

'Voice' Again Performs Yeoman Duty

Frontier Tells Blizzard Story to World; Plane Used for Pictures

The Frontier's staff worked overtime this week and the paragraphs that follow explain why.

When the hurricane-like storm broke early Tuesday The Frontier dug in for yeoman duty — much as it did a year ago when it earned wide attention for its dual job of radio broadcasting and delivering graphic stories to the nation's press.

At 11:30 o'clock Tuesday morning the "Voice of The Frontier" went on the air by remote control over station WJAG at Norfolk in a special 15-minute broadcast of storm news. At that point many communities east of here had not yet felt the force of the storm. Chuck Apgar's able descriptive of O'Neill's plight dumbfounded many "easterners" who, within an hour's time, were to feel the blast.

To borrow from Apgar's first broadcast, he said "visibility is so low I can occasionally see a big yellow truck parked at the curb outside my window."

To emphasize the point, he added: "Folks, that's not hay — that's simply a lot of snow and wind."

He referred to one of Bill Beha's special broadcasts of a year ago. Beha had said one morning, when he was being heard by a million listeners, that "the O'Neill streets are deserted. All I could see when I came downtown this morning was a jack rabbit bounding through the street, spouting a geyser of snow."

Apgar used the reference, then caustically added a March 7 comparison.

"Any rabbit would be crazy to be out in this one!"

At 4:30 p.m. Chuck broadcast to the KFAB audience by special wire to the Omaha station. And, a half-hour later, The Frontier took to the air again with another special broadcast from Norfolk.

A microphone was poked out The Frontier's front door and for about 60 seconds listeners had an opportunity to hear the wind—the 100-mile-per-hour variety.

At 9:15 p.m. a 3-minute broadcast was aired over station KOA at Denver, Colo. A radio "loop" couldn't be set up because of line difficulties, so the news was sent by telephone, recorded, and "played-back" by KOA.

Later in the evening, The Frontier was in telephonic contact with stations WHO at Des Moines, Ia.; WGN, in Chicago, Ill. and WNAX at Yankton, S. D.

KFAB used a 2-minute piece directly from the O'Neill studio on the 10 p.m. news Tuesday night.

Meanwhile, The Frontier kept a battery of telephones busy dispatching word-pictures to the Associated Press and other newspapers. One direct dispatch was sent to the Chicago Tribune, and innumerable phone calls were exchanged with the Omaha World-Herald.

Wednesday morning's regularly scheduled 9:45 "Voice of The Frontier" program ran overtime. It was loaded with important storm news and announcements.

It was on this program that the first complete story of the rescue of the expectant mother, Mrs. Wallace O'Connell, was told, and that Robert L. Gesirich had perished in the storm.

Meanwhile, practically every station in the country carried the stories on their noon news summaries and the word was printed in most newspapers.

Finally at 5:08 p.m. Wednesday the "Voice" went on the air

again with a special, final edition of the storm news over WJAG. Featured was a tape-recorded interview with Mrs. O'Connell, who had given birth to a 7 1/2-pound son a few hours earlier. (See story on page 1)

Final radio reporting was completed on KFAB's 10 p.m. news broadcast Wednesday. Voices of Mrs. O'Connell and Apgar were heard.

That covers the on-the-spot radio coverage, but the newspaper reporting is a separate story.

The Frontier arranged with the Omaha World-Herald to fly its chief photographer, Lawrence Robinson, to O'Neill on Wednesday. Robinson arrived about 2:45 p.m., made numerous passes over the town for aerial photos, and landed at the snow-blocked O'Neill airport where he made several pictures of damaged craft. The World-Herald and Frontier held a rendezvous at the Dick place, where the big rotary snowplow was working, and Robinson headed back with the first pictures to be taken out of the stricken area.

Thursday morning's World-Herald carried a full page of O'Neill pictures in addition to a picture of Mrs. O'Connell and her new-born son, which appeared on the front page.

The Associated Press received World-Herald and Frontier permission to move the entire set of pictures on the wirephoto network and Thursday papers throughout the country are graced with O'Neill blizzard scenes.

Most of The Frontier's photographic work was done by John H. McCarville, staff photographer.

On the Wednesday 5:08 p.m. broadcast, Apgar asked The Frontier's readers to "bear with us" because the March 9 issue of The Frontier would be late.

It is.

The Frontier went to press Thursday about 24 hours behind schedule. But because most rural routes are impassable, it was decided to holdup the edition 24 hours in order to give the complete storm coverage with pictures. All storm pictures were processed for The Frontier by the Omaha World-Herald.

"Your paper is late mister," a freckled 10-year-old boy quipped when he stuck his head in the doorway Thursday morning.

"That's right," said Publisher Carroll W. Stewart. "Pull up a chair and I'll tell you why."

Chas. Crook Sale Slated for Saturday

The Frontier has two sales listed on its calendar.

On Saturday, March 11, Charles Crook will sell at public auction one lot of improved city property on the premises one block south then the second house east of the O'Neill library. The sale will start at 3 p. m. on the sale date. Keith Abart, will be the auctioneer and P. C. Donohoe, the broker.

On Saturday, March 25, the Niobrara Valley Hereford association will hold its fourth annual spring show and sale of 50 registered herefords at the Butte Livestock market at Butte. The offering includes bulls and females. The show will get underway at 10 a. m. and the sale will start at 1 p. m.

W. G. Sire, of Butte, is the sale manager; Ernie Weller, of Atkinson, will be the auctioneer and Emil Rezac, of Tabor, S. D., will be the judge.

Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Burgess went to Omaha Sunday. They returned today (Thursday).

DANIEL B. PERKINS, CHAMBERS, DIES

Extensive Landowner Is Stricken Fatally by Heart Attack

CHAMBERS — Daniel B. Perkins, 83, a retired rancher and an extensive Holt county landowner, died suddenly at 8:30 a.m. Friday, March 3, at his home in the east part of Chambers. He was stricken at the breakfast table and died almost instantly, according to Dr. J. W. Gill, who was summoned.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p.m. at the Baptist church. Rev. Lawrence McElheron officiated and burial was in the Chambers cemetery under the direction of Biglin Bros.

The church's auditorium could not accommodate the overflow crowd that gathered for the rites.

Pallbearers were Glenn Grimes, Clarence Grimes, Charles Coolidge, Robert Adams, Gordon Harley, Richard Harley, Cleo Alderson and Jack Alderson.

Daniel Bancroft Perkins was born on January 25, 1867, at Coral, Ill., a son of the late Edward Everett Perkins and Janette Atwell Perkins.

He came to Holt county with his parents at the age of 18 from Union county, Illinois. His parents were among south-Holt's earliest homesteaders.

On February 28, 1911, he married Miss Louise Metzner, a Wisconsin school teacher. The nuptial rite was performed at Chambers. They were a childless couple.

He was a member of the Odd Fellows and Masonic lodges.

Mr. Perkins continuously expanded his land holdings and at the time of his death owned about 3,000 acres.

In April, 1949, he and his wife deeded to the village of Chambers a 100-acre tract adjoining the town on the southeast. Only last week town officials were completing negotiations with Civil Aeronautics officials for construction of a municipal airport on the site.

Mr. Perkins' sudden death denied him an opportunity to see actual construction begin on the port. An elaborate entrance was planned and the site was to be landscaped into a beauty spot as well.

When the gift was made, Chairman Edwin Thorin, of the village board of trustees, estimated the tract represented a cash value of about 10-thousand-dollars.

Survivors include: Widow, who has been in delicate health, and a sister, Mrs. Lois Adams.

Exciting Diversion Playing Canasta

Stranded transients and salesmen staying at the Golden hotel during the blizzard found better things to do than stare out the front window.

Principally they found exciting diversion in the current popular card game — canasta. Max Golden, blizzard-wise hotel operator here, said "some of the games were so good the players wouldn't come to dinner."

Some salesmen passing the time of day playing the popular card game commented that in various years of traveling on the road, they had never seen or been caught in a storm comparable to the one that hit in the O'Neill region Tuesday.

Some salesmen who had been traveling the road up to 40 years were shocked at the sudden change in weather conditions.

Storm's Damage At Stuart Minor

STUART — Like all other communities this locality suffered its toll from the elements during the storm that hit here Tuesday just about dawn.

During the gale of hurricane proportions, some of the wall of the stairway leading from the old to the new public school building was blown out. Minor damage was reported.

Walt Smith and his son were thought to be missing during the Tuesday storm. However, they turned up in town early Wednesday morning only after walking in from their farm 5 miles northeast of here.

Many members of this community were about to organize a searching party when the pair returned to town. It is reported that Smith and his son were without food from Monday night until Wednesday morning.

Plan to attend a dinner and card party St. Patrick's day at St. Mary's gym, sponsored by the Friends of St. Mary's. 44c

The Washington-Merry-Go-Round — Russian Possession of A-Bomb and H-Bomb Stresses Need for Relocation of Capitol

By DREW PEARSON

Republicans will probably wise-crack at this one, but since Russia's discovery of H-bomb and A-bomb secrets, it's likely that the President and Vice-President of the United States will not again attend a Jackson day dinner under the same roof.

Regardless of the political party in power, this is not a pleasant kind of internal security precaution to contemplate.

Nevertheless, after the Jackson-Jefferson day dinner, someone began considering the gruesome question as to what would have happened if an enemy plane over the Arctic Circle on February 16 and dropped an A-bomb on Washington.

Not only were the President and Vice-President under the same roof, but also every member of the cabinet, the Democratic governors of 10 states and a good part of the senate and house of representatives. The speaker was also present, and if such a catastrophe had occurred, it would have been up to a speaker pre-empt to convene the house, while Senator McClellan would have had the power to convene the senate.

Whether congress would have then called for special elections, or whether the Republicans would have taken over the administration is a debatable question.

Undoubtedly, however, the Republicans would have had to take over for the time being, since few Democratic leaders would have been left, and since three to six months would have been necessary to make nominations and conduct the final balloting.

There also would be the question of who would declare war with part of congress gone, and who would make the vital decisions necessary to carry on a war.

Tragic Possibilities

These are just a few of the problems which aren't pleasant to think about but which have to be considered in view of the now definite fact that Russia has all our atomic secrets.

This is also why the administration, after inexcusably long delays, is finally and almost frantically working on civil defense, including an alternate capital of the United States. For, should a bomb be dropped on Washington, it would mean the destruction of all FBI fingerprints, all civil service records, all veterans insurance and pension records, all military defense plans, income-tax records, the Library of Congress and the government archives dating back to the beginning of the republic.

In fact, there is some doubt whether the government could function at all immediately after the destruction of these records. A period of chaos would be certain, military planners fear, unless careful plans are made now for an alternate capital with micro-filmed records stored there.

Speculation is that an alternate capital would be safest somewhere in the Rocky Mountains, possibly Denver or Salt Lake City.

John L. Lewis' Judge Federal Judge Richmond Keech, the man who had been slapping John L. Lewis with those back-to-work court orders, was teetotal on law enforcement. His father was a District of Columbia policeman.

However, the 53-year-old jurist is not a chronic "crack-downer," but a quiet, amiable man with a homespun air that belies his black robes. He also has a tremendous liking for people, particularly little people, a characteristic developed in the days when he used to fight consumers' battles against the public utilities as people's counsel of the district.

Later Keech became a member of the public utilities commission and served for a time as corporation counsel of the D. C. government before President Truman recognized his talents and made him a White

Atkinson Church Bell Tolls in Wind

ATKINSON — Residents of Atkinson heard church bells pealing during the height of Tuesday's blow. Visibility was zero but folks living near the Methodist church recognized the tolling.

Rev. W. C. Birmingham, pastor, was positive the sexton had no part of it; suggested the wind was either turning the bell completely over or slamming the clapper against the side of the bell periodically.

Said Reverend Birmingham: "I'm not going to the belfry to investigate."

FUTURE SUBSCRIBERS



WREDE—Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wrede, of Seattle, Wash., a daughter, Janet Earlene, born at Renton, Wash., on Saturday, February 18. The Wredes are well-known at Lynch, having lived in Redbird many years.

BARRY—Mr. and Mrs. Russell Barry of Arlington, Va., a daughter, Jacquelyn Ann, born Saturday, March 4, in Arlington. Mrs. Barry is the former Almeda Kubart, who was reared in Atkinson.

KRAMER — Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Kramer, of Atkinson, a son, born Thursday, March 2, at the O'Neill hospital.

GALLAGHER—Mr. and Mrs. John R. Gallagher, of O'Neill, a son, born Saturday, March 4, at the O'Neill hospital.

LORENZ—Mr. and Mrs. Glen Lorenz, of Ewing, a daughter, Carene Ann, born Saturday, March 4, at the O'Neill hospital.

WALTERS — Mr. and Mrs. Louis Walters, of Chambers, a son, born Sunday, March 5, at the O'Neill hospital.

O'CONNELL—Mr. and Mrs. Wallace O'Connell, of O'Neill, a son, Timothy Joseph, born Wednesday March 8, at the O'Neill hospital.

PERRY—Mr. and Mrs. Dean Perry, of Emmet, a daughter, weighing 7 1/2 pounds, born Saturday, March 4.

KRUTZ — Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Kurtz, of O'Neill, a son, Miles Carl, weighing 7 1/2 pounds, born Friday, March 3, at home. This is the couple's third child and first son.

LOWERY—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lowery of O'Neill a daughter, weighing 8 pounds and 10 ounces, born Friday, March 3, in a Norfolk hospital.

Coast To Coast Store To Open

George Gilbertson, new owner of the Coast to Coast store, said he is preparing for his grand opening, scheduled to be April 1.

The Coast to Coast store will occupy a vacant building formerly housing the Rickley variety store on Douglas street.

Gilbertson announced Thursday that carpenters and painters will finish Saturday, March 11, and fixtures are slated to arrive Monday, March 13.

Married, Gilbertson, who was formerly in the banking business, has a 15-year-old daughter. The Gilbertson arrived this week from Roslyn, S. D., to make preparations for the opening of the store.

SHED BLOWN DOWN

William Kipple reported that a machine shed, measuring 20x30 feet, was blown to pieces by Tuesday's gale. He also reported the loss of several chickens.

Mrs. Ann Asher is entertaining Mrs. Bertha Young, of North Platte, as a houseguest this week. Mrs. Young arrived Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lehn and family, of Wahoo, were weekend guests of his sister, Miss La Veta Lehn.

Mrs. Glenn Gettert is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Liable, of Atkinson, this week.

Selected FOODS for Lent

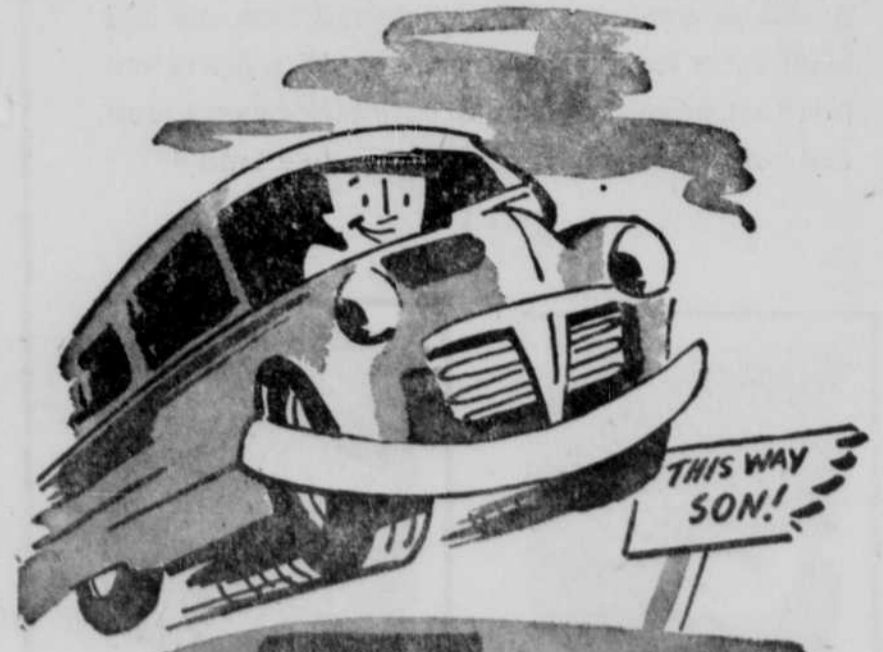
KRAFT'S Velveeta Cheese 2 lbs. 69c	
GALLON PEACHES 53c	PURE LARD, 2 lbs. 25c
ARMOUR PORK & BEANS, 2 No. 2 1/2 cns. 35c	LUSH SYRUP, gal. 59c
HOLSUM SALAD DRESSING, qt. 39c	APPLE BUTTER, 2-lb. jar 15c
FANCY PINEAPPLE, 2 cns. 35c	ROYAL JELLO, pkg. 5c
ARMOUR'S MILK, can 10c	CINCH CAKE MIX, pkg. 33c
RED TRIUMPH POTATOES 100 lbs. \$1.69	MEDIUM SUNKIST ORANGES EACH 1c
FANCY H & G WHITING 2 lbs. . . 29c	
U. S. GOOD BEEF ROAST, lb. 49c	SLICED BACON ENDS, 2 lbs. 35c
LEAN PORK STEAK lb. . . . 43c	

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