and show true concern
For my family and friends and neighbors as well.
Let me take little steps, so time will tell,
When I'm ready at last, to prove my worth,
For one of the reasons I've come to earth.
Let the task be worthy, and show my skill,
Of how I've learned to do Thy will.
Then I'll be ready to stand and say,
I'm willing, Lord, to go Thy way,
So, please take my hand and together we'll go
On my great adventure here below.

Donna C. Watts

News Briefs

Ward members recently released or sustained:

Released: Kevin Pace, Young Adult Representative
Myrna Okerlund, Y.W. Secretary

Sustained: Jay Bishoff, Young Adult Representative
Myrna Okerlund, Y.W. Camp Director
Carol Mayfield, Y.W. Secretary
Greg Stay, advanced to Deacon
Emerson John, advanced to Teacher
Daren Tea, advanced to Priest



Another baby was born in November which wasn't announced until this month, but we are so happy for Barrett and Lori Bushman upon the arrival of their first child. He was born on November 16, and will be given the name of Barrett John as well as a father's blessing this Fast Sunday.

Lori is the granddaughter of Ira and Edna Butler. She, Barrett, and little "B.J." have an apartment downstairs in the Butler home. This is the third great-grandchild of Ira and Edna's.

Congratulations to all!

Sympathy



Our most sincere love and sympathy is extended to Gayle Conger upon the passing away of her mother, Erma. We will all miss Sister Erma's sweet spirit in our midst, but know she is rejoicing to be with loved ones who have gone before her.

HOSPITALIZATIONS

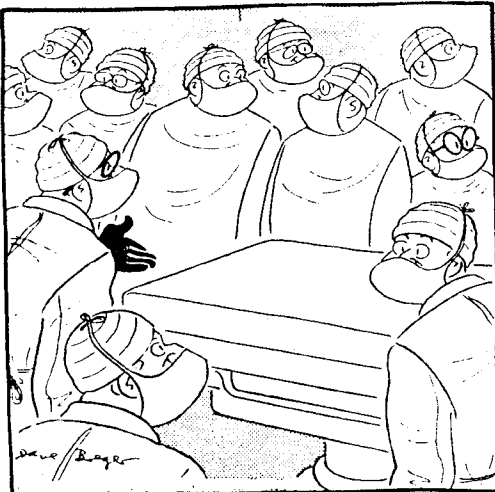
Best wishes for a speedy recovery to those who have had to spend time in the hospital during this holiday season.

Delbert Wood was re-admitted on December 12 to have a cancerous tumor removed.

Greg Butters is home recovering from surgery on his stomach.

Bill Allen suffered a broken leg a few weeks ago while playing racquetball, and needed surgery to get it put back together correctly.

There may be others we're not aware of, so to you as well as those who have been down with colds or the flu, we hope you were all well enough to enjoy a happy holiday season!



"Enough of this nonsense! Will the patient—whoever he is—kindly get on the table?"

A big THANKS to the ward Activities Committee for a fun family Christmas Party, including a well-planned, delicious ham dinner. After everyone was well-fed, we were entertained by some very talented young people in our ward. Karen and Pam Fletcher performed a lively piano duet, Sarah and Jennifer Weenig showed off their tap dancing talents, and another tap dancing number was very well done by Kim Fletcher, Tineka Yergenson, and Tiffany Bloomquist. We also enjoyed a favorite Christmas story told by Ron Cammans. Ramona Schulz led the children in singing Christmas songs which quickly brought Santa Claus in, to the delight of all the children!

Warmest wishes

for a

Bright New Year

