

SEWELLER STORER
MYRTLE CALL LARSEN

Myrtle Call Larsen was born October 2, 1898, daughter of William Wiley Call and Melvina Pace. She was the youngest of eight children and the only living child at this time. At the time of her birth, her family was living on a farm in Wilsonville, southeast of Castle Dale. Her folks were moving into Castle Dale to wait for the arrival of their new baby. They had moved everything into town except the cookstove and the bed springs when her mother took sick. They sent for Sister Biddlecome, a midwife, to come and help with her unexpected arrival.

When Myrtle was two, her parents moved to Gray's Lake, Idaho. They lived on a large ranch where her father raised cattle and horses. When she was about eleven years old she helped work in the hay field. She drove the team that helped stack the hay.

She was baptized at eight years of age in Bridge Creek, a little creek that ran by the church. She visited there last summer and found the creek dry, but there is still a church nearby. She was Secretary of the Primary when she was thirteen and rode a horse to get to Primary.

She had to walk two miles to school. When she was thirteen, she became ill with typhoid fever and missed a year of school. She graduated from eighth grade at age 15. In order to graduate you had to pass a state test. Their graduation exercises were held at Bancroft, Idaho. This was quite exciting for they went to it in a Model Ford, her first ride in a car. There wasn't a high school nearby so she went to the Brigham Young College in Logan, a church owned school, where she completed four years of high school. She then went to Albion State Normal College to summer school, after which she took a state test to become a teacher.

Her first year of teaching was at Rigby, Idaho. She then went to summer school at Technical College in Pocatello, Idaho, after which she taught a year in Castle Dale and a year in Chesterfield, and a year in Logan. While in Castle Dale, she met Lyman Larsen. She enjoyed teaching in Logan, but quit to marry Lyman. They were married in the Salt Lake Temple June 6, 1923, and will have been married 57 years next June. They lived in Castle Dale a short time; then Lyman accepted a teaching position in Duchesne County where they lived for about twenty years. They returned to Emery in County and both taught in Cleveland for eighteen years. They maintained a home in both Cleveland and Castle Dale during that time.

Myrtle remembers one summer when her husband was working for his degree, they moved six times in order for him to attend classes at BYU and Utah State Summer School held in Logan Canyon. She has attended BYU, University of Utah, and USU. She enjoyed teaching and helping to put on operettas and special Mother's Day Programs where they would braid the Maypole.

She enjoys traveling and since retiring has gone on a number of tours--ones to the Southwest which included Duraz, Mexico, Carlshad Caverns tour, Palmyra Pageant Tour, Black Hills of South Dakota, Rose Parade; also tours to Florida, Bahamas, and Hawaii. She has bought souvenir plates from most of the places she has been. One year they decided to visit all their nieces and nephews. This took them to Los Altos and Riverside, California, Longview, Washington, Colorado Springs and parts of Utah and Idaho. One of her hobbies was to give a pair of pillowslips to all of her nieces, and this led to making them for her grand nieces also. She has made and given away 48 pairs. She has also made and given away 14 quilts.

Myrtle has held many church positions. She worked in the YWMA for 45 years and received a 40-year service pin. She held the positions of Stake Secretary, First Counselor, and Laurel leader in the Emery Stake, YWMA First Counselor and First Counselor in the Primary in the Moonlake Stake, Stake Era Director in both Emery and Moonlake Stakes. She taught literary class in Relief Society for 3 years in Castle Dale and has been a Relief Society visiting teacher for many years.

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Myrtle and Lyman have gone to many of the Temples--Salt Lake, Menzi, Idaho Falls, Los Angeles, Oakland, and Hawaii.

She has enjoyed good health and has led a full and busy life. We wish her many more years of happiness.