

## Life Story of Mark Roylance

By Dora Roylance

Mark was a very mischievous child. Any time a relative in the family had a problem child the child would be called "little Mark." His mother would tie him to a tree out in the yard and to her surprise she would find his clothes and rope there but Mark would be on the other side of town in his birthday suit.

Mark was born in Springville to Charles Ira and Louisa Suzanne Lamb Roylance. He was the oldest child in the family. He had a brother Fred and a sister Mary. His father was a foreman at the Castle Gate Coal Company and they lived in Latuda and Storrs Utah, a few miles East of Price, Utah. He roamed the hills as a lad and would often walk to Price.

He was active in church until he was 14 years old and at that time he got in with the wrong crowd and it was not until he married that he became active again.

When a young lad his mother and father lived on a ranch in Nevada. Here he learned to milk cows, ride horses and do the many chores required while living on a ranch. After leaving High School at Carbon County High, he spent some time on a sheep ranch in Wyoming. This came as the result of a misunderstanding at home. His parents didn't know where he was but one night while listening to a radio he heard the announcement that if anyone knew where Mark Roylance was to let him know his mother was seriously ill. He left Wyoming and came home to find his mother in the hospital where she underwent surgery for cancer of the breast. His mother never was very well after that and Mark stayed close to home. He did construction work and he went on jobs close to home.

He married Dora Jones from Malad, Idaho in 1936. He was the father of three children. The first baby, a little girl, died at three months. Two boys were born, Glen M. and Robert. Both boys filled missions. Glen was an assistant to the mission president, and Robert was Secretary to his mission president. Both boys have been very active in the church. Glen is Mission President in the Hamburg, Mission and Robert is 1st counselor in the Bishopric of the Redmond, Washington ward. Robert is district manager to the Armour Pharmaceutical Co.

After moving into our present home he became active doing missionary work with the adult Aaronic Priesthood. He taught the Elders quorum and later became a counselor in the presidency. He was a counselor in the M.I.A. After 18 years of marriage he went to the temple and was married and had his children and wife sealed to him. He was 1st counselor in the 5th ward bishopric until we were moved into the 9th ward. Here he worked with the adult aryonic men in the ward. After five years we came back into the 5th ward and he became teacher of the



High Priest's class. He did a good job. He would start preparing on Sunday for the next weeks lesson. He did his home teaching and was able to get into homes that other people were unable to enter.

Mark was gifted in mechanics. There was nothing in the home that he couldn't fix and he did much free work for people. He was master mechanic and shop foreman for Ashworth Transfer Co. for 26 years. He also was a carpenter and a plumber. He always had a beautiful garden each year. Mark had many friends and he will always be remembered for the fine person that he was.

His health was poor for 20 years. He first suffered a coronary occlusion. That put him out of work for three months. Following his heart attack he had a ruptured appendix, three months in bed with arthritis and as years went by he developed diabetes, glaucoma, cancer operation on the colon, prostate operation when he slipped from this life for a few moments. With the help of a Dr. and the nurses, he was brought back to life. He was never very strong after this but he lived six more months and then died of a heart attack.

Mark lived an active life and did much good. The fine things he did for the people he knew will always be remembered.