

# **GROBERG FAMILY BOOK**

**Christmas 1977**

**Part 2 of 3**

Idaho Falls, Idaho

August 25, 1935

There have been a number of very interesting and important events in my life during the past short time. It is my wish to write a brief account of some of the events.

We are living in our new home on 10th street. We moved into this home on the last day of February this year and have just about completed the front lawns at this time. Our three children have not been very well since they had the whopping cough during May and June. Mary Jane is now rather miserable because her small pox vaccination is working. Julia is going to escape for a while at least, having her arm sore. Maybe hers won't work at all (the three all failed to work, the 1st time we had them done the 1st of July) John is so full of boyishness that he can hardly contain it all. It just spills out in his every act. He could easily be mistaken for the "cock of the roost" the way he runs things. Mother Jane has been quite tired on account of a great deal of extra work, company, and another reason. We are really so happy with our family and our home, that it is very easy to be grateful and want to do our best. I am going to try to keep mindful of my many opportunities by writing accounts of them at various times.

Since getting married five years ago last June, it seems the world of advantage has been thrown open before us. I think I have not given as much as I have received. I should have done many times as much as I have in Church activity and it is my real interest to be very thotful of Church responsibility in the future. If I can fille very assignment and take an interest in even small things I am-called on to do, I am sure I will be more satisfied in my own mind and more satisfactory to those who may depend on me. I have been somewhat extra stimulated to that since Sunday when I was given a blessing at the hands of the Priesthood with Apostle Richard R.

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Lyman as mouth. He set me apart as a member of the Stake High Council. He promised me, among other things, that if I would be dependable and humble, "my fondest hopes and most cherished ambitions would be more than realized. If I can just have a good, clear vision of the real values of life and a strong determination to only do, say, and think the things that will lead to the enjoying of those values, I will be very happy - I am going to try to teach myself the things worth while and reason with myself and get the inspiration of what heights and ultimate purposes life holds for me. It will be my plan to keep this record of my thoughts and activities. It is 10 minutes past midnight now so I will end the first writing.

August 28, 1935

Little "fairy" is having a real sore arm and has quite a fever tonight her small-pox is working hard.

I am going to recall some of the opportunities I have had in offices and activities in the Church since we moved here in 1930 - in June.

Jane and I were assigned to teach a teacher-training class about the first thing. Then after about a month, we were called onto the Sunday School Stake Board and I was made 1st assistant superintendent and Jane was made a class leader. I think we had two Union Meetings at which I took part as one of the Stake Sunday School officers when one day, November 9, 1930, at Stake Conference, Brother David O. McKay was there - the 1st Ward was called upon to stand up and vote on a matter. It was proposed that D.V.G. be made 2nd counselor to Bishop Johnson. I heard about it for the first time when my name was read. Elder McKay said: "You will have to leave the Sunday School Stake." I enjoyed the work in the 1st Ward. I believe the one thing I did which sort of stands out in my mind was the blessing of babies. The big thrill came when our own little baby came and I blessed her and gave her the name of Mary Jane. I was in the Bishopric until we moved over on 6th Street and were in the 2nd ward --June, 1932. It was about August

before I was released. We moved into our little new 6th St. home during the first few days of June. The home was small but very convenient and well built. It was hardly completed when we moved in and there was all the extra work of putting in lawn and shrubs - but we enjoyed it.

I was put on the Y.M.M.I A. Stake Board about the time I was released from the Bishopric and remained on it for about 2 years. I also taught a Sunday School class most of the time I was in the 2nd Ward.

In the winter of 1932 I was called by the 2nd Ward Bishop to be Aaronic Priesthood supervisor and I spent the time until we moved over into the 3rd Ward in this work. During May and June the three little children had the old whooping cough and we were pretty well tied down. At Stake Conference the Stake was divided and I was called to be a member of the Stake Aaronic Priesthood Committee. We had one meeting and I visited the Ammon ward on an assignment. This work, in my mind, is about the most important branch of new activity in the Church.

It was quite exciting and interesting at Conference. President Ball chose John Homer, who is the Bishop of our Ward, to be his 2nd counselor. That broke up the Ward. At the close of the morning meeting, President Ball said: Immediately following this meeting Brother Lyman would like to meet Cecil Hart, Reed Scott and Delbert Groberg. We were all from the 3rd Ward. Everyone thought it was the new bishopric. After talking to us for a few minutes and commenting on Cecil and my youth (I told him we had 5 children, including Jane and I) he said, Do you know what you are being called for? We did not - to be members of the High Council. We were quite shocked.

In the afternoon we each gave a talk. October 14 - Monday-

The law of change has been at work. Yesterday we had Ward Conference in the 3rd Ward. Brother L.C. Larch was made Bishop. I was selected as 1st counselor. Brother John A. Orme 2nd. Quite a brief stay for me in the High Council. I told the folks I was going thru the offices in the Church

a little too fast to get or give the most good. There is a great lot to do in the 3d Ward. I am not very well acquainted with the people. There are almost 2000 members in the ward, not all on record. The building needs \$25,000 more to complete. In my short talk I told I. Cobb's story about the American tourist at the Canterbury Cathedral - I expect by next Sunday we will be at the job in the Ward. Bishop Larch was ill and not present.

My mind has been rather confused about this change of things --I had so fully decided I would do as I was asked that I thought of nothing but accepting the position when called. I am sure I would not have selected it on my own account and if asked if I would rather take the new office of Bishop's Counselor or remain a member of the High Council I am sure I would honestly say I would rather remain on the High Council. It seemed to me that I was just asked to fill the new job I believe I will be glad for it. At any event, it is my desire and pledge that I will do my best. I believe it will really be harder to keep from being covered up with a thousand details in the Bishopric and so harder to really bring out myself than if I could have remained on the H.C. It is quite likely that I will be stronger though if I can do what is required and not be "covered up" by it. I will try to get acquainted with the members and workers in the ward. I will try to never do or say or act anyway that will be a stumbling block to any of them but will try in every way to encourage good, helpful activity. As a counselor to Bp. Larch, I will try 1st to be dependable so he will never have to wonder or worry about me - 2nd to be prepared with a clear mind to assist in deciding the questions that may come up - next time I write I will have had some activity in this work. Bro. Larch is ill and may not be out for next week.

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October 13, 1937

Time has not slowed up one bit - it has run off about two years since I last practiced my good resolution in this record. I have tonight read "Mon's" contributions also. She is so busy with children and house work and M.I.A. it is a wonder she can keep up. I was sure when I first met Jennie Holbrook, in January, 1928 (when Roy and I were registering at B.Y.U.) that she was a very superior girl - as I became brave enough to ask her for a date (I think in March 1928) I had become impressed with her many activities and her pleasant willingness to do her full share of work and responsibility. As it has been over 9 years since I had the impressions and experiences that set me in pursuit of Jennie H. for my partner I will not be expected to accurately recount all the thoughts and thrills that carried me on and on til Temple rites had bound us man and wife. I must confide that I did not understand very much about the experiences, requirements and responsibilities beyond marriage. But had I known them all and sought with the aid of full knowledge to choose the girl who would excel in everything for me - as sweetheart, wife and mother, I would not have had more perfect assurance that I truly had found the companion I wanted and needed - she was the one. Also, if at our first acquaintance I could have fully understood the endless details, the cares, problems and the joys and small successes of this much of our married life, I would have only wanted her the more. I have great heights to ascend to feel worthy of what I have, I must not lose track of the C's - Constant Courtship - has been I have need of - I must use it - The C's were given by Jennie's grandfather George H. Brimhall and they were likely given for my special benefit. It has been a foolish and unwarranted delay for me to go thru over 7 years of married life without checking up on myself to see if I were doing the little things so essential as we go along. If, at this late hour, Jennie dear, I can humbly and sincerely make a strong resolve to constantly improve myself as a husband, companion

and father, will you, as you have always done, forgive me my stubborn weaknesses of the past, for my neglect and unexpressed appreciation and love? I know you will - and in the future just expect a little more of me, a little less that you will have to overlook.

January 1, 1938 - in an hour the year 1937 has been here its full time and now with all other former years passes into history. During the year David has grown into a little boy and taken his place in line for everything the other children get and do, John has become more loveable and sweet but every ounce a boy - He likes boys things and plays rough with the things. For Christmas he wanted and got a drum (gwum) and a truck with a trailer (cwuck with a cwaler) and a teddy bear. Julia has started kindergarten and turned 5. She seems to have an appeal with other children and folks. She usually steals the show and she likes to show what she can do. Mary Jane started school and has not been absent nor tardy so far. She has taken part in school programs and plays and took an extra part for a girl who did not come right at the last minute in the Christmas play at East Side. "Mon", as John has named mamma Jane, has been kept plenty occupied with the children at home but has been Sunday School organist and counselor to Y.L.M.I.A. in 3rd Ward and has done quite a lot of playing and reading. Business has been fair and I have enjoyed the first year in the new location -558 Park Avenue -Just a year ago now I leased the store and office and we started in addition to my Real Estate and Insurance business - what we have called "The Builders Service Bureau". It has been interesting and looks o.k. ahead tho we have plans of changing the name of the Builders part to "Builders Service and Supply Co."

During the year I assisted in the purchasing of the Idaho Falls Temple site and a sight for the 6th Ward Meeting House. We completed our building in the 3rd Ward, had it fully paid for and dedicated in June this year. Pres. Heber J. Grant came and said the chapel was one of the finest in the Church.

At our home - 420-10th Street - During the year we built up lawn equipment and have two tire swings and a sand house as well as a decorative fence around the back lawn and garden. I took a new ford coupe in on a house deal and we had two cars for about 3 months. Jennie needs a car as much as I do but when winter came on we sold the ford. It was fun to have two cars and very handy. We took a few trips - one with Father and Mother Holbrook (we took the ford and John) up to Hebgen Lake and Cliff Lake, etc. - One over to Arco and the Craters of the Moon. We took Mary and Jule and stayed over night at an auto camp - it was fun. Then we went to Provo and took John and David - went out to Bingham and Copperton - There have been a number of things we planned to do that we have not done and as it is now the time of year to resolve again, we will try to plan things that will make better and happier as a family and able to heartily welcome our number 5 in 1938. Now as the big hand moves slowly but surely to join the little hand and together point at 12 an instant - then go right on to measure out the continuing units of time in the fresh New Year of opportunity, I hail thee restless time! Tho a full course has been run, you do not falter or delay but go right on with your great might to carry out another set of changing seasons and set the stages of the world for another act of scenes in life. The whistles and bells now announce the glad new year - and from here we wish all a Hapy 1938!

During February 1938 -

We and Larches took John and David to Provo and left Bessie with Mary and Julia and we took a trip to Southern California - visited Elizabeth at Los Angeles - went to San Diego and Mexico. Surely had 19 days of fun and everything fine on return.



Jennie has been so attached to her grandfather Holbrook. He brought all his family to her graduation and gave her a \$50 graduation present and a \$50 wedding present when we were married and has done so much for us by way of example and an outstanding life of successful enterprise - we, as well as our children, have much to live up to.

January 23, 1941

I was installed as President of the Idaho Falls Real Estate Board. We had 61 attend the banquet. It was quite a thrill.

January 26.

On account of conference next Sunday, we had fast meeting today. About the middle of the meeting Julia got up and said: "Brothers and Sisters, now that I am on my feet I don't hardly know what to say, so I guess I'll just say what I think of as I go along." Then she said she was thankful for the fine chapel and for her brothers and sister and home and parents and that she was a member of the Church. "I know this is the right Church to go to" - about 1 minute but it was very sweet and all Julia. After several others had spoken, Mary Jane arose: "I wondered if I would be afraid to get up - but when Julia did I thought I would". Mary then said she was glad we did not have to go into underground passages to hide from bombplanes and that she was glad she had such a fine home, family, and friends. She was so reasonable and gave such a thoughtful talk that I nearly wept. At 2 p.m. at the funeral for Edna Ulrich, Jennie read a very beautiful verse which she composed to Edna. We must place it into this record.

January 31, 1941

Little Dee is gaining and is about as compact a bundle of joy as could be found. All the children are fine and Jennie and I are so anxious to do our parts to assist the children as they develop.

March 3, 1941

Dickie is taking his part as a little boy. He says "I big man two years old." The way he says "yes" is very interesting - he makes it sound like

"yesh." The other day I came home and found him out on the gravel pile. He was wrapped up but it was cold. I said, "Dickie are you warm enough?" He said "yesh". "Do you want to stay out here?" "Yesh". I took hold of his hand and said, "Dickie you are cold, aren't you?" "yesh". "Do you want to go in?" "yesh". So we went in before asking any more questions.

April 24, 1941

On the 4th of this month the three little boys and Daddy and Mamma were at Provo. We called Idaho Falls to see how the girls and John were at home. Mrs. Judd said Mary Jane was not feeling well and had not been at school that day. We talked to Mary and Jennie told her to have Mrs. Judd call the doctor if she was worried or if she felt worse. In about 2 hours Dr. John Hatch called us from the hospital and said Mary had all signs of ruptured appendix. Mary was surely a brave little girl. She was operated on about 11 p.m., her appendix had ruptured and when we arrived home at about 5 the next a.m. Mary was out of the anaesthetic and the first thing she said was "anyways, I didn't cry" - then we all had a good cry. The Drs. watched very close, gave intravenous feedings and administered sulphonilimid - they had also applied some in the area at the time of the operation. We surely had a lot of our friends and loved ones lending all their faith and prayers along with ours and Mary gained rapidly. She is still on her back but can sit up now any day. We are grateful for Mary. She has been such a good patient and we have got better acquainted with her. One night David said, "I am not going to pray for anyone in our family; I am just going to pray for Mary Jane." John said, "Well, Mary is one of our family" - David said seriously, "No, she is in the hospital." Mary has some fine flowers, letters, cards, and visitors. Grandma stayed here. Grandpa and Aunt Elaine and Uncle Arnold came up; Sunday school, primary, etc. etc.

Nov. 11, 1942

This is the 24th anniversary of the Armistice which really was a temporary suspension of hostilities. Dickie and Dee and Mamma and I have just listened to the President -F.D.R.-from Arlington National Cemetery. The

second great world war is in full fury. Good news for the American army in Africa has come during the day and the past few days. Our Pacific battle has not taken a good news stage yet. Several of our young men from here are in the Australian-Solomons section of the world war theater.

"Dickie, age 4, went marching thru the house saying, "When I get big I am going to be a soldier and fight." Mamma said, "This war will be over before you get to be a big man" and Dickie responded as he marched on, "I mean when it starts again" - We hope we have the sense and ability to keep it from starting again.

October 12, 1943

Last Sunday, October 10, I was called by the Presidency of the Stake and asked if I would continue in the Bishopric as the Bishop of the Third Ward.

I haven't slept well the past couple of nites - Jennie and I talked it over and decided we wanted to keep close to the Church and do our duty but we had hoped this might not include too much responsible work that would take me away from home. Bishop Larch has been so grand; everyone likes him so well and he has enjoyed the work so much and I have learned to love him so deeply that it is going to be a job to try to follow him. They plan to make the reorganization October 24, 1943. I hope I get some sleep before then. My mind has reviewed my life and when it gets started it goes on into the morning. I have thought of father and mother and Aunt Mattie and Grandma Brunt and Grandma and Grandpa Groberg. I hope I can take an honorable roll in all I do to please and honor them. Our own family of 2 girls and 5 sons is also great reason to live and work with honor and faithfulness; they will inherit and receive strength from our examples if it is always good.

October 24, 1943.

Tonight Bishop Louis C. Larch was released as Bishop of the 3rd Ward and I was sustained as the Bishop. It was a large meeting and about the most difficult I have ever participated in in my life. Bishop Larch tried to speak and couldn't. He just said, "Brothers and sisters" and that was all.

Then President Homer called on me and I found a very empty mind and did not really say the things I planned to. But I did tell the saints I had known all the Bishops who had ever served in Idaho Falls except Bishop Thomas and he was still Bishop of the original ward when I was blessed there and mentioned that all the Bishops of the 3rd Ward were still here and that all the bishops of any of the wards of Idaho Falls were either still here or had passed away (except one-Bishop Nuffer)I said an old, almost legendary installation was being re-established--that of Bishop's sons - If I were made Bishop there would be 5 Bishops' sons --all the children were out; Jennie played the organ. I told them Jennie was the one who had to do the most and she was willing. I really wanted to say more about her but I missed most of the things I really wanted to say. I chose Guy A. Poulsen as First Counselor and Arthur D. Thomson as 2nd with Clyde Wilson as Clerk. They each spoke and afterwards Bishop Larch spoke. He was grand. He asked the Lord to bless the sick in our ward and the soldiers and the sailors, etc. He prayed this morning that Guy would be as much help to me as I had been to him (Bishop Larch) It touched me. I have tried to help him and he appreciated it. After meeting everyone came up and shook hands and seemed very happy and willing to support and assist. The very young men,- Tommy Rigby, Ardean ?atts, Jack Strong and Max Chandler, were willing, they said, to help. Guy and Art are well liked. Art was the one who was the dark horse. No one had him picked out. It seems that most of the ones had suspected Guy and I. Jennie and I will try hard to fulfill the confidence and expectations of those who trust us and we now embark in this new boat.

Sunday, October 31, 1943

We had Stake Conference today and a Welfare Meeting last night. Brothers Stott and Eardley gave instructions about the Church Welfare procedure and explained the method of work all the days of our life as being still in force

and "honor thy father and thy mother" still as a law with a blessing. The plan of starting now and making a list of those who need help or who are now receiving help was given with the thought of making the Church self-sustaining. Bishop LeGrand Richards represented the General Authorities and was surely grand. All the sessions were well attended. He plead for more effort to be spent on keeping the young men active and in bringing back to activity those still Aaronic Priesthood and now adult. He told some instances of very young boys making converts (to the Church) (10 years old in train). He said it is a marvelous thing to be an instrument in the hands of the Lord to answer the prayers of the righteous. After the Conference I was ordained a Bishop by Bishop Richards and set apart to preside over the Third Ward. Arthur was set apart as 2nd counselor. Guy was in the East on a buying trip. Clyde and Maude were present as were Art's wife and 2 children. Jennie and Mary and Julia and John and David were present. Jennie took down the blessing given by Bishop Richards and we were thrilled to spend 18-20 minutes discussing with him the problems of a Bishopric. He said a Bishopric can do about anything as long as it stays in harmony with the spirit of the Church. He said the members are looking for and wanting new and better ways and finer things to do, and that as long as the leaders were directing the ward into better and finer and greater activity, the work would be prospered, but if ruts developed and the people began to think that things were no better or that they were dragging, then look out for dissatisfaction, etc.

Sunday a.m. 11-21-43

This is the 4th Sunday since I was put in as Bishop and I am still wondering about much of the work. During the past week I received most of the books and properties of the ward also a fine, long letter of advice from the Presiding Bishopric. It is good to get everything together. Brother Poulsen has been away again. We organized the Relief Society; Sister Larch President; Florence Packer and Sister Idetta Merrill and Sister Helen Smith, sec.

Still have much organizing to do. A week ago the thunderbolt came in word that Richard R. Lyman had been excommunicated from the Church-not much word has come as to why..

September, 1945

For six days, beginning Saturday, September 15 and continuing through Thursday, the 20th, the Temple was opened for inspection tours. I was invited to assist as a guide and enjoyed some very pleasant experiences. Groups up to 150 were taken from room to room and as guides we would explain about the purpose and the history of Temples as well as the story of the Church and doctrine of the Church. It was a thrill to be able to invite some members from our Ward to assist also, Sid Allen, Lloyd Porter, etc. I think my 2nd Counselor, Arthur Thomson, was as appreciative of the experience as anyone. We all had a real missionary activity. I was amazed at the number of people who came - 8000 came the 1st day - just about 10,000 the 2nd day and over 9000 came each of the last two days - nearly 5000 in the 6 days. Then the exciting and long-awaited event - the Temple dedication - Sept. 23 -24-25. Again I was invited to assist as an usher or reception committee member. In this I also had the opportunity to ask some members to assist and I had some very happy friends as a result of giving them this unusual experience. Pres. John M. Homer was in general charge and it was through him we were invited to assist.

We had Pres. and Sr. Burton (?) stay with us and also Aunt Jennie and Uncle Will (all of S.L. Temple Presidency) - Uncle Tom McKay and wife stayed with Adrean Merrill's down the street a bit --They were shocked when Aunt Fawn McKay gave them, as a thank-you gift, a copy of their daughter's book: No Man Knows My History (Uncle Tom never did read it-it broke his heart)-but Merrills couldn't understand - This was our first awareness that it existed- We all loved Uncle Tom so much - we could not understand at all--Tragic!

January 1, 1943-

The seven children are well. It has been very warm for two or three days- The year 1942 has left its permanent impress, contribution and gifts with us. In our home the coming of our new son, Joseph H., who arrived, weighing  $8\frac{1}{2}$  lbs on November 30, 1942, has been the most important event. He has given us a full month of joy in 1942 and is all set to make a real place for himself in 1943.

Dee has moved over just a little but is still a baby with all the need for attention and affection that he claimed before the new baby arrived. When Joseph was just 12 days old we had Lawrence Bacon come and take a picture of him. We used one of the pictures for a Christmas card - it was fun.

Jennie has been so grand with the children and has so much to do to keep the seven little children mothered, it is the wonder and "talk of the friends" So many have expressed they wish they could trade places, etc. So times when we would like to do some of the other things, like going out together for an evening, we really can count our fortunes and stay in with them. Jennie resigned her position as Activity Counselor in the Stake M.I.A. last June in order to devote herself to the family. She was a very outstanding counselor too and put over some extra fine activities. We think we are putting first things first. We want to have 1943 a year of fine home training and happy association for the children. There are going to be a lot of other challenges to our time and our energies but if in and through them all we can keep this little resolve in constant operation, we think no matter what else happens, we can see fulfillment in the many greetings and wishes of this day -  
Happy New Year!

June 6, 1944.

This is "D" day - the allies went into France during the past night. Dee and I have been listening to the radio since about 6 a.m. It is now 8 a.m. Humility is the best attribute for these times. I have been thinking of our many close associates and loved ones who are being personally carried by plane, ship and otherwise into the thick of it. The question of who will pay

the price and just how much will the price be rests heavily. As I have held little 3-years old Dee and looked at the map of France, I have thought of those who are over there making history and taking part in adjusting the future maps. Many of them have children here and wives and loved ones here who will live in the world so changed by them, - without them - our prayer in our home is - "May God comfort and protect them against bitterness" -

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July 1, 1944

On the 13th of June Irma Jean, Charles' wife, was killed in an auto accident in Alabama. Charles, Jr., was seriously hurt. We have all been so anxious about both the Charles's. Today Aunt Mattie wrote and said she had received a message from Charles that he could not come back. (He is in Italy. The children have pondered some of these serious things. Dickie said, "I wish when people die some one could make them be alive again so they wouldn't die any more. David said: "Dickie, once there was a man who was so good that when he died and was put into his tomb he only stayed there three days and then he walked right out and he won't die any more."

April 11, 1955

A tStake Quarterly Conference in the South Idaho Falls Stake I was sustained a Patriarch and was ordained by Elder Mark E. Petersen of the Council of the Twelve. This has caused me much serious thoughts and reflection. I am sure I do not understand the full significance of this new call. It has been attended both before and after by a sweet, sustaining spirit of love and uplift that I am sure has given me strength to accept and a strong desire to live and serve in harmony with the high and holy calling.

2885 Redbarn Lane -Dec. 29, 1966

Just before Christmas Barry Stratton stopped to see Beth. We were all anxious to meet him. He stayed here over night then drove to his home in Boise. Yesterday Mamma took Beth and Gloria and George and Mike Crapo and Susan Heninger to Sun Valley where Barry met Beth and took her to meet his folks.



then drove to Boise today to meet the Strattons and bring Beth home. It was a big birthday - #22 for Beth (28 Dec.) I called Julia on the phone. She said they had a happy Christmas. Julia's birthday is also Dec. 28. Julia's young Bobby was baptized last month and he bore his testimony in Fast Meeting. Many of the Oak Hills Ward told about Bobby Blair; one said he was prepared to go on a mission right now.

John and Jean and their five daughters have been in the Tongan Islands just about six months now, where John is presiding as President. Today John told in a letter about baptizing Nancy in the ocean, at Haapai, where ten years ago he had baptized - December 17, 1966.

Lewis is in the Philippines and feels very grateful for his mission. Dick and Barbara and little Stephanie are spending the holidays in Ocean Side.

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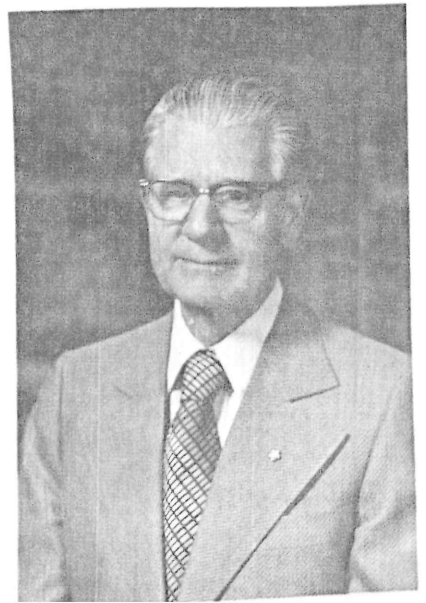
*Jennie*  
Home from Japan-3/'70

Dee and Sharon were always wonderful to me -it was a valuable experience but they are more than fully capable of getting along without me - tremendous young people indeed, both of them. Again at Tokyo I was able to get on without previous reservation, Pan Am - I sat by a 22-year old Japanese girl and her older friend, headed for U.S. to spend 2 years with a family she had met while a secretary at Palace Hotel in Tokyo. I gave her the Joseph Smith story in Japanese and we visited a long time-having had the great blessing of summarizing and typing the paper for Dee -"Japan-Images and Realities" -I was pretty knowledgeable about Japan as was this young lady. I promised to contact her or have someone, to allow her to hear more about our Church..I was very weary as our plane took off at 3 p.m. and should have been in San Fran by 11:30 p.m. but we arrived at 6:45 a.m. due to time change. I asked about a room to sleep in for a few hours but \$20 was too much to pay so I took a Greyhound to David's and on it visited with a man who overheard me say I was a Mormon-how he quizzed me!

His questions were searching and seemed sincere - he had lost his wife 5 years before and had 4 children, all with Master's degrees - I assured him if he were truly sincere, he could contact missionaries where he lived in California. I could tell some of the answers I gave had him puzzled and thinking. I called Lavon Brunt Eyring and felt real strength in her attitude about her recent surgery - for cancer and in the passing of her dear mother. I tried to locate Phyllis Sorensen and Susan Heninger without luck. I went with David to the "Castle" and knew it would be best to forget it. Dale Herring was at David's - She and Jenifer and Heather and I went to S.S. - afterwards all the children helped make a scene to tell the story of King Benjamin and his message from the tower - They were creative and excited - learned their parts perfectly - paper tents with tiny people in - the tower - the King - They seemed starved for this sort of thing - after Sacramento Meeting, which I attended with Dale and Heather, we put on the play for the family - sang "My Heavenly Father Loves Me" - they had it all memorized -- We used the picture of the Savior with the children which I had given to David for his birthday - David also sang the song as a solo - we had prayer - but there was something sadly lacking, not in the children, however - they kept telling me how they really did want to go to S.S. and Primary, but... They had invited neighbor children over - David had visited late on Saturday night - wanting so much for me to understand and believe in him - his new ideas -- Always we love him and his and prayers ascend often for him -- when he becomes fully active in the Church -- we will indeed rejoice. He is precious as are his.

What a treat to meet John and John Enoch and Nancy and fly home with them - first to S.L. then to I.F. John really did go the extra mile to take this husky, active 2-year old back for the Tongans to see how the Lord always keeps his promises. Nancy was wonderful. Dad and Glo and Jean were at the airport - always great to be home and loved. Dad had called about John's schedule so I was able to meet him - Dad always does for others.

Delbert Valentine Groberg  
Handsome, at  
every age!



July 7, 1942

(written by Dad-in our small "events" book)

John was baptized at Ammon last Friday, July 3rd. Elder George Lynn Davies officiated. He baptized his boy and Barbara Weaver and some other children from the Lincoln ward. John was very thrilled. On Sunday, July 5th, John was confirmed in the Idaho Falls 3rd Ward. I was asked by Bishop Larch to confirm John and I really felt very humble because I am so sure he is going to be a great and good addition to the Church. I stated in the prayer that John was going to have temptations because so much was expected of him - and his life could be such a fine example to his younger brothers and he would be such a powerful influence in establishing and proclaiming truth and righteous principles that evil power would want to direct him away but that the angels and the Spirit of the Lord and the Holy Ghost would give him strength and ability to choose the right, etc.

Mamma bore a short testimony, then John stood and bore his testimony in a clear, sincere voice, saying he "was glad to be a member of the Church, he wanted to be a good example for the rest of the family, thankful to be a good member of the Church and to be able to choose the right and put the wrong behind."

Daddy spoke again of his desire to be a good father, etc., then took pictures of John and the family. \* \* \* \* \*

August 5, 1939

I was asked to officiate in the baptism of the children and 16 were ready and I was thrilled to be the one to perform the ordinance. Most important to us was that Mary Jane was among the group. She had looked forward to this and I was glad to take her into the water - in the font at the Stake offices on Park Avenue - and baptize her. In the p.m. later we went to Rigby and went on a trip with Roi and Nell -

August 6 -

At Fast Meeting at the Idaho Falls 3rd Ward Bishop Larch asked me to be

mouth in confirming Mary Jane. The prayer was about as follows: "Mary Jane Groberg, in the authority of the Holy Priesthood we place our hands upon your head and confirm you a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and say unto you Receive ye the Holy Ghost - which will be a guiding light to your path in life and will bring to your remembrance in times of need the principles of truth and pure understanding so you can choose the right when problems arise. If you will be humble and prayerful the Heavenly Father will bless you and you will grow in understanding and ability to do good and live a happy, useful life. We bless you with health and strength in body and in mind, and in spirit and say -take your place proudly among the Latter-day Saints, honor your membership in the Church - be valiant and faithful, love the Lord with all your heart and regardless of what your temptations may be you will have the power to overcome them. Remember this always: you will never be required to do anything as a member of the Church that you will not be blessed with the ability to do - We bless you to this end, in the name of Jesus, Amen." Bishop Larch, Brother Arthur Thomson, whose little girl Delene was to be confirmed and Albert Kelley, whose son Roy Jon was also to be confirmed, joined in this. In the Testimony Meeting just following the blessing of the baby and the confirmations, I spoke about as follows: "As the important events in our lives transpire I am sure we are expected to give them thoughtful consideration. If they pass without review, we may not realize their full import. The confirmations of this service has erected a new milestone in my life. I have looked forward to it. Eight years ago now, in a meeting such as this, I was privileged, with the Bishopric of the Idaho Falls First Ward, of which I was then a member, to take our first child in my arms and give her a name and a blessing. We gave her the name of Mary - the greatest name among women - the name of the mother of Jesus and Jane, after her own dear mother. She was as pure as a beautiful white lily (and almost as light) (Mary did

look radiant and her hair almost as white as snow) - The event which I review today is part of the fulfillment of the blessing I gave at that time, that she would grow in body and mind and receive the helpful association of the organizations and members of the Church and the teachings of her parents so that, at the age of 8 years, she could be baptized into the Church and confirmed as a member. It has happened so naturally that it may hardly seem remarkable - I pray the rest of the events in her unfolding life may come about as naturally. "We appreciate the members of the Church and the assistance they have given and we expect to do our part in humility and thanksgiving and pray that we may always have the desire to assist the work of the Lord." After three or four others had born their testimonies, Mary Jane (hardly large enough to be seen but with a clear voice and, as was said afterwards by some - right straight from the heart) -stood up and said, "I am thankful for my lovely home, for my mother and father and for my brothers and sister and that I am now a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I ask it in the name of Jesus, amen." We were certainly thrilled and were happy with Mary. She is so natural in her devotion to the Church. Julia and John were at the meeting. They were proud of Mary. Mary is a big girl and a good example to them. Jennie also bore a beautiful testimony. She played the organ at all the meetings today) . Jennie has been the real teacher to Mary and is happy to see her develop and she takes it as a challenge to her to be deserving of the great blessing of the children.

December, 1939

Mary Jane has the measles. Julia Gay decided not to sleep with Mary tonight and so went to bed in the nursery with the boys - Daddy was up reading and thought everyone sound asleep. In the living room came Julia, tip-toeing and said to Daddy, "You had better go in and see if Mary is covered up, sometimes she only has one sheet on her. I didn't want to call n'else the boys might wake up." I went in to see Mary and found her nearly uncovered. I

found her nearly uncovered. I covered her and told Julia thanks for coming in and telling me. She said, "I could have called and told you but I didn't n'else the boys might wake up." She went back to bed and said she thought she was getting the old measles too. Julia is supposed to be in a Christmas program but because of the quarantine she is going to miss out. Mary Jane has been in bed nearly three days but is about over the fever.

same night - Dec. 19, 1939 -

This morning I had a thrill that comes once in a life-time, (or only a very few times anyway) -I attended the services for the breaking of the ground in the construction of the Temple at Idaho Falls. During the past three or four years it has been my privilege, as a realtor, to assist in buying nearly all the lots in the Temple site. I got the inspiration of the Temple coming a little before the Brethren made any definite statement on the matter. Uncle Joe told me that Brother Austin thought someday a Temple would be built adjoining the hospital. I bought three or four lots from the county and worked up an entire map of the plot along the river and when President Grant told of the tentative decision to build a Temple at Idaho Falls, I was given the job, along with John Homer, of buying the lots. Some time I must write the history of each case.

From the rather intimate relationship with the grounds and my personal interest in the Church progress, I thrilled to see upwards of 1000 gather and sing and hold services as the machinery set in operation to excavate the site. I took a few pictures (stills) and listened to President Austin tell of his conversation with President Grant and others of the Brethren 20 years ago - when the hospital was being built, about a Temple here. They used a large set of boilers with plenty of capacity to heat another unit as large as the Temple.

The grounds are very rough now but will be the most beautiful spot in the valley when improved and landscaped. President Duckworth from

Blackfoot offered the invocation - said we had long looked forward to this day. Jennie and I talked about him some time ago as a prospect for Temple President. He is very religious and spiritual but quite old.

February 25, 1940

On February 13th this year I assisted in forming a Groberg Family Organization - going to Salt Lake I visited with Roi and Maude and found them very willing and interested. Then at Ogden I met with Uncle Charlie's family and Aunt Ellen and we had a fine evening planning the organization and discussing the work to be done. A year ago I visited at Ogden a while and started writing a history of my father's life. In looking over the vital statistics I noticed grandfather was born February 13, 1840 and figured it would be a good time to get started in some organized way to doing the family genealogical work. I had some very interesting experiences at the Library and in the Church Historian's office and an interesting visit with Brother Joseph Christensen at the Temple about Grandpa Groberg's work.

Last Thursday Jennie took MaryJane to Provo for a vacation and visit. I have been getting acquainted with Julia and the boys at home. Tonight Julia said she was so sorry for me because I was a poor little orphan when I was a little boy. I told her I wanted to be a real good daddy. She said I could be a better one if I would help mamma more with the work...

November 30, 1942

At 8:45 p.m., just two hours ago, our fifth son was born. Everything was done to assist and the new little boy cried heartily as mother Jennie again went bravely into the valley and shadow of pain. It surely is hard even at the best. Dr. Harvey Hatch was so helpful and considerate and Grandma was right with us and she is such a strength and has been so grand in helping us that we could not hope for better care. It is nearly too many blessings to fully understand and appreciate. I sent Grandpa a



"Basketball team now complete - fifth son just arrived - everything fine."  
Mary Jane and Julia had thought it about girl baby time but when I came home and reported to the six (all were up, even Dee had awakened) that we had another little baby just like Dee, they all said, "have we got a new baby boy?" and everything was o.k. - no complaints nor great disappointments.

Sunday, January 5, 1941

Today has been a very eventful one in our experiences - Julia was baptized yesterday by Robert Lindsay Egbert, a Priest from the Lincoln Ward. Today we took our young son to Fast Meeting and our family, in a rather natural way, made headlines. We named the boy Delbert Holbrook Groberg. I have often thought the blessings of babies would be of great value if recorded and kept for the later reference of the one named. Bishop asked me to bless the baby and confirm Julia Gay and I did. Jennie and I each spoke about her grandfather Holbrook who was being buried today at Salt Lake (in the Provo cemetery) and about the blessing and responsibility of our family, - read H.R. Merrill's poem "Let This be Heaven" - After Jennie had spoken, Julia stood up and said "I am thankful for my home and my parents and brothers and sister and for this sweet little baby. I am thankful I can be baptized and am now a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This is my prayer, in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen." A whisper went over the large congregation who heard. Julia is so natural in her dramatics it is easy for her to make a favorable presentation. Several other children about 10 - followed after Julia and bore their testimonies. Meeting lasted about 30 minutes overtime. Margaret and James Jacobs named their daughter Susan today too at our meeting. Aunt Vera and Maurice Heninger stopped a few minutes on their way home from Canada. Vera has a beautiful diamond - got it for Christmas.

October 21, 1952

Mary Jane has written a thoughtful and fine account of her daddy's serious illness two years ago. I should like to complete it for her:  
(David has also written an account of it.)

I was taking notes on an organist lesson at the 5th Ward from Clawson Cannon, for Julia who was away for that lesson. I had stayed after to visit a moment with Brother Cannon when David came in and said I'd better come, that Daddy was awfully sick and it was his heart. My first thought was great concern mingled with feeling that David, at his age, often made things, which were just middle-sized, often sound very big, but as I ended my conversation with the teacher and walked out with David I asked him to tell me just truthfully what was what. As he explained that he (David) had had to drive the last part of the way home from Mecks because Daddy had to keep getting out of the car to vomit and lie down on the floor in between and had staggered into Dr. Tall's office at Rigby and told him to bring the car and passengers on home, I guess the full impact of danger and reality hit me. I drove so fast towards Rigby (alone) that at Johnson's service-station corner I came closer to hitting another speeding car than I ever before had in my life. We both stopped with brakes screeching and I controlled myself enough to apologize for it had been my fault. I got hold of myself then and drove on. At Ucon I stopped at a store and called Dr. Tall's office at Rigby in case Dad wouldn't still be there. I had to ask the parties talking to please leave the line for an emergency call. Dr. Asael said for me to come as he thought Dad had had a little heart attack but he had given him some morphine. I went in the back door of the office and Asael said an ambulance had been ordered to take Dad to the hospital in the Fells and he would be up in a half hour. I tried to assure Delbert everything would be o.k. He was unable to say much (double dose of morphine I understood) but did say to get Harvey and Steve Hatch. I drove in the ambulance with Dad and Br. Thomson brought our car down later. We entered the hospital about 5 p.m. but the heart specialist (Dr. Henry Smith) who was supposed to be there was not.

I tried to call President Hart but could hardly talk to Vera but finally got a message thru for her to find him and send him to the hospital. Cecil came and left soon after seeing Delbert. I asked him to get someone to help him administer to Dad. He brought Brother Andelin and they gave him a blessing and advice to not move or try to talk. I called Harvey and he wanted Asael to give him the case if he took it. I was floored at both their attitudes but have learned since to understand and be sympathetic. Aunt Clara Brunt and Earl came to the hospital. I could hardly sense reality. Someone brought me home to nurse the baby. It seemed so strange that I was just leaking milk all over. While at home, Cliff and Edna Kindred came over and also Homers. News had traveled fast. I learned later it had been on the radio that he had been admitted and his condition was poor. I returned to the hospital. Mary, wonderful Mary, took over at home. Julia and John were at the Y to a clinic. All the children were wonderful. Dr. Steve, Dr. Harvey and Dr. Asael all counseled together, not agreeing but they seemed to doubt it was heart trouble. Harvey was of the opinion it was a perforated ulcer calling for immediate surgery. Asael said he would not be responsible if there was an operation as he didn't think it was that. Steve insisted on more tests and on one rare one, for pancreatitis. Harvey begrudged the time this would take. I didn't know what to do. I had always let Dad decide big problems and he had always decided correctly and we had absolute confidence in such decisions. Paul Brunt came over to stay with me and others went home. About 1 a.m. Steve brought the report that the condition was pancreatitis and there would be no operation then. I gave the word home. Also I called Alva and asked him to gently break the news to the folks. Earl insisted that I go to his house and get some rest. I lay down on the front room couch and he gave me some sleeping pills which I did not take but after his house was quiet I slipped back over to the hospital and waited. The morphine affected him for a long time and there was doubt expressed by the Drs. that it had been wise to give him so much. There were calls (i.e.

to Andelins, that there would be no operation - they were all relieved. I was told later that if there had been an operation for ulcers it would have been fatal because of the real condition. The Priesthood and Dad's honoring it always took over. There were days of feeding thru the veins and keeping the stomach pumped out, and rest. We asked Hatch's to contact Mayo Clinic for latest information on such cases. After much consideration we decided to have Dr. Steve operate - we had waited several weeks - I spent one week with Dad and the baby at Uncle George Brunt's, with strict diet for Dad and rest. Grandma and Grandpa came up. No one seemed anxious for an operation but finally in October Dad was operated on by Steve Hatch. Six hours of waiting was difficult and when they finally brot him down, not yet out of the ether, I felt as if I couldn't take it but hated to show it in front of my father who was also trying to appear calm. His recovery was very good and his disposition thruout the entire experience was unbelievable - never one word of complaint or criticism, altho he laughed about one nurse who seemed to consistently do the wrong thing - and I thot once he was almost aggravated at her. His whole concern seemed to be for everyone else. I was there most of the time. I remember the night before the operation mother's wonderful attitude that if his time had come it would be all right but she was sure with faith the Lord would give us the best. The operation had revealed a pseudo-cist containing about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  quarts of liquid which had accumulated from various digestive organs due to an obstruction in the tubes at a joining point--all caused from a severe blow he had received right at a vital point when a car door had swung shut as he left the car (door had hit metal post of parking meter I think)--sort of freakish accident--The Drs. said he was in such excellent health that he would get well but everything else about his body, including his heart, functioned so well. For a while he had about five or six tubes - some connected. When we brought him home from the hospital Arthur Morganegg installed a pump in our little bathroom off our built-in bedroom, so we could still keep his stomach emptied for a while.

For many days he wore pads which we changed when wet - over the area where the tubes still drained from the new outlet his pancreas had formed and we kept the area around covered with zinc oxide salve because the juices were so irritating. He wore these pads for quite a while after he was around and going to work. It was amazing how well I felt thru it all altho I nearly went under after the shock of the first day and then one other time I thot I was blacking out and mother got Dr. West here in a hurry but I was really o.k. There were many fasting and praying for him besides his own family - he is truly loved by everyone here. President Hart called one Saturday and said Delbert and I were to come to a special meeting of the High Council on Sunday. This was just before the operation. They met in special prayer for Delbert. I didn't do my part very well, being the only lady present and being asked to explain Dad's condition and when they gave him a blessing and promised him recovery, I just cried in front of all of them. I found out tonight that David had written a heart-account of the whole affair; - I asked him about one matter and he got his diary and read it for that period. He has a heart as big as his Dad's - Oh please may I be more worthy to be his mother (I have both David's and Mary Jane's accounts) We sent for Julia and John just before they were to play a concert - it turned out later that they could safely have stayed and played but it had been the advice of Asael that I get them home. It seems that not many pancreatitis cases recover but of course most of them are apparently caused from abuse of the body and this was caused by an accident and Dad was supposed to stay for his loving friends and family of kids who adore him. People just kept bringing treats to the home and trying to help in some way. I remember I tried to go with Mr. Paul Holm and discuss business with McAbee and Hikes - I had been instructed before-hand but I found out how much the real head of this Groberg concern was needed. The kids were so good thruout it all. Dad was in the hospital about 50 days - and a week over to Brunt's. Insurance paid for about \$1500 of the expense. Maurice told me

later that when he received the letter from me asking for advice, he asked leading medical authorities in that line and the verdict was bad and he was really afraid for us. I have wondered why I didn't seem to fully sense that he might be really taken for I don't believe I did - maybe because it wasn't in the plan that he would be taken and so not necessary for me to go thru what might have been required. I wonder if anyone else in town would have had such a demonstration of friendship and love as did Dad thru this experience. (At one crucial time Br. Homer came up to talk seriously about a will and the wisdom of acting on one at once if one were not at that time in order - I simply said we appreciated his interest but no need)

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I recorded the following, spoken by Dad when he was being taken by ambulance to the hospital - August 1950 --It was considered by some that his life might be discontinued soon, here --He may not recall these words but after he had spoken them I hurriedly wrote down what I could remember of them, for the future:

"You are so wonderful Mom - everything about you. In the whole world there was just you and I found you. I have never had even one thought or feeling of anything about you being anything but perfect - and these wonderful children with their grand spirits - so sweet and gifted and grand. There is nothing more glorious in life or to be sought after than what we have."

"John, you are so wonderful, with your fine, clean, sweet spirit. I am so proud of you. Always be good. Never refrain from doing things because your place is among the leaders. And because of what you are to be in life be cautious and careful; protect yourself from injury and from associations that might be injurious. We love you so and feel so proud that you are our son. "Remember you are to be great and good."

(there would have been more had time and energy allowed --but it was difficult to say even this much.....his desires and feelings for each child were real also)

Flash!

# Post-Register

Idaho Falls, Idaho, Sunday, July 24, 1977



**A HUGE butterfly adorned the float themed "There is Beauty All Around and Love at Home," winner of the sweepstakes trophy in the Pioneer Days parade Saturday morning. The Ammon 23rd LDS Ward built the float, featuring satin flowers and a birdbath. (Post-Register staff photo) Creation of Jeanne -Kristin, Anna and Jonathan on float**

## Groberg tells students to live faithful lives *Feb. 17 1977*

REXBURG — Ricks College students were told Thursday afternoon to be "clean and faithful and plan to come to the Temple and claim the blessings that are there for you."

Speaking to the students and faculty at the Last Lecture Series in Kirkham Auditorium was President D.V. Groberg of the Idaho Falls Temple. He was introduced by his wife who said her husband "teaches by example to love and serve the Lord."

President Groberg told the students the spirit world is very close "and those who have gone on to do an important work are not far from us. They understand our thoughts, our feelings and our actions and sometimes

are pained by what we do here." He quoted the Prophet Joseph Smith and then added "You be a strength and a credit and not a pain to those we love." He told of the work done in this dispensation through the work of heavenly messengers returning to the world and conferring blessings, rights and privileges so that the Gospel can be established throughout the world.

President Groberg said the work of the present day — the work of spreading the Gospel is tied in with temple work.

He noted there are more temples being constructed today or being renovated than at any other time in the history

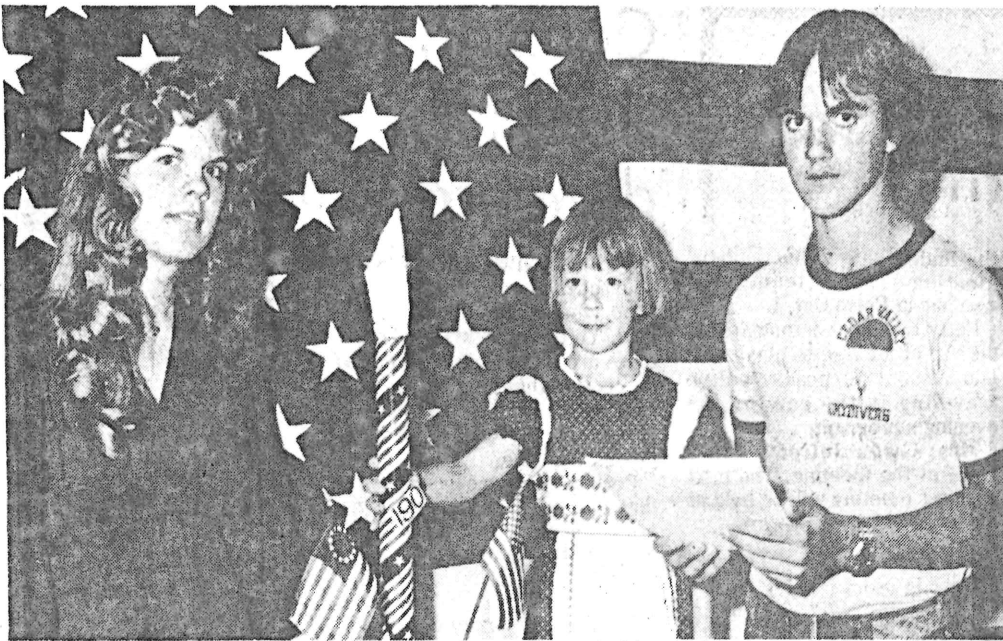
of this world.

The speaker said temples are being built in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Mexico City, Tokyo and Seattle, with major reconditioning work going on also — in the Logan Temple and the temple in Hawaii.

The speaker, Idaho Falls realtor and former bishop and patriarch, urged the students to plan on being married in the temple and to receive and claim blessings that are only found in the temple.

"Don't settle for a counterfeit. Don't be deceived. And listen to your leaders and their voices which are in harmony with those in heaven."





AMONG THOSE who will be participating in the first Citizenship-Constitution Day parade Saturday at 10 a.m. in downtown Idaho Falls are from left, Shawna Moser, vice president of Rigby High School student body; Anny Fritzen, student at Linden Park School and daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Achim Fritzen, and Steve Turnbull, president of Bonneville High School student body. The observance marks the 190th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution. (Post-Register staff photo)

*Sept. 17  
Anny's birthday*

## Constitution Day parade draws national attention

Sen. McClure's letter to Delbert V. Groberg, chairman of the Tricentennial Commission, stated he appreciated receiving "your communication with President Carter suggesting that Sept. 17 be set aside as 'Citizenship Day' and the period beginning Sept. 17 and ending Sept. 23 as 'Constitution Week'.

"I certainly want to commend your patriotic efforts. I agree that it is very important that we also honor the United States Constitution as the powerful document it is and the basis of our government. I think your idea is excellent.

### Resolution

"I also noted that Sen. Church has introduced a resolution declaring Sept. 17, 1987 Constitution Day. I will be more than happy to do anything I can to support this proposal. Thanks again for your thoughtfulness in sharing this information with me," McClure concluded.

Groberg and Wadsworth have urged all youth in the area to join in the parade Saturday. They noted that at least four

Dad served in Bicentennial

Church- local- national

-magnificently -

still carrying on -

Nothing delights him more than

having his grandchildren assist

# Temple planned for Samoa

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## *5th new temple in last 2½ years*

Plans to build a temple in Samoa have been announced by the First Presidency.

The temple will serve the nearly 50,000 members of the Church living in the South Pacific islands of Samoa, Tonga, French Polynesia (Tahiti) and Fiji.

The Samoan temple will become the 21st functioning temple of the Church and the fifth one to be announced by the First Presidency since April 1975.

Groundbreaking ceremonies are scheduled for late 1978 on American Samoa with construction to follow. Completion and dedication of the temple will take place in 1980. The cost is estimated to be \$1.5 million.

Currently, members of the Church travel as far as 2,500 miles to do temple work in New Zealand. When the Samoan temple is ready, that mileage will be almost cut in half for the islands of Tonga, Tahiti and Fiji with corresponding reductions in travel cost and time.

The high cost of air fares to New Zealand and Hawaii and the resulting hardship to members of the Church were among reasons given by the First Presidency for the construction of this new temple.

"The members on these islands work really hard to go to the temple," said Elder John H. Groberg of the First Quorum of the Seventy and supervisor of the Hawaii-Pacific Isles Area.

"The air fares take a major portion of their income. Sometimes large families can only afford to take some of the children and choosing the ones to go is a heartbreaking decision."

The First Presidency met with Elder Groberg, two Regional Representatives and 13 stake presidents from the islands on Oct. 2.

"We were asked if we would sustain the decision of the First Presidency to build a temple in Samoa," said Elder Groberg. "There were many tear-filled eyes in the room as we voted unanimously in favor."

Outlined in the meeting were the challenges and responsibilities that members of the Church accept with the building of a temple.

Members in the islands will be asked to raise a portion of the cost of the temple and provide some of the labor. In addition, temple ordinance workers must be provided and names for whom temple work will be done must be increased.

The Post-Register, Idaho Falls, Idaho, Wednesday, Nov. 17, 1976

## *Three Eastern Idaho realtors get awards*

HOUSTON, Texas — Representatives from three Idaho boards of Realtors received awards Tuesday recognizing assistance their boards provided following the Teton River dam disaster last June.

Philip C. Smaby, president of the National Association of Realtors, presented plaques to Dick Groberg, representing the Idaho Falls Board of Realtors; Irving I. Faling, of the Blackfoot Board of Realtors; and Ross Reese, representing the Upper Valley Board of Realtors.

# Greater Idaho Falls Chamber honors community civic leaders

## *Harris, Groberg set memberships for life*

Two well known, longtime Idaho Falls business and civic leaders — Delbert V. Groberg, realtor, and B. L. Harris, retired Idaho Falls automobile dealer — were honored with life memberships in the Greater Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce at its annual banquet Tuesday evening in the Idaho Falls Elks Lodge.

Groberg, a native of Idaho Falls where he was born in 1906, is the owner-manager of the D. V. Groberg Co., realtors, developer since 1929. He has also served as president of G. H. G. Investment Co. for many years, and developer of Linden Park and Edgemont Gardens, Woodruff Park and Southwick Additions, Idaho Falls, and west side farm lands. His firm is the owner and builder of Three Fountains, planned community development on Woodruff Ave.

He has served as manager of central business properties, shopping center, Cambridge Apartment, farm lands, etc. He is a director and vice president of the Bank of Commerce and a director and officer of KID.

Groberg is a member of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers since 1949 and received the Professional Recognition Award from Appraisal Institute. He received special training at Brigham Young University, the University of Illinois, University of Michigan, University of Washington and University of Utah.

### **Realty board**

He was named Realtor of the year, Idaho Falls and State of Idaho in 1961. He is an honorary member of the Real Estate Board and served as president of the Idaho Falls Board of Realtors in 1941, 1942, and 1947, and president of the Idaho Board of Realtors in 1948-49.

In civic affairs, Groberg was chairman of the Idaho Territorial Centennial Commission in 1965, chairman of the Bonneville Bicentennial Commission in 1975-76, and the Bonneville Tricentennial Commission in 1977. He was president of the Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce in 1943, the Idaho Falls Kiwanis Club in 1944. For 23 years he was a member of Bonneville County Draft Board. In 1947-48 he was a member of the Regional Planning Commission. He has served as president of the Community Chest.

### **Eastern state mission**

An active member of the LDS Church, Groberg served a mission to the eastern states, was bishop of the Idaho Falls Third Ward, member of the South Stake High Council, Stake Patriarch of the South Stake, and has served as president of the Idaho Falls LDS Temple since 1975.

He is married to the former Jennie Holbrook of Provo. The couple has 11 children, all of whom graduated from BYU.



**Delbert V. Groberg**

Delbert originated  
this "honors"  
program when he  
was Chamber  
President

He was an original  
organizer of  
both K.I.D.  
and the  
Bank of Commerce

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# Statistics

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taken from our portion of the proposed "Ira N. Hinckley  
book"--giving statistics on his descendants --  
may not be complete nor wholly accurate --  
Please each verify your own-complete and  
correct and add to -

PLACES: Sharon, Windsor, Vt.

ENTER ALL DATA IN THIS ORDER:  
DATES: 14 Apr 1794

FAMILY GROUP RECORD

**HUSBAND GROBERG, Delbert Valentine** 1906  
 Born 14 Feb 1906 Place Idaho Falls, Bngm (Bnnv11), Idaho  
 Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mar. 11 June 1930 Place Salt Lake City, S-Lk, Utah  
 Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 HUSBAND'S FATHER GROBERG, John Enoch HUSBAND'S MOTHER BRUNT, Maud Elizabeth

Husband GROBERG, Delbert Valentine 1906  
 Wife HOLBROOK, Jennie  
 Ward Examiners: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Stake or Mission Idaho Falls Idaho North  
 NAME & ADDRESS OF PERSON SUBMITTING SHEET  
D. V. Groberg  
1000 Memorial Drive  
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401  
27 July 1977

**WIFE HOLBROOK, Jennie**  
 Born 3 March 1908 Place Provo, Utah, Utah  
 Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 WIFE'S FATHER HOLBROOK, Lafayette Hinckley WIFE'S MOTHER BRIMHALL, Alsina Elizabeth

RELATION OF ABOVE TO HUSBAND self RELATION OF ABOVE TO WIFE husband  
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 DATE SUBMITTED TO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN											LDS ORDINANCE DATA				
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1	F	Mary Jane	Groberg	13	July	1931	Idaho Falls	Bonnv11	Idh	9 June 1970		5 July 1914	4 June 1925	11 June 1931	SL
2	F	Julia Gay	GROBERG	28	Dec	1932	Idaho Falls	Bonnv11	Idh	17 Aug 1954		23 July 1916	11 June 1930		SEALING DATA
3	M	John Holbrook	GROBERG	17	June	1934	Idaho Falls	Bnnv11	Idh	6 Sep 1957		5 Aug 1939	11 Oct 1956		BIC
4	M	David Holbrook	GROBERG	12	Mar	1936	Idaho Falls	Bnnv11	Idh	20 Mar 1959		4 Jan 1941	17 Aug 1954		BIC
5	M	Richard Holbrook	GROBERG	22	June	1938	Idaho Falls	Bnnv11	Idh	25 Aug 1962		5 July 1942	13 Aug 1954		BIC
6	M	Delbert Holbrook	GROBERG	3	Dec	1940	Idaho Falls	Bnnv11	Idh	15 May 1964		25 Mar 1944	3 Apr 1956		BIC
7	M	Joseph Holbrook	GROBERG	30	Nov	1942	Idaho Falls	Bnnv11	Idh	15 Sep 1967		6 July 1946	11 June 1958		BIC
8	F	Elizabeth	GROBERG	28	Dec	1944	Idaho Falls	Bnnv11	Idh	4 Aug 1967		4 Dec 1948	23 Aug 1960		BIC
9	M	Lewis Holbrook	GROBERG	6	Feb	1947	Idaho Falls	Bnnv11	Idh	27 March 1976		25 Nov 1950	8 June 1962		BIC
10	F	Gloria Jean	GROBERG	19	Jan	1950	Idaho Falls	Bnnv11	Idh	19 Aug 1972		3 Jan 1953	3 Aug 1967		BIC
11	M	George Holbrook	GROBERG	26	Apr	1952	Idaho Falls	Bnnv11	Idh	22 Apr 1975		5 Feb 1955	16 June 1966		BIC
												1 Feb 1958	19 Aug 1972		BIC
												30 Apr 1960	4 Sep 1971		BIC

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: D. V. Groberg family records  
 OTHER MARRIAGES: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NECESSARY EXPLANATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_



DELBERT VALENTINE GROBERG:

PARENTS: JOHN ENOCH GROBERG  
MAUD ELIZABETH BRUNT

B. 14 FEBRUARY, 1906 AT IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO  
BL. BY FATHER IN EAGLE ROCK WARD, BINGHAM COUNTY, IDAHO  
BAPTIZED: 5 JULY, 1914 BY CLARENCE STEPHENSON AT FARR WEST,  
WEBER COUNTY, UTAH  
CONFIRMED: 5 JULY, 1914 BY SAMUEL TOMLINSON  
ENDOWED: 4 JUNE, 1925 IN SALT LAKE TEMPLE  
MISSION: EASTERN STATES (UNDER PRES. B.H. ROBERTS)  
MARRIED: 11 JUNE, 1930 IN SALT LAKE TEMPLE  
(CHURCH AND CIVIC LEADER-TEMPLE PRESIDENT, BISHOP, PATRIARCH)  
PRESENT ADDRESS: IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO



JENNIE HOLBROOK:

PARENTS: LAFAYETTE HINCKLEY HOLBROOK  
ALSINA ELIZABETH BRIMHALL

B. 3 MARCH, 1908 AT PROVO, UTAH, UTAH  
BL. J. WILL KNIGHT, PROVO, UTAH  
BAPTIZED: 23 JULY, 1916 AT PROVO, UTAH BY MILTON BAKER  
CONFIRMED: BY FATHER, PROVO FIFTH WARD  
ENDOWED: 11 JUNE, 1930 IN SALT LAKE TEMPLE  
MARRIED: 11 JUNE, 1930 IN SALT LAKE TEMPLE BY PRES. JOSEPH FIELDING  
GRADUATED: B.Y.U. 1929- SMITH

CHURCH AND H.S. TEACHER, ORGANIST, PRES'CY PRIMARY, MIA, ETC.  
WIFE, MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER TEMPLE MATRON  
PRESENT RESIDENCE: 1000 MEMORIAL DRIVE, IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO



*Belle Ramsey*

ACHIM FRITZEN WITH MARY JANE GROBERG FRITZEN HOLDING BABY ROSALEE  
ANNY ELIZABETH FRITZEN

MARY JANE GROBERG:

PARENTS: DELBERT VALENTINE GROBERG  
JENNIE HOLBROOK

B. 13 JULY, 1931 AT IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO  
BL. FATHER - 1st WARD-2nd AUGUST, 1931  
BAPTIZED: 5 AUGUST, 1939 & CONFIRMED BY FATHER 6 AUGUST  
ENDOWED: 11 OCTOBER, 1956 - IDAHO FALLS TEMPLE  
MISSION GREAT BRITAIN  
MARRIED: 9 JUNE, 1953 TO ACHIM FRITZEN-IDAHO FALLS TEMPLE  
GRADUATED: B.Y.U. 8 JUNE, 1953 (DAY GRANDMA HOLBROOK  
RECEIVED ALUMNUS AWARD)  
GRADUATED WITH MASTER'S -UNIVERSITY OF UTAH, JUNE 1968  
HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER: (KEARNS, ETC.) SECRETARY CHURCH NEWS,  
(ETERNAL COMPANION, EXEMPLARY MOTHER AND L.D.S.)

ACHIM FRITZEN:

PARENTS: JOHANN JOSEPH FRITZEN  
ANNY ELIZABETH VON HAYN

B. 26 OCTOBER, 1934 AT FRANKFURT, MAIN, GERMANY  
BL.  
BAPTIZED: 8 AUGUST, 1948, COLOGNE, GERMANY  
ENDOWED: 20 JUNE, 1958  
STAKE MISSION--  
MARRIED: 9 JUNE, 1970 IN IDAHO FALLS TEMPLE TO MARY JANE GROBERG  
DIED: 11 DECEMBER, 1975 AT IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO  
(H.S. TEACHER OF GERMAN AND AMERICAN HISTORY -EXEMPLARY L.D.S.  
GENEALOGIST AND TEMPLE WORKER -HUSBAND & FATHER)

ANNY ELIZABETH FRITZEN:

PARENTS: ACHIM FRITZEN  
MARY JANE GROBERG

B. 17 SEPTEMBER, 1971, AT IDAHO FALLS, BONNEVILLE, IDAHO  
BL. BY FATHER

ROSALEE FRITZEN:

PARENTS: ACHIM FRITZEN  
MARY JANE GROBERG

B. 31 JULY, 1975 AT IDAHO FALLS, BONNEVILLE, IDAHO  
BL. BY FATHER

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BACK ROW: ROBERT GROBERG BLAIR - DELBERT WALLACE BLAIR-MARGARET JEAN BLAIR

MIDDLE ROW: ELIZABETH (LISA) BLAIR- JAMES GROBERG BLAIR-

FRONT ROW: ROBERT WALLACE BLAIR HOLDING BENJAMIN WALLACE BLAIR

JULIA GAY GROBERG BLAIR -JENETTE BLAIR HOLDING CAROLYN BLAIR

(note sample trophies, swimming, etc., in back)

JULIA GAY GROBERG:

PARENTS: DELBERT VALENTINE GROBERG  
JENNIE HOLBROOK

B. 28 DECEMBER, 1932 AT IDAHO FALLS, BONNEVILLE, IDAHO  
 BL. 5 MARCH, 1933 BY FATHER  
 BAPTIZED: 4 JANUARY, 1941 BY ROBERT LINDSAY EGBERT  
 CONFIRMED: 5 JANUARY, 1941 BY FATHER.  
 ENDOWED: 17 AUGUST, 1954 IN IDAHO FALLS TEMPLE  
 MARRIED: 17 AUGUST, 1954 IN IDAHO FALLS TEMPLE  
 GRADUATED B.Y.U. (TAUGHT B.Y.U. & CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS  
 (MUSIC & DRAMATICS) & FARRAR JUNIOR HIGH, ETC.)  
 (BELOVED AND EXEMPLARY COUPLE)

ROBERT WALLACE BLAIR:

WALLACE BLAIR  
PARENTS: GLADYS MARGUERITE GREEN

B. 25 SEPTEMBER, 1930 AT SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA  
BL. 21 DECEMBER, 1930 BY FATHER (BRANCH PRESIDENT)  
BAPTIZED: 31 DECEMBER, 1938 BY D.L. EARL IN PACIFIC OCEAN AT S. BARB.  
CONFIRMED: 1 JANUARY, 1939  
ENDOWED: 3 JUNE, 1950  
MISSION: FINLAND (ASST. TO PRESIDENT)  
GRADUATED B.Y.U. (DOCTORATE IN LINGUISTICS (INDIAN LANGUAGES--MAYA, ETC.  
UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA AND CHICAGO  
MARRIED: 17 AUGUST, 1954 TO JULIA GAY GROBERG, IDAHO FALLS TEMPLE  
PRESENT ADDRESS: 980 CEDAR AVENUE, PROVO, UTAH  
(CHURCH MISSIONARY PROGRAMS - INDIAN LANGUAGE EXPERT) HIGH COUNCIL  
TRULY GREAT MAN

MARGARET JEAN BLAIR:

PARENTS: ROBERT WALLACE BLAIR  
JULIA GAY GROBERG

B. 7 JUNE, 1955, AT PROVO, UTAH, UTAH  
BL. BY FATHER  
BAPTIZED: 28 JULY, 1963 BY FATHER, OAKHILLS 2nd WARD, PROVO, UTAH  
CONFIRMED 4 AUGUST, 1963 BY FATHER

DELBERT WALLACE BLAIR:

PARENTS: ROBERT WALLACE BLAIR  
JULIA GAY GROBERG

B. 11 AUGUST, 1956 AT PROVO, UTAH, UTAH  
BL. 6 SEPTEMBER, 1956 BY FATHER, PROVO, UTAH  
BAPTIZED: 5 DECEMBER, 1964 BY FATHER AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
CONFIRMED 6 DECEMBER 1956 BY FATHER AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
ORDAINED DEACON: 11 AUGUST, 1968 - PROVO, UTAH (FATHER)  
ORDAINED TEACHER: 16 AUGUST, 1970 - PROVO, UTAH (FATHER)  
ORDAINED PRIEST  
ORDAINED ELDER:  
ENDOWED: IN IDAHO FALLS TEMPLE-AUGUST 13, 1975  
MISSION: ECUADOR 1975-1977 (Quetchua (Indian Language) expert

ROBERT GROBERG BLAIR:

PARENTS: ROBERT WALLACE BLAIR  
JULIA GAY GROBERG

B. 7 NOVEMBER, 1958 AT BLOOMINGTON, MONROE CO., INDIANA  
BL. 7 DECEMBER, 1958 BY FATHER, BLOOMINGTON, MONROE, INDIANA  
BAPTIZED: 3 DECEMBER, 1966 BY FATHER AT PROVO, UTAH  
CONFIRMED: 4 DECEMBER 1966 BY FATHER AT PROVO, UTAH  
ORDAINED DEACON 28 NOVEMBER, 1970 BY FATHER AT PROVO, UTAH  
ORDAINED TEACHER  
ORDAINED PRIEST      ORDAINED ELDER:      MISSION TO:

JENETTE BLAIR:

PARENTS : ROBERT WALLACE BLAIR  
JULIA GAY GROBERG

B. 8 MARCH, 1960 AT PROVO, UTAH, UTAH  
BL. 27 MARCH, 1960 BY FATHER-OAKHILLS 2nd WARD - PROVO (  
BAPTIZED: 30 MARCH, 1968 BY FATHER, PROVO, UTAH  
CONFIRMED: 31 MARCH, 1968 BY FATHER, PROVO, UTAH

ELIZABETH BLAIR: (LISA)

PARENTS : ROBERT WALLACE BLAIR  
JULIA GAY BROBERG

B. 29 MARCH, 1961 AT PROVO, UTAH, UTAH  
BL. 7 MAY, 1961 by FATHER AT PROVO, UTAH  
BAPTIZED: 3 MAY, 1969 BY FATHER -PROVO, UTAH  
CONFIRMED: 4 MAY, 1969 BY FATHER - PROVO, UTAH

JAMES GROBERG BLAIR:

PARENTS : ROBERT WALLACE BLAIR  
JULIA GAY GROBERG

B. 25 AUGUST, 1969 AT PROVO, UTAH, UTAH  
BL.  
BAPTIZED BY FATHER SEPTEMBER 24, 1977 (CONFIRMED SEPT.25)

BENJAMIN WALLACE BLAIR:

PARENTS : ROBERT WALLACE BLAIR  
JULIA GAY GROBERG

B.7 MARCH, 1973 AT PROVO, UTAH, UTAH  
BL. BY FATHER AT PROVO, UTAH

CAROLYN BLAIR:

PARENTS : ROBERT WALLACE BLAIR  
JULIA GAY GROBERG

B. 16 DECEMBER, 1974 AT PROVO, UTAH, UTAH  
BL. BY FATHER



BACK ROW: JEAN SABIN GROBERG HOLDING VIKI ANN, JOHN HOLBROOK

GROBERG, NANCY JEAN GROBERG, MARILYN GROBERG

SECOND ROW: ELIZABETH GROBERG, JOHN ENOCH GROBERG, JENNIE MARIE GROBERG

SUSAN GROBERG

FRONT ROW: GAYLE GROBERG, THOMAS SABIN GROBERG AND JANE GROBERG

JOHN HOLBROOK GROBERG:

PARENTS: DELBERT VALENTINE GROBERG  
JENNIE HOLBROOK

B. 17 JUNE, 1934 AT IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO  
 BL. 1 JULY, 1934 BY L.H. HOLBROOK (GRANDFATHER)  
 BAPTIZED: 3 JULY, 1942 BY GEORGE LYNN DAVIES  
 CONFIRMED: 5 JULY, 1942 BY FATHER  
 ENDOWED: 13 AUGUST, 1954 IN IDAHO FALLS TEMPLE  
 MISSION: TONGA - LEFT 17 AUGUST, 1954  
 MARRIED: 6 SEPTEMBER, 1957 IN LOS ANGELES TEMPLE TO JEAN SABIN  
 GRADUATED B.Y.U. AND MASTERS; UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA  
 BISHOP, MISSION PRESIDENT, REGIONAL AND MISSION REPRESENTATIVE,  
 MEMBER FIRST QUORUM OF SEVENTY (APRIL, 1976)  
 PRESENT ADDRESS: ~~1045 HIWI ST.~~, HONOLULU, HAWAII (IN CHARGE OF  
 4452 Anahae Ave. (SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS))

ELDEST SON FOR OTHERS TO EMULATE

JEAN SABIN:

PARENTS: MERRILL SABIN  
MARIE HUBER

B. 30 AUGUST, 1934  
BL. 7 OCTOBER, 1934 BY FATHER  
BAPTIZED: 5 SEPTEMBER, 1942 BY NORMAN JACOBS  
CONFIRMED: BY RICHARD L. MAXWELL  
ENDOWED: 25 JULY, 1957 IN IDAHO FALLS TEMPLE  
MARRIED: 6 SEPTEMBER, 1957 TO JOHN HOLBROOK GROBERG  
GRADUATED B.Y.U.  
(SPECIAL COMPANION, MOTHER, AND TEACHER AND TRUE L.D.S.)

NANCY JEAN GROBERG:

PARENTS: JOHN HOLBROOK GROBERG  
JEAN SABIN

B. 24 OCTOBER, 1958 AT IDAHO FALLS, BONNEVILLE, IDAHO  
BL. 7 DECEMBER, 1958 BY FATHER AT IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO  
BAPTIZED: 17 DECEMBER, 1966 AT NOON IN PACIFIC OCEAN, PANGAI,  
HA'API, TONGA BY FATHER (PRESIDING  
OVER MISSION) THEN CONFIRMED AT PANGAI  
CHURCH HOUSE BY FATHER

ELIZABETH GROBERG:

PARENTS: JOHN HOLBROOK GROBERG  
JEAN SABIN

B. 6 OCTOBER, 1960 AT IDAHO FALLS, BONNEVILLE, IDAHO  
BL.  
BAPTIZED: 12 OCTOBER, 1968 (AND CONFIRMED) BY FATHER AT  
PANGAI, HA'API, TONGA, IN OCEAN  
AND AT CHURCH HOUSE.

MARILYN GROBERG:

PARENTS: JOHN HOLBROOK GROBERG  
JEAN SABIN

B. 10 OCTOBER, 1962 AT IDAHO FALLS, BONNEVILLE, IDAHO  
BL. BY FATHER (BISHOP 26th WARD)  
BAPTIZED: 31 OCTOBER, 1970 BY FATHER  
CONFIRMED: 1 NOVEMBER, 1970 BY FATHER

JANE GROBERG:

PARENTS: JOHN HOLBROOK GROBERG  
JEAN SABIN

B. 11 OCTOBER, 1964 AT IDAHO FALLS, BONNEVILLE, IDAHO  
BL. 1st FAST & TESTIMONY MEETING HELD IN CHAPEL (BY FATHER-BISHOP)  
BAPTIZED: 4 NOVEMBER, 1972 AT IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO BY FATHER  
CONFIRMED: 5 NOVEMBER, 1972 AT IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO, BY FATHER

GAYLE GROBERG:

PARENTS: JOHN HOLBROOK GROBERG  
JEAN SABIN

B. 16 MAY, 1966 AT IDAHO FALLS, BONNEVILLE, IDAHO  
BL. 12 JUNE, 1966 BY FATHER (DATE RELEASED AS BISHOP OF 26th WARD)  
BAPTIZED: 1 JUNE 1974  
CONFIRMED 2 JUNE 1974

JOHN ENOCH GROBERG:

PARENTS: JOHN HOLBROOK GROBERG  
JEAN SABIN

B. 17 MARCH, 1968 AT NUKUALOFA, TONGA (FATHER MISSION PRESIDENT)  
BL. 14 APRIL, 1968 AT LIAHOMA BRANCH (EASTER SUNDAY) BY FATHER  
BAPTIZED: 27 MARCH 1976  
CONFIRMED: 28 MARCH 1976

SUSAN GROBERG:

PARENTS: JOHN HOLBROOK GROBERG  
JEAN SABIN

B. 25 NOVEMBER, 1969 (FATHER RETURNED NIGHT BEFORE AS REGIONAL  
REPRESENTATIVE OF TWELVE, NIGHT BEFORE 10:45  
BL. 4 JANUARY, 1970, IDAHO FALLS 26th WARD, IDAHO FALLS

THOMAS SABIN GROBERG:

PARENTS: JOHN HOLBROOK GROBERG  
JEAN SABIN

B. 13 JULY, 1971 AT IDAHO FALLS, BONNEVILLE, IDAHO  
BL. BY FATHER

JENNIE MARIE GROBERG:

PARENTS: JOHN HOLBROOK GROBERG  
JEAN SABIN

B. 26 OCTOBER, 1973 AT IDAHO FALLS, BONNEVILLE, IDAHO  
BL. 25 NOVEMBER 1973 BY FATHER (NAMED AFTER HER TWO GRANDMOTHERS)

VIKI ANN GROBERG:

PARENTS: JOHN HOLBROOK GROBERG  
JEAN SABIN

B. 22 JULY 1975 AT IDAHO FALLS, BONNEVILLE, IDAHO  
BL. BY FATHER (TONGAN MEANING OF NAME: PRAISE GOD--GIFT)

BABY GIRL GROBERG

EMILY LEILANI

PARENTS: JOHN HOLBROOK GROBERG  
JEAN SABIN

B. 10 OCTOBER, 1977 AT BREMERTON, WASHINGTON (NEAR AUBURN WHERE  
STRATTONS LIVE)

(see family report for 1977)

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FRONT ROW: GREGORY GROBERG, LORRAINE HERRING GROBERG

KJERSTIN GROBERG HELD BY DAVID HOLBROOK GROBERG

HEATHER GROBERG

BACK: DAVID RANDALL GROBERG, KIMBERLY GROBERG, JENIFER GROBERG

DAVID HOLBROOK GROBERG:

PARENTS: DELBERT VALENTINE GROBERG  
JENNIE HOLBROOK

B. 12 MARCH, 1936 AT IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO  
BL. 26 APRIL, 1936 BY FATHER  
BAPTIZED: 25 MARCH, 1944 BY FATHER  
CONFIRMED 26 MARCH, 1944 BY FATHER  
ENDOWED: 3 APRIL, 1956 IN IDAHO FALLS TEMPLE  
MISSION; SOUTHERN STATES  
SEALED: 8 FEBRUARY, 1960 IN SALT LAKE TEMPLE  
GRADUATED B.Y.U., DOCTORATE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH  
(CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY)  
(ADMINISTRATOR OF REGION 7 U.S.A. HEALTH & WELFARE)  
(FRIENDLY, TALENTED AND LOVED AND LOVING)  
PRESENT ADDRESS: 3350 SOUTHWICK LANE, IDAHO FALLS  
(AMMON), IDAHO



LORRAINE HERRING:

B. 8 AUGUST, 1940 AT  
BL. 1940 -AT IDAHO FALLS  
PARENTS: RANDALL HERRING  
DALE FOUNTIN  
BAPTIZED: 6 MARCH, 1949 BY W. LANE BARNEY, RICHFIELD, UTAH  
CONFIRMED: 6 MARCH, 1949 BY ALVIN JOHNSON, ELSINORE, UTAH  
ENDOWED: 8 FEBRUARY, 1960 IN SALT LAKE TEMPLE  
MARRIED: 20 MARCH, 1959 AT MESQUITE, NEVADA (SEALED 8 FEBRUARY,  
1960 IN SALT LAKE TEMPLE)  
(LOYAL AND LOVELY COMPANION AND MOTHER)

KIMBERLY GROBERG:

PARENTS: DAVID HOLBROOK GROBERG  
LORRAINE HERRING  
B. 1 DECEMBER, 1959 AT PROVO, UTAH, UTAH  
BL. 1960 AT PROVO, UTAH, BY FATHER  
BAPTIZED: (AND CONFIRMED) 25 MARCH, 1972 AT SARATOGA, CALIFORNIA  
BY JOHN H. GROBERG  
(DAVID GAVE CLOSING PRAYER)

JENIFER GROBERG:

PARENTS: DAVID HOLBROOK GROBERG  
LORRAINE HERRING  
B. 14 OCTOBER, 1961 AT SALT LAKE CITY, S.L., UTAH  
BL. 12 NOVEMBER, 1961 BY FATHER  
BAPTIZED AND CONFIRMED: MARCH 1971 AT SARATOGA, CALIFORNIA  
BY JOHN H. GROBERG

DAVID RANDALL GROBERG:

PARENTS: DAVID HOLBROOK GROBERG  
LORRAINE HERRING  
B. 13 DECEMBER, 1962 AT SALT LAKE CITY, S.L., UTAH  
BL. 10 FEBRUARY, 1963 AT SALT LAKE CITY, BY FATHER  
BAPTIZED AND CONFIRMED BY JOHN H. GROBERG AT SARATOGA, CALIFORNIA  
MARCH, 1971  
ORDAINED DEACON: 12 JANUARY, 1975 AT AMMON, IDAHO, BY DELBERT V. GROBERG

HEATHER GROBERG:

PARENTS: DAVID HOLBROOK GROBERG  
LORRAINE HERRING

B. 31 DECEMBER, 1963 AT SALT LAKE CITY, S.L., UTAH  
BL. BY DELBERT V. GROBERG, 1 MARCH, 1964 -SALT LAKE CITY  
BAPTIZED: (AND CONFIRMED) BY JOHN H. GROBERG 25 MARCH, 1972

GREGORY GROBERG:

PARENTS: DAVID HOLBROOK GROBERG  
LORRAINE HERRING

B. 26 JANUARY, 1967 AT SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA  
BL.  
BAPTIZED: 1 FEBRUARY, 1975 AT AMMON, IDAHO  
CONFIRMED: 2 FEBRUARY, 1975 BY DELBERT V. GROBERG.

KJERSTIN GROBERG:

PARENTS: DAVID HOLBROOK GROBERG  
LORRAINE HERRING

B. 3 AUGUST, 1970 AT SARATOGA, CALIFORNIA  
BL.



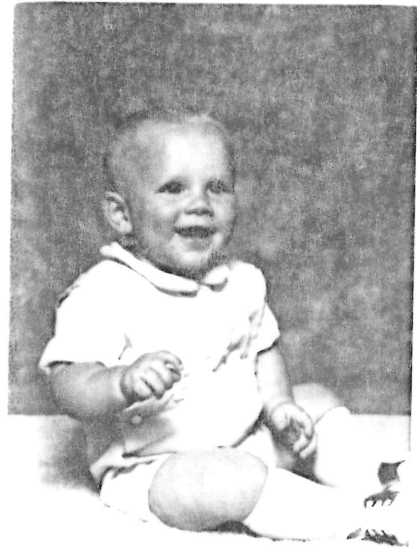
BARBARA JEAN COLBY GROBERG



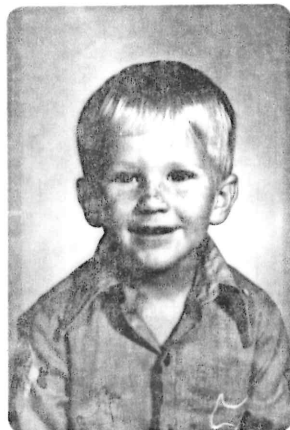
RICHARD HOLBROOK GROBERG



STEPHANIE ANN GROBERG



MICHAEL ANDREW GROBERG



RICHARD TODD GROBERG

STEPHANIE ANN GROBERG:

PARENTS : RICHARD HOLBROOK GROBERG  
BARBARA JEAN COLBY

B. 22 NOVEMBER, 1966 AT IDAHO FALLS, BONNEVILLE, IDAHO  
BL. 4 DECEMBER, 1966 AT 31st WARD, BY HER FATHER (IDAHO FALLS)  
BAPTIZED: 30 NOVEMBER, 1974 BY HER FATHER  
CONFIRMED: 1 DECEMBER, 1974 BY HER FATHER

RICHARD TODD GROBERG:

PARENTS : RICHARD HOLBROOK GROBERG  
BARBARA JEAN COLBY

B. 11 APRIL, 1972 AT IDAHO FALLS, BONNEVILLE, IDAHO  
BL. 5 MAY, 1972 AT 31st WARD CHAPEL, IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO  
(BLESSED TO HAVE "BAPTISM, PRIESTHOOD, MISSION, TEMPLE MARRIAGE  
THEN JOY OF BLESSING LITTLE SON OF OWN"...")

MICHAEL ANDREW GROBERG:

PARENTS : RICHARD HOLBROOK GROBERG  
BARBARA JEAN COLBY

B. 2 DECEMBER, 1975 AT IDAHO FALLS, BONNEVILLE, IDAHO  
BL. 7th DECEMBER BY FATHER

BARBARA JEAN COLEBY:

PARENTS: WILLARD COLEBY  
ILDA

B. 5 APRIL, 1941 AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
BL. 3 AUGUST, 1941 BY LYMAN H. ROBINSON  
BAPTIZED: 29 OCTOBER, 1949 BY FATHER  
CONFIRMED: 6 NOVEMBER, 1949 BY DOUGLAS SONTAG  
ENDOWED: 25 AUGUST, 1962 IN LOS ANGELES TEMPLE  
MARRIED: 25 AUGUST 25, 1962 IN LOS ANGELES TEMPLE TO  
RICHARD HOLBROOK GROBERG  
GRADUATED B.Y.U. 25 MAY 1962

(TEACHER, COUNSELOR, EXCELLENT WIFE AND MOTHER AND FRIEND)

RICHARD HOLBROOK GROBERG:

PARENTS: DELBERT VALENTINE GROBERG  
JENNIE HOLBROOK

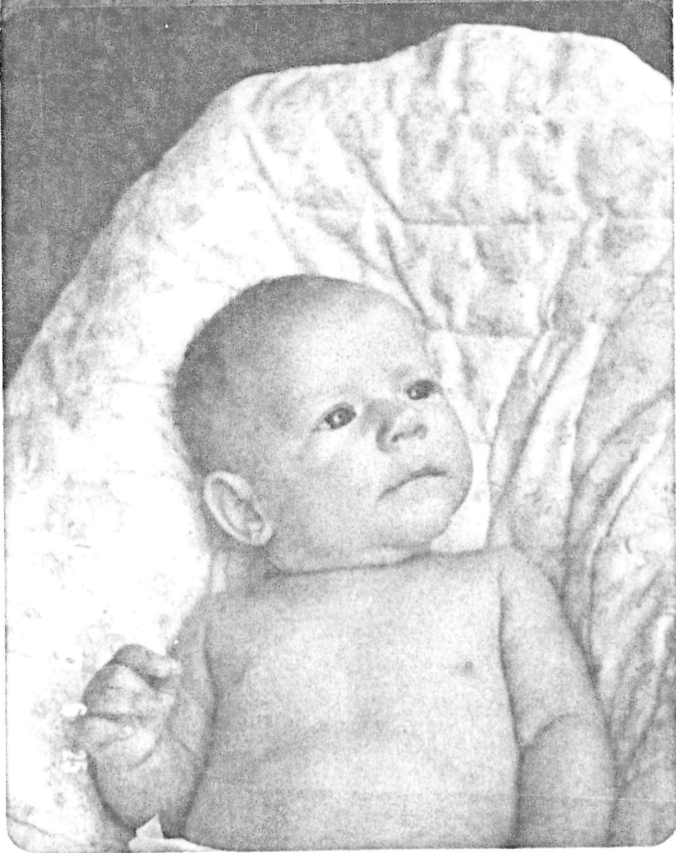
B. 22 JUNE, 1938 AT IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO  
BL. 7 AUGUST, 1938 BY FATHER (IDAHO FALLS 3d WARD)  
BAPTIZED: 6 JULY, 1946 BY ROBERT L. CROWLEY  
CONFIRMED: 7 JULY, 1946 BY FATHER  
ENDOWED: 11 JUNE, 1958, IDAHO FALLS TEMPLE  
MISSION: FINLAND  
MARRIED: 25 AUGUST, 1962 TO BARBARA JEAN COLEBY  
GRADUATED: B.Y.U. 31 MAY, 1963  
(CIVIC & BUSINESS & CHURCH LEADER-M.I.A. PRESIDENT,  
STAKE MISSION PRESIDENT, HIGH COUNCIL, ETC. *pure gold*  
(MANAGER GROBERG CONSTRUCTION, INVESTMENT, ETC.)  
PRESENT ADDRESS: 1347 AZALEA DRIVE, IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO



FRONT ROW: ANGELA GROBERG - TANYA GAY GROBERG

BACK ROW: DELBERT HOLBROOK GROBERG WITH GEOFFREY NELSON GROBERG

AND DELBERT JAMES GROBERG



ABOVE: JARED NELSON GROBERG

BELOW: ERIC NELSON GROBERG



SHARON KAY NELSON

GROBERG

DELBERT HOLBROOK GROBERG:

PARENTS: DELBERT VALENTINE GROBERG  
JENNIE HOLBROOK

B. 3 DECEMBER 1940 AT IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO  
BL. 5 JANUARY 1941 BY FATHER  
BAPTIZED: 4 DECEMBER, 1948 BY FATHER  
CONFIRMED: 5 DECEMBER, 1948 BY FATHER  
ENDOWED: 23 AUGUST, 1960 IN IDAHO FALLS TEMPLE  
MISSION TO NORTHERN FAR EAST - JAPAN 4 SEPTEMBER 1960  
GRADUATED B.Y.U. -MASTERS (MAY, 1969) LINGUISTICS  
(GIFTED, DEVOTED HUSBAND, FATHER, SON, SERVANT OF THE  
LORD -  
(SET UP LANGUAGE LEARNING PROGRAM FOR JAPAN MISSION)  
PRESENT ADDRESS: 2167 LORITA WAY, SANDY, UTAH 84070<sup>ETC.</sup>

SHARON KAY NELSON:

PARENTS: JAMES D. NELSON  
LOIS RILEY

B. 29 MAY, 1944, MONTGOMERY, DAVIES COUNTY, INDIANA  
BL.  
BAPTIZED:  
CONFIRMED:  
ENDOWED: 25 MAY, 1964 in IDAHO FALLS TEMPLE  
MARRIED: 15 MAY, 1964 IN IDAHO FALLS TEMPLE  
GRADUATED B.Y.U. AUGUST, 1973  
(GRACIOUS, DEVOTED COMPANION AND MOTHER, TRUE L.D.S.)

KARI LYNN GROBERG:

PARENTS: DELBERT HOLBROOK GROBERG  
SHARON KAY NELSON

B. 11 APRIL, 1965 AT PROVO, UTAH, UTAH  
BL. BY FATHER, 11 APRIL, 1965  
DIED: 11 APRIL, 1965 (JUST NEEDED HER BEAUTIFUL BODY WHICH WILL BE  
PERFECTED WHEN WE SEE HER NEXT -A "PULL" TO  
BE WITH HER....)

DELBERT JAMES GROBERG:

PARENTS: DELBERT HOLBROOK GROBERG  
SHARON KAY NELSON

B. 7 APRIL, 1966 AT POCATELLO,  
BL. 8 MAY, 1966 BY FATHER  
BAPTIZED: 1 JUNE 1974 BY FATHER & CONFIRMED BY HIM 2 JUNE 1974



ANGELA GROBERG:

PARENTS: DELBERT HOLBROOK GROBERG  
SHARON KAY NELSON

B. 8 OCTOBER, 1967 AT OREM, UTAH, UTAH  
BL. 5 NOVEMBER, 1967 - OREM 29th WARD -BY FATHER  
BAPTIZED: 1 NOVEMBER 1975 by FATHER  
CONFIRMED: 2 NOVEMBER 1975 by FATHER

TANYA KAY GROBERG:

PARENTS: DELBERT HOLBROOK GROBERG  
SHARON KAY NELSON

B. 7 MARCH, 1970 AT KOBE, JAPAN (FATHER IN BUSINESS & MISSION LANGUAGE  
COORDINATOR)  
BL.

GEOFFREY NELSON GROBERG:

PARENTS: DELBERT HOLBROOK GROBERG  
SHARON KAY NELSON

B. 25 MARCH, 1973 AT TOKYO, JAPAN  
BL. BY FATHER

JARED NELSON GROBERG:

PARENTS: DELBERT HOLBROOK GROBERG  
SHARON KAY NELSON

B. 28 MARCH, 1976 AT SALT LAKE CITY, S.L., UTAH  
BL. 6 JUNE, 1976 BY DELBERT V. GROBERG

ERIK NELSON GROBERG

PARENTS: DELBERT HOLBROOK GROBERG  
SHARON KAY NELSON

BORN: MAY 1, 1977 AT SANDY, UTAH  
BLESSED BY FATHER

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Joseph Hllbrook  
Groberg

Jeanne Pratt Groberg  
holding  
Jonathan Pratt Groberg

Kristin Groberg  
at back and  
Anna Marie  
Groberg  
in front

JOSEPH HOLBROOK GROBERG:

PARENTS: DELBERT VALENTINE GROBERG  
JENNIE HOLBROOK

B. 30 NOVEMBER, 1942, AT IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO  
BL. 3 JANUARY, 1943 BY FATHER  
BAPTIZED: 25 NOVEMBER, 1950 BY GUY POULSEN, JR.  
ENDOWED: 8 JUNE, 1962, IDAHO FALLS TEMPLE  
MISSION: ANDES (PERU) (ASST. MISSION PRESIDENT)  
MARRIED: 15 SEPTEMBER, 1967 IN SALT LAKE TEMPLE TO JEANNE PRATT  
GRADUATED B.Y.U. AND CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL  
(ATTORNEY, BISHOP, LOVED BY ALL AND LOVING ALL,  
GREAT HUSBAND, FATHER, FRIEND)  
PRESENT ADDRESS: 1269 HOMER, IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO

JEANNE PRATT:

PARENTS: CLARON URE PRATT  
VIRGINIA REEVES

B. 3 MARCH, 1947 AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH  
BL.  
BAPTIZED:  
CONFIRMED:  
ENDOWED: 14 SEPTEMBER, 1967 IN SALT LAKE TEMPLE  
MARRIED: 15 SEPTEMBER, 1967 IN SALT LAKE TEMPLE TO JOSEPH H. GROBERG  
GRADUATED B.Y.U.

KRISTIN GROBERG:

PARENTS: JOSEPH HOLBROOK GROBERG  
JEANNE PRATT

B. 18 FEBRUARY, 1969 AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
BL.

ANNA MARIE GROBERG:

PARENTS: JOSEPH HOLBROOK GROBERG  
JEANNE PRATT

B. 11 OCTOBER, 1970  
BL.

JONATHAN PRATT GROBERG:

PARENTS: JOSEPH HOLBROOK GROBERG  
JEANNE PRATT

B. 22 SEPTEMBER, 1973 AT DENVER, COLORADO  
BL. 30 SEPTEMBER, 1973 BY FATHER (BISHOPRIC-THEN BISHOP)



JASON GROBERG STRATTON HELD BY FATHER

BARRY JOHNSON STRATTON

DERIK GROBERG STRATTON HELD BY MOTHER

ELIZABETH GROBERG STRATTON

(picture in front of Provo Temple after Derik's sealing)

ELIZABETH GROBERG:

PARENTS: DELBERT VALENTINE GROBERG  
JENNIE HOLBROOK

B. 28 DECEMBER, 1944 AT IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO  
BL. 4 FEBRUARY, 1945 BY FATHER  
BAPTIZED: 3 JANUARY, 1953 BY FATHER  
CONFIRMED: 4 JANUARY, 1953 BY FATHER  
ENDOWED: 3 AUGUST, 1967 IN IDAHO FALLS TEMPLE  
MARRIED: 4 AUGUST, 1967 IN IDAHO FALLS TEMPLE TO BARRY J. STRATTON  
GRADUATED B.Y.U. APPLIED MUSIC -ALSO ELEMENTARY EDUCATION  
(CHOICE AND GIFTED-DEVOTED COMPANION AND MOTHER AND  
DEDICATED L.D.S.-BLESSING MANY WITH HER TALENTS)  
PRESENT ADDRESS: 13407 S.E. 339th ST., AUBURN, WASHINGTON 98002

BARRY JOHNSON STRATTON:

PARENTS : MARVIN V. STRATTON  
NANALEE JOHNSON

B. 10 MAY, 1944 AT  
BL.

BAPTIZED: 25 MAY, 1952 BY FATHER

CONFIRMED: 26 MAY, 1952 BY FATHER AT CREM, UTAH

ENDOWED: 28 JUNE, 19

MISSION: GERMANY

GRADUATED B.Y.U. MAY, 1969 (MASTERS

MARRIED: 4 AUGUST, 1967 IN IDAHO FALLS TEMPLE TO ELIZABETH GROBERG

LEADER AND EXECUTIVE --CHURCH AND BUSINESS --IDEAL HUSBAND AND FATHER  
BRANCH PRESIDENT HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS  
TOP POSITIONS WITH WEYERHAEUSER LUMBER CO.

JASON GROBERG STRATTON:

PARENTS : BARRY JOHNSON STRATTON  
ELIZABETH GROBERG

B. 30 MARCH, 1971 AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA  
BL.

(SEALED IN IDAHO FALLS TEMPLE BY PRESIDENT CECIL E. HART  
10 MAY, 1972

DERIK GROBERG STRATTON:

PARENTS : BARRY JOHNSON STRATTON  
ELIZABETH GROBERG

B. 23 AUGUST, 1972 AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

BL.

(SEALED IN PROVO TEMPLE, JUNE, 1973)



LEWIS HOLBROOK GROBERG

MARIE HANSEN GROBERG

SARAH MARIE GROBERG

LEWIS HOLBROOK GROBERG:

PARENTS: DELBERT VALENTINE GROBERG  
JENNIE HOLBROOK

B. 6 FEBRUARY, 1947 AT IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO  
BL. 23 FEBRUARY, 1947 BY FATHER  
BAPTIZED: 5 FEBRUARY 1955 BY FATHER  
CONFIRMED: 6 FEBRUARY 1955 BY FATHER  
ENDOWED: 16 JUNE, 1966 IN IDAHO FALLS TEMPLE  
MISSION: PHILIPPINES (SOUTHERN FAR EAST)  
MARRIED: 27 MARCH, 1976 IN IDAHO FALLS TEMPLE TO MARIE HANSEN  
by: (FATHER WAS TEMPLE PRESIDENT)  
GRADUATED B.Y.U. AUGUST, 1973  
(TRUE AND INSPIRED L.D.S. TEACHER, FRIEND, HUSBAND, EXEMPLAR)  
PRESENT ADDRESS: 155 EAST 18th IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO 83401

MARIE HANSEN:

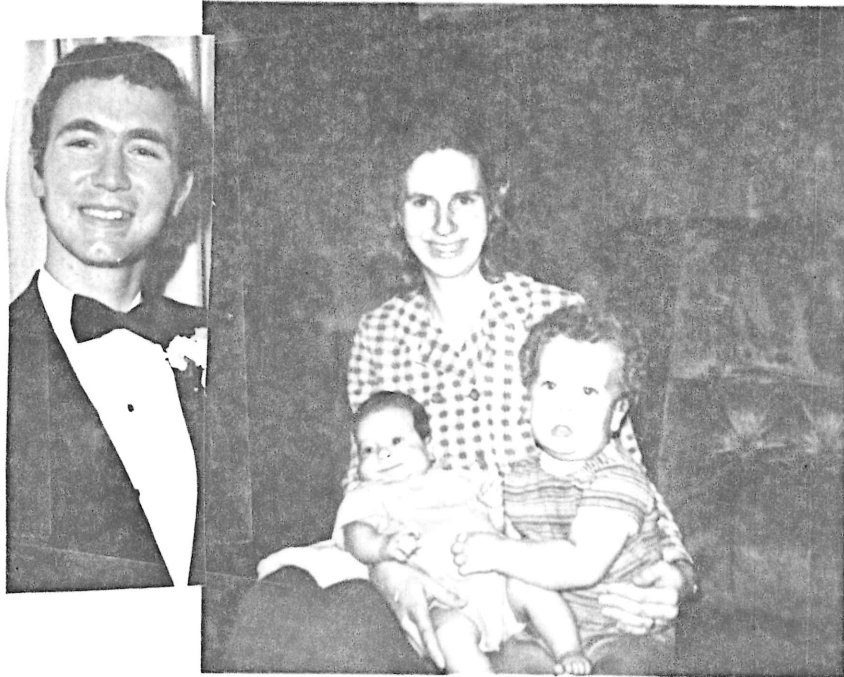
PARENTS: ALVA JUANE HANSEN  
MARY FRORER

B. 12 DECEMBER 1949 AT ONTARIO, OREGON  
BL.  
BAPTIZED: JANUARY 1958  
ENDOWED: NOVEMBER 1973 IN OGDEN, UTAH TEMPLE  
MISSION: IRELAND  
MARRIED 27 MARCH 1976 TO LEWIS HOLBROOK GROBERG  
IN IDAHO FALLS TEMPLE BY DELBERT V. GROBERG, TEMPLE PRESIDENT

SARAH MARIE:

PARENTS: LEWIS HOLBROOK GROBERG  
MARIE HANSEN

B. 11 APRIL, 1977 AT IDAHO FALLS, BONNEVILLE, IDAHO  
BL. BY FATHER



JON CLYDE HUBBLE

GLORIA JEAN GROBERG HUBBLE

BABY TRAVIS ANDERS HUBBLE

JEREMY GROBERG HUBBLE

BABY HUBBLE --NOVEMBER 1977

(see family report 1977)



GLORIA JEAN GROBERG:

PARENTS: DELBERT VALENTINE GROBERG  
JENNIE HOLBROOK

B. 19 JANUARY, 1950 AT IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO  
BL. 5 FEBRUARY, 1950 BY FATHER  
BAPTIZED: 1 FEBRUARY, 1958 BY FATHER  
CONFIRMED: 2 FEBRUARY, 1958 BY FATHER  
ENDOWED: 19 AUGUST, 1972 IN IDAHO FALLS TEMPLE  
GRADUATED B.Y.U. APRIL 20, 1973  
MARRIED: 19 AUGUST, 1972 IN IDAHO FALLS TEMPLE TO JON CLYDE HUBBLE  
(BEAUTIFUL, GIFTED, SERENE COMPANION AND MOTHER AND EXEMPLARY L.D.S.)  
PRESENT ADDRESS: 112 CALVIN DRIVE, TEMPLE, TEXAS, 76501

JON CLYDE HUBBLE:

PARENTS: CLYDE WILLIAM HUBBLE  
SHIRLEY RUTH WINTERMUTE

B. 1 JANUARY, 1950 AT MUSCATINE, IOWA  
BL.  
BAPTIZED AND CONFIRMED 6 APRIL, 1958  
ENDOWED: 15 SEPTEMBER, 1969 IN SALT LAKE TEMPLE  
MISSION: BRAZIL CENTRAL  
MARRIED: 19 AUGUST, 1972 IN IDAHO FALLS TEMPLE TO  
GLORIA JEAN GROBERG  
GRADUATED B.Y.U.  
GRADUATED IN HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATION-UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA  
(INSPIRED, CAPABLE, CHOICE L.D.S.-TRULY LIVES THE GOSPEL)

JEREMY GROBERG HUBBLE:

PARENTS: JON CLYDE HUBBLE  
GLORIA JEAN GROBERG

B. 31 DECEMBER, 1973 AT PROVO, UTAH, UTAH  
BL. 3 FEBRUARY, 1974 in 102nd BRANCH B.Y.U. BY FATHER  
(WE VISITED WITH PRES. KIMBALL IN HALL WHO HAD COME TO  
BLESS A GREAT-GRANDCHILD)

TRAVIS ANDERS HUBBLE:

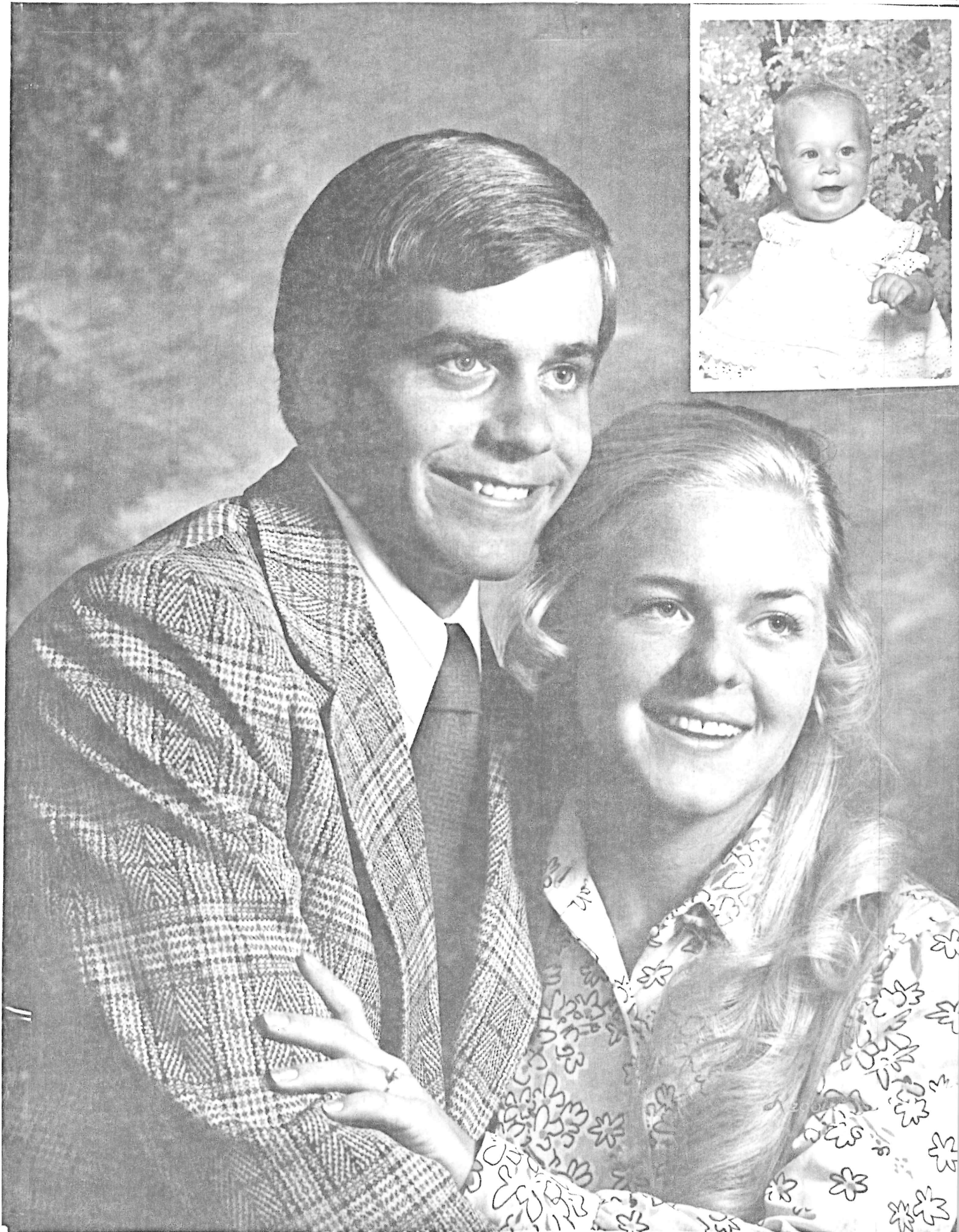
PARENTS: JON CLYDE HUBBLE  
GLORIA JEAN GROBERG

B. 2 AUGUST, 1975 AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA  
BL. BY FATHER

*Heather Ann Hubble*  
B. 3 Dec. 1977 at Temple, Texas

~~BABY HUBBLE DUE IN NOVEMBER, 1977~~

*flash!*



George Holbrook Groberg

Bonnie Gay Jensen Groberg  
Brenda Marie Groberg 242

GEORGE HOLBROOK GROBERG:

PARENTS: DELBERT VALENTINE GROBERG  
JENNIE HOLBROOK

B. 26 APRIL, 1952 AT IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO, BNNVL COUNTY  
BL. 6 JULY, 1952 BY FATHER  
BAPTIZED: 30 APRIL, 1960 BY FATHER  
CONFIRMED: 1 MAY, 1960 BY FATHER  
ENDOWED: 4 SEPTEMBER, 1971 IN IDAHO FALLS TEMPLE  
MISSION: SOUTHEAST ASIA - INDONESIA (INDIA)  
MARRIED: 22 APRIL, 1975 IN LOS ANGELES TEMPLE TO BONNIE GAY JENSEN  
GRADUATED B.Y.U. ATTENDING MEDICAL SCHOOL AT DENVER, COLORADO  
(EVERYONE'S JOY AND IDEAL -ALWAYS STRONG IN THE RIGHT)  
PRESENT ADDRESS: 1200 CHERRY, DENVER, COLORADO, 80220

BONNIE GAY JENSEN:

PARENTS: JOSEPH ELWOOD JENSEN  
GLORIA MARIE WINTHER

B. 9 FEBRUARY 1955 AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH  
BL.  
VAPTIZED: 29 MARCH, 1963 BY FATHER AT LA CRESCENTA, CALIFORNIA  
CONFIRMED: 31 MARCH 1963 BY FATHER  
ENDOWED: 22 APRIL, 1975  
MARRIED: 22 APRIL, 1975 TO GEORGE HOLBROOK GROBERG IN LOS ANGELES TEMPLE  
EXCHANGE STUDENT TO ECUADOR - ATTENDED B.Y.U. GRADUATE NURSE  
(TRUE L.D.S. WIFE AND MOTHER AND EXEMPLAR)

BRENDA MARIE GROBERG

PARENTS: GEORGE HOLBROOK GROBERG  
BONNIE GAY JENSEN

B. 17 JANUARY 1976 AT DENVER, COLORADO  
BL. BY FATHER

BABY GROBERG

B. OCTOBER, 1977 GRETCHEN BORN OCTOBER 21, 1977

(see family report 1977)

*flash!*

# Annual Reports

Prepared by DELBERT V. GROBERG

"...he (Jesus) said, 'bring forth the record which ye have kept...how is it that ye have not written this thing? ....and Jesus commanded that it should be written."

(III Nephi 23)

"I, Nephi, having been born of goodly parents....therefore, I make a record of my proceedings in my day..."

(I Nephi 1:1)

"For it were not possible that our father, Lehi, could have remembered all these things, to have taught them to his children, except...for these plates (records)... ..teach them to his children that thereby, they could teach them to their children, and so fulfilling the commandments of God, even down to this present time..."

(Mosiah 1:4)

"And the multitudes did see and hear and bear record and they know that their record is true..."

(III Nephi 17:25)

"What could you do better for your children and your children's children than to record the story of your life, your triumphs over adversity, your recovery after a fall, your progress when all seemed black, your rejoicing when you had finally achieved?...Your story should be written now while it is fresh and while the details are available....maybe the angels may quote from it for eternity. Begin today and write in it your goings and comings, your deepest thoughts, your achievements and your impressions and your testimonies. Remember, the Saviour chastised those who failed to record important events..."

(President Kimball, New Era, October 1975)

"For I command all men...that they shall write the words which I speak unto them....I shall speak unto the Jews and they shall write it, and I shall also speak unto the Nephites and they shall write it;..other tribes of house of Israel..they shall write it...all nations of the earth, and they shall write it...."

II Nephi 29:11-13)



12 days

HELLO!

I'm tickled pink to be here - I'm pink anyway - I arrived Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> and want to join the

family in wishing you  
A Merry Christmas and  
A New Year of Happiness -

Dec. 1942

Joseph H. Groberg

A MERRY CHRISTMAS GREETING  
A JOYFUL NEW YEAR WISH  
A FRIENDLY HELLO

From Our Home to Yours

A heart to heart message of gratitude for all the good things the year has brought.

May you enjoy the holidays and find 1952 a year of promise, when dreams come true!

Sincerely,

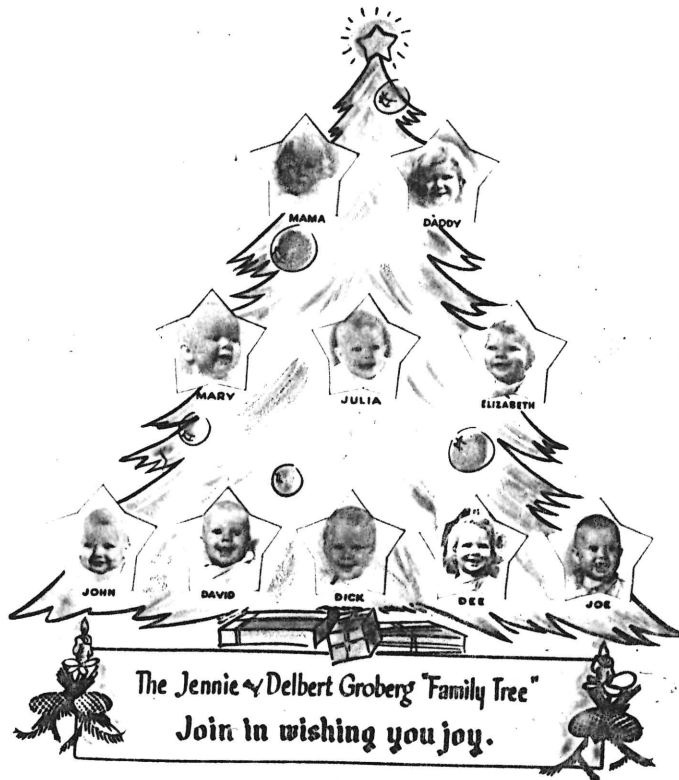
The D. V. Groberg's  
Delbert V. Jennie H.

Julia  
David John Mary

Richard Delbert H.

Joseph LEW

Gloria Beth



NOW WE ARE TWELVE

JANUARY 22, 1950--Birth Announcement

Whether we deserve all that we have  
 It really isn't known,  
 We started twenty years ago - just two of us,  
 And my! how we have grown!

The recent special big event  
 Which causes us to talk this way,  
 Is the arrival of our newest number,  
 January 19 was her birthday.

Here's the statistics for our folks,  
 For every uncle, aunt and cousin,  
 We started 20 years ago - just 2 of us -  
 Now we are numbered by the dozen.

Mary, our eldest, is at the B.Y.U.  
 Mother and new daughter are at hospital doing fine,  
 But it's kinda lonesome around our house,,  
 With no one here, except just us nine.

\* \* \* \* \* ANOTHER YEAR IS ALMOST SPENT \* \* \* OUR FAMILY UNITES AGAIN TO  
EXTEND TO YOU AND YOURS OUR BEST WISHES FOR PEACE AND JOY DURING THE HOLIDAY  
SEASON AND THROUGHOUT THE COMING YEAR \* \* \* \* \*

1958 has been filled with interesting and happy experiences for us. We want  
to share some of them with you . . . and we express our gratitude for:

\*\*\*\*\* David's return from his Southern States Mission in March. He is back  
to B.Y.U.

\*\*\*\*\* Mary Jane's return from her mission to the British Isles in June. Mom  
met her in Belfast, Ireland. They toured Europe together and made a stop at  
Helsinki, Finland. Mary is now teaching here at Bonneville High School.

\*\*\*\*\* Richard's call to the Finnish Mission in June. He arrived in Helsinki  
just a month after Mom and Mary visited there. Richard is now at Turku, Finland.

\*\*\*\*\* Dee's and Joe's unusual opportunity to join Bob and his mother in an  
important linguistic expedition to Yucatan (June, July, August.) They have a  
keen interest in the good Mayan Indian people.

\*\*\*\*\* The pleasant summer with Julia and Markie and Deldo as our guests, while  
Bob was in Mexico. We surely do miss those little red-headed grandchildren.

\*\*\*\*\* John's graduation with high honors from the B.Y.U. in August. John and  
Jean have moved to Idaho Falls where John is helping in our family business.

\*\*\*\*\* Our youngest child, George, having turned six, started school in  
September. It makes us realize time has wrought a great change.

\*\*\*\*\* The safe arrival of little Nancy Jean Groberg to John and Jean,  
October 24th at Idaho Falls -- our third grandchild. Mom was happy to  
be on hand.

\*\*\*\*\* The safe arrival of little Robert Groberg Blair to Julia and Bob,  
November 7th, at Bloomington, Indiana. Mom was happy to be there too.

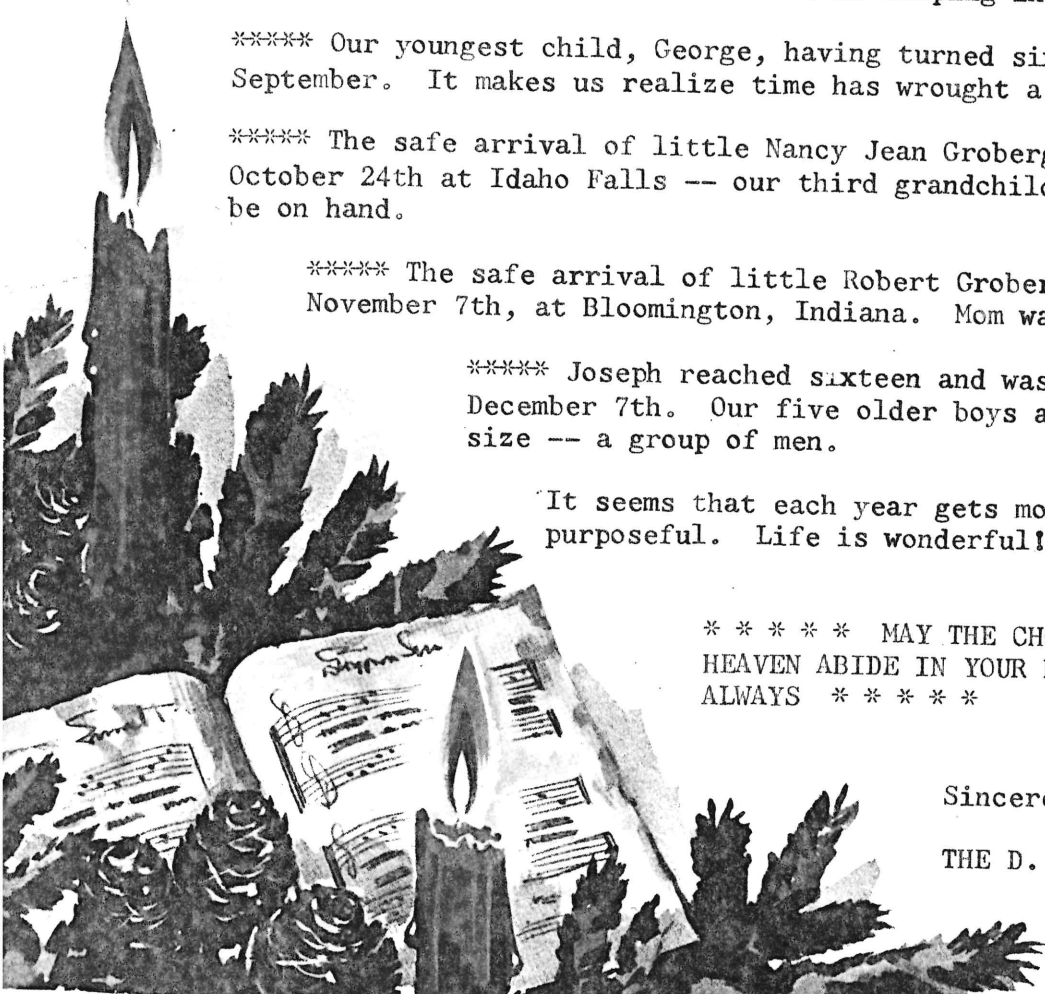
\*\*\*\*\* Joseph reached sixteen and was ordained a Priest  
December 7th. Our five older boys are all about the same  
size -- a group of men.

It seems that each year gets more exciting and more  
purposeful. Life is wonderful!

\* \* \* \* \* MAY THE CHOICE BLESSINGS OF  
HEAVEN ABIDE IN YOUR HOME THIS SEASON AND  
ALWAYS \* \* \* \* \*

Sincerely,

THE D. V. GROBERG FAMILY







# Christmas Greetings

AND SINCERE WISHES

FOR A JOYOUS

NEW YEAR



*We three and the rest of the D. V. Groberg family  
bring gifts of love and gratitude to you and yours*

*Jennie, Delbert and Dee  
overlooking Jerusalem*

1963



THE D. V. GROBERG FAMILY

OUR 1966 ANNUAL REPORT

- 1- JOHN AND JEAN WERE CALLED TO PRESIDE IN THE TONGAN MISSION - THEIR 5TH DAUGHTER WAS ONE DAY OLD WHEN SHE GOT HER PASSPORT- ALL WELL & HAPPY
- 2- LEWIS° OUR 7TH MISSIONARY WAS CALLED TO THE SO FAR EAST AND IS IN THE PHILIPPINES° LOVES THE WORK THE PLACE AND THE PEOPLE.
- 3- DEE AND SHARON HAVE NEW SON NAMED DELBERT JAMES APRIL 7TH POCATELLO
- 4- DICK AND BARBARA HAVE NEW DAUGHTER STEPHENIE ANN NOV 22ND IDA FALLS
- 5- MARY TEACHING AT KEARNS° UTAH
- 6- THE DR. ROBERT W BLAIR FAMILY AS WELL AS JOE AND BETH ARE AT B.Y.U.
- 7- DAVID AND LORRAINE MOVED TO FOSTER CITY° SAN MATEO- WE ENJOYED A VERY DELIGHTFUL VISIT WITH THEM AND THEIR FOUR PLUS CHILDREN
- 8- MON AND DAD AND GLORIA AND GEORGE HAVE MOVED INTO OUR NEW HOME 2885 REDBARN LANE- AND WE INVITE YOU TO COME AND SEE US
- 9- OUTSIDE OF THESE CHANGES AND ADDITIONS OUR REGULAR WORK AND ACTIVITIES HAVE ALSO BEEN MOST CHALLENGING- WE LOOK WITH CONFIDENCE TO NEXT YEAR.
- 10- ALONG WITH THESE SPECIAL ITEMS IN OUR REPORT WE EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO OUR LOVED ONES AND OUR FRIENDS & ASSOCIATES

SINCERELY,

*Delbert and  
Jennie -  
This message came  
to us from an old  
friend - we appreciate  
it and are sharing  
it with you.*



*Happy Holidays  
and a  
HAPPY  
NEW YEAR*

It was in 1788, nearly two centuries ago, Edward Gibbon wrote the DECLINE & FALL OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE. It has been one of the most widely read books of all time. It set forth five basic reasons why that civilization withered and died.

1. Undermining of the dignity and sanctity of the home, which is that basis for human society.
2. Higher and higher taxes — spending of public money for free bread and circuses for the populace.
3. The mad craze for pleasure, sports becoming every year more exciting, brutal, immoral.
4. The building of great armaments while the real enemy was within — decay of individual responsibility.
5. Decay of religion — faith fading into mere form, losing touch with life, losing power to guide people.

THE D. V. GROBERG FAMILY

1967 ANNUAL REPORT

Gregory arrived to Lorraine and David in Santa Clara, California--their child #5, our grandchild #18.

Joe and Beth graduated from B.Y.U. Then they kept us busy with Beth marrying Barry J. Stratton in the Idaho Falls Temple, and Joe marrying Jeanne Pratt in the Salt Lake Temple.

Joe and Jeanne are in Chicago attending school and Beth and Barry, Dee and Sharon, and the Blairs are in Provo at the B.Y.U.

Angela arrived to Sharon and Dee, their third child, our grandchild #19.

Dick and Barbara celebrated Stephanie's first birthday in Idaho Falls and

Mary Jane is teaching at Kearns High School.

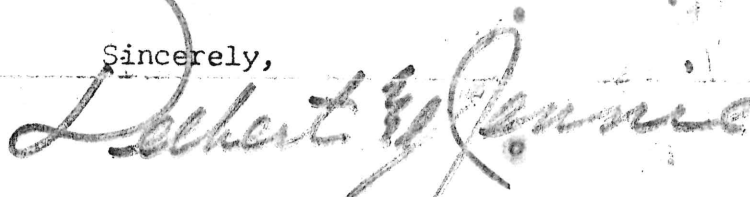
John and Jean and family attended the coronation of the new king of Tonga, and Lewis reports progress and happiness in the new Philippine Mission.

Gloria was our representative for Junior Miss of Idaho Falls and George earned his Eagle and as a regular guard on the Skyline Junior Varsity squad looked very good--especially to us.

Now our hearts are full of love and gratitude for all the "old" year has brought. We want to thank you for sharing and helping and being close to us in our experiences.

May the Holidays and the New Year be a happy time for you and yours.

Sincerely,



This message from Pres. David O. McKay seemed so appropriate for the season that we would like to share it with you:

"One essential in world betterment is the raising of the moral standard. If this statement is judged as being trite, then I say such a thought itself justifies the call for men who will rededicate themselves to the principles of honesty, justice, tolerance and who will practice these virtues in their business and professional activities."



D. V. GROBERG FAMILY REPORT FOR 1968



John  
ENOCH

Now At Home And Pals

John Enoch

First Quarter:

Mom leaves here 2 March for Tonga. Arrived next day 4 March, skipping her 3 March birthday.  
 Receive following message: "Newest Tongan missionar IC 1b. John Enoch Groberg arrived safely March 17. Mother, father, 5 girls and grandmother all doing well."  
 --John in Tonga.

Second Quarter:

Mary Jane receives Masters Degree from U of U. Teaches at Kearns High. Dee and family join International Division of Mobil Oil after completing Masters of Linguistics work at BYU. Barry is student head of Army ROTC at BYU. Gloria graduates from Skyline High and Seminary.  
 Mom, Jean & baby fly to Salt Lake for baby's health. Dr. Steve Hatch & Primary Hospital sense faith and prayers of many & divine guidance as they "take over."

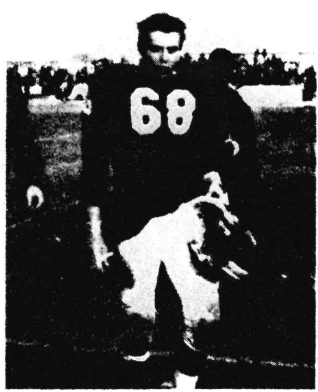
Third Quarter:

Joe and Jeanne leave Univ. of Chicago Law School for few weeks while Jeanne graduates from BYU. Gloria enters Y. George plays football for Skyline High with Mom, Dad & John Enoch as fans. Visit David & Lorraine and 5 children at Saratoga, Calif. where David works as Clinical Psychologist. Jean returns to Tonga leaving baby to bless the homes of his four grandparents Nuku'Alofa Stake formed in Tonga.

Fourth Quarter:

Grandpa Holbrook (92) spends Thanksgiving with us. Beth sings in General Conference & Elder Monson tells of Tong and our two Johns. Dick called to be Pres. of South Idaho Falls Stake Mission, also installed as Pres. of I.F. Board of Realtors. Beth sings mother role in "Amahl" at Y. Golden Jubilee Conference in Tonga. Bob, Julia and children bringing their radiance here for Xmas; also Strattons, Mary and Gloria.

All four quarters Lewis thrilled with his mission in Philippines.



GEORGE H

George H

DELBERT AND JENNIE GROBERG

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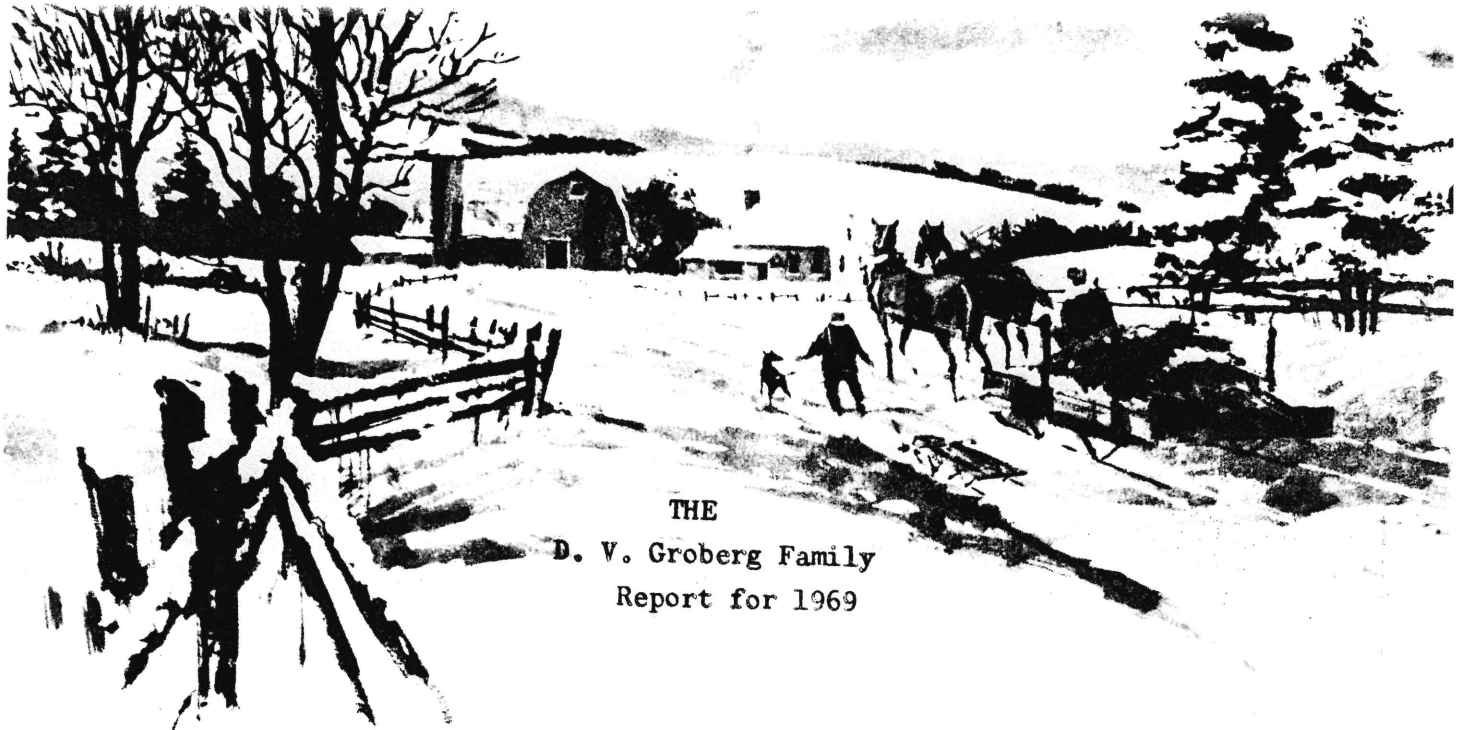
ALTHO IT'S BEEN SAID MANY TIMES .....  
 MANY WAYS !!.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!!

MAD SO WE WERE OFFERING THIS TO KIDS FROM "ONE TO NINETY-TWO!!" SIMPLE PHRASE !!



'GRANDPA & STEPHANIE



THE  
D. V. Groberg Family  
Report for 1969

Starting number (carried forward from December 31, 1968). . . . . 39  
New arrivals during year: Kristen (Joe & Jeanne), James G. Blair,  
(Bob & Julia), Susan (John & Jean) . . . . . 3  
Year End Total Count: . . . . . 42  
1969 Annual Rate of Increase . . . . . 0.076923  
Average annual growth rate since organization date 1930 . . . . . 0.666667  
(Computed to the nearest millionth)

Returned during year: Lewis, from Philippine Mission; John & Jean & family from  
Tongan Mission.

Foreign Assignments: Dee & family to Japan for Mobil Oil

Reunion Highlights: John Enoch with his family; our entire family at home (except  
Japan Branch), David & family presented original Groberg  
family reunion song: old Frolic in best form, etc.

Graduates: Barry from B.Y.U., Lewis from Ricks College.

New Callings: George, Secretary Priests Quorum; Gloria Jr. S. S. Assist.  
Dee, language coordinator & Sharon Mission Primary Counselor  
in Japan-Okinawa Mission; Mama & Jean, Stake Relief Society  
Boards; Joe, Director L. D. S. Institute in Chicago area.  
Barry, Bishop's Counselor, BYU 6th Ward; John, Regional  
Representative of the Twelve (Samoa-Tonga).

Same Callings: The rest of us - - -

Honorable Release: Grandpa Holbrook at age 92.

Enjoyable Temporary  
Addition: John Thomas Tecumseh, our handsome Lamanite foster son.

Grateful: For family, friends - each of you.

Greetings & Prayers: For the Holidays and the New Year; Ma, you have peace and  
joy in your homes and in all you do.

Sincerely: Delbert, Jennie, Gloria and George

Home Address: 2885 Redbarn Lane, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401

DELBERT V. and JENNIE H. GROBERG FAMILY REUNION

August 1-3, 1969, Idaho Falls  
2885 Redbarn Lane

FRIDAY, August 1, 8:30 p.m.: Welcome and Instructions

SATURDAY, August 2

10 a.m.--Talent Program by children--patio

11:30 a.m.--Luncheon for children (Mary Jane and Margaret)

12 noon--Chief Joseph and Know Your Ancestors Program for children only  
Holbrook Room

1:45--Presentation to children by Beth and Barry

12 noon: Luncheon for adults--patio ((Gloria Jean and Jeannie)

2 p.m.: Meeting for adults  
(Children--games at park)

Songs by Beth; Dance by Gloria, and Flute by Mary.

3 p.m.: Know your Ancestors and Chief Joseph for adults only

4 p.m.: Informal--Look at family records, books, tapes, slides; visiting

6 p.m.: Dinner for all--patio ((Barbara and Beth)

SUNDAY, August 3

8:45 a.m. Priesthood Meeting--15th Ward or ward of choice

10:45 a.m. Sunday School --15th Ward or other

1:00 or 1:30 p.m.--Fast and Testimony Meeting--26th Ward, 8th Ward, or other

3:30 p.m.--Report meeting--Living Room

10 minute reports from head of each family  
Balance of time for John and Jean's report.

PROGRAM OF CHILDREN'S TALENT SHOW (PATIO)

1. Songs: Medley by Jenette and Elizabeth Blair; acrobatic and other numbers by Robert G., Delbert W. and Margaret Jean Blair
2. Special Novelty numbers: Nancy Jean, Elizabeth, Marilyn, Jane and Gayle Groberg, just home from Tonga
3. Presentation of original reunion song by David H. Groberg and Family.  
Also special numbers by Kimberly, Jenifer, Randy, and Heather Groberg
4. Original dance and song: Jenette Blair
5. Numbers by Daniel Buckner children and others.

FIRST GROBERG FAMILY REUNION, August 3, 1969.

Dad: The first speaker to give a report and to give some instructions and some thoughts for the D. V. and Jennie H. Groberg Family will be Mama and next will be Mary Jane.

MOM: We are each allowed 10 minutes so I'll take 5. Maybe you've noticed the dress I have on; Gloria made it. And if you noticed the one I had on yesterday, Beth made it. And the pretty pink one I wear, Mary Jane made; this beautiful pin came from Dee and Sharon; and I have a most beautiful ring that is being sized from Figi from our Tongan children, so I'm going to be all fixed up and let Barbara fix my hair or choose my wig. We're really thrilled, though I think of all these things that have been given me, I believe the thing that kind of touched me the most was when Lorraine told me that she and Kimmy got together and spent some time really going over these ancestor stories and pasting in the little ancestor pictures and really getting acquainted; that really thrilled me, Lorraine. We have the rest of them here, maybe you've noticed that chart, so that you'll have something to really go by. Of course, nothing is more exciting than what is going to happen to Julia and Jean; that's always the biggest thrill of all, so maybe we'll have reports on those at our next family reunion. I have thought that if any of you care to have them, we'll make complete minutes of everything we've done the last three days and include some of these little anecdotes about the ancestors. I think they'd be awfully nice bedtime stories to show the heritage we have and also the tremendous responsibility we have to carry on and to see that our children carry on. Now, if you'd like that, I'll do that. Daddy, I would like to recommend that we talk just a minute about another reunion and maybe put someone in charge. We do not have John Enoch spoiled, so don't anybody get that idea! He's just making sure that everybody knows he's around. Also, in preparing for the reunion, I wish you could have been here and watched what Beth did and what Mary Jane did and what Gloria did and little Jeneate Blair and some of the other little children were all busy cooking and planning, so if anyone gets credit, they certainly are the ones.

I have two thoughts that I would like to leave with you to conclude my brief remarks. Gloria and I slipped over to this last Testimony meeting because we missed the first one and I was so grateful because Gloria was the first one on her feet to bear her testimony and it was beautiful. She talked about teaching the Junior Sunday School this morning to sing "Give, said the little stream" and it was really very special. The message I would like to give all of you children in addition to encouraging you to get your Books of Remembrance well under way (I remember that Mary Jane and Julia had beautiful life stories in their Treasures of Truth), but why don't we set a goal, at least I heartily recommend it for our next reunion, to have our life's story brought up to date. For this purpose we have tried to put pictures and other information here that you are very welcome, any of you, to have. Think about it; I think it is a good project.

I have on one of those charts a beautiful letter from my mother. Some of you have never known her, but I'm hoping some of you have read this letter. Just to give a concluding thought here, I would like to read one paragraph from Mother's letter that she wrote to all her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and had sealed it up to be opened in fifty years in a building in Provo. The building was torn down a little earlier so we got it earlier. Several of you have had notes from this letter. Just let me read her last paragraph, from this one letter, to all of us. This, I would like to say, will be a much better way of saying what I would like to say. But, before I start, I would like to say that I think we have the very best Daddy and Granddaddy in the whole world. I don't know where you could go to find a man that just loves everybody so much. Why, if you'd seen how many times he would get up at night with John Enoch, for instance, and never says a word, and if anyone calls from the hospital or anywhere else, he never complains. He really is. . . I can't believe he's real. (we're) He is so kind and good and yet he still is a very successful businessman. I'm real proud to be his children and wife and sure appreciate Dad. Now, the last thought from Mother's letter which is to all of us, as if Dad and I were saying it:

". . . As memory takes you back, even as far as the day upon which I write (it is dated 1930, Oct. and she thought it would be opened in 50 years; it is opened a little sooner) think of Father and Mother as soul-mates in a glad eternity, smiling at the climb we have made. We will have a home for you and yours to come and make your joyous visits.

We will even be on hand to help you select a choice spot for your own dwelling places. (She is, of course, in heaven) If this sounds earthy, to me it is heavenly, because it invisions an association with you and yours. Our Father will not permit any greate harm to come to any of you, for you are his children as well as ours. Your kingdoms are unquestioned because you started them in the House of the Lord. When this reaches you, no doubt, we will be just full of desire to tell you many things. Your needs will be of great concern to us, and if we have power to help put your petitions over, we will not fail. Present them to the Father morning and night in your families and many times in secret throughout the day. What is wisdom in the Father will be granted you and what is not will be supplanted with peace in your hearts. Dearest children (oh,

pardon me, she's writing this as if it were from herself and her husband. He's still with you. She figured by 1970 he would probably wouldn't be, he'd be with her.) Dearest children, and grand-children, great-grandchildren, and more: be true to your faith, live the gospel, and remember the Lord never requires anything of you that he does not prepare a means whereby you can accomplish it. The art of glorious living here and throughout all eternity is within your reach. Goodby for a little while. You see, I take it for granted that Papa and I will go where we want you to go. I trust it may be so. Father & Mother, with gratitude for the priviledge."

DAD; Well, thank you, Mama. You know, in kind of conformity to the family song that David wrote, while Mama was speaking to me I said (that maybe didn't go into the record) Thank You! Mama mentioned that we should have a committee set up for our next reunion, and in Dee's letter, he said that he didn't know when he would be back, but I think that at the termination of his 3 years would be a good time to have another main reunion. We could have some other annual reunions; we would like to have the cabin at Macks used. Peopel can arrange for it and have their friends and families there. But, what do you think? (George would be on a mission; maybe just before he goes) Well, let's have Mary and John in charge. John can have Mary do the corresponding and getting out the letters, and John could take charge of the arranging and lets have some thought given to it.

MARY JANE: This might be more scarey for me because I don't have a husband to be the head of thefamily. During the last three years, I taught school at Kearns Hgh School and enjoyed the summers. The first summer I worked on my Master's Thesis and the second summer I got my degree in June and then I came home and played with the Idaho Falls Sociables and then went to the BYU Summer school which helped me a lot in teaching the next year and then I think we're to this summer. I went to a Workshop at Weber College and then a photography workshop in Salt Lake, Granite District and then came here. That's just about it. In the Church I was a Speech Director first and then I wrote a bulletin for the Ward to pass out every Sunday morning and now I, with the girl I live with, am a co-editor of the Ward newspaper. One of the nicest things, as far as inspiration during the last three years was reading the letters from John and Jean from Tonga. I really enjoyed that a lot. I gave one little talk in Church a while back on Brigham Young, and I'll just relate one or two things from that.

1. He was really an authority on women, because if anybody was, he was. The kids in the ward didn't realize that he had 26 wives and almost all of them were really happy, except possibly for the 26th, but the others seemed to be quite harmonious. Here is one example of how he realized the responsibilities. --It-- of the women because they didn't have so many of the labor saving devices in those days. One time he was talking in Church after the peopel have only been a few days years in the Salt Lake Valley. He said he received word that the handcard company was going to arrive that day and that they have been under a lot of handshps. H said when they get here they are not to be housed separately but to be put in nice, warm homes where they can feel the warmth of you people, your spirits, and your hospitatlity and your service, ministering to them. So, I want all of you ladies to go home to prepare room to put somebody in from the Handcard company, and there will be no Church services this afternoon so you can get ready for it. I think he was really a great leader and so concerned with the people. That's all, Thank you.



JULIA AND BOB: (Dad: take your choice of languages and your choices of experiences; you've had quite a few in the past three years)

BOB: We've been in Provo for the past three years. Julie's been going to school, teaching. She's taught a Freshman English class for one year, and last year was teaching at Farrer. She won't be teaching this next year, but she still has activities planned; classes she wants to take and such, but the big thing, of course is our new baby (boy) which should be here sometime about a month from now or so. The kiddies have been involved in school, of course, The Youngest, Our Lisa, now is 8, we baptized her last spring. She is going into 3rd grade, Jenete into 4th, Bobby into 5th, Del is going into 8th and Margaret into 9th. They're active in sports and school activities. Both Del and Margaret, I think, have had parts in the assemblies this year down at the school, and they just have a generally good time. They are active in swimming, all of them are on the swim team, collect blue ribbons, red ribbons, and white ribbons, mostly blue ribbons. We've been involved in Linguistic Department business. The Department has been building and has given an opportunity for me to get closer acquainted with some of the family. Joe and Beth have worked with me and Dee has worked with me. Dee and I went to Paraguay in 1967 together and then worked during the following year together. It's sort of been a family affair, this Linguistics Department down here. Peace Corp involvement has been a family affair too, with Dee and me involved in different things there.

It's for me always a privilege and an honor to be associated with the family. I didn't have any brothers and only 1 sister, and I feel like I'm so involved with brothers and sisters now that they keep me on the straight and narrow, that's for sure. It's a real pride and joy in my life to be a part of the Groberg family.

JULIA: Bob has said, too, on occasions when he's had a little minor disagreement with or things at the "Y" that he's sure that thing that makes him pretty sure they won't kick him out is the fact that he's in-law of the Grobergs.

JOE: That's what we say too, is that we're related to you, Bob.

DAD: Yes, I think we've got a real ally there.

DAVID & LORRAINE: Well, since the last time we've been together, I've finally finished my graduate work at the University of Utah and got my Ph.D. in June of 1967 and I was so tired of all of the hassle associated with the dissertation that I didn't bother to even go get it. They had to send it to me. But, I took a job before that at Sonoma State Hospital, northern California, working with the Mentally Retarded and then transferred to Agnew state Hospital to conclude their my return obligation to the State of California because they paid my way through part of my graduate work and I was obligated to work for them. After that time, which was just last year, I started working for the County and phased out of the work for the State completely last September. Now I am planning on going into business with some friends planning on building an Institute called the Institute of Personal Growth. There are 8 of us altogether planning on starting this business-clinic adventure, and I hope that we have more to report on that next time, but it is something that we are really interested in. Lorraine has been very active in home life. We've had four homes during the last three years. The last one we bought; the first home that we've bought, and it is in Saratoga, California. It is sort of a "garden estate"; really a beautiful home on a 1/3 of an acre with large redwood trees and pine trees and about 70 varieties of flowers and shrubs, 14 or 15 fruit trees and a big garden spot. We have a huge bush, a syringa, that is blooming right now. Wish we could all be there just to go out to smell it. It is the most fragrant of all our bushes and it's really large. It's The Idaho State flowers, growing in our back yard and really doing well. We're very active in remodeling our home. Just before we came and at the time John and Jean returned from Tonga and visited us, which was a really fun thing for us, Lorraine and I laid an old brick linoleum floor that took us, I think, about 40 hours of labor, a lot of it in the wee hours of the morning because we couldn't do it with the kids running around. One of the most frustrating jobs I've undertaken. But, after we had it finished, there was really a lot of satisfaction. It's sort of like Gloria's story of the "Little Prince": when you've contributed to something (like taming it), it was taming that linoleum for us, you love it, and we really like our floor now.

The kids have been very active in swimming. We have a swimming pool right close to our back yard and I hope that in a few years they'll be able to have some friendly and fun competition with the Blairs. They are really just learning how to swim at this point and not ready for much competition although Randy came home with a Third, he was third in a race for his age. ( It was a race where I think they could walk on the bottoms!) He really can't swim much yet. They take swimming and dancing and singing lessons ~~but~~. Kimberly is taking piano lessons. She played one of her pieces for the family reunion. Lorrain: (David is her teacher). Yes, I've been giving her stars in the John Thompson book. Thompson is the real teacher. Lorrain has taken a jewelry class and we went to a candle shop in Oakland and Lorraine just watched for a half hour or so the candle making process and came home and made some beautiful candles. I don't know if any of you have seen them, but I think they're the prettiest candles I've ever seen. She's also made three rings now in her jewelry class, and I suppose you'll all see jewelry coming out of our place. We have a little barn in the back of our house that we'd like to turn into a craft shop and Lorraine is interested in most of the crafts and very good at it also. She also went to Esolon, which for some of you who don't know about it, is an Institute that has been set up at Big Sur, right on the ocean, on the Central California coast, where people go for a weekend-for-a- of meditation, sense awakening, encounter, all sorts of things. But her particular class was in body awareness. It seems to have added a lot to our family, to let the earth do its part in all your interactions with it: you lie on the earth and let your body lie limp and enjoy the earth pushing back up and supporting you, that type of thing. It helped me go to sleep when we were camping in the Sierras, just thinking about it, some of the words that Lorrain brought back, some of the concepts of relaxing and enjoying kinesthetic interaction with the earth. She could tell you a lot more about it. We certainly have had a beautiful and interesting experience here at the family reunion. It was certainly fun to meet you, Barry and You, Jeanne, for the first time, and the little ones. I guess that is about it. Do you have anything to add?

LORRAINE: Well, I would like to mention about our house. It really isn't all that beautiful right now. When Dee saw it for the first time, I think he was the only one that was really honest. He said, "Wow, its ugly as a bear now!" But there's a lot of potential and we do have a huge piece of land and its really going to take a long time to fix up and the inside of the house is very old and quite run down, but we're putting down new wall covering and floor covering and I think we'll be able to make it a real enjoyable home. My experience in Esolon, I would just like to say that it was very enjoyable—I haven't talked to anyone about it, but its a place where people live very naturally. They believe that anything that is natural is the best for the human body. The husbands deliver the children (they will have a Doctor there watching in case of an emergency or something) but the father is expected to deliver the child) and they do family bathing. They have warm springs there and the father and the whole family go down and bath together and they raise all their own food there. Most of the teachers are Ph. D. and people who have just gone there and lived--they make all their own clothing and their seminars are mostly making people more aware of themselves as human beings and what their potential can be. It was really enjoyable. I don't believe that David mentioned that all the kids were in school now and that next year we will have only one child at home, little Gregory, and he's the only one that takes all my time right now anyway, so it will be pretty much the same. The jewelry making has been so much fun, a lot more fun than I thought it would be. When you get a piece of gold and cast it, we do wax molds first and then you cast the gold and then you use all kinds of polishers and machines to just shine it. You hold this little thing that is all rough and you shine it and shine it till its just brilliant and you feel like you've accomplished something that is really beautiful.

You have surely added a lot.

DAD: Thank you very much. Sometime after this we want to get a recording of the original songs that you brought to the reunion.

DICK AND BARBARA: Since the last get-to-together, Stephanie was born, November 22, 1966 the same ~~day~~/made famous by the assassination of President Kennedy, three years later.  
date

And since that time she's learned to talk and she swings and she sings and she dances. And she plays quite a lot with the Colonel, John Enoch. Barbara's been taken the hobby of ceramics. She's made several things. Many of received gifts and they will in the future. It has turned out to be a time consuming and quite an expensive hobby, ~~but~~ which she seems to enjoy. In fact today she had finished up an owl which is a piggy bank for Stephanie. She's also been working at the office and has been Junior Sunday School Coordinator and a teacher during that time and her husband has been associated with the Groberg company and last year was, some time was spent in school. I took an insurance class to see if I could hack it. I kind of decided I had to either get involved or not so I went back to Connecticut for three weeks. It was quite interesting to see how big the people talk back there. A lot of the companies there were bigger than the whole state of Idaho--just a single company, as far as insurance goes. A lot of them were sons of prominent people. Some of them went back to the 1700's when their families had been there and started in insurance right from the word GO. And then I took a first course in M.A.I. which Dad is, which was held in Pocatello--the only time it has been there. I found that rather challenging and fortunately passed it. In the professional work, they caught me off guard and at the Real Estate Board one time. I guess everybody else had been in and there weren't too many new comers so they put me in as Vice President of the Real Estate Board with actually no opposition. And then the next year it turned out that I showed up for a few meetings as Vice President so they elevated it to President the next year and that is what I'm in now. Some of our activities have included parties and various things and several times we've had over 100 people involved, over 125 at Regional meetings in Boise. They sent me back to Washington D. C. and Barbara came along. It seems that if you have any willingness they just keep reelecting you!

DAD: I would just like to comment on Dicks' functioning as the President of the I.F. Board of Realtors. I've been connected with it for nearly 40 years and I don't think there has ever been a more popular president than Dick. Tony Naegle, who's a maestro of affairs, watched Dick at the annual meeting and he just came to be afterwards and said: "That Richard is just a natural. You would think he was a professional administrator."

DICK: Barbara and I went back to Washington D. C., the first time that I had been there for quite a while. I don't know about Barbara, I think she had just been to the airport. But it was kind of fun. We went to the necessary meetings but found them so big and so far above our heads really for what we are involved in here that we visited the White House and all of the places. And then another time we made a speech over at Boise, a couple of them on the Real Estate. Church wise, I went to a couple of meetings once and they put me in as President of the organization, which is the Stake Mission. That is about all it constitutes is just one President, and about three others that also have titles.

but very little force.

DAD: Dick, in his capacity as Stake Mission President and George (kind of an associate) baptised our neighbors two children. They've had quite a lot of success and Dick's 1st Counsellor is the Radiologists at the Hospital and probably one of the most capable young doctors in town. I think probably this position of his is one of the real dominant positions for this Stake Missionary work in this stake and area.

DAD: We'll just mention for Dee, he sends his love. Everyone here is invited to write to Dee and Sharon as they feel they are quite a ways from us and that their wishes and hopes and thoughts are with us here.

(INSERT: DEE'S LETTER)

JOE AND JEANNE: Well, I'm going to have to at least start because three years back I'm solely accountable for what happened. Since then, both Jeanne and I have graduated from college at B.Y.U. and then we went back to Chicago and I've finished two years of law school at the University of Chicago. The two outstanding events, really, of the

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last two years: Some of you aren't familiar with the first one, that is, Jeanne's and my courtship and marriage. So I'll recite to you highlights of that. I first met Jeanne after I had had some dates with girls who were maybe good looking but not too smart...I can't remember what it was, but for some reason I found myself studying in the specially carpeted Honors Room for students who are given the privilege of studying there. Normally, I avoided it. But, I went in there once and I noticed there were quite a few cute girls. One day I was studying and in walked the girl who was most beautiful of all. So, I plotted to meet her, eventually I did, dated her for a while, and it seemed like she wasn't very interested in me. So I figured I wasn't going to get very far, at least she didn't seem very interested. So, I started dating other people and just sort of kept her in mind and watched her date all the "swingers" for the next year or so and finally I decided to ask her out again. I think she had dates usually when I would ask her out. But when I got another date with her and dated her for a while, I decided that I definitely wanted to marry her. This was Jeanne, of course. So finally, about three or so months later, I proposed to her, secretly, I don't think I mentioned it to anybody else, and she turned me down. So, I went back to plotting and figured out every possible angle and finally determined on the plan that had to work, it took me right to the brink, but it had to work, and that was not to mention marriage again to her until I had to if I was going to get married, until after school was out. I kept dating her and finally went out to Denver after school was out to visit her and her family. There, I tried again, after three or four months of silence. This time she readily accepted, but said that her parents might not agree. So, we sat out in back, swinging back and forth. I was going to go back the next day. Her mother kept coming out in back, changing the hose, and telling us it was late and didn't want to come in. Then her father came out and checked a few things and said that it was getting kind of cold, and didn't we want to come in. So finally I decided that if I was going to say anything to them I had better come in because obviously they were telling us that they were going to bed. Finally, she came out and said, "Well, we're going to bed, you can stay up as late as you want. So finally I went in. They really weren't going to bed. They were just kind of straightening things up and just kind of locking the door and checking things, and I just kind of sat there bewildered and finally I said: "Sister Pratt," and both of them went right over and sat down on the sofa, looked up at me and said, "Yes". . . and they accepted. I still don't know if maybe Jeanne wasn't just putting me on about their wondering if it was right or not. In fact, they were very excited about it. Mr. Pratt said, "Well, we know that Jeanne is young and has a lot of things to do, but some things are just more important than others." So, we were married and that was a delightful experience, and then we had our first year and then on February 18th 1969, little Kristin was born and so now we are three. Those are pretty much the outstanding events of our last three years.

DAD: Do you have any rebuttal, Jeanne?

BETH & BARRY: Not having quite as glib a tongue as some others, I've got all mine down on notes. It was approximately 3½ years ago that my Groberg life started. It started as a freshly returned missionary from Germany out hunting for a wife. This was in the spring of 1966. At that time Beth was very socially active as you all know. Singing at firesides, party chairman of the ACaepalla Choir. One of her friends from the A Cappella Choir and my roommate lined us up. So, we met on a blind date, going to a M.I.A. Dance, and have lived happily ever after. That was in April, and I remember that she seemed more impressed with the feather flower she had just made than with me. She came bounding out of her apartment and said "Look at this flower:" and she wasn't talking about me. Well, that summer she help send John and Jean to tonga and after they were off she went down to the second session of summer school and worked in the bookstore. Mr. Stratton went to Los Angeles, bought himself a car, and worked on the railroad, trying to get enough money to date the girls for another year. in the Fall of 1966, Beth starred in

the production of Lakme and did the part of Mrs. Benaon. She did very well and enjoyed it. I was also going to school and dating Beth whenever I had the change. I found that if I didn't ask her out, somebody else would, so I asked her out just about every chance that I could. In the spring of 1967 Beth starred in the production of Orpheus. She was Euridice. Also, she, along with Joe, graduated and meanwhile became engaged. I was going to school and also working at the B.Y.U. Press. During the summer of 1967, Mr. Stratton went to Los Angeles to try to get enough money to get married on, and Beth came to Idaho Falls to make preparations for the marriage. Two years ago tomorrow we were married. After our marriage, we went to our Orem home (it was a nice little home, with two bedrooms). I worked on a trail up above Salt Lake. Beth had a good experience working at the Cannon Center, wiping off tables! She earned \$50. for one months work. That year she worked as a graduate assistant and also in the Elementary Schools teaching music and I was President of the Oratorio Choir and participated in the concerts there. Also that year I started out on an adventure I sometimes wish wasn't necessary, however, I was accepted for the Army ROTC program at that time. That summer I took my basic course at Ft. Benning, Georgia. Beth had a good baby-sitting experience tending two teen-agers while their parents were off in Europe. Then in the Fall of '68 we moved to Provo in another nice carpeted home. Beth continued working on her elementary certificate and also worked for Bob part time. At Christmas time Beth started in the opera "Amahl and the Night Visitors" I came back from the ROTC camp fortunately or unfortunately at the top of my class, so I was the ROTC head last year at BYU and also worked in the Chemistry Department teaching some help sections and correcting papers. Last semester Beth did her student teaching. She had a very enjoyable time with the first graders and a not so enjoyable time with the fourth graders. I graduated at last with about 180 hours at BYU in Chemistry and then went to summer camp at Ft. Lewis, again ROTC. Beth stayed here, taking some more classes helping with "the little man", John Enoch. The future for us is very uncertain. In the next five years, we'll have at least two years of Army, perhaps three, and two years of MBA and we don't know the order, the place, or the time. Beth will either be teaching or tending her own children and we think you know which would be our preference.

(whichever will come first)

LEWIS: Three years ago I was in the Philippines. I had been there approximately one month and was stationed right in the heart of Manila. I stayed there for my first 7 months and then I moved out to a Providence area outside of Manila and I stayed there for about 3 months. And then I guess they decided that I looked like a pretty humble missionary so they sent me to a new area just freshly opened in Ilo Ilo. I spent 6 weeks there and I guess decided they had had enough of me there so they sent me to another new area called Sebu. It was the second largest city in the Philippines but it had only been opened for 2 months. This was where I had on so fhte highlights of my mission. There was a Protestant minister, Church of God minister, who had been teaching for 22 years in the third largest city of Devaw and he moved from Devaw to Sibiu. The missionaries, the very first ones who had come began to teach him. We were about the second or third who had been there. We continued to teach him. He came to all the activities but when it came time to be baptized but didn't have the desire to be baptized, into the Church, just wanted to look it over. My companion and I persisted on him and finally found his trouble areas and were able to bring him into the Church. He's one of the strongest members of the Church in Sibiu, in fact in all of the Basás. From there I moved out to Manila where my companion and I brought in one complete family and then my last four months I worked in Tarlac branch. I learned a lot about branch work and then I stayed 3 extra weeks to wait for Dad and we then went from the Philippines down to see John and on the way down we hit a few of the high points of Southeast Asia...Singapore and Indonesia. Then we went to Tonga and spent about 8 days there and spent another day in Samoa with John and then we came back to the United States at the end of February. I decided to go to school and about 6 days later I enrolled in the Block plan at Ricks and after that I got a job working on a farm but this job didn't last too long because I broke my wrist, and had a cast for about two months. When I realized I couldn't do anything else, I signed up for summer school. I learned how to write with my left arm (during the first term) and then decided to complete the second term, and that is what I am doing now. Immediate plans are to get the 14 1/2 credits I need to graduate from Ricks and then to go to BYU.

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detail of the area and the population might be interesting to you. We ~~have-to-~~ started out with 11 districts ( a district is similar to a stake, in fact some of our districts are bigger than stakes) and we finally talked the brethren into converting one of them into a stake and it is one of the "going" stakes in the Church now, has about 4,000 members, 8 wards, and is really an outstanding stake. We have two or three others that are right in that position too, if we just had the buildings. I shouldn't say "if": when we get the buildings we'll make stakes out of those too. That's the only thing they're waiting for, they have plenty of leadership, plenty of population, plenty of ability, just no buildings.

We learned a lot from the Tongan people. I know that we learned more from them than I think they learned from us. But, I think we could all learn a lot from their value systems. David was talking a lot about communication and so forth. I don't know of any people in the world that have ~~the~~ a better family organization and a better communication system than they do in Tonga. In Tonga a family is ~~the~~ consider to be anyone up to 17th cousins or something like that. I'm not sure how far. The family is the basis of their society, and it is a pretty broad basis too. They have if you are anywhere related to anyone you're in their family. Of course they always try to be related to the families that have a little more ~~th~~ than the others because they have certain claims. I think we could learn an awful lot from them on that basis. They have family reunions all the time, not really formal reunions but it seems like everytime they get together its a family reunion. I think we really learned from our family and sure wish to ~~app~~ express our appreciation to our family: Grandpa and Grandma Groberg who have really born the brunt of rearing John Enoch and to Jean's parents, he was with them for 3 or 4 months. We really originally only thought that ~~he~~ would be here just a little while and thought we would have him back in Tonga, but it didn't work out that way.

We hope to get better acquainted with him over the next few years. I think we will. One of the books that the King insisted I read, I think it would be a good one (I don't know if David has read it or not), it is called "On Teaching your Baby" He has the theory that the most formative time is the first few years. (Have you ever read that one David?) The author had his child, ~~age-5,~~ passing the College Calculus exam by the time she was five. They have a lot of good points. There is a lot that really is true about it. So, I am sure that if John Enoch turns out to be anything, we'll have Grandpa and Grandma, Gloria, Beth, George and a few others to thank for it. We hope that he does. He's pretty famous in Tonga. When we knew about when we were coming, the queen had been after me for quite a while to come over and visit, and I finally made an appointment just two or three days before we came home. Then she called me up and said: "Now that you're coming at this time, I want you to come an hour earlier so that we can have a good visit while no one knows about it". The main thing she wanted to know is how John Enoch was - and she made me promise that the first thing I would do when we got home was to take a picture of him and send it to her. We'll have to be sure to do that. It's not just a little interest they really are sincerely interested. I think that John Enoch is a lot more famous than his parents ever ~~were-over~~ will be in Tonga. The fact that we had the five girls, and while in Tongan society the girls are valuable, they can't carry on a title and Tonga is built on titles. You have to have a son to carry the title, it is against the law for girls to, that is they aren't considered at all. While we don't have the same system here, in the Tongan minds they really thought this was pretty good, to have 5 girls and then suddenly get a ~~son~~. They thought we really had it made and that we wouldn't need to have any more kids. I think that they were quite shocked when Jean got pregnant again. Their idea was that the reason we had 5 is because we didn't have a boy yet. He's famous in more ways than one. We think he's pretty special. Someone said that it was really something for you to come all this way, 7 - 8000 miles to finally have a son. In fact, it was one of the leaders of the Church that mentioned it to me at one time and I said: Well, it has been a long journey, but I think it has been a journey more in faith than it has been in miles." I don't know what it takes to have a son, but I think it takes the right attitude. Maybe he'll need his five sisters just to hold him down. The way he runs around. He seemed to have perpetual motion in his legs until he got sick. You've all heard of the stories around his ~~dad's~~ birth and the things that happened and I would just like to say that it is very real and true that there wasn't anyone there

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or the outsiders who expected him to live. They run a lot of babies through that hospital and there wasn't a single person there, of course at the time they were sort of cheerful, but everyone of them came to me individually afterwards when they saw that he was going to make it and said: "I really didn't think he was going to make it." If you would have seen him the day or two before he came home, you would have wondered to. He was real.....I doubt a child could be closer to "gone" than he was and still make it. I really don't think it would be possible. If you drew a scale somewhere, I don't think you could be any closer to being "out of it" and then make it. We really feel that the faith and prayers of the good Tongan saints who had a mission-wide fast. And they did it spontaneously

I not only knew nothing about it, but because we were so concerned and were with him 24 hours, there wasn't any time for us to do anything. They were just entirely on their own---sent telegrams around, send messages over the radio, not only members of the Church but non-members who were friends of ours, even though they weren't members of the Church, have come to me and said: "You know, when we heard about the problem with your baby, we joined in on the fast, and we had our family prayers". Good Wesleyan prayers, good Catholic prayers....the spirit of the occasion was very real and very genuine. They just sincerely wanted to help. I think Bro. Monson, while he didn't give us one inkling of an idea that he was going to talk about him, he just asked us a lot of questions on Tonga, I think he hit it right on the head. He said: "On the Tongans path to greatness they haven't forgotten ~~the~~ love and sincere concern for others". And, its true. They really have a heart full of love and deep faith and sincere concern for others and they were sincerely concerned about John Enoch.

Someone asked me the other day how I WOULD sum up the mission in just a brief sentence or two, what would I say/ is the highlights. I think we probably should have this in the record as a summation of our experiences. I really feel that it is ways a family mission, especially with John Enoch being here, I feel that all of you were writing and supporting and helping, and we felt your faith and prayers. We really honestly felt that it was a family project. So, we feel that that which we gained is family property, so to speak, and the right and privilege of all of us here. If we could sum it up, it would just be the simple statement that our greatest responsibility is to teach faith to our children, and that you can't do it without having it yourself, or to get faith yourself and to pass it on to your children. With the drugs and all of the people running around trying to figure out how to happiness and how to be in tune with this that and the others; the forces that are at work are so frantic that unless a person has deep rooted faith, they're just going to be off on something that will lead them to something less than a full realization of happiness. And the only way we can do it is to teach deep-seated faith in God as our literal spiritual father and deep-seated faith in Jesus as the perfect example and the Savior of mankind. There just isn't any other way. If you have anything less than that, you'll be swayed.

and will move off in some direction that is less than the correct course. If we could summarize it, I think that is what it would be. We have learned and I am sure I speak for Jean, that we do have a Father in Heaven and that he literally is our father. That every person in this world comes in two parts: spiritual and physical. You have your choice. It's an all or none proposition. You either get spiritual control over the physical and then you have both because you can control everything physical and you can also have everything spiritual. You either go that direction or else you go the other direction and subdue or kill the spiritual by ~~the~~ accentuating the physical and then you have nothing, you're completely out of it. It's an all or none choice. I think that we have a real responsibility to teach faith and I would like all of you to know, Mary, that every family has problems and that they all are different. I would like Mary, and Bob & Julia, Beth & Barry, David & Lorraine, Dick & Barbara, Joe & Jeanne, Dee & Sharon, even though they aren't here, and all of the rest who are not married to know that it really is true that you are two parts. I'll give you just one quick example. I think I wrote a letter on it but I don't remember. One of the real close friends that we had, one of the real sincere, devoted workers in the Church was a fellow by the name of \_\_\_\_\_ . He was really one of the old "War horses, so to speak. One of the guys that put the Church first and really worked at it, went through the times of persecution, and stayed true. He had had his problems, but eventually came around, as all people do, eventually come to the truth because it's there, it is true. It won't change. Everything else will change, but it won't. He passed away and his passing was a real shock to everyone, sort of like Pres. Simpson's passing. He just kind of had the flu and didn't feel too good so he went to the hospital for a few days. There wa

even a question as to whether he should go to the hospital or not. One afternoon he called and wanted me to come over and talk to him for a while. He wasn't even in the mission then, he was in the Stake, but of course we had worked so closely that he wanted me. So I went over and visited with him and administered to him and told him that everything would be all right. He had a special teaching assignment, and was teaching at the time, and was undoubtedly the best or among the best of the Tongan teachers, and would rank highly among teachers anywhere. He just really had that ability. He could really teach and could really get points across. He was a fairly young man, I think he was 50 - 60. And then he just went, just like that. About 1 1/2 hours later. When I was there, we were just talking, visiting, etc. Well, his wife asked me to kind of take charge of the situation. The law in Tonga says that if you die before noon you have to be in the ground before the sun sets and if you die after noon, then you have to be in the ground before noon the next day. This was late in the evening when he passed away, so we scheduled the funeral for 1:00 the next day. But that night we brought his body over and the first time I got to see him after he passed away was when they brought him into the room and asked me to get him dressed in his temple clothes. So I got some of the other brethren around to help prepare his body. But, the thing that just really hit me at that moment was that just an hour or two ago I was talking to this man and he was alive, he was active, he was talking, he was intelligent, there wasn't a thing wrong. And when you looked at him now, to see him, he looked exactly the same way, not one iota difference just exactly the same person and yet if you've ever seen anything helpless and useless really (with all respects to him), it's a person with his spirit gone from him. I mean, you just ought to try to get them to cooperate when you're putting the things on. They are just absolutely the most helpless, worthless, cumbersome, muscles were gone, everything. This wasn't the first person I had had to deal with, but it was the first time that it just really hit me. I thought: "There is the truth. It is in nature and God has shown us that there is a fact of life." Who on earth is going to be able to go to God in the last days and say: "Oh, I didn't realize that the spiritual side is way so valuable." You didn't realize it? Have you ever seen a body without a spirit doing anything? Have you ever seen someone who was dead doing anything? What do you think the difference was? It was just the spirit that was in them a few minutes ago, and then it is gone.. What do you mean, you didn't realize that. There it is. There is the evidence. It is right there. It is all around us. There is no value and you can't do anything without the spirit.

Alma It just really struck me hard at that time. ~~Es-yeak~~ We talk about evidences! ~~Who was it?~~ Alma at one time was talking to one of the anti-Christ's and said: "You show me, prove it to me," and Alma said: "I'm not going to prove anything. Everything about the world and the universe proves that there is a God. And furthermore, you know that there is one." Well, it is really the same thing, but to have a personal experience like that really brings it home. I don't hope that you have that opportunity, but it wouldn't be a bad opportunity for you to have; just try dressing a dead person sometime, just try even putting their shoes on---you just have to have the experience before you realize what it is. It is just the same person, but with his spirit gone. It really impressed me that those that develop the spiritual capacity, then they can control everything physical. The world was created spiritually first and then physically not the other way around. It was created spiritually first so that the spirit had control and all the laws are spiritual laws. The spirit does control the physical, not vice versa. All the physical can do is be subject to the ~~physical~~ spiritual. It's a concept that I've really tried to put over to the Tongans.

One of the leaders of the Church asked me what I thought was the greatest accomplishment on the mission, and of course that is a real hard question to answer, but if I had to answer it ~~and I wouldn't know~~ I would say that we feel that there are at least a few

people that are more aware of the spiritual side of life at the end of 3 years than they were before, are more aware of the fact that there is spiritual guidance to everything, and spiritual power. Well, he said that that was a pretty good answer.

MARY: I heard someone once say that when I was young I believed that a person was a body with a spirit but now that I'm older I believe that a person is a spirit with a body.

JOHN: Well, I just do think that it is real important for all of us to realize this. Another thing that we have learned is the importance of free agency, and the fact that no one can be forced into anything. We had a lot of opportunities, too many, where people were



really thinking: "If you'll provide opportunities for education for our children, then we'll come into the Church and will force our children to do this that and the others. We were able to say, Well, that is fine. You just go merrily on your way till you learn the principle of free agency because if you don't understand that then it is not good. You can't force anyone and the beautiful thing about it is that everyone will learn eventually. No matter how long it takes, they'll learn. Of course they'll be sad for the time that has been wasted, but everyone eventually will know, and will learn these truths and the sooner we learn them, the better. I suppose that Jean and I have been tremendously humbled by all that we don't know. I think that the closer you come to the truth and the closer you come to the spiritual values and realize how all-prevailing they are, and how real they are, the more you realize that your whole life should be wrapped up trying with all the energy that you have to just come ~~is-~~ closer ~~to~~ in tune with the spirit of our Heavenly Father. That's really what it would be summed up in. We talked about parents wanting their children to be obedient. I'll just experiment with George. George: Do you think your Dad loves you? Do you think he would make any family rules that would be for your harm? Do you think that everything he would do would really be for your advancement? Do you obey everything he says? Why don't you? And yet you realize that everything he has would be for your good. We realize it and yet we don't do it. Now, we'll just take it one step further. Do you ~~think~~ think that our Heavenly Father would ever place a rule upon this earth that would ever be for your harm? Do you think that everything he would do would be for your advancement? Do you keep all of his laws? Why not?

Well, if you just think about it for a little while. I would ask the parents in Tonga about their children and get them all excited. Dad: Does it please you if George obeys you? Does it displease you if he doesn't? Why are you happy when he obeys you? The only reason is because you think it would make ~~you~~ Dad happy and that's really the only reason. Why are you sad when he doesn't obey you? Because it would bring unhappiness to him. Now, do you think that our Father in heaven feels very different ~~from you?~~ towards you than you do towards your son? If you really love your son and make all these rules and regulations for his benefit don't you think that those regulations that our Father in Heaven makes are for your benefit?

In Tonga I would usually pick out a parent that wasn't paying his tithing. After we would get through I would ask: "Well, now, what do you think about the law of tithing?" After he had really committed himself that it pleased him to have his son obey him and displeased him when he didn't. How do you think your father in heaven feels about your not paying tithing? And he would say: Well, hummmmm. It's easy to do this in Tonga. Tongans aren't too embarrassed. You can call people out in the audience and say now, "I noticed you were smoking last night. Have you quit it yet this morning?" They're really understanding.

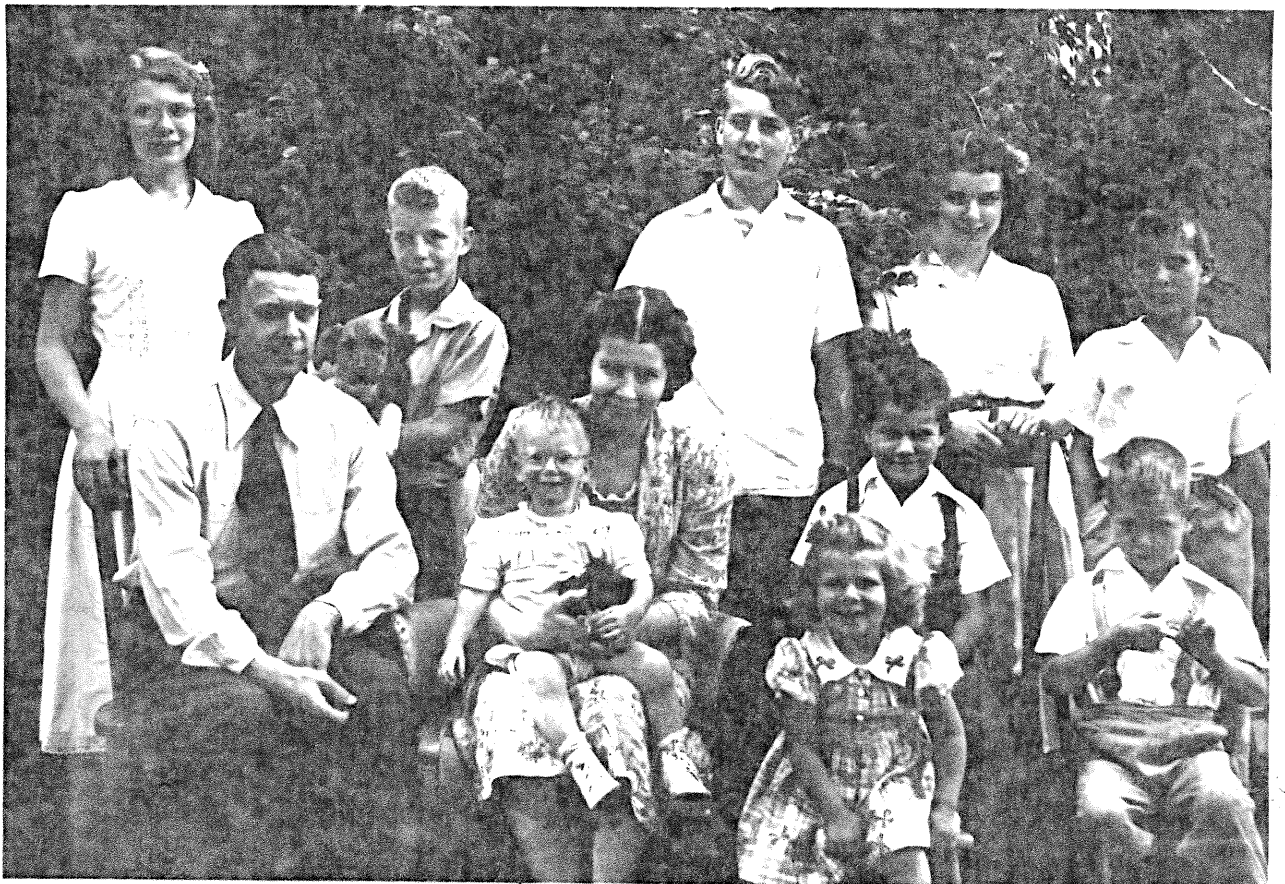
Well, I think that the kernel of this is really true, that we expect our children to obey us, we're happy when ~~they~~ they do obey us and unhappy when they don't obey us. We realize that we've got to teach and that ~~we~~ <sup>the reason we</sup> ~~we~~ are happy for them, not for our benefit. Well, we are parents and ~~we~~ we as people on this earth never grow out of that one responsibility of being children. We're always children of our father in heaven. Even though we become parents and grand-parents and great-grand-parents. I used to tell the people that when it says in the D&C "Let everyman learn his duty" ~~to~~ to act in the office that he has been called. We think well, we're called to be a Bishop or a Stake Mission President, etc. But one of ~~the~~ the duties that every man and every woman has and one of the offices and calling that he has and that he'll never get rid of is that of being a child. When the Lord says: Children, be obedient to your parents that is exactly what he means. We not only need to be obedient to our parents, but to ~~him~~ Him.

Well, that is plenty on that. I do want everyone to know that it is important and that it is true, and that it is the responsibility of every individual to find that relationship. I will just leave my testimony that it can be found. When the Savior left his disciples he made this statement: He says: Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you. Not as the world giveth. And that goal of achieving peace and harmony and knowing that it is the right peace and harmony, knowing that our Father and in Heaven is pleased with what you are doing, that peace can't be achieved any other way. But the great thing about it is that it can be achieved, and a person can have that feeling here and now. I would just like to challenge every member of the family. We talked about goals for the next three years, there is no greater goal in life. I am sure that David from a psychology point of view, Barry from a military point of view, that there is no greater goal than to be at peace with yourself. That peace in the world will be ~~his~~ achieved when every

person has peace with himself. It is based upon obedience because our Father in Heaven is the one that gives peace, and he gives it through his Son. He said; My peace I leave with you if you will obey me. Every person in our family can achieve that. If you people knew the things that I knew, seen the things that I've seen, have heard the things that I've heard and have felt the things that I felt and have known what I've known and know, there wouldn't be a single person here that would do anything else than just strife with all their might, mind, strength and power, every faculty about to be completely, 100% obedient to the teachings of the Lord. It can be achieved. Again, thank you all for all you've done. I would like to welcome Jeanne and Barry and all the rest of the "little shavers" into the family.

We couldn't have done this mission without your help. I know that two of the people that we love out a lot are Dick and Barbara. Even though they are unsung on occasions, I know that Dick has carried a tremendous load at the office and Barbara has too. They've carried a tremendous load with our house. We appreciate them collecting the rent every month and getting it all fixed up for us. You don't know what ~~they meant to~~ meant to come into a place that is neat, clean. The only thing that I am concerned about is that I don't want to ~~say~~ have any situation develop where Dick would feel that he is any less valuable than he is right now. I'm sure that things will work out that way. So, we do want to leave our blessings and testimony with you.

DAD: We hope that all of you know that these pictures for the Book of Remembrances are available. Please let us know if you take any originals of them so that we can get originals back so that we can keep a master records. Also, please remember the writing up of your personal history, getting a start, anyway, on your own little kingdom. It doesn't seem like any time at all since Jennie and I were talking about getting married and wondering what we were going to do and, like David has said, "Turn around" and here we've got children that have their children, coming home and that will be the way with you in just a little while.. I hope that you have the same joy and challenge and overcome obstacles that will come up and grow under them and even do a better job than we've done.



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THE D.V. GROBERG FAMILY REPORT L(&) 1970

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Number carried from Dec 31 '69 -	42
New arrivals during 1970	3
Added by marriage	1
year end number - - - - -	46

1970 annual growth rate .0952380%

Detail ) New births- Tanya- born to Dee and Sharon in Kobe Japan  
Mom was there for the arrival March 7th 1970  
Kjersten-born to David and Lorraine in Calif  
on 3rd August, at Saratoga-  
Anna Marie, born to Joe and Jeanne at Denver,  
on 11th of October

- \* Marriage- Mary Jane to Achim Fritzen June 9th 1970  
at Idaho Falls Temple
- \* Degrees- Joseph- Doctor of Jurisprudence, University  
of Chicago, Law School June 12th 1970
- \* Gold Bars- Barry, 2nd Lt Commission, ROTC at B.Y.J.
- \* High school George, from Skyline high, Idaho Falls Ida  
graduate- "lineman of the year" award-
- \* ~~Surgical~~ ~~John Enock~~, by ~~Dr. Steven Hatch~~ at Provo  
~~operation~~
- \* Travel Dee and Sharon and family from Japan and  
Kimberly and Jenifer from Calif, for wedding  
John and Jean and Nancy and John Enock to Tonga  
David, to London, England
- Moved- Joe and family, from Chicago to Denver via Quebec  
Dee and family from Kobe to Tokyo via New York
- Reunions\* Holbrook in Calif, Groberg at Macks, Brunt  
at Macks, Hinckley at Salt Lake- uplifting  
sadness, Honorable release, Uncle LeRoi S.L.C.  
Callings, Barry 1st Couns in 46th Ward Bishopric  
Robert G. Blair, Deacon, Delbert W. Blair teacher  
Lewis, Stake missionary, George "home father"  
Gloria, MIA Sec. Mary, Drama director MIA etc
- special letter- From John Thomas Tecumseh- best wishes to all  
Business good, Thanks to Dick and Barbara and the others

Holiday Greetings: May the New Year Bring again, PEACE ON  
and our prayer EARTH, GOOD WILL TO MEN and Joy to each  
home and to each one of you and yours.

Sincerely, Delbert and Jennie Groberg-





THE D. V. GROBERG FAMILY REPORT,  
December 1971

OUR FAMILY STATISTICS:

Number from Dec. 31, 1970 . . . . . 46  
New Arrivals During 1971 . . . . . 3  
Year-end Number . . . . . 49  
1971 Annual Growth Rate . . . . .0061224

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DETAIL:

Additions: Jason to Beth & Barry Stratton; Thomas Sabin to John H. & Jean; Anny Elizabeth to Mary Jane & Achim Fritzen

Mission: George to Indonesia, home in Djogjakarta, Java, Tengah

School: Lewis & Gloria at BYU. Lewis is Temple Coordinator & Gloria is Visiting Teacher Supervisor in their wards. Barry received his MBA from BYU.

Far-Away Meeting: John & Marilyn, George & Dee & family met for a day in Tokyo. Small World!

Moves: Joe & Jeanne to new home in Denver--3058 South Cook. Beth and Barry with Weyerhaeuser in Federal Way, Wash.

Trips: To Northern Calif. to visit David & Lorraine. Kim, Jenifer, Randy & Heather came home with us for a visit. Gloria featured children, including John's & Buckner cousins in successful roadshow. Mom, Dad, Gloria & George visited Strattons in Wash., camped out on Salmon & Clearwater.

State Officer: Richard elected Vice-President Realtors of Idaho.

Home On Visit: Dee & Sharon, Del, Angela & Tanya on vacation from Tokyo, Joe & Jeanne, Kristin & Anna Marie in Idaho Falls; Julia's family to George's Farewell. Blairs still famous for swimming prowess, Margaret for speech & debate.

New Callings: Dee to High Council, Sharon to Relief Society Presidency in Tokyo; Joe & Mom as Gospel Doctrine Sunday School Teachers; Barry as Ward Executive Sec. Barbara as Sunday School Teacher; Beth as Primary Teacher; Jeanne as Primary Chorister; Julia as Relief Soc. Leader; Achim Seventy Leader

Retired: Dad as Chairman of County Selective Service Board, after 23 years service.

Gratitude: For Mom's recovery from 6 weeks virus infection. Faith & prayers of loved ones were felt & heard.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS & OUR LOVE & PRAYERS FOR HEAVENLY BLESSINGS ON EACH OF YOU.

2885 Redbarn Lane  
Idaho Falls, Idaho  
January 27, 1973

THE D. V. GROBERG FAMILY ANNUAL REPORT -- 1972

OUR FAMILY STATISTICS:

Number from December 31, 1971.....49  
Additions during 1972..... 3  
Year-end Total.....52  
1972 Annual Growth Rate..... 0.0576923

THE DETAIL OF THE ADDITIONS:

Births: \_ (Richard Todd to Dick and Barbara  
(Derek Groberg to Beth and Barry

Marriage:

Gloria Jean to Jon Clyde Hubble, August 19, in the Idaho Falls Temple.-- Likely one of the most travel-connected weddings in family history. Beth and Barry flew in from Hot Springs, Arkansas; Dee from New York (family already in Orem, from Tokyo); John and Jean flew in from South Pacific; Lewis from Hawaii, Joe and family from Denver; Blairs from Provo; Jon's parents & brothers from Muscatine, Iowa and Provo; other relatives from California, Salt Lake, etc. (David's from Saratoga, Cal.) Other special trips: Dee to England, Australia, Japan, etc. Dick and Barbara to Texas, Del & Bobby to Idaho Falls, Joe to Idaho Falls with Kristin, Bob from Coast to Coast, John to Tonga, Fiji, etc.

MISSIONARY:

George H. in Indonesia, a "New Branch" in Bogor - JL. Veteran 22, Bogor, Jawa, Barat.  
Elder James Cullimore visited Indonesia and George and brought back happy reports.

SCHOOL:

Gloria completed work in December to graduate from B.Y.U. in April;  
Jon is a student at B.Y.U.  
Lewis also plans to graduate from B.Y.U. *in April*  
Fritzens attended summer school at B.Y.U.  
Sharon virtually completed requirements to graduate from B.Y.U.  
Julia's "Master's" is near.

MOVES AND HOMES:

Mary and Achim new home at 390 Lincoln Drive, Idaho Falls (83401)  
Dee and Sharon new home in Orem, Utah, 990 North 250 East (84601)  
David and Lorraine & family from Saratoga, Cal., back home in Idaho Falls.  
New home under construction at Southwick Addition, Ammon and new office at 841 Oxford;

D. V. Groberg Company (Dad, John, Dick), new offices at 1655 S. Woodruff  
Barry and Beth & sons from Tacoma to Hot Springs, Ark., 106 Richwood Lane  
(71901)

Note: Blairs still hold open house at 980 Cedar Ave., Provo, (84601) and  
John and Jean at 1269 Homer, Idaho Falls, Idaho,  
Dick and Barbara at 2265 Richards Ave., Idaho Falls,  
Joe and Jeanne at 3058 South Cook, Denver, Colorado. (80210)  
Lew lives at 802 N. 700 E. #14, Provo,  
Hubbles at 67 West 700 North, Provo.

NEW WORK:

Barry: Weyerhaeuser Wood Products Division - Arkansas.  
David: Director Clinical Services, State Rehabilitation, for ten Idaho  
Counties.  
Lew: Luna for Dole Pineapple in Lanai, Hawaii and Assistant Appraiser for Dad.  
Achim: Teaching American History as well as German, Mary: Private tutoring.  
John and Dick: Condominiums and Office Bldg. at Woodruff Park, Magnavox  
Center, etc.

NEW CHURCH CALLINGS:

Barbara and Mary Jane: Editors of ward news bulletins.  
Beth and Jeanne: Pres. Y.W.M.I.A.  
Barry: Member of High Council Arkansas Stake.  
Dick: Inservice Leader.  
Joe: Pres. Elders' Quorum.  
Sharon: Social Relations Teacher & Jr. Sunday School Coordinator.  
Mom: Stake Mother Training Leader

SPECIAL:

Dick: Graduate Realtor and chosen Idaho Falls Realtor of Year.  
Dee: Wrote "Mnemonic Japanese" - Interac Publication.  
Blairs: Swimming & Speech Awards, Scholarships, etc.  
Family reunion held August 20-21 -- All present except George.

SADNESS:

Passing of:  
Uncle Clair Anderson in Manti;  
Aunt Carolyn Blair Shumway in Salt Lake;  
Cousin A. W. "Bill" Brunt in Idaho Falls.

We are so grateful for the many manifestations of love and unity in our family. We are sure the Lord expects us to acknowledge his hand in all our accomplishments and blessings and so live that all can enjoy a continuation of his spirit and his approval in all that we do.

With many others we have hoped and prayed for the end of war and we rejoice in the announcement that peace is restored to Vietnam. We extend our love and faith and prayers that we can work and help bring about "Peace on earth and good will toward men."

Sincerely,

DELBERT V. AND JENNIE H. GROBERG

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2885 Redbarn Lane  
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401  
January 25, 1974

THE D.V. and JENNIE H. GROBERG FAMILY ANNUAL REPORT -- 1973:

NUMERICAL POSITION and GROWTH RATE:

Forward from 12/31/72. . . . . .52  
Added during 1973. . . . . .5  
Year-End total . . . . . .57  
1973 Annual Growth Rate. . . . . .0.096157  
(Extending 2 decimals and rounding to the nearest number, this would be 10%)

NOTE: Our grandchildren are now 21 girls and 15 boys. By comparison, at the end of 1972 there were 20 girls and 11 boys, and at the end of 1971 there were 20 girls and 9 boys. The trend toward a nearer balance appears to be developing.

NAMES - DATES - PLACES - of '73 ADDITIONS:

Benjamin Wallace Blair - to Bob and Julia, March 7, at Provo, Utah (7th)  
Geoffrey Nelson Groberg - to Dee and Sharon, March 25, at Tokyo, Japan (5th)  
Jonathan Pratt Groberg - to Joe and Jeanne, September 22, at Denver, Colorado (3rd)  
Jennie Marie Groberg - to John and Jean, October 26, at Idaho Falls, Idaho (9th)  
Jeremy Groberg Hubble - to Jon and Gloria, December 31, at Provo, Utah (1st)

NOTE: It takes every day in the year, including the last one, to account for the annual growth. It also takes a good map to spot the places. Our hearts follow our families.

MISSIONARY:

In September our youngest son, George H., completed his South-East Asia Mission in Central Java (Indonesia). Besides Malay, he was called to learn Tamil as he spent the last period in southern India. He returned home from New Dehli via Europe and is now back to B.Y.U. in Pre-Med, living at 851 East 620 North, Provo. George has thrilled us all with his love for the people and the work in his mission.

NOTE: This brings to an end a period of 19 years that we have had one or more missionaries in the field, all seven sons and Mary Jane. Already we are beginning to miss the letters at least once a week both ways, over 2,000.

GRADUATIONS:

University: Gloria, Sharon and Lewis, all from B.Y.U.  
High School: Margaret Blair - with "honors galore" and a standing ovation from Provo High.  
Our hearty congratulations! These were thrilling experiences and made our year very special in this department.

TRAVEL - TRANSFERS - WORLD ASSIGNMENTS - VISITS - REUNION:

Achim, Mary Jane and Anny flew to Europe, visited Anny's grandparents in Bonn, Germany, toured Achim's boyhood places, along the Rhine, etc. They met many relatives and brought back a happy report. Anny (now 2) was the "ambassador" now at 390 Lincoln Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho, Mary as editor, ward bulletin, and Achim as 70's President, loved and appreciated.  
Dee and Sharon and family moved from Tokyo, Japan to Orem and then to New Jersey where you can write them at #27 Wychwood Road, Livingston, New Jersey 07039. They live in the Short Hills Ward area. While headquartering in New York, Dee will be doing special work for MOBIL in South Africa and South America. We think with Dee's efforts for MOBIL OIL CORP. on all continents of the world, the fuel problems should soon be solved. His interest in Japan and Interac continues.

John and Jane and Gayle flew to Fiji, Tonga and other South Pacific Islands. John, Regional and Mission Representative, also filled a separate assignment at Mission Presidents' Seminar in Sydney, Australia. Jean was to go on this trip but deferred to maternity doctor's advice and remained home (1269 Homer Ave., I.F.) with Thomas S., Susan, John Enoch, Marilyn, Liz, and Nancy. With Lewis, we visited Joe and Jeanne and family in Denver. We enjoyed their sweet hospitality. Attending the 10th Ward and watching Joe conduct was special. So were the visits to Joe's law offices and to the Pratts. Our family took three full carloads to southern Utah area to a delightful Holbrook Family Reunion and program. David and Julia and families took leading roles in historic production, written by Vera Heninger. Great fun to be with so many loved ones.

#### CHANGES - MOVES - POSITIONS:

Without moving, we became members of a brand new ward, Idaho Falls 35th, another new and wonderful bishopric, a new place to meet, new jobs and friends and challenges. Growth is a wonderful blessing.

After graduating from the "Y", Lewis returned to Idaho Falls and is working with John and Dick at the big THREE FOUNTAINS project. Being a Sunday School teacher and chairman of Young Adults help keep him busy and happy.

David and Lorraine and family moved into their new home in Ammon (3350 Southwick Drive) -- much of it built by themselves out of old Eagle Rock School brick.

Working on Young Marrieds Committee in their ward, they are truly appreciated.

Jenifer and Kim enjoy MIA, Randy, Heather and Greg enjoy Primary and little Kjerstin is enjoyed by all. It is great to have Lorraine's parents, Randall and Dale Herring, living here as well as her sister and family, the Daniel Buckner's.

After selling their home on Richards Street, Dick and Barbara moved into a THREE FOUNTAINS condominium while waiting for completion of their new home on Azalea, next to Heningers. (Temporary address is 1492 Three Fountains Drive, I.F.) Dick is an effective missionary and Inservice Leader and Barbara is Primary organist. Stephanie loves school and church and is a delight to her first-grade and other teachers. Todd is a happy all-boy challenge. Colby's parents and twin-sister's family claimed them for Christmas.

Jon and Glo lived and worked in Muscatine, Iowa, during the summer, close to Jon's folks. They are now back at B.Y.U. (3A-145 Wymount Terrace) where they ended 1973 with a new birthday.

Joe called to be first counselor in the new bishopric in Denver 10th Ward. They still live at 3058 South Cook in Denver. Jeanne teaches early morning Seminary at home.

Barry also teaches Seminary in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Derik was sealed to Barry and Beth in the Provo Temple in June. (Serving as High Councilman -- Beth has music in ward)

Nancy, with a perfect score, received her driver's license. She was seen on T.V. with her school marching group. Junior Sunday School appreciate her as organist. Trophies received by Del Blair for All-Region swimmer, by Lisa for Utah Valley High Point swimmer, by Bobby for swimming and tennis. Jenette has a winning smile, Jimmie and Benjamin are loved by all. Markie and Del are presidents in MIA. Daddy Bob filled important assignments in the Northwest as well as at home. Julia continues to love and lift all around her. (980 Cedar Avenue, Provo) It's good to have Grandma Blair near.

A special privilege of a Stake Patriarch is to give blessings to his children and grandchildren. Dad was grateful to have Margaret receive her blessing. She was just two months old when Dad was called to be a patriarch.

Dad was appointed Chairman of Bi-Centennial Commission, also elected State President, Idaho Chapter Appraisal Institute. He helps at the Temple one day a week from 4:30 A.M. to ..... Mom is Gospel Doctrine Teacher in new 35th Ward Sunday School and continues as Mother Education leader in Stake Relief Society. Family is first and greatest responsibility and joy.



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Numerical position and growth rate:

Forward from 12/31/73.....57  
Added during year..... 1  
Year end total.....58

1974 - Annual growth rate.....0.017544  
Rounded.....2%

Special note: Christmas time is Carol time - Again the real miracle of Christmas is the birth of a babe! This year Caroline Blair arrived December 16 to be with Julia and Bob and all the wonderful Blairs this 1974 Christmas time.

Announcement: Engagement - George H. to Bonnie Jensen of La Crescenta, California (met at the B.Y.U.) - to be married in the L.A. Temple April 22, 1975. Plans after marriage - to enter Medical School after completing pre-med at B.Y.U.

Major Moves: Dee and Sharon and family to 3723 Viewcrest Circle, Salt Lake City, from New Jersey. Jon and Gloria and Jeremy to Birmingham, Alabama, address: University Housing.

Travel: 1974 will likely lead other years in distance and amount of trips and travel for our family -

John to the South Pacific 7 times - 175,000 miles  
Dee - several business trips to Africa, Japan, Europe and South America - (Interac) probably more than 200,000 miles  
Lewis to Tokyo to work and home for Christmas - 14,000 miles  
David - to Atlanta, etc. - Boise many times, 8,000 miles  
George - to California, Denver, New Orleans, Nashville, New York Virginia, St. Louis, etc. (accepted as medical student)..about 10,000 mi.  
Jon and Gloria - to Denver, Birmingham, Hot Springs, Birmingham, Washington D.C., - 20,000 miles.  
With Barry and Beth's and Joe and Jeanne's and Dick and Barbara's it adds up to close to 500,000 miles we have traveled in doing our 1974 year's work - this may be something of a family record.

Work: Lewis to a new job with INTERAC in Japan (Dee's company)

George - an extra assignment to prepare material for Indonesian so language credit can be given at the B.Y.U.

Barry - a special responsibility to build a hard-wood merchandiser for Weyerhaeuser near Hot Springs - to be completed and operational early in 1975. This is a most challenging project. We visited the site. Barry estimates the cost to be more than a million dollars.

New Church Positions: Barry was called to be Branch President of the Hot Springs, Arkansas, Branch.

Jon was called to be librarian of the Birmingham, Alabama Branch and Gloria was called to be the Branch Chorister and also the Mother Education Leader in Relief Society.

Sharon is Mia Maid leader and Dee working with the Aaronic Priesthood in his ward in the Mt. Olympus Stake in S.L.C.

George is Executive Secretary in his ward in Orem, Utah, etc., etc.

Business: The official charter for American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers was awarded at Boise in July with National President presenting the charter to Dad as the first President here. We attended the world-wide Appraisal Congress in Washington D.C. and also the National Convention at Las Vegas.

Special: While in Washington D.C. we visited the L.D.S. Temple and were invited to help as guides one day for very special visitors - during the pre-dedication period when it was open for public inspection. One interesting introduction was given us by Elder Boyd K. Packer who met us when we arrived at the Temple grounds and walking with us to the beginning of the reception line Elder Packer presented us to Wendell Ashton, who was first in the line, this way: "Wendell, you know John's parents" --Elder Ashton replied: "Yes, I have known the Grobergs for many years. We enjoyed being identified through our family.

Opportunities: Dee wanted Sharon to go with him on a business trip around the world. We enjoyed staying at their home with the children. Dad returned to Idaho Falls for most of the period but Mom stayed on. We were saddened when Sharon's father died while Sharon was in Africa. We had word sent and Sharon came home in time to meet with her family after the funeral -cutting the big trip short.

Julia had some health problems and Mom helped at Blairs for about a month until little Caroline arrived safely via Caesarean Section route. This was beautifully stated by Julia: "The miracle of Christmas is the birth of a little baby."

George brought Bonnie up for a couple of days. He has some good medical schools that have invited him to attend (10). He is making a careful study of what is best for him to do.

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#### THINGS WE APPRECIATE:

Our Home - so alive with little children and so well filled.

Our Loved Ones: Tho removed from us are so close they add to our joys and lessen our burdens, their example a light, their expectation of us a pathway.

Our Church: With the world of brothers and sisters it raises up about us who work with us in doing things for us and allowing us to do things for them, and for the organizations which supplement the training of our home.

Our Leaders: Who place confidence in us and respect our ability and assign us important positions to fill.

Our Friends and Neighbors: Who make us feel needed to complete the circle.

Our Clients: Who deal with us in the daily work by which we make our livelihood and make us feel our service and time is worth fully as much as we charge them for it.

Each Other: As we strive to give to the world the best we have in humble appreciation of the all that has come to us. We are one world but surely another attends us and we must attend it.

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Number forward from December 31, 1974.....58

Births: Rosalee (Mary and Achim)...../ 1  
Biki-Anna (John and Jean)...../ 1  
Travis Anders (Jon and Gloria)...../ 1  
Michael Andrew (Dick & Barbara)...../ 1  
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Death: Achim Fritzen\*\*

Addition: Bonnie Jensen married to George H. on April 26 -

Missionary: Delbert Wallace Blair to Ecuador, Del, our oldest grandson, starts the new generation of missionaries. We are thrilled. Del will be a wonderful missionary. He will also set the right example for the other grandsons to follow.

Among the New Church Callings:

Dick to the Stake High Council in the Idaho Falls South Stake.  
Joseph to be the Bishop in the Denver Tenth Ward.  
Our call to be the President and the Matron of the Idaho Falls Temple  
John to the General Church Lamanite Committee  
Barry to the Branch Presidency in Wausau, Wisconsin.

Moving about:

Barry and Beth and boys to Wausau, Wisconsin, to the North-East Region of Weherhaeuser.  
George and Bonnie to Denver where George is in the University of Colorado Medical School.  
Lewis - back from Japan to serve as best man at George's reception and to take a new job at Three Fountains and an apartment on Cambridge.  
Jon and Gloria - finished at Alabama and moved to Los Angeles to interne at Westwood Hospital Complex.

Bicentennial: With invitation from Elder L. Tom Perry we had a thrilling opportunity to put on a portion of the Bicentennial demonstration at the big June Conference in Salt Lake. Stephanie, Nancy, Liz and Marilyn helped. Also D.V.G. was named to the Church Advisory Committee of Bicentennial with responsibility at special meetings with national leaders. Our program for the Bicentennial and our Stake and County work with the Bicentennial was most enjoyable. Since our call to the Temple the 25th of October, we have had long, enjoyable hours and long, rewarding days and about the shortest and happiest two months we have ever experienced.

Special: It was a wonderful opportunity to have President Kimball, President Romney and Elder Haycock stay at our home during the change at the Temple. All our family were invited to meet and sing for the Prophet. Under great pressure, Dee somehow managed to re-upholster our couch and personally deliver it in time for our Prophet's visit - Many other family members pitched in and helped get things ready and all became a happy, excited part of this special time.

As the year 1975 ends we are looking forward with faith and confidence. The challenges, opportunities and excitement will continue. We wish each of our family and friends a Happy New Bicentennial Year - We also gladly extend an invitation to come to the Temple and see us! We are sure this will bring joy and rejoicing!

\*\*Achim's death is the first among our children and their companions. He is greatly missed and loved. Mary, thru her tears, counted her blessings with Anny and Baby Rosie and gave strength and courage to all of us.

With love and gratitude,  
Jennie + Delbert Groberg

IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO, DECEMBER 21, 1976

THE DELBERT V. AND JENNIE H. GROBERG FAMILY REPORT  
FOR 1976 --

NUMBER FORWARD FROM DECEMBER 31, 1975 .....62

BIRTHS: BRENDA MARIE (JANUARY 17 AT DENVER, COLO..... 1  
(to George & Bonnie)

JARED NELSON (APRIL 28 AT SALT LAKE CITY.... 1  
(to Dee and Sharon)

ADDITION BY MARRIAGE: MARIE HANSEN TO LEWIS  
MARCH 27, IDAHO FALLS TEMPLE .. 1

YEAR END TOTAL 65

NEW CHURCH CALLING: JOHN H. A GENERAL AUTHORITY AT APRIL  
GENERAL CONFERENCE.

JOHN WAS CALLED TO THE FIRST QUORUM OF SEVENTY.

IN THIS CAPACITY AS ONE OF THE GENERAL AUTHORITIES OF  
THE CHURCH HE WAS APPOINTED AREA SUPERVISOR FOR THE PACIFIC  
ISLANDS WITH HEADQUARTERS IN HONOLULU, HAWAII.

THE GREAT IMPACT OF THIS IMPORTANT CALL HAS CARRIED TO  
EACH MEMBER OF OUR FAMILY. WE ARE AWARE OF JOHN'S FAITHFUL-  
NESS AND PREPARATION. WE SUPPORT AND SUSTAIN HIM WITH ALL  
OUR HEARTS AND ARE HUMBLE AND GRATEFUL AND WANT TO BE UNITED  
AS A FAMILY IN OUR FAITH AND PRAYERS.

1976 A YEAR OF MANY MOVES:

WE HAVE FOLLOWED THE EXAMPLE OF NEPHI AND "LIKENED THE  
SCRIPTURES UNTO OURSELVES."

ONE PASSAGE IN ABRAHAM 1:1 RELATES DIRECTLY TO OUR FAMILY  
DURING 1976--WHEN HE REPORTS; "IT WAS NEEDFUL FOR ME TO OBTAIN  
ANOTHER PLACE OF RESIDENCE.."

AS WE ASSEMBLE THE MATERIAL FOR THIS YEAR'S REPORT, THIS  
PASSAGE HAS BECOME A GOOD THEME, "LIKE UNTO OURSELVES".

OUR MOVING HAS BEEN A COMBINATION OF SCATTERING AND GATHERING,  
BOTH ARE BLESSINGS (AT LEAST IN THE LONG RANGE) AND ARE SPOKEN

OF IN THIS WAY IN THE SCRIPTURES. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE REVELATIONS  
OF ALL THE SACRED, INSPIRED TEACHINGS OF THE PROPHETS, PAST AND PRESENT.  
THEY GIVE US PURPOSE AND STABILITY--EVEN IN CHANGE.

WE ENJOYED MANY MOVING EVENTS AS WE CELEBRATED THE BICENTENNIAL IN  
1976.

THE FOLLOWING BRIEF REPORT TELLS OF NINE OF OUR FAMILIES "OBTAINING  
ANOTHER PLACE..OF RESIDENCE" DURING 1976 AND WHY IT WAS NEEDFUL.

1. DELBERT AND JENNIE MOVED FROM THEIR REDBARN LANE HOME TO THE TEMPLE  
PRESIDENT'S HOME ACROSS FROM THE IDAHO FALLS TEMPLE BECAUSE THIS WAS  
NEEDFUL FOR OUR CALLINGS AND WAS SUGGESTED BY PRESIDENT KIMBALL. WE WERE  
THRILLED TO HAVE PRESIDENT KIMBALL AND ELDER MARVIN J. ASHTON COME AND STAY  
WITH US AT THIS HOME IN MAY OF 1976.

2. JOHN AND JEAN AND FAMILY MOVED FROM THEIR IDAHO FALLS FAMILY HOME  
TO HONOLULU, HAWAII BECAUSE IT WAS NEEDFUL TO FULFILL THE CALL AS AREA  
SUPERVISOR OF THE PACIFIC AND WAS REQUESTED BY THE BRETHREN.

3. BOB AND JULIA AND FAMILY MOVED INTO THEIR NEW HOME IN PROVO, BEING NEEDFUL TO FULFILL A DREAM.

4. JON AND GLORIA AND FAMILY MOVED FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, BEING NEEDFUL TO ACCEPT EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AT THE BIG VETERANS HOSPITAL THERE.

5. BARRY AND BETH AND FAMILY MOVED FROM WAUSAU, WISCONSIN, TO AUBURN (SEATTLE), WASHINGTON, BEING NEEDFUL BECAUSE BARRY WAS ASSIGNED BY WEYERHAUSER COMPANY TO ITS WORLD HEADQUARTERS THERE.

6. GEORGE AND BONNIE AND BRENDA MOVED INTO THEIR OWN HOME NEAR THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, BEING NEEDFUL BECAUSE THEY HAD LITTLE BRENDA AND CHILDREN WERE NOT WANTED IN THE APARTMENT, WHILE IN MEDICAL SCHOOL AT DENVER.

7. LEWIS AND MARIE MOVED INTO A HOME IN IDAHO FALLS BECAUSE IT WAS NEEDFUL FOR THEM TO SET UP HOUSEKEEPING AFTER GETTING MARRIED.

8. DEE AND SHARON AND FAMILY MOVED TO THEIR NEW HOME IN SANDY, SOUTH SALT LAKE, BECAUSE THEY FOUND IT NEEDFUL TO HAVE MORE ROOM AND LESS HILLS.

9. JOE AND JEANNE AND FAMILY MOVED FROM DENVER TO IDAHO FALLS BECAUSE IT WAS FOUND NEEDFUL, WITH JOHN LEAVING, FOR JOE TO TAKE A MORE CONSTANT, ON-THE-SCENE, PART IN THE BUSINESS.

OF OUR TWELVE FAMILIES ONLY THREE HAVE NOT FOUND IT NEEDFUL TO OBTAIN ANOTHER PLACE OF RESIDENCE DURING THE YEAR. THESE ARE THE FAMILIES OF MARY, DAVID AND DICK. IT WAS GOOD TO HAVE THEM WELL LOCATED SO THEY COULD BE HELPFUL TO THOSE WHO FOUND IT NEEDFUL TO MOVE.

IN OUR SPECIAL CALLINGS AS PRESIDENT AND MATRON OF THE TEMPLE WE HAVE BEEN FREQUENTLY ASKED TO SHARE OUR TESTIMONIES AT WARD AND STAKE MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT. THIS HAS ALSO REQUIRED US TO KEEP ON THE MOVE. IT IS A JOY AND A BLESSING TO US AND WE HOPE IT IS TO ALL WE MEET.

JUNE 5th - "THE DAY THE TETON DAM FAILED" --NOTICE CAME TO US AT THE TEMPLE THAT THE BIG DAM WAS IN TROUBLE. THIS FOLLOWED IN JUST MINUTES THAT A BANK OF FLOOD WATER 15 FEET HIGH WAS HEADED FOR REXBURG AND SUGAR CITY. WE HAD HUNDREDS IN THE TEMPLE. WE GAVE THE WORD TO THOSE FROM THE AREAS TO BE FLOODED. THINGS HAPPENED SO FAST IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO GET FROM IDAHO FALLS TO REXBURG BEFORE THE FLOOD HIT. WE WITNESSED AN EXAMPLE OF SUPERB LEADERSHIP AND PREPARATION, AND OBEDIENCE. ALTHOUGH THE FLOOD DID NOT TOUCH THE TEMPLE, IT TOOK THE HOMES AND PROPERTY OF 20 OF OUR WORKERS AND CAUSED EXTENSIVE LOSS TO SEVERAL WHOLE COMMUNITIES. DICK AND JOHN WERE IN THE FINAL STAGES OF BUILDING A NEW OFFICE BUILDING IN REXBURG. ONE WHOLE FLOOR WAS DESTROYED BY THE RAGING WATER. IT WAS A REAL EXPERIENCE TO HELP "MOP UP" AND CLEAN AWAY THE DEBRIS. THE CHURCH ORGANIZATION WENT TO WORK IN AN EFFECTIVE WAY. THE RICKS CAMPUS WAS IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME AND PROVIDED 400,000 MEALS AND 100,000 NIGHTS LODGING, STARTING THE FIRST NIGHT. NO ONE WENT HUNGRY OR WITHOUT A BED. THIS WAS A MODERN MIRACLE

LEWIS IS FINISHING HIS COLLEGE WORK AT I.S.U. FOR AN IDAHO TEACHING CERTIFICATE; MARIE IS A CONSTANT, PERFECT SUPPORTER.

DEL BLAIR REPORTS MUCH JOY IN HIS MISSION AND LOOKS FORWARD TO EVEN GREATER SUCCESS. BOB'S INTEREST IN HELPING DEL LEARN QUETCHUA IS A CONTINUING BLESSING.

JOE COMMUTED BETWEEN IDAHO FALLS AND DENVER FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AS HE WAS NOT RELEASED AS BISHOP OF THE DENVER TENTH WARD UNTIL NOVEMBER 21, 1976. THIS SITUATION WAS NOT AN EASY ONE. IT REMINDED ME OF A SOMEWHAT SIMILAR SET OF CONDITIONS I WITNESSED AS WE ATTENDED THE SACRAMENT MEETING AT THE EDMONTON BRANCH IN CANADA IN 1952. THE BRANCH PRESIDENT WAS BEING RELEASED. HE RESPONDED ABOUT AS FOLLOWS: "WE HAVE ENJOYED OUR HOME WHERE, WHEN WE FIRST CAME TO EDMONTON, WE HELD SUNDAY SCHOOL, ETC. WE HAVE SOLD OUR HOME AND ARE LEAVING IT. I CAME TO EDMONTON AS THE MINISTER OF LANDS AND MINERALS IN THE ALBERTA PROVINCIAL CABINET; I HAVE RESIGNED THIS POSITION. IT IS NOT EASY TO LEAVE OUR HOME AND THE GOVERNMENT POSITION THAT HAVE BEEN SUCH A JOY, ETC., BUT NOW TO LEAVE THIS BRANCH AND THE POSITION OF BRANCH PRESIDENT AND THIS LOVELY CHAPEL THAT WE HAVE ASSISTED IN BUILDING, ETC., THIS IS THE MOST DIFFICULT OF ALL..." WE HAVE FELT THAT WAY ABOUT JOE SELLING HIS HOME, CLOSING OUT HIS SUCCESSFUL LAW PRACTICE --THESE WERE NOT EASY --BUT LEAVING THE DENVER TENTH WARD AND THE NEW, BEAUTIFUL CHAPEL AND BEING RELEASED AS BISHOP, THAT WAS THE MOST DIFFICULT.

DELAYED GRADUATION: GEORGE HOLBROOK GROBERG, 1976 MAGNA CUM LAUD FROM B.Y.U. GEORGE LEFT FOR MEDICAL SCHOOL AFTER THREE YEARS AT THE "X" BUT WAS AWARDED THE DELAYED HONORS THIS YEAR IN ABSENTIA.

DICK AND BARBARA VISITED GLORIA AND JON IN NEW ORLEANS WHILE ATTENDING A REAL ESTATE CONVENTION CLOSE BY IN HUSTON, TEXAS.

MOTHER AND DAD VISITED THE STRATTONS IN THEIR NEW HOME IN AUBURN, WASHINGTON, ENJOYED A NATURE HIKE AND PICNIC ALMOST IN THE SHADOW OF MT. RANIER. WE ALL PRONOUNCE THE NORTHWEST A BEAUTIFUL PLACE.

MARY JANE, ANNY AND ROSALEE HAD A WONDERFUL TRIP TO NEW ENGLAND, VISITING THE FAMILY OF ACHIM'S SISTER, THE BOYACKS. THEY ENJOYED THE VISIT AND THE MANY AMERICAN HISTORY LANDMARKS DURING THIS BICENTENNIAL YEAR.

DAVID WAS APPOINTED TO A NEW TERM ON STATE PROFESSIONAL COMMISSION AND CONTINUES AS DIRECTOR OF REGION SEVEN WHICH INCLUDES THE FLOOD AREA.

WE EXTEND OUR BEST WISHES THAT EACH ONE WILL HAVE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD WITH YOU DURING THE HOLIDAYS AND THE NEW YEAR.

LOVE AND GRATITUDE,

*Delbert V. Groberg*  
*Jennie H. Groberg*

ITINERARY FOR TOUR OF FAMILY HOMES IN PROVO

10:00 A.M., Saturday, July 15, 1961

1. Father Holbrook's first Provo home - 2nd South & University Avenue

This was formerly known as the John Deal home and used as a rooming house and small hotel. Grandfather Holbrook bought it, moved it east and remodeled it into a duplex, renting the east side and living in the west. (Uncle Clarence and Aunt Clara lived in the east side for some time). The remodeled home cost \$25,000 and was sold to Dr. Taylor for \$10,000. There was a fine barn and stable in the back. The barn has been remodeled into a home. Grandfather Holbrook was one of the wealthiest men in Provo at this time. The home was later used as a hospital and medical center. Earlier Mother's family lived just through the block. That was before Father had met her. This home is not standing today.

2. Hotel Roberts - 2nd South & University Avenue

About 1890 Grandfather Holbrook leased this Hotel. Grandmother worked with Grandfather in this venture. The family had their meals at the hotel and the girls maintained the home across the street.

3. Grandfather Brimhall's home on 1st West at about 4th North

Mother moved here when about 17 years old. Mother and Father were married while she was living in this house. At that time Grandfather Brimhall was President of the B.Y.U.

4. Great Grandmother Hinckley's home - next door north of Brimhall home

Mother and Father lived here for a short time after their return from St. Louis, and Mother, Raymond and Rachel lived here while Father attended Jefferson Medical School in Philadelphia. They had one room and shared the kitchen.

5. Clinker brick home - corner of 3rd East and 3rd North

The family moved from the farm home on the Springville road into this new home in 1910. Ruth, Elizabeth, Jean, Helen, Vera and Elaine were born here. Jean and Blaine died while the family was living here.

6. Home north of Clinker Brick home - 341 North 3rd East.

This home was built on the former garden site of the older home. The family moved here in 1926. All of the children, except Rachel, were married during the years the family lived in this home.

7. Grandfather Brimhall's home - corner of 2nd North and 3rd East.

This home was purchased by Aunt Jennie and Uncle Will Knight and given to Grandfather Brimhall. On his birthday, the B.Y.U. band would come here and play for him. Soon after F.S. Harris succeeded Grandfather as President of B.Y.U., President Harris bought this home and Grandfather built the home just north of it.

8. Grandfather Brimhall's new home - about 121 North 3rd East

Grandfather lived here during the years he was President Emeritus and until his death. Later Grandmother moved to the basement apt. and rented the upstairs.

9. Aunt Jennie and Uncle Will Knight's home - corner 3rd East and Center Street

Uncle Will and Aunt Jennie lived here during the period our family grew up, courted and married. We had many wonderful times in this home.

10. Allen home - corner of 4th East and Center Street

This was Aunt Jennie and Uncle Will's first Provo home. They sold it to Eugene and Inez K. Allen. Inez was Uncle Will's sister. Mother and Father started their honeymoon in this home.

11. Springville road home

This home was purchased about 1906. Father built up a dairy, poultry and fruit farm here. At that time, Father was also interested in mines in Nevada and away from home part of the time. Blaine, Jennie and Mary were born in this home.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOME OF THE

D.V. GROBERG FAMILY

HELD AT 1000 MEMORIAL DRIVE AT  
IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO  
MARCH 26, 1977

Delbert V. Groberg presided and conducted. Opening prayer was by Lewis H. Groberg. Present were: Delbert V. and Jennie H., Mary Jane Fritzen, John H. and Jean S., David H. and Lorraine H., (Richard and Barbara were excused because of illness and Dick's High Council responsibility) Joseph H., and Jeanne p., Lewis H., and Marie H.

Jennie H. first gave a report on the condition of Dee's little Angela who is in the hospital because of being seriously burned at school when, as the teacher was trying to demonstrate how pioneers made candles, a child tripped over a cord and very hot wax was thrown on her upper legs and middle parts and down below the knees. She has been in our love and prayers for about ten days. The last report is that some of the burns are not properly healing which necessitates plastic surgery which will keep her hospitalized at least another two weeks. (at this re-recording, she spent 5 weeks in hospital--a happy "brick" thru it all--had plastic surgery, etc., but is still wearing a "girdle for proper healing-Oct. 16)-Her mother or father stay with her all day and Del and the neighbors baby-sit little Jared and Geoffrey. Also Jennie reported on the condition of Mary H. Maxwell who has cancer. Her children have invited members of the L.H. Holbrook family to especially remember her this fast day (Sunday, March 27) that her suffering be minimized and that she know of our love and Heavenly Father's love and approval of her wonderful life of faith and service and love for others. Jennie also passed out some brochures being distributed all over the Church at Stake Conferences on Family Organization and Records - (provided by Richard) - "For 1977 all families in the Church are given two assignments..1. To establish a family organization, 2. to keep meaningful and accurate family records. (set in order and bring up to date our personal histories and review our Genealogical records to discover possible

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errors and poor documentation, including four-generation program) Pres.

Kimball: "It is important for us to cultivate in our own family a sense that we belong together eternally..we ought to encourage our children to know their relatives. We need to talk of them, make effort to correspond with them, visit them, join family organizations, etc."

Joseph H. presented information and lead the discussion on family organization. (Brochure suggests the immediate family organization be involved in: Missionary work, family preparedness, genealogy and temple work, other family needs) It was decided that the organization should be a disseminator of information, not a collector of funds, funds should be contributed on a voluntary basis, not under pressure. It was decided that each member should be on a committee, i.e., Dick-missionary; David-family preparedness; Dee-genealogy and Temple work, etc. (Julia reports Del's mission expense has doubled)

Mary Jane Fritzen gave helpful suggestions on how to participate in genealogy work and enjoy fulfilling our responsibilities in it - won't miss the time any more than we miss money when we pay tithing--doing it only brings blessings and joy - we should set aside a regular time, as we do for Family Home Evening --remember the attitude of parents towards this great work affects their children. Recognize it is "your" responsibility, not some one else's -- Dee might give us all one name to research--there are obvious errors in the family sheets we now have--each responsible to discover and correct.

David gave ideas and lead out in a discussion on a family reunion--the group suggested that plans go forward now for celebrating the golden wedding anniversary of Delbert V. and Jennie H. in 1980,-committee: John, Beth and Julia in charge - plan for three days--all well organized ahead--plan to all go to the temple--perhaps only one dinner, we are open for suggestions on this as well as on all other matters from members not able to be present--it was decided we plan for another reunion this year, perhaps at Macks, between the middle of August and September--David and Lewis responsible and will send out

other information on this. Golden Wedding date should be June 11, 1980.

The time was then turned over to John and Jean to make reports. Jean assured us family all well and happy and home is satisfactory. Both John and Jean spoke at our chapel meeting in the Temple Saturday morning--what a blessing! John, explaining the meaning and blessing of the endowment, reminded all we had been given three great trusts by our Heavenly Father: 1. A physical body, a testimony, the privilege of belonging to a family--how easily and naturally these great trusts tie in to the great blessings of the endowment. This was mentioned at our family meeting. John passed out a copy map of his area--Polynesians, Micronesians and Melonesians and explained hopes for and actual building of the Kingdom in each area. He is to make a five-minute presentation to the General Authorities Wednesday p.m., along with ten other area supervisors--He shared some great stories with us that we will later relate in person, strong evidence of the greatness of the Lord's power and reality that he is indeed in control and operating his restored Church and it was exactly as President Kimball said when he called John to his present position--revelation from the Lord. How privileged we all are to have John and Jean and family as part of our D.V. Groberg group - and they feel the same about all the other families in our particular one. Great growth is anticipated in his area--soon. There are at present: 22 stakes, (more in the picture) Lots of members are in the military branches, i.e. Guam - 19 countries, 15 major languages and many dialects - he speaks Samoan and Tongan and English and is learning French.

He related the story of missionaries being kicked out of one area but as they left they ordained a new convert a teacher and told him he and his family were to carry on, hold their meetings with the other families newly baptized, etc. They followed instructions and so after eight months the government heads asked to have the Mormon elders return because it was evident to them by observing what had happened to this family and associates (the head of the family had been a problem prior to baptism and had completely changed

after) -that whatever changed them and made them so improved would also help others in the country do the same.

Closing prayer: David H. Groberg (refreshments)

(Note of interest: Two sisters came to the Temple today from Blair's ward in Provo. They reported Julia had been "simply marvelous" in a drama in Provo recently - "Superb!" - "Great!" - wished we could have taken time off to go see it - Margaret had been offered the part but was involved in a drama in Salt Lake and had suggested her mother - Bob will be interested in John's language involvement in his new calling.)

p.s. We are attaching copies of John's hand-outs to all of us.

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We are now including minutes of a meeting held as indicated:

(Because of the great value of all the comments made at this family meeting and several were unable to attend --we plan to transcribe the tape and will have it available to all altho it may not be possible to include it in our family history this year)

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FLASH! NEWS OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE --JOHN AND JEAN WERE PUT ON THE PLANE AT 4 P.M. OCTOBER 8, 1977 TO FLY TO VISIT JANE AND STRATTONS AT AUBURN (NEAR SEATTLE) THEIR PLAN WAS THEN TO FLY FROM SEATTLE TO HONOLULU EARLY MONDAY MORNING --BUT INSTEAD OF FLYING THEY WERE IN THE HOSPITAL AT BREMERTON, WASHINGTON --WHERE (WITH THE POWER OF THE PRIESTHOOD AND HUMBLE PRAYERS OF LOVED ONES)--THEY WELCOMED WEE EMILY LEILANI (one month early--weighing 6lbs 1 oz.) John reported their gratitude for an excellent doctor --there were special problems to be solved--Friday the three flew to Honolulu accompanied by Jean parents --the Sabins--How grateful we are for the Sabins--our prayers continue for this exemplary mother and her precious daughter--(and her father--great

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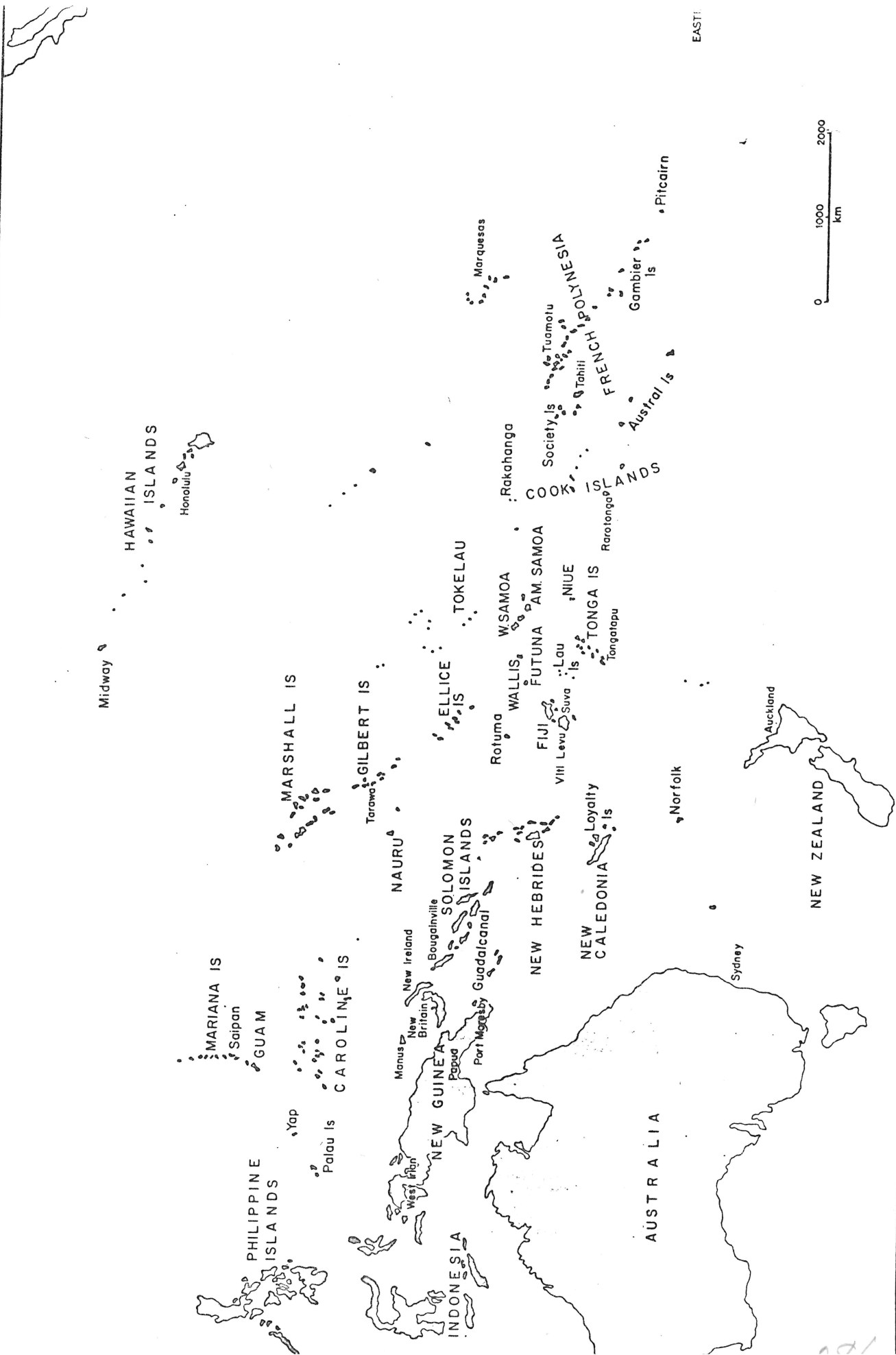
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1	1 Guam	125,000	800	-	-	-	-	English
1	4 Micronesia	125,000	200	-	1	-	-	Chamorro Marshalese Carolinian Yapese
2	5 Samoa	200,000	25,000	12 1/2% 7	-	150-100	1,300	Samoa
1	19 Tonga	100,000	15,000	15% 5	1	230-215	1,000	Tongan Tongan
1	1 Nive	5,000	600	12% 1	1	-	-	Nivean
1	12 Tahiti	125,000	5,000	4% 1	4	60-20	200	French Tahitian Argosic Pitcairna
1	6 Rarotonga	20,000	500	-	1	-	-	English
2	5 Fiji	650,000	2,000	0.3% 2	2	50-30	400	English Hindi Fijian
1	2 Gilberts	50,000	50	-	1	-	-	Rotuman Gilbertese
2	2 New Hebrides	150,000	50	-	1	-	-	Tuvaluan Bislama
1	1 New Caledonia	150,000	400	-	1	-	-	French
2	1 Solomons	150,000	10	-	-	-	-	Bislama Newy- Wallisian Nive
4	2 Misc. Tokelau Tuvulu Wallis etc.	25,000	10	-	-	-	-	-
27	68 Missions	2,875,000	79,620	2.2-14	630-415	3550	19-?	15

3% of total population--Church members  
Largest % is in Tonga

Area is 4 times the area of the U.S.--Most of it is ocean

It is 7 1/2 hours by jet from Hawaii to Guam--almost the same from  
Hawaii to Pitcairn

(Dad's notes)



Midway

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

Honolulu

MARIANA IS

Saipan

GUAM

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Palau Is

CAROLINE IS

MARSHALL IS

GILBERT IS

NAURU

New Ireland

Manus

New Britain

Bougainville

Papua

Port Moresby

Guadalcanal

NEW GUINEA

WEST IRLAND

INDONESIA

SOLOMON ISLANDS

ELLICE IS

TOKELAU

NEW HEBRIDES

Rotuma

W.SAMOA

Rakahanga

NEW CALEDONIA

Loyalty Is

FIJI

Viti Levu

Suva

Lau Is

FUTUNA

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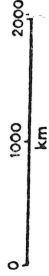
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EAST:

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR THE D. V. GROBERG FAMILY,  
Friday, October 7, 1977, Idaho Falls, Idaho

The meeting was held at the home of Mom and Dad. David Groberg conducted the meeting which opened with song and prayer at about 8 p.m.

The Family Organization was directed by Delbert V. Groberg, who stated the following purposes, officers, and committees:

President will be Delbert V. Groberg; vice president, Jennie H. Groberg, and secretary, Mary Jane G. Fritzen.

The two purposes are (1) to meet day to day needs, and (2) to meet long-range goals--always to be an eternal (united) family, with love and desire to live together in harmony with divine principles. Areas for which leaders were assigned are as follows:

I. Temporal Welfare, such as shelter, food, physical needs, gardens, beautifying, and family budgeting, etc. Leaders are David and Lorraine Groberg, and Lewis and Marie Groberg.

II. Social, intellectual, and recreational activity and pursuits. Chairmen are Dick and Barbara Groberg, and George and Bonnie Groberg.

III. Spiritual Nourishment and Development. Chairmen are Joe and Jeanne Groberg and Barry and Beth Stratton.

IV. Missionary Activity chairmen are Bob and Julie Blair, John and Jean Groberg, and Jon and Gloria Hubble.

V. Genealogy and Temple work and personal and family history. Chairmen are Dee and Sharon Groberg and Mary Jane Fritzen.

These are sometimes thought of as Church responsibilities, but they are our individual family opportunities to strengthen and serve and fulfill our family purpose.

Next, Mary Jane Groberg Fritzen presented a report on the Priesthood Genealogy Seminar which she attended August 1-5 in Provo. She presented the following material:

Patriarchal family organizations are, first, living families, with the father presiding over the family, with mother and children. Second, the grandparent family, which we organize today. Third, the ancestral family for purposes of genealogy work. Purposes of the living family were stated by Dad. Under all circumstances, the father presides over his own family. Attached sheets from the Priesthood seminar are enclosed with these minutes for those who did not receive one at the meeting.

The four-generation program, key to future blessings, is of towering importance. It will emphasize relatives working together to achieve accurate information to submit corrected family group sheets for the fifteen families on their first pedigree chart. It will provide for a central record computerized by the church, containing a bank of information to aid individuals and family organizations. To prepare to use this program we organize families now, combine efforts on common lines, and check our sheets to make them accurate.

Next, Delbert H. Groberg gave his report, assignments, and discussion of "Association for Ancestral Research," (AFAR), which he organized and directs. He presented the following, in outline:

1. Background and history of AFAR. He wanted to do something to aid our family with its genealogy, and so organized a tax-deductible corporation. We may all contribute for ancestral research for our family lines, including our spouses, and contributions are tax-deductible when routed through AFAR (Dee). So far, he has had prepared for us a large book containing the pedigree charts and family group sheets from the genealogy library in Salt Lake City. This contains work submitted over the years by our relatives. The book is very large, he has two copies--one for Salt Lake, and one for Idaho Falls. Cost for compiling this book was about \$1200.00. (Secretary does not recall exact figure.) Secondly, he has also directed the same organization which compiled the large book, to research certain of the lines. Two considerations in this program are to solve the problems of duplications and errors. (As we know, the rule of the computer is that what goes in comes out, so if we submit errors, then we receive errors on the print-outs.)

Financial summary shows that \$2400 has been paid the AFAR, \$1900 spent, and \$4000 budgeted for 1977, which requires \$1600 more.

What to do in the future:

- a. Use AFAR for claiming genealogy as tax-deductible for anyone in the family, including in-laws.
- b. Propose that we divide the book into two books, one for Holbrook lines, and one for Groberg lines. The larger is the Holbrook book.
- c. Verify what we have now. Mary Jane emphasized this by stating the need to verify every one of the first four generations (15 sheets). This is being done and will continue with cooperation between M. J. and Dad
- d. Propose that we investigate a service provided by Mr. Call of Provo concerning Colonia/American ancestry, and then invest in it.
- e. Continue research, first on lines which are quite incomplete, and results look promising.
- f. Provide copies of pedigrees at cost to family members, and also copies of any of the sheets in the book. He stated these costs.
- g. Give individual assignments of research. This allows each to either conduct research personally, or pay into the organization for research on a particular line, or the method that suits your family's needs. Mary Jane and Dee agreed, as did the group, that "Turning our hearts to our fathers means more than names, dates, and places on paper forms. Our attitude toward research must be more than doing it because we have to. If we knew our tenth great-grandparents, we would love them just as much as we love our parents and grandparents...." (Quoted from Frank Smith at BYU Seminar)

In discussion it was decided that individual assignments will be made later this year by Dee, Sharon and Mary Jane, who will get together, and assign according to interests and requests of the members.

h. Ask for committments for donations to bring the 1977 funds up to \$4000 (\$1600 more), and \$5000 for 1978.

i. Discuss officers of AFAR. It was organized with Dee as president, Bob Blair as vice president, and Sharon as secretary, all residing in Utah. Board of directors was proposed to consist of all the children of D. V. Groberg, and (I think) their spouses.

Following the presentation by Dee he discussed these matters with the group. Then it was placed in the hands of the genealogy committee who will meet by Christmas time. In summary, we each may participate as we elect to do, either through contributing for a specified or for an unspecified line of research, for ourselves or fo r our spouses, or by researching ourselves patiently to verify the four generation sheets, etc.

The last part of the program was a report from John H. Groberg, assisted by Jean. John told of the work he does, answered questions. They told about their family, too.

Meeting was closed with prayer. Attending were Dad, Mom, Mary Jane, John and Jean, David and Lorraine, Richard and Barbara, Delbert H., Joe and Jeanne, Lewis and Marie. Proceeding were taped by Mom. Refreshments were served. Preceeding the meeting, Joe and Jeanne hosted the family, with the children, for dinner at 6 p.m. at their home.

*Mary Jane Lutzen*  
*Secretary*

Dee is responsible for a huge (and getting huger) Computer Genealogy Record book --we have one copy here and he has one in Salt Lake so all family members can have access to it when visiting, etc. There will soon be a division of the book - one for Delbert's lines and one for Jennie's lines --Dee has accomplished something great here -- but there is much for all of us to contribute



*Organizing on the lines of the Priesthood of God*

### PATRIARCHAL FAMILY ORGANIZATIONS

*J. Ballantyne - First ...  
Organizing on the lines of the Priesthood of God*

When a man and a woman enter a temple of the Lord and are married for time and eternity, the keys of the patriarchal priesthood become operative.

"Each family in the Church is really a kingdom or government within itself. The father, by virtue of the Priesthood of God that has been bestowed upon him, is the head of that government. This is what constitutes patriarchal office in the family. Originally it was the only government on the earth and was passed down from Adam to his descendants." (The Savior, the Priesthood and You, p. 115.)

The Book of Abraham indicates that the patriarchal order which Adam established among his children had its origin in heaven.

"It came down from the fathers, from the beginning of time, yea, even from the beginning, or before the foundations of the earth . . ."

This patriarchal order came down through a lineage of birthright in the following manner:

"Adam was the first man appointed of God as the ruler of the earth and over the things therein. And as he began to multiply and replenish the earth, and as his children and their children increased in the land, there was a right of dominion given; it was called the birthright and it belongs to the firstborn of the sons. And this seems to have been an order existing in the heavens even before Adam. For it was written of Jesus, the Lamb of God, that he was the firstborn of many brethren. Moreover, his rights of dominion as the firstborn continued with him because he loved righteousness and hated iniquity.

"The same principle fell upon Adam's children - none can hold these rights of the Priesthood except in connection with the powers of heaven, and they cannot be exercised only on the principles of righteousness." (Journal of Discourses, 21:369-372.)

In 1976 the principles of family organization were given increased emphasis in the Church. Their importance spans the entire spectrum of family life and Church activity. The individual family is the focal point in this effort. Supported by his wife, the father presides over his family and directs them in the priesthood functions of welfare work, missionary work, and genealogy and temple work.

This process is a part of a coordinated effort to create within the minds and attitudes of the Saints, the idea of Zion. It is a vital step in preparing for the coming of the Lord.

Elder Packer, speaking to the Regional Representatives in April, 1977 said:

"We recommend that you emphasize and re-emphasize those simple, basic instructions that were given over a year ago."

*Organizing on the lines of the Priesthood of God - Family - it's the key*

The first thing he then mentioned was:

"We are counseled to establish a family organization and plan meetings and reunions to keep the family ties secure. We are counseled to have families stay organized."

The Priesthood Genealogy Handbook says that "Families should be organized on the single-family level, then on the grandparent-family level and so forth, as needed to meet objectives." It further states: "In many instances, it is worthwhile to organize multigeneration family units to coordinate genealogical efforts and prevent duplication in research."

"There is no higher authority in matters relating to the family organization, and especially when that organization is presided over by one holding the higher Priesthood, than that of the father. The authority is time honored, and among the people of God in all dispensations it has been highly respected and often emphasized by the teachings of the prophets who were inspired of God." (Joseph F. Smith, Gospel Doctrine, p. 287.)

This level of organization is strictly patriarchal, with the father at the head. If there is no father in the home, the mother stands at the head.

If a father doesn't hold the priesthood, or is unworthy to preside over a worthy family, several things need to be considered. First of all, no one else has the right to preside when the father is living, no matter what his situation may be.

"It is not merely a question of who is perhaps the best qualified, neither is it wholly a question of who is living the most worthy life. It is a question largely of law and order, and its importance is seen often from the fact that the authority remains and is respected long after a man is really unworthy to exercise it." (Joseph F. Smith, Gospel Doctrine, p. 287.)

It should be clearly understood that Satan will do all in his power to ruin any plan which calls for organizing families. He fully realizes that the success of the Church lies in family organization. If he can destroy the spirit of a family home evening, upset the harmony between family members, foil plans for reunions, projects, etc., he honestly believes he can still win. Families which are well organized are the most efficient organization on earth to destroy his efforts.

"The principal objective of the marriage union is to become partners with God in the creation of an Eternal family. All of the principles of the Gospel, either directly or indirectly, relate to this objective." (The Savior, The Priesthood and You, p. 171.)

*Organizing a family with an ideal  
no amount of money can buy  
Books of Central Authority  
Sum of 4 books of program; but, the old principles  
Priesthood Genealogy is all we are doing  
to ensure the celebration of our lives*

FOUR GENERATION PROGRAM: *is a Tool, which*  
KEY TO FUTURE BLESSINGS *we don't use very much*

A. Towering Importance of the Four Generation Program

1. It has been revealed; obedience to revelation always leads us out of the wilderness.
2. A wilderness to the Church:
  - a. How to create a record of lineages.
  - b. How to identify common lines among the Church members.
3. A wilderness to the Church member:
  - a. How to cope with an enormous responsibility.
  - b. How to combine efforts with others.
4. The Four Generation Program of the past has been laying a mighty foundation; the Four Generation Program of the future will now build something glorious upon that foundation.

B. The Four Generation Program of the Future

1. It will involve:
  - a. Emphasis on collective efforts among relatives rather than private, uncoordinated efforts of individuals.
  - b. Emphasis on accuracy.
  - c. Emphasis on pedigree connection in addition to family groups.
  - d. Emphasis on temple ordinances in addition to genealogy.
2. It will result in:
  - a. One accurate version of the genealogies, instead of numerous conflicting versions.
  - b. The capacity to create a central record showing the lineages of the Saints, tracing the lines as far back as they are known.
  - c. A bank of information organized by the computer and available to those beginning research on a given line.
  - d. A means of identifying those in the Church who have genealogical lines in common, aiding in the establishing of family organizations.

C. What Should Be Done Now to Prepare

1. Organize families and combine efforts on common lines.
2. Be certain about the accuracy of the genealogies.

*Priesthood Genealogy Research is Transfer*  
*the records of man into records of God.*

ACCURACY IN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

A. Accuracy is a Serious Matter

1. How widespread is inaccuracy?
2. What problems can inaccuracy cause:
  - a. For genealogy?
  - b. For ordinances?
3. Does the Lord cherish an accurate record?

B. Three Keys to Accuracy

1. Documentation (Using good sources of information)
  - a. Two sources whenever possible *Shouldn't I check another source?*
  - b. Reliable sources
2. Transcription (Copying things correctly)
  - a. Don't hurry!
  - b. Proof read
3. Logic (Avoiding hasty conclusions)
  - a. Ask questions like: "What don't I know for sure about this?" or "What else could this evidence suggest?" (Make a list.)
  - b. Remember that the truth about human affairs is not always the "obvious" or the expected.
  - c. Keep notes on your work and the reasoning behind your conclusions. It will prove an invaluable record, plus keep you honest with yourself.

What these three keys amount to is that accuracy is being careful; inaccuracy is being careless. It is by and large a question of integrity and conscientiousness.

C. Keeping Genealogical Research Simple

Just because the whole field of genealogy is complex doesn't mean a given person's research need be complex. It can be challenging and still be kept simple. When it is not kept simple, it then (and only then) becomes painful.

1. Ask one question at a time. "What one thing do I need to know next?"
2. Answer one question at a time. "Well that's interesting, but I'll put it away until later. Right now, I want to know this."
3. Work from one source or record at a time.
4. Don't do anything you don't have to. (1)

IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO, AUGUST 20, 1972

A FAMILY MEETING WAS HELD SUNDAY AFTERNOON, AFTER ALL ATTENDED SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PRIESTHOOD MEETINGS AND BEFORE THE SACRAMENT SERVICES. THE MEETING WAS HELD AT OUR HOME AT 2885 REDBARN LANE. DELBERT V. GROBERG TOOK CHARGE OF THE MEETING. EXCEPT FOR GEORGE H. WHO IS ON A MISSION, REPRESENTING US, IN INDONESIA, ALL FAMILY MEMBERS WERE PRESENT FOR THE REUNION BUT OUR NEWLYWEDS, GLORIA AND JON, HAD LEFT ON THEIR HONEYMOON BEFORE THIS PARTICULAR MEETING. THE IMPORTANT PART OF THIS REUNION TOOK PLACE ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, WHEN WE WENT TO THE TEMPLE TO WITNESS THE ETERNAL MARRIAGE OF OUR BEAUTIFUL GLORIA JEAN TO THE SWEETHEART OF HER CHOICE (AND OURS) JON CLYDE HUBBLE, WITH PRESIDENT CECIL E. HART GIVING A MOST INSPIRED MESSAGE AND PERFORMING THE MARRIAGE. SEVERAL MENTIONED HOW THIS EXPERIENCE MADE THE TEMPLE BLESSINGS MORE REAL AND MARVELOUS. MORE OF THIS WEDDING WILL BE INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT FOLLOWING THE REPORT OF THE MEETING HELD SUNDAY AFTERNOON. PRESENT WERE: MARY JANE AND ACHIM FRITZEN AND CHARMING BABY ANNY, JULIA GAY AND ROBERT W. BLAIR AND CHILDREN; MARGARET JEAN, DELBERT WALLACE, ROBERT GROBERG, JENETTE, ELIZABETH (LISA), AND JAMES GROBERG, FROM PROVO; JOHN H. AND JEAN S. AND CHILDREN; NANCY JEAN, ELIZABETH, MARILYN, JANE, GAYLE, JOHN ENOCH, SUSAN, AND THOMAS S.; DAVID H. AND LORRAINE AND CHILDREN; KIMBERLY, JENIFER, DAVID RANDALL, HEATHER, GREGORY AND KJERSTEN (JUST MOVED TO IDAHO FALLS FROM SARATOGA, CALIFORNIA); RICHARD H. AND BARBARA JEAN AND STEPHANIE ANN AND RICHARD TODD; DELBERT H. AND SHARON KAY AND CHILDREN: DELBERT JAMES, ANGELA, TANYA (FROM TOKYO, JAPAN) AND JOSEPH H. AND JEANNE AND CHILDREN; KRISTIN AND ANNA MARIE (FROM DENVER, COLORADO) AND ELIZABETH AND BARRY J. STRATTON AND SON, JASON (JUST MOVED TO HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, (A NEW LITTLE "GIFT" SON, JOINED THEM THE NEXT WEEK, NAMED DERIK GROBERG); LEWIS H. JUST FLEW IN FROM HAWAII WHERE HE HAD BEEN EMPLOYED BY DOLE PINEAPPLE COMPANY AS A "LUNA", AND ACCOMPLISHED A GREAT WORK WITH THE YOUTH. (WE SENT A COPY OF THIS TAPE, FROM WHICH THIS IS BEING WRITTEN) TO GEORGE)

DELBERT V. SPEAKS FIRST: "THIS IS SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT OUR HOME. WE HAVE HAD TWO DAYS OF REAL WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES HERE AT THE WEDDING OF JON C. HUBBLE AND GLORIA. WE HAVE HAD JON'S PARENTS HERE AND TEN OF OUR ELEVEN CHILDREN AT HOME AND ALL OF THE GRANDCHILDREN. GEORGE IS AWAY BUT HE HAS HAD A REPORT FOR US AND WE'VE READ THE REPORT FROM GEORGE AND WE'VE HAD A FAMILY MEETING AND NOW WE'RE GOING TO HAVE SOME REPORTS FROM THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN AWAY. UNCLE LEW, WHO FLEW IN WITH PINEAPPLES, DIRECT FROM HAWAII, JUST DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY, WILL SPEAK FIRST."

LEWIS: "TO GIVE YOU A BRIEF RESUME OF THE THINGS WHICH HAVE HAPPENED, ON MAY 31, I LEFT IDAHO FALLS AND ARRIVED IN HONOLULU THAT AFTERNOON AND FLEW TO LANAI WHICH IS AN ISLAND OWNED BY CASTLE AND COOK WHICH HAD A SUBSIDIARY IN DOLE. THERE ARE ABOUT 2400 PEOPLE AND ABOUT 5 STORES AND

ALMOST ALL OF THE PEOPLE WORK IN THE PINEAPPLE FIELDS. I WENT OVER WITH A GROUP FROM SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA AND AS AN APPENDAGE TO THIS GROUP THERE WERE 130 KIDS PRIMARILY FROM IDAHO. I WAS A SUPERVISOR FOR DOLE PINEAPPLE COMPANY, I WAS IN CHARGE OF 16 YOUNG MEN, AGES 16 THRU 18. SIX OF THEM WERE FROM BLACKFOOT, IDAHO AND FIVE OF THEM WERE FROM CHEYENNE, WYOMING, THREE WERE FROM IDAHO FALLS AND ONE WAS FROM BOISE, IDAHO, AND ONE WAS FROM SOUTH DAKOTA. WE WORKED ON TWO DIFFERENT SHIFTS; THE FIRST SHIFT WAS THE MORNING SHIFT. WE ROSE AT 4:30 A.M. TO A WHISTLE AND WE ATE BREAKFAST AND TURNED OUT TO THE LABOR YARD AT 5:15 AND I TOOK ROLL AND WE BOARDED LABOR TRUCKS AT 20 TO 6 AND ARRIVED AT OUR HARVESTING AREA AT 6 O'CLOCK, WHERE I WOULD REPORT OUR BIN AND OUR TRUCK. THE BIN WAS ABOUT 7 TONS OF PINEAPPLE AND WE'D HAVE A QUOTA, A PERFORMANCE QUOTA: WE'D WORK FROM 6 UNTIL 9 HARVESTING PINEAPPLE AND THEN HAVE A BREAK FROM 9 TO 9:30 AND WORK AGAIN FROM 9:30 TO 12:30 AND THEN HAVE A BREAK FOR LUNCH FOR 20 MINUTES AND THEN WE'D RESUME WORK UNTIL 2:30 AND THEN WE'D GO HOME. THAT WAS THE DAY SHIFT. AND I DID THIS FOR THREE WEEKS, THE FIRST WEEK AND THE LAST TWO WEEKS. THE THIRD, THRU THE NINTH, WEEK, I WORKED NIGHT SHIFT. YOU TURN OUT TO WORK AT APPROXIMATELY 3:15. I'D TAKE ROLL AND WE'D BOARD THE LABOR TRUCKS AT ABOUT 3:30 AND ARRIVE AT THE HARVESTING FIELDS AT 3:45. WE'D WORK STRAIGHT THRU UNTIL 8:30 AND THEN WE'D TAKE A HALF-HOUR BREAK AND WORK UNTIL 12 O'CLOCK., THEN GO HOME. AND THAT'S ALL I DID FOR THE WHOLE SUMMER, PRIMARILY, THOSE TWO THINGS. THEN I SPENT ONE WEEK AT WAIKIKI AND I SWAM FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE SHERATON TO PAST THE ROYAL HAWAIIAN SO I COVERED ABOUT SIX OF THE MAJOR HOTELS BY WATER, SWIMMING THE WHOLE DISTANCE. I'D GET REALLY TIRED. AND I'D SAY MY FUTURE PLANS CURRENTLY, IS TO GET INFORMATION AND TO FIND OUT WHAT CLASSES I SHOULD TAKE IN SCHOOL TO GRADUATE AND DAD SAYS THERE IS A LOT OF APPRAISAL WORK AND SO I HAVE THOT IF I COULD GRADUATE BY TAKING CLASSES IN THE SPRING SEMESTER, I'D STAY IN IDAHO FALLS AND WORK (THAT WOULD BE ONE WAY TO BUY A CAR) AND IF NOT I'LL GO BACK TO SCHOOL FOR NEXT SEMESTER AND GRADUATE. PRIMARILY THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY."

DEE: "I'LL GO BACK TO THE FIRST OF THE YEAR. THAT'S PROBABLY THE BEST PLACE TO START, ABOUT A MINUTE FOR EACH MONTH. AROUND THE FIRST OF THE YEAR WE ORGANIZED A NEW DEPARTMENT IN MOBIL AND WE CENTRALIZED ALL THE TRAINING ACTIVITIES (IN JAPAN), LANGUAGE TRAINING, ALL FUNCTIONAL TRAINING, SUCH AS SALES TRAINING AND ACCOUNTING, OPERATIONS, ETC. AND MANAGEMENT TRAINING, WHICH INCLUDES SENDING SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE UNITED STATES, ADVANCED SEMINARS, ETC. AND I SUGGESTED THE IDEA THAT THEY PUT ME IN CHARGE OF OUR DEPARTMENT SO SINCE FEBRUARY I HAVE BEEN THE TRAINING MANAGER FOR OUR JAPANESE AFFILIATE. IT'S LIKE I WAS TELLING DAVID EARLIER, YOU GET UP A LITTLE BIT IN A CORPORATION YOU BEGIN TO FEEL WHAT IS CALLED MANAGEMENT SQUEEZE OR EXECUTIVE SQUEEZE,--YOU GET PRESSURES FROM BELOW AND PRESSURES FROM ABOVE AND PRETTY SOON YOU'RE JUST ALMOST SQUEEZED OUT, SO I'M EXPERIENCING A LITTLE BIT OF THAT RIGHT NOW BUT I THINK WE'LL MAKE IT THROUGH.

ALSO, AROUND IN JANUARY, I THINK, WE ORGANIZED A PRIVATE CORPORATION WHICH WE CALL INTERAC. I SAY WE,--IT'S MYSELF AND SOME RETURNED MISSIONARIES FROM JAPAN AND BOB. AND SO FAR WE'VE DONE TWO PROJECTS: WE'VE PUBLISHED A BOOK AND WE'VE TAUGHT SOME JAPANESE THIS SUMMER. WE HAVE SIXTEEN WHICH WE BROUGHT OVER AND WE'VE BEEN TRAINING THEM IN ENGLISH IN SALT LAKE CITY. THEY'VE BEEN LIVING IN HOMES THERE AND WE RENTED OUT SOME ROOMS THERE AT THE L.D.S. BUSINESS COLLEGE AND WE'VE BEEN TEACHING THEM THERE ABOUT SIX HOURS A DAY. WE HAVE PLANS TO CONTINUE THIS AND WE HAVE ANOTHER BOOK WE'RE READY TO PUBLISH, IF WE CAN GET SOME FINANCIAL BACKING AND WE HAVE PLANS FOR A BIGGER PROGRAM NEXT YEAR, PROBABLY EXPANDING TO A HUNDRED PEOPLE AND USING PROVO AND OGDEN BESIDES SALT LAKE.

OUR FUTURE PLANS: WE PLAN ON GOING BACK TO JAPAN ABOUT THE END OF THE WEEK, ABOUT THE 26th, AND I'VE BEEN IN JAPAN FOR ABOUT THREE YEARS NOW WHICH IS ABOUT THE AVERAGE STAY, FOR AMERICANS IN TOKYO AND I THINK I'LL BE THERE ANOTHER YEAR, MAYBE TWO AND THEN I'LL BE TRANSFERRED BACK TO NEW YORK PRETTY SOON WHICH WILL BE A POINT OF MAKING A DECISION WHETHER TO STAY WITH THE COMPANY OR NOT BUT SINCE THAT HASN'T HAPPENED YET I HAVEN'T MADE THE DECISION YET. EVENTUALLY, I MAY, IF OUR CORPORATION GOES WELL, I MAY JUST WORK FOR THAT, I DON'T KNOW. SO THAT'S MY SUMMARY."

BARRY: "HELLO, G-E-O--THIS IS BARRY (THOSING SPEAKING BEFORE HADN'T BEEN REMINDED THE TAPE WOULD GO TO GEORGE) EVTHINK EVERYONE HERE RECEIVED OUR LITTLE NEWS LETTER, WHICH WE SENT OUT. IF YOU DIDN'T, WE'LL MAKE COPIES AND SEND IT TO YOU. SO YOU KNOW PRETTY MUCH WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING DURING THE PAST YEAR. THIS LITTLE NEWS LETTER EXPLAINED THAT WE'D BEEN BACK IN VIRGINIA WITH THE ARMY AND WE'D BEEN BACK TO SEATTLE WITH WEYERHAUSSER AND WEYERHAUSSER SHIPPED US TO HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS WHERE WE NOW ARE MAKING OUR HOME. I'D LIKE TO TELL YOU A LITTLE MORE ABOUT THE CHURCH ACTIVITY DOWN THERE. AS OF THE PRESENT DATE, I HAVE FOUR JOBS IN THE BRANCH AND BETH HAS THREE. I'M SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT, YOUNG MEN'S MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, SUPERINTENDENT, OR PRESIDENT, WARD MISSION LEADER AND TEACHER OF THE DEACONS AND TEACHERS. HOWEVER, I HAVEN'T REALLY DONE ANYTHING IN ANY OF THOSE POSITIONS YET BECAUSE I'VE BEEN GONE AND WAS JUST PUT IN. BETH IS THE YOUNG WOMEN'S M.I.A., PRESIDENT OFIABLE THINGS, AND IN ADDITION TO THAT, SHE EXPECTS TO BE TEACHING IN THE PRIMARY AND PLAYING IN THE WARD FOR SACRAMENT MEETING, THE PIANO. AS FAR AS HOT SPRINGS ITSELF GOES, WE'RE BEGINNING TO FEEL SOMEWHAT OF THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT AS THE HIGH SCHOOLS START TO GEAR UP FOR THEIR FOOTBALL SEASON AND THE TOURISTS BEGIN TO LEAVE. THE STATE, OF COURSE, IS KNOWN FOR ITS FAMOUS RAZOR-BACK TEAM, THE ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS, AND WE HOPE THAT WE CAN TAKE IN A FOOTBALL GAME BEFORE WE LEAVE THE PLACE.

MY JOB IS QUITE INTERESTING. I'M REALLY ENJOYING IT MUCH BETTER THAN I DID IN THE CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS. THE LOWER YOU GET IN A CORPORATION, THE MORE FUN IT BECOMES, AT LEAST THAT'S BEEN MY EXPERIENCE SO FAR. I EXPECT TO BE IN THIS SAME POSITION FOR ANOTHER COUPLE OF YEARS, AND PERHAPS GO EVEN LOWER DOWN THE LINE AND THEN START BACK UP. WE'LL HAVE TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS. WITHIN THE NEXT TEN YEARS, I THINK THAT I'LL HAVE A DECISION TO MAKE, SIMILAR TO DEE'S. WE'LL MEET THAT WHEN IT COMES. ..WITH A NAME LIKE STRATTON, I WON'T BE PRESIDENT OF WEYERHAUSSER COMPANY. OUR FUTURE PLANS INCLUDE INCREASING THE SIZE OF OUR FAMILY EITHER ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, AND HELP YOU PEOPLE CAN GIVE US ON THAT, WE WILL APPRECIATE IT. WE HAVE MADE OFFERS TO THOSE WHO ARE PROLIFIC IN THE GROUP BUT THEY WANT TO KEEP THEM ALL. ONE MORE THING ABOUT MY JOB, IT'S EXTREMELY INTERESTING WORKING WITH THE TREES, THEY'RE MORE CONSISTENT THAN THE PEOPLE. WE'RE IN THE BUSINESS NOW OF GROWING TREES, THEN CUTTING THEM, THEN MAKING THOSE TREES PRODUCE THE MOST MONEY FOR US. I'M RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THAT, TRYING TO GET THOSE TREES TO PRODUCE IN UNITS, AT THE LEAST COST, AND I'M IN A PROJECT CURRENTLY WHICH COULD SAVE THE COMPANY A QUARTER OF A MILLION DOLLARS EVERY YEAR, BUT THERE'S A LOT OF PUBLIC SENTIMENT AGAINST THE PROPOSAL SO IT MAY NOT GO. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS, GEORGE?

IN DENVER

JOSEPH: WELL, ...SINCE GEORGE WENT TO INDONESIA, WE MOVED ABOUT ONE YEAR AGO INTO DENVER TENTH WARD, WHICH IS A VERY INTERESTING AREA. IT IS WHERE ELDER HAROLD B. LEE LABORED IN HIS MISSION. MOST OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH THERE (THE OLDER ONES) REMEMBER HIM, HE'D BEEN TO THEIR HOUSES, HE'D COME AROUND AT DINNER TIME AND ASK FOR CONTACTS AND THEY HAVE VERY FOND MEMORIES OF THAT. JEANNE IS WORKING AS THE M.I.A. PRESIDENT AND THE PRIMARY CHORISTER IN OUR WARD AND I'M WORKING AS THE GOSPEL DOCTRINE TEACHER, AND AS THE ELDERS' QUORUM PRESIDENT AND KRISTIN, OF COURSE, HAS STARTED JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PRIMARY, ALTHO SHE HAS BEEN GOING TO PRIMARY FOR QUITE A LONG TIME.

MY WORK IS BASICALLY THE SAME. I AM MOVING TO A BIGGER OFFICE WHEN I RETURN. IT'S ABOUT THE ONLY CHANGE IN THE WORK. I THINK THAT IS PRETTY MUCH OUR REPORT. THE NAME OF OUR COMPANY IS IRELAND, STAPLETON, PRYOR AND HOLMES. OUR LAW FIRM IS MAINLY A BUSINESS-ORIENTED LAW FIRM, 95% OF THE WORK IS BUSINESS. I AM BEING TRAINED MORE AND MORE INTO REAL ESTATE.FIELD. RECENTLY A LETTER CAME ACROSS MY DESK FROM BEN STAPLETON, (WHO IS THE SENIOR MAN IN THE LAW FIRM) TO ONE OF OUR CLIENTS, SAYING THAT WHEN THEY HAVE SOMETHING WORKED OUT THEY SHOULD CONTACT THEIR REAL ESTATE MAN IN THE OFFICE, JOSEPH GROBERG, THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I REALIZED THAT I WAS THE REAL ESTATE MAN IN THE OFFICE, BUT IT'S BEEN VERY, VERY INTERESTING TO WORK WITH REAL ESTATE OF ALL SORTS. OF COURSE, DENVER IS UNDERGOING A TREMENDOUS GROWTH WHICH IS CREATING A HIGH VOLUME OF REAL ESTATE WORK OF ALL NATURES. THIS HAS BEEN VERY INTERESTING. I MIGHT MENTION WE DRIVE DICK'S OLD PONTIAC WHICH SOMETIME IN SEPTEMBER WILL PROBABLY TURN 100,000 MILES. WE RECENTLY HAD A CHECK-UP AND A TUNE-UP AND THE MECHANIC SAID, "THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH THIS CAR" SO WE HOPE THAT'S A FAIR PREDICTION AND I'M SURE THE SUCCESS

(OF THE CAR)

IS BASED ON ITS FIRST YEARS WITH DICK GROBERG.

DAVID: HI, GEORGE! I REALLY ENJOYED YOUR FILM. I ESPECIALLY WANT TO COMPLIMENT THE MUSIC DIRECTOR OF THAT FILM--DID A VERY EXCELLENT JOB.

AS YOU'VE PROBABLY HEARD IN LETTERS, LORRAINE AND I AND OUR SIX CHILDREN MOVED TO IDAHO FALLS IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR. BEFORE THAT WE'D LIVED IN SARASOGA, CALIFORNIA, WHERE WE'D BOUGHT A HOME AND FIXED IT UP. I HAD A BUSINESS, OR COUNSELING CENTER. I HAD ABOUT TWENTY-FIVE PEOPLE WORKING FOR ME. I DECIDED I'D BETTER LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PARTICULAR TECHNOLOGY THAT I WAS INTERESTED IN AT THAT TIME, WHICH WAS SCIENTOLOGY, I WENT TO LOS ANGELES AND I STUDIED ADVANCED COURSES, AND WHILE I WAS THERE I SPENT HUNDREDS OF HOURS IN WHAT WE CALL AUDITING, WHERE I WOULD ASK THE QUESTION, WHAT PART OF THAT CAN I TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR IN MY PAST IN VARIOUS WAYS, AND I DECIDED DURING THAT TIME THAT ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS TO ME WAS TO BE WITH THE FAMILY AND IT'S SORT OF IRONIC THAT EVEN THOUGH IT MAKES ME THINK DISCOVERIES RESULTED IN TOTAL CHANGE IN OUR LIFE (WE GAVE UP OUR LIFE IN CALIFORNIA AND A LOT OF OTHER THINGS) AND BECAME AWARE OF HOW IMPORTANT THE FAMILY WAS AND MOVED BACK SO WE COULD BE CLOSER TO MORE OF OUR FAMILY I STILL REALLY APPRECIATE THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE THERE IN ASKING THESE QUESTIONS AND IN MAKING ME REALIZE JUST HOW REALLY IMPORTANT, I REALLY DISCOVERED FOR MYSELF, JUST HOW IMPORTANT THE FAMILY WAS. BUT IS OLD THE BUSINESS AND WE SOLD OUR HOME AFTER FIXING IT UP. THE HOME WAS REALLY A CHOICE PLACE FOR US, WE HAD WILD CALIFORNIA POPPIES ALL OVER THE FRONT YARD AND WE HAD REDWOOD TREES AND WE BUILT A LITTLE BARN-APARTMENT IN THE BACK WITH HUGE SLABS OF REDWOOD, ABOUT A FOOT AND A HALF THICK. IT LOOKED LIKE A CAVE-MAN'S KITCHEN. IN GENERAL, WE REALLY LOVED OUR PLACE, BUT UNCLE JOHN CAME OUT AND BAPTIZED FOUR OF THE CHILDREN AND THEY ALL WANTED TO BE AROUND UNCLE JOHN AND THE COUSINS AND LORRAINE WANTED TO BE AROUND HER FOLKS AND HER SISTER MORE AND I WANTED TO BE AROUND MY FAMILY MORE. I RENEWED MY LOVE AND MY APPRECIATION FOR THEM, AND IT'S BEEN JUST LIKE A HUGE HOME-COMING FOR US. SEEING EACH ONE AND BEING AROUND EACH ONE HAS BEEN EVEN BETTER THAN I EXPECTED OR HOPED IT WOULD BE. I'M SURE IT WILL BE THE SAME WHEN YOU COME BACK, ALTHOUGH I HAVE BEEN AWAY ALMOST SIXTEEN YEARS AND IT WAS REALLY BEAUTIFUL TO COME BACK.

I'M WORKING NOW AS A PSYCHOLOGIST FOR THE CHILD-DEVELOPMENT CENTER. I WORK PRIMARILLY WITH SCHOOL TEACHERS AND HANDICAPPED CHILDREN. I REALLY ENJOY MY OFFICE. IT'S REALLY NOT AS NICE AS IT'S GOING TO BE, I'M SURE. I'LL GET PROMOTED INTO BETTER AND BETTER OFFICES BUT I DOUBT I'LL GET MUCH OF A SALARY INCREASE. I THINK, AS TO OUR PLANS IN THE FUTURE, LORRAINE HAS BECOME QUITE AN INTERIOR DECORATOR AND SHE



QUITE A LOT OF ANTIQUE FURNITURE AND SHE'S INTERESTED IN BUILDING A LITTLE RANCH HOUSE AND A GUEST RANCH IN THE JACKSON HOLE AREA WITH THE CHILDREN, ESPECIALLY RANDY, RUNNING THE HORSES AND MANAGING THE FARM. SO WE'RE MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION. IT MIGHT TAKE US A FEW YEARS BUT I'M SURE WE'LL GET THERE MAYBE BY THE TIME YOU COME BACK, GEORGE. OH YEAH, ONE OTHER THING--WE'RE BUILDING A HOUSE RIGHT OUT ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE SWIMMING POOL AND TENNIS COURTS AT AMMON CITY PARK, AND WE'RE BUILDING BRICK ~~XXXXXX~~ HOUSE AND IT'S GOING TO HAVE BRICK FLOORS AND IT'S GOING TO BE SORT OF A RUSTIC, OLD AMERICAN HOUSE AND WE'RE REAL EXCITED ABOUT THAT. IT MIGHT BE FINISHED SOME TIME BEFORE THE FIRST OF THE YEAR.

ACHIM: THOSE WERE GOOD TALKS YOU GAVE US HERE. HOW ARE YOU, GEORGE? WE ARE REALLY HAPPY THAT YOU HAVE SUCCESS IN YOUR MISSION IN INDONESIA. WE ENJOYED THE SLIDES VERY MUCH. I THINK WE SHOULD THINK IN TERMS THAT WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED. I AM SURE YOU HAVE QUITE A CHALLENGING JOB TO DO AND I THINK IT IS QUITE DIFFERENT. IT MAKES US APPRECIATE MUCH MORE WHAT WE HAVE HERE IN THE UNITED STATES AND WE HOPE YOU CAN ALWAYS KEEP THE HERITAGE IN MIND. NOW OUR LITTLE DAUGHTER ANNY IS GOING TO BE ONE YEAR OLD ON THIS COMING 17th OF SEPTEMBER. THIS HAS A <sup>NATURALLY</sup> DOUBLE MEANING: IT IS CONSTITUTION DAY, AND I DON'T KNOW BUT SOME THINK SHE IS A GROBERG AND SOME SAY SHE IS A FRITZEN BUT WE WILL HAVE TO SEE AND DECIDE. MARY JANE AND ANNY AND I WENT TO SUMMER SCHOOL THIS SUMMER AGAIN. IT SEEMS I CANNOT LEAVE THE B.Y.U. ALONE; IT SEEMS LIKE I CANNOT LEAVE THE STUDYING ALONE. BUT I THINK IN THE NEAR FUTURE I WILL HAVE MY MASTER'S DEGREE. MAYBE I WILL TEACH IN GERMAN AGAIN AND MAYBE TWO CLASSES IN AMERICAN HISTORY. THAT'S WHAT I HAVE DONE IN THE PAST.

BEFORE I FORGET IT, I SHOULD SAY HELLO FROM COACH RASMUSSEN. HE THINKS QUITE A BIT OF YOU AND I WILL TELL HIM WHAT YOU ARE DOING IN INDONESIA. AND I THINK THAT'S ALL WHAT WE HAVE TO SEE. EXCUSE ME PLEASE, GEORGE, I FORGOT AND MARY JANE REMINDS ME WHEN YOU ARE COMING BACK YOU WILL FIND WE ARE MOVING INTO A NEW HOUSE ON LINCOLN DRIVE.

RICHARD: HI, GEORGE! THIS IS DICK. WE'RE ABOUT THE SAME. WE HAVE TODD, A 17-LB. BOY, FOUR MONTHS OLD. STEPHANIE IS GROWN UP. SHE'S GOING TO START KINDERGARTEN IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS. SHE'S AS CUTE AS EVER, QUITE GROWN UP. BARBARA IS ABOUT THE SAME. SHE'S STILL TEACHING SUNDAY SCHOOL AND DOING THE WARD BULLETIN, OFTIMES, RELUCTANTLY.

WE'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN A LOT OF THINGS. THINGS ARE KIND OF EASY TO GET INTO BUT KIND OF HARD TO GET OUT OF. I HOPE TO HAVE MY TERM EXPIRE FOR THE STATE REAL ESTATE ASSOCIATION NEXT MONTH. THEY SOMETIMES TRAP YOU AGAIN BUT IT EXPIRES AND I'M HOPING TO GET SOMEBODY ELSE TO TAKE IT (VICE-Pre IN THE WORK HERE, IN MANY WAYS WE'RE TRYING TO MAKE RELATIVELY UNPRODUCTIVE LAND, PRODUCTIVE AND WE'RE DOING A LOT OF DEVELOPING.

JOHN: GEORGE, I THINK WE'VE WRITTEN YOU OCCASSIONALLY SO I GUESS YOU KNOW ABOUT WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING. SINCE THE FIRST OF THE YEAR IT'S JUST BEEN MORE OF THE SAME. I THINK I'VE MADE PROBABLY A COUPLE OF TRIPS SO FAR THIS YEAR, TO THE ISLANDS.

TOMMY TURNED A YEAR OLD AND HE HAS LEARNED HOW TO WALK, A YEAR OLD IN JULY. THE FAMILY IS ABOUT THE SAME AS YOU HAVE BEEN AWARE OF. WE ENJOYED YOUR SLIDE PRESENTATIONS, ESPECIALLY THE LAST TWO PICTURES OF THE BLACK COW IN THE COAL FIELD, VERY GOOD.

WE REALLY HAD A GOOD FAMILY GATHERING HERE, AND IN CASE YOU DON'T GET THE WORD FROM OTHER SOURCES, WE HAD A FAMILY COUNSEL AND DECIDED TO VOTE YOU OUT OF YOUR INHERITANCE SINCE YOU DIDN'T SHOW UP TO THE MEETING. BUT OTHER THAN THAT THINGS ARE GOING PRETTY WELL. WE GOT GLORIA MARRIED OFF YESTERDAY, EVERYONE IS HAPPY ABOUT THAT. SINCE SHE ISN'T AROUND WE CAN SAY THAT. SHE REALLY DID GET A GOOD JOB. JON HUBBLE'S ALL RIGHT AND HIS FOLKS ARE GOOD PEOPLE, CONVERTS TO THE CHURCH. JOHN IS A REALLY GOOD FELLOW.

JEAN AND I ARE LEAVING IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS TO GO DOWN TO THE ISLANDS, AND HOLD SOME MORE CONFERENCES. THEY DID DIVIDE UP OUR DISTRICT AS YOU KNOW SO WE ONLY HAVE TONGA AND FIJI AND RARATONGA AND NEUWAY, SUPPOSEDLY THE SMALL END OF IT BUT WHEN YOU WORK OUT TRAVEL SCHEDULES IT TURNS OUT TO BE LONGER THAN IT WAS BEFORE, BUT WE STILL ENJOY THE WORK.

AS DICK MENTIONED, WE'RE WORKING ON--THE BIG PROJECT WE HAVE IS BUILDING SOME CONDOMINIUMS AND IT JUST KIND OF KEEPS GROWING. ORIGINALLY WE WERE GOING TO BUILD ABOUT FIFTY, THEN WE GOT UP TO ABOUT EIGHT, AND NOW WE'RE ABOUT UP TO ABOUT A HUNDRED AND FIFTY THAT WE'RE PROJECTING ANYWAYS. THAT SHOULD KEEP US BUSY FOR ABOUT THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. WE MAY GO BROKE BEFORE THEN. WE HOPE YOU WILL HAVE YOUR DOCTOR'S DEGREE BY THEN SO YOU CAN SUPPORT OUR BIG FAMILIES.

I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING ELSE BUT EVEN THOUGH YOU AREN'T HERE IN --YOUR BODY WASN'T HERE, BUT WE FELT YOUR PRESENCE AND APPRECIATED THE TAPE AND EVERYTHING.

BOB BLAIR GAVE A DELIGHTFUL REPORT AND IT WAS ON THE TAPE SENT TO GEORGE BUT SOMEHOW WAS ERASED WHEN I COPIED THIS TAPE FROM THE ORIGINAL. I'M SORRY ABOUT THIS. HE TOLD OF JULIA EXPECTING IN MARCH (ALSO SHARON IS) AND THAT IF IT WERE ANOTHER LITTLE JIMMY, THEY MIGHT GIVE HIM AWAY. HE TOLD OF THE SWIMMING PROWESS OF THE CHILDREN, MARKIE'S EXCELLING IN SPEECH, DEBATE, HIS OWN TRAVELS AND ASSIGNMENTS, JULIA TEACHING IN REL. SOC. & PRIMARY, ETC. WHEN WE GET GEORGE HOME (WITH HIS TAPE) WE'LL GET IT VERBATIM)

AUGUST 23, 1972 --MOTHER SPEAKING:

GOOD MORNING, GEORGE. THIS IS MOTHER. IT IS ALREADY WEDNESDAY MORNING, FOLLOWING THE WEDDING AND WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN THE TAPE OFF. IF YOU HAD BEEN AROUND FOR THE LAST FEW DAYS YOU WOULD HAVE UNDERSTOOD WHY. WE HAD THE HUBBLES WITH US (JON'S PARENTS AND BROTHER). HOWEVER, THEY LEFT SUNDAY. ALSO THE DEE GROBERGS AND THE BLAIRS LEFT SUNDAY. ALTHOUGH WE HAD A BIG REUNION MEETING SUNDAY AFTERNOON, AND AS YOU KNOW, THE TAPE YOU HAVE JUST LISTENED TO IS A REPORT GIVEN AT THAT MEETING. OF COURSE MONDAY MORNING THERE WERE MANY THINGS THAT HAD TO BE RETURNED AND THINGS HAD TO BE PUT IN ORDER A LITTLE BIT AROUND HERE. IN FACT, THE WHOLE DAY WAS SPENT TRYING TO GET THE FURNITURE MOVED BACK AND LIGHTS RETURNED TO THE NEIGHBORS AND KARL HOMERS WHO HAD SO GENEROUSLY LOANED US SOME OF HIS LIGHTS, FOR THE BACK YARD, AND MANY OTHER THINGS.

IT WAS GREAT TO HAVE ALL THE FOLKS HERE. TUESDAY WE WENT TO JACKSON. DAD DID SOME APPRAISING THERE AND I WENT ALONG WITH DAD AND LEWIS AND JOHN AND JEAN AND JOE AND JEANNE BECAUSE I WANTED TO VISIT WITH, PARTICULARLY THE JOE GROBERGS AND IT WAS SUCH A TREAT AS I HAD HARDLY SEEN THEM. WE HAD A GREAT DAY IN JACKSON WHILE LEW AND DAD DID THE APPRAISING. JOE AND JOHN AND THEIR TWO JEANS AND I VISITED THE FAMOUS ART GALERIES. IT SEEMS THAT TWO OR THREE MONTHS AGO JOHN AND JEAN HAD FLOWN TO DENVER AND SPENT A COUPLE OF DAYS WITH THE JOE GROBERGS AND THE FOUR OF THEM WENT DOWN TO NEW MEXICO AND ENJOYED SOME OF THE ART GALERIES THERE. APPARENTLY SOME OF THE GREAT WORKS OF ART ARE THERE. HOWEVER, MY GOING ALONG WAS JUST TO ENJOY THIS VERY SPECIAL TIME WITH JOE AND JEANNE AND THE OTHERS AND IT REALLY WAS SPECIAL. AND AS WE VISITED WITH LEWIS TOO AND THE OTHERS COUNSELED HIM, IT WAS QUITE HUMBLING TO ME TO SEE WHAT GREAT MEN THESE TWO OLDER BROTHERS HAVE BECOME. ALSO HOW SOUND AND WISE AND LOYAL AND TRUE THEY ARE TO THE CHURCH AND TO THEIR CALLINGS.

SO THIS MORNING WE'RE TRYING TO COMPLETE THIS TAPE AND GET IT OFF TO YOU. IT SHOULD BE MENTIONED THAT WHEN WE RETURNED LATE LAST NIGHT WE FOUND THAT OUR LITTLE NEWLYWEDS HAD COME FROM THEIR HONEYMOON IN ISLAND PARK AND YELLOWSTONE AND HAD OPENED SOME OF THEIR GIFTS AND TAKEN SOME AND GONE ON DOWN TO PROVO BECAUSE JON HAD TO BE TO WORK THIS MORNING. WE DIDN'T KNOW JUST WHEN THEY WOULD BE RETURNING OR WE WOULD HAVE MADE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO GET BACK. BETH AND BARRY WHO WERE HERE, SAID THEY LOOKED COMPLETELY HAPPY AND BROUGHT JOY TO ALL.

LET'S GO BACK JUST A LITTLE BIT AND LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT THE WEDDING. GLORIA HERSELF HAD SUGGESTED THAT SHE WAS ESPECIALLY FOND OF A LITTLE SONG FROM A CURRENT MOVIE AND SHOW THAT WAS DONE IN OUR STAKE BY RICKS COLLEGE, CALLED "FIDDLER ON THE ROOF". YOU MAY BE

FAMILIAR WITH IT BUT THIS LITTLE SONG CALLED "SUNRISE, SUNSET" SINGS ABOUT "IS THIS THE LITTLE GIRL I CARRIED? IS THIS MY LITTLE ONE AT PLAY?" "I DON'T REMEMBER GROWING OLDER --WHEN DID THEY?" I DON'T REMEMBER JUST HOW IT GOES BUT LATER IN THE SONG, IT GOES, "NOW THE LITTLE BOY'S A BRIDEGROOM, NOW IS THE LITTLE GIRL A BRIDE" ETC. WELL, GLORIA TAUGHT THIS SONG TO ALL HER LITTLE NIECES AND THEY SANG IT AT THE WEDDING LUNCHEON AND LISA BLAIR DID THE ACCOMPANYING AND IT WAS VERY, VERY CHOICE. GLORIA HAD MENTIONED AHEAD WHEN SHE HAD ASSIGNED THE LITTLE GIRLS TO LEARN THIS AND SING IT THAT MAYBE WE COULD HAVE JUST A TOUCH OF IT IN THE RECEPTION AND SHE REALLY DID WANT HER RECEPTION TO BE RIGHT HERE IN OUR HOME. WELL, THE COLOR SCHEMES WERE YELLOW AND GREEN. WE USED A LOT OF THIS FINE NYLON TULLE IN THE YELLOW AND GREEN, AND LITTLE DAINTY FLOWERS. IN THE ENTRANCE HALL WE HAD THIS LOVELY TULLE AND THE FLOWERS. THE FLORIST DID AN EXCELLENT JOB OF ALL THE FLORAL WORK THAT HE WAS TO DO. WE HAD LITTLE WEST DARLING LITTLE FIGURINES, LITTLE BOY AND GIRL, ETC. WE HAD GONE TO SALT LAKE AND BOUGHT WHITE PARCHMENT PAPER AND MADE IT LOOK LIKE SCROLLS, GUILDED THE EDGES, AND IN GOLD LETTERS HAD WRITTEN VARIOUS LINES FROM THIS SONG. THE FIRST ONE (IN THE HALL), "IS THIS THE LITTLE ONE I CARRIED?" AND THEN AS GUESTS WENT ON THRU THE HOUSE THE REST OF THE MESSAGES CAME THRU SO THAT IT REALLY TOLD A STORY. WE CHANGED SOME OF THE WORDS OF THE SONG AT THE VERY END, AND OUR SCROLLS SAID WORDS THAT BROUGHT SOME OF THE SACRED, BEAUTIFUL MESSAGE THAT OUR HEAVENLY FATHER'S TENDER BLESSINGS AND OUR GRATITUDE FOR HIS PROMISES THERE COULD BE LOVE AND JOY FOREVER. OF COURSE ALL THE LITTLE SCROLL MESSAGES WERE ACCOMPANIED WITH LOVELY GREEN AND YELLOW FLOWERS. MANY HAVE COMMENTED THAT THIS WAS SO UNUSUAL. WHERE WE HAD THE SCROLLS GUILDED WITH GOLD EDGE AND IN GOLD LETTERS, "WHEN DID SHE GET TO BE A BEAUTY" AND "WHEN DID HE GROW SO FINE AND TALL?" SO WE HAD A LOT OF PICTURES OF BOTH THAT NEITHER GLORIA NOR JON WERE AWARE WE HAD PREPARED FOR THIS -SOME FUNNY THOTS ACCOMPANYING EACH PICTURE, WHICH MADE ALL CHUCKLE. THEN WE HAD THIS LITTLE OLD BRIDE DOLL AND GROOM DOLL THAT WE'D USED BEFORE SEVERAL TIMES, BUT WE'D DRESSED THEM EXACTLY AS GLO AND JON WERE DRESSED FOR THE RECEPTION, SAME BOUQUET, ETC. THAT IN GENERAL WERE OUR DECORATIONS. HOWEVER, ANOTHER VERY UNUSUAL THING, WE HAD BORROWED SEVERAL STRANDS OF THESE TINY CHRISTMAS CRYSTAL LIGHTS, EXACTLY THE SAME KIND USED TO DECORATE TEMPLE SQUARE AT CHRISTMAS TIME AND WE HAD THOSE AROUND IN TREES, ETC. AND AROUND ARCHES IN FRONT AND A BEAUTIFUL BOUQUET ATTACHED TO OUR DOOR, DELICATE GREENERY SO IT REALLY LOOKED LIKE A FESTIVE PLACE. THE APPLE TREES BETWEEN OUR PLACE AND SANDQUISTS WERE ALL LIT UP. YOU WILL NEVER BELIEVE WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THOSE APPLE TREES, GEORGE. THEY PRODUCE SOME PRETTY GOOD-SIZED APPLES NOW. THE BACK YARD DECORATIONS WERE LOVELY TOO. THE CATERING BY BALMFORTHS WAS ESPECIALLY NICE, THE FOOD DELICIOUS. GLO DECIDED ON THAT TOO, EVEN GAVE A FUNCH RECIPE. WE HAD LOTS OF ORGAN-

IZATION AND LOTS OF GOOD HELP. EVERY MOMENT THAT WE PREPARED FOR THIS WEDDING WAS NOTHING BUT SHEER JOY, BECAUSE THIS YOUNG COUPLE ARE SO SPECIAL AND SO DEVOTED TO THE LORD AND DESIRE TO PLEASE HIM AND LIVE THEIR LIVES AS TRUE LATTER-DAY SAINTS. THEIR DESIRES RADIATE SOMETHING VERY SPECIAL FROM THEM. UPLIFTING AND JOYFUL TO ALL OF US.

JON'S PARENTS CAME FROM IOWA. THEY WERE OUR GUESTS IN OUR HOME, ALSO HIS LITTLE BROTHER WHO IS TWELVE, NAMED MACK. HIS OLDER BROTHER AND WIFE WERE HERE ALSO. SO BOTH SIDES OF THE FAMILY WERE SOMEWHAT REPRESENTED. HIS OLDER BROTHER'S WIFE CAME FROM RIGBY AND HER PARENTS WERE ALSO WITH US. JON AND GLO DIDN'T GET HERE UNTIL LATE THURSDAY NIGHT AND FRIDAY THEY HAD TO GO GET QUITE A FEW THINGS, PICK UP A RING OR SO, THEIR LICENSE, ETC. THEY WERE VERY CALM, SO EASY AND NATURAL AROUND EACH OTHER THAT IT IS JUST FUN TO BE AROUND THEM. THEY ARE SO HAPPY TOGETHER AND SO FULFILLED. JON IS SO CHOICE, VERY GENUINE AND JUST FITS IN SO NATURALLY AND SO WELL WE JUST FEEL IT IS EXACTLY THE WAY IT SHOULD BE. IN FACT, I REMEMBER ONCE I WAS HAVING A LITTLE SPECIAL PRAYER ABOUT THEM AND I JUST FELT SORT OF "FLOODED" WITH A GENTLE LIGHT THAT RETURNED OFTEN. TO ME, AT LEAST A SIGN THAT THIS WAS REALLY APPROVED OF THE LORD.

WELL, FRIDAY WAS A BUSY, BUSY DAY, GETTING EVERYTHING READY AND HOPING IT WOULDN'T RAIN. INCIDENTALLY, IT DID RAIN OFF AND ON DURING THE RECEPTION BUT EVERYONE WAS SO HAPPY THEY KIND OF OVERLOOKED IT. THE OUTSIDE WAS ALL LIT UP. THE WEDDING CAKE HAD A LIGHT (GREEN) BETWEEN PARTS OF THE CAKE AND DAINTY ROSES, ETC. TO CARRY OUT THE COLOR SCHEME. BUT OF COURSE THE RECEPTION WAS ACTUALLY AN ANTI-CLIMAX TO THE REAL EXPERIENCE IN THE TEMPLE. IN THE TEMPLE WE HAD EVERYONE. WE DID GO THRU ONE SESSION FOR GLORIA TO GET HER ENDOWMENTS. WHILE THERE WAS A HUGE CROWD IN THE TEMPLE, PRES. HART IN HIS VERY INSPIRED WAY, MANAGED TO BE THE ONE TO PERFORM THIS PARTICULAR CEREMONY. HE MADE IT SO SPECIAL

IN THE TEMPLE WE WENT UPSTAIRS TO THE VERY SPECIAL ROOM, OF COURSE WE NEEDED A LARGE ROOM WITH ALL OF US, THE IN-LAWS, EVERYONE EXCEPT DAVID AND LORRAINE AND THEY'LL BE GOING THERE BEFORE LONG, YOU'LL FIND. OH WHAT A JOY IT IS TO HAVE THEM HERE. THEY HAVE SO MUCH TO GIVE OTHERS. AND AS YOU SEE FROM DAVID'S MESSAGE, HOW CHOICE AND PRECIOUS THEY ARE. BUT THEY TOOK CARE OF THINGS OUTSIDE. IN THE TEMPLE THE REST OF US WERE THERE -ALSO MY SISTER HELEN AND HER HUSBAND, CARLYLE AND THEIR SON CARL DDHLQUIST, CAME CLEAR FROM CALIFORNIA TO BE WITH US. AUNT MAUD AND JONATHAN CAME FROM SALT LAKE, ALSO AUNT NELL. BISHOP BOWEN WAS THERE AND SEVERAL OTHERS. PRESIDENT TALKED TO THEM ABOUT THE ENDOWMENT, THE GREAT AND MARVELOUS BLESSING IT REALLY IS, HOW ALTHO THE PROMISES GIVEN WOULDN'T BE FULLY UNDERSTOOD BY THE YOUNG COUPLE UNTIL THEY HAD GONE THRU MANY TIMES NOT ONLY GAVE THEM THE GREATEST OF ALL PRIVILEGES BUT GREATEST RESPONSIBILITIES. I HAVE

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TRIED TO RECALL QUITE A FEW THINGS BUT WILL RECORD THEM LATER (ALSO WHAT OTHERS RECALL--IT WAS SUCH A BLESSING FOR ALL). HE WAS SO COMPLETELY INSPIRED. HE SAID THIS WAS THE LORD'S WAY AND THIS WAS WHAT THE WORLD NEEDED, THE JOY THAT WOULD BE PROJECTED FROM NOW, AND THE ACCOMPLISHMENT REQUIRING MUCH STRUGGLE AND GROWING. HE SPOKE OF THE CULTURE AND REFINEMENT AND TRUE GOSPEL LIVING GLORIA AND ALL HER FAMILY HAD KNOWN IN THEIR HOME. I TOLD PRESIDENT HART AFTERWARDS I COULD JUST FEEL THE LORD SPEAKING THROUGH HIM. OF COURSE HE WAS AWARE THIS WAS HAPPENING AT THE TIME. MANY OF US WERE REALLY IN TEARS. AND THEN, OF COURSE, HE ACTUALLY PERFORMED THE CEREMONY AND SAID IT WITH JUST HIS WHOLE HEART IN EVERY WORD. I RECALL ESPECIALLY WHEN HE SAID, "MULTIPLY AND REPLENISH THE EARTH THAT YOU MAY HAVE JOY AND REJOICING IN YOUR POSTERITY." WELL, THIS CAN'T BE EXPRESSED ON PAPER BUT YOU WILL KNOW ALL ABOUT IT SOME DAY WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN. THEN AFTERWARDS HE MENTIONED THAT HE HAD ALWAYS KNOWN THAT THE MARRIAGES IN OUR FAMILY WOULD BE JUST THIS WAY, PAID QUITE A TRIBUTE TO THE FAMILY, CULTURE, IDEALS, AND DESIRES. THEN HE HAD DAD SPEAK FOR A MOMENT AND OF COURSE, AS USUAL, DAD SAID EXACTLY THE RIGHT THINGS. THEN BROTHER HUBBLE SPOKE FOR A MOMENT, EXPRESSING HIS GRATITUDE, AND SUGGESTED TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT THEY WOULD BE EXPECTED TO EXCEL THEIR PARENTS, DO BETTER THAN THEIR PARENTS HAD DONE, IN CARRYING ON THE WORK OF THE LORD.

WELL, SO MUCH OF THIS, OF COURSE, IS TOO SACRED TO EVEN PUT ON TAPE. BUT YOU WILL KNOW ALL ABOUT IT SOME TIME AND FEEL, LIKE GLORIA AND JON. I THINK THEY COMPREHENDED IN A LITTLE EXTRA SPECIAL WAY, THEY WERE PREPARED, PERHAPS, TO COMPREHEND A LITTLE MORE THAN MANY BRIDES AND GROOMS THAT GO THROUGH AND ARE SEALED.

WE SHOULD MENTION THAT THERE WAS A LITTLE DELAY WAITING FOR A FEW PEOPLE TO COME BECAUSE THE WRONG HOUR FOR THE CEREMONY HAD BEEN MISTAKENLY GIVEN. DURING THAT WAIT, THERE WERE SEVERAL SEALINGS DONE FOR ACHIM FRITZEN'S PEOPLE, WHOSE RECORDS HE HAD RESEARCHED OUT. THE SEALINGS WERE READY TO BE DONE SO WE JUST DID THEM, WHILE WE WERE WAITING. ACHIM AND MARY AND JOHN AND JEAN PARTICIPATED. IT JUST ADDED A VERY SPECIAL TOUCH. (I REMEMBER PRESIDENT HART SAID THE DAY BEFORE A FAMILY HAD COME TO BE SEALED. HE WAS TELLING US OF THE GREAT IMPORTANCE OF BEING UNITED AND LIVING THE GOSPEL IN THE FAMILY AND OF TRYING TO SENSE WHAT A MARVELOUS PRIVILEGE THIS WAS, THE IMPORTANCE OF PREPARING FOR AND DESERVING THE GREAT BLESSINGS AND GETTING THEM FOR THE FAMILY. SO THIS FAMILY HAD COME WITH SEVERAL CHILDREN TO BE SEALED. HE SAID SOMETIMES THEY COME FROM SUCH GREAT DISTANCES AND AT SUCH TERRIFIC SACRIFICE BECAUSE THEY LOVE THEIR CHILDREN AND THEY LOVE EACH OTHER AND THEY KNOW THAT THESE SEALINGS ARE OF THE LORD AND WILL BE EXACTLY AS PROMISED. BUT IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE THE MAN WAS BLIND. BUT THEY HAD MADE IT AND HE SAID THE THOUGHTFULNESS OF THE CHILDREN AND ALL, WAS JUST BEAUTIFUL. AFTER THE FAMILY WAS SEALED, A LITTLE FOUR-YEAR-OLD ADOPTED CHILD WAS BROUGHT IN, ADOPTED NOT TOO LONG BEFORE, LONG ENOUGH TO MAKE IT LEGAL OF COURSE, AT LEAST A YEAR I THINK. AND THIS LITTLE CHILD WAS ALSO BLIND AND HE SAID THE WAY THEY TREATED THAT LITTLE CHILD, THE UNDERSTANDING AND LOVE JUST MADE EVERYBODY WEEP.

WELL, AFTER THIS BEAUTIFUL CEREMONY, WE WENT OUTSIDE. GLORIA HAD WORN HER WEDDING GOWN WHICH SHE HAD RENTED. AUNT MAUDE HAD WANTED TO MAKE HER ONE BUT OH WE WERE GLAD THAT WE RENTED IT FROM THE BALMFORTH'S. IT WAS SO PERFECT FOR GLORIA. WE WENT OUTSIDE AND TOOK SEVERAL PICTURES (PHOTOGRAPHER) AND WE HAD TO RUSH TO GET OVER TO OUR LUNCHEON WHICH WAS AT THE ROYAL FORK BANQUET ROOM. IT USED TO BE CALLED "CHUCK WAGON" -RIGHT OVER THERE JUST BEYOND THE SIXTH STREET SUBWAY, ACROSS FROM THAT A & W ROOTBEER STAND AND TRAVELODGE. THE ROOM WAS JUST BEAUTIFUL. WE HAD AROUND SIXTY THERE, ALL THE CHILDREN BIG ENOUGH TO TAKE PART IN THE PROGRAM, AND IT WAS QUITE A PROGRAM\*\*ALL THE FRIENDS AND SPECIAL GUESTS. WE HAD HAD THE FLORIST PUT UP ONE WHOLE WALL WITH A BEAUTIFUL SCENE OF THE IDAHO FALLS TEMPLE, ABOUT A THIRD AS LARGE

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AS THE WALL, THEN HE HAD GREENERY AND FLOWERS AND LIGHTS AROUND IT SO IT WAS VERY SPECIAL INDEED. JOHN WAS THE MASTER OF CEREMONIES. GLORIA HAD ARRANGED THE PROGRAM (I'M SURE WITH JON'S HELP). EVERYONE GAVE TOASTS, PART HUMOROUS, PART SERIOUS. DEE GAVE A CHALK TALK, ETC. THE GIRLS SANG AND DAVID SANG, ACCOMPANYING HIMSELF ON THE GUITAR, A SONG GLORIA AND JON HAD BROUGHT ON A RECORD FROM B.Y.U. COMPOSED BY A STUDENT THERE. IT WAS MOST PROFOUND, A PRAYER OF A YOUNG MAN WHO HAD JUST BEEN MARRIED, "MAKE ME, THRU THY LOVE, REALLY WORTHY OF HER, AND THAT WE MAY FULFILL TOGETHER ALL THY DESIRES AND PLANS." DAVID HAD TO WORK REALLY HARD TO GET EVEN THE WORDS OFF THE RECORD BUT HE HAD REALLY WORKED ON IT AND WORKED OUT THE GUITAR ACCOMPANIMENT AND SANG IT AS ONLY HE CAN AND IT WAS JUST BEAUTIFUL. AND THEN THE JOHN GROBERGS AND THE JOE GROBERGS SANG THE OLD FAMILY THEME SONG, YOU KNOW: "MARY JANE AND JULIA GAY, JOHN JOHN JOHNSON, DAY-YA-YA, ETC." ONLY THEY HAD COMPLETED IT CLEAR DOWN AND INCLUDED ALL THE IN-LAWS AND THEN TALKED ABOUT YOU AND LEW AND YOUR BIG TIMES COMING UP AND IT WAS JUST SO FUNNY AND SO CUTE, IT SORT OF STOLE THE SHOW--AT LEAST IT WAS MOST DELIGHTFUL. THEN WE HAD TO RUSH TO GET EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING READY FOR THE RECEPTION.

FOR HER BRIDESMAIDS GLORIA HAD: BETH, BECKY HENINGER, JULIE BERRY TANNER AND A SPECIAL FRIEND FROM SCHOOL SHE HAD BEEN GOING TO LIVE WITH THIS YEAR, KATHY APPLETON, AND BEAUTIFUL MARGARET BLAIR. THE LITTLE FLOWER GIRLS WERE: ANGELA AND GAYLE AND LITTLE KRISTIN AND STEPHANIE. THEY WERE ALL DRESSED UP IN THESE YELLOW AND GREEN COLORS AND LOOKED BEAUTIFUL, JON'S BROTHER, CHARLES, WAS HIS BEST MAN AND LEWIS WAS THE HEAD USHER. WE ALL STOOD IN LINE AND THE OTHERS HELPED HERE AND THERE. WELL, THE RECEPTION WAS ATTENDED BY A LARGE GROUP, QUITE A FEW MORE WANTED TO COME AND COULDN'T BUT SENT GIFTS. IT WAS WHAT WE'D CALL A GREAT SUCCESS. THAT WAS SATURDAY NIGHT AND ON SUNDAY MORNING WE ALL GOT UP AND THE MEN WENT TO PRIESTHOOD MEETING AND MOTHER TAUGHT HER GOSPEL DOCTRINE CLASS IN SUNDAY SCHOOL AND IT WAS SURELY FUN TO HAVE ALL SPECIAL GUESTS THERE. THEN WE HAD OUR FAMILY GET-TOGETHER THAT AFTERNOON. AND THEN MONDAY ALL THIS STIR AROUND. A LOT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE WENT UP TO OUR CABIN AT MACKS AND LEW IS GOING UP NOW TO BRING THEM BACK DOWN. INCIDENTALLY, I THINK, AFTER TALKING IT OVER WITH JOHN, LEWIS HAS DECIDED TO WORK THIS SEMESTER. HE ONLY HAS TO HAVE A FEW HOURS TO GRADUATE \* ABOUT THIRTEEN.

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NOTE FROM DAD:

LEWIS HAS HELPED IN THE OFFICE AND ASSISTED WITH SOME VERY INTERESTING APPRAISALS. THIS IS BEING PRINTED AS THE LAST BUSINESS IN OUR 844 OXFORD OFFICE. WE ARE MAKING OUR MOVE TO THE NEW OFFICE TODAY -DECEMBER 13, 1972. IT IS OF SPECIAL FAMILY INTEREST THAT DAVID AND SOME OF HIS ASSOCIATES IN THE STATE REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT PLAN TO RENT OUR BUILDING HERE ON OXFORD.

USE THIS SHEET FOR OTHER FAMILY NOTES.

LOVE, DAD

FOE

"..a virgin shall conceive and shall bear a son..for unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given..."

(II Nephi 17: & 18 - quoting Isaiah)

"Except ye become as a little child...."

"For of such is the Kingdom of Heaven..."

"And he took their little children, one by one, and blessed them and prayed unto the Father for them...and wept... and said...Behold your little ones...they saw angels descending out of heaven....they did minister unto them..."

(III Nephi: 17:21-4)

"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it...Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord...as arrows are in the hand of a mighty man, so are children of the youth..Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them."

(Psalms 127)

"Next to eternal life the most precious gift that our Heavenly Father can bestow upon man is his children.."

(McKay)

"Love realizes his sweetest happiness and his most divine consummation in the home where the coming of children is not restricted, where they are made most welcome and where the duties of parenthood are accepted as a co-partnership with the Eternal Creator."

(McKay)

"How would we react if, instead of a doctor announcing, 'It's a girl' -Our Heavenly Father would say, 'Thank you for preparing this little body for the spirit I have created..Now I present her to you for a season to care for..Please teach her of me and of my Son..Call on me often for advice and counsel. I want her back some day..It all depends on you..'"

(Bishop H. Burke Petersen)

JOE

CHILDHOOD SAYINGS WE TOOK TIME TO RECORD:

Julia

John H.



David H.

Delbert H.

Richard H.

JUNE 22, 1935:

JULIA: "THERE YOU ARE - THERE YOU ARE!"

MAMMA: "THERE WHAT IS JULIA?"

JULIA: "OH, THERE -THERE - OH MAMMA, DON'T SAY ANYSING!"

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MAMMA: "JEWEL -WHERE IS YOUR GUM? DID YOU SWALLOT IT?"

JULIA: "NO, I DIDNENT - I EAT IT ALL GONE!" (and you should have heard Mary laugh!)

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MARY'S ABILITY TO REMEMBER THINGS THAT HAPPENED MONTHS AND MORE AGO IS REMARKABLE. JOHN LOVES TO CLIMB AND DO WHAT OTHERS DO. HE GRABS DADDY'S RAKE OR HOE OR MOTHER'S BROOM WHENEVER HE CAN AND STARTS WORKING WITH THEM, BUT HE REFUSHES TO USE THE BROOM OUTSIDE. HE SAYS "THERE (DA) UMA - DADDA - AND A-Y (MARY)."

JUNE 23 - SUNDAY

MARY: "SISTER, WANT ME TO TELL YOU A STORY?"

JULIA: "WHAT?"

MARY: "IT'S ABOUT A JOB - A LITTLE GIRL SAID TO HER MAMMA - 'MAMMA, SHALL I DO YOUR JOB?'"

JULIA: (WHO KNOWS ONLY ONE, VERY PRIVATE, MEANING OF "JOB") - SAID: "OH, BALONEY!" AND WALKED AWAY AND MARY FIGURED WE WERE LAUGHING AT HER STORY CUT SHORT SO ABRUPTLY. MARY USED THE WORD "DETERMINED" PROPERLY, TWICE TODAY. JOHN IS CROSS AND HE HAS SOME LOOSE FLESH - TEETH ARE COMING AND



THAT AREA WAS UNINTENTIONALLY HURT IN MARY'S EFFORT TO SAVE THE BLOCK TOWER.

JUNE 26 -

MARY MUST KNOW AND HAVE EVERYTHING EXPLAINED. WE WENT RIDING IN THE CAR AND SHE NOTICED JULIA AND JOHN BOTH HAD ON WHITE SOCKS WITH BLUE STRIPES AND SHE SAID: "WOOK- SISTER AND MAN BOTH HAVE SOCKS WIKE (LIKE) THE ICE CREAM WAGON"- THE ICE CREAM WAGON WAS VISIBLE AND I WAS STARTLED AT THE PERFECT SIMILITUDE- I NEARLY STOPPED THE CAR - THE SMALL WHITE WAGON HAD BLUE STRIPES OF THE SAME SHADE AND PROPORTION AS THE SOCKS!

DADDY HAS GONE FISHING - WE DO WANT HIM TO HAVE A BIG TIME AND RELAX! AN ARTICLE IN COLLIER'S ON MARINER S. ECCLES MAKES US REALIZE DELBERT COULD BE JUST AS POWERFUL. HE HAS SUCH A TALENT FOR GIVING THE RIGHT ADVICE, BECAUSE HE SEES PROBLEMS SO CLEARLY AND EXPRESSES ADVICE SO PROPERLY.

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JULIE WANTS TO KNOW IF "MAN" (JOHN) WANTS A "BIG TUB"

MARY SAYS: "DADDY, WHO IS THAT LITTLE GIRL WHO COMES OVER HERE?"

DADDY: "ROSETTA"

MARY: "YES, THAT'S IT - WELL, SEE, SISTER HAS ROSETTES ON HER DRESS," - POINTING TO SOME EMBROIDERED FLOWERS. CAN YOU BEAT IT!

"JULIA, WHERE IS THAT SCAB? DID YOU PICK IT OFF?"

"NO, MARY DID - BUT I AM DO-ING TO BUY ME SOME MORE TABS TO THE TORE."

DADDY CAME AT 2:30 P.M.- A DANGEROUS TRIP BUT HE CLAIMS IT WAS A THRILL. HE IS SURPRISED THAT SISTER COUNTS TO TEN BUT SHE HAS FOR SOME TIME. JOHN TRAVELS UP AND DOWN STAIRS WITH EASE. JUST NOW HE IS TRYING TO FIND A FLY TO EXERCISE THE FLY SWATTER ON.

\* \* \* JULY 3 -

JOHN IS GOOING IN BED --IT IS 6 A.M. --HE HAS JUST FINISHED HIS BREAKFAST AND JOB. THE SMALLPOX VACCINATION TAKEN LAST NIGHT HASN'T WORKED YET. THEY MAY BE GIVEN DIPHTHERIA TODAY. MARY WATCHED THE ROTATING WATER SPOUT AT THE PARK FOR SOME TIME, THEN ASKED: "MAMMA, HOW CAN THE MAN, OR ANYONE, TURN IT OFF WITHOUT GETTING WET?" WE SHOWED HER WHERE THE CARETAKER TURNS IT OFF. SHE WATCHES JEWEL LIKE A GRANDMA AND STORMS AND SQUEALS WHEN SHE GETS IN THE ROAD. SHE ASKED IF THEY WOULD THROW CANDY AT THE PARADE AS THEY DID LAST YEAR.

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HAD DIPHTHERIA SHOTS TODAY - JULIA FELT TERRIBLE ABOUT IT AND WAS SO SUSPICIOUS AND AFRAID BEFORE IT HAPPENED. SO FAR THE SMALLPOX HASN'T WORKED. HATE TO THINK OF ANOTHER SHOT FOR IT. THE DOCTOR SAYS MARY'S TONSILS ARE O.K. THE KIDS HAD BALLOONS AND FIRECRACKERS AND SAW THE PARADE ON THE 4th AND WE HAD LUNCH OVER AT THE PARK. MARY AND JULIA TAKE BOTTLES OF PUNCH TO THE PARK AND HAVE A BIG TIME. I WATCH THEM - THEY MUST NOT DRINK OUT OF THE FOUNTAIN THERE OR GO TO THE REST-ROOM. MARY'S CHIEF CONCERN IS GETTING JULIA SAFELY ACROSS THE ROADS AND BACK HOME. YESTERDAY DADDY SAID: "SHALL WE TAKE OUR LUNCH AND GO IN THE CAR?" MARY ANSWERED: "OH YES, LET'S DO, THEN SISTER WON'T HAVE TO GET RUNNED OVER"- MEANING, "I WON'T HAVE TO KEEP HER FROM IT."

JOHN FELL DOWN THE CELLAR. HE GETS TOO MANY BUMPS BUT IS GETTING MORE ABLE ALL THE TIME TO CARE FOR HIMSELF. HE SUCKS THE SECOND FINGER OF HIS LEFT HAND AND HOLDS HIS EAR WITH HIS RIGHT HAND. THE PARENTS MAGAZINE SAYS TO LET HIM DO IT. I RECALL HOW WE PUT WHITE MITTENS ON JULIA FOR TWO WEEKS TO BREAK HER FROM SUCKING HER FINGERS.

JULIA ALWAYS WAKES IN THE MORNING WITH, "MAMMA -THERE'S YOURS SON.", OR ELSE "DADDY, YOURS FAIRY IS CRYING", WHICH IS SOMETIMES TRUE OF MARY WHEN SHE AWAKENS. COUGHS ARE RARE NOW - THANK GOODNESS!

JANUARY 1937

MAMMA: "MARY, YOU MUST DO THAT - DON'T YOU KNOW IF LITTLE CHILDREN DO WICKED THINGS AND KEEP ON DOING THEM THEN THEY GROW UP WICKED AND CAN'T STOP!"

MARY: "OH, GOSH, MAMMA, YOU MUST HAVE BEEN WICKED WHEN YOU WERE A LITTLE GIRL."

MAMMA TOLD A STORY TO DADDY (BUT WEE EARS WERE LISTENING) ABOUT A PREGNANT MOTHER WHO WENT TO THE DOCTOR TO GET "FIXED" BECAUSE SHE HAD HER ONE AND ONLY CHILD ALREADY. SHE TOOK HER LITTLE GIRL WITH HER AND THE DOCTOR MIXED A CONCOCTION OF POISONS AND OFFERED THEM TO THE LITTLE GIRL- BECAUSE ONE WAS ALL THE MOTHER WANTED. OF COURSE THE MOTHER SCREAMED AND RESCUED HER CHILD AND SAID NO - NO. THE DOCTOR SIMPLY SAID; YOU DIDN'T TELL ME WHICH ONE. THEN I REMARKED TO DADDY; "THAT MOTHER SURELY LEARNED HER LESSON." MARY HAD BEEN LISTENING (CARELESS PARENTS) - AND SHE ADDED HER COMMENT AT ONCE: "I'LL SAY SHE DID --NOT TO TAKE LITTLE KIDS TO DOCTORS, HUH MAMMA?"

\* \* \* \* \* FEBRUARY 1937

HOME FROM MUTUAL AND HERE ON THE FLOOR A STORY IN BLOCKS, - THE HOUSE OF THE THREE BEARS, THEIR CHAIRS, AND BOWLS OF PORRIDGE, ETC., SIZES ARE JUST RIGHT. MARY LEFT AN EXPLANATION WITH BESSIE, THE SITTER. MARY HAD BEEN SINGING RHYMES TODAY, SO ORIGINAL AND PERFECT IN RHYTHM, I.E. "A HUNTING WE WILL GO -WE'LL CATCH SOME LITTLE BEARS AND PUT THEM ON THE STAIRS, AND THEN WE'LL LET THEM GO." WE SURPRISED DADDY WITH A PHOTO OF HIS FAMILY FOR HIS BIRTHDAY, -THEY ALL KEPT THE SECRET. IN FACT, SUNDAY P.M. AFTER THE BIRTHDAY DINNER WAS ALL OVER, AND DADDY HAD THE PICTURE, JOHN TOLD DADDY HE HAD HIS PICTURE TAKEN AND JULIA CAME TO ME HORRIFIED BECAUSE JOHN HAD TOLD. SHE AND MARY GO INTO A ROOM AND CLOSE THE DOOR AND "MAKE A SECRET" FREQUENTLY.

DR. SCHOLER INSISTS MARY WEAR GLASSES ALL THE TIME. I WISH I BELIEVED IT WAS RIGHT.

DADDY'S NEW OFFICES ARE CLASSY AND HE ADVERTISES, ETC., SO CLEVERLY. I DO SOME PUBLIC WORK --IT'S EASY WITH BESSIE BUT SHE'S GOING HOME, AND I'M GLAD. JULE IS THE SHINING LIGHT BECAUSE SHE HAS DISCOVERED SHE CAN WHISTLE. HOW HARD MARY TRIES! JULE IS SO QUIANT AND BABYISH, IT'S HARD FOR EVERYONE NOT TO SQUEEZE HER TOO MUCH. SHE GREETES HER DADDY WITH: "SKIPPER - SHOPPER -BIRTHDAY GIRL -WHISTLER!"

DAVID PULLED HIMSELF OVER HIS BED FOR A BAD FALL, -THE SIDES WERE UP TOO. HE IS A BEAUTY WITH HIS BLONDE CURLS --AND HOW WE LOVE HIM!

\* \* \* \* \* MARCH 1937

CAN YOU RECALL JOHN OBJECTING TO GOING TO BED WITH THE GIRLS - "NO, MON, I HAD MY NA-A-A-A.." - OR JULIA THREATENING; "THEN I WON'T EVER WHISTLE FOR YOU" DAVID TAKES A FEW STEPS ALONE AND WAVES GOODBYE, AND SAYS A FEW THINGS. JOHN SAYS "LITTLE JACK HORNER" AND YOU SHOULD HAVE HEARD MARY LAUGH WHEN WHEN HE LEFT OUT A LINE, SAYING "LITTLE JACK HORNER SAIT IN HIS CHRISTMAS PIE."

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JULIA SAYS SHE WILL TAKE HER EGG "FLAT" - THE OPERA WAS FINE BUT SEEMED TOO MUCH WORK. THE TRUTH IS, MOST OF THE TIME WE DON'T DO AS MUCH AS WE CAN AND WHEN WE HAVE TO, IT SEEMS PRETTY HARD. I GAVE A TALK AT THE HIGH SCHOOL ON B.Y.U. AND ONE FOR THE STAKE RELIEF SOCIETY OFFICERS REPORTING CONFERENCE. MARY JANE TAKES THE LEAD IN THE KINDERGARTEN PLAY FRIDAY. DAVID RUNS ALL OVER BUT STILL HAS ONLY SEVEN TEETH. IT IS SNOWING TODAY SO THE KIDS ARE INDOORS BUT THEY HAVE BEEN OUT.

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JOHN IS ARGUING WITH A FOUR-YEAR-OLD FRIEND WHO CALLS OUR BABY "DAGUID" AND JOHN INSISTS IT IS "DAYA." DAVID IS 13 MONTHS AND HE SAYS "TANG-OO"- WHENEVER

WE GIVE HIM SOMETHING, FOR WHICH HE HAS COAXED. HE ALSO SAYS "MAMMA, DADA, AND BYE\*BYE", ALSO BOW WOW. MARY WAS PERFECT IN THE KINDERGARTEN PLAY; SHE HAD THE LEAD.

I LOOK AND FEEL LIKE AN INVALID AFTER HAVING A WISDOM TOOK BROKEN UP AND DUG OUT., -HOOKED ON THE JAW BONE, DENTIST SAID. AFTER BEING COAXED WITH NO RESPONSE TO GO TO BED, JULIA AND MARY WERE THREATENED WITH "MAMMA'S GOING OUT AND FIND SOME LITTLE THIN WILLOWS AND SHOW YOU GIRLS FOR THE FIRST TIME WHAT A TINGLE IS!" THEY WERE READY FOR BED IN TWO MINUTES! AND CAME TO ME ALL OUT OF BREATH: "O.K. MOM, WE'RE READY FOR OUR WILLOWS THAT TINGLE." JULIA WAS A LITTLE SLOW BUTTONING HER SLEEPERS \* SAID;"I GET A WILLOW TOO BECAUSE I BEAT SECOND." THEN IT DAWNED ON ME --THEY INTERPRETED THE WILLOWS TO BE A REWARD! THEY'VE NEVER HAD ONE USED ON THEM.

WHEN JULIA WAS SAYING HER PRAYERS, JULIA WHO HAD BEEN CRYING OVER NOTHING, (MAMMA WAS HELPING HER) MAMMA SAID FIRST: "HELP ME NOT TO BE A BOOB!" JULIA: "HELP ME" --NO MAMMA, I WON'T SAY THAT."

JOHN WAS CROSS: "MAMMA, MY NAYAL HURTS" (AFTER REPEATING SEVERAL TIMES MAMMA STILL COULDN'T GET IT) SHE SAID: "SHOW ME WHERE IT HURTS JOHN" HE POINTED TO HIS NAVAL - HE HAD A TUMMY ACHE. THE FIRE SIREN SCREAMED. JOHN'S FACE LIT UP: "OH, MAMMA, THERE'S A FIRE ON HOUSE."

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MAY 15 - 1936

HOW STUPID OF ME NOT TO ALWAYS SEE DELBERT AS FINE AS HE REALLY IS. AFTER FINDING FAULT WITH HIM, HE ANSWERED ME: "DEAR, YOU ARE DELICATELY CARVED AND I AM ROUGHLY HEWN. YOU SING THE SONG BEAUTIFULLY, AND WHILE I SING THE SAME SONG AND THE SAME WORDS, IT SEEMS I USUALLY MAKE A DISCORD, \* BUT YOU ARE REALLY PERFECT AND I LOVE YOU."

(IT REMINDS ME OF THE TIME HE CAME HOME AND I HAD BEEN HARBORING A MISUNDERSTANDING ALL DAY, AND JUST STORMED AT HIM. HE JUST GRINNED AND SAID: "WELL, I CAME HOME TO FIND SUNSHINE AND ROSES AND INSTEAD YOU CLOUD UP AND RAIN!")

NO ONE COULD HAVE MORE COMFORT AND LOVE AND HEALTH AND FINE FAMILY AND FRIENDS. WE SHOULD BE COMPLETELY HAPPY AND SO GRATEFUL.

DAVID IS 2 MONTHS AND WEIGHS 13½ LBS. AND IS BEAUTIFUL. THE OTHERS ARE SO GRAND BUT WHAT A BIG JOB TO DO ALL WE SHOULD FOR THEM.

JULIA AND JOHN LOVE TO GET IN THE WATER AND MUD. DADDY PUT THE HOSE ON SISTER'S MUDDY ARMS AND CLEANED THEM. SHE RAN TO ME AND SAID;" MAMMA, SEE, DADDY WATERED ON MY ARMS."

MARY'S FRIEND TURNED THE HOSE ON. (I WAS WATCHING THRU THE WINDOW) AND WHEN THE WATER SOAKED JOHN SHE DENIED IT. MARY WAS SO PUZZLED AND WANTED TO KNOW WHY ROSETTA SAID SHE DIDN'T WHEN SHE DID. MARY SO FAR DOESN'T KNOW THE MEANING OF FALSIFYING OR UNTRUTH. HOPE WE NEVER CAUSE HER TO USE THESE METHODS OF DEFENSE.

DAVID CHRISTENED (NAMED) DAVID HOLBROOK AND AT THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING MARY, WHO HAD BEEN HOLDING IN AS LONG AS SHE COULD, SAID, "DADDY, YOU DIDN'T SAY GROBERG, NOW PEOPLE WILL THINK HE IS ONE OF THE LITTLE HOLBROOK KIDS."

\* \* \* \* MAY 24, 1936

MARY TOLD AUNT EVA THAT WE HAD A MAMMA AND A DADDY AND A GARAGE AND EVERYTHING. IN HER PRAYER LAST NIGHT SHE SAID; "BLESS MAMMA AND DADDY AND EVERYBODY IN THIS HOUSE. AND GRANDPA AND GRANDMA AND EVERYBODY IN PROVO, AND ROBERT AND JANE AND EVERYBODY IN MANTI, AND EVERYBODY IN OGDEN" (THEN A BIG PAUSE AND SIGH) "OH, JUST PLEASE BLESS EVERYBODY IN AMERICA!"

JULIA SAID: "DADDY LET ME LOOK IN YOUR EYES,"AND SEE IF THEY ARE BROWN - WHY

DADDY, HOW DID YOU GET TWO LITTLE GIRLS IN YOUR EYES?"  
DADDY SAID: "ARE THERE?"  
JULIA: "YES, YOU LOOK AND SEE."  
DADDY: "I CAN'T - WHO DO THEY LOOK LIKE?"  
JULIA: "THEY LOOK JUST LIKE ME."

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Gloria was just emerging out of babyhood when one day she came to me where I was hurriedly washing dishes at the sink--I had some deadline to meet--company expected or something. She pulled on my skirt a second time to get my attention, then said: "Mommy, do you love me?" "Well, of course I do Gloria - you know that" --and I hurried on with my demanding work. Again an urgent tug on my skirt --then again--I turned to her again: "Mommy, if you love me, why do you say it that way?" It was only then I realized what we too often forget--my child came before all else and she needed something--assurance of my love --I pushed the silly dishes aside and gave it to her --dishes can wait--but never a child in need.

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It was about 1952 that Dad and I received a beautiful Book-of-Remembrance with individual pictures of each child in it --from them for a Christmas surprise as indeed it was. We had been unaware that the pictures were being taken. Later we removed them from the book and had them appropriately framed. This now hangs on our wall along with a companion one of all of when we were babies.

But in the cover of the original book, in John's handwriting were these words;

For parents who have guided us  
With prayer and love,  
We give our thanks to our Father above.  
Dear Father, for this we pray:  
When we are all grown up and gone,  
When only two make the regular throng,  
May our divine parents in this booklet see  
The children who are just what  
They wanted them to be



Mary Jane



Julia Gay



John H.



David H.



Richard H.



Delbert H.

Rest on next pages

How much do you love me, Julie?

"Oh, so much- no, too much."

Mary used to say she was too big and the Wood boy (Ralph) said, "Well, she sings too loud."

October 24, 1936

Mamma said to self, "Poor Daddy, he's getting his teeth ground out about now." In a few minutes Julia came in in tears, "Mamma, the dentist will put daddy's teeth back and he won't hurt Daddy, will he?" She was choking and sobbing. Daddy told Mary something was as high as the sky, and he couldn't get it." She said, "Why, Daddy, do you know if you climbed on top of the house and stood on a big ladder and even put a high chair on that, and reached as high as you could, you couldn't even touch the sky."

November 23, 1945

"Dee," said Mamma, "run and put your sleepers on and I will read you the story of The Little Engine that Could -

Dee's eyes sparkled as he jumped up to go. "Mamma, that is the goodest story in the world and if there wasn't that story I would cry!"

A few days ago he said, "Mamma, maybe daddy will give me an electric train for Christmas or maybe he will even give me a whole dollar, -he loves me so much." (darling Dee, I'm sure you will find the big dollar in your Christmas stocking!)

December 12, 1954

Joseph (10 years old): "Mom, can I go play with Richard Sharp - His dad is the executed attorney (he had probably heard us say "prosecuting attorney)

January, 1947

A picture to cherish:

Dick in the middle with Joe and Dee on each side, all on tummies and Dick reads to them from Happy Book each night for a while and then we find them to sleep and Joe is put in his own bed where he seldom stays all night. He loves to cuddle Daddy and he is still such a beautiful and lovable baby that he usually gets the cuddling in. He was so proud when he returned from S.S. and announced that "Beebe" (Elizabeth) had sung Rock-A-Bye Baby for the whole class. She loves to go to S.S. and is a model student. Today Joseph coaxed for a "Sunday School" and it was some time before we finally caught on and asked if it was ice-cream with caramel and nuts on top. That brought a smile-to be understood at last!- it did not bring the "sundae"-

John is receiving valuable training as head carrier for Deseret News and David is a fine help. He and John take piano from Somers who is really strict and firm - thank goodness!

Coming home from town John saw an elderly lady drop her too numerous packages. He dismounted from his bike and helped her and then offered to take a large bag of groceries to her home. She was really grateful for this Boy Scout help but poor John, when he could not locate the address after a long search which went into his paper route time, came home for help. We suggested some ideas and he went again for a while and then went on his route. He decided to pay for an ad in the paper even tho he felt it would cost more than the groceries were worth -but for the sake of the lady who trusted him-and himself- Then, when it seemed no longer very funny, the Deseret News man called and

said the lady had phoned him because she had noticed his route bag and soon everyone was happy.

Dick is John's paper-boy helper - loyal, and true, even in snow to his knees!

Unless the girls can arrange so as to get a noon hour for lunch instead of orchestra, we shall have to insist on no more orchestra. Neither one is too husky and that's partly to blame.

David came from school and brought in Larry's report card to show me a "U" in penmanship and then proceeded to name a lot of other fine friends under the same condemnation. We were just beginning to see the point and reason for his telling when he announced that even he had a "U" in penmanship. Since then, there have been no "U's"- We don't tell him that we think some of the teaching he is receiving is not of the very best. He is so alert and interesting and capable.

March 23, 1957.

George came from the Park excited to tell us "A picture came and got took of him."

Mamma took new shoes out of the Cedar chest (where we used to store things after buying real bargains on sales)- -for George, only to discover we had waited so long they were nearly too small. Mamma said, "George, do they feel all right?"

George answered: "They feel pretty good all right but not very good all right."

George (age 5) "Dad, can God make the devil die if he wants to?"

August 31, 1947

Joseph said: "Mamma, I made up a song about Baby Lew. Shall I sing it? (sang:) "When you are bad, you are still good, Baby Lew."

Mamma, Daddy, David, Dick, Dee, Mr. Lewis, and my niece Ruth Anderson, from Manti, went to Camada, saw Vera and Maurice and folks, visited Raymond, Alta., and took pictures of mother's and Aunt Jennie's first homes. Went up to Cardston and because we had failed to get our recommends, just saw the Temple from the outside. It was closed but a visit with Pres. Wood revealed we could have gone thru anyways and seen it. Spent the night at Waterton, came home by way of Glacier Park and also took in Yellowstone. Best part of all was getting home where we found everything perfect. 1700 miles and the baby was perfect because he is breast fed. Delbert was his usual charming self. Ruth was our girl and we'd love to keep her. We hated to send her on home. Mary Jane is in Sun Valley with the band, Saturday, Sunday, Monday.

David brought two pair of pants, one too small and one too large and said to me, "Here, Mom, bigger these and littler these so I can wear them."

October 25, 1951

Joseph, soon 9, came from music lesson. Mamma: "Can you play your piece o.k.?" Joe: "O.K.? Why I even know it by remembery!"

Elizabeth is very happy with first grade at school. She said, "Our teacher is so good. Today she loved us just like a mamma does." "Everyone?"

"Course not the boys - but all the rest." Her teacher tells me she is outstanding in every way - truly an exceptional child.

John is the Band President and the drum major - How handsome and big he is-

and what a natural leader!

David plays first clarinet - John plays the french horn but the trumpet in the pep band. David is the Sophomore cheer king.

Julia and Mary are at Campus Dorm at B.Y.U. Julia is one of ten freshman girls to be on the A.W.S. Council. She plays violin in orchestra. Mary plays first flute and is publicity head, also the Era director for the Campus - ~~Branch~~.

July 6, 1953

Our big Rose Service is over - and we have been assured it fulfilled its purpose - to demonstrate what one family can do and how important it is to value the family unit - we aren't the ideal by a long ways but it was a grand experience for us. Grandpa came to it. Visiting afterwards he said he really did more temple work than the average, to which Mary immediately quipped, "In or out of the Church?" How Uncle Maurice laughed!

The girls had problems with some of the "engaged" girls staying at the Cedar Ave. home. Finally Julia told one she simply had to observe regulation hours and rules even if she was to be married this summer. The boy friend came in a while later to really "tell them off" - Indignantly he demanded, "Barbara pays her rent here doesn't she?" to which Mary calmly replied, (Julia not at home right then) - "Yes, but you don't!" Was he ever deflated!

A "young" man in Campus Branch presidency wanted to date Julia but explained she might think him a little old for her. "Why, how old are you?" she smiled. He said, "29." "Ho", she laughed, -"that's not very old -my father's older than that!"

November 12, 1954

Mamma visited school. Beth was all smiles after when she said, "A boy in my room said something and it's true. He said you were the prettiest lady in the world!"

Mamma repeated Barry Wasden's comment in letter that John leaving for his mission had already what other missionaries hoped to attain, -that John was probably to be the most outstanding missionary any place. Dee said, "John's just like a General that's put at the beginning of the army career."

Easter Sunday, April, 1956

Elizabeth found George in the closet after Sunday School, door closed, with a basket of candy easter eggs. She exclaimed: "Oh, George, have you broken your fast?"

George replied: "I sure have - I've broken it all to pieces!"





June 22 -

After S.S. Julia asked daddy why cherries weren't good for you - "They are, why?"  
"Well, in S.S. they sang about "Cherries hurt you, cherries hurt you."  
(it proved to be: cherish virtue, cherish virtue.)

March 2, 1944

Mamma's hands were in the dough and 3-year-old Dee insisted on turning the sifter and scattering flour. After three "commands" to stop it - mama gave Dee a firm cuff on the face (with her arm)  
Dee just looked for a minute - then, lower lip quivering, said, "I just want a daddy - I don't want any mamma."

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ARE YOU ALL WRITING IT DOWN? SUCH FUN LATER --

i.e. JASON 5, (AFTER CARTER DEFEATED FORD) "DADDY, WHY DIDN'T PRESIDENT FORD RUN FASTER SO HE COULD BEAT CARTER IN THAT RACE?"

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JEREMY (nearly 3) SINGING, "(TUNE: BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC) \*  
"GLORY, GLORIA HUBBLE-LU-LAH- GLORY, GLORIA HUBBLE LU-LAH."

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OR AT GRANDMA'S AFTER CLIMBING WHERE FORBIDDEN AND KNOCKING OVER OSTERIZER TO ITS DESTRUCTION \*GRANDMA SAID: "JEREMY, YOU MUST ALWAYS ASK GRANDMA WHEN YOU WANT SOMETHING UP HIGH--NOW WE HAVE TO PAY A WHOLE BUNCH OF MONEY TO BUY A NEW ONE--GRANDMA SAID, NO, FEREMY, NO...."  
JEREMY: "GRANDMA --I THINK YOU ARE SO PRETTY --AND I THINK YOUR DRESS IS SO PRETTY TOO" (what would you do? - that's what I did -picked him up and hugged him and after we'd cleaned up the mess we read stories)

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Anny: after I showed her a decorative wall hanger I would mail for Tanya's birthday: "It's all right, but I really think she'd like a toy better- but that's all right, grandma." Later: (giving her what I thot a satisfying answer for one her age, but she saw thru it) -"That's all right-you just got mixed up - but that's all right."

John Enoch had helped me splendidly so enroute to return him home I told him I would like to thank him for all his help by letting him buy something in the store--he could take time to pick out just what he wanted --He be-<sup>for</sup> <sup>just</sup> <sup>him</sup> came very silent --and I wondered why --when we went in the store --he looked around but without much interest --and then said: "But Grandma, I don't want something for just me - I want something for my whole family." "Great!" - It took him a long time but he finally settled on 12 ears of corn - one for each one --(out of season so considered a real treat)

I had promised to send for the book "Epaminondas" for his birthday --it delighted him so --but it was not available in Idaho or in Utah --Finally Deseret Book agreed to order it --this was two or three months ahead of his birthday --but it didn't come - and it didn't come--I would often explain it just hadn't arrived yet and I couldn't understand it --Finally I said: "John E. I think I will write Deseret Book a letter and say: 'Hurry and send that book or it will be his birthday and it will be too late. Is that o.k.?' " John E.: "Grandma, I think it would be better if you said: "Please - try to send the book as soon as you can -"

John E. Was excited about football and worked at it -in the house-with a borrowed football. I suggested his birthday was soon so maybe we could work out things so he'd get a football for his birthday--what did he think? "Well, Grandma, that will be entirely up to the kids who come--I mean, what they bring me -not up to me."

His parents returned with him very late one night, from Salt Lake--he was overly-tired --as I hurried and tried to help him prepare for bed, and then, as always, he knelt down for his prayer--and I would give the words first-- Because of his exhaustion, I tried to shorten it --but when I started to say "In the name of Jesus Christ" --he would not say it--instead he would say: "We haven't said, 'Bless our Prophet'"--so we'd include that, then I again would say, "In the name of Jesus Christ"--and again, wearily, he would look up -"We haven't said bless all the missionaries in Tonga"...so it soon was evident that I needed to truly humble myself and get in tune before such an awesome privilege as helping John E. say his prayers!!

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Of course we shall always remember Anny a few days after her Daddy's services, in prayer: "Heavenly Father, we sure do miss our daddy - he was such fun - but we're so glad he's with you - Heavenly Father - he'll really like that!"

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We could go on and on but this will be the privilege of the parents of our grandchildren to keep these records --to carry on -



JASON STRATTO



JEREMY HUBBLE



JOHN ENOCH GROBERG



ANNY FRITZEN

October 18, 1955

George, age 3: "Mamma, it's not raining now - it's just wind-ing."

November 18, 1955

Lewis: "Lock Momie, this one is bester than all."

November 26, 1948

Elizabeth will be 4 in one month. Today she said: (after watching Mary carefully put on her hose.) "Oh, Mary, you have a leak in your sock."

July 29, 1956--Provo-Sunday

Dean Hailstone took Mary and Louine Berry and our family for a ride after dinner so Mamma could rest. Dean reported that Georgie pointed to cat-tails and said: "Look, Dean, some weinies growing on sticks."

September, 1958

George (6 yrs. old) began school a week ago. He says: "Three kids got translated to a different room" - then, putting his finger on a tooth in the back of his mouth: "My six-year old boulders really do hurt!" Last night as he wrote Dick, he quoted: "In fast meeting today I buried my testimony."

Markie looked at the car, loaded to the top and said: "Grandma, let's go in the other car. This car is too busy!"

\* \* \* \* \* Nov. 21, 1950

Lewis, when asked to eat cottage cheese: "We just like cheese - We don't like the house, do we Bethie?"

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A neighbor visited and leaving handed Julia some candies to divide with her little brother. Julia counted and discovered there were 7 pieces. Then she smiled and said, "See, John, you take 3 'cause you are 3 and I'll take 4 'cause I'm 4."

John: "But see Julia, I a big man!"

Julia: "Yes, but you take 3 'cause you are 3 - (repeated it all)

John: "No, Julia (he wanted the four) see - I a big man!"

Julia (almost without patience) "John, if you say that again then you're only two!"

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Julia: "Daddy, you just stop foolishing me"

Mary goes to school tomorrow - Sept. 4, 1937-has complete new outfits -lost her first tooth.

Sept. 20, 1937

Mary is fascinated with school but rather quiet about it. Julia and Dolores Thursie disappeared today for quite a period. Mrs. Thursie and I looked for an hour and found them at Broadway park in bathing with just pants on and nearly purple with cold.

January 15, 1954

Lewis: "Mom, is this sore welling up o.k.?"

"Yes, Lewis, it's healing fine, and soon it will be all well."

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November 12, 1940

David said: "There are three kinds of beats: to beat dough in the mixmaster, to beat kids when they're naughty, and to make kids go away - "beat it."

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November 12, 1940

David (4 years old) -cutting out Christmas pictures: "Is Mary really the Mother of Jesus?" --Mamma: "Yes." David: "Was Mary the Mother of Jesus and then went up to heaven and came back to be our sister?" It bothered David to have everyone speak so informally of Mary.

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February 10, 1941

David made an "airplane" - and came in, excited: "Mom, this airplane went so high it touched Jesus' house!" I asked if he broke any windows - "Course not, (silence-thinking) - "I guess Jesus really just lives in air doesn't He?" Tonight, after a "talking to" for misdeeds, I heard prayers something like this: David: "Bless Dee so he won't grow up to be naughty like me - Bless me not to eat Julia's candy anymore."

John: "Bless me so I won't go sneaking around and swiping other people's candy and eating it. Bless us not to be naughty so we won't grow up into tramps."

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February 5, 1948

Elizabeth's interest at present is unlacing and removing her shoes. This p.m. I threatened her with early retiring unless she laced her shoes quickly. She replied: "This one will lace up but this one will not because my both handles are gone. See!" (both tips were gone.)

May 29

Maude and family are here. Jewel says: "Mamma, those kids made so much of noise they woke me up (speaking of Mary and John) She said: "See my new brand pants." She carries all her dolls and teddy bear wherever she goes. It is a family of about 8 or 9 and a real armful for her. John got on her trike and rode as if experienced. He loves to get in any kind of water.

June 1

John's "all right" I am sure is the dearest word in the English language. He is a beautiful baby and we love him so much. Mary and Daddy went in swimming at Heise. Jewel watched them for a while and became very concerned because they were getting their swimming suits all wet. She is surely an unusual dispositioned child.

June 2

A neighbor child has measles. I suspected it when I caught her trying to get the trike from John and saw her eyes. Seeing the sign today I remarked, "That makes me just boil - that little girl was coming down with the measles and now she has given them to John." Mary said, "Well, Mamma, her Mamma didn't know she had them on that day." After this I must speak more carefully lest Mary think her mother a fault-finder. John goes thru a magazine and names everything correctly. Julia wants to eat with the children and again with Daddy. She says: "I want to eat both and I want everything there is." How fine they all have such good appetites, including David darling with the precious dimples.

July 6

I asked Mary what she thought she would like most of all for her birthday. She gave it considerable thought and came to report, saying: "David". Now she guesses she can wait until she gets to be a big lady and gets married and gets herself a baby. Daddy told me Mary surely sang out in Sunday School. The song was new so we wondered how she had learned it. She said, "Daddy, I didn't really sing - I just opened my mouth so it would like I was singing."

August 1936

Mary: "Come quick, Mamma, John's sitting on the ceiling of the car."  
Julia: "Mamma, that old tree bumped right into my head."

August 29

Julia had on a red sock and a blue one and she said: "See Daddy, this sock is the only one that's the same color."

September 24

Julia was scolded and she said: "Boo hoo - Mamma, now you have made me a little bit sick." She is lost with Mary to kindergarten. Mary loves kindergarten and draws and writes and builds blocks really too much at home. She is as reasonable and sensible in her thinking as is an adult and uses such big words. Daddy was to give Julia some gum if she hurried. He popped a different chew in his mouth but she thought it the one meant for her. She ran to him and spread a big grin on her face, and in a sing-song said: "I don't like ya - I don't like ya - then suddenly a cloudburst of tears and sobs. It was hard to explain to her. John says everything all of a sudden and does he think he's big but he is so rough and so adorably boyish - David is beautiful in every way.

April 4, 1938

Mary has learned "America" on the piano with one finger -perfectly! Julia and John were proud of the accomplishment. John said, "Julia, can you sing 'My Country Tisabee?'"

Julia: "Oh, John, that isn't the way you say it - its "My Country Tisbadee." Don't you know that?"

David talks and reasons about like the rest. He seems so old since his second birthday and we all spoil him letting him know how adorable we think he is.

May 19 -

Julia fell off John's new trike and came in crying that she'd "crashed" her bones.

Last Sunday John failed to appear in his class causing Mary such concern that she went to her daddy on the stand and reported the loss. John had gone to the 6th Ward which meets in part of our building. Evidently someone had showed him their cradle class and he felt all was O.K.

We have teased him about it and he says after this he will keep hold of Julia's hand.

Julia told Primary teacher that John couldn't come because he "broke out with a cold."

December 25, 1938

Christmas was almost too big, but kiddies are to bed after dolls and toys cared for.

Dad and John were traveling on bus (or train)

A passenger said to John: "Aren't you afraid Santa will miss you, leaving before Christmas?"

John: "We figured that all out and we're coming back in 2 days for Christmas."

"You're a smart boy - what do you plan to be when you grow up?"

"A farmer"

"What will you raise?"

"All kinds of animals."

"All kinds?"

"Well, maybe not elephants or giraffs"

"You ought to have giraffs - they'd help get hay off the top of the stack."

"I could easy get up and shovel it off"

"What would you shovel hay with?"

"A shovel, I guess."

"You have quite a lot to learn to be a farmer."

"Yes, I know, I have to go to college."

"You have a pretty good vocabulary for a four-year old."

"I know it - and I've got some popcorn too." (free show for all!)"

Julia and Mary and John put on a Santa Claus stunt for Primary -(copy of it is in our scrapbook)

Julia said they sang about "When Jesus died in calico."

Mary asked if 8year-old kids were baptized on Saturday and "repaired" on Sunday?

John said some soldiers that they killed Jesus by hanging him on a cross between 2 thieves but "it didn't work" -

# Our Education

"The glory of God is intelligence...light and truth."(D. & C. 93:36)

"God shall give unto you knowledge by his Holy Spirit, yea, by the unspeakable gift of the Holy Ghost.." (D. & C. 121:26)

"..By the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things (Mor.10:5)

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding." (Proverbs 3:5)

"Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God..no more children, tossed to and fro.with every wind of doctrine..but speaking the truth in love.." (Ephesians 5:13)

"Ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." (II Tim 7)

"Seek learning, even by study and also by faith." (D. & C. 88:118)

"..when..learned..think wise..hearken not unto counsel of God..supposing they know of themselves..foolishness..perish..but to be learned is good if they hearken unto the counsels of God." (II Nephi 9:28-9)

"..they had waxed strong in the knowledge of the truth..they had searched the scriptures diligently..that they might know the word of God." (Alma 17:22)

"And if your eye be single to my glory, your whole bodies shall be filled with light and there shall be no darkness in you; and that body which is filled with light comprehendeth all things." (D. & C. 88:67)

"They had been taught by their mothers that if they did not doubt, God would deliver them...saying, We do not doubt our mothers knew it." (Alma 56:47-8)

"And if a person gains more knowledge and intelligence in this life thru his diligence and obedience than another, he will have so much the advantage in the world to come." (D. & C. 130:19)

"..hasten..to obtain a knowledge of history..countries..kingdoms..of laws of God and man.." (D. & C. 93:53)

Deseret News

May 16, 1966



Mr. Holbrook Mrs. Holbrook

Lafayette M. and the late Alsina Brimhall Holbrook, Salt Lake City, the Joseph Smith Family Living Award.

Mr. and Mrs. Holbrook are parents of 11 children, all of whom attended BYU. Mrs. Holbrook was a daughter of George H. Brimhall, former BYU president. Mr. Holbrook, now 88, was associated with the mining industry and has been a generous benefactor of BYU.

# 9 Named For Awards At Y.

MaryJane graduated same day mother received

## Distinguished Service Award

Alumni Association Brigham Young University

This certificate of appreciation and award is presented to

**Alsina Brimhall Holbrook**

*in recognition of outstanding service*

*as a friend and neighbor, as a daughter and a wife, and as a mother whose wealth is the lives of her children, and her children's children, lives fashioned by the high ideals and principles that have dominated her own life in the home, the church and the community.*

*Through your achievements you have enhanced the name and honor of the school which is proud to claim you as one of its outstanding alumni, and honor you with this award for distinguished service.*

*A. H. Brockbank*

President

*M. S. Skousen*

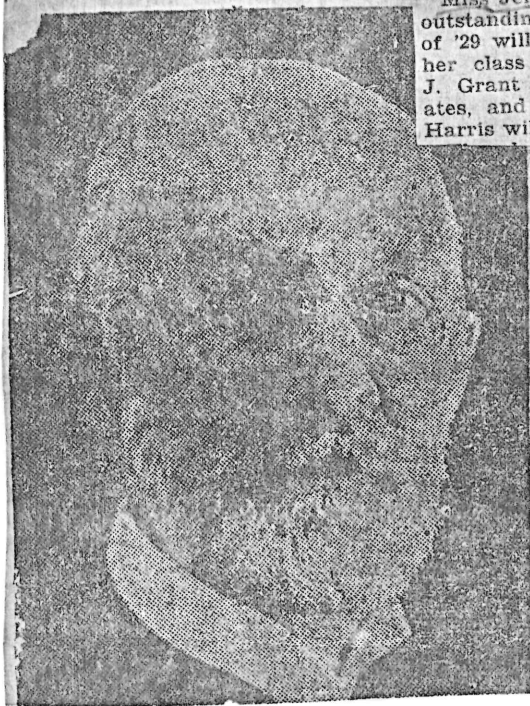
Executive Secretary



# EVENING HERALD

PROVO, UTAH COUNTY, UTAH, TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 1929.

## Will Address Graduates



Miss Jennie Holbrook, one of the outstanding members of the class of '29 will give the valedictory for her class mates. President Heber J. Grant will address the graduates, and President Franklin S. Harris will make his annual report.

Photo shows Heber J. Grant, president of the L. D. S. church, who will be the principal speaker at the commencement exercises of the Brigham Young university Wednesday morning.

The exercises will be held in the "Y" stadium at 10 o'clock. A record class will be presented diplomas.

## Former Head of B. Y. U. Honored

PROVO, Dec. 11.—The student body of Brigham Young university, Monday morning congratulated President Emeritus George H. Brimhall, on the seventy-sixth anniversary of his birth, and presented him with a basket of flowers in commemoration of the event.

In his response, President Brimhall gave a manifestation of the perpetual youth that seems to accompany him, despite the many years he has been travelling life's journey.

The presentation speech was made by Miss Jennie Holbrook, a granddaughter of President Brimhall.

## "SO THIS IS LONDON?"

## A. W. S. To Take Advantage of Leap Year Next Friday

Instead of separate meetings this coming Friday, A. W. S. organization will have charge of the general assembly program. They invite as their guests the fellows of the school. This invitation has been officially accepted by Dean De Jong and will be generally accepted by evidence of the grand rush of the students into College Hall Friday.

An unusually interesting program has been arranged. Among other fine things, the musical play, "The Nightingale and the Rose," by Oscar Wilde, will be presented.

## Theta Alpha Phi Players

Directed by Professor T. Earl Pardoe

## "Yellow Sands"

Cast of Characters as they appear:

Richard Varwell	Victor Ashworth
Emma Major	Helen Carroll
Arthur Varwell	Harold Candland
Joe Varwell	Albert Corless
Thomas Major	C. Erwin Nelson
Lydia Blake	Jennie Holbrook

Jennie Holbrook

Vice-President

Knows the Y

Loves the Y

Serves the Y

## Seniors at B. Y. U.

## Personality To Present Play

PROVO, Dec. 12.—The senior class of the Brigham Young university, announces that Arthur Goodrich's celebrated play "So This is London" will be presented in College Hall on Friday evening. The play is being directed by Kathryn Taylor under the direction of Alonzo Morely of the Brigham Young faculty. The following seniors have been cast parts for the production: Jennie Holbrook, Bill McCoard, Roy Fugal, Regie Mulliner, Elroy Nelson, Audrey Ostlund, Elinor Starke, Ruion Leppard, Cris Lewis, "Shorty" Large, and Glenn Potter.

After attending "Is Zat So" the Mates and their partners enjoyed a delightful supper and dancing party at Hansen's Friday evening. Among those present were: Elaine Paxman, Melda Parks, Jennie Holbrook, Ella Farnsworth, Lucille Olsen, Addie Wright, Orrin Fuller, Lynn Broadbent, Delbert Groberg, Tony Bentley, Alma King, and Joseph Theriot.

## Provo Drama Center Experience

OFFICERS FOR SEASON 1927 - 1928

Albert Corless	President
Jennie Holbrook	Vice-president

## FIRST PLAY IS MARKED SUCCESS

Archie Williams, Glenn S. Pott, Naomi Seamount, Frank M. Wright, Jennie Holbrook and Eddie Smith

## THE Y NEWS

Published each Wednesday by the students of the

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

Reporters:

Marie Poulson, Laura Shurtliff, Marion Russell, Bernice Barton, Jennie Holbrook.

VALEDICTORY SPEECH, 1929, B.Y.U. -JENNIE HOLBROOK

Friends and Comrades of the B.Y.U.: There is being enacted before you the final scene of an impressive drama. The curtain rose on the first act four years ago. Would that we could return to that Commencement, but failing to complete a barter with stubborn time we must content ourselves with the humble service of memory. And as memory guides us back over those four years of joyful living surely she will not object to our venturing into the ever-delightful realm of fancy.

Then with the freedom of imagination let us choose a setting for our drama. We select a large airplane for in it we can make a climb to a higher and broader perspective. On the outside we place the name B.Y.U. Our destination--education for truer service. Our banner, white and blue.

If we examine the interior we find on one side a large portrait of President Brigham Young--underneath the inscription, "Think, Act, Appreciate". On the opposite wall hangs the motto "Know the Truth and the Truth will make you free." The atmosphere is one of mental, moral, social, and spiritual challenge, yet permeated with inspirational and peaceful assurance.

The Pilot we call the Spirit of the Y. Gowned in white and blue she presents herself a vision of loveliness--silent but serene. The captain is our president, the crew our faculty.

The stage is cleared; the curtain drawn.

Then the passengers file in--some eager, some passive, some even reluctant--and all with a questioning look as if they wondered where they were going. As they jostle about for their places a newcomer appears off stage. And at this point imagination almost fails us. It could be a flower; perhaps a song, but as it must be in the form of God's most beautiful creation let us personify it as a child. It makes its way through the wondering passengers to the Captain who says: "Welcome. The world is calling for you and these students are here to learn how to help answer that call. My associates will teach them to know you, to love and appreciate you. Again we bid you welcome."

The deep beauty of the little visitor is reflected on all their faces--or could it be an unconscious betrayal of a hidden beauty each possesses? A murmur passes over the group--Who is it?

The child replies. "I am truth." Truth? We do not understand. What is Truth? To answer would be to explain a noble deed, a successful life, the infinite beauties of nature. Truth merely smiles --but as it is so beautiful the students are happy.

Suddenly the plane begins to move--slowly leaving the ground and the voice of the captain is heard--clear and commanding:

"Students, we welcome you--the 54th group to embark upon this journey. To realize the purpose of the trip --to discover the answer to your question, "What is Truth?" you must work consistently play when and how you should; and always hold to the ideals and traditions of our school. Let us sing from page 76."

The tiny figure perches on a table in the center of the group and with face resting in hands listens attentively to the words:  
"Then say what is truth? 'Tis the last and the first,  
For the limits of time it steps o'er,  
'Though the heavens depart and the earth's fountains burst,  
Truth, the sum of existence will weather the worst,  
Eternal, unchanged, evermore."

The strains fade away into eternity. Divine guidance is invoked. The plane begins to soar and the curtain falls.

Act II takes place in the following year. The plane is still soaring under the careful guidance of the White and Blue lady. The students are more satisfied for they have found out where they are going.

Truth, who seems more real, therefore more beautiful, is supervising a talk by a member of the crew. The students are taking notes. Presently a new character appears on the scene. To those in the plane he is not a newcomer but a bothersome little fellow whom they try vainly to avoid. He carries a bow and arrow,-- darts to and fro among the students; takes careful aim; chuckles with glee when he hits the mark, and then like a culprit cautiously tip-toes off stage. Truth watches the intruder with laughing eyes and nods approval. It is the closing remarks of the speaker which direct the attention of the group upon Truth and they better understand its radiance as they listen to the words:

"I quote from Webster who once said, 'If we work upon marble, it will perish, if we work upon brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds, if we endue them with principles, with the just fear of God and love of our fellow men, we engrave on those tablets something which will brighten to all eternity.'"

There is a pause. Then Truth speaks--and the tones heard, while simple and convincing as of a child, are powerful and majestic as of a King. Truth says: "One half our journey is over--at the end you shall separate and go to many fields of service. To do your work well you must keep me always with you. Sometimes you may refuse to listen when I speak; sometimes you will desire me but turn your eyes from me. Remember this: I lie within each of you--search for me within yourselves." The pencils are forgotten but upon each heart an invisible hand is writing the words--indelibly. And the curtain falls.

Act III is marked with social activity and is perhaps too short--Cupid strides about boldly now. Truth is coaching another member of the crew who says:

"You will find your greatest responsibility of service in parenthood and in the homes you build. You will find joy there, and wherever you go, if you teach and exemplify beauty. A thing of beauty is a joy forever--and the call of the world today is for more beauty--it can no longer be imprisoned in art galleries; it must be brought to the kitchens, it exists for all. You ask what is beauty? --Look" --and their gazes fall upon Truth and slowly the light of understanding brightens their faces--as the curtain falls.

Act IV is in two scenes--when the curtain is drawn on the first a dark cloud is seen hovering just above the plane--the students are grouped together watching it,--for themselves they fear not but should it harm the plane what would happen to those waiting to take the trip? Truth notices their concern and to their anxious queries responds with an assuring smile and points to the pilot. The Spirit of the Y guides the plane with a steady hand--to her a threatening cloud is no obstacle in such a flight and soon they leave their fears with the dark cloud--down below.

Truth calls them together to listen to the captain of the crew who is bid to say:

Valed. 2

"During the past four years you have been the guests of a great institution --our Church--an institution founded on Truth. Study and cherish always that Truth. When truth personified made his advent into the world his coming was heralded by a new star in the heavens--a night of beauty--When the truth was restored in answer to a prayer,--the event transpired in one of nature's temples--a grove--a place of beauty. All truth comes arrayed in beauty. If you seek for it there you will not be turned away!"

There is silence. It is Truth who picks up a book--the works of John Keats--slowly it turns the pages and softly reads "Beauty is truth, truth beauty, that is all ye know on earth and all ye need to know."

Then they bow their heads in reverence and gratitude for at last they understand their tasks and their question, What is Truth? is answered to their present satisfaction. The journey is ended and the Spirit of the Y rises from her place. She moves over to the group and slowly extends her hands as though in benediction and her beautiful arms outstretched are draped in white and blue.

The last scene shifts to the stadium grounds. The group seen in Act I is not the group to be seen now; the change would be spoken of in drama as character development. The vitality and energy previously displayed are overshadowed by reminiscences, memories. True they are smiling--all of them--but it is the something back of the smile which grips us.

In front of them lies the blueness of Utah lake. They lift their eyes to the mountains white with snow--what is the fleeting expression which envisions their brows--is it a twinge of pain or joy--or a response to beauty--and then the thought comes--white and blue--Their gaze is shifted to a symbol on an eastern hill--a Y made in white; they turn to the north, the level of their gaze higher still--Mt. Timp--snow-capped --white--just above the peaceful heavens--blue. They close their eyes. Is it to dispel the view or is it to check an unruly tear drop? Back of their eyes is a vision of a school flag proudly floating on high and its colors are white and blue.

Then Truth speaks from within each of them: "Appreciation is most beautiful and you will find me always in beauty" --so before the drama is concluded they say to you:

First to our parents so willing to give,  
We're grateful indeed this glad day,  
Our lives must show you our deep gratitude,  
Our efforts you partly repay.

To President Grant and members of the board,  
Your influence seems from above,  
We're thankful for you--for the Church you serve,  
Your lives of true courage and love.

To our president we say with hearts sincere,  
Your hopes are your dreams, 'tis true,  
And your life seems to be a dream fulfilled,  
We'll work for success as have you.

Dr. Brimhall, grand leader thru years,  
How oft shall we hear your dear voice,  
Saying "Be lofty in thought and in deed,"  
Bringing wisdom to help make our choice.

We are grateful to teachers who've taught us  
To be strong and valiant and true,  
The real beauty of truth they've unfolded,  
Given meaning to white and to blue.

To our classmates now acting the drama  
Your smiles have made brighter the road,  
So anxious you've been to help us succeed,  
So eager to lighten our load.

To our good ship B.Y.U.  
You've shown the glory of living,  
Lifted learning to higher view,  
Taught the beauty of giving.

And may we add in humility  
A prayer to him above  
Help us to always grateful be  
(for thy Son, His Gospel, His love)  
(last line substitute.JHG)

**PERIOD SEVEN—7:00-7:50 p.m.**

- Dad was also on faculty*
- 1. Power from on High (Different Daily)** Lib. Lynn A. McKinlay  
Preparation for and blessings of temple ordinances in each individual's life.
  - 2. The Ideal Homemaker** 3 Daryl V. Hoole  
Wed: Attitude, Ambition, and Alms  
Thurs: A Place for Everything — Everything in its Place  
Fri: Meet the Minute
  - 3. Effectively Communicating the Gospel, Part II (Different Daily)** 12 Irwin Goodman  
Helps for parents, teachers, and speakers in the use of audio-visual aids (Part I given Period 5)
  - 4. Making Human Relations Work (Different Daily)** L.T. Hal Milner  
Demonstrating the cause and effect of our actions upon others, and how this knowledge will lead to successful activity.
  - 5. Family Togetherness — The Challenge of our Times** 4 Jennie Groberg  
Wed: Home Living in the Light of the Gospel  
Thurs: Facing Realities as a Family  
Fri: Helpful Hints for Happy Homes
- Education Week*



*with my old first grade teacher - at B.Y.U. Hermese Peterson*

"Home Living in the Light of the Gospel" *Ricks College - March 31, 1971* Quiet Lounge

*Jennie H. Groberg*  
*Stake Relief Society Spiritual Living Leader*



I WAS EXCITED TO FOLLOW IN HER FOOTSTEPS AND BE THE VALEDICTORIAN FOR MY GRADUATING CLASS IN JUNE, 1929



MY MOTHER, ALSINA BRIMHALL HOLBROOK, WAS VALEDICTORIAN OF HER GRADUATING CLASS IN 1897 AND ALSO "QUEEN OF THE MAY"

**REPORT CARD**

Idaho Falls High School Home Room Number... *8*

*1st* Semester, 19*57*-19 Name *Joe Groberg* Grade *11*

Subjects	1		2		3		Sem. Exam.	Sem. Grade	Teacher
	Grade	Comment	Grade	Comment	Grade	Comment			
<i>Debate</i>	<i>B+</i>		<i>B+</i>		<i>B</i>		<i>B</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>Knotts</i>
<i>Eng. Lit.</i>	<i>B+</i>		<i>B+</i>		<i>A</i>		<i>A</i>	<i>A-</i>	<i>M. Brummett</i>
<i>Am. Hist.</i>	<i>C</i>		<i>B</i>		<i>A</i>		<i>A</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>Mac Nease</i>
<i>Chem.</i>	<i>B</i>		<i>B</i>		<i>C</i>		<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>Werry</i>
<i>Music Theory</i>	<i>C+</i>				<i>B</i>		<i>A</i>	<i>B+</i>	<i>Knotts</i>

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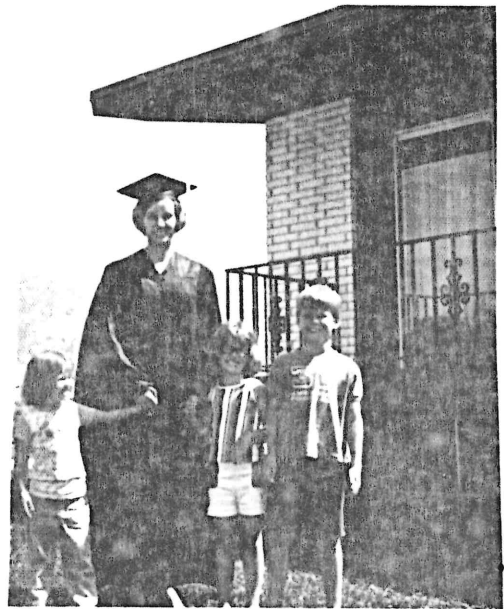
*Robert H. Knotts*



GEORGE H. GROBERG



LEWIS H. MOM & DAD



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BARRY J. STRATTON



ELIZABETH



GLORIA-HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION



JOE WITH KRISTIN AFTER GRADUATING CHICAGO SCHOOL OF LAW\*JUNE 1970

LAFAYETTE HOLBROOK  
B.Y.U. BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES (ALSO  
MAYOR OF PROVO  
AND COUNSELOR IN  
STAKE PRESIDENCY)  
WITH GEORGE H.  
BRIMHALL, PRESIDENT  
OF B.Y.U.

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# WEBER COUNTY SCHOOLS

## RECORD OF HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS

Student Delbert Groberg

School Farr West

Ninth Grade

Year 1920

Tenth Grade

Year \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT	GRADES			Units of Credit	SUBJECT	GRADES			Units of Credit
	1st Sem.	2nd Sem.	Final			1st Sem.	2nd Sem.	Final	
English (a)	a	a	a	1/2	English (b)	a	a	a	1/2
Algebra	a	a	a	1/2	Geometry	a	a	a	1/2
General Science	a	a	a	1/2	Science	a	a	a	1/2
Agriculture					Modern History				
Anc. & Mod. History	a	a	a	1/2	Elm Biology	a	a	a	1/2
Domestic Art	A	B	A	1/4	Agriculture	a	a	a	1/2
Music					Music				
Mechanic Arts					Mechanic Arts				
					Domestic Art				
Summer Work				85 points earned					
Total				3 1/2	Total				2 1/4

Principal

Principal

15. O. & Bell  
~~Groberg~~ School Idaho Falls Secondary Schools Home Room Number 25  
 Semester, 1963 1964 Name Groberg, Gloria Grade 8

### REPORT CARD

SUBJECT	1			2			Sem. Exam.	Sem. Grade	TEACHER
	Grade	Comment	Days Absent	Grade	Comment	Days Absent			
Social	A <sup>2</sup>		0	A <sup>2</sup>		3	A	A <sup>2</sup>	M. Neal
Math	A <sup>1</sup>			B <sup>1</sup>			100	A <sup>2</sup>	M. Neal
Science	A <sup>2</sup>			B <sup>2</sup>			A	A <sup>2</sup>	S. Johnson
Home Ec.	A <sup>2</sup>			B <sup>1</sup>			A	A <sup>1</sup>	M. Neal
English	95 A <sup>2</sup>			95 A <sup>2</sup>			99.88	A <sup>2</sup>	Jacobs
Art	A <sup>2</sup>			A <sup>2</sup>			100	A <sup>2</sup>	Shively

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Adviser

Dennis M. Neal

OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS AND RECORDS

### OFFICIAL GRADE REPORT

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY  
 PROVO, UTAH



STUDENT'S NAME	BYU NUMBER	MAJOR	CL.	COLLEGE CODE	HIGH SCHOOL STATE	HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL	YEAR	SEM.
GROGUE, ELIZABETH	084841	769	1	05	82	384	64	2

DEPARTMENT	COURSE NUMBER	SECTION	COURSE DESCRIPTION	GRADE	CREDIT HOURS	G.E.	GRADE POINTS
DEV	102	1	DEVOTIONAL AID		0.5		
ENGL	112	53	COMP AND READING	B+	3.0		10.20
HLTH	130	10	PERSONAL HEALTH	A-	2.0		7.40
MUSIC	103	2	SURV MUSIC LIT	A	2.0	H	3.00
MUSIC	100P	3	PRIVATE VOICE	A-	2.0		7.40
MUSIC	101	1	1ST YR DISC THRO	A-	2.0		7.40
MUSIC	103	1	1ST YR DISC MUS SEL	A	2.0		8.00
MUSIC	331	1	ORATORIO CHOR	A	1.0		4.00
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The original "Cousins Club" at B.Y.U. : Front row: Marilyn Neeley, Louine Berry, Brown cousin, Mary Jane; Second Row: David Berry, Richard Groberg, Jean and John Groberg, David Groberg, Phil Eyring; Back row: Floyd Brown, Rex Lee, Phil Brown, Keith Brown -

September, 1977 finds about twenty whom Sina and Fay Holbrook claim organized into a "Cousins Club" -Carolee and Joe Haymore, Mary Lee Dahlquist and husband, Steve and Melanie Heninger and Barbara Heninger, Nancy Jean Groberg, Margaret and Del Blair, LeeAnne and Mike Brown, Lynette Anderson Christensen and husband and brother Lyle; Marianne Holbrook; Miss Christensen (Carol and Roy's -maybe two) Hunter; etc.



Honored by B.Y.U. Parents Club - April 1972  
Sr + Pres. D. Oaks - Us - Sr Isaacson - Ralph + Arton Hill



# Brigham Young University

Dallin H. Oaks  
President

November 15, 1972

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert V. Groberg  
2885 Red Barn Lane  
Idaho Falls, Idaho

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Groberg:

Under separate cover, we are sending you a small gift to signify our appreciation for your generous contribution to the endowment for the Richard L. Evans Chair of Christian Understanding, announced on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Brigham Young University on November 1, 1972, when Professor Truman G. Madsen was announced as the first occupant of the Chair.

Since you were able to attend the dinner at which the announcement was made, I am sure you have a copy of the brochure detailing the concerted efforts of many admirers of the late Elder Evans who were involved in endowing the Chair. You will also recall that I read an announcement by an executive of Columbia Records that the first copies of an album to be issued in 1973 of "Music and the Spoken Word" will be sent to those attending the dinner, and to donors who were not able to be with us.

If you are desirous of having a tape recording of the announcement of the Chair and related remarks at the November 1 dinner, we will be pleased to send you either a cassette or 7-inch reel covering the approximately 45-minute program. You may indicate your preference on a postcard which will be enclosed with your gift.

May I again, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of Brigham Young University, express our appreciation to you for making possible the continuation of the dissemination of the gospel of Jesus Christ through the occupant of this Chair, which constitutes a most fitting memorial to Elder Richard L. Evans and his life-long and effective devotion to that purpose.

Sincerely,

Dallin H. Oaks

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# Our Missions

"Go ye into all the world...."

"..every man shall hear the fulness of the gospel  
in his own tongue, and in his own language.  
through those who are ordained unto this  
power." (D.&C. 90:11)

"...succor the weak, lift up the hands which hang  
down, and strengthen the feeble knees."  
(D.&C. 81:5):

"every young man when 19...every member... a  
missionary"

"And if..you labor all your days..and bring, save it be  
one soul unto me, how great shall be your joy with  
him in the kingdom of my Father."  
(D.&C. 18:15)

"And we ask thee, Holy Father, that thy servants may  
go forth from this house (Temple) armed with thy  
power, and that thy name may be upon them, and  
thy glory be round about them, and thine  
angels have charge over them, and from  
this place they may bear exceedingly  
great and glorious tidings, in truth,  
unto the ends of the earth, that  
they may know this is thy work."  
(D.&C. 109:22-3)

Today is August 13, 1974 in Idaho Falls, Idaho. It is almost a year since our youngest son, George Holbrook Groberg, returned from his eventful and blessed mission to South-East Asia-Indonesia mostly, where he spoke Malay, and then the last seven weeks in Southern India where he tried to communicate with the members in Tamil - What a wonderful experience was given him. He left September 22, 1971 and was released September 4, 1973 and chose, with full approval of his mission president, to return home via India, alone. Our hearts were full of gratitude and rejoicing at the great privileges he had been given and at the strong young Latter-day Saint he had developed into, ready and eager to prepare for even greater service in building his Father's Kingdom.

Today I am reminded that there need be a more complete record of all the missions of our family members, - such a tremendous and rewarding part of our family living.

Delbert had recently returned from his mission to the Eastern States, with its glow still about him, when he and I were introduced at the registration desk at B.Y.U. He will have more to say about the mission in his own personal history. He served under President B.H. Roberts and also Pres. Rolapp. As District President, one of his big assignments was the building of a chapel at Verdunville, West Virginia. Following will be pictures of some of his special experiences while in the Mission Field.

All of our sons and one daughter have filled full time missions. We are including sample farewell programs, letters, special accounts. Each has his own missionary story to tell and will do so in the right way.

These missions have been family affairs - each of our families uniting day and night in special petition, as well as letter-writing. What a blessing these missions have been to all our families. After the completion of some missions Dad and Mother accompanied the missionary home, after a sight-seeing tour. I met Mary Jane in Ireland and we toured Europe. Dad met John in New Zealand (after his mission in Tonga) - he met Richard in Finland, Joe in Peru

and Lewis in the Philippines. Dad and Dee and I met in Japan and toured 29 countries of the world in about six weeks. These special experiences are recorded elsewhere. Dad has always been an excellent provider, as these trips suggest (but also wise in the spending of money).

John H. was our first missionary, leaving here on August 17, 1954 to spend three years in the Kingdom of Tonga.

David left for the Southern States Mission on April 11, 1956 and returned March 18, 1958.

Richard H. was called to serve in Finland on June 25, 1958 and was released December 30, 1960.

Delbert H. was called to serve in the Northern Far East Mission (Japan) September 4, 1960 and served three years. Created language program for mission.

Joseph H. served in the Andes Mission (Peru) from June 11, 1962 until February 1965 (mission extended a few weeks -served as Assistant to President)

Lewis H. served in the Southern Far East Mission (later divided and in Philippines Mission) -Dad met him in Manilla January 25, 1969.

George H. was called to the Southeast Asia Mission and flew to Indonesia September 22, 1971 and was released September 4, 1973.

Barry J. Stratton served a mission in Germany.

Jon C. Hubble served his mission in Brazil Central Mission.

Robert W. Blair served in the Finnish Mission (Counselor to Mission President).

Achim was a constant missionary and enjoyed serving on Stake Missions. I believe he is doing missionary work now in the spirit world -perhaps to the many he has done research and Temple work for on this earth--his own kin.

Mary Jane's mission to Great Britain took place partly during the same time that John was in Tonga and David was in Southern States. She spent time in Ireland where I met her and realized what a choice and special missionary she was. I was not surprised at the high tribute paid her as a missionary as she has always excelled in anything she undertook, -I quietly rejoiced and expressed gratitude to a Father who had blessed her so specially and had sent her to bless our home and family, and to this place as a missionary to bring blessings to others. Her Mission President was Clifton G. Kerr from Bountiful, Utah. He also extolled her splendid efforts and person, as did many of the Saints and other missionaries.

Dee had it revealed to him before he received his call that he was going to Japan --so he wasn't too surprised when the call came. He confided in me he had read the Book of Mormon thru seven times the past year and the other scriptures also, in preparation for his mission. He had also written many wonderful essays and I was privileged to receive a copy of them. I returned his letters and some of his essays so he could complete his own story. I have referred to him in my own life story and some special spiritual experiences I had because I was his mother -while he was on his mission. I had two letters from him confirming such experiences (but at present have not located them) - At this copying, we have just returned from General Conference (October 4, 1977) and raised our hands to sustain three new General Authorities, one from Japan - Elder Yoshihiko Kikuchi - When Dad shook his hand and congratulated him, he was told that Dee was his missionary companion. We hope he and Dee get together. After such a great mission Dee was welcomed back when he returned after his marriage to Sharon and the birth of Del and Angie --and the completion of his schooling --to open up a business in Japan-- His company is called INTERAC--It is still flourishing in Japan--but he now lives in Sandy, Utah --His first big customer was Mobil Oil Co. There will be more about his business activities in Japan in his own life story.

When David was asked to report his mission at the Temple in a meeting (just called out of the audience) we all felt the presence of the Holy Spirit. He was wonderful. We also have all of David's letters and we did send copies to other family members during his mission so they could also receive blessings and unite in daily petition for him. How essential is the Holy Spirit for missionary success and how essential that we live exactly right to keep this Spirit with us always - for are we not all missionaries every day to someone, to all observing us and wondering what our religion really does to us - but most especially are we called to be true missionaries in our homes.

Richard Holbrook Groberg left for his mission to Finland on June 25, 1958 after turning 20 on June 22. Mary Jane and I were in Sweden on a three-weeks tour of Europe at the release of her Mission, when we received a cable that Dick was coming to Finland on his mission (but we were soon to be home)- We arranged at once to give Finland a really searching look and fell in love with it and its people - beautiful but to be much more so after our Dick had spent his missionary time among them. In his characteristic way, he paid full price to be a tremendous success as a missionary. While in Salt Lake for the missionary training he had stayed at the home of Elder Wagstaff because of over-crowdedness at the Mission Home. He and Elder Wagstaff spent the last period of their mission visiting all the areas with Saints and Elders and gave encouragement and instructions. There were times when Dick and his companion would ride bikes to go tracting in 40° below zero weather but they kept on, pulling their thick Finnish hats down over one ear for a while, then down over the other, as the Finns did, to keep from having a frozen ear. But no complaining, - not from Dick! then nor ever, just total dedication and strong manhood. Nowonder he was such an outstanding success as the Stake Mission President here in our South Idaho Falls Stake for nearly five years and still makes time to do successful missionary work (on the side.)



When Lewis completed his mission in the Philippines, he was met by Dad and they toured there, Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia, clear to Tonga, etc. Dad had been reluctant to visit some of these countries but how thankful he was to Lew for insisting when our next and last missionary was called to that area-mainly Indonesia.

I can't recall any of our missionaries being more in demand to give firesides, show all his things from the Philippines and explain about the Church in his mission, than Lewis, and he has always done an excellent job of it. His home is delightfully decorated with some of his souvenirs. And he has generously shared with us some of their beautiful handwork. There is more about Lewis and his mission elsewhere.

Our youngest son, George Holbrook, left for his mission to Southeast Asia -Indonesia--about September 22, 1971. Enroute he visited in Tokyo with Dee's family, living there, and with John H. and Marilyn his daughter, who were visiting. George was prepared all ways, physically, spiritually, etc. He expressed himself in Indonesian at his farewell, held in the 15th Ward Chapel in Idaho Falls, Idaho. We taped his remarks and treasure that tape. We met his Mission President in Salt Lake, Millard Shurtliff and his wife. Area and population-wise this was probably the biggest mission in the Church. There were unique problems. It was soon divided and the Thailand Mission formed and now the Indonesian. George had some challenging and rewarding and growing experiences. His constant prayers and ours ascended together, many prayers of gratitude as well as prayers of petition. His letters came each week and were copied (edited first) and copies sent to other family members who kept in touch. This has been the case since the first missionary gave us this opportunity to support and participate in his mission. All our testimonies were strengthened. George had a very special privilege to learn another language (Tamil, spoken in Southern India) and fly there, under the direction of President Shurtliff, to learn about a group of saints living around Boimbadore who had been baptized by Mission President and others but due to

poor communication (even the Mission President did not speak Tamil) it was decided to send George and Elder Hallam from Spanish Fork, Utah, into India to investigate and to organize some branches of the Church. He mastered (somewhat) the language, which alone was a seemingly impossible feat, but with the Lord's help nothing is impossible and, also with the help of the Lord, they went into India, only as tourists. They were not able to proselyte but did do as directed and organized some branches. They flew to Ceylon to renew their passports and were so impressed with Ceylon that they suggested it be considered for later proselyting. George spent about seven weeks in India, then toured India and came home via Europe. Feelings associated with these experiences are too deep and precious to adequately express. We do express our realization that George has been tried and proven and we know our Heavenly Father has found him deserving of even greater privileges and challenges in the building of the Kingdom. He is all parents could hope for in a son.

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(Elder Delbert Wallace Blair  
Los Mormones, Casilla 78A-Quito, Ecuador)

Idaho Falls, Idaho, USA  
July 17, 1975

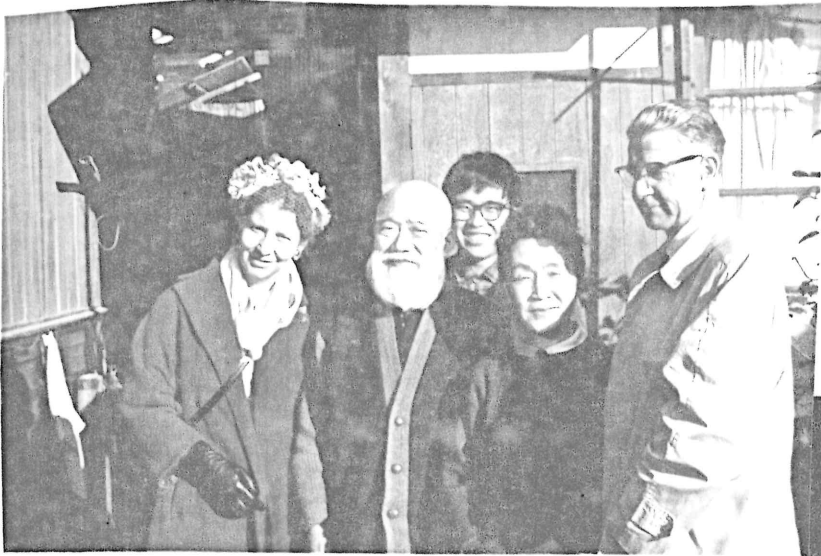
Dearest Grandson Del, our first grandson missionary,

Grandpa and I are both still all smiles! Guess why? Because you have been called by the Lord thru his Prophet to serve a mission for him in Ecuador and because you are so qualified in every way to serve him excellently. Thanks for being just what you are and for also being our grandson.

How well I recall when Grandpa G. and Joseph returned from South and Central America at the close of Joe's mission and after greeting both in Salt Lake, Grandpa wanted to tell me first of all about the little Indian village of Otavala--of the superiority of the Indians there--there have been few times in my life I have seen Grandpa pause for tears when he was relating something (He usually tells jokes!) but when he told about how fine and clean and wonderful these "Otavalan" Indians were, he wept--and I was really touched--then he told me in greater detail about all they did there--about the need for the language because so many of them could not communicate in Spanish --we have some pictures of Otavala--have you ever been there? A side from meeting his missionary son, Joseph, Grandpa was most impressed with Otavala--of course everything Joseph had touched went right to his heart too--so the feeling we both have experienced since hearing you were going to Ecuador, is special indeed--we're not sure about the language --you do know a bit of their native tongue don't you, working with your Dad? Is it "Quechua"? Do you leave for Ecuador on September 5, or just enter LTM then? Wouldn't it be great if your Dad could get the native tongue into the hearts and on tapes, paper, etc., of the Elders? Well, we will be anxious to hear more about it all--when you have time. We're also planning on all of you coming here for at least a week--end before you go.

Love to all, Gr. & Gr. Gr.

We want you to feel the sincerity of our prayers--the gratitude ones, too.



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 IN JAPAN-UNCLE ALMA O. TAYLOR HAD BAPTIZED THIS BROTHER 50 YEARS BEFORE OUR VISIT--HE SHOWED US UNCLE ALMA'S PICTURE. HIS WIFE JOINED RECENTLY AFTER 50 YEARS!  
 (DEE WAS TAKING THE PICTURE)

BELOW: DAD WITH SAM ATOA IN SAMOA



BELOW IS GEORGE IN INDONESIA WITH SOME OF HIS COMPANIONS

IN TONGA WITH NANCY, LIZ, MARILYN, JANE AND GAYLE (DAD WAS MISSION PRESIDENT)



BELOW: LEWIS WITH SOME OF HIS COMPANIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES



AFTER



AFTER DEL'S FAREWELL  
 GOING TO ECUADOR-1975 (with NANCY)

One of the greatest joys and privileges of our home has been to send full time missionaries into the field. From the time they could understand they all planned to fill missions. Only one of our eight children who filled full-time missions, was called to the United States (David, Southern States)- But neither Mary Jane nor Lewis had to learn another language - The others all did and knew the reality of the "gift of tongues" when one prepared and qualified in every way --Add to this Jon Hubble's excellence in the Brazil Mission where he brought this greatest message to the people in Portuguese, Barry J. Stratton doing the same in Germany, Bob Blair in Finnish and our dear Achim was always an exemplary missionary, as a Stake Missionary and in his daily living --speaking German as well as English. At family gatherings it was exciting to have Dad say, "Let's see, shall we have our family prayer in Finnish or Tongan or Japanese or Spanish (Joseph in Peru), or Indonesian or Tamil --or German or Portuguese --" --Once Elder Hinckley (on Missionary Committee for Church) asked John how it was all of our family were so gifted in linguistics --I think John said just willingness to work and help of the Lord but Bob had his doctorate in linguistics - speaks six or eight, reads in several others, creates missionary helps in Indian languages (his doctorate was related to Mayan). Mary Jane does well in French and German (I fair in French Beth sings in Italian, German, etc.

Each missionary wrote home each week and we wrote to our missionaries each week, or more often. We kept all of John's letters, had them bound in a book and gave it to him upon his return. We have sent copies of many of these letters from missionaries to other family members away (and John's to Sabins, etc.) Faith, testimony and reality of spiritual guidance are expressed in these letters. They all kept diaries too which may be even greater witness of the "Marvelous work and wonder" of the restoration of the true Church in these latter days and its blessings going out to all the world because of the great love of the father and the son. Our missionary letters (both ways) number in thousands. They were returned for individual histories. Samples included here

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On November 25, 1973, we went to John's ward (26th in Ammon Stake) to witness the naming of little Jennie Marie (named after her two grandmas) -their ninth child and seventh daughter, born October 26, 1973. Also present were: All of John's family, Marie and Merrill Sabin (Jean's parents from Provo) David H. and his family, Richard H. and Stephanie, Mary Jane and Achim and Anny. Lewis was in Denver for the big Thanksgiving week-end, visiting Joe's family (a favorite family indeed). George and Jenette and Lisa and Jimmie Blair had returned to Provo about 2 p.m. They had made our week-end a real Thanksgiving one. The Blair girls had invited their cousins of same age to tie a quilt here at Grandma's for their mother's Christmas. What fun they all had together! George reported his mission to the Stake Presidency and High Council. He was George - mature, confident, full of the spirit that is always with those who love and serve the Lord. He told how Elder Benson had said two things about the Southeast Asia Mission when he dedicated the land for missionary work:

1. People of high quality and rank would be responsive for leadership and
2. most membership would be of humble circumstance but just as high quality (in the eyes of the Lord). He said he had witnessed the fulfillment of this inspired statement. When he told of the personal friend of President Suharto (of Indonesia) who had been baptized and would, when a stake was made in Indonesia, probably be the first stake president, possibly in four or five years--when he told of this, he did not mention he was the one led to this special person and who baptized him. He told how he had spent much time in Indonesia organizing the members in three branches, now doing very well, and how the last two months of his mission had been spent in southern India where he was sent by President Shurtliff (after receiving approval from the Brethren in Salt Lake) to do some organizing there and how time would tell what the Lord wanted there. He also said the missionaries with whom he worked were all wonderful, special, with perhaps one exception who was sort of a problem. (we had heard they were really hand-picked for this mission) He bore sincere witness of his deep testimony that this is the work of the Lord and He let

those working for Him know what He wanted. He said if he had chosen the mission and all his experience he could not have done so well, for his own enjoyment, than the way the Lord directed (he put all he said better than I am expressing it.) George fully expected part of his allotted time would be to answer questions from the group, as is usually done, and he said so at the beginning of his presentation but at the end of it President Yost said he regretted there would not be time for this. I was asked to make brief remarks which I did - mainly expressing gratitude for and confidence in George and in his father, who also spoke briefly --relating incidents, or comments about President Grant and President McKay, now departed from this life to a greater calling - to stand at the head of their families -It was a sacred and appreciated meeting for us. George also spoke in Priesthood Meeting in our new 35th Ward. Mel Call, who works for Dad, is our bishop. Of course there were other reports made also. Our hearts were full of gratitude and rejoicing at the great privileges George had been given and at the strong young Latter-day Saint he had developed into, ready and eager to prepare for even greater service in building His father's kingdom. It is again easy to see the Father's will unfolding gently, lovingly, correctly, bringing always, joy, if we do our part, stay close, and do as He constantly directs us to do.

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Our first missionary son was John Holbrook Groberg who left for Tonga immediately after standing in line all evening as best man for Bob -at Bob and Julia's wedding reception at our 255-12th St. home in Idaho Falls, after Temple marriage in the Temple here, August 17, 1954. He was ill during the reception and he and I both wondered about having him slip out and go to bed for a while (he was to catch a train about 1 a.m. - he had had shots for his mission)- but he stuck it out. As we put him on the train about 1:30 a.m. we were very concerned, we loved him so much and he was so ill, but, proving himself as always, he left with a smile and a heart full of faith, You may read much more about his first mission elsewhere. It was filled with experiences of great faith and trials which made even greater faith --He was truly being

prepared to return later as a natural, capable and prepared leader, to preside over the mission later, for three years, with tremendous growth and accomplishment and now is serving as both Regional and Mission Representative for the Twelve and for the Church. (at this time of copying - he is a member of the First Quorum of Seventy - in charge of the South Pacific Islands mainly)

- As Mission President he took his beloved and eternal companion with him, Jean Sabin Groberg, and their five daughters, down to and including Gayle for whom they had to wait to be born, - May 16, 1966 - she came.

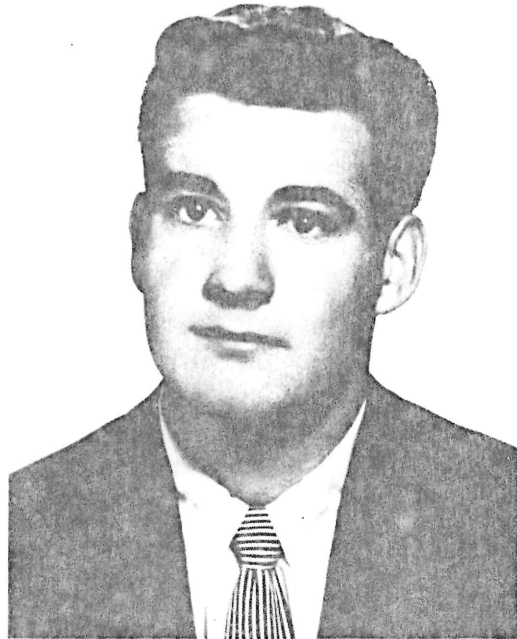
At the end of his first mission his father met him in New Zealand, where the Brunts came from (and William Burnett was an original Church leader) - What a great time John and Dad had visiting places of family history and trying to care for his feet which were miserable with fungi, but they are fine now.

John's first mission was August 17, 1954 (left home for Tonga) - He was called to preside over the Tongan L.D.S. Mission in May 1966, being released as Bishop of the 26th Ward to do so. Shortly after his return he was made Regional Representative, October, 1969. He was made a member of the First Quorum of Seventy in April, 1976 - We were there and indeed humbled as we watched all of the Quorum of the Twelve, the First Presidency lay their hands unitedly upon him and set him apart for this high and holy calling.

Our next missionary was our beloved David Holbrook Groberg who left for the Southern States Mission on April 11, 1956 and returned March 18, 1958. He spent part of his time in the Mission Office under the direction of President Berkeley Bunker who loved him dearly, as do we. David has told us of how wonderful it was to have Elder Harold B. Lee visit with them, and also other notables. David had also served as a Stake Missionary as a youth here in Idaho Falls for a short time. After his return David was invited by President Kilpack to bear testimony in the Temple - The Spirit was uplifting - President Kilpack said afterwards he had that John the best returned missionary he had ever heard in the Temple but now he'd have to admit David was every bit his equal.

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John Holbrook Groberg,  
Missionary to Tonga — David  
Holbrook Groberg, Missionary  
to Southern States, U. S. A.  
Mary Jane Groberg, Mission-  
ary to England.



John



Mary Jane



David



# Missionary Farewell

for

## John H. Groberg and Family

prior to their departure

to preside over the

TONGAN MISSION

to be held in the

TWENTY-SIXTH WARD CHAPEL

1660 12th Street

Idaho Falls, Idaho

MONDAY, JUNE 27, 1966

7:30 P.M.

President Harold W. Davis, conducting  
Ammon Stake President

Prelude Music .... Organ — Jennie H. Groberg  
Piano — Gloria Jean Groberg  
Flute — Mary Jane Groberg

Opening Hymn, No. 22 ..... Congregation  
"Come Unto Jesus"

Invocation ..... Richard H. Groberg

Participation ..... Groberg Girls  
Nancy Jean, Elizabeth, Marilyn

Vocal Solo ..... Ina Lou Cheney

Speaker ..... President E. W. Huntsman  
Former President Tongan Mission

Vocal Duet ..... Richard and Carolyn Robison

Speaker ..... Ermel Morton  
Former Principal Tonga Liahona High School

Hymn, No. 145 ..... "O Ye Mountains High"

Remarks ..... Merrill R. Sabin

Violin Solo ..... Marilyn S. Parsons

Remarks ..... Patriarch Delbert V. Groberg

Vocal Solo ..... Elizabeth Groberg

Response ..... Jean S. Groberg  
President John H. Groberg

Vocal Solo ..... Richard Robison

Remarks ..... President Harold W. Davis

Closing Hymn, No. 79 ..... Congregation  
"I Need Thee Every Hour"

Benediction ..... Bishop Dan Stoddard



Nancy Jean



Elizabeth



Marilyn



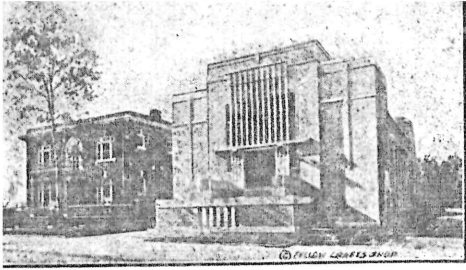
JEAN S. and JOHN H. GROBERG FAMILY

Gayle

Jane.



— Mission Address —  
TONGAN MISSION  
Box 58  
Nuku'alofa  
Tonga, Friendly Island



Mission Headquarters

# Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

EASTERN STATES MISSION

273 Gates Avenue

Brooklyn, N. Y.

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November 23, 1926

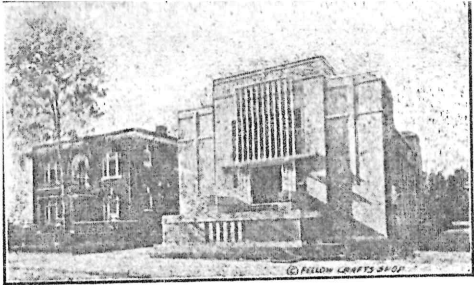
Elder Delbert V. Groberg,  
Box 322  
Charleston, W. Va.

Dear Brother Groberg:

This is to inform you that you are by these presents appointed President of the West Virginia Conference South, and President Pedersen has been instructed to turn over to you all books, accounts, moneys and property that he may have in his possession in trust, and when he turns it over to you, you give him a receipt for all the property, moneys and books, and let Brother Pedersen certify to you in writing over his signature, the properties that he has turned over to your care. By reason of this appointment, you will take charge of the entire work of the West Virginia Conference South, presiding over the Missionaries, the Branches and the Saints living in that Conference, and you are to direct the missionaries in their activities, assigning them to their companions, and their fields of labor and do everything, and whatever is necessary to the complete management of these matters and the responsibilities that rest upon you from the time of this appointment and I pray that the Lord will give you grace and strength to meet these responsibilities and help you to increase the efficiency of the Conference and extend the work therein in every direction. I look for the work to take on new life under your administration.

I am enclosing you herewith printed form of appointment, signed by me, and I will ask you to read it over carefully, and repeatedly until you have mastered it, and that you also refer to the scripture passages cited therein and read them, and carry on the administration of your work in harmony with the principles and scriptures laid down.

There is one thing about your appointment that I feel necessary to mention, and that is, for such responsibility, you are very young, and may be thought to be very young by the Saints and some of your companions, but, to paraphrase



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Paul, Let no man despise you on account of your youth, for they will not be justified in doing so, and you, should criticism arise, should not be disturbed by it, but take hold of the responsibilities and discharge them to the best of your ability under the light that the Spirit of the Lord shall give you, and, so, I commend you to His grace.

You will be at liberty to write to me from time to time as you think occasion requires it, but do not think that you will have to submit every problem that may arise, to me. Exercise the inspiration of the Lord that is in you to carry your own burdens and meet your own responsibilities as the Lord will give you strength and insight to see, and do your duty.

I am writing to the Elders of the Conference to notify them of your appointment and asking them to give you their unstinted support.

Praying the Lord to bless you, and guide you

I am

Very truly your friend and brother,

*B H Roberts*

MISSION PRESIDENT.

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request the pleasure of your  
Mr Delbert V. Grobery company  
at Dinner  
on Thursday September 8  
at 7:30 o'clock  
Trianon Restaurant  
110 and Broadway

# Letter of Appointment

## Eastern States Mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Elder DELBERT V. GROBERG

BELOVED BROTHER:

This is to Certify, That you have been appointed to preside over the

WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE SOUTH Conference in the Eastern States Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and as the President of this Conference it will be your duty to direct the labors of the Elders associated with you. You should keep in close touch with your co-laborers at all times, visiting them often and writing to them at least once a week, giving such counsel and advice as will be pleasing to our Father in Heaven and for the furtherance of the spread of Truth in this part of the Lord's vineyard.

Inasmuch as you are now called to a position where you will preside over your brethren, I desire to especially counsel you to carefully read and re-read section 121 in the Doctrine and Covenants, and let verses 37 and 39 be indelibly impressed upon your heart. Remember you cannot exercise unjust control, dominion, or compulsion in any degree of unrighteousness without grieving the Spirit of the Lord, and if it be withdrawn, it means amen to your priesthood. Verse 39 reads as follows: "We have learned, by sad experience, that it is the nature and disposition of almost all men, as soon as they get a little authority, as they suppose, they will immediately begin to exercise unrighteous dominion." I would urge you to lead your brethren by the love of God, and to avoid everything antagonistic to that spirit.

You should study the life of Jesus, and realize that God is love, and in order for you to be a leader, beloved of the Lord, you must always lead your brethren with love, meting out to them that mercy and charity which will win their affection and confidence. Avoid everything akin to tyranny, and always remember that the Elders laboring under your direction have made the same sacrifice that you yourself have made, and that they are endowed with the same Priesthood and Authority as has been bestowed upon you. Keep in close touch with the Mission office, and seek counsel from the headquarters of the Mission at all times. It is your duty to report to the Mission office once each week and have the elders report to you the same.

You will be the custodian of the Conference records, which are a part of the records of the Church, therefore you must see that they are properly kept and carefully guarded, for you will now be held absolutely responsible for their correctness, neatness and security, until you are released from the position to which you are herein called.

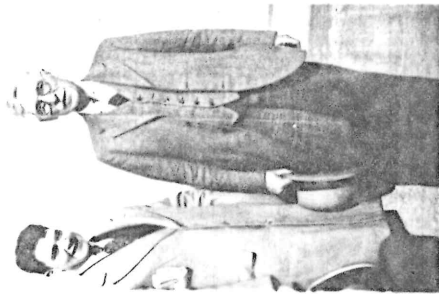
May God bless you with the spirit and power of your office and calling, and may you win the love of your fellow servants and also that of the Saints, and the honest in heart who may be led to investigate the principles of eternal life through your efforts.

Your Brother,

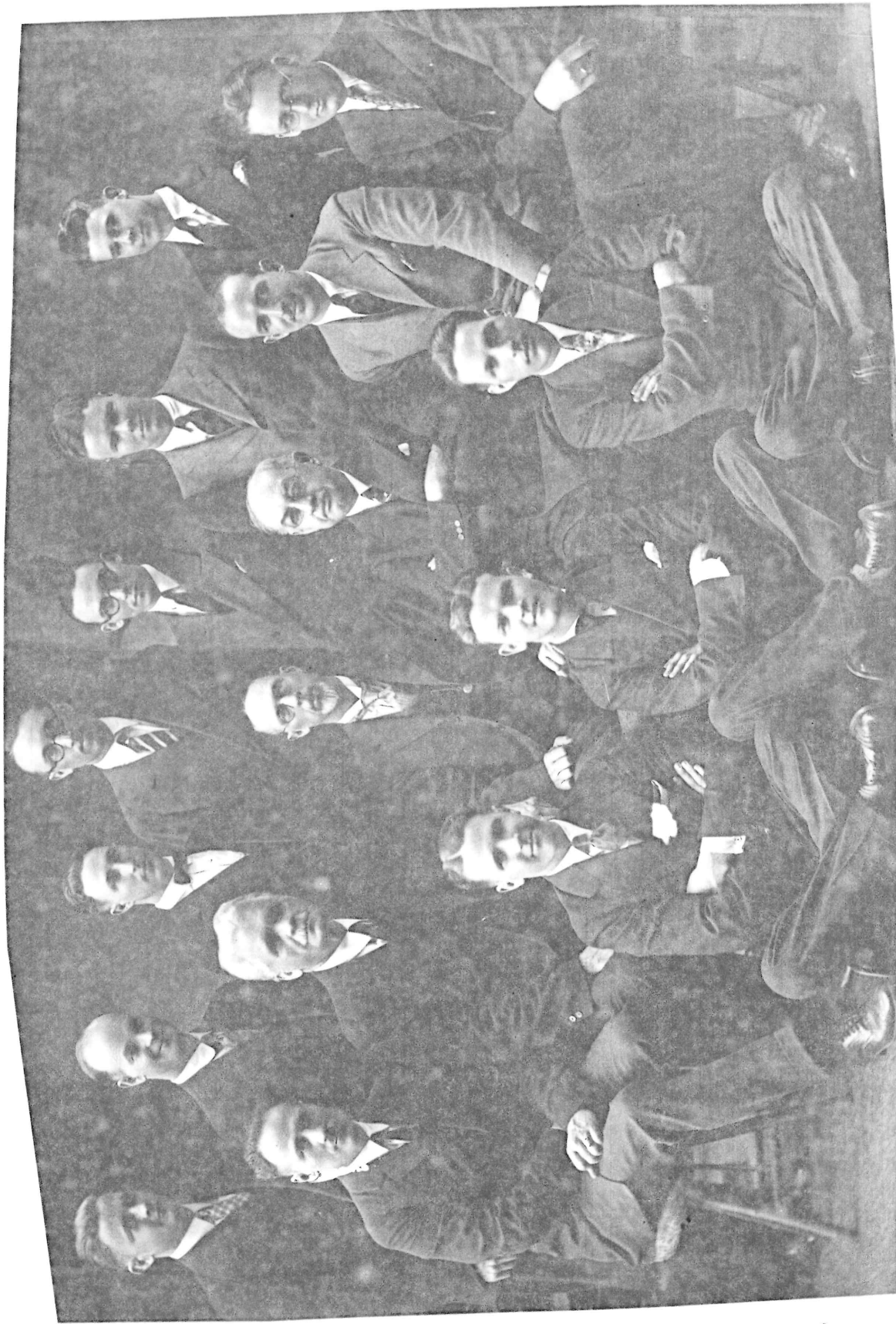


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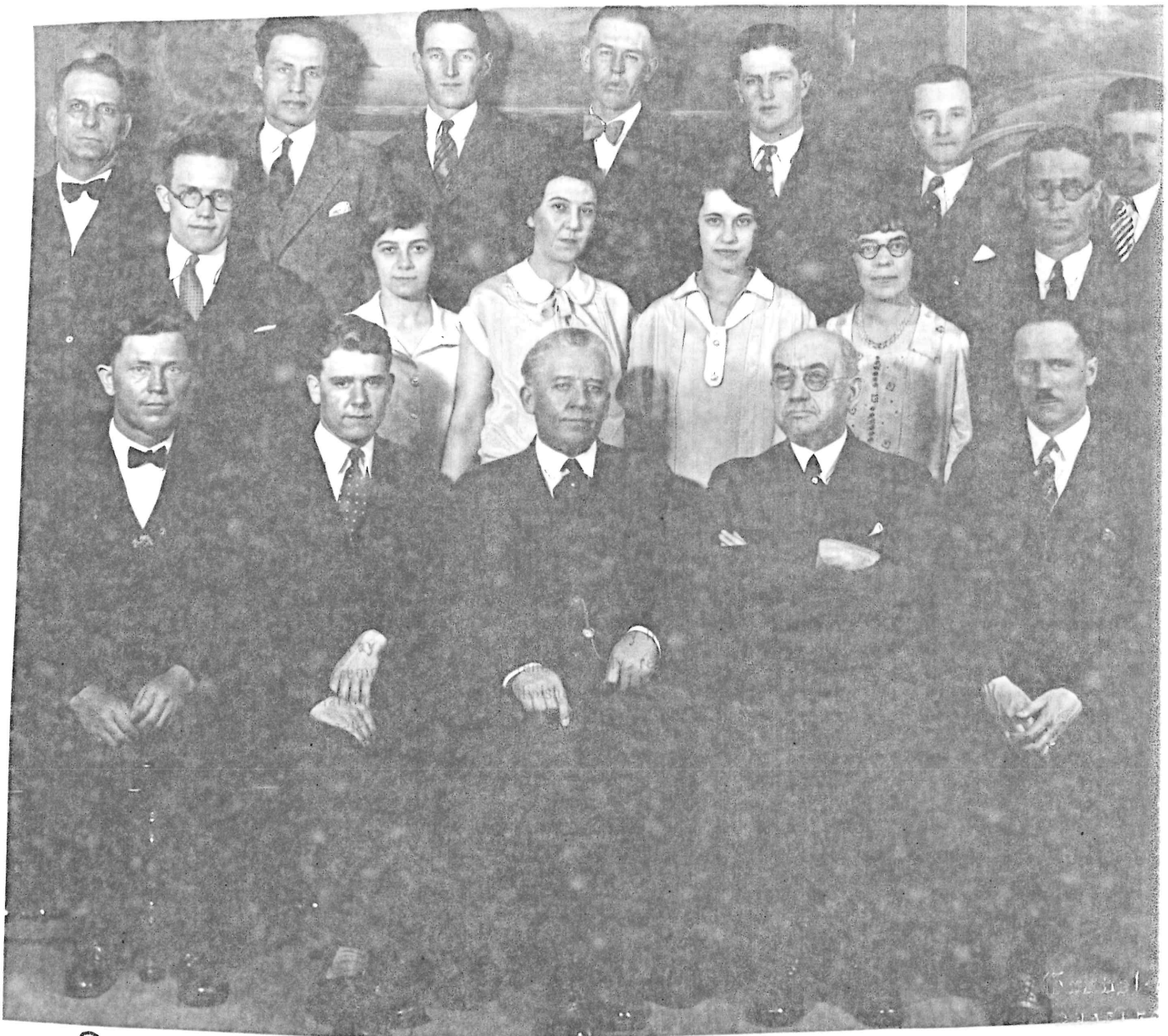
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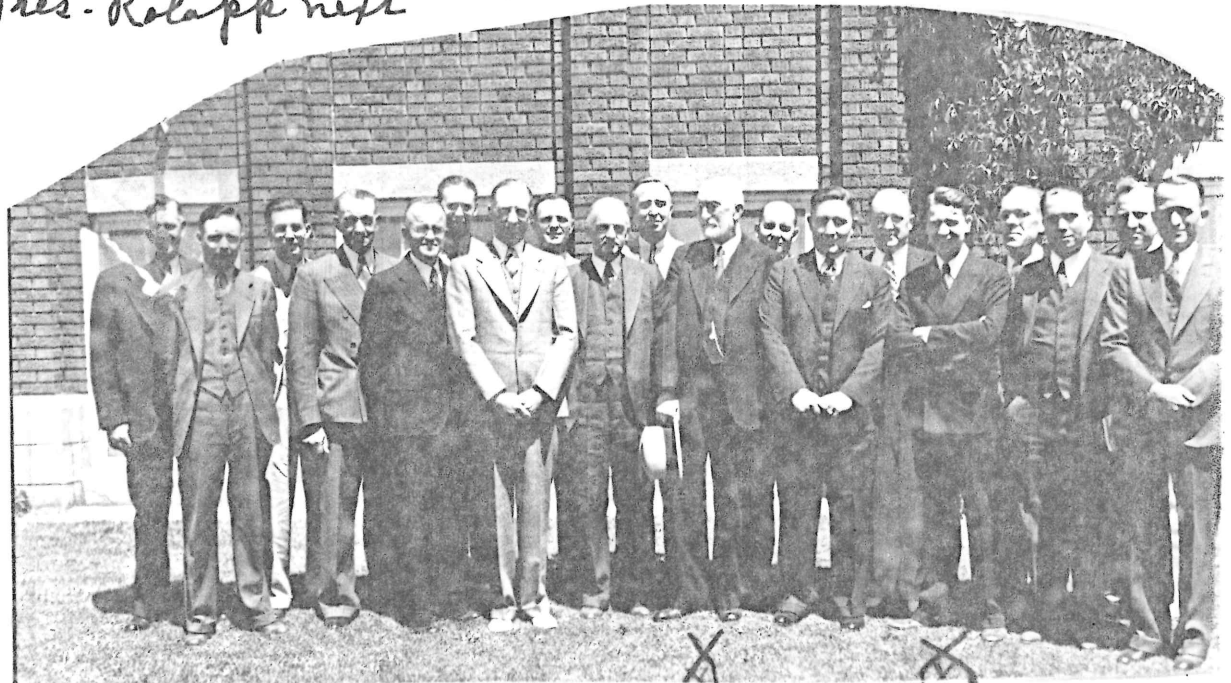
Pres. Rulon  
S. Wells  
with D. V. G.  
in Mission  
Field



In Mission Field - D. V. G. back row 1st on right  
Middle row - 2nd - Pres. B. N. Roberts - 3 Pres. George Albert Smith



In Mission Field - sitting next to Elder Melvin J. Ballard  
Pres. Rolapp next



With Pres. Heber J. Grant - dedication Third Ward 251

32 Summerhill Ave.  
Knock.  
Belfast, No. Ireland  
Nov. 3, 1957

Dearest Family,

Hi! I had a nice transfer to beautiful Ireland. How's Beth's project on England coming along? How is Aunt Vera feeling? There is a lot to tell about this transfer. I arrived here this afternoon. I got a telephone call Tues. from London. Pres. Kerr was on the other end. He asked me how long it would take me to pack and be ready to go to Ireland. I said, you know how d. M.'s are. It will take me half a day. Well, then, we arranged to have me take the 2:55 p.m. train Wed., which would make connections in Liverpool (first in London) for Belfast. Well, I was ready to leave. That Monday, Kelliners had expressed the desire to be baptized, and on Tues. we'd visited with members most of a.m. Mrs. Weston had even said she'd like to be baptized. But Pres. Queene thinks she needs more lessons. Now to the trip.

2 Tues. eve we went to Relief Society. I led them in singing. Wed. a.m. was taken up with packing. Elder Kerr called from Nottingham to bid me goodbye. Sister Johnson, a beauty-queen from S.D., arrived to be companion to Sister B. Pres. Quenne came over to say goodbye, sorry to see you leave, and I was on my way.

The train was late in arriving in London, so the proper connections were impossible. Therefore I stayed in the mission home until Thurs. afternoon. That wasn't time wasted. I met many missionaries including Sister Reed and Sister Pulipher of the office staff, talked on Hyde Park Square, and, best of all, saw the new mission home. It's "posh" meaning it has lots of bathrooms, plush carpets, or "expensive". Even though I'd been told it was in Kensington, the "ritzest" part of London, I didn't expect it to be so nice as it is.



Elder Christensen and I took pains to see we didn't miss the train on Thursday. Then I spent Thursday night on the Irish Sea. Elder C. had sent my new companion to Ireland on Wednesday. The sea voyage was rough, really made me sea-sick. And it was four hours behind schedule in arriving. So I got in about twenty <sup>eight</sup> hours later than expected. The Steward on the boat helped me during the night, fixed me up a chair on the deck, and eventually a bed on a sofa in the lounge.

Well, Elders Anderson and Mr. Niel met me here, and after a chat, we came to meet Sister Stone, my lovely companion. Her home town is Long Beech, California. Our "digs" are next door to some members. They're comfortable "digs." We had a baptism here yesterday of nine new members. It is for a small branch in Londonderry. This branch is thriving and healthy. (Belfast). People are friendly.

Love,  
Mary

IN RESPONSE TO MY REQUEST, MARY JANE CONTRIBUTED THIS:

An outstanding faith-rewarding experience of my mission occurred during the last two months of the mission. I had worked diligently and fasted and prayed throughout the mission to see the fruits of my labors. When the following experience came, it was answer to the prayer. As I recall, it came right after some negative responses along the same street, where we tracted door to door. From my missionary journal I have excerpted the following story.

Under the date of March 3--Mother's Birthday--1958, Belfast, Northern Ireland:

"What a wonderful day! We met Mrs. Stewart, who has read the Book of Mormon and gained a testimony of it. We were interested in her story. Four years ago Elder Burnett (Dallas Burnett) and companion lent her a book, called back, and explained to her and her husband a few teachings. Then when they called to pick up the book, it had been lent to her mother, so she retained it and read it. About two months ago, she got "reinterested" in it, studied it, and prayed for help in understanding it. When we spoke to her, she sounded real enthusiastic about it, and well-informed due to careful reading of it. We gave her the "one Church" lesson....

"March 7. Thanks be to God, we've got another good family, the Stewarts. She is trying to give up smoking. He questions everything. I loved them immediately. We presented a "Building Faith in God" lesson....

"March 9, Sunday. We took Mrs. Stewart, 53 Wandsworth Rd., and her children, Rex and Maxine to Church on this snowy Sabbath morning. Brother Mateer's lesson on the purpose of the church seemed well-suited to her. The little girl cried, although the boy was happy with his new friends....

"March 14. We had Mr. and Mrs. Stewart tonight. He's terrific! He can't believe in Bible, but would like to believe in it and Book of Mormon. He's a striking tall man with keen eyes. And he drives us home in his car. She said she was very disappointed with Church, but her son Rex won't let her miss next Sunday a.m. We're sorry she's disappointed. But we still love her....

"March 16. We had an investigator out to Church this morning, Mrs. Stewart and her two children, Rex and Maxine. Her husband drove us over. The said (in answer to my prayer this morning that she would have peace and happiness) that she had had a feeling of peace and happiness today....

"March 20....We had an hour's chat with Mrs. Stewart in afternoon. She has many sincere questions--said the thing that most impressed her about church was first Elders. She wanted her boy to grow up like Elder Burnett.

"March 21. Stewarts tonight (O. C.). We socialized some--drank Postum. I'm hopeful we left a good feeling. I pray for her, who is sincere and prayerful.

"March 24...(Elder Hodgson) also gave me some suggestions --taking turns reading, stressing obedience, etc. Also not going abruptly back to subject, when led off it, but gently moving back. Arriving home, I found a letter awaiting that Mom considers meeting me here. Won't that be nice....

We continue meeting with the Stewarts. Mrs. Stewart is working faithfully to keep the word of wisdom, and she and her husband are discussing the missionary lessons together with us, and Elder Hodgson, too is visiting them with us. We also are having visits with other investigators and members.

"April 4. Today was very wet and cold....The evening we had planned to meet Elder Hodgson at Stewart's at 9:05. We were detained at Skillings so arrived at 9:20. Then with Book of Mormon scriptures I gave a revelation lesson. Mr. Stewart argued quite a bit against accepting God or the Bible. Elder Hodgson helped him. We hope it pushed them in the right direction. Next stop, at 10:30 was supper at Skillings. Maybe sacrilege, but I laughed because at Stewarts I was tired from running, gave an unrehearsed though somewhat studied lesson, had extra reason to be nervous for having to leave early and had DP (District President) there. But, oh well, the important thing's the Contact and the Lord....

"April 11....Stewarts on Apostacy onight. She is concerned because she has felt "empty" since Sunday....

"April 14. Monday. Because of an upset tummy I spent a restless night and "laid in" this a.m. Then we called on Mrs. Stewart, and discussed conference and ironed for her. And she said, ever since her husband had told President Hodgson he didn't believe in God she'd had that empty feeling. We talked about the Holy Ghost and testimonies. The children took part in showing us their toys....

"April 15....Mom wrote of definite touring plans. Love work and people.

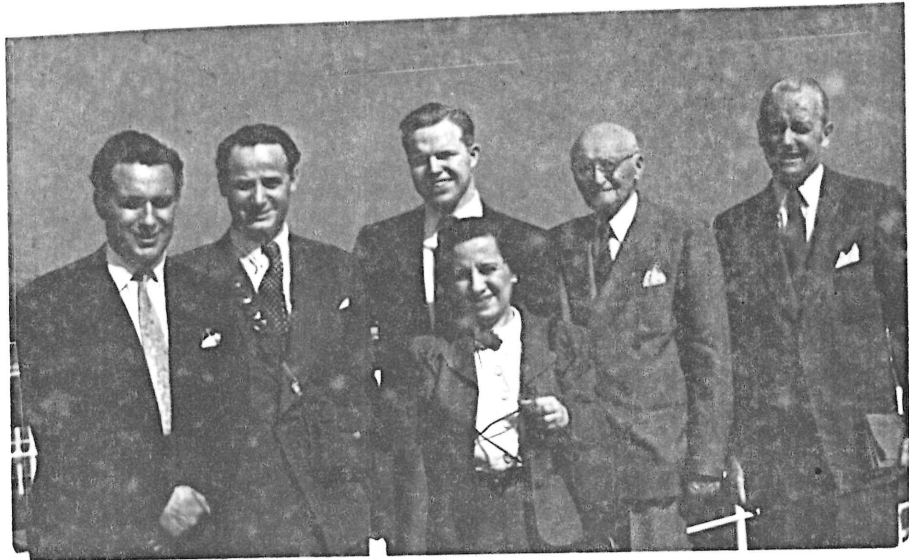
"April 18. We met with Stewarts--First Restoration tonight. Elder Hodgson accompanied us. We had a lovely time. I feel the Stewarts enjoyed the evening. What a wonderful gospel! We can rejoice together. In the mail came a letter notifying me my mission officially ends May 1....

Mother arrived on April 25, and that evening accompanied us to teach a discussion at the Stewarts'. On Sunday April 27 we went to Church together, in the Stewarts' car. After Church we went to their home and visited long about the gospel and taught the restoration lesson, and she said she would think about being baptized the next week. She feels ready for baptism. "They've been inspirational to us...." She decided the next day that she would be baptized Wednesday April 30.

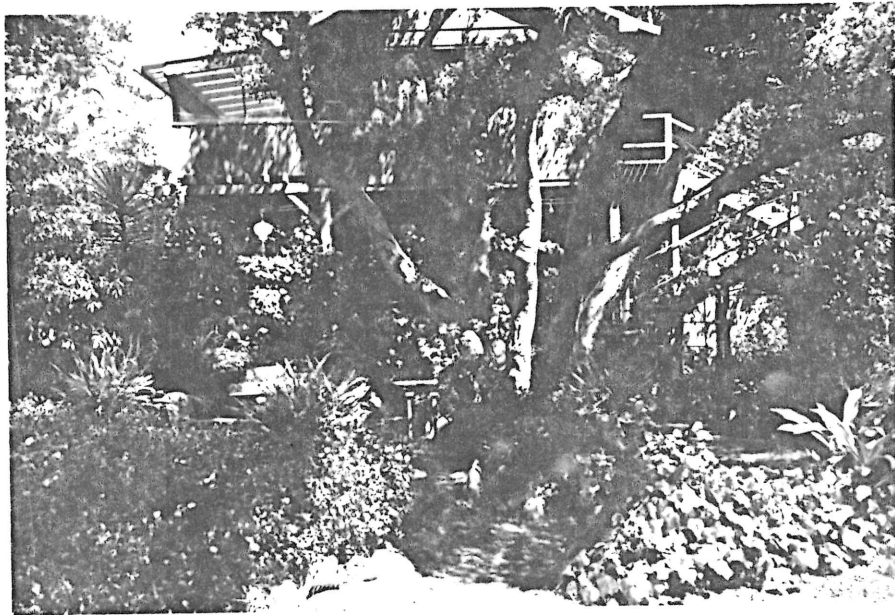
"April 30. Wednesday, and the last day of my mission. Made eventful and happy with many lovely friends, both members and contacts, and the baptism of Sister Stewart. She was baptized by President Hodgson....and it's Goodbye to all. But Mrs. Stewart refused to say "Goodbye." Her husband looked very nice when we returned. We hope he's in in a few months or sooner."

Mr. Stewart drove Mother and me to the airport. We shared this experience, the culmination of my mission, as this was the only one of the many investigators my companion and I taught that I saw baptized.

(Mother's comment: The District President called me into his office (so Elders (would not hear) and confided that Mary Jane was without question the finest missionary in his district - tops in every way.



Robert W. Blair with a group of Finnish Missionaries and  
leaders - about 1950



Wallace and Marguerite Blair's Santa Barbara home  
behind canyon foliage (he was Branch President)  
home of Robert W. and Carolyn

# Isolated On Island, He Felt Reality, Closeness Of God

12—CHURCH • WEEK ENDING JULY 25, 1970

IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO

Sixteen years ago, John H. Groberg had an experience which made an indelible impression on him that God lives, that He does love His children and that man's obligation is to love one another.

In 1954, Mr. Groberg, now Regional Representative of the Twelve for Samoa and Tonga regions, had just been called as a missionary to Tonga.

He was assigned to the island of Niuatoputapu, about 400 miles north of the mission headquarters in Nuku'alofa.

About two months after he arrived, a devastating hurricane leveled the island, wiping out the water supply and the breadfruit crop, the principal source of food on the island, and destroying the telegraph system, the only communication with the outside world.

Water had been obtained by permitting rain to flow from tin roofs of huts into containers, but the fury of the hurricane winds scattered the tin far and wide.

A small copra boat normally visited the island every four to five weeks with supplies and mail, but little did the islanders know that the boat had been damaged by the hurricane and was dry docked on another island.

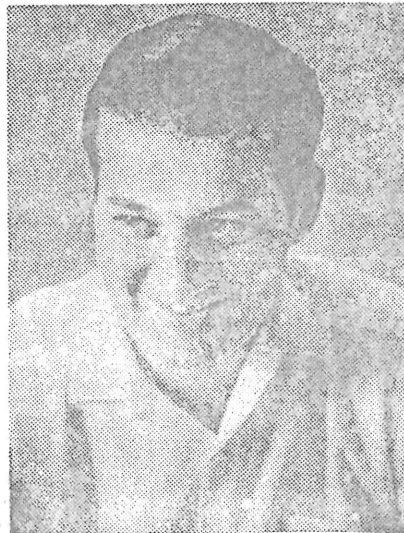
"At first, we weren't too concerned, although food was rationed and liquid had to be obtained from fruits. We felt the boat would be back in at least four weeks and everything would be all right.

"The four weeks seemed like an eternity," Mr. Groberg continued. "Each day, we would climb to the top of a mountain and look out onto the ocean to see if we could sight the boat.

"Four weeks passed and the boat failed to show up. The fifth, sixth and seventh weeks passed with still no sign.

Normally, Mr. Groberg and his native companion each consumed a whole breadfruit each meal. In the eighth week, each ration was  $\frac{1}{8}$  of a breadfruit for all day.

"After seven weeks, the people started losing hope. The food supply had dwindled down to practically nothing and many people were starving. Some were dying, particularly the very young and the very old."



During the eighth week, he related that he was so hungry that he went to a swamp where the mosquitoes were very thick. Within seconds, the insects were all over him. He wiped the mosquitoes off his brow and arms and scooped them into his mouth to get any kind of nourishment he could.

"I had absolute assurance that everything would be all right, that the experience was for my own good. I felt very strongly the presence of the Lord as if He were there, saying, 'I'm here, watching over you.'

"The experience taught me that God is alive, that He is close and I was impressed with the thought of how much our Heavenly Father loves us. After that I felt calm and peaceful."

In the 9th week, as he was lying under a tree too weak to do anything else, he heard a voice from an old man, saying, "I have something for you." Mr. Groberg looked up and the man, whom he had considered one of the "island no-goods," handed him a tin of preserves.

"I have been hoarding this," the man told Mr. Groberg. "I probably won't make it, but you're young and you'll probably live. You're a missionary and I want you to have it."

Mr. Groberg reflected, "The man seemed to me that he was an angel. It was almost a direct revelation not to judge anyone, that it's our responsibility to love all people regardless of who they are or what they've done. This is our lifetime assignment."

Late that afternoon, the boat, full of food and supplies, was sighted and help had finally arrived.

"I seriously thought that this was the end, that the population of the entire island would be wiped out," Mr. Groberg said.

Although he had prayed continually since the hurricane struck, he related that in the eighth week, he had "a real strong, spiritual experience" when he turned to God in prayer.

After he was released from his mission, Mr. Groberg served two stake missions and then was called as bishop of the Idaho Falls 26th Ward at the age of 27. He served five years and then was called back to Tonga, this time as mission president.

Again, he experienced a trial which fortified his belief of the reality and closeness of God.

His only son was born to him and his wife, the former Jean Sabin of North Hollywood, Calif., after they had been in Tonga a year. The boy contracted a serious disease and became gravely ill.

"One night as my son laid very critical, one of my counselors, a native Tongan, came over and told me that the boy would be all right. He said that something special was going on, that all the members in the entire mission had fasted and prayed that day for my son and he knew the boy would recover."

Mr. Groberg said, however, that he had to arrive at the point where he was ready to give up his son, "that the Lord's will be done" before he received the assurance the boy would be all right.

The son was sent back to the United States with his mother where he recovered from the disease. While Mr. Groberg's wife and boy were back home, he stayed in Tonga with his five daughters to run the affairs of the mission.

While president, he staged the 50th anniversary of the Church in Tonga in November 1968 — an important milestone in Tongan tradition.

"I felt impressed to ask the missionaries to set their goal during the anniversary month of 500 baptisms as a tribute to the sacrifice of all the people who had contributed to the growth and development of the Church in Tonga. We were baptizing between 75 and 100 persons a month at that time," he said.

When the missionary reports were turned in for the month, there were 507 persons baptized, which, he said, "was evidence to me that the Lord's spirit is being poured out to the seed of Lehi."

20 May, 1968

The meetings Sunday were wonderful. There was an excellent turnout and the spirit of the meetings was really fine. I spoke in the morning and then about 10 minutes at the close of the afternoon session...There was hardly a dry eye as I expressed our thanks and appreciation to them for their fasting and prayers on behalf of our little John E. They really felt the spirit of gratitude - I told them he was o.k. Then I explained my feelings about watching you leave from Nandi - and how I traced the lights of the big jet until I could see them no more...the most beautiful words in Tongan

The theme of the conference was on families - importance of the priesthood in the home, etc. - I explained how I watched the lights of the jet take their place among the stars of eternity - bearing my loved ones - the eyes of my understanding were opened and I realized - What are all these stars? What is a star - a man and a woman - who love each other with all their hearts --who faithfully raise a family and love them with all their hearts --who fear God and keep all His commandments --with all their hearts - and prove by every sacrifice that they will heed His counsel and abide thereby in all things - Yes that's what the stars are - that's what a star is - a man - his wife - their family - faithfully in the Lord ....I wish the conference could have been taped - but it wasn't. I doubt I could or anyone could - repeat those words again - but the feeling was there - the Spirit bore powerful witness to all of the importance of the family and the truth of the request for all to look in at family - and gaze at the stars - and honor the Priesthood, etc. I was so weak I came right home and fell to sleep for an hour or so before being able to go on with the other meetings.

28 May 1968

We had a wonderful conference at Vaini last week-end. It was very well attended and the Spirit was as strong as at Huku'alofa the week before. I gave my regular talk in the morning and felt that was to be all but the people had heard of the comments I gave at Nuku'alofa and even though I gave them the list as to the last speaker - I found them still asking that I take the last few minutes. I obliged and again felt a real surge of spiritual strength as I recounted the limitless potentials to families wherein the man love the woman with all his heart and the woman loves the man with all her heart and they love their children with all their hearts and the children love them with all their hearts and they all love the Lord with all their hearts - for the Lord loves them with all his heart. Such a family sphere grows in light and truth until it truly shines forth in the firmament above and is indeed heaven itself - eternity and worlds to come -

# 50 Years In Tonga

WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 28, 1963

● CHURCH-7



Pres., Mrs. N. Eldon Tanner, with Mrs. Kathryn S. Gilbert, Relief Society, and Pres. Lavern W. Parmley of the Primary, land in Tonga.

President N. Eldon Tanner of the First Presidency described a recent celebration noting the Church's 50th year in Tonga in the Friendly Islands "as a credit to the Church."

The 50th anniversary celebration was highlighted by the attendance of King Taufa'ahua Tupou IV, Queen Halaevalu Mata'aho, Prince Tu'ipelehake, who is premier of Tonga, and his wife, Princess Mele Naite, and members of the British consulate staff.

"I was impressed at the way our people performed in every segment of the program and by their devotion to the Church in the way they took their assignment," said President Tanner.

He said the Church orchestra is the best in the land and came in for high praise from the visitors.

The week's observance included Relief Society displays, MIA dance and music festivals, priesthood and other meetings with missionaries.

Heading the whole celebration was Pres. John H. Groberg, who presides over the Tongan Mission.

"I was so impressed with Pres. Groberg's executive ability. Everything went smoothly and Pres. Groberg appeared only to direct the program at the presentation," President Tanner said.

The significant highlight of the week was the recognition of the Church by the king. This is the first time such recognition from the royal palace has been forthcoming.

In his speech, the king told the audience to live by the principles of the church to which they belong. If people would do this, the king said, the world would be a better place in which to live.

The queen also spoke and her theme was on family togetherness.

"The husband and father's responsibility is to hold the family together. This is a great responsibility but this is the only way a family can live together for the good of all," the queen said.

First major function of the celebration was the Relief Society bazaar which was officially opened by the queen. She was visibly impressed by the handiwork of the Relief Society members.

Church Scouts provided traffic direction and clean-up details as well as escorts for President and Mrs. Tanner throughout the week.

President Tanner, in commenting on the work by the Tongan police force, said the police chief commented that he had his whole force out for the dancing finale on the royal palace grounds.

More than 11,000 watched the performance on the royal courtyard, and the police chief said this was the first time in his experience that there had been an absence of any trouble.

A Remembrance Service was held in the Church's Liahona High School gymnasium, and it was here the king gave his address.

A royal feast was held after the service and a crowd of 6,507 was fed with typical Tongan food with roast whole pigs, chickens and other dishes being served.

Church members from all over the Friendly Islands came and were housed in temporary shelters built for the observance.

Keen interest was shown in the sports competition held between nine districts. There were several hundred participants with 27 championships determined in three days of matches.

A total of 73 teams participated in everything from baseball to volleyball, tennis, racing and rope-pulling.

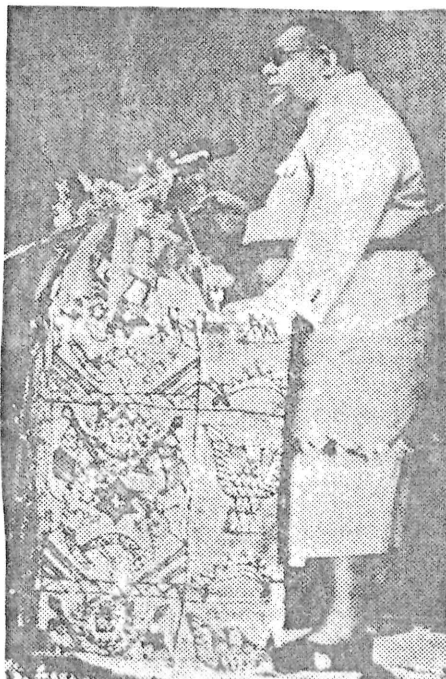
A unique feature of the dance festival was the square dancing with 100 squares of eight people each from eight districts participating. Each group originated their own costumes.

This was held in the royal courtyard where 11,067 watched — the largest crowd ever assembled in the courtyard.

After the square dancers came the native Tongan dancing. Over 600 MIA men and women came onto the field to perform two formal type dances.

President Tanner, in commenting on the Tongan Mission, noted that out of the 96 missionaries there, 80 are native Tongans.

And Pres. Groberg noted that 507 converts were baptized in the mission during the month of November.



King Taufa'ahua Tupou IV addresses meeting.

November 1968

I was reading in a recent Church news about a remarkable prayer offered by Elder Orson Pratt at Arthur's Seat, England wherein he felt impressed to ask for 300 baptisms and within a short while they had over 300 baptisms in that area.

As I read this, I realized that that which had occurred in the Tongan Mission in November 1968 was equally as remarkable. I should maybe start back a little ways on the account.

When I was Bishop of the 26<sup>th</sup> Ward, one day I was studying scripture in my office when I leaned back in my chair to contemplate for a moment and a thought - entirely foreign to that which I was reading - passed thru my mind - It said - "You will go to Tonga and preside over that mission and there conduct a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and get a history of that period ready."

It made an indelible impression - but I was busy with the work of the ward and really didn't think of it much more. Even when the call to Tonga came I didn't think of it too much as there were so many other things to do. As time went on in Tonga however I began again to sense that same feeling - and realized that I must do something.

The missionary work had by that time become by far the greatest thing in my life and thinking. How I loved those missionaries - and what wonderful young men and women they were - and what a good job they were doing - Suddenly the two areas meshed and I realized that this would be a missionary effort.

There was lots of fasting and praying - I asked all of our Mission Council to join on occasion - then I started making announcements - over a year ahead of time - that we would hold a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Golden Jubilee Conference in November 1968 and it would be a missionary effort - as well as a remembrance of what had been accomplished by those who had gone before.

Soon the thing started taking shape. There were committees and work and research etc. So many tried to change the date or the emphasis or the program - but even though I had no real firm outward reason - I knew inside what was to be done and refused to change anything.

Finally the research on the history began - Dr. Morton came and wrote most of it - he and many, many others insisted that I was wrong on dates - that November 1968 held no special significance - but of course there wasn't much they could do as they could see how firm I was on these items.

It was not until about September or October 1968 that we received a letter from the widow of the first Tongan Mission President - Willard L. Smith - with this note. "I thought you would be interested in the following which I have copied from my husbands diary. "November 1918 - We held the first mission wide Conference of the Tongan Mission this month - etc." He then went on to recount the various trials and hardships etc. No one knew - I didn't know - but the Lord knew - and finally the justification for November 1968 came - I have commented often to my wife that one of the thrilling experiences of life is to know what is right to do and do it in the face of opposition - and then sit back and watch the justifications come rolling in.



November 8, 1957

Dear Mother and F<sub>a</sub>ther and Family,

...Guess I never will find out where all this time goes, and why it goes by so fast. I can't believe that I have only a little more than five months left before I will be heading W<sub>e</sub>st.

So many wonderful things have happened since I received your last letter...the most ~~wonderful~~ wonderful was the visit of Harold B. Lee. He will be in the mission for about eighteen days. We were all blessed with his presence at four meals here in the mission home. He is about the most inspirational person to be around that I have ever known. I felt a great pride in the Gospel because it produces such great men. If I were asked to explain why he is where he is, my answer would be because he has things so beautifully under control: He seemed to always be the master of the situation, no matter what the situation was.

I have been teaching an investigator class in Sunday School. We have been studying from LeGrand Richard's "A Marvelous Work and a Wonder". It is a very interesting and well written text, and I can't think of a better book outside of the Standard Works for investigators. Last Sunday ~~we~~ had four new investigators that came to church because in their Methodist Sunday School class they were studying Mormonism, and they decided that they had better look into this "amazing" religion. We were studying the Word of Wisdom, and I did a little research on the part ~~where~~ <sup>about</sup> the glorious promise of "great treasures of knowledge, even hidden treasures." I felt that the response from the investigators was exceptionally good.

This work is sure the most satisfying work I have ever undertaken. I suppose that ~~o~~ after I have done all the complaining I have in me, and after I try and rebel until I don't have anything left to rebel from, and after I say all that I can say about what is and what isn't...after all this; the greatest, and most priceless jewel that I have come ~~up~~ upon ~~is~~ that inner peace and joy that comes ~~from~~ <sup>from</sup> companionship with the Lord. How I wish that I could stay in tune with ~~the~~ Him all the time. I don't know whether all my desires are satisfied or they are all ~~done~~ <sup>done</sup> away with, but something happens in the core of existence that is true, and I know that it, being true, can never be destroyed but will endure for all time. ~~And~~ I always feel so unworthy.

Please see to it that Dee ~~is~~ sends a note off to the girl that I told him about...it would make her ~~set~~ <sup>set</sup> very happy.

Love, David

Oct. 28, 1957  
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mom and Dad,

Time slips by much faster here in the office than it did while I was in the field. It seems like we just go to church and it is Sunday again and we are getting ready to go to church again.

I have certainly enjoyed and appreciated your letters. I am given the strength that I ~~did~~<sup>NEED</sup> by your encouragement and confidence. Thank you for the very thoughtful helps that you both gave me, and please keep sending me any advice or help that comes into your minds.

Dick wrote me a real nice letter last week. He was very mature sounding, and he told me that he expected to be called to a ward position of some type before very long. It was a real thrill to me to have him so enthused about such wonderful and important things. He is turning out to be the fine handsome young man that you always knew he would...I believe that your faith was the determining factor.

Julia also wrote a very interesting and thoughtful letter last week. She explained that living ~~in~~ in the mission field is really an "eye-opener" for her. Every Latter-Day-Saint ought to have their eyes opened in this respect so that they can appreciate the benefits ~~of~~ of the full and perfect organization of the stake-ward status. We should all strive to retain the closeness and humility of these small ~~of~~ branches in our large wards too.

You know, we really have quite a family. that Dick and Julia are a couple of the greatest people in the world, but they are no more fabulous than each of my other brothers and sisters. I marvel at what you two got started when you got married. Wouldn't it be wonderful if each of your children could do as well as you have done. Both in quality and quantity.

Since I have been in the mission office, I have been able to say good-bye to several missionaries who come through on their way home. A mission is such a fine training and preparation for the missionary as well as the greatest way to spread the Gospel. One day in the near future I will be saying good-bye to all the Southerners. It will be so hard that I don't dare think too seriously about it ...the only consolation that I have is that I will be able to say hello to all my family and friends ~~our~~ West.

We are busy preparing for Brother Lee's visit. He will arrive here on Friday, Nov. 1, 1957. I will have the responsibility of taking over here in Atlanta while President Bunker and his wife and Elder Hyde travel with him.

Please find enclosed herewith an invisible essence of love and gratitude for you my parents for giving me birth and opportunity, with the complete Gospel of Truth ~~to~~ and a perfect example to help me ~~by~~ and such beautiful companionship.

Love, David

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# Farewell Testimonial

given in honor of

*Elder David Holbrook Groberg*

prior to his departure for the

**SOUTHERN STATES MISSION**

to be held in the

IDAHO FALLS THIRD WARD CHAPEL

13th and Lee

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 1956

6:30 P. M.

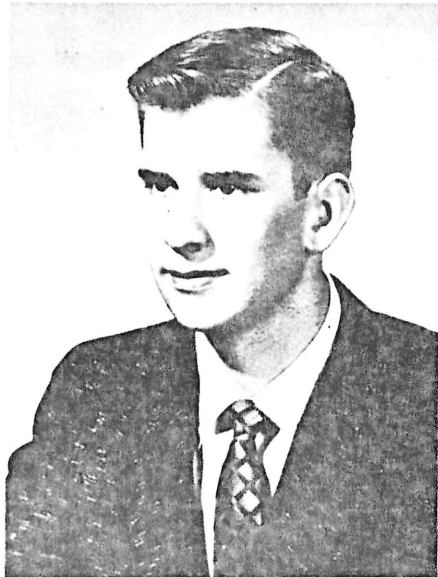
Under the direction of the Third Ward Bishop

B. L. HARRIS, Bishop

Leonard O. Wasden

Loran P. Summers

Harry R. Benham



ELDER RICHARD HOLBROOK GROBERG

"And ye shall go forth in the power of My Spirit, preaching My gospel, two by two, in My name, lifting up your voices as with the sound of a trump, declaring My word like unto angels of God."

— Doc. & Cov. 42:6

Missionaries In The Field From Our Ward

ELDER JOHN H. GROBERG  
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(Tongan Mission)  
*David L. Groberg*  
*Program*

*Third Ward  
Finnish  
Mission*

# Program

LORAN P. SUMMERS, Conducting

Opening Song ..... "Put Your Shoulder  
To The Wheel"

Invocation ..... Richard H. Groberg

Sacrament Song ..... "I Stand All Amazed"  
Third Ward Choir

Sacrament Service

Flute Solo ..... Mary Jane Groberg

Remarks ..... Delbert H. Groberg

Remarks .... Jennie H. Groberg, with George H.,  
Gloria Jean and Lewis H.

Piano Solo ..... Elizabeth Groberg

Remarks ..... Karl Snow

Vocal Solo ..... Arthur Butler

Remarks ..... Delbert V. Groberg

Response ..... David H. Groberg

Remarks ..... Leonard O. Wasden

Closing Song ..... "Let Us All Press On"

Benediction ..... Joseph H. Groberg

Mary Lou Wetzel, Musical Director

# Program

Song ..... Congregation  
"Put Your Shoulder to the Wheel"  
Chorister, Sylvia Petersen  
Organist, Jennie H. Groberg

Invocation ..... Joseph H. Groberg

Sacrament Song ..... Choir  
"God Our Father, Hear Us Pray"

Sacrament Service

Speaker ..... Robert W. Blair

Musical Ensemble ..... Groberg Family Members  
"Findlandia"

Speaker ..... Bishop B. L. Harris

Remarks ..... Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Groberg  
Parents of the Missionary

Vocal Solo ..... David H. Groberg  
"I'll Walk With God"

Response ..... Missionary

Remarks ..... Bishop Wayne D. Conrad

Song ..... Congregation  
"I Stand All Amazed"

Benediction ..... John H. Groberg

A SHORT TALK GIVEN BY RICHARD H. GROBERG AT THE MISSIONARY FAREWELL OF HIS BROTHER, LEWIS H. GROBERG, HELD IN THE IDAHO FALLS THIRD WARD, JUNE 19, 1966:

When Lewis called to inform us that he had received his mission call, he asked us to guess which mission he had been called to. Well, we didn't know exactly how to guess, there are so many of them now and he suggested we try the last place we could think of. Well, I didn't know which extreme to try so I tried Billings, Montana. He said, "No, be serious now--it's the other extreme." So I tried a few others and it didn't take very long until we got to Hong Kong, the Southern Far East. At the time it seemed to Lewis and to me too, and I'm sure to many others, that Hong Kong is a long ways and it is very different. And this is true, Hong Kong is a long ways and it is very different. But to those of you who have been there, Hong Kong isn't so far, and the Southern Far East, in time, - it is only but a few hours. After Lewis has been there for a while, Hong Kong (or wherever he has been sent in the Southern Far East, will possibly, and more than likely, seem more like home than many other places, including this home.

When Lewis is set apart as a missionary he will receive many responsibilities and lots of opportunities, but whatever assignments are given to him, they will all be with the idea to preach the Gospel and to build the Kingdom of God on earth. He may, or may not, receive assignments similar to Dad - When Dad was in the Eastern States Mission a few years back, to hitch hike from town to town and set up conferences and other Church meetings. He will possibly receive assignments like Mary Jane- when she was in the British Isles where she rode a bicycle from one cottage to another and knocked on the doors and explained to the people who she was and what she was doing there. It is rather likely he will receive assignments like John and go from island to island in a boat and blow his trumpet to call the meetings and tell the people of the Tongan Islands that the missionaries were there and they had a message for them. Maybe Lewis will be called like David at times to give fiery speeches, as was the custom in the Southern States where David served. I doubt, Lewis, that you will ever sit in a Finnish Sauna as I had the opportunity of doing - the sauna, which is the Finnish steam bath which is more sacred to the people than their church is, in most cases, and tell the people that you're Americans and the message which we have --Or like Dee, in Japan, drawing visual aids, and chalk talks, etc., in the streets, to slow the people down a little bit so they would listen to his message. Or maybe, I don't know, if you will have opportunity like Joe, of doing some ground work for a new mission, as Joe did when he served in the Andes.

But all these assignments are for the same purpose--they all will be important assignments. And Lew, just one message, if you will follow and obey the counsel of those who are over you, I'm sure that you will have a very successful and a very profitable 2½ years as a missionary. And I'm sure this is very applicable to all of us. If we will follow the counsel give us-we can follow that which is printed in the Standard Works, which is given us by the General Authorities of the day, and we will obey the counsel of the Stake and Ward leaders, that we also will have a very profitable and happy life. And this I say in Jesus name, Amen.

JULY 23, 1969

REPORT OF ARRIVAL

AT 6:20 YESTERDAY AFTERNOON (JULY 22nd) JOHN AND JEAN AND THEIR FIVE GIRLS LANDED AT THE IDAHO FALLS AIRPORT, --HOME FROM TONGA AFTER THREE YEARS AND ABOUT A MONTH. JOHN ENOCH MET HIS MOTHER AND FATHER AT THE GATE. THIS WAS A JOYOUS REUNION. THE FIVE GIRLS WERE ALL EXCITED ABOUT BEING REUNITED WITH THEIR LITTLE BROTHER.

JOHN AND JEAN LOOKED TIRED BUT HAPPY. BOTH WERE THRILLED TO SEE JOHN ENOCH SO HEALTHY AND STRONG AND SO FRIENDLY. THE BABY WENT RIGHT TO HIS FATHER AND LOOKED HIM OVER THOROUGHLY AND THEN STAYED COMFORTABLY IN HIS ARMS.

IT WAS A TOUCHING SCENE TO SEE THE FAMILY ALL TOGETHER AFTER ABOUT 14 MONTHS. DURING THE PAST TWO OR THREE WEEKS IT HAS SEEMED JOHN ENOCH HAS BEEN AWARE THIS BIG EVENT WAS COMING AND WAS PREPARING FOR THE MEETING. THERE WAS A CALM, PEACEFUL SPIRIT.

DICK AND BARBARA AND STEPHANIE AND MOM AND I WERE ALL THERE. DICK AND BARBARA HAVE BEEN SO HELPFUL IN EVERYTHING IT WAS FITTING TO SEE THEM WELCOME THE JOHN GROBERGS BACK. I TOLD MOM "IT WAS JUST LIKE I HAD HOPED AND DREAMED IT WOULD BE."

(after one night with John Enoch he was returned by his parents to grandparents so parents could get some rest - wonderful Jean was expecting - It took several days to wean him away and back to his right home)

TELEGRAM

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LT MRS D V GROBERG

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HOTEL VESTERSCHUS COPENHAGEN



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RICHARD CALLED TO FINLAND JUNE 23 WHILE CLOSE YOU MAY WANT TO VISIT PRESIDENT ROBINSON ALL WELL LOVE DAD

*received at airport  
flew to see beautiful  
people of  
Finland*

TWO MORMON CHURCH AMBASSADORS (REP.) IN JARVENPAA

"It may seem strange to many people that Missionaries would come to this type of a Christienland like Finland but our message concerns the restoration of the Authority of God to earth in these latter days through a prophet whom God chose for this purpose."

These are the words of Richard Groberg and Robert Gardner who are young American men and represent the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They also called in at our newspaper office. They are the previously mentioned Church reprewentatives who have come into our country where the Church has been in operation from the year 1946.

So that they can serve their own Church they sacrifice from their own time  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years which is the time that their stay in our country demands, then they will return to their homes in order to continue their studies which have been interrupted. These young men are from the Western United States. Mr. Groberg is from Idaho Falls, Idaho and Mr. Gardner is from New Port Beach, California. They have been in Finland for 2 years and have just come to Jarvenpaa to be here in their own behalf about  $\frac{1}{2}$  year. During this time they will reside privately with a family.

Their purpose here is to meet Finnish people in their homes and tell them about the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ. May it be mentioned that in Finland there are about 1400 members and 17 branches throughout the country. Last year new chapels were built in Lalti, Pou and Hameenlinna. In addition to these, four more modern chapels will be ready for use this year in Kuopio, Joensuu, Oulu and Leppeamanta.

(this is a rough translation of  
the Finnish newspaper article)

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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS  
OFFICE OF THE FIRST PRESIDENCY  
SALT LAKE CITY 11, UTAH

March 1, 1961

Mr. Delbert V. Groberg  
P. O. Box 2946  
Idaho Falls, Idaho

Dear Brother Groberg:

Your letter of February 22nd was appreciated very much. Your account of your trip to Europe and the visiting of the various missions was very instructive, for which we thank you very much.

We hope that your son, Richard, will continue to add strength to the Church now that he is home from his mission in Finland, throughout the remaining days of his life and will never live long enough to cease to appreciate the effort he expended in not only learning the language but preaching the gospel.

It has been my privilege to be in Helsinki and also in Pore, the branches which you visited. The saints there are very wonderful devoted people.

Thanking you again, I am,

Sincerely your brother,



Henry D. Moyle

HDM:ldp

*Honoring*  
*Elder Delbert Holbrook Groberg*

prior to his departure for the

**NORTHERN FAR EAST MISSION**

14-2 Hiroo-Cho, Azabu,  
 Minato-ku,  
 Tokyo, Japan

**FAREWELL TESTIMONIAL**

to be held in the  
**IDAHO FALLS THIRD WARD CHAPEL**

13th and Lee

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 1960**

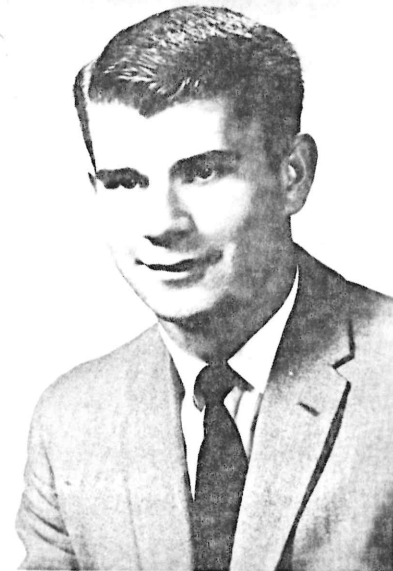
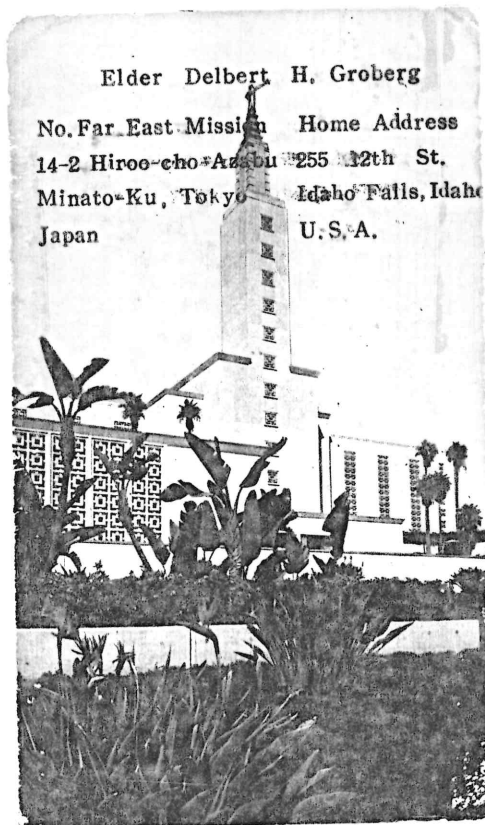
4:30 P. M.

ELDER RICHARD H. GROBERG  
 Finnish Mission

Missionaries in the Field From Our Ward

*Program*

- Organ Prelude ..... Harriet Woolley
- Opening Song, page 196 .... "We Thank Thee  
 O God For a Prophet"
- Invocation ..... Joseph H. Groberg
- Sacrament Song, page 8.... "God, Our Father,  
 Hear Us Pray"
- Sacrament Service
- Tributes ..... Lewis H. Groberg and  
 Julia Groberg Blair
- Flute Solo ..... Mary Jane Groberg  
 Composed for Delbert by Joseph
- Speaker ..... John H. Groberg
- Remarks .... Jennie H. and Delbert V. Groberg
- Vocal duet .... "Sayonara" Japanese Goodbye  
 Elizabeth and David H. Groberg
- Response ..... Missionary
- Remarks ..... Bishop Conrad
- Closing Song, p. 13 .... "Come, Come Ye Saints"
- Benediction ..... Robert W. Blair
- Organ Postlude ..... Harriet Woolley



"Send forth the elders of my church unto the nations which are afar off; unto the islands of the sea;" . . .  
 "For it shall come to pass in that day, that every man shall hear the fulness of the gospel in his own tongue, and in his own language, through those who are ordained unto this power. . ."

—Doc. & Cov. 133:90.



C O P Y

Feb. 4, 1962

Dear Mom and Dad and Family,

I and about 20 other supervising elders from all over Japan went to Tokyo for a special supervising elders' conference. I got to see many of my old companions, etc.

Do you know why that meeting was called? Because a new era in the Northern Far East Mission is being opened! Things are being revolutionized. I'll tell you just what happened:

President Andrus stood and said: "We've ~~all~~ called this special meeting of the supervising elders for the purpose of putting Japan in a new era. An amazing thing happened last year. In December in Asahigawa-- a branch never famous for many baptisms before--4 missionaries baptized 22 converts into the Church! 22 in one month!! And today we have with us Elder Groberg to tell us how they did it."

Well, it was quite a surprise to me. But I got up and told the group how we had worked the referral system in Asahigawa. Then for about 2 hours the whole group, including President Andrus, fired questions at me. 2 of the other elders who were there with me came to the front and helped in the discussion. When we finished, President Andrus instructed all the supervising elders to go back to their districts and start the referral system in all branches!!

That was about the way the meeting went. Now I am in a branch which was closed because it couldn't produce!! It's been re-opened for 4 months and has had but 2 baptisms during that time.

I guess I feel the same as Steven Covey did when he was made Mission President: "I am inspired and challenged by the heaviness of responsibility."

We'll do it...somehow!! Love, Dee.

P.S. it ha\$n't come yet. \$\$.



Week Ending December 22, 1962 CHURCH-13

# Speak Japanese

- very
- soon
- please

**T**OKYO, JAPAN—Un-usual success is being enjoyed by the old and new missionaries of the Northern Far East Mission with the recent introduction of a new systematic language learning program.

New missionaries, after being in Tokyo headquarters for two days, are able to contact people on the streets of Tokyo and ask them the two "golden questions" in Japanese. With a few more days intensive study, they can introduce themselves, bear simple testimonies, make appointments for cottage meetings and carry on simple conversations. Before this program of concentrated study was introduced, new missionaries were waiting months before actively participating in proselyting.

All new missionaries are now spending five to seven days living in the mission home at Tokyo while taking a concentrated language study course. They are introduced

to the various textbooks for study, given "flash cards" for memorization with greetings and everyday conversation on them. They are instructed how to listen to and imitate words and sentences which are on tapes. Each missionary quarters is provided with a tape recorder and a set of tapes which contain the missionary lessons.

After being in Japan for only two days, a group of four new missionaries were able to get 30 cottage meeting appointments by contacting people in a park, and the next day this same group arranged almost 50 cottage meeting appointments after conducting a street meeting. A good percentage of these contacts came to Church, and several are now studying diligently with the missionaries. A few weeks earlier six new missionaries had accomplished the same type of missionary work. One contact made by this group is now baptized and participating

• New language program "tools" in use by (l. to r.) Elders Steven Mori, Howard Ashby, W. Bert Nilsson, Randolph Taylor and Delbert Groberg.

actively in one of the Tokyo branches.

Elder Delbert H. Groberg of Idaho Falls, Idaho, a traveling elder in the mission, has organized this language program and has directed it throughout the mission under the supervision of Pres. Dwayne N. Anderson. Elders Barlow Packer and James Peterson IV have assisted in directing the language activities in the mission home.

This new program is not an "easy method" designed to cut down the hard work entailed in learning the difficult Japanese language. It is rather a directive method which

guides the missionary's efforts toward "what to study" and "how to study" to bring language efficiency. Missionaries learn and practice giving in Japanese the cottage meeting lessons to each other. The program encourages the missionary to use the language constantly. Only by talking can one learn to talk and only by teaching cottage meetings can missionaries become effective in teaching.

Missionaries are grateful for the new course in learning the difficult Japanese language which helps them become useful sooner in spreading the Gospel.

# Farewell Testimonial

in honor of

*Elder Joseph Holbrook Groberg*

prior to his departure for the

**ANDES MISSION**

to be held in the

**IDAHO FALLS THIRD WARD CHAPEL**

13th & Lee

**SUNDAY, MAY 27, 1962**

**4:30 P.M.**

Under the direction of the Third Ward Bishopric

WAYNE D. CONRAD ..... Bishop  
GRANT E. COLLARD ..... First Counselor  
RUSSELL FOGG ..... Second Counselor  
JESSE R. LARSEN, MYRON E. ALLEN .... Clerks

# Farewell Testimonial

in honor of

*Elder Lewis Holbrook Groberg*

prior to his departure

for the

**SOUTHERN FAR EAST MISSION**

to be held in the

**IDAHO FALLS THIRD WARD CHAPEL**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 1966**

**4:30 P.M.**

Enters Mission Home

June 27, 1966

DONALD E. LEYMASTER ..... Bishop  
B. KENT TAYLOR ..... First Counselor  
DEE HILL ..... Second Counselor

## PROGRAM

Russell Fogg, Conducting

- Prelude ..... Elizabeth Groberg
- Opening Song, p. 62 ..... Congregation  
"High On The Mountain Top"  
Don & Elaine Watts, Chorister & Organist
- Invocation ..... Lewis H. Groberg
- Sacrament Song, p. 68 ..... Congregation  
"How Great The Wisdom and The Love" 5
- Sacrament Service
- Piano Solos .... Gloria Jean & Geo. H. Groberg
- Short Talks ..... Richard H., & John H. Groberg  
Robert W. Blair  
assisted by Carlota de Yalibat
- Guitar Number ..... David H. Groberg
- Remarks ..... Jennie H. & Delbert V. Groberg  
(Parents of Missionary)
- Vocal Duet .... Elizabeth Groberg & Diana Call  
Flute obligato, Mary Jane Groberg  
Accompanist, Elaine Watts
- Response ..... Missionary
- Remarks ..... Bishop Wayne D. Conrad
- Closing Song ..... Family Ensemble
- Benediction ..... Julia Groberg Blair
- Postlude ..... Elizabeth Groberg



ELDER JOSEPH HOLBROOK GROBERG

Mission Address:

Aven. Orrantia 1210, San Isidro  
Lima, Peru

"Wherefore, be faithful; stand in the office which I have appointed unto you; succor the weak, lift up the hands which hang down, and strengthen the feeble knees."

— D. & C. 81:5

— Missionaries in the Field from our Ward

ELDER DELBERT HOLBROOK GROBERG  
Northern Far East Mission  
1-34 HACHIMAN DORI  
SHIBUYA KU  
TOKYO, JAPAN

22 June, 1964

(submitted by Joe for our history -and truly appreciated)

Elder Kimball is so full of life he amazes everyone. Saturday a good brother had asked me if Elder Kimball would bless his baby boy who had shown signs of epilepsy practically since his birth. Monday evening when the party returned from the Huallaga branch, I asked Elder Kimball if there would be time in his busy schedule to do so and he set about arranging a time. We decided that the next morning at 8 a.m. would be the only possible time, so we notified the family. It was a wonderful experience for all of us. Elder Kimball, President Tuttle, President Nicolaysen, Elder Hunt and I laid our hands on the baby's head and Elder Kimball blessed him. The baby remained so relaxed and during the blessing both parents began to cry. They were very thankful for that blessing and they both manifest great faith that their boy was well.

President Nicolaysen, President Tuttle and I were together until about one in the morning discussing some things that will influence the growth of the work here for years to come. Perhaps the most important decision we came to was to recommend establishing five schools in Peru for the coming school year. We don't know if all the recommendations will be approved, but President Tuttle said that for sure some would. (This probably shouldn't be discussed until they are approved.) These schools would be patterned after the schools that the Church has in Chile. The other important recommendation we decided to make was the purchase of a large home-estate-in La Paz, Bolivia. This would serve as a branch house and later as a school. The work hasn't been opened in Bolivia yet but we are hoping that it will be soon and want the Church Building Committee to be considering this house. Elder Kimball will discuss Bolivia with the First Presidency now and if they feel that the time is right, we should receive word on it within a month.

In Arequipa we attended the ground breaking for a new chapel. It was very well done and we are assured that they will have a successful project. All the walls around the building lot had large signs painted on them with words like, "NO MORMONES, GO HOME YANQUI, MORMONES LADRONES"(Mormons-robbers), etc. probably the work of some Communists or fanatical Catholics. We interviewed six candidates to become Elders and reorganized the District Presidency. It was wonderful to see the new people take responsibility. I had the privilege of ordaining three of the new Elders.

This morning we held a missionary conference with all of the Elders from Arequipa and Mollendo. It lasted for close to five hours during which time the President and I spoke and most of the rest of the Elders and Lady Missionaries bore their testimonies. I am very thankful for the testimonies of others. I sometimes think that I have grown a little hard during my mission and my emotions are quite stable. There are two things however that still make my voice quake just a little--publically thanking you, my parents, and bearing testimony that Joseph Smith saw the Father and the Son. It is thrilling to hear so many missionaries talk of these things. I have certainly been helped by the president to see more clearly the things that need to be done and the way to think them out first and then how to execute them. So many good things are happening all the time.

STERLING NICOLAYSEN

PRESIDENTE DE LA MISION

# Misión Andina

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## Iglesia de Jesucristo de los Santos de los Ultimos Días

AVENIDA ORRANTIA 1210  
SAN ISIDRO, LIMA, PERU

TELEFONO 21154

January 23, 1965

CASILLA DE CORREO 4759  
CABLEGRAMA: QUICMERE - LIMA

Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Groberg  
255 - 12th Street  
Idaho Falls, Idaho

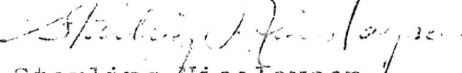
Dear Brother and Sister Groberg:

Even though I am dictating this letter while Brother Groberg is still travelling here in Perú with your son, Elder Joseph Holbrook Groberg, I realize the inadequacy of anything I could say personally to Brother Groberg and am anxious to make record of our feelings toward this outstanding elder. I have been personally enriched by my association with him. Few elders seem to be so completely free of preoccupation with the temptations of the world and those influences which weaken the spirit. I have always felt Elder Groberg to be completely responsive to our Heavenly Father's guidance, blessed with a capacity to recognize good in others and enthusiastic in his desire to do everything possible to advance the work and magnify the potentialities of others. It has been a joy to travel with him and to recognize his ability to grasp the central meaning of other people's ideas and to advance his own ideas, which ideas have always been of outstanding worth to us and will long have influence upon the direction of the work in this mission. Unless unusual circumstances should intervene, we feel confident that Elder Groberg will contribute during the future to the advancement of missionary work among our people, and we pray that in the intervening years he will be richly blessed in the selection of his wife, the completion of his professional preparation, and the Church service he will give in other positions to which he is called.

We feel it a blessing to have been associated with Elder Groberg and, especially, to have enjoyed the contact we have had in the mission home and office. If my own son can arrive in the mission field equally worthy and remain equally devoted to his callings during his time of service, I will judge myself a father richly blessed.

It has been a satisfaction to meet Brother Groberg, senior, here in Lima, and we hope that there may be other occasions in the future when we are able to have association with you.

Sincerely your brother,



Sterling Nicolaysen  
Mission President

**THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**

**THE COUNCIL OF THE TWELVE**

47 E. SOUTH TEMPLE STREET

**SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH**

November 5, 1965

Mr. Delbert V. Groberg  
P.O. Box 2946  
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401

Dear Brother Groberg:

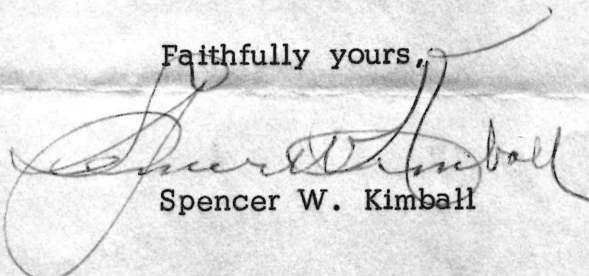
Thank you for your letter of October 4th and we took it with us to South America. We were unsuccessful in locating or in contacting Mr. Lema, the native Otavalo Indian whom you mentioned. If you have an acquaintance with him and a friendship with him, perhaps you might be able to advise him of the presence of the missionaries.

This would be a perfect situation if he could be kept friendly, or preferably to be baptized, and then could be our contact man for the Indians at Otavalo.

We had a delightful experience in South America for three weeks and have just returned. We feel very hopeful about the work in Quito and in Ecuador.

With our sincere thanks and kind wishes.

Faithfully yours,

  
Spencer W. Kimball

SWK:vs

# PROGRAM

Prelude Music ..... Jennie Groberg  
 Gloria Jean  
 Conducting ..... B. Kent Taylor  
 Opening Hymn, No. 136 ..... Congregation  
 "O How Lovely was the Morning"  
 Invocation ..... George H. Groberg  
 Sacrament Hymn, No. 201 ..... Congregation  
 "There is a Green Hill"  
 Sacrament Service  
 Speaker ..... Joseph H. Groberg  
 Speaker ..... Delbert H. Groberg  
 Speaker ..... Richard H. Groberg  
 Vocal Solo ..... Elizabeth Groberg  
 "I'll Walk With God"  
 Accompanist — Jennie Groberg  
 Speaker ..... President John H. Groberg  
 Remarks ..... Parents of Missionary  
 D. V. and Jennie H.  
 Response ..... Missionary  
 Remarks ..... Bishop Donald E. Leymaster  
 Closing Hymn, No. 75 ..... Congregation  
 "I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go"  
 Benediction ..... Dr. Maurice K. Heninger  
 Postlude Music ..... Jennie Groberg  
 Gloria Jean



ELDER LEWIS HOLBROOK GROBERG

— Mission Address —

SOUTHERN FAR EAST MISSION  
 No. 2 Cornwall Road  
 Kowloon-Tong  
 Kowloon, Hong Kong

## Program

### Missionaries In The Field From Our Ward

LORAN P. SUMMERS, Conducting

Opening Song ..... "Oh How Lovely  
 Was The Morning"  
 Musical Director ..... Mary Lou Wetzell  
 Invocation ..... Delbert H. Groberg  
 Sacrament Song ..... "More Holiness Give Me"  
 Sacrament Service  
 Remarks ..... Richard H. Groberg  
 Remarks ..... Delbert V. Groberg  
 Jennie H. Groberg  
 Piano Solo ..... Elizabeth Groberg  
 Speaker ..... Dr. Maurice K. Heninger  
 Vocal Solo ..... "Feed My Sheep" by Faulkner  
 Eleanore Engebretsen  
 Musical Reading ..... Julia Blair and  
 Jennie H. Groberg  
 Response ..... Missionary  
 Remarks ..... Bishop B. L. Harris  
 Closing Song ..... "Israel, Israel, God Is Calling"  
 Closing Prayer ..... Joseph H. Groberg

ELDER JOHN H. GROBERG  
 Box 58 Nukualofa  
 Tongatabu, Tonga, F. I.  
 (Tongan Mission)

ELDER DAVID H. GROBERG  
 2055 East Lake Road N. E.  
 Atlanta 5, Ga.  
 (Southern States Mission)

## Farewell Testimonial

given in honor of

*Mary Jane Groberg*

prior to her departure for the

BRITISH MISSION

to be held in the

IDAHO FALLS THIRD WARD CHAPEL  
 13th and Lee

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1956

6:30 P. M.

Under the direction of the Third Ward Bishopric

B. L. HARRIS, Bishop

Leonard O. Wasden

Loran P. Summers

Harry R. Benham

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Dear Dad,

I read a quote by Wm. H. Taft which expresses my feelings "The man with average mentality, but with control; with a definite goal and a clear concept of how it can be gained, and above all, with the power of application and labor won in the end."

Dad had many goals one important one was to have his sons fill missions. Dad didn't just hope each boy could fill a mission but had a clear concept on how to make this possible. Dad I appreciate your desire to be a successful business executive to provide enough income to support your sons on missions. This shows your power of application and labor won the desired goal. This is just one example of Dad's great love.

Dad the characteristics I admire in you is your perseverance and your sincere love and appreciation for my or anyone else's diligence and persistence.

I think Dad was blessed with discernment and deserving people would



fill his love. I remember very well how my Dad did not like weak excuses or hypocrisy and pretense he frowned on and made me always feel good <sup>only</sup> when I did things correctly and enjoyed it.

I am glad that I am on a mission and I hope that I can fulfill it with definite goals, clear concepts of how to accomplish them and the application and labor needed to win.

Love, Lewis



Gretchen Groberg  
Colorado General Hospital  
12:00 noon  
Friday, Oct 21, 1977  
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19 3/4" long.

George & Bonnie Groberg

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**THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**  
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2 COMET STREET  
BEL-AIR  
MAKATI, RIZAL

February 4, 1969

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert V. Groberg  
2885 Redbarn Lane  
Idaho Falls, Idaho

Dear Brother and Sister Groberg:

It has been a privilege and blessing to have had the opportunity of having your fine son, Elder Lewis H. Groberg in the Philippine Mission.

In all of his callings has served faithfully and shown real qualities of devotion and obedience. As an effective senior companion to many elders he was able to help their missions to be successful and happy also. While here in the Philippines Elder Groberg has had the opportunity of working in many areas and meeting many fine people. His services and devotion are greatly appreciated by many who listened to him teach the Gospel, as well as those missionaries that he worked with. We hope his good experiences will remain with him.

As he returns home we pray that he may always continue faithful and have many other opportunities for church service.

We express our love and appreciation for your inspired leadership and support which prepared and supported him in this wonderful work. He has been valiant and true to your family, ward, stake, and church standards. We are happy that he has desired to do this work and has filled an honorable mission.

Sincerely your brother,

*Paul S. Rose*

Paul S. Rose  
President  
Philippine Mission

PSR:dap

cc: President Delmar E. Simpson  
Bishop Lyle Bowen

# Gereja Yesus Kristus dari Orang<sup>2</sup> Suci Zaman Akhir

Misi Asia Tenggara  
Jl. Melawai X No. 8, Kebayoran Baru  
Jakarta, Indonesia  
Telp.: 74870 Alamat Kawat QUICKMERE

Dear Family, -

June 25-

I'm in Singapore now. We left Jakarta last Wednesday morning without any complication on our exit permits. Singapore is a beautiful city. I'd forgotten such things as drinking water from the tap, grocery stores, etc.

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About India -we've had a little trouble in getting the visas. I went to the High Commission and told him the truth about the purpose of our trip and he seemed very skeptical about it as I had to change the "purpose of journey" section on the questionair. I put down, "to study the customs and culture while associating with a friend from the Church to which I belong." Anyways, they still wouldn't give us a visa, just like that. They sent a telegram to New Dehli and we haven't got any reply yet. Meanwhile we've got our plane reservations for July 3... In the end we may go just as tourists on a one-month visa.

Tamil is a tough language. It's been about four months now since I first started to study it but up till this last week all my studying has not amounted to much. I understand everything (just about) in the grammar but I only know about 1800 words so I can't say much yet. If I know the words, though, I can say about what I want... Our address will be: c/o Coimbatore Club, Tamil Nadu, India. -

We're trying - Please keep us in your prayers. I feel all will go o.k.

Love, George SS

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## CHRISTMAS THE GIFT OF GIVING

Giving brings happiness. Christmas is, of course, commemorating the Savior but when Jesus himself said "It is more blessed to give than receive," and "In as much as you did it unto the least of these my brethren, you do it unto me," I think giving is a good way to commemorate His holiday.

The Christmas I enjoyed most was just three or four years ago after I had been working in my first real job, a shoe store, for seven months. I considered myself quite rich so I decided to buy a pair of shoes for everyone who could use them. I bought a fine pair for my father, mother, sister, brother, nieces and nephews until I was paying my employer instead of vice-versa. It happened on that Christmas I did not get nearly as much as I gave, but on the other hand the happiness I received was much more than I had given.

Money and gifts are not the only ways to give. Often it's much better to give attention, to give help, or just give of yourself but giving is truly one way of receiving happiness.

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## ME TOO

*By Elder George Groberg*

"I bring unto you good tidings of great joy which shall be unto all nations....." unto Indonesia, unto Thailand, unto Singapore, unto India and all of Southeast Asia. Today we are helping to fulfil this prophesy as we take the message of Christ's mission and gospel "unto all nations" This message was given almost two thousand years ago to humble shepherds to announce the birth of the Savior. Today we are doing the same work as the angels as we also are messengers, called of God to proclaim "good tidings of great joy" (Luke 2: 5)

Jesus Christ brings tidings of happiness in two ways. First, we gain happiness in this life through the message that Christ has overcome death for us; His Gospel has already been restored to the earth and he is still at the head of his church working through a prophet. He brings happiness in the security of knowing the purpose in life, in knowing the comfort of prayer and receiving the companionship of the Holy Ghost. He teaches people to have fun, gives them activities, teaches them to be leaders, to be better citizens, as well as many other things. But sometimes people are not satisfied with this only so they criticize us for not yet offering schools and hospitals in Southeast Asia. But even if we never do offer anything except our basic gospel message, it would still be the greatest gift possible for everybody because second, it would give happiness in a life to come through faith, through repentance, through baptism. Section 14:7 in D & C states clearly: "If ye keep my commandments and endure to the end ye shall have eternal life which is the greatest of all gifts." This is the Gift we deliver.

The first introduction of Christ's birth was not given to Jewish Priests or Kings but rather it was given to the humble shepherds. Today we can also be compared to the heavenly messengers as we seek out the humble in bringing "good tidings of great joy unto all nations."