

The

BRIGHTON BANNER

BRIGHTON FIRST WARD
BRIGHTON STAKE

AUGUST 1991

Conflict, adversity, or opposition can be the refiners fire to our soul. Adversity is all around us. It is an essential part of our progression and growth.

We arrived at the lake and launched our boat. I pulled the truck to a parking place then joined my family for a wonderful day on the lake. In the evening we loaded the boat and went to the gas pumps to fill the boat for the next days boating. To my disappointment the Marina was closed and the pumps were off. "Oh well, I will just have to fill it in the morning". I got in the truck and started the motor and all I got was a roar and a slamming sound and it was all over. Four hundred miles from Salt Lake and twelve miles from the smallest town with little hope of acquiring mechanical help.

After a prayer the next morning I was able to arrange for an auto parts store in St. George to ship me a set of rebuilt heads on the bus to arrive at 10:00 pm that night, (on credit). I was also able to arrange for a mechanic to do the work. Well, I spent the vacation calling the shop and helping with the necessary repairs. Finally, we were on our way home. We left the lake about 10:00 am. As we reached the first town 12 miles away, the motor was blowing steam out the radiator. The mechanic had failed to place the cap tight on the radiator. With no coolant available we filled the radiator with water, then we were on our way home.

The day was hot and the road was up hill. As we reached Cedar City the newly rebuilt motor began to cause problems. I limped into town and found a place to park to look at the engine. I walked to a corner of the lot to find a place to be alone, for I felt very alone. In my heart I cried out "Father, why me, what am I to do?" At that moment My Heavenly Father spoke to me in a sweet, loving, calm and assuring voice. "IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TO US IN THIS LIFE. THE ONLY IMPORTANT THING IS HOW WE HANDLE IT". Just at that moment my daughter, Monica, came to see if there was anything she could do to help. All I could do was turn to her with my eyes streaming wet and a lump in my throat and hug her. In that moment, which I shall never forget, I knew Father knew me, loved me and had visited me in my time of need.

The car was repaired and we made it home without further incident.

"It doesn't matter so much what happens to us in this life. What really matters is how we handle each adversity. That's how we grow and get close to Heavenly Father."

Brother Erick Spotten, 2nd Counselor

SOEUR ANNETTA SPOTTEN

Seour Spotten is still in Orleans, France. They are still door knocking to seek out investigators. The work is slow in France and she would like to be remembered in your prayers.

We had a fun call this last week. A lady called and told us that she and her daughter had just returned from France. She had spent some time in Seour Spottens ward and area. Seour Spotten helped serve as an interpreter for her. She appreciated Annetta's command of the French Language. She also told us how delightful the time spent with Seour Spotten was. She was grateful for the love she felt in Seour Spotten's presence. She wanted to express her appreciation to us, as her parents, for the love and service she gave.

DARIN TEA

Darin says "Hi" from Illinois. He said they had a good July 4th. They had blackberry pancakes with some church members and then had their usual Thursday district meeting after which they watched the local parade in Vincennes with some members. They grilled burgers and had corn on the cob and all the trimmings that made a great feast. They watched the fireworks over the Wabash River. All in all they had a real good day.

They have some real great members in Vincennes. One of the hardest things is to teach or talk to people who are genuinely good people and would be great members of the Lord's Church, but for one reason or another they don't join. He really hopes he can be an effective messenger of the Gospel and be able to find those who are ready to hear the Gospel.

ELDER DAN CLOWARD

Dan's last letter shows how much he loves his mission. He writes, "Things couldn't be better. I don't know why but the Lord really blesses me. I love being a missionary. This week has been great. We're teaching a man named Carlos and his wife and two sons. He is a sincere 'great' guy, fun to be around, a very possible leader and he committed to baptism yesterday! Also, a lady named Raquez is committed for Aug 4. We are also teaching some wonderful families"

THE PERSON WHO DOESN'T KNOW SOMETHING CAN'T BE DONE WILL OFTEN FIND A WAY TO GO AHEAD AND DO IT.

ELDER DREW GLAD

Andrew reports that the area he is in is building and they have several new contacts that they are meeting with.

One young man who is hearing the lessons in the home of a member family, first came into contact with the church through a friend whom he met in a drug rehab program. That friend has gotten his life in order and is now on a mission. Larry is having the missionary lessons as he puts his life in order.

Andrew is enjoying the work very much and he is enjoying his companion. They get along very well and like working together. They are working in the area near the mission headquarters so they see their mission president often. Drew has several very good companions who have helped him learn the very important lesson of working with people of different backgrounds and different levels of dedication.

Andrew sends his love to the members of the ward and appreciates your love, support, and prayers.

Mission News

ELDER BRIAN CLOWARD

Brian had an accident on his bicycle coming down the hill toward home in the rain and broke his collar bone. The doctor told him to wear a sling and take it easy for awhile but Brian kept asking them about his investigators and how soon he could get back to work so they finally told him to do whatever he felt he could do.

Here at home we've learned that a little thing like a broken bone doesn't stop ole Brian and we think he won't take much of a rest.

SUSTAINED

Fred Blackburn.....
Asst. Priesthood Chorister
Marie Kingsbury...Den Leader
Tonia Nielsen.....RS Tapes
Gladys Spotten.....
RS Spiritual Living
Lori McMame ..Activity committee

RELEASED

Fred Blackburn
Asst. Priesthood chorister

PETER LINDGREN & JEFF ZORAD have been advanced to the office of Priest in the Aaronic Priesthood.

WELCOME HOME

Melinda Schulz has been living in Berlin, Germany, for the past year. She has been staying with relatives and going to school. We are glad to have you home again.

ELDERS QUORUM

August 4 Business Meeting
Brother Kartchner visiting
August 11 Friendshipping meeting
August 18 Lesson 20
August 25 Lesson 18

COMING EVENTS

August 9th & 10th

STAKE FATHER'S & SON'S OUTING
Stake Property

DO NOT BRING:

ATV vehicles
Campers
Trailers

August 14th STAKE LAGOON DAY

August 18th

FRIENDSHIPPING FIRESIDE
Taylorsville Stake

August 25th

Brett Scharman's Farewell

September 5th

BRIGHTON FIRST WARD
SUMMER PARTY

6:30 pm Bywater Park

Wit of the world

"My husband is an efficiency expert in a large office."
"What does an efficiency expert do?"
"Well, if we women did it, they'd call it nagging."
—Clipped

What key is the hardest to turn?
A donkey

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Happy Birthday News Briefs

August

- 1 Sophia Okada
- 1 Frieda Ross
- 1 Donna Taylor
- 5 Matthew Donaldson
- 5 Melba Speakman
- 8 David Glad
- 10 Zaun Barnes
- 11 Inge Poulson
- 12 Scott Daniels
- 12 Cameron McCombs
- 12 John Metters
- 13 Lavon White
- 14 Brooke Walker
- 16 Timothy Larisch
- 16 Steven Ostler
- 16 Daniel Zorad
- 17 Eleanor Haygood
- 18 John Bishoff
- 18 Erika Bozich
- 18 Gladys Spotten
- 19 Jeffrey Noble
- 20 Allen Fordham
- 20 Deaun Haueter
- 20 Jennifer Shields
- 21 Kylie Kingsbury
- 21 Larry Kramer
- 22 Lanila Shields
- 23 Gary Christensen
- 23 Mark Zorad
- 24 Lou Jean Middleton
- 25 Michael Cook
- 26 Lisa Beattie
- 28 Ritva Bartschi
- 28 Ira Butler
- 28 Dan Jacobson
- 31 Jackie Callister
- 31 Orin Curtis

MAKE THE MOST OF YOURSELF, FOR
THAT IS ALL THERE IS OF YOU.

CONGRATULATIONS!

A little baby girl made her entrance into the world July 22nd and her parents are DIRK & JULIE PORTER. Little SARAH JOAN weighed 8'2". She has one brother.

The Mackintosh family has a house full of guests. Their daughter, Karen, and her family are visiting from England for a few weeks. Another daughter, Lynne, is here from Chicago with her children.

Karen's son, JUDSON, will be living with Dan & Wanda this year so that he can graduate from Hillcrest High.

BOB & FRIEDA ROSS' oldest grandson, JARED, has received a call to serve in the West Virginia Charleston Mission. He is the son of VINCE & NANCY ROSS LANDVATTER.

DAVID & KATHY CLAYTON'S daughter, MICHELLE, and her little daughter are here from Colorado for a month long visit.

WANDA MACKINTOSH has recently had eye surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

BARBRA BRASHER would like to thank all those who are so kind to her brother, AL. They appreciate the visits of the Home Teachers and other friends, those who come with the Sacrament, and those who bring goodies.

Sympathy

David Clayton's mother passed away last month and we extend our sympathy to him and his family.

DUP ANYONE?

If anyone would like to join the Daughters of Pioneers, please contact Norma Montgomery, Zola Wood or Earlene Spencer, for details.

WHOOPS! Getting Acquainted

Last month in our Getting Acquainted page I mistakenly said that Brother Steffensen was one of the Sacrament Meeting greeters. He is on our Scout Committee. Bob Kidd is the greeter at the East door.

BOB AND SHIRLEY KIDD
7716 Dell Road

Phone 943-9776

Bob was born in Lehi, Ut. He attended school in Riverton and Jordan High School. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Bob is now retired after working at Kennecott for 45 years.

Bob has served as a Stake Missionary. He now works at the Jordan River Temple in the Baptistery.

Bob loves the outdoors and his #1 favorite sport is fishing.

Shirley was born in Salt Lake and graduated from Jordan High. She met Bob at a Mutual party. They fell in love and were married in the Salt Lake Temple.

Shirley attended LDS and Stevens Henniger Business Colleges. She was the oldest student there as she enrolled when she was 42. She has worked at a bank and then worked at a hospital.

Shirley's hobbies include embroidery and playing the organ.

The Kidds have six children: Linda lives in California; Colleen lives in Holiday; Susan is living in S.L.; Wayne is in Murray; and Brenda lives in Evanston, WY. Their 25 year old son, Scott, passed away last November.

LOVE IS THE ONE COMMODITY THAT
MULTIPLIES WHEN YOU GIVE IT AWAY.

FAMILY: A GROUP OF PEOPLE, NO TWO
OF WHOM LIKE THEIR BREAKFAST EGGS
COOKED THE SAME WAY.

PAT NIELSON and STEVE, DEANNA & BRAD
2595 Bengal Blvd. #11

Pat was born in Price, Utah and then moved with her family to several towns in Utah.

After Pat was married she and her husband lived in several states, including Kentucky, Minnesota, Texas (three different times), Georgia, and Alabama.

Pat has worked for Thiokol, a printing company, a car dealer, and is now employed by Associated Foods as a secretary.

Pat has held just about every position in the Church, including doing the music in Priesthood. She is now serving as Compassionate Service/Social Relations Teacher in Relief Society.

Pat's family is a "close" family and she really enjoys her children. She has six children, three whom are married. Two of the married children live in Salt Lake and one lives in California. She also has one granddaughter. Living at home are Steve, 17, who goes to Brighton High; Deanna 12, is in Butler Middle School and Brad 10, goes to Cottonwood Heights School.

We are glad to have this neat family in our ward.

YOUNG WOMEN

Fourteen of our young women attended Girl's Camp this month and had a great time. Eight of the girls were certified in their camp skills: the Yearlings were Jannifer McCombs, DeAnna Nielson, Lyssa Noble, Melissa Lindgren, Bonnie Berhold, and Stephanie Judd. Inspirators were Kristen Bozich and Lori Judd. Lisa Beattie, Jennifer, Schulz, Stephanie Gollaher, Casey Redmond, Angie Donaldson, and Charlotte Glad, who are already four-year certified campers, also attended.

Sister Kim Dean was camp director and all of the girls want to thank her so much for her time, her enthusiasm, and her guitar. She was great! We also appreciated Angie Donaldson who served as youth camp leader. The other leaders were Marilynne Donaldson, Gay Bishoff, Terry Johnson, and Irene Bozich. Amy Reddish and Julie Porter couldn't attend but did a lot to get us ready and back home again. Everyone really appreciated the help and support of our priesthood brethren, Wayne Donaldson, Steve Johnson, Bob Kidd, David Glad, Doug Young, and John Bishoff. Many thanks to everyone involved.

Bishop's Super Activity

On July 11th and 12th the Young Men and Young Women, along with their leaders and the bishopric had the opportunity of traveling to Manti to attend the "Mormon Miracle" pageant there. They spent Thursday at the lake in Palisades Park, swimming and canoeing and enjoying the sun. Then, after a great Dutch-oven chicken dinner, they all traveled into Manti for the evening pageant. It was a wonderful experience for everyone as the story of the restoration of the gospel unfolded and we were reminded of our great heritage. Back at the campground everyone slept in tents and had fun the next day with more water games, a great water fight, and delicious food. We appreciate all the leaders who helped with this activity and all the young people who are so much fun to be with.

WE NEED OLD FRIENDS TO HELP
US GROW OLD AND NEW FRIENDS TO
HELP US STAY YOUNG.

PRIMARY

Our theme for the month of July was, "I Can Gain A Testimony by choosing the Right. The 5th Article of Faith was introduced for the children to learn. They are also working hard learning new songs for our upcoming Sacrament Meeting Program.

We would like to thank Gladys Spotten for the wonderful job she did in our special Blazer class. We welcome Brother & Sister Zorad to Primary as they will now teach this class. We also welcome Brother & Sister Volpa who teach the Sunbeams.

Our Primary activity day was centered around a Testimony Treasure Hunt which was fun for everyone.

We so appreciate all those involved with Primary. The children really feel of your love and concern for them as you reach out to them and help them gain their own testimonies.

RELIEF SOCIETY

COMING THIS WEDNESDAY, August 7th is our Progressive Dinner for all Relief Society sisters. Plan to meet at Lyneve Kramer's home 7751 Towne Circle at 6:30 for appetizers. Don't forget the dish you signed up for and if you missed signing up **DON'T YOU DARE** miss coming! This is always a fun evening.

The lessons for August are:
Aug 4 Prayer by Gladys Spotten
Aug 11 Temple Blessings by Nancy Wilks
Aug 18 Conference Address by Susan Barton
Aug 25 Social forces Challenging LDS Women by Pat Nielson

We want to thank our visiting teachers for their great efforts this summer - keep it up.