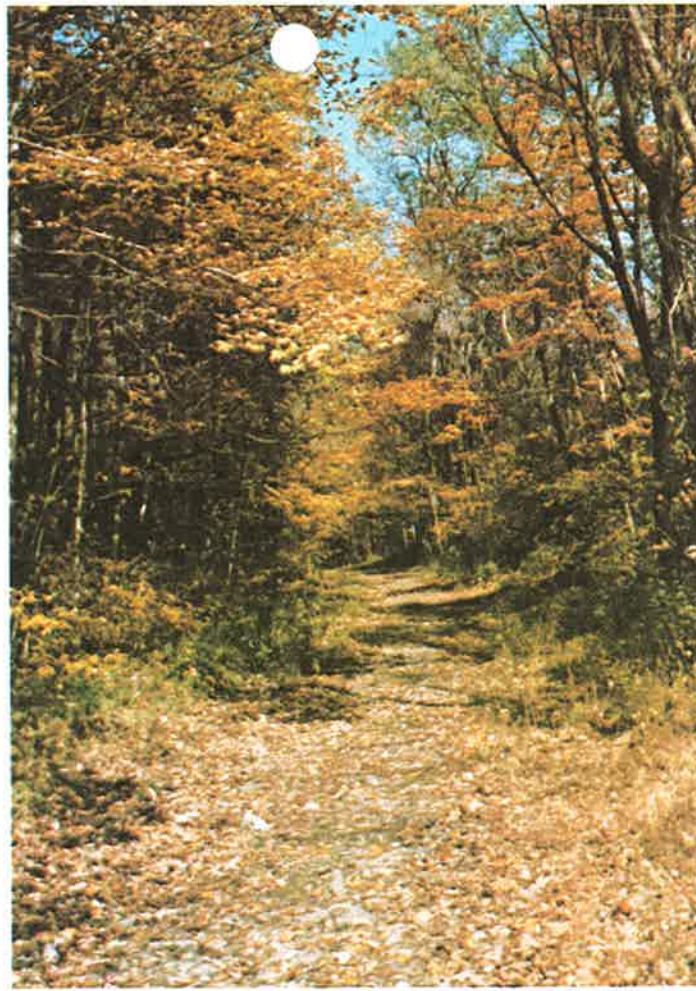


*On behalf of the family,
may we express their sincere
appreciation and gratitude for
your many expressions of
sympathy and kindness
extended during their bereavement.*



OLSEN - MYERS MORTUARY
Brigham City, Utah

IN
REMEMBRANCE



No. FSL-4

IN MEMORY OF

PARKER PRATT

Born: May 13, 1907
Died: December 6, 1990

FUNERAL SERVICE
Tuesday, December 11, 1990
2:00 p.m.
Olsen-Myers Mortuary

PALLBEARERS

Bob Miller
Eric Miller
Chris Pratt
Don Pratt
Gene Pratt
Jeffrey Wagner

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Albert Schilling
Douglas Pratt Wagner

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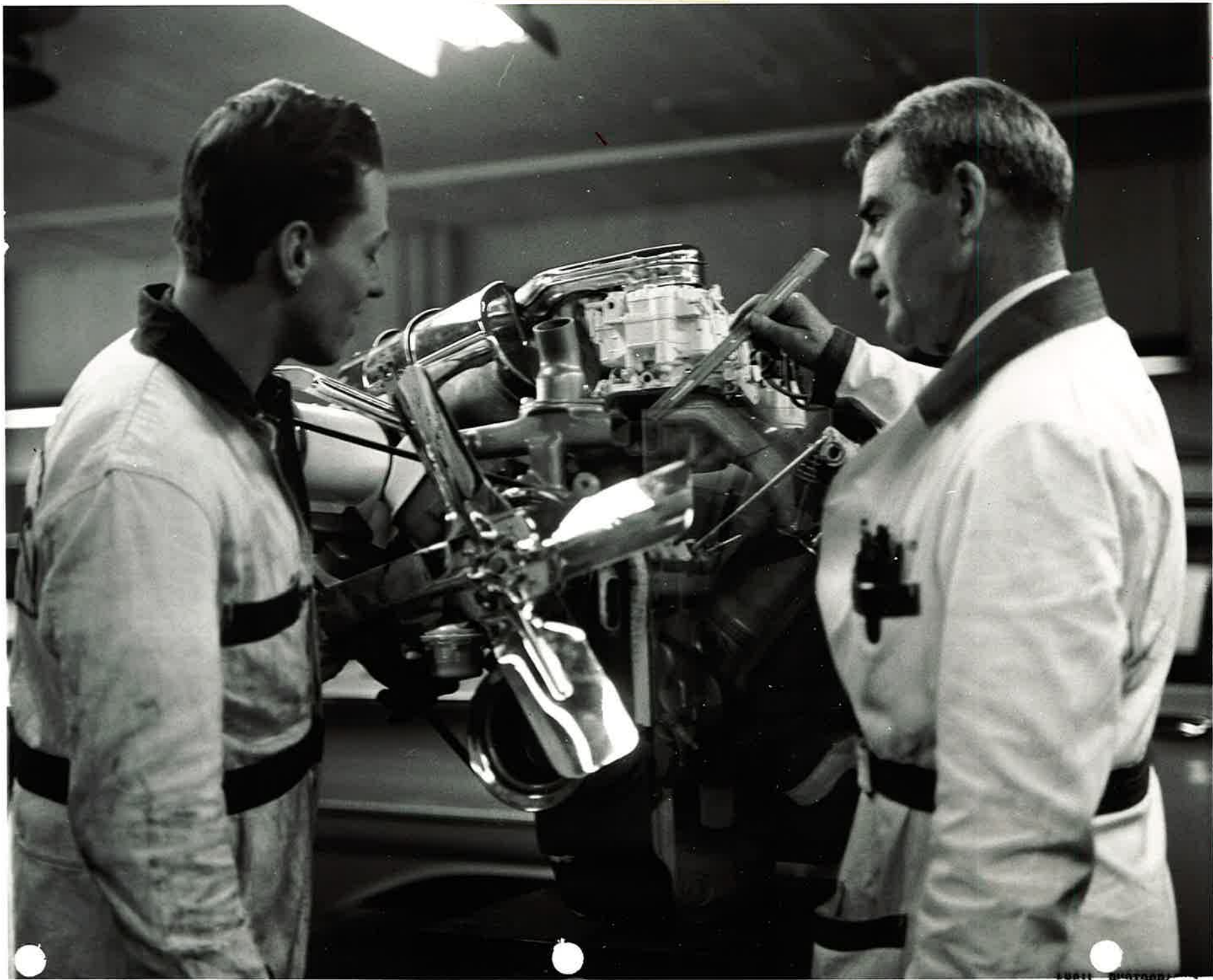
Conducting Greg Myers
Prelude & Postlude Geraldine Hawkes
Invocation Blaine Olsen
Remarks. Jay L. Nelson
Vocal Solo Brenda Sears
 "How Great Thou Art"
 Acc. by Geraldine Hawkes
Remarks. Traci Miller
Vocal Solo Brenda Sears
 "Beyond The Sunset"
 Acc. by Geraldine Hawkes
Benediction. Bob Pratt

INTERMENT

Brigham City Cemetery

DEDICATORY PRAYER

Tom Pratt



Automobile Mechanics



**ANGEL
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FUNERAL REMARKS

P A R K E R M. P R A T T

12-11-90

WE HAVE ASSEMBLED TO REMINISCE, TO REVIEW THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHARACTERISTICS OF AN HONORABLE SON OF OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN AND FINALLY TO WRITE THE CONCLUDING CHAPTER RELATIVE TO HIS EARTHLY ESTATE. I AM HONORED AND PROUD TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE MEMORIAL SERVICES AND TO SHARE MY THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS WITH YOU.

I SINCERELY PRAY THAT THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD WILL BE WITH US THROUGH* OUT THESE SERVICES AS WE PAUSE TO EXPRESS OUR LOVE AND DEVOTION FOR THE PRIVILEGE WHICH HAS BEEN OURS TO ASSOCIATE WITH OUR HUSBAND, FATHER, BROTHER, GRANDFATHER AND FRIEND--PARKER M. PRATT, WHOM WE AFFECTIONATELY CALLED "PARK".

"THERE IS A TIME TO WEEP A TIME TO MOUNN" COUNSELED AN OLD TESTAMENT PROPHET(ECC 3:4) AND THE SAVIOR OF MANKIND, IN HIS SERMON ON THE MOUNT, COMPASSIONATELY SAID: "BLESSED ARE THEY THAT MOURN FOR THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED." (MATT 5:4)

AS WE JOURNEY THROUGH LIFE WE MEET A GREAT MANY INDIVIDUALS. PARKER WAS ONE OF THE VERY SPECIAL FRIENDS THAT I HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE TO KNOW AND ASSOCIATE WITH DURING MY LIFETIME.

OUR ASSOCIATION BEGAN BACK IN 1949 WHEN PARKER M. PRATT WAS EMPLOYED AS AN AUTO MECHANICS INSTRUCTOR AT THE SALT LAKE AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL. AS I REVIEWED HIS PERSONNEL FILE AT THE COLLEGE YESTERDAY I DISCOVERED THAT HIS STARTING SALARY WAS \$335 A MONTH. AT THE TIME HE RETIRED IN 1972 HIS SALARY WAS \$12,000 FOR THE 9 MONTH SCHOOL YEAR. HE EARNED ADDITIONAL MONEY BY TEACHING EVENING AND SUMMER SCHOOL CLASSES WHICH HE DID ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.

READ EXCERPTS FROM DEPARTMENT CHAIR MEMO

*Given ref for auto mech.
Past faculty on
High school orientation*

*Alzheimer's
Parkinson's*
Wayne Walker

NOT TOO LONG AFTER HE WAS EMPLOYED I LEARNED OF HIS GREAT LOVE FOR THE OUT-OF-DOORS. SINCE THAT TIME "PARK" AND I HAVE SPENT MANY HOURS TOGETHER ON FISHING, HUNTING AND CAMPING TRIPS. SINCE I WAS HIS BOSS FOR 23 YEARS AS PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE AND HIS FRIND FOR THE PAST 35 years, ID LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME OF THE CHARACTERISTICS THAT I'VE OBSERVED ABOUT MY SPECIAL FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE.

THAT OLE CLICHE ABOUT "YOU CAN TAKE THE BOY OUT OF THE COUNTRY BUT YOU CAN'T TAKE THE COUNTRY OUT OF THE BOY" SURELY APPLIES IN THE CASE OF PARKER PRATT. HE TRULY LOVED THE OUT-OF-DOORS. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS HE REPRCHASED VEHICLES AND CONVERTED THEM INTO A VAN COMPLETE WITH ALL THE ESSENTIALS SO THAT HE COULD REMAIN OUT IN NATURES WONDERLAND FOR DAYS OR WEEKS AT A TIME.

A NUMBER OF YEARS ^{ago} I SURVIVED A HEART ATTACK--AND THEN SOMETIME Later I JOINED A SPECIAL GROUP CALLED THE CORONARY HEART CLUB--I'M NOT RECOMMENDING IT. DURING THE RECUPERATION PROCES ^{from my heart surgery.} MY DOCTOR USED TO PASS OUT LITTLE PHILOSOPHICAL TIDBITS. I'VE NEVER FORGOTTEN ONE GEM. HE SAID, "WE'RE ON THIS EARTH FOR SUCH A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, LETS NOT WORRY, LET'S NOT HURRY, AND LET'S TAKE THE TIME TO SMELL THE FLOWERS AS WE GO ALONG." ^{In my opinion} I THINK PARKER EXEMPLIFIED THAT PHILOSOPHY.

PARKER ENJOYED TEACHING BECAUSE IT PROVIDED THE TIME FOR HIM TO ENJOY THE GREAT OUTDOORS DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS. I'M NOT SURE HOW MANY CRIS_CRAFT BOAT KITS PARKER PURCHASED AND ASSEMBLED DURING ^{his career,} THE LONG WINTER EVENINGS IN HIS WELL EQUIPPED GARAGE IN HIS HOME UP EMIGRATION CANYON. ^{conservatively, I'd say he completed at least a half dozen.} HE INSTALLED A FINELY TUNED MOTOR IN EACH. WHEN SUMMER ARRIVED HE WAS READY TO TRAIL THE BOAT TO YELLOWSTONE , ENJOY THE BOAT FOR SEVERAL WEEKS AND THEN SELL IT TO SOME BOATING ENTHUSIAST.

ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS I MET 'PARK' IN YELLOWSTONE AND FISHED WITH HIM FOR a DAY OR TWO. MY THREE SONS AND MY MOTHER AND FATHER ALSO HAD THE PLEASURE OF PARKS FISHING EXPERTISE ON YELLOWSTONE LAKE. ON MORE THAN

one occasion we paddled across yellowstone lake at DAYBREAK IN HIS CANOE TO FISH ON A SHORELINE THAT WAS INEXCESSABLE TO MOST FISHERMEN.

PRIOR TO TEACHING AT SALT LAKE AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL HE OPERATED HIS OWN GARAGE, HE WORKED FOR FRED A. CARLSON COMPANY AND PETTY MOTOR COMPANY AS THEIR SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE. HE WAS BOTH AN EXCELLENT MECHANIC AND AN OUTSTANDING TEACHER. HIS STUDENTS LIKED HIS TEACHING METHODS AND THEY OBTAINED GOOD JOBS AFTER COMPLETING THEIR AUTO MECHANICS PROGRAM. HIS INITIAL INTRODUCTION TO TEACHING CAME WHILE TEACHING AUTO MECHANICS AT SNOW COLLEGE. TEACHING ALSO APPEALED TO HIS DAUGHTER ^{MARCIA} WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE FACULTY AT BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL. AND I IMAGINE THAT "PARK" WAS PLEASED THAT ^{he has several grandsons} ~~HIS GRANDSON~~ ENROLLED AT SALT LAKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

PARKER WAS ONE OF A SELECT GROUP OF DEDICATED FACULTY MEMBERS WHO WHO MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COLLEGE AS IT IS TODAY. HE SAW ITS TRANSFORMATION FROM SALT LAKE AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TO SALT LAKE TRADE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, TO UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE AND THEN TO SALT LAKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE AS IT IS TODAY. I'M SURE PARKER FELT A GOOD DEAL OF PRIDE AND SATISFACTION ^{for having been} ~~TO BE~~ A PART OF THE INSTITUTIONS EARLY DEVELOPMENT.

AS YOU KNOW, PARK HAD A NICE HOME IN EMERIGRATION CANYON. MY FAMILY AND I STOPPED OCCASIONALLY TO SAY HELLO AS WE RETURNED FROM A SLEIGH RIDING EXPERIENCE AT THE SUMMIT OF EMIGRATION CANYON. PARKER USUALLY PLAYED THE ORGAN FOR US AND WE SANG ALONG AS HE PLAYED FAMILIAR TUNES.

ON ONE OCCASION AS WE WERE DRIVING UP THE CANYON WE PASSED PARKERS BOAT GOING DOWN THE CANYON BUT PARK WASN'T DRIVING THE VEHICLE ^{TOWING THE BOAT} ~~**SOMEONE~~ HAD STOLEN IT. ^{two week search} AFTER AN EXTENSIVE ~~THE~~ BOAT WAS RECOVERED.

PARKER HAD A HOST OF FRIENDS AT THE COLLEGE, SEVERAL OF WHOM HAVE ASKED ME TO CONVEY THEIR LOVE AND CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY. YOU MAY BE FAMILIAR WITH SOME OF THE FOLLOWING NAMES: JUNE BLACK, JACK CAMERON, LLOYD TILT, CLAIR THOMSON, RAY SOUTHWICK, NEAL GROVER, FRANK BOULTON, PAUL GUNDERSEN, JOE JOHNSON AND VERN HANSEN.

and as a wit.

PARKER GAINED A REPUTATION AS ~~A WIT~~^a AND STORY TELLER. ~~WHEN~~ THE COLLEGE WAS ~~LOCATED~~^{originally} IN THE OLE TROY LAUNDRY BUILDING AT ~~431~~⁴³¹ SOUTH ~~6~~⁶TH EAST.

WE EVENTUALLY CONSTRUCTED A VERY NICE BUT SMALL FACULTY LOUNGE. DURING BREAK AND LUNNH PERIODS SEVERAL FACULTY MEMBERS WOULD ASSEMBLE IN THE LOUNGE TO ENJOY A COLD DRINK OR A CUP OF COFFEE. IT WAS ALMOST HABITUAL FOR PARK TO MAKE SOME SMART CRACK OR TELL A SOTRY. I RECALL ONE MORNING WHEN AN AUTOMOBIVE SALESMAN WAS ON CAMPUS ENJOYING A BREAK WITH THE AUTCOMOTIVE FACULTY. DURING THEIR CONVERSATION HE ASKED PARK WHERE HE COULD GET A HOLD OF A GOOD GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG. PARK INSTANTLY RESPONDED "BY THE TAIL BUT DON'T LET HIM TURN ON YOU."

MANY OF PARKER'S COLLEGE FRIENDS WOULD MAKE ST GEORGE A STOPPING POINT ON THEIR TRAVELS TO LAS VEGAS OR CALIFORNIA TO SAY HELLO TO PARK & IRMA MANY TIMES THEY WOULD MEET HIM DOWNTOWN AND HAVE BREAKFAST TOGETHER. I RECALL GOING TO THE HILTON HOTEL TO HAVE A MUFFIN AND COFFEE. HE USUALLY HAD A STORY TO TELL. THE FOLLOWING IS TYPICAL: MY MINISTER TOLD ME THAT AT MY AGE I SHOULD BE GIVING SOME THOUGHT TO WHAT HE CALLED "THE HEREAFTER," I TOLD HIM THAT I THINK ABOUT IT MANY TIMES ~~D~~ DAY. "THAT'S VERY WISE," HE SAID. I EXPLAINED THAT IT'S NOT A MATTER OF WISDOM. IT'S WHEN I OPEN A DRAWER OR A CLOSET AND ASK MYSELF, "WHAT AM I HERE AFTER?"

~~PARKER AND ERMA CLOVE WERE MARRIED IN 1985. HE WAS A LUCKY MAN TO FIND A WOMAN SO LOVING, PATIENT, SYMPATHETIC AND UNDERSTANDING AS YOU HAVE BEEN ERMA. THE TENDER LOVING CARE YOU HAVE PROVIDED FOR PARKER DURING HIS DECLINING YEARS HAS BEEN EVERYTHING THAT A MAN COULD HOPE FOR AND THEN SOME. I'm CONFIDENT THAT THE FAMILY IS ETERNALLY GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR YOUR UNSELFISH SERVICE AND DEVOTION.~~

IN 1969 THE COLLEGE HELD ITS FIRST RECOGNITION CEREMONY. PARKER WAS HONORED FOR HAVING SERVED 20 YEARS AS A TEACHER AND SUPERVISOR AT THE COLLEGE.

IN SUMMARY, LET ME SHARE A FEW EXCERPTS FROM THE LETTER I WROTE TO PARKER IN 1972 AT THE TIME HE RETIRED FROM THE COLLEGE. (LETTER)

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MAY THE LORD BLESS THE PRATT FAMILY TO RECOGNIZE AND REMEMBER THE OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OF PARKER M. PRATT. HE HAS MADE AN INDELIBLE IMPRESSION UPON THE INDIVIDUALS WITH WHOM HE WORKED AND ASSOCIATED. HIS NAME WILL ALWAYS BE REVERED BY THOSE WHO KNEW HIM.

PARKER HAS BOWED IN HUMBLE SUBMISSION TO THE DIVINE WILL OF GOD AND I PRAY THAT WE MAY ALL BE JOINED TOGETHER ACAIN ONE DAY IN OUR FATHER'S KINGDOM, AND THIS I SAY IN THE NAME OF OUR SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST, AMEN!

Jay L. Neilson 12-~~16~~-90

INTEROFFICE MEMO

DATE: MAY 15, 1972

TO: DEL ATWOOD, SL KIWANIS CLUB

FROM: JAY L. NELSON

SUBJECT: UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE--OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD

Mr. Parker M. Pratt, Automotive Instructor at Utah Technical College, was selected as an Outstanding Teacher to be honored by the Salt Lake Kiwanis Club Thursday, May 18, 1972.

Mr. Pratt has been employed at the College since September 1, 1949. He relates very well to students. He has an unusual wit. Both faculty and students talk about the Pratisms which he frequently makes during lunch and break periods. He loves the great outdoors. He builds boats. He is a pilot and a musician in addition to being a very excellent teacher.

He is a native of Idaho. He attended Rick's College. He was a Director of Auto Mechanics at Snow College, has operated his own garage, and was Service Manager for Fred A. Carleson Company and Petty Motor Company.

Mr. Pratt is married and has two daughters and a son.

JLN:aft

June 13, 1972

Mr. Parker M. Pratt
425 North Twelfth West
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Park:

Perhaps the conclusion of our official affiliation has terminated, but I'm confident that our association will continue in the years ahead. I've always felt very close to you, Park, and I've appreciated your loyalty, your devotion and dedication to our mutual concern--Utah Technical College--and most of all, your friendship.

It has been a pleasure to have you as a colleague at the College since September 1949. Wow, that's a long time, but it really has gone fast, hasn't it? Twenty-three years have been filled with interesting and challenging experiences.

I'll remember you as an excellent mechanic, a great fisherman, a pilot, a builder of boats, an outstanding instructor, and a man with an eye for beautiful women.

I've always admired the manner in which you relate to your colleagues and to the students. It's commendable. Personally, I was thrilled with the selection of the outstanding teacher award this year. You deserve it.

Incidentally, how did you come into possession of the best office in the Automotive Building? 'Spose the best girl watchers just naturally select vantage points like that.

Thanks for the professional manner you have exhibited in your affiliations with the College. We admire and respect you and will long remember your Pratisms. I sincerely hope the years ahead will be pleasant and enjoyable and that your health will permit you to do the many things you've planned and anticipated after retirement.

Park

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June 13, 1972

Please keep in touch, and I expect to see you here at the College as an instructor of special classes, as a substitute teacher, or at significant activities commemorating the culmination of another objective.

A gift certificate is enclosed.

Best of luck and may the years ahead bring joy and happiness to you and yours.

Sincerely,

Jay L. Nelson
President

JLN:aft

Enclosure