

Brighton Banner

Brighton 1st Ward, Salt Lake Brighton Stake

December 1988 edition

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

At this very special time of the year, when we celebrate the birth of our Savior and show and feel the love so strong for one another, what a great blessing it is to be part of such a wonderful ward.

Edgar A. Guest puts my feelings into words very nicely.

I'd like to be the sort of friend that you have been to me;
I'd like to be the help that you've been always glad to be;
I'd like to mean as much to you each minute of the day
As you have meant, good friend of mine, to me along the way.
I'm wishing at this Christmas time that I could but repay
A portion of the gladness that you've strewn along my way;
And could I have one wish this year, this only would it be.
I'd like to be the sort of friend that you have been to me.

May we all find great JOY in serving one another and serving our Lord and Savior in the Kingdom.

DOCTRINE AND COVENANTS Section 112, Verse 11

But let thy "love be for them as for thyself; and let thy love abound unto all men, and unto all who love my name."

Mark L. Rasmussen

JESUS CHRIST -- GIFTS AND EXPECTATIONS

I would like to discuss a few of the many gifts we have received from our Lord, Jesus Christ, and what we might, in turn, give to Him.

First, He gave us the perfect model--Himself--after which we are to pattern our lives. He said, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

Second is the gift of His Church--"the only true and living church upon the face of the whole earth."

Third is the gift of scripture, particularly the Book of Mormon.

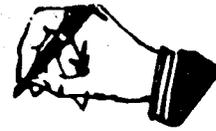
So I ask you, what can we possibly give to the Lord this Christmastime? Should not our gift be our lives and sacrifices, not only now but in the future? This is our day to show what we can do--what we can daily, hourly...If we give our all, we will get His all from the greatest of all.

May God be with you this season and always.

President Benson, Prophet



Mission News



MARK & MELBA CRAM

To all of our loved ones and great friends, we extend our best wishes for a wonderful Holiday Season. We pray that the real reason for our Christmas celebration will permeate the hearts and minds of all good people everywhere. We rejoice in the knowledge that we are here declaring this marvelous birth and life to the people of western Australia. We glory in the fact He has restored this full gospel to the earth in these latter days through thje Prophet Joseph Smith. We know that Ezra T. Benson is His mouthpiece on the earth today and that the General Authorities of his church are called of God as was Aaron.. Through revelation we can know our Heavenly Father's will for his people.

Each one of us through the gift and power of the Holy Ghost can declare these things to the world. Gratefully, we declare the Book of Mormon to be the Word of God, and a person can get closer to God by abiding its precepts than by any other book.

We should ever be thankful for the opportunity of serving our Heavenly Father and the Savior in the capacity of set apart missionaries. It has been a blessing that we will cherish always.

We read with anticipation each issue of the ward magazine as it comes to us and were happy we are remembered each month by the Bishop and many ward members. Our time is passing much too quickly and we have much to do.

We have had as many as eight non-members to our meetings so progress is being made. We have two hard-working Elders whose persistence is getting some results. Our travels to our outlying members are always a boost, to see their faithfulness is a testimony to us. Heavenly Father blesses his Saints wherever they are.

The October Ensign has a great article about Perth and other areas of western Australia. We commend it to you.

Again, Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years. We love you.

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ELYSE VANFLEET

This item in one of Elyse's letters last month was interesting. I quote: "How did you like General Conference? Wasn't it terrific? It kind of made me homesick to see the Tabernacle and the temple grounds. It was a neat feeling to know we would be watching Conference together, but in different parts of the U.S. In a way, I felt like I was right there with you watching it."

Elyse is still in San Antonio. In her last letter, she wrote, "Phil Walter was baptized Sunday and Mr. Johnson is going to be baptized on the 13th of November. I'm so excited, we are finally seeing some action, or the fruits of our labors. Phil Walter's baptism on Sunday was one of the most spiritual experiences. I am so happy for him and others who become converted. They carry an excitement and spirit that makes the world go round! We went to a zone conference here in San Antonio---what an impressive spirit was felt there. The conference was supposed to be from 3 to 8 pm, but we didn't get home until 10 pm. I just want you to know that I love Texas a lot, and my mission also."

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DAVID CLOWARD

Dave has been teaching people on the campus at Reading University and at first, he wasn't sure if that was the most valuable place to spend his time in that area. But he writes, "Yet, maybe the Lord has sent these people here for me from countries where they can't receive the Gospel. I've taught ministers of Agriculture from Sudan, professors from Swaziland, and beautiful young girls from Ethiopia." The prospects are thrilling.

Lynn and Carolyn Fletcher recently returned from a trip to England where they were able to talk with Dave on the phone for a few minutes. It was a thrill for Dave to talk to someone from home. Carolyn says everything is just like Dave says from the cobbled, narrow streets to the lack of good cookies. She said the first thing she was going to do was send him a batch of homemade cookies. David says that tourists don't see the real London and as much as he loves the people, he's awfully glad he lives in America!

On a recent P Day, he got to go to Windsor Safari park with monkeys jumping on the car. He has been able to see many of London's sights.

In his ward in Reading, Dave is often asked to teach the adult Sunday School class after he gets to meeting, but he says he really enjoys that because there are often investigators and it gives him a chance to teach the Gospel. He sometimes starts by asking them if they have any questions and goes from there. He says that he is often led by the Spirit and has had some great experiences. He loves watching them develop in the gospel. It's great to see David enjoying his mission. He expects a lot of himself and his zone.

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MIKE SPENCER

We finally received a letter from Mike after three weeks of not hearing anything. He tells us that the mail workers were on strike again and that he hadn't heard from home in three weeks either. I think that makes it hard on our missionaries not to hear from home regularly.

Mike and his companion are working hard, thanks to Mike's persuasion. These companions are equal in authority, even though his Argentine companion has been out a year longer than Mike. Mike says that he makes all the decisions because the companion doesn't seem to be able to do anything on his own. During siesta time every day, when others are sleeping, Mike reads the scriptures or studies the language. Since he left on his mission, he has read the Book of Mormon twice, A Marvelous Work and Wonder, The Articles of Faith, and the New Testament. His mission has made him not want to be lazy. (How a mission can change a person!)

They are having success in baptisms. They just had a baptism that week and are expecting to have three or four more very soon.

The weather is not very hot, but it is humid and they have had a bit of rain to ride their bikes in.

Good luck, Mike. We love you.

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WHY WE NEED TO HOLD TO THE ROD...

1. Families will be fortified.
2. Commitments will be strengthened.
3. Testimonies will increase.
4. Personal revelation will flow.



ROY SCHULZ

Roy is still in Graz, loving missionary work. The missionaries also involve the members to work with

them. It builds up the testimony of the members also. As the missionaries were out to find a place to teach the gos-pel, they came to a different-looking building. As they went in, the missionaries found that it was a mental hospital, and they told the nurse that they were from America and would love to show some slides and talk about America. It doesn't cost anything. It is most likely to improve their German.

The lady knew they were Mormon missionaries, but played their little game. The missionaries then asked where they could go to do so and the lady told of a rest home. So there the missionaries were showing slides about America, mixed with slides about our Church. It was in a very Catholic rest home. Everybody was friendly. After the presentation, the missionaries were served refreshments.

Roy and his companion ride the bus and the train a lot and that gives them an opportunity to talk to people. And when they start talking to someone on the bus, all the people in there get the message which are many people.

Roy has a new companion from Switzerland who has been a member of the Church just one year. He is a very good and excited missionary and a hard worker. Roy loves his mission. He loves working for the Lord and with the Lord. He loves the scriptures. Her sends his love to all the people in our ward.

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RICK BARKER

After serving nine to 10 months in Guelph, Rick was transferred to Sarnia, a town segregated from the U.S. by a 30-foot river and only 30

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miles from Detroit. It's a good sized town of 75,000-100,000 people with a large chapel such as ours to meet in. Surrounded by water, it is located at the tip of Lake Huron and Lake Erie close by. Even though Rick thinks it is a nice place, he was in Guelph long enough that he is homesick for the people and promises to return someday.

We received word of Rick's transfer from a lady in Guelph and it was fun visiting with her. She let me know they had had many missionaries come and go in their town, but Elder Barker was their favorite. When she told her little boy of Rick's transfer, he cried. I'm sure the reason people love Rick is because he loves them.

He also left behind a baptism scheduled for the 20th of November, but he says that's OK just as long as she's baptized.

In Rick's words, "I'm happy to be a missionary at this time. Pres. Benson's conference talk was such a push for me. I've got to concentrate on studying the Book of Mormon even harder. Pres. Benson strengthens my testimony as he speaks his words from God. I love the Church and the members and the non-members. I hope to share the gospel with many more before my mission is over and also after my mission.

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CANADA

A SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE BARKERS WHO
HAVE NOW MOVED FROM OUR WARD...

To the people of our favorite ward...

We want you to know how much we appreciate your love and concern for us. You have taught and touched us and you'll always be a part of our lives.

Love,
The Richard Barker family
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GARY ALLEN

For 10 days, the missionaries in Moncks Corner District have been manning the LDS Booth at the largest fair in the eastern half of South Carolina. They were able to place 30 Books of Mormon and 20 more people will accept them when delivered to their home by the missionaries. It was long hours and hard work, but so very rewarding.

Gary and his companion are teaching two golden families. As of this writing, they have commitments for baptisms the first part of December. One golden contact was at a loss for words to describe the feelings he experienced at Sacrament Meeting and again at the end of a teaching session. Finally he said it was a kind of RUSH. Gary had never heard the Spirit described quite like that.

Gary was transferred to southern Georgia just one week ago. It was very hard to leave all the special people in Moncks Corner, especially the ones which were gaining testimonies and getting ready for baptism. He knows that it will be a challenge to get the Lord's work going in a new area. It seems when one door closes, another always opens.

Gary shared his feelings with a story--"It seems two men were behind prison bars. As they looked out one saw mud and the other one stars." Gary told us it is cloudy in his new area, but he will look for the stars. We know he will work hard and we are very proud of his efforts.

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KEVIN SEGUIN

We haven't had a letter from Kevin for three weeks. He has written nearly every week so we don't know if there is a problem with the mail or if he was transferred. He thought he was going to be moved then he said he would be there two more months. He

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will be going to Miami the end of November to get his visa renewed.

Kevin had his first zone conference the end of October. He said he really enjoyed it. Elder Angel Abrea from the Quorum of the Seventy spoke. He told Kevin he knew Bishop Butters.

We sure wish we could send some of our good water over to him. He keeps getting sick with the amoebas which are in the water.

The lady that cooks two meals a day for Kevin and his companion wrote us a letter and said she thought he was a great missionary with much potential. We thought this was very kind of her. She has been a member of the church for 13 years and is one of the first members there.

We have seen so much growth in Kevin since he has been on his mission. We love and miss him very much.

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DEVOTIONAL FROM FIRST PRESIDENCY AIRS
TONITE OVER KBYU-TV CHANNEL 11

The First Presidency Christmas Devotional will be broadcast tonight from the Tabernacle over the church satellite network at 6 pm, and rebroadcast over Channel 11 at 8 pm.

The devotional is intended for the entire family and will include Christmas messages from the First Presidency and music by the Tabernacle Choir. For viewers with hearing disabilities, the presentation will be closed captioned.

The First Presidency ended its letter with the statement "We pray that this devotional will increase our spiritual awareness this Christmas season and that it will help all of us to better follow Him whose birth we celebrate."

JOE GLAD

A mission call is a special experience for a missionary and for the entire family of a missionary. When the call comes, two years seems like a long time to look forward to. When we said our good-byes to Joe on Dec. 3, 1986 and left him at the MTC, we couldn't see the end of that trail. Now as we look back over two years of letters and cards from Japan, we are very grateful for the blessings of our loving Heavenly Father that have been extended to Joe in his mission experience.

We are also gratefully aware of the many prayers and kindnesses that have been directed to Joe from the ward members. The faith and prayers of all the ward members help a missionary and without that support the missionaries would have a very difficult task taking the gospel message to the world. We thank everyone in the ward who has helped with donations and kindnesses and we are once again reminded of the special spirit that exists here in the Brighton 1st Ward.

Joe's last couple weeks are being spent in teaching and contacting to locate new contacts. The Tokyo South Mission is a special place and will ever be in the heart of the Glad family.

We are also grateful for excellent mission leaders and for the special love and support of the members of the church in Tokyo Japan.

TREVIN BEATTIE

Trevin got transferred back to the apartment he was in just a month earlier, still in Dunkurque. It seems like they are getting four more missionaries there, for a total of 14. At least it made for an inexpensive transfer day. With that many missionaries in one area, the work really seems to be progressing.

Trevin indicated that they attend church in Calais, since Dunkurque doesn't have its own branch YET. He says the best thing about going to

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church in Calais is that it is almost always followed by a baptism!!

Trevin and his companion, Elder Roylance, had another baptism on Oct. 23 of an investigator whose name is Fredrick. They are hoping that they will have enough members for a branch in Dunkurque in another month or two.

Trevin also indicated that they went out and visited some old World War II bunkers, and took some pictures to send home. It's interesting how names of great historical importance to his grandparents are now tourist sites for their missionary grandson.

Trevin also got absentee ballots from the County, and participated in his first Presidential Election via this process. He tried to get all the information he could on the candidates and do his part to make an informed choice. It was easier on the national level, but he confessed to being a bit underinformed on some of the smaller local candidates and issues.

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KEVIN COPELAND

Kevin is currently serving in the San Bernardino Mission and living in Riverside, California. He loves the work and is keeping extremely busy teaching and tracting in English before he leaves for Brazil when his visa comes. He loves the Book of Mormon and is reading it for the third time in three months.

He states: "The Bishop of our ward gave the members here a promise that if they choose a problem in their lives and then read the Book of Mormon as a family everyday until they finished it, then they would find some way to overcome that problem." What a beautiful promise for all of us!

Kevin has already been chased by dogs, had doors slammed in his face, but he

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states: "There are so many people out here wanting to learn, we don't have a lot of time to be going to those who have little interest."

In one week, Kevin and his companion put out 28 copies of the Book of Mormon. This certainly shows the need for the Family-to-Family Book of Mormon program. At this Christmas time, the greatest gift we could give is to share our testimony of the gospel with others. The missionaries are doing all the leg work, if we will only provide the Books of Mormon to them.

Elder Kevin Copeland
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DEREK BUTTERS

Missionary work is still going great in New York. Even though some of Derek's "Golden" investigators sometimes find it hard to take that final step and commit to baptism, he and his companion keep working their hardest.

Derek also mentioned in his last letter how thrilled he is that he made the choice to go on a mission---He goes on to say he can't imagine what he would be doing if he hadn't made that choice. Plus, he has learned so much about himself and the church--that is great!! He sends encouragement to anyone trying to decide if a mission should be part of their life--He says, "YES!!"

He is looking forward to a busy holiday season.

Can you believe he has past his 18-month mark. His family can't!

We send our love to New York.

Elder Derek Butters
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DANNY LARISCH

Danny is still very enthusiastic about his mission work. He has been transferred to Birmingham. That is a big change from a small town like Grantham.

His new companion is from Heber City, Utah. The weather is very cold. Danny said that he now in a real ward with a real Bishop and a lot more members and that means more dinner invitations. One of his companions said that he has gained weight, but of course, Danny would not agree.

Danny writes wonderful letters and we love to get them. We love you, Danny. Keep up the good work.

Elder Danny Larisch
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RELEASED

Terry Glad
Zola Wood
Louise Vanderhooff
Louise Lambert
Terry Johnson
Richard Barker
Mike Smith
Brent Brown
Steve Hansen

Cub Advancement
Banner reporter
Primary pianist
Primary teacher
MIA Maid Leader
S. School teacher
Cubmaster
S. School teacher
Elders Presidency

SUSTAINED

Terry Glad
Jim Phillips
Louise Vanderhooff
Shirley Kidd
Connie Hawkes
Steve Hansen
Tammy Phillips
Noel Smith
Laura Copeland
Louise Vanderhooff
Leola Herzog

Cubmaster
Blazer leader
Den mother
Banner reporter
Primary teacher
S. School teacher
Beehive advisor
Basketball coach
Sac/SS organist
Choir organist
Scripture selection
New baby flowers
Elders Presidency
Sunbeam teacher
S. S. teacher

Brent Brown
Vi Thomas
Pymm Chartrand



A SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS

Thanks to the Brighton First Ward for the great sympathy and warm caring feelings you expressed to us, the Del Reeves family, during Carol's illness and struggle and at her passing on. Our difficulties and sorrows were lightened by your love and kindness. We appreciate the flowers, the book called, "The Salt Lake Temple, a Monument to a People," and the Seiko Quartz Clock for our home.

Just as important were the hours spent by some sisters and warmly offered by others, and the food, cards, flowers or plants, and words of comfort or expressions and feelings offered

sometimes silently. Thanks also for equipment loaned and work done to make care for Carol easier through her illness and treatment period, and to those who participated at her funeral.

Though we try to tell some of you personally, we don't know who brought some flowers or food when immediate family members were not able to note it. Though you all have many other activities or problems, your generous care to us was exceptional. Our heartfelt gratitude and thanks we express now for these and other things done for us.

Sincerely, The Reeves family

CUBS

Election Results

Last month's Pack Meeting was really "electrifying!" We held our own elections. Each Cub and his family were given a candidate to represent. Each candidate was someone who had been famous over the past years--George Washington, John Adams, Helen Keller, Thomas Edison, etc. After 10 minutes of preparation, speech writing and poster making, each candidate was introduced by his campaign manager. The candidate then tried to persuade everyone why he was the best one to vote for.

After all the speeches were delivered, everyone went into the voting booth (a real one) to cast his

ballot. After the election, judges tallied the votes and the winners were announced.

Our thanks to Terry Glad for arranging such a great experience. We look forward to her new calling as Cubmaster.

We welcome Bobby Ostler and Louise Vanderhooft as Den Mothers for the Wolf Den. They will have a great time in Cubbing.

Special thanks to Mike Smith for everything he did as Cubmaster. We appreciate his enthusiasm and help!

President - George Washington - Ryan Butters
Vice President - Albert Schweitzer (Nick Boulton)
Dir. of Entertainment - Will Rogers (Jonathan Felt)
Board of Education - Albert Einstein (Michael Terkelsen)
Recreation Committee - Babe Ruth (Jeremy Ostler)

Initiative - Should there be hot dogs at every sporting event?
Yes-25 Mike Smith spoke for.
No-9 Jan Vanderhooft spoke against.

Watch for our Cub and Family Ice Skating Party on Dec. 6 at the Cottonwood Spa 6:30 PM

AWARDS FOR CUB SCOUTS

WOLF GROUP

Bobcat Badges were earned by Jeremy Ostler, Nick Boulton, Josh Hansen, Paul Hawkes, and Michael Terkelsen.

BEAR GROUP

Fort Douglas Conservation Awards were earned by Ryan Butters, Darren Rowe, Nick Rothmeier, Chris Woolston, Kent Copeland, David Hawkes, Tim Larisch.

WEBELOS

David Francis -- Fitness, Handyman, Outdoorsman, Readyman, Scholar, Sportsman, Travel.
David Glad -- Fitness.
Ryan Woolston -- Athlete, Communicator, Fitness.

Compass patches and points were awarded by David Francis and David Glad.

PRIMARY

The Primary children had some fun sharing times during November. The Junior Primary made Indian headbands and the Senior Primary played a game about Thanksgiving.

The class presentations were presented by the children in Sis. Claudia Rasmussen's CTR A Class and Sis. Trudy Arndt's Valiant B Class.

Birthdays were celebrated by Jack Harris and Andrew Larish.

Those released from positions were Danny and Deanna Bierman as nursery leaders, and Sis. Louise McOmber as a Valiant B teacher.

Sustained were Charles Stubbs as a Valiant B teacher, Steve Ostler as a Star B teacher, Sisters Vi Thomas and Connie Hawkes as Sunbeam teachers, Mike Smith as a Sunbeam teacher, Bro. & Sis. Stan and Michelle McOmber as nursery leaders, and Sis. Kathy Clayton as Sister Friendly.

We also welcome Judi Rowe as our new chorister. The children learned new Christmas songs to sing at our ward Christmas party.

The Primary officers and teachers would like to wish everyone in the ward a wonderful Christmas season.

God develops our spiritual power through the pressure of hard places.
"Our Daily Bread"

RELIEF SOCIETY.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we are changing our Christmas Homemaking evening to Dec. 21 at 6:30. We have a delightful evening planned to all--dinner at 6:30 followed by demonstrations and displays of yummy things to prepare for our family Christmas celebrations.

The Presidency has begun its Christmas Pixie Project. To enjoy this holiday fun, every member of the Relief Society should contact one of the presidency to sign up. They will then give you a secret person for whom you can play pixie. The each pixie is to anonymously provide some type of holiday treat or surprise at least once or as often as you wish. Sounds like fun. Sign up now.

YOUNG WOMEN

This month in Young Women, we did many fun things. We had a modeling class where a model came and talking to us. At that activity, we gave Lynn Barker a quilt we had made for her with all our names on it.

We also had an activity where we all brought boxes of crackers, fruit, etc. We made fruit baskets and took them to various people. It was fun to talk to them and listen to all the things they had to say.

Happy Birthday to Andrea Hawkes, Emily Paxman, and Jennifer Schulz.

Scouts

The Scouts of our Troop 311 participated last month in the Council-wide drive to gather food for the homeless and others in need. Our Scouts gathered a large amount of food from our ward. Overall, the Council reported its best-ever drive, far exceeding its goal.

Thanks for your help!!

Welcome

Chris Scharman was welcomed home from the Taiwan Taipei Mission. Welcome home, Chris!!

Welcome to Eva Burgess Mellor and Stan and Michelle McOmber, new members in our ward.

BABY NEWS

Gloria Fletcher, daughter of Joe and Helen Wood, and her husband Ron, welcomed a new baby boy, Alex Jay in early November.

Helmut and Elfriede Schulz became grandparents for the 8th time. Kerstin had a little boy on Nov. 8.

GET WELL

Kim Zorad had carpal tunnel surgery on her hands. She's doing OK.

Jesse Conover had a wrist operation--recovering quite well now.

Your worry will not empty tomorrow of its sorrow; it will only empty today of its strength.

NOTICE

On Christmas Day, a Sunday, the only meeting will be a joint Sacrament Meeting to include the three wards that meet in our building. The meeting is schedule for 11 am.

The 7th Annual Stake Christmas Devotional will presented on Dec. 11 at 7:30 PM. The theme will be "Light Up the Tree," featuring special guest speakers Richard and Linda Eyre and the Brighton High School Bell Choir. Those 12 and over invited. It will be a special evening so be sure to attend with friends and neighbors.

Open House for members of the high priest group at Nick and Donna Watts' home, Dec. 17, 6-8 PM.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the new stake center was held Nov. 26. Pres. Black announced that funds are being received on schedule and the contract has been let to a contractor in American Fork. Work will begin as weather permits.

Sunday School will soon be featuring a new Genealogy Class, four weeks of instruction. If you are interested in attending, call Bill Allen, 942-4725.

Be sure to participate in the Blood Drive on Dec. 7.

Let's spread some extra Christmas cheer this year. Write a special holiday greeting to the missionaries from our ward. Get the address from this edition of the Banner or they will be available during our meetings on Sunday.

Claude and Bernice Dean enjoyed a wonderful vacation tour in Ecuador.

Peggy Hague is reporting four of five birthdays in December. Talk about ganging up on you!!

Anyone interesting in scorekeeping, please call Debbie Smith 943-8908.

Any woman wishing to play basketball, call Debbie for that too.

Girls basketball practice is Tuesdays at 4 PM

If no one is calling you each month for your family news for the banner, call Lynn Rowe at 942-3105. We'll fix that!

WEDDING BELLS

Glenda Lindquist is engaged to marry Don Carlson on January 6. The place and time will be announced later. The entire ward is invited. Best wishes to you both!

Marie Poulson is engaged to be married to Bryan Arnett in the Salt Lake Temple on May 12.

CONGRATS

The president of the Jordan River Temple has released Winston and Louise McOmber as temple workers to enable to serve their mission in England.

Holly Smith was elected 4th grade governor at Canyon View. Liz Stringham, daughter of Dave and Marilee who will be moving in next to Gleaves, was elected lieutenant governor.

Karen Vargo took 2nd placed in a reading contest at Cottonwood Heights.

Adrian and Karidee Thomas were named to the Principal's Honor Roll and received Citizen's Awards at Canyon View.

Clay Hansen bagged a monster five-point bull elk in September. The trophy is at the house for all to view. Harvey bagged a five-point deer in October.

Debbie Smith played women's volleyball. She took 2nd place in region for All-Stars. Then she went bowling and placed 3rd among 58 teams. WOW!

TITHING SETTLEMENT SCHEDULE

Make appointments through the two priesthood leaders, Wayne West at 943-5272 for the high priest group or Alan Hague for the elders at 943-8005. They have blocks of time set aside. The bishopric wants 10 blocks per hour--ask for what you will need for your family.

The available times include...

Dec. 18 2:45 to 8 PM
Dec. 22 6 PM to 10 PM
Dec. 29 5 PM to 10 PM

GETTING ACQUAINTED

Brent and Kim Brown

Brent and Kim Brown now live at 3003 E. Danish Ridge Way. Brent's from Newport Beach, Calif. and Kim hails from Houston, Texas.

Kim enjoyed athletics during high school, including varsity participation in track and volleyball, as well as cheerleading. She sang in various choirs and graduated in the top 25% of her class.

Brent followed quite a different course. During the ages 12 - 18, he was involved with rock 'n' roll music. He put together a rock 'n' roll band and "cut" his own records, and toured Wyoming and Utah.



Then he went to his bishop to prepare to go on a mission. He had decided that the life of someone involved with a rock 'n' roll band is not the life he wanted to pursue for the eternities. The girls attracted to the rock 'n' roll scene weren't girls who could kneel across an altar in one of the temples of the Lord.

So after a year of preparation, he went on a mission to Manchester, England where he served as an assistant to the

president, and then was called to organize a musical group to tour England and teach the gospel through music and song. Many baptisms and conversions occurred through the Spirit of music. Many lessons were learned through working with the Lord and by faith, letting Heavenly Father provide the miracles.

After Kim's graduation from high school, she traveled to her older sister's wedding at the Salt Lake Temple. She met her new brother-in-law's brother who was Brent. They didn't hit it off immediately. Kim wasn't impressed with the long hair and wild ways of life of the rock 'n' rollers, but they acquired a great friendship. Kim went to BYU, majoring in communications and would go out with Brent occasionally as friends and when Brent went on his mission, Kim developed a strong testimony of Christ while on a BYU Study Abroad Program to Israel, traveling through Europe.

When Brent was off his mission, things just seemed to click and through a tough sales job by Brent, Kim and he were married in the Manti Temple.



After a few different career moves, including selling cars out of their

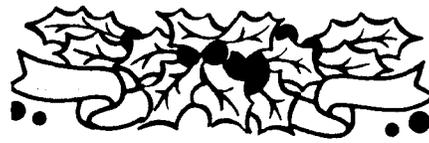
home and both selling real estate, Brent found his real career of selling cars. He is now general sales manager of Stephen Wade Auto Center in Murray. Kim also found a fun career, along with being a mom of two strong-willed fun little boys, of selling radio advertising for KCPX Radio.

Jamison Kenneth (Jamie) was born Jan. 1, 1984. He is such a joy in this life with his energy for life and his interest to perform and speak in front of people. He is in Kindergarten at Canyon View Elementary and is adjusting well with a strong commitment to do everything the best he can.

Andrew Reed (Drew) was born while Brent and Kim lived in Austin, Texas in March, 1985. Drew is another very energetic spirit as well as independent. He is learning new words everyday and one of his newest accomplishments is putting a belt on all by himself and buckling it. He is a strongwilled little boy--leadership material for sure.

Kim and Brent and the boys are so excited and blessed to be able to find a lot in Willow Creek Oaks. They had looked often in the subdivision wanting badly to build a home and the Lord provided with a beautiful lot. It's a joy to be in such a beautiful ward with a bishopric that truly cares about the concerns of members in the ward. Even though Brent and Kim are very active with day-to-day activities, they do enjoy the ward and their new neighbors.

Christmas



CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS THAT BIND FAMILIES AND FAMILY TIES.. Perhaps you may want to borrow from these suggestions...

Bobbie and Steve Ostler

have found a special tradition that helps their children think of others---being the Christmas elves and doing the 12 Days of Christmas. The children help plan and shop for the gifts that are to be left each night. This came about because of a neighbor that they hardly knew, did it for them one year, and they remember how special it made the season for them. This year they are starting another tradition and it will be to do a Sub for Santa which they plan to continue as they realize it helps their own children grow up with the correct values---thinking of others instead of themselves.

Nick and Donna Watts

Donna continues to make her delicious candies which she hurries and gives to friends and neighbors before she is tempted to eat it. Since they have had children, they always have Grandma Christensen come to spend Christmas Eve--sleep at their home, so she can be a part of their family gift opening, breakfasts and dinner--such a thoughtful gesture. It makes a special experience for all of the family.

Bob and Marge Taylor

Since they are now grandpa and grandma, they have taken the role of Grandpa and Grandma Taylor and Askew who were at their home bright and early Christmas morning with gifts for everyone---they now go to their children's homes (Leslie, Pat and Rob) and take gifts and enjoy seeing what Santa left at their homes and then that evening, Marge fixes dinner and the family come to eat and spend the remainder of the special day with them.

Kathy and Rudy Siebenhaar

Advent--A wreath has four candles and the four Sundays before Christmas the family has a special program with children, reciting poems and singing songs with refreshments and the lighting of a candle. This is a day of preparations before Christmas to bring the proper spirit into the season.

A German custom is to celebrate Christmas on Christmas Eve with dinner and opening of gifts. The children play with their toys and go to bed late and everyone can sleep in on Christmas morning---get up as they wish and play with their toys and have breakfast.

In Germany when Rudy and Kathy lived there, the stores closed at noon and everyone spent the remainder of the day with their families. After moving to Salt Lake City, they continued to do it this way and as their children got older, they were given the choice of staying with Christmas Eve or Christmas Day for their celebration, and they chose to stay with Christmas Eve. As the children have married, it has been nice because they have Christmas Day for their own families and in-laws.

Jean and Don Nydegger

Their family Christmas is every other year, but worth waiting for as Jean prepares many of the special Norwegian foods that her grandmother used to fix that Jean enjoyed as a child. Her grandmother made a delicious roast beef dinner with the roast being soaked in a spiced brine for about five days before cooking. Jean didn't get that recipe which she feels bad about because it was delicious. She does have roast beef, her style, turkey and all the trimmings with Kurmkakes made with her grandmother's very special iron with Reese Cream--Swedish breads and Swiss goodies.

Frank and Angie Clawson

They are starting their traditions along with the traditions of their families. They enjoy eatable Hershey Candy Kisses and Reese's Pieces to decorate their tree---the decorations diminish before the season is over as they, friends and family enjoy the decorations.

Ebleskiner will be Christmas breakfast for Angie and Frank---a carryover from Angie's family.

Christmas Eve the Clawson family meet together to enjoy the children enacting the Nativity, food and music. Each person writes on a paper a gift they want to give Jesus through the coming year.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS RECIPES

Festive Salmon Party Log Peggy Hague

1 1-lb. can salmon (2 cups)
1 8 Oz. pkg. cream cheese,
softened
1 Tbls. lemon juice
2 tsp. grated onion
1 tsp. horseradish
1/4 tsp. salt
1/2 c. chopped pecans
3 tbls. parsley

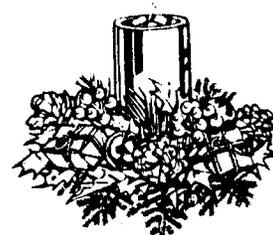
Drain and flake salmon, removing skin and bones. Combine salmon with next 6 ingredients; mix thoroughly. Chill several hours. Combine pecans and parsley. Shape salmon mixture in 8x2" log or round; roll in nut mixture; chill well. Pass the crackers!!

Christmas Sweet Rolls Wanda Mackintosh

2 C. milk-scalded
1/2 C. melted butter or margarine
1 C. sugar
2 tsp. salt
Cool until tepid and add 4 beaten eggs. Soften four yeast cakes or 4 T dry yeast in 1/2 C warm water. Add enough flour to make soft batter (about 4 C) beat well--add about 6 more cups of flour--let rise double in bulk--punch down--shape into rolls.

Dan and Wanda Mackintosh

Christmas season starts early in the month with our family getting together at one of the children's homes and having dinner and the grandchildren acting out the Nativity Scene. Christmas afternoon we get together at our home and have our traditional foods for dinner and then exchange gifts. The walls are bulging in our home with 12 adults, 20 grandchildren plus Virginia Nibley, a down syndrome girl that lives with Scott and Becky.



Orange Rice Virginia Bierman

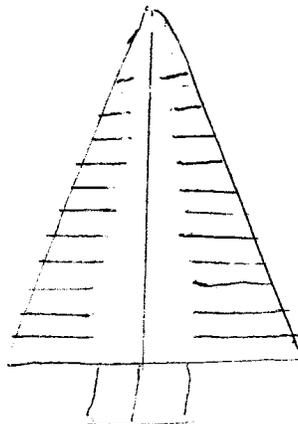
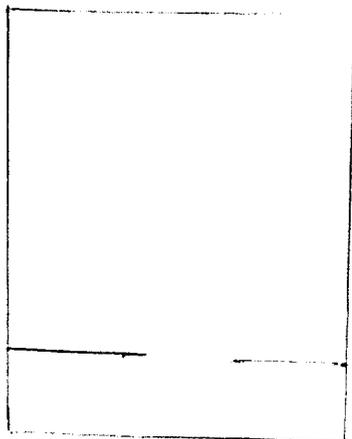
(Very tasty with slices of leftover turkey or ham)

2/3 C. celery with leaves
2 Tbs. onion finely chopped
1/4 C. butter
1 1/2 C. water
2 Tbs. orange rind grated
1 C. orange Juice
1 tsp. salt
1/8 Tsp. dried thyme
1 C. brown long grain rice
(Can use white rice)

Saute onions & celery in butter, add water, orange rind, orange juice, and thyme. Bring to boil slowly, add rice, cook 25-30 min. until tender (uncovered). Add about 1/4 C. pinenuts or almonds if desired.



Christmas Tree-Wanda Mackintosh
Great for Christmas breakfast



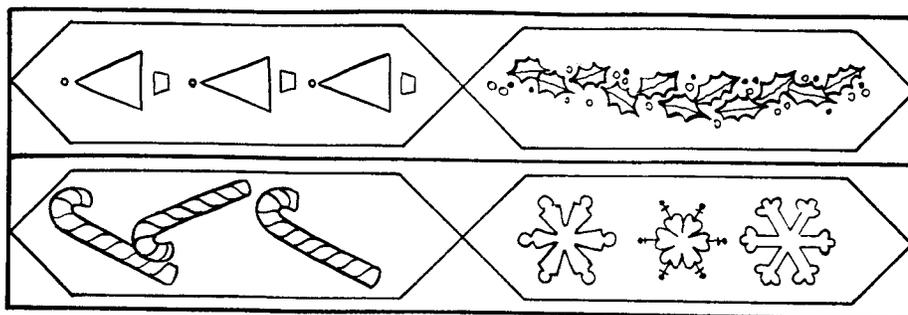
fold corners down to trunk to make a tree shape.

Cut into about four inches to middle and twist strips to make branches. When baked, decorate the trees with cherries, pineapple, and nuts, then drizzle a very thin powdered sugar icing over the tree.

Bake 375 for 25-30 min. until golden brown. Do not overbake.

Roll dough to rectangle shape; spread with melted butter & sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar.

(roll to center for trunk)



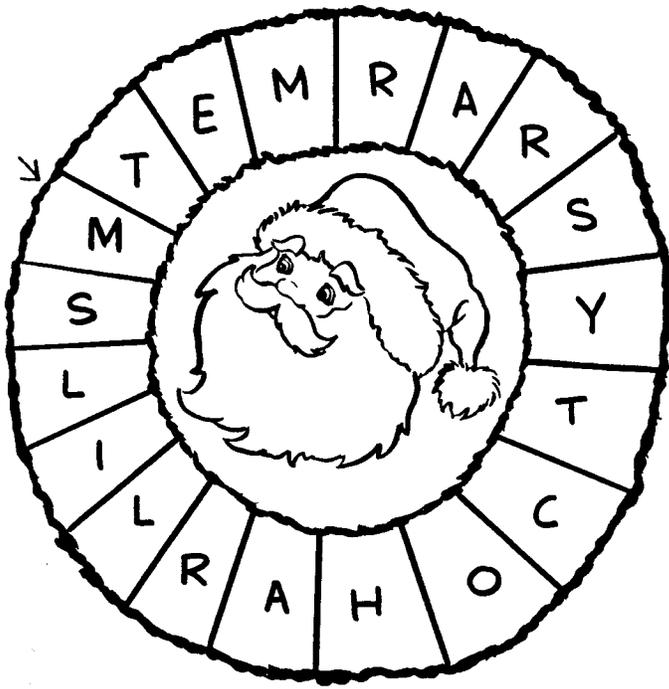
Color and cut out bookmarks.

BIRTHDAY LIST

DECEMBER

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2	943-0494	HAMILTON, GLADYS MAE	17	943-5305	STEFFENSEN, REA ANN CRAM
3	944-0069	HILYARD, JOHN RICHARD	17	942-2672	THOMAS, ADRIAN MARCEIN
3	942-3105	ROWE, GREGORY PAUL	18	944-0993	FELT, JONATHAN MICHAEL
4		BROWN, KIMBERLY	18	943-2750	GLAD, VELMA KATIE
5	942-4766	JONES, LINDSEY ERIN	18	943-8005	HAGUE, BRADFORD ALAN
5	943-4908	THOMAS, MONTE CHARLES	19	942-0177	CALL, RANDALL RUDD
5	943-1706	WOOD, GLORIA HELEN	20	943-2750	GLAD, ERIC DAVID
7		FRISCH, DARRELL COREY	21		SMITH, KRISTIN L
8	943-2629	HAGLUND, JOAN LOADER	23	942-5203	YOUNG, AMY MAIDA
9	943-5891	TEA, BARBARA BELLE MANWARING	24	943-2616	HANSEN, DUSTIN LEE
9	943-2745	WEENIG, SARAH ANN	25	943-2608	BEATTIE, DAREN TODD
9	943-4036	WHITE, HOLLY ANN	25		SMITH, NOEL IVERN
12	943-8005	HAGUE, AMANDA LEE	27	943-9776	KIDD, GLORIA COLLEEN
12	942-1864	HAWKES, WILLIAM EDWARD	27	943-3652	MC OMBER, WINSTON ISAAH
12	943-4639	POULSON, FRANK A	27	942-3283	THOMAS, WILFRED ALVIN JR
13	943-7080	HOUSKEEPER, NAOMI CLAIRE	28	943-3716	MCCOMBS, NICHOLAS IAN
13	943-5686	SIEBENHAAR, KATHE MARTHA MARI	29	942-7857	PAXMAN, NATHAN VAIL
14	942-4725	ALLEN, WILLARD LEON	29	943-5686	SIEBENHAAR, STEVEN RICHARD
14	943-2602	MAYFIELD, ROBERT WILLIAM	30	942-2431	SKIDMORE, JOYCE FOX
15	943-4900	BARBOUR, HOWARD K	31	943-3432	SCHARMAN, AUBREYA NECOLE
15	942-5269	GYGI, JANICE LEMMON			
15	942-1735	HILL, CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL			
15	942-3105	ROWE, DARREN ROGERS			
15	943-7014	VARGO, JOSEPH KEZERIAN			
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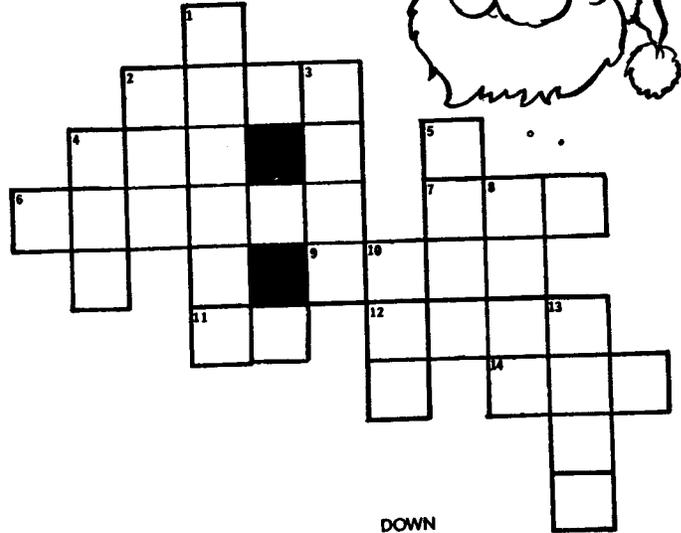
A HIDDEN MESSAGE



Beginning at the arrow, write every other letter, moving around the wreath twice to find Santa's secret message to you.

Answer: Merry Christmas to all!

HAPPY HOLIDAY



ACROSS

2. Skies are _____ in good weather.
4. We have a big one on each foot.
6. Opposite of laughing
7. High card
9. Song sung by one person
11. Santa laughs, "Ho, ____!"
12. Ann wants a _____ for Christmas.
14. Female deer

DOWN

1. What Santa rides in
2. Opposite of girl
3. Hens lay _____
4. Children must _____ hard to sleep Christmas Eve.
5. Found above an angel's head
8. Winter weather is _____.
10. Three is an _____ number.
13. Children _____ Santa.

Answers: ACROSS 1. sleigh 2. blue 3. one 4. shoes 5. snow 6. sad 7. ace 8. cold 9. doll 10. love 11. ho ho ho 12. train 13. love 14. doe

Using the word list below, find the words in the puzzle and circle them up, down, across, back and diagonally.

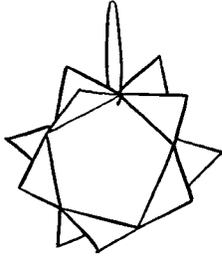
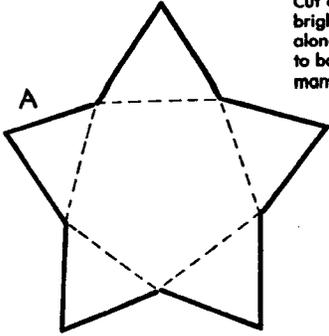
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 SKATESWVERLMP
 BRZFPAICBOOKD
 TKQWAGONSJDTE

AIRPLANE	BUGGY	GUN
BALL	DISHES	SKATEBOARD
BIKE	DOLL	SKATES
BOAT	DOLL HOUSE	TRAIN
BOOK	GAMES	WAGON



STAR A

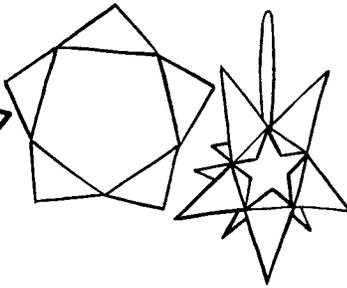
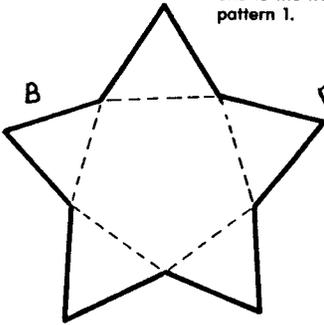
Cut out the pattern. Trace it twice on bright colored paper. Fold points forward along dotted lines. Glue them together, back to back. Attach string through hole. Make as many as you wish.



STARS FOR YOUR TREE

STAR B

Cut out patterns. Trace pattern 1 once and pattern 2 twice on colored paper. Fold points forward on both patterns 2. Glue one to the front and one to the back of pattern 1.



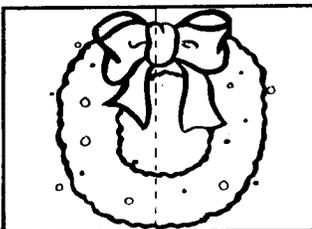
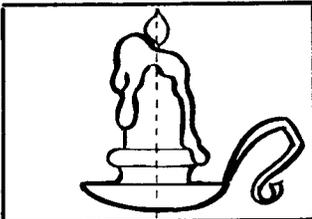
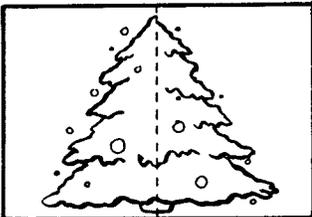
JOLLY SANTA



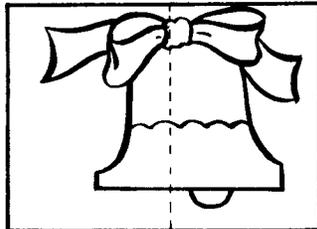
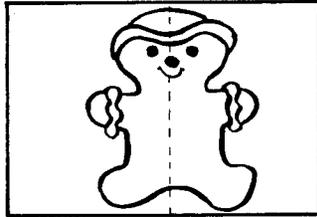
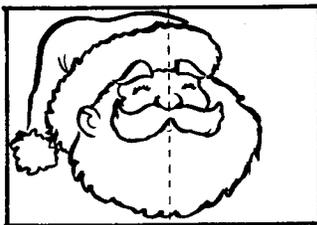
Cut out, fold on dotted lines and tape sides together to form a Santa pyramid.

CHRISTMAS CARD GAME

After cutting the cards, mix them up and give each player 7 cards. A player draws a card from the other player's hand and tries to complete a picture. If a picture can be completed, it is placed in front of player. The one with the most completed pictures is the winner.

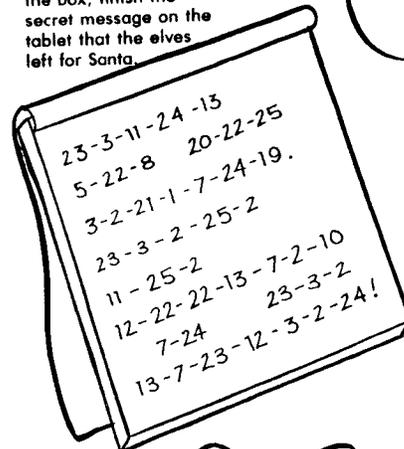


Color pictures. Paste them on cardboard. Cut them out. Cut them in half.



A SECRET MESSAGE

Using the code in the box, finish the secret message on the tablet that the elves left for Santa.



A	B	C	D	E	F	G
11	6	12	28	2	20	19
H	I	J	K	L	M	N
5	7	18	13	21	14	24
O	P	Q	R	S	T	U
22	1	17	25	10	23	8
V	W	X	Y	Z		
15	4	16	5	9		