Scenes rarely seen anywhere but in nightmares were realities this morning after yesterday's blizzard. Shown here are three snapped by a Dispatch cameraman.

In the Heart of the Lake Region

At the left is a view east from the corner of 6th and Laurel. Looking down Brainerd's main business street, snow can be seen piled high

Telephone Mo. 74 or 75

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persons were killed today in an ex- least five persons were killed and men were blown to bits today when

plosion in a detonator building at 38 others injured today when a vio- dynamite they were packing in the

Five bodies were extricated from

The victims were William two hours after the explosion blown to pieces but otherwise there schoelnfelder of Breingsville, Fred ties and adjacent communi-ties as far as 20 miles away

Eighteen of the injured wire in of land.

Powerful explosions blew up three plants in the industrial east today, killing at least 11

Explosion Fatal to 8

. 3 Blown to Bits; Other

against business houses which were isolated from any business except that which came afoot. Very few autos braved travel even on Laurel late yesterday

United Press Full Leased Wire

and early today. The center picture shows an automobile parked on Laurel, between 6th and 7th, nearly buried in snow. Many another

THE BRAINERD DAILY DISPATCH

The Complete Family Newspaper

vehicle was in like condition toway 371, as it crosses the N. P. day. The street picture at the right may look like a country road but it's 6th street, or high-

railroad tracks. A single track allowed travel by car, but far more practical were the horses shown in the photo.

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Snow, Terrific Gale Stops All Traffic Monday

Eight Killed in Minnesota as Worst Storm in Years Descends on Midwest; 35-Hour Wind Piles Up Huge Drifts in Brainerd Community; All Local Schools Closed Today

Growing in fury throughout | MINNEAPOLIS (UP) - A the day, an Armistice Day bliz- raging winter blizzard that zard whirled its devastating blocked highways, crippled way out of the north to block communications, and isolated automobile and bus traffic, dis- many communities, took the rupt communication services, lives of at least eight persons in halt the U.S. mail, close schools Minnesota and the Dakotas toand play havoc with every-day day. life of nearly all citizens in this | Propelled by chilling winds

area yesterday.

ranging up to 60-miles an hour, With the storm still raging in the snow storm paralyzed trafa lesser degree today, Brain- fic on nearly every road in Minerdites looked back on condi-nesota and the eastern Dakotas, tions which have seldom been stalled railroad trains, and mamatched in downright ferocity rooned hundreds of travelers in and which undoubtedly take roadway taverns, school houses, their place with the most fierce and small villages. of all November weather upris-

ings. Schools Closed Today Brainerd schools were closed today as six and seven-foot drifts

effectively blocked even the proger conditions.

midway yesterday afternoon on as] ord.

The temperature dropped to 6 degrees above zero during the night but the 35-milean-hour wind which whipped mow into the faces of those which braved the outdoors during the fury of the storm made it appear far

colder than the official mark.

and Monday morning, the blizzard until midnight and continued with start his stalled car near Mille Lacs little abatement during the early Minn. morning hours today. Chester Bouvran, 65, Minneapo-Snowplows Removed ils, heart attack. Highway crews had kept the main roads open until late Monday attack.

FOUND DEAD MILWAUKEE, W1s (UP)- Firenen, who rushed into a home to ress of pedestrians in many parts maiooned by the blinding gale on put out a fire today discovered a of the city. It marked the first islands and sloughs along the Mispiritualist mother and her 8-year- time since 1922 that all local schools old son shot to death. The mother closed their doors because of weath-

The corner said both appeared drifts, whipped high by a fierce to have been killed by a shotgun. gale from the north, made their Mrs. Emma Conerton, a neigh- appearance on city streets and made the work of snowplow crews bor, called fireman when she saw main highways alike.

stroy the evidence of his crime by

pital at 6 o'clock Saturday even-ing. Paulson died there Sunday morning, before he could tell how the accident happened but, apparently, he had skidded on the ice

had been gagged.

Paulson, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mis. Seaver Paulson, received a fractured skull when his light truck failed to make a turn just smoke pouring from the basement steep embankment and came to er might have attempted to de-

Dr. R. J. Stein of Pierz discov- fire.

brought him to the Little Fallshos-

MEA Peature Service and News Pictures

Harold Paulson, Star 10ute, died The victims were: in St. Gabriel's hospital in Little Mrs. Alma Katzenmiller, 36, Falls as a result of an automobile Noel Katzenmiller, 8.

Youth Dies FOUND DEAD NEAR HOME **After Auto** Hits Di

BLIZZARD ISOLATES COUNTY

that Murray Upshaw, Jr., 2, missing since last Friday, had been found dead in the woods back of

Trojan Powder company at Siples Station, Pa., near Allentown, and The American Cyanamid and tersville, Ga. State Public Safety Commission-

BRAINERD, MINNESOTA, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1940

MISSING BOY

er Lon Sullivan, head of the high-The three explosions, all of which shook the surrounding country sides, took place at the way patrol, said the finding of the accident Saturday evening near body was reported by a state troop- Pierz.

> center of a foun-day search for the lost boy.

the nearby Siples station plant of lent explosion rocked the plant of gelatin tank house of the Burton death. The condition of the body the Falls. The truck rolled over a dwelling Police believed the slaytion in this east central New Jersey Cyanamid and Chemical Corp. ex- diately available. and other details were not imme-

ATLANTA, Ga. (U.P)-The Georgia highway patrol reported today The blasts occurred at the United Railway Signal Corporation, Woodbridge, N. J.; the his parents' farm home near Car-

er on duty at the Upshaw home,

Sullivan said it had not been determined what caused Murray's north of Pierze on the road to Lit- of the one-story fram Katzenmiller

at the curve.

rest at the bottom right side up.

which the youth in the oer and

In Minnesota five died from heart attacks caused by over exertion two were killed in accidents and a duck hunter was drowned.

Many Are Missing Many were reported missing, parlicularly duck hunters who were sissippi river.

The blizzard, which swept across the northwest from the Canadian Travel by automobile or bus was Rocky Mountains, was one of the practically out of the question from worst early season storms on rec-

Today little snow was failing but a strong 35 mile an hour wind difficuit. The lowest temperature

reported was four below zero at Bismarck, N. D Dead Listed Walter Strom, Minneapolis, rail-

way fireman, killed in a train collsion at Watkins, Minn. Hart Junneman, 38, Wakasha Nowned when his hunting boar

overturned. Mrs. E. Y. Arnold, St. Paul, killed

had fallen during the week end blown against a cattle truck.

Following a six-inch snow which when her husbands automobile was W. T. Alexander, Stillwater, died ncreased an intensity flom noon of a heart attack while trying to Harry Mason, 75, St. Paul, heart

Federal bureau of investigation agents and state police were summoned to begin an immediate investigation, but company officials said they "doubted" whether there

and injuring scores more.

Chemical Corporation, at Edinburg, Pa.

ALLENTOWN. Pa. (U.P)-Three

The men were at work in a one-

story building used to make de-

tonaiors for blasting when the ex-

Weller of Scherersville and Hugh

Fisher of Allentown, company offi-

plusion occurred.

cials announced.

same time-between eight and nine a. m.

was any sabotage involved. Explaining their theory that the explosion was accidental, company officials said that the work in which the men were involved had no connection with any defense projects.

MARBLE TURNS PRO NEW YORK (UP)-Alice Marble, the California blonde who is the world's best woman Tennis player, turned professional today.

DISPATCH CARRIERS

terday.

ARE "HEROES OF STORM"

Hail to the Dispatch carrier boys!

They, and they alone, delivered

While buses carry Twin City

publications stalled or didn't

even start out for Brainerd,

the Daily Dispatch was deliver-

ed to nearly all city subscrib-

ers by the 22 youngsters who

bucked drifts higher than they

are and freezing temperatures.

rurs negotiated their routes were

as bad as any during the entire

storm and it's little wonder that

the subscribers whose homes were

n't reached by the gallant young

by M. A. Halverson of the S. &

H. Body Works company. He

had lost his hat, was wearing

no gloves and not too heavy a

coat. Thewed out and brought

back to the home, he was none

the worse for his experience to-

salesmen freely forgave them.

AGED MAN EXPOSED:

Vusterday afternoon.

day.

Conditions at the time the car-

afternoon papers in Brainerd yes

An inquiry was begun by the federal bureau of investigation. The known dead were three men and two women. Casualty lists were not available.

ties as far as 20 miles away.

Weather

Partly cloudy, snow flu, ries north tonight and northeast Wednesday; slightly colder tonight.

Maximum 34 Minimum 6 Wednesday Sunrise ...7:08 Sunset

of about 650 persons. Those killed were Lee Waddell 35, of New Castle; Elmer Kilduff 22, of Edinburg, and Harold Duncan, 24, of R.F.D. 2, New Castle.

WOODBRIDGE, N. J. (UP)-At EDINBURG, Pa. (UP) --- Three

the United Railway Signal corpora- Explosives division of the American

the ruins by 9:30 a, m. CST, about ing 20 feet by 30 feet, also was

ploded.

The gelatin iank house, a build-

which sprawls over 300 to 400 acres

BRAINERD WEATHER

off the blast ..4:47

an hour.

was 26,

Aged Man Is Exposed

the afternoon. At 9:30 this

morning the wind was 18 miles

Low barometer readings forecast

the storm and forecast, too, that it

would continue. Low temperature

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Highways leading south to

Little Falls, east to Garrison

and west to Pillager and Stap-

les remained blocked early this

afternoon as highway depart-

ment plows and trucks vainly

attempted the herculean task

* * *

The department reported

MOST HIGHWAYS ARE

STILL BLOCKED TODAY

before them.

er today.

to Pillager.

Perth Amboy General hospital, 20 at Rahway hospital. An inquiry was begun by the was felt as far as New Castle, eight between the second secon miles from here. The plant, employing about 100 men, is located a cou-**Berlin Tal** ple of miles from Edinburg, town

Coroner T. F. Nugent, state mowith Adolf Hitler on which may tor police and Sheriff M. M. Ingham hurried to the blast scene to determine, if possible, the cause. But sive to strike at the British Empire since the only three men working root and branch, from the stormy in the building were killed and very English Channel to the China seas little was left of the structure, it

Anhalter station.

was difficult to say what had set The British took a gloomy view of the Molotov conferences and

BY UNITED PRESS

at Berlin today for conferences church near South Long Lake. hinge Axis plans for continental or- Enlistment Meet

demolished, according to reports eceived here today. Harold Paulson was born at Brainerd Oct. 27, 1921. He is survived by his parents. The time of funeral has not been

Soviet Premier V. M. Molotov was set but will be held at the Bethel



Applications for enlistment in the headquarters company of the intense cold.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (UP)

Peterson maintained that the

present Minnesota civil service plan

has failed to reach the goal of the

There will be school tomor-

row, according to an announce-

ment made this afternoon by

G. B. Ferrell, superintendent.

All schools, including junior

college, high schools, grade

schools and parochial school

will be reopened after having

been closed Tuesday after one

of the worst blizzards in the

doggedly hewed to their tasks of first service regiment to be stawar, raiding the great Italian naval tioned in Brainerd will be acceptby air and aiding their Greek allies of the armory here Wednesday plane which was lodged in the ice. to smash at disorganized Italian evening at 7.30 c'clock, it was retroops in the frontier mountains of iterated today.

nortnern Greece. The meeting is open to both Molotov arrived in Berlin at 11 young men interested in enlisting a. m. (3 a. m. CST) today accom- and their parents. panied by 32 aides. Within an hour

Those outside the city who canhe had gone into conference with not attend the meeting may sub-Roich Foreign Minister Joachim mit their applications by mail to Von Ribbentrop, who met him at Captain John C. Young, commanding officer of the company. Col.

months."

merit system.

city's history.

There was vast speculation as to Henry Mills, commander of the the purpose and possible outcome first service regiment, will be in of the Molotov discussions but few charge of tomorrow's meeting. concrete facts.

It was noted in Berlin, however **Petersen Carries** hat the welcome for Molotov was not as elaborate as some which the Nazis have provided in the past for äistinguished foreign statesmen despite the fact that this is Molotov's lirst visit beyond the soil of Russia and the first occasion in history er-Labor gubernatorial candidate, inat a Soviet premier has visited a foreign land.

highways to Nisswa and Aitkin open and hoped to open highway 371 on north to Pequot Lakes and Pine River lat-A plow required 4 hours to go from Brainerd to Little Falls and drifting began as soon as it arrived there. The banned in Germany by Hitler. same experience occurred in attempting to open the highway

it probably would be bad news for **School Tomorrow** England. One thing was generally The storm produced several unassumed - British efforts to wear the Soviet away from Germany ounded rumors concerning persons now have little prospect of success found frozen in snow drifts. One

rumor, which had a small boy be-ACTRESS DIVORCED ing found unconscious in a drift

HOLLYWOOD, Cal. (U.P.)-Blonde true, the result of three youngsters Carole Landıs, film actress, today letting their imagination run away was granted a divorce from Willis from them. The possibility of such Hunt Jr., yacht broker. She charger an occurrence added to the plausi- cruelty, asserting that he objected bility of the story, to her movie career.

t the curve. The truck was almost completely Une Body Spirit Lake

> morning but the northern wind SPIRIT LAKE. Ia (UP)-A por- nullifying their efforts, workmen tion of the plane and the body of removed their plows Monday afterone of three U.S. army men who noon and let the wind and snow plunged into Spirit lake were dis- have their fun.

> covered frozen in ice near the east Radios blared forth warnings to shore today. all motorists to remain off the The body was not identified im- roads, but even so highways in all mediately and workers had diffi- directions were gutted with stalled

> culty extricating it because of the vehicles this morning. Highway department officials

Charles Letley, who lives near the said no plows would be out onto lake, said there appeared to be an- roads until the wind abated and base at Taranto for the first time ed at a meeting in the head house other body beneath a wing of the their task will be extremely locomotive and two cars were de-The first body was discovered by mobiles which must be towed from pous. three hunters.

their burial places. The lake was still too rough to Buses Pulled Off allow the use of searching boats Throughout the city, the storm's

and there was practically no visiaftermaths were evident today. bility because of steam clouds aris-Many an automobile stalled in the middle of a street as wreckers The plane was believed to have were unable to reach the scene and crashed about 6:30 p. m. Sunday. pull them from the drifted snow. Lake front residents heard a sput-Brainerd buses attempted to tering motor and a loud splash maintain their schedule during the about that time but no one saw

the crash because of darkness. The plane left St Paul, Minn, at 4.15 p. m. Sunday bound for Omaha, Neb. Spirit Lake is directly on the route.

ing from the water.

On His Campaign Lieut. Robert M. Prange, 22, Fredericktown, Mo.; Lieut, G. Smith, 26, Clinton, Ill., and Private Anthony J. Cerrato, 22, Canton, O., Hjalmar Petersen, defeated Farmwere aboard the ship.

his fight against legislation spon-**Peckinpaugh New** sored by the administration of Gov. **Cleveland Head** Petersen charged that the history

CLEVELAND, O. (UP) - Roger Thorpe Peckinpaugh, one of base- sections of the city this morning ball's greatest shortstops and the Delivery service was severely han- they were delayed considerably man whom Cleveland baseball club at "the public's wish" was rehited

today to manage the Indians in 1941.

Bradley announced that Peckinpaugh had been retained by introducing him to baseball writers here with the remark:

"Boys, meet the new manager of the Cleveland Indians." He said Peckinpaugh had been signed for a two-year contract. Its terms were not disclosed but it was reported that Peckinpaugh schedule. would receive a \$20,000 salary together with a bonus based on attendance figures.

John T Johnson, 52, Minneapolis heart attack Poter Howell, 50, Willmar, Mirn.

heart attack. Strom was killed and three others injured when a Soo Line passenger Liam and freight collided at Watkins. The passenger train, its crew blinded by the storm, stopped bewond a switch in the path of the freight. A locomotive and two freight boxcars were jarred of the 12:15

difficult because of the many auto- railed by the storm near Minnea-

MOST OF NATION GRIPPED BY STORM

> Snow and freezing temperatures clamped most of the nation in a wintry grip today as destructive

gales which left at least 52 persons dead in the midwest battered fur iously at the eastern seaboard. Winter's early invasion was the

early evening hours but had to dismost severe in decades, causing un continue service at 9 o'clock and counted millions of dollars' properawait the opening of city streets ty damage across a broad belt of today before resuming their regu- the central and southern sectors in lar routes. addition to the heavy toll of human No reports of unusual telephone

damage were received today but And the force of the storm - a switchboard operators were terrifying compound of wind, snow swamped with calls throughout and cold — was not spent. Fifty-Monday and Tuesday morning as mile and hour winds fore at procalls increased by over 50 per cent [perty in New England and the mid The usual total of 16,000 local calls file Atlantic states as temperatures aropped to freezing levels fcy increased to over 25,000 yesterday, squalls and snow pounded at the

officials reported. **Trains Are Late** Business practically stalemated by the vent of the storm, was op-

for shelterless humanity, transportation and communication. erated by skeleton squads in many

Nocky Mountain region for the

fourth day with a reckless regard

dicapped but several dairy trucks by the snow and storm. owner Alva Bradley fired in 1933 attempted to buck the drifts for A train due here from the Twin emergency delivences this morning- Cities at 2 a.m. today arrived at

The last bus to reach Brainerd 10.30-eight and one-half hours came in at noon Monday and the late. A train from International Falls and one to Duluth were runnext will probably arrive tomorrow, according to present indications. A ning close to schedule, the latter Greyhound due here from the Twin being less than an hour late and

Cities at 11.05 came in at 12 noon the other on time Monday and then was stalled at A low barometer reading today Aitkin, unable to make the return indicated the storm will continue, trip. Other afternoon buses sched- C. Homer Whiting, chief forester, uled to the Twin Cities and Duluth said this noon. Winds yesterday increased in velocity during the were unable to maintain their afternoon, reaching a peak of 35

With buses stalled, Brainerdites miles an hour for a brief period. learned to value the service of The average velocity was approxitheir trains more. However, even mately 30 miles an hour.

Among the busiest of Brainerd workers yesterday were the telephone operators who handled an estimated 25,000 local calls and hundreds of long distance calls. A full yesterday was six above - high

. Storm Sidelights: Carriers Go Through; Aged Man Is Exposed

OVER 25,000 PHONE

CALLS ARE HANDLED

crew kept busy throughout the afternoon and service was necessarily slowed up due to the countless lights on the switchboard. Several

lines between Brainerd and the Twin Cities were down, disrupting service on long distance calls. * * *

SCHOOLS BREAK PRECEDENT OF 18 YEARS STANDING Not only President Roosevelt breaks precedents.

Not since 1922 have Brainerd's schools closed their doors because of adverse weather conditons - and there have been some bad storms, too, in that time. But today officials scheduled no classes.

Today Miss Mary Tornstrom, for mer principal of the high school and now dean of women in the junior college, recalled that the last time all school classes were cancelled was near Washington's birthtay in 1922. Since that time grade schools have dismissed some classes because of weather but all schools nave not been closed, she said.

Cain had planned on attending b C. R. Wunderlich funeral held Whitney's funeral parlor. He at the utes were to be in the ' C ~~ el church near the athle-



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WIND VELOCITY IS Most everyone guessed on the behind the Catholic school, was

strength of yesterday's gale, but checked and discovered to be unmost everyone guessed wrong, too Weather bureau officials here said that the peak velocity was 35 miles an hour, but that the average was about 30 during

last night said he would continue Troops in field gray were drawn up in the streets around the station Harold E. Stassen. A band played the "Present Arms March." It did not play "Deutschof the state has never witnessed land Uber Alles," the Horst Wessel "such a spoils as practiced by this song of the Red Internationale administration in its first seven

When Ribbentrop visited Moscow to was serenaded with the Internationale — the playing of which was The British view of the conference was that whatever its result