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Recalls Exciting Years

Joseph Smith Clark Marks 101st Birthday

Joseph Smith Clark, believed to be Utah's oldest man, looked back on 101 years Monday.

For kind, smiling, bewhiskered Mr. Clark, it has been an exciting 101 years.

He was born March 21, 1854, in a little log cabin in Farmington, the fifth son of Ezra T. and Mary Stevenson Clark. The cabin had been moved from the canyon east of Bountiful where his father had originally settled in 1848.

Mr. Clark received little formal education, learning from his own experiences and efforts.

Bear Lake Pioneer

He drove teams for the grading of the Union Pacific Railroad, tended stock and followed a plow. In 1870, Brigham Young called upon his father and about 200 pioneers to settle the Bear Lake section.

He helped survey and locate Georgetown, Idaho, and hauled the first load of logs into the town. He married Lucy Maria Robinson on Jan. 17, 1876 in Salt Lake City and the couple settled in Georgetown.

They moved back to Farmington in 1891 where Mr. Clark later became president of the Davis County stake which his father founded in 1892.

City Councilman

He was active as a member of the city council in Farmington and was in the presidency of the Davis Stake, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He served a mission to the southern states from 1882 to 1884 and as a young man he was a counselor in the first Young Men's Mutual Improvement Assn., organized in Farmington.

When living in Georgetown, he was the first superintendent of the YMMIA. He was called to serve in the bishopric and continued in that position during all of his years in Georgetown.

He is the father of nine sons and daughters, five of whom are living.

They are Joseph Smith Clark Jr., Washington, D.C.; Mrs. W. O. (Lucy) Robinson, Leroy R. Clark, and Mrs. Parley A. (Aris) Young, all of Salt Lake City, and Irvin B. Clark, Los Angeles, Calif.

A devout man, Mr. Clark believes that happiness can be achieved by living the gospel.

U.S. Army Enlistees Offered Training in Field of Choice

Utahns enlisting in the U.S. Army now are offered guarantees for training in more than 100 technical skills and sciences.

Capt. Francis J. Mullally, Salt Lake area selective service officer, Monday said that for the first time the Army is offering such an enlistment guarantee to qualified young men.

"A written guarantee now is given qualified enlistees, prior to starting active duty, stating they will be sent to a specified technical school.

The special course of from eight to 35 weeks follows an enlistee's basic training of 60 days.

The specialized training covers such fields as electronics, aircraft repair, guided missiles, atomic weapons, automotive mechanics and photography.

High school graduates between 17 and 34 years of age may qualify, Capt. Mullally said. They may apply at Room 209, Federal Building."

To Address Ad Club

Joseph S. Willes, secretary-manager, Salt Lake Clearing House Assn., will speak at the Salt Lake Ad Club luncheon meeting at 12:15 p.m. Wednes-

CENTENARIAN-PLUS-ONE—Joseph Smith Clark was born in a cabin in Farmington 101 years ago. He remembers Brigham Young sitting at his father's table.

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