TURLEY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 1961

Due to the pressure of certain minority groups and circumstances beyond my control, I have been chosen to serve the Turley Family in capacity of editor of the Newsletter for the coming year. It is useless to point out my inadequacies in this position as they will be clearly apparent in the following issues of the letter.

I am Norman C. Tanner, son of Wm A. Tanner and Blanche (Turley) Tanner. My address is 244 E. Marilyn, Mesa, Arizona. My wife is Evelyn (Pipkin) Tanner and we have 3 daughters; Gae, Michele, and Vicki, the youngest having been baptized this New Year's Eve. I work at the Mesa Post office, dabble feebly in the literary arts, and serve in the Mesa Stake M.I.A.

Now that introductions have been made, I wish to extend warmest greetings to all the members of the Turley Family wherever they may be. If you have been intending to do just as I have done; write a note and introduce yourself to the family at large, do so now. Don't put it off, one day you may be doing it as editor of the newsletter.

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The Reunion, which was held in Mesa, Arizona on November 11, 12, and 13th, was a resounding success. The Friday evening Temple session was well attended with approximately 80 names endowed, 50 couples sealed and 304 children sealed to their parents. SATURDAY: Early in the morning Turleys from every part of the country gathered at the 11th Ward for visiting and getting acquainted. At noon Lola Turley and her committee served a delicious turkey dinner. Following the dinner the group was entertained by various musical numbers rendered by members of the family, a "What's My Line" game which served to acquaint many of us with the occupations of a number of the Clan and finally a discourse by Uncle Isaac Turley.

The following is a report from the Family secretary, Anita T. (Turley) Halstead on the minutes of the business meeting held Saturday evening, November 12th:

Business Meeting called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Family President, Lawrence Turley.
Opening song...."O My Father" Piano...Viola Haws Leading....Olive Turley
Opening prayer....Stan Turley
Minutes of 1959 meeting were approved as read by Anita T. Halstead.

Extra copies of the Constitution and By-laws are available.

Memorial of Theodore Turley at Beaver City...report by Stan Turley. City officials said they have no record of burials for about 50 graves and they didn't know of a place where a marker could be put. Lawrence wrote to the Mayor of Beaver City and the city is willing to co-operate with the Turley family members.

Lola suggested writing to Dennis White in Beaver. The Mayor of Beaver also suggested this. Hazel Roy suggested having an article put in the city paper to see if anyone in Beaver would know anything about Theodore's burial.

Report...Hortense M. Fuller:
History's of the following people sent in during the year; Alma R. & Delilah Jane Willis Turley, Edward Turley, Hyrum Turley, Theodore Wilford Turley, Isaac Turley.

Report...Olive K. Turley:
1467 names have been cleared since the last reunion.
Finances....$132.00
Received for research....$287.00
Sent to England.....$362.42
Postage.....$ 10.85 Other.....$13.55
Spent since last reunion $386.82 On hand.....$10.50
Trying now to find burial for Joseph Turley. Appreciates opportunity to work as researcher and appreciates help given financially and otherwise by family members. (Editors note: Do you notice how much money is left in the family coffers?)

Newsletter....Good method for drawing family closer together and alerting them as to our financial needs. Question was raised: 1. Should we continue to send to the 400 members now on the mailing list? 2. Should the newsletter be sent 1st class or bulk rate? 3. Should a note be included asking if members would like the letter continued? Lola moved we pay $1.00 per year for letter. The motion carried unanimously. The family book is moving slowly. Louise Turley wants to help with research.

Financial Report: Total....$534.90
179.05.....Newsletter expense
297.00.....Research
58.85.....Balance

Report on the Reunion
Financial Report:
Dues: 40 families of 400 sent in $5.00

New Officers:
President....Floyd Turley
Vice-presidents....Lawrence Turley, Norman Tanner, Bar Turley, Jay Turley.
Historian....Don Turley Asst. Historian....Hortense M. Fuller.
Genealogist....Olive K. Turley Assistant....Genevieve Bushman
Josephine Hatch
Secretary....Anita T. Halstead Treasurer....Keith Halstead

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

SUNDAY: Over 80 members of the family gathered at the Lawrence E. Turley home to partake of a luncheon and indulge in the fine art of visiting as only a Turley can.

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We were very fortunate to have representatives of the family from California. We were also thrilled with the message and pioneer stories from Aunt Esther (Turley) McClellan.

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There was considerable discussion at the business meeting concerning the Newsletter. The expenses in sending out over 400 copies each time are substantial. As you may have noticed only about 10% of the families on the mailing list help bear the cost of the Newsletter. Perhaps by arguing so loudly in favor or continuing the letter to all members of the family, I succeeded in being given the responsibility of its formulation. Nevertheless, it was decided to continue the Newsletter and to ask $1.00 per year subscription price for it. Let's show our pride in the Turley name and its efficient leaders by supporting the organization 100%. Annual dues are $5.00, most of which is used for genealogical research, and $1.00 for the letter. Even the smallest amount sent in regularly will be treasured.

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Unfortunately almost all of the photos taken at this year's reunion were "duds". Although a professional photographer was hired, not one good picture of the entire group was taken. However, a group of the senior members of the Family: Annie S. (Martineau, Walser, Turley) Hawkes, Ida Lake Turley, Isaac Turley, Esther (Turley) McClellan and Pearl (Turley) Frost, were photographed at the luncheon on Sunday and the picture turned out well and is available to everyone desiring one. Write to me or Lawrence E. Turley, 455 E. Millett, Mesa and send 20¢ if you wish it mailed or 15¢ otherwise, for each one desired.

Group pictures of the 1959 reunion are still available from Lawrence, as well as the printed "Journal of Theodore Turley", ($1.00 or $1.05 postpaid).

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NEWS NOTES FROM THE FAMILY:

For the first time in years Aunt Electa (John Turley), entertained her four children for Thanksgiving. They, with their partners and children, totaled 18 in the group. This didn't include all the grandchildren or the great-grandchildren, as some of them lived too far away. Aunt Electa says she has 14 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. Gary Morris recently lost his brother Chalmer, January 15th.

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From the Harvey C. and Dora Turley family: Their son Arland married Gloria Grey of Ajo, November 22, 1960 in the Arizona Temple. His mother and some of his brothers and sisters accompanied him. A reception was held the same evening at Ajo. Arland and Gloria are attending College at Flagstaff. Newell and Dorothy, with their daughter came from Minot, North Dakota, where he is stationed with the Air Force, on November 19th to spend a month visiting with the Turleys and also with Dorothy's people in Tucson. They returned December 18th.

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Richard Jay Turley, son of Robert S. and Zelda B. Turley was baptized into the L.D.S. Church on December 3rd and was confirmed December 4th. Both ordinances having been performed by his father. Robert recently received his Bachelor degree in economics and is now teaching one class 6 days a week at the University and using the other half-day to pursue his studies. He is working toward his Master's degree.

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Harvey and Dora went to Tucson the Wednesday after Christmas, where they visited with Robert, Zelda and family and also with Harvey's brother Hartley and wife. Their son Oro Ray (Buster) Turley met them there and visited with them. He teaches school in Yuma. He is their only unmarried child now...anybody got a nice girl he might write to?

From Aunt Josie Turley: (wife of Uncle Joe)

Aunt Josie isn't feeling too well...has flutters of the heart and must stay in bed most of the time. Joann, husband and baby spent Christmas at the Pickett home. She is the daughter of Mary and Jack Pickett and granddaughter of Aunt Josie. Georia and Pyron Williams of Pasadena, Texas, report that their second daughter, Judy, married Raymond Crockett...date unknown. Georgia is Uncle Joe's daughter.

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Roger B. and Verdell (Turley) Button had a baby girl at Flagstaff, January 8th. Her name is Kande. They live in Los Angeles, but expect to be transfered to Phoenix about the first of February. Alma (Turley) Heaton and 3 children from Alton, Utah visited with the Charlie Turleys' (Woodruff) a day or so last week.

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Orson Rogers, husband of Elaine (Turley) Rogers has recently been promoted Assistant Vice-president of the First National Bank of Holbrook. Also Frank Turley, former coach of Holbrook, who is teaching in Scottsdale this year has been promoted to assistant Principal of that school.

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Christmas was a lovely occasion for the Arthur and Roberta (Turley) Tanner family. Ilene and Ted Brimhall the their 5 boys from Taylor; Shirley T. and Leonard Diecksen and their 4 from Phoenix; Jan and Ivan Wallen fromDenver; Genevieve Bushman and family from Joseph City; Fontella and family and Kenneth and family who live in Winslow, was there of course.

Fontella has 2 boys in college this year, Bill at Flagstaff, and Kent at Tempe. Bob is married so he is working for a living.

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Genevieve Bushman, who is our very efficient correspondent from Joseph City, reports her family have been entertaining the flu and chicken pox since Christmas but all are improved. Their son Floyd was ordained an Elder on December the 15th and has been interviewed for a mission.

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Patricia Yvonne Breillatt, daughter of Julian P. and Ruth Breillatt, of Vallejo, California, recently was married to Elder Norman Victor Carr of Ceres, California. The ceremony took place in the Los Angeles Temple. Many good wishes to the couple.

Ruth recently returned home following a brief illness in the hospital and is back on duty as Chief Nurse at the Army's Benicia Arsenal.

Elder Julian P. Breillatt, Jr., who is serving on a mission in France, reports his address has been changed from Rennes, France to the city of Roubaix. If you would care to write him his address is 41 rue du General Chanzy, Roubaix, (Nord), France.

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Woodruff, Arizona
November 17, 1960

Thanks Lawrence, Florence and helpers, for the lovely time we had at the Turley reunion. It seemed that everything was perfect. I did appreciate meeting so many relatives I had never seen before.

You have done a wonderful job as President of the family organization, Lawrence, and I congratulate you....We hope to have you here next year and I just hope the reunion will be as successful as this year.

Sincerely,
Leora & family

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Donna R. Christensen, (daughter of Clara Turley Radovich and married to John W. Christensen, Vice-president and Chief Research Engineer for C.B.S.) 76 Ponus Ridge, New Canaan, Conn., reports her children; Carlyn, 8 years; John & Craig, 5 years (twins), busy in school...with Carlyn taking Spanish and French.

Dale Radovich is now working at Hill Air Force Base near Ogden, Utah, as a brick mason. His family received a free trip to Disneyland through the painting achievements of their 8-year-old son, Dale, Jr. Dan Radovich, Utah State road inspector, is now living in Ogden, Utah. His 2 children are gifted in art also.

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Wm. A. Tanner and wife Blanche (Turley) Tanner spent several days in Mesa during January, soaking up some sunshine and visiting with their son Norman Tanner and Blanche's sister Lela (Turley) Tanner, who is now living in Mesa. Lela has recently built a very nice duplex on her property in Mesa.

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Sacramento, California
November 13, 1960

Dear Lawrence,

I am enclosing $5.00 for family dues and (some) for research. I'm grateful for the Turley Family Organization.

I am mistakenly entered on your records as Ronald Swain Hatch. Actually my name is Ronald Dwayne Hatch. Also I have changed my address from 819 E. 11th, Pittsburg, California to 8521 Folsom Blvd., Sacramento, 26, California.

In spite of all my moving around, the Newsletter has still managed to reach me, thank goodness.

Continued best wishes,
Ron Hatch

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A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Woodruff, Arizona
January 2, 1961

Dear Turleys--inlaws and outlaws alike,
Greetings from the land of snow, ice and cold weather....

In spite of all the set-backs, bad luck and even tragedies, we have had a good year. Lawrence and his good wife set us a standard that is hard to follow, at least for me, because I feel so weak and small to try to fill his shoes as President of this great family of Turleys. We owe them a debt of gratitude and love that should be for the best and most faithful. I hope we can carry on the many things he has so ably started.

Our genealogy research has progressed in good shape and hope to do more this next year. Lawrence had several hundred names cleared and Olive had 917 names cleared so that is the most we had cleared in one year.

We appreciated the support of you good people in sending in your money to help with this work and hope you continue to send it in as we need money to carry on our research in England. It seems the Vicars and Priests of the various parish churches in England are balking on some of the searches if they find out you are L.D.S. and charge the limit for their searches now. Did you read the articles in the Church Section of the Deseret News about the first of the year on the subject?

We want to thank Hortense and Vessa and their committee for the work they have done on the family histories and gathering material for a book. Any of you who have ideas on a

book, let us know. How do you feel to such a project?

Thanks to all committees and those who helped in any way with donations and contributions or work. Keep up the good work and let's keep this organization progressing and growing. We have a wonderful heritage as a family, let us cherish and respect it. "Blessed is the man or the woman who can look back on the past with few or no regrets. Live the present with courage and have joy and plan the future without fear, having faith in the mercies of God with charity and love for all men." God bless you all for a bigger and better 1961.

Love to all,
Floyd Turley

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where a swamp had been. Many of them contracted malaria and other diseases in the process but even this brought blessings. Perhaps never in this dispensation has the gift of healing been so manifest as it was when Joseph Smith, in company with other brethren, were miraculously healed, rose from their beds, and went up and down the banks of the river healing the afflicted by the power of the Priesthood.

We now remember that Theodore Turley intimated to Isaac Russell that he was going on a mission. A conference of the Church was held May 4, 5, and 6, 1839, where Brother Turley was one of the Seventies appointed to accompany the Apostles to Europe. Theodore's occupation at that time was gunsmithing. At the same conference it was decided that "Brother Turley's gunsmith tools shall remain for the general use of the church until his return from Europe". 40

After the conference adjourned, Theodore was probably very busily engaged in making arrangements so that his family would be taken care of during his stay in the mission field. "In the forepart of June, 1839, Elder Theodore Turley raised the first house built by the Saints in Commerce, on 'Lot 4, Block 147, of the White Purchase,' or on the corner of what afterwards were named Water and Carlin Streets, on the same block upon which Joseph afterwards built the Nauvoo Mansion." 41. Says Theodore Turley, "I came to Nauvoo with Joseph Smith the Prophet and built the first house that was built by a Mormon in Nauvoo; was one of the committee to fix the size of the lots and run off the streets and co." 42

On the second of July Joseph, Hyrum and Sidney and others, "All went to Brigham Young's, when Wilford Woodruff and George A. Smith were blessed as two of the Twelve Apostles; and Theodore Turley was blessed as a Seventy. Brother Hyrum gave the Twelve some good advice on the nature of their mission; to practice prudence and humility in their preaching, and to strictly hold onto the authority of the Priesthood. Brother Joseph taught many glorious and important principles to benefit and bless them on their mission; teaching them to observe charity, wisdom, and a fellow feeling for each other, and love one towards another, in all things and under all circumstances, unfolding keys of knowledge, to detect Satan, and preserve us in the favor of God". 43.

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