### **48-Hour Storm** Lashes Region

(Continued from page 1) former and "service" conections 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-ky 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 90,000kw, 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 ha picked up the load, the secnd 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 troubls, but we felt our customers February 20."

Damage to the Consumers marquee, 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. no chances of getting its shiny Damage to the neon sign, the new diesel engine involved in a city's largest, is \$50.

height of Friday's storm. There Blizzards. were no pedestrians on the Four years ago a steam double-

All business houses were closed would want to know why we here Friday and the community were in the dark on the night of virtually "stood still". It s estimated that 12 inches of snow, on the level, fell here.

'Burl' Again Has

Trouble-

The Burlington railroad took situation like that which proved



ing crew for Consumers Public American Red Cross. Power district, whose responsi-The collapse came during the so costly during the Recurring bility it is to keep things on an even keel in O'Neill, Page, In- Scores of housewives

From here they went to

Page where "outages" had cre-

ated considerable discomfort

In O'Neill the church bells will ring and the fire alarm will sound signalling the start of the annual membership and fund-The three-man trouble-shoot- raising drive in behalf of the The kickoff is scheduled for 7

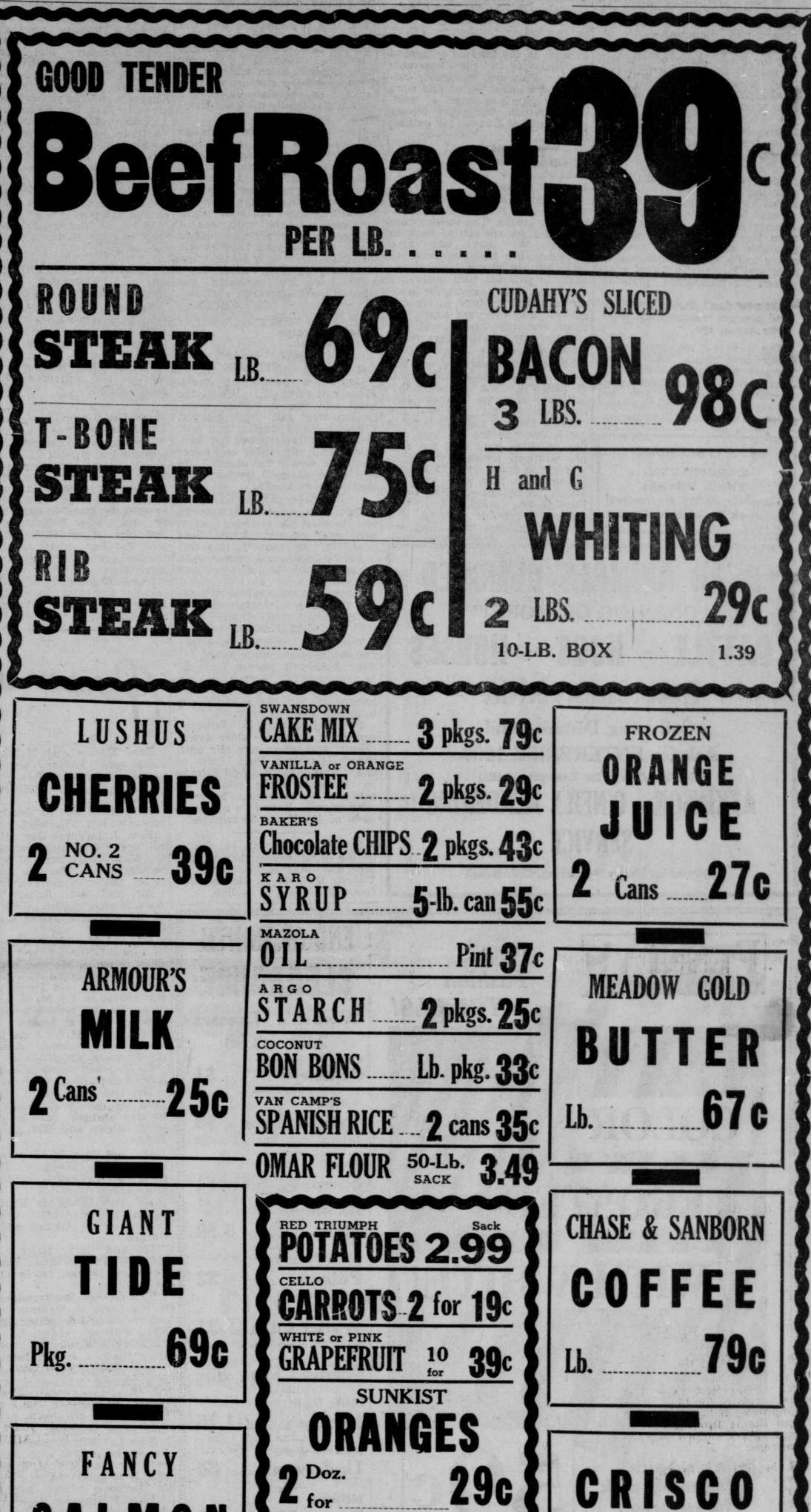
Scores of housewives will set man and Emmet, consists of Ben out on a door-to-door solicitation (Rahe) Johnson, Henry Kufahl in helping to gather O'Neill's

COMPLETES BASIC Pvt. and Mrs. Daryl Beckwith arrived here Sunday morning of Emmet, is now in the air corps from Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Beckwith and Mrs. Franstationed near Oakland, Calif. ces Malcom. Private Beckwith at Atkinson on Saturday. has just completed his basic training as a mechanical engi-neer. At the end of his 13-day and Mrs. Frank Foreman and Misses Mary Lou Conard and furlough, he will report to Camp family while practice teaching. Stoneman, Calif. Miss Norma Lou Foreman, a at the D. C. Schaffer home in

### EMMET NEWS THE FRONTIER, O'Neill, Nebr., Thurs., Feb. 26, 1953 .- PAGE 7. Robert Fox of O'Neill, formerly

senior normal training student at O'Neill Friday and Saturday due Bud and Robert Cole bought O'Neill high school, will do prac- to the storm.

a second hand caterpillar tractor tice teaching under the supervi-Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence ("Larsion of Mrs. Alvin Kloppenborg ry") Tenborg and son, Gregory, went to Grand Island on Tuesday, February 17, where Mr. Misses Mary Lou Conard and Tenborg plans to work in the ord-Jeanne Cole were house guests nance plant.



street, otherwise the accident might have been fatal.

formerly known as the Scott locomotives tore up some track.

# Snow Removal Crews

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

Those who man the snow-re- tight instead of turn around and moval machines by day readied head for home base at Ferry their equipment Friday and ven- Junction, outside South Sioux. tured out the moment the resident engineer, John D. Osen-baugh, was satisfied the lives of here at 8:26 p.m., Monday. The the operators were not in peril plow was laden with snow and and work they could accomplish would not be undone by fresh countered plenty of it enroute. wind and snow.

Mechanics who readied the "Burl" got back in business. equipment were Leo Carney, Frank Eppenbach, Gene Porter and Dewayne Philbrick. On the administrative staff, at the state from Deep Snor highway department headquar-ters here, is James Carney in addition to Osenbaugh.

Night crew workers were La-vern Stevens, Alvin Ott, Clyde McKenzie, jr., and Leonard Mil-ler. 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 chell, William Hinze, George Van Every, Carl Colfack and Harold Colfack. The wind velocity and snow

Blizzards four years ago.

"This year's snow was softer. tervals there was no electric cur-She was still loose when we rent. went after her and didn't give it a chance to settle," he explain-

### Niobrara Reports **Record Snowfall**

even seen there before.

curred here.

day.

til next Friday.

will be several days before the snow can be hauled away to walks has been done.

header pushing a V-type wedge and Ed Schmidt. plow plowed into a deep cut near Consumers owns the building, Haypoint, east of O'Neill. The turned over on their side and reposed there for five weeks de-spite all efforts to clear the line service there had been intermit-tent for some patrons and mend-

and free them.

trainmen were ordered to sit The first problem in tackl-ing an "outage" is to determine where the trouble is. This requires hours of searching and There was no traffic on the probing, sometimes with snow-shoes. The district's weasel broke down-ran-off a tracka few minutes after it was put into action.

At 1 a.m., the diesel-powered First trouble developed in the northeast section where a trans-

## from Deep Snow-

PAGE - Page residents are making recovery from a sagging snowstorm of late last week-the the REA 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 the heels of a snowplow. were relieved by day crew mem- main highways are open. Some bers - Maurice Cavanaugh, jr., snow fell here last Wednesday and Richard Minton. Other day night, accompanied by high wind. crew workers were Gilbert Win- Thursday morning more snow and

Harold Colfack. Stevens compared the snow to the hard, sugar-fine stuff that became ice during the Recurring day, there was no mail and at in-

**All Activities** 

Friday's blizzard than they have winds caused roads to be blockven seen there before. Equipment of the state high-ed and drifts about town served as a reminder of those during even seen there before. Equipment of the state high-way department and bulldozers had to be called on before traf-fic could move at all, and it disconce way traffic. disconce way traffic. disconce way traffic. disconce to the streets of the deep snows in the streets of the street of the street

share of the county goal-\$3,098. During the course of Friday's Mrs. Harry Sullivan of O'Neill, blizzard they were marooned Holt drive chairman, says the most of Friday at Emmet. The quota is necessarily higher this service there had been intermit- year.

"But this increase reflects only ing troubles with "hot" wires an increase in human needs while a man-sized storm rages which our organization is designed to meet," she explained. "Your board of governors is not unmindful of the greater burden "outages" in the northeast sec- placed upon chapter volunteers by their acceptance of the gamhomes had been out of power ma globulin aspect of the blood (and heat) for eight or 10 hours. program. Gamma globulin, a by-product of blood, has been dem-

onstrated as effective treatment of paralysis that often accompanties polio. 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 mobiliz-ation, at whose request the pro-ject was undertaken, will plan northeast section where a trans-former blew out Friday morning at 9:15. Service was restored for several dozen families at 9:35 nm. agency, and finances the process-

Those who worked on this trouble job were Jack Dailey, Dewayne Landis and Don Keling and packaging of this byproduct, thus bridging the gap between those who need and ner-assisted by Boyd Ressel of those who wish to help, Mrs. Sullivan added.

Robert Kurtz, who heads the Activities intended to accomdistrict's construction crew, was plish the same purpose are being marooned during most of Fri-day's storm at Valentine, manplanned in other Holt communities. aged to get back to O'Neill on

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.

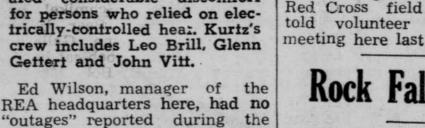
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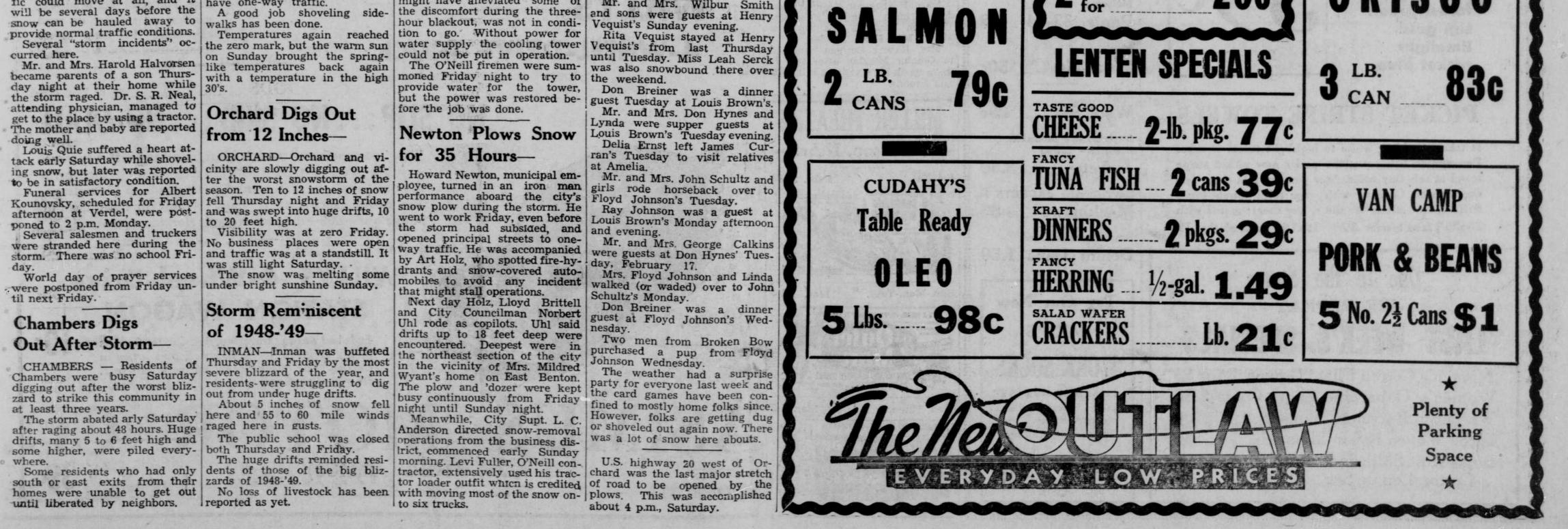
storm, except for the general Dale Curran came out to the blackout that was caused by trouble in the Omaha-Bellevue James Curran home Monday to

take Judy and Randy Joe back to town. They had been snowed in since last week. Guests at Albert Stern's Sun-H. E. Asher, Consumer's pow-

of Niebrara claim that there was more snow piled on Main street here following Thursday's and Didentified of the blizzard which int Ewing last Thursday evening, continu-ing until Friday evening. About 12 inches of snow fell, the high Didentified of the blizzard which int Ewing source of power to pump munici-pal water. Ericson is in the Kearney district. Didentified of the blizzard which int Ewing per were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sterns and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Vequist and family. Mr. and Vequist and family. Mr. and

Ben Johnson's crew went with-out sleep for 30 hours in trying to stay on top of trouble-spots. Wesley Taylor drove his team





**Chambers Digs** 

CHAMBERS - Residents of zard to strike this community in at least three years.

The storm abated arly Saturday after raging about 48 hours. Huge | raged here in gusts. drifts, many 5 to 6 feet high and where.

south or east exits from their zards of 1948-'49. until liberated by neighbors. | reported as yet.