



**CHATting WITH MERCY MESSENGERS . . .** Radio Station KFAB, Omaha, sent its special events unit to O'Neill during the height of the emergency. Bud Nebbe (right, holding microphone) is interviewing Vernon Hardesty, of Oakland, Ia., who brought his light ski-equipped aircraft to O'Neill to help fly mercy missions. Setting is the control office at the O'Neill airport. On Hardesty's left is Mrs. Guy Cole, of Emmet, who served as volunteer American Red Cross dispatcher, and on Mrs. Cole's left is Gordon Harper, co-owner of the O'Neill Air Service.

## RADIO DIARY

FOR THE PAST TWO ISSUES The Frontier has featured the Radio Diary—a chronological text of the news presented in a series of broadcasts originating in the "Voice of The Frontier" studios and heard over various Midwestern and Rocky Mountain radio stations. Excerpts were widely rebroadcast.

A THIRD AND PROBABLY FINAL CHAPTER of the Radio Diary is being published herewith this week. This is simply a continuation of the first two installments.

BECAUSE THE PERIOD has been a historic one, The Frontier has filled hundreds of requests for extra copies. Radio Diary this week is confined to the newsmatter broadcast on the regularly-scheduled "Voice of The Frontier" program on radio station WJAG.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12—

**WJAG (Norfolk), 9:30 a. m.**  
Good morning, everyone. This is Lyle Ohrmund speaking to you from O'Neill. . . . way out here in North-Central Nebraska where last night the temperature dropped to three degrees above zero—and that's the temperature right now!

At noon yesterday a warning was issued by the weather bureau preparing the O'Neill region, as well as most of Nebraska and other nearby states, for a new cold wave with gale-like winds.

Yesterday was a mild and mellow day during which there was considerable melting of snow and ice, and out here around O'Neill folks were confident that they could see the giant drifts shrinking and melting away . . . in some cases, several feet.

Late last night the icy, northwest wind struck, sweeping in out of Montana and across the Dakotas. Temperature in O'Neill dropped from a high of 42 degrees yesterday afternoon to a low of three degrees above zero this morning, and the temperature seems to be going downward steadily.

But the hardened, weather-beaten residents in the O'Neill region didn't shudder and give up in despair when the new warning was issued. They simply gritted their teeth, and up until now anyway, most of them will tell you that this new storm isn't so bad.

Yesterday's melting prevented the old snow from blowing and filling-in all the newly opened cuts. Very little new snow has accompanied this new cold wave and wind. What snow there is . . . and what old snow is being tossed about . . . is of the same old sugar-fine variety that packs firm and solid.

One reason the storm-stricken and storm-weary residents out here haven't been bluffed out by these latest threats from the weatherman is because the army is here with its own small army of bulldozers.

Regardless of what the weatherman dishes out, the Fifth Army is going to strike back stronger than ever here in Holt county in carrying to a finish Operation Snowbound. During the past three days were snow-plowing equipment has been massed in the O'Neill area.

Twelve more bulldozers . . . the largest the government has . . . have been moved in to join in an all-out assault on the snow in northeastern Holt county.

In some quarters, Holt countians in general . . . and people in the O'Neill vicinity in particular . . . have been charged with exaggerating the snow problem. But to examine the Army's disposition of its 'dozers and other snow-fighting machinery you'll discover that the Army knows where the going is the toughest. Right now there are 131 'dozers at work in Holt county . . . three times the number at work in three nearby counties.

Maj. James H. Harper, commander of the five county sub-area Fifth Army headquarters here in O'Neill, told The Frontier that northeastern Holt county is going to be opened up regardless of wind and snow; he says that the 'dozers' supply points are being built up out there . . . and the Army is going to see this thing through.

Yesterday, when a new cold wave and new winds were forecast, the Army flashed the word by short-wave radio to its 'dozer teams in the field. The 'dozer drivers were told to hover within 10 miles of a town or their supply base, and, if worst came to worst, they were to retreat until the winds subsided.

But . . . the way things look out here this morning . . . the Army says there'll be no retreat. If conditions worsen, the 'dozers and operators will be obliged to seek cover, but the Fifth Army is determined to get on top of this snow situation once-and-for-all.

This morning in the Opportunity, Dorsey, Midway and Gibson school localities there are 36 bulldozers at work, including 12 of the biggest manufactured, as we mentioned a moment ago. In addition there are about 12 others at work in the triangle formed by a line from O'Neill to Page to Ewing and back again to O'Neill.

We have been asked by Dennis McCarthy to relay a message to Claude Daley. They are neighbors about 12 miles southwest of O'Neill and live about two miles apart. Mr. McCarthy wants Mr. Daley to know that

## Wearing of Caps, Gowns Rejected

By ARDITH FARRIER CHAMBERS—Senior class meeting was held Wednesday, February 9 for the purpose of selecting a class motto as well as completing orders for commencement announcements. It was decided for the third and final time not to wear caps and gowns.

Senior sketches: Donna Blair—Donna was born June 27, 1932, at Gross. She came to Chambers last year and began school here as a junior. Donna is a brown-eyed blonde. Her favorites include: reading for a pastime, football as a sport, pink and blue for colors. Her favorite expression is "Oh Crum" and her favorite subject is English. Donna wants to be a private secretary after graduation.

Members of the junior class are jubilant over the fact that Bruce Grimes, star player of the junior class, made 17 of the 25 points made in the last basketball game.

The freshman class learned one verse of "The House by the Side of the Road" for literature last week.

two Army 'dozer operators spent last night at the McCarthy place and this morning are setting out for the Daley place. If Mr. Daley will meet them, valuable time will be saved in getting to feed for Mr. Daley's livestock. Mr. Daley, who is a regular listener to this program, has been anxiously awaiting the arrival of help and should be pleased to learn that right now 'dozers are less than two miles away.

Funeral services were held yesterday at Stuart for John Steinhäuser, age 83, who last week died at his home at Stuart. The late Mr. Steinhäuser was born in Austria, came to the United States at the age of 20, settled near Stuart where he was married and reared a family. Between 1926 and 1936 he was a member of the Holt county board of supervisors. Survivors include three sons and four daughters.

Buried yesterday at Santa Barbara, California, was Mrs. D. H. Cronin, widow of the late D. H. Cronin, who for more than half a century published The Frontier. Mrs. Cronin is survived by one daughter, one son, four stepsons and two step-daughters.

The O'Neill bus depot reports that the bus for Grand Island departed this morning on schedule in an attempt to make its regular run. The driver, however, said the bus would return to O'Neill if it encountered too much difficulty.

This morning's bus for Norfolk departed on schedule, but busses for Bonesteel, South Dakota, and Ainsworth may not make their trips—at least that was the word a few minutes ago.

The O'Neill office of the state highway department has not received reports on all of the principal highways in the O'Neill region.

But the department warns that the highways are drifting badly, and the resident engineer, John D. Osenbaugh, urges all motorists not to attempt travel in this area unless the journey is absolutely necessary.

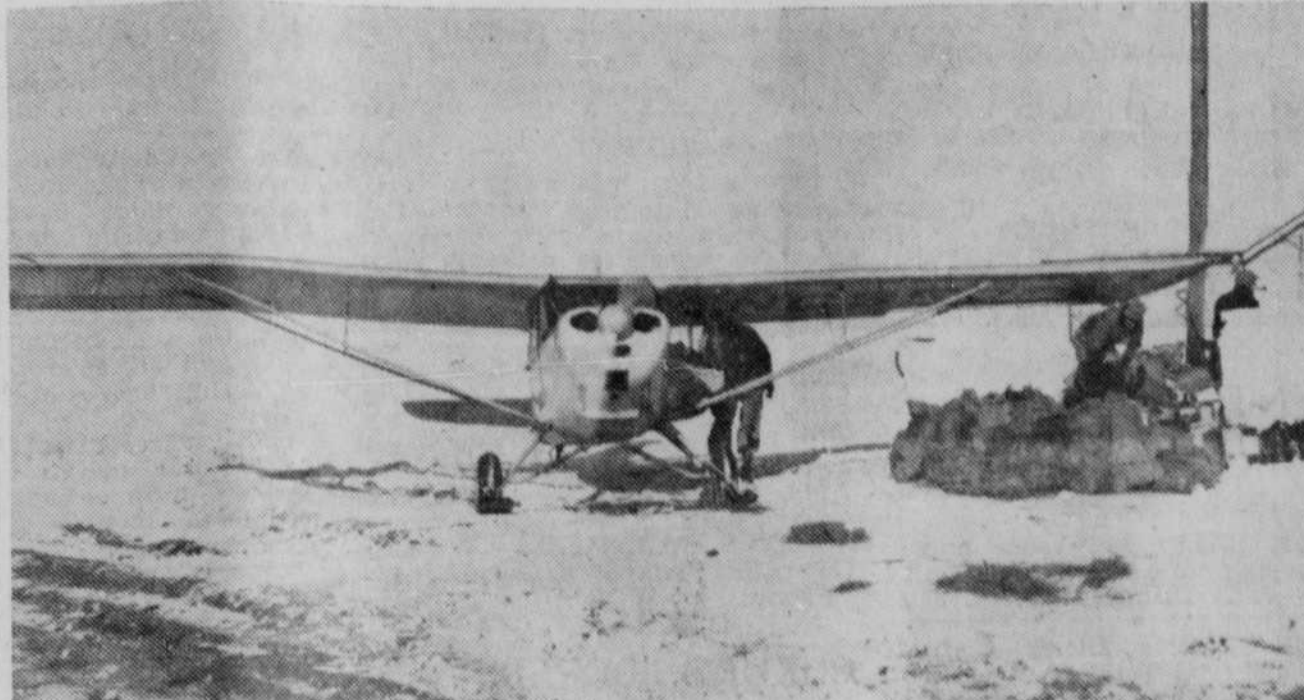
U. S. highway 27 is open from O'Neill to Norfolk, and U. S. Highway 20 is open between O'Neill and Atkinson.

The North Western railroad's mainline trains are running, but this morning they've been behind schedule. The Eastbound passenger-mail train passed through here about six hours late, while the Westbound train was running about two hours late.

The Burlington's strong-willed snowplow men have had to abandon their chores this morning about five miles east of Osmond until this latest snow and blow has passed over. The rotary is now finishing its second week trying to clear the track from South Sioux City to O'Neill—a distance of about 125 miles. Right now it's only about half the required distance. When it gets to a point six miles east of O'Neill, a wrecker train will have to move in to restore on the track the two derailed locomotives, which have been dormant since December thirty-first.

Here's a news note on the cheerful side: A six and three-quarter pound daughter was born at 1:30 o'clock this morning to Mr. and Mrs. George Oetter, who live 25 miles south of O'Neill. This is big news because Papa Oetter down on the farm and Mrs. Oetter's parents, who live out at Star, haven't heard the news. Furthermore, Mrs. Oetter has been in O'Neill since Christmas awaiting this big event!

American Red Cross relief is still going on, although the work has let up considerably in the past few days, according to Glen D. Custer, general field representative who is directing



**BEGINNING OF A MISSION . . .** This is a typical scene of the beginning of an airlift mission during the dark days of January, 1949. Gordon Harper is checking with Pilot Cliff Adkins (not visible at the controls) prior to

takeoff. At right is stockpile of fuel and food. At wingtip is Harold Ellis and at extreme right (smoking pipe) is Roy Berner.—The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.

## SERIES OF SPRING MOVES IS BEGUN

CHAMBERS—It is the time of year that moving gets underway. The weather and snow have slowed operations, but with roads opening up many families have hopes of getting located in their new homes in the near future.

Among those making or planning moves are:

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hixon and sons, who moved this week from the McGinn farm west of town to the Jack Albers place southeast of Chambers.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cameron and son, Don, plan to move to the J. W. Walter place, northwest of Chambers.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wondersee, who have purchased the place the Cameron family is vacating, plan to move as soon as possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Alderson and sons, who now reside in town, will then move onto the Alderson place where the Wondersees now live.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Grimes and Bonnie, who held a farm sale last Fall, moved Friday into a house owned by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wyant in the West part of Chambers.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoxie, of the Ballagh community, have rented the farm vacated by the Grimes family.

Mr. and Mrs. Troxel Green and Shirley moved this week from the Adams place, north of Chambers, to the home they purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Fred Trebold, southwest of Chambers.

Mr. and Mrs. Veryl David and family will vacate the place where they are living so the new owners, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey, and family, of Page, may move there. The Davids are not sure where they will go.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Miller and son, of Page, will be another new family in the community, coming to the farm operated by Mr. and Mrs. William Woods, this farm they have purchased. Mr. and Mrs. Woods will go to the Kiltz farm north of Chambers.

Mr. and Mrs. Athel Fuller will leave as soon as possible for their new home in the Mirage Flats country, south of Hay Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Hilligas will also move to their farm east of Chambers when roads and weather permit.

**Valentine Party Held—**  
EMMET—Miss Helen Martens, teacher of District 20, entertained the Pupils to a Valentine's party Monday afternoon, February 14. Valentines were exchanged by teacher and pupils after which games were played and lunch was served.

**Emmet News**  
Mrs. Howard Newton and son, Dewey, and Bud Newton were Tuesday dinner guest at the Paul Newton home.

Mrs. Rex Oberle, of Opeim, Mont., is spending some time visiting her sister, Mrs. John Conrad, and family.

Mrs. Agnes Gaffney visited Mrs. Ed Flood and Mrs. Claude Bates in O'Neill on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fox and son, Dick, and Mrs. Paul Newton and sons, Jimmie and Melvin, were last Thursday dinner guests at the Erwin Kramer home in O'Neill.

Kramer home in O'Neill. Miss Wilma Potts spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Potts, and family. She returned on Sunday to O'Neill where she is staying with Mrs. Lois Sandon.

Miss Leona Ferne Beckwith visited Miss Helen Martens and pupils on Friday.

Mrs. C. E. Quinn and Mrs. Bert Shoemaker left Sunday for Lincoln where they expect to remain a week.

WJAG . . . 780 on your dial!

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## Amelia 'Snowed-In' During January

By FLORENCE LINDSEY Special Correspondent

AMELIA—Last week the residents of this tiny southwest Holt county community were digging out after being "snowed-in" since New Year's day.

Only contact with the rest of the world was by telephone and radio. I can honestly say that everyone waited eagerly for the "Voice of The Frontier," the radio program from O'Neill over radio station WJAG.

The telephone operator, Mrs. Robert Leder, was kept busy day-and-night. She could not ring O'Neill, so periods were set to come on the line to get long distance calls through.

Harold Waldo brought mail on Sunday, January 30. There were nearly 50 sacks—the first mail received in 16 days.

There was no serious sickness in this community. No one suffered for lack of food, but fuel was very short.

A bulldozer arrived here the week of January 23 and on Sunday, January 30, made a prairie road east of Amelia to meet another bulldozer from Chambers. Three oil truck from Chambers followed these machines with fuel and supplies.

At the present time Amelia has received groceries at the stores and fuel at the oil station.

The farmers worked continuously to get hay and feed to their cattle. It was a difficult task but there has not been a heavy loss of stock here.

The bulldozer has been busy clearing roads to haystacks for many of the farmers and ranchers.

The heaviest loss of stock reported was at the Raymond Garwood ranch near Swan Lake.

Last week highway 11 was opened to Atkinson and mail was received two days in succession.

## Real Estate Transfers

WD—Christena Dierks to Marjorie Timmermans 11-6-47

\$133-Part NW¼ SE¼ 32-30-14.

WD—John P. Cleary to Nellie Turner 12-1-48 \$1-- S½ SW¼ 34-31-12.

WD—Lou I Moore to Christ Lutheran Church 2-8-49 \$7500.

All lots 9-10-11 Blk H Fahys Park Add-O'N.

WD—Mary L. Malone to Halley N. Holly & wf 1-27-49 \$1-- lot 4 Blk 7, Ewing.

WD—Francis J. Gilg to Stanley N. Holly & wf 1-27-49 \$1-- lot 16 & So 70 ft lot 17 Gilg Replat of Blk B-Fahys 2nd Add-O'N.

WD—Luke C. Rakow to Gerhardt H. Luebbeck 11-26-48 \$16,500-N¼ 32-29-9.

WD—Francis J. Gilg to Anton Forsberg & wf 2-7-49 \$6,500-- lot 1-Gilg Replat Blk B-Fahys 2nd Add-O'Neil.

QCD—Clarence W. Wineteer et al to Joe M. Shonka 4-12-48 \$1-NE¼ 10-25-13.

TAX DEED—J. Ed Hancock Co Treas to Paul Parshall 2-10-49 taxes for 1939-40-41 & 42 lots 11 to 18 inc.-Blk 1-Collins Add-Atk.

Fire claims an average of 22 lives daily in the United States.

## Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Chase and family, of Atkinson, spent the weekend visiting Mrs. Chase's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hammond.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Froelich spent Friday visiting their daughter, Mrs. Beverly Wanner, and family, of Wayne.

Miss Genevieve Bilgin, of Sioux City, arrived Monday to visit friends and relatives.

Mrs. O. A. Herley, of Neligh, spent the weekend visiting her son, Reed Herley, and family.

Mrs. John Shipman, of Melena, Ia., spent Monday night with friends here enroute to Gregory, S. D., where she will join Mr. Shipman, who is employed there.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey R. Tompkins and family, of Inman, were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Neil Dawes.

Miss Alice Bilgin spent the weekend in Sioux City visiting relatives and friends.

James Protzman, of Omaha, was a Saturday overnight guest at the E. M. Gallagher home.

Miss Jaree Schiessler, of Ainsworth, was a weekend guest at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Vannie Newman.

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Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Brown, of Hastings, visited their daughter and son and their families, Mrs. Robert Kurtz and Ralph Brown, respectively for the weekend.

Mrs. Fred Robertson and Mrs. Christine Williams spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. O. A. Kilpatrick.

Walter Patras and daughter, Virginia, all of Clearwater, Wis., were Sunday at the home of Mrs. Mae Keller.

Robert Jones and Samuel Gramsch were in Butte Tuesday on business.

Robert Fleming, of Ewing, came Monday to visit his sister, Mrs. Charles Lawrence.

All 17 species of penguins live in the southern hemisphere.

Mrs. John Rotherham returned to Inman Tuesday after having spent almost a week at the Matt Hynes home.

Mrs. Rose Jennings, of Blue Earth, Minn., arrived here Tuesday for the funeral of Richard Jennings. She is visiting friends and relatives.

Judge and Mrs. Louis W. Reimer entertained Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Lorenz and family, Saturday at dinner. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Taylor, of Atlanta, Ga., who are visiting the Reimers. Mrs. Taylor is the Reimers' daughter.

Saturday Mrs. Cora Pettijohn, of Stuart visited her sister, Mrs. M. B. Marcellus and family.

Mrs. Edward Zohm and daughter, Bonnie, of Spencer, and also Mrs. Gayle Couch of Spencer, visited Wednesday, February 9 at the home of Mrs. Zahm's sister, Mrs. James C. Moran, and family.

Rev. Clyde O. Cress and family moved Wednesday, February 9, to the home formerly occupied by the Emmet Moores. The house the Cress family moved from was purchased by Mr. Hansen who lives north of town. The Hansens expect to occupy the house in the Spring.

Mrs. John D. George and daughter, Shirley, of Omaha, arrived Saturday to spend a week or two with Mrs. D. George's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle McKim.

Mr. and Mrs. Byran Reynolds, of Reno, Nev. are visiting the Roy Lanman home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Urban were Sunday dinner guest at the home of Mrs. Mae Keller.

## Earnie White Marks 85th Anniversary

AMELIA—Earnie White had a birthday anniversary Sunday, February 13, reaching his 85th year. He was among the first settlers and ranched near Inez for many years. He sold the ranch to Earnie Johnston last Fall. He is very active in the community and does a lot toward keeping the telephone lines in working order.

# Announcing

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