MESSAGE

By Charles F. Ernst
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With most people December 31 serves the dual purpose of dismissing the old year and welcoming in the new. It is not always clear which of these two events we celebrate. There is no doubt but what most of us face this new year of 1943 with courage and hope and, above all, determination to do what we can to make it count in our lives.

For there is hope in the very fact that we can, as individuals, and more particularly as part of a great national community, do something to influence the course of events in this coming year.

And so as we each other a Happy New Year, let us accept the responsibility of helping each other with faith and determination and hard work, knowing that our services will produce results beneficial to all mankind.

In that spirit I wish all residents of Topaz a truly "Happy New Year."

HISTORY

OF UTAH

PART II...

By W. Richard Nelson

The part played by the Mormons in the opening of the American Frontier;

Barash Frontier intolerance, which was coarse and destructive, resulted in merciless persecutions and finally in the expulsion of the Saints from the State of Missouri.

A new haven where temporary peace and tranquillity were obtained was in Illinois. There the prophet Joseph Smith put into effect ideas which he had long before conceived in the building of the city of Nauvoo. It was named after the plan of the "City of Zion," and became a model American city in orderliness, discipline and beauty.

Once again frontier intolerance broke out in full fury. The beloved prophet was murdered and his followers were forced to seek safety in a more hospitable land.

Under the direction of Brigham Young, the Saints looked toward the great West, located more than a thousand miles from any other American frontier, as a place in which to establish their homes.

But even in the desolate, barren wastes of the Great Basin the Mormons did not remain free from conflict and persecution. There the federal government took an active hand in the conflict, causing many of the devout church members to seek refuge outside the bounds of the United States, as all of the frontiers in this country were now occupied. Thus at the close of the nineteenth century, faithful Saints settled new frontier districts in Canada and Mexico.

II. The American Frontier.

What is meant when one speaks of the American frontier? What conditions prevailed there during the early part of the nineteenth century which contributed to the rise, growth, and perpetuation of the restored Gospel of Jesus Christ? Why did the Mormons move westward from one frontier to another until the last American frontier was occupied by white men?

These and many other vital questions can be answered only partially in this brief history. However, through the perusal of the entire course of Mormon history, much light will be thrown upon the foregoing interrogation. We shall follow the heroic Saints--true frontiersmen in their noble effort in helping to open several American frontiers to land settlement, and in their remarkable achievements in establishing a commonwealth in the Far West.

On October 9 two men were watching laborers put up fence posts around the city of Topaz. The two men were late arrivals from Tanforan taking an afternoon walk. They stood for a long time without comment. Then the shorter one spoke, "It looks bad. Fences around us once again. Just like the days at Tanforan."

He shook his head and nudged his friend. The latter did not speak. He watched the men with the posts and then slowly turned to his friend.

"What's wrong with it, friend?" he slowly asked.

The shorter one shook his head again. The two men are good friends. What are the fences for? We won't run away."

"Look here, friend," the other one quietly replied. "There are two ways of looking at it. It might limit your travels but it also protects you. Don't you think it is meant for protection too? For example, suppose we start a poultry farm. Coyotes roam nearby and the animals need protection. You can never tell when a fence comes in handy."

The short man was silent this time. He did not look at his friend. He watched the men working on the fence.

"Fences are natural in life," his friend continued. "We all have fences--within and without. A fence is a symbol of our limited capabilities. And another thing, friend. We have our own fences within our lives which hinder understanding and cooperation."

This time the short one chuckled and patted his friend's shoulder. "Very true, I never thought of a fence that way. Maybe I can break that fence down with you, eh? That's a thought."

The two men continued their walk. They hailed the workers. The men grinned at them, thinking of their sad roles and unaware of the message of a fence.
How 'bout a bite-topita?

DID YOU MEET MY BROTHER?

BROTHER?

Happy New Year!
THE OFFICE: You've probably unanimously dropped in some time or other into the Community Welfare Office at 503—and maybe hastily dropped out again. Because there's usually so much bustling activity, you'd wonder whether you were in the right office. After all, you only waited on one service, some visitor information about a visitor's case, or about some stored property, and it wouldn't warrant all the hive activity.

But in skimming over the weekly reports of the Division, we find that perhaps they have been busier than one would think—in personal alone, they jumped from 11 to 78 (including 12 ministers), and are still seeking more interested potential field workers.

As of December 30, they have handled over 2,001 requests for services, minor and major ones, and many more which were lost in the count. Requests for the installation of stoves tallied the most, with 866 requests; student relocation assistance numbered 213; visitors' permission was granted to 147; travel passes were totaled 136; and assistance was done to other relocation centers, 2. Business and medical matters numbering 68 and 65 respectively and requests to leave Topeka on indefinite leave for reasons other than employment, with 86, tallied 5th, 7th, 6th, 7th highest respectively in the section's count of services requested. Among the other items we note: Medical referrals, housing, legal advice, stored property information, rejoining families in private life outside of the center, housekeeping service, requests to enter Topeka as residents from the outside, transfers to Topeka from assembly centers, employment adjustments, letter-writing service, marriage, adoption, birth, pets, correspondence, telephone service, ordering of flowers, pet problems, information, personal services, soldier visitor service, lost merchandise on train, I.D. information, funeral arrangements, family problems.

THE METHOD: The lack of partitions gives a general air of chaos—but there is really "method in the madness." Actually, the section is practically partitioned into seven major departments—Medical, youth, business, intake, field, housing, and clothing.

Into the Medical falls all vital medical/social work problems—home visits prior to the discharge of patients from hospitals to see that home facilities are adequate, pregnant mothers' needs attended, consultations with the hospital staff members on particular problems and hospitalization referrals. The Youth department works hand in hand with youthful activity—mainly relocating students, but counselling in other matters, too.

Advice, clarifications, necessary actions, any sort of legal fuzziness may be brought to the Business department for assistance.

To the Intake worker falls the responsibility of initial interviews—he determines the information required to render utmost assistance; if he can complete the service "at one setting", so to speak, he does so. However, if further follow-up is necessary, he passes it on to the field workers, for final disposition.

There are 5 field units, each headed by a supervisor, and eventually to be staffed with a worker for each block. The field worker keeps in touch with John Public—knows what he thinks, needs, and is saying. And if John Public can't quite understand the policies of the Section, or doesn't know how to tackle certain problems, he appeals directly to the field worker for clarification. Probably the most harassed department in the whole of Topeka is the Housing Division. The terrific problem of housing, blankets and supplies, moving assignments, adjustments, is handled by this department with zealous patience and admirable stick-to-it-iveness. The responsibility is shared by five divisions—the adjustment committee, social services, assignment section, blankets and supplies crew, part-time moving crew, and a director, files and charts committee. Induction of new residents or those returning from outside employment, requests for housing adjustment due to social, family, or health reasons, the furnishing of a trucking service in making moves, the compilation of a directory of family relations, school enrollment date, and the distribution of eats, mattresses, blankets—all these are a few of the "handaches" faced by this important but extremely active department.

To the Clothing Department is allocated the all-important, over-all Center clothing allowance distributing problem. The Department, with its hub of activity in the allowance section, especially the part pertaining to the clothing allowance and its distribution, has the additional responsibility of keeping a close watch on the clothing allowance due to the war. Hereafter, the large task of consulting payrolls, recording the coming of the allowances and along with the distribution of materials. To the appointment councillor, a resident supervisor and two resident auditors have been added to assist in the functioning of the field workers and the clerical staff. For the initial grant it was necessary to make a house-to-house survey for determining the basic family groups, and to compute the allowance due them. Hereafter, the huge task of consulting payroll sheets, other relevant data necessary for the distribution of these grants, and interpreting and clarifying basic WRA policies on clothing, will be undertaken by this staff.

EVENTUALLY: And there you have the tentative set-up of the Section, subject to such change and revision as new developments may necessitate. Eventually, the office hopes to be properly subheaded with partitions and precious privacy. Meanwhile, life goes on, services are requested, applications are accepted, assistance is rendered, and the Community Welfare Division continues buzzing with anger activity.
COMMUNITY

January 1943

**PONTO**

Ward 2 defeated Ward 4, 6-0, last Saturday afternoon at the High School field in the first round of the all-high school football league. Sponsored by the city's fire department, the team was put together by John T. O'Donnell and Ward 2 defeated Ward 1 in the second round with a score of 12-7.

**BOOK BRIEF**

Residents are expected to return their books on time for the Bridgetown Tournament at six. A fine of 10 cents per day is now being assessed on late returns.

**FOLK DANCING**

The community will be invited to participate in the first Folk Dancing session at 12:30 PM on Saturday, January 2. Soloists will cover everything from marches, sonatas, and dances to singing.

**Agriculture**

**INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of the committee is to determine the various articles now being used for war production and to establish a rationing system for the community. The committee has been formed by the mayor and has been given full authority to allocate materials, supplies, and equipment. The division, however, does not include the rationing of meat, supplies, and equipment.

**SCHOTTICHIO**

Miss Toshi Koda, the dance director, will host a demonstration group to present the dances in as much as possible.

**THE STRUGGLE**

The city has been hit hard by the lack of materials, supplies, and equipment. The division, however, has been slow to make any progress through the efficiency of the government and has not allocated funds to the people. The division has the task of ensuring that the materials are rationed.

**SOUND**

A sound track of several hours, the hog population has been steadily increasing. The hog population is being carried on the pig farm at the present time, and more hogs will be purchased in the near future. Additional pigs, hogs, or sheep are being built continuously to supplement the over-increasing swine stock. Approximately 75 hogs were vaccinated recently by Dr. Irons of the local vet.

**SOMETHING NEW**

A special magazine rack for comic and magazine sales is being installed in the west wing of the library, where the magazines and children's section is located. The rack was donated by the local comic book club. The rack is made of wood and is designed to hold the magazines and comic books in a neat and organized manner.
DR CARLISLE LEAVES

CITY

INTER-FaITH GREETINGS

A Happy New Year from the Inter-Faith Ministerial Association! Within these words, as old as mankind itself, we find anew the force that keeps us working towards the Ideal.

We greet the New Year amidst a surrounding which until yesterday was a barren desert land, far from the community which we called home. It is fitting that we adhere to the meaning of the spirit that lies behind the gathering of the new leaf on the calendar. In making resolutions, our church members wish to make a resolution for all of us "I will keep alive Hope in mankind."

This may outwardly be a simple one; yet, when we consider all its aspects, we shall be taxed to live up to it as evacuees. We must awaken to the dangers of lethargy which are apt to overcome us because of the far-sounding policy of the War. Again, we will be difficult to live the war. Again, we will be difficult to live with hope if we find fault with each other's mode of living and living in yesteryears.

Though we are in education centers where the meaning of material life has diminished, let us be thankful that cure is a life not limited to material wealth alone, the spiritual and religious life give a new and fuller meaning. Because of the doors of mankind are always open to us. With faith in the riches of our hearts we can sustain that hope for harmony and peace with all mankind; we can see the day when once again we shall be a part of a normal community; we can keep alive the hope for the victory of the democratic ideals of equality; and living in that hope it behooves us to do our utmost towards the realization of the good of all men.

ESsay CONTEST WINNERS

In conjunction with the Christmas Festival Committee, Toper High School students participated in an essay contest on the general subject of "Christmas in Topeka," according to Henry Tani of the education division.

The winners in the three grade-groups are as follows: Kentaro Hashimoto, 7th and 8th; Soichi Kawahara, 9th and 10th; and Ken Shimomura, 11th and 12th.

These students received merchandise or credit at the Co-op as awards.

3250 ENROLL IN ADULT EDUCATION

Out of 2564 residents—the total population over 18 years of age—52 per cent are enrolled in Adult Education with an average attendance of 56 per cent, it was disclosed today by Dr. Towoma O. Banu, director of the Adult Education Department.

The following figures released by the Department indicate the enrollment and average attendance, respectively, of the various classes: Art, 459, 337; flower arrangement, 172, 150; music, 584, 477; sewing and knitting, 960, 741; basic English, 332, 142; mathematics, 104, 66; evening classes, 205, 143; and Japanese language classes, 403, 340.

The enrollment under the extensive program totals 3250, and average attendance is 3218.
新春餘興日程

２月日　新春餘興会　場所　東京新橋　時　朝　

新春餘興会

すなわち、新年初詣の後、お正月の趣を存分に味わうため、新春餘興会が Constituted at the beginning of the year, the New Year's Customs Festival is held to fully enjoy the New Year's atmosphere. 新年を祝うために、この新春餘興会が開催される。
PICTURES: ALL DRAWN BY PROF. CHIURA OBATA.

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EXPLANATION:
1. Ernst's message.
2. New Year's Holiday Programs.
3. Voters' Number for Election.
4. "Not so cold." Look back this way.

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