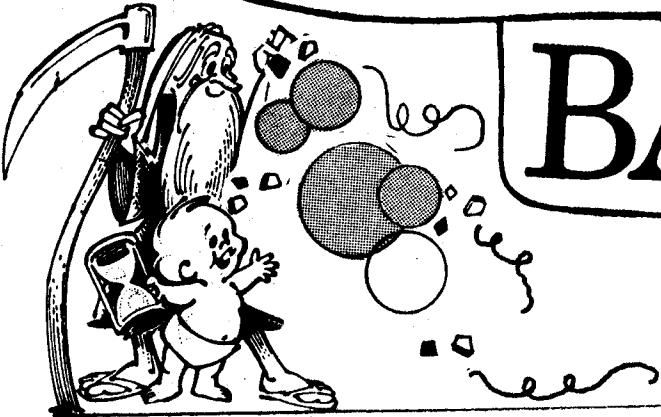


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MAKE IT A SPECIAL DAY

As you are all aware, Bishop Butters has designated January 13, 1985, as 100% Sunday for our ward. The intention here was to set a goal that would take a coordinated effort and commitment by every member of the ward to reach. With the exception of a few who are physically unable or those who might have commitments that would make it impossible for them to attend, we sincerely believe we can achieve our goal.

But why should we even try for 100%? The other day our youngest son, Steven, brought home his school papers and his face beamed as he showed us a work paper with a big 100% clearly marked at the top. Indeed, we were proud of him and praised him for his accomplishment. Perhaps each of you can recall the feeling you had when you studied hard and received 100% on an important test score in school. This feeling is unique and uplifting. I believe we can receive a portion of this feeling if we each contribute our share toward this day.

In addition to having 100% attendance that day, may I suggest that we each strive for a 100% test score on spirituality that day as well. Perhaps each family could write up the test ahead of time. It might include items on prayer, service to others, tithing, keeping the Sabbath Day holy, and any number of other gospel principles. Then on the 13th each individual in the family could take the test and determine your own score. Can you imagine how proud our Heavenly Father would be to see our ward with 100% at the top of our paper and how much more proud he would be to see each family and each individual with 100% at the top of our test papers?

May the Lord bless each of us for individual and collective efforts to achieve this worthy goal to be 100 percenters--especially on that day.

Bill Allen, 1st Counselor



Mission News

Taipei Taiwan



Australia Sydney

17 Dec 1984

"We'll have a brief pause to catch our breath from now until the New Year, then it's back on the treadmill. We're looking at a round of Zone Conferences in January; a mission tour by President Simpson; one more round of District Conferences; two building dedications and on and on.

We will be interested to see how the provision for extension of missions up to 24 months will affect our strength. No real indication as of this moment.

"We had the opportunity to attend a presentation of the 'Messiah' in the Sydney Town Hall yesterday. It was impressive--particularly the auditorium in the Town Hall. The organ used for accompaniment was supposed to have been built by a Mr. Bridges, the same man who supervised construction of the Tabernacle Organ. I was advised by President Simpson that such has been reported but has not been verified.

"We hear the winter is settling in with earnest to help intensify the Christmas spirit. There are no outside decorations down here; very small and unpretentious Christmas trees and traditional picnic dinners at the beach.

"We'll start the sun back towards the Northern Hemisphere Thursday and count on all of you to have it warmed up by July when we return.

"Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"

Love, Nick and Donna

President & Sister M.L. Watts
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Australia



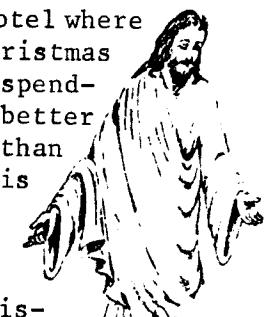
England Coventry

Avery called home to talk with his family on Christmas Day. He said the members were being extra hospitable during the holidays-- he had invitations for three dinners that day!

They had two people baptized in December, so the work is progressing.

Everything is going beautifully in Taiwan. Gregory is now in a new apartment with a new companion that is as enthusiastic as Greg is! They should really do fantastic things together!

We talked with him on Christmas Eve. He had just returned from the Grand Hotel where they were served a gigantic Christmas turkey dinner. He planned on spending Christmas tracting. What better way to spend Christ's birthday than telling others about him and his gospel! We know this will be one of the most special times for Greg ever.



Last month we told of how discouraged Greg was because of all the anti-Mormon people causing problems for the Taipei Temple Opening. Well, even good comes out of people trying to go against our Father in Heaven. He said that during the dedication it was mentioned that many people came inside the temple to investigate and see for themselves what was happening because of the anti-Mormons outside. Many have asked to have the missionaries visit.

Mom Butters

Denmark Copenhagen



Ronda was really looking forward to Christmas this year in the big city. Their Christmas Conference went very well. She had to give a 15-minute talk as well as a skit, and she and her companion sang "Silent Night" in Relief Society.

Ronda has a new address. She is still in Copenhagen and living with a lady that Frank knew. Frank spent his 2nd Christmas Eve as a missionary at her home, and now Ronda spent her Christmas there, too, so that made it special.

She called us Christmas morning from my brother's house, about 350 km. south of Copenhagen. She and two Sisters had permission to take the train and see them and stay overnight. It made my whole Christmas, and from the giggles on the other end, they weren't feeling too bad, either.

Ronda got an extension of 1 week and will be released around April 1. I will go over earlier so we can visit with relatives and friends before we come back home about April 19.

Happy New Year, Ronda!

Address: Vaeredamsvej 15 2/th

1619 Copenhagen V

Denmark

Mom Poulsom

Philippines



Bishop Butters received the following letter from the McOmbers:

"The day after arriving we began our work in this beautiful temple at 6:30 S.M. and continued until about 8:00 P.M. with a mid-day break of about 2 hours. There is a sweet spirit one feels as soon as you get on the temple grounds. The Filipino members are very proud of their new temple and love to come and do the Lord's work. Workers keep it clean and their loving dedication makes it a spiritual experience to come here."

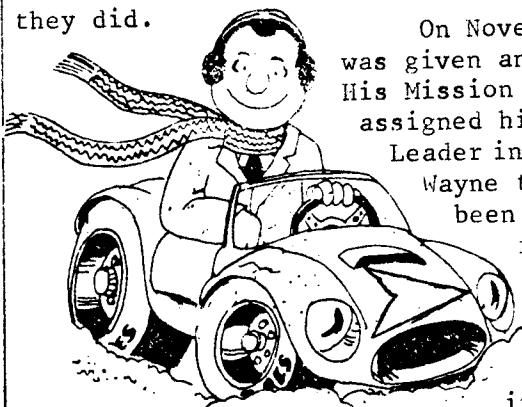
"David Clawson and his lovely wife have been to the temple several times since we came. President Garth Andrus, Wanda Mackintosh's brother, has done well in organizing the work here so that the work goes smoothly. Saturday was extra heavy with ten full sessions for endowments and many sealings. They are talking about needing another temple in the southern part of the Philippines. It is very hard for the poorer members to come a long way to the temple."

"We are enjoying our new work very much with these charming, loving people."

Winston & Louise

Missouri Independence

The past month has been a busy one for Wayne. The record month for baptisms in his mission was 107. The missionaries worked very hard to break this record, and almost did, but for November their baptism total was 104. They were not discouraged, but most thankful to our Father in Heaven for his great help in doing as well as they did.



On November 25 Wayne was given another new job. His Mission President has assigned him to be a Zone Leader in the Omaha Zone.

Wayne tells us it has been most interesting to have the additional responsibilities and he has enjoyed working with the other Elders. Wayne will also be traveling more and this will also add to his interest and enjoyment in the mission field.

Wayne wrote to us and asked us to be sure and tell all of the ward members "Merry Christmas," and he hopes the New Year will be a good and happy one for all of the church members.

Dad Clayton

South Dakota Rapid City

Well, December 1st came and Mark's anticipated transfer didn't. Instead his companion was transferred to South Dakota and made a Zone Leader and Mark was made District Leader for the Minnesota area--and got a new companion fresh from the M.T.C. (and Arizona) to train. His new companion is having a hard time adjusting to the bitter cold of Minnesota winters.

Christmas Eve was made special by the Peterson family--they invited Mark to a Christmas party at their home. Sister Peterson wrote to us asking for recipes for Mark's favorites so she could surprise him on Christmas Eve. Christmas Day was spent at Cass Lake Indian Reservation--Mark had to go up and check on an older missionary couple who are working on the reservation.

Mark and his companion had three baptisms on Dec. 12th (2 converts, 1 a child of record). And there are 2 more scheduled for Dec. 29th.

Mark sends his love and thanks to everyone--especially those who sent Christmas greetings to him.

Mom & Dad Scharman



Uruguay Montevideo

Bret's letters home are so full of joy and excitement about the progress being made in Uruguay. He said the month of December they will be having one of the largest groups of baptisms.

He has still been traveling around the countryside holding District and Zone conferences and working with so many of the missionaries which is such a great learning experience and testimony builder. He also said working so directly with the Mission President and his wife has been a great experience and he has learned so much.

I received a call from Bret in December when the news was released to extend the missions to 24 months asking if there were any problems with extending his mission. Like he said, miracles can be worked in the mission field in six months. Bret will also have the opportunity to return to the door-to-door contacting where the real conversion takes place which he is greatly looking forward to.

He was very happy and looking forward to the opportunity to continue his missionary work until July.

Our family is very proud of Bret for his dedication. What a special Christmas gift we have received.



Mom Cammans

Korea Seoul

In one of Dean's recent letters he included these suggestions for Family Night:

*Use 1984 Priesthood Manual, Lesson #20 on Joseph Smith.

*Use 1984 Priesthood Manual, other lessons.

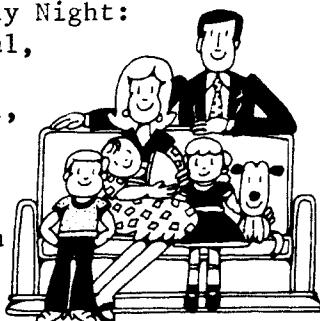
*Use 'Gospel Principles' any lesson.

*Use missionaries--ask them to come and do a 'Love One Another Family Home Evening Program.' But first have in mind 2 or 3 families that could meet with you. It'll be one of the most enjoyable experiences of your life. All you have to do is invite the missionaries over and tell them beforehand to teach that specific lesson to you. They will do and challenge you to get a family. Then you invite a family over for dinner and tell them that after you'd like them to stay and have an activity with you, you do it weekly. Now you're missionaries, easy, huh?! We get 80% of our baptisms off of a program with members, just like that. Help us out!!

"The gospel's true, Joseph was a prophet and God lives. Spencer Kimball is today (a) prophet. Remember I know, and right now that is my job to testify of that. Jesus is the Christ and this I do testify in his name. Amen."

He is really enjoying the spirit of missionary work and has decided to stay an extra five months.

Mom Cloward



Ireland Dublin

Ramona has learned a lot and is determined to bring people into the church and to share the gospel. She loves missionary work. They are teaching three families at the present time.

In the town of Cork the streets are very beautiful--decorated with lots of lights. On Christmas all of the missionaries were together in Dublin with the Mission President and his wife. The missionaries also put on a Christmas play for the branch.

The place where Ramona and her companion stay is just one small room. It has no heater, but a fireplace and a little electric heater to push around (she melted the front of her robe already). The electricity works only with coins.

Ramona loves her Heavenly Father and the work and is excited to teach. She also loves all of you and sends you her greetings.

Mom Schulz



Wisconsin Milwaukee

Ray has been transferred to the hardcore ghetto area of Milwaukee. Because it is so bad there, the Mission President has told them not to go tracting at night. Ray was on the bus and someone with a razor blade or knife sliced his coat in an attempt to get to his pocket.

They just completed a Quad Zone Conference which was very good. They have been working very hard and have an exceeding large number of persons they have contacted through tracting. They are teaching several families and one person looks like he is close to baptism.

Ray's new address is: 617 N. 23rd St. #104

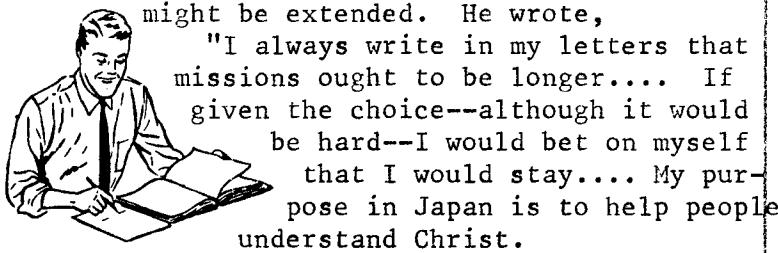
Milwaukee, WI 53233



Japan Osaka

When Lance had the option to return in the 18 months or extend his mission, he said one of the biggest things he thought about was what his future children would say if they knew he had this opportunity and he didn't take it.

He also re-read an October journal entry--written when he had heard a rumor that missions might be extended. He wrote,



"I always write in my letters that missions ought to be longer.... If given the choice--although it would be hard--I would bet on myself that I would stay.... My purpose in Japan is to help people understand Christ.

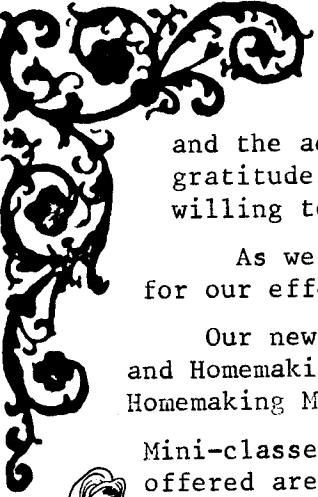
"We all have weaknesses, but our Heavenly Father will help me overcome my weaknesses. I have come to understand all He has done for us. I can see all the wonderful things He has created and know how great He is, yet He will still listen to my prayers--even a three-second prayer if it is sincere--and I can feel His influence.

"I have gained great study habits and also have learned so much about human relations. I have gained a greater understanding about making personal goals and doing them. Four months ago, one of my goals was to ponder gospel principles and to liken anything we do to a gospel principle."

Lance said he has dedicated this extra six months to the Lord. The extra growth will also be a gift to the man he would like to become.

He also said there is one day a year in Japan that parents go to school--and it was a recent Sunday. That Sunday, there were only a few adults at the Branch--and no children!

Mom Dean



Relief Society.



Our hearts are full as we look back over this past year and the accomplishments and successes in Relief Society. Our love and gratitude to the sisters of Butler Third Ward that are so special and willing to share their love and talents with each other.

As we approach the New Year with enthusiasm, our Heavenly Father will bless us for our efforts if we will continue to extend ourselves to each other.

Our new 1985 schedule will be Relief Society at 1:40 to 2:30 Sunday afternoons and Homemaking Night the first Wednesday of the month--however, there will not be a Homemaking Meeting in January. The first one will be on February 6th.



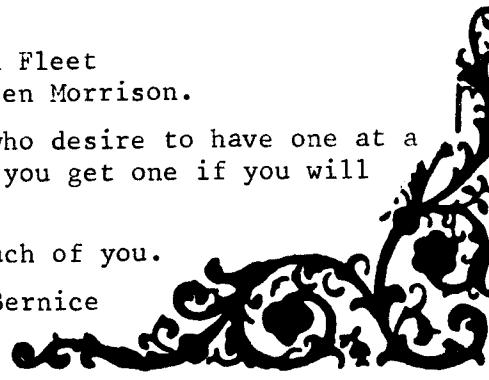
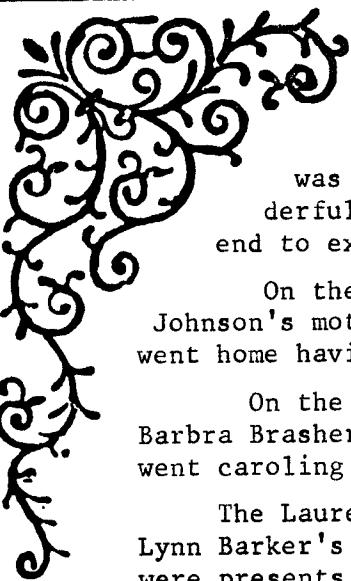
- Mini-classes offered are:
- Time Saving Dishes, by Ruth Paxman
 - Play Box, by Leslie Boulton
 - Red Plates (You Are Special Today), by Stella Berhold
 - Quilt Tying, by Vi Hansen
 - Ceramic Painting, by Jean Nydegger
 - Calligraphy, by Rosalyn Ostler
 - Silk Flower Arrangements, by Georgia Van Fleet

If you have any questions, call Helen Perry or Colleen Morrison.

New Relief Society manuals are available for those who desire to have one at a cost of \$1.00 apiece. Bernice Dean will be happy to see that you get one if you will contact her or they will also be available at Relief Society.

Again, we wish to express our love and appreciation to each of you.

Laverna, Earlene, Wanda & Bernice

Young Women

The Ward Christmas Party (which was our combined activity for Dec.) was very successful. Many came and had an enjoyable time. Dinner was wonderful and an adorable program followed. Of course Santa Claus came at the end to excite everyone. Thank you to everyone who made the fun evening possible!

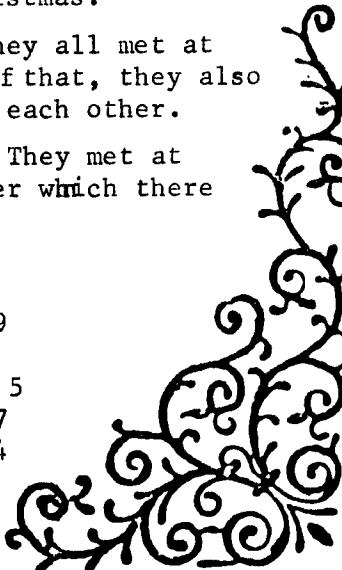
On the 4th, the Miammaids had their Night For Sharing. They went to Terry Johnson's mother's home for dinner. Everything went very well and all the girls went home having a closer feeling about each other and about Christmas.

On the 16th, the Beenives had their Night For Sharing. They all met at Barbra Brasher's for dinner and a testimony meeting. After all of that, they also went caroling with the ward and just overall had a fun time with each other.

The Laurel's also had their Night for Sharing on the 16th. They met at Lynn Barker's home and shared their goals for the past year, after which there were presents and refreshments.

We hope everyone enjoyed their holidays!

Happy Birthday to: Sarah Weenig - December 9
 Holly White - December 9
 Kim Montgomery - January 5
 Pam Fletcher - January 17
 Jennifer Okerlund - Jan. 24
 Mindy Lindquist - Jan. 29

PRIMARY

As Christmas time has just ended and we enter a New Year, I pray that I may serve your children well and will be there when they need me.



We held a preparation meeting and Christmas party on December 6th. Those in attendance heard a very nice lesson given by Louise Vanderhoof. She did an excellent job. Thanks Louise. The meeting-party was held at Sister Vernon's home. Thanks betty.

I hope the children have learned some of the true aspects of Christmas in our Primary.

The Sunbeam class did the sharing time on December 30. Those little 3-year-olds make it an enchanting day for all.

On Friday evening, January 25, the combined Merri-Miss Memorandum and Blazer Briefing will be held. Parents, please keep this date in mind.

God bless our little ones.

Florence Jacobson, Primary President

Scouts

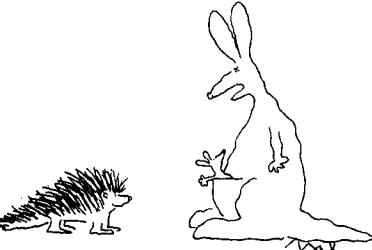
TROOP 311

On December 9, 1984, the Scouts of Troop 311 were honored at a Court of Honor. Two boys, Brian Rowe and Scott Scharman, were awarded the honor of becoming a Blazer Scout. The Blazers, including Brian and Scott, received a total of six merit badges.

In the older Scout group, two boys, Eric Glad and Brett Scharman, got their Star achievements and altogether the older group got sixteen merit badges. The Scoutmaster, Lynn Rowe, presented to Troop 311 the Honor Unit Award.

Bill Allen has been teaching the older group the computer merit badge. In early January they will complete the classwork and visit the computer installation at Evans & Sutherland. After that they will work on the genealogy merit badge under the leadership of Rosalyn Ostler.

by Ryan Kartchner



"No, you can't invite your friend to stay overnight in your room!"



Genealogy

By Sherry Orrock

Smith names, Fry names,
Dead and gone and dry names!

Old names, bold names,
Hard to spell and cold names!

This is what I used to think:
Those silly people eat and drink,
Who study family histories,
Places, dates and mysteries,

Loves and heartaches,
Wheel on Grandma's cart breaks,

Babies teething,
People--living, breathing.

Now I know what joys are found
In searching volumes leather bound
And finding that a wholesome life
Was lived by Great-great-grandpa's wife.

These are sigh names,
Make-me-laugh or cry names.

Names aren't dry names
When I find they're my names.

Getting Acquainted....

Larry Edward Bridge and Connie Bowthorpe Bridge are one of the few couples in Butler 3rd Ward who live on Danish Road (their's is 7938), and we would like to help bring them out of isolation this month by getting to know them a little better.

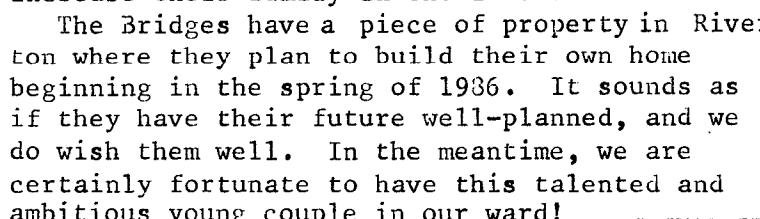
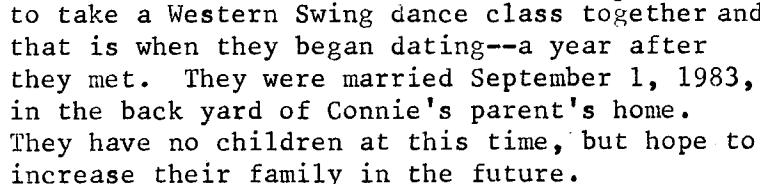
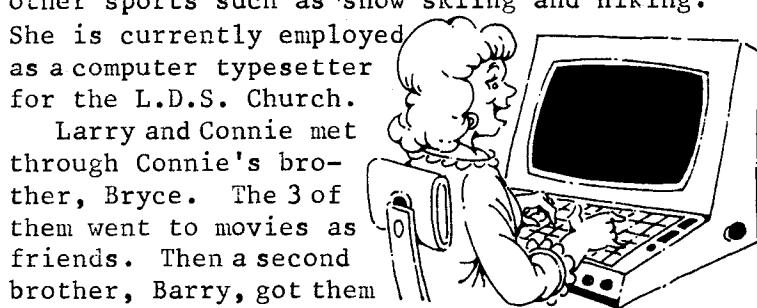
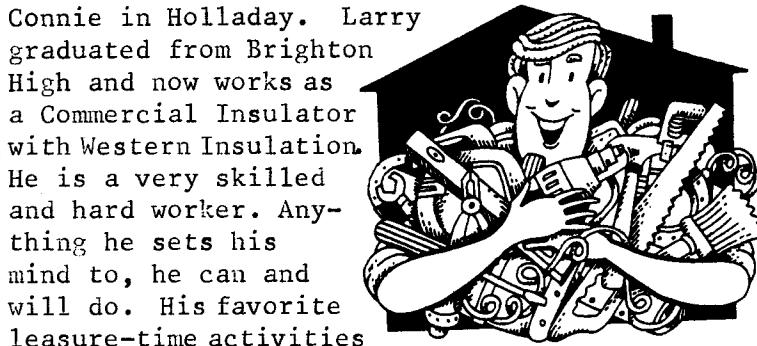
Both Larry and Connie were born and raised in Salt Lake City--Larry in the Butler area and Connie in Holladay. Larry graduated from Brighton High and now works as a Commercial Insulator with Western Insulation. He is a very skilled and hard worker. Anything he sets his mind to, he can and will do. His favorite leisure-time activities are hunting, fishing, 4-wheeling, boating, and water-skiing. Larry enjoyed fishing with his grandpa when he was small, and has fond memories of going out in his grandfather's boat.

Before her marriage, Connie spent several years traveling all over the country with her mother. Now she plans on spending all of her future trips with Larry. Connie is the type of person who will do anything at least once and will always try to do it the best. She shares many of Larry's interests, such as fishing and 4-wheeling, as well as other sports such as snow skiing and hiking.

She is currently employed as a computer typesetter for the L.D.S. Church.

Larry and Connie met through Connie's brother, Bryce. The 3 of them went to movies as friends. Then a second brother, Barry, got them to take a Western Swing dance class together and that is when they began dating--a year after they met. They were married September 1, 1983, in the back yard of Connie's parent's home. They have no children at this time, but hope to increase their family in the future.

The Bridges have a piece of property in Riverton where they plan to build their own home beginning in the spring of 1986. It sounds as if they have their future well-planned, and we do wish them well. In the meantime, we are certainly fortunate to have this talented and ambitious young couple in our ward!



ACTIVITIES

January 11:



WESTERN DANCE FOR ADULTS

Western Attire

Live Band

Floor Show

Refreshments

Lesson Hour:
8:00-9:00 pm

Dance: 9-12:00 pm

Brighton Stake
Center

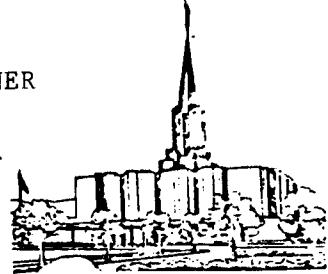
Cost: \$5.00 per couple at the door, or free to those dance club members who have prepaid season tickets.

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February 1:

JORDAN RIVER TEMPLE DINNER
AND ENDOWMENT SESSION

The banquet style dinner will cost \$6.00 each.



Procedure:

Those participating must be in their white clothing and ready to sit down to eat at 5:45 pm--dinner will start at 6:00 pm sharp. Following dinner a special lecture by a member of the temple presidency will be given, then we will go into an endowment session. Those at the temple making the arrangements tell us that late comers will be cut off and not allowed to join the group, so be sure to be there on time. Make reservations with Henry Middleton--we need a minimum of 30 people in order to get the accommodations.



News Briefs

Ward members recently sustained:

Judi Rowe, Road Show Coordinator
 Judith Meldrum, Exec. Asst. to Road Show Coordinator
 Louise Vanderhooft, Road Show Music Specialist
 Richard Barker, Road Show Lighting Specialist
 Maitland Spencer, Road Show Scenery Specialist
 Cliff Beattie, Lynn Barker, Jess Morrison,
 Road Show Transportation Coordinators
 Terry Johnson, Road Show Coreographer
 Stella Berhold, Road Show Makeup & Hair Specialist
 Richard Barker, Varsity Leader
 Bill Hawkes, Cubmaster
 Carolyn Scharman, Sunday Program Cover Coordinator
 Dave Folsom, Sunday School Teacher
 David Glad, S.S. Family Relations Instructor
 Allan Blackhurst, advanced to Elder
 Emerson John, advanced to Priest

Ward members recently released:

Richard Barker, Cubmaster
 Bill Hawkes, Sunday School Teacher
 David Glad, Venture Leader

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

...Danny Price, who helped his football team earn their 13-0 record and take the Ute Conference Championship.

...Kendra Barbour, who took 2nd place in gymnastics at the recent Special Olympics.



1985 MEETING SCHEDULE

SACRAMENT MEETING

11:30 - 12:40

SUNDAY SCHOOL

12:50 - 1:30

PH, REL. SOC, Y.W.

1:40 - 2:30

PRIMARY

12:50 - 2:30

MIA ACTIVITY NIGHTS

2ND & 4TH WEDS

Sympathy



Our love and sympathy are with two ward members and their families who have lost a loved one recently.

Sheila McKinney Welton's grandmother, Sister Eaton, who had been living with Sheila, passed away early in December. Also, Sharon Nytch's father died.

Wedding

Congratulations to Steve Hansen and Linda Hovey, who were married on December 17, 1984, and honored at a lovely reception that evening at the Cottonwood Condominium Club House.

Steve and Linda will be staying with Steve's family for awhile, so rather than losing one young adult this time, we've gained two new ward members! Welcome!

"Gosh, Bishop, money is a little tight right now. I just can't see how I can possibly pay my share of the building fund!"

