The Buck Ends Here

By IVAN D.E. BEAUMONT

And then it snowed and the wind blew.

Hundreds of travelers were trapped in Nebraska City and the area Sunday when the storm lashed southeastern Nebraska.

And one of the amazing things about the whole storm was the helpful enthusiasm of Nebraska City people.

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Memorial Building was opened for the stranded travelers and Capt. Gary Barrett and Sgt. Don Lintz opened the armory.

Mayor A.O. Gigstad personally spearheaded the comfort campaign for the stranded travelers. Cases of Morton House beans and Ocoma turkey rolls were given by the companies for the unscheduled guests at Memorial Building. Rescue squadsmen assisted with the emergency operation.

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There was a lot of joy when Supt. James Withee and the Rev. John McCabe said there would be no school Monday in Nebraska City. Although many children took to the outside to frolic in the snow, the majority of the kids preferred the warmth and comfort of homes, probably at the command of their parents.

Nebraska City's streets were snow-packed and mostly impassable but a few of us managed to get downtown. Jamie Haworth offered his jeep and, accompanied by his brother, Ron, we made trips to Memorial Building and the armory.

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Most of the travelers with whom we visited were not stranded in snowbanks along the highway. They had made it to Nebraska City where police, sheriff and state troopers halted any highway traffic. And for good cause.

At one time during the morning hours tow trucks were swamped with calls on the highways so much that they could not handle all of them with the urgency the travelers wanted.

Tow trucks had a field day in business. And they didn't have to go far to earn a buck. In fact, Central Avenue and most of its north-south streets were a pretty good market place.

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Clyde Stoll's city street crews were on the job early but the strong wind made so much mush of their work in the residential areas.

They kept at it all day and much to the appreciation of the motorists.

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We telephoned the Rev. Victor Ireland Sunday morning to learn that Sunday school and worship services had been canceled.

That didn't seem possible. I can't recall church services being canceled because of a storm.

However, the judgment of the pastor was correct as we found out when we drove on Tenth Street. Street crews had already been on the job, but the strong, and gusty winds hurriedly placed drifts across the cleared streets.

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Up on the North 40. . . .br.r.r.r.r.r.

In all the storm incidents, this I am sure:

D.W. Kicker put on his red five-buckle overshoes and went outside to scoop snow. Mr Kicker called to check on the weather on the North 40. I tried to convince him that the snow had covered up my potato plants, but he didn't fall for it.

I did spin a yarn about the snow drifts which I said were about four feet in depth. But really, Mr Kicker, they seemed more like 14 feet.

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Our neighbors to the north, Mr and Mrs Fred Baker, were enjoying the weather. They were staying inside in the comfort of their nice home.

Fred said he was going outside and scoop snow, but his Missus said he wasn't. I don't know who won the battle, but when I headed for the door, Fred picked up his pool cue and was heading back to the basement recreation room.

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I got a little help in calling the neighbors for some young "models" to frolic in the snowbanks for a few pictures. . . .you've never seen such smiling and happy kids and they were having a ball.

Jamie came by after those ding-blasted Colts had beaten my Oakland Raiders and took me downtown where we took some pictures and talked with the stranded travelers. Then there was a trip to the News-Press for more film and off again.

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Nebraska City's overnight visitors

Mayor Gigstad didn't pull any punches. He point blank said "if you're going to be stranded it ought to be Nebraska City because we're the best."

And the 150 or so travelers at Memorial Building echoed their appreciation.

The travelers included: Many students returning to Lincoln and Omaha from Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma following the holidays; a couple going to Maryville, Mo., to visit; two couples from Spencer, Ia., (now get this) en route to Texas to get away from the midwest winter; an Omahan and his dog en route to Omaha from Kansas; a young couple from Oklahoma en route to Omaha; and lots of children, infants and pets and pets and pets.

Mr Kicker might be interested that one man with whom we talked was wearing his four-buckle red overshoes. He said it was the only sensible thing to do.

Mr and Mrs Lee Fenton had their hands full at Memorial Building and did an admirable job thanks to the help from the many volunteers.

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Mr Kicker and I tried to recall the last big storm.

We decided it was February or March of 1957 when Nebraska City got 15 inches of snow and seemingly everyone was stranded, including this reporter. I was in Wilber, Nebr., for the weekend. The storm started on a Saturday evening and it was Wednesday before I could get back to the News-Press.

And then there was the year of much-much snow. We decided it was 1959 or 1960 when Nebraska City had 40 to 43 inches of snow during the course of the winter.

I remember that we were living in Myrtle Taylor's house across the street from Winton's Steak House and I scooped snow out of that driveway until the pile was well over my head. I had begun to think it would never melt by summer.

That was probably the same year, in the spring of course, the Myrtle's redbud trees blossomed so pretty along the parking.

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The return of the stocking cap

There was a time when a stocking cap was about the only thing any of us wore. It's been a long time, but thanks to relatives in California, the cap has returned to this walker.

Early this morning we put on two pairs of pants, sweater, the old "leaky" zipper overshoes, a pair of my Dad's "Kenneth Chevrolet, Hawthorne, Calif.," white and blue coveralls, my favorite old winter coat, a pair of warm gloves and a green and white stocking cap.

Look out Tenth Street, here we come!

It was just 45 minutes later that we walked into the News-Press building.

Know what I wanted most when I got to the plant?

A drink of water!

Dr. R.C. Fenstermacher, who mans the riverboat lookout north of this station, recorded pretty hefty winds during the storm. His gauge read 25 m.p.h., with gusts to 38 m.p.h.

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Well, with all the weather talk, emergencies and extra effort put out by City crews, there is one thought that we kinda like:

This reader says she likes the snow. — "It's God's way of house."

Pope struck twice by assassin's dagger

BY VICENTE MALIWANAG

MANILA (UPI) —The Philippines' top federal agent testified today he saw an assassin's dagger strike Pope Paul VI twice on the left side of his chest during the unsuccessful attempt on his life in Manila Nov. 27.

Jolly Bugarin, director of the Philippine National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), testified as the first witness in the trial of Bolivian painter Benjamin Mendoza y Amor, 35, for the attempted murder of the Pope at Manila International Airport.

Bugarin identified Mendoza in the courtroom as the man dressed in a priest's attire who rushed towards the Pope during airport reception ceremonies and "made a plunging move to the Pope."

"It was so fast I just saw the action of a knife striking twice on the left portion of the breast of the Pope," he testified. Bugarin later identified a black-tinted curved dagger, presented as evidence in court, as the weapon.

Asked on cross examination whether the Pope was hurt, he replied in English: "After I turned him (Mendoza) over to the constabulary sergeant, I saw the Pope already on the stand to see if he was damaged. To my surprise there was none."

Pressed on the same question, Bugarin said he did not know whether the Pope actually was hurt.

Mendoza's trial proceeded today without further delay after the judge, Pedro L. Bautista of suburban Pasay City, ruled the accused "can readily stand trial." Bautista, however, made the ruling without prejudice to the findings of a three-man psychiatric team assigned to examine Mendoza's mental condition.

The psychiatric team had asked until Jan. 11 to submit its formal findings. Bautista said he had received "unofficial reports" from the team that Mendoza was able to answer questions "sensibly" despite some inconsistencies in some of his statements.

Mendoza, wearing a bright orange long-sleeve shirt and dark green pants, was escorted into the courtroom by two armed constabulary soldiers. He was not handcuffed.

New war with Israel talked

By United Press International

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat warned his people today of the possibility of a new war with Israel should the Middle East peace talks break down again. As he did, the Egyptian and Israeli envoys flew to New York for talks with U.N. mediator Gunnar V. Jarring.

Jordan, also a party to the peace talks, was in the midst of a crisis involving Palestinian guerrillas and there was some confusion as to who would represent Jordan in New York. The guerrillas oppose both the current cease-fire and the talks.

The cease-fire does not involve the Syrian or Lebanon fronts and the Beirut newspaper Al-Anwar said Israeli tank gunners attacked a south Lebanon village Sunday, damaging at least 15 houses. The report said Israeli tanks hit the village of Shebaa for five hours and killed a number of people. There was no official confirmation of the attack.

Gaza Troubles

Israel still was having trouble in the Gaza Strip and a military spokesman in Tel Aviv said Israeli troops killed an Arab guerrilla near a Gaza refugee camp today after he hurled a grenade at an Israeli patrol. Another grenade was hurled at an Israeli civilian vehicle.

The Egyptian president already has begun a worldwide diplomatic offensive to explain Egypt's position in the peace talks. Today, Sadat journeyed to the town of Tanta, 56 miles north of Cairo, to explain his policies to the Egyptian people.

"The next battle will be a full-scale one, not only at the battlefront," he told a rally of thousands of cheering inhabitants. "We shall face it in the field, in the factory, in the city, in the street, in every town, everywhere.

"We have become stronger economically, militarily and politically," Sadat said, "and although the enemy is still strong we shall enter the battle at whatever cost. The enemy must pay the price because we are not fighting for the sake of war but to regain oru land."

Robert (Bob) Fisher funeral is Tuesday

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m., at the United Methodist church, Auburn, for Robert O. (Bob) Fisher, Auburn, who died Friday.

The Reverend Gordon Patterson will officiate. Burial will be at the Sheridan Cemetery, Auburn. The body will lie in state at May and Timm Mortuary, Auburn.

Mr Fisher was formally employed at Montgomery Ward in Nebraska City.

Survivors include wife, Marie; sons, Robert E., David H., Stephen J., all of the home; a daughter, Roberta, Evanston, Ill.

Robert Bates rites Tuesday

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m., at Hobson-Dorr funeral home at Weeping Water for Robert L. Bates, 65, who died Saturday at his farm home.

The Rev. I.C.G. Campbell will officiate. Burial will be at the Oakwood cemetery at Weeping Water.

Mr Bates farmed in the Weeping Water and Nehawka areas.

He was born July 12, 1905, at Weeping Water, the son of Mr and Mrs William Bates. He was married September 26, 1928, at Council Bluffs to Emma Johnson who survives.

Also surviving are sons, Larry of Liberty, Rodney of Weeping Water and Ervin of Nehawka; daughters, Mrs Robert (Colleen) Fulton, Liberty; Mrs Dale (Sharon) Weeping Water and Miss Jo Anne Bates, also of Weeping Water.

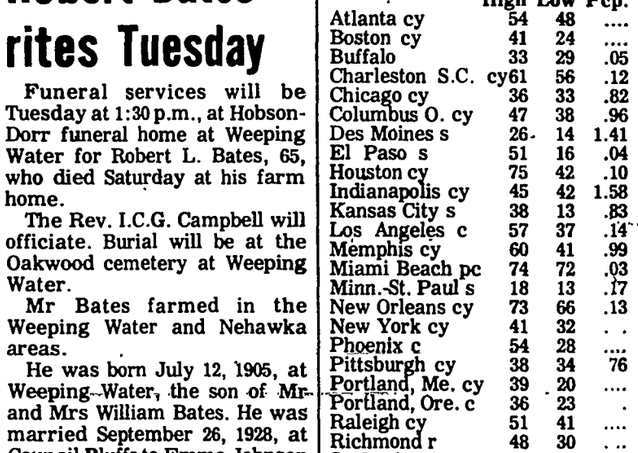
Other survivors are a brother, Larry and sisters, Miss Minnie Bates, and Miss Lena Bates, Weeping Water and nine grandchildren.

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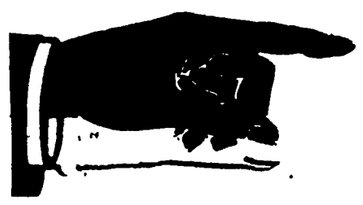
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