

## NEWSLETTER

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#### Membership

The Chairman and Secretary have decided it might be useful for members of CMSC to have a record/receipt of their dues, consequently see the enclosed card. We operate on an honor system by which you receive the card on our assumption that you will want to continue membership even if you have not yet renewed for 1975.

Several new members have joined us. Next issue of the Newsletter we will recap the interests and activities of all members. Please send a letter indicating any changes from any previous description you may have turned in or provide a statement for the first time.

#### Study in Progress

Russell A. Judkins, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, SUNY Geneseo in upstate New York, is spending the summer in Provo and Salt Lake City on a grant from SUNY studying (historical) polygamous families from an anthropological point of view. He decided to do the study upon observing how little is actually known about the circumstances and dynamics of polygamous life. Russell is former BYU student who got his anthropology Ph.D. in Cornell with emphasis in Asian Studies.

#### Papers Appearing

Several recent items may be of interest to CMSC readers. Don Norton (BYU English Dept.) spoke on "Usage Patterns of Thou, Thee, Thy and Thine among Latter-day Saints" at the Languages and Linguistics Symposium, 1975, sponsored by the BYU Language Research Center and Linguistics Department. in April. The report on the conference can now be obtained from the LRC (270 FB, BYU) at \$2.00. Nine other papers, none on Mormon language as such, are included.

Thomas G. Alexander (490 HBLL, BYU) gave a paper, "Wilford Woodruff and the Changing Nature of Mormon Religious Experience," which is of interest. No doubt it will appear in print before long, but readers of the Newsletter not wishing to wait might request a copy. In it the author discusses changes which prevailed in the pattern of mystical, ritual and millennialist experiences and beliefs in the Church, as exemplified in the life of Wilford Woodruff. This is one more in a recent series of impressive papers which demonstrate how important aspects of Mormon life have changed since its beginning, a viewpoint not

particularly welcome even a decade ago.

Dean May of the Church Historical Department recently gave a paper, revised from an earlier version presented to the Mormon History Association in April, on "The Mormon Community in Historical Perspective." It constitutes a useful survey of the approaches to studying Mormon communities, with observations about the relation of Mormon communal order to the New England background of Joseph Smith and other early Church members.

Edward Geary (A235 JKBA, BYU) gave an interesting and provocative paper at a Family Research Conference at BYU (mentioned in the last newsletter). "The Genteel Tradition in Mormondom: A Speculative Inquiry," suggests that Santayana's "genteel tradition," of Calvinist and Transcendentalist origin and emphasizing "niceness" and "culture," had special manifestations in Mormonism. Its growing influence in Mormon life (in parallel to its growth in American life generally) is suggested as in part tied to the mother-centered polygamous family and to the emphases stemming from two orphaned Church presidents, Joseph F. Smith and Heber J. Grant, who together headed the Mormons for half a century. These preliminary observations, as Geary calls them, deserve further consideration.

Larry T. Wimmer and Clayne L. Pope's "The Genealogical Society Library of SLC: A Source of Data for Economic and Social Historians," appearing in Historical Methods Newsletter 8, No. 2 (March 1975); 51-58, summarizes in valuable fashion the holdings of the Society likely to be most interesting to social researchers.

Noel de Nevers is a non-Mormon professor at the University of Utah whose duplicated "Suggestions for Outsiders Moving to Utah - A Purely Personal View," raised the hackles of some Church people a year or so ago. If you have not seen it, brief as it is, it might be interesting as an indication of how "the other half" of Salt Lake City sometimes feels. Not meant to be abrasive it is simply a little guide to how a newly-arriving professor can get along on the Wasatch Front without letting the Mormons bug him and his family. While not thoroughly informed on details, it presents a useful sociological view. CMSC Chairman has a copy if you wish to see the piece.

### Seminar Papers

Certain papers prepared during Winter Semester in an undergraduate seminar directed by John Sorenson are abstracted below. If a copy of one or more of these is important to you, let him know. All the papers contain material of value, although most are not of publishable quality.

Kyle T. Lewis, "Behaviorism in the Church Teacher Training Program." 16 pp. Sources of behaviorism in psychology, the education emphasis among the Mormons in the 1920's with behavioristic elements entering, the various manuals used by the Church and behaviorism therein, some reactions in the Church to the behavioristic inclination, and the implications of Mormon middle-class status for today's teacher-training course.

David O. Clawson. "Impact of American Society on the Mormons: On Charity." 13

pp. Using limited data from fast offerings (1916-1935), frequency of use of words associated with charity, membership in the Relief Society, etc., the conclusion is reached that Mormon charitable work has been fairly constant, showing no marked effect from outside except through general economic conditions.

Richard W. Sheffield. "Continuity and Change in Mormon Hero Values." 14 pp. What is shown about American heroes is compared with Mormon heroes, who are identified from several sources. "Authorities", though not all equally, dominate.

Kenneth Stewart. "Mormon and American Fertility and Social Factors." 9 pp. The literature is surveyed which shows Mormon fertility trends closely paralleling U.S. changes, but at a higher level. Both a religious factor and American social factors are clearly at work.

C. Martin Hinckley. "The Impact of American Society: Economic Influence." 15 pp. An accommodation framework is used, much like K. Davies, but with somewhat different data and range.

Wade S. Christofferson. "Recent Uses of Scriptures in the Mormon Church." 12 pp. Shows that citation of scripture and reference to statements of earlier authorities has increased dramatically in Conference talks since 1900, due in part to need for doctrinal basis amidst increasingly diverse behavior of members.

Michael H. Gale. "Development of the Church Welfare Program." 14 pp. Welfare functions in the 1920's and 1930's, effect of the radical NDA as a spur to Church to develop local programs, formation of the Welfare Program, later shifts to social service functions.

A. Kim Smith. "Effects of the Media on General Conference." 14 pp. A shift has occurred from speaking to the Saints to speaking to the public. Conference became something of a production event. However the last few years have seen some reversal of that tendency. Appended is a 9 p. interview with an official in the Public Communications Department.

Karlyn H. Lewis. "Missionary Work as an Alternative to Marriage for Mormon Women." 16 pp. Sketches the history of women's missions, then provides data for the first time on numbers of lady missionaries over time, including the very recent surge up to the level of the 1920's. Secular factors are considered to interpret the significance of the changes. Some of the data were treated at greater length in two earlier versions of this paper.

Michael H. Gale. "The Development in the Attitude of the Church to the Study of Law, Lawyers, and Litigation." 26 pp. Mainly historical data are used to show that the changes resulted from increasing involvement in American society and. exposure to its defects.

BYU Centennial Events (For Language Research Center events see page 7.)

The centennial year calendar lists the following events of possible interest:  
October 29. Family Life Conference for Professionals  
November 5-6. Symposium: BYU in the History of Higher Education  
February 3. Family Research Conference  
April 7-10. Symposium: An Expanding Church  
Conference: Collective Beginnings in Mormon Culture

Also to be held are conferences sponsored by the Economics and Geography departments, as mentioned in previous issues of this newsletter.

### Annotated Bibliography on Mormon Political Processes

This is the first of a series of bibliographies useful as research tools. In this case the term "Mormon political processes" is purposely ambiguous so as not to preclude considering processes either within Mormon society or between the Mormons and surrounding societies. Not every source known is listed, but many are. Emphasis is on the 20th century since most research on this topic demands data only available on this later period.

Thomas G. Alexander. "Reed Smoot, the LDS Church, and Progressive legislation, 1903-33," Dialogue 7 (1972):47-56. Smoot's voting record shows he selectively supported Progressive legislation and that he followed a line based on personal assessment rather than Church or party line.

James B. Allen. "Ecclesiastical influence on local government in the territory of Utah," Arizona and the West 8(1966):35-48. Examples at length showing that even after county governments were formally constituted, Church authorities continued significant influence on local government.

James B. Allen. "The American presidency and the Mormons," The Ensign 2 (October 1972):46-56. A sketch of LDS concern with the presidency including examples of statements or interventions by Church leaders where they felt moral issues were involved. Points out varying positions and need for toleration among members for varying political viewpoints.

James B. Allen. "Personal faith and public policy: some timely observations on the League of Nations controversy in Utah." BYU Studies 14 (Autumn 1973):77-98. Details are presented of the issues and personalities as they interacted not always smoothly, in this controversy in Utah in 1919-20.

L.F. Aydelotte. "The political thought and activity of Heber J. Grant, Seventh President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." Masters thesis, BYU, 1965. President Grant's political views arise in part from his pioneer background and from business activity: self-sufficiency, thrift, and laissez faire economics and restricted government. Religious beliefs more important if anything, however. Hence

his active involvement in the prohibition campaign, which led to clashes with Reed Smoot. HJG's institution of the Welfare plan as an alternative to New Deal.

Harrison R. Bryan. "The role of money in politics." Masters thesis, University of Utah, 1954. Sources of campaign contributions in Utah, which are mainly from corporations and wealthy individuals. Reporting law not enforced.

Rufus Cook. "The political suicide of Senator Fred T. Dubois of Idaho," Parc. Northwest Quart. 60 (1969):193. The Borah/Dubois campaign of 1907 in which anti-Mormonism became key issue.

Darwin K. Craner. "The influence of the LDS Church in Utah Politics, 1902-1916." Masters thesis, University of Utah, 1969. Examines issues and personalities. Joseph F. Smith's key role and his use of Smoot. Principle issue of the times: "who shall control Utah, Mormons or not?"

J. Kenneth Davies. "The accommodation of Mormonism and politico-economic reality," Dialogue 3 (Spring 1968):42-54. Traces the rise of capitalistic orientation among Mormons with increasing American occupation in the west, migration out of the heartland, urbanization, etc. From survey data shows how policies and norms have accommodated to the necessities of the modern world. Special concern with the problems of blue-collar workers in the Church.

J. Kenneth Davies. "The Mormon Church: its middle class propensities," Review of Religious Research 4 (1963):84-95. Socioeconomic characteristics of a large surveyed sample of Church membership showing middle classness. Republican and Democratic tendencies of officers and members in several categories are detailed.

Lauren H. Dimter. "Populism in Utah." Masters thesis, University of Utah, 1964. Populist Party appeared late and very weakly in Utah in 1890's. Attributed cause was tendency of Utahans to look to Church to solve problems.

Joseph M. Dixon. "Mormons in the Third Reich: 1933-1945," Dialogue 7 (1972):70-72. Treats the experience of Church members in Germany and difficulties regarding "loyalty."

G. Homer Durham. "Administrative organization of the Mormon Church," Polit. Sci. Quart. 57 (1942):51-71. Explains administrative organization with emphasis on general officers. The idea of a plural executive of three in both lines and staff positions.

Bruce T. Dyer. "A study of the forces leading to the adoption of prohibition in Utah in 1917," Masters thesis, BYU, 1958. Detailed description and analysis of interrelation among political, church, and ideological forces.

William G. Dyer. "Sources of power in a Utah school district," Adult Education 10 (1960):109-12. The nature and effects of power in school boards in Utah. One

fact of power is that it is a "function of the predominant religious organization."

Kenneth Dyal. "Kenneth Dyal responds," Dialogue 3 (Autumn 1968):11-14. A defeated California congressman discourses on the problem of being a Democrat while Mormon, with emphasis on action of a minority of Mormons who aided in defeating him.

JeDon A. Emenhiser. "The 1968 elections in Utah," Western Pol. Quart. 22 (1969):526-35. Discussion of issues, particularly liquor by the drink. Preference on presidential election and on liquor initiative by population characteristics, which include church affiliation.

George H. Frederickson and Alden J. Stevens. "The Mormon congressman and the line between church and state," Dialogue 3 (Summer 1968):121-29. Party, age and education of LDS congressmen. One focal issue treated, closed shop, showing difficult position LDS congressmen are put in by Church statements. Tables on liberal/conservative rankings of these congressmen and also their backgrounds and percentage LDS of their constituents.

Donald B. Gilchrist. "An examination of the problem of LOS Church influence in Utah politics, 1890-1916." Masters thesis, University of Utah, 1965. Particular treatment of "the political manifesto," influence of individual Church leaders on local elections, and the prohibition movement to show complex nature of "influence" in the Utah case at this time.

Martin B. Hickman. "Reciprocal loyalty: the administrative imperative." In To the Glory of God. Mormon Essays on Great Issues. pp. 181-196. Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1972. Some dynamic elements in how it is possible for the system of administration in the Church to hang together.

Wayne K. Hinton, "The New Deal years in Utah: a political history of Utah, 1932-1940." Masters thesis, Utah State University, 1963. Rather straightforward "history," with some data and comments on Church influence on Utah elections and politics. Data in tables on seven elections.

Beth Smith Jarman. "Isolationism in Utah, 1935-1941." Masters thesis, University of Utah, 1970. Reconstruction of the extent of isolationism in this period. Among other factors, views of the Mormon leadership were determined, which was essentially isolationist, which did not agree with urban, but more nearly with rural, feelings in Utah.

Frank H. Jonas. "The 1948 elections in Utah," Western Pol. Quart. 2 (1949):124-127; "The Mormon Church and political dynamiting in the 1950 elections in Utah," Proc., Utah Academy 40 (1963):91-110; "The art of political dynamiting," Western Pol. Quart. 10(1957):374-391; "The 1952 elections in Utah," Proc., Utah Academy 45 (1968):42-65; "The 1954 elections in Utah," Proc., Utah Academy 32 (1955):155-69; "President Lyndon Johnson, the Mormon Church and the 1964 political campaign," Proc., Utah Academy 44

(1967):67-90; (with Dan E. Jones) "The 1970 election in Utah," Western Pol. Quart. 24 (1971):339-49; "J. Bracken Lee and the Mormon Church," Proc., Utah Academy 25 (1956-1957):109-25; "Reapportionment in Utah and the Mormon Church," Proc., Utah Academy 46 (1969):11-12. The inimitable Jonas freewheels his way through commentary and invaluable data on many aspects of Utah politics, particularly planned and inadvertent political activities of the LDS Church and its leaders which do not readily meet the eye in other sources.

Frank H. Jonas and Garth N. Jones. "Utah presidential elections, 1896-1952," Utah Hist. Quart. 24 (1956):289-307. Summarizes statistics and trends which broadly follow national trends.

Garth N. Jones. "Integration of political ethos and local government systems: the Utah experience with council-manager government," Human Organization 23 (1964):210-23. Observations on preferred administrative form as a reflection of Mormon culture in Utah.

D. Craig Mikkelsen. "The politics of B.H. Roberts," Dialogue 9 (Summer 1974):25-43.

Eric N. Moody. "A note on politics and religion in Twentieth-Century Nevada," Nevada Historical Society Quart. 24 (Winter 1971):41-42. Believes that Nevada in the 1930's and 1940's was strongly influenced by conflicting concerns of the Mormon south and Roman Catholic north.

James T. Richardson, and Sandie Wightman Fox. "Religious affiliation as a predictor of voting behavior in abortion reform legislation," Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion 11 (1972):347-61. Degree to which legislators in "a western state" changed votes over two years on the legislation in question. Mormon legislators' change matches Church policy.

Francis Santiago. "An investigation of the power structure of the Tooele County School District." Masters thesis, BYU, 1967. Determines names of 37 influentials by a nominating technique. Religion is discussed among the variables affecting the structure.

Jan Shipps. "Utah comes of age politically: a study of the state's politics in the early years of the Twentieth Century." Ph.D. dissertation, University of Colorado, 1965. Extensive synthesis including church-state relations, the American Party, political machinery and functioning, prohibition as an issue, and the second manifesto. All prominent figures are dealt with.

F. LaMond Tullis. "Politics and society: Anglo-American Mormons in a revolutionary land," BYU Studies 13 (Winter 1973):126-34. In modern Latin American nations where political and social ferment is common, the political stances associated with U.S. Mormonism are out of place.

J.D. Williams. "Separation of church and state in Mormon theory and practice," Dialogue 1 (Summer 1966):30-54. Raises issues for further consideration concerning

influences of the Mormon Church on politics, particularly in Utah, and government intervention in Church matters.

J.D. Williams. "The Defeat of Home Rule in Salt Lake City." (Eagleton Inst., case studies in Practical Politics, No. 2). New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1960. A detailed examination of the events of 1955-57 and the forces and actors involved in an abortive attempt to change the pattern of political power in Salt Lake City. Perhaps the best short treatment of the structure of power in the city.

Richard B. Wirthlin and Bruce D. Merrill. "The LDS Church as a significant political reference group in Utah: 'Right to Work.'" Dialogue 3 (Summer 1968):129-33. Controlled comparisons show that the Church is a powerful reference group in Utah on this issue.

Also see the following references listed in the bibliography in Newsletter 3, 1974: Caldwell, Clark, Coleman, Hainsworth, Hansen, G. Hansen, Janosik, Jensen, Jones, Kearnes, Merrill, D. Peterson, Smurthwaite, Sorenson, Weaver, Clark, Jonas (3 articles), and Jonas and Jones, Linford.

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The Language Research Center is sponsoring the following:

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| November 1975 | Symposium and Workshop on LDS Intercultural and Language Concerns  |
| January 1976  | Translation Seminar  |
| Spring 1976   | Languages and Linguistics Symposium and Conference on the Language of the Latter-day Saints (with Linguistics Dept.) |