

Couple Observe Gold Wedding

Avon Ward

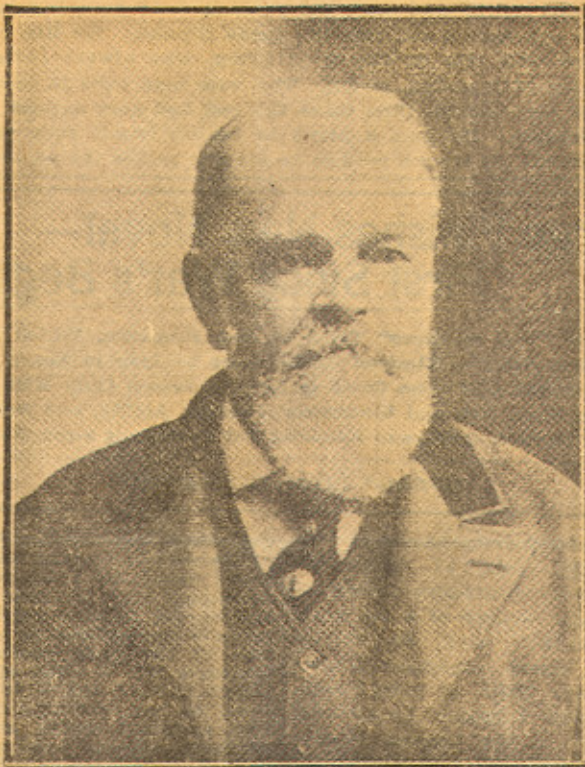
AVON WARD, Hyrum stake, Cache county, Utah, consists of the Latter-day Saints occupying the extreme south end of Cache Valley, Utah, including the old townsite of Paradise and also scattered settlers residing along the east and south forks of Paradise creek (also called Muddy creek or Little Bear river). The center of the ward is about three miles southeast of Paradise, 7 miles southeast of Hyrum, 14 miles south of Logan and 72 miles northeast of Salt Lake City.

The site of Avon was the favorite rendezvous of the early trappers who used to cache their pelts and hides in its vicinity. The place was first settled in 1860 under the name of Paradise, but on account of Indian troubles, in 1868, the settlers moved three miles down the creek and established the settlement now known as Paradise. A few returned later to the old site and these, with others who joined them about 1880, established a new settlement which for a time was called Mineral Point or South Paradise. Meetings were held occasionally in private houses under the direction of the bishopric of the Paradise ward, but a log meeting-house was erected in 1886, and Henry W. Jackson was appointed to take the lead in ecclesiastical affairs in that part of the Paradise ward. On July 5, 1891, South Paradise was separated from the

parent ward and organized as the Avon ward with Henry W. Jackson as bishop. The name Avon was suggested by Mrs. Carrie Smith, wife of Bishop Orson Smith of Paradise in remembrance of the River Avon upon which Stratford, the birthplace of the renowned Shakespeare, stands. Bishop Jackson was succeeded in 1895 by George William Davis, who was succeeded in 1904 by James J. Facer, who was succeeded in 1906 by Alma O. Jackson, who was succeeded in 1920 by George C. Nuhn, who was succeeded in 1930 by Alma O. Jackson, Jr. who presided Dec. 31, 1930, of which date the membership of Avon ward was 100, including 2 children. The Avon precinct in 1930 had a total population of 103. Avon belonged to the Cache stake of Zion until 1901, when it became part of the Hyrum stake.

One of the many points of interest about the picture that all of the men who grouped either standing or sitting about the council table have either mustaches or whiskers, and both in some instances.

Chester Ronald Smith, who will receive his M. D. is from Logan, son of David H. Smith. He received his B. S. degree from the Utah State Agricultural college in 1929. He is at the Warwick memorial clinic of the Garfield hospital. About June 10 he is returning to Logan to enter a hospital as an intern. He is receiving the highest honor, the first five in class grades from George Washington medical bo-



THOMAS X. SMITH.

The late Bishop Smith of Logan was born in England in 1828, joined the Church in 1849, and came to Utah, by oxteam across the plains, in 1853. He resided for a time at Farmington, Davis county, where he had charge of Dr. Willard Richards's grist mill; and in the middle 50's he moved to Cache valley in time to take part in the "grasshopper war" of that period, which was immediately succeeded by the "Echo Canyon war" in which he also participated. When Logan City was divided into four ecclesiastical wards he was chosen to preside as

bishop over the Fourth; and in 1880 he fulfilled a mission in his native land, from which he was recalled by the death of his wife. He went with the first party of "Mormon" colonists looking for a location in Alberta, Canada, and is credited with having done the first plowing in that now populous and prosperous section. He served three terms as city councilman in Logan, and filled acceptably many other positions of responsibility and trust. Although he was of most unassuming manner, he was widely known, and as widely esteemed. His death occurred in 1907.

MR. AND MRS. FRED SMITH, SR.

REXBURG, Jan. 16.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith, Sr., were honored by their family on their golden wedding at their home on January 4. Dinner was served, covers being laid for 36.

They were married in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City by Daniel H. Wells on Jan. 4, 1835. Mr. Smith was born in Farmington, Utah, June 5, 1859. He was the son of Bishop Thomas X. Smith and Margaret G. Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Smith came to Rexburg with the first company of Pioneers under the direction of President T. E. Ricks. Mr. Smith filled a mission for the Church, was a Sunday school and Y. M. M. I. A. superintendent and served as a school trustee and city councilman.

Mrs. Caroline M. Smith was born in Rusholme, England, Nov. 21, 1862. She joined the Church in England and came to Logan, Utah, in 1880. She has been active in stake and ward activities.

From this union seven children were born. Thomas X., J. Fred and Arian M. Smith of Rexburg; Mrs. N. O. Thompson of Salt Lake City, Mrs. L. L. Driggs of Phoenix, Arizona, Orson G. Smith of Augusta, Kansas and Mrs. G. H. Romish of Pocatello, Idaho, also 26 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren living.

Mayor Gets 34 Year Old Picture Of City Council

While rummaging around for some papers, President Joseph E. Cardon of the Cardon Realty company, brought to light an interesting and well preserved photograph, 34 years old, of the Logan city council.

The photograph has been presented to Mayor A. G. Lundstrom as a keepsake for the city commission of today and those of the future.

This photograph shows the members of the 1896 city council in session. Those in the photo are Bishop Thomas X. Smith, Morgan Evans, Joseph Wilson, father of John H. Wilson and Mrs. Joseph E. Cardon, the late H. E. Hatch, Charles England, Mayor A. G. Lundstrom, who was then a member of the council, Mrs. Sophia Wilson Cardon, who was then city recorder, and City Marshall Lute Farr.

Last Respects Paid To Kinnie C. Caine

LOGAN, April 6.—(Special)—Funeral services for Kinnie C. Caine were held in the Fourth ward chapel Thursday. The services were opened by instrumental music by Hal Farr. Mrs. Phyllis Spicker and Prof. S. E. Clark, followed with prayer by Joseph E. Cardon.

Speakers were Joseph E. Quinney, Brigham S. Young, who presided over the Northwestern States mission while Miss Caine served, Prof. N. A. Pedersen of the U. A. C., and Mrs. George R. Hill, Jr., spoke of Miss Caine's work in the auxiliary organizations of the Fifth ward, especially in the M. I. A. Other speakers were A. E. Bowen and Bishop John Q. Adams of the Fifth ward.

Golden Bingham and Patience Thatcher sang solos with the benediction by William Hyde. Resolutions of respect were read by a sorority sister of Miss Caine.

By SOLON R. BARBER

H. P. Barber was buried this afternoon in the Logan cemetery. He died at his home, following an illness of four years, at 9:25 a. m., Saturday, January 12. He went in the morning. He would have preferred that time.

...Let the peace of the sweet prairie winds be for you, And let the soft pollen of alfalfa flowers And the remembrance of waving fields of wheat Go with you on your long journey . . .