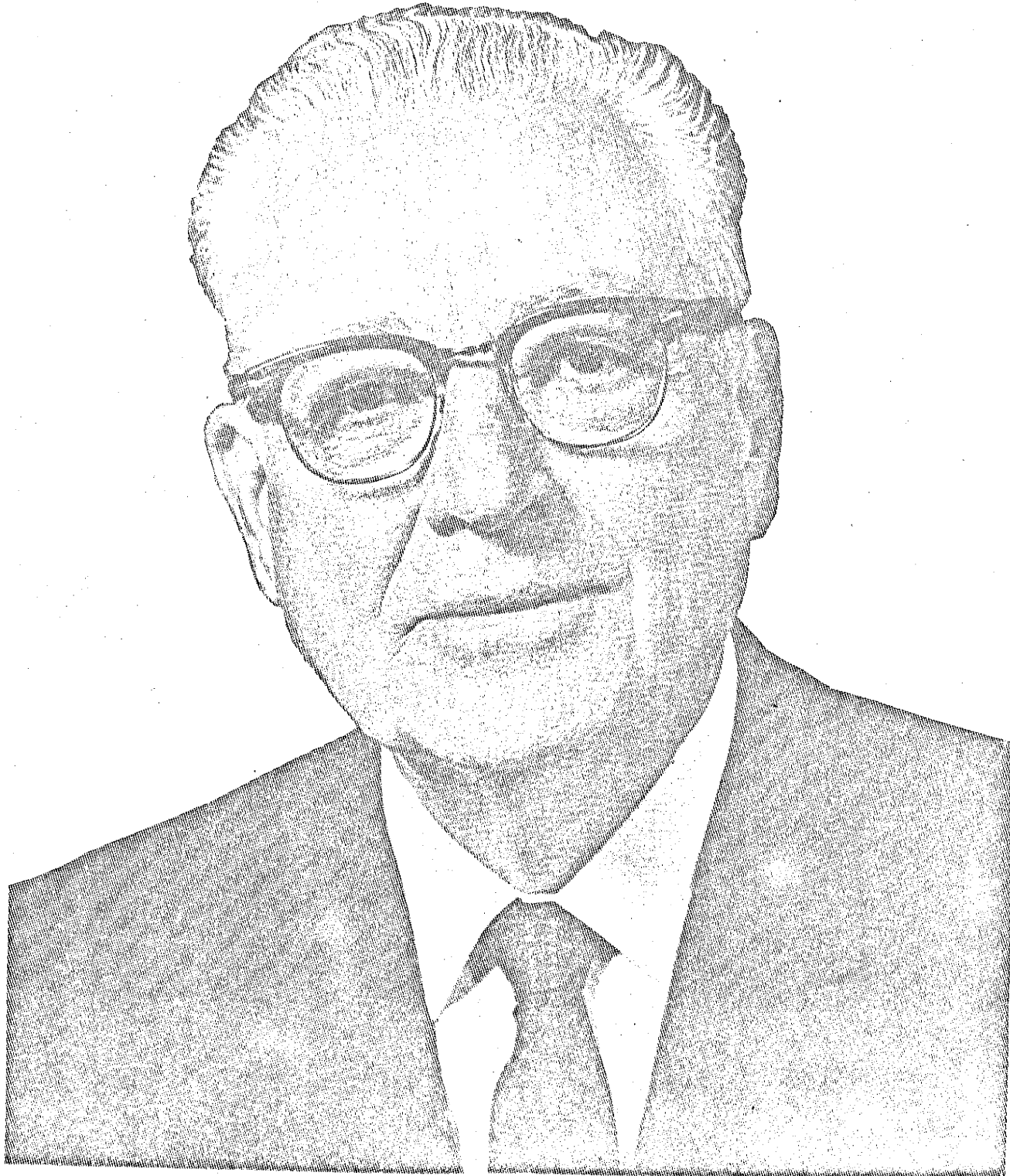


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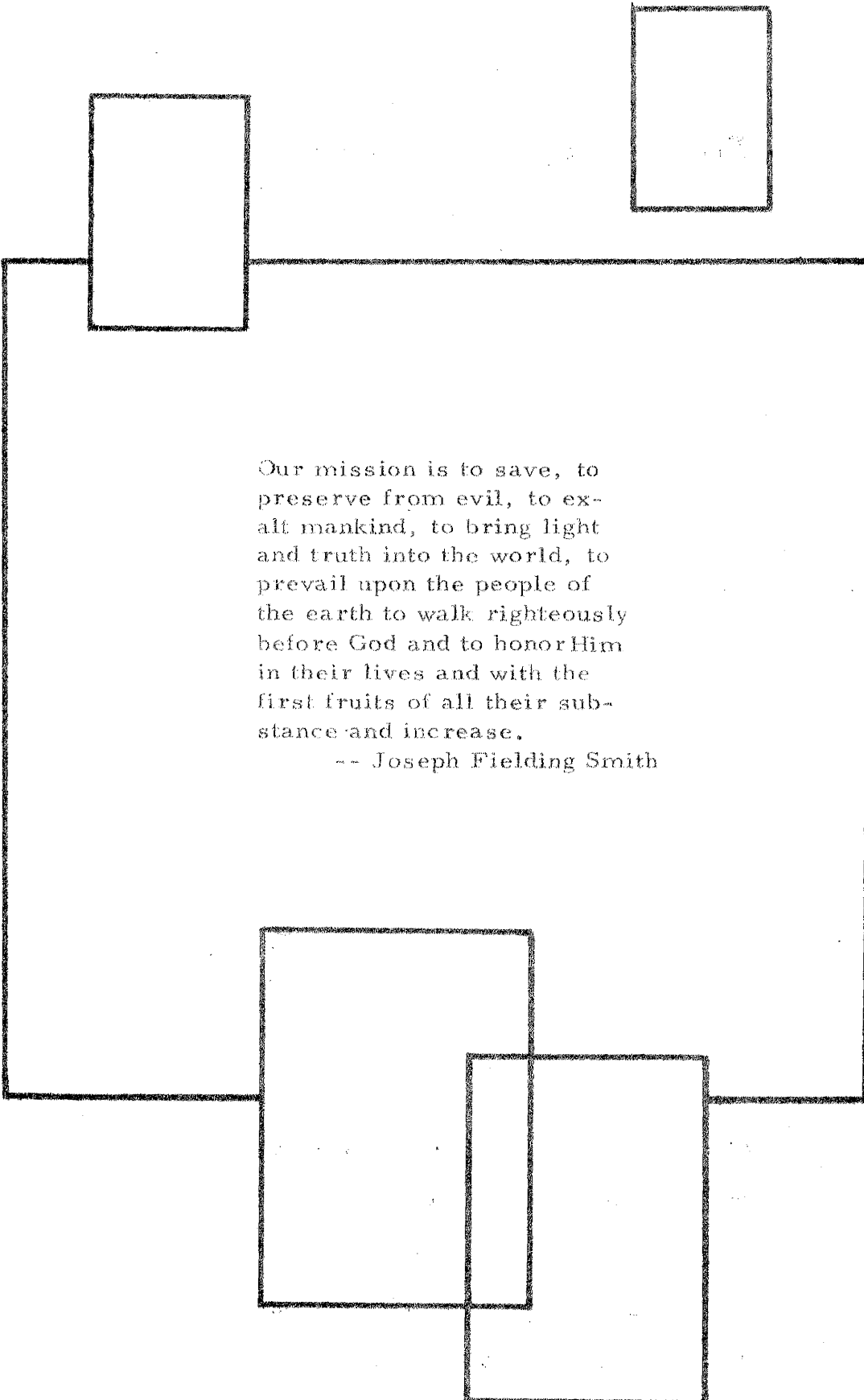
Of The Brazil North Mission

JULY 1972



President HAROLD B. LEE

*GRAMM.*



Our mission is to save, to  
preserve from evil, to ex-  
alt mankind, to bring light  
and truth into the world, to  
prevail upon the people of  
the earth to walk righteously  
before God and to honor Him  
in their lives and with the  
first fruits of all their sub-  
stance and increase.

-- Joseph Fielding Smith

Dear Missionaries:

We are covenant makers. We have promised to do many things for our Heavenly Father, for which he has promised to give us His blessings. As covenant makers, we are also in a position to be covenant breakers.

"And as the covenant which they made unto me has been broken, even so it has become void and of none effect. And wo to him by whom this offense cometh, for it had been better for him that he had been drowned in the depth of the sea. But blessed are they who have kept the covenant and observed the commandment for they shall obtain mercy." (D&C 54:4-6)



When I was a little boy, I played on the city playground. We could check out equipment without charge. All we had to do was promise to return it at the conclusion of our play. One day a friend of mine checked out a ball and after playing with it for awhile, he took it home. The playground director knew he had taken it. From that day forward my little friend could not come back to the playground to play. He lost his privilege. He also lost some friends, his right to use the wonderful playground facility and most of all he lost the friendship and confidence of the playground director. The ball he had taken wasn't anywhere close to the value of the things he lost. Do we sometimes sacrifice great spiritual benefits for an infinitesimally small material or physical gain? I hope not.

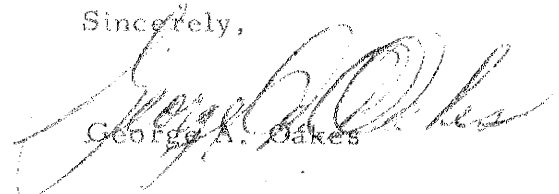
We extend our love to the family of President Joseph Fielding Smith. He was a covenant maker who kept his covenants to the letter. At his passing, President Harold B. Lee becomes our leader. He is a man of the highest integrity. We must bear witness to the world of his inspired leadership. We have covenanted to do this. I'm sure you support him as I do. We shall be diligent in our endeavors as missionaries.



Missionary work is a great privilege that races by very fast. If we waste our time or fail to fulfill our promises, we are as foolish as my little friend who gave up so much for a used ball.

Our covenants are a solemn promise which we will fulfill for the glory of our Lord, prophets, Brazilian people, family and self. I pray we may have the strength of character to succeed that we may obtain the Lord's mercy.

Sincerely,

  
George A. Oakes

Dearest Missionaries:

Greetings once again from the mission home! Things are hopping here as usual. President Oakes' parents arrived last week to stay for awhile and enjoy Brazil with us. Needless to say they are fun to have . . . we hope you'll all get to meet them. They will be with us at the Belo and Brasilia Conferences.

Jeff and Scott are on vacation for a month. They take swimming lessons at the clube and are now building a house in the lot next door. When President Carter went back to Washington he left his TV. The boys enjoy cartoons and a few of the children's shows. Grant has adjusted slightly to his new glasses.

The painting on the outside of the mission home is completed and the new drapes are hanging in the livingroom. Jo, our new cook is great . . . Virginia is still the housekeeper and Aluisio continues as wash boy, car-keeper, gardener, trash boy and everything else.

Rio has been chosen for the next mission presidents seminar in October, so I've been busy comparing prices and facilities on hotels, touring busses and making reservations.



The BIGGEST MEMBER EVENT of the year, the "ELO" YOUTH CONFERENCE on July 7, 8, 9th was SPECTACULAR! The president and I enjoyed everything! He was one of the seminar speakers. We loved being with the youth and look forward to the next conference. There were 250 young people there!

Continue being excellent missionaries so that you will merit the Spirit of the Lord. Keep your commitments. The Lord trusts us with his name and we must spread His gospel "unto the ends of the earth." (D&C 65:2)

I love you,

*Jeannette N. Oakes*  
Jeannette N. Oakes



Dear Elders and Sisters,

We are members of the true church of Jesus Christ, a perfect organization "built upon the foundation of apostles and prophets; Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone." (Ephesians 2:20) The church of our Savior is truly a house of order.

I was very impressed with the events surrounding the death of our beloved prophet Joseph Fielding Smith. We here in Brazil knew of his death, but did it change our course as missionaries? No, we still went from door to door, talked to men on the street, checked referrals and preached in the praças testifying that the true church of Jesus Christ IS on the earth, guided by a prophet of God and the quorum of apostles.

At the passing of President Smith there was no political intrigue as to who would assume his position. Rather, there was a unification of the Brethren to procede in the work of the Lord. A new prophet was sustained, having the same keys and powers as did his predecessor. We now uphold Harold B. Lee as prophet and president with the same fervor as we did President Smith before his passing.



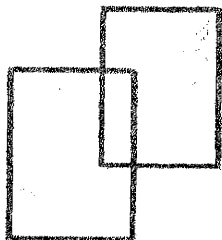
In the last conference address by President Smith he seemed to stress the fact that our loyalty goes to the man who is called on to fill the holy position of President of the Church. He stated, "...I think there is one thing which we should have exceedingly clear in our minds. Neither the President of the Church, nor the First Presidency, nor

the united voice of the First Presidency and the Twelve will ever lead the Saints astray or send forth counsel to the world that is contrary to the mind and will of the Lord."

I testify that Harold B. Lee is a prophet of God and that Jesus Christ, the cornerstone of the church, reveals to him how to run the church. I bear witness that only through obedience to the counsel of the Brethren will we find temporal and eternal happiness. May we be diligent in carrying forth this important message to the world, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,

*Elder Willis Fails*  
Elder Willis Fails



# MISSION MEMOS

Just a note to remind you that I am not the only one who needs to receive *Recomendações para Batismo e Confirmação* promptly and correctly filled out. Your branch president also likes very much to receive white and pink copies. In fact, sometimes they get rather violent when they don't receive them. The branch presidents need them to make out their monthly reports to the mission, and if they don't have the *Recomendação*, their reports are either incomplete or late. Please help them out by giving them the *Recomendação* immediately after you baptize someone. Thanks.

  
Elder Higginson  
Historian

There have been many requests for additional Level III Language Books. We now have a small surplus supply, enough to give a book to those Senior Companions who really desire to have one and will use it to great advantage. Any juniors who do not have a book or any seniors desiring one should contact me at the MO.

Due to the laxity of some elders and sisters, the June Pass-Off has become the July Pass-Off. The yellow check sheet you received should have been signed by the person who passed you off and returned to the MO. If you have not completed this it should be done so immediately and sent in. If you have treated the program lightly and lost your paper you should send the information in on a separate piece of paper so that you can be checked off on the control list.

  
Elder Fails  
Assistant

**TIJUÇA**

Saenz Pena.....:1  
 Santa Tereza.....:0  
 Total.....:1

**ANDARAÍ**

Maracanã.....:5  
 Grajaú.....:5  
 Villa Isabell.....:2  
 Total.....:12

**RAMOS**

Ilha do Governador.:6  
 Penha.....:4  
 Total.....:10

**MEIER**

Dias da Cruz.....:3  
 Boca do Mato.....:2  
 Todos os Santos.....:1  
 São Cristóvão.....:7  
 Total.....:13

**PERNAMBUCO**

Madalena.....:3  
 Boa Viagem.....:0  
 Olinda.....:3  
 Total.....:6

**PARAÍBA**

João Pessoa.....:4  
 Campina Grande.....:0  
 Total.....:4

**CEARÁ**

Fortaleza.....:13

**CASCADURA**

Jacarépaguá.....:7  
 Madureira.....:6  
 Irajá.....:4  
 Total.....:17

**JARDIM BOTANICO**

Botafogo.....:4  
 Lagoas.....:1  
 Total.....:5

**MONTANHAS**

Juiz de Fora.....:1  
 Petrópolis.....:8  
 Teresopolis.....:0  
 Total.....:9

**ESTADO DO RIO**

Niterói.....:1  
 São Gonçalo.....:6  
 Nova Friburgo.....:9  
 Volta Redonda.....:1  
 Total.....:17

**VITÓRIA**

Vitória.....:0  
 Villa Velha.....:0  
 Total.....:0

**MINAS GERAIS**

Belo Horizonte.....:12  
 Floresta.....:9  
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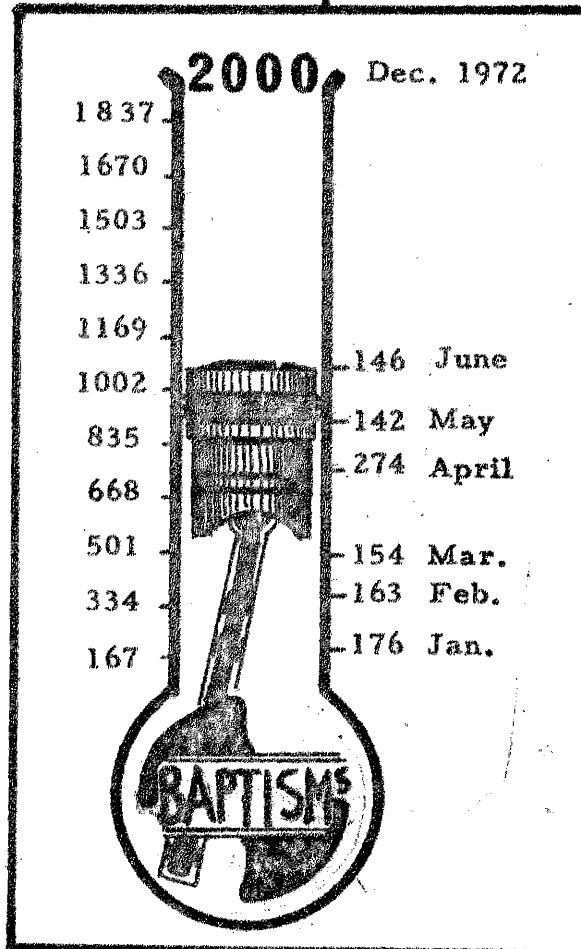
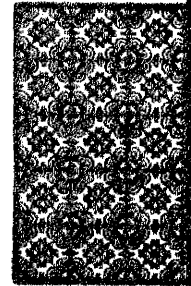
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**BAPTISMS**

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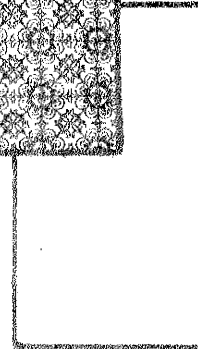
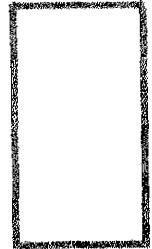
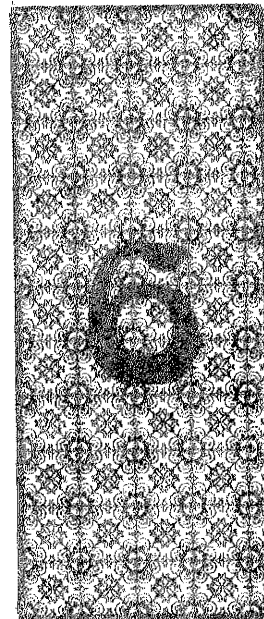
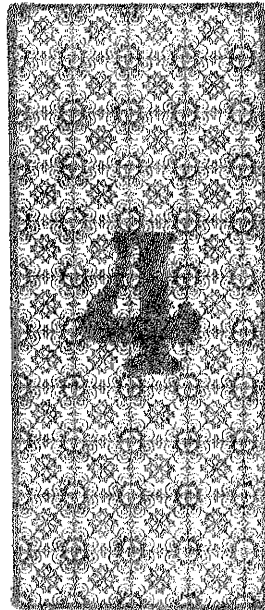
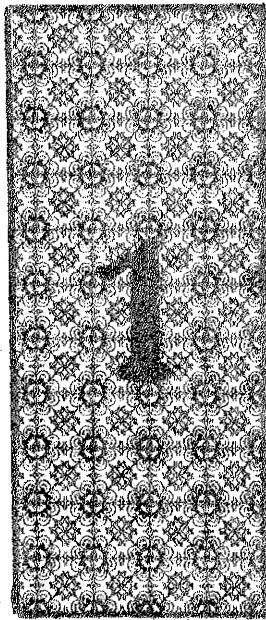


**146 BAPTISMS**

YOU ARE A PART OF THE MARVELOUS WORK AND A WONDER.

"And the Lord will set his hand again the second time to restore his people from their lost and fallen state. Wherefore, he will proceed to do a marvelous work and a wonder among the children of men.

II Nephi 25:17



HOW IS YOUR FAITH? DO YOU BELIEVE YOU CAN SUCCEED?

"For behold, I am God; and I am a God of miracles; and I will show unto the world that I am the same yesterday, today, and forever; and I work not among the children of men save it be according to their faith."

II Nephi 27:23

ALL THINGS IN RIGHTEOUSNESS ARE POSSIBLE WITH GOD.

# Mission News

Brother Asael T. Sorensen has just been called as the Mission Representative of the Twelve for Brazil. Brother Sorensen, now a resident of Montevideo, Uruguay is the father of Kristine Sorensen, former Brazil North Missionary, and was also the president of the Brazilian Mission from 1953 to 1958. He was called a second time as president of the Brazil South Mission from 1959 to 1960

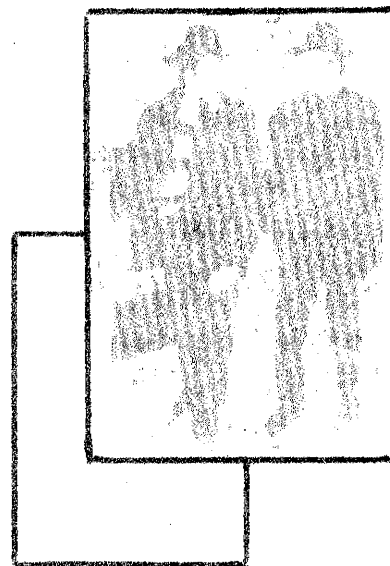
Also, Brother Finn Paulsen has recently been named as regional Representative of the Twelve for the member organizations in our area. He was president of the Brazil South Mission 1960 to 1963.

These appointments are in conjunction with a world-wide change in the supervisory organization of the church necessitated by its fast-growing international membership. The change was announced at a special press conference held at church headquarters in Salt Lake City. At the press conference, the following statistics were brought out.

--World membership has increased 94 per cent in the past 12 years (1960-72) to a total of 3,090,953.

--Growth rate for the same period within the United States has been 50 per cent to a total of 2,133,758.

--Growth outside the U.S. is up 250 per cent for the same period.



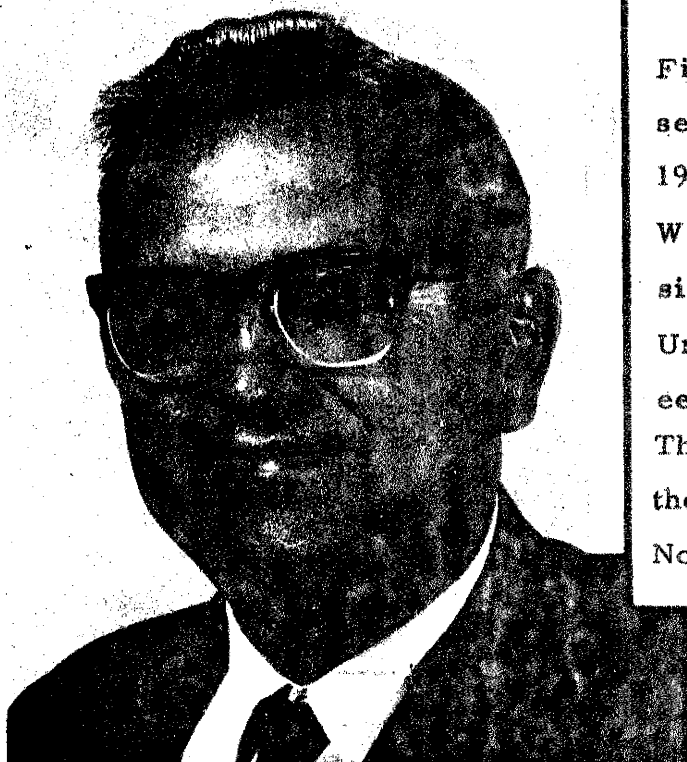
This change will mean that the mission will now deal with the Mission Representative of the Twelve in many instances where it has in the past dealt directly with the general authorities. Bruce R. McConkie and Howard R. Hunter are still the general authorities in charge of the mission, but they will deal with us less directly in the future. This will also mean that the general authorities will no longer hold missionary interviews.

A new branch has been organized in the Rio district called the Irajá Branch. This is the third new branch to be organized in the last three months. The new branch will be presided by Celestino Valente Coutinho Pinto. The formation of the new branch is a prominent step in the growth of the mission and in the attainment of a stake in Rio, bringing the Rio District to a total of seventeen branches. To serve the new branch, the new Irajá Zone has also been created, with Elder James Thatcher as zone leader.

It is well known that the Brazil Central Mission has now been divided into the Brazil North Central Mission and the Brazil South Central Mission. To preside over these missions, two new mission presidents have been called. They are: LeRoy A. Drechsel of Salt Lake City, who is to preside over the Brazil North Central Mission, and O. Nelson Baker of New Jersey, who is to preside over the Brazil South Central Mission. Both of these presidents should arrive in Brazil shortly.

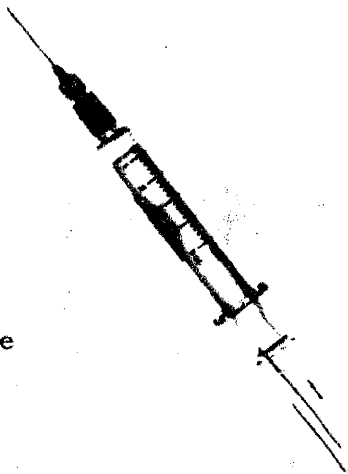
Bringing you more news and views next month will be your roving reporter, Elder Higginson.

Asael T. Sorensen, one of the few men who have served as president of two missions, is currently living in Montevideo, Uruguay. He served as president of the Brazilian Mission from 1953 to 1958. In 1959, he was called as president of the Brazil South Mission. He has also served as a stake missionary, as president of a quorum of seventy and as a stake mission president. He has a degree in industrial sales management from Los Angeles State College.



Finn B. Paulsen, a Regional Representative of the Twelve since October 1967, formerly was president of the Wilford Stake and the Brazil South Mission. Mr Paulsen graduated from the University of Utah and is a civil engineering instructor. The areas under his supervision include the São Paulo Region and the Brazil North Mission.

Anderson  
 Armstrong  
 Arnold  
 Barclay  
 Barnes  
 Barney  
 Barzee  
 Boswell  
 Bradshaw  
 Burlingame  
 Chlarsen  
 Clarke  
 Crismon  
 Christiansen  
 Dance  
 Dunn  
 Ehat  
 Ennes  
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 Furness  
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 Hayes  
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 Hymas  
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 Lopes  
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 McGee  
 Mendenhall  
 Milner  
 Malhorquim  
 Nassar  
 Nielsen M  
 Phelps  
 Porter  
 Potter (Sister)

Proctor  
 Recksiek  
 Rex  
 Rich  
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 Rishton  
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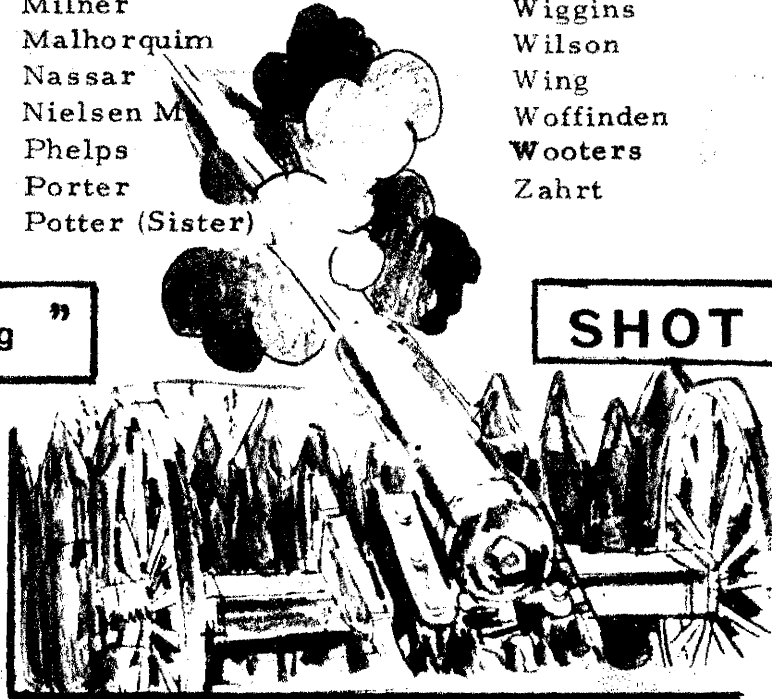
**SHOT**

The above Elders and Sisters are to receive "GG" Shots during the month of July.

Thank you

*Elder Wiscombe*

Elder Wiscombe



**WINGS  
 AWARD**



Sister Julianne Briggs was released from the Brazil North Mission on the 8 of July, 1972.

REGION ONE

TIJUCA

Santa Tereza

Wilde DLZL, Porter

Farnsworth, Warner

Saenz Pena

Nassar DL, Mendenhall

Taggart, Miller

ANDARAÍ

Maracana

Hansen DLZL, Roberts

Sorensen, Jackman

Vila Isabel

Ehat DL, Tresnak

Wood, Hafen

Grajau

Taft DL, Robinson M

Furness, Abraham

RAMOS

Ilha

Brown DLZL, Boswell

Smith, Bradshaw

Packard, O'Brien

IRAJÁ

Penha

Thatcher DLZL, Lewis GM

Johnson, Hindmarsh

Vila Cosmos

Heaston DL, Wangemann

Fuzeto, Rich

MÉIER

Speed ZL, Holley

Dias da Cruz

Wing DL, Richards

Wilford, Kreitlein

McCurdy, Potter

Boca do Mato

Robinson DL, Clarke

Robeck, Underwood

Todos os Santos

Solomon DL, Carey

Olsen, Enger

São Cristóvão

Giblette DL, Maughan

Forsyth, Davis R

NORTH

PERNAMBUCO

Madalena

Southwick DLZL, Robinson E

Stimson, Dance

Boa Viagem

Allison DL, Svedin

Barney, Lewis GE

The  
Brazilian  
North  
Mission

Olinda

Higley DL, Marsh

Shillig, Phelps

PARAÍBA

João Pessoa

Thomas DLZL, Deuel

Stanger L, Mills

Campina Grande

Fackrell DL, Barnes

CEARÁ

Fortaleza

Carver DLZL, Hardesty

Dissel, Quinn

REGION TWO

CASCADURA

Jacarepaguá

Huffaker DLZL, Anderson

Milner, Hymas

Madureira

Hall DL, Chatfield

Edwards, Keller

JARDIM BOTÂNICO

Botafogo

McMillan DLZL, Thirirot

Benedict, Baird

Lagoa

Fuhriman DL, Nielsen

Baumgarten, Barzee

MONTANHAS

Petrópolis

Webb DLZL, Reimschuessel

Alexandria, Burton

Juiz de Fora

McIntire DL, Larson

Elggren, Hayes

Teresópolis

Woffinden DLBP, Dyches

ESTADO DO RIO

Niterói

Lopes DLZL, Dixon

Walters, Lass

São Gonçalo

Graden DL, Rishton

Rex, Amato

Nova Friburgo

Zahrt DLBP, Wilson

Volta Redonda

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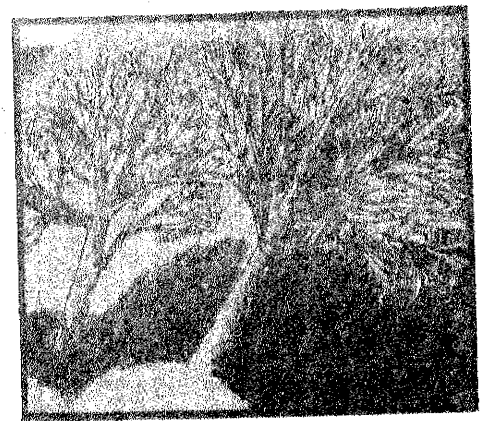
VITÓRIA

Vitória

Wiggins DLZL, Brannen

Vila Velha

Gaertner DLBP, Sargent



INTERIOR

MINAS GERAIS

Davis J ZL, Grimm

Belo

Baldree DL, Christiansen

Swensen G, Warcup

Floresta

Wooters DL, Arnold

Barclay, Metcalf

Sete Lagoas

Echols DL, Hortin

DISTRITO FEDERAL

Asa Norte

Proctor DLZL, Biehl

Broadbent, Joyner

Asa Sul

Gagon DL, Sherman

Malhorquim, Foster

Taguatinga

Chlarson DL, Wyal

Hunter, Peterson

GOIÁS

Goianã

Andelin DLZL, Potter

Welch, Gilgen

Anápolis

Toone DLBP, Armstrong

Dunn, Recksiek

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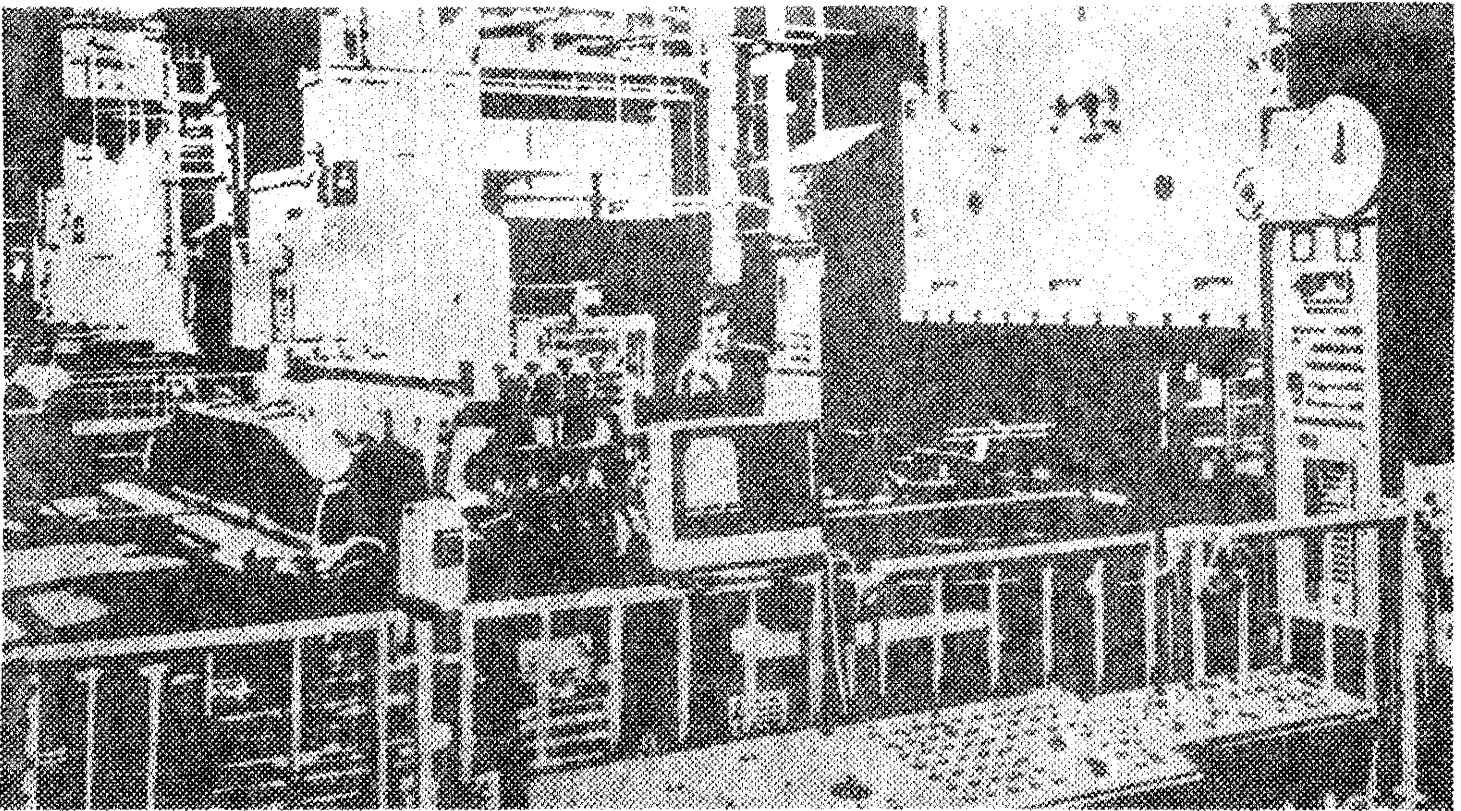
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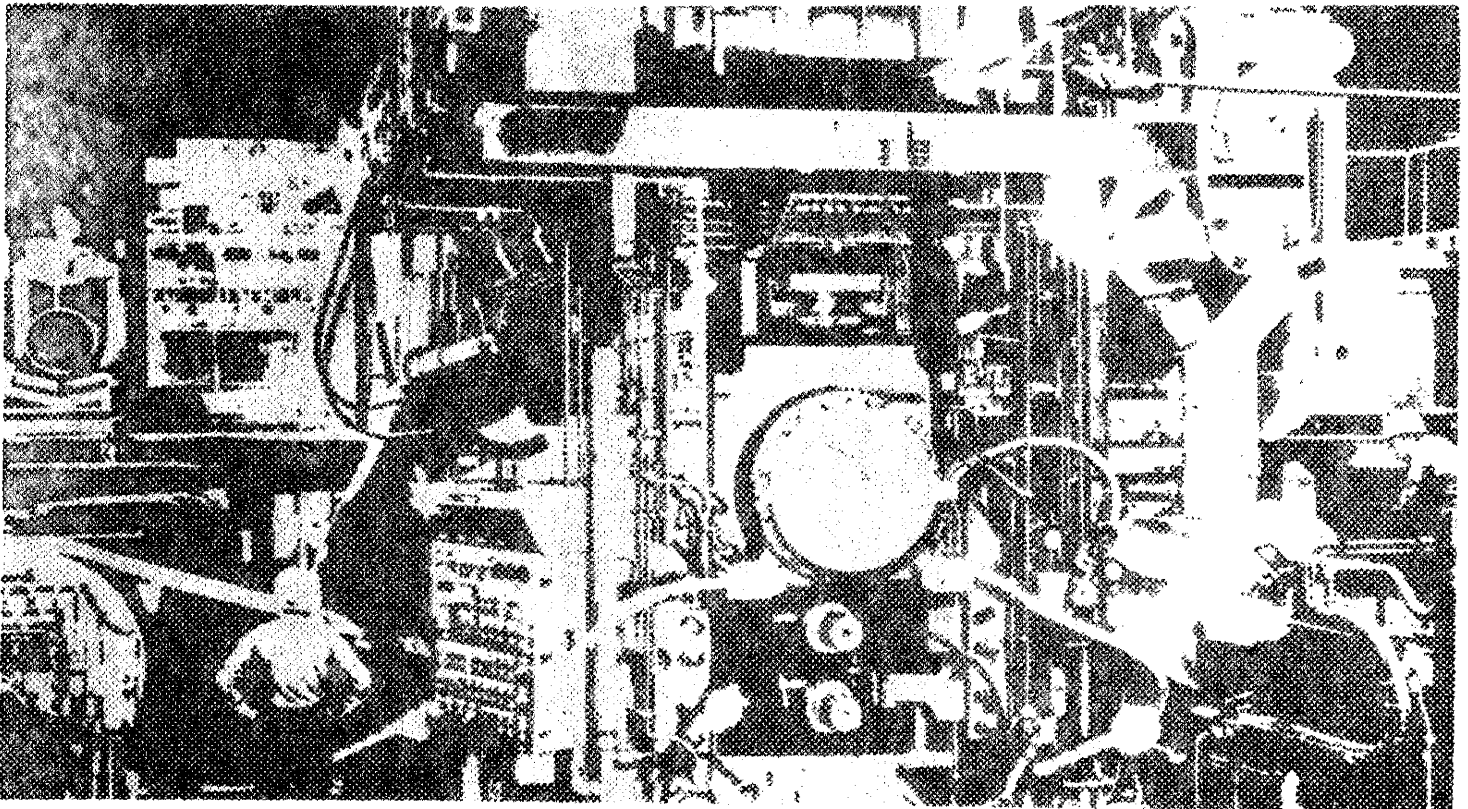
Wiscombe-Editor/Comm

Ennes, McGee-Part time



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