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Favorable Publicity Appeared in Nearly all of the
Large Newspapers in the U.S.A.

THE AMERICAN MOTHERS COMMITTEE, INC.

The American Mothers Committee, Inc. with headquarters at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York, is the official sponsor of National Mother's Day each year. Its objectives are to strengthen the moral and spiritual foundations of the American home and to give to the observance of Mother's Day a spiritual quality which highlights the standards of ideal Motherhood and recognizes the important role of Motherhood in the Home, Community, the Nation and the World.

A "Mother of the Year" is selected in each state by a Committee made up of State AMC officials and selected leaders of women's organizations engaged in religious or civic work within the state. From the State nominees a National Mother is chosen by a National Jury.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE AMERICAN MOTHER

1. She must be fully qualified to represent the Mothers of America in all responsibilities attached to her role as "Mother of the Year".
2. She must be a successful Mother and homemaker as evidenced by the character and achievements of her individual children.
3. She must embody those traits highly regarded in mothers; courage, cheerfulness, patience, affection, understanding and a homemaking ability.
4. She must be an active member of a religious body.
5. She must have a sense of responsibility in civic affairs and be active in public service to society.
6. She must be a legal mother (*not a divorcee*).
7. Her youngest child must be over 15 years of age.
8. Any adopted children may be included with her own for qualifying as State or National Mother.

RULES

1. All rules must be strictly observed, or candidate is ineligible.
2. All questions must be answered.
3. Only one nominating blank may be submitted for any one candidate. More than one organization may sponsor her nomination as indicated on the opposite side of this page. The list of her activities should indicate the scope of her work in each organization.
4. Sponsors must agree to arrange and culminate appropriate local ceremonies honoring the nominee if selected as "Mother of the Year".
5. If return of photograph and material is requested, postage must accompany it.
6. The State Chairman will send all data of the selected State Mother to National Headquarters for consideration by the National Jury for the "Mother of the Year".
7. Entries must reach the State Chairman before March 1st, under one cover.

Please mail to:

State Chairman _____

Address _____

8. All State entries for the National Mother must reach Headquarters during the third week of March.

Lorena Chipman Fletcher

Lorena Chipman Fletcher was born August 22, 1888 in American Fork, Utah and died January 2, 1967, a resident of Provo, Utah. Her seventy-eight years of earthly existence were active, varied, and fruitful, culminating in her election in 1965 as the American Mother of the Year.

She built on a noble pioneer heritage as the daughter of Stephen L. Chipman and Sina Nielsen Chipman. She left a greatly enhanced heritage to her posterity.

Married to a distinguished scientist, Harvey Fletcher, who was repeatedly honored by his colleagues, she was often given the opportunity of associating with, and at times entertaining, the great people of her time throughout the world. She never failed to impress them with her culture and taste and with the breadth of her interests. However, an even greater impact was made on the countless homeless missionaries, students, and newly married couples who found her home a haven in the Chicago and New York areas. Her warmth and kindness made it indeed a home away from home for them.

Lorena and Harvey were the parents of seven children, six of whom survived to have families of their own. All six were faithful to their spiritual heritage, being active in the L.D.S. Church and having temple marriages.

Lorena and Harvey also set an educational tradition for their children. Harvey had a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago and a B.S. from BYU. Lorena had a normal school diploma from BYU. The children were all given the best in educational opportunities. Phyllis, the oldest, later married to William Kenneth Firmage, received her A.B. degree from BYU and did graduate work in New York City. Stephen received an A.B. and L.L.D. from Columbia; James, an A.B. from Columbia and Ph.D. from Cal. Tech.; Robert, a B.S. and Ph.D. from M.I.T.; Harvey, a B.S. from M.I.T., a M.S. from Cal. Tech. and a Ph.D. from the University of Utah; Paul, a B.S. from M.I.T. and a Ph.D. from Columbia. Each child profited from these educational opportunities by fashioning distinguished careers of his own. Each in turn attributed what success he had to the guiding hand and encouragement he received from his parents.

Lorena was active in the communities in which she resided. In Chicago (1910-1911) she was active in the University of Chicago Faculty Club. In Provo (1911-1916) she helped organize the Nelke Club and was active in the Alice Louise Reynolds Club and BYU Women. In New York (1916-1952) she was active in her school PTA's, was President of the Engineering Women's Club of New York, was a delegate of the National Council of Women of the United States of America to the International Congress of Women held in Paris, France. Back in Provo (1952-1967) she helped organize the BYU Women's Engineering Club and was on the Legislative Council of Provo. She was a member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, the Friendship Circle, the Square Root Club, and BYU Women. (Although her first priority was her family, she did not shirk her responsibilities in the L.D.S. Church. She was at various times branch, ward, and stake relief society president and ward M.I.A. president.)

As American Mother of the Year in 1965 she was called upon to speak on over one hundred occasions as a representative of American motherhood. She discharged this heavy responsibility with distinction and left a lasting impression wherever she went. However, perhaps the finest tribute she received was that from her son, James, President of the University of Utah and later administrator of NASA, "To me, and perhaps the many others, her most noteworthy individual distinction is her sympathy and concern for those in need of aid. This concern is not an 'ideology' or a passionate expression of interest in the 'common man' but rather a genuine concern expressed in simple, practical deeds."

A List in Chronological Order of Her Activities Outside Her
Own Home

- 1904 As an eighth grade graduate she represented the county schools and spoke to the Board of Education.
- 1908 Married Harvey Fletcher.
- 1910-1911 Active in the Faculty Women's Club of the University of Chicago. Also she taught in the L.D.S. Sunday School in Chicago.
- 1911-1916 In Provo she helped to organize the Nelke Club and was active in the Alice Louise Reynolds Club and the B.Y.U. Women.
- 1913-1914 In the presidency of the Relief Society of the L.D.S. Church.
- 1914-1916 President of the Y.L.M.I.A. of Provo Fifth Ward of the L.D.S. Church.
- 1921-1923 In the presidency of the Relief Society of the L.D.S. Church in Manhattan, New York.
- 1923-1925 Class teacher in this organization.
- 1930-1932 Program chairman of the Mother's Club (later to become the P.T.A.) of Public School thirty two in Flushing, Long Island.
- 1934-1935 Branch President of the Ward Relief Society of Long Island, New York.
- 1935-1938 Stake President of the Relief Society in the newly organized New York Stake which included all the members of the L.D.S. Church living in the New York area.

- 1935-1949 Active in the Engineering Women's Club located at number two Fifth Avenue. A number of very noted women were members of this club, for example, Mrs. Herbert Hoover, Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, Dr. Lilian Gilbreth (mother in the book "Cheaper by the Dozen").
- 1937 Delegate of the National Council of Women of U.S.A. to the International Congress of Women held in Paris, France.
- 1938-1940 She became the fourth president of the Engineering Women's in New York City. While in this office she had the honor of introducing President Herbert Hoover as the speaker at the tenth anniversary meeting.
- 1943-1947 President of the Primary Association in East Orange Ward, New Jersey.
- 1952-1956 Again with the B.Y.U. women in Provo. Helped to organize the B.Y.U. Women's Engineering Club.
- 1955-1963 Member of the Stake Board of the Relief Society of East Sharon Stake. Member of the Legislative Council of Provo City.
- 1954-1965 Joined the Mayflower Society (She is a direct descendant of John Howland).
- 1965 Member of the following women's organizations:
Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, The Friendly Circle, The Friendship Circle, The Square Root Club, The B.Y.U. Women's Engineering Club and the B.Y.U. Women.

BYU

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February 12, 1965

General Chairman for Utah State Mother of the Year:

The BYU Women are proud to nominate Mrs. Lorena Chipman Fletcher to be State Mother of the Year 1965. We are proud of her splendid achievements as mother of seven children, six of whom have lived to become exceptionally intelligent, responsible, productive citizens of the United States. We are equally proud of the service she has given to the civic, social, and religious life of the communities where she has lived.

A small incident illustrates the realism, idealism, and good humor she has brought to her role as mother. When she found her husband framing several honorary degrees given him, Lorena framed a picture of each of her children and hung them on her wall. "These are my honorary doctorates," she said. She was right! No degree could honor her more than do her children.

Her only daughter is a well-educated, happy, successful wife and mother, active in religious and civic affairs. Her oldest son is a brilliant lawyer with a law degree from Columbia University. The other four sons have PhD degrees in science from the nation's finest universities. All five sons occupy very vital positions in education, business, or scientific research. The specific achievements and their tributes to their mother's influence on their productive careers are given in the biography accompanying this nomination.

These brilliant and competitive children are united to each other and to their parents in close bonds of loyalty, pride in each other, and warm family affection. Such a miracle can happen only when children, while young, are guided by the firm discipline and wise good nature of an intelligent, devoted mother who exercises her faith in a way to give them confidence in themselves.

Lorena's children testify to these qualities in her. They testify

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Women

also to the love she gave them for music, painting, and literature to enrich their lives. She brought beauty and good taste into their lives as she brought beauty and good taste into their home. She brought love of people into their lives as she made their home a home also for their friends. She entertained not only gifted and influential people, but also immigrants, missionaries, and students from Utah who at times seemed lost in the great city and needed the comfort of good friends.

But Lorena's energy and talents have not been confined to her home. In the LDS Church she has served as president of the ward Primary, ward and stake Relief Society, and MIA, and stake board member of the Relief Society.

In Flushing, New York, she was president of the Mothers' Club which later became PTA. For two years she attended the Child Study Association classes in New York, and always attended the annual meetings of the National Council of Women.

As an active member of the Engineering Women's Club in New York, she worked with such women as Mrs Herbert Hoover, Mrs Thomas A Edison, and Mrs Lillian Gilbreth. During its Tenth Annual Conference at the Waldorf-Astoria, she, as president, introduced the principal speaker, the Honorable Herbert Hoover.

When she returned to the B Y U with her husband, she helped the wives of the Engineering faculty to organize women's affiliates which are now functioning successfully.

She has been a member of the Legislative Council. She is now an active member of the Mayflower Society and several other clubs in Utah.

To all of her activities she has taken the vital energy, the quiet grace and charm, and the dignity and wisdom that make her an ideal candidate for the State Mother of the Year 1965.

Mrs. Paul G. Rasmussen
President, B Y U Women

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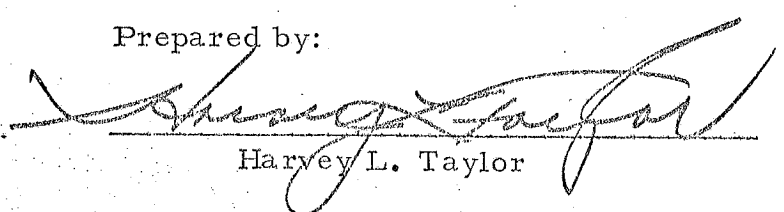
- 1925 Trip to Europe with husband to attend conventions in London and Paris. She also visited most of the countries in northern Europe and went to Venice, Italy.
- 1937 Three months' trip of Europe with her husband and daughter Phyllis. They attended conventions in London, Paris, and Nottingham, England. Toured the lake country in Scotland by automobile. Took a boat trip on the canal from Stockholm to Goteborg, Sweden. Visited Norway, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, and Italy.
- 1949 Trip to Europe with husband and two sons, Harvey J. and Paul, to attend a medical convention in London. Again she visited most of the countries in Europe.
- 1955 Trip to Hawaii with husband and son, Jim, and his wife, Fay.
- 1956 Trip to Europe with son, Stephen, and his wife, Dorothy. Made auto trips around England, the Alps of Germany, Austria, Italy, and Switzerland. Then visited Italy and Spain.
- 1958 Trip around the world with her husband on a BYU tour.
- 1960 Trip to Europe with husband and Harold Hansen, Dr. and Mrs. Preston G. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Crandall, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene England. They visited only the places where summer festivals were being held such as the Passion Play at Oberammergau in Germany. The other places were at Vienna and Salzburg in Austria, Stockholm in Sweden, Copenhagen in Denmark, Edinburgh in Scotland, and the Shakespeare country in England.

She has made three trips through Canada from coast to coast and has visited nearly every state in the U.S.A.

Through her broad and deep interest in learning in all its forms, she, with her husband, has instilled in their children a desire for education, which each has received with distinction in many universities throughout the land.

Such distinctive achievement of her children is the hallmark of a noble and learned woman.

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LORENA C. FLETCHER
Civic Worker -- Mother of the Year

As the helpful wife of a prominent scientist, Lorena has had an active social and civic life. She was one of the early members of the Alice Louise Reynolds Club, the Nelke Club and the B. Y. U. Women's Club and has helped the wives of engineers on the B. Y. U. faculty to form women's clubs, which are now operating successfully.

She was the fourth president of the Engineering Women's Club of New York City. The highlight of her administration was the 10th Anniversary Meeting which was held in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. As president, she had charge of the program and had the privilege of introducing President Hoover as the speaker.

She is now a member of the following societies and clubs:

The B. Y. U. Women, The Mayflower Society, Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, The Friendly Circle (Women), The Friendship Circle, The Square Root Club and the B. Y. U. Women's Engineering Club.

Among her early civic activities she became associated with the Mother's Club in the Public Schools of Flushing, Long Island, New York at P. S. 32. She served as program chairman of this organization, which later became the P. T. A. She attended many of the annual meetings of the National Council of Women held in New York City and she and her daughter, Phyllis, attended the International Congress of Women held in Paris in 1937.

Her activities in church have taken her to positions of leadership in the Relief Society, the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association and the Primary Asso-

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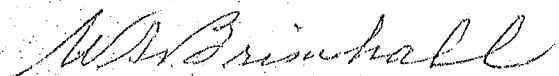
ciation. Her teams in debating, in public speaking, and in music have won many trophies and awards.

When the New York Stake of the L. D. S. Church was organized she was called to be the first Stake Relief Society President. In this capacity she came in contact with most of the women who were members of the church in that area and many others. The L. D. S. Women's group numbered nearly 1,000.

Through the years she has maintained an atmosphere of refinement in her home that is reflected from her careful selection of lovely furniture, good housekeeping and beautiful gardens. She has gained a reputation for neatness, good taste and fine hospitality. The welcome mat has always been out for her family, friends and the community at large. In 1962 a Community Open House was held in some of the nicer homes in Provo and her home and garden were featured in the Daily Herald on this occasion.

During her 36 year stay in the New York area she mothered hundreds of students and missionaries from Utah who seemed to be lost in the big city. Even now, 1965, persons from all parts of the country keep telling about the day they were entertained at dinner and then spent the evening and sometimes the night in her home. I am one of those who has partaken of her hospitality in New York and in Provo, and I know there are "a thousand", other than her own seven children, that will vote her "Mother of the Year" -- any year.

Very truly yours,


W. S. Brimhall
Provo City Commissioner

*A Written and Photographic
Account of the Life and
Activities of
Lorena C. Fletcher*

SKETCH OF THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF LORENA C. FLETCHER

Introduction

Lorena Chipman Fletcher has lived an active, varied and fruitful life. As the following account will show, she was blessed with a wise, sturdy, and wholesome heritage and training. From this heritage and training she has incorporated in her personality the finest qualities of American womanhood and citizenship. Her life has been guided, both consciously, and unconsciously, by the firm belief that Woman's highest role is sympathetic and understanding motherhood--that her finest function and service to civilization is to produce healthy, strong, intelligent and confident children who could serve the needs of their race with understanding and with skill and aptitude. She has been remarkably successful in fulfilling her role as mother. And in doing so, as the events of her life will show she has enjoyed some of the finest fruits of our civilization and has made wise and happy use of them for her husband, her children and grandchildren, and for all who have been associated with her in the various communities in which she has lived.

Her Parents and Grandparents

Lorena was born in American Fork, Utah in 1888. Her grandfather James Chipman was one of the pioneers who came to Utah in 1847. He settled in American Fork, Utah and became the principal builder of this city. He started several enterprises there including the Chipman Mercantile Company. He

became a prominent banker in the state and was the first treasurer of the State of Utah.

Lorena's father, Stephen L. Chipman, followed his father into business and for twenty-five years was manager of the Chipman Mercantile Company, a business which is still operating successfully. His interest in education was shown by his being a member of the Board of Trustees of B.Y.U. for forty-three years from 1896 to 1939. During the last twenty years of this period he was a member of the Executive Committee. For 25 years during this period he was president of the Alpine Stake for the L.D.S. Church and served as a member of the State Legislature. Later he became President of the Salt Lake Temple. Through these positions he exerted (great influence for good) throughout the State of Utah.

The grandparents on her mother's side were also among the early settlers of American Fork, coming from Denmark. These rugged pioneers brought from their homeland the excellent cooking and homemaking abilities which are so characteristic of the Danish people. So Lorena's mother, Sina Nelson Chipman, learned how to work and became an excellent dressmaker and cook while she was still very young. As she grew older she became a leader in her community, and her influence (for good) was felt throughout the state. Her gracious manner and charitable nature is well known throughout the community. Even now many persons come to Lorena and tell her how her mother brought cheer and other more substantial things to their homes when they were sorely needed.

She moved to Provo to mother her five girls while they attended school at the B.Y.U. During this time she managed to take classes in art and other homemaking studies. At this time she was appointed by President Brimhall as the matron of the girls at B.Y.U. Later she became matron of the Salt Lake Temple.

Girlhood in American Fork and Provo

Lorena's young life was spent in American Fork in the beautiful Utah Valley with the high mountains in the east and north, and Utah Lake on the south and west. This splendor of the landscape was a source of inspiration to her. Mount Timpanogus, rising abruptly from the fields and orchards, seemed to her to be a sentinel and a guardian for the homes in the valley. Here Lorena attended the public schools, and on many occasions had time to wander over this beautiful valley. She learned early to respond to the changing colors of the seasons and to the challenge of the high mountain peaks. Surely her sense of beauty and taste for colors, her breadth of thinking, and her strength of character and real life values were seeded in and nourished by the environment of magnificent natural beauty in which she was reared.

At graduation time she was chosen to represent the American Fork City Schools at the final county exercises. She remembers how important she thought her talk must be, for the Board of Education was present to listen.

After her graduation she went to Provo to attend the Brigham Young University. There she became a popular young

lady in the social circles of the school. She took a normal course for four years receiving a normal diploma which prepared her to teach in the public schools of the state. She also took a course of studies in oral expression for which she received a certificate. She had intended to teach school, but instead she was married to Harvey Fletcher in 1908 and consented to go with him to school in Chicago.

Life in Chicago 1908 - 1911

The young couple faced the new world with expectations and yet with fearful thoughts about living with complete strangers. To save money they bought a group railroad fare with about fifty other students. It was a unique honeymoon for the Fletchers as they sat up all night with the other fifty students and were near an open window on the tourist car. The morning light showed two blackened faces huddled together with clothing all covered with dirt, dust and cinders.

Harvey had only five hundred dollars and faith that somehow he could stay 3 1/2 years at the great university and get his Ph.D. degree. After paying the tuition and buying necessary books, the five hundred dollars was almost gone. A friend kindly lent them money and here was a lesson that was remembered long afterwards. It is much easier to borrow money than to pay it back. It was eight years before they were out of debt. It would have been more difficult if Harvey had not obtained jobs on the campus tutoring students, operating and maintainance of all the projection lanterns on the campus. After the first year he was able to obtain scholarships for his tuition and earned some money by part time teaching.

It was a new experience for Lorena who had come from a comfortable home, but she was willing to share a small apartment with another family having two children. After six months they rented a humble apartment and Lorena furnished it with second-hand furniture which cost only twenty-five dollars.

Along with these trials and inconveniences her husband had to go to the hospital for an appendectomy which was much more dangerous than now. By her thrift and careful budgeting she was able to make the proper adjustments to the new situation and enter into the social life. She took courses at the

University, particularly those that would help in her home building such as

Lorena was always active in civic and religious affairs. She mothered hundreds of students and missionaries who seemed to be lost in the big city. Even now in 1965 persons from all parts of the U.S.A. keep telling her about the day when they were at her home for dinner, and then spent the evening and sometimes the night there. It was a home away from home for them.

In her religious activities in this area she became the ward president of the Women's Relief Society. When the New York Stake was organized she was selected as the first Stake Relief Society President. In this capacity she came in contact with most of the women who were members of the L.D.S. Church and many others in the area. Later she was president of a ward Primary Association--a large group of children under twelve years of age.

Her first civic work was with the Mothers' Club in the public schools of Flushing, Long Island at Public School 32. This organization later became the P.T.A. She was the program chairman of this organization. For two years she attended the Child Study Association classes in New York City. She also attended many of the annual meetings of the National Council of Women held in New York City. She and her daughter, Phyllis, attended the International Congress of Women held in Paris in 1937 as delegates from the U.S.A. Also, during this period, she took a two year course in interior decorating at the New York School of Interior Decorating.

Her principal civic activity while in this area was her work with the Engineering Women's Club of New York City. The members of this organization consisted either of wives of prominent engineers, who were members of one of the national engineering societies, or of women who were professional engineers in their own right. Among the members were Mrs. Herbert Hoover, Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, Mrs. Frank B. Jewett whose husband was President of the Bell Telephone Laboratories and President of the National Academy of Sciences, and Mrs. Lilian Gilbreth, who later became well known as the mother in the book and movie entitled, "Cheaper by the Dozen." Lorena was the fourth president of this organization during the years 1938 to 1940. The high light of her administration was the 10th Anniversary Meeting which was held in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. As president, she had charge of the program. She had the privilege of introducing President Herbert Hoover as the speaker. She was an active member of this club until 1952, when she returned to Provo, Utah.

Back to Provo and the B.Y.U.

After this experience with the New York Engineering Club, she helped the wives of engineers on the B.Y.U. faculty to form women's clubs, and these are now operating successfully. She served for six years on the Stake Board of the Relief Society as class leader. During this time she was also a member of the Legislative Council of Provo City. She is now a member of the following societies and clubs: The B.Y.U. Women, The Mayflower

Society (she is a direct descendant of John Howland who came over to America in the Mayflower), Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, The Alice Louise Reynold's (women), The Friendship Circle (women), The Square Root Club (wives of faculty members of the Physics and Mathematics Departments), The B.Y.U. Women's Engineering Club (wives of the engineers on the faculty).

Home Maker and Housekeeper

She has a fine reputation of always having a neat and clean house even when there were five boys around. In her travels she was able to collect very interesting furniture and other objects of art. Her antique glass and china have been on exhibit several times when she talked on their history and manufacture. With the aid of these her home has always been in good taste and artistically arranged. Her dinners became famous because of the quality of the food, and the beauty and dignity with which they were served. As one said, "She has the ability to combine charm with friendliness." Not only on the inside of the house was her touch noticeable but also on the outside. Her beautiful gardens were always in good taste, and on different occasions have been on exhibition.

Travel

As part of her education she has traveled extensively with her husband. Summarized here are some of the important trips:

1925 Trip to Europe with husband to attend conventions to London and Paris. She also visited most of the

countries in northern Europe and went to Venice, Italy.

- 1937 Three months' trip of Europe with her husband and daughter Phyllis. They attended conventions in London, Paris, and Nottingham, England. Toured the lake country in Scotland in an automobile. Took a boat trip on the canal from Stockholm to Goteburg in Sweden. Visited Norway, Denmark and Germany, Switzerland and Italy.
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Women Voters in New Jersey for several years before serving as president, after which she was also president of the Morris County League. She has also been active on the board of the Chatham Woman's Club for several years, besides holding positions in the various organizations of the church in that area.

Her daughter Karen Marie, who recently married, is following in her mother's footsteps. After obtaining her degree from B.Y.U. she is now Editorial Assistant for BOY'S LIFE, published by Boy Scouts of America, and is also active in the M.I.A. The two Firmage boys are on L.D.S. missions, one in England and the other one in Austria.

Tribute to Mother by Phyllis

To me, being the only girl and the oldest in the family, Mother has seemed more like a sister to me, although she was always a guiding influence. We have always liked to talk with one another and share opinions, and I felt we were very close in our thinking.

While we were in the process of growing up Mother always tried to get us to excel in whatever we were doing. She was always interested and had a real drive to make us succeed. She also taught us to enjoy lovely things by exposing us to museums, travel, music, etc., as well as encouraging our formal education. New York City had much to offer and she saw to it that we benefited from it.

One of her favorite fields of interest is interior decoration. She could have made a business of it if she had so

desired. Instead, she enjoyed helping those who so wished, besides fixing up her own homes. She has an amazing sense of color and a wonderful memory. She can match objects from a distance, and after visiting someone's home can for some time after relate in detail as to just what was in it. When traveling she will come across a beautiful piece of furniture or work of art, and exclaim, "Wouldn't that be beautiful in so-and-so's home?"

Mother has always been young in spirit, age making no difference as to whom she chose for friends. She has always enjoyed activity and feels younger when with younger people. Her mind has never become old. I find it difficult to keep up with her.

There is no question in my mind but what Mother would be a wonderful choice for "Mother of the Year".

Stephen

Stephen Harvey married Dorothy Roberts in 1937 and they have three children, one girl and two boys. He obtained an A.B. degree at Columbia University. This was followed by three years at Columbia Law School from which he graduated. After considering several possibilities he decided to join the legal staff of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. He has continued to work with this company or other branches of the Bell System. From the A.T. and T. Co. he was transferred to the New York Telephone Co. where he became General Attorney. A few years later he was made Vice President of the Chesapeake

and Potomac Company, being one of the youngest vice presidents in the Bell System at that time. After six years with this company in Washington D.C. he was called back to the A.T. and T. Co. where he became General Attorney. Last year he was given another promotion and became Vice President of the Western Electric Company and a member of the Board of Directors of this company. In this position he has charge of all the legal work of this vast company. It is one of the ten largest manufacturing companies in the world with 150,000 employees. It manufactures and installs all the telephone equipment used in the Bell Telephone System, and has branches all over the U.S.A.

He has been active in bar associations activities having served on the executive committee of the Federal Commission of the Bar Association, and as Chairman of the Public Utility Law Section of this organization. He is also a member of the Association of General Counsel, which is a very select group of the leading corporate lawyers in the U.S.A.

Tribute by Stephen

STEPHEN H. FLETCHER
195 Broadway
New York 7, N. Y.

January 15, 1965

Dear Dad:

I was delighted to hear that others were recognizing what we children have long realized, that we have been blessed with a very "special" Mother. To me perhaps the most significant characteristic which makes her "special" is her willingness to

share her life outside of the family with the family. I can recall vividly some early trips to the Museum of Natural History, the Bronx Zoo and the Museum of Art with her. She made the William Tell Overture a part of my life through an early Aeolian "Victrola" as we called it in those days long before the Lone Ranger was to popularize it. Caruso and Galli-Curci also were introduced to me in this way.

I remember being impressed with a dinner party for a Captain Brown who commanded one of the Cunard liners on which you and Mother had gone to Europe. The children were included in the dinner party and were fascinated by Captain Brown's stories of his experiences at sea. I remember being part of a discussion with Senator Elbert Thomas, when he was a guest in our home at the time he first came to the U. S. Senate. I remember sharing bread and milk with President Heber J. Grant in our home when, as President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, he visited New York.

Later in life I remember being taken to Engineering Women's Club luncheons where I met some of her fascinating friends like Dr. Lilian Gilbreth, Mrs. Franklin Jewett, Mrs. Ralph Roosevelt, Major and Mrs. Farney. When I was old enough to drive I was drafted as chauffeur for Mother's Relief Society visits even though Mother could drive herself. I'm sure she wanted me to see and feel the spirit of service which her work entailed.

Mother's willingness to share herself, I'm sure, has stimulated our interest in people, music, art and the theatre and gave us a strong moral and spiritual foundation.

Another of her characteristics which has stood the family in good stead is her fine sense of humor. This has acted as a buffer in keeping intra-family competition from getting out of hand. No one has been permitted to take oneself too seriously. What might have developed into divisive situations time after time have been turned into rollicking laughter by one of Mother's pungent remarks. She never, that I can remember, attempted to suppress the competition, but merely to lighten it.

Of course her most important characteristic, which although not perhaps "special" in the sense of being unique, was nonetheless special to us children. That was her consistent love for and faith in her children. She always thought we were better than we were and I suppose this made us try just a little harder to be what she thought we were.

Love,

Stephen

Stephen and Dorothy's daughter Elizabeth Jean is following the Fletcher tradition. She took two college years at B.Y.U. and then attended Geneva University in Geneva Switzerland, for her third year. She returned to B.Y.U. for the A.B. degree, having the highest grade in the honors program that year at B.Y.U. She then took her master's degree at Fletcher Graduate School on International Relations which is located in Medford, Massachusetts. She was married last June and is now teaching at Danna School for girls--a preparatory school connected with Wellesly College.

LORENA CHIPMAN FLETCHER—AMERICAN MOTHER, 1965

By adherence to the simple truths
She laid the family plans,
Unswayed by psychological fads
She led with firm, kind hands.

Now honored by the world at large
as its American Mother,
She's asked to share her formula
with all American Mothers.

To her the formula is no secret.
It came from God, she said.
First pick a mate who'll harmonize
And have good genes, then wed.

When the child is young and needs to learn
A spank or two may aid,
But more important than discipline
Is praise for what he's made.

Love unfeigned is prescribed by God.
She found the prescription good
and dispensed it in liberal doses
So the kids knew where she stood.

The children grown do now respond
To plaudits to them fed,
But in their hearts they realize
Their goal is still ahead.

Their success cannot be claimed
Until their sons are grown
And reflect the kind of home
That they themselves have known.

Stephen Fletcher

Jean's Tribute to Her Grandmother

To Grandmother

The late summer of each year
Brings a day full of cheer
It's the day we twins were born
Close in spirit, if not in years

And so this day I think of you
My twin in laughter, my twin in thought
Life will be rich with joy long-sought
If I can be your twin in action too

Note: Jean was born on her grandmother's birthday.

James C.

James Chipman was married to Fay Lee in 1947, and they have four children, three girls and one boy. The children are not yet out of high school. James was educated in the public schools of New York City. He obtained his B.S. degree at Columbia University in 1940.

His first post following graduation was as research physicist with the U.S. Navy Bureau of Ordinance during 1940-41. He was assigned to the Bremerton Naval Station in the State of Washington to study the problem of degaussing ships, that is, perfecting electrictrical devices to counteract the magnetic effect of the iron in the ship so that it would not explode magnetic mines. After a year's work at Harvard University doing research work on

underwater sound. Princeton University called him to serve successively as a teaching fellow, instructor, and research physicist on secret war research.

After three years at Princeton and the end of the war, he returned to the West to enroll at the California Institute of Technology, where he spent the next three years in study and research under an Eastman Kodak Fellowship. In 1948 he was awarded the Doctor of Philosophy degree in physics.

After the conclusion of his formal schooling, James joined the Hughes Aircraft Company in 1948 as director of the Theory and Analysis Laboratory, the 120th employee, doing important work, on the Falcon air-to-air missile. Six years later the Division had grown to 25,600 employees and eventually became the entire company.

In 1954 he joined Ramo-Wooldridge Corporation, and eventually was made director of the Space Technology Laboratories, a subsidiary of Ramo-Wooldridge. The Space Technology Labs had technical responsibility for all the Nation's ICBM's (Atlas, Titan, and Minuteman) and also the "Thor", an Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile. In addition, it initiated the Nation's first space probe, Pioneer 4.

James, with an associate, Dr. Frank W. Lehan, in July, 1958, organized the Space Electronics Corporation and became its first president. Its activities cover many fields of research in space technology. The firm had grown to three hundred employees by 1960, when a controlling interest was sold to Aerojet-

General Corporation, and James became vice president of the combined companies.

In 1964 James was made chairman of the Board of the Space-General Corporation and systems vice-president of the Aerojet-General Corporation.

James has served on numerous important government committees responsible for directing and assessing various aspects of the U. S. space military-technology program. In 1961 he was chairman of an Air Force committee which reviewed the "Minuteman" Command and Control System, and in 1959 he was chairman of a similar committee which reviewed and made recommendations on the "Skybolt" program. He still remains an active member of several similar committees.

Effective July 1, 1964, James resigned his positions with Space-General and Aerojet-General Corporations, in California, to become president of the University of Utah. He felt drawn toward that field in order to make his contribution to humanity. He had achieved success and had enjoyed his work in industry but was supported in his decision to change to education by his fellow industrial executives, perhaps because they realize how empty business success really is.

James married the former Fay Lee, of Brigham City, Utah, on November 2, 1946, and they are the parents of four children: Virginia Lee, sixteen; Mary Susan, fourteen; James Stephen, eleven; and Barbara Jo, six.

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JAMES CHIPMAN FLETCHER
PRESIDENT

January 27, 1965

To My Mother,

Being a mother is no easy job. Being a mother of six energetic boys, four of whom along with the father turn out to be scientists, is almost impossible. How Mother survived the scrapes, the escapades, and later the frustrations, the endless shoptalk and constant haranguing, can only be a tribute to her great patience, indomitable character, and, (2) to be sure, an enduring love for her family. To survive this successfully is alone a mark of achievement.

However, to survive motherhood and still achieve distinction and respect as a person is even more remarkable. To me, and perhaps to many others, her most noteworthy individual distinction is her sympathy and concern for those in need of aid. This concern is not an "ideology" or a passionate expression of interest in the "common man" but rather a genuine concern expressed in simple, practical deeds.

The most vivid recollection of such a practical concern involved "Aunt" Elly Squires. Aunt Elly was known to many of us as children as the mother of a handsome Army officer. She was too old to be of much interest to us children but was known as "Aunt" probably because in her younger days she had been a Sunday School teacher. At any rate, Aunt Elly, as she grew older, gradually began disappearing from our presence in the community. Since she lived several miles away, most of us promptly forgot her. Not Mother! As I try to piece the story together in my mind, I remember that Mother used to drop in on Aunt Elly occasionally to cheer her in her loneliness after her son left. More and more often, as Aunt Elly grew more helpless, she became increasingly dependent on these visits, until at the end it began to be apparent that Mother was doing some housecleaning, cooking, and even giving her a bath. All of this while trying to rear six children!

Aunt Elly has long since passed on, but Mother's good deeds continue. I remember two "old maids" in Summit, New Jersey, and many old folks in Provo, Utah, who were cheered a little in their loneliness by frequent visits from my mother. Mother is only "thirty-nine" now, but I fervently hope that when she arrives at the age when she can legitimately be called "old," some equally thoughtful, equally sympathetic, equally active person will repay her in kind for the little favors she has brought to so many who needed attention.

It is impossible for children to repay to their parents what they have received from them. Likewise, it is impossible for those who were helped by Mother to reciprocate her kindly attention. Her only reward (in this life) is the personal satisfaction of individual service to a fellowman and perhaps a knowledge of having practiced what others have preached.


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Robert

Robert Chipman was married to Rosemary Bennett in 1945 and they have seven children, five girls and two boys. The oldest is now a freshman at the University of Utah. The others are in the elementary grades or in High School. Robert graduated from MIT with a B.S. degree in physics, achieving honor grades throughout his stay. The war started during his junior year in college. After an accelerated program to finish his college degree, he was asked to join the famous Radiation Laboratory at MIT where he worked on secret research for the U.S. Government until the war ended.

After the war he was awarded a National Research Council Fellowship with which he was able to return to MIT where he obtained his PhD in physics, even though married with two children. The family then moved to the New York area where he took a position in the famous Bell Telephone Laboratories. He first worked in the Research Department where he made significant discoveries in electron dynamics and solid state physics. He was made a Fellow of the American Physical Society and a

Senior Member of the Institute for Electric and Electronic Engineering. He was promoted to be a department head and then a laboratory director in the solid state device development area. In 1964, the president of the Bell Telephone Laboratories nominated him to be Vice President of the Sandia Corporation, located in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He is in charge of the research work there, leading to the development of new types of atomic weapons for the government.

Tribute to my Mother by Robert

After the national publicity which our family has received associated with the inauguration of James as the President of the University of Utah, it is natural to reflect back into our childhood and contemplate the factors present in our home. In particular, I ask myself, "What did Mother do that motivated her children to higher achievement"? The key, I believe is the surprise I felt to suddenly find the people around us thinking our achievements were newsworthy. In our home I have no conscious recollection of being pushed into going on with my education--it was just understood that we would all continue to the ultimate degree, LLB or PhD, or whatever. When the war interrupted the education of the four younger boys, I don't believe any of us considered that was the end. When the time came, it was understood we would continue on. That attitude was inculcated in our home.

When I consider our home I realize that Mother had a handful. With so many boys, there were inevitable quarrels and rough house.

Somehow she managed to keep the furniture intact and the house in order. A wrestling mat in the basement and a backyard gym and basketball area were provided to work off our energies. Household chores were assigned and insisted upon. And Mother was the efficient manager. Although often away on some outside community or church responsibilities, she was generally there when needed.

As we grew older and Phyllis and Steve left home, the dinner conversation grew more technical, an area where Mother undoubtedly felt isolated and did not attempt to follow. Nevertheless she held up her end and fought a never ending battle to get us to appreciate culture. Hers was the lead to bring us to the museums and the opera. I'm afraid, particularly as teenagers, we vigorously resisted this push. But some of it must have rubbed off and perhaps has served to broaden us.

But what remains most clearly in my mind is that no matter what discipline she had to impose, and many there were with these highly competitive boys and many were the times I felt there were rank injustices being served, nevertheless through it all, I always had the feeling that she had the highest regard for us and always expected the most from us. I love you Mother, for that.

Harvey J.

Harvey Junior married Deah Tonks and they have five children, three girls and two boys. Two have not started in school and the other three are in the elementary grades.

Harvey J. also graduated at MIT with a B.S. degree in physics. Again this was in the middle of the war so he obtained a position at the Naval Research Laboratories in Washington D.C. After a year he joined the U.S. Navy and became an officer. After spending several months in various naval training stations located in several different states he was sent overseas to Okinawa. He was put in charge of one of the naval bases there, but the war soon ended so he had the job of dismantling the station and disposing of the surplus property. After the war he visited China and other places in the Far East and then returned to the U.S.A. to resume his education.

He first taught physics and mathematics at the University of Utah. Then he went to the California Institute of Technology where he received an M.S. degree in physics. He returned to the University of Utah where he changed his major from physics to mathematics and continued his graduate work until he received his PhD in mathematics at that institution.

He accepted a position in the mathematics faculty of B.Y.U. He taught there ten years and was head of the Department of Mathematics for five years. The family then moved to New Jersey where Harvey worked at Bell Telephone Laboratories for fifteen months on a sabbatical leave from B.Y.U. The persons with whom he worked formed the nucleus for the new Bellcom Company which was set up in Washington D.C. to guide the project of sending three men to the moon. They urged him to join this group which he finally did. After another fifteen months he was persuaded to come back to the B.Y.U. This was his first love and their

urging finally triumphed. He came back and now is Professor of Mathematics at that institution.

Tribute to My Mother
By Harvey J. Fletcher
January 20, 1965

In reflecting upon how my mother affected my life, I think, firstly, of attitudes which she has given to me. She has always had us look a little higher in life. For instance, one Christmas morning I found in my stocking by the chimney a ticket to the New York Philharmonic Symphony. I never appreciated a Christmas present as much as that. I was given the opportunity to take piano lessons and was complimented after almost every fine practice. This encouraged me to appreciate music. She was always the first to suggest that we have prayers together as a family--this was in addition to teaching all of us how to pray by ourselves. No other blessing has meant as much to me as the feeling of spirituality which she has taught me. She never preached religion to us, but was always ready to accept a call from the Church, and we could sense that she had a great faith, as well as being a loyal worker in a cause in which she believed. Her willingness, while living in New York, to befriend those that came from Utah who were visiting in the East and also to show hospitality to those immigrants who came from Europe was an example to us of friendliness and thoughtfulness. She was forever stressing manners and courtesy which at times was not very palatable, but as we

look back, we recognize that this helped lift our social standards. One time we were asked if we would like to have the money which was normally spent on comics and funny papers to be reserved for the purchase of a good book. We agreed and the amount grew sufficiently to enable us to buy our own books. We also had an encyclopedia in the home which we used continuously. We all had positive experiences in school and Mother complimented us frequently for our work.

I admire my Mother for her willingness as a young bride to make sacrifices to help Dad through graduate school. She had been reared with many of the comforts of life and I am sure there were many adjustments that she made to see him through school. I also admire Mother for her willingness to accept responsibility with cheerfulness and determination to do the best job she knows how. She has demonstrated strength during adversity, wisdom during crisis, and love for her family during all of her life. She has instilled in all of us an appreciation for beauty, a desire to be of service, a loyalty to our church, country and friends, and finally, a faith in God. All of these have helped mold our lives today.

Paul C.

Paul Chipman, the youngest child, is married to Norma Hunt and they have four children: Gregory Paul aged eight, Eugene Scott aged seven, Mark Stanley aged two and Cheryl Lynne a baby. The oldest boy Greg is in the fourth grade and the second boy Scott is in the second grade.

Paul graduated Cum Laude from Pingry Country Day School in Elizabeth, New Jersey. He was first in his graduating class in grades and was the only Cum Laude to receive his letter in more than one sport; basketball and football. In addition, he played first trombone in the school orchestra and band. Because of the Second World War he enlisted in the Naval Reserve V-12 program after his graduation. He was sent to Dartmouth College and MIT as part of his officer's training. After his fourth semester, the war ended and he was discharged from the Navy. He continued his college education at MIT where he received his B.S. degree in physics after two years and eight months college training. After his graduation, he spent two years on a mission in Scotland for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Upon his return to the United States, he resumed his technical training at the University of Utah. After one year he transferred to Columbia University and graduated with a PhD in physics. He was a member of the group who, under Dr. C. H. Townes, first developed the maser. This technical accomplishment recently won Dr. Townes the Nobel Prize. After leaving Columbia, Paul worked in the Research Laboratories of Hughes Aircraft Co. and was a member of the department which first developed the laser. Before leaving he rose to Magnetics Group Leader and Senior Scientist at Hughes. He is now Technical Manager of the Quantum Physics Division of Electrical-Optical Systems, Inc. in Pasadena, California.

Tribute to My Mother

Paul C. Fletcher

It is almost impossible to show proper appreciation to one's mother because it is impossible to realize the many things that she does for you. It is certainly true in the case of my mother. Only now, with children of my own, do I get a suggestion of what it took to raise five boys and a girl to the high ideals which my mother held in the environment of a big city.

The menial tasks she took on as a matter of course, cooking sewing and housecleaning. I can remember with awe, the way she faithfully dusted every room in the house every day. The first two hours after the children were off to school were spent in these menial chores and if one wanted to talk or converse with her, one had the choice of helping or waiting until she was through. Although we thought at the time we were doing much of the work necessary around the house, it is very clear to me now that mother had only the scarcest of help since we were mostly boys and thought of housework as beneath us. However, she insisted that we participate and we learned the elements of housekeeping which knowledge served us well during our bachelor days and made us useful as husbands and fathers.

Although mother insisted that we learn these distasteful tasks, she had higher ideals which she tried to instill in her children. She insisted that they be competent in music, art

A Tribute to a Worthy Mother

It is a pleasure and a privilege to pay tribute to a worthy mother--Lorena Chipman Fletcher---who has been nominated "Utah Mother of the Year" 1965, sponsored by the Brigham Young University Faculty Women Organization of which she is a member.

As her sister I wish to join her many friends and loved ones who are paying tribute to her at this time.

The greatest tribute paid to a mother is the quality of her children who stand as a monument to her achievement in raising to maturity fine outstanding citizens who are contributing to society. Lorena has achieved this. Thru this achievement she has proven her worthiness as an ideal mother. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

With the cooperation of a wonderful husband and companion, Dr. Harvey Fletcher, Lorena has built the kind of home which has produced this fine family of six outstanding children. Her family has always been her paramount concern and nothing has swerved her from her course.

Majoring in education she acquired a knowledge of child education and training and thru the years she has kept informed of new ideas and better ways of raising her children. She has availed herself of every opportunity to better herself that she might be able to give more to her family. Living in New York while her children were young she took classes in Child Psychology, nutrition, Interior Decoration, Music and Art Appreciation and other subjects offered by expert instructors.

The children also have been exposed to the best in education.

I would like to emphasize her strong desire as a mother to see that her children were to become well balanced in their development as individuals.

She has emphasized the physical, intellectual, spiritual, and aesthetic and as a result of her efforts each one of her children has attained top position in his chosen field and is contributing much to his fellow men.

They have been raised in a home where love, order, and beauty have been a great influence in their lives.

It has been my privilege to live at the Fletcher home at various times and I have been the recipient of their kindness and hospitality which I appreciate more than I can express.

Her motherhood has been extended to many over the years not only to her own family but to many for whom she has made a home away from home.

Her twenty-six grandchildren are enjoying the same love and devotion she has given to their parents.

This tribute I give to Lorena with my love, admiration, and appreciation to her as a wonderful mother and loyal sister.

Fern Chipman Eyring

Spanish Fork, Utah
January 22, 1965

Dear Aunt Lorena,

Your candidacy for Utah's Mother of the Year has brought joy to all of your family, your friends and the many people who feel you are so unquestionably qualified. Preston and I were thrilled to hear of the nomination and we, too, join with your many friends and relatives who would love to have you represent our county and our great state of Utah.

Especially do Preston and I want to express our gratitude to you and Uncle Harvey for being "second parents" to us and "grandparents" to our children. For many years we have shared your warmth and generosity, your love and understanding; and we have been recipients of your wise counsel and sound advice.

We have thrilled with the many honors that have come to you and observed, also, how reluctant you are to discuss the "honors of men" which have come to both of you for your faithful service to your fellowmen.

Your philosophy, Aunt Lorena, about raising your children--a philosophy of which innumerable people have not only wondered but have anxiously inquired--is one which bears meditation and study and practice. You could express it better than I, but it concerns the necessity of having each child feel "accepted" and "adequate." We think of you and your philosophy often as we try to guide and direct our own children's lives.

There are so many reasons why we feel you should represent our state and nation:

1. By your own example you have influenced for good the lives of thousands of people.

2. You have been a person whose life has been guided by spirituality and a love for God.

3. Your children are living tributes to the teaching with which you and Uncle Harvey have inspired them.

4. You have the "gaiety of heart" for which Robert L. Stevenson so feverently prayed.

5. You have the cultural background which bespeaks your love for education and learning.

6. You have such a keen sense of humor and an inherent way of making people feel at home when in your presence.

7. A sensitivity to all that is good and beautiful---as is manifest in your lovely home and spacious gardens---your voluminous library and choice collections from all over the world, your art collections and especially your collection of loving friends and family.

8. For your mastery of the Art of Cooking! It's a delight and a joy forever to eat the delicately seasoned, colorfully selected and artistically arranged menus so graciously served.

There are so many kindnesses---far too many to enumerate---that you have extended us and we shall always remember and cherish them---and you. You have and will always be an ideal of mine. Thank you for letting me and my family accept of your warmth and loving goodness.

Gratefully,

Maurine M.
Preston G. Hughes

Your niece, Maurine M. and nephew,
Preston G. Hughes, M.D.
Spanish Fork, Utah

AMERICAN MOTHERS COMMITTEE

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Certificate of Merit

Presented to

Lorena Chipman Fletcher

*Whose outstanding qualifications as an ideal Mother
caused her to be singled out as a nominee for selection
as State Mother of Utah, 1965.*

In recognition of this distinction she is hereby honored.

Mrs. Dorothy Lewis
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

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STATE CHAIRMAN

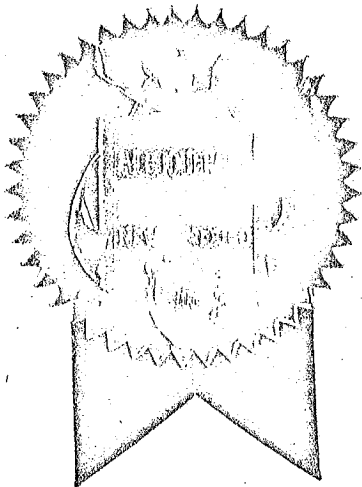


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of
The City Of Albuquerque*

This Certifies That

LORENA C. FLETCHER

*Is an honorary citizen of the
City of Albuquerque, New Mexico*



Issued this 23d *day of* December, 1965

Signed:

Archie Cusack

*Chairman of the City Commission
and Ex Officio Mayor
City of Albuquerque, New Mexico*

June 19, 1937

Madame Chevalier-Marescq
Secrétaire Générale
Conseil National des Femmes Françaises
29 rue Saint Placide, Paris Vème.

My dear Madame Chevalier-Marescq:

Mrs. Harvey Fletcher, 3206 - 161st Street, Flushing, Long Island, N. Y., United States of America, member of the National Woman's Relief Society, a strong national organization in this country, and a valuable member of the National Council of Women of the United States, is sailing on the "Deutschland" today for Europe.

She will present herself to you in Paris, and will be happy to attend the sessions of the International Congress of Women, which will be held during the Paris Exposition, and to meet the members of the National Council of Women of France.

Her daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Firmage, is also sailing with her, and will attend the meetings.

I wish also to advise that Mrs. D. T. Weir, Chairman Public Health Committee of the Indianapolis Council of Women, and a member of our United States Council, sailed on Wednesday, June 16th, on the "Manhattan" for Europe. She will attend the International Congress of Women, and we also commend her to your kind courtesy.

With warm regard,

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Haller Ottaway
President

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Utah's Mother For '65

By DOROTHY O. REA
Deseret News Staff Writer

PROVO—When Mrs. Lorena Chipman Fletcher learned she had been named Utah's Mother of the Year for 1965, she could find no time for resting on her laurels.

It was a typical busy day for this typical Utah mother. She put the house in order, prepared the meals, gathered up the forsythia boughs she had coaxed into bloom in the basement and went to Salt Lake City with her husband, Dr. Harvey Fletcher.

She decorated the tables for a meeting of a Church history group and sandwiched in a few minutes to talk with newsmen and photographers. And she made arrangements to visit an aged friend in a rest home.

Mrs. Fletcher will be considered with mothers from other states in May for title of American Mother of the Year for 1965.

She was announced as Utah Mother of the Year Tuesday by Mrs. Albert H. Belliston, president of the Utah Mothers Association. Alternate mothers are Mrs. Irene Hatch, Redd, Blanding, and Mrs. Louise Dean Robert, Vernal.

Mother of the year in Utah for 1964 was Mrs. Merrill Warnick, Pleasant Grove.

Dr. and Mrs. Harvey Fletcher were married in 1908 and with little money but much faith they went to Chicago where Dr. Fletcher was to study for his doctorate. With \$25 worth of second-hand furniture, they set up housekeeping.

This was a new experience for Lorena, daughter of Stephen L. and Sina Nelson Chipman, American Fork. Her father operated Chipman Mercantile Co., a profitable business established by her pioneer grandfather James Chipman.

She recalls many happy hours in the Chipman store. "I remember they had wire baskets which took money and merchandise flying up to the cashier. I remember sending the cat up in the basket a few times."

A woman with a delightful sense of humor, she watched quietly one day while her husband, a famous scientist and recognized as the father of stereo sound, was framing some honorary degrees.

Then she gathered pictures of her daughter and



Mrs. Lorena Chipman Fletcher, Provo, is Utah Mother of the Year.

sons and framed them. "These are my honorary degrees," she said.

These "honorary degrees" include: Mrs. William Kenneth (Phyllis) Flinnage, New York, graduate of Brigham Young University, mother of three children.

Stephen, a lawyer, vice president of Western Electric Co., New York.

James C. recently inaugurated as president of University of Utah. He is a nuclear physicist.

Robert, vice president of the Sandia Corp., Albuquerque, N.M., and in charge of research for the government leading to new types of atomic weapons. Harvey J., professor of mathematics at BYU, also conducting research.

Paul, the youngest, manager of quantum physics division of Electro-optical Systems, Inc., Pasadena.

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After attending school in American Fork, Lorena Chipman came to Provo to attend Brigham Young University. She prepared to teach school, later taking graduate classes while her husband studied in Chicago.

They returned to BYU in 1911 where Dr. Fletcher was professor of physics and mathematics. From there it was New York City, New Jersey, Long Island and back to Provo and BYU. Travel has taken them around the world.

She is a diligent worker in the various auxiliaries of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She was the first Relief Society president of New York Stake.

Her first civic work was with the Mothers' Club in the public schools of Flushing, Long Island at Public School 32. This organization later became the PTA. She served as president of the Engineering Women's Club of New York City. Among the members were Mrs. Herbert Hoover, Mrs. Thomas A. Edison and Mrs. Frank B. Jewett.

She is a member of BYU Women, the group that sponsored her as a candidate for Utah Mother of the Year.

In her nomination, members wrote, "We are proud of her splendid achievements in her specific role of mother. But we are equally proud of the understanding and wise human service she has rendered as she extended her role of mother into the educational, civic, social and religious life of the various communities in which she lived."

Testimony given April 5-1966-

Sister Nelson & Sister Fletcher is an example to all of us - and our Bishop's wife is also an example to us. We want them to know we appreciate them.

"My blessings today are so great that I cannot enumerate them, and they have come to me in different ways, ~~and~~ I feel perhaps unworthy of the things I have received. I thank Sister Street gave the thought of Relief Society today when she said they had touched her heart both physically and mentally." I think this is the real purpose of Relief Society that we should lift our fellow sisters and members - the people with whom we come in contact.

Our Prophet Joseph Smith lifted the Sisters and when he was sent to jail the Relief Society Sisters 1,000 strong signed a petition for his release. This gave him confidence in the Relief Society & in the people of the Church. I think he was going to depend upon the Relief Society starting the Church in these last days. There was quite a little unrest & indecision among the men folks in the beginning & he felt the Relief Society was back of them.

I have had so many wonderful testimonies of the Gospel and especially during this last experience. Just the other day I received a letter from an Elder who is laboring in Belgium. He had received a letter from a student at the

University of Brussels. In this letter he wanted me to know that it was my being a Mormon and being able to broadcast and talk in Europe that this came about. He said the boy hunted him up and asked him about the Church. He said he thought if Mormons could have a voice as this he wanted to know more about it. He has had three missionaries and has brought some of his companions in to hear him.

etc.

This is one of the most rewarding experiences I have had - (referring to Mother of the year).

He said his mother was ~~sporn~~ being sponsored as mother of the year from Iowa. He wanted to know if there was something in the Relief Society that would help help to be a candidate for mother of the year - ship. If I hope something good will come of it.

Another reward was the friendship & warmth that has come through my friends. It seems they had more confidence in me than I had in myself, and felt that I would be able to put things over.

Those lovely beautiful letters in my scrap book will always be a source of joy & satisfaction to me. I want to thank all of you for your kind words & feelings of confidence you have given me. There are so many different angles to this experience and especially to our Latter-day Saint women who have an especially active part in the Mother of the Year Program. ship.

LORENA C. FLETCHER
UTAH'S MOTHER OF THE YEAR
AND
AMERICA'S MOTHER OF THE YEAR
1965

One writer has described Sister Fletcher as follows:

"A quiet, brown eyed woman, with a keen sense of humor, and a gentle but firm manner, Mrs. Fletcher has been a devoted wife and mother. Her home filled with valuable antiques and cherished furniture from her marriages earliest years--affords a gracious welcome--a graceousness reflected in her own manner.

Sister Fletcher was humbly honored upon being selected by the Brigham Young University Women as their candidate for Utah Mother of the Year. She and her husband worked diligently for over a month to prepare the necessary book of her life. In addition to a cronological history of her life it contained letters from her children, and from leaders in various fields of activity in which she had worked.

As we review a few of the events of her life I would like to pretend that this book is in front of us, and that we are brousing through it.

Lorena Chipman Fletcher was born in American Fork, Utah to Stephen L. and Sina Nelson Chipman. Five girls and one boy comprised the children born to this prominent couple. Her father was a business man and worked in many important capacities including president of the stake for twenty-seven years, and a member of the Board of Trustees of Brigham Young University. Being a member of this family was a fine heritage, and she greatly appreciated and enjoyed her associations with the members therein.

She was the honor student of her eighth grade graduating class, and gave the address to the board of education at that time.