

Teacher blends in weatherman's role

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You too can be a television weatherman. If this sounds crazy, just ask Bruce Kopplin, assistant

Profile

professor of geography. Six years ago KOLN Channel 10 television needed a weatherman. Kopplin who was a UNL teacher at the time, volunteered. And now he's a weatherman on the move. Besides broadcasting the weather, Kopplin teaches a meteorol-

ogy class at UNL and physical geography class at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

Although he has taught since 1967, Kopplin said he began work as a weatherman on a part-time basis. His airtime increased after the death of long-time weatherman Bob Taylor.

Now, Kopplin said, he reads the weather for two early morning broadcasts and the midday report.

Reading the weather on television isn't as difficult as it looks, he said, because most of the data comes directly from the National Weather Service and "all you have to do is read it."

Kopplin said he doesn't regret his decision to spend some of his teaching time being a weatherman.

"In a way it's still like I'm teaching a class," he said. "But there's no response from the audience."

Because he is listed as a part-time instructor, Kopplin said he receives no complaints about having another job.

"It must be OK," he said. "I'm not sure whatever the university's 'moonlight' law is."

As the broadcasts have come and gone, Kopplin said he has enjoyed being on television more and more.

Although Kopplin said he has felt the urge to move to a bigger city where the television markets are larger, for now, he is content in Lincoln.

Although his first time on television went without a hitch, Kopplin said the butterflies were there.

"I was very rigid," he said, "but now I've learned to relax."

With practice, Kopplin said he can cover up the mistakes or "fluffs."

But Kopplin said some words and sentences still present problems, such as saying "windy winds" and "shunderthowers."

As in every job, Kopplin said, reading the weather can have its

dull moments.

Reading the same forecast: sunny and hot, in the summer for three straight weeks can get boring, he said.

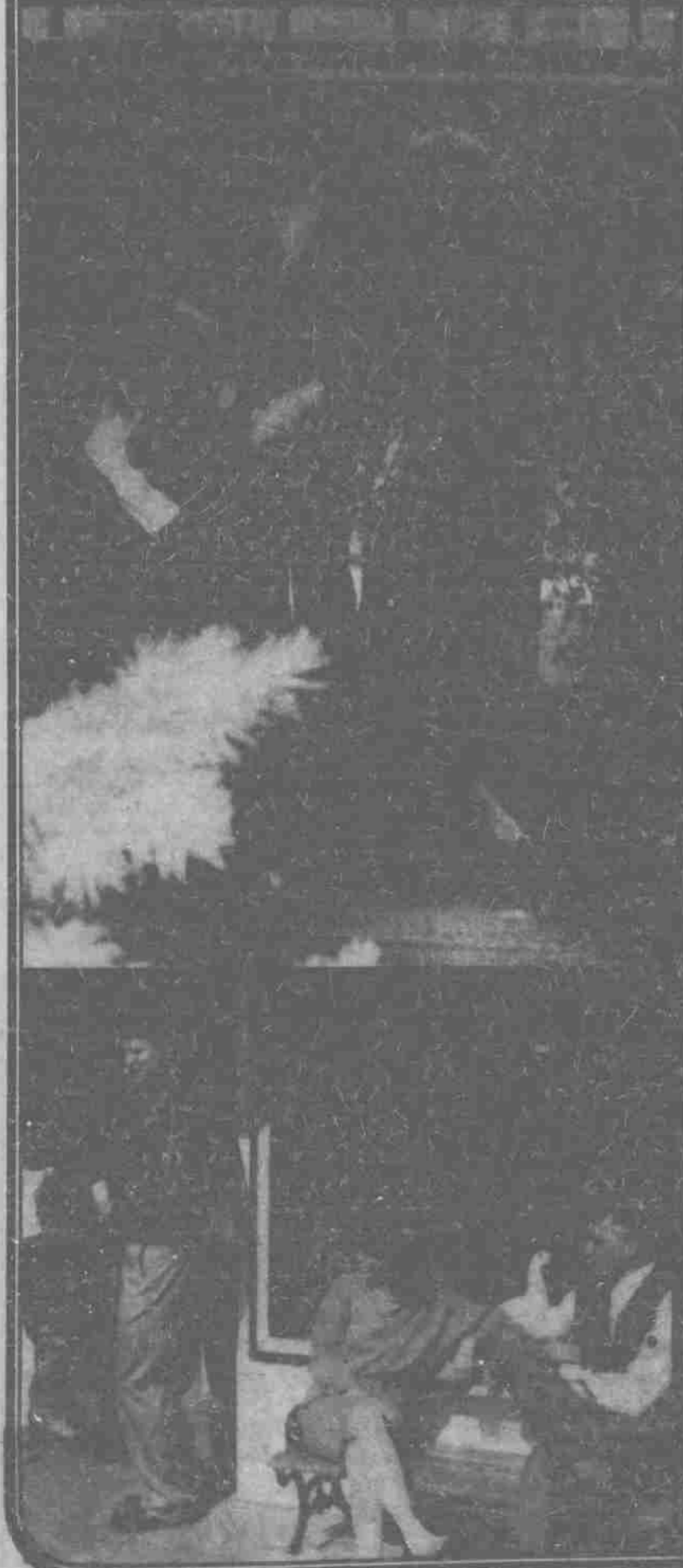
"You've heard about dull news," he said. "This is dull weather."

But when threatening weather strikes, he said, things get exciting because forecasts are always changing.

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