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Letter to the Editor

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Dear Editor:

A PARABLE

There was once a little village in which many boys and girls lived happily together. They loved to excel each other in games of baseball, skating, swimming and tennis. But they were unable to excel in some of these good things, so they chose to excel in miscellaneous and things that were not considered good.

Most of all the boys and girls loved to swim. Each summer they wandered down to the friendly river to swim in its cooling waters. There lived in this little village, a little boy named Johnny. We shall call him Johnny, because all little boys are called Johnny. Every one knew him. He had such a pleasant smile and good sense of humor. One day Johnny and his friends went for a swim. It

was after they had been swimming for a little while that his friends missed Johnny. He had stepped into a hole, which he could not see. His friends pulled him out but they were too small to help him.

The boys and girls who knew Johnny were very sad and the town's people missed the friendly face on the streets. Then in due time the good citizens were called together and one of them said, "Let us build a fine memorial for Johnny."

So brick and stone were ordered and workmen were called and a fine swimming pool was built in memory of Johnny. People from 75 miles around came to see this fine pool. The citizens were very glad at what they had done and the boys and girls were happy because they had such a nice, safe place to swim.

The hearts of Johnny's parents were pleased that the people were so kind, but their hearts were heavy inside because their little boy could not enjoy the cool waters of the pool. **WHEN will we build the O'Neill swimming pool?**

REV. LLOYD W. MULLIS

Chris Hulls Visit

REDBIRD — Charles Hull and family, of Crete, arrived by automobile Saturday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hull. They were on their way home after spending several weeks visiting in Colorado and western parts of Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Porter, and M. S. H. W. Hubbard went to Central City and Beaver Crossing over the weekend.

Mrs. John L. Quig and Mrs. O. Pace spent Sunday in Neligh.

EMMETT NEWS

Mrs. Francis Schoenle and children, Carlene, Jeannie and Donald, of East Moline, Ill., arrived last week to spend several weeks visiting her father, Jurold Dusatko, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Hen Y. Amends, of Lincoln, were overnight guests last Thursday at the Herman Grothe home.

Mrs. Pat McGinnis and Mrs. Agnes Gaffney visited Mrs. Joe Winkler last Thursday evening.

Misses Rose Mary and Cecelia Babl spent the past week visiting their sister, Mrs. Bernard Dusatko, and family, in O'Neill.

Miss Ellen Ghren, of Lincoln, is here visiting her grandfather, W. R. Tenborg, and other relatives.

Mrs. Carl Cain, of Omaha, spent the weekend visiting at the Joe Winkler home.

Mrs. June Luben and son, Melvin, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Kramer and son, Bobbie, were last Thursday dinner guests at the Grant Peacock home.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lorenz visited at the Bill Ernst home Sunday evening.

Mrs. Wayne Bates and daughter, Karen, visited Mrs. Agnes Gaffney Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Beckwith and daughter, Ailene, visited at the Ralph Beckwith home in O'Neill Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Daryld Kendall and Mrs. Kendall and son, Jimmie, spent the weekend visiting at the Wayne Fox home.

Mrs. Set and Mrs. Strashien and son, Butch, of Sioux City, were weekend guests at the Charles Abart home on Sunday and Mrs. Strashien and son remained for a longer visit.

Mrs. George Brainard and child, Mrs. Wayne Fox and Miss Fredia Pettijohn, visited at the Charles Fox home Sunday.

Mrs. Francis Schoenle and children, of East Moline, Ill., are visiting at the G. D. Janzing home this week.

Mrs. Francis Schoenle and family visited her sister, Mrs. Henry Benz, and family Sunday and Monday.

INMAN NEWS

The Misses Vivian and Ruth and Ruth Stevens, of Norfolk, and Emma Stevens, of Wayne, spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stevens.

Miss Marjorie Mesman left Tuesday for Lincoln where she will visit relatives and friends. Miss Eunice Chudomelka, who attends summer school at Wayne, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Chudomelka.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Caser, of Norfolk, spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Myrtle Caster and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Brittell and daughter.

Miss Norma Sobotka, who attends college at Wayne, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sobotka.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Grazier and son, George, and daughter, Sharon, of Jefferson City, Mo., came Saturday after being called by the death of Mrs. Grazier's father, George A. Coventry.

Miss Mildred Sobotka, of Wayne, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sobotka.

Mrs. Sherman Mapes, of Fremont, came Sunday to attend the funeral of her brother, George A. Coventry.

Miss Mary Lou Sholes, of Wayne, spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Violet Sholes.

Mrs. Guy Brillhart, of Hastings, arrived Sunday after being called by the death of her brother, George A. Coventry.

The Misses Lily Bruner and Lillie Monroe, of West Point, came Sunday to attend the funeral of George A. Coventry.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan C. Pruss and son, William Joseph, were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Pruss Sunday.

Miss Audrey Nelson, of Wayne State Teachers' college, visited at the L. D. Putnam home over the weekend.

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PRAIRIELAND ... TALK

By
ROMAINE SAUNDERS

LINCOLN — This from the Los Angeles (Calif.) Examiner has appeared in other publications. Perhaps readers of this column will appreciate reading the observations and conclusions of the editor of one of the nation's great newspapers. Without sugar coating he writes:

"One of the saddest and assuredly the ugliest social spectacles of city life nowadays is the dark and dingy cocktail bar where at almost any hour of business the clientele is largely feminine and unescorted."

"The female bar fly, as this type of customer is described by other habitués, has in fact become a standard character in the modern saloon. . . ."

"If these women, who comprise a wide range of classes and conditions, were to hear the appraisals of them that are current among the knowing and contemptuous barkeeps, the male drinkers, the hangers-on, the touts and wily vagabonds who infest these places; if these women should see themselves as these characters see them, they would run home in tears, with an intolerable sense of besmirchment and shame."

"Indeed it is a pity they do not hear those things while it is yet time to change their habits. . . ."

"They handle dynamite without recognizing it."

"Something is needed to bring that knowledge to them, in the plainest and sometimes the most brutal terms."

"For, if this promiscuous and continual drinking in saloons continues much longer, too many mothers and wives and sisters to whom society looks for refuge and sanity and health in an age of moral laxity, will instead become derelicts, meriting at the worst disgust and at the best pity."

"A cleanup is drastically needed, and those who shrink from the word 'prohibition' will do well to remove from the social scene one of the most potent arguments for that very thing."

If those little "jiggers" were to put out a sign on the lawn it might read something like this: Keep off the grass, or else —

Real estate men advertise the streamlined "dream house," grand houses and grounds of one kind or another, prices running into five figures. The most completely contented gent I know of lives in a barn near the edge of a gully and probably has more social callers during the day than any society matron in the city. He puts down wells and fixes windmills to supply the few shekles his simple requirements cost him. After all, maybe the simple life is the most satisfying. Strange enough, this gent is an authority on diet, the earth's strata, religions, politics, and has the answer for most world problems. Another Genus Homo, unwashed, unshaven and in filthy rags seems completely happy on the street every day with broom and scrub keeping the pavement immaculate, preferring this sort of life to a chair in a university which it is said he is qualified to occupy. After all who is to determine what is relative and what is absolute in the realm of social contentment?

A business man in a sizable town long since annexed to Lincoln drives a Ford coupe to his business a block and a half from his home. Modern man will not walk. In this same community I met a lady well along in her 80's and we had a little visit as I had known of her once being a resident of Ewing. (You can't pass a former Holt county citizen.) But this hardy old girl was on her way walking down to the city, a distance of four or five miles. And as she swung into robust stride, in long flowing dress and ancient shoes this venerable mother of the prairie-land appeared as an apparition out of the past. . . .

Wheat yields in Nebraska are reported better than anticipated. Many car loads have gone into the Omaha market at around \$2.30 a bushel, which shatters any hope for a nickle loaf of bread. Hot days and nights with showers boosts the growth of corn and the second growth of alfalfa is reported excellent. . . .

A gentleman recently come from India where he had spent many years in contact with all classes in his mission work tells me that England's decision to withdraw her sovereignty was because of being accused of responsibility for everything that went wrong among that vast multitude of religious fanatics. From his knowledge of things in the land of the Hindus, he is led to feel that the withdrawal of Great Britain means a sorry day for India. Some of the more enlightened among the native leadership are sensing what it means and are now asking that they be given dominion status. . . .

Socalled experts go about the country at public expense putting on "demonstrations." With bottles and cans containing mysterious mixtures or toy automobiles they put on a pretty good show. But what have you learned as you walk away from the demonstration? More than likely nothing. Emphasis just now is for sanity on the highways and the Lord knows it is needed. Sobriety can not be put into the inebriate normal balance in the nitwit by demonstrations of the experts. The remedy, if there is any, is in keeping such off the highways, a program for which has not been discovered. . . .

Dead heat lay for days on the city. Not a leaf or limb was stirred by cooling breeze. Those who could betook themselves to the mountains, to shady resorts among the pines. Those who could not, take the blistering in order that the work goes on. Vacations in cool places are for the chosen few. And those chosen few are "all in" when they return to rest in their homes. . . .

Black headlines and rabble rousing editorials in the papers telling the story of revolting criminal acts and murder of a nine-year-old Lincoln boy jarred the complacent capital city momentarily last week and then the retreat to the old refuge of normal indifference. It will take the crash of Doom's day to awake us from our lethargy. . . .

It is easier to impute a wrong motive than to prove it. We like to think Mr. Truman's opposition to tax reduction springs from no sinister designs. . . .

What mysterious thing is this the bakers call "enriched bread."

In spite of a thousand strikes, sitdown, walkout and picket lines, labor somehow kept things moving. But why Mr. Murray of the CIO should rate a medal from the war department must be for reasons of which the public knows nothing. Right or wrong, the war and navy departments have never been answerable to the people. . . .

In complaining about the damage from flood waters, computing it as of so many dollars, the ultimate good resulting from thoroughly soaked soil is overlooked. The damage has been considerable and can be recovered; the benefits are also considerable and cannot be taken from us. . . .

Dr. George Dimitrov, former head of Bulgarian Agrarian party, said Communist operations in Bulgaria and Balkans are part of conspiracy to plunge all of Europe under Soviet domination. . . .

A scientist says it is possible to delouse the whole world with DDT. That might be a good idea, observes an Ohio paper, but it sounds as though it would be a severe strain on the population. . . .

If, as an O'Neill physician said of a soda cracker that it was the nearest thing to nothing as a food, a book review is the nearest thing to nothing in entertainment. . . .

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