

**MINUTES OF THE BELNAP FAMILY REUNION
HELD AUGUST 6 AND 7, 1976
HOOPER, UTAH**

The Belnap Family met Friday evening, August 6, 1976, at the Hooper LDS Park for a barbeque dinner under the direction of Max G. Belnap. The opening prayer and blessing on the food was offered by Harold Belnap. Max had dug a deep pit in the ground to cook the meat and it was served with rolls, salads, and root beer. This was most successful at a cost of \$2.00 for adults and \$1.25 for children under 12. Adella VanderDoes and Bud Belnap each won a door prize.

Following the dinner a dance was held at the Hooper Stake Center. The Master of Ceremonies for the dance was LaGrande Belnap (Hooper). There was a live dance group called "Separate Pieces" who really got the group dancing. President Dean and his wife Elen started the dance by being the first out on the floor. It was estimated that 150 were present, some participating, some just watching and enjoying the sights.

Saturday morning, August 7, 1976, promptly at 8:00 a.m. breakfast was served under the bowery of the Hooper Park. Some had stayed overnight at the park in campers and trailers, so getting there that early was not a problem for them. Dean and Elen were in charge of the breakfast serving pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs, tang and milk for a cost of \$1.25 each person. The opening prayer and blessing on the food was offered by Donald E. Belnap. A huge clear salad bowl was kept filled with tang for any refills. The breakfast was very successful.

A very brief family representative meeting was held at 10:00 a.m. in the meeting house.

At 10:30 a.m. the general meeting was held in the cultural hall of the ward meeting house. Dr. Knight B. Kerr, 1st vice president, welcomed everyone. It was hard to get a count of the various families attending because some only came the night before and some came only on Saturday. The most in attendance was Hyrum's line with 15 and second was Oliver's line with 12. We had a very good turnout over the two-day period.

A musical selection was given by the Vaughn L. Belnap family (Augustus) before the opening prayer.

Della gave a genealogy report stating that 212 individuals had been baptized, endowed and sealed. Also 113 couples were sealed. She told some interesting stories about our ancestors. Jesse Belnap was a blacksmith, a SeaBee and an artificer.

Florence Ilene Ward (Amasa) gave a clarinet solo.

Nineteen grandchildren of Gilbert Belnap who were present were honored. They were:

Nelle Lewis (William James)
Henry Belnap (William James) oldest at 93
John Belnap (Francis Marion) oldest at 93
George Ellis Belnap (Francis Marion)

Voletta Blanch (Francis Marion)
Volney B. Belnap (Hyrum)
Della A. Belnap (Hyrum)
Jewel B. Furniss (Hyrum)
Ethel McEntire (Martha Jane)
Alpha C. Crow (Martha Jane)
Lester Belnap (Oliver)
Hazel Lindsey (Oliver)
Wilford Belnap (Oliver)
Flora B. Dotson (Oliver)
Ezra Belnap (Augustus)
Ethel B. Belnap (Reuben)
Estella Cox (Reuben)
Vyril C. Baker (Lola) youngest present
Eunice Smith (Lola)

Walter B. Kerr (Hyrum) presented the historian's report in the absence of Helene K. Smith. Family members were asked to please turn in items of interest to the family historian.

A financial report was given by Gordon L. Belnap (Hyrum). Costs of the "CRIER" were discussed and family members were urged to please pay for their copy. Postage and printing costs have risen and funds to continue are greatly needed.

Rose Ann Belnap (Vinson) gave a beautiful vocal selection.

President W. Dean Belnap gave a report on the status of the Belnap Family and what has been accomplished over the years.

An election of officers for the next two years was then held. Hal Ross Belnap (Oliver) was elected as third vice president and the other officers moved up the chairs with Knight B. Kerr moving into the office of president. It was moved and seconded with a unanimous vote for the other officers.

Many of Dean's books were purchased throughout the reunion.

A piano selection was played by Ann B. Jenson (Hyrum). After a closing prayer the group dismissed for lunch.

After lunch the Family reconvened to the cultural hall at 2:00 p.m. for the afternoon session and talent program.

After the opening prayer a piano selection was given by LaDale Vander Does (Reuben).

A humorous skit about Little Red Riding Hood was presented by family members under the direction of Nedra M. Belnap (Joseph). The cast members were: Narrator - Jean B. Platt, Rock - Howard K. Belnap, Mother - Klis H. Volkening, Babbling Brook - James Platt, Wolf - Brent J.

Belnap, Hunter - Gordon L. Belnap, Grandmother - Richard Belnap, Little Red Riding Hood - Vola McDonald.

A novelty piano number was played by Kyle Palmer (Mary).

Next a dance number was performed by Terry Smith and Susan Belnap (Oliver).

A magic act, "The Phares of Them All" was presented by the Phares T. Horman family (Lola).

LeGrand Belnap (Salt Lake) was in charge of the door prizes. Those who won in the afternoon were: Heber C. Williams, Marilyn Lee, Max G. Belnap, Kelly Belnap, Joe Belnap, Gordon L. Belnap, Scott Belnap, Allen Crow and _____ Lindsey.

The final number on the program was a mixed chorus selection by members of the George Ellis Belnap family (Francis).

The 1976 Belnap Family Reunion was a huge success and came to an end with the closing prayer at 4:00 p.m. with everyone tired but happy. The many helpers on each committee deserved our applause.

Minutes recorded by Joy M. Belnap