

# BUTLER BANNER

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## OPEN UP

The other night Edyie and I were reminiscing about some memorable experiences we have had with our children. The times we went camping in our blue tent, bathing the kids in the dishpan. The mud bath. The soccer games, etc. etc.

I would like to share with you one event that I will never forget, for we had a great laugh at the time, but in a way it had a deeper meaning. Sheri, our second daughter, was about three or four years old at the time and was always the first one up in the morning. One Sunday morning she came bursting into our bedroom to greet us and wake us up. I thought it would be fun to pretend to stay asleep, so she was quite disappointed to find that I did not respond to her joyous greeting. She then came around to my side of the bed and started shaking me. Still there was no response so she climbed up on the bed and started bouncing on my stomach. No matter how hard she bounced, she got nothing but snores and whistles. In desperation she then pounded my chest with her fists and pulled my hair, but it did no good. Realizing that brute force was not the way, she then lay on top of me and started prying my eyelids open with her tiny fingers and said, "Come on, open up! I know you're in there somewhere." That did it. I couldn't hold it any longer and we had a good laugh.

Since then I have thought many times of that statement, "Come on, open up! I know you're in there somewhere." Here was a little child trying to get the attention of my spirit. She didn't want to talk to my body; she knew I was in there somewhere and wanted me to come out. Have you ever noticed the feeling you get when you try to talk to someone who won't look you in the eye, versus the person whose spirit literally sparkles and you can see it in their eyes as you talk to them? I truly believe our eyes are the windows to our souls.

I hope we can each remember who we are and let our spirits radiate to those around us. Whether it be through a warm handshake, a friendly smile or sparkling eyes, we should always try to radiate the gospel of Jesus Christ in our lives.

Bill Allen, First Counselor

# CONGRATULATIONS !

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To Scott Meldrum, for earning the Arrow of Light, Cub Scouting's highest award!

To Eric Glad, who has completed his Eagle Scout requirements! The award will be presented later at a Court of Honor.

To Bonnie Berhold, who earned an award in the art section of the Reflections contest! In her class all those after 1st place were awarded Honorable Mention.

To Derek Butters--another Reflections winner! He took first place (and a nice cash award!) in the art division at Brighton High.

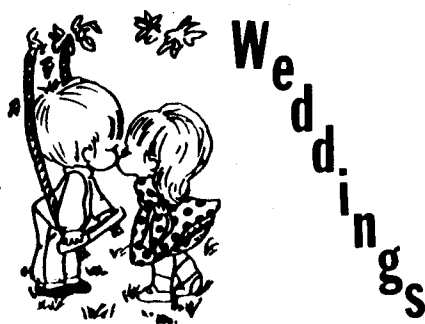
To Trevin Beattie who continues to achieve in math, this time earning the honor of being Brighton High's Sterling Scholar Math Finalist. Good luck Trevin!

To Troop 311 for earning a Merit Award at Scout-O-Rama for their interesting booth. We like your creative thinking, boys!

To Claude Dean for special recognition at the 7th Annual Utah State Conference on Troubled Youth. He was given a plaque reading: "In grateful appreciation for your 32 years of dedicated service to the youth of Utah, for your effort in developing an exemplary shelter care program..., for your life-long commitment to the protection and care of endangered and homeless youth." Well said, Claude!

To Bob and Frieda Ross on their second mission call, this time to the Atlanta Temple! They will leave in May.

Margaret Glad has been making accomplishment in drama. She has served as Assistant Director for 2 recent Brighton productions, "Ah Wilderness" and "And Stuff".



Lance Dean and Maren Willis have set April 19 as their wedding date. They will be married in the Mesa Temple. Their reception will be at the Middle Building on April 26.

The Deans will enjoy another wedding when Marvin and his fiancée, Ann, are married July 13.

Sally Ostler and Roland Ostler are making wedding plans, the date still undecided.

Jim Ostler and Nancy Harris Myers are planning their wedding for June 18.

We're happy to report that Steve Johnson is feeling fine after his brief hospital stay. When all the tests were complete, they could find no cause for the pain and other symptoms.

We're all happy to see Edyie Allen out again after her long bout of illness! We wish you continued speedy recovery, Edyie!

Looks like we have another great Bulletin Board Co-ordinator! Have you noticed the beautiful job Sister Helen Perry is doing?



We want to express the sympathy of the ward to Dave Weenig on the death of his stepfather.

LOOK UP! LOOK OUT!

The fact the sun will shine once more  
has raised me from my knees--  
that is, till I step out the door  
and quickly start to freeze.

Lloyd Murray





We are happy to have Carolyn Fletcher and her children Ben, Shelly, Kelly, Bret, and Brandon Bullough in the ward. Lynn and Carolyn and their combined family will be with us till the new house is ready.

We're also glad to welcome the Harris family: Dale, Laurel, Jack (4), and Hilary (3). He is from Chico, California, and she is from Rexburg. They have been here about 10 years. They hope to be in their house at 2881 Danish Oaks Circle by the end of April.

## Welcome Home !

GREG  
RAMONA  
WAYNE



# 'Thank You!'

Eric Glad would like to say thanks to all those who helped him on his Eagle Scout service project by contributing to Food for the Hungry.

Bob Ostler has asked that his thanks be extended to all those who were so kind in contributing to the gift of a beautiful musical alarm clock for him at the time of his mother's death. He really enjoys it.



To Donna Bates, our great ward choir, and organist Edna Bates for some super performances lately. The program given at the Relief Society Birthday was thrilling. Right on top of that, they gave us a very uplifting Easter program at Sacrament Meeting. In spite of decimated ranks, the well-chosen songs were performed beautifully!

Thanks also to Donna and Edna for that tremendous organ-piano duet of "How Great Thou Art". What an enrichment to our Sabbath observance!

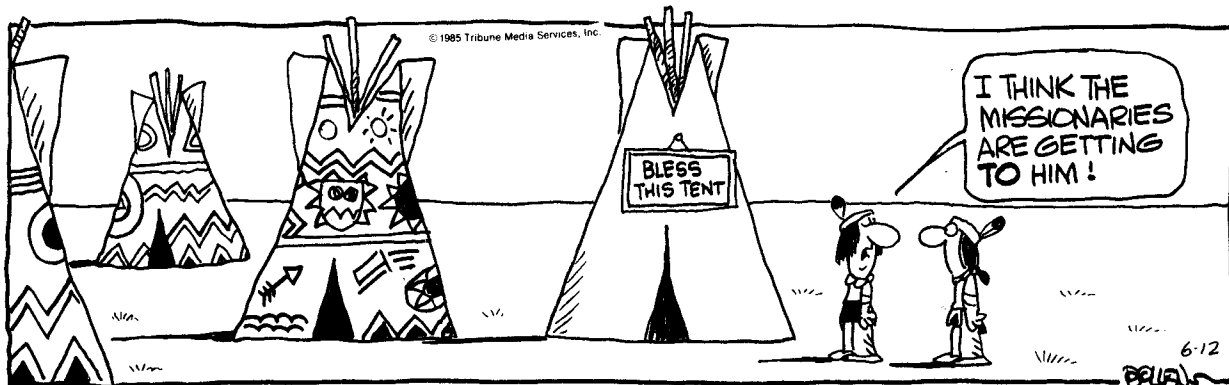


Congratulations to Dan and Deanna Bierman who welcomed their new baby girl on February 25! Her name is Danina Lynne and she weighed 6 pounds.

Laverna Clawson is rejoicing in grandmotherhood again--twice! Robert and Barbara Cluff have a new little girl, Amy, who weighed in at 7 lb. 10 oz. David and Margaret Clawson received their John Kenneth quite early due to blood problems. He is VERY small, but holding his own and making progress.



They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Isaiah 40:31



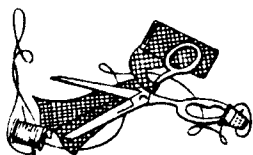
# Getting Acquainted.....

How did David and Gail Noble meet? Gail says, "He fixed my car that wasn't working, and he's been fixing my things ever since. Dave can fix or build just about anything. At least he'll give it a try. He is working on fixing up the house and yard now."



Gail's interests are tole painting and reading. She also enjoys sewing.

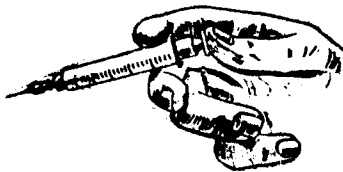
She was born in Santa Rosa, California, and grew up there. Gail is the second of 5 girls. She was converted to the church in 1977, through the effort and influence of a good friend. She came to Utah mainly because of the church.



David is a native of Salt Lake City. He is an Eagle Scout and loves Scouting. He learned Aviation Maintenance at Utah Technical College and works at Hill Air Force Base, fixing the F-4 Phantom.



Gail works for Allied Clinical as a phlebotomist (that means she draws blood--no jokes please!) and is the specimen processing supervisor.



Dave and Gail, who live at 2812 Pamela Drive, have been married for a year. Their family consists of four children-- Jay, age 12, who loves to ride his skateboard; Mitch, who is 10 and loves all kinds of sports; Malysa, 7, who is good at tap and jazz dancing; and Andy, age 5, who loves the trampoline. The Nobles are expecting Child No. 5 on or about May 28!

Dave serves in the ward as a Fast Offering Assistant and a member of the Scout Committee. Gail is one of our Cub Den Leaders.

We hope the Nobles' stay in Butler 3rd will be a long and happy one!

## Foreign Travelers

We are happy to have Bishop and Judith Butters back after their extended travel in Taiwan and mainland China! They have shared some interesting adventures. Have you seen the Bishop's new "hat of authority"?

Elfriede Schulz has had a special visitor--her brother from West Berlin is here for Conference. He is a Stake President there and also a sealer at the Swiss Temple.

## RELEASED:

Catharine Dimaggio, New Baby Co-ordinator  
Darryl Dimaggio, F.O. Asst.  
Delbert Reeves, Sunday School 1st Counselor  
Bill Hawkes, S.S. 2nd Counselor  
Jan Price, R.S. Inservice

## SUSTAINED:

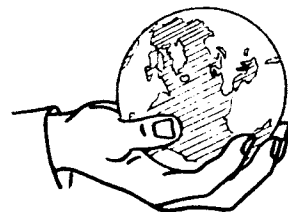
Peggy Hague, Homemaking Board Member  
Alan Hague, Video Presentation Co-ordinator  
Sharon Cloward, Camp Dir.  
David Noble, F.O. Asst., Scout Committee Member  
Bill Hawkes, Sunday School 1st Counselor  
Howard Glad, Sunday School 2nd Counselor  
Margaret Glad, Asst. Den Leader  
Nora Larisch, New Baby Flower Co-ordinator

## ORDAINED:

Todd Hague, Priest, by father Alan Hague

## ADVANCED TO YOUNG WOMEN:

Heather Butters

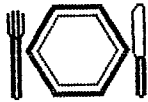


Karen McOmber is working in Saudi Arabia as an operating room nurse at the King Faisal Hospital. She specialized in laser surgery and was invited to work there for a two-year term. She has been there a month now. Karen reports that there is an LDS branch, and they are now allowed to hold meetings.

"Happiness is a learned behavior."

Suzanne Hansen,  
Stake Women's Conference

Mutual



Prepares For

Formal Evening

The Young Women spent another busy month:

The Beehives planned their International Dinner that will soon come up. They also had a slumber party.

The Mia Maids played wallyball, which is a game like volleyball, played off the walls of a raquetball court. They also had an activity with the Teachers, where they played the "Newly Paired Game". It's a game in which they are assigned partners and answer questions about each other, basically like the Newlywed Game.

The Laurels had a bake-off with the Priests at which their home-cooked items were judged and then eaten. At the end of the month, they went to the Primary Medical Center and decorated the windows for Easter.

The YW and YM had an etiquette night and learned proper manners for dates and formal dinners, to prepare us for the formal dinner dance in April.

The YW decorated Easter eggs that they sold to earn money to go to Youth Conference in the summer. Thank you for your great support!

Happy birthday to Kerri Redmond (Mar.4), Heather Butters (Mar.7) and Marie Foulson (March 19).

Amy Young reporting



Calendar

APRIL

- 16 Mutual Formal Dinner
17 Stake YW Ldrshp 7:30
19 VISITING TEACHING SEMINAR 1 pm
19 Cub Scout PINWOOD DERBY 3 pm
19 YSI, SI Square Dance (carpool,Stk. Cntr., 7:20) NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! No partner needed
20 Sunday - Missionary Report
20 YSI,SI Fireside 7:30 Top/World Chapel, "Self Esteem"by April Dodd (EXCELLENT speaker--Singles AND others invited)
20 Seventies' Quor. Mtg. 7 pm
22 Temple Day - Phd. Asgnmt. 8:20 pm
25 BHS Dance
27 Sunday - Missionary Report
27 Stake Priesthood Meeting 7:30 pm

MAY

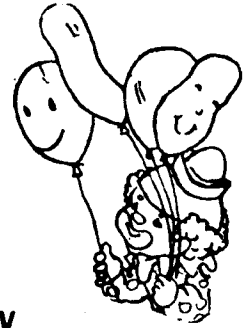
- 1 STAKE VIDEO FEST 7 pm
1 Sealing Session
3 Stake Baptismal 5 pm
4 Fast Sunday

Every Monday night is Family Night!!



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



APRIL

- 14 Dale Harris
15 Brett Barker David Larisch
16 Marilyn Wilson
18 Violet Thomas
19 Suzanne Ostler Cody Redmond
20 Lee Collins
21 Lynn Barker Evelyn Goodwin Tim Ostler
22 Brenda Fletcher
23 Mary Barbour
25 Kristi Reavely
26 Colleen Morrison
29 Greg Butters Peggy Hague Florence Jacobson
30 Trevin Beattie Dean Cloward Claudia Rasmussen Daniel Schulz
Belated wishes to Carolyn Fletcher (Mar.25) and Edna Bates (Mar.28)!!

DiMaggio

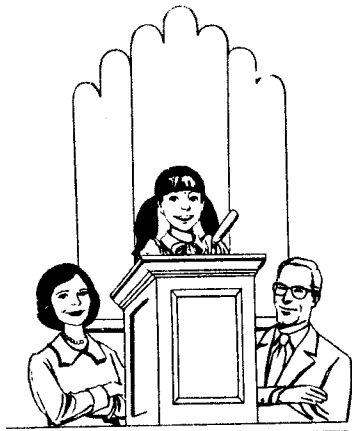
We have news from the DiMaggio family: They are settling into a house in a small town near New Orleans. Cathy says she doesn't even get lost in that place! Darryl has started his pilot job. They are enjoying their extended family and have determined to make their new ward as good as Butler 3rd! They miss us all and send their love. Address: Darryl & Cathy DiMaggio 3857 Greenbriar Lane Harvey, Louisiana 70058 Phone: 504-340-9393

## Primary Missions Planned

Our theme in Primary for the month of March was "Testimonies". We hope by now our children have a better understanding of what a testimony is and how we can gain one.

During April we will be focusing on missionary work, and the children will be learning ways they can be missionaries to their non-member friends, neighbors, and relatives. We are looking forward to having the full-time missionaries visit our Primary on April 13 to tell us about their work. Toward the end of the month each child will receive a letter with a mission call, and on May 1st our meetinghouse will be transformed into a scaled-down Missionary Training Center where the children will be taught how to approach their friends with the gospel message, simple cooking skills, good grooming habits, and proper manners. We are very excited about this activity and want all of the children to participate in it.

The children will need to learn several new songs this year for our Sacrament Meeting presentation in a few months, and we would appreciate



their parents' help in learning them (during Family Night, etc.) Some of the songs are familiar, and most of them are in the book, Sing With Me

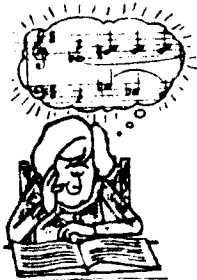
"I Hope They Call Me On A Mission" (B-75)  
"I Know My Father Lives" (B-39)  
"Kindness Begins With Me" (B-49)  
"Jesus Said Love Everyone" (B-51)  
"Shine On" (B-54)  
"In Perfect Faith" (B-16)  
"Lovely Appear" (B-28)  
"How Lovely Are The Messengers" (B-42)  
"I Want To Live The Gospel" (B-65)

If you have the supplement More Songs For Children, the following two songs can be practiced:

"The Things I Do" (p.18)  
"Love One Another" (p.57)

In Supplement To MSFC we will be using:

"I Can Be Valiant" (p.9)  
"I Am Like A Star" (p.8)



Children who had birthdays during the month of March were Heather Butters, Nathan Cloward, Amy Paxman, Tyler Call, Jed Berhold, and Steven Hawkes. It was an extra-special birthday for two of the girls: Heather turned 12 on March 7 and was advanced into the Young Women, and Amy was 8 on the 22nd and has been baptized this month. Congratulations to both of them!

Iris Beattie,  
First Counselor

## Pinewood Derby Set

The Cub Scouts (including Webelos) had a very successful Blue and Gold Banquet. The theme was "Knights of the Round Table" and it was represented throughout the evening.

Nathan Cloward received 3 silver arrow points, and Daniel Meldrum received 2 arrow points. Scott Meldrum earned his Arrow of Light, which is the highest Cub award a Webelos boy can achieve.

Bill Allen made jousting boards which were fun for the many Cubs attending the banquet.



March was successful with a kite-flying Pack Meeting held on a Saturday morning. The wind cooperated for a while, and all boys were able to get their kites soaring. Thanks to Iris Beattie and Sharon Cloward for the treats that day.

Upcoming events for the Cub Scouts include the Pinewood Derby, to be held Saturday, April 19, at 3 p.m. Also, all Cubs should plan for two Cub Country outings this summer--the dates to circle are June 26 and July 9!

# Scotland Edinburgh

Elder & Sister Mackintosh  
"Boroughfield",  
32 Colinton Road,  
Edinburgh, Scotland  
EH 105 DG

March 9 was Mothers' Day, and Mom got some flowers from her "new kids" over there.

They made homemade hamburgers for a family they have re-activated--and they loved it! The McDonald's over there aren't anything like the ones here.

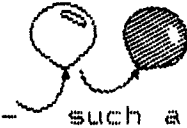
Their weather is beginning to warm up now, but they still need to take an umbrella whenever they go out.

"We found a family of 4 who haven't been to church for 7 years. At one time the husband was a counselor in the branch before it was a ward. They have come out for 2 weeks now. We suggested to the Bishop that the father needed a position. The Stake President interviewed and called him to be Elders' Quorum Secretary. He accepted! The Bishop has challenged him to bless his 3- and 6-year-old girl and boy at the March Fast Sunday. He's Dan's home teaching companion.

"What a change--a month ago he didn't participate in the blessing on the food!"



## Visiting Teaching Seminar Ahead



March has come and gone but will not be forgotten. What a wonderful time we all had at our Relief Society Birthday celebration!

The food was delicious; our red, white, and blue table decorations, so festive; our choir and speakers were excellent--stirring those deep feelings we all have for our country. Our beautiful 10-foot Statue of Liberty, huge flags of each state in the U.S., and colorful red, white, and blue balloons transformed the cultural hall into our own Ellis Island.

We wish to express heartfelt thanks to all who helped to make this

such a memorable evening. Our thanks also to all who came to share it with us.

ATTENTION all Visiting Teachers: On April 19 at 1 p.m., we are planning a Visiting Teaching Seminar, "Come Hail The 7 C's". Please circle this date and plan to be there. More information will be forthcoming.

Laverna Clawson,  
Relief Society Pres.

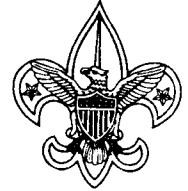
P.S. Any sisters who missed the lesson on Easter Sunday, please ask for the tape. The subject was one rarely addressed and much needed.



### CALENDAR

- April 13--Using Communication: Bonnie Paxman
- April 19--VISITING TEACHING SEMINAR 1 P.M.
- April 20--Making Effective Changes in Our Lives: Leola Montague
- April 27--Seek The Light: Edyie Allen

## Woodworking Success



Our Scouts went to the Scout-O-Rama on Saturday, March 22. Matt Wilson, Benji Larisch, Rand Barker, John Meldrum, Scott Scharman, Brett Scharman, Scott Rowe, and Brian Rowe all participated in this event.

Our booth was on woodworking. We displayed different kinds of woods and their common uses, hand and power tools, and stools we made in our woodworking merit badge class. We had a display on Utah trees and the

products made from them. Visitors could drill a wood block for a neckerchief slide.

At about 1:00 our drill burned out, but Scott Rowe had an idea. We got out the wood scraps and people could hammer, saw, sand and glue them to make things like planes, robots, and other projects.

We got a 2-star Merit Award.

Matt Wilson reporting

# Alabama Birmingham

Elder & Sister Bierman  
931 38th Street #1  
Birmingham, Ala. 35218

"All things are going well in Alabama--especially in the "Garden of Ensley".

"We are now holding the block of meetings. We think the Church is moving forward here--this branch is only 8 months old.

"Last week Elder Bierman and I gave Sharing Time in Primary--it was a choice experience to hear all these brown-eyed chocolate-colored little children sing "I Am A Child Of God" and "I Hope They Call Me On A Mission" --tender moments!



"Well, we have had our greatest trial--not being there to welcome our new little granddaughter, Dannina Lynne. We heard her say "Hi, Grandpa and Grandma" over the phone an hour after she was born. Her parents thought she was crying, but we had interpretation of tongues.

"Can you believe, y'all are seeing her before we are--again we will remember Pres. Kimball's admonition: "What we think is a sacrifice is no sacrifice at all."



"On March 2, 3, & 4 we had a couples' conference in Montgomery.

"We had a wonderful time exchanging ideas and experiences, bearing testimony, and doing some sightseeing in that lovely city.

"We just keep right on having wonderful experiences. Know that we love you all."

Elder & Sister Bierman

# Korea Seoul

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

Dean is loving these last few months of his mission. He says they have been the hardest and most rewarding, and he's very glad he decided to stay.

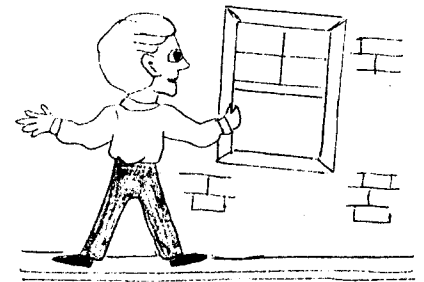
He wrote: "This last week has been very spiritual. I'm becoming used to having nothing but spiritual experiences. I feel at home here in Korea, among the Koreans, in their homes, with them, around them..I'm a Korean. I understand almost all, speak some, and feel for them. I cry and laugh with them..actually it's not them any more--it's us."

Among these Koreans is Patriarch Mean who has taught Dean Korean church history. He has pictures of former prophets and other church officials visiting Korea years ago. The bishop of his ward has also become a good friend. The Ko family,

# Korea, cont'd.

who we've been praying for, are coming along. No wonder he is happy there.

There are also experiences of a humorous nature, like the time the sister missionaries locked themselves out of their bathroom. Dean climbed out one of their 3rd-story apartment windows and stretched to reach their bathroom window and climbed in. We're glad he didn't lose his grip!



# North Carolina Charlotte

Elder Evan Taylor  
P. O. Box 1502  
Asheboro, N. Carolina  
27204-1502

Evan writes of a real culture shock. Asheboro is an area of many blacks and poor whites. Many live on Social Security, many on nothing. Evan is feeling increased gratitude for his family's sacrifices for him and for his own good jobs before he went.

He and his companion have been busy working on the old, smelly, dirty, rundown house they moved into, and it is beginning to improve--now it is just old and rundown.

He tells of the beautiful trees and hills all around Asheboro. "Spring is just around the corner,"

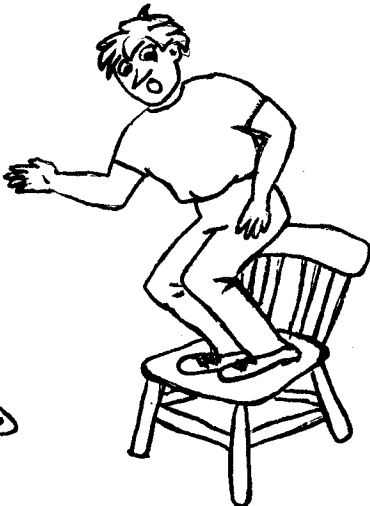


## Dominican Republic

Elder Eric Poulson  
Apartado 2856  
Santo Domingo,  
Dominican Republic

Eric is working in the capital city of Santo Domingo and has a Dominican companion. This is quite a change for him, not being able to speak English with his companion. The church is growing very rapidly and Santo Domingo has been a big change. His Spanish is doing great, according to his leaders—he should be made a senior companion shortly.

Eric writes: "We have an investigator named 'Cesar'. He's a pretty big guy about the size of Dad. We were in the middle of a lesson—all of a sudden his eyes got huge and he jumped up on a little chair and started yelling. There was a rat that just ran in the window. He wouldn't get down from the chair until my companion got rid of the rat. He's used to the things where he lives. I wasn't getting off the chair until it was gone either. The members here are awesome—we've been invited to dinner four times in a week."



Eric thanks all the ward members for their prayers and support. He loves to get mail so keep those cards and letters coming.



## Illinois Nauvoo

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

"Spring has arrived in Nauvoo. Thousands of birds have come; it's beautiful.

"Things are picking up here now, and we got word this morning that, for a while at least, we will still have Relief Society and Priesthood Meeting.

"Our Relief Society birthday dinner is March 20 at the Stake Center.

"Dr. Kimball is back, and Pres. Thomsen too; and 14 new couples are coming right away, so things will be changing. We even have 6-month missionaries coming to serve during busy season.

"We have had some choice experiences here the last couple of months. One was hearing an opera star sing 'Poor Wayfaring Man of Grief' in Martyr Room at Carthage Jail. There were only 7 of us there, and he sang all the verses.

"We sure appreciate all the cards and letters. One of these days we'll try and get them answered. We love you all."

## Georgia Atlanta

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

David is out in the mission field 10 months now. How time flies! He loves his new area.

He is very excited because he had his first baptism! He has been looking forward to this experience for a long time. But in his quiet way of being excited, he wrote at the end of his letter, "Oh, by the way, we have been really busy teaching and baptizing. Yes, I did say baptizing"



David not only has fun teaching and bringing people into the church, he also has fun joining in some ward activities. They had an ice cream tasting contest. Everyone made their best ice cream recipe and brought it to be judged. David and his companion bought some vanilla ice cream and added Oreo cookies, mixed it up, and won first prize!

David is enjoying being in the Lord's service in every way.



# Mission News



## Florida Tallahassee

### Missouri Independence

Elder Wayne Clayton  
Missouri Independence  
Mission

As all things change, or come to an end, so it is with our son's mission. Wayne will be released during the first part of April.

In many respects, the past 2 years have been most enjoyable and exciting for us, his family. Through his letters, we have been able to somewhat live his accomplishments and frustrations and enjoy his spiritual experiences.

Wayne is still assigned as zone leader in Liberty, Missouri, and will probably finish there.

Wayne has grown to love the state of Missouri and feels a true kinship to the good people in the Independence mission area. He has lived for 2 years now in the land that the Lord has blessed and set apart for the final stage of the church to happen. He tells us it is truly a special place.

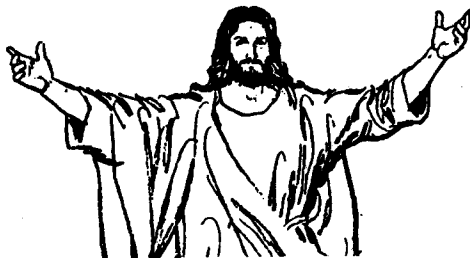
The work of the Lord is progressing in Wayne's mission, sometimes not as fast as the missionaries would want it to, but as the Lord has told us, the Church goes continually forward to the time the Saviour comes.

Wayne wishes to thank all those who wrote him at Christmas and on other occasions throughout his mission. He is also thankful for the many prayers said for the missionaries

and for the missionary effort. Wayne has had many good experiences, some spiritual and some growing experiences, for which he is grateful to our Father in Heaven. He realizes they will be a great help as he begins the next period of life.

Kathy and I wish to thank all the ward members for their kind words and thoughts directed to us and our son during the past 2 years.

Dad Clayton



### Canada Montreal

Elder Alan Blackhurst  
5620 A Pepin  
Auteuil, P.Q. H7K1V8  
Canada

Alan writes that all is well. He has been transferred to a new area and they are working hard. The members treat them well, and they have high hopes for a family they are teaching.

He is looking forward to General Conference and the great spiritual blessings it brings to us.

His companion is from Pueblo, Colorado, and they are getting along great.

Things look good in Canada.

Elder Jon Price  
4524 N.W. 23rd Ave. #B  
Gainesville, Florida 32601

As usual, Jon's mission is going great, and he is really loving his work. He was transferred to a new city and said there are sure a lot of good-looking girls, but of course he's not looking. The work is going well and he is hoping for several more baptisms this month.

His grandparents got a special letter from him in which he told them how much he loved and appreciated them and told them how well the program of sending Books of Mormon with personal testimonies is going. He said "The Prophet says that every family should have a Book of Mormon in their home." He closed his letter to them with the following quote which I felt was very special:

"The standard of truth has been erected. No unhallowed hand can stop the work from progressing. Persecutions may rise and armies may assemble, but the truth of God will go forth boldly, nobly, and independently till it has swept every nation, visited every clime, until the purposes of God will be accomplished and the great Jehovah will say the work is done."

Jon has been out almost a year now, and what a wonderful experience it has been to get his letters. We love and miss him a lot but we are very proud of him.