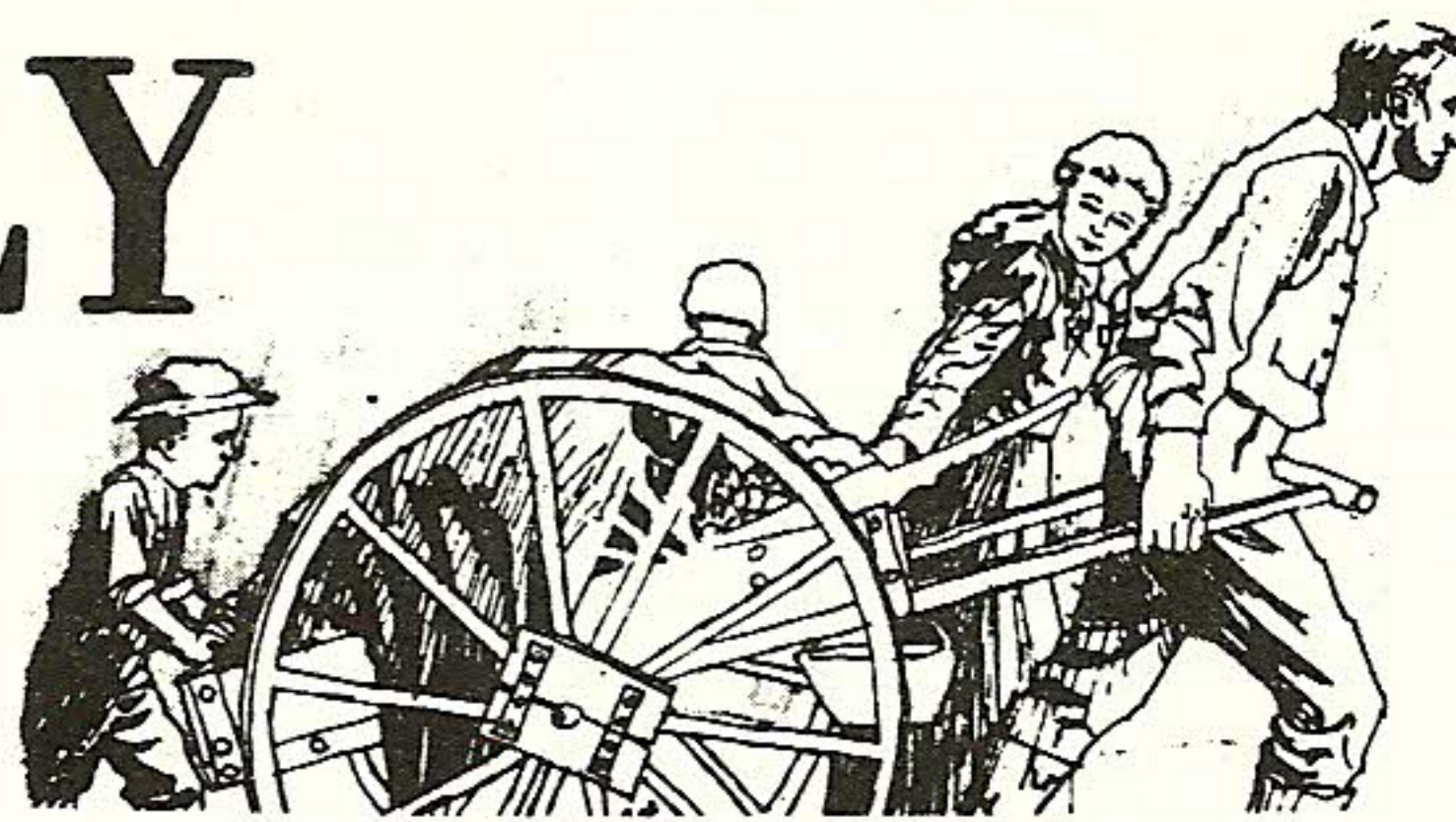


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT . . .

First I would like to inform you that there will be No Reunion this year for the parent Hatch Organization. Seems like there are so many reunions in the break down of the Hatch lines that I believe we would have a larger turn out if this one wasn't held every year. I will be able to inform you more about how often we should hold a reunion for the parent Hatch Organization in the next newsletter. Please continue on with your other reunions and report to us about them---sending anything that would be of interest in the newsletter. I would also like you to know the Hatch Family Organization will be represented at the World Conference on Records to be held August 5-8 1969 at Salt Lake City, Utah. We are interested in trying to get more information to make our Family Organization better.

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100TH BIRTHDAY

The following was taken from newspaper clippings sent to us by Rhoana Hatch Fish who lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Albertha Hatch is her mother. Albertha celebrated her 100th birthday recently. Some information was added from the Hatch records.

ALBERTHA HATCH

A special birthday celebration, that marked a life covering the nation's growth from the raw frontier to the space age, was held recently in Riverton, Wyoming.

Mrs. Albertha Hatch was 100 years old, and viewed the years from a nursing home in Riverton, a city in Wyoming where she had lived for the past 17 years.



JAMES AND ALBERTHA HATCH

Wyoming wasn't a state until the year of her 21st birthday, and she has lived in Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado -- all of which reached statehood in her youth.

The centenarian was born Albertha Francisca Nielson in Weber City, Morgan, Utah, on April 30, 1869. She was the daughter of Peter and Heilda Francisca Larson Nielson.

While she was still a young girl, she moved to Sunset, Arizona, where the family lived in a Mormon community and Albertha did much of the cooking for the community. Her father was a shoemaker and a cheesemaker. He was an elder in the Mormon Church. He came from Denmark to settle in a church colony in Arizona, still a territory in the 1860's. He was described by a descendant as "devoutly religious".

On May 6, 1885 she married James Henry Hatch, son of Ira Hatch and Sarah Dyson Marahboots in the Mormon temple at St. George, Utah and the young couple moved to Ramah, Valencia, New Mexico, where they farmed for many years. They moved to Regina, Sandoval, New Mexico in 1910 after first living in Los Pinos and La Jara, New Mexico.

For many years Regina, New Mexico was their home, where they founded the first school and church. Mr. Hatch and his sons constructed the lake, which still exists, and is known as Hatch Lake.

A grandson, George Hatch, resides in Regina operating a store on the Farmington highway.

They had 11 children -- seven sons and five daughters, one of whom died at birth. The 10 gave them 36 grandchildren, 117 great-grandchildren, and 84 great, great-grandchildren. Along with their own children, they raised three of their grandchildren.

Her husband James Hatch died September 12, 1942 at the age of 78.

After living in Cortez, Colorado for a few years, Mrs. Hatch moved to Riverton to be close to relatives. She went to the hospital five years ago, and moved into the Fremont Manor, a nursing home last year.

Mrs. Hatch (Grammy) dressed up in her new blue robe and joined other Fremont Manor April birthday celebrants at the April birthday party.

