

The Whiting Tree

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Dear Members of the Edwin Marion Whiting Family:

We are trying to go to press today with the second issue of the WHITING TREE. This has been another experience that I have wondered a few times just how it will come out. With experience now in this kind of publication, I find that there are many things that I would like to improve. I ask many of you for your recommendations and have received few, but many encouragements to continue somewhat with the same format that was used last time. I would ask each of you to submit your recommendations and suggestions to me for the next issue.

I appreciate the many letters and phone calls that I have received. I only wish that we had heard more from the families that failed to send in their information. I know that this does take time, but we are somewhat making a history of the family and it is too bad to leave anyone out. I will apologize for any errors and misquotes that I have made. I know that we have names that may be wrong and dates overlooked, but if you will let me know I will correct them next time.

May I take this opportunity to express my appreciation for those that have sent funds in for the work to be done on the "Homestead" next year. This will all be used wisely, and I know will help make this next year's Reunion, (1980), the very best ever. We have some great plans for this one so please plan to be there. We will have a meeting of the Family Representatives during the Christmas-New Years Holidays. All Family Representatives will be notified of this, but in the meantime please make plans to be there. I know that this is a very busy time, but we really need to meet and make some very important decisions.

I have been delighted in the missionary record of the Edwin Marion Whiting Family. I think that this record is one to be very proud of. I know that there are some that we have missed, and if you will send them in, I will make note of them next time. We would like to have this correct, and then we can keep it up. Please let me know where I have some blanks, and we will try to make corrections. I am sorry that we didn't use the pictures of the missionaries, but we were so late in getting them, and then only about half, that I felt that we would not use them, but I really thank you for sending them and I will return the pictures.

One of my real problems last time was the mailing of the Whiting Tree. We find that we lost many of the copies, so I will try something just a little different, and I will appreciate you helping distribute these. Where we have large concentrations of members, I am sending to one member and asking them to distribute them. I hope this way that we will have less of them lost and better distribution to all members of the families. I am sending the copies of the missionaries to the parents. Will you please send them on to the missionaries? I hope and pray that each of you will find something you will enjoy about this issue.

Jay Whiting

A WORD OF THANKS AND APPRECIATION

I would like to take this opportunity to Thank Ruth H. Brown for her taking the time to make such wonderful notes of the Whiting Reunions that have been held over the past years. I have read them with great joy, and one of things that I would like to see done, is to have these published so that all could have an opportunity to enjoy them. We will be putting some of these in the following issues of the "WHITING TREE". Thanks again Ruth for you doing such a wonderful job. The entire family appreciates this.

Dear Jay and Aleen,

We recently returned from a Frank and Martha Brown Family Reunion. It was held at the Ray Lewis Ranch in Southern Utah. I think there were about 125 of us there for 3 or 4 days. It was very special and packed with exciting and fun things.

One of the things I wanted to mention to you and thought perhaps you might want to have repeated was a drama-music-dancing number performed by Ruth Lewis, Maurine Startup and Maydene Bodell. I would never have dreamed that Maydene could tap dance so well or Ruth sing atop the piano etc. It came a close second to the numbers put on by May, Martha, Myn, and Elda years ago.

Just thought I would mention it while it is still on my mind.

We are still enjoying the publication—it is great! I just talked to Aunt Myn on the telephone. We don't get in to see her very often but we do make use of the telephone. We enjoy her so much. Everyone we see in the family talks about the Whiting Tree and love it and are already beginning to make plans for the reunion.

Lots of love,
Ruth H. Brown

THE E. I. WHITING FAMILY

E. FARR AND MEL WHITING FAMILY

KELLY AND KAREN MINEER:

Well the Kelly M's are just fine. Kelly and Karen are busy in the Church. Kelly is in the Elder's Quorum Presidency. Karen is the Relief Society President. That keeps us busy. We also have a car lot in St. Johns and are leasing coal land in Cortez, Colorado, busy, busy.

TERI MINEER, the oldest of the children married Roger Heap and they have two children. April 20 months old, and Kent 4 months. They are in school, but will be home in 8 weeks. Grandma Mineer is happy about that.

JUDY MINEER is in Wyoming working at Moran at the Jackson Hole Lodge, and modeling. She is really enjoying life, she also goes to school in the fall.

KIRBY MINEER married just last August. We all love and appreciate Josie very much. Couldn't ask for a better daughter-in-law.

MARGOT has two beautiful children, Kellie, 3, and Robert, 1. She is divorced and works very hard to support her family.

MARK MINEER is 13 and in the 8th grade, is 5'10" and loves girls and sports.

KRISTI MINEER is 10, and in the 5th grade and very much involved in music, gym and just plain fun.

You now have a rundown on the Kelly Mineer's. The Farr Whiting Children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, fun isn't it.

We are so pleased to tell you that Mel recently married Roy Cleave. She has known him all her life, he was married to her cousin, who recently passed away.

WEBB WHITING is in Korea for a year, and his family is in El Paso. Webb is an Army career man, and has been in Germany and 4 times in Korea.

DAVID WHITING is busy traveling all over the country, conducting seminars in his field of Career Planning.

PENNY WHITING live in Phoenix, and has a small baby.

LANE WHITING lives in St. Johns and has two beautiful little daughters.

Karen Mineer Reporter

WILFORD AND MABEL SHUMWAY FAMILY:

For our family news: We have no family missionary age, but have a fourteen year old grandson--so perhaps soon--Jay wanted missionary news, and we have none.

We held our first official W J Shumway family reunion, at our cabin in Alpine, for three days, the first part of July. Every member was there, and we organized our family, as per church instructions, and just had a wonderful time. Our son-in-law BILL even brought horses for the children to ride, MARK SHUMWAY and REX LEE mowed the tall grass to make a football and volley ball field, and we decided it was the best small reunion ever held.

Rex participated in the Boston Marathon and explained why he didn't come in first, but I've forgotten the exact reason, however he did very well.

ANN and her family have moved to St. Johns. Bill is working at the Salt River Plant, and Ann is helping us here in the store.

RICHARD has just finished adding a section to the old Cash Store, now the Triple S. He keeps busy with his church work, he is in the Seventies Presidency.

DOUGLAS runs the store in Springerville, and we think he is doing the best job anyone ever did in his calling to the Stake Presidency.

MARK is in Salt Lake City, and is doing very well there.

DARWIN AND ERMA GRANT FAMILY

We haven't had many exciting things happen in our family since the last Whiting Tree, but I have written down a few things. Also, I am enclosing what Mabel and Karen sent to me, so you can use some of them.

GARY AND RITA LYON FAMILY: The status of Rita's and Gary's family is about the same, except they have a 10 year old Lamanite girl living with them now. Her name is also Rita. This is their second Lamanite child. Their oldest son, Grant, who just turned 16, saved his money that he earned working at the Pizza House and flew to Hawaii and spent a few weeks visiting with Ron. Grant has had to quit work for a couple of months because his job as Sophomore Class President is taking so much time at the first of the school year. They live in Mesa.

MERWIN AND CHARLOTTE GRANT are still in Phoenix, and he is very busy with his law work and enjoys it very much. A young lady that Charlotte knew in college has been living with them for some time, and she has recently joined the church. She was raised in a very strong Catholic home, and is just as strong a Mormon.

HOWARD GRANT has moved his family up to Dolores, Colorado, which is just a few miles from Cortez. They like it very much up there, especially while we keep breaking records for having the hottest days ever here in the Valley of Sun. He says it is cool and beautifully green up there.

RON GRANT is still in Honolulu. He applied to ASU Law School, and was accepted and had intended to start this September. However, he decided he wanted to stay in Hawaii longer, so spends his time with his studies at the University of Hawaii and his photography work.

ROBERT AND NAOMI GRANT live fairly close to Rita, in Mesa. Robert is busy working part time while he studies for his Ph. D in Psychology. Naomi works as a buyer for Diamond's department stores. Their Bishop put them right to work when they moved into this Ward as newlyweds a few months ago. Robert is Ward Clerk, and Naomi is the Cultural Refinement Leader in Relief Society, and the MIA Librarian. Charlotte is also the Cultural Refinement Leader in her ward, and Rita teaches Mother Education so when the three of them get together their main topic of conversation is Relief Society.

It almost seems as if it were a "Family Affair" at the Temple. Rita and Charlotte have worked there one day a week for nearly six years. I worked with them until two months ago when Darwin and I were called as a couple. We had just been there working for six weeks when President Driggs called Darwin to serve as a Supervisor. Since he was still trying to just learn the routine things, it was a little frightening, and he said the first night he dreamed he ran around the Temple all day, carrying a blank clipboard, and no one would tell him what to do or where he was supposed to go. I am happy to report his dream did not come true, and the kind Presidency have given me good report on the way he is handling his new job. John and Beulah Heward have also been called to work in the Temple, so you can see why I said it seemed like a "Family Affair". They started about a month after we did.

WILFORD AND MABEL SHUMWAY AND, MELBA UDALL have taken a trip that sounds so exciting. They are going to Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Finland and Russia, and will be gone for nearly a month.

Erma Grant, Reporter

THE MAY W. BERRY FAMILY

EFFIE AND RAY ELLSWORTH FAMILY:

The Ellsworth Patriarch presides in Pleasant Grove, Utah. We are all scattered upon the face of the nation. (From California to Delaware), but managed to gather together at the homestead during the last reunion. That was sure nice.

OFFSPRING OF RAY ELLSWORTH AND EFFIE BERRY.

LYNN: Luke, Effie, Ester, Amy, Paul and Susan.

GARY: Martha.

ELAINE: Julie, Jenny, George, Steven, Matthew, Melissa, and Eric.

VAN: Mike, Tracy, Kerry, and Ryan,

EVELYN: Warren, Nathan, Sarah, and Troy.

Elaine Gwartney Reporter.

KAY AND ELIZABETH BERRY FAMILY:

It has been officially announced by the family that Kay has retired from his practice after many years. After this announcement they took off for a trip to Lake Tahoe, to celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary. This was announced on September 16th, 1979. (Congratulations Kay, I want to get a leaf from your book)

DOUGLAS BERRY is attending the BYU and doing great after his mission.

TRES AND JULIE TANNER FAMILY: Tres and Julie have 3 daughters Merilee, 6, Lisa

Joy, 5, and Wendy Kay, 1, keep us happy and busy in Tustin, California, home. We also keep busy with our callings in the church. Tres teaches classes at Cal State L A and does professional counseling at his Tustin office, as a Marriage, Child, and Family counselor.

JOHN AND LOUINE HUNTER FAMILY.

The John Hunter family are starting their 7th year in Ojai, California,(Home of the Bionic Woman). John continues as a Municipal Court Judge for the County and serves as senior high councilman in the Ventura Stake. Louine is expecting her 10th baby anytime, Robert, 20, is a missionary in Uruguay, Steven, 18, is a freshman at BYU, Scott, 16, works as a dish washer, kitchen assistant at a local restaurant, and raises pigs for a 4-H project, and the family freezer. David, 13, and Daniel 12, are both in Jr. High School, play on the soccer teams and play in the school band, Jim, 10, has a daily paper route, Jeane, 9, is a local track star, Julene, 6, is all sweetness and love, and Matthew, 3 ½ keeps sunshine in his mother's day while the others are away.

THE MAREE HAMBLIN FAMILY: MISSOURI MURMURINGS Joycell Cooper:

I thought this a good title since so many are murmuring and wondering why we came to Missouri. Wish we could answer that, and perhaps someday will be able to. We can tell you this, it's a good place to raise your children. The church is getting strong out here and because of the economical situation values are different. The teenagers aren't preoccupied with what they have to wear, or what kind of a car they own. Most of the kids (church) back here don't own a car and just borrow their dad's old pickup. The spirit is strong and so are the young people. The only thing that would ever drive us out of Missouri is if we just could not make a living.

KEITH AND JEANNIE LARSON FAMILY: JEANNIE is pregnant. She spends most of her time on her back on the floor because a bed or couch is too soft and she gets sea sick. It's so bad she can't even lay on the shag carpet because the fibers waving in the breeze revolt her. This will be number 10. If any of you out there has a cure for nausea please rush it immediately. I know when our cow got in the pasture and bloated and got so sick Dad used to stick it in the side with a sharp knife, but Jeannie for some reason didn't go for that.

KEITH is Jack's lab man and has been working part time for a lab in Pittsburg, Kansas. He is also doing some of Alan Berry's work, and has been quite busy. He was grumbling about all the fishing and hunting and golfing he and Jack were going to do when they got back here and they have been fishing and golfing once and that's it. He has been put on the High Council so that takes care of whatever spare time he did have.

SHANE is in Korea on a mission. Jeannie is enclosing a report on him so I won't go into detail. I will tell you about the time it was his turn to cook and he didn't add enough flour and accidentally added a half cup of baking powder instead. He said the batter began to raise and bubble and they all gathered around to watch. One missionary awed by the action in the bowl, suggested maybe it was due to the climate. Another wondered if it would explode: Being the thrifty young man that he is Shane said he went ahead and cooked them. This was even more exciting than the mixing for they then began to raise. He said they stopped at 5 inches and took forever to get done. No one would eat them so he put them aside because he didn't have the heart to throw them away. Later that afternoon some Koreans came over and he offered them some and they ate them all and loved them. He may have invented a whole new food. If they don't go or catch on over here they could be sold for sofa pillows.

TROY, is in Snowflake playing football. He is in his senior year in High School. He was warned by the coach because he kept tackling the cheer leaders.

BRIAN, is a junior and good for a lot of things, but I can't think of just what at this time. He drives the girls and his mother wild.

DARREN, is doing great in basketball. His basket weaving class really helped him learn how to make baskets but it doesn't help the team much. He is good in sports and playing the trumpet and cello too. He is in the 8th grade this year.

JENNIFER, is 11 and in the 6th grade. She plays the piano and violin.

AMY is 9 and plays the cello.

MARGARET, is 6, and plays the violin.

SARA, is 4, and plays the violin.

MATT, is 18 months, and is built and looks like a gorilla. H is the only kid I have ever seen that never has a popside drip because he eats it so fast He is their garbage disposal.

JACK AND JOYCELL COOPER FAMILY:

JACK is first counselor in the Stake Presidency. Since the stake takes in parts of Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma he does a bit of traveling. He is practicing dentistry in Pierce City, Missouri. We have remodeled a lovely two story home and made the bottom floor into a dental office with big sliding oak doors, carved oak staircase and the whole works. The second floor is rented out into two apartments. Right now he is picking apples on the stake farm.

JOYCELL came back to Missouri for the slow pace they kept talking about. So far I have written a three act play on the life of the Prophet Joseph Smith and put it on for the June regional conference in Springfield. Written a skit for the stake Relief Society Musical program tying all the songs together into a theme. Also am Relief Society Secretary and Mia Maid leader. Writing a one act play for Visiting Teaching Conference in November for the Stake about compassionate service. Working full time in the office. My rocking chair gathered so many cobwebs on the front porch I finally had to bring it in. Let's face it, if you are a member of the church there isn't anywhere you can go and slow down. Now we are putting the play on again in Joplin for the centennial in April.

JANICE is still in Fresno. She still only has 6 children. The oldest is 13 and the youngest 2. She is selling the health food store and getting out of the business so that she can stay home with her family. Jerome is a cattle buyer with a big firm from Salt Lake City (Mormons).

MARTY just got married in August and is now in Mesa working for Jay and Mickey in their electrical store (I guess that is what you call it. We went to the wedding in the Mesa Temple and got to see some of the relatives. It was great. Suzy is from Mesa. Her full name is Susan Malone and we welcome her into the family. She is a joy and delight and has a crazy sense of humor which is so vital to survive in this family. She also works for Jay and Mickey.

SHAWN is still in Fresno. He and Linda have a boy, Christopher Blade, who will be two in April. In the mean time they are expecting another one the first week in December. Shawn is with a Public Relations firm and doing just great. He enjoys flying around the state and meeting Mayors, Congressmen and the likes.

LANCE is playing football for the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. He is in Las Vegas and just got back from 4 days in Hawaii where they went to play a game. We haven't heard yet just how it was. He isn't married yet, and between football, studies and working hasn't had too much time to look around. He plays tight end and seems to enjoy it although he had a lot injuries.

ANGELA is 14 now and having a ball. She is fitting right into the area back here and is already saying O'K, California, Mared (for married) and a few choice expressions. She loves it and has a ball with all the cousins and kids in the church in the area. She has a lot more freedom here because the streets are a lot safer.

VAYLENE is 7, and doing fine. She was in the play and stole the show. She plays the piano and violin. All the cousins belong to an orchestra back here (strings) and it is great. A sister moved in from Mesa (.Caroline Belknap) and is a genius on the violin and teaching it. Back to Vaylene, she is in the 2nd. Grade and really a joy in ours lives.

MAREE'S MEANDERINGS: Mother is fine and going strong. She had been pressured by some of the families whose children are having a hard time in school to open a private school and you should see what those kids are learning. They really have fun while learning. But she is down at the school from 9 AM until 7PM. She is such an excellent teacher she should never retire. The thing I like about mother is that she is always so busy with her projects that she doesn't try to run her children's lives. We have to call and make an appointment to get in for a visit.

MARK HAMBLIN: Mark in teaching higher math at Pierce City High School.

JANETTE has graduated and plays mother at feeding and taking care of Mark and the boys. She has a steady boyfriend and is a whiz with a needle and thread. She is a sweet girl and good influence on the rest of us.

LEO is in his junior year at Monett High School. He is a smart kid and a good worker (gets it from his Aunt Joycell). The girls go crazy over him.

DAYLAN is 13 now and goes crazy over the girls. He is very good on the piano (he even plays it now and then) and the violin. He is very musical and will probably pursue that field.

TINNILY, is playing the trumpet and cello and is very good in both. He is also in football. He is 10, but is such a big kid that all he has to do is stand on the field and it's like hitting a brick wall.

LEILANI'S LETTERS:

WANDA is working as a nurse's aid in a convalescing home. She is a good worker and the old people love her. She is engaged to a missionary right now. He is in New Zealand.

VALERIE, is doing fine. She takes care of an elderly couple and worked at the hospital for a while. She is a very pleasant girl and very good to her mother.

THOMAS, AND DAVID are fine. Thomas is an avid reader and David likeS most anything. They are both boys that are easy to please.

LUCINDA, is 15 now. She is cute and tiny and Angela (who is 5'7" moans and groans around Lucinda). She has long black hair and is also taking violin. She is also an excellent dancer.

ANNA MAY, takes violin and piano and is a little girl that is fun to be with.

Now ... we come to JACOB. Dennis the Menace was patterned after this little guy. He is 6 now and a cute kid but the trouble is that he is smarter than the rest of us.

BECKY is 5 and going to school at mother's school. She is cute, tiny, and bashful, to say the least.

We are so enjoying Kayennis and Marlynn and their families. They have some of the best kids in the world and it is a shame because we are all so busy we don't have a chance to get together very often. Kay makes the best hot tamales in the entire world. Marlynn the best steak out of wheat. I am going to stay near these two when the famine hits I'll tell you that. Aunt Gladys is fine and always has a smile for everyone. Marlynn's boy, Mark is getting his papers ready to go on a mission. (He may go too).

KAREN AND BOB BARRETT moved here last month and seem to be settling down to the Missouri way of life. Their kids seem to be doing fine. We all met at the park a while back and had a good visit.

We have so much family back here now we can't meet at anyone's house we have to go to the park?

Well, that's it for now. ALLAN AND BETTY BERRY are living about 40 miles from here. She is counselor in the Primary and he is in the Sunday School Presidency, Kay will probably fill you in about them so I will just mention them,

We do want the family to know that we are not back here to build the city of Zion in Jackson County nor are we here to build the Temple, nor did we have any revelations nor calling from Salt Lake City to come back here (as people have mentioned). We do feel that this is where we should be and perhaps the reason is that there is an awful lot of missionary work to be done here and the best way to win these old Missourians over is to move in among them and set a good example.

We love you and hope to see you at the reunion in July.

Joycell Cooper Reporter

SOME LATE NEWS

DAVID AND SHARON BERRY: Here's a short note of news from the David Berry's.

CINDI (15) started High School this year and is in the choir and pep squad.

JULIE (13) is a cheerleader in Jr. High School.

All four of our daughters including STACY (10) AND MICHELLE (9) are busy taking piano and violin lessons.

MICHAEL started pre-school this year and just loves it.

DAVID has taught Young Adult Gospel Doctrine Class in Sunday School. Sharon has been counselor in Stake YW Mutual. We love hearing news from all our wonderful family. Love Sharon Berry.

DENNIS AND ROSALEE BYERS:

The Byers bunch has had a good year in Sunny California.

ROSIE began her second year as Stake Primary Second Counselor and DENNIS loves being Assistant Priest Quorum Advisor

Since early spring the Byers bunch has been seen building retaining wall in the backyard, pulling weeds, burying a sprinkler system, planting plants, and finally, laying sod. To them it must see like the "garden of Eden" after the 1977 drought.

The three oldest children... TIFFANY 13, MELANIE 11, AND JEFFERY 9 have been active in swim team and soccer. Tiffany, Melanie and Dennis (forever youthful) are still in braces.

PRESTON 4 has been the best gardner this summer and is so courteous: "Want me to get that box for you, mom!" or "I'll open your door for you!"

BRANDON 15 months qualifies as a "super climber, cat-tail puller, hugger and overall darling."

Love Rose Berry.

THE MARTHA W. BROWN FAMILY

THE FRANCIS W. BROWNS.

We had a reunion for this branch of the family at Ray Lewis's Little Ponderosa Ranch near Zion's Canyon, from August 21 thru 24. It was fashioned somewhat after the Whiting Homestead reunions (which probably gather some ideas and enthusiasm from the Mapleton Whiting reunions which began in the last century.) We had trophies for Flipper, golf, and horseshoes. A missionary report meeting, a testimony meeting and a tribute to Frank and Martha Brown program.

We had a new addition: Mini-classes. Our final night of our big program was a requested one and turned out to be a highlight: Ruth, Maurine and Maydene sang and danced a medley (Charleston and tap dancing.) and Ruth climbed atop an upright piano to sing, "Oh, My Man I Love Him So." About 136 attended. There was some excitement when a rattlesnake was killed in camp.

Gary Neeleman brought a newspaper dignitary and his wife who were visiting them. They were amazed over the whole thing, insisting they felt they'd been transported into the last century (because the young people were actually interested in the stories of the grandparents and because of the family togetherness in work and play) until they heard the disco dance music.

THE RAY BROWNS.

In the middle of June the F. Ray Brown family gathered at the Little Ponderosa for a family reunion, flipper contest, crafts, a hike to Pollywog Pool and the Waterfall slide, exploring and playing with cousins. The highlight of the family talent show was a recreation of Ray Brown's memorable donkey disaster, rolling marbles and all.

On a six-mile hike into Zions's, Ray led the way--well, he reached the bottom only fifteen minutes behind the little kids. (The children ran up to cool off at Weeping Rock. The grown-ups needed help to get across the parking lot to the cars!)

Ruth's yummy meals added the perfect touch to a fun-filled weekend.

There are three Bishops in this family now: Albert Brown, Keith Brown, and Clare Eliason (Annette's husband.)

The families of Ray, Floyd, Keith, and Wayne Brown reside in Southern California. Raymon and Nora Brown live in Palm Springs, and Albert lives in Bountiful, Utah, and Clare and Annette Eliason live in Monterey, California.

Michael Raymon Brown graduated from BYU with High Honors, (Magna Cum Laude, we think) He will be attending law school.

Alan Brown (Raymon and Nora's) is president of a Palm Springs High School this year.

RAY AND RUTH LEWIS.

They recently moved from Chino, California, to a spacious, attractive home in Utah. They bought a big one so Mother could live with them. They are putting it to good use, though, even though Mother isn't with them. The move to Utah was imperative, as all nine of their children are in Utah now. They made a trip to Samoa to travel home with Scott at the end of his mission, bringing with them a surprise! A beautiful little Samoan baby girl with huge black eyes and black curly hair.

Gary and Rose Neeleman: (Sandy, Utah) Returned from Brazil recently, glad to see their family. Especially glad to see them was their baby born since last reunion, almost a year old. John is home David is in Brazil on a mission.

Wendell Lewis: Living for a while with his parents. His children have spent much of the summer with him.

Gay McNeal: Gay is teaching this year and is doing a great job caring for her family of five. Lives in Sandy, Utah.

Wayne and Cindy Epple: (Salt Lake City) They are about the most excited family of all to have a missionary in the field, Randy. They have two children of high school age and three little girls.

Willard and Diane England: (Sandy, Utah) He's in the bishopric and she's stake M I A President and they have quite a family at home to care for, too.

Bob and Connie Davis: (Salt Lake City, Utah) Bob is in a new business selling supplies to pharmacies. They have three children, and now they have adopted the little Samoan baby Ruth and Ray brought home and are thrilled with their new baby girl.

Ginger Folkerson: (Spanish Fork, Utah) Going back to the BYU and taking care of two children.

Steve and Penny Brown: Moving to Ephraim, Utah, one-half block from the rock house that Peter Isaacson built. (People are living in the house) Steven and Penny have a precious little boy.

THE ELBERT AND MAURINE STARTUPS

ELBERT AND MAURINE are blessed with fifty grandchildren. The Startup clan is now divided into four ranks: California, Utah, Idaho, and Missouri.

GORDON AND CAROL STARTUP are in California. Gordon is vice president of Startup's Catering and they have taken over the wedding gown shop in Pasadena with Danielle as head bridal consultant. Gordon is stake music director, Daunine graduates soon from cosmetology, Devin is active in his church work, Chantale, is excelling in school, and Dane and Daric are little boys enjoying each other, A new baby will be born before this is in print!

BOB AND KAREN BERRETT are In Monet, Missouri, eight children, living near the Berry families of Jeannie and Joycell. (Karen's grandfather, Frank Brown, was mission president over that area.) College: Renee; High school: Ronnie, Brian, Alan, and Kathy; Grade School: Steven, Nathan, and Jon. All are doing well.

FRANK AND LINDA STARTUP: Have a grand new home in Diamond Bar, California. Frank is still managing the wedding and catering business which feeds fifteen of the Startup families. Kris is a beautiful fifteen year old, Sharon is a charming eleven year old, and Mark was just baptized at eight. Frank is a full-time stake missionary.

STEVEN AND MARSHA FERSHTUT are in Idaho Falls. Shannah (High School) escaped serious injury rolling over while driving a jeep, improving after several days in hospital. Galt, 15, Ranson, 13, and Guild, 10, are three brothers having fun and helping their father build a new home on a ranch in Salmon, Idaho. Steve and Marsha are temple workers in the Idaho Falls Temple. Steve is in the Elder's Quorum Presidency. Since his conversion from Judaism to Mormonism this family has been united eternally. They have two darling baby girls, Leah, 2, and Sincah, 8 months. Marsha is Primary President.

STEVEN AND CHERYL WORSLEY: Are in Arcaia, California and are doing well in their own catering business. Steve is Elder's Quorum President, Cheryl is music director. Jana is an adorable fourteen-year-old, a leader among the teenagers and assistant to mother of four sisters: Michele, 9, Jennifer, 7, Wendy, 2 ½, and Melissa, 9 months.

DAVID AND ANN STARTUP: Recently bought a six-bedroom home in Diamond Bar, California. He works in the family catering business. Jody (a senior in high school, and Tracy, 13, are beautiful teens; Kari Ann, 4, and Julie, 2, happy toddlers.

HARRY AND NANCY SCHULTZ have moved from his position as entertainment director at Disney World in Florida to an appointment in the same field at Ricks College, Rexburg, Idaho. Harry was in the Bishopric and Nancy MIA President hated to leave many friends. Scott, 8, Ben, 6, Christine, 4, and Nanette, 2, and new arrival expected November.

CARL AND LYNNAE KNAPP live in Kaysville, Utah. Carl has a supervisor's position with Boys's Reform School in Ogden. Hyrum, first grade, Sarah, 4, Julia, Almost 2, and Joseph, 5 months.

RICK AND CAROL INGRAM live in Monrovia, California. Rick works in Steve Worsley's Catering business. They have achieved four children in three years! Jacque, 3, Ricky, 1 ½, are getting acquainted with twin brothers Jacob and Ryan, one month old.

KEN AND DEANNE BRADY live in Salt Lake City, Utah. A Baby boy born June 1979.

STAN AND DIANE STRINGFELLOW live in Salt Lake City, Utah. They are leaving soon on a trip to England and Europe where Stan filled his mission

Diane and DeAnne, Maurine's youngest two girls, twins, married cousins at a double wedding in the Los Angeles Temple, followed by a double reception at the Startup's home, July. 14, 1978. All twenty two of our children, including spouses, were at the temple that day.

ELBERT AND MAURINE STARTUP live in Monrovia, California. Elbert is in the High Priest presidency. (Just the two of them getting acquainted all over again!)

Maurine Startup, Reporter

THE LESTER AND LOUISE CARLSTONS:

LESTER AND LOUISE live in Burbank and have a big catering company and building in Pasadena, where they keep very busy.

TED AND JUDI RAGSDALE: Fullerton, California. He has started his own accounting business. They have five children.

BOB AND SUZANNE LABRUM: Just moved from Minnesota to Sandy, Utah. Two little boys have just helped them celebrate the arrival of a new baby sister. Two of Bob's three older children are married and Dale and his wife have a baby.

DAVID AND LAURIE KUGLER: Silverdale, Washington. David and Laurie had their first baby, after approximately 9 years of marriage. (Try not to spoil her too much!)

STEVE AND MARLENE GILLINS: Kirkland, Washington. (I think they have three children Maydene).

ANNA BETH CARLSTON: Attends the BYU this year and my run into some cousins there! Caroleen and George are at home and doing well in school and Church. (Will write more about the Carlstons and some of the others another time when more reports are in. Maydene.)

THE JOHN RONALD BROWN FAMILY:

RONALD is staying temporarily with Elbert and Maurine. His future residence is uncertain at this time. He is considering Alaska, where his daughter Linda lives.

HANK AND LINDA BLAKE: Cordova, Alaska: Part of the time on a fishing boat. They have seven children.

GILL AND QUAYEN BROWN. Newark, California. They have three children.

JIM AND ROSIE BROWN: Pacifica, California. They have two little girls.

ED AND DANA BROWN: Culver City, California.

TIM AND MARIJANE HAYES: Valencia, California. Tim is a Policeman. They have four children.

VICKY, BECKY, AND TOM: Valencia, California. They have been in some college plays at the local college. Becky may go back to BYU this year. Vicky and Tom may be going on missions soon. They live near Marijane and are close to that family.

THE JIM AND MADENE BODELL FAMILY: Mountain View, (S F Peninsula), California. Bodell Construction Company is building churches in California and Hawaii. Jim has to do some traveling for inspection purposes. Jim and Maydene teach Sunday School. Dixie is the only one at home, is Mia Maid president, and is hoping to get the braces off her teeth soon. Tim attends the University of Utah. Dan is in the Baton Rouge, Louisiana Mission.

BRUCE AND JIMAE KENNEYS: Salt Lake City, Utah. Painting Contractor. Bruce is priest's adviser. Nicole, 8, Elizabeth 6, Ben, 4, and Laura, almost two, await the arrival of a new baby.

ED AND KRISTINE GATES: Mailua Kona, Hawaii. Ed is building a stake center for Bodell Construction. They feel humble about being led to this place. The bishop has assured them that his humble Hawaiians need leadership and promptly put Ed and Kris in as MIA Presidents.

She is also leading the music in all organizations! Cari, 8, Amy, 6, Chuck, 4, and Melissa, 2, go swimming three times a day! (Usual home is Bountiful, Utah.)

MICHAEL AND JOAN BODELL: Salt Lake City, Utah. He manages Bodell Construction office there. Their baby (Mikey) will soon be a year and is the image of his Dad! Michael is Elder's Quorum President and occasionally meets with Church Building Committee.

MARK AND ANNABEL BODELL: Salt Lake City, Utah. Assists Michael in Bodell Construction Company's Office. Kari, 3, is a cute, precocious little Red head and is waiting for an expected baby brother or sister.

MICHAEL AND PAM HICKS: Provo, Utah. He is a music major at BYU. She works in the draperies at ZCMI. He leads the choir. They are trying to find a name good enough for their first baby, expected in March.

Silverdale, Washington July 26, 1979

Dear Jay:

What joy came to me, to receive the newest info on the Whiting family. I'm all for it. Keep up the great work.

Our family will be sending in info. We are very interested in the binders too.

Please continue with the stories of the older Whiting Brothers and Sisters, as well as other inspiring and thought provoking stories, experiences, of other members of the family.

I'd love to see more detailed names and dates of families, as done with Helen and Aubrey Andelin family.

What a choice opportunity to be a part of this great, extended family.

Thanks for all your efforts.

Love,
Laurie (Carlston) Kruger.

IN MEMORIUM

MELANIE BETH BROWN, BORN AUGUST 13, 1978, WAS THE SEVENTH CHILD OF KEITH AND SHARON BROWN, WHEN SHE RECEIVED HER NAME AND BLESSING, KEITH FELT IMPRESSED TO BLESS HER TO BE AN INFLUENCE FOR HAPPINESS IN HER HOME AND TO PARTICIPATE IN MISSIONARY WORK,

ON NOVEMBER 7, 1978, WHEN SHE WAS NEARLY THREE MONTHS OLD, HER FAMILY FOUND HER DEAD, SHE WAS A VICTIM OF SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME, MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS "CRIB DEATH."

BECAUSE OF HER SPECIAL BLESSING TO DO MISSIONARY WORK, TRIBUTES WERE REQUESTED IN THE FORM OF DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH MISSIONARY FUND, NEARLY FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS WAS DONATED IN HER NAME,

KEITH AND SARON AND THE REST OF THEIR FAMILY ARE FULLY CONVINCED THAT MELANIE IS NOW ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN MISSIONARY WORK IN THE SPIRIT WORLD,

PERHAPS SOME OF OUR OWN ANCIENT ANCESTORS ARE BENEFITING FROM HER WORK.

(SHARON BROWN.)

A TRIBUTE TO RICK AND CAROL STARTUP INGRAM

(At time of Birth of twin Sons, Jacob, and Ryan) By Maydene Bodell

Somewhere over the rainbow,
Is the land where spirits are born
And there they wait impatient
Until their birthday morn.

After the wedding of Rick the drummer,
And Carol the dainty miss
For time and all eternity
They seemed to be filled with bliss.

In heaven some boys and girls came,
To get in the Ingram line
They liked this brand new family
But there wasn't a list to sign.

Later on down on earth,
Carol waited there
She longed for her own little baby
And finally said a prayer.

Please don't make me be barren,
She prayed without a smile
Even tho she'd been waiting
Just a little while.

In heaven a wiggly girl, upfront,
Said, "This place is mine",
She watched over the ones behind
and tried to keep them in line.

When it was time for her to go,
She kissed them all goodbye,
While three little boys laid on their stomachs
And watched the clouds go by.

Two of them knew they'd have a long wait
Their brother would be going first
They were so full of excitement
They thought that they would burst.

And so they sneaked together
They knew they wouldn't be sent
So they laughed and tried to reach the stars
As they ran through the firmament.

As they kept running back and forth
They forgot whose place was whose

And your place in line in '79
Is not a thing to lose

There are too many things changing these days
On earth in the Universe
There are pills that can suddenly end a line
And other things that are worse.

But these two little boys weren't worried
They knew their Mama by now
A brave and good little mother
And a Startup, anyhow.

Finally the Ingram name was called,
"My turn" called one of the boys,
Running back to the front of the line
Thinking of earthly joys.

Then the other squeezed in behind,
And No. 1 turned his head
"Never mind you'll be coming next",
Consolingly he said.

Looking to earth they saw their smart sister
Putting their mother to the test
And their brother was still just a baby
After this mother might need a rest.

"But we can't be many years apart
We're supposed to be buddies there
Please don't separate us
Doesn't anybody care"?

But the ship of life was about to sail,
No. 1 ran out when he was called
No. 2 was left behind
So sad he almost bawled.

He suddenly had a great idea
And tiptoed down the banks
And then when no one was looking,
He sneaked up the planks.

"Let's go together", he whispered to #1
"We can both be twins
We'll be so much help to mother
We'll be neat as pins".

We'll have fun with Daddy as soon as we
Can use our fingers and our thumbs.
And he can teach all four of us
To play upon his drums.

"Not so fast," said the guide
"The seats are all taken,
There's not even a little gap,"
"Never mind, he's just little," said #1

"I'll hold him on my lap."

They said, "We are going to earth,
Be it fair or stormy weather,"
They said, "We are going to be Ingrains
And going to be Ingrams together!"

"Impossible" said the doctors,
"Twins this late in the game?"
But somehow the heavens arranged it,
And they've come as twins all the same.

A toast to the Mother of the Ingrams
You're the model supreme of us mother,
An inspiration to me—
And to who knows how many others.

You are our Mrs. America.
You are the queen of our story
You've been a wonderful mother
But this is your crowning glory.

by Maydene Bodell

THE EARNEST J. WHITING FAMILY

EARNEST AND ZINA:

Dad and mother are doing fine, Dad has recovered from his eye surgery and at the final appointment we were told all is healed and looks good, but a check must be kept on the other eye for similar problems or cataracts, but the success has given him greater eyesight and so he is happy.

Mother is doing much better, all over her surgery too, hopefully no more for either of them in the near future.

Dad and Mother plan a trip with Jay and Aleen Whiting which will take them back to their (Dad's and Jay's) mission field. They plan to leave on November 12th.

JOHN AND BEULAH HEWARD:

John and Beulah are set apart Temple Workers in the Mesa Temple, working four days a week with Spanish speaking people coming up from Mexico and Guatemala and etc. they are also working many English sessions. They live 4 days a week in Mesa and 3 days in Holbrook, so they do a lot of traveling.

MARION, MARY AND CRYSTAL HEWARD.

Crystal and Marion are working summers for Phoenix Park and Recreation Department. Crystal is in her junior year in college. Marion teaches school in a nearby district.

BERYL AND BOB FISHER

All is going well, expecting 2 new grandchildren in the very near future. Lillie and Doug Rutter will be new parents early in October. Bob and Roxie Fisher will be new parents in March, 1980. Bob has also joined the Army and will be off to basic soon, he will get his college while he serves. Sam is taking some courses at Northland Pioneer College and working for his Dad at the office.

LORAIN AND JIM VFEKEN.

Jim was released from the Bishopric as a counselor after nearly 8 years, but was

called almost immediately as scoutmaster by the new Bishop. Loraine is in the Ward Primary Presidency. All the children are doing fine, 4 girls, and 1 boy.

RICHARD AND DIANA HEWARD:

Richard was recently released as Executive Secretary in the Snowflake Stake and called as President of the Stake Mission. Diana is busy as Relief Society President of the Snowflake Ward 2.

EARNEST AND ALAINA HEWARD.

Earnest Heward practices Veterinary medicine in Holbrook. They recently moved to Snowflake, but Earnest has not yet been released from his position as clerk to the Indian Wells Branch on the reservation about 35 miles north of Holbrook. Alaina was released as Secretary to the Holbrook Stake Primary but was called to work as a Primary teacher in their new ward in Snowflake.

NITA AND HAROLD BUSHMAN.

Harold was recently sustained as a member of the Presidency of the Holbrook 3rd. Ward Sunday School on Sept. 9, 1979. He is still active in the High Priest Group and a Home Teacher. Nita is a Relief Society Teacher and has some very choice women to look after. Annette Farr is her companion and they have a really terrific time together.

EARL AND EVELYN BUSHMAN.

Earl was sustained as Bishop of the San Jose 24th Ward, Morgan Hill Stake California. He just returned from a 2 week trip for his company, he traveled to the Far East and Europe. The children are active and take part in their organizations. Bret Earl was baptized on May 19, 1979.

LINDA AND RON HALE.

Linda and Ron are active in the Savannah Stake in Georgia. Ron as a High Counselor, and Linda as Stake Primary President. Their children are active in their organizations. Jeffrey LaThare Hale was born March 24, 1979 and Kimberly Lois Hale was baptized March 31, 1979.

KATHY AND TOM BOGART.

Kathy and Tom are busy with their four little ones, the last, John Earl Bogart, was born March 4, 1979. Tom is Scout Master and Deacon advisor, Kathy is teaching in Sunday School and leads the music in Relief Society. Richard began kindergarten this fall.

BETH AND AUSTIN SIMPER.

Austin is still Financial Clerk for the Ward and of course is a Home Teacher, but also has been chairman in charge of the Tri-ward Farm. They have alfalfa and a truck garden. Beth is visiting teacher supervision and a visiting teacher. At the time of this writing Beth is in the Flagstaff, Arizona Hospital undergoing some tests, and will try to report on her before we go to press.

DAN AND ELLEN SIMPER.

They are the parents of a new baby born on June 26th, 1979. Great Grandmother Whiting's birthday. Dan has been set apart as one of the Seven Presidents of the Seventies and also teaches in the adult Sunday School. This year he is the Divisional Chairman at the College (Northland Pioneer College) in Holbrook, and he has really been busy. Ellen is Ward choir leader and has just been put on the Stake Primary Board. They have 5 children now and they are all very active.

BILL AND KATRINA SIMPER.

They have 2 lovely children who keep them busy. Bill has been the financial clerk-of the tenth ward but has just been put in as Sunday School President. He is still with the Holbrook Police Dept. He is the Records and Identification Officer. Katrina works part time as a dental assistant and is a counselor in the Mutual of their ward. Bill is also starting up a business after work as a mechanic and is doing real well.

SHERRI MAUTI.

Lives in Chino Valley, Ariz. and is a range conservationist and like her work. She

is also Mutual Secretary of the Chino Valley Ward, also filling in as a counselor right now. She is the ward representative for the young Special Interest Group.

LAURA SIMPER.

Laura is on cloud "9" right now as she is to be married on November 1, 1979 to Bob Muder from Showlow. He is a very fine young man, and a returned missionary and we are very happy about their marriage. They will be married in the Mesa Temple. She has been very active in the young adult group all summer.

EDWINA AND TOM DASTRUP.

Both are still very busy in the Mutual of their ward serving as Presidents of the Young Men and Young Women. They love it and hope it helps them keep young. Tom is busy with his Dental Practice, and was busy teaching the Dental Hygienists this past fall in the Maricopa County Technical School in Phoenix, he is also very active in the local Dental organization.

DENETTE AND GARY DAVIS.

They are in California where Gary is completing his schooling for the Federal Land Bank. Denette is expecting their baby about the middle of December. They will eventually settle in Blythe Calif. for a few years after January 1980.

SANDRA AND BOB WEST.

Are busy in the church, Sandi is a primary teacher and visiting teacher. Bob is the Teacher Advisor in the Aaronic Priesthood. Melissa is in Pre-school and both Melissa and Andrea are enjoying their dancing lessons.

JULIE AND DALLAS PETERSEN.

They are enjoying the newest family member, a darling baby boy, Dallas Stephen Petersen II born July 21, 1979. He is one husky little doll. Julie is busy working in Mutual as Mia-Maid advisor and a Relief Society visiting teacher. Dallas is teaching in Sunday School.

SUSAN DASTRUP.

Is busy singing and attending Mesa Community College. This is her 2nd year and she loves school and especially her music and choir classes. She teaches the 9 year olds in Sunday School and has just been called as Senior Primary Chorister. She is working at La Belle's and then makes time to write to her cousin missionaries.

TOM E. DASTRUP III.

He is a busy 9th grader. He is on the Mesa Jr. High cross country team. He received his Eagle Scout award on Sept. 12, 1979 and we are all very proud of his achievement. He loves making and fixing up bicycles.

E. JAY AND ALEEN WHITING

The biggest booming news from the Jay Whiting family is literally a boom—a baby boom. We now have 17 grandchildren with 9 of them under 3, and 3 more on the way. DEBRA AND BOB LEWIS had their second girl on June 11, 1979 and named her Hilie Nicole. Next on the schedule will be GLENNA AND DELBERT TINGEY expecting their number 8 in October. Then MYRNA AND DALE BORDEN AND TERRY AND LARRY SCHNEPF are both expecting their third ones in March. Myrna and Terry not only got married together, but seem to be having their families together too.

Debra and Bob Lewis have recently opened a new shop called Flower 'n Such" in the Riviera Plaza in Mesa. They carry all kinds of silk and dried flowers and plants and they make beautiful arrangements.

We also had a bit a bad news too this time. As most of you have probably already heard, Aleen had a radical mastectomy the last of July. However, we feel very fortunate that she is making a fantastic recovery. She will be on Chemotherapy for 6 months but thus far this has not made her very sick at all. We feel very blessed with her wonderful recovery.

"Reporters for the Earnest Whiting family are Edwina Dastrup, and Joyce Robinson."

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Family of the Week

Parents have invested in home 'atmosphere'

By ROSEMARY SCHABERT

Tribune staff writer

Dentist Dr. Thomas Dastrup Jr. and wife Edwina had a game plan of sorts when they established their home.

"When we first started our family we wanted several special things to be a part of our home life.

"One was a happy atmosphere of love and concern for each individual, helping to share the happy and the unhappy times in their lives, and making each member feel a part of the family unit.

"Second, that our home would be open always to our children's friends, a place they would respect yet where they would feel at home and comfortable. We are blessed to enjoy the company of many young people.

"We use our home often for large family dinners and get-togethers, and also for church activities and meetings when needed."

Those basic rules have nurtured the large family, which includes Denette Davis, 26; Sandra West, 24; Julie Petersen, 21; Susan, 19; and Tom, 15. Another bond between family members has been "the expression of affection, which is very important to begin very early.

"Affection should be natural and spontaneous. This attitude is a very important part of our family routine. Everyone needs to feel wanted and important.

"A squeeze, a pat, or wink and smile, *we* feel, are forms of affectionate expression.

"We also believe it is important to listen, really hear when you listen and sometimes to *make* time to show genuine interest to support each one in any concert or special appearance or display that any child is a part of, no matter what the age.

"On birthdays, we feature pictures taken through the years, and these are up all the month of their birthdays. We also have a big family dinner on our Family Home Evening.

"Family night is each Monday, when we have lessons or activities, plus our birthday evenings."

For an annual outing, "our summer vacation at Hawley Lake is a special tradition which we started 20 years ago." For everyday recreation, "I guess the most fun is our family volleyball games in the backyard. Our group is growing as we include several nieces and nephews."

Outside the home, "being of service in any community project is encouraged, to help our town and community. We are very proud to be living in Mesa, an All-America City."

The whole family is active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 19th Ward. "Mother and Dad serve as presidents of the young women's and young men's youth organizations. They love working with these very special young people."

Thomas is active in the Arizona Dental Association, has taught anesthesiology at Mesa Community College and serves as a consultant to the Committee for Denturists Certification Board.

Edwina is active in the LDS Relief Society, is a voter registrar and has served on several election boards. She's been active in the PTO for many years.

Denette is a graduate of Brigham Young University who's played viola with the Mesa Symphony Orchestra, Sandra sews and paints and is an LDS primary teacher, Julie performs with a theater group and works with youth through the church, Susan is in the choir and madrigal singers at Mesa Community College and teaches Sunday school and Tom is in scouting, sports and chorus at school.

At home, chores are assigned by a family council which also handles complaints.

"The girls are encouraged to learn homemaking arts and the necessity of a clean, organized home. Sometimes it seems an impossible dream, but we're proud of the girls' homes and the care they take of them.

"Tom is taught yard responsibilities as well as indoor chores. He needs to learn how to be prepared so as to serve a mission for his church and so he can be self-sufficient." Thomas and Edwina have three grandchildren.

I thought you might like to see the very outstanding honor that came to Tom and Edwina Dastrup, of Mesa, Arizona. This article along with a beautiful picture of their family was in the Sunday Mesa Tribune. They always seem to have such a wonderful time in their home, and there are always kids there, and it never seems to worry the Dastrups. Congratulations to the Dastrup's.

THE RALPH E. WHITING FAMILY

Aunt Nell sold her place in Mesa and she, Nellie and children are living in the big home on the ranch near Grand Junction. I'm sure they are happy to be back there near the rest of the family.

I need to make a correction on the entry last time about Lester's church job with the "Bee Boards", incorrectly called "Bulletin Boards" in the last issue. These are boards about four by six inches by four feet long with hundreds of tiny holes drilled in them for these particular pollinating bees to lay eggs in. When each hole is filled the bee cuts (also called leaf-cutters) are filled, hopefully, we ship the boards to Idaho where they pollinate the alfalfa fields, etc. because Idaho has a predator that kills this bee. We receive between \$75.00 and \$97.00 for each board, depending on how full they are, for our Stake Building Fund. I imagine everyone wondered what in the world Les was doing with Bulletin boards for the church. Sorry about the lengthy explanation.

All our family is well, have two more additions to our family. Denise had another baby boy, Jared, on April 5th, and Melanie had another boy, Jason, born May 17th. I just heard we are to expect another next year from Deanne. Cathy is living in Mesa now with Leslie and Wayne, working at Surf and Ski. She loves being in Mesa. You know me, I have to brag a little; we had three daughters sing at Opening Socials in Relief Society the first week of this month; Cathy, Leslie and Deanne.

In John and Lois' family, we were so excited when Ralph announced his forthcoming marriage which took place September 26, 1979. Ralph and Chris LeBaron were sealed in the Manti Temple. She is as blonde as he is dark. What a handsome couple. You have the letter from Eugene that Lois sent. By the way, Lois is in Hawaii with her two sisters, Shirley and Zolene, hosted by her brother, Rondo. Her brother is treating them to two weeks in the islands. What a treat. She left three days after the big wedding reception.

One of the most exciting things that happened in our family that the phones were ringing every days wondering when they were going to be born was the birth of Donna's and Joel's twins. Now this may be a common occurrence in some families, but this is a first in ours. Diane Jolee, a girl, 6 lbs 10oz., and Donald Joel, a boy, 8 lbs, were born Aug. 6, 1979. A cuter pair you've never seen and they are doing great. These were and are happy and joyful times, but Don and Harriet have had many worries and sad times since the first of the year. Ellen Jane had her tonsils out, a seemingly simple operation, but brought to attention a very serious blood problem. To make this as short as possible, after many trips to Salt Lake University Hospital and under the direction of their complete staff and lab technicians, several nodules removed from her neck, transfusions of antibiotics (a sure cure), more and more tests, finally the doctors have diagnosed (we hope correctly now) her blood disease to be "Polyarthritis Nodosa". She is taking strong medication for it plus a strict diet.

Ellen is finally back in school now and loving it. She has had to have home study teachers visit her and trying to work with bandaged and black and blue arms from so many needles. I'm sure the Lord has heard many prayers in her behalf and is blessing her now. We are praying her progress will continue.

I have put this letter off past the last minute hoping to have a definite report to make about Rodney and Donna. They have put in an order for a new baby, but as yet we haven't heard from that very special fairy godmother out in Alhambra.

I don't have anything to report on Jerry and Katie yet. They probably aren't used to my being the reporter. I will have to contact them for something in the future.

We are all so sorry to hear about Aleen and all she has been through, but are happy to hear the report that she is doing so well, both physically and spiritually. With all that wonderful family around, how can she miss?

We also wish Aunt Myn many happy birthdays in the years to come. Her eighty years on this earth have brightened many a life that passed her way.

Love you all

Louise W. Whiting
181 Thompson Rd.
Grand Junction, CO 81503 243-7440

P.S. LATE NEWS:

Rodney and Donna have their baby. A little girl. Congratulations to you both!

GRANDPA

By

Joel Nicoll

A tribute to Uncle Ralph E. Whiting, written by Donald E. Whiting's Son-in-Law.

A kind, fine man so straight and tall.
A great example to us all.
He never wavered, strong and true.
A God I know he'll be.
He gave us light and stories rare,
About the wolves and old she bear.
And antelope he chased them too,
And horses raced and steers he threw,
And fights he fought and always won,
Of prophets known and men he knew.
Already more than mortal.

How great a man can one man be
And not have worthy progeny?
He's waiting there with open arms.
So anxious, yes, to greet us all.
To spin a yarn just once again
Of how they wouldn't let him in.
Of how the ranches there, sublime
Which timber thick and grass so fine.
(No mortgage there, it's free and clear.
The debt was paid, achievements here.)

Kind yet firm with scruples true.
A man of God, clean thru and thru.
I'm proud that he's our Grandpa.

The same up there as here on Earth.
The dogied calf or used up horse.
Or soul that wandered in the dark
Could find a home at Grandpa's house.

Ralph Eugene his given name
On Earth it will remain the same.
In Heaven though he will be know
As the "VERY BEST OF GRANDPA'S."

Joel Nicoll.

For some unknown reason I forgot to print this lovely poem in our last Whiting Tree as we tried to pay a special tribute to Uncle Ralph E. Whiting.

THE ELDA W. BROWN FAMILY

ELDA W. BROWN.
St, Johns, Arizona
Aug. 2, 1979

Dear Jay:

I think the "Whiting Tree" was the very best, and all of my family do too. They all want it and I'll remind them to write you.

I think this will help our family to stay close more than anything.

We all get busier by the day, especially Jack. I've made it to four weddings a Missionary farewell, our reunion and a trip to Mexico. Have one more wedding in Mesa on August 23rd.

Hope you're all well. Lots of Love,

Aunt Elda.

Since the Whiting Tree was put out we've had some new callings and happenings:

Kenneth W, Salters was put in as Bishop in the Tooele Ward.

Philip Ray Brown was made Bishop of the Mesa 3rd Ward.

L. Grant (Gus) Shields was made Bishop of one of the BYU Wards.

Jack A. Brown has been Bishop of the St. Johns 2nd Ward for about 5 years and he thought he was going to be released. He was right, he was released from Bishop of the 2nd. Ward and was immediately put in as Bishop of the St. Johns 4th. Ward. Imagine St. Johns with four Wards.

Jeffery and Patty Shields have a baby boy-Brett Jeffrey Shields.

Quinn and Kathy Burdick have a baby girl, Collette Kathleen Burdick.

The four weddings announced in the last Family Tree went off as planned: Norman Brown to Karen Knudson, Julie Shields to Douglas Ahlstrom, David Brown to Roxanne Bowman, Brian Burdick to Lynette Casey, and the fifth wedding in the family, Eric Shields to Heidi Brinkerhoff.

ELMA AND WAYNE SMITH

It looks like Elma and Wayne Smith will be spending more time in Idaho with his job. So anyone coming up that way, stop and see us, 1550 Yellowstone, Space 88, Pocatello, Idaho 83201 Phone 2378329.

LOUINE AND GUS SHIELDS

We really did appreciate getting the Family newspaper, although I am a little slow, I think I can still get my money in before Sept. 15th.

We really want to thank all of you for the work and trouble you have gone to in putting out this paper. I think it is very worthwhile and if there is anything I can do to help please let me know.

We are all looking forward to the next reunion.

I will include a little news about my missionary on the next page.

Thanks again, love,

Louine.

Greg Shields is serving in the North Carolina Greensboro Mission. He went into the MTC on July 19th and he is now laboring in his first area in Hope Mills, N. C. He has done really fine so far in his missionary efforts. He learned all of the discussions before he left the MTC and passed off his Retention Test with a 91%. Now that he's in the field we've had a letter from his Mission President telling us that he was the first of his group to certify, that is to pass off his discussion 75% word perfect etc. So he was sent out in the field to labor. He has said over and over during this 1st. difficult part of leaving, that he could not have done it without the Lord's help, and in his own words, he says, "I know this Gospel is true, cause if I didn't I wouldn't be here."

Thanks for all your good work, Jay. Love, Louine.

WAYNE AND ELMA SMITH
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Pocatello, ID 83201

We went down to conference saw John Heward a few times, but missed seeing you around, of course you could have been there and just missed you.

JACK BROWN and most of his family, PHIL AND NETTA BROWN, and DEBBIE (she is at the Y this year) GERALDINE AND WILLARD SAGERS and their whole family, LOUINE AND GUS SHIELDS and most of their family, NATHEL AND RUSSELL BURDICK and seven of their family, WAYNE AND I and ANN PRIESTLY got together at Louine's Saturday after priesthood and had a birthday party for MOM (Elda) There were 66 of us there. Ann Priestly was also there. We had a really fun time (4 of Nathel's are going to the Y now)

Wayne and I also attended our "John F. Bowman" missionary reunion and of course that is always fun.

I'm sorry we moved away so I won't be much help on the Whiting Tree, but I'll do anything I can to help, just let me know. We'll look forward to the next one.

I've heard nothing but good remarks about the Whiting Tree. Some like one part, some others so it seems to be what they want. We do appreciate all you have done and will do for the family.

Love to you and to your family. We are glad you are in our family.

Elma and Wayne Smith

THE MYN W. PRIESTLEY FAMILY

It is not easy for our little family to make very much news, but we are busy especially ROBERTA PRIESTLEY, she has been all summer getting the home work and legal work seen to so that she can go to El Salvador and get the baby girl that was born 3 months ago. She knew 3 months before she was born the baby was to be hers, but it has taken all this time for her to get through the laws that will let her bring it in to the United States, but now she thinks she will be going sometime in the next three weeks or a little longer.

BRUCE PRIESTLEY is home from spending the summer in Arizona, and he has started his 3rd. year in High School. I think he is just about as tall as his Dad was.

ANN PRIESTLEY is at B Y U and seems to be over the worst part of her homesickness, and is doing fine now.

I am enclosing \$5.00 for the Priestleys, we certainly want the news to continue. How else can we keep track of each other?

I talked to Nell last night and she said Donald's little 13 year' old girl, Ellen, is very ill in the Grand Junction Hospital. They have certainly had their share of illness in the past years.

I wish I could type, but I have two fingers that won't work, and I can hardly write at all. (Keep it up Aunt Myn we love it)

I hope all is well with the family.

L o v e , Aunt Myn.

SPECIAL NEWS ITEM:

I just talked with Aunt Myn and must report the following. The young people of the Los Angeles valley that Aunt Myn has worked so long with recently gave a wonderful party at the home of Ray Wood in Arcadia. About 150 of these young people were in attendance along with some of Aunt Myn's friends. They presented her with a bedside refrigerator, so that she can keep things close at hand.

They presented her with a Book with all their pictures. The program was mostly music that Aunt Myn loves so much. There were people from all over there to express

their love and appreciation.

Aunt Myn has been called to be Co-Chairman to Rowan Taylor for all the Music that will be presented at the coming Area Conference, May 17th, 1980, that will be held for 17 Areas in Los Angeles.

We love you Aunt Myn.

Dear Jay:

Here are the few lines Don E. wrote and we found after he died. He wrote quite a lot of poems and had fine reports in school for them, but I thought these short lines might do to put in the Whiting Tree.

Thank you for all you are doing to promote good relations in the family, after all who is more important than our own.

Love and Blessings, Aunt Myn

THE ANSWER

Issues from the soul of God,
The pauper and the prince.
Each feels the sun and winter winds,
The deep remorse of human pain and
Thoughtlessness.
Each has known joy.
Each will die, perchance by war, plague, or burden of life.
And when the master of all this organized perfection,
Judges all those of men who have made of
his perfection chaos,
Asks the pauper, "Were thou strong and
steadfast as the prince?", And turns unto
the prince and says
"Were thou as humble as the pauper?"
How will you answer?

Don Edwin Priestley

THE ARTHUR C. WHITING FAMILY

ARTHUR AND BETTY. WHITING

Art and Betty Whiting travel to St. Johns nearly every weekend and have what they call a "mini-reunion" with Aunt Elda and everyone else that can come. They eat sandwiches at the Burdick's Sandwich Shop, visit and have a good time. Uncle Earnest comes to Holbrook often and joins in on the fun.

The A. C. Whiting Family reunion was a great success. The Mickey Whiting Family hosted everyone at Brian Head resort near Cedar Breaks, Utah.

FARRELL AND IRENE LEWIS.

The Farrell and Irene Lewis Family had a busy but happy summer. They attended reunions galore. The Arthur and Betty Whiting Family met near Cedar City, Utah at Brian Head Ski Resort for the first part of July for a "great"

reunion under the direction of the Mickey Whiting Family. There was plenty of good food, fun, visiting and programs. The setting was in beautiful scenic country.

All the Lewis Children, spouses and children traveled on to Provo for more fun, food, visiting etc.

STEVE AND LYNETTE PETERSON are surviving their mini-ranch. The goat milking is improving with practice. Cheryl (11) is now a sixth-grade cheerleader. Davie (10) is playing football. Brian (6) is very advanced in reaching. Jeff (5) is giving his kindergarten teacher much excitement. Mark (10 months) is waling too fast for his mother.

KAREN LEWIS took vitamins all summer so she could face 36 sixth graders. Her class is filled with parental requests. She must be an outstanding teacher.

JOHN AND PEGGY KENNDY are busy in their Mesa Ward where the majority are under the middle thirties. Corey (5) is in nursery school and Amber (3) and Heather (1) enjoy playing at home with their Mother.

HAL AND KRISTINE HOLLADAY are enjoying four-year old Tricia, and are especially pleased to be celebrating Kari Deann's second birthday. She is our miracle baby. Bryce is a contented and large ten-month old boy. They visited the Elda Brown Family Reunion in Tooele this summer.

DEE ANN LEWIS is busy and planning a few changes in her life right now, but continues to compose beautiful songs.

STEPHEN LEWIS injured his foot during the start of the season and so he won't be playing this year.

FARRELL AND IRENE are enjoying harvesting vegetables and fruit from their backyard.

MERL AND ANNETTE FARR

JAY FARR, son of Merl and Annette Farr was married in August to JOY ROGERS. She had a baby daughter, Aleia, so Merl and Annette are instant grandparents and they love it. Coleen is even more delighted at being an aunt. David has reported his mission elsewhere in this issue.

NORMAN AND SHERI WHITING

Are involved in building a new house not too far from the one they live in now. Their oldest son, Kevin was eight and baptized September 27th, 1979. Chad is in school and Brandon, Art, and Jennifer keep mother company at home.

GARY AND SUNNI WHITING.

Are busy remodeling their home in Holbrook. They live right through the yard from Grandpa and Grandman Whiting, and Roy is a frequent visitor.

A. MICKEY AND LORANA WHITING.

Our family is thrilled about the publication of the WHITING TREE. Jay has worked very hard, along with Elma to make this a "CLASS" family letter. We urge each of you to send in your news, also your financial support.

Jay and I have been assigned the cultural hall renovations for next years reunion. We will have some new curtains and backdrops, also new lighting. We'll fix the roof and repair the benches. Let's all get our schedules and support lined up so it can be the greatest ever.

BRUCE AND GAIL WHITING.

Still live in Mesa, two little girls. Bruce says the 2nd. Sierra Trigo Marathon is going to be better than ever, so get in shape.

GORDON AND NANNETT.

Live on their Ranch in eastern Arizona with 1 7/8 children. I am sure she will have her baby before the Whiting Tree comes out.

JANIS AND GORDON HALL.

With their two children live in St. Louis, Mo. for two more years. He's in Dental School. They were out during the summer and attended the reunions.

LORANA, BARRY (15) AND I hold forth in Scottsdale and wish some of our wonderful relatives would come by and say hello.

I wish to thank Mickey, Irene, and Annette for sending in the news. We all appreciate the support that Uncle Art has given on this publication.

Holbrook, Arizona
June 18, 1979

Dear Jay:

I want to say that your efforts with the family are really inspired. Research is not the prime goal for families, not with computers and all.

Our goals are to be with family records such as life histories and journals.

Also top on the list is family organizations to coordinate any funding of research, printing of histories, newsletters, bulletins and so on.

All you are doing is geared towards the newest programs in the Church. But getting families to organize is a struggle and discouraging. Hope you don't give up. I really appreciate you.

We were in St. Johns Monday and saw Aunt Elda at the cemetery. Wilford and Mabel, Shumway and Dad, (Art) etc. had cement poured and improvements made on Grandpa and Grandma Whiting's graves. Looks so nice.

Thanks for all you are doing for us.

With love,
Annette W. Farr

August 9, 1979

Dear Cousins:

I just wanted to write you and express my appreciation for the beautiful job you did on the "WHITING TREE". I was so thrilled to receive it and have really enjoyed reading through it. I just know all the hours you and your committee have put in on that and want to sincerely thank you!

When you do another one (if you do), please let me help pay for my copy. I can just imagine the expense involved in that. Also, would you please send my copy (if I get one), to my parents address in Provo 'cause I'm not sure exactly where I'll be in SLC.

Thanks again. I just love keeping histories of everyone. I honestly feel family bonds will be one of the main factors in keeping us "SAIN" as times get harder!

Thanks again and love,
Karen Lewis (Irene's Daughter)

INSERT 5 PAGES OF MISSIONARIES (PP.29-33) I had difficulty scanning these. They got all out of line.

This is a wonderful tribute to the Missionary Spirit of our Grandfather and Grandmother Whiting. I have not tried to count all of the years that have been served by the members of the family on Stake Missions, and some special missions that I have found out about. Maybe some time this can be accounted for.

There has been three Mission Presidents called from the Family. I know that there are some that I have left out, and others that I have failed to get their missions and years of assignments. If you will let me know I will try to correct these for the next issue. I have enjoyed the letters that have come from the many missionaries, and I am sorry that we didn't have time to put their pictures in. I felt that this is the least we could do, but I just didn't get them in time to do this. I do appreciate the information that was sent in on the missionaries, and the phone calls that some of you received. Thanks for all the help.

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| *DAVID NEELEMAN | BRAZIL RECIFE |
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WHITING DESCENDANTS.

GRANDMOTHER WHITING IS STILL SUPPORTING THE GREAT MISSIONARY WORK BEING DONE BY MEMBERS OF HER WONDERFUL FAMILY. SHE WOULD BE PLEASED TO KNOW OF ALL THE MISSIONARIES THAT HAVE RECEIVED HELP FROM THIS FUND.

EIGHT LITTLE COUSINS

by
Maydene Bodell

From the Whiting Tree
July 1960.

Eight little members of our family tree,
Who used to play together like one family,
Laughing and dancing 'till the day was done,
Under the glory of the Arizona sun,
Who all grew up and married their love,
And waited for little spirits from above,
Effie, Marie, and their brother Kay,
Beulah, Mabel, and Ruth, Maurine, and Ray.

Eight little wishes for a baby boy,
They all came true, bringing lots of joy.
Eight little cousins, all the same age,
Playing all together, such a cute stage!
Eight little boys lived the golden rule.
They all grew up and went off to school.
Eight little boys, quite a few,
All but one went off to B. Y. U.
College! College! Sis-Boom- Bah!
Eight little cousins, raw! raw! raw!

Eight big boys on many a date,
Courted the girls and gave them the gate,
Eight big boys, doing what is right,
No cigarettes and no getting tight!
Eight big boys, brave and strong,
Trying to do only right, no wrong!
Honest and clean and righteous as can be,
Such a delight to our happy family.

Eight big boys grew to eight big men,
Hoping to go on a mission, THEN--
One boy, Rex, thinking about heaven
Went down to Mexico, then there were seven.
Seven little boys, getting lots of kicks,
Marion was called to North Central, leaving six.
Six little boys, very much alive,
Floyd went to Eastern States, then there were five.
Five little cousins, want to teach some more,
Mark went Eastern, too, then there were four.
Four little cousins, happy as can be,
David went Central Atlantic, then there were three.
Three little cousins, don't know what to do,
Lynn sailed for Uruguay, then there were two.
Two little cousins, trying to have fun.
Gordon went to France, then there was only one.
One little cousin, basking in the sun,
But Wendell's waiting for his call, then there'll be none.

No little boys, playing all the day,
But eight little boys, teaching how to pray,

Forgetting all the fun of carefree youth
To go on a mission to teach the truth.
Some day, one day, they'll westward roam,
They'll all come back, -they'll all be home.
They'll settle down and marry and then
There'll be eight little cousins again!

Is it any wonder that we are proud
Of our little cousins-and all their crowd,

MISSIONARY EXPERIENCES
BY
EDWIN FARR WHITING

I don't know whether I'm to write of my foreign mission or my present work. The former was more dramatic and spectacular (at least it seemed so at 19), but there is just as much satisfaction to be found in the Stake Missionary work.

After 25 years I've forgotten many of the events that seemed so stirring at the time. However, there are a few that I'll never forget, like spending five days, without food or drink, strapped in an upper bunk with high sideboards to keep from being thrown out, hoping all the time the ship would either land or sink in the wintry Atlantic storm.

But I lived. And soon after reaching Dresden I began to acquire a reputation for learning the German language at a spectacular rate. This came about through the advice of my senior companion, which at that tender age I always accepted literally and without question. He said, "Don't just get a blank look on your face. When they speak to you, agree pleasantly. Just answer 'Jawohl' (translated it means "Yes, certainly".) It worked fine, everyone agreed, the Elder Whiting understood the language so easily, and no doubt soon would be able to speak it.

One night we were invited to dinner at the home of Herr Von Biedermann. (High society, no less.) I was going strong, even pretending to carry on a conversation (Jawohl) with Von Biedermann's girl friend, and riding high on the wave of compliments I received for my quick conquest of the terrible German language. (They of course were translated for me by my companion.) But the end came suddenly when the comely Miss made a slip, and to cover up her confusion said, "Ach, bin ich em Esel'." (Oh, am I a Jackass.) And I innocently agreed with a pleasant "Jowohl, Jawohl." Much later we could laugh about it.

One busy afternoon at the Mission Office, one of the good sisters of the Dresden branch came in breathlessly and asked if we would come and administer to the young son of one of her friends. She had a taxi waiting, so Elder Pond and I went immediately to the hospital with her. At the desk we asked for Helmut Dietrick, but were told, "I'm sorry, he's dead."

"But I just talked to his mother," Sister Strehiltz said. "Are you sure?"

"The doctor said he could not live this long, but go on up and see for yourself."

In the hall we found the boy's mother, crying bitterly. "No, he is not dead, but he is so very near."

After introductions we asked: "Do you believe that our prayers can help your son?"

"Yes, I believe."

"Then let's go in and see him."

The ten-year-old boy was a pitiful sight, thin and emaciated from long sickness, lips parched and cracked from high fever. He could not speak, but his

eyes showed that he understood us. After a short conversation we administered to him, and left shortly afterwards.

We could not forget the boy and on the second returned to the hospital again we were told by the receptionist that Helmut was dead, and again insisted on seeing for ourselves. This time the mother was radiantly happy, and the boy, well, we could hardly believe it was the same boy. He sat up in bed and talked to us. His long siege of fever seemed completely forgotten. Two days later he walked from his room and went home. The doctor said simply that he could not understand it, that Helmut should not have lived, and even if he did it certainly must be weeks before he would be able to leave his bed.

EDWIN FARR WHITING filled his Mission in Germany.

A MISSIONARY EXPERIENCE
BY
A. C. WHITING

When my companion, Elder Wilson, of Hatch, Utah, and I were laboring in Port Arthur, Canada, our mission President, Joseph Quinney Jr., came up to hold meetings with us and in his briefcase he brought a letter from a brother in Utah. The letter told of two young men and their wives and children who had joined the church in Sweden and moved to Canada and they had not been in contact with the church since, which was some 26 years. He was anxious to have some of the Elders contact them and see what could be done about them and their families.

The Mission President said he did not know where the town was, but had been told it was somewhere in the general part of the country we were laboring in. (Canada is twice as big as the United States, you know.) Well, we kept the letter lying around the room for several days and could not seem to forget it, so we decided to look into it. We looked at maps of all kinds, highway, railway, and county, but no Bergland could we find. Finally my companion said, "Let's write a letter to Bergland and ask how to get there." I said, "Let's do better, let's go to the post master and ask him how a letter gets there," so we did and he told us.

Well, we decided to hitchhike there, it was only about 300 miles and the map showed towns along the way. But the way was the Canadian National Railway, and the towns turned out to be nothing more than an empty box car at times. So we really had an experience getting there. But lots of raspberries grow wild in Canada and they don't taste so bad when you are hungry. We slept in anything and the last night by the side of the road. I remember it got so cold we started walking about 2 in the morning and at daylight we came to a couple of houses. We stopped at the first one and asked if he knew John Olsen. Yes he said, right across the road. We went across the road to an old log house, and we asked if he was John Olsen. When he told us yes, we told him we were Mormon Missionaries. He threw his arms around us and cried like a baby. Of course, he immediately got the rest of the family up (his wife and nine children), and before he would let us get acquainted he insisted we tell him the story of

Joseph Smith and the Book of Mormon. When we finished he said, that's it, the same as they told us in Sweden.

Well, you could write a book about our many happy visits after ward — when they killed a great big goose for us; when we baptized nine at one time; when the Baptist preacher got up in our meeting and told the people he knew we spoke the truth. But the crowning event was when after 26 years Elder Wilson and I went back last year to visit them again. I can't express the emotions that were felt by all of us. Some were gone, some had passed on, and many new children. They now have a nice little chapel and it was a thrill to Elder Wilson and me.

And no doubt it was to them. One good sister said, "We have had Mission Presidents and two Apostles visit, but nothing could compare with this."

After 25 years we hope to go back again to Bergland.

One rather cold day on a street corner in Winnipeg, Canada, my companion and I were holding a street meeting. Possibly the weather had something to do with it, but anyway, we could not seem to stop a soul. We sang our best, prayed long and hard, and then my companion delivered his most powerful sermon, but people passed us by as though we could not be seen.

When my companion finished, I was determined to show him and the people of Winnipeg that it could be done. So I took off my coat and passed it to him and jumping upon the little wooden box with the flag overhead (we had to display a flag to hold street meetings, it was against the city ordinance not too, I really went into my "act". Well, before long three fellows began to look at me as they approached, and I could see I had their attention, so then I really gave it everything I had. What I did not do with my lips I made up with my arms and legs. And sure enough, they stopped and gave me their attention. Well, I preached them a sermon, on which I'm sure they would never have forgotten, but had it not been for the fact that they were deaf. For before I was finished, I saw them all talking in sign language and apparently nothing interested them, except the motions I was going through.

Arthur C. Whiting filled his Mission in the Canadian Mission from 1924-1926.

MISSIONARY LETTERS

From Elder Scott Lewis, son of Ray and Ruth Lewis, of Salt Lake City, and recently released from the Samoan Mission.

Dear Members of the Edwin Marion Whiting Family:

I spent about the first four months of my mission in Samoa living among the natives, eating their food, living in a grass hut without walls, fighting mosquitoes and showering in the ocean. Pigs, chickens, and various other forms of life lived with us. We dressed under our Lava Lavas.

I was called into the office as financial secretary and special advisor to the President. I spent my time re-doing books and over-seeing the office, meeting General Authorities and aiding the President. I enjoyed my work and lived in the Mission Home for 13 months. I felt I was where the Lord wanted me to be.

The last four months we spent touring the Mission with a modern band. I played the piano, did juggling and

comedy acts. At the first place I labored there were 500 Samoans to attend our concert. Some of whom had never seen a piano before. It attracted a great deal of attention and interest in the church. We also entertained many government officials. It was a real aid to missionary work. I also helped to keep the office straight.

Ever since I was a small child I had planned to go on a mission. I went to serve, but it seems whenever you serve you're the one that is benefited the most. I can honestly say they were the best 2 years of my life and the most challenging. I love the Lord and I love the gospel. I appreciated the help of the Whiting Missionary Fund and also the help of my parents and family.

Tofa Soifus,

Elder Scott Lewis

MISSIONARY LETTERS

From Elder John Neeleman, son of Gary and Rose Maurine Neeleman, of Salt Lake City, recently released from his mission.

Dear Members of the Edwin Marion Whiting Family:

How are we going to fill the earth? "Every member a missionary." We knock on doors, baptism occurs in 1 out of every 2,000 people we meet. When a member gives us a name and plays an active role in the conversion process, 1 out of 10 baptisms occur. It becomes 1 out of 2 if the discussions take place in the chapel and the member friend puts pressure on the investigator and gives help and encouragement. This is an example of "active role" and righteous pressure.

Brother Cousino said to the Miranda family, "You know I would bet that last year at this time we were even worse off than you are now. That's when two young men knocked on my door and introduced themselves. I soon learned they were servants of Jesus Christ with a special message for me and my family. Five days later we were all baptized in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day-Saints and since that day our lives have not been the same in any way. Sure, we've received material blessings, but that's the least of what we have received. When these two young men found me, I was more unhappy and miserable than I had been at any time in my life. Since my baptism, I'll bet I've been as happy as any man could ever be." Is it any wonder the Mirandas were baptized less than a week later.

On President Tabangos first Sunday as branch president of the Otavaanian District, there were two members besides his family. He is directly or indirectly responsible for most of the more than 1500 members there today.

There are three elements defining the fine line between pressing your ideas upon others and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with your fellowmen. 1. The missionary must believe in himself as well as in the Lord. 2. The missionary must want success so badly that there is nothing that would make him happier than for an investigator to accept his invitation to be baptized into the only true church of Jesus Christ. 3. He must know how to love everybody he encounters, or at least everybody he teaches the gospel of Jesus Christ to.

I believe that our whole purpose of existing could be stated in two words: "To Serve". That is why in the church of Jesus Christ we don't have a few paid pastors. Everybody must serve, in the capacities that our inspired leaders deem best, so that by serving one another we all may grow and progress.

How are we going to fill the earth? By every man and woman and child proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ, being driven by faith, hope, and charity. It was by the use of these principles that Peter baptized three thousand on the day of Pentecost and the sons of Mosiah converted half of the Lamanite nation.

I testify that I know beyond any shadow of a doubt that our message is true.

With my love to all,

John Neeleman.

MISSIONARY LETTERS

From Elder David G. Neeleman, so of Gary and Rose Maurine Neeleman, of Salt Lake City, now serving in the
Missao Brasil Recife
Campinca Grande, Brazil
9/10/79

Dear Whittings:

It is my pleasure to write and share some of the experiences I am having on my mission. Because I can honestly say that these are the greatest years of my life. Before my mission it was hard to understand how great a mission really would be.

But now I can see what a great impact my mission is having on my life, and how it will help me for years to come.

I am sure that I am in the greatest mission in the world! It is the largest in the world, and one of the newest. The Brazil Recife Mission was formed in July. Even though it is the largest in the World we have yet to organize our first Stake. But if we keep baptizing like we have been we will have the first Stake in the North of Brazil by the end of the year.

If I were to write only a few of my experiences I would need a least ten pages. So I will only write about one. We were teaching this man, and on one of our return visits, he showed us a pamphlet talking bad about our church (anti-Mormon). He said that a Baptist had passed by and given it to him. He said that the guy that gave it to him works in the Baptist Bookstore. So we decided to pass by and talk to the guy. Our purpose was to show him that the Mormon Church wasn't as bad as he thought. We made friends with him and I loaned him "A Marvelous Work and a Wonder." He read the book and within one week he was converted. He wants to bring all 600 members of the Baptist Church with him. Before we met him he was studying to be a Pastor, but now his biggest dream is to be a missionary of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day-Saints.

I love my mission with all my heart. And the most important thing I have learned is the importance of a family. And it is super to know that I have the best family in the world that supports me in my calling. I am so proud to be a member of the Whiting Family. The money I receive means so much to me. And you can be sure that it is being spent well.

I know with all my heart that this is the only true church on the earth. And I am so proud to be one of Christ's representatives here in Brazil in the Last Days.

With love, one of your missionaries,

Elder David Gary Neeleman.

MISSIONARY LETTERS

From Elder Daniel Bodell, son of Jim and Maydene Bodell Mountain View, California, now
serving the Louisiana Baton Rouge Mission.

Dear Members of the Edwin Whiting Family:

"Ye old most meaningful experience." It is hard to pin down any certain experience as the most meaningful. A mission is so full of great times. There are

such experiences as receiving a phone call from someone who wants to be baptized and being able to baptize and confirm a young man, both are great events.

But the most meaningful thing to me is being able to go into non-members homes and testify to them by the power of the Holy Ghost that Joseph Smith was a Prophet of God and that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day-Saints is the Kingdom of God on the earth today.

That is when I grew the most. That is what I will remember for years to come.

Elder Daniel Bodell

Louisiana Baton Rouge Mission (Now serving in Petal, Miss.)

MISSIONARY LETTERS

From Elder Tim Bodell. Son of Jim and Maydene Bodell. of Mountain View, Calif. Recently returned from the Hawaiian Mission.

Dear Folks:

I like to write to you and hear from you because it gives us the great opportunity to rejoice together the miracles of this life. This life itself seems to be like our Heavenly Father, following the footsteps of his only Begotten Son, every bit of it extended so miraculously to us by the grace of Him who created this earth for us, to fulfill our purpose together.

I'm so grateful to be part of this great eternal plan. How fortunate I have been to see the light of Christ enter into someone's heart and fill their whole soul until they rejoice in this gospel with us. Let us, you, I and everyone who has an honest heart shout "Hosanna" to the Lord for directing this church in these latter days.

My heart is so full at this time all I can do is say I know with all my heart that this is the only true and living plan on the Earth. All others are written by men. But this Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day-Saints is directed by the Master himself. How fortunate we are.

May we all repent and continue to do better and better each day.

I testify that this is not the work of men, nor of man. This is our Heavenly Father's work. It is being implemented by his sons and daughters with his first born in the spirit and only begotten in the flesh at the helm. He is our example, our prototype, and if we are to be like him we must do what He did. He taught His brothers and sisters, so must we.

This is exciting to be on a mission at this time when the gospel is growing with leaps and bounds. Even more exciting than seeing the numbers skyrocket is to see the strength and growth of the testimonies of each member individually. We are now strengthening the quality of converts, not just the quantity.

As the world gets more wicked, people will have to take sides; and if we do our part, it will be obvious where the truth and light is coming from. If we can visualize multitudes of the honest in heart fleeing to the church to protect and enrich their families from the degrading atmosphere the adversary has built up in the world.

I know this is the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. He loves and wants to help each of us. None of us is ever totally converted to the Saviour, but must continually change our hearts and countenances for the better.

Thank you for this great opportunity to help people change. I am thrilled with the invitation each new day brings to improve ourselves and the people around us. Keep up the good work.

Love,

Tim Bodell

MISSIONARY LETTERS

Elder Tim R. Bodell, son of Jim and Maydene Bodell of Mountain View, California.
Recently returned from the Hawaiian Mission.

Dear Dixie:

I don't have much time but I want to write and tell you how proud I am to have a wonderful sister like you. Congratulations for being a pure daughter in Zion who has chosen to do the right. You are a special girl, because among the millions of young people in the world you have been born of goodly parents, you have the full blessings of the Gospel of Jesus Christ at your reach--all you have to do is reach for it.

I know I have mistreated you at times, and I would like to apologize for not having the integrity to treat you as I should have all my life. I reassure you that I love you and I always want to be your friend.

Let me tell you about your great potential. As you have sung many times, "You Are a Child of God, and he has sent you here, has given you an earthly home with parents kind and dear." He has blessed us in this life with a great tool--"parents kind and dear." Without this tool and proper use of this tool we would never be molded into the proper personalities and sons and daughters Our Heavenly Father wants us to be.

Remember when you made those cookies? (Thank you). You had several ingredients that you needed to blend together and the outcome would be well-proportioned, a tasty morsel. Imagine if you could not use a mixer, a spoon or even your fingers to blend the ingredients, but were left to try to mix the ingredients with your elbow, would there be any hope to have a well-proportioned tasty morsel or would the outcome be a glob of awkward flour, here and there a lump of sugar, and something else globed together in a mal-defective unbalanced gloop?

Even so, Our Heavenly Father has given us parents to help us, bring out and proportion our characteristics into the sons and daughters we should be. Unless we use this tool properly, the growing up process which you are faced with at this time will not be used to develop proper personality traits but result in a jumble of havoc and misdirection.

I enjoyed your letter very much and I always appreciate your writing. In your last letter I sensed an attitude that I had in my younger days that cost me much unhappiness. This attitude stems from a lie of Satan's that he has put into circulation because he likes people to be unhappy. The lie goes something like this: "It's all right for me to fight with my mother; all young people do it." The way Satan works, he always mixes a little truth with a little lie. For example, he said to Eve, "Of the fruit, thou mayest freely eat and ye shall become as Gods, knowing good and evil and ye shall not die." This was Satan's first lie to men on earth because in the day (meaning 1,000 years) Adam and Eve partook of the fruit and they did die. It may be true that many young people fight with their mothers', but that does not make it correct.

The Lord has said today through his prophets that "we must keep all communication channels between parents and children open" and "No success can compensate for failure in the home."

Having parents kind and dear means so much to me because I know that our parents are the best—Dad who is honest and hard working and never ceases to communicate with God and Mother who is kind, sincere, and has infinite love to share with us.

Perhaps the most grievous and heinous sin I have ever committed is not honoring my father and mother, and believe me I have had many wrestles in prayer with the Lord to obtain forgiveness. I long to come home to them so I can live with both of them and show Mother how much I really do love and appreciate her.

Here are some instructions that come with this precious tool of parents to use them appropriately:

- 1 . Pray with them night and morning
- 2 . Never let a day go by without loving and kissing them and expressing your true appreciation for all they do.
- 3 . In your daily personal prayer bless them so that they can continue to help you grow and develop.
- 4 . Greet them with a smile and enthusiasm every morning
- 5 . Include them in all of your goals and plans
- 6 . Share personal thoughts and feelings with them (favorite scriptures, boyfriends, ideas, etc.)

Dear Dixie, I didn't mean to get carried away, but you are such a sweet sister and you deserve the very best.

I promise if you will use this recipe that all will turn out well and you will be the sweetest most delightful cookie on the market.

Sincere thoughts and warm regards,

Elder Timothy R. Bodell

MISSIONARY LETTERS

From Elder Arthur Eugene Whiting, son of John L. and Lois Whiting, Whitewater, Colorado. Now serving in the California Ventura Spanish Mission.

Dear Members of the Edwin Marion Whiting Family:

We came upon a member today and it was a girl of about 14 years old and she invited us in. We were there for a while talking to her, she said her mom wouldn't be off work until 5:00, it was about 4:00 at that time and we talked about 20 minutes longer and then decided we'd better go. Just as we were leaving her mom drives up. She said for some reason her boss let her off early tonight. So we sat down and started talking. She noticed my name tag and said that somewhere she has seen that name before, then she said it was on her family tree that she said she hadn't looked at for over 2 year now. She said she would get out the paper, if she could find it, and show us Sunday. So we left, it came around to Sunday and she walked in the church with a big smile on her face and said, "We are related," so I looked at it and sure enough she had Whiting in her line. What impressed me the most was a little paragraph it had written about the Whitings which stated: The Whitings descend from noble blood.

Now there's a few others that I have and they are really special to me but I have one that I would like to share with you.

There's one lady and her family of four that we taught for about one and a half months straight all the discussions and her attitude went from "you are wasting your time with me," when we first met her to "I want to be a member," when I last taught her. She said she knew the church was true one night, I told her that she therefore would have to go through a test and we wouldn't or couldn't help her, because she had to prove it for herself. I told her her test would start tomorrow and the end next week. I didn't have any idea what she would go through. The next day we went there and she said this morning she woke up at 1:00 AM sicker than a dog and really felt gone and this, whatever it was, stayed for about 5 days, she said at this time she didn't want to be a member anymore. I tell you, she was really sick. We then came back on Sunday and we walked up to the door and knocked, no one would answer. We went around back and prayed that we could get in. We came back, this time she answered the door. She was possessed, she said. She didn't want anymore and that we were of the devil teaching her his ways. She then turned and walked away. So all we could do was leave. That was the week we were transferred to Oxnard.

Now, just last week I went and picked up a shirt in Santa Paula that Sister Birmingham made for me. I decided I'd better go see this person, because at the end of that week she was normal again and let the missionaries come back to visit. So we went there and knocked on the door, she opened it and invited us in. She had company that was just leaving, we stayed inside while she let them out. When they left, she came back in and without a word she grabbed me and gave me a great big hug. She finally pulled away and said she missed me so much. It was so fantastic to be back friends as we were before.

That to me is a conversion, and I was so thrilled by it, I know she'll be baptized, I haven't a doubt. It will just take time until she's completely ready. This gospel is so true and I love it with all my heart. I love this mission and the growing experiences that it offers.

Elder Arthur Eugene Whiting
California Ventura Spanish Mission.

MISSIONARY LETTERS

Elder David Arthur Farr, son of Merl and Annette Farr, of Holbrook, Arizona, is now serving in the New Zealand Wellington Mission. He flew from the M T C on August 20th to his mission.

Dear Members of the Edwin Marion Whiting Family.

An experience I'd like to share with you concerns our "Harvesting Program." This is a program in the Mission field that helps us get in doors by offering the Savior's peace and blessings on the homes through prayer. Of course we are asked inside to do this. We were out harvesting and came to a door. Knocked and an older lady came and answered the door. She explained to us that it wasn't her home but belonged to her son and daughter-in-law. By then the daughter-in-law had come to the door. She was a young woman and was just home from the hospital with a new baby. The grandmother asked if we would please leave a blessing, as we had offered. This surprised me because she seemed so anxious. When my companion was through with the blessing both the new mother and the grandmother were crying. I could tell the son and new father was also touched. Before we left the grandmother explained that some

missionaries had stopped by her home up in Auckland some weeks ago on a day when she was feeling depressed and they had offered a blessing. Because she had received peace and comfort before she was sure we would do the same for her son and his family. The spirit was so beautiful. We have been back to visit with the desire to bring the Gospel to this young family, with the possibility that some missionaries in Auckland will teach the sweet Grandmother too.

Elder David A. Farr
New Zealand Wellington Mission
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Porirua, New Zealand.

David reports the country is beautiful but very cold and will be until after October as this is their winter season. He loves the delicious apples, cheese and ice cream. He hopes to learn to drive on the other side of the car and the road.

Annette Farr.

MISSIONARY LETTERS

Elder Robert Hunter, Son of John L. and Louine Hunter, 1190 El Toro Road, Ojai, California, now serving in Los Piedras, Uruguay.

Dear Members of the Edwin Marion Whiting Family:

"Things are going great for me here. I've got a great companion, plenty of work, a testimony that won't quit and my Spanish gets better every day." He also gives this plug for foreign language missions. "I hope Steve, Scott, and the rest get sent to a foreign language mission. They're the toughest but most rewarding. In a foreign speaking mission you really develop a dependency on the Lord to help you with the language and with the discussions. You rely heavily on the spirit to testify the truthfulness of your message to your investigators because sometimes you mess up with the language so bad that only the Lord can help relay the intended message so that it makes any sense."

In another letter he writes: "I'm doing great. My testimony of this great gospel is rock hard and can't be knocked around or damaged. I'm excited about the work and consequently the time is flying." (Sent by his mother)

ELDER ROBERT HUNTER
Casilla de Correos #33151 Las
Piedras, Uruguay.

MISSIONARY LETTERS

Elder Mark Shane Larson, son of Keith and Jeannie Larson of Monett, Missouri, 503 6th Street, 65708, serving in the Korea Pusan Mission. He has been there since June 1979. All reports from him indicate that he is having a great mission and loves the work. He loves the people and the food! (For Shane that is half the battle)

Dear Members of the Edwin Marion Whiting Family:

This is sent to us by his Mother Jeannie Larson. He reports that the people are extremely friendly and courteous to the missionaries even if they don't want to hear the gospel they are too kind to slam the door in our face." The Koreans love Americans and treat them with great respect. When they enter any Korean home they are automatically give food. (That is Shane's favorite part)

Korea is very green and beautiful and Shane reports that it is very much like Missouri, both in appearance and weather. They eat lots of fruit, vegetables, rice and fish.

The Church is growing rapidly in Korea and the young adults are coming into the Church in large numbers. They are drawn to the activity programs of the Church and the missionaries must be very careful that they are being baptized because of their testimony and not just for the social life that the church offers.

Since we don't have a personal report from Shane to give you we want to include two excerpts from his letters:

"Korea is a great place, but you sure learn to appreciate America a lot more. Today we were walking down the street looking around suddenly a siren went off and everybody started to head for the buildings. I didn't know what was going on and a man in a uniform came up and shoved us into the nearest building. Within 5 minutes the whole city of Pusan (4 Million People) was dead silent. I thought it was cool. They are scared that North Korea will attack at any time so they go through this practice drill once each month to keep the people ready. They say it's really cool when they do it at night, the whole city blacks out. Actually the whole country blacks out at the same time!

Learning the Korean language is the most difficult thing I've ever done before.

Yesterday we went tracting and started to go to the bus stop but my companion had a feeling that we should go down this one street. Then he had a feeling that we should turn down another dinky little street that looked like hardly anybody lived on. My companion suddenly turned it all over to me and acted like he didn't know a word of Korean. We knocked on a couple of doors and it was mass confusion. I would stand there wondering what to say while they would stand there wondering what I had said. After 4 or 5 houses we came to one house that was Christian. I tried to give them the "C" discussion. I couldn't say it word for word, in fact I could only say about one sentence for each concept. But they seemed to understand. I guess the Holy Ghost was there because they agreed to everything I said and if I couldn't finish a sentence they would finish it for me!

The Church is true, no doubt about it!

Love ya all:

Elder Mark Shane Larson.

MISSIONARY LETTERS

From Elder Randy Epple, son of Wayne and Cindy Epple's, of Salt Lake City, and presently serving in the Washington, D.C. Mission.

Dear Whiting Family:

I just received your letter. Thank you.

I am serving in the Washington, D.C. Mission and I am presently at P.O. Box 265, Triangle, VA 22172.

Friday, the day the Pope arrived, we were knocking on doors. At one house, the lady came running to the door and said "I'm sorry, I can't miss it, I just can't miss it. The Pope is descending!"

Another funny experience was when challenging a black lady to be baptized, it was just the time to challenge anyone to be baptized. They asked me if they needed to wear white clothes every time they went to church. I tried to picture a car full of black people dressed in white going to church. It would be quite amazing. They will probably be baptized this month.

Missionary work is very hard, but very rewarding. There is a lot of Baptist here. I thank you all so much for the example you have set for me. I'm so thankful to have such a wonderful family, who are in good standing in the true Church of Jesus Christ. Be prepared to go thru trials and tribulations, they are coming and we are all so blessed and fortunate to be the chosen ones to prepare the world for the Savior.

God Bless you,

Elder Randy Epple

(The Martha Brown Berry side)

MISSIONARY LETTERS

Elder Douglas E. Brown, son of Jack A. and AnnaVee Brown, son of Elda W. Brown. Now serving in the Japan-Fukuoka Mission.

Dear Members of the E.M. Whiting Family:

I have been on my mission for one year and four months. I will return home next June. I am now in the city of Oita. I came here about one month ago.

My mission has been great up till now and I expect the last months to be even better. The work is going good over here. The membership is steadily increasing. This year we got our first Stake made in our mission.

The branch I'm in now is quite little. The Branch President is only 22 years old. We really need more families.

One thing that I've learned is how important the members are to the missionary work. Without the members help, the missionaries can't do anything. I'm really happy serving the Lord in Japan. Since I'm about 6'7 tall, things stay pretty interesting. Most of the doorways are about 6' tall, so that causes a few problems.

I'm so thankful for the great relatives and ancestors I have and for the rich Mormon background.

The gospel is so great. My testimony has grown so much. I really do know that God and Jesus Christ live today and that this, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the only true Church upon the face of the earth.

I hope we can all remember how important the gospel is and really live it.

Love,

Elder Douglas E. Brown

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