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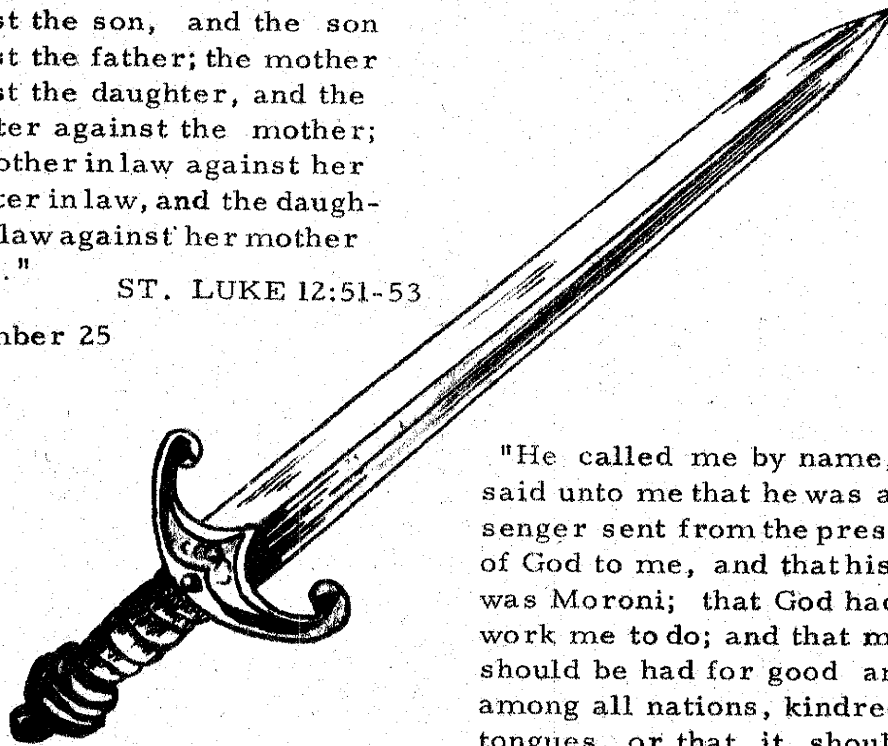
"Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division:

For from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three.

The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother in law against her daughter in law, and the daughter in law against her mother in law."

ST. LUKE 12:51-53

December 25

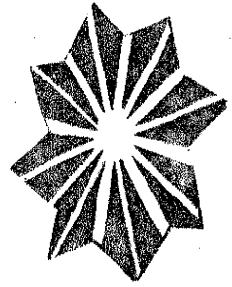


"He called me by name, and said unto me that he was a messenger sent from the presence of God to me, and that his name was Moroni; that God had a work me to do; and that my name should be had for good and evil among all nations, kindreds, and tongues, or that it should be both good and evil spoken of among all people."

JOSEPH SMITH 2:33

December 23

Dear Brothers and Sisters:



"And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day, for they shall have the gift and the power of the Holy Ghost; and if they endure unto the end they shall be lifted up at the last day, and shall be saved in the everlasting kingdom of the Lamb; and whoso shall publish peace, yea, tidings of great joy, how beautiful upon the mountains shall they be."
(1 Nephi 13:37)

These are glorious promises given to us who are seeking to bring forth the Lord's Zion in these the latter-days. We want them to be fulfilled on our heads, for they are wonderful. What exactly is promised?

- I. ".....they shall have the gift and power of the Holy Ghost,..."
- II. ".....they shall be lifted up at the last day, and shall be saved in the everlasting kingdom of the Lamb;...."
- III. ".....how beautiful upon the mountains shall they be."

Obedience brings a sealing of these promises on our heads, but we must endure to the end.

"I, the Lord, am bound when ye do what I say; but when ye do not what I say, ye have no promise."
(D&C 82:10)

Looking to the principles upon which we may bind the Lord to the promise, we see that our task is not easy, but it is well within our capabilities. We must publish peace and tidings of great joy unto the end. If we could not do this, the Lord would not have called us to this great mission. We can do this and we must do it and we must do it with all of our heart, might, mind and strength. And the talents which qualify us for the work are:

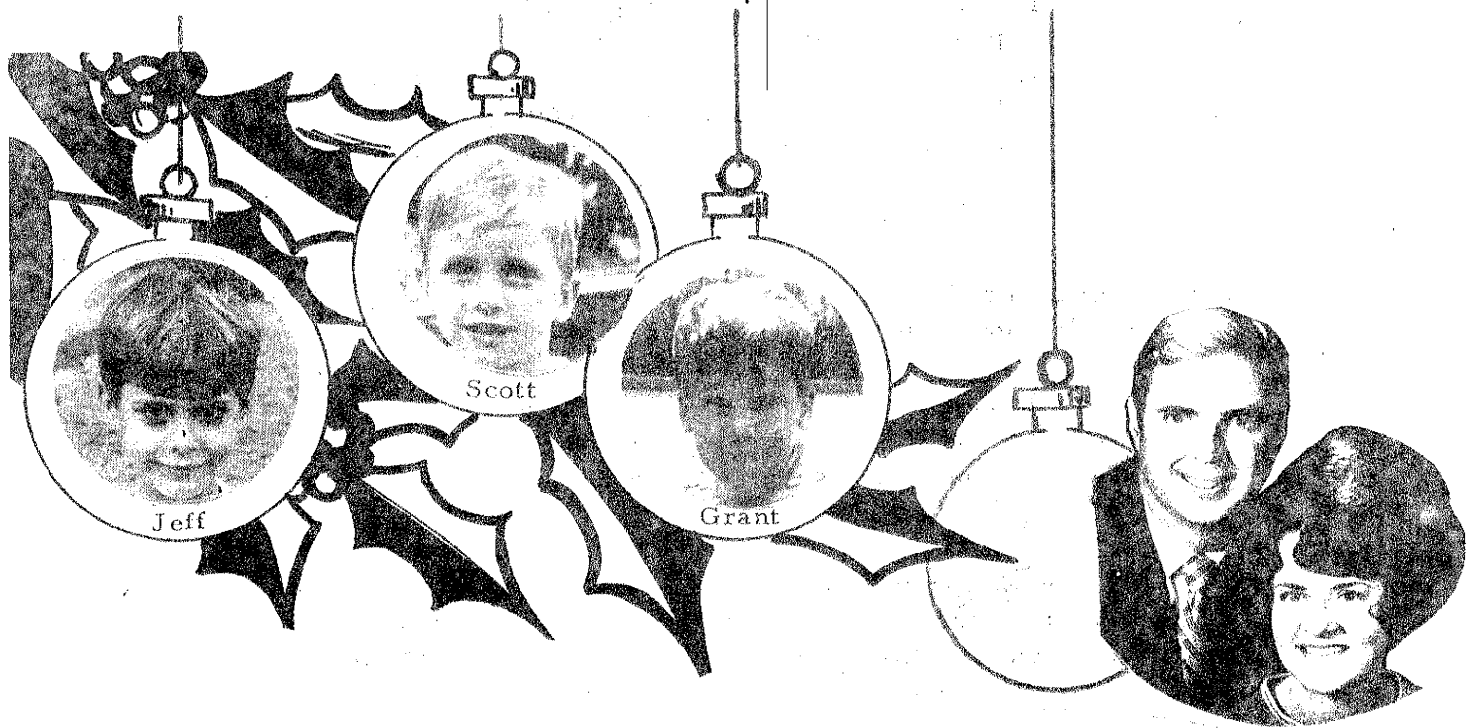
".....faith, hope, charity and love, with an eye single to the glory of God,.....
Remember faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, brotherly kindness, godliness, charity, humility, diligence."
(D&C 4:5-6)

If we should lack in any respect or desire to improve our talents in any way, all we need do is "Ask, and ye shall receive; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."
(D&C 4:7)

It is really quite simple to see the path to great joy. The Lord has not made it complex. However, although it is simple to understand, it is not easy to do and requires our constant effort and prayer. May we have the Lord's promises as our gift this Christmas is my sincere prayer.

Sincerely, your brother,

George A. Oakes



Our Dear Elders & Sisters,

From beautiful sunbaked Rio we send our warmest wishes for a wonderful holiday season. Wow!

We love each of you so much and love our association with you here in the greatest work in the world. Isn't it a blessing to be in the service of our Father in Heaven 24 hours a day! Congratulations are in order for the success you are having as you diligently continue to "go the extra mile" for the benefit of our fellowmen.

Here in the mission home things are quite Christmas like... a tinsle tree and three little boys with visions of sugar plums dancing in their sunburned heads. They can hardly wait and neither can we...there will be about 100 of you for Christmas morning and I just returned from buying three turkeys, three hams and all the trimmings.

The highlight of this last month was the mission president's seminar in Córdoba, Argentina and of course, Elder Bruce R. McConkie's visit to our mission. It was a special blessing to us to enjoy and inspired words of Apostle Howard W. Hunter at the seminar. Sister McConkie (the prophet's daughter) reported that her father, President Joseph Fielding Smith, was in top physical condition for his age...had just had a check up and was found fine in all respects. He is living in thier home since the death of his beloved wife, Jesse Smith.

This season of the year is special to us and we want to tell you why. Just 14 years ago there was a young couple who were very much in love with each other and with life itself. They talked often about the life that they would lead together, about the children that they would have and raise up to be fine citizens. They discussed the family activities that their family would have and talked about the unity that would exist...but how was this all to come about when neither of them knew the principle of the gospel of Jesus Christ? How could they in reality put into practice all that they desired to do without first knowing the Truth.

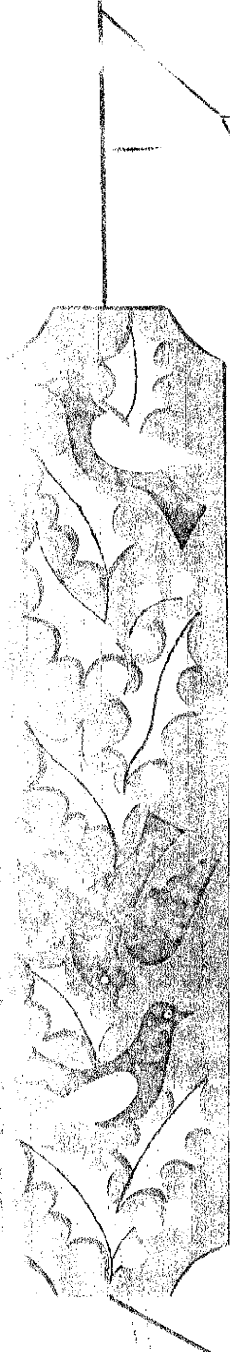
This young couple was us and we did find the Truth and our hearts are filled with gratitude daily for the principles that we learned and are now trying to apply. We have come to know in reality the Savior of this world, the Lord Jesus Christ, his life is the pattern that we try to follow.

We testify to you that he was born, lived an exemplary life, was crucified and raised up the third day, and that he lives today and blesses the lives of mankind through his spirit. He is our Savior.

What a pleasure it is to tell this good news to the world!
Lovingly,

Jeannette N. Oakes





DECEMBER

What a wondrous time of the year it is. A time when thoughts return to those happy days of caroling and presents and just a general feeling of love and happiness. Just to mention the word, Christmas, brings a sparkle to the eye and a smile to the face. And why is that? What is it that is so special about this one time of the year, that most people never experience other times of the year?

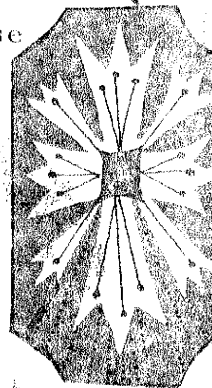
I believe that it must be, that this is one time of the year when people forget themselves for just a little while and think of others. And as the Lord has told us, true joy and happiness comes only through selfless service to others. Now this has real significance to us in that the Lord has called us to serve selflessly for two whole years. And not with fallen countenances, but with joy in our hearts and happiness in our lives. The Lord expects us to keep the Christmas feeling throughout the whole year, and we should always remember that.

The purpose of this life is to be happy. The Lord has put us here on the earth to learn to be happy; to learn those principles that will prepare us to return to his presence and live on the same standard of happiness that He lives on. "And man is that he might have joy". And again, "These things have I spoken unto you; that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." (John 15:11) The words of the Lord himself spell out in plain simple language why we are here, and anything less is failing in our purpose. When we allow ourselves to become discouraged or disanimated, we are giving in to the promptings of the adversary and losing sight of our purpose as children and servants of the Lord. So, whenever you start to feel discouraged or disanimated, think of this: "Well done thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of the Lord." (Matt. 25:21) We need to always remind ourselves why we are here; for truly there is a marvelous work and a wonder going on among the people of Brazil. "And if it be that you should labor all you days in crying repentance unto this people, and bring, save it be one soul unto me, how great shall be your joy with him in the Kingdom of my Father." (D&C 18:15)

Lift up your heads and rejoice brethren, for there are great opportunities awaiting you in the months ahead. The mission is making great strides and growing tremendously, and it's all because of you. We love you tremendously brethren and sisters and it is our hope and wish that the Lord will continue to reward your selfless and righteous efforts with baptismal success and that with that success you will receive the joy to your hearts that the Lord has promised to those that work diligently in his service.

May the Lord Bless you in all that you do is our prayer.

Sincerely,
The Assistants to the President.



What Think Ye of Christ?



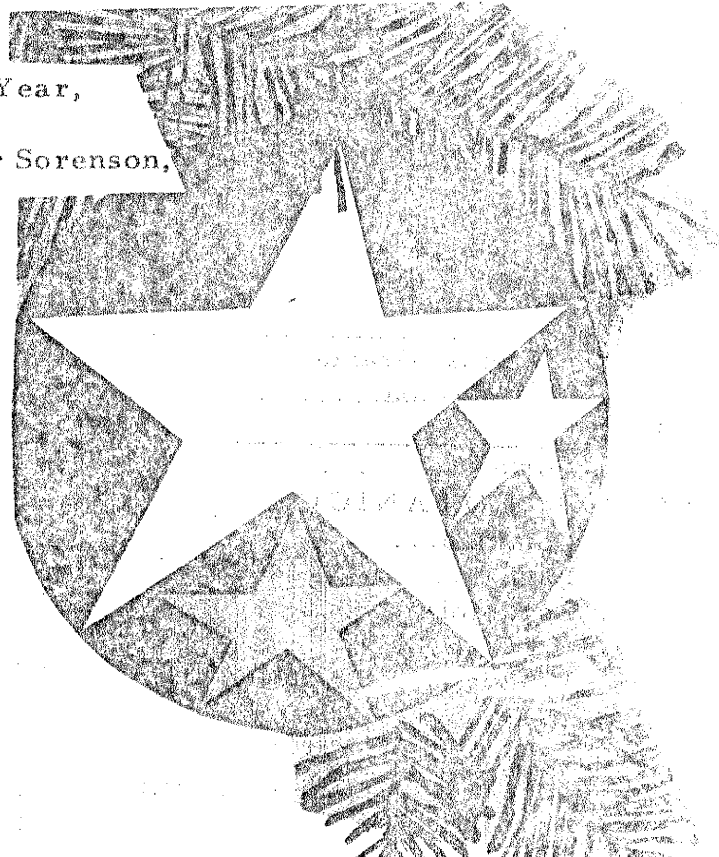
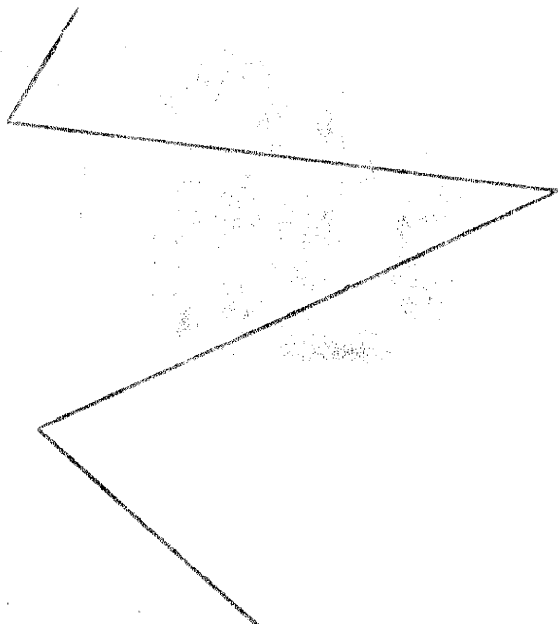
"Jesus himself asked this question of his disciples. But if he had not asked it of them, they surely would have asked it of themselves. For if there is one question that most of us ask sometime in life, (yea, many times) it is this blessed question -- What do I really think of Jesus Christ and his gospel?"

Peter's answer, given nearly two thousand years ago: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

That too would be our answer and maybe even more. Christ was truly the greatest man that ever walked the face of the earth. How blessed we are to know this. How blessed we are to be, at this time, in His service. Can you think of any greater way to spend the Christmas season than in doing Lord's work?

It is our prayer that He will continue to pour out His blessings upon you.

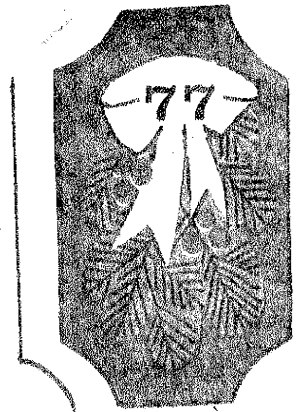
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,
The Laranjeiras District.
Elder McIntire, Elder Lovell, Elder Sorenson,
and Elder Tyler.



Baptisms

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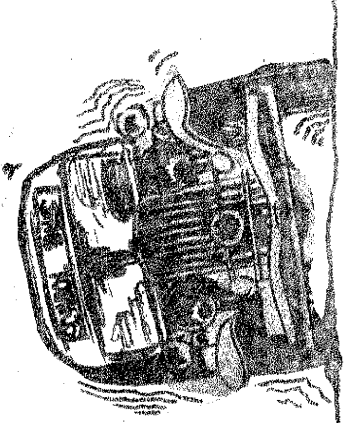
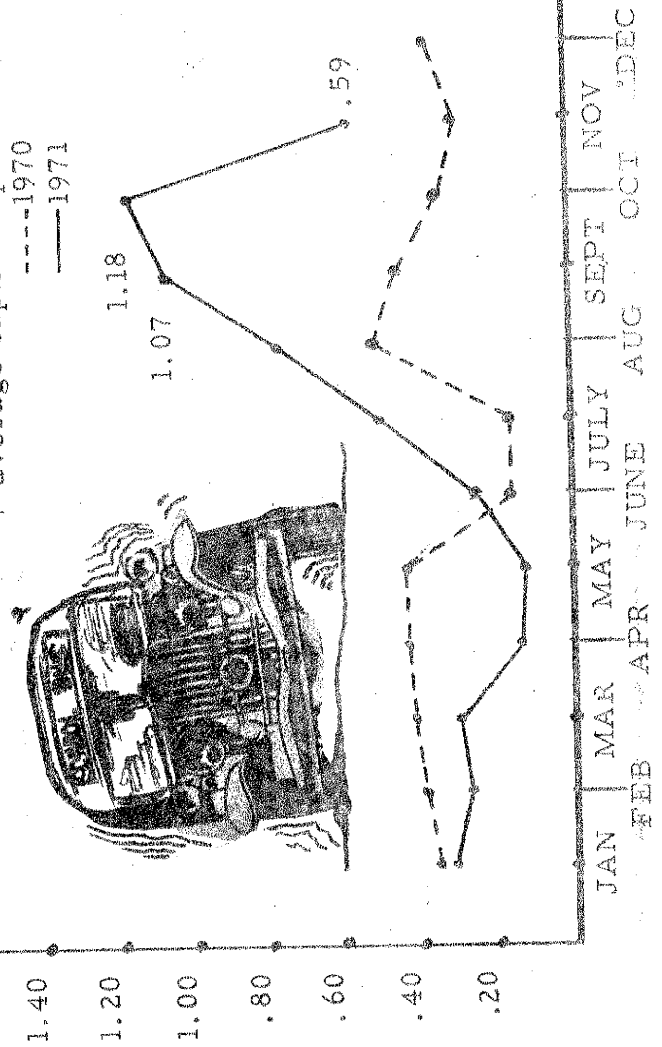
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Grajaú.....	12
Saenz Peña.....	7
Santa Tereza.....	4
GOIÁS	12
Anapolis.....	4
Goiânia.....	8
MEIER	12
Boca do Mato.....	7
Engenho Novo.....	2
São Christavão.....	1
Todos os Santos....	2
MONTANHAS	8
Juiz de Fora.....	1
Petropolis.....	7
Teresopolis.....	0
ESTADO DO RIO	5
Niterói.....	3
Nova Friburgo.....	2
São Gonçalo.....	0
CASCADURA	4
Jacarepagua.....	3
Madureira.....	1
MINAS GERAIS	4
Belo.....	3
Floresta.....	1
Serra.....	0
RAMOS	3
Penha.....	3
Ilha.....	0
DRISTRITO FEDERAL	3
Brasília.....	2
Taguatinga.....	1
PERNAMBUCO	2
Madalena.....	1
Recife.....	1
PARAÍBA	1
Campina Grande...	1
João Pessoa.....	0
CEARÁ	0
Fortaleza.....	0
JARDIM BOTANICO	0
Botafogo.....	0
Lagoa.....	0
Laranjeiras.....	0
ESPÍRITO SANTO	0
Vítoria.....	0
Villa Velha.....	0
TOTAL	77



HOW THEY WERE FOUND

Tracting 50
 Member Ref. 25
 Came out 1
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+ average baptisms per missionary



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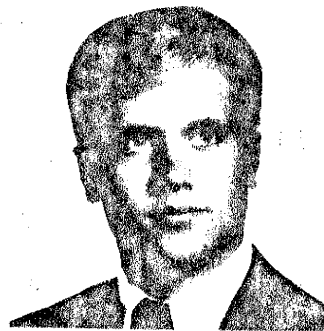


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 Elder Fuhriman..... 311
 Elder Baumgarten.... 302

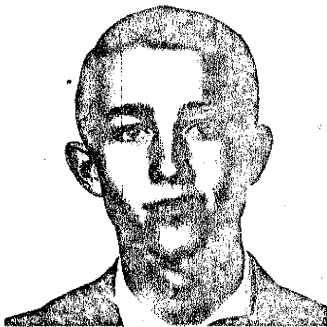
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Elder Fuhriman..... 194
 Elder Nassar..... 191
 Elder Elggren..... 190
 Elder Stimson..... 186
 Elder Trost..... 169



& BAPTIZE



Elder Trost..... 8
 Elder McMillian..... 7
 Elder Wing..... 7
 Elder Henrie..... 7



Where are

CEARÁ

Fortaleza
Carver DL
Dance
Stanger, LW.
Robinson, ER.

PARAÍBA

João Pessoa
Bame DL ZL
Tresnak
Baldree
Phelps
Campina Grande
Solomão DL
Enger

PERNAMBUCO

Madalena
Hammond DL ZL
Thiriote
Johnson
Walters
Olinda
Wiggins DL
Nielson, M.
Thatcher
Mills
Recife
Speed DL
Edwards
Gagon
Abraham

MONTANHAS

Juiz de Fora
Robinson, P. DL
Joyner
Barzee
Lopes
Terezopolis
Gaertner
Lass
Petropolis
Southwick DL ZL
Stanger, DG.
Baumgarten
Anderson
Sorenson, K.
Nielson, R.

DISTRITO FEDERAL

Brasília, Sul
Webb DL
Armstrong
Dissel
Wilford
Taguatinga
Hansen DL
Clarke
Barney
Roberts
Brasília, Norte
Wilde DL ZL
Barclay
Briggs
Rosales

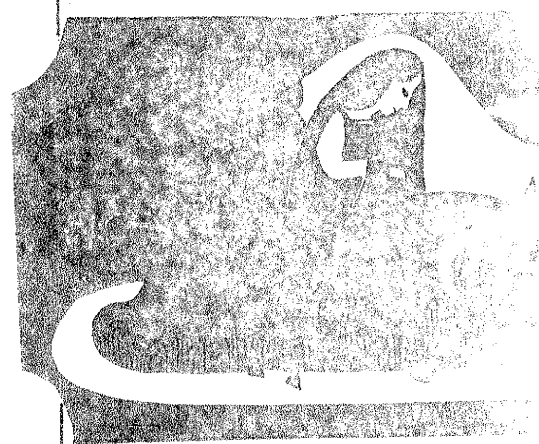
GOIÁS

Goiania
Henrie DL ZL
Keller
Swensen, G.
Rex
Anápolis
Zhart DL
Woffinden
Nasser
Elggren

YOU?

MINAS GERAIS

Floresta
Graden DL
Sherman
Gliblete
Robeck
Serra
Taft DL
Packard
Broadbent
Welch
Belo
Richardson DL ZL
Benedict
Fuhriman
Wood
VITÓRIA
Vitoria
Brown DL ZL
Farnsworth
Ehat
Taggart
Villa Velha
Forsyth
Maughn



ESTADO DO RIO

Niteroi

Huffaker DL ZL

Burlingame

Chlarson

Membro

São Gonçalo

Frei DL

Arnold

Smith

Lewis, GE.

Nova Friburgo

Wheeler DL

Dunn

Monteiro

Hunter

JARDIM BOTÂNICO

Botafogo

Bybee DL ZL

Booth

Echols

Bradshaw

Lagoa

Wooters DL

Biehl

Fackrell

Deuel

RAMOS

Fenha

Christenson DL ZL

Gilgen

Wiscomb

Davis, R.

Iha

Higley DL

Larson

Milner

Rich

CASCADURA

Madureira

Fails DL ZL

Wilson

George

Hortia

Jacarepagua

Davis, JS. DL

Crismon

Higginson

Grimm

Iraja

Toon DL

Lewis, GM.

Stimson

Recksiek

TIJUCA

Santa Tereza

Trost DL ZL

Wangemann

Allison

Hindmarsh

Grajaú

Proctor DL

Peterson

Heaston

Warcup

Saenz Pena

McMillan DL

Hayes

Robertson

Svedin

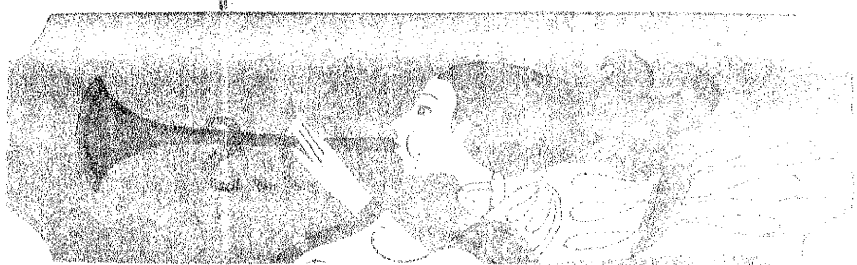
Andaraí

Benson DL

Boswell

Shillig

Metcalf



MEIER

Engenho Novo

Thomas DL

Potter

Oweas

Baird

Boca do Mato

Hart DL ZL

Dixon

Furness

Reimschuessel

Todos os Santos

Alexandria DL

Ennes

Faria

McCurdy

São Cristovão

Swensen, C. DL

Mendenhall

Wing

Hardesty

LARANJEIRAS

Laranjeiras

Pres. Oakes ZL

Sis. Oakes Asst. ZL

Tyler DL

Sorenson, L.

Lovell

McIntire

ASSISTANTS TO THE DIRECTOR

Tanner

Hall

Harman

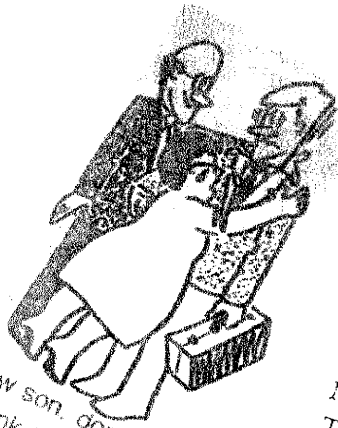
Andelin

Randall

Olsen

ARRIVALS

Oba!



"Now son, don't eat the food or drink the water."

December 4, 1971

Kim Arnold
Gary Burlingame
Robert Davis
Paul Dixon
Hazen Gilgen
Paul Hayes
Gary Lewis
Melvin Recksiek
Thomas Rich
Douglas Warcup

December 15, 1971

ElRay Baird
Fred Biehl
Grant Boswell
Gary Crismon
Edward Grimm
William Hardesty
Von Hortin
David Potter
Christian Svedin
George Wangemann
Steven Wilson

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It is standard procedure in The Brazil North Mission that office calls at Doctor Kovach's office should be paid for at the time you make the visit. No person is authorized to bill anything to the mission without first gaining permission from the President.

Many elders are still not filling out completely the report form heading. This information is vital to us and the leaders of the mission. Be sure this information is complete each week.

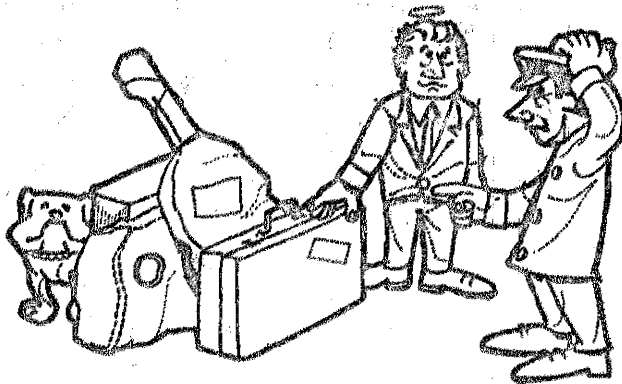
When purchasing materials from the mission home, be sure you take with you a receipt of your purchases. No elder is to buy or receive materials without a receipt. This is for your protection.

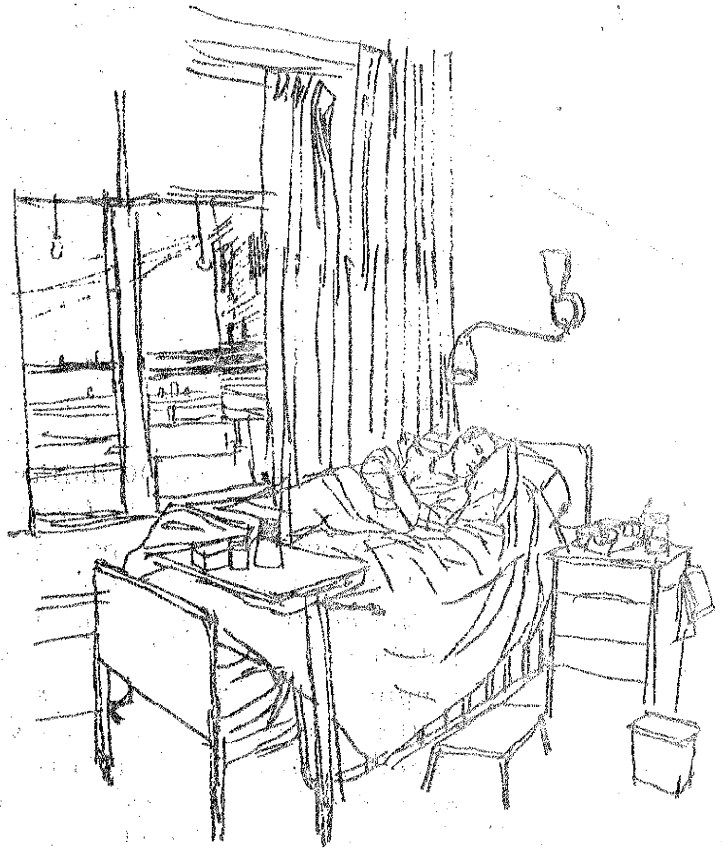
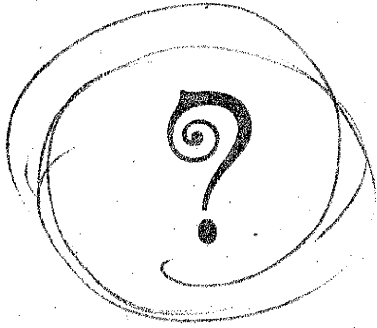
All reports must be sent into the mission home no later than Monday morning. There is no reason for a late report.



It's true that not many elders or sisters are going home at this time but here's some interesting information that we received concerning "customs" from a return missionary of our mission:

"I'll bet that you're dying to know how I made it through customs with 336.00 dollars worth of stuff and goodies for the family. Well, I was scared... but we figured that honesty was the best policy, so I went overboard. I was so honest that it was funny. I had everything written out to the centavo, including the posters, gifts, boats, etc. I didn't hide any gems between my toes or under my tongue... like some do... and then I prayed hard for mercy at the customs... Well, as you know, the Lord is an excellent paymaster and He came through for me. I prayed for inspiration as to know which of the inspectors I should go to. I picked one and carried over the bags. He looked them over, and asked some questions, and then we had a good talk about missionaries and customs. Apparently, 85% of them try to get something through without writing it on the declaration. One elder, who got caught, said in rebuttle... "The only reason you are giving me this high fee is because you hate Mormons." Well, My inspector friend replied... "That's easy to refute... I am One!" Sure enough, the one I chose was a Mormon from Idaho Falls, and gave me one heck of a good deal with exemptions, etc. and charged me only 23.00 dollars including the 10% Nixon tax on all imports... so HONESTY COMES THROUGH AGAIN!"





Will the following elders and sisters
PLEASE write in the date of their
last Big "G" shot at the bottom of
their letter to the president on
their next weekly report!!!!!!
THANK YOU.

the big "G"

Abraham, Alexandria, Allison, Andelin, Anderson, Armstrong, Arnold,
Baird, Baldree, Bame, Barclay, Baumgarten, Benedict, Benson, Biehl,
Booth, Boswell, Briggs, Broadbent, Brown, Burlingame, Bybee, Carver,
Christenson, Clarke, Crismon, Davis, J., Davis, R., Deuel, Dissel,
Dunn, Dixon, Enger, Edwards, Ehat, Ennes, Elggren, Fackrell, Falls,
Faria, Farnsworth, Forsyth, Fuhriman, Furness, Gaertner, Gagon,
George, Gilgen, Graden, Grimm, Hall, Hammond, Hardesty, Harman,
Hart, Hayes, Heaston, Henrie, Hindmarsh, Higginson, Higley, Hortin,
Hunter, Johnson, Joyner, Keller, Lowrey, Larson, Lass, Lewis, G.E.,
Lewis, G.M., Lopes, Maughn, McCurdy, McMillan, Mendenhall, Metcalf,
Mills, Monteiro, Nasser, Nielsen, M., Nielsen, R., Olsen, Peterson,
Phelps, Potter, Proctor, Paeksrd, Randall, Recksiek, Reimchussel,
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Rosales, Shillig, Solomon, Sorensen, K., Southwick, Speed, Stanger, D.,
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Thiriot, Toone, Tresnek, Trost, Walters, Wangeman, Warcup, Welch,
Wiggins, Wilde, Wilson, Wing, Wisconbe, Woffinden, Wood, Zahrt.

THE MONTH OF JANUARY OF 19 72

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Pres. in Belo	Zone Calls Miss. Reg. Conf. BELO	Miss. Reg. Conf. BRASÍLIA	Mtg. of Miss. Pres. ES. DOM.			Miss. Reg. Conf. RECIFE 6:30 am. Pernambuco Dist. Leadership
9 Zone Calls	10	11	12	13	14	15
Pernambuco Dist. Conf. 10:00 am.	Zone Calls	Miss. Reg. Conf. MONTANHAS & NITERÓI	Miss. Reg. Conf. JARDIM BOTANICAL & RAMOS Mtg. of Miss. 19 Pres. PRIMARY	Miss. Reg. Conf. CASCADURA & MEIER	Miss. Reg. Conf. TIJUCA & VITÓRIA	
16 Zone Calls	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23 30	24 31	25	26	27	28	29
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY



Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year!

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