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THE PROMISE OF EASTER

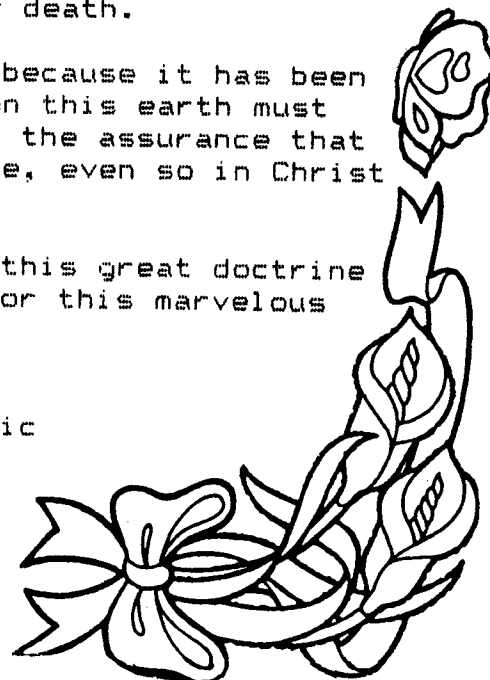
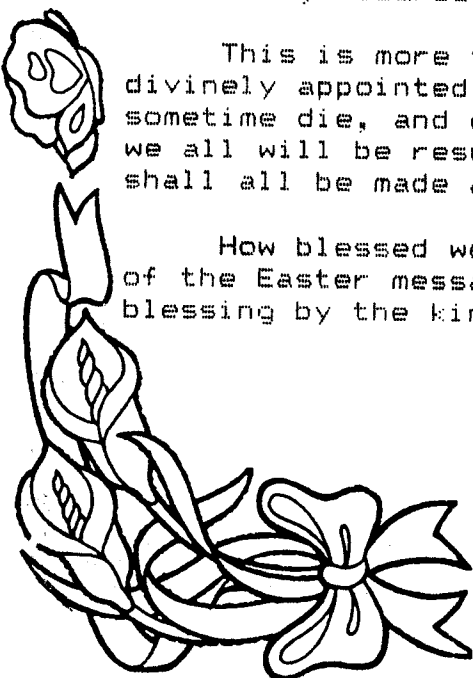
Once each year we observe that very important day we call Easter. On this historic occasion we commemorate one of the most significant events in all of human history.

Just as the earth blossoms anew each spring, after the long dead of winter, so the Saviour of the world, through His great atoning sacrifice, assured us of new life after our earthly death.

This is more than ordinarily important to us, because it has been divinely appointed that everyone who ever lives upon this earth must sometime die, and our Father in Heaven has given us the assurance that we all will be resurrected. "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." (1 Corinthians 15:22)

How blessed we are that the gospel teaches us this great doctrine of the Easter message. May we show our gratitude for this marvelous blessing by the kind of lives we live.

Mark L. Rasmussen
2nd Counselor, Bishopric



WELFARE SQUARE CANNERY -- FAMILY CANNING SCHEDULE 1986

All those people who would like to participate in canning for their own use, particularly to add to their home storage, may come and join with us on the dates listed below. The projects will be scheduled for 5:00 p.m. If just one person, not part of a canning group, is interested in canning a particular product, that person can come on the day it is scheduled. We are not restricting the use of the cannery to organized groups. However, if you have a ward or stake group and want to reserve time for a particular project, we can make an appointment for you on one of the open days.. Give us a call.

Every effort is being made to keep costs competitive. We are steadily modernizing our operation to help you in cutting costs and in getting in and out with your products without having to spend a lot of time waiting. If you have your own ingredients, you are welcome to use our cannery in processing them. We have a dry pack operation that you can use any time, and many people are using it for dry milk, wheat, rice, oats, and other things. We have added new equipment to help you get the job done without too much fuss and bother--a tumbler to help in mixing chili, beef stew, or vegetable soup. We have a dicer to use in preparing turkey and beef, so this no longer has to be done by hand. We are buying beef in large roasts, which enables us to save thirty to forty cents per pound on the meat for stews and beef chunks. You will note that some items have deadlines because of the time we need to order ahead. Call 595-1957 for more information.

January

17 Vegetable Soup
24 Beef Stew
31 Chili

February

7 Beef Chunks
13 Open
20 Open
21 Turkey
27 Open
28 Grape Juice

March

6 Open
7 Cranberry Juice,
Cranapple, Crangrape.
13 Open
14 Beef Stew
20 Open
21 Maple Syrup

April

3 Open
4 Salmon(Deadline Feb.1)
10 Open
11 Orange Juice
17 Open
18 Chicken Noodle Soup
24 Open
25 Asparagus (Deadline Apr.10)

May

1 Pineapple (Deadline Apr.1)
2 Pineapple
16 Chicken Noodle Soup

June

12 Grape Juice
19 Pork and Beans
26 Turkey

July

11 Open
18 Tomato Soup
31 Cherries (Deadline July 15)

August

1 Apricots (Deadline July 15)
Apricot Nector
8 Open
13 Open
14 Open
15 Corn (Deadline Aug. 1)
19 Blueberries
20 Beets
21 Spaghetti Sauce
22 Tomatoes
26 Jam--Strawberry,
Blackberry, Boysenberry,
Raspberry.

September

Closed to family canning

October

8 Pears
9 Potatoes
10 Beef Stew
16 Open
17 Chili
23 Pumpkin
24 Turkey

November

5 Beef Chunks
6 Grape Juice
7 Chicken Noodle Soup
13 Apple Juice
Cranapple Juice
21 Sloppy Joe Mix

December

5 Apple Sauce
12 Carrot Pudding
19 Chili

APPROXIMATE PRICES

<u>Item</u>	<u>Can</u>	<u>Price</u>
Apricots	2½	\$12-14
Apricot Nector	2½	12-14
Apple Sauce	303	6-8
Apple Juice	2½	18-21
Beef Stew	2½	31-36
Bee in broth	303	40-45
Blueberries	303	29-32
Chili	2½	24-26
Chicken Noodle Soup	303	7-9
Corn	303	7-9
Carrot Pudding	303	21-24
Carrot Pudding	2½	32-35
Grape Juice	2½	20-24
Jams--		
Blackberry	303	27-31
Raspberry	303	24-27
Strawberry	303	22-26
Boysenberry	303	30-34
Maple Syrup	2½	20-24
Orange Juice	2½	22-26
Peaches	2½	12-14
Pears	2½	12-14
Pork and Beans	303	9-11
Potatoes	2½	8-10
Pineapple	2½	26-30
Tomatoes	2½	11-13
Tomato Juice	2½	11-13
Tomato Soup	303	12-15
Turkey	303	28-32
Vegetable Soup	303	11-13

Prices are based on this past year's experience. The 303 can is 16 oz.
The 2½ can is 30 oz.

Fresh berry Jam, Jellies, & syrup available to make. Call for information 595-1957

CONGRATULATIONS !

To Charlotte Glad, Casey Redmond, Tim Ostler, Amy Paxman, Kathi Rowe, Emily Paxman, Mitch Noble, all Math Superstars, and Ryan Butters, Kindergarten Super Listener at Cottonwood Heights!

To Heather Butters and Kathi Rowe for achievement on their Olympics of the Mind teams at Cottonwood Heights School. They competed in creative thinking and also created and played musical instruments. Kathi's team took 3rd and went to Region. Heather's team was 2nd in their school and in Region and placed 1st in State!

To Julie Bishoff who won 2nd Place in the diving competition at the Regional and the State Swim Meet.



To Derek Butters who took 1st in the 50-yard free-style, 1st in the 100-yard free style, and whose team was 1st in the Medley, all at Region. At the State Meet, his Medley team won 1st, breaking the state record! He placed 2nd in both the 50 and the 100.

To David Cloward who was 2nd in State 4-A Wrestling in the 112-lb. class. He was also chosen as one of 24 in Utah to participate in the Senior All-Star Wrestling Competition.

To Mike Spencer for State 4-A Wrestling Championship in the 98-lb. class!

To Emily Paxman, spelling bee semi-finalist at Cottonwood Heights.

To Amy Paxman, who won 1st in the Primary Division of the school Reflections contest.

Very special congratulations go to Lynn and Carolyn Fletcher who were sealed February 14 in the Jordan River Temple. We all rejoice with this "new" family and wish them happiness together!

Bon Voyage!

All of us wish the best to the Darryl and Cathy Dimaggio family who have returned to Louisiana. Darryl will return to his pilot job in the New Orleans area.

Good Luck to Audra Decker who is working for a year in New York as a nanny.

WELCOME

We are happy to have Bill and Kathleen Vargo and their children Karen (5), Joseph (3), and David (1) in the ward. She is from Salt Lake, and he is from Whittier, California. They have spent the last five years in Houston and Dallas. Bill is a dentist.

Engagement



Kris Montgomery is engaged, planning an April 4 wedding.

Becky Thomas, daughter of Ralph and Ivy Jo, has wedding plans for June 14.

Jody Young, daughter of David and Glade, recently became engaged and plans to be married later in the summer.



Sympathy

The ward expresses sympathy to Brother Bob Ostler whose mother died recently.

Thank You!

To all our "reporters": THANK YOU so much for your reports that make this ward paper. An extra gold star to those on time and those missionary couples who write direct! Also, THANKS to some special collating and layout helpers! We're fortunate to have so many who fill their callings with excellence, but it seems appropriate to give an extra thank you to President Nydegger for his long service in furthering our scriptural knowledge and understanding while he was the Gospel Doctrine Teacher.

Baby News

Steve and Terry Johnson are excited about their new grandson, Nathan Hal Wagner, born February 5. Brook and Cyndi are the proud parents.

Al and Glenda Lindquist just welcomed their 4th grandchild. Cory and Jolyn have a baby boy, Benjamin Cory.

Dave and Glade Young also have a new grandson: Kyle David, the son of Arlee and Doug Kinyon. He was born January 27 and is the 23rd grandchild for the Youngs.

Getting Acquainted....

"I've tried and tried, and I can't think of any reason not to ask you to marry me." With this romantic beginning, Bruce and Jerri Jones began their life together 10 years ago.

Jerri was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, where her father was a college professor. When she was 7, her family moved to Provo and her father taught at BYU. She enjoyed growing up in Provo where her family kept horses, ponies, and cows.



Jerri enjoyed all church sports and was on the Provo High track team. Her family traveled extensively and lived a year in Lubbock, Texas, and a half-year in Grenoble, France. Jerri graduated from BYU with a degree in history and English. While teaching at Kearns Jr. High for 5 1/2 years (English for 2 and Librarian for 3 1/2), she did graduate work in library science.

Bruce was born in Los Angeles, but spent most of his youth in Woodland Hills, California. His father was the basketball coach at Pierce Jr. College. Bruce loved his role as water and equipment boy for his dad's teams. A highlight of his youth was 2 years his family spent in New Zealand (age 11 and 12), while his dad was principal of the Church College. He graduated from Taft High where he was active in

swimming, basketball, and visiting the beach. He spent 2 years at BYU and served a mission to Ireland. He graduated from BYU with a business degree. The next year he earned his MBA from the



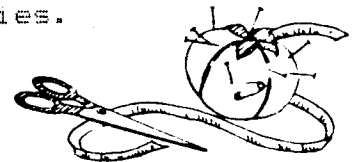
U. and was immediately drafted into the army. He spent the next 2 years as a chaplain's assistant in Indiana. He returned to Salt Lake City after his release and began attending the Millcreek 7th Singles Branch.

Bruce and Jerri met at this branch. After a good friendship, they began dating. Six weeks later they were engaged, and 6 weeks after that, they were married in the Salt Lake Temple (November 1976). A year later, Jerri retired from teaching 5 days before Lindsey Erin was born. Soon after, the Jones' purchased a 70-year-old house, their first, on McClelland St. During their 7 1/2 years there, Collins, Christopher, and Joshua were born. They are currently building a house at 8015 Danish Oaks Drive and hope to be permanent residents on April 1st.

Bruce has worked for IBM and Prowswood. He is currently in charge of commercial sales and leasing and property management for Winget, Vicchilli, and Ford, a developer.

He has served as bishop, high councilor, and stake presidency counselor. He is really excited about his present position as Priest Quorum Adviser. Jerri has been a ward and stake homemaking counselor and nursery leader. She has just been called to be the Homemaking Leader.

Bruce and Jerri are AVID BYU sports fans. He also enjoys jogging, playing basketball 2-3 times a week, and watching and playing with his family. Jerri enjoys being a mom, travel, crafts, reading, and family histories.



Lindsey (8) enjoys socializing, clogging, being creative, and mothering her brothers. Collins loves doing things with his hands, especially those using balls and/or tools. Christopher (2) loves trucks, Big Wheels, imitating Collins and being silly. Joshua (10 mos.) is always happy and pleasant, except at church where he exercises his vocal cords with great frequency.

"We are excited about the ward and members and feel like we have come 'home'".



Meet two new Eagle Scouts Danny Cloward

Eagle Scout Daniel Thomas Cloward was born the day after Christmas, 1969. From the time he was small, Danny has put his whole heart into what he does. This total use of energy led to a childhood pattern of sleeping when he was worn out, no matter where he happened to be.

As he grew older, Danny showed himself to be a hard worker also. He has worked as a sweeper at Brookwood Elementary for a year and a half.

His strength and hard

work have paid off for him in wrestling. He lettered this year as a freshman, wrestling most of the year on the Jr. Varsity Team. He took 1st at the Region Tournament by pinning all 3 of his opponents.

Danny enjoys building things and works hard for the results he wants. He has made some nice furniture for his room.

Thanks to Scout training, he was able to think and act quickly when his brother Brian was hit by a truck.

Congratulations, Danny!

Brian was 13 when he was hit by a truck while riding his bike. He was in a coma for a month. His family and all the ward were deeply concerned while Brian proved that he had what it took to survive. He recovered more quickly than expected and does almost everything he did before, even teasing.

He has done so well in his school this year that his teachers nominated him for "Bobcat of the Month".

Brian loves scouting, especially the camps. He has worked hard to earn his Eagle.

Congratulations, Brian!

Brian Cloward

Brian Tanner Cloward was born almost 15 years ago on March 10.

Ever since kindergarten, Brian has shown leadership. Whatever Brian did, good or bad, the other children followed. His teachers knew that if they could keep him good in class, they would have a good class.

Brian and his friends once formed a "Be Nice Club." Whenever they got together, they did something nice for someone in the neighborhood. It was an immediate success because they usually got a treat from the person they had served!

Cubs eye Blue & Gold Banquet

"Hear ye, hear ye".... The Cubs have been busy this month preparing for the Blue and Gold Banquet. "Knights of the Round Table" was the theme. Each boy was decked out with helmet and shield as he performed in the skit written for this special night.

Upcoming events for

this group of boys include a special kite-flying day on Saturday, March 15, at 10 a.m. and the Pinewood Derby which will be Saturday, April 26, at 10 a.m.

Special congratulations to Scott Paxman who has moved into the Webelos Den.



Several ward members have been "under the weather" of late, and some have even had hospital time. We are all glad to see them recuperate.

We're glad to see Sister Zola Wood on her feet again after knee surgery!

Our thoughts are with Sister Edyie Allen as she recovers from gallbladder surgery and recent health problems. We hope to see you out soon, Edyie!



Released:

Lark Rennie, Bulletin Board Organizer
Karen McOmber, Beehive Leader
Helen Perry, R.S. Home-making Leader

Sustained:

Steven Hansen, Ass't. Athletic Director
Derek Butters, Priest Quorum 1st Asst.
Kevin Seguin, Priest Quorum 2nd Asst.
Judith Meldrum, Den Ldr.
Gail Noble, Asst. Webelos Leader
Gloria Hansen, Beehive Leader
Michael Carver, S.S. Teacher
Steven Hansen, Building Security
Helen Perry, Bulletin Board Organizer
Jerri Jones, R. S. Home-making Leader

Advanced to Young Women:
Casey Redmond

R.S. Welcomes Jerri Jones Marks Birthday Dinner

We would like to thank Sisters Elfriede Schulz and Helen Perry for the fine service they have given to our Relief Society.

We want to welcome Sister Jerri Jones as our Homemaking Leader. We are looking forward to working with Jerri and getting to know her better.

Please be sure to remember our Birthday Dinner on March 15 at 7 p.m. It will be an enjoyable evening for the sisters and their partners.

We want to thank all of you for your support at our last Homemaking Night. We will continue 2 of the classes next month--the porcelain dolls and the ceramics class. We will also have a cooking class and one on little girls' headbands. Homemaking is on March 5 at 7 p.m. We look forward to seeing you all there that evening.

Kathy Clayton,
Homemaking Counselor

Calendar March

- 5 Homemaking Night 7 pm
- 6 Priesthood Temple Assignment 8 p.m. (5:45 sealing)
- 5-6 Middle School P-T Conferences
- 8 YSI, SI family snow party. Stakehouse at 10 a.m.
- 9 Sunday - TBA!
- 11 Temple Day
- 11-14 Cott.Hts.P-T Conf.
- 15 RELIEF SOCIETY BIRTHDAY DINNER & PROGRAM 7 p.m.
- 16 Sunday - High Council Speaker
- 20 AP STANDARDS NIGHT
- 21 Brighton Stomp
- 22 Scout-O-Rama 10-3 Salt Palace
- 23 Sunday - TBA!
- 25 Temple Day - Initiatory
- 28-Apr 1 No School
- 30 Easter Sunday - Choir Program

APRIL

- 2 Homemaking Night 6:30 (supper)
- 4 Kris Montgomery wedding
- 5 GENERAL CONFERENCE 10 & 2 - Phd.Mtg. 7 p.m.
- 6 GENERAL CONFERENCE 10 & 2
- 8 Temple Day
- 11 Brighton Jr. Prom
- 12 Stake Baptism 5 pm
- 13 Fast Sunday

CALENDAR

- March 2--Chastity: Rosalyn Ostler
- March 5--HOMEMAKING NIGHT 7 p.m.
- March 9--Communication: Bonnie Faxman
- March 16--Eliminating Your Own Self-Defeating Behavior: Leola Montague
- March 23--Loyalty: Edyie Allen
- March 30--The Blessings of Receiving: Norma Montgomery
- April 2--HOMEMAKING NIGHT (supper)
- April 6--GENERAL CONFERENCE--no ward meetings

Nauvoo

Elder & Sister Morrison
P.O.Box 215
Nauvoo, Illinois 62354

"We have one big ice skating rink here today--we've had an ice storm and everything is one big sheet of ice, even the lawns.

"There have been couples going home, a lot of flu, a broken leg, operations, etc., so assignments really change fast here. We are what they call rovers--fill in wherever needed--so we are at the Seventies Hall instead of Carthage at least for a while. We have really been blessed, as we have--

n't even had colds. We are grateful for this. We would like to thank everyone for cards and letters. We do appreciate hearing all the news.

"Our love to all."

EDITOR'S NOTE: A few families didn't receive the February paper. Please call me if you were missed.
2. We are implementing plans to avoid missing any personal news items, but will appreciate your patience, also your assistance, in reporting to any of the paper staff.

Prophet's Valentine

Our Merrie Miss girls, with the help of Sister Stella Berhold, created a beautiful valentine for President Benson. It was signed by all the Primary children and sent to the Prophet. What a lovely surprise to see it featured in the Church News photo story on February 23!

Young Women special events

The Beehive girls have been practicing skits and songs for their visits to a retirement home and a handicapped center.

At a very special lesson on temple marriage, Lynn Stevenson shared her wedding experiences and pictures. She gave each girl a beautiful poem. Some very tender moments were shared when each girl received a surprise gift from her mother. The mothers had edged white handkerchiefs and written messages of love to go with them.

The Mia Maids had a sleep-over at which they watched movies.

The Laurels enjoyed a successful recipe exchange. Each girl prepared her favorite food for the others to sample, and then they copied the recipes. The combined YW activity was a fund-raiser for camp or Youth Conference. The girls delivered valentine roses and singing valentines to those who ordered them.

"Mr. and Miss Butler 3rd"

The all-Mutual evening was a competition for the title, Mr. and Miss Butler 3rd. A representative was chosen from each class to perform in costume. The Beehive contender, Kim Fletcher, did a dance, and Mia Maid Amy Young performed a lip-sync number with Darcy Glad as back-up. Laurel Denise Fox did a 1-finger piano rendition of Mary Had a Little Lamb. Her foil formal gown earned her the Formalwear Award! Matt Wilson, Deacon contestant, demonstrated his talent for eating Cheerios. Brett Barker represented the

Teachers with a kazoo solo, song and dance, to Row, Row, Row Your Boat. David Cloward played chess, with Danny Larisch as opponent. Danny and Mike Spencer got the Sunshine Award for enthusiasm during the game! There were other just-for-fun awards. The final choice for Miss Butler 3rd was Amy Young, and Mr. Butler 3rd was Brett Barker. Lots of fun!

Happy birthday to Mary Caldwell (Feb.1) and Casey Redmond (Feb.6).

We welcome Casey to YW, also Darcy Glad and our new Beehive leader, Gloria Hansen.

Amy Young reporting

Scouts' Court

The Scouts are working on two merit badges. Half are doing Citizenship in the Nation, taught by Brother Rowe and Brother Faxman. The other half are working on Aviation, taught by Brother Montgomery.

We also had a Court of Honor. Scott Rowe got the Camping Merit Badge, Matt Wilson got Scholarship, and Ryan Kartchner got Personal Management.

Scott Scharman received the First Class Progress Award.

The Varsity Scouts got some awards. Greg Ostler and Brett Scharman earned Camping Merit Badges, and Chris Kartchner received Personal Management. Drew Glad got his Bronze Palm by earning 5 merit badges after Eagle.

Following the regular awards, an Eagle Court was held. Both Danny and Brian Cloward were awarded their Eagles.

Matt Wilson, Troop Scribe

Primary holds puppets Activity

We are really enjoying our new children in the Primary. We would like to stretch out a welcoming hand to each of you. You are so special to us. We need your sweet spirits with us.

Our Activity Day proved to be quite a success. We had very good attendance from our ward. The puppet show was well-done, and many of our children had the opportunity to work some of the puppets. There were string puppets (or marionettes) and hand puppets. Punch and cookies were served after the activity. Thanks, boys and girls, for being so well-behaved.

Since this is a month of love, we'd like to express our love for all our children and teachers who make the Primary such a great success.

Birthdays this month were Casey Redmond, Tyler Jacobsen, Mitch Noble, and Melba Cram.

Casey Redmond was advanced to Young Women on the 16th. Good luck, Casey. We're going to miss you.

Florence Jacobson,
Primary President

YM Activities

In February the Teachers went ice skating and took a tour of the Cottonwood Hospital Emergency Room. They helped unload the new chairs at the Stakehouse as a service project.

The Priests treated their mothers to a nice turkey dinner, the end result of their turkey-shoot activity recently.

Taipei Taiwan

Elder Gregory Butters
Taiwan Taipei Mission

It is hard to realize this will be our last family news article about Greg's mission. In many ways two years has seemed like a long long time for us and yet in other ways it has gone quickly. We have been thrilled to have him in Taiwan doing what the Lord wants him to--and yet we will be so happy to have him with our family again. He has been greatly missed!

Greg writes that he has especially enjoyed the last few months. He is extremely glad he decided to stay the extra 6 months. He says his Chi-

nese is so much better and he can teach so much more effectively. In fact, he has 3 golden contacts he hopes he will be able to baptize before his time is gone. (He also says that hope is keeping him very busy and not allowing time to get "trunky"!)

Sherm and I are looking forward to meeting him in Taipei and visiting all the places he has told us about. The Taipei Temple and all the people he has learned to love so much are on the top of our list!

Greg sends his love and hello's and thanks for the support he has received.

Korea Seoul

Elder Dean Cloward
Gwang Hwa Moon
P. O. Box 210
Seoul 110, Korea

The last 2 months have been interesting for Dean. On Jan. 3 the boiler heating system went out in their apartment and left them without heat which made the pipes freeze, so they had no water either. It was 3 weeks before it was repaired so they did a lot of eating out and bathing at bath houses--rather an expensive life.

Dean says: "We are presently teaching four families. The Seo family has come a long way and I'm pleased with them, but they are slowing down somewhat.

"Second is the Ko fam-

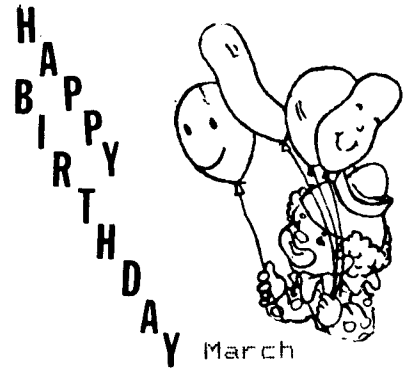
ily with five members. They are very poor. They live in one of three houses connected together. They share a common bathroom with the rest, and all three houses together are not as big as the top floor of ours.

"The Yum family is also a family of 5, but only the parents are learning right now. One daughter is on a mission for another church.

"We're also teaching 2 students and a man in his early thirties who just got his master's degree. The only problem is that they are slower than I'd like.

"Everything is going well; we are very busy and happy."

The Dennis Butler family will be at his folks' (Ira and Edna) the week of March 14. Any who knew him might like to say hello to his family.



- March
- 4 Tyler Call
 - Nathan Cloward
 - Jan Price
 - Kerri Redmond
 - 5 Ray Kartchner
 - 6 Marjorie Brown
 - 7 Heather Butters
 - 9 Alan Blackhurst
 - 10 Brian Cloward
 - 12 Helmut Schulz
 - 13 Chris Kartchner
 - 14 Rand Barker
 - Greg Ostler
 - Venna Patterson
 - 16 Jed Berhold
 - Larry Bridge
 - Mark Rasmussen
 - 17 Brian Scharman
 - David Weenig
 - 18 Sherman Butters
 - Lois Ingleby
 - Richard Scharman
 - Helen Wood
 - 19 Marie Poulson
 - 20 Deanna Bierman
 - Shirleen Hansen
 - Bob Taylor
 - 22 Connie Hawkes
 - Amy Paxman
 - 24 Judith Butters
 - Jean Nydegger
 - Brian Reeves
 - 29 Leola Herzog
 - 30 Ralph Thomas
 - 31 Robin Crawford

April

- 1 David Hawkes
- Ramon McCombs
- 2 Fred Larisch
- Dan Mackintosh
- 3 Bob Kidd
- Carol Weenig
- 5 Joshua Jones
- Wes Patterson
- 6 Bill Besser
- 8 Charlotte Glad
- David Cloward
- 9 Austa Miller

Missouri

Independence

Elder Wayne Clayton
517 West Walnut, Box 455
Independence, Mo. 64051

As Wayne's mission time grows shorter, it seems his spiritual experiences become stronger. Wayne and his companion taught a family of 4, and Wayne had the privilege of baptizing all 4 of them. His response in his letter was, "Mom and Dad, it was just great."

Wayne is working harder than ever now that his twenty-second month has passed. His goals and wants for his mission mean much to him, and he is most anxious to accomplish all that he has set out to do.

Wayne told me not to brag about the things he has done, but one thing of importance did take place with him last month. The mission had two new automobiles. One was to go to the district, and one to the zone, leading in number of baptisms and percent of baptisms per missionary. Being assigned as Zone Leader of the Liberty Zone, he is also a District Leader in it. His zone and district won both the cars. So he and the missionaries who serve with him were very pleased with the many good baptisms they found during January. They are now out with new vigor attempting to better the number this month. Wayne sends his love and best wishes to all the ward.

Georgia Atlanta

Elder David Larisch
2215 Perimeter Park,
Bldg.1, #3
Atlanta, Georgia 30341

The last letter we got from David was Feb. 7. He has been transferred to Norcross, Georgia. There are 4 missionaries in one big apartment. David writes: "This area is incredible; it actually has a ward with active members. We have been flooded with referrals ever since we got here. This is the first time we have had to fit in teaching appointments."

David is very excited about missionary work. His

companion is from Orem. The other 2 elders are from Utah also. They found a family willing to be taught the gospel. They want to believe the church is true, but they have a problem believing in the Prophet Joseph Smith. David says: "This Thursday we are going back for the fifth day to tell them about the testimony of Joseph Smith and challenge them to pray and study to receive an answer."

We are proud of David and his efforts. We love him and pray for the choicest blessings on all the missionaries.

Florida Tallahassee

Elder Jon Price
1746 Ingleside Avenue
Jacksonville, Fla. 32205

As usual Jon's enthusiasm is at a peak. They have had several baptisms in January and February. He's had a lot of experience lately with public speaking. He says he enjoys it but it really takes a lot of preparation. Vaughn J. Featherstone spoke at their Stake Conference and Jon was very impressed with him.

They have also had Zone Conference lately, and Jon said the Spirit was so great that he had tears in his eyes for 6 hours.

Some of his favorite mission companions are leaving to go home soon, and Jon says it's not going to be easy to see them leave. It's hard to

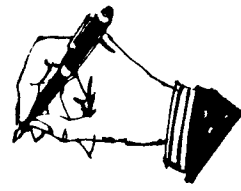


believe that when this article comes out, he will have been in the mission field 10 months. We miss our missionary but we are so proud of the great work he is doing and the wonderful spirit he has.

We know you really miss Salt Lake, Jon, but hang in there--soon you will be back in all this rain, wind, and cold.

P.S. Jon says he loves getting letters from the members of our ward, and he thanks each one of you who has taken the time to write.





Dominican Republic

Elder Eric Poulson
Apartado 2856
Santo Domingo,
Dominican Republic

"We have started the new year by not feeling good. My comp and I both got parasites, and it's hard to get going when your body is trying to hold you back.

"We had to fire our maid. We found a laundromat close by, and it's weird what you miss. When she washed our clothes, they smelled mildewed and damp, but now they smell 'April Fresh Downy Scent' --it's wonderful.

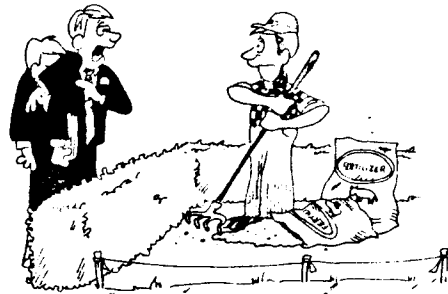
"Our families here are so awesome. There is one father, Ignacio Esponal, who hasn't missed a meeting since he was baptized. We had a real spiritual family night; everybody was bawling, especially when he bore his testimony. He said that before he knew the Church he was one of the street, he was drunk all the time, and his family was falling apart. They didn't have enough money for food. He told us he never had a drop after we walked through the door, especially after the Word of Wisdom lesson. He lost a bunch of friends and every time he walks down the street they offer him drinks. He said, 'After I lost my friends, I have time to read the church books.'

"He said he prayed a whole night until dawn to know if the church was true. He drives around on his bike and sells bread,

candles, odds and ends. He asked the Lord, if the church was true, to increase his sales. He was making about 120 pesos a week--since his praying he has not made less than 240 pesos a week.

"I love the people over here so much, they're so awesome.

Love, Eric"



Yo's from Idaho and that smell is making him homesick

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Alan is doing some concentrated study of the scriptures and has had some very spiritual experiences this month. Pres. Taggart has asked all of the missionaries to sanctify their lives for 40 days, so he is trying hard to reach perfection every day. It has really changed his attitude. He has learned much about patience and helping others. The weather has warmed up so they have been able to go out tracting again. He loves what he is doing and feels good about it. He is happy for his chance to serve the Lord.

Sister Ramona Schulz
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"I am still getting Christmas mail. It's kind of fun. But I'll probably be home before I get a chance to write everyone. We are very busy out here. My companion Sister Rowley is getting a taste of what missionary life is like. Not always a piece of cake, but all worth it! This week we've really been soaked through to the bones. It wasn't too funny at the end. But I love it here. It is scary to think that time is going so fast. I have never been so wet, so cold, so purple in my life, yet I have never been so happy. It is really something wonderful to say that I know that the Church is true!

"We had a super appointment with a lady yesterday. We taught her the first discussion. The spirit was very strong. We hope that we can baptize her soon. The ward here is going on a temple trip. Some have to save up for it at least 6 months. We have rich blessings in Salt Lake City. I wish more people would understand what they are missing by not listening to us. What a pearl we possess. Do I ever feel grateful. I just pray I will never forget it. My testimony has grown and so has my knowledge of the gospel. I love you all and send my greetings to all the members of our ward."