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**REDBIRD NEWS**

Fred King, of Lynch, was here Saturday.

Claude Pickering visited relatives in Lynch February 1.

Floyd Hartland and family autoed over from Colome, S. D., February 2 to visit at Will Harland's.

Mrs. Michael Hull visited at Mrs. Pete More's February 2.

Halsie Hull and family autoed to Boyd county February 2.

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George and Gordon Barta were in Redbird February 2.

Clifford Wells and boys were here February 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Luedtke called at Redbird February 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Luedtke autoed to O'Neill February 4 on business.

Howard Slack, of Dorsey, was in Redbird February 4.

Virgil Wilson is working for Lyle Farren near Scottville.

Lee Wells and Rodger Rosenkrans, of Dorsey, are having their tractors overhauled at the Redbird garage.

Mrs. Pete More left Monday for a several days' visit with relatives at Grafton and Osceola.

Dick Truax, Beryl Bessert and several other young people went to a skating party Friday evening at the Clifford Wells farm.

Spending Saturday visiting relatives in Randolph were Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Jilg and family. The Jilg's recently moved here from Randolph.

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**PRAIRIELAND TALK**

By ROMAIN SAUNDERS

LINCOLN—“The judgments of the Almighty will strike you because you take that attitude.” A malediction directed at me for having expressed by conviction that Europe suffers only what they are responsible for. Lightning hasn't struck me yet.

I wonder if the great American heart doesn't need the controls of a lead head. The people of Europe where suffering weighs the heaviest repudiated everything that mankind has held sacred, closed churches and herded the clergy into concentration camps; the multitudes offered obeisance to their leaders as to gods, marched to the drumbeat of warlords and set the world aflame.

The plea comes that the innocent suffer. There is the helping hand and the sympathetic word for the suffering. Are such “innocent”? At least childhood and age are.

Nazi and Fascist hordes waved the banners of world conquest from the Baltic to the Mediterranean, and a sinister cloud gathers beyond the Baltic. Sympathy for the suffering? Yes. But who dare stay the judgment of offended Deity?

Innocent sufferers—are there none at our doorway? Were there not a million desolated homes by horror haunted across our land? Is not that young man with an arm or leg missing an innocent sufferer?

Blinded, disabled, mentally haunted and disillusioned young manhood and womanhood that went into the baptism of fire kindled by these we now would rescue from the wreckage they invited upon themselves.

Are the American people upon whom has been laid a monumental war debt among the innocent sufferers? Are the homeless and houseless and all with limited incomes who are trying to sustain life under present conditions innocent sufferers?

Our substance is sent abroad as freely as when a calamity in nature overwhelms a people. American sympathy is expressed in a lift for the fellow that has been knocked down, though we can not escape the fact that he invited the knock-out.

They sat down together on the cushioned couch, and it began. For some minutes animated talk flowed freely, spiced with full-throated laughter. Then something drew them to a room at the rear of the house but the verbal exchange continued. Finally one was heard to say, “Well, I must go.”

A sidestep indicated a purpose to put this into effect, but that turned out to be only a false move and the flow of words continued. Again another move to leave only to return to the starting point.

Ultimately, shifting of positions brought them near the door, and out she went. A simple domestic scene duplicated a thousand times a day in Nebraska homes, two of our substantial women folks finding release from life's monotony through that great human means of contact, a visit from a neighbor.

There is a way that seemeth right unto man but the end thereof are the ways of death. — Proverbs of Solomon.

The heavens are aglow tonight. A full moon rides out of the northeast horizon and ascends above treetops and the roofs of houses crowding one upon another, the skies curve in cloudless and starlit majesty above the landscape lying in quiet beauty under a blanket of snow.

On such a night another day another generation would be abroad in sleds and cutters gliding over the snow to the tinkle, tinkle, tinkle of the string of sleigh bells on the harnessed horses.

In this day of odors from gasoline young America knows nothing of sleigh ride parties that brought laughing youth together under fur robes in a bobbed. Cheeks red with the glow of maidenly charm and bright eyes reflecting the glow of another pair of eyes unashamed of a budding romance under the stars on a January night. Chatter and laughter, song and poetry, the iridescent glow of the full tinted shades that lure at life's threshold, perpetual from generation to generation—yesterday, today, until time merges into eternity.

Now, with the frosts of many winters having tinted me an iron-grey, I wonder if something great hasn't been lost with the passing of the sleigh ride parties under the full glow of a January moon.

The state dairy extension service gives out the information that over 36 thousand dairy cows in the state were freshened by artificial means during 1947. Sixty-eight males were involved in the process, these being Holstein, Jersey, Brown Swiss, Guernsey and milking Shorthorns. The program of artificial breeding is managed from four stations, Lincoln, Elkhorn, Grand Island and Norfolk. Whatever this is doing to improve quantity or quality, if anything, cities are being supplied with the same thin milk that is a poor substitute for what you bring in after getting up from the milk stool with a foaming bucket of the product as nature and the cow made it.

Forecasts by experts, whatever they amount to, if anything, have it you will have to cut your meat eating 10 pounds for the year 1948. They say cattle production will be down that much. But that ranchers will curtail production with a \$50 steer selling at \$600 hardly makes sense.

Should you come to the state house from Holt county and call to pay your respects to Gov. Peterson you will meet at the desk in the reception room Mrs. Irene Brooks, a native of Stuart. Mrs. Brooks' maiden name was Perry and she is a granddaughter of Az Perry, a picturesque character of Holt county, now deceased and buried in Atkinson. Mrs. Brooks came from Fremont last August to assume the duties at the governor's reception room.

Subzero a few mornings in Nebraska, and Jack Frost brought the temperature down to 18-below one beautiful morning in the capitol city. Florida cities shivering for lack of oil to keep the homes heated, while southern Californians scan the heavens of brass in forlorn hopes of rain. Much human concern is involved in weather conditions.

Four Texas tomatoes the size of walnuts were marked at 30 cents. I didn't buy and the genial gent behind the counter had the candor to say they were not only too high but were no good when you got them. Texans should come to Nebraska in ripe tomato time and see what the real thing is like. Maybe they would return to the Lone Star and go back to the long horn cattle for a livelihood.

An example of what vigorous criticism can do is the re-statement of five park employees of Lincoln who were fired on without warning on the alleged grounds of age. The act on the part of the park official was denounced as an unwarranted assumption of authority, resulting in the recall of these men to their jobs.

A Lincoln citizen has suggested Eleanor Roosevelt for the democratic nomination for vice-president. I have a friend in Salt Lake City who long ago proposed the versatile former first lady for the presidency.

The state has a problem now of financing 159 million dollars in highway needs with a fund of 31 million. Maybe if the highways were left to revert to prairie trails the gadabouts would stay at home.

There were 496 court convictions the past year for game law violations in Nebraska, costing the victims around 10 thousand dollars, maybe they feel it was worth it.

One Republican possibility definitely eliminates himself. But there are plenty left for delegates to the Philadelphia convention to choose from.

Mrs. Pfeil Hostess—The Cactus club met at the home of Mrs. Carl Pfeil on February 3. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Axel Borg, and eight members answered to roll call.

The lesson was presented by Mrs. Ralph George on “A Club Meeting with Books.” Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mrs. Pfeil was presented with a gift as she is leaving the club.

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**Saturday, Feb. 14, 1948**

The Administratrix of the Estate of Cora A. Winchell will be at her home in O'Neill from two o'clock in the afternoon of Saturday, February 14th, 1948, to four o'clock of the same day to receive bids for the purchase of these lands. All interested persons may make their final bids for the purchase of these lands, or some of them, at that time.

**Beryl Davis**

Administratrix of the Estate of Cora A. Winchell, Deceased

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