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November Meeting: We had a wonderful time this month, as we

gathered to listen to James A. McArthur, from St. George. His subject was a brief history of the Saints moving to Nauvoo, and the building of the Temple. His description of the destruction of the temple and the then resultant desire to have it rebuilt, were compelling. He talked about the many miracles involved in its reconstruction, from the finding of



the baptismal font and the foundational footprint, to receiving lost copies of the blue prints of the temple were fascinating. The miracle of the donated personal funds of a member family, and how the temple would be staffed, were all part of the story. The 59 people who were there were well rewarded for their attendance. Among those in attendance were 7 guests.



December Meeting: Our Christmas dinner will be “Early” in the month, as we will hold it on the 1st day of the month. It will be held in the Hurricane Utah Stake Center at 670 S. 700 W. We will meet at 6:00 p.m.. That is a change from our regular meeting times. Our new officers and board for 2018 will be sworn in at this time.



Dinner looks to be wonderful. The Golden Corral will cater our dinner, and will serve Turkey, Mashed Potatoes and gravy, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, and Cobbler. We will be privileged to be entertained by Casey Lofthouse, one of our rather famous local singers.

Dress for this event should be dressy or dressy casual. It is the only meal of the year there is a charge for. That will be \$20.00 per person. You are encouraged to invite friends to come with you to see what kind of fun we have together.



Statement on the SUP

Elder M. Russell Ballard
S.U.P. Symposium September 18, 2010

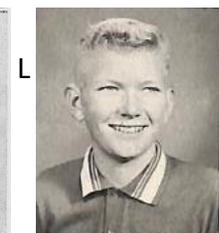
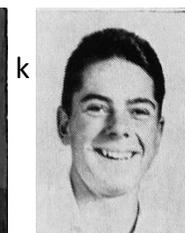
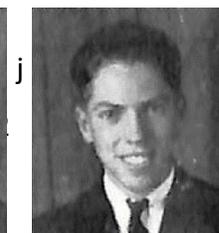
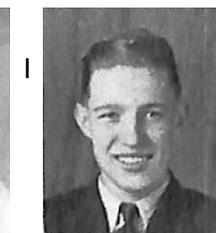
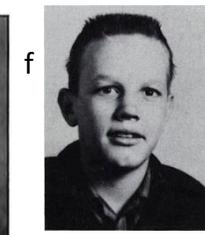
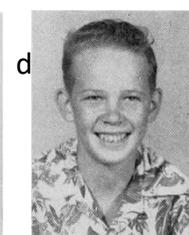
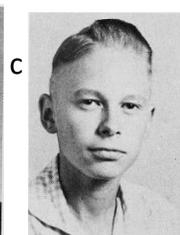
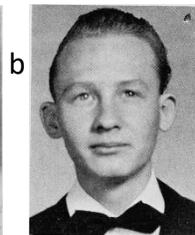
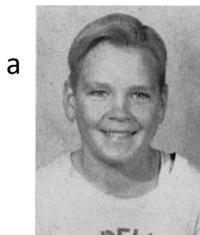
Now, Sons of the Utah Pioneers, a great organization. As I have said, each time I have had the opportunity to talk to them, we need to bring more of our young sons and daughters into this effort. Many of us will be passing from this scene into the next. If this great organization is to continue, it will require each of us doing what we can to encourage the younger generations to be part of this organization, that we would never ever lose. Never lose our sense of appreciation and love for those who have come before us and made all of these blessings possible to us in this day and time.

Sons of Utah Pioneers, Hurricane Valley Chapter Dues Payment for 2018

Hurricane Valley Chapter dues are \$15 per year. You are encouraged to pay these as soon as possible. Please add your dues to your meal payment if coming to the Christmas Dinner or mail your payment to Stephen Wilcock, Treasurer, 321 W 300 S, Hurricane, Utah 84737.



Trivia: Many of our chapter members grew up here in Hurricane. Can you name the members whose pictures are shown below? Some are deceased now.



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Story: John and Mary Davies Spendlove by Jolene S. Allphin



Mary was from Wales. She was baptized at the age of 16, against her parents' wishes. In her own words, she told about meeting the missionaries. "I read some of their pamphlets that they gave out and I attended some of the meetings and heard them preach. It was so different and they had the answer to many of the things that had been



on my mind during the time I was a girl." When Mary's parents found out that she was interested in this new faith and the Mormon Elders, they were much concerned and displeased with her. They wanted her to have nothing to do with this religion. Just as her husband's grandmother had done, Mary read from the Bible. She said, "I knew it must be the true church for everything was just according the way the Bible taught that it should be." There were very few Bibles in those days, but Mary said she did "as believed, [and] read from the one her grandmother had." After Mary was baptized she said, "I seemed to have more peace and pleasant times with the people who were members of the church." Mary left Wales and went to England to be with more young people of her faith and to seek work to earn money to emigrate. She returned to Wales after a while to try to resolve some of the bad feelings with her family and some of her friends in Wales, but to no avail. She was returning to her job in England on the train when she met her future husband, John Spendlove (son of John Spendlove and Elizabeth Harrison). John worked for the railroad. He saw her crying and tried to tease her to cheer her up. She returned with him to his father's home, where she was invited to stay. She became good friends with John's sisters, and she and John eventually fell in love and were married. After she immigrated to Utah, she tried again to reconcile with her parents, but she said they never answered her letters. She said, "It was many years after I had found the truth and come to America that my mother relented and finally wrote to us but so far as I know none of my folks ever accepted the gospel." John and Mary were fairly well-to-do, as working on the railroad paid a good wage. However, they lost much of their wealth as they traveled to

Utah. On the train through Missouri, John realized that the train was traveling much faster than it should. He called to the conductor and cautioned him about the speed of the train and what he knew about it. However, John said that the conductor was very unkind to the people and wished them a bad journey. Because of the conductor's actions, the baggage car caught on fire and many of the Saints' belongings were destroyed before the fire could be contained. They arrived in Salt Lake City on the third of October, 1863, and stayed with friends and family until October conference was over. The following was written by Mary's brother-in-law about the conference: "On the 8th and 9th of October we all attended the great conference. There we heard President Young speak for the first time and others of the Twelve. They were all that a man might expect them to be. President Young spoke like a kind father would to his children. I could have listened to him for hours. He spoke with that power and authority that could come only from God." The Spendlove's were called to settle in Southern Utah, and eventually ended up in Hurricane. It is recorded that John and Mary both bore their testimonies in meetings. Mary told the following story relating to her testimony: "One time I had a few doubts about Joseph Smith, and then I had a dream that I saw him and knew that it was Joseph Smith even though I had never seen him in life. He came from behind a curtain and he said, 'You do not know me,' and I said, 'Yes, I do,' and then he left me. A few weeks later, President Brigham Young and one or two of the Apostles came down to conference and I was there and they told the story of Joseph Smith as eye witnesses and it was so complete in words I could understand and they said things about him I had never heard before. I knew now that he was a prophet and never doubted anymore." When the St. George Temple was completed in 1877, John and Mary finally realized their dream of going to the house of the Lord and being sealed for time and eternity. Mary said, "It was like going on a second honeymoon. We drove down to St. George from Virgin and stayed all night and had a wonderful time at the temple." They also talked often of completing the work for their ancestors and said, "We must do it." After they had researched and done much of the work, Mary said, "This is a great thing in our lives. We have wanted to do this for a long time and now I can rest better at night."

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