

Robert Horrocks

I was born of goodly parents April 3, 1932, and lived on my Grandparents farm for the first 5 years of my life in Centerville, Utah which is just north of Salt Lake City. My parents moved into Salt Lake and by 1941 built a home just east of East High School where I grew up and attended the University of Utah graduating as a mechanical engineer in 1953. I accepted employment with Shell Oil Company after graduating and moved to Martinez California, about 45 miles northeast of San



Francisco, California. I worked for Shell for 40 years, and retired in 1993. During my employment, I worked mostly in the mechanical area, and was leader of the machinery group at the refinery in Martinez, and Senior Mechanical Specialist of the Western Region in latter years. I don't think I could have picked a better company to work for, and the opportunities for learning and job satisfaction were great. I enjoyed the challenges that were presented to me over the years. Because I was in Engineering school, and working in a critical industry afterwards, I was never drafted and did not serve in the military. I was a member of the Pacific Energy Association, and ASME.

I always worked at something from the time I was 7 years old. I sold the Saturday Evening Post starting at 7. At 11, I delivered the Deseret News. I started working in a grocery store at 16 and worked part time until graduating from college. Growing up, we never took vacations. Looking back, times were hard economically, but it never affected my life. We were all very happy.

I met my wife in Berkley, California, and we were married in 1956. We had 5 children, 4 boys, and a daughter. We have been blessed so far with 12 grandchildren, and look forward to great grandchildren. We moved to Saint George, Utah in June 1993, and could not have picked a better place to spend our remaining years. Since moving here, 3 of our sons have moved to Las Vegas, and our daughter to St. George. So, we have again been blessed to have them and their families so close. Our 4th son is in Seattle.

The wife and I were not active in the church until the middle 60's, when we matured a bit more and started to look a little deeper about life. We were both born in the church, and came from a line of Pioneers, but as it is with each of us, we must find truth for ourselves. I have served in various callings in the Young Mens program, served 10 years as a High Councilor, and as a Bishop after we moved to St. George. All callings have been a blessing to me and my family, and have broadened my understanding of the life that the Lord God has created for us. The wife and I have presently served the past 6 years in the St. George Temple as temple ordinance workers.

In the spare time that I have, I read, play golf, bowl, or work with my model trains. I enjoyed playing tennis, but somehow the body no longer responds to this sport.

Overall, life has been good to my family and me. I have really enjoyed belonging to the Sons Of Utah Pioneers, and love the activities and getting to know other members. As

servicing in the Presidency positions, I hope to get to know all members much better, provide good leadership, and to fulfill the purpose that the organization stands for.