

48-Hour Storm Lashes Region

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former and "service" connections gave out, residents were obliged to pile on the bed clothing. There were outages up to 12 hours.
C. E. A. Johnson, manager of the O'Neill district, explained the failure this way:
"The cause of this interruption was due to a system failure on the 69-kv Omaha Public Power district line when it came down across the 69-kv Bellevue feeder line between the Omaha Public Power district and the Nebraska Public Power system substation.

"We do not know the cause of the Omaha line coming down, but the effect was it took the Bellevue steam plants off the line that were pulling 90,000-kw. at the time.

"The balance of the plants in the state were unable to hold the load so that the NPPS dumped the load to hold the system together. After engines had picked up the load, the second tie circuit went down from the Bellevue plant, probably due from damage of the first burning down, so that the plant again went off the line and it was necessary to again take off load until the Bellevue units could be put back on the system.

"It was certainly unfortunate that during this bad storm, we had to have the system failure along with our own minor troubles, but we felt our customers would want to know why we were in the dark on the night of February 20."

Damage to the Consumers marque, which buckled under the weight of snow, is estimated at six hundred dollars.

The 50-ft. aluminum canopy, which hung horizontally, was damaged extensively, but the show windows, which are mounted on an angle, remained intact. Damage to the neon sign, the city's largest, is \$50.

The collapse came during the height of Friday's storm. There were no pedestrians on the street, otherwise the accident might have been fatal.

Consumers owns the building, formerly known as the Scott block.

Snow Removal Crews Unsung Heroes

Among the unsung heroes of last week's blizzard were the state highway department employees, whose all-out effort against the elements began even before the storm had subsided.

Those who man the snow-removal machines by day repaired their equipment Friday and ventured out the moment the resident engineer, John D. Osenbaugh, was satisfied the lives of the operators were not in peril and work they could accomplish would not be undone by fresh wind and snow.

Mechanics who readied the equipment were Leo Carney, Frank Eppenbach, Gene Porter and Dewayne Philbrick. On the administrative staff, at the state highway department headquarters here, is James Carney in addition to Osenbaugh.

Night crew workers were Lavert Stevens, Alvin Ott, Clyde McKenzie, Jr., and Leonard Miller. Setting out with the lone rotary plow even before the storm had subsided, Stevens and Ott worked around the clock until 9 a.m., Saturday, when they were relieved by day crew members—Maurice Cavanaugh, Jr., and Richard Minton. Other day crew workers were Gilbert Winchell, William Hinz, George Van Every, Carl Colfack and Harold Colfack.

Stevens compared the snow to the hard, sugar-fine stuff that became ice during the recurring blizzards four years ago.

"This year's snow was softer. She was still loose when we went after her, and didn't give it a chance to settle," he explained.

Niobrara Reports Record Snowfall

NIORRARA—Older residents of Niobrara claim that there was more snow piled on Main street here following Thursday's and Friday's blizzard than they have even seen there before.

Equipment of the state highway department and bulldozers had to be called on before traffic could move at all, and it will be several days before the snow can be hauled away to provide normal traffic conditions.

Several "storm incidents" occurred here.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Halvorsen became parents of a son Thursday night at their home while the storm raged. Dr. S. R. Neal, attending physician, managed to get to the place by using a tractor. The mother and baby are reported doing well.

Louis Quie suffered a heart attack early Saturday while shoveling snow, but later was reported to be in satisfactory condition.

Funeral services for Albert Kounovsky, scheduled for Friday afternoon at Verdell, were postponed to 2 p.m. Monday.

Several stranded men and trucks were stranded here during the storm. There was no school Friday.

World day of prayer services were postponed from Friday until next Friday.



Johnson, Schmidt, Kufahl . . . trouble shooters.

All business houses were closed here Friday and the community virtually "stood still". It is estimated that 12 inches of snow, on the level, fell here.

'Burl' Again Has Trouble

The Burlington railroad took no chances of getting its shiny new diesel engine involved in a situation like that which proved so costly during the Recurring Blizzards.

Four years ago a steam double-header pushing a V-type wedge plow plowed into a deep cut near Highway, east of O'Neill. The locomotives tore up some track, turned over on their side and reposed there for five weeks despite all efforts to clear the line and free them.

A South Sioux City-to-O'Neill bound train pulled into O'Neill last Thursday at 3:15 p.m., clearing some snow as it breezed along with its half-million dollar locomotive which had been in service only a few weeks.

Upon arrival at O'Neill the trainmen were ordered to sit tight instead of turn around and head for home base at Ferry Junction, outside South Sioux.

There was no traffic on the line until a snowplow arrived here at 8:26 p.m., Monday. The plow was laden with snow and gave evidence of having encountered plenty of it enroute.

At 1 a.m. the diesel-powered "Burl" got back in business.

Page Digs Out from Deep Snow

PAGE—Page residents are making recovery from a sagging snowstorm of late last week—the worst blizzard here since the winter of 1948-'49.

Saturday was a clear day and much progress was made in clearing streets and sidewalks of drifts. The side roads in this vicinity are "no roads at all," although main highways are open. Some snow fell here last Wednesday night, accompanied by high wind. Thursday morning more snow and stronger winds forced closing of several rural schools.

The wind velocity and snow continued through Friday making travel almost impossible. School was dismissed here Friday, there was no mail and at intervals there was no electric current.

All Activities Halt at Ewing

EWING—All social affairs and many business trips were postponed over the weekend due to the blizzard which hit Ewing last Thursday evening, continuing until Friday evening. About 12 inches of snow fell, the high winds caused roads to be blocked and drifts about town served as a reminder of those during the winter of the deep snows in 1948 and '49. Many of the streets have one-way traffic.

A good job shoveling sidewalks has been done.

Temperatures again reached the zero mark, but the warm sun on Sunday brought the spring-like temperatures back again with a temperature in the high 30's.

Orchard Digs Out from 12 Inches

ORCHARD—Orchard and vicinity are slowly digging out after the worst snowstorm of the season. Ten to 12 inches of snow fell Thursday night and Friday and was swept into huge drifts, 10 to 20 feet high.

Visibility was at zero Friday. No business places were open and traffic was at a standstill. It was still light Saturday.

The snow was melting some under bright sunshine Sunday.

Storm Reminiscent of 1948-'49—

INMAN—Inman was buffeted Thursday and Friday by the most severe blizzard of the year, and residents were struggling to dig out from under huge drifts.

About 5 inches of snow fell here and 55 to 60 mile winds raged here in gusts.

The public school was closed both Thursday and Friday.

The huge drifts reminded residents of those of the big blizzards of 1948-'49.

No loss of livestock has been reported as yet.

Trouble-Shooters Sleepless 30 Hours Mending 'Hot' Wires No Picnic

The three-man trouble-shooting crew for Consumers Public Power district, whose responsibility it is to keep things on an even keel in O'Neill, Page, Inman and Emmet, consists of Ben (Rahe) Johnson, Henry Kufahl and Ed Schmidt.

During the course of Friday's blizzard they were marooned most of Friday at Emmet. The service there had been intermittent for some patrons and mending troubles with "hot" wires while a man-sized storm rages is no picnic. Upon returning to O'Neill at 2:30 a.m., Saturday, they were obliged to repair "outages" in the northeast section of the city where some homes had been out of power (and heat) for eight or 10 hours.

The first problem in tackling an "outage" is to determine where the trouble is. This requires hours of searching and probing, sometimes with snowshoes. The district's weasel broke down—ran off a track—a few minutes after it was put into action.

First trouble developed in the northeast section where a transformer blew out Friday morning at 9:15. Service was restored for several dozen families at 9:35 p.m.

Those who worked on this trouble job were Jack Dailey, Dewayne Landis and Don Keller—assisted by Boyd Ressel of the REA.

Robert Kurtz, who heads the district's construction crew, was marooned during most of Friday's storm at Valentine, managed to get back to O'Neill on the heels of a snowplow.

From here they went to Page where "outages" had created considerable discomfort for persons who relied on electrically-controlled heat. Kurtz's crew includes Leo Brill, Glenn Gettler and John Vitt.

Ed Wilson, manager of the REA headquarters here, had no "outages" reported during the storm, except for the general blackout that was caused by trouble in the Omaha-Bellevue area.

H. E. Asher, Consumer's power plant maintenance expert, was tied up at Ericson which was isolated and without power for many hours. A water shortage periled that town for many hours because there was no source of power to pump municipal water. Ericson is in the Kearney district.

Ben Johnson's crew went without sleep for 30 hours in trying to stay on top of trouble-spots.

The standby power plant on the north edge of the city, which might have alleviated some of the discomfort during the three-hour blackout, was not in condition to go. Without power for water supply the cooling tower could not be put in operation.

The O'Neill firemen were summoned Friday night to try to provide water for the tower, but the power was restored before the job was done.

Newton Plows Snow for 35 Hours

Howard Newton, municipal employee, turned in an iron man performance aboard the city's snow plow during the storm. He went to work Friday, even before the storm had subsided, and opened principal streets to one-way traffic. He was accompanied by Art Holz, who spotted fire-hydrants and snow-covered automobiles to avoid any incident that might stall operations.

Next day Holz, Lloyd Brittle and City Councilman Norbert Uhl rode as coplots. Uhl said drifts up to 18 feet deep were encountered. Deeper were in the northeast section of the city in the vicinity of Mrs. Mildred Wyant's home on East Benton. The plow and dozer were kept busy continuously from Friday night until Sunday night.

Meanwhile, City Supt. L. C. Anderson directed snow-removal operations from the business district, commenced early Sunday morning. Levi Fuller, O'Neill contractor, extensively used his tractor loader outfit which is credited with moving most of the snow on to six trucks.

Church Bells, Siren Announce Start

In O'Neill the church bells will ring and the fire alarm will sound signalling the start of the annual membership and fund-raising drive in behalf of the American Red Cross.

The kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday, March 2.

Scores of housewives will set out on a door-to-door solicitation in helping to gather O'Neill's share of the county goal—\$3,098.

Mrs. Harry Sullivan of O'Neill, Holt drive chairman, says the quota is necessarily higher this year.

"But this increase reflects only an increase in human need which our organization is designed to meet," she explained.

"Your board of governors is not unmindful of the greater burden placed upon chapter volunteers by their acceptance of the gamma globulin aspect of the blood program. Gamma globulin, a by-product of blood, has been demonstrated as effective treatment of paralysis that often accompanies poliomyelitis. Of the national portion of our goal, \$7,000,000 is earmarked for gamma globulin, thus creating an increase of about 20 percent over the national portion of the 1952 goal."

The office of defense mobilization, at whose request the project was undertaken, will plan with appropriate groups for allocation and distribution of gamma globulin. The American Red Cross serves as the collection agency, and finances the processing and packaging of this by-product, thus bridging the gap between those who need and those who wish to help, Mrs. Sullivan added.

Activities intended to accomplish the same purpose are being planned in other Holt communities.

The county chapter has sent hundreds of direct mail letters to rural residents.

"The need for financial help was never greater," an American Red Cross field representative told volunteer workers in a meeting here last week.

Rock Falls News

Dale Curran came out to the James Curran home Monday to take Judy and Randy Joe back to town. They had been snowed in since last week.

Guests at Albert Stern's Sunday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Vequist and children and John Richardson.

Guests at Roy Margritz's on Tuesday, February 17, for supper were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sterns and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Vequist and family. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Curran and girls came for the evening.

Wesley Taylor drove his team and wagon to Lyle Vequist's on Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Smith and sons were guests at Henry Vequist's Sunday evening.

Vequist's from last Thursday until Tuesday, Miss Leah Serck was also snowbound there over the weekend.

Don Breiner was a dinner guest Tuesday at Louis Brown's.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hynes and Linda were supper guests at Louis Brown's Tuesday evening.

Delia Ernst left James Curran's Tuesday to visit relatives at Amelia.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schultz and girls rode horseback over to Floyd Johnson's Tuesday.

Ray Johnson was a guest at Louis Brown's Monday afternoon and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Calkins were guests at Don Hynes' Tuesday, February 17.

Mrs. Floyd Johnson and Linda walked (or waded) over to John Schultz's Monday.

Don Breiner was a dinner guest at Floyd Johnson's Wednesday.

Two men from Broken Bow purchased a pup from Floyd Johnson Wednesday.

The weather had a surprise party for everyone last week and the card games have been confined to mostly home folks since. However, folks are getting dug or shoveled out again now. There was a lot of snow hereabouts.

U.S. highway 20 west of Orchard was the last major stretch of road to be opened by the plows. This was accomplished about 4 p.m., Saturday.

COMPLETES BASIC

Pvt. and Mrs. Daryl Beckwith arrived here Sunday morning from Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Beckwith and Mrs. Frances Malcom. Private Beckwith has just completed his basic training as a mechanical engineer. At the end of his 13-day furlough, he will report to Camp Stoneman, Calif.

EMMET NEWS

Robert Fox of O'Neill, formerly of Emmet, is now in the air corps stationed near Oakland, Calif.
Bud and Robert Cole bought a second hand caterpillar tractor at Atkinson on Saturday.
Miss Doris Pierson of O'Neill spent this week staying with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Foreman and family while practice teaching.
Miss Norma Lou Foreman, a

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senior normal training student at O'Neill high school, will do practice teaching under the supervision of Mrs. Alvin Kloppenborg this week at her school northwest of Emmet.
Misses Mary Lou Conard and Jeanne Cole were house guests at the D. C. Schaffer home in

O'Neill Friday and Saturday due to the storm.
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence ("Larry") Tenborg and son, Gregory, went to Grand Island on Tuesday, February 17, where Mr. Tenborg plans to work in the ordinance plant.

GOOD TENDER

Beef Roast 39¢

PER LB.

ROUND STEAK LB.	69¢	CUDAHY'S SLICED BACON 3 LBS.	98¢
T-BONE STEAK LB.	75¢	H and G WHITING 2 LBS.	29¢
RIB STEAK LB.	59¢	10-LB. BOX	1.39

LUSHUS

CHERRIES

2 NO. 2 CANS

39¢

ARMOUR'S

MILK

2 Cans'

25¢

GIANT

TIDE

Pkg.

69¢

FANCY

SALMON

2 LB. CANS

79¢

CUDAHY'S

Table Ready

OLEO

5 Lbs.

98¢

SWANSDOWN

CAKE MIX

3 pkgs.

79¢

VANILLA or ORANGE

FROSTEE

2 pkgs.

29¢

BAKER'S

Chocolate CHIPS

2 pkgs.

43¢

KARO

SYRUP

5-lb. can

55¢

MAZOLA

OIL

Pint

37¢

ARGO

STARCH

2 pkgs.

25¢

COCONUT

BON BONS

Lb. pkg.

33¢

VAN CAMP'S

SPANISH RICE

2 cans

35¢

OMAR FLOUR 50-Lb. SACK

3.49

RED TRIUMPH

POTATOES

Sack

2.99

CELLO

CARROTS

2 for

19¢

WHITE or PINK

GRAPEFRUIT

10 for

39¢

SUNKIST

ORANGES

2 Doz. for

29¢

LENTEN SPECIALS

TASTE GOOD

CHEESE

2-lb. pkg.

77¢

FANCY

TUNA FISH

2 cans

39¢

KRAFT

DINNERS

2 pkgs.

29¢

FANCY

HERRING

1/2-gal.

1.49

SALAD WAFER

CRACKERS

Lb.

21¢

FROZEN

ORANGE JUICE

2 Cans

27¢

MEADOW GOLD

BUTTER

Lb.

67¢

CHASE & SANBORN

COFFEE

Lb.

79¢

CRISCO

3 LB. CAN

83¢

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