

BURLINGTON

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dolph for use "when feasible." Mr. Wilson spent three years operating Alaskan railroads for the Army during the war. He "never saw anything like" the Sioux City-O'Neill situation even there. Drifts now opened east of Osmond are as deep as 18 feet—by actual measurement. The line's rotary plows can cut a channel through drifts 14 feet deep. Other means are employed to remove the top four feet of snow in the deep-est drifts.

The cost is tremendous. The railroad official would hazard no guess as to the ultimate cost in snow operations and loss of revenue.

Extra labor alone has cost \$1.00 per rail mile. Food costs for the working men have run as high as \$200 per day. Usual working crew consists of between 60 and 75 men. Crews are recruited where labor is available. Skilled labor, of course, is diverted to this line from regular employes of the company. Station agents' salaries and those of operating personnel go on even though trains are laid up. Wear and tear on snow and ice fighting equipment is described as "bad."

In 33 years with the Burlington, Mr. Wilson last week hired Burlington's first private contractor to assist in snow and ice removal from any right-of-way. Theisen Bros., Osmond, contractors, went to work on February 9, with bulldozers and other heavy equipment. After a week this sort of thing is no longer classed as an experiment. It is practical. The Theisen 24-hour crews started at a point two and one-half miles east of Osmond and expect to reach the western terminus — O'Neill — by February 19. Big advantage in the use of bulldozers, according to the rail boss, lies in the fact that they slice in the sides of the cuts. This is in contrast to the easily refillable vertical cuts made by rail rotary plows. A flanger will follow the Theisen equipment westward along the line so that trains may follow.

There has been no train out of Ferry (east terminus near Sioux City) since the first of the year. Two cars of coal, however, have been brought out, one to Belden, on January 22, and one to Allen on February 14. The Burlington has hauled two rail cars of coal by truck from supplies in towns along the route to its engines working in other sections. The water problem has been eased by eager cooperation of municipalities in providing the steam transformant to engines and supply tanks.

The Ferry to O'Neill run is 124.21 miles. The 68.25 miles of track between Osmond and Ferry was completely opened once during the current storm series — on January 21 — but there was no train. Winds whipped new snow into cuts almost immediately.

Burlington disaster crews hit a new low in progress east of Meehan last week. In 16 hours working time, nine feet of head-work was made. Also in that area dynamite was used to aid in operations. The use of explosives, while sometimes helpful, is usually not practical because even hard snow is too loose for successful blasting.

Mr. Wilson and his secretary came from Lincoln to this section of the line's disaster area on January 14 and will remain with the working crews until trains are running.

Wilson estimated that only about a day and a half would be required to right two overturned engines a few miles east of O'Neill. A wrecker is on hand at Page, near O'Neill. Those engines won't be damaged much he thinks because of their six weeks rest in snow banks that have all but covered them.

One engine, soon to be decommissioned, is at Osmond. The recent work it has been through bucking drifts has had little to do with its scrap heap destiny, though. More than 50 years old, it is simply too badly worn in too many places to warrant reconditioning.

Trains may be running the entire length of the line "within a week, or they may not—that depends on the weather," Wilson said.

About the prospects for spring flooding. Well, the general superintendent is busy with the snow. He'll reckon with the floods if and when they arise.

Coyotes Split with St. Joe and Bartlett

CHAMBERS — The Chambers Coyotes fought a losing battle Tuesday evening, February 8, on the Chambers floor, with St. Joseph, of Atkinson. The first team score was 48-23 in favor of the Bluejays.

The Chambers reserves also lost, 22-17.

The Coyotes marched to victory last Thursday night, February 10, when they defeated the Bartlett five, 25-15. The game was scheduled to have been played at Bartlett but due to the fact that their gym was occupied at the time by the Fifth Army, which was using it for sleeping quarters, the game was played at Chambers.

Bruce Grimes was high point man of the game, scoring 17 of the 25 points.

Future Subscribers



OETTER—Mrs. George Oetter, of Ewing, a daughter, Georgienne May, weighing 8 3/4 pounds, born Saturday, February 12, at the O'Neill hospital.

WABS—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wabs, of O'Neill, a son, Carle Earl II, weighing 9 3/4 pounds, born Monday, February 14, at the O'Neill hospital.

BOWEN—Mr. and Mrs. James Bowen, of O'Neill, a son, James Luther II, weighing 8 pounds 14 ounces, born Monday, February 14, at the O'Neill hospital.

GALLAGHER—Mr. and Mrs. John R. Gallagher, a son, weighing 7 pounds 2 ounces, born Saturday, February 12, at St. Joseph's hospital in Omaha. This is the couple's third child.

SMITH—Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, of Chambers, a son, born Wednesday, February 9, at the O'Neill hospital. Mrs. Smith is the former Peggy Gribble, of O'Neill.

THOMPSON—Mr. and Mrs. Willard Thompson, of Chambers, a daughter, Susan Kay, weighing 8 1/4 pounds, born at Orchard, on Wednesday, February 9.

HENDRICKS—Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hendricks, of Celia, a son, weighing 8 3/4 pounds, on February 8. Mrs. Hendricks is the former Arla Peabody. The baby has been named Arlan Louis.

COURTNEY—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Courtney, of Lynch, a son, born Thursday, February 3, at the Lynch hospital.

PARIS—Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Paris, of Denver, Colo., a son, born Sunday, February 6. Mrs. Paris is the former Max Pearson.

DARNALL—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Darnell, of Lynch, a daughter, Doris Ahline, born Monday, February 7, at the Lynch hospital. Mrs. Darnell is the former Mary Ann Wilson. This is their third child.

JOHNSON—Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Johnson, of Spencer, a son, born Tuesday, February 8.

SICK & INJURED

INMAN—Marvin Rouse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rouse, underwent an appendectomy at the O'Neill hospital Wednesday, February 9. Mr. Salter, of Norfolk, was the attending physician. The patient's mother remained with him until Friday afternoon. Reports are that his condition is "satisfactory." Mrs. Eva Murten was taken ill at her home Wednesday evening, February 9, and has been confined to her bed since. Her condition is "improved." Mrs. Harry Moore suffered a second attack of gallstones at her home south of town Wednesday evening, February 9. Dr. O. W. French was called. She is "somewhat improved." Mrs. Jessie Hartigan, who has been ill since the first of December, and who has been at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Barnhardt, at Ewing, was brought to the home of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mary Cullen, on Friday, where she will remain for a time. Her condition is "about the same."

FAY—Fay Brettell has been in Lutheran hospital at Norfolk the past week receiving treatment. His condition is reported "good."

O'NEILL—Mrs. Max Wanser, of Inman, is recuperating at the Melvin Ruzicka home following an operation in St. Vincent's hospital in Sioux City. Virgil Barger returned on Monday to the Veterans' hospital in Lincoln. Mrs. Ella Karr is recuperating at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Worth, after a fall. Mrs. Paul Beha left Monday for Racine, Wis., where she was called by the serious illness of her brother, Alvin Youngworth. Mrs. D. A. Baker has been ill for the past several weeks. R. H. Shriner fell on the ice Friday, near the postoffice and fractured a bone in his wrist. Bill Beha has been ill since Sunday suffering from an attack of influenza.

LYNCH—G. V. Fleming has entered the Mayo clinic in Rochester, Minn., where an operation on his eye may be necessary. Mrs. J. A. Guttery has "not been feeling well" recently. Mrs. Hugh Glaze is a surgical patient in a Rapid City, S. D. hospital. Harlan Holz is recovering from an operation in a Sioux City hospital. Word was received from C. R. ("Chiang") Davey, who is a patient in a Sioux City hospital, that he is "slowly improving."

CHAMBERS—Dr. J. W. Gill and Clarence Wyant took Mrs. Gill to a Norfolk hospital Friday where she will receive treatment for pneumonia. Dr. Gill and Mr. Wyant returned on Saturday. Earl David had the stitches removed from his forehead last week. Word has been received that Mrs. Chet Fees, jr., who recently

Chambers Correspondent Notes Less Illness Than Usual During Disaster

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CHAMBERS — The past week is one that long will be remembered by the rural people of south-Holt county, as well as hundreds of others in other snow-stricken sections.

It is the week in which many families were "liberated" from their snow imprisonment. They were enabled to get to town for supplies and to visit with friends for the first time in many weeks.

The army's big snow moving equipment arrived in Chambers earlier in the week and by working 24 hours a day have cleared miles of road in all directions.

It was a thrill we will not soon forget when we looked out to see two or three big bulldozers coming toward our place. The snow rolled up in front of them into piles 10- to 15-feet in height. Left behind were patches of black dirt showing here and there. The high jagged peaks of snow on either side would have to be seen to be fully appreciated.

The enormous tasks of moving this snow "liberating" the people of the rural areas has been accomplished by the powerful machinery of the U. S. Army assisted by many groups and individual persons. The relief committee, which was organized in Chambers to direct this work, was an important factor. Those who served, working night and day for several weeks, deserve the sincere thanks and gratitude of the rural people.

The Taylor Motor Co. garage, has been the headquarters for the committee and a very busy place since relief operations got underway. The telephone operators and cafe personnel have worked endlessly.

As we farm people look back over the weeks since the November 18 blizzard, we wonder how we managed to keep going. I think it was only by living from one day to the next.

Regardless if a storm was raging or not, cattle had to be cared for and fuel gotten in for another day and night. It was an all-day proposition day-after-day to accomplish these few essential things.

Horses would flounder in the snow and have to be shoveled out. Snow had to be scooped off hay stacks and only small amounts could be brought in at a time. Men came in tired, weary and cold—wondering if they could manage to fight the elements another day.

Nearly every family had well-stocked cellars as well as milk, eggs and poultry to rely upon. Though our meals may have lacked variety many of us knew we would not starve.

Fuel was a big problem. Those depending on oil or gas had difficulty getting a supply. One family carried their supply in two two-gallon cans a half mile for several days. Those who burned wood found their supply was soon exhausted and were forced to cut by hand. Some families would chop down a tree and saw it up by hand.

A few farmers in the community lost some cattle but most of them managed to keep them alive until help came to open roads to feed.

It is worthy of note that there was less than the usual amount of sickness and only a few hospital cases during the snow-bound weeks.

Mrs. Clarence Damme, an expectant mother, was brought to town from her home six or seven miles north of Chambers by team and wagon and was taken to O'Neill by plane. Three wagons with four horse teams on each were used to break the road to bring her into town. Leo Brown from the same community was flown to town

moved to California had the misfortune to cut a nerve and a tendon in the wrist of her right arm. Several stitches were required to close the cut and her wrist will have to be protected by a cast for some time. The accident occurred when she dropped a bottle in the kitchen sink. Mrs. J. W. Gill was taken to a Norfolk hospital on Thursday for medical care.

EMMET—Henry Luth had the misfortune to lose the end of his finger by having a car door shut on it. The accident occurred enroute to attend his sister's funeral. Mrs. William Newton spent a few days at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Newton, and family, after spending a week at the O'Neill hospital.

REDBIRD—Michael Hull is on the sick list this week being troubled with his eye. Chancie Hull slipped and fell between a hay rack and stack while working at the Lyle Faran farm, feeding cattle. He cracked several ribs the last of the week.

ATKINSON—Mrs. Charles E. E. Chace was taken to the O'Neill hospital Sunday afternoon, suffering an arm fracture. Enroute from O'Neill to Atkinson, the Chace automobile and a Meals truck from Atkinson collided. No one else was hurt.

for medical care. Charles Holcombe, living several miles southwest of Chambers, was taken to the O'Neill hospital by plane. Mrs. Duane Carson, who teaches in Amelia, walked to her home a distance of six miles and the next day four miles on to Chambers to arrange to have her brother, Walter Scott, taken to a hospital at Grand Island.

Lloyd Durre has been busy with his plane flying supplies to those in need. His services to the community will long be remembered. A Red Cross food packages arrived in Chambers and were delivered to a few needy families.

Telephone lines kept us in touch with our neighbors and while the blizzard raged day after day the "Voice of The Frontier" come to us over our radios to bring us news of other communities and tell us of the arrival of snow-moving equipment.

Eggs and cream accumulated awaiting a produce buyer. The children were out of school from Christmas until the second and third weeks of February. Worst of all, was the tragic death of our dear friends and neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kiltz, whose frozen bodies were found near their home on the afternoon of January 25.

Though we know there are still several weeks of winter ahead we feel that the worst of it is past and we are looking forward to the day when the terrible winter and blizzards of 1948-'49 will be history.

The hotdog is a two to one favorite in the United States over the hamburger.

CARDINALS COP 10th STRAIGHT

Arbuthnot's Hilltoppers Hit Peak in Downing St. Bon and Clearwater

Coach Jack Arbuthnot's St. Mary's academy Cardinals hit their peak for the first time this season during the past week, winning from St. Boniface, of Elgin, and Clearwater.

On Friday evening they knocked off St. Boniface, of Elgin, 29-19, on the O'Neill rink. Shorty Miles, bulky St. Mary's forward, led his team's scoring with 10 points, while his counterpart, Meis, dumped in 11 for the losers.

Boxscore:
ST. MARY'S (29) fg ft f pts
Hickey, f 3 2 0 8
Wills, f 0 0 0 0
Miles, f 4 2 2 10
Cavanaugh, f 0 0 0 0
Bonhoe, c 1 2 3 4
Gatz, c 0 1 3 1
Mangan, g 0 0 3 0
O'Neill, g 0 0 0 0
Uhl, g 3 0 3 6
Carney, g 0 0 0 0
Totals 11 7 14 29

ST. BONIFACE (19) fg ft f pts
Mayer, f 0 0 1 0
Heithoff, f 0 1 0 1
Meis, f 3 5 1 11
Schragee, f 0 0 0 0
Baum, f 0 0 0 0
Wirges, c 1 1 2 3
Gregor, c 0 0 0 0
Rotert, g 0 0 5 0
Schmitt, g 1 0 1 2
Henn, g 0 0 0 0
Totals 5 9 11 19

Pat Hickey, Shorty Miles and Jim Donohoe collectively rolled up 35 points in Monday's spanking the Cards handed Clear-

water. The game was played at Clearwater and St. Mary's well-oiled machine merrily rolled on. Final score: 47-18. Boxscore:

ST. MARY'S (47) fg ft f pts
Hickey, f 6 0 0 12
Wills, f 0 0 0 0
Miles, f 6 1 3 13
Cavanaugh, f 1 1 4 3
Donohoe, c 3 4 3 10
Gatz, c 3 1 4 7
Mangan, g 0 0 0 0
Murray, g 0 0 0 0
Uhl, g 0 0 3 0
Carney, g 0 0 1 0
O'Neill, g 1 0 0 2
Totals 20 7 18 47

CLEARWATER (18) fg ft f pts
Lucas, f 1 0 1 2
Thompson, f 0 2 2 2
Barret, f 4 0 2 8
Prater, c 0 1 2 1
Prater, c 0 1 0 0
Walters, g 1 2 4 4
Totals 6 6 11 18

Ewing Tigers Top Champions

EWING — Coach Oscar Smith's Ewing Tigers split two games during the past week losing to Oakdale 42-54, and winning from Brunswick, 34-18.

In the Oakdale games played Friday night at Oakdale both clubs were hot at the free-throw line. The Tigers meshed on 14 out of 17 tries, and Oakdale tallied on 14 out of 20 attempts.

Forward Brown, of Oakdale, poured through 17 points while a Ewing trio—Don Dunaway, Cappy Dierks and Jerry Rotherham—rolled up 12 points apiece in the free-scoring game.

Ewing second won 19-18,

SULLIVAN, SEGER IN SCORING DUEL

O'Neill Defeats Stuart as Opposing Forwards Pour in Points

STUART—Two guys stood out offensively on the Stuart cage floor Tuesday evening as O'Neill high Eagles fashioned a 46-40 win over the Stuart Broncos. Forward Seger, of Stuart, poured in 24 points while Forward Tom Sullivan, of O'Neill, racked up 22.

The game was rather ragged despite the high and close scoring. Boxscore:

O'NEILL (46) fg ft f pts
Sullivan, f 9 4 3 22
Harmon, f 2 0 2 4
Lindberg, f 0 0 0 0
Erwin, c 0 4 4 4
Elkins, g 3 4 2 10
Godel, g 3 0 5 6
Don Godel, g 0 0 0 0
Totals 17 12 16 46

STUART (40) fg ft f pts
Seger, f 12 0 4 24
Gilpin, f 3 2 3 8
Campbell, c 0 1 2 1
Hamik, c 1 2 5 4
Henderson, g 0 0 5 0
Clarke, g 0 3 4 3
Meiers, g 0 0 1 0
Totals 16 8 24 40

and Ewing junior high team won 13-8.

At Ewing Tuesday night, the Tigers upset the Elkhorn Valley tourney champions in a game that was Ewing's all the way. The Tigers led 13-8 at intermission.

Don Dunaway hit for 12 points to lead the winners while Bill Mason collected eight for Brunswick.

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