

Roundup, Mont.

Box 874

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Dear Ernie,

We had a fine Conference last weekend & gained much to carry to our Projects. Elder Merrill spoke at all 4 sessions that I attended. I sure done my old soul good to listen to a fellow with such a wealth of knowledge and experience to draw from. Sat. afternoon I attended a meeting that I will remember as long as I live. 10 missionaries met with Elder Merrill & Pres. Richards. We were given 12 minutes each to report on our project then Pres. Richards instructed ~~us~~ us on a few points that were for our good. Elder Merrill then told us many things that was good for a missionary to know.

Among the many points he touched here is a few:

"It is a waste of money to buy wheat for \$28.00 per Bushell when the market price is \$1.00 yet many of us do that when we buy "Shredded wheat" besides many valuable food elements are gone."

"Use the Minimum of water when cooking and apply the Parable of Jesus to the kettle of stew. 'Straight is the gate & narrow the way' - that leads to the empty bread basket; or something to that effect because he meant to eat all that went into the Kettle."

Time is surely flying 8 months ago that I met my first companion. Since then I have met three more that I know of, because 7 1/2 months ago I met Elder Mullett but now three days ago I found out he was a companion.

Roundup is a coal mining town with a population of 2,500. It is located in a valley about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles wide, the Clatons on the sides are about 1000 feet high & are covered with a specie of Pine tree. There is a river ~~run~~ in the valley and runs in the general direction of East or West. Main street runs straight North & South & all the streets intersect at an angle of 90° , so my directions are straight enough here.

Our room is a one room affair this time with a bed, shelf with curtain over front to hang clothes, table dresser & oil stove. There is one bath for about 14 rooms but we are getting by for 26° each so maybe we can stand it for a month or so.

There are 7 or 8 members here & they have been away from Zion so long that they are nearly as cold as lots of non members. But there have been Elders ~~in~~ in the City for 5 or 6 months and have made lots of friends. Someday we want to hold meetings in the future.

Say if you keep putting in a good plug here & there you ~~will~~ will have Elizabeth wanting to be Mormozed some day shortly.

Goodnight from Roundup this time with the same amount of Love

Elmer Johnson.