

After 36 years at the Post-Crescent in Appleton, WI, publisher and general manager, Don Kampfer, will retire on July 31.

In the newspaper business—like many businesses—you start from scratch every day and hope your efforts gain wide acceptance by your customers and high praise from your peers. The Post-Crescent, under Don's direction, has achieved both.

He has guided Appleton's daily newspaper through some turbulent times in the industry, and the Post-Crescent has not only survived, but grown and flourished as an award-winning publication.

Don was born in Chilton, WI, and has lived there ever since. He is a graduate of Chilton High School and served his country in the Korean conflict. Don became a self-made person. He never attended college, but became such a capable newsman that he is undoubtedly qualified to teach college journalism.

Don's tenure at the Post-Crescent started when he left a position with his hometown newspaper, the Chilton Times-Journal, to open an editorial and circulation office for the Post-Crescent in Chilton. From that day forward he worked himself from the bottom of the news operation to the very top. He went on to hold the positions of farm editor, copy desk editor, regional editor, Sunday editor, news editor, managing editor, and executive editor.

Throughout his career, Don was a mentor for aspiring journalists and has been called a newsman's newsman. He was very dedicated to his profession, rarely calling in sick or taking a vacation.

Kampfer was named general manager of the Post-Crescent in 1982. Since then, Don has distinguished himself in Wisconsin as an accomplished journalist, manager, and businessman. Don used the skills he attained in his ascension to publisher when he assumed that role in 1986. By that time, he had an in-depth knowledge of every facet of the newspaper business, including production, advertising, and circulation.

He put his skills to good use. Juggling the needs of a community, its subscribers, a newspaper staff, advertisers, and a parent company is no easy task, but Don handled it all with skill and sensitivity.

His redesign of the Post-Crescent is one of the highlights of his career. At a time when many newspapers felt the need to compete with television—with flashy graphics and less room for hard news—the Post-Crescent stayed true to its tradition of in-depth reporting and continued focus on the people and events of the Fox Valley. It remains to this day a first-class newspaper.

As the Post-Crescent's circulation grew under Don's watchful eye, so did the newspaper's involvement in the community. The Post-Crescent sponsors dozens of charitable events every year and has donated \$500,000 in free advertising to a variety of nonprofit organizations.

Among the beneficiaries of the newspaper's good will have been the YMCA, Outagamie County Museum, Thompson Senior Center, Appleton Library Foundation, St. Elizabeth Hospital, Fox Cities Growth Alliance, Fox Cities Stadium, and the Avenue Mall development.

Like so many others, I count on the Post-Crescent for news of the Fox Valley and will always be a faithful subscriber. Lately it has been fashionable in Washington to attack the

media for being too negative, too cynical or too liberal. Such attacks would fall flat against Don Kampfer and the Post-Crescent, however, who I feel has guided a newspaper dedicated to finding the facts and telling the truth.

I think Don would find Washington journalists quite different from the type of reporter and editor found in northeastern Wisconsin. In Wisconsin, we remain optimistic about the future. In Appleton, people work together to solve problems in the community and preserve a quality of life we see disappearing in this country. I believe the Post-Crescent continues to fulfill its duty of bringing people the good news as well as the bad. In Washington and across America, this is too seldom the case. Too often, newspapers forget the positive role they can play in their communities.

In addition to its superior local reporting, the Post-Crescent under Don's direction has consistently provided fair and balanced coverage of Congress. Over the years, I have placed great value in my honest and candid relationship with the Post-Crescent, its fine editorial staff and talented reporters. I credit Don, and thank him, for building and sustaining this important forum for out community and its people.

I am sure Don is looking forward to spending more time with his wife of 39 years, Lila, his son, and three daughters. I wish to congratulate Don Kampfer, once again, on a well-deserved retirement and wish him many blessings and continued success in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE INSTITUTE IN BASIC LIFE PRINCIPLES

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 20, 1995

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as the Congress deliberates the issues facing our Nation and the world today, I would like to bring to your attention a group of young people and families who are taking significant steps to strengthen society in our country and around the globe. In particular, I would like to commend 329 such individuals who have recently returned from Moscow, Russia, where they have been involved over the 1994-95 school year in providing character education to orphans, public school children, college young people, juvenile delinquents, and families. They have been serving at their own expense under the authority and official invitation of the Moscow Department of Education. The success continues to be heralded throughout Moscow by television, newspaper, and word of mouth among the citizens and leaders of Russia. Furthermore, the credential and strengthening that this experience provides for those who have taken part will heighten the success of their work in their own home communities as they continue to serve families and young people through positive character training and practical assistance.

Karleen Affelt (MI), Evangeline Alexander (AK), Adam Allen (CA), Gabriel Anast (NM), Christy Armstrong (CA), Jason Axt (OH), Aileen Bair (OH), John Bair (OH), Peter Bair (OH), Robert Bair (OH), Stephen Bair (OH), John Barja (NC), James Beaird (TX), Amy Beckenhauer (CA), Kurt Beckenhauer (CA).

Zachery Beckner (MN), Paul Bedingfield (GA), Joshua Billingmeier (MD), Alan Balck

(TX), John Lack (TX), Nicole Blockeel (ON), Dean Boehler (CO), Justin Boehler (CO), Rachel Borchers (MO), Sarah Borchers (MO), Andrew Bowers (TN), Skylar Bower (WA), Rachel Brillhart (FL), Vann Brock (GA).

Hannah Brooker (GA), Daniel Brown (TX), Micah Buckner (TX), Reuben Burwell (TX), Andrew Campbell (NZ), Jerry Campbell (FL), David Carne (OR), Andy Cecil (GA), Estelle Christensen (NM), Jim Christensen (NM), Justin Christensen (NM), Mark Christensen (NM), Stephen Christensen (NM), Timothy Christensen (NM).

Nathan Clausen (MN), James Clifford (ON), Lisa Cload (OH), Barbara Coker (OH), Chuck Coker (OH), Matt Coker (OH), Buck Collie (CA), David Collie (CA), Sarah Collie (CA), Sue Collie (CA), Tim Collie (CA), Jesse Conklin (CT), J. Marty Cope (SC), Arrie Courneya (MN), Annalisa Craig (NE).

Daniel Craig (NE), David Craig (NE), Mary Craig (NE), Neil Craig (NE), Stephen Craig (NE), Timothy Craig (NE), Timothy Crawford (MI), David Cummings (WA), Benjamin Daggett (TX), Steve Danders (WI), Trey Darley (GA), Mary Kay Del Mul (TX), Orlando Diez, Jr. (WV), James Diel (WI).

Don Dillhaunty (TX), Jason Dolan (TX), Daniel Dorsett (CA), Kieran Dozeman (MI), Joseph Elam, Jr. (FL), Ben Easley (WA), Jason Edwards (VA), David Elliott (WY), Jason Elliott (EY), Paul Elliott (WY), Jana Farris (CA), Amanda Feldman (WA), Carolyn Fickley (VA), Robert Fickley (VA), Scott Flaughter (MO).

Scott Forrester (TN), Jennifer Freeman (CA), Stephen Gaither (TX), Vawna Gary (TX), Charles Gargeni (IN), Gary Gilchrist (FL), Jonathan Glick (PA), Chris Goodman (TX), Chad Greenacre (IL), Andrew Griffin (TN), Peter Guy (CA), Bonnie Hackett (OR), Marie Hackelman (MI), Susan Hall (MI), Brant Hambly (IA), Brian Hambly (IA).

Daniel Hambly (IA), Denise Hambly (IA), Milton Hambly (IA), Terra Hambly (IA), Aaron Hawkins (AZ), Sally Hawkins (OR), Susan Hawkins (OR), Timothy Haynes (NY), Trevor Haynes (NY), Amy Hensarling (MS), Adam Hess (NE), Dean Hertzler (PA), Kaarina Hilman (OR), Tamra Hoaglund (IL), Daniel Hobbs (PA), Nathan Hoggatt (TX).

Robert Holbrook (GA), Aimee Howd (IA), Terrill Hulson (OK), Wilburn Hunsucker (NC), Blayne Hutchins (ON), Judith Hynds (TX), Drew Inman (NE), Michael Jacobson (ON), Michael Jacquot (SD), Katie Jett (AL), Matt Jett (AL), Stanley Jett (AL), Trevor Johnson (WA), Chris Johns (MS), Joseph Jones (GA).

Jonathan Kangas (OR), Kristina Kangas (OR), Laura Kangas (OR), Mike Kangas (OR), Susanna Kangas (OR), Caleb Kasper (WA), Dean Kersliner (MD), H. Michael Koller (MO), Michael Krabill (OR), Stephen Krell (BCL), Matthew Kruse (IN), Aaron Laird (MT), Davis Lambert (MI), Sondra Lantzer (MI), Mark Lassiter (TX).

Anthony Leggett (NZ), David Lent (GA), Deena Lent (GA), George Lent (GA), Marywinn Lent (GA), Michael Lent (GA), Rachel Lent (GA), Matthew Lindquist (CA), Jason Litt (OH), Jonathan Little (CA), Christen Lofland (KS), Andrew Long (GA), Elizabeth Long (GA), James Long (GA), James Long, Jr. (GA), John Long (GA).

Rosemarie Lyda (OR), Sarah Lyons (OH), De Shea Mabra (MO), Paul Marosi (ID), Joshua Martin (PA), Robert Matlack (KS), George Mattix (WA), Patti Mattix (WA), Jennifer Mattox (MO), Jonathan McAlpine (ON), John McCrea (NZ), David Meadows (GA), Joshua Meals (TN), Charles Mehalic (NY), Debra Mehalic (NY), Rachel Mehalic (NY).

Rebekah Mehalic (NY), Sandra Mehalic (NY), T.C. Mehalic (NY), Phillip Michaelson (MN), Ryan Middleton (CA), Stephen Midkiff (WA), Amy Miller (MN), Betina Miranda (GA), Peter Moberg (OR), Jonathan Moeller

(MO), Ben Monshor (MI), Elizabeth Moore (AL), Harry Moore (AL), Lauren Moore (AL), Robert Moore (AL).

Joy Morgan (AL), Michael Mosley (MO), Burt Mueller (TX), Clem Mueller (TX), Tiffany Mueller (TX), Ann Phillis Murphy (AR), Doty Murphy (AR), Phillis Murphy (AR), Zach Murphy (AR), Barry Newsom (AL), Julia Newsom (AL), Lori Newsom (AL), Nancy Newsom (AL), Kathleen Nicolosi (TX), Jerome Nicolosi (TX), Regina Nicolosi (TX), Vanessa Nicolosi (TX), Veronique Nicolosi (TX), Jeremy Nunez (MI), Vladamir Oshero (IL), Sunia Panapa (NZ), Jonna Patterson (GA), Helvitin Paul (WA), Natalia Payne (IA), Glory Perkins (GA), James Perkins (GA), Lea Perkins (GA), Timothy Peters (TX), Beverly Pike (FL), Joshua Ramsey (CA), Randal Rankin (AL), Paul Ratcliff (NC).

William Ratcliff (NC), Robert Reed (OH), Andrew Riendeau (PQ), Simon Riendeau (PQ), Greg Roe (TN), Charles Rogers (AR), Charles Rogers, Jr. (AR), Deborah Rogers (AR), Deborah Joy Rogers (AR), Jonathan Rogers (AR), Stephen Rogers (AR), Joam Roof (NY), Charles Ross (IN), Charity Ross (IN), Jedidiah Ross (IN), Mary Ross (IN).

Stephen Ross (IN), Rebekah Ross (IN), Keith Rumley (MI), Laura Rumley (MI), Peter Rumley (MI), Robert Runella (CA), William Rushing (TX), Jeremy Schiefelbien (MN), Sharon Schneider (KS), David Scott (GA), Bob Sherwood (CA), John Shrader (TX), David Shubin (OR), George Shubin (OR), Doug Simmons (GA), Andrew Smith (OR).

Benjamin Smith (PA), David Smith (AL), Lohn Smith (AL), Rebeca Smith (OR), Brian Sondergaard (CA), Doug Sondergaard (CA), Laura Spencer (NS), Phillip Strange (VA), Caleb Stanton (AR), Denise Stanton (AR), Luke Stanton (AR), Michael Stanton (AR), Spencer Stanton (AR), Zachery Stanton (AR), Kyra Stevenson (TX).

Charles Stewart (WV), Benjamin Stixrud (WA), Angela Storm (IA), Ruth Sutherland (MI), Nathaniel Swanson (NB), Jeremy Tanner (MI), Joshua Tanner (MI), Amanda Taylor (MS), Jeremy Thielen (MI), Alison Turner (GA), Timothy Tuttle (OR), April Unruh (TN), Rochelle Wagler (KS), Ken White (IL), Matthew Waite (IL), Dane Walker (VA), William Warren (FL).

John Watkins (MN), Paul Watkins (MN), Jonathan Wedel (PQ), Heather Wenstrom (FL), Brian Weston (CA), Andrea Whitfield (KY), Deborah Whitfield (KY), Jeromey Whitfield (KY), Joshua Whitfield (KY), Robert Whitfield (KY), Brian Wicker (AZ), Nathan Williams (KS), David Wilson (AL), James Winkler (NY), Aaron Wood (TX), Rebekah Zeimann (NJ), Andrea Zeller (IN), Angela Zimmerman (NC), Christine Zimmerman (NC), Josh Zimmerman (NC).

173D AIRBORNE BRIGADE HOLDS REUNION

HON. GIL GUTKNECHT

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 20, 1995

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to commend the 173d U.S. Airborne Brigade. This important military group will be hosting its 30th anniversary reunion in Rochester, MN later this week. It is my understanding that approximately 1,500 of these brave veterans will be in attendance.

The 173d Airborne Brigade fought in southeast Asia from May 5, 1965, to September 26, 1970, and consisted of the following groups:

1st Battalion, 503d Infantry.
2d Battalion, 503d Infantry.
3d Battalion, 503 Infantry.
3d Battalion, 503d Infantry (from Oct. 26, 1967, to Sept. 26, 1970).
4th Battalion, 503d Infantry.
173d Support Battalion.
Company C, 75th Infantry (Feb. 1, 1969, to Sept. 26, 1970).

Special Troops Battalion, 173d Airborne Brigade.

Troop E, 17th Cavalry.
173d Engineer Company.
46th Public Information Detachment (from Mar. 23, 1967, to Sept. 26, 1970).

51st Chemical Detachment (from Feb. 15, 1968, to Sept. 26, 1970).

24th Military History Detachment.
172d Military Intelligence Detachment (from Feb. 15, 1968, to Sept. 26, 1970).

534th Signal Company (from Dec. 20, 1968, to Sept. 26, 1970).

45th Postal Unit.
Company N, 75th Infantry (from Feb. 1, 1969, to Sept. 26, 1970).

39th Infantry Platoon.
75th Infantry Detachment (from Feb. 1, 1969, to Sept. 26, 1970).

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173d Airborne Brigade.

1st Battalion, 50th Infantry (from Apr. 5, 1968 to Oct. 6, 1969).

54th Infantry Detachment (from Feb. 22, 1968, to Apr. 11, 1969).

Company D, 16th Armor (from May 4, 1965, to Sept. 24, 1970).

Tuy Hoa Provisional Tank Company (from May 5, 1969, to Oct. 21, 1969).

The 173d Airborne Brigade was a combat-experienced unit, composed of courageous soldiers who always displayed an enthusiastic anti-Communist spirit. During its 5 years of fighting in the Republic of Vietnam, the 173d Airborne Brigade was instrumental in the fight against communism, yet at the same time participated in the humanitarian restoration of the country.

In recognition of their service, the 173rd Airborne Brigade and its attached and assigned units were awarded the U.S. Meritorious Unit Commendation and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm for their outstanding service. These unit citations were awarded to the 173rd Airborne Brigade by authority of U.S. Department of the Army General Order (D.A.G.O.) 51 of 1971.

Unfortunately, one of the foreign attachments to the 173rd Airborne Brigade, the First Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment (1 RAR Group), was inadvertently left off the D.A.G.O. 51 of 1971.

The 1 RAR (Group) consisted of the following groups:

First Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment.

161 Field Battery, Royal New Zealand Artillery.

105 Field Battery, Royal Australian Artillery.

3 Field Troop, Royal Australian Engineers.

4/19th Prince of Wales Light Horse (1 APC Troop).

1st Australian Logistic Support Company.

161 Recce Flight (Independent).

709 (Ind) Sig Troop, Royal Australian Signals.

After many years and multiple attempts to correct this oversight, the 1 RAR (Group) finally received the recognition they so rightly

deserved by receiving the U.S. Meritorious Unit Commendation.

I must say, however, their fight is not over. While receiving the unit citation, the 1 RAR (Group) was not included on the D.A.G.O. 51 of 1971. Therefore, I intend to work with the U.S. Department of Defense [DOD] and the Embassy of Australia in Washington, DC to amend the D.A.G.O. 51 of 1971 to include the 1 RAR (Group).

EIGHTY-ONE PERCENT OVERNIGHT ON-TIME DELIVERY MAIL SERVICE IN THE DISTRICT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 20, 1995

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to take note of the significant improvement in the performance of the Postal Service in the District of Columbia. In just over 1 year, under prodding from the Congress, the Postal Service has taken a new direction with a pay back for postal customers in the District of Columbia. The most recent performance figures show that local, on-time delivery performance is now at 81 percent—up from 69 percent this time last year.

This is a clear demonstration that the Postal Service can do the job if we keep on its case. Last year, when we became aware of problems effecting mail service in the metropolitan region, I indicated that our last place finish would not be tolerated. In addition to residents' mail, the most important mail in the country and the world passes through the Washington, DC Post Office. The Postal Service apparently heard us—at a town meeting I convened in the District and through our many hearings that brought out the details of delivery problems here in the District.

Since I began monitoring local mail service closely over the past year, I am encouraged that performance has been steadily rising throughout this period. The Postal Service's investment in providing the type of service required in the world's most important city is finally paying off. New technologies, new employees, and a renewed commitment to customer service are making the difference, just as they are showing us what Government can do when it places its customers first. Not only has service in the District of Columbia improved, but nationally, on-time delivery has reached the highest level ever.

A few months ago, I walked a delivery route with a letter carrier here in the District of Columbia. I learned first hand of the pride many postal employees take in serving their customers. There is a fragile bond between the customer and the service provider. I am pleased that the Postal Service recognizes the very real need to maintain and strengthen this bond.

I will continue to monitor the progress of the Postal Service and make monthly reports to District constituents in my column "Notes from Congress" in community papers. As shown by the good news of the most recent figures, monitoring and pressure from House Members has been among the most important factors influencing the improvements in service. Now is no time to let up the pressure. D.C. needs to do more than improve markedly, as we have. We must shoot for the top—and we will.