

FRANK J. EARL

As a boy, Frank J. Earl lived in the little town of Fielding, Box Elder County, almost in pioneer conditions. "I thought the hard life of a farmer was the only one that existed," he said, "until I went on my mission to the New England states. Then I decided I would rather do something else for a living."

Brother Earl was born in Fielding on August 12, 1897, to Charles W. and Hattie Leonard Earl. He went to schools in Box Elder County and to Utah State Agricultural College in Logan. After his mission in 1919-1921, he decided to teach school but after three years of teaching he said, "That's not for me." In 1925 he began operating a service station in Logan and the following year purchased and began operating a station in Provo. Two years later he became manager and president of Automotive Products Corporation in Provo. This has been his major occupation since.

He married LaVieve Huish on December 15, 1927, in the Salt Lake Temple. They reared five children: Charles Huish Earl, Orem; Mrs. Stephen J. (Mauree LaVieve) Christensen, Pleasant Hill, California; Mrs. Thomas S. (Karen) Roylance, Hollywood, California; James L. Earl, Provo; and Richard C. Earl, who died at the age of 20. Brother Earl also has 13 grandchildren. His wife passed away in February, 1958. On March 22, 1961, he married Naoma Rich in the Logan Temple.

Brother Earl has been active in the Church as M.I.A. president and counselor in the First and Fifth Wards in Provo and was counselor to Bishop Victor J. Bird from 1939 to 1945 in the Fourth Ward. He was a member of the Utah Stake High Council for five years.

In the business world he has held many positions including vice president of Federated Security Insurance Company of Salt Lake, executive vice president and director and vice chairman of the Board of Directors of the Utah National Bank of Provo, director and past president of the Metropolitan Water Board of Provo. Civically he has been very active also, being a member of the Executive Committee of the Boy Scouts of America, a Rotarian since 1933, president in 1936-37, Chamber of Commerce president in 1939. In addition Brother Earl has worked on numerous fund drives including boy scouts, Chamber of Commerce and Red Cross. He is listed in the World Who's Who in Commerce and Industry.

His hobbies include fishing, gardening and traveling, the latter his greatest interest. In 1961 with his wife Naoma, he made a tour around the world visiting 22 countries. They have also made special trips to Mexico, Hawaii and Canada. In Canada this past summer he did research on some Earl ancestors in New Brunswick where his great-great-grandfather migrated with the United Empire Loyalists after the Revolutionary War. It was in New Brunswick that his great-grandfather, his earliest progenitor in the Church, was born.

During his mission in New England he found a printed volume of his mother's ancestral line which contained a genealogical history of nine generations of the Leonard family.

Brother Earl has a dry sense of humor which suddenly bursts forth in statements like, "I was the middle one of nine children--the older ones bossed me so I had to do much of their work and the younger ones were too small so I also carried part of their load. This great amount of work stunted my growth and that's why I'm the smallest of the four boys." He says he grew up in a very happy industrious family situation, but he never had much time to play. At the time he thought this was very hard but now he thinks it the best thing that ever happened to him, for he learned to work hard and to accept responsibility.

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