

FAMILY NEWS

Tearing down of the buildings in Salt Lake where Aunt Laura Young has been living, has forced her out of the apartment she has rented for years. She enjoyed the times it afforded her to visit in the homes of her children for awhile this winter.

On March 11, Merrilyn, daughter of Merrill and Evie Stevens, was married in the Manti Temple to Ronald Guymon, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Guymon of Blanding, Utah. A reception was held the 18th in the lovely home of her parents, after which the young couple returned to Provo and to school at BYU.

Don and Gwen (Child) Peterson spent a few winter months working in Richmond, California near her brothers and sisters while there was little work to do on their farm. They have returned now to their home in Chester, Utah for the spring work.

Owen Chapman's family has written from Gallup, New Mexico naming numerous awards and achievements of their boys in the Priesthood and school work. Their daughter, Lana, has been in Florida this winter.

Amos and Lorena Tietjen, still happily serving in the Southwest Indian Mission at Ramah, New Mexico have been thrilled by the arrival of a boy in the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Rhona and Richard. This little fellow is also welcomed by his seven older brothers, and makes the total number of Amos' grandchildren to 48, plus 4 great grandchildren. Thirty-five of them are boys who will be able to carry on the good name of their grandparents.

In Blanding, Utah, Doris Black has opened a school of fine arts, with a beginning enrollment of 17 students in 3 classes of music and art. Excellent teachers have been hired and the opportunities in that area are making it an interesting and satisfying work.

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HISTORY OF EMMA CHRISTIANSEN TIETJEN
Part II

Emma's cousin in America, Emma O. Tietjen, Ernst Tietjen's wife, sent her \$80 for fare to Salt Lake City and so Emma left her family in Norway when she was eighteen. She learned that Ernst had been called by the church authorities to take another wife, and his wife, Emma O. had suggested then that he marry her cousin, Emma Christiansen. He had gone to work on the railroad until he became sick, and his pay check was exactly what it cost Emma to get to Salt Lake.

She was eighteen years old then, and with the enthusiasm she had for every adventure, Emma enjoyed the trip in the sailing ship tremendously. She was thrilled with plans for a nice home with Ernst in Salt Lake City, marriage in the Endowment house in Salt Lake. She dreamed of living in that fine city and dressing and behaving as a great lady would.

Unknown to Emma, her aunt had written that Emma had left with a complete black wardrobe. When Emma arrived in New York, it was spring and everyone was wearing white. She thought it looked so much nicer, she bought a complete white outfit, even a white parasol. When she got off the train in Salt Lake she was wearing her white clothes, but she said that in the crowd she and Ernst knew each other right away.

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It is encouraging that so much work in gathering genealogy and history is being done by various members of the family. In regards to this, it would be greatly appreciated by all the family if a copy of the family stories you may have were sent in to the family history chest to be added to our meager collection.

To so many who have taken time to write encouraging letters, the editor extends a very hearty thanks. This issue contains a copy of family groups for reference in these newsletters.

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It must have been about two years later that she and Ernst A. Tietjen were married. She was married as her gospel taught, for time and eternity on 20 Oct., 1876. Ernst and Emma O. had been married three years, and had a home in Santaquin, Utah. Ernst left the next day after the wedding for his mission to Arizona, leaving Emma alone in Salt Lake City where she went to work. She worked for a year for Mr. William Folsom, until Ernest returned.

Ernest had been called to settle in Northern Arizona and New Mexico. He had learned to speak Navajo and helped Emma with it. She had by this time learned English fairly well. They and Emma O's family traveled by oxen to the new country. It was a great disappointment to the little lady who had worked in nice homes and had dreamed of her lovely city homes. All this and the dreams of culture and refinement she had for her children were left behind. Emma C. put on a pair of Indian moccasins and rode a pony most of the way into the desert, Indian country. Sometimes she helped Ernest drive the teams and despite her disappointment, enjoyed carrying her step-son, "Little Joe" as she called him on her pony with her.

The group went first to the outskirts of Sunset, Arizona, for a week. Then they moved into Northern New Mexico. They settled in Sevoia, where Emma's first three or four children were born. Emma planted trees and flowers and vigorously cared for them, carrying water to them in buckets. The family was called by church authorities and the army into St. Johns several times because of Indian trouble. Once they lived at Murrill Ranch near there because of the Indians. Most of the trouble came from raiding Mescalero Apaches and the Navajos would warn "Long Tietjen" of their coming each time. They went back to Sevoia. Later the family moved to Ramah, when Ernest went to St. Johns and coaxed a few families to go with him to settle that town; then finally moved to Bluewater.

The following letter, written in Emma C. Tietjen's own handwriting tells of some of the experiences she had early in her married life. E. A. Tietjen in 1876 came back from his mission.

".....back and I was married to him in the Endowment House the 20th of October, 1876. Then I stayed in Salt Lake City and worked in the 14th Ward for Elizabeth Folsom, whose husband was William Folsom, President Brigham Young's father-in-law. His daughter was Amelia Folsom. E. A. Tietjen worked in that mission with Brother Burnham. E. A. Tietjen went on that mission in 1875 to the Navajo Indians in New Mexico, came back and married me in '76, went back to the mission right away and President Young told him and Burnham to move their families out there so in September 27, 1877. E. A. Tietjen moved his family to Sevoia, New Mexico. He had then two wives and a baby. We traveled with ox team.

I was Sunday School teacher for years in Ramah and in Bluewater and I used Bible charts and explain to them about the Savior and the Heaven and they never would get tired of hearing it. And one time Apostle Brigham Young came there to hold meetings with Indians and my husband was away from home so he took the Bishop's wife, she and Apostle Merrill's daughter, and me and Brigham Young. And I tell the Indians what he said to them and one of them said two Mormon men got in trouble with Navajos over some Indian horses that got in this Mormon man's field and this Mormon man drove the Indian horses in his corral, so the Indians said they would kill this Mormon man.....My husband E. A. Tietjen being away from home these two Mormon men got me to go with them to make peace with the Indians, so when we came to their place, the Indians stood in embankment with their guns pointed at us to shoot. So I got out of the wagon alone and walked over to the Indians that stood with guns. I said, "Are you going to shoot me?" They said, "No, friend, we won't shoot you, but we are going to shoot them men." But I said, "They have come to make friends with you so they felt alright.

The time it was polygamy trouble and the rumor that the officers were coming up above our reservoir to get all the polygamists. Then the Indian Chief, Gosepina,

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He was an old man, he said to me, "Take you a little bedding and come up to my Hogan and it's about a mile and a half." He takes a little bedding on his horse and I take my children and went to his good wife. Did not come any officers so we went home the next morning."

Concerning this incident Emma said later that Ernst was very angry when he found out she had run. He said the law against polygamy had come after he had married his wives and his only duty now was to support them properly. Emma's letter continues:

".....With my husband in a buckboard and horses to see the country and they found a good place we call Bluewater. At that time it was only a cow man's house and a shed and house of the railroad there, so the Apostle Brigham Young told my husband E. A. Tietjen he wanted him to get that place for a home for the Latter-Day Saints and he did it as he always did....and my husband was given the authority to be President over that mission from Apostle Brigham Young, and E. A. Tietjen stayed by that mission from 1875 until he died in 1925. I have just told you about my husband because his life was so wonderful and I stayed right by him all these years and I was also a missionary to them for I had helped my husband to talk and helped the Indians all the time and when Apostle Brigham Young (Jr.) came through he told me he wanted me to be a missionary to the Indians and go and do for them the way I had been doing and the Lord would bless me. Now this letter is too long. I won't say anything more about myself. My husband got his pension with the first that got the pension for taking part in the war here in Utah. I think was called the Black Hawk War. His brother Charley Tietjen got a pension at the same time. I am afraid is too long a letter and may take too much of your time and hope you will forgive me. I will surely be thankful to you and the Lord too for it will help me to work in the temple. I thank you so much for trying to help me get the pension."

Sincerely, Emma C. Tietjen
To be continued.....

TO THINK ABOUT

Say not...the struggle naught availeth,
The labor and the wounds in vain
The enemy faints not, nor faileth
And as things have been, they remain.
And not by eastern windows only
When daylight comes, comes in the light.
In front the sun climbs slow, how slowly,
But westward...look, the land is bright.

—Arthur H. Clough

We are not punished for our sins, but by them. Pollock

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Reed Stevens has returned from Dixie College in St. George, Utah and in Feb. was sustained as counselor to Supt. Of Sunday School in Blanding Ward, which

position he fills with dignity.

In Richmond, California, Marion (Child) Rhoades has completed her Stake mission & received her release.
