The Mountain West

Enoch Known As Town Of Brotherly Love

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Although there is a city—Philadelphia—in the United States which is known as the "City of Brotherly Love," southern Utah residents also have a community which they think of when that is mentioned. It is Enoch.

Enoch is nestled in foothills and meadows eight miles northwest of Cedar City. It is just off Highway 91.

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Enoch has been specifically known for its good farmers and its musicians. Although farming is only a sideline now (most people are employed in nearby communities), there was a time when Enoch people did the grain thrashing for the entire county.

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The brotherly love began almost 90 years ago in 1869 when the family of John Los Jones moved to Johnson Springs. Later they were joined by three brothers, Sylvester, Elrum, and Franklin, their families, and their father, John P. Jones. The father, four brothers and their families worked well together, so that they formed a company which was in force for 25 years.

Johnson's Fort

The town was first known as Johnson's Fort way back in the 1850's. It became Johnson's Spring, then as the community wanted to establish a post office, it was necessary to change the name as there was already a Johnson's Spring in the southern Utah area. It was named Enoch of, and most residents seem to attempt to live up to that name.

The spirit of co-operation which began with the Jones family dominates all actions of the community today. There is only one home which has been built by a contractor. All the rest have been built co-operatively by members of the community, and the church addition, completed in 1950, was contracted with Enoch Ward, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, as the builder.

When the latest home in the community was started this year people turned out with three cement mixers and poured the foundation, all together. When the frame was up, other rough work was to be done, then the community all joined together to do the job in a day. For special kinds of work there are artisans, each a specialist, who turn their trades to aiding a man who is building a home.

Many Other Kinds

House building is only one kind of cooperation that the people enjoy. They are presently working together to develop a community park. Three acres have been donated, the area fenced and cleared, and this land is to be called Enoch Spring. All men in the community will be called upon to help in the building of this park.

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Stories about Enoch are legion and interesting. From the first time it was seen by a pioneer down to the present time the people who live there have been vigorous, compassionate and talented. Joel H. Johnson, who wrote the favored hymn, "High On The Mountain Top," claimed the broad expanse of meadow land in the winter of 1849-50.

Exploiting

He accompanied an exploring group sent out by Brigham Young. The group came on the Summit Creak, and a number of men were sent down the creek. Mr. Johnson was sent to bring it to the mouth of a hill above Enoch. As the others came up to him, he stretched out his arms and reported to have said, "Mine, almost by right of discovery."

Mr. Johnson, who was one of the first volunteers to the Iron Mission to come to this area to mine, smelt and manufacture iron, was given permission to go to Enoch after Parowan and Cedar City had been settled.

Making iron products was the reason the Jones family went first to Enoch. They had a coke oven, a kiln, and other necessary machinery set up to make iron products. Samuel B. Jones said his grandfather learned the trade in England. At Enoch, together with his boys, he cast grates, and iron ladles and other objects. "After he got the plant set up he would cast the pieces once or twice a year and continued to do so for about eight years, supplying much of the iron work with needed iron objects." Mr. Jones, who is now in his late 80's, recalls details of where they acquired the old iron boiler, and what work went into the project.

The lush meadows that Enoch owned dairy cows now upon has been a source of pleasure for many people. Almost at the turn of the century, Cedar City was attempting to get a building ready up to rent so that it could have a colledge there. They had scraped the bottom of the barrel and needed additional funds for a heating plant. Someone remembered that the old Cedar Co-op had meadow land at Enoch. It had been almost been forgotten that owned the land, but stockholders were approached, and they graciously sold the land and gave the $5,000 received from the sale to the committee in charge of the building.

Although the community is small in numbers, just under 200, its influence has been felt in southern Utah for more than a century. Many areas are reaping benefits in their communities from people who once lived in Enoch but have moved away, and newcomers to Enoch enter into the spirit and learn the co-operation that comes from brotherly love.

BLENDFING—Old and new portions of Enoch Ward chapel, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This is town's civic center was well as religious point. The old part still is used for dancing and for activities. The new addition is used as a chapel and for classes.

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ASSETS

Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection............. 29,295,078.86
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed......... 39,527,510.00
Obligations of States and political subdivisions...

LIABILITIES

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TOTAL ASSETS

$119,736,792.64

TOTAL LIABILITIES

$115,109,834.72

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

$119,736,792.64

Other Liabilities

394,683.89

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