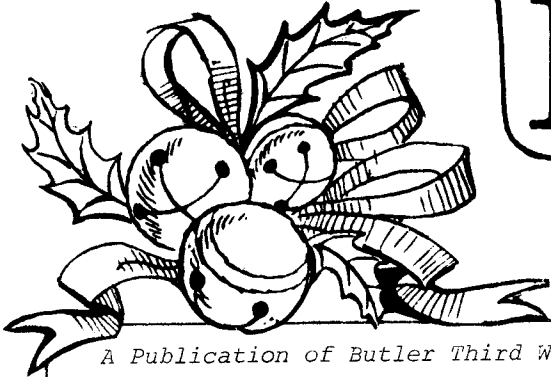




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December is the most exciting month of the year. It brings us parties, good food, presents, Santa Claus, family reunions, New Years Eve, ward socials, and family get-togethers. The spirit of giving permeates our daily lives. We walk and talk with renewed excitement. It's a month of anticipated happiness and joy.

Celebrating the birth of Christ is the reason for this great outpouring of love and happiness. Let us not forget the real purpose of the approaching holiday. Christ was born to usher in the last dispensation of time. His gift is the blessing of all mankind with the good news of the gospel. We must resolve, as we approach the celebration, to honor him by living and teaching gospel standards in our family and individual lives. May the Lord bless us as we enter the happy weeks ahead.

Here's wishing you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Bishop Sherman L. Butters





# Mission News

## Australia Sydney



In answer to a question about the difference between a Mission President and an Area President, Nick gave the following explanation:

"Area Presidents are General Authorities-- 70's--called to preside over a geographical area. The Presidency directs the efforts of eleven missions--at least that's how many they will have in

Samoa for a Mission President's Conference next week (Nov. 14). We are excited because we will be able to travel and be away for a week."

He also commented: "It's hard to get the Christmas spirit in the summer time. We'll manage however. We have to if we want to endure."

President & Sister M.L. Watts  
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Crows Nest NSW 2065  
Australia

## Wisconsin Milwaukee

There surely must be a lot of nice people in Fond du Lac. Ray had eight dinner appointments in only seven days. And on Thanksgiving, he and his companion had three invitations, though they only accepted one.

They are teaching some inmates at the prison as well as several other people.

He has a new companion that he likes.

Mom Tea

Elder Raymond Tea  
Wisconsin Milwaukee  
Mission  
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## Japan Osaka

The missionaries in Lance's zone came clear to Gobo (a 2½-hour train ride from the rest of Osaka, where Lance is) for the Thanksgiving holiday. Lance was on the cooking detail, but most of the other missionaries played on the beach while the dinner was cooking. They had two 9 lb. turkeys for the 30 missionaries. (Dr. Oniki's daughter from our nearby stake was one of the missionaries.)



Lance is okay from his recent bike accident when he was flipped across the street after hitting the suddenly opened door of a van. Fortunately, he grabbed the guard rail as he sailed by or he would have landed in the river.

Lance will baptize Akochan on December 9th when she turns 8. Lance gave Akochan a prayer chart at the conclusion of the prayer lesson, encouraging her to pray night and morning--telling her that she could put a smile face on the chart each time she prayed. She excused herself for a few minutes and when she came back, she put a smile face on her chart! He has a great love for the Japanese people and says Gobo is now a strong branch.

He will be training Elder Phillips to take his place as District Leader since Lance's release date is December 15, 1984. He is looking forward to his parents coming to Japan then. Among other things, he has arranged for Bernice to demonstrate cake decorating by decorating a 3-tiered Christmas cake (wedding cake style), and Claude to dress in red for the Gobo Branch Christmas party that night!

Mom Dean

Elder Lance Dean  
Japan Osaka Mission  
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Japan



Merry



Christmas



## Missouri Independence

The Missouri Mission has had another successful month. The district that Wayne is in had a goal of 20 baptisms for November, and it looks as though this goal will be met.

Wayne tells us it is very humbling to have goals like that and be able to achieve them, and to see the good changes that take place in the lives of those people who are baptized and doing their best to serve the Lord.

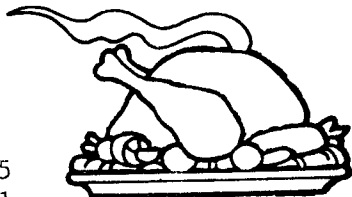
Wayne and his companion have been invited to have Thanksgiving dinner with a member family which will be nice for them.

Wayne tells us he is very happy and getting along fine. He wishes all the ward members a very happy and spiritual holiday season.

Dad Clayton

Elder Wayne Clayton  
Missouri Independence  
Mission

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Independence, MO 64051



## Denmark Copenhagen



When Ronda's grandmother died, President Svendsen thought she ought to call home. That was the first time we've had a chance to talk to her, and she sounded soooo good! She sent her love to Butler Third Ward. She's counting the days to see her family and friends, but she doesn't want to leave Denmark. She had an incident where she felt the presence of the devil nearby, and the Mission President told the sisters to cut back, but she said the devil was not going to slow them down--they would just be careful and stay close to the Lord.

Her testimony has grown so much, and to see her depend on the Lord the way she does makes me feel real good.

Mom Poulson

Søster Ronda Poulson  
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Denmark

## South Dakota Rapid City

November 6th was a special day for Mark--just when he thought he would have to spend his birthday feeling alone and homesick, one of the member families threw a surprise party for him. What very special friends he's made in the mission field.

November 27th will be another red-letter-day for Mark. He and his companion have 5 baptisms scheduled for that day, and he said there might even be 6!

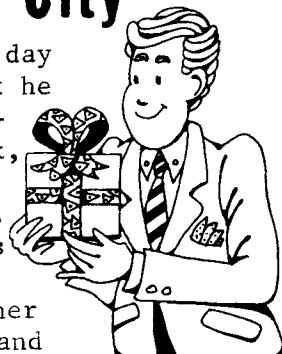
They have been working on one of the Indian reservations again and Mark has really learned to love those Lamanite brothers and sisters. One of them is beading a set of scripture covers for him and another one made him an Indian flute for a souvenir of his mission.

Mark tells us he will be getting transferred the first part of December, and he has mixed emotions about leaving the area he's been serving in. He'll be spending his first Christmas away from home in a new territory.

Mark sends his love to everyone, and his special thanks to those who write to him. He sends you his wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a great New Year!

Mom & Dad Scharman

Elder Mark Scharman  
South Dakota Rapid City Mission  
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## Taipei Taiwan

Elder Butters continues to love and enjoy his mission. The past few weeks have been extremely special for him. They have been part of the open house and dedication of the new Taipei Taiwan Temple. He insists it is the most beautiful temple anywhere.

There was only one aspect that marred the occasion--the anti-Mormons. They were people that had been hired to stand in front of the temple and hand out pamphlets. They weren't even able to speak Chinese. Gregory was extremely upset because these people wore temple clothing and the pamphlets they passed out explained every portion of the endowment, even the most sacred portions. He said you could feel the evil all around them. It made him feel bad because most of the members are fairly new and don't know what to think of the persecution they are receiving. It sounds like the adversary works equally hard against the church everywhere in the world.

Gregory also writes he really feels well and enjoys his new companion. He wants to work as hard as Gregory does, so they get along well.

He reminds us to "Keep the Faith."

Dad & Mom Butters

Elder Gregory Butters  
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Taipei, Taiwan  
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# England Coventry

Avery is doing well. He has had three more baptisms this month.

He has taken the passing of his mother pretty well. We received this letter from his Mission President:

Dad Houskeeper

8 Nov 1984

"Several missionaries were with us last night to be with Elder Houskeeper on the night of Sister Houskeeper's funeral. It was a good occasion. He is a great young man. He was pleased to visit with you and other family members on the phone. I am most grateful for what you have done in sending us such a fine son.

"He loves his Mother with a tenderness, yet intensely, that characterizes those who have learned what a Mother really is. In honesty, her death is hard for him. He has shed many tears. But he also shows courage and love for you. As we visited with him at length last night, his concern was for you. He realizes he can do little for his Mother, and I believe he does not have any serious regrets about words unsaid or deeds undone. But he does have concern for his Father's well-being. He concludes the best way he can respect and honor you and his Mother is to continue in the work here and be the best missionary he can be. I have no doubt, he will be one of the finest missionaries the Lord has in His service at this time."

Sincerely,

*Lugh J. Nelson*

Elder Avery Houskeeper  
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England



Memories are magic moments kept forever by the heart.



# Ireland Dublin

Ramona says that Ireland is a beautiful country, even though they have to do a lot of walking in the rain. She has never seen so many big, beautiful rainbows before!

She likes her companion and says she is a good cook as well as a good missionary. They are working hard, but have a tough area to cover. Nearly all the people there are Catholic, and as soon as the missionaries identify themselves, the people come up with all kinds of excuses to close the door on them. Her mission is going to be a real challenge.

Ramona was asked to give a talk at a recent baptismal meeting, so she talked about faith and repentance. She received several compliments afterwards for a very inspiring message.

Mom Schulz

Sister Ramona Schulz  
Ireland Dublin Mission  
"Castle Court", Main Street  
Castleknock, Dublin 15  
Ireland



# Korea Seoul

Dean has been blessed with excellent companions lately. The work is progressing well and they have more investigators than they can teach.

They have been teaching a man named Lee Chun Gee who has so wholeheartedly accepted the gospel and changed his life that it has made Dean's whole mission worth it just to baptize him.

He reminds us that November is his "Bump" month, or 1/3 of his mission.

For Halloween they celebrated by carving pumpkins, making caramel apples and popcorn.

He is really loving Korea and the people.

Mom Cloward

Elder Dean Cloward  
Korea Seoul Mission  
Gwang Hwa Moon  
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Korea



*There is no comfort quite as warm as the companionship of old and trusted friends.*

## Relief Society

Just a note of appreciation today to say thank you to all the sisters for making Relief Society so special this past year.

To our excellent teachers we express our deep appreciation for the inspiring and motivating lessons you have given us. We are all better wives and mothers and sisters in the gospel because of you.

To our outstanding homemaking department we say thanks for your many hours of work in making Homemaking Night such a delightful, refreshing experience.

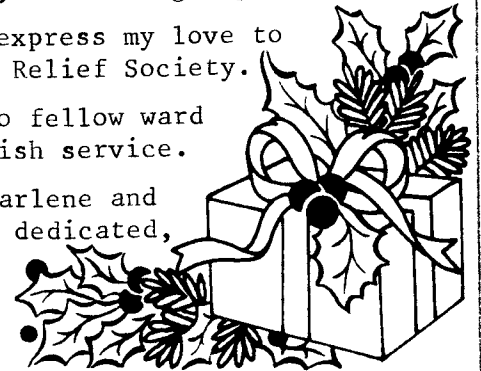
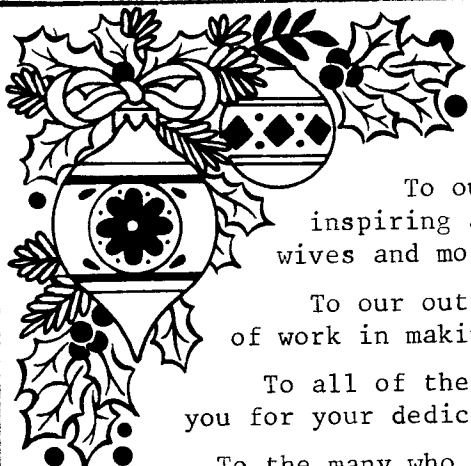
To all of the visiting teachers, may I personally express my love to you for your dedication to this very important phase of Relief Society.

To the many who have extended compassionate service to fellow ward members, I want to say thank you and God bless you for your unselfish service.

Last, but not least, I want to express my love to Wanda and Earlene and Bernice for their loyal support in our Presidency. They are truly dedicated, unselfish women who give me great support in my new calling.

I'm looking forward to a wonderful New Year in 1985.

Laverna Clawson, Relief Society President



## Young Women

Last month started off with the Young Women's Anniversary presentation. Leslie Boulton, Margaret Glad, and Darci Johnson put on a little skit for us symbolizing the growth of the "Young Ladies Retrenchment Society." It was a really special day.

On the 8th was our triumphant basketball victory over the 31st Ward. It was also the last game. We came out with four wins and three losses. Not bad at all. A special thanks to Sister Redmond because without her it wouldn't have been possible.

On the 17th, the Beehives went on a shopping spree. All of them were exhausted after a full day of shopping.

Congratulations to Darci on her wonderful acting in "Fiddler on the Roof."

The Mutual ice skating party was really fun. We all warmed up with chocolate doughnuts at the end of this activity.

And last was the MiaMaid Temple trip. The MiaMaids went to the Salt Lake Temple and were baptized for the dead. What a great way to end the month!

Happy Birthday to Julie Bishoff!

Sarah Weenig

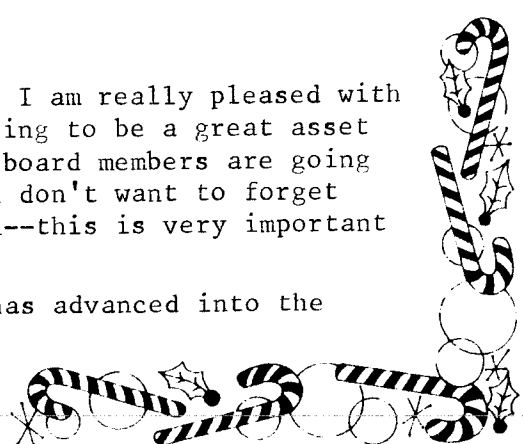
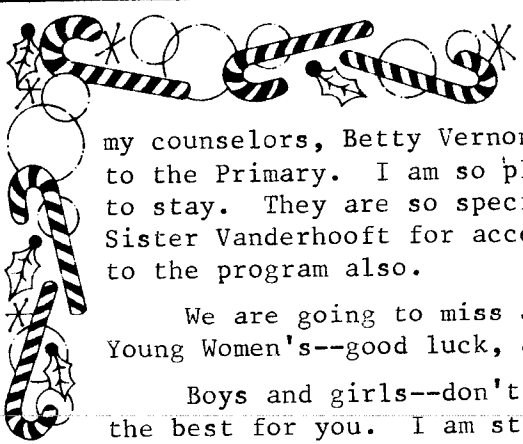
## PRIMARY

The Primary is really great! I am really pleased with my counselors, Betty Vernon and Melba Cram. They are going to be a great asset to the Primary. I am so pleased the teachers and other board members are going to stay. They are so special to the Primary program. I don't want to forget Sister Vanderhooft for accepting the in-service position--this is very important to the program also.

We are going to miss Jennifer Schulz now that she has advanced into the Young Women's--good luck, Jennifer.

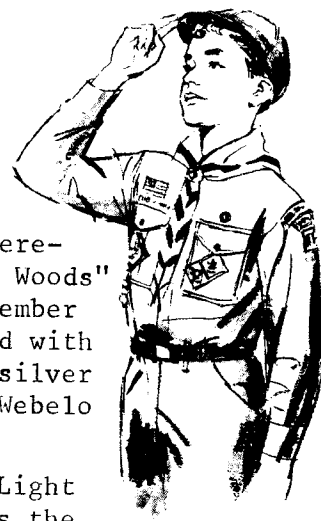
Boys and girls--don't forget we love you and want the best for you. I am still learning.

Sister Florence Jacobson, Primary President



# Cub Scouts

In spite of the fact that our Cub Scout Pack is rapidly shrinking in size, our dedicated Cubmaster has been consistently faithful in providing fun and meaningful pack meetings for the boys. On October 30, after a brief award ceremony at the Barker home, Dick Barker took the Cubs to the "Haunted Woods" at Wheeler Farm for a fun Halloween adventure. That evening the newest member of the Cub Pack 311, Ryan Beattie, was welcomed to the group and presented with his Bobcat Patch and mother's pin. Other awards given that night were 3 silver arrow points to Scott Meldrum, 1 gold arrow point to Steven Allen, and 2 Webelo achievement pins to Brian Rowe.



November's Pack Meeting was held on the 27th, and a special Arrow of Light ceremony was given for Brian Rowe, who qualified for that award as well as the Faith in God award and a special pin which has been designed for Webelos who have earned all fifteen of the Webelo achievements (Brian also received his last four achievement pins). In Den I, Daren Beattie was given the Denner Cord and Scott Meldrum the Assistant Denner Cord. Following the award ceremony, Den I presented a short skit, and then all the boys took part in a "Turkey Shoot." Paper targets were set up at one end of the room and the boys took turns shooting a BB gun at the targets. Steven Allen took first prize for getting the most points in that activity.

All Cubs and their parents need to remember to work on their conservation project this winter. Each boy has been asked to put out and maintain a bird feeder in their yard. A special patch will be given to those who maintain their bird feeder for at least two months.



## Dancing

Several of our young women are talented dancers and are taking part in a variety of dance activities during the holiday season.

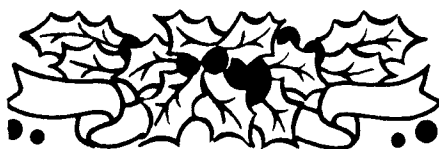
Kimberlie Fletcher and her dance group took part in a dance workshop put on by Joe Tremaine, one of the leading dancers in the United States, on November 11, which included a dance competition for all the dancers in the neighboring states. Kim's group received 2nd place in the jazz category and 3rd place in their tap number. They received two beautiful trophies and the opportunity to enter the competition in New York.

Kris Montgomery is a member of the BYU International Folk Dance group and took part in the annual performance of "Christmas AROUND the World" on November 30 and December 1 at BYU in Provo.

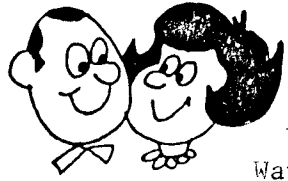
Sarah and Jenny Weenig are a team with the Sho Shazam Dance Group which is scheduled to give two performances at Crossroads Mall, one at the Festival of Trees, and four at the Dickens Festival.

Tiffany Tea is also a member of the same group and will be taking part in several of the performances.

Heather Butters, a member of the International Jr. Folk Dancers Group, will also be in a performance at the Festival of Trees, and three performances each at the ZCMI Mall and the Dickens Festival.

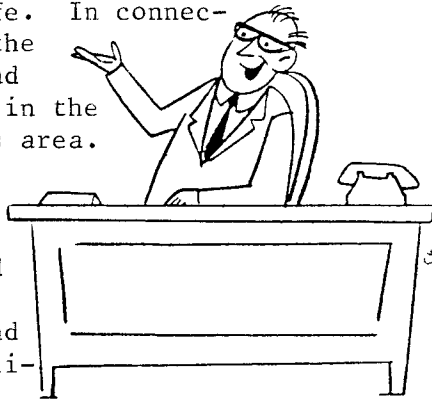


# Getting Acquainted....



Even though this month's featured couple are living in our area temporarily, they have already been a rich blessing to the Butler Third Ward. Byron J. and Shirley T. Anderson live at 2625 East Nantucket Drive, and have not hesitated to accept important teaching positions in the ward even though they have been busy supervising the construction of their new home in another area of the city.

Byron was born in Barnwell, Alberta, Canada, and later moved to a town called Raymond, also in Alberta. He has one brother and one sister. He graduated from the University of Alberta in Chemical Engineering, then went on to earn a diploma in Management Administration at McGill University in Montreal. Byron has been in general management in the petro-chemical business most of his life. In connection with this, in the last few years he had spent a lot of time in the government relations area. He started out in Calgary, Alberta, working for an oil company, transferred to Montreal, then changed companies and moved to central Illinois to work for a petro-chemical company. He has worked in petrochemicals since then in Houston, Charlotte (NC), New York (while living in Connecticut), Chicago, and Omaha, Nebraska. Now he's retired and says he's busier than ever!

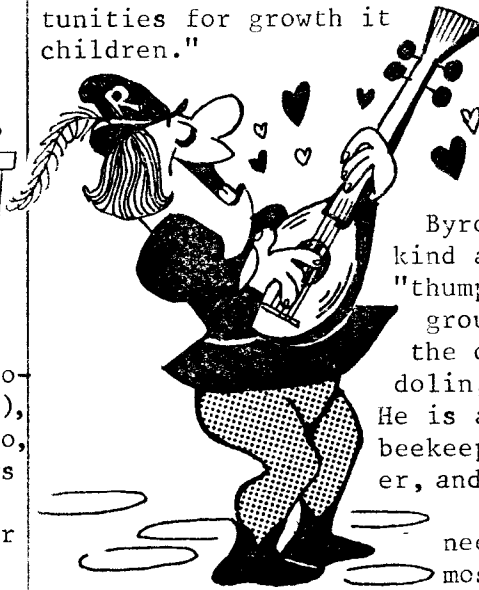


Shirley was born in Provo, Utah. Her father was Agricultural Superintendent for the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company, and when she was four years old he was transferred to Raymond, Alberta, Canada to teach the people up there how to grow beets. He and his wife raised four daughters and two sons in Raymond, and stayed there the rest of their lives. Shirley met Byron when she was twelve years old and his family moved to Raymond. He lived next door to Shirley's cousin and she said they would have crab apple fights and rubber gun fights! All during high school they went around in the same crowd, but did not seriously date until they were both out of college and working.

Shirley graduated from BYU in Secondary Education with a major in English. She then taught school in Manti for a year, followed by a year in Bunkerville, Nevada. She and Byron began

dating when they both were home in Raymond for Christmas vacation that second year, and the courtship progressed long distance for awhile after that. When summer vacation came around, Shirley had plans to travel to Mexico, but Byron talked her into spending her vacation with him at Waterton Lakes in the Canadian Rockies (he really didn't have to talk too hard). They were engaged that summer and married the following December in the Alberta Temple (Happy Anniversary!).

Shirley says, "When we got married, both our families were pleased that we would only be 180 miles away in Calgary. But we only lived there 1½ years before we were transferred 2000 miles away to Montreal. Since then we have always lived at least 1500 miles away, but it has been interesting and challenging. The church situation was always a challenge because of distance, but rewarding because of the good strong members in the mission field as well as the opportunities for growth it gave us and our children."



The Andersons have developed a wide variety of talents and interests over the years. Byron loves music of any kind and plays the guitar, "thumps" the piano for group singing, plays at the organ, ukelele, mandolin, and loves to sing. He is a ham radio operator, beekeeper, sailor, gardener, and cross country skier.

Shirley enjoys doing needlepoint as well as most all handwork (except quilting), walking, bowling, cross country skiing, golf, people, and reading calligraphy. Right now she is learning to use the word processor, so occasionally her family gets nice long letters!

Byron and Shirley have three children--two married daughters and a son. One of the girls lives in Draper, one is in Calgary, Alberta, and their son is living in Chicago. So far they also have nine grandchildren.

Thank you, Byron and Shirley, for sharing your time and talents with us while you've been here. We're not looking forward to having you leave! (They're planning to move into their retirement "dream home" next month.)



# News Briefs

**Ward members recently sustained:**

Florence Jacobson, Primary President  
 Betty Vernon, Primary 1st Counselor  
 Melba Cram, Primary 2nd Counselor  
 Terry Glad, Primary Valiant Teacher  
 Kathy Clayton, R.S. Compassionate Service Leader  
 Shirley Russell, R.S. Singles Transition Leader  
 Louise Vanderhooft, Primary Inservice Leader  
 Peggy Fletcher, Y.W. Volleyball Coach  
 Barbara Tea, Head Librarian  
 Shirlene Hansen, Assistant Librarian  
 Mike Spencer, advanced to Priest

**Ward members recently released:**

Kathy Clayton, Primary President  
 Terry Glad, Primary 1st Counselor  
 Gloria Hansen, Primary 2nd Counselor  
 Melba Cram, Valiant Teacher  
 Louise McOmber, Head Librarian  
 Mary Barbour, R.S. Compassionate Service Leader  
 Frieda Ross, Primary Inservice Leader  
 Florence Jacobson, R.S. Singles Transition Ldr.

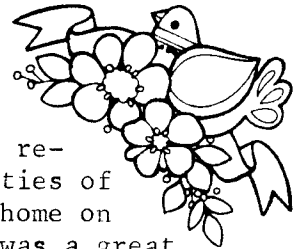


On Nov. 2, the two-month old daughter of Mitchell and Shauna Okerlund was blessed and given the name of Sheena Lee Okerlund.

A baby boy joined the Montgomery family on November 1. Little Toby Lynn is the son of Lynn and Judy Montgomery and the newest grandchild of Monty and Norma.

November 20 was the big day of arrival for Adam Dean Rennie. The 9 lb. 7 oz. son of Rod and Lark was only one day late for being his dad's biggest birthday gift!

## Sympathy



Our dear sister, Merylyn Houskeeper, was released from the infirmities of mortal life and called home on November 3rd. Merylyn was a great example of faith for her family as well as for all who knew her, and we can rejoice in knowing that she is finally free from pain and enjoying the peace that passeth all understanding.

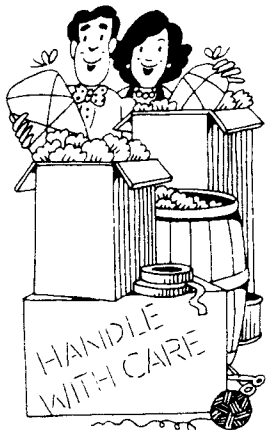
We appreciated the recent testimony given by Brother Frank Poulson in response to the love shown to his family after the death of his mother on the 30th of October.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**



...Ryan Beattie, for being baptized and confirmed on November 3rd.  
 ...Ray and Deaun Haueter, for being called to serve in the Jordan River Temple.  
 ...Joe Glad, David Cloward, and Trevin Beattie, for earning and receiving their Duty to God awards.  
 ...Darcianne Johnson, for her excellent performance as one of the leading players in Brighton High's recent musical, "Fiddler on the Roof."

## WELCOME



The family of Darrell and Kathy DiMaggio had been here from Louisiana for less than two weeks when they found out what a Utah snowstorm was like--and had a hard time making it to church last Sunday morning! They are renting the basement apartment at 7957 Portsmouth Avenue while Darrell is attending a computer school for a few months. Darrell

says he isn't sure where they'll be located after that, but already they love this area! The DiMaggio's have 3 daughters at home: Mary (11), Bridgett (10), and Jamie (8). We're delighted to have you in Butler Third Ward!

**SPECIAL SESSION**



A special temple excursion is planned for February 1 at the Jordan River Temple. We must be at the temple by 5:45 to get changed, then at 6:00 we will meet in the overflow room at the South end of the cafeteria for a delicious buffet (\$6.00 per person). At 7:00 we will all go on a session. Be sure your recommends are current.

**EVERYONE NOTE:** Beginning in January, our new meeting times will be: Sacramento Mtg. at 11:30; S.S. and Primary at 12:50; and Priesthood, Relief Society, & Y.W. at 1:40. APYM & APYW Activity Nights will be the 2nd and 4th Wednesday.