

Arias G. Belnap the son of Hyrum Belnap a Utah born pioneer and Anna C. Bluth a Swedish <sup>emi-</sup>immigrant was born September 6, 1893 in Hooper, Weber County, Utah, (~~at the home of his grandfather Bishop Gilbert Belnap.~~)

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He received his education in the Ogden City Public Schools and the Weber Academy.

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All his life he has been active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. As a youth he ~~served~~ <sup>was</sup> as president of a Deacon's, Teachers and secretary to the Priest's quorum. He ~~served~~ <sup>at Camp in M.T.A. Utah</sup> as a Missionary in the Swiss-German Mission from November 1913 until after the outbreak of World War One (~~late~~ in 1914). Returning to the United States he was assigned to the Southern States Mission. Upon his return home he served in the Sunday School Superintendency, <sup>and</sup> President of an Elder's Quorum.

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He was sustained as Bishop of the Ogden Twentieth <sup>Ward</sup> on March 20, 1927 which position he held until Dec. 26, 1943. ~~On November 21, 1943~~ <sup>a ward chapel was built early part of the release</sup>

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~~He~~ <sup>was</sup> sustained as counselor in the Ogden Stake Presidency, <sup>Nov 21-1943</sup> and ~~served~~ <sup>was</sup> until October 27, 1957, after having moved to Salt Lake City. (Here

he has been primarily associated with the ~~Adult~~ Aaronic Priesthood, <sup>(He is</sup> currently serving as General Secretary to the Aaronic Priesthood Adults.

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At the age of seventeen he was counselor in the YMMIA of the Ogden Fourth Ward. While serving in this position in 1910 he with others (from the Secnd, Third, Fifth and Seventh Wards) organized the first MIA Basketball league in Weber County, one of the first if not the first in the Church. He ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> Captain of the Fourth Ward team which won the league championship. He later played basketball (for two years) on the Weber Academy team which won the State High School Championship (at Provo in ~~March of~~ 1913. He was unanimous choice for all State forward.

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He was employed with the U. S. Naval Training Station at San Francisco during World War One. Returning to Ogden in 1919 he again became engaged as part owner in a retail lumber business, which was destroyed by fire in 1931. He <sup>partner</sup> continued in the <sup>partnership</sup> lumber business in ~~partnership~~ until the end of 1934.

In the ~~November~~ election of 1934 he was elected Weber County Treasurer ~~which position he held until invited by Governor George D. Clyde~~ Treasurer. He with other County Officials were instrumental in introducing the current individual/tax <sup>unit ledger</sup> ~~rolls~~ and assessment ~~rolls~~ <sup>adapted</sup> rolls adjusted to mechanical accounting as now used in the larger Counties of the State, ~~in his own county~~ He served as President of the Utah Association of Counties and was their Legislative Chairman for ten years. He was the first County Official to receive the Association "Mark Tuttle Award". This award, given annually ~~is~~ based on leadership ability, efficiency in his own office, value of service on a state wide basis, service to his community and cooperation with other units of government.

He ended his long term as County Treasurer in <sup>March</sup> April of 1957 when he resigned <sup>as Co. Treasurer</sup> in order to accept the invitation of Governor Clyde for him to serve as a member of the State Tax Commission. His special assignment was to <sup>supervise</sup> the Motor Vehicle Department. He prepared much legislation. The Utah State Association of Public Employees gave him a citation for his service as Chairman of the Committee that prepared the State Employees <sup>retirement</sup> Act which became law in 1961.

For the years 1954 thru 1957 he was business manager of the <sup>in Ogden</sup> production "All Faces West", the pioneer saga featuring Igor Gorin as Brigham Young, played in Ogden annually. awarded him in 1957.

The honorary Master M-Men award was ~~present~~

He helped to compile and edited the 1850-1950 "Centennial Edition of Gilbert Belnap Utah Pioneer" and edited the 1952 and

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1956 supplements thereto.

He retired from the State Tax Commission in April 1965. — 602  
He was listed in Marquis "Who's Who in the West"

He married Mabel Harris the daughter of the late Judge Nathan J. Harris, Sr and Emma Oakason Sept 20, 1916. Mabel is a great niece of Martin Harris the Witness to the Book of Mormon. They are the parents of three sons and two daughters, <sup>all married.</sup> They have twenty three grandchildren. They <sup>reside</sup> ~~are living~~ at 1462 E 3150 S in the Wilford Ward in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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