

January 25, 1965

LORENA C FLETCHER

RELIGION - Mother of the Year

Lorena fulfills her Church callings not only through her administrative abilities but also by reason of her example. She accepts the responsibilities placed upon her and gives careful and measured consideration to every phase of the work. She confers carefully with her associates, and her final decisions of action are based on sound convictions. She is a realist and accepts the limitations of a situation but pushes for a solution as far as is compatible with success. Her work at Relief Society stake president of New York Stake, to which reference has been made, was outstanding. She forwarded the work significantly. She was understanding of the different nationalities which made up the Relief Society membership and planned for their progress.

Anyone associating with Lorena Fletcher solely in a civil, educational, or religious capacity has always been amazed at her diversity of interests when welcomed into her home. She has studiously profited from her wide travels and the different cultures in which she has lived. Her home is one of refinement and beauty. Antique furnishings gathered over many years were a part of the daily living of her large family. The possessions were respected by the children but their activities were in no way curtailed because of them. The bounteous repasts she has hospitably served to hundreds have always been served with decorum, and the deliciousness of the food enhanced by the beautiful dishes and table appointments. Her greatest role as wife and mother reflects the wisdom of Solomon as he described a virtuous woman. "Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates."

Marianne C Sharp

home economics, household management, interior decorating, and literature. When her husband started part time teaching she joined the Faculty Women's Club. Although it took 2 1/2 hours on a street car to reach the L. D. S. Church, the couple went every Sunday where Lorena taught a Sunday School class.

In 1910 while in Chicago their first baby came, a girl, named Phyllis. Then came six boys, Stephen Harvey, Charles Wendel (Charles died in early childhood from a contagious disease), Robert Chipman, Harvey Junior, and Paul Chipman. So the next twenty years were busy one for her at home raising these children.

Back to Provo and the B.Y.U. 1911 - 1916

In 1911 the Fletchers moved back to Provo where Dr. Fletcher was made professor of physics and mathematics. Again Lorena successfully made the adjustment to the new living conditions. While here she was active in the Alice Louise Reynolds Club, the Nelke Club and the B.Y.U. Women's Club. In religious affairs she was in the presidency of the Relief Society and then was made president of the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association. As a leader of about one hundred teen-age girls she exerted a wonderful influence both in planting deep religious convictions and pointing them toward high aesthetic values. Her teams in debating, in public speaking, and in music won many trophies and awards. It was in Provo that the two oldest boys were born.

New York City Area 1916 - 1952

In 1916 the Fletchers moved to the New York City area where Dr. Fletcher took a position with Western Electric Company in the Engineering Department. The group in which Dr. Fletcher worked was later made part of the famous Bell Telephone Laboratories. Again Lorena had to make serious adjustments to meet the new living conditions in the big city. Those who have started a new life in New York City with a family will readily appreciate these difficulties. Lorena met this challenge with considerable success.

During the first three years in this area they lived in Milburn, New Jersey, where their third son was born. While in this area the family went to the L. D. S. Church in upper Manhattan although it took about two hours to go and two hours to return. Then for five years they lived on Riverside Drive in Uptown Manhattan and here their last three sons were born. Their next move was to Broadway, Flushing on Long Island, living here for seventeen years. But when Dr. Fletcher's work was changed from New York to New Jersey, they again moved, this time to Summit, New Jersey.

During their thirty-six year stay in the New York area,

PURDUE UNIVERSITY
LAFAYETTE, INDIANA
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL ENGINEERING

Nov. 14.

Dear Mr. Atchley -

Your telegram has just
come and I do not know
how to answer it. I expect
to have a chance to talk to
you about the necessary new
work, and my next trip
home.

I am in a serious place
now. I do appreciate very
deeply the honors that you
have to do me - if it should
come where I will direct my
my wedding march to the city,
I should have accepted it

without hesitation:

But I did resign - after long deliberations, and because it seemed wise. Good Mrs. Waller came here and at the same time, - & tho' I did not say - yet she doing so.

Was it seemed to me necessary to be gone, were we the new capacity that you have so graciously suggested.

May I not tell the others with you - perhaps next week Friday - when I should be in New York? I am sure that you will consider them as I feel!

Cordially yours
William M. Brewster.

Provoans Date Display Of Homes Gardens

PROVO.—Some of Provo's most interesting homes and unusual gardens will be opened to the public Aug. 22 and 23 from 6 until 10 p.m.

All the homes are in the Oak Hills area near the foothills of the Wasatch Mountains.

The house and garden tour, "Summeree, 1962," is sponsored by Oak Hills Fourth Ward Relief Society as a summer project.

Visitors are invited to take the "Twilight Tour" at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Terry, 1219 Elm Ave.; "Space and Delight," Dr. and Mrs. Harvey Fletcher, 1615 N. Willow Ln.; "Modern Mode," Dr. and Mrs. Earl C. Crockett, 1791 N. Pine Ave.; "Traditional Gardens," Dr. and Mrs. Fred Kartchner, 2025 1200 East; "Hillside Blend," Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allen, 2080 N. Oak Ln.; "Casual Calders," Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamilton Calder, 1974 N. Oak Ln.

ANTIQUES GRACE HOME—Treasures from the far past add their lovely graceful lines and colors to the home of Dr. and Mrs. Harvey Fletcher. Well cherished and, yet used daily, the furniture and art pieces are genuine products of the skills of other century crafts-men.

2A SUNDAY HERALD SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1962
Utah County, Utah

Contemporary Homes Keep Up Tradition Of Charm

"Cherished" is a most apt description of the many lovely things which abound in the Harvey Fletcher home — for most of them have known many years and only loving care could have maintained their beauty.

Here a 200 year-old Chippendale mirror rests in its curving gold frame above a Sheraton sideboard with intricate wood inlays, where crystal and iron girondals reflect their light on antique French vases on its broad top. Combinations of other items from the far past find a home here. A Queen Ann desk, that can truly be termed sweet, stands demurely in a corner as nearby a Sheraton card table tempts the visitor to lift its skillfully folded top. Each of the living room lamp bases has a history older than its owner by half a century or more and in the bedroom a mirror with deep purple edging carries its own message of past English romance.

As the Fletchers have traveled either abroad or in the United States, Mrs. Fletcher has shopped for more of the beauties of the past — searching not just for the old, but for the grace and color of time gone by, she has found an unusual variety to return to her home to be enjoyed today. Gathered together are beautifully crafted furniture and art objects from the best of European, Oriental and early American designers and artists.

In addition to the furniture — which while old and well-cared for is used as part of daily living, Mrs. Fletcher also has a collection of choice dishes and glassware each with its own interesting story.

Although her home is modishly styled and has every modern convenience, Mrs. Fletcher has achieved the serenity and grace of those other days throughout every room by the addition of her gifts from the past.

LITTLE LIZ

No. 14105

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE OF

Daughters of Utah Pioneers

To Lorena Chipman Fletcher
Kate B. Carter GENERAL PRESIDENT
Eva Teeples Olson REGISTRAR

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Utah

Mrs. Sorena Chipman Fletcher

is entitled to all privileges of the Society
for the year ending December 31, 1959

State No. 84
Gen. No. 19468

Virginia Frobes
Secretary

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.

Of course the main fruits of her labors are her children. When her husband was framing several honorary doctors degrees which he received, she silently framed a picture of each of her children and hung all of them on the wall in her home. "These are my honorary degrees," she said. So here follows a short history of each of her six living children.

All the children have been active in the L.D.S. Church.

The boys have been either in the Bishopric or the High Council in the communities where they live. In the attached Scrapbook I are given photographs of the children and grandchildren and other items that were important in the life of Lorena C. Fletcher.

Phyllis

Phyllis married William Kenneth Firmage in 1936 and they have three children, one girl and two boys.

Phyllis obtained an A.B. degree at B.Y.U. with a major in English and a mathematics minor, after which she spent one year in art school in New York and another year in a secretarial school for college graduates. She then accepted a position on the editorial staff of the American Institute of Physics where she worked for three years until her marriage. While her husband was obtaining his M.B.A. from Harvard Graduate School of Business she worked as secretary to Dean Harrison of M.I.T., assisting him in obtaining material for his book on the atom. After her husband's graduation they moved to New York City where she worked as secretary to the General Counsel of the Men's City Club of New York until she was expecting her first baby.

After this she was busy raising her family for several years but then found time to be active in local civic affairs as well as church. She was on the board of the Chatham League of

and all of the finer things in life.

In the field of music, we each were taught to play an instrument. Many are the days which mother sat and listened to me play some notes on the trombone and piano. It was only after it was clear that I would not be a pianist that she allowed me to stop. It wasn't until later that the pleasures of playing in bands and orchestras made me appreciate what mother wanted for me. It has only been recently that the problems of getting children to practice have become real to me so that I understand what mother had to go through.

In the field of art, I was taught ever since I can remember. Many are the days that I was literally dragged through museums and made familiar with famous artists and paintings. The elements of color combination and design were taught to me in interior decorating for which mother has gained a well-known reputation. The appreciation for these talents have now been appreciated as I teach my children in art or as I try to decorate our home.

When my mother saw that I was a bashful youth, she insisted that I go to a ballroom dancing school where I not only learned to dance but to associate easily with people of my own age. When I was showing a lack of interest in school, she insisted that I attend a private school where I not only excelled scholastically, but was able to participate in sports and music. When the war started and I became of age, she insisted that I try for officer's training so that I could use my abilities to best advantage and, in return, receive a maximum advantage from my military training.

Thus, although mother realized the importance of being able to be self sustaining, she also recognized the importance of intellectual and cultural training and attempted to supply it to us in every way that she could. For this, I owe her any measure of success that I have or may achieve.

The following is a list of names of those who sent endorsements and tributes to Mrs. Paul G. Rasmussen--President of the B.Y.U. Women. The list is in the same order in which the tributes are filed in Scrapbook II.

List of Endorsements and Tributes

1. Mrs. Marie Sheranian 1962 Mother of the Year for California
Los Angeles, California
2. Dr. and Mrs. V. O. Knudsen Chancellor Emeritus UCLA
Los Angeles, California
3. Mr. and Mrs. G. Stanley McAllister New York City
4. Mrs. Jennie Knight Mangum Provo
5. Mrs. Josephine S. Bird Provo
6. Senator Wallace F. Bennett Washington DC
7. President Ernest L. Wilkinson Provo
8. Mrs. Earl C. Crockett Provo
9. Richard L. Evans Salt Lake City
10. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey L. Taylor Salt Lake City
11. Mrs. Beth S. Driggs Pleasant Grove
12. President and Mrs. George H. Mortimer Mount Clair, New Jersey
13. Mrs. Ellen Barnes Washington DC
14. N. G. Morgan Jr. Salt Lake City
15. H. H. Bennett Salt Lake City
16. Mrs. Dean E. Wooldridge Los Angeles, California
17. Mr. and Mrs. Ward Holbrook Bountiful, Utah
18. Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Nelson Saratoga, California
19. Mrs. Karl G. McDonald Mesa, Arizona
20. Mr. J. Williard Marriott Washington DC
21. Mr. and Mrs. Clayne Robinson Whittier, California
22. Mrs. Elsie Carroll Salt Lake City
23. Dr. and Mrs. Rowland H. Merrill Salt Lake City
24. Judge and Mrs. Joseph G. Jeppson Salt Lake City
25. Mr. and Mrs. William Wolf Salt Lake City
26. Dean and Mrs. Arman Hill Provo
27. Dean and Mrs. Wesley P. Lloyd Provo
28. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Snow Maplewood, New Jersey

29.	Mrs. Lillian C. Booth Davis	Idaho Falls
30.	Mr. and Mrs. Stewart L. Grove	Provo
31.	Mr. and Mrs. Cyril B. Pearson	Salt Lake City
32.	Mrs. Adam S. Bennion	Salt Lake City
33.	Mr. and Mrs. George M. Cannon	Salt Lake City
34.	Mrs. E. Q. Cannon	Salt Lake City
35.	Mrs. Nellie Parker	Salt Lake City
36.	Mrs. Elmer L. Terry	Provo
37.	Mr. and Mrs. Harold Glen Clark	Provo
38.	Mr. Nicholas G. Morgan Sr.	Salt Lake City
39.	Mrs. Sharp C. Gillespie	Provo
40.	Mrs. Emily Brinton Sims	Los Angeles, California
41.	Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamilton Calder	Provo
42.	Mr. Issac M. Steward	San Francisco, California
43.	Mrs. Ashby D. Boyle	Salt Lake City
44.	Mrs. Nan N. Bullen	Salt Lake City
45.	Mr. and Mrs. Denzil A. Brown	Provo
46.	Mrs. Lester F. Hewlett	Provo
47.	Mrs. Mamie B. Davis	Provo
48.	Mr. and Mrs. G. Wendle Nielson	Provo
49.	Miss Ora Jean Chipman	American Fork
50.	Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Randall	Provo
51.	Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Leishman	Provo
52.	Mrs. Ralph E. Packard	Provo
53.	Mrs. Bessie Allen	Provo
54.	Dr. and Mrs. Clinton B. Wiest	Provo
55.	Mrs. Colleen Baxter	Los Angeles
56.	Mr. and Mrs. Stephen R. Murdock	Provo
57.	Dr. and Mrs. Carl J. Christensen	Provo
58.	Mr. and Mrs. Glen Enke	Provo
59.	Dr. and Mrs. Avarad Fairbands	Salt Lake City
60.	Mr. and Mrs. Arch L. Madsen	Salt Lake City
61.	Mr. and Mrs. David D. Paine	New York City
62.	Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Ridge	Provo
63.	Colonel Dora A. Noble	Salt Lake City

64	Dr. + Mrs. David Hayward	Provo
65	Edna + Byron Lane	Provo
66	Re Witt + Florence Paul	Mousetown N.
67	Harold P. Black	Provo
68	Mr. + Mrs. Glenn L. Pratt	Provo

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84112

PRESIDENT-EMERITUS

February 10, 1965

Mrs. Harvey Fletcher
1615 North Willow Lane
Provo, Utah

Dear Lorena:

Your sister Elva and I are very pleased to learn that you are being nominated to become Mother of the Year for your region and, hopefully, for the state. We want to add endorsement to this nomination and certainly feel that no wiser choice could be made.

We have had an opportunity to have close association with you throughout our married life and we gratefully remember when you took us into your apartment for a few weeks when we first went to New York City for graduate study. At that time, your children were small, and we observed the efficient way in which you managed your household without neglecting the rearing of your children. Not once did the children fail to respect you and the love that existed in your home was always an example for those who witnessed it.

The evidence that you were a wise and helpful mother is found in the records made by those same children since they achieved adulthood. Few families could be named from which so many of the children have attained high positions of trust and responsibility. After your first born -- a daughter -- had graduated from college with a baccalaureate and master's degree, she married and became the mother of a fine family, patterning her own life from the example set by you. Then came the long line of boys, all of whom have graduated from leading universities with the highest professional and academic degrees. After Stephen H. had obtained his law degree from Columbia University, he rose through the ranks of industry to the position he now holds -- Vice President and General Counsel of Western Electric Corporation. The next four sons elected to enter the scientific field, following in the footsteps of their illustrious father. Dr. James C. is now president of the University of Utah, Dr. Robert C. is vice president of Sandia Corporation, Dr. Harvey, Jr. is head of the Department of Mathematics at Brigham Young University, and Dr. Paul C. is head of the research department of Electro-Optical Company.

All of your children have been active in church and civic duties, and all are raising fine families of children of their own. It must be a great source of satisfaction to you and to your husband Harvey to reflect on the contribution you have made to our society by furnishing it with such distinguished leaders.

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We feel that your notable accomplishments should be given wide publicity for they stand out as an example of the best in American motherhood.

With best wishes,

Ray and Elva
A. Ray Olpin
Elva C. Olpin

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Mrs. Paul W. Rasmussen
2038 North 80th East
Provo, Utah

Dear Mrs. Rasmussen:

Having known Lorena Chipman Fletcher over the years and having been closely connected with her in several different organizations, I consider her a worthy candidate for the Mother-of-the-Year. I heartily endorse her candidacy and in my opinion there could not be a more qualified representative.

A lot of factors are involved in obtaining worthy goals. Before Lorena arrived at near perfection as a mother, she had reached high standards of perfection as a wife, sweetheart and daughter. It was her home life in the Stephen L. Chipman family that shaped her destiny.

Lorena's discriminating judgment led to the acceptance of Harvey Fletcher as her companion and through the years she has given her husband loyal support knowing that in unity there is strength. Harvey, the father of her children, is likewise the father of stereophonic sound and other scientific achievements. Before Harvey wed his adored sweetheart, he found her nobility of character likened to that of her parents.

Lorena is widely known in American Fork, her home-town, in Provo and in New York City because she served her community in varied capacities. Her church, civic organizations, and neighbors have been benefited by her willingness to serve, her ability to give and her understanding heart. To know this charming woman is to love her.

Mrs. Fletcher is gregarious as was her mother. Both enjoyed a wide circle of friends and both extended gracious hospitality to countless numbers. Both catered to young people which kept them both young. This interest in youth, while the Fletchers lived in New Jersey, led Lorena to organize a combined social and literary group of young married women of which she was many years their senior. These girls needed diversion and because of Mrs. Fletcher's interest in them and her prestige they felt honored to have been selected by her in forming this group. (I speak from knowledge, my daughter, Dixie Snow was a member of this unit.)

What these young women needed most was to be encouraged; to be approved, and one of Lorena's most precious gifts is that of dispensing encouragement. She has the tact and a heart-warming

knack of inspiring confidence. These girls will always remember the great lady who increased their belief in themselves. From results achieved in this group and in other like services outside the home, we can see that seven in the Fletcher abode have never lacked encouragement.

Emphasis on home life values and family achievements should receive first consideration in selecting the Mother-of-the-Year. This dear mother is a master at tactful, endearing home-making arts. Her sense of humor and cheerfulness keep her home aglow. Youthful spirits have been stimulated and kept close to the hearthstone in this united Fletcher home.

Who keeps the home fires burning? Lorena does, and the children raised in this cultural, hospitable and spiritual atmosphere have had unusual advantages. The influence of this home has been conducive of producing and bringing forth the best. Six distinguished children, five Ph.D sons and one AB daughter pay honor to their beloved mother, setting her apart as a truly suitable candidate for Mother-of-the-Year.

Very sincerely,

Lorena Chipman Fletcher Rasmussen

ROLL CALL —

PROVO, UTAH

VOTING	YES	NO
VERL G. DIXON, Mayor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LUKE CLEGG, Commissioner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
RAY MURDOCK, Commissioner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
RESULTS:	3	0

I move that this RESOLUTION be adopted.

Luke Clegg
Commissioner

I Second the foregoing motion.

Ray Murdock
Commissioner

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that a Resolution of Condolence be made on behalf of the City Commission and Citizens of Provo City to the husband and family of Mrs. Lorena Chipman Fletcher on the passing from this life of their beloved wife and mother.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lorena Chipman Fletcher, a long-time resident of Provo and the surrounding area has devoted a lifetime of service to the community and nation, and

WHEREAS, She was the mother of one daughter and five sons, all of whom have been renowned for their achievements in life, and

WHEREAS, she has given a lifetime of service, love, and devotion in support of her husband, Dr. Harvey Fletcher, and

WHEREAS, all of her many achievements culminated in her selection in 1965 as "American Mother Of The Year", an honor reflecting only secondarily to the high esteem which she has enjoyed in this community, and

WHEREAS, her passing has taken from our community a leading light and example of all of those good virtues represented by fine American Motherhood,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Verl G. Dixon, Mayor of Provo City, hereby extend condolences to Lorena Chipman Fletcher's family and loved ones at this time of her passing and give herewith the assurance that her life was well spent and much appreciated by her fellow men and her passing will be a loss to all of us.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PROVO CITY AND APPROVED THIS
4TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1967.

ATTEST:

R. Glenn Olsen
R. GLENN OLSEN, CITY RECORDER

Verl G. Dixon
VERL G. DIXON, MAYOR