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Give As Generously As You Can

The American Red Cross, one of our finest examples of a free, private enterprise, has begun its 1950 membership and fund-raising drive.

Volunteer workers met in O'Neill Monday night and made plans for the membership and fund-raising campaign that opened Wednesday.

It hardly seems necessary to refresh the minds of Holt countyans and their neighbors of the praiseworthy services of the ARC to beleaguered rural folk during the Operation Snowbound emergency of only a year ago. When a cry for help was sent out, the Red Cross responded. It organized volunteer and paid workers, it dispatched staple foods, fuel and medicine to relieve human suffering, it built stockpiles of essentials at strategic points throughout the stricken snowbound area. The ARC "mothered" suffering humanity in a time of need. Expense was no item in getting the job done. Something like 20-thousand-dollars was expended in Holt county alone in conducting relief operations.

Now, the ARC is asking Holt countyans to raise 2-thousand-dollars in the 1950 campaign—a percentage of which will remain in the hands of the Holt county chapters.

The Frontier hopes that grateful Holt residents will give generously so that when catastrophe strikes a community anywhere, merciful aid will be there immediately in the form of the American Red Cross as the aid came to us a year ago.

Inherently the ARC is a democratic organization. It is adaptable to the needs of peace or war. While maintaining its successful, well-established programs, it never loses its pioneering spirit, but directs it to meet a need that really exists—as demonstrated by its accomplishment during Snowbound.

The Red Cross represents that phase of democracy in which neighbor is free to help neighbor. At no other time is this neighborliness better than in wartime or peacetime disasters, when people extend a helping hand to each other through the Red Cross.

Voluntary support of organizations such as the Red Cross is one of the privileges of a free people—and the cost of freedom seems to be on the increase every day.

The American Red Cross needs your help—give as generously as you can.

Coincident with the 1950 American Red Cross fund-raising and membership drive is an article in the ARC's national magazine, "Disaster." The piece, written by Mrs. Glen Tomlinson and Glea H. Wade, both of O'Neill, is a guide to other ARC workers when a snowbound disaster strikes a community. Mrs. Tomlinson and Wade prepared the report which this winter has been read by ARC workers across the land. Pictures accompanied the story and the color cover was an artist's concept of bringing relief to snowbound victims in Nebraska's winter of 1949.

A sly, jungle-wise leopard this week demonstrated its ability to drive John L., Uncle Joe, Tito, etc., etc., off the nation's front pages.

One thing about the coal shortage, 1950: Spring is not far behind.

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Prairieland Talk —

With Woman's Descent to Liquor-Scented, Smoke-Beclouded Level, Chivalry Has Gone

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

LINCOLN — The tangible fruitage of the courteous movement in the capital city has released the pent-up emotions of the fair dames who launched it. And it done little else.

The outgoing bus was crowded to the limit with dollar day shoppers homeward bound with the day's bargain purchases. A sprinkling of working men and university students had boarded. The last person to get on was a blind lady with her dog. She found a parking place on a pile of newspaper r s that flanked the driver. And away the bus went on a 6-mile run to a suburb. A stop was made to unload papers, which caused the blind girl to find another spot. The driver called out, "Who'll give this girl a seat?" The gents were all deaf, but a comely matron seated between 2 men on the side seat just back of the driver spoke up, "I will."

Many women have descended from their previous high estate to the liquor-scented, smoke-beclouded and vulgar level of the male of the species, since when chivalry has gone out.

Just what is this "educational crisis" school men are worrying over? Is a "broadened tax base" supposed to be the answer for more and better football huskies, half-naked basketball fumbler, a high school graduate that don't know extension from extension? Or, lurking back of it all, is it the lust for more filthy lucre? Cities, towns, villages, country districts in Nebraska have all that could be asked for in fine buildings, equipment, libraries and a staff of teachers. Before the tax base is "broadened" many of the schools should show up with a product of solid learning.

Striking coal miners are getting tough. Time for the army to take over . . . Congress has been in session 2 months. What has it done for you? . . . Even nature has it in for the assessors. A snowslide from the roof of the Lancaster courthouse demolished a window as Assessor Scott sat at his desk by the window, gave him a ducking with wet snow before the alarmed assessor could make his getaway . . . The movement to legalize gambling instigated by young fellows out at Superior is said to have been abandoned for lack of support . . . Maybe Nebraskaans think the gamble with nature to get a crop is enough of it for them . . . A Chicago branch of the CIO proposes to do something worthwhile, the most commendable union move heard of lately: build 1,000 houses for the underdogs of industry . . . According to Mr. Stefan, the 24 counties comprising the district he represents in congress will have to dig up something over \$63,000,000 as the district's share of Mr. Truman's proposed budget of \$42,439,000,000 . . . If you were one of Nebraska's jobless during January maybe you got a dip out of the \$484,293 paid out of the state's unemployment fund.

Mr. Truman says our intelligence has been insulted. Out over the country the parrots take up the refrain. Nobody has been insulted but it makes the bias partisans squirm to be reminded of what any intelligent citizen can see emanating from Washington.

Adjourn the planning committees sine cura and sine die, send the spellbinders and experts home, shoot Santa Claus, close up the bureaus and padlock the headquarters. Let's see what we can do if left to run the show on our own resources.

Washington and Lincoln birthdays, Valentines, Br. Groundhog and winter's worst weather was the picture for February.

Another survey has been made. It is the considerate judgment and final conclusion of university highbrows that the crying need of the hour is supervised recreation centers. Washington has taken over the supervision of about everything in adult life, now the kids are in for it.

You young rascals, just imagine a horsefaced dame standing guard when you strip to the skin and plunge in the old swimming hole or line up on the back lot with a ball and bat. There will be no more sneaking into a melon patch or climbing a fence to fill your pockets with apples.

If you look through a knot-hole to get a squirt of Bob Feller you are liable to find a rough hand sent out by the "survey" laid on you, the privilege kids since the days when boys outlived their way to Roman chariot races now denied you. Supervised recreation indeed! Shall the last citadel of our liberties be surrendered? It is in recreation—kids call it fun—that children learn the rudiments of how to do things.

The last enemy to be destroyed is death. Words dictated by St. Paul to his secretary echo through the corridor of time as a message of hope to horror-haunted mankind. The pale hand of death reached into my immediate community today and brought desolation to 2 homes, not of my family group.

When death stalks kindred it implies throbs the emotions. A little one budding into the bloom of childhood yielded up the ghost to the ravages of the last enemy.

A young mother and father, stunned, wonder why their hearts have been made to bleed. Time will heal the wound. Youth looks into the future.

An 86-year-old patriarch came to the end of the trail. A lonely widow is left in the other desolated home. Youth rebuilds out of the ashes of desolation. Age has only the cherished memories to soften the pain of bereavement.

The billions roll down in Washington, but we are no pikers out here. From the state-house it is learned expenses of the state for the month of January totaled \$5,684,677. Of this sum \$1,593,360 went for state assistance and the highway department used up \$1,379,828. What are known as federal funds took up the slack to the amount of \$1,751,012. The state pay roll for the month absorbed \$1,714,982. A lot of money has gone into highway expense the past seven months, \$14,467,499. How much of this represents actual highway work is not stated. During the same period the state assistance department paid out \$10,691,187.

What is being dished up in the daily papers about soil conservation and the Pick-Sloan setup is mostly hog-wash written by gents who have never been near enough to a farm to know an ear of corn from a block of cotton-wood.

The old fashioned girl who darned her husband's socks now has a daughter who socks her darned husband, observes her grandma.

A husky football coach receives more attention in the capital city than would be accorded a visit from the Pope of Rome.



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Eagle Hustler's 4-H Club Holds Meeting
The Eagle Hustler's 4-H club met at the home of Thomas Kelly Friday evening, February 24. The meeting was opened by singing songs from our 4-H song book. The numbers were chosen by our song leader Hugh Troshynski.
The meeting was then called to order by president, Jack Hartman. Roll call was read and there were 7 members present. Two new members joined the club, which makes nine. One member was absent.
We discussed projects, in which the new members were interested and also their duties as a 4-H member.
We talked about some cedar trees our assistant leader had ordered for us to plant.
A meeting schedule was made out telling date and place of meetings for the year. It was decided to meet on Friday evenings every 3 weeks until school is out and then changing to Tuesdays evenings every 3 weeks. Fun night was discussed and almost everyone plans to attend.
Next meeting will be held at the home of Sonny Fusselman on March 17.
The meeting was adjourned and lunch was served. — By Thomas Kelly, reporter.

Purple Pansies Adopt 'Shut-In'
The Girl Scouts held a candlelight investiture ceremony at the meeting on Monday. Marion Niles, Lorna Marcellus, Corrine Murphy and Kay Hagenaup received their Girl Scout pins. Patti Sullivan put on an entertaining program. Next week it will be Regina Hynes who will prepare the entertainment for the meeting.
Troop IV, has chosen the lily of the valley for the name and hope to get their troop crests at the next meeting. They are making cute felt elephant pen wipers and working on their tenderfoot and second class requirements.
Troop II, the Purple Pansy, has adopted a little shut-in friend. Members made a bed game for her last week, and plan to make her a surprise often. They also made a scrap book and gave it to the hospital for any child there to enjoy. They were very busy at the

meeting making hand-colored dollies and plan next week to make felt coin purses and work on their Girl Scout scrap books. Their will be no patrol meeting this week. Patrol meetings will be twice monthly hereafter.
Troop I and troop III made glitter bird pins at the meeting. They were very pretty when finished. All different colors.

Farewell Party For Mrs. O'Donnell
Mrs. Edward L. O'Donnell was feted at the Jeudi club meeting last Thursday evening at a farewell party. Mrs. O'Donnell and her mother, Mrs. P. J. Biglin, moved Saturday to Salina, Kans. Mrs. Norman Gonderinger was hostess. Winners were Mrs. O'Donnell and Mrs. C. V. Sullivan.

9FF Winners
Winners at the 9FF club meeting held Wednesday, February 22, were Mrs. Harold Weier, high; Mrs. W. B. Gillespie, second high and Mrs. Fred Saunto, all cut. Mrs. Harrison Bridge was the hostess.

Boyd-Knox Teams Form a League
LYNCH — Representatives from Butte, Bristow, Gross, Naper, Spencer and Verdel met at Lynch and organized a 6-team league.
Bristow and Gross will have one team known as Gross-Bristow.
The officials elected were: Emil Micanek, president; Ben Fuhr, vice-president; Owen Johnson, secretary treasurer.

Martez Winners
Martez club winners Tuesday, February 21, at the home of Mrs. Edward L. O'Donnell were Mrs. Mabel McKenna and Mrs. H. J. Lohaus.
Mr. and Mrs. William Naprstek of Creighton, Sunday visited their son and daughter in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Naprstek and daughter.
F. E. Parkins attended a Consumers Public Power meeting in Norfolk Monday and Tuesday.

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