

With the hustle and bustle of the joyous holiday season past us, and the beginning of a new year upon us, many will take some time to ponder the things we can do to improve our lives during the coming year.

I suggest a good place to start would be renew our commitment to study the scriptures on a daily basis as we have bee counseled by the prophets. Our Sunday School, Primary, Relief Society, Young Women and Priesthood classes will start new courses of study in January. If we have not been as diligent as we should in our scripture study this is a good time to resolve to start to read and study the scriptures.

Spencer, W. Kimball told a story about a speaker challenging an audience to read the Bible. As a young man he accepted the challenge and made a commitment to himself and by the end of the year he had finished reading the Bible from cover to cover. This achievement set a pattern for his life.

We should each study the scriptures every day. We should share these truths with our children and place our standard works where our children will see them and learn to love them.

As we read, ponder, and pray about the scriptures and ask God for understanding, the Holy Ghost will bear witness of the truth of these things. We will not be deceived and we can receive the same feelings Nephi expressed when he said, "My soul delighteth in the things of the Lord; and my heart pondereth continually upon the things which I have seen and heard" (2 Nephi 4:16).

May all of us resolve during the coming year to feast upon the words of Christ.

Brother John Bishoff, 1st Counselor

Mission News

ELDER DARIN TEA

Darin said that they had their Christmas Zone Conference. Elder Dennenbach & his wife were touring the mission. They and the mission president and his wife talked and Darin really enjoyed the conference. Afterwards they got their Mission yearbooks, some Christmas cookies and candy and a hug from President Lunt.

Christmas season is a hard time to talk to people as they are so busy and caught up with the holidays. Darin would like to have another baptism before he comes home and he & his comp will be working hard for the next month and a half. One of the people that they have been teaching and had such huge hopes for is being reluctant to be baptized. Darin hopes she will go through with it because the gift of the Holy Ghost is exactly she needs through her struggles in life.

Darin will be released February 20th.

ELDER BROOKE WALKER

150 Lynn Way #104 Lynn, Mass 01902

Brooke has been transferred to Lynn, Mass. He is with five other Elders in one big apartment. He is enjoying his new district. There is alot of activity. He is excited about one baptism and four more coming up.

Brooke and his companion are the only two Elders in his district who speak Spanish, and that keeps them very busy. The people there are wonderful and very good to him. Brooke wishes everyone a Happy New Year. He sends his love and appreciation for all your support.

ELDER GARRETT FREIR

625 1/2 East 4th Mishawaka, Indiana 46544

Garrett's letters are filled with love and gratitude for the privilege of being on the Lord's errands. He has a testimony that every young man should serve a mission. I recently sent cookies to Garrett which he used to help provide refreshments for a baptism. It sure is one of the fun ways to sustain him in his calling!

His transfer call to South Bend will give him the opportunity to labor as Zone Leader in the northern part of Notre Dame and the Niles, Michigan areas.

Garrett sends his love to the Ward and best wishes for a Happy New Year.

ELDER DREW GLAD

The month of December has been a very good one for missionary work in Houston. Drew and Comp had one baptism the

week of Thanksgiving and then on December 11th and Dec. 13th, two more of their investigators were baptized. He is now out of contacts and is looking for new people to teach.

Christmas is a little slow because people are busy with family and friends.

Drew is having a great time in the mission but he misses the snow and the mountains. He would like to spend a day skiing, but that will keep till next year.

Drew sends his love and best wishes for the new year to all the ward family.

HAPPY HILINAYS

Mission News

ELDER BRETT SCHARMAN

Mission Francaise De Bordeaux 67, rue Furtado 33800 Bordeaux, FRANCE

We can't believe that Brett has been on his mission for four months. The time is going by faster than we imagined. Brett has been in France for two months already and it seems like yesterday that he left.

We got a surprise call from him on Christmas morning, and it was so good to hear from him. He was still so excited he could hardly talk. He loves the work, his companion and his mission president.

He really appreciated the letters from the ward and said to tell everyone Hello and Happy New Year!

The language is hard but he loves it and say's it is getting better. He has really grown in the Gospel and expresses his love and appreciation to everyone.

ELDER BRIAN CLOWARD

Brian called on Christmas eve. which was Christmas afternoon for him and talked to the family. It was a great pleasure to hear his voice and know that he is really well and happy.

We recently received a letter from a convert that Brian had taught and assured us that Brian was doing the work of the Lord and that the people there loved him and were grateful for him.

He has not lost his ability to tease but has gained maturity and loves serving in New Zealand. He continues to have regular baptisms even though his time is more limited working as a companion to the APs.

Young Women

The Young Women spent a special afternoon at the Jordan River Temple doing baptisms for the dead. That is always a favorite activity. Then on the following Wednesday they went to Temple Square to see the lights and displays. They exchanged Christmas presents in the Visitors Center.

The week before Christmas they went Christmas caroling with the Young Men and delivered plates of cookies which they had made. To top off this special holiday month and provide the warm, spiritual feeling that we all love so much, our advisors, Sister Marilynne Donaldson, Leslie Murphy and Irene Bozich gave beautiful lessons.

RELIEF SOCIETY

This is the sesquecentennial year for Relief Society and we are excited for the projects which are outlined as a celebration. You'll be hearing about them soon.

Our "Helping Hands" project was more than a success and we were able to help some others who needed help, too. THANK YOU for your generosity.

Lessons for the month are:

Jan. 5 Come Unto Me -Gladys Spotten

Jan. 12 Regional Conference

Jan. 19 The Never Failing Promise -Susan Barton

Jan. 26 Stake Conference

There will be no Homemaking because it falls on New Years Day.

HAWAII CALLING

Bishop and Sister Beattie enjoyed a week in Hawaii during December.

Nancy Wilks spent the holidays in Hawaii with her son and his family.

Vews

RELEASED

Ralph Walker.....SS Counselor Frank Poulson..... ···· Ward Athletic Director Muffet Reeves.. Primary Chorister Florence Jacobson..... P Teacher Shirley Kidd...... P Teacher Mark Rasmussen.... Blazer Leader Darin McMullen .. Teachers Quorum Advisor & YM 1st Counselor Jennifer McMullen... Merrie Miss ... Activities Frieda Ross...Primary Substitute Dan Mackintosh......Cub scout Committee Chairman Ramon McCombs......SS Teacher

SUSTAINED

Ralph Walker ... Athletic Director Frank Poulson.....Blazer Leader Mark Rasmussen.....Cub Scout Committee Chairman Frieda Ross......SS Teacher Julie Porter.....P. Chorister Ramon McCombs.....P. Teacher Delbert & Muffet Reeves...... Gospel Essentials Teachers

ADVANCEMENTS

Aaron Lindaren and James Wheeler advanced to the office Teacher.

JEFFREY MICHELLE OLSON their family have moved from the ward.

Claude & Bernice Dean report that a holiday visit from Window Rock, Arizona, family was most delightful---especially when they learned that they are preparing to be sealed in the Temple this year.

Darrell Bennett was baptized last June shortly before Elder & Sister Dean left the mission field. Ιt was a thrill Brother Bennett to be baptize his son, Brandon.

in December brought much singing as we did our annual Christmas caroling to several homes in the ward. Afterward we hat hot chocolate and doughnuts and enjoyed a visit from santa. Later in the month we sand Christmas sonas Meeting.

the 1991 Primary comes to a close, we would like to thank all the teachers and leaders for all they have done to make 1992 such a special year. We are going to miss those who were released, but welcome our many new Primary workers.

The Primary theme for 1991 has been based around "Testimony. " It is our prayer that each $\circ f$ the children's testimonies have been planted and are beginning to grow and strengthened. Our Primary theme for 1992 will be centered around "Reverence." We look forward to a fun and exciting year.



Cancer Screening & Prevention Program

Wasatch, Brighton, Butler Clinic

Short Hills Stake Center 8170 Short Hills Dr. Salt Lake City, Ut.

Date: Mon. Jan. 6, 1992 Time: 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

For an appointment Call: 538-6712



CONGRATULATIONS!

1 Robert Anderson Douglas Alan Dell Rudy Siebenhaar Laverna Clawson 2 Kareesa Houskeeper 2 Katrina Houskeeper 4 Robert Cragun Adam Buehner 10 Ray Haueter 10 Jan Vanderhooft 10 Jena Wadsworth 11 Shirley Kidd

Donavan Marcelis

11 Ronald Romney

15 David Glad

16 Ryan Harvey

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- BIRTHDAYS
- 18 Susan Barton 18 Elizabeth Hawkins 18 Tonia Nielsen 20 Marya Bradshaw 21 Malyssa Fichialos 22 Sharron Lindgren 23 Tara Harvey JANUARY 24 Jerry Terkelson 25 Charles Major 25 Leslie Murphy 25 Janeal Peterson 26 Kendra Barbour 26 Franci Houskeeper 27 Sharon Nytch 29 Lori McNamee 29 Peter Nielson 29 Michael Vanderhooft

DICK PAXMAN was named "Employee of the Year" at his place of work. As a result of this award, Dick & Ruth will soon be cruising the CARIBBEAN. CONGRATULATIONS!

KAREN GOLAHER was acknowledged by Holy Cross Hospital for her volunteer work in designing and typesetting material for the hospitals Breast Care newsletter and poster. Karen fits this volunteer service around a full work schedule and school classes.

LARRY KRAMER was honored by his company for 35 years of employment. Larry is Vice President in charge of sales at Lynn Wilson Products Co.

DR. MAITLAND SPENCER received a placque in "Appreciation of his Compassionate & Dedicated Service to the Patients & Staff of Highland Ridge Hospital" where he is Medical Director.

KENDRA BARBOUR has won two trophies from the Special Olympics at the Jordan Valley School. One was for Best Rock Rhythm in dance, the other for Best Rythm in gymnastics. Go for it, Kendra!

DAVID CRAGUN was on the Honor Roll at Valley High School. He is also Senior Editor of their newspaper. CONGRATULATIONS! KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

BABY NEWS

31 Lola Kartchner

The sixth son of KLAUS & CONNIE GOECKERITZ was born Nov. 8th. The new baby is named JED. He has one sister. Connie is the daughter of MARK & MELBA CRAM.

Identical twin daughters were born November 26 to LYNN & PAMELA SPENCER. Little ERIN weighed 3'14" and big sister ERICA weighed 6'1". The twins have a three year old brother. This makes 16 grandchildren for Maitland & Earlene Spencer.

RONALD & ROBIN SEGUIN have a new baby girl who was born Dec. 13 weighing in at 7'11". NATALIE ANN has one sister and one brother. JOE & MADELIN SEGUIN are the proud grandparents.

First time grandparents, CALVIN & CELESTIA CRAGUN, are happy to report the birth of a daughter to RANDY & CARI BOBO. She was born 12-14-91 and weighed 7'15". Little DEVIN had to go back to the hospital due to an ear infection but is better now.

MILES AUBRY BURNSIDE was born 11-14-91 to NOAH & JANE ELDREDGE'S daughter, TAMMY, and her husband DAVID. Baby weighed in at 7'8". He has also been back to the hospital and is improving now.

News Briefs

INGE POULSON works at the Church vaults up Little Cottonwood Canyon. Last week a hugh rock & ice slide came tumbling down from the mountain into the parking lot. That day Inge was going to drive but Frank decided to take Inge to work. The slide would have "totaled" her car if it had been parked where she usually parked it.

No one was hurt but many cars were heavily damaged.

STEFFENSON'S son, Scott, his wife and children have been visiting from San diego, California.

DAVID & KATHY REEVES and family were for the holidays visiting with DEL & MUFFET REEVES. David lives in Oregon.

WINSTON & LOUISE MC OMBER'S grandson, Christopher just returned from his mission in Argentina.

DON & JEAN NYDEGGER'S grand-daughter, Tiffany Tebbs, has returned from her mission to Finland.

THANKS

THE PAXMAN'S wish to thank all those who helped make the adult Christmas Party such a success.

EMOTIONAL WEATHER

Life is like the weather.

It changes from day to day.

Like the rain,

Many tears fall.

Like the wind,

Things blow in and out of life.

Like a storm,

You don't know what to expect.

Like the sun,

Bright days to come.

Karen Bozich

WANTED AND NEEDED

A member of our ward is in need of a washing machine. If you have one that is not being used and would like to give it to someone, please phone Sister Cloward--943-5220.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the following people who have recently lost loved ones.

Wayne West whose brother passed away.

Mary Barnes who lost her father.

David Buehner also lost his father.

GET WELL

JOE SEGUIN has recently had surgery--two knuckles replaced. We wish you a speedy recovery, Joe.

HOWARD BARBOUR is now recovering from eye surgery. Good Luck to you, Howard.

Wedding Bells

December 20 was the wedding date of John & Sandra Bluvias Ashton. John & his new bride have moved to New Jersey. John is the son of Warren & Mae Dean Ashton.

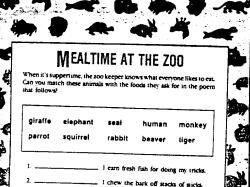
Larry & Lyneve Kramer's son, Kenneth was married to Jasette Badorek on December 21. They live in Perth, Australia.

BANNER STAFF

EDITOR.....Earlene Spencer
REPORTERS...Kathe Siebenhaar
.....Shirley Kidd
....Rea Steffensen
....Beverly Young
.....Melba Cram
.....Helen Perry

.....Zola Wood

RIDDLES'N GIGGLES



A pile of seeds fills up my belly. I munch on peanut butter and jelly

FAM A MALE DUCK DROP ONE LETTER FROM MY NAME TO SPELL THE NAME OF A GARDEN TOOL.



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AMEMORY GAME

WRITE THE NUMBERS FROM ONE TO TEN ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER STUDY THE NUMBERED OBJECTS CAREFULLY FOR ONE MINUTE. TURN THE PAGE AND TRY TO MATCH EACH OBJECT WITH THE CORRECT NUMBER





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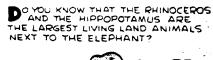






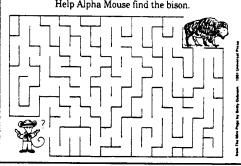












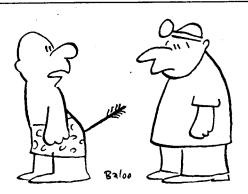


PARKS

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"Don't take it out yet-the insurance company says I have to get three estimates."

Regional Conference

General Session January 12, 1992 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Tabernacle

(over flow in the Assembly Hall)

Visiting Authorities

President and Sister Gordon B. Hinckley Elder and Sister Boyd K. Packer Elder and Sister Lloyd George Elder and Sister Burton S. Tingey

> Priesthood Leadership Session January 11, 1992 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. Willow Creek Stake Center 2300 East Creek Road

> > Those Who Should Attend

Stake Presidency

Stake Executive Secretary

Stake Clerk

Stake High Council

Stake Mission Presidency (including secretary)

Bishopric

Ward Executive Secretary

Elders Quorum Presidency (including secretary)

High Priest Group Leadership (including secretary)

Ward Mission Leader

Young Men Presidency and Advisiors