

U. P. Correspondent Among Those Marooned In Storm

Donald Gonzales, United Press Staff correspondent with the Washington Bureau, was stranded Monday in Elmwood, where he had come to attend the funeral of his grandfather, John P. Gonzales Sunday. His story that appeared in press releases over the country said in part:

It was Monday afternoon in this town of 450 persons. The electricity went off at 5:55 p. m. Sunday. There was no water when we go up in the morning. Telephone service stopped shortly before noon Monday, in order to conserve batteries for emergency calls.

The town was virtually dead. Traffic was completely stopped, except for some farmers who are moving about with tractors.

A few people walked up the middle of the road to get provisions from town. Some are farmers who came in to find warmth.

Three young men walked into town after walking through five miles of snow to get provisions for 76 men, women and children jammed together at the Lamoyne Spohn farm two miles south and three miles east of here.

These three young men, all students at the University of Nebraska were Dave Weaver and Charles Taylor, both of Falls City, and Dennis Mullins of Omaha. They reported that traffic was tied up between Elmwood and Union, and that hundreds of people were staying in farmhouses along the road.

They said two buses from Park College, Kansas City, Mo., were stalled but their occupants were safe. Seven passengers and the



Jerry and Jack Gorton stand in the deep snow at the home of their grandmother, Mrs. Vallery clothesline with nearly eight inches of Glen Vallery, 902 Second Ave., which gives a clear illustration how the wet snow clung to one wire.

—Journal Photo

Snow Snarls Car Travel Around Eagle

Mrs. John Fischer
Tel. 7304

Eagle was a scene of a traffic stand-still, or traffic confusion, due to the snow storm and closed highways from Lincoln and east of Eagle which was blocked from early Sunday evening until late Monday.

Patrolmen and highway maintenance were busily engaged until early hours of the morning and for a few hours, 2 a. m. to 7 a. m. no signs of transportation were evident. However, during early morning on Monday the maintainers, and cars stalled along streets and highways, began to move about, not much farther than main street, north and south and to the 34 highway in the south part of town.

Several of the stranded folks were accommodated at the nearby homes in Eagle for the night and day until roads were reported open for traffic.

It reminded the folks of the Thanksgiving blizzard in 1952. The broken telephone and electric wires caused considerable discomfort and inconvenience for those suffering such difficulties.

George Halvorsen and daughter of Oncola, Ia., visited Mr. Halvorsen's mother, Mrs. Augusta Halvorsen, at Palmyra, honoring the latter's birthday. They also planned to visit other relatives enroute home Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. Donald Christensen attended the wedding ceremony of friends at Lincoln Saturday afternoon. Eagle Schools were well represented and awarded high awards, for their presentations, at Weeping Water last Friday and Saturday. Schools were closed on Monday and Tuesday of this week due to closed roads and electricity difficulties.

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Mrs. Howard Root received word of the death of her brother-in-law, Mr. Robert Chestnut of Oklahoma, who had made a trip recently to Illinois to attend the wedding ceremony of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Chestnut and daughter visited Mrs. Chestnut's parents and family at Murdock, enroute to Illinois. All enjoyed a family dinner, at the parents home prior to the guests leaving.

The Women's Society of Christian Service will meet next Wednesday afternoon, April 3, with Mesdames, John Vicker and Roy Vickers as co-hostesses. Devotionals by Ellen Frohlich and lesson, Ella Fischer.

The Trinity Lutheran Church Aid members will meet on the afternoon, April 4, at the home of Mrs. Henry Wulf.

The Dorcas Society of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church will

meet at the church Wednesday afternoon.

The American Legion and Auxiliary will meet Monday evening April 1, at the Legion House. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Muench received word from Mr. Muench's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Muench, who are enjoying a trip and visit to South Carolina to visit their daughter, Grace, husband and family.

Mrs. Keith Trumble arrived home Monday after enjoying a trip to the Northwest coast with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Paul Briggs, and son of Superior. The latter two boarded a ship and sailed for Japan to be with her husband who is serving in the armed services in the Far East.

The Billy Stillwell family of Omaha visited at the Seely Stillwell home last weekend.

Miss Freda Reitter was an overnight visitor with her friends Mrs. Pink Verner, at Lincoln, Saturday evening.

Japan is catching the golf craze with Ben Hogan ranking alongside Mickey Mantle as the idol of Nippon's sporting public.

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driver of the Missouri Pacific bus were also safe.

At the farm, the 76 people had no lights, no telephone, no water, but plenty of coal and heat. They stretched out on floors during the night and were kept posted on the weather by a pocket transistor radio owned by an Air Force colonel.

They ate all the meat and supplies the Spohns had stored in their deep freeze. They melted snow for water to make coffee and tea.

Local attorney Dwight Clements, hailed a tractor to help the boys take food back to the farm. They had bread, four pounds of coffee, meat, cheese and milk, which they purchased at local stores.

Tecumseh Driver Awarded Damages In County Court

A civil judgement of \$725 against Aage Jensen, Weeping Water, in favor of Charles Wenzl Tecumseh, was handed down last week by County Judge Raymond J. Case.

The suit was a result of an intersectional automobile collision Oct. 16, 1956, four miles west of Avoca near the county line.

Jensen was the original plaintiff with Wenzl filing a cross petition.

Royal Arch Masons Hold Annual Dinner

Wednesday evening Nebraska Chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons, held their annual banquet at the Masonic building in this city. Despite the fact the snow of Sunday had blocked roads for several days, there were 11 members and their ladies in attendance.

The ladies of Home Chapter 189 of the Eastern Star prepared the menu and food for the feast. The serving was by the members of Bethel No. 24 of the Job's Daughters.

Delbert Todd, high priest, presided as toastmaster over the evening program.

Invocation was offered by Rev. J. W. Taenzler, pastor of the First Christian Church.

The girls of Bethel No. 24 offered a program of musical selections to add to the enjoyment of the evening. Piano solos were offered by Gay Gansemer, Shirley Foster, Fannie Zwanzig, a sextette composed of Rita Ramage, Karen Kell, Carol Buehler, Fanny Zwanzig, Sandra Nielsen, Sandy Spangler, Carol Ann Davis was accompanist for the sextette. The Ramage sisters, Rita, Linda and Sharon were heard in a vocal trio and Carol Tilson was presented in a lovely accordion solo.

The banquet honored Maynard Ramage, past high priest who was presented the past high priest jewel by Warren C. Rhylander, who paid tribute to the service Mr. Ramage had given in the office.

Mr. Ramage responded to the presentation in a most feeling manner of appreciation of the token from the chapter.

Most Illustrious Master, Alfred F. Walter, grand master of the Royal and Select Masters in Nebraska, in turn presented to the past illustrious masters of Adoniram Council No. 5, Royal and Select Masters, pins for their service since the chapter was instituted here in 1949. Those honored were Raymond C. Cook, William F. Evers, Edward F. Wehrlein, Robert M. Mann, Leonard A. Born, W. Newton Sullivan, Donald H. Born, Louis Friedrich.

The address of the evening was by Maj. Richard Mallan, of the SAC base at Offutt Field, who gave a very interesting talk on the work of the air force, and of the great base that they have created near this city. This was most interesting and followed with the greatest interest by all the banquet party. Major Mallan held the closest attention as he told of the work of this branch of the national defense.

The benediction was by Rev. Taenzler.

County Meeting Of Cancer Society To Be Held Friday

The American Cancer Society is holding a county meeting at 8 p. m. Friday, March 29, in the basement of the Congregational church in Weeping Water. Chairmen have been appointed for the 17 towns and precincts and they wish to organize the county as a unit organization.

Carl G. Swanson, public education director, plans to attend and answer any questions pertaining to the campaign, which is to start after Easter Sunday. A 30-minute film, entitled "146,000 Could Live" will be shown. It dramatizes the seven danger signals and stresses the fact cancer can be cured if diagnosed and treated in time. This should be a very educational meeting and anyone who is interested is welcome to attend.

The material for the campaign will be available at this meeting.

Eight Drivers Pay Traffic Violation Fines In Tribunal

"Business," in county court early this week took a slight drop due, perhaps, to the week-end heavy snow. Eight drivers appeared in answer to traffic violation summons.

County Judge Raymond J. Case levied the following fines: James McGowan, Omaha, \$14 for using expired license plates; Marion Guy Moore, Muskegoe, Okla., \$34 for overweight on group of axles; Leon Fallman, Omaha, \$14 for improper use of license plates.

Basil R. Lassek, Omaha, \$14 for speeding; T. C. Coleman, Omaha, \$104 for speeding; Ishmael Coleman, Omaha, speeding, \$19.

George Chalupa, Lincoln Air Force Base, \$19 for speeding; and Charles Heim, Omaha, \$14 for improper passing.

Petroleum Marketers Give Rotarians Look At Big Business

Plattsmouth Rotary Club got a look at big business operations Tuesday through George Waters, secretary of Petroleum Marketers Association, who appeared before the club as a guest speaker of Al Huebner, program chairman.

Mr. Waters disclosed numerous contributions the industry has made to small business through its research and manufacture of nylon, cellophane, and numerous other products derived from petroleum.

Orville Julian, cashier of the Plattsmouth State Bank, was introduced as a new member of the club. Junior Rotarians, Robert Hutton, junior, and John Iversen, senior, gave their words of appreciation for the invitation as guests the past month.

Two Plattsmouth Men Defendants In Crash Litigation

Two Plattsmouth sub-contractors on a road job in Hooker County have been made parties to a \$361,200 damage suit filed in that county.

Sheriff Tom Solomon last week end served summons to Roy B. Sharp and Rolland L. Aldrich notifying them they had been made defendants with contractor Lyle A. Coover in the litigation.

The suit was filed for Theodore Weber, a minor, by his father Paul, as the result of an auto-truck collision on the highway project.

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