

Easter weekend was good for those traveling

April will be half over when you read my few words of "wisdom" (only kidding of course). It was a wonderful Easter weekend, especially for the many people who were traveling to join other family members in other parts of the state or even out of state.

Sunday evening it turned out to be a little different. By Monday morning, we awoke to find everything covered with that lovely white stuff called snow.

As usual, it was the morning I had to go for blood work at the hospital, and I really do not like to be out on icy streets. Jonathan came over and cleaned off the porch, steps and path to the driveway, where Laura was picking me up a little later.

By the time we headed to the hospital, the streets were almost empty of snow. Boy was that a blessed Easter gift of that lovely moisture that was so desperately needed.



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I talked to Martha, and they didn't get much but have had a couple of other storms that we didn't get. What a wonderful blessing to get that moisture!

I won't know the results of those tests until I get to the doctor's office next week. If they come out like I feel, I should be okay. At least, I hope so. I'm looking forward to getting some more releases. I'm ready for it.

Get well wishes to all having medical problems, especially Bill Thornburg and Eileen Krayca who have both had surgery the past few days. Bill is home, and Eileen

should be by the time you get this column.

I talked to Mrs. Beynon over the weekend. They are doing okay but have really

slowed down. An nephew of her flew in from Pennsylvania for a couple of days to do legal work on Monday.

He and his wife were to leave on Tuesday. I believe she told me that was the plan.

I called one of my "older" friends and told him the Easter Bunny had made a mistake and had left a basket with his name on it at my house. He came right over and couldn't believe there was one for him. He said it had been so long since he got one, he wasn't sure if they were like those of years ago.

It was nice to see the look on his face as he left, hugging his "Ziploc"

basket. The kids next door came over for theirs, as did the girls from the corner. That's the joy of Easter to see their faces, but as one of them said, the real meaning was about Jesus. At least they knew the real reason for the holiday.

Several have told me they have seen the Mel Gibson show, "The Passion of the Christ," and they all had different feelings as they left the movie. Dr. and Mrs. Beynon had gone, and they were amazed at all the various effects and what Jesus

went through to give us eternal life.

I didn't see it, as I still wasn't going out at night. I have gone out since then at night, Maundy Thursday service. I think I can do more now that I know I can do it. I guess it just takes time to try something different.

One of my goals has been to get a permanent in my hair, a project of this Friday. I hope it takes and I get rid of my long strings. That will be neat to look more like myself of seven months ago. Can you believe

that much time has passed since the leg was broken and crushed?

Boy, it has taken its time to heal. My other goal is to get to drive again. Maybe then I'll be almost back to doing normal things. Thanks to all for their help during this time.

I have no birthday greetings or anniversary wishes to any having such. The only thing on my calendar is the due date of federal taxes. Good luck to all. See you next week, God willing.

Witnesses assemble in Nebraska

Jehovah's Witnesses from 20 congregations in the area, including the Goodland congregation, attended a special one-day educational seminar Sunday, April 11, at the Hastings, Neb., City Auditorium.

The one-day assembly carried the theme, "Serving Jehovah with a Complete Heart." A visiting speaker, John Wiegel from Brooklyn, N.Y., spoke on the subject, "Guarding Our Hearts in a Troubled World."

Instruction was given on how parents can shield their children's hearts from wrong influences in the world and help them draw closer to God.

Dan Lucas, presiding overseer of the Goodland congregation, said there were 1,039 in attendance.

club news

The Goodland Federated Music Club met at 7 p.m. Monday, April 5, at the home of Marlyn Mangus. President Eva Lou Selby called the meeting to order and led the club members in singing the state and national theme songs.

They sang the March hymn of the month, "Hymn of Promise" by Natalie Sleeth, and the April hymn of the month, "In the Garden" by Austin Miles.

Joanna Norris Grimshaw called the roll. Ten members were present: Birkley Barnes, Martha Gunderson, Carol Jolly, Linda Koons, Linda Lucas, Marlyn, Joanna, Sharon Palmquist, Eva Lou and Nancy Shores. Isabelle Hellerud, Jan Malpert and Sammie Mills were absent. Lisa Juenemann of Brewster was a guest.

The evening's theme was "Meet me in St. Louis" and was dedicated to the Parade of American Music. Martha delivered an informative course of study on barbershop music.

A barbershop quartet composed

of Lisa, tenor; Nancy, lead; Martha, baritone; and Eva Lou, bass, sang two songs arranged by Martha: "America the Beautiful" and "There is a Tavern in Town."

Before singing, Martha remarked, "We have some dissonant notes," and "This could really sound sour." The music, however, sounded fine, Birkley said, and the quartet performed well.

The quartet led the club members in singing two more barbershop songs, "Abba Dabba Honeymoon" by Arthur Fields and Walter Donovan, arranged by Nancy Beynard, and "April Showers," words by B.G. DeSylva, music by Louis Silvers, arranged by Floyd Connert.

Carol was suffering from laryngitis and was unable to sing, but the club was pleased to listen to a tape from a concert she recorded when she was singing professionally. The music was a collection of American songs by Eleanor Remick Warren: "Great Memories," "Lonely Roads," "Heather" and "White Horses of the Sea." She was accom-

panied on the recording by Carmen VanDyke, pianist.

Joanna read the minutes of the past meeting, and they were approved. Carol gave the treasurer's report.

Sharon announced that she and Jan plan to attend the Kansas Federation of Music Clubs Convention Thursday-Saturday.

President Selby appointed the yearbook committee for next year: Martha, Birkley and herself.

Plans were discussed for the junior/senior recital which will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 2.

Following the business meeting, the ladies gathered around the dining room table for scrumptious pie and a bird's nest filled with jelly belly eggs and tea and coffee.

Refreshments were served by Linda, co-hostess, and Marlyn, hostess. Birkley, also suffering from laryngitis, snapped pictures throughout the meeting and required everybody to smile for the camera before partaking of the refreshments.

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