

Butler Third Ward, Salt Lake Brighton Stake

small boy I always looked forward to the Forth-of-July. I loved to sit on my Grandmothers front lawn in Hyrum and watch the hill. There were games and races on the parade come down the city square not to mention the carnival and amusement rides To me the Forth-of-July was the name of Holiday. I can even remember asking my grandmother one time, "what day does the Forth-of-July come on?" When she answered, "July 4th!", I felt dumb for asking.

Since that time I have grown to appreciate more and year the real meaning of the Forth-of-July. How greatful I am for the men and women who have come and gone before me. those who had the foresight and the courage to draft the constitution of the United States. For those who fought to obtain and defend our freedom. For their sacrifices of toil, of suffering and in many cases their very lives. They indeed have blessed my life. They have given me a free country. A country where I have rights, the right to worship how I choose, the right to vote, the right to live where I choose, the right to ... etc.

With these rights we also have obligations. Like our forefathers we likewise have the obligation to defend these freedoms for our children and those who come after us. The truths of the Gospel and the Freedoms of our country go hand in hand. May we each do all in our power to live, protect and defend both.

> Bill Allen 1st Counselor



For 2,000 years the Lord has prepared a marvelous work and a wonder -- the preparation of this land, the establishment of inalienable freedoms, and the restoration of the fulness of the Gospel. So now, as He offers us his pearl of great price, eternal life with Him, he appeals to us as his children and says:

"...awake, and arise from the dust, O Jerusalem; yea, and put on thy beautiful garments, O daughter of Zion; and strengthen thy stakes and enlarge thy borders forever, that thou mayest no more be confounded, that the covenants of the Eternal Father, O house of Israel, may be fulfilled..."





Mission News

RICK BARKER

Teaching the gospel in Guelph is slow right now, but the enthusiasm and determination of Rick and his companion is great. They are trying every approach they can think of to find people to teach. They did a community service project of cleaning up a large section of the park, and they have joined the big brothers program, all in an effort to find willing people to listen.

Rick has recently learned the meaning of hot and humid. He has prepared for this shock by having his hair cut very short, bought some long shorts to wear on P-Day, and is thankful for a small fan.

The most rewarding experience for Rick and me is when Ricky writes of his testimony and how precious it is

to him. He says, "If I hadn't come on a mission it scares me to think how I would have ended up with as little a testimony as I had. Now I look ahead to the future and see things differently. I feel like I have a rock foundation instead of a wooden one. I love the Church and the teachings of Jesus. I've read them Book of Mormon twice and now I'm really going to work hard on the Bible. I know how hard you have to work for a testimony. I've had so many struggles. You have to build it step by step. I can't wait to share it with you. I remember mom always asking me if I had a testimony and asked me to share it with her. didn't have much of one then, but I'd share it with you anytime now."

We are proud of Rick and the growth we see in him.

ROY SCHULZ —

Roy is now working in Judenburg for a while. It is a small town of 10,000 people. The branch is also small and the missionaries have to help with a lot of things. The people in Judenburg are very friendly and polite, but very, very Catholic. They are not very interested in a new religion. The missionaries are working hard and teaching some investigators.

Roy loves to serve our Heavenly Father. He loves the country and the people. Roy recognizes many blessings and he is very happy. His testimony

ELYSE VANFLEET

On the plane trip to San Antonio, Elyse sat next to a man from Louisiana and talked to him all the way to Dallas. He asked tons of questions and she told him about the Church and gave him a Book of Mormon which he said he would read. She said, "I was excited to use the things they taught me in the MTC."

gets stronger every day. He says, "A mission--what a wonderful thing. The Book of Mormon is also the greatest thing on earth. The Mission President is the greatest person on earth. Roy has learned a lot on his mission.

Besides about the gospel, he has learned to cook, clean and bake many more. Roy baked a birthday cake and everybody liked it.

He loves and appreciates all mail coming from home. He wants to thank everybody but doesn't have enough time.

We are proud of Roy and the work he is doing and we know Heavenly Father will bless him.

Her first companion in Raymondville, Texas, is the "greatest." Elyse, in explaining her first attempts at teaching contacts, states "I love missionary work. It is so satisfying to bring someone so much happiness. My companion and I go from early morning 'til evening visiting

ELYSE CONT'D.

members, contacting investigators, trying to set up appointments--we keep ourselves very busy."

"Yesterday was Sunday, we had two baptisms -- it was so neat. When you ask them how they feel, they say it is a great feeling -- they feel very good inside. One girl was 14 and the other was 26 or 27. I didn't teach them very much, but it is amazing how fast you get to know them and learn to love them. We were teaching some people the other day and the Spirit was very strong. We knew that they knew that it (the Church) was true. But it is so great to have them tell you how they feel." An individual about 22 said, "It all fits together...it makes sense...I know that this Church is true--it makes us feel like jumping up and down in celebration."

The other day we fixed up a display with the ward TV and took it over to a place like Fred Meyer called Wal-Mart. It was about the biggest

JOE GLAD

Transfer day came this past month and Joe left Tokyo and is now in Machida. After the conrete and blacktop of Tokyo, Joe reports that "Machida is a pretty groovy spot. It's on top of a big hill and that makes bike riding easy going down, but very difficult coming back up. In the hills, there is a lot of greenery and trees and grass are lovely."

Joe has been impressed by the number of things he remembers from his scouting and 4-H club activities "that help me now as a missionary in working

DAVID CLOWARD

David sent home copies of the various newsletters which he sends out weekly to each zone in the East Region. They are called the "East End Story." They are interesting because they tell the real story of how the work is progressing there. It is obvious that the missionaries have set high goals for themselves and are reaching them.

With each newsletter is a message of encouragement from David and from the leader of that particular zone.

place they have. We set up signs and displayed the commercials about the Church on TV. We stopped people and got referrals -- it was an interesting day."

"I had my first zone conference last Friday. The President came down fron San Antonio and Elder Harris from the Quorum of the Seventy. The talks were an inspiration and made us excited."

Apparently Elyse is obtaining an excellent cross-section of what missionary work really is composed of. She writes, "This week I have learned of what missionary discouragement is. In the Book of Mormon, the prophets talk about feeling so depressed because their people wouldn't listen to them. But I went through it last week. It seemed like we would try so hard to get people interested, but when Sunday came, not one of them showed up (for Church). We hope next week that the tinge of discouragement will have vanished. Overall, it looks like things are going great.

with others and in just getting myself to work."

Joe's letters are full of love for the people of Japan. He hates to leave one area for another because he realizes that he'll not see most of the good people again in this life, but a new area gives an opportunity for new friends and new experience in sharing the Gospel. His mission just completed a mission-wide fast in order to properly prepare themselves to receive the Lord's guidance and blessings for the Japanese people. The missionary work is proceeding in Japan.

As an example, May's message read in part: "It's already May 11. We're doing great, but we're going to really have to jam to meet our goals. We can easily break the record, but we have to be steadfast. We're not as perfect yet as we wanted to be this month. Constantly evaluate yourself."

He then lists challenges in the areas of obedience, skills, faith and work. "If you can honestly say yes to all of these, the Lord is well pleased with you and you will baptize. Love, Elder Cloward." Of course, we at home are praying for their success, also.

GARY ALLEN ---

From the last week of May and to the middle of June, Gary has been very busy. He and his companion have had teaching appointments almost every night. Then on Sunday he has had speaking assignments. He has gained a great deal of confidence and accepts public speaking as a personal challenge. He is very excited about how well the Lord's work is going. However, the high point of his month has been the baptism of Sister Beatrice Toutai.

Gary is no longer a teenager. On June 5th, he turned 20. He was given several special parties by ward members and also elders in his

MIKE SPENCER ———

Mike writes he is really enjoying his mission. He has had some good experiences in that he has already baptized two people. He and his companion have been giving many discussions and they have some choice people. One was ready to baptize, but they are Catholic and decided they couldn't change religions right now. Mike said they are going to keep after them.

One bad thing—his bike was stolen from a fenced in area at church. He and his companion walked for a few days after that but they decided walking wasn't for them so

TREVIN BEATTIE ———

Trevin sent home a roll of film which had some interesting looking photos on it—old cemeteries, ornate buildings, missionaries, etc., but we'll have to wait till he comes home to find out just what they are and where they were taken.

He says the town he's in now (Metz) is 3,000 years old and has one of the finest museums in the world; so we're hoping he's taking lots of photos there. The name Metz is pronounced "mess" and is French for our word for a Catholic Church service.

We found it takes two months

district. He received gifts and cards from many neat people in the West. Then on the 17th, he held the official shirt burning ritual. This is his mission's way of celebrating mission service. We are not sure where the last year has gone. We do know that Gary loves his calling and is very excited about the Lord's work.

We just received another letter and in teaching one golden contact they were able to reach two. They used the video "Heavenly Father's Plan." It was a very spiritual evening and following testimonies and prayer both contacts committed to read the Book of Mormon and pray. The most important thing was being invited back to teach again. This is great!!

they decided to both ride the one bike. The companion peddled and Mike STOOD on the book rack behind and put his hands on the other's shoulders. (I can just see them). Everything went fine until they hit a dip in the road and Mike went sailing off into space. He landed on his feet and hands and sprained both wrists. The last we heard he borrowed a bike until he can get his own again.

He also had his first (and he hopes last) taste of Mundungo. That is cow's stomach. He wasn't too thrilled about that.

We pray for the success of the missionaries and hope they are all safe and healthy.

before the people in France get to see the previous General Conference sessions on a translated video tape. Trevin said April's Conference was great, and he can't wait to read the talks in the Ensign.

In a recent zone conference, it was reported that in May the mission broke a 100 baptisms for the first time in its history. They're aiming for 150 in June. Apparently before President Walker was there, the mission was baptizing about four to 20 people a month; f and after his first month there, it's never gone below 20 and climbed steadily—Too bad he goes home in a month!

DEREK BUTTERS

Elder Butters has been working twice as hard lately. He is determined to find everyone in his area that might be interested in hearing about the gospel. He is so enthusiastic about everything. I can't imagine why people don't just come up and ask to be baptized. I guess that would be a missionary's dream.

They had a District Leaders' Conference. After being District Leader for quite a few months, Derek said he enjoyed hearing more ideas he could implement to keep things going even better than they are.

He has a new companion. It seems a large share of Brighton High graduates are sent to the New York Mission. His new companion is another Brighton Higher -- He is Elder Thorpe. I willhave to find out his first name, probably many know him. Derek says he is a great companion!

He sends his love and best wishes -- He loves New York. He loves his mission and everything he is doing. Keep up the good work, Derek.

WARD CHOIR

THIRD WARD CHOIR NEEDS YOU...

Ward choirs add to the spirituality of Sacrament Meeting and the Spirit of the Ward. They provide fun and challenge for the members and an opportunity to develop and share talents. Butler 3rd Ward Choir should be one of the best. Size helps. Every choir seat should be filled in a ward of our size. Please come and sing.

We encourage families to participate. It's a great family activity for father, mother and children 12 and older. Where it's not possible for all to come at once, arrange to come every other time. Choir rehearsal is Sunday morning from 9 to 10 am at the Bates' home (walk in and come downstairs). Please come and join us. We need you!!

TRACK MEET RESULTS

1st Place

Beehive high jump-----Emily Paxman

Mia Maid stick pull----Chrisanne Hilyard

Priest football kick---Brett Barker

Volleyball------Scott Paxman
Rand Barker
Brett Scharman
Emily Paxman
Chrisanne Hilyard

2nd Place

Beehive 50 yard dash---Emily Paxman

Deacon 50 yard dash----Tim Ostler

Beehive baseball throw-Karen Hawkes

Priest baseball throw--Kevin Hilyard

Priest football kick---Kevin Hilyard

Water balloon catch team

Karen Hawkes Lisa Beattie Jennifer Schulz Tim Ostler Drew Glad Rand Barker

Kristine Rowe

3rd Place

Mia Maid 75 yard dash--Heather Butters

Beehive-Deacon 440 yard relay

Cortney Ogswalla Emily Paxman Daren Beattie Steve Francis

Adult 440 yard relay---Jerri Jones Janene Ihler Bruce Jones Greg Ihler

Mia Maid high jump----Jennifer Schulz

Priest stick pull-----Brett Scharman

CHRIS SCHARMAN

Chris sends everyone greetings from the "Beautiful Island" of Taiwan. Chris writes home that he is in the most beautiful part of Taiwan. says: "This is one very, very 'cool' area. <u>I love it.</u> We teach the aboriginees a lot and they are so 'awesome.' "

They are extremely poor--and have nothing by our standards. They live in tiny cement houses and have bugs and mice. Chris says -- "we sit on their dirty floors and our clothes get very dirty from the floors and kids jumping on us, but I love it--I love working with these people. They are so humble. They are very poor, but they always offer us food and try to be hospitable and you can't refuse because that would be very rude."

Chris has even eaten snails now. He says they "helped kill them and take them out of their shells and washed them ourselves. And yes, they were very gross. I choked them down with a pleasant smile and graciously ate the other things, such as green vecetables."

While they are eager to learn, it's hard to teach them because most of them don't read Chinese and very rarely speak it (they have a dialect of their own)--so they have a hard time reading The Book of Mormon. they are very humble and teachable so the work is very rewarding. Chris hopes he'll be able to stay in this area until it's time to come home.

They are working very hard to get a branch started in Fenglin.

Chris says: "You know how everyone says -- 'I love the people.' I always found that hard to understand -- but now I know. I find it so easy to love these 'mountain people.' "

Chris is beginning to be concerned about coming home -- and leaving behind all the friends he has made.

Pres. Chen will be coming home soon and everyone is quite emotional about saying goodbye to him and his family, but we know they'll love Pres. Price and his family just as much. Dick and I had the opportunity to attend the farewell for Pres. and Sis. Price and those young missionaries in Taiwan are truly going to love them. They are very special people who have much to give their missionaries and the Chinese people.

SUSTAINED

Pymm Chartrand Ward Choir Leader Judi Chartrand Ward Organist Earlene Spencer Ward Book of Mormon Placement Program

RELEASED

Maitland Spencer Ward Choir Leader Anna Johnson Scripture Selector

PRIESTHOOD ADVANCEMENTS

Ryan Kartchner to Priest Kevin Copeland to Elder Terry Hansen to High Priest

Summer is finally here and Details in the future. time for fun with our families and friends.

In Relief Society, we are planning some fun things to do and hope you can join us. On July 6, we are having at Homemaking some hot summer ideas. They include Wind Chimes, BBQ Ideas, Stenciled Aprons and Summer Party Ideas and Ceramics. It should be fun. Come and join us.

On August 3, we will have our progressive dinner.

Keep that date open.

Summer is a fun time of the year. It gives us time to spend with our families, and to thank our Heavenly Fatherd for them. How blessed we are to liv.e in this day and age when we can be with our families and friends and enjoy the blessings we receive each day from a loving Heavenly Father.

ELDERS QUORUM

Plans for the quorum steak dinner BBQ are still set for the 9th at the Weenigs' home. \$4 per couple.

The date for the overnight activity at the stake property has been changed from Aug. 12/13 to Sept. 9 and 10. Come for a great time. Plan your own meals, except for Sat. AM breakfast. It's on us!!

GETTING ACQUAINTED — THE SMITHS

Carrie Smith was born in Salt Lake and except for one year as a child that she spent in New Mexico, she has lived there all of her life. She went to Howard R. Driggs Elementary in Holladay and has Wayne West as her 6th grade teacher. She also was a classmate of Pam Call in junior high school.

Carrie has loved to dance ever since she could walk. She spent several years at "Virginia Tanner Dance Studio" where she had Donnette Woolston as a teacher. She was in Dance Club in high school and started teaching dance during summer breaks for County Recreation at age 16. She still loves to dance, water color, read and especially loves being mom to her six children.



Mike was also born and raised in Holladay. He was the 6th of 10 children. He has always loved sports, especially football and wrestling. In high school, he was on both the football and wrestling teams. Mike has always been a hard worker He started his construction company at age 19 and still enjoys the thrill of a new building going up. Mike is a true blue Cougar fan (even though he is a Utah alumnus) to the end. He also loves cross country, bicycling, skiing, and spending time with his family.

Mike and Connie met in high school and first became best friends before falling in love. They were married August 3, 1976 in the Salt Lake Temple. They settled in Holladay where their first daughter, Heather, was born. She is just finishing 5th grade at Canyon View. She plays the piano, likes to watercolor, and clogs with "Buckles and Bows." She also enjoys jazz and gymnastics. She just turned 11 in May.



They moved into their first home in Sandy in the spring of 1978. In January of 1979, their second daughter, Holly, was born. She's the actress of the family. She's outgoing and friendly. She plays the piano, paints and also clobs with "Buckles and Bows." She is 9 years

In March of 1979, they built again in the Sandy area.

In March of 1981, Emily was born. She loves to play with her friends, paint, and do gymnastics. She was the youngest clogger on her team to place (3rd) in the Rocky Mountain States Clogging Competition last summer. She has just finished the first grade at Challenger Elementary.

In February of 1983, Reed was born. He was named after his grandfather Reed Emery Smith and was born on his grandfather's birthday. He likes to be outside riding bikes and playing in the dirt. (A big change after three girls). He also loves tee ball.

Jeffries and Rebecca were born in September of 1985. It was quite a surprise to get two for the price of one!! They are active two-year-olds and can think up more mischief than any kids they know of. But Smiths report they have been a fun addition to the family. They are smart and loving and best friends to each other.

Smiths moved into their new home on Oakside on Jan 1, 1988. They report they love all their wonderful friends they have met since they've moved in and are glad to be part of the ward.

To speak of "mere words" is much like speaking of "mere dynamite".

PRIMARY

June has been a fun month. We had a visit from Samuel the Lamanite when our Time Machine went back in time. We all enjoyed singing in Sacrament Meeting for our Fathers Day program. After the program, we each made our dads a special card in Sharing Time.

The Merrie Miss class had a special activity and BBQ for their mothers. We really appreciate our Merrie Miss teachers Edyle Allen and LouJean Middleton for all their service to the girls.

Amanda Hillyard and Andy Noble have turned 8 and we looking forward to their baptisms in July. Happy Birthday this month to--Barbara Blackhurst, Angie Holbrook, Elfriede Schulz and Louise Vanderhooft.

CUB SCOUTS

The Cubs have had another month of activities. The Bear Den has been studying about space flight. For one of their meetings, they invited the Wolf Den to join them to watch videos about space travel and the U.S. space program. The Bear Den also created some space crafts of their own. Both were a lot of fun!

The Wolf Den spent two favulous days at Cub Country. The became part of the Wild West on the first day at Frontier Fort. They made leather, hand-tooled key chains, panned for gold, rode bucking broncos (barrell style), shot BB guns and lassoed steers. They loved every minute of it! The next day they became pirates at Buccaneer's Cove. By the end of the day, they all had eye patches, pirates hats and swords. Everyone agreed they want to go again and again.

The Bear Den can look forward to a fun two days at Cub Country in August.

YOUNG WOMEN

This month we have many activities. The MIA Maids and their fathers made and decorated cakes. They wrote "Thank You" cards to go with the cakes, which at the end of the evening, they gave to a person of their choice. The evening was fun, with games and their fathers.

We expect a lot of with baseball and other activities.

Congratulations to all the wishes at this time. girls who graduated!!

BIRTHDAYS

Shari Lindsey Jess Morrison Chuck Boulton Richard Cloward Dan Price Jeremy Beattie Erica Felt Cliff Beattle 7 July Dennis Walker Benji Larisch Rosalyn Ostler Bill Speakman Cindy Hansen Amy Copeland 12 July Elfriede Schultz 13 July Kristine Rowe 14 July Harvey Hansen Zalia Mallinson 15 July 16 July Annette Berhold 16 July Kirsten Hill 16 July Jay Noble Rick Barker 17 July Chris Scharman 18 July 18 July Kent Thomas 18 July Nathaniel Thomas Bill Vargo 18 July 19 July Calvin Montague Julie Haglund 20 July Lynn Rowe Tim Herzog Angela Holbrook Ali Tayebi Wanda Mackintosh Wes Steffensen 25 July Jack Doty Terry Johnson 26 July 26 July Georgia Vanfleet 26 July David Young Louise Vanderhooft29 July Newlyweds Drake and Holly Jerri Jones Ivy Jo Thomas Alvin Thomas Rick West Paul Hawkes

SYMPATHY

We join to extend our sympathy and concern to Jack Nydegger and his family. A graveside service was held June 24 for their baby who was still born. Our warmest

BABY NEWS

1 July Stan and Marge Malstrom are 1 July excited about a new grand-2 July daughter born June 7. She is 3 July the daughter of Bart and Pam 4 July and has three brothers. They 5 July have nine grandchildren now, 5 July but the next girl is 17, so Corinne Vanderhoof & July they've waited a long time 7 July for her.

8 July Lynn and Barbara Brasher 8 July welcomed their 18th 10 July grandchild born April 23 to 11 July Chad and Janene Briggs, their Barbara Blackhurst12 July only girl after three boys. 12 July She's named Brianna.

GET WELL

Our wishes for a quick and complete recovery to Lin Stubbs. She had her 7th vertebrae rebuilt on June 24 after an auto accident at Highland and Ft. Union earier that week. At presstime, she was on her way to a fine recovery. We hope it's a 20 July quick one!!

22 July Jonathan Hansen, Dale & 22 July Cindy's little boy, tore his 22 July hand on barbed wire and got a 23 July healthy dose of stitches. 24 July Hang in there, big guy!!

NOTICE

30 July Decker are making their home 30 July in downtown Salt Lake. Drake 30 July is enjoying work at The 30 July Spectacle at Trolley Square. 31 July Holly has attended BYU and the U of U and spent four months in Israel. She plans to attend the U.

Young men! Prepare to participate in a Stake Golf Tournament on July 15. If you are interested, call Bishop Scharman: 943-3432.

CONGRATS

Congratulations to these seniors who graduated from Seminary...
Mikelle Wilson, Sarah Weenig, Kevin Copeland, Roger Butters, Brett Barker and Chuck Stubbs.

Emily Beattle was baptized and confirmed by her father.

Three babies were blessed by their fathers. They were William Henry Beattie, Kimber Lean Hawkes and Courtney Kartchner, Todd's daughter.

Kevin Copeland received his mission call to the Curitiba Brasil Mission. He will enter the MTC on Aug. 24. What a beautiful place!

Scott Steffensen and his new bride Marilyn are now in San Diego where Scott will attend Scripps College to do his second year of post-doctoral work.

Steven Allen played in the Weber Invitation Soccer Tournament in Ogden June 16-18. His team lost a heart-breaker in the finals and took second. On June 25, his team took first at the Layton Shootout Soccer Tourney. Super job, Steven!!

America's sport!! Brandon Woolston was chosen a member of the All-Star Team in the Babe Ruth Baseball League, and his brother Ryan is on the All-Stars in the National League.

Scott Gygi graduated June 10 from the Univ. of Utah in computer science.

PIONEERS



That first trek of 1847, organized and led by Brigham Young, is described by historians as one of the great epics of U.S. history, Mormon pioneers by the hundreds suffered and died from disease, exposure, or starvation. There were some who literally walked 1,300 miles across the plains and through the mountains, pushing and pulling handcarts. In these groups, one in six perished.

Such was the price many pioneers paid. Their bodies are buried in peace, but their names live on.

Can we muster the courage and steadfast ness of purpose which characterized the pioneers? Can you and I, in actual, fact, be pioneers today? Pioneers are those who go before, showing others the way to follow.

To whom shall we listen? Whom shall we follow? Whom shall we serve?

Now is our time to follow the Prince of Peace who showed the way for others to follow. Let us follow Him.

WELCOME

We welcome Scott Stubbs home from his mission about July 12. We're anxious to get acquainted and hear about his experiences in Texas.

THANKS

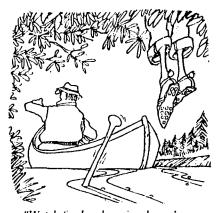
Thanks to all attended and helped with skits, equipment and all at the Fathers and Kids' Outing. It was a super event!

CONGRATS

Bob and Barbara Blackhurst's son-in-law, Fred Lewis, graduated from the Univ. of Idaho Law School May 14. He is Ann's husband.

Don and Jean Nydegger are looking forward to grandson Ryan returning in July from the Guam Micronesia Mission. He has had a challenging, but satisfying mission.

Sarah and Jenny Weenig were asked to audition for the Salt Lake Repertory Theatre and were cast in the new Gerschwin musical, "My One and Only," with performances at the Utah Theatre (148 So. Main) July 8-30.



"Watch for low-hanging branches,

Bernice. . . ."

JERRY VAN AMERONGEN

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