

Happy Happenings

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THE UTAH BURNETTS:

We are excited to have paid our last double mortgage. We sold and closed on our home in Ogden earlier this month.

Cason is liking his new school more and more. He finally told us why he wasn't liking it too much here. It's because they make him work too hard. His old school wasn't as high paced, over 50% were Spanish speaking and didn't know the English language well yet. He also has just lost his two front teeth. One he

was able to put under his pillow the other one got flushed. He came home sad from school the other day. He showed me his smile and then frowned. He was upset because he was eating lunch and swallowed his tooth. He thought that he wouldn't earn any money from the tooth fairy. So he painted a little rock white and wrote her a letter telling her his story and if the rock would be okay instead of his tooth.

Tanner just started mini piano lessons. His teacher is also Cason's violin teacher. Tanner wants to take violin also but is still too young.

Thayne is still very sweet and getting busier by the minute. He likes to get into everything but does it very quietly. Mom has got her eagle ears on. He cries cereal first thing from his room and from nap time and in the evening. Cereal is for all food. He loves to



eat! To Thayne, all animals are 'horsey'! He wakes up and there are 2 horses across the way... he looks for them and says 'horsey'. He was in the garage with me (Lawson) and said 'horsey'... I couldn't figure what he was talking about till I noticed he was referring to the 'horsey' on the front of my Mustang!!

THE WHITES:

We had a great time getting together with extended family on Friday, March 12. To get you oriented, remember: "Grandpa" Wallace Garner Smith and Diana Adeline Love Smith had four children: Victor Burton, Clara Mabel, Kate, and Frank Ross. We're descended from Clara and my three second cousins are from Victor. So Vic and his wife Ev, who live in Washington, Lorraine and her husband Kurt and her sister Shaunee, who live in SLC, Sarah, Lynn and I had a "genealogy evening." It was great! Vic brought pictures of his side of the ancestors and Sarah and I had gathered the pictures we had. We had color prints of Grandpa Smith and all of his grandchildren taken around 1915. We spent quite a bit of time identifying the children. I could definitely identify Agnes and Elsa so Sarah and Lorraine used them to estimate the rest. It was fun and while I'm sure we're not 100% right, I'll bet it's close.

We went out to eat and Vic had quite a few questions about how we came to be "Mormons" and just what we believe and how the

organization works. Hope we answered him right! He is Methodist and his wife a member of the Church of Canada and they were perfectly accepting of their LDS cousins. We found them to be very, very pleasant and easy to get to know. It will be fun going to the reunion and becoming acquainted with more of the extended family.

I'm working to scan in pages from a scrapbook/journal kept by "Addie" Smith from 1889 to 1891. The book is old and frail but I want so much to share some of the jewels she collected and recorded and let others "feel" of her personality. I have a feeling she was quite a lady. So much of her "journal" is hard to read that I had the idea of scanning the page, then typing the transcription at the bottom of the page. But it takes FOREVER to work with so many graphics in a document. I also have letters and other mementos I think would be very valuable (sentimentally) to her posterity. She was a poet!

So, yes, I am into genealogy. I am into pictures. I am into scrapbooking. Wait, had I planned to scrapbook? Well, Kelly and Loreen, before you get too excited, don't look for fancy stuff --just the basics.

We have SOME news other than family history! On February 27 we tilled a portion of the garden and planted peas, lettuce, broccoli etc. It



was great. Then on March 20 we mowed the lawn very short and got a lot of dead grass and leaves out. Now we'll fertilize and watch it grow!

I hurt my rib muscles about March 9 and it sure has put a cramp in my style (pun intended). I can't do anything I want to do. I put my trip to Riverton off for a week hoping I'd feel better. Now I'm just going to go and hope for the best. We love all of you so very much!

FAMILY REUNION NEWS UPDATE:

Laura and Mom have made reservations for campsites at Flaming Gorge⁴/Ashley National Forest at the Mustang Ridge Campground for the evening of June 23, all day June 24 and 25, checking out on June 26. We got a deal because one in our midst is a senior citizen (not to mention names). So as of now it should only cost about \$25 per family! (Please mail \$ to Mom)



Again the question: Is Larry doing the meals? We could E-mail and ask him but: 1) Either we don't have the right E-mail address, or 2) His hands are broken, or 3) He's not speaking to his Mother, or 4) He's too darn busy!!!! Let's get some assignments going. We'll have 100% attendance! Greg was in Utah for his brother's wedding reception and he said, "No problem--we'll be here."

THE PIERSON'S:

Hello to everyone from the Piersons! Here is a little update on some things we are doing:

Steve is busy with work - doing Brainshare this week in SLC, and will be off to Singapore on Fri. April 2.

Christie went to California for a week with her Choir group and had a great time. She is getting ready for graduation - how can that be? Her grad. date is May 26 at 4:00. Jenny is working on passing off all her Seminary mastery scriptures - yea! Jared just wants to go somewhere - won't you please take him to find trucks?? He sits so nice in the car, and doesn't cause any trouble - just show him some trucks! Cory is in Weblos now. He already earned his colors and the Scholar award. Go Cory! He is looking forward to school being out so he can play ALL the time!

Grandma had some health trouble, but that is resolved and she is doing better. She is now working on a quilt for herself!

Lisa is busy keeping everyone else going. I am making a graduation quilt for Christie and having fun with that. Young Women's is always busy. We are taking our YW to SLC Temple to do baptisms for the dead - we are excited about that! Hope everyone is doing well - our love to all!

THE SORENSEN'S:

Things here are going well. Aaron is starting to get busier & that isn't much fun, but we were expecting it. There are about 15 new calves a day he has to catch & tag & give 2 shots to, plus all the feeding & checking &

doctoring & farming. Jancy is sick again, poor girl. She seems to have more than her share, but she is pretty tough through it all. Jaxon still loves fishing. I keep saying he would really love it if he ever caught anything (well, something that wasn't already dead). We took him again yesterday & he had fun reeling the lines in & watching the bobber. Jaxon & I had a talk & decided it was time to get rid of his binki, so we went & let him pick out a new toy for giving them up. He picked a set of water guns & played & played with them until he was ready for a nap. I reminded him of our deal & what a big boy he is. All he could say was, "I'm not a big boy. I'm a tiny boy."

Aaron's dad got in a farm accident so we had a quick trip to Utah to visit him. He broke the top & bottom of his pelvis & smashed his foot. He is still in the hospital, but they say he will get better.

We would like to try to sell our house in Cove again, but found our Dad & Connie put a lien on our house almost 2 years ago without letting us know. We have called & tried to work things out with him, but he won't budge at all, so we don't really know what to do. We don't want to fight him, but he isn't being fair or trying to work with us at all, so everyone pray that something will help him want to work on something with us. It's a mess.

I went to the doctor & they said the new baby will be due August 4, so that is our good news. We love you all.



THE COONS

Hi!! We're enjoying the warmer weather and doing great. Our girls continue to be the joy of our life. Brittney is going to be starting Mother Goose School (like Joy School) this week. I've wanted to do something like that for a long time so we're all looking forward to it. When we put up our Easter decorations, she said, "Mom, you are the number one Easter babe!"



In other words, she was having a great time. A few weeks ago when it was house cleaning time, we played a game, made up by Brittney. We were Snow White (all 3 of us) and we were cleaning the Dwarfs' house and the Prince (Dad) was at his castle in the clouds (work!). Hannah understands about pretending and goes right along with whatever game we are playing. Her favorite is being a baby kitty. We play the Easter Bunny game a lot now but at least we're not playing Santa Clause anymore.

We are enjoying home ownership. We put in a stair rail going down to the basement. That was fun. Now we are working on one of the rooms



upstairs (paint, new baseboards, etc.).

Todd got transferred to North Haven, which increases his commute from 15 (before) to 35 minutes, but he thinks the work opportunities there are great.

We had a very exciting weekend (Fri & Sat.). We went to the D.C. temple and did some sight-seeing with Meg and Bob Leary. It was so great!! We went through New York City (between Manhattan and the Bronx), over the George Washington Bridge (it is beautiful and it has two levels for cars!), through New Jersey, across the Delaware River (another impressive bridge - green and very long), through Delaware and into Maryland. We also went into Virginia while we were there.

We shared a two bedroom hotel (with a kitchen and living room) with a couple from our ward so we could watch each other's kids while we went to the temple. That worked out great and was cheaper.

Everyone talked about how beautiful the temple was but we were still amazed when we saw it. You come around a bend in the freeway and look up and there it is. They say there were a lot of accidents there when they first built it (it's such a shock to see it). The temple was the highlight of the trip because the Spirit was so strong there. We were used to going every month and haven't been now for six months. We didn't realize how much we had missed it until we went back again. It was very special.

We went to Meg and Bob's house on Saturday morning and they drove us around D.C. We went inside the Lincoln Memorial and stood and Lincoln's feet. We



also went to the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial and found Todd's cousin's name on the wall. That is across from the Washington Monument. We saw the rest of D.C. from the car so we'll have to go back a few more times and use the subway. The parking is so bad and we just didn't have time to do more. We saw The Capitol Building, The



White House, The Mint (where they make all the money), The FBI, The Jefferson Memorial, the Smithsonian Museums, and many, many other very amazing things. We loved it! The girls were so good for the whole trip. They are real troopers.

Meg and Bob had us over to their house for lunch after that. They were delightful and we really enjoyed getting to know them better.

We have bright red cardinals, blue jays, and other beautiful birds here. We enjoy seeing them and putting peanut butter and bird seeds on pine cones for them.

We love and miss you all and hope you have a great Easter!!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>April 1999</h1>					<i>April Showers...</i> 	
				1	2	3 Mom & Lynn's Temple Anniversary Gen. Conference
4 Easter  Gen. Conference	5	6	7	8	9 Jeff & Jaxon's Birthday 	10
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18	19 Jared's Birthday 	20	21	22	23	24
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