

The Memoirs of

*Bernard Elden Knapp*

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Miscellaneous Letters  
to Bernie or Family

August 22, 1960

"Tour Bus" 觀光バス "Kan Ko bus"  
You'll need to know this

Elder Knapp:

Thank for your very newsy letter of (?). I had to read it over several times to put names and places together--all to no avail: they were transferred in the next paragraph. No kidding, every time I receive a letter from Taiwan or Hong Kong, I feel like packing up and going "home". I must have been a lousy missionary (who'll doubt it?): I've been home over 6 months and still haven't gotten married (indeed, I'm not even near to it!), or forgotten about the mission field. Speaking of marriage, Elder Williams sent me an announcement that he will tie the knot the 3rd of next month. I'm glad for him, as he really needs a companion. Elder Freebairn is in the Army--6 months' course.

I subscribed to The Voice of the Saints so I can get a little dope of what is happening in the field. That plus a few letters from interested by-standers like yourself and Sister Chang of Taichung keep me fairly well informed. My greatest fear is that my communications will gradually die out.

As to your questions of travel: You have a very good itinerary. The only thing is what to do when you reach land. My trip was highly successful--probably because I had absolutely nothing planned. For instance, when I got to Japan I didn't have a name or address of a person I knew, or a hotel reservation. The <sup>IMMIGRATION</sup> police were dumbfounded. Luckily I happened to have an address of one of the branches in Tokyo, which I gave them. Then, where to live?!? I went to a few hotels but even in that season (late January) they were filled. Luckily as heck I could get by in Japanese (surprisingly few people speak English!!) so I went to the YMCA. They had a room. And I was able to check my non-essential things. I suggest you write the YMCA in Tokyo immediately and send some US currency (2-3-4 or so dollars). But don't plan on it. I then went to the mission home for a visit and he very cordially invited me to stay there. I could hardly believe it after Walker, et al. got the ax! Then I just sui pien-ed and travelled south seeing these cities in this order. Nagoya, Kyoto, Osaka, Kobe, Hiroshima, and back. I stayed in the inns 旅館 but found that a knowledge of Japanese and of Chinese characters was imperative! Perhaps someone else wouldn't make the same conclusion. There's plenty to do. You might check in at a travel agency and inquire. Luckily ~~kk~~ for me there was an Elder going home 2 days after me and the Pres. let him go around with me (and vice versa) while I was in Tokyo--2 days. We hit the branches and "all" the major and minor spots: Tokyo Tower !! the "revue" (all-girl <sup>a must</sup> show), parks, good restaurants, shopping centers, etc. etc. In the other cities I hustled by myself, usually taking a tour but which goes from the railroad stations in the major cities. The tours are in Japanese, but at least you can see the major parts of each city. In ~~to~~ Tokyo see the Imperial palace, too. I hope you have time to go to Hiroshima and see the "peace park" (Atom bomb shrine). You will if you take a tour. Also take something to read. At least it won't be cold this time of year as it was with me (and I mean cold!!).

If you can't get the YMCA, then make arrangements through Japan Air Lines or the lines you take for a hotel. Don't be afraid of going places--subways, shows (not movies), etc. You'll find the Japanese very hospitable, at least they were that way before all the anti-US



rioting (which I saw a little of. Kishi just went to the States to sign the treaty when I got there. I saw a few demonstrations.).

Hawaii will be your worst problem: it's crowded and expensive!! You better send soon loot to the Honolulu YM&A (central Y), but I doubt it does any good. I stayed the first night in the Cumberland (??) (don't think that's the name; anyhow it was so-so but cheap), and the next day made friends with a fellow at the Y who was leaving that night. I took over his room. How lucky could I get?? Was there a week. Don't recommend this for anyone unless he is of my temperment. It was a good place to soften me up and prepare me for the USA. That was a black day when I landed in L.S.!!! Had an exciting experience there the last night. I had previously locked all my valuables (money, ticket, etc.) in the Y safe, and the night I was to leave found it to be locked and no one around who could open it. I called the company (PAA) and they said it didn't matter (no matter how many people sign up for a flight there are always some who cancel at the last minute). So I got the tickets out but got a flight ~~four~~ four hours later. On jeb, too.

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AIR LETTER • AÉROGRAMME • PAR AVION

Don Cutler  
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請您寫信通知國外的親友：「不要在平信內裝寄現鈔」。因為這是萬國郵政公約及我國郵政規則所禁止的，遇有遺失，不但無法追查，郵局亦不負責賠償責任。  
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FIRST FOLD

Three days is plenty!! in Hawaii. Go to the college, temple, see Fongs and Requilman, etc. That's about it. President Taylor can advise you on that. *You can see Honolulu by "Rapid Transit System" buses.*

I hope this will be of some benefit. It's fun just to knowk around with no one to bother you or look after you.

Tell Goodfellow I wrote him at least one month ago!! Will write again soon if he doesn't answer. Perhaps it didn't get there.

Please give my regards to all the Elders and sisters. I really do miss them alot.

Luck.

Don Cutler

Don Cutler

Also ask some of the directors at the YM&A about what to see.

Lewis F. Wiser  
Lewiston, Utah



Bernard E. Knapp

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October 9, 1960  
Lewiston, Utah

Dear Elder Knapp

It was surely wonderful to hear from you. I have thought about you often since coming home. I started to write to you about a month ago and now it is conference time and I suppose that you are home by now.

The last year has been a busy one. The highlight being marriage in the temple to a very wonderful girl. When I returned home a year ago, I went almost immediately to the Utah State University and started to get the necessary clearance for entering into the University. From then on I didn't have to worry about what to do in my spare time. The week ends were filled with hunting excursions during the early fall and then visiting with my brothers and sister on the week ends later on.

During the Christmas vacation I had my first date with my wife. I have never gone with another girl like her in all my life. Needless to say I am thrilled to have such a wonderful wife.

We were married on the 25th of March in the Logan temple. Since then I have been running the farm and trying to get financially able to return to school. I did not accomplish the latter, but I have entered school on a part time basis.

I want to give you an open invitation to come and see us. We have an extra bed, so you are welcome to come and

stay with us any time. Are you planning on going to School? (My wife is going to school also.)

I certainly feel ashamed for not answering your letter sooner. I enjoyed hearing from you so much. I long for news of the people over there.

I hope we can get together soon. If you get a chance be sure and drop in and see us. If not maybe I'll take a trip up to see you.

Sincerely your brother

*Lewis*



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NOVEMBER 11, 1960

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DEAR ELDER KNAPP:

IT HAS BEEN ONLY EIGHT DAYS SINCE YOU LEFT HONG KONG; HOWEVER, WE HAVE BEEN REMINDED AGAIN AND AGAIN OF THE PART YOU HAVE PLAYED DURING YOUR MISSION. THOUGH THE WORK GOES ON AND NEW HANDS PICK UP YOUR TASK AND NEW VOICES DECLARE THE TRUTHS IN YOUR STEAD, WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE APPRECIATE YOUR FINE MISSIONARY SERVICE AND HOPE THAT YOU WILL EVER HOLD IN YOUR HEART A PLACE FOR THE SAINTS OF THE SOUTHERN FAR EAST MISSION. IF YOU HAVE MADE ANY COMMITMENTS TO THEM, WE URGE YOU TO LIVE UP TO THESE COMMITMENTS AND THUS INSURE THE CONTINUATION OF THEIR FAITHFULNESS AND ACTIVITY IN THE GOSPEL.

AS YOU RESUME YOUR ACTIVITIES AT HOME OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND WE WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS THAT WE ARE SURE THAT LIFE HOLDS FOR YOU AS A VALIANT SERVANT OF OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN. WITH EVERY GOOD WISH FOR YOUR HEALTH, HAPPINESS, AND SUCCESS IN WHATEVER YOU CHOOSE TO DO.

SINCERELY YOUR BROTHER,



ROBERT S. TAYLOR, PRESIDENT  
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Presently



Bernard Eldon Kaapp  
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Best Wishes  
for a  
Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year

H. GRANT AND LIANA HEATON & FAMILY



7117 12th N.E.  
Seattle, 15 Washington

Dear Fellow-Missionaries & companions;

The Christmas season makes us want to get in touch with you all again, and as we were making out our cards to be mailed we thought that there should be more than just a card to express to you our feelings this Christmas Season.

We have just finished writing letters and cards to our Friends in Taiwan and Hongkong, and when we get into the process of thinking about our friends there, our thoughts naturally turn to you who labored there with us.

We were surely sorry to miss the October Conference Reunion. We had planned to be there to see again you who have returned home. Our disappointment was lessened only by the fact that we felt that our being here in Seattle was a blessing to us as compensation. School work here is wonderful. We would say to you who are planning to study in subjects of China and the Far East, to come here to do your under-graduate and graduate work. Many under-graduate students are doing the same work as graduate students and they have a fine department here for specialized studies. In fact, there are all the compensations needed for study. The Church is well organized here, with four stakes and about 30 wards. In addition there is a well organized LDS Institute of Religion at the University Campus with an outstanding Director. They are now building a 4 million dollar Institute bldg., and when it is completed they will organize a Student Ward at the Institute. We are not entirely alone here either, because we have Elder Fish and his wife here teaching school, and Elder Marvin Johnson lives just a few miles away. We enjoy visiting with them often. Also, Mr. and Mrs. Jon Hu and Cass from Hongkong live just a few blocks from us and we enjoy visiting with them. Although they never did join the Church, they remember with fondness the missionaries who taught them in Kowloon. Also we have met several Chinese people from Hongkong and Taiwan and as you already know, there are no better friends than the Chinese. If we can talk some of you to come up to go to school, it would be ever better.

We haven't heard much of you for the past few months and are eager to hear of your "goings and comings". We have learned of a few marriages, and births... (Elder Fish leads now with two girls) and there must be more news that we have not heard. Congratulations to Brent and Elaine on your Christmas Wedding. We add to our Christmas wish for you a most sincere good wish for a future of happiness and accomplishment.

Our family is growing in stature and number. We are now writing out the Stark for our fourth one. Grant Jr, Lisa and Eric are growing so fast it is almost a shame. They remain children for so few years that we hate to see them grow out of sweet childhood.

This season we would like to have you recall with us the wonderful and memorable Christmas seasons we spent together in Hongkong and Formosa. I hope we can all recapture the special feeling of joy that came to us because we were in the service of others. Of course that joy comes only in being of service and so we should always cherish this wonderful feeling and strive to obtain it through continued service. This year we have the added joy of being with our families and loved ones, we can have a double reward through the joy of past recollections and in present associations.

We would like to share with you this year the special wish that you may enjoy a Christmas of peace and contentment, and a New Year of prosperity and success.

Sincerely  
Grant and Luana  
H. Grant and Luana Heaton

P.S. Elder Gray, Elder D. Heaton... are you married yet??



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Mr. Bernard Knapp  
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*Application forms*

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D. F. ENGELKING  
STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC  
INSTRUCTION

March 17, 1961

Mr. Bernard Knapp  
347 Cleveland St.,  
Idaho Falls, Idaho

Dear Mr. Knapp:

According to your unofficial transcripts, grade cards and courses listed in your letter, you will need only 3 semester credits in Educational Psychology or Child Growth and Development to qualify for the Standard Secondary certificate.

You have teaching fields in Biology and General Science. If you have any others, you could list them on your application, as we did not make a complete check.

In order to teach Driver Training, if you hold any type certificate, you need only 2 semester credits in this. There certainly should be quite a demand now for instructors in this field, but you will need to check with the college regarding the time they plan to give the course.

We are returning your unofficial transcripts. Also inclosed is an application, and we will need official transcripts and a recommendation when you apply.

Sincerely,

DONOVAN DOUGLAS  
Director of Teacher Education and  
Certification

BY *Margaret Robb*

(Mrs.) Margaret Robb  
Certification Officer

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ELDER BERNARD E. KNAPP

347 Cleveland St.

Idaho Falls. Idaho U.S.A.



Greetings



Dear Alder Knapp:-

With Best Wishes  
for  
A Merry Christmas  
and  
A Happy New Year

and  
May <sup>our</sup> Heavenly father  
bless you always.

Sister Lo Sijia  
North Taipei Branch

11. 12. '61

送給親愛之奈長老！



你已將生命的道路指  
示我，必叫我因見你  
的面，得着滿足的  
快樂。

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羅淑貞敬贈

五十年十月十日

J. J. Porter  
926 Ralph  
Grand Prairie, Tex.



Mr. Bernard E. Knapp  
Idaho Falls, Idaho

It's  
Christmas  
AGAIN!







Look  
who  
couldn't

miss  
wishing you

Merry Christmas

and

HAPPY

NEW YEAR

James Parter

Sister Lu Tan-wei  
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Free China.

*Air mail*

Elder Bernard E. Knapp  
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GREETINGS





慶祝聖誕  
恭賀新禧

Dear Elder Kayo,

Merry Christmas + a happy New Year to you.  
I'm very sorry that I didn't write to you such a long  
time. But I still hope that you don't forget me. Say  
hello to your whole family for me.

May the light  
of happiness shine  
for you on  
Christmas Day  
and throughout  
the New Year

Sister Su Tom-wei  
Dec. 14, 1961



Mr. Bernard Knapp  
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~~Idaho~~  
USA

*Write U.S. name  
and VA address  
in blue*

*281 E 6th St -  
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**PAR AVION**



January 2, 1962. Paris

Dear Brother B. Knapp:

First of all, I must beg your pardon, I received your letter several days ago, but not until today I begin to write to you. It is not because I forgot it - in fact in my heart I was thinking of it often - but because I have been embarrassed by so many things; so many daily works which always like a heavy burden to me.

It has been more than two and half years I didn't see you. I can still remember that when the first time I met you at Taipei Branch, you told me that you were from Idaho, and it pleased me so much, because just one year before I met you, I applied for the admission and scholarship at Idaho University and received a very warm and sincere reply, and since then I always have a good <sup>Feeling</sup> ~~feeling~~ to that state and his people, and it became stronger since I met you. I really love you from the bottom of my heart.

I am very happy to know that you were getting well at school and now have a good Christmas Holiday at your home city, though you seem rather busy. but I wonder whether you will finish your study this year or next year and will you go to the B. Y. U. again after this holiday? I hope you will write me again about that.

I and my family are getting well at Paris.

Perhaps you knew that my wife was baptized in September 1960. Now in Paris Branch, besides my family, there are two other Chinese members, they are brother Chang from Honkong (former president Heaton knows him very well) and sister Tao who was baptized last year at Paris and whose husband is working in the Embassy. (It is interesting to tell you that the sister who taught Mrs. Tao gospel is from Idaho also, her name is sister Shirille Huskinson.)

I think very much of our Taipei Branch, not long ago I received a letter from brother Hu and brother Yih, they told me that now in Taipei we have three branches already; they are south, north and west branch. I think that the members in Taipei must be increased very fast. As in France, it is said that the Church had baptized more than one thousand persons last year and in one day



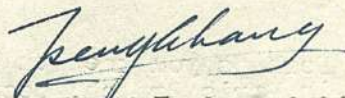
of last New Year eve there were more than one hundred persons who accepted baptism. It is very wonderful, isn't it?

When you see again brother Chang Bin, please extend my deep congratulation to him and his wife. What an agreeable surprise for me to receive the news concerning his marriage. And please say hello for <sup>me</sup> to brother and sister Ch'iu, it has been a long time I didn't see them. What are their major study at B.Y.U.? Have they a scholarship at there?

It is to hope for receiving some news of our old friends. I didn't hear from elder Wiser and Elder Kitchen for a long time, What they are getting on? Just before I write this letter I received a letter from Elder Freebairn. He is in Germany. He said he will leave army few months later, and will come to see me yet. I wait for him.

Now, my dear brother Knapp, let me wind up this letter. I didn't sent you a Christmas card, because I didn't know your adress. So I write this letter with all my best wishes for the year ahead. May the Lord be with you forever.

Sincerely,



Bro. Tseng I-chang & his family

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Sunday

Hi Dad

My plans have changed. Erma came yesterday & said that the folks have planned to stay down until the Andrus reunion. Erma will bring them up Sat. I'll try & change Mom's Dr's appt. until next Mon. I don't know how they will plan to get to Idalia. I guess I'll go to Erma's next week. Dad told Lisa we can come back for her to have a birthday party here on the 14<sup>th</sup>. After that I don't have any plans. I won't be in Sterling on the 3<sup>rd</sup> but I told Erma what you told Keith about the tractor bid so I guess they'll take care of that.



On the 5<sup>th</sup> I plan to go  
to a play about Joseph  
& Hyrum Smith. <sup>held in Reno</sup> Since  
Erma will be seeing me  
Sat. I probably won't hear  
about the tractor until then.

I didn't go to conference. I  
didn't think I could handle  
Joseph & Shaum alone. I took  
the kids to their conference  
& then we all went to sac-  
meeting.

Shaum has asked about  
you a couple of times.

Surely hope your back  
is better and that you  
are finding things the way  
you want.

Love

Louise & Kids

Ken Andrus  
Rt. 1  
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Bernard Knapp  
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Lava Hot Springs  
Jan. 15, 1981

Dear Bernie and Family,

I hope you haven't needed this trailer registration too badly.

I checked on storage wheat at Bancroft Milling & Feed - They have a couple of Ton left. It is  $11^{50}$ /cwt. It is locally grown (dry land), hard red winter, 10% moisture, 14% protein. The ground was probably sprayed for weeds & he doesn't know about commercial fertilizer. It is cleaned - sacked & ready for storage.

We hope to get a storage bin and store some wheat here on our place but don't know how soon we will get it done.

We used most of the fence last fall so I don't exactly know how much was there. It seems to me that you estimated about



3 rolls. We bought some used fencing last spring by weight and it took a lot of re-rolled wire to equal a roll of new wire, but I don't recall how much we had from you. If this doesn't seem right, lets get it right when we see each other.

I haven't checked on fencing or posts, but Cal Stores would be as reasonable as anywhere I think.

From your figures, here's what I came up with.

lamb	-	300. <sup>00</sup>
long posts	-	134.40
shorter posts	-	49.00
2 rolls 39' wire	-	79.00
1 roll 32' wire	-	35.50
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		\$ 597.90

When I see you, I'll see what you think about this.

We like living at our new place. It's peaceful, quiet, flat, and we don't have to run all over the country to go to work.

We have the barn re-roofed and are tearing things down and cleaning up junk. We tore down the old coal shed by the Jackson house yesterday and started on John's house. The Jackson house is gone except for Edith's bedroom.

We appreciate all you are doing for Edith. If there is anything we should be doing - let us know.

Hope all is well with all of you.

Ken

We sold all our swes to some people in Ohio and have bought 130 head of steck cows so we are daughter cowboys now.

LaVenna Long's house burned down last week - electrical wiring in the attic. We got out most of her things. Her Farm Bureau insurance ran out about 6 weeks ago.



February 1, 1983

Bernard E. Knapp  
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Dear Bernard:

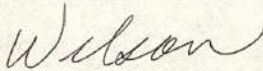
The Board of Regents has asked me to write a history of Utah Technical College at Provo-Orem and I need your help in this tremendous task.

Will you please respond to the following questions.

1. When and for how long were you, or have you been employed at Utah Technical College at Provo-Orem? Give dates.
2. What positions did you hold? Give dates.
3. Were you ever a student here? Give dates.
4. Give names of some of your most successful students, where they are now, and what their job is.
5. What are some of the memories of your experiences at the school?
6. List the changes that have taken place while you were with the school.
7. Does the school have the right public image? Has the image changed since the school's beginning?
8. What are some items that you feel should be included in this history?
9. What should be the future goals and mission of the school?
10. Would you like a copy of the completed history?

Please send your reply to Utah Technical College at Provo-Orem, P.O. Box 1609, Provo, Utah, 84603, attention Wilson W. Sorensen, by February 20, 1983. Thank you very much for your help and interest in the college and all you have done to make it what it is today.

Yours truly,



WILSON W. SORENSEN  
President Emeritus

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President Emeritus,  
Wilson Sorensen

Feb. 7, 1983

Dear President,

I am only too happy to be able to give to you what little information that I have.

In July 1962 I was referred to the school by Dr. Don Shaw. He had been contacted by Don Manson and Lynn Asay that the driver education department was looking toward expanding by adding one more full time instructor to the staff. They had been using up to 4 or 5 part time people in the programs. I was interviewed by Don Manson and within a week received the good news that I had been selected over the other applicants.

I left Idaho and returned to Provo where I arranged for an apartment and continued through the summer school to complete the courses required for a minor in Driver Education and Safety from BYU. I remember going to Blaine Winters at the State Office of Education and upon your recommendation receiving the necessary teaching certification to begin teaching. By the end of summer school I had completed the required courses to the full minor. At that time I was put on a 12 mo. contract.

I remember of course at the time the Drivotainers were in the north wing. Later the main wing was completed and I remember Gordon B. Hinckley coming to dedicate the new wing. I had met him while on my mission in Taiwan and we had a little visit that day. I remember the look on Don Manson's face when Bro. Hinkley came up to me and talked as if we were old friends. *a few words in Chinese spoken*

I learned to have a great deal of respect for Don. He seemed very impartial. And one always knew that he was 100% behind you. I remember a time when I had a large boy in my class that was a real toughie. He tried to intimidate me and did cause some stir in my class. I turned him over to Don. Don took him to his office. When he came out of Don's office it was obvious he had been in tears. I've thought of that many times since and have wished that I could have been a little mouse in the corner and just observed that scene. Don was not really tough inside. That is to say he did have a big heart. Maybe a little camouflaged. *at times*

I recall when the job corps first came into Utah; they were housed part of the time at C amp Floyd. Don brought a group of them to us to train and get their licenses. He told us what a rough bunch they were and he was often on hand to observe those classes and see that things went smoothly and he didn't hesitate to get involved when he could be of help and insure that no problems developed. Yet he was always optimistic and took the approach that they were boys that may not have had the best chances to succeed in the past. I'll never forget the day they completed and as a group were given a bit of a ceremonial send-off. Don was there and he was proud and you could see the lump swell in his throat. A rough bunch had been brought through successfully.

*graduated from Dr. Ed.*

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When I first taught, the three schools in Provo, (Provo High, St. Francis, and BY High) sent their students here for Dr. Ed. Early morning classes and afternoon classes were held to accomodate the many students. Also some students from schools surrounding the college came here. The age limit was 15½ with driver training to get a license and 16 without. So many young people came from through out the county.

The driver improvement course met the first Tuesday of each month at the court house. Mr Kieth Sondrup and Lynn Asay of course taught this course. They carried their projector and screen to the court house in the back of Mr. Sondrup's old Pontiac. After the judge talked with the young people and their parents, they would sign up and pay their fees to the school clerk who was also there. Then the instructors would show a safety film and the class sckedules would be set up for the months classes.

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Later after the new wing was completed and the administrative offices were moved the driver education was moved to the west end of the south wing where they occupied the former office space. A channel was cut into the cement floor to wire the drivotrainer cars to the master recorder unit. Someone was brought in to cut these channels with a diamond saw. A jack hammer was then used to chip out the channels so the wires could be buried. Afterward, the floor tile was replaced and the 16 units placed in the room. The north wind ow was covered on the inside with a large beaded screen. And for the first time special anamorphic lenses were required on the projector to show the latest films produced.

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President Sorensen was on the advisory council for the Aetna Insurnace company. This gave us at this school the opportunity as instructors to participate in the making of the new films. The director, Dean Cook , in Hartford would send a copy of each film script to the president before any filming was actually done. Then Lynn Asay, myself and Earl Cottam had the opportunity to go through these scripts and make notations and suggestions. It was thrilling months later when the new films arrived to see that some of our very own suggestions had indeed been incorporated into the final films.

During the time that the diamond saw was being used to cut the channels in the floor an incident occurred that is remembered. Exhaust fans were placed by the doors to take the smoke and dust from the room. It was summer and warm. But the carbon monoxide level became high enough that it became obvious that Mr. Asay had become a little groggy, then rather excited about his own condition once outside. Pres. Sorensen happened to drive into the compound about that time and saw the problem. Taking no chances he loaded both of us in his station wagon and took us to Utah Valley Hosp. where we were placed on a bed and given oxygen. After a short time released.

A new set of simulators were installed in January 19 69 /? 71?. These new models replaced the old ones with updated electronics. Printed cicuits were used. Each car had its own instant read-out panel for the driver which would give corrections to driving errors simutaneously as the films were shown.

About this time the St. Francis high school and the BY High schools were terminated. After a few years the Provo high school integrated the high school driver ed. program into their regular day program. For several yeafs. the high school contracted with the college to train their students in the simulation training only. Eventually another highschool was built in Provo. When the new Timp view school opened the monies coming from the state to dr. ed. were sufficient that the state appropriated funds to put a nine place simulator unit in each of the highschools in Provo. thus terminated the high school dr. ed. program at the college. participation in

by Over the years following the move to the south wing several areas of



expansion took place in the curriculum. <sup>sp?</sup> A state law passed by the legislature required all firsttime applicants for a driver's license to pass a required course. This led to the development of an adult course. The students from this course were composed of widows, teen-age drop outs from schools and foreign students from the UTC and BYU. <sup>and</sup> It developed into an ongoing course with the needs eventually bringing the program to a course per month. And sometimes the enrollment for a single month reached as much as 45 <sup>students</sup> requiring dividing the class into 3 sections with three instructors.

Special courses were given in driver improvement, in addition to the traffic school for the juvenile court, a state school bus certification course was developed. Virtually every school bus driver in the state came to this campus and went thru this 3 day work-shop. over a period of about a dozen years. The BYU dr. ed. program sent student teachers here for a short time. They also taught a workshop in connection with their dr. ed. minor in the use of simulators for prospective teachers getting a minor in that field. Their people as well as our own staff participated in this workshop. Two of their main professors in that field worked on a part time basis on the UTC staff over the years. This led to a good repaire in the field between the two schools. This still goes on today.

2.

I have been an instructor all of the years that I have been here. For a period of 2-3 years when Lynn was full time with the professional driving course I was the only full time employee in the Dr. Ed. We used up to 5 part-time instructors in the department during that time. In about 1970 I was placed on a 9 mo. contract and we rotated the summer school sessions among various of the part time staff including Lynn. In 1978 I took a leave of absence for a year. The following year I remained in Idaho with an additional years leave being granted thru your office. I returned the following year in Sept. <sup>present time</sup>

From then until now Lynn who moved into the dr. ed. during my leave stayed in the dept. and with the two of us full time all the part time personnel were released with the exception that on rare occasions a substitute teacher is needed; then Keith Sondrup or Neldon Stanley are summoned.

3. No.

4.

One of the students who has become perhaps the most nationally known is Michael Coleman but of course you will have more to say concerning him from his painting from your office and from Sol Aranda.

One of the most gracious students was Anna Hart. Once an English teacher at BY High. She was given a new car and had never driven. She was near retirement age at the time. Later she filled an LDS mission. <sup>Dalt</sup> She sent a letter to the vice-president who then was Petersen. In that letter she praised our course. He sent it on to me and said to save it for my memoirs.

One student from St. Francis once told me, "Well you can always say you taught Richard Nixon how to drive."

The students from ST. Francis were a very interesting group. Especially the girls. They seemed to feel free from having been cloistered in strict discipline the regular hours of the day in school and were actually some of the most lively of any of our teen agers. In one adult class 4 young nuns enrolled. We would go driving about Provo, they each wore their habits.

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In a driver training car with the signs displayed you become accustomed to gathering stares wherever you go. But with these students stares were even more noticeable.

Unfortunately some of our students have not been rewardingly famous. One boy from St. Francis was of such a temperament and attitude that we sensed he would be a hazard not only to himself but to others on the road. We (Lynn) and I called him into our office with his parents and suggested that although he could physically drive the car he was not mature enough to be reposable. It was suggested to the parents that he not be allowed to drive without a parent in the car for perhaps the first year. Within six months of that time he was reported a highway casualty. While driving up Parley's Canyon with a young friend in a sports car at a high rate of speed the car went out of control and he was killed.

One time it was recommended to a father that his young son was not mature enough to be taking the class. He followed our suggestion and the young man was dropped from the course and returned six months later. This was a hard thing for a young man to be held back from getting his driver's license. But it turned out to be a good experience. As his teacher, I observed no hard feelings when he returned and he went on to be a good student. He did act more mature and subsequently he ~~was~~ became a member of the staff. He taught in the diesel mechanics course of the college in evening school and at the prison in that program as well.

We have taught many handicapped students. Some we still see on occasion driving their specially equiped cars. Electric or with hand controls. Over the years we have had children from our faculty and staff. Usually without exception these have been students easy to get along with and a joy to be around. Don Mansons sons. Recently Mike Perkins daughter. <sup>A</sup> And Lynn Asay's girls. <sup>Reed</sup> Allen's sons.

One of the first students to complete in my classes was killed within a few years at the intersection of 100 So. 600 West. An intersection with unlimited visibility, Not high speed and without any stop signs. And a young man with an excellent attitude. So sometimes they do happen, <sup>to the best</sup>

In recent years in our adult program we have trained students of many lands. Some have been people with doctors degrees in various fields and leaders among the people of their own countries. <sup>Donna & Marie</sup>

Three of the Osmond children have taken our classes. And the girl friend of the infamous Utah county murderer, Gary Gilmore, Nicole Berret, was a graduate of our adult class.

One time when President Richard Nixon went to South America he was visiting in Bolivia. While there he came in contact with a pair of twins. These girls were small, possibly pre-school age at the time. But he promised them that he would sponsor them on a full 4 year college scholarship when they reached college age if they came to the U. S. to the college of their choice. Subsequent to that time their family came into contact with the LDS church. When they did arrive in the U.S. they went to Washington, D.C. The result of their choice of BYU brought them to Provo and they enrolled in the Dr. Ed class here at U.t.C.



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5. There was a closeness when the school was small. The outings near Sundance when all of the faculty were more or less well acquainted with each other. The jokes that came spontaneously from people like Dick Larsen, Roger Honeyman and many others. The president standing in the serving line for those many years. Later it was George Tanner carrying for the steaks. And the songs sung as a group around a fire, led by Gene Nelson. The jokes played on others by people such as Doug Jorgensen. The happy times the faculty had when together as a small group. The closeness has disappeared with the rapid expansion and the division of <sup>two</sup> ~~with~~ campuses.

As some retired the appropriate receptions held in the cafeteria were both memorable and sadening to see the old familiar faces leave. Naturally many new enthusiastic and well qualified people have come into the school but there is a nostalgic feeling left by each of those who leave their prints and move on. It is rewarding to occasionally see some of those former teachers and as is man's destiny-then too-there are the times of mourning when funerals of past stalwarts are attended such as Earl Cottam.

The first several years while I taught I was not married. I am reminded each time we have waffles at our house of the handsome gift given by the school to us as a wedding present. My wife was not one of my students, but not every instructor can say that they dated among their students. Prior to my marriage I did occasionally become somewhat better acquainted with certain ones of my adult classes.

I remember a time when Gene Nelson was working in his shop and the power hammer or sledge came down upon his hands and he walked directly across Un. Ave. from the school to the medical center into a doctor's office to get treatment. What courage it took on his part. *Several fingers were severed.*

I suppose a book could be written on memories dealing with students and experiences relating to students in driver training cars. I might list a few.

I recall going to a meeting perhaps to the local dealership of a car agency to have a picture taken showing the dealer turning a car over to Pres. Sorensen for our driver training program. I got into the back seat, Lynn Asay in the driver seat and seated next to him Pres. Sorensen. The car was parked in the lot west of the school and as Lynn placed the car in reverse and accelerated it didn't move. He began checking every thing out including the parking brake before finally he noticed that Pres. had his foot down on the dual brake holding the car. We all had a good laugh over that. It was typical of the pres. in many ways when he was not burdened down with the heavy responsibilities to have a moment of good humor.

On one occasion while driving north on Un. Ave. a red pick-up truck slowed down in front of the dr. ed. car. It was nearly half block ahead <sup>left</sup> but the girl driving did not respond. The truck was attempting a turn in traffic ~~left~~ into the Riverside country club. Still as we got closer no response from the driver. Finally it was necessary that I use the dual control brake and slow us. Also I had to swerve the car to the right to pass the truck which eventually stopped waiting to turn left. In the next few seconds I quickly consulted by record book next to me in the front seat and discovered the girl should be wearing glasses. I asked? 'Where are your glasses?' I lost them and can't find them. " Immediately we pulled over at the nearest wide spot along the highway and changed drivers.

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I explained that she could not drive without her glasses. She drove no more that day. On the next driving session when she came I asked, "Where are your glasses.?" She had not found them. "But," she said, "I have some. I brought my little sister's glasses." We went into the school and wearing her sister's glasses she was able to read the Snellen eye chart to at least 20/25. She completed the course with the aid of her little sister's glasses. She drove reasonably well with glasses.

Fortunately over the years we suffered only a few minor accidents. Most accidents involved another driver hitting the driver training car from the rear. And a few scraped fenders over the years. Many near misses of course but provisionally no major accidents.

Perhaps a word about the type of students in our classes. As our adult driver training course became more popular due to the mandatory nature of Utah code many students from other countries enrolled. The largest number of students came from India and near eastern countries, Iran, Pakistan. Then the numbers of Chinese students increased from Taiwan and Hong Kong. Many of these students were very capable academically. But we soon learned that there was little correlation between grade point average and driving skills. That is (basic psycho-motor skills.) This took place in the late 60's and early 70's. By the end of the 70's the numbers of Asian students were still high. However a significant difference showed up. The refugees from Viet nam and Cambodia were not students. They did not have an academic background. Some were illiterate in their own language. The English language skills were greatly lacking. This made training difficult. The motor skills of these people were not lacking nearly as much as the language skills, fortunately of few could have been successfully trained.

Another difference over these years has been the switch of *those from* students. Today the Japanese students greatly outnumber *the* other Asian countries as they relate to the college oriented students. Few students attend today from India, Pakistan, or Iran. There are still some Chinese students but they are outnumbered by the Japanese students 2 or 3 to 1.

Of significance also is the fact that the students coming today *explanation* from these countries are easier to teach. The only *answer* seems to be that today the increased use of private automobiles in countries like Japan makes it so the students are not so unfamiliar to riding in passenger cars or taxis as opposed to public transit only of a decade ago in those countries.

One time I was driving on the BYU stadium parking lot with a student from Germany. In the course of conversation I learned that she had come from a small German town of Friedberg. As we talked more I learned that she had gone to church with her grandmother when she was just a small girl. They attended the LDS church which met in a school house inside the old Friedberg castle. I opened my wallet and asked if she knew any of the people in a group picture of about a dozen people taken outside the school house on a Sunday morning. One of them was her grandmother. The little girl was not in that photo. I went home and found a colored slide among my collection which I had taken while stationed there in the US Army of this same little girl in a warm beautiful sweater standing next to the old school. It seemed incredible that we should meet again. She had married a US serviceman that she met there after she was older. He had also been to Germany as a missionary and spoke the language fluently. He was a student at BYU and that brought her to Provo.

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6.

Physical changes at the school I need not really list. But a few observations to me. When I first came University Ave. ended at the northern end of the parking lot north of the north wing. There was an old brick house sat to the north of the building for several years. Ves Clark used it for storage. Then the parking lot across the avenue to the west was blacktopped. The street lamps were installed. The old Penrod home was still in use. And when we took our students onto the parking lot there were Penrods calves and horses grazing inside a barbed wire fence next to the parking lot. There was an old barn, he had a dog on a chain tied to a tree near his house. *A common sight as you drove past.*

The new extension of Une. Ave. was blacktopped. Finally the BYU stadium was built and the parking lot blacktopped. We used it for several years as a practice driving area for our beginning students. In our first adult classes the students did not drive out on the road. Just briefly in the parking lot.

Reed Allen used to keep two saddle horses in a small fenced area north of Penrod's barn. After *(he)* died the house was turned over to other property owners. Maybe part of ~~it~~ it was the college property. Later taken into the Pine apts. complex. And the skating rink was built of course where the old brick yard had been and later it was taken over by Reams market. Then the branch bank was established in a trailer. After several years became permanent.

One winter the snow was so deep that following one storm for a period of a day few people were able to drive to the college. I didn't live too far from campus. 2½ miles north at 3700 North about 3-400 east. I debated whether to come to school on my saddle horse. Our vehicles were snowed in our lane. But I called the school and no classes were being held so I remained home that day. That is the only day I remember school being halted because of storm. There were closures from bomb threats a few times. And if a furnace was not functioning sometimes school was temporarily halted.

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I think that the image may at one time have been <sup>con</sup>sidered as a place where boys could be sent that were too undesirable in the high schools. And partly a work program for those that could not compete in academic subjects or were unwilling to try. *in other schools.*

I believe that has changed today. We have so many good programs. Over the years we have had open houses, Evening school courses have opened it up to where the public has come and participated in the facilities or seen them at least. Today one has to only look at the wide area from which the student body is made up ~~of~~ to realize that it is recognized. Many students are able to use it as a stepping stone to getting into other schools and advanced programs in other areas of training and advancement toward better jobs, etc. I think this is great!

8.

I'm sure there are many milestones along the way that are important and necessary. Different events over the years showing the growth and the influence on the students and their achievements. I guess the bottom line is, after all, the ~~out put~~ or outcome of what is done here as shown in the end ~~the~~ result, *in* (the lives of the students.) And there no doubt are many interesting tidbits along the way to point these up. And the growth in enrollment and viable programs will no doubt all fall into place as part of the historical record.

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Dear Cliff:

We from Utah County feel strongly about recommending Mr. Bernard Knapp for a K.S.L. Radio & Television Safety Award.

Mr. Knapp has taught driver and traffic safety for 22 years, most of that time working for Utah Technical College at Provo. During that time, he has trained an unbelievable number of people--4,218 adult drivers (988 during the last three years). He has assisted in teaching driver education to more than 13,000 high school students in the Utah County area. During the past few years, Mr. Knapp was also involved in the Utah school bus drivers basic course, teaching about 2,819 of these personnel. His specialty during the past few years, it seems, has been with training foreign students the art of driving, most of whom have had very little experience riding in automobiles let alone driving them. These students have come from more than 40 countries, speaking more than 25 foreign languages. As you would probably guess, he is a special individual possessing many special talents for the art of teaching. God has given to this man a rare gift of an understanding heart; gentle, kindly manner; and patience with no end. In most cases, the students from Mr. Knapp's classes complete the training and receive their license.

Because of his humanitarian efforts and dedication, many handicapped citizens as well as foreign individuals are able to drive themselves to work daily and experience a lifestyle much better than in their earlier life.

Mr. Knapp also assists with many workshops conducted at UTC to help re-educate the professional driver and the juvenile and adult traffic offender.

This man has proven to us, in the profession of driver education, that he certainly is deserving of worthy recognition for his devotion and service.

Sincerely,

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Dear Bernie & Louise

I just wrote to you in the last two days but it hasn't been mailed yet I sure enjoyed your letter. I wish my memory was better than it is. I'm not as much help as I should be, but when one of you mention something it some times rings a bell & then I can remember - but far to often I can't recall it at all. I'm not even sure I can remember that experience about Dan and the intertube, but I seem to recall about the rails & Barney. When I was in Island Park I did have a miscarriage in fact I had quite a few. I had R H factor negative blood and Elmer had positive so they were not compatible and it was a miracle that I had Dan - now days they have shots they give to people with R H negative blood and they don't have the problem's they used to. Mary lost (a friend) that rented there little house in Idaho Falls & they also worked for Barney and she had R H negative blood the baby lived, I think, but she died, and that was the reason we were all so concerned. Shirley was premature because of it, they called her a Blue baby and that was the reason I remembered Mom & you came after she was born, because the relief Society women came in and turned her from side to side each 30 minutes



to keep her heart going the Dr gave  
her some whiskey the first night she  
was born to stimulate her heart  
Im sure glad we didnt have that old  
Dr. Raley you spoke of. I dont think  
she would have made it. I placed  
my house with a Realator yesterday  
Mary came down and listened in  
to the fellow that signed me up and  
she felt good about him taking it. it  
is with multipul listing however  
so I will have more chances. Carols  
Bro<sup>(Red)</sup> was so good and his wife, when  
Ken was so sick in the Hospital they  
spent hrs out in the Hall up here before  
~~we~~ we went to Salt Lake her mother in  
law got very up set when Ken passed  
~~away~~ <sup>away</sup> every one talked about how  
hard she took it. when Carols father  
would have get together's they always  
included us and this lady her name  
was Jean because we were the inlaw  
side of the family so we were at  
a lot of defferent Sidell Family get  
to gether's, where she was there. she  
was Ken's age and a real pretty lady  
and very neat I dont know whether it  
was the fact that Ken was her age  
that up set her or not when he passed  
awake but she kept saying to them  
he is too young to die, well they found  
her in bed one morning 2 or 3 days ago  
I guess she had died soon after she



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went to bed and she must have died instantly, Colicidal in the veins to her heart I guess the veins were rather small - anyway what seemed so strange, was that she had been abiturary on the night stand next to her bed - it makes you wonder what she was thinking, when she went to bed that night - she was going to college it was exam time and she had been studying for exams she and her daughter had just gotten back from a trip to see her other daughter in Baseman Montana. she had a new baby just recently - Carol & Mike went to the funeral today I kept little Scott here with me, he was sure good while he was here, I just rested & watched him play. Carol said he was a bear all morning she was a little afraid of leaving him. Well I'll get home from Germany on Mother's day he called me about 10 O'clock <sup>at night</sup> and said he just walked in the door. I was glad he came home healthy this time last year he came home sick and was for two mo., but he was fine this time However I called Sharal while he was gone & she was sick & that little girl to - Mike has been pretty sick with a virus, I'm going to get that other letter to you soon Well I will write more of this in a while I'm going to go lay down now



Well its the next morning I talked to Shirley on the phone I want to take some things to cover it alone with me that Im not going to have room for like things you would put in a shed so Im going to buy a shed and have Clive put it on his place then there will be room for my stuff and his in it. I have a snow plow and a rato tiller a electric chain saw some other things that I plan on taking some saw horses, only they are for ~~the~~ something to do with painting a house some of that stuff Clive can use or Dee. Mike is going to want some stuff but I've already given him over \$3000,00 dollars worth of stuff so its the other kids turn to get some of it. Mike just walked off with a lot of Ken's things after the funeral without asking me and I don't know all what he took so the things I do know about is around 3000, <sup>that's what it cost us 3 men</sup> so he probably has more than that. I was real up set at him for taking stuff. he should have ~~waited~~ waited until the shock of the losing Ken had lit up some by that time it was already gone tools expensive over. Im going to make him bring the sander back and some wiring things for Carie he can share it with Dee & Clive. Ken would not be pleased the way that was handled, well



I don't recall any of the stories of Dade mission I remember he would talk about some of it around the family when I was smaller if I heard any of you discussing it I might have recall I'm sorry I can't be of more help to you.

well I got your letter out that you sent on Island park so I will try and write down some things that I do recall and I will work on it  $\frac{1}{2}$  and on this week and get it to you soon I have your letters and your manuscripts and when you do get them compiled I want a copy and if you don't have it finished I will <sup>imburse you some</sup> give Shirley some money and instruct her to give it to you so she and Dell can have a copy of the

Completed manuscript or booklet what ever you call it. I ~~remember~~ <sup>remember</sup> Elmer telling one time of either Jim Allison or some one that was driving a wagon on that old road going from the Highway to the mill I think they had some Hay and met some one else with a load of logs any way the one Guy said if you don't pull out I will do to you what I did to the S & S fellow (I don't know who) that I met a few miles back so the Guy pulled out & tipped his load over, and when they got it up right or passed him or what ever he said what did you do



to the other fellow you met, and he said I pulled out for him - can't you just see Elmer laughing about that well. Im sure slow getting this letter to you. They have brought a lot of people to see my house a young couple made an offer. The man I placed my house with is supposed to come over tonight he and the main fellow in the real estate office which is our state president. They were supposed to be here around 9 p.m., its quite a bit later its almost 10 p.m. and ~~they~~ they havent come yet Mary called. I told her this is all kinda hard on me for some reason my blood pressure is or some thing. Seems to get me real anxious for fear Ill make a fool of myself I dont dare ask Mike to come be hire because he ~~stays~~ talks so ruff & swears that I dont want to be embarrassed so I didnt tell him about it. Wish Dee was closer if he was. I probably wouldnt be selling. Shirley has a apt. picked out close to her - it will be available the 1st of June she wants me to come see it & see if its what I want. and come back on the 27<sup>th</sup> of ~~June~~ may for Decoration time. I just dont want to go right now - anyway The fellow's came & gave me the offer the people wanted my stove down stairs & the one in the shop & the fridge & kitchen



stove. I agreed to all of it except the  
 \$ stove down stairs I won't let that  
 go - if I have to go get another & put  
 down there - so if there I NA Joan  
 goes there. I guess I have the home  
 sold and will be moving to Coeur d'  
 Alene. you know it will be fun to be  
 around Shirley and her family, but some  
 day when I start missing all my  
 A P friend & lots of other friends  
 I have made here and the stores  
 and shops I'm used to the doll house  
 and the people there that have taught  
 me to make dolls. its going to be kinda  
 hard and I know it. Change Over -  
 and its so hard to get the mail coming  
 to the right place I am glad I had  
 my Social Security come to the bank  
 they have the same bank in  
 Coeur d'Alene so they can just send it  
 there - we were going to have a Garage  
 Sale before I leave. I've got a lot of  
 stuff I don't want to take some things  
 the kids will want but some they  
 don't. I guess Claudia didn't get her  
 extension she ask for can you  
 imagin that, she will be getting  
 home about the time those people  
 will want to be moving in here. and  
 here. I had hoped when she got home  
 we could get ~~to~~ together and do things  
 go places together and all kinds of things  
 and now still be here and I'll be



You explain that to me did you foot the bill for getting them ready or are they ready - it seems you told me they were I can't remember well its 1:15 A.M I better get to bed Im working on the Island park questions get them to you soon love  
Thelma

gone, darn the luck, well I guess Mary will be here for her too. I wonder if Mary will take over where she left off with me. I know she has sure been a stalwart to me, she calls me a lot to see how I am, she comes if I ask - I couldn't get away to do anything with Claudia before she went on her mission because of the business. and now that I could, darn, well maybe I can come stay with her a week & she can come stay with me a week. Shirley & Clint go to the Seattle Temple they could take Claudia to see Elinore by the way Sharon is doing a picture of Ken for me if she does as good as I think she will I think I will have her do one of Shirley, Dan & Dee. The only thing I will have her do two of them so I can leave one each to the kids. by the way I am or will be in a position to go ahead and have some of those pictures made up for genealogy pictures for our books you remember you said you had the pictures so we could get copies I would like to talk to you about that, in order to get them ready to be able to get copies had to cost some money didn't it tell me how that works I would like to pay my share of the expense of having that done & I will be wanting two copies of quite a few pictures will



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Nov 26<sup>th</sup>

Dear Marjorie,

Hi! I had a letter from Ann +  
Hel. ~~Robert~~ <sup>Fanny</sup> ~~has~~ moved back from  
Alaska. Bill may be there now.

Al called me for my birthday.  
Well Louise arranged thru her  
computer teacher to get a computer.  
She got one he had at home.  
He's a pretty neat guy it seems.  
I went with Ann on a tour of  
the plant where he oversees all  
the computer section.

We also attended a "computer  
fair" at BYU Saturday morning.  
We ran into him there also.

He let her put a down payment  
and he included hundreds of dollars  
worth of software. I guess that's  
no big deal for him - He could  
easily make a copy of any of it  
he'd like to keep - Maybe he



ever has more than that. That is he may collect duplicates. The place he works is such a big user - he maybe gets a lot of stuff given to him just to keep him a customer. They have computers of every kind and description throughout their plant.

But anyway - some time ago she determined she would concentrate on seeing that the kids got a nice Christmas. So with money from the bakery - babysitting, and re-weaving she provided Christmas for the kids the past couple of years.

I felt I was so strapped down with payments and taxes coming due Nov 30<sup>th</sup> & Dec 30<sup>th</sup> each year I couldn't see my way clear to much Christmas. But she's done some rather big spending -



at least it ~~can~~ seemed big to me. An <sup>80</sup> - can "electric" for Joseph. Skis for the boys. Skis for Shawn this year. Probably lessons. Shawn does some work. He's done most of our lawn work. He takes care of an elderly lodger yard and sets out garbage cans.

He's excited about using the word processor. We want to be getting a printer on some of the other software etc for a while. She made a down payment on it from her wages. She gets between <sup>£</sup>4-5<sup>00</sup> in hours at the school. When she pays it all off or as she pays it off, she'll get the other things.

For now she essentially has what she needs to enable her to do her homework and assignments for the computer class she is taking -



May. It's a great relief - it's  
a load off my mind. It's hard  
to describe how relieved I feel  
since your phone call.

It's really become a light  
at the end of the tunnel  
for me, knowing that we maybe  
able to get free from debt.

Another thing is we've just been  
stopped down so tight. It's  
almost nerve racking to always  
wonder where the next \$/00's  
will come from and if they'll  
be here on time.

So the prospects of our telephone  
concession have brought a great  
deal of relief. So if it isn't  
something that will hurt the  
boys it sounds great to me.

Sometimes once imagination gets  
going also. Then I start wondering  
if we mayas have some other



options - I'm thinking about a place to live - as an example -

This is not the house I would like to live in. It's served us pretty well. But it is far from the home I'd like. It's really not in the location I'd prefer if I stay in Provo either.

Never satisfied for thinking?

Well on alternatives - If we could really have what I'd like. We would build a house - a dome likely. It would be on the north ~~end~~ <sup>end</sup> of Provo. It would be the kind of home I'd like, the art room & library would be family oriented. It would be a home designed for family. Kids areas would be built into the home. It would better serve our kids -

Now - lots of ifs - But



if we could sell this contract  
and get a reasonable payment  
for our equity - The contract  
at 17% shouldn't be too  
hard to sell. I'd be willing  
to sacrifice our equity considerable -  
10-15 thousand maybe to get it  
sold.

That should enable us to  
build a liveable dome. I'd  
think. We would look at  
a lot of waste - like beams etc  
as in David's dome. Maybe some  
inside would have to remain  
unfinished for a time. The  
big problem may be in securing  
land for less than an arm and  
a leg.

But when we get finished  
we'd have what we really want  
and it would be paid for.

Well that's sort of thinking outlandish

to speak

to

no



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When I first started to write today - I thought I'd ask Majorie two questions and if I still make ~~me~~ a couple of phone calls for me -

①. If you wouldn't mind calling Shelley High School and asking for the principal's home phone number,

then call his home and ask for Thomas's address in Hawaii.

I wrote to him asking for that information - He never answered.

This was in Sept or Oct

Or if you called the Dr. Carter from Shelley who was one of his counselors in the State Presidency - I'm sure he'd have his address,

② Would you mind calling the Shelley branch of the Bank



of Commerce.

I'd like to know the present balance in my savings account.

There's a Mrs. Olson works there. You remember her - or Jeff - the manager - either of them would give you the information over the phone - I'm sure.

Also I'd like to find out if they have a branch in Rexburg and if a they have a checking account available either with no minimum balance charge or what the minimum balance charge would be on a checking account.

Lisa has an account at your know with the bank Warren Widdison it with - However, there is a \$5<sup>00</sup>/month service charge when the balance is below \$300<sup>00</sup>.

Louise tells Lisa it is foolish to pay that much - For almost



The entire semester Lisa was able to stay above the <sup>a</sup>300-

Now that's good in that it tends to limit spending. But it also locks up her funds when she needs them.

Louise says take it out. But I figure if she takes it out, it will be pretty hard to hang onto. So I was trying to remember when I banked in Shellay - I don't remember a minimum charge - at least if there was one I doubt it was very high. That could have changed in the 4 years since we moved away, however.

I realize I could have asked Lisa to call the Bank of Commerce if there is one in Rexburg - and find out what I'm asking you. If you don't mind - would you send the answers to these banking questions back soon. Maybe they



could be included with the letter  
Ray mails out this week end or  
Monday perhaps -

Thanks Mary, appreciate it.  
Kathy just came home from  
school. Most of the skiff of  
snow that fell during the night  
is off the sidewalk now. The  
sun keeps shimmering thru a partly  
cloudy sky.

It was nice having Lisa home.  
She was certainly upset about  
Riche losing their football bowl  
game. She watched it from a  
neighbour's house. a girl also  
home for the holiday.

If Lisa can keep her  
head on straight for a while  
she'll come thru alright. She  
does have brains - if she  
can just control some of her  
impulses - well thanks Mary.

tell everyone hello

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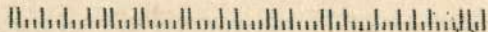
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September 14, 1999

Mr. Bernard E. Knapp  
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Dear Mr. Knapp,

Thank you for your kind response regarding the recent article in the Church Section of the Deseret News regarding the Mormon Battalion.

Concerning your inquiry regarding your great grandfather, Albert Knapp, he died in 1864 and is buried in Centerville, Alameda County, California. The other man you referred to was Zaddock Knapp Judd. His parents were Arza Judd and Lucinda Adams. Both men were in Company E of the Mormon Battalion. The Mormon Battalion would work with the family, if they so desire, in getting this work done. We have beautiful bronze plaques can be placed on their graves.

We are enclosing a flyer and application form for you. There is no Battalion Company near you however several people join who are "members at large".

We have just started the project of obtaining funds in order to construct a Mormon Battalion building and would appreciate your involvement in this behalf. Donations, memorabilia, histories and etc. are appreciated.

If we can be of further help to you, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Major Robert P. Paul, Enlistment Officer

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Enclosure

An Invitation to Join the

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You have the opportunity to support and strengthen the purposes of the

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by joining forces with others committed to its goals and objectives.

*The U. S. Mormon Battalion was chartered in 1954 to help preserve the heritage of the 1846-1848 battalion.*

*Members of the Battalion and its Ladies Auxiliary come from all walks of life. To be eligible a person must:*

- Be 16 years of age or older
- Pay annual national and company dues (currently \$15 for Battalion national; \$10 for Ladies Auxiliary national; company dues vary). Life Membership available (\$150 and \$75 respectively)
- Be willing to work on projects or activities
- Furnish own uniform or period costume for special events
- Attend company meetings regularly
- Live a moral life

It is not necessary to be a descendant of a Mormon Battalion member to join.

**Application for Membership  
U. S. MORMON BATTALION or LADIES AUXILIARY**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Optional: Applicant is a descendant of the following original member(s) of the Mormon Battalion: \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Mormon Battalion:

Annual Membership \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Life Membership: \$150.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Company Dues: \_\_\_\_\_

Ladies Auxiliary:

Annual Membership \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Life Membership \$75.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Company Dues: \_\_\_\_\_

*member at large 15.00*

[ Indicate amount paid ]

[ Make checks out to "U. S. Mormon Battalion", or "U. S. M. B. Auxiliary". ]



**Welcome to the U. S. Mormon Battalion. The Battalion and its Ladies Auxiliary have four major purposes:**

- *Perpetuate the memory of the 1846-1848 Mormon Battalion, its members and their accomplishments*
- *Fulfill prophecy of Brigham Young that men and nations would hold participants in honorable remembrance, and that descendants would rise up and bless their noble ancestors*
- *Mark graves of original Battalion men and women*
- *Properly mark the 1846--1848 Mormon Battalion Trail*

### **What Was The Mormon Battalion?**

The Mormon Battalion was a military unit, formed by Brigham Young in 1846 at the request of President Polk. Five companies marched from Council Bluffs, Iowa Territory to San Diego, California (then Mexico), a distance of over 2,000 miles to aid the Army of the West in the Mexican War. This is the longest infantry march in U. S. history. There were 32 women, of which 20 were hired laundresses, who left with the Battalion. Some of the officers chose to take their families at no expense to the government. There were 15 families, including over 50 children who left with the Battalion. Although it did no fighting, the Mormon Battalion accomplished important objectives.

The Battalion:

1. Opened routes of transportation in and out of what is now California.
2. Was a deciding factor in the conquest of Northern Mexico and a subsequent purchase from Mexico, involving all or part of what are now seven U. S. States.
3. Was instrumental in the discovery of gold at Sutter's Mill.
4. Initiated irrigation farming by Anglo-Saxons in the American West.
5. Brought seeds and tree cuttings back to the Utah valleys which were valuable for the successful settling of the territory.

In intervening years, as the men of the Battalion died, the significance of their achievements died with them. In 1947, a celebration of their centennial, a statue was erected in San Diego. Later President David O. McKay asked some influential men to organize a Battalion to keep alive the memory of the original Battalion.

A charter was obtained in 1954. Today there are units, with Ladies Auxiliaries, in Utah, California and Arizona, with others in the process of formation in Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, and New Mexico.

### **What Does the Current Battalion Do?**

The basic local unit, a Company with its Ladies Auxiliary, holds monthly meetings to help achieve all Battalion purposes.

The Battalion participates in appropriate historical public events at every opportunity.

The wearing of the uniform helps identify and publicize the group. The Ladies Auxiliary wears period clothing in many public events.

Memorializations of graves of Mormon Battalion men and women enlists family members to honor their ancestors and perpetuate family values.

Eagle Scouts are presented with a buffalo head neckerchief slide at their Court of Honor.

Fireside-type talks on the Battalion and its achievements are provided.

The Battalion, in uniform, participates in many parades and patriotic events.

### **In Summary, the U. S. Mormon Battalion and its Ladies Auxiliary:**

- *Provide opportunities for historical and educational enrichment, charitable service, and social activities*
- *Participate in parades, exhibitions, and other historical events*
- *Sponsor memorializations of Battalion members and provides suitable grave markers*
- *Actively seek for diaries, journals, genealogy, etc. of Mormon Battalion men and women*
- *Provide appropriate U. S. Mormon Battalion trail markers*

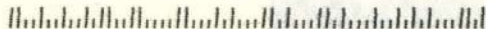
  
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12-18-02

Hi Bernice -

Here's one of the latest -

I got the picture of James from  
a new cousin I found up the road.

It is exciting to see the  
families take ~~shape~~ shape!

All my best -

Melinda

P.S. It was great to talk  
to you the other day. Your advice  
was very helpful.

Kenzie Knapp

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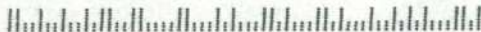
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Dear Grandpa,

Thank you for the valentine's card! It was the only card I got that day and I really appreciate it. It's hanging in my room.

Right now is Spring Break and today we went snowboarding. It was a lot of fun and I'm glad we're lucky enough to go. It's nice to have a break from our crazy lives. School, sports and church get pretty hectic. I'm still doing soccer and loving it, I also have recently taken up golf and am enjoying learning it.

Things are going well, I am liking high school okay (it isn't as glorious as my dad made it sound when he tells me about his old days) I am applying for our community college S.C.C. so I can take classes there next year instead of at the high school. I'm excited because I can be more prepared for college and hopefully have more time on my hands.

There are so many times when I wish we lived in Provo. Or at least southern Idaho! Somewhere closer than 12 hrs! But, I guess it could be worse. I wish the younger cousins knew me more and they could be closer to the older ones. We are missing out on a lot

but, I guess we're supposed to be in  
Spokane (with my dad's new calling reconfirming  
that theory) :)

I heard it snowed over General Conference  
weekend. That's crazy, Spokane weather isn't  
all that fun either.

I miss you and everyone else in  
wonderful Provo! I send love from the  
rest of the Knapps!

Love,  
Kenzie

P.S. Go Jimmer! Fredette! :)