

July 14, 1982
PLEASANT VIEW 1st WARD

Hi Tracy, & Ida Rose

It's a beautiful day in Provo. Since you are all in the service of the Lord, it is a beautiful day wherever you are. Back in the old days, before any of you were born, (except Tracy and Ida Rose Hall and Harold and Naomi Goodman), there was a radio program from Chicago that always began with those words "It's a beautiful day in Chicago", whether it was raining, or snowing, or blowing. It was always a beautiful day, because the program was going on the air. So it is. It is always a beautiful day when we are engaged in building the Kingdom of God. But it really is beautiful here.

Several things have happened since your last letter from the Bishopric. The Ward would look much the same if you came in, but change is inevitable. You may know that Brother and Sister Goodman have been called to preside over the London, England Mission. They have just left and, just watch, you will soon be hearing about the great things they are doing over there. Probably just like when Orson Pratt went there. We are surely happy to have them representing us in that great country.

Politics is heating up over here. We have a new Congressional seat from Utah and Howard Nielsen is running for Congressman from our District. He did very well in the State convention, but now must beat his runner up for the Republican slot on the November ballot. We are confident that he can do it, so we'll shortly be represented from PVL with another missionary in the nation's capitol.

Our Ward campout on June 18 and 19 was a huge success, although we missed all of you. There was plenty to eat for dinner this time. Pat Higbee and her committee prepared a great meal (I don't want to make you homesick) and we had about one-third of the ward up for that event. We went to Altamont campground, up near the top of American Fork Canyon. The hardy souls camped over, but it was cold! Lots of snow still on Timp. The program was good, and a few returned missionaries, Bryan Chapman, David Harris and Barbara Christensen, (can't remember the others) performed for us with some singing.

We can't seem to keep Brother Tueller on the ground. He fell out of a tree a while ago, while trimming his tree. Brother Kezerian came by at about the right time and gave him emergency treatment, started his heart going again, and got him to the hospital. He is out again and doing well, but can't get to the Stake farm this Saturday to thin apples, he can't get up on the ladder. We won't let him.

Thayne and Palmyra Packer have been called to serve in the New Zealand Mission, so he was released as Scout Committee Chairman and Wally Hansen was put in that place. Watch Wally, he probably is still bucking for Scoutmaster. Just can't keep him from the Scouts. Jonathan Nibley and Jon Thomas Waters are now Priests, so you can count on two more Missionaries in a couple of years. Brian Easton was one of the youth speakers on the 16th of May on the Aaronic Priesthood restoration special program. He spoke on the topic "What it means to be a Deacon". He started his talk with the note that he spoke on the same subject last year, and he supposed that Brother Wille probably hadn't heard him when he spoke, probably slept through it, or he was so impressed that he wanted to hear it again. It was a great talk.

Missionaries are on our minds in the Ward. Within the two months of June and July we will welcome home 6 Missionaries and send out 9. It surely makes our sacrament meetings interesting.

They held a young people's olympics on the Saturday before the Aaronic Priesthood special Sunday. Met at Canyon Glen and had special athletic events, in addition to the usual eats that the Mutual has. Bishop Hansen and two young men, he didn't tell me their names, ran back to the Church from

Canyon Glen. It is possible that they walked occasionally, but that was quite a feat. Of course, Bishop Hansen was in shape, because he runs out to the power plant nearly every day, just to keep in good health. Don't know where he finds the time.

We have a few BYU families attending the Ward for the Summer, and it has put a few more Primary children in the Ward. We are getting quite domestic. When I count the attendance at Sacrament meeting there frequently are children lying on benches, on the floor, under the benches, curled up on laps, etc. It is good to see Zion is growing.

Brother Paxman has been working on the front entrances to the Chapel. You know how we always have ice on the front steps in the Winter. Well, he says he has it fixed, and if it leaks next Winter he will get out of town. I suggest we send him on a Mission to Siberia. If it works, and the steps are dry, we'll be glad to have him stay around.

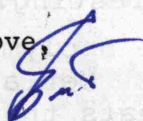
You ought to see the stadium. It surely is coming along. There still is a lot to do before football season, and we hope they get it done in time, but it will be a big structure. Most interesting, they have two large round towers on the West side. You know it won't do at all for people in \$100,000 lodges, and for the General Authorities, and for the Press to have to walk up a lot of stairs, so they will ride up. The two towers on Canyon road are quite outstanding. As I see it they are like two huge minarets. You know how the Moslems are called together five times a day for prayers. Well, these can be used to call the faithful together five times a year to worship their heroes. Very interesting. Might be a few prayers said also, since McMahan is gone. We'll just have to see how things go along.

Well, I am just about out of news. Thought I might get on another subject. We are having a spiritual discussion in our Bishopric meetings every Sunday morning, and last Sunday we discussed Faith in Jesus Christ. We often talk about the first principles of the gospel are - - Faith, Repentance, Baptism, etc. But it is not just Faith you know, the faith that moves mountains but Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We also concluded, that if we have faith, we can't help but do the work of the Father. Faith impels us to action. We can believe, and do nothing, and we can even have knowledge, as we know the Devils have, and still do nothing right, but if we have Faith, we must do the work of the Kingdom. I used to think of Faith and works being separate things. You know how Paul talks about it. But the more I ponder it, the more I come to the conclusion that they cannot be separated. Of course we can work at many things, either related to the gospel, but Faith makes us work and work in building the Kingdom can only come about because of our Faith. I know this isn't new to you, but I thought it was interesting that we often talk about Faith in the abstract, without relating it directly and always to doing the work of the Father. Just as you all are doing. Congratulations on the good work. We are proud of you all and pray for the Lord's blessings on you and your families.

By the time you get this letter, Brother and Sister Goodman will be getting used to the language in London and Jack Saldutte will be learning Swedish, Kathleen Barnett will be learning Tai, David Hill will be learning Raratongan, Jeff Hartvigsen will be learning Taiwanese and Rebecca Shoemake and Roger Crosland will be sitting on their trunks. Thayne and Pal Packer still have a month to go before they are too excited. Speaking of trunks, David Waters is all unpacked and trying to adjust to sleeping late again.

Well, it has been good to visit with you for these few minutes. May God bless all of you in this most important and rewarding working. Our love and prayers are with you always.

Love,



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