



## Posse Kills Man

RULEVILLE, Miss. (P)—A 38-year-old Negro hunted overnight in freezing weather was killed by gunfire about 8 a.m. today when he was cornered by a posse of about 25 men.

## Crew Bothered

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (P)—Cold winds hitting a peak velocity of 30 miles an hour bothered Atlas crewmen today as they prepared one of the big intercontinental ballistic missiles for firing.

## Ship Sinking

NEW ORLEANS (P)—The Cuban freighter, Bahia De Sigüenza reported today to the Coast Guard that it was sinking. It was the second time in 24 hours that the Havana-bound vessel had reported being in trouble.

## Quick Action

WASHINGTON (P)—A White House request for \$1,260,000 in new defense funds received top congress priority today, with indications of quick approval.

## 11 Hurt In Wreck

PORTAGE, Wis. (P)—Eleven mail clerks were injured and 70 passengers were shaken up at 4 a.m. today when the Milwaukee Road's Pioneer Limited apparently struck a broken rail in the road's yards near Portage, derailling 11 of 17 cars on the train.

## 3 Saved In Fire

WASHINGTON (P)—Three persons, one an elderly woman, were rescued by ladder from the fifth floor of the Cairo Hotel while firemen fought a two-alarm blaze there early today.

## DI Trial Set

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (P)—A general court-martial is on tap tomorrow for the first of seven drill instructors charged with having financial dealings with trainees at the San Diego Marine Corps Recruit Depot.

## 'Model Boy' Is Robber And Killer

LOS ANGELES (P)—Sixteen-year-old Nylas Andreason, son of a civic leader and school principal in suburban Norwalk, is the youth in an Explorer Scout, stolen church regularly and works after school in a supermarket for spending money.

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GEORGE DOWDY

## National President

# Dowdy To Head Retail Merchants

By EMERY WISTER  
News Staff Writer

It was a fine fall morning in 1956.

Belk Bros. Co. had just opened its new Charlotte store and visitors were exclaiming over its magnificence.

In the executive offices on the fourth floor a serious-faced, soft-spoken man sat behind his desk and said to a reporter:

"I don't want to hear what is right with this store. I want people to tell me what they think is wrong with it."

This was George W. Dowdy, who as executive vice president and general manager, held the control wires of one of the largest stores in the Southeast.

## NOW A GIANT

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# Terry Fingers Wetzel As Patrolman's Killer

## Widow Departs In Tears

By BILL HUGHES  
News Staff Writer

ROCKINGHAM—Robert Terry, Negro hitchhiker today pointed a finger at Frank Wetzel as the slayer of Highway Patrolman Wister L. Reece.

The prosecution's first witness told a Richmond County Superior Court jury of 10 men and two women that Wetzel shot the patrolman near Ellerbe the night of Nov. 5.

The defendant remained calm and impassive, but shook his head slightly when identified by Terry.

However, Mrs. Dilys Reece, widow of the slain man, covered her face and sobbed as she left the courtroom. Mrs. J. T. Brown, whose patrolman husband was shot and killed the same night, comforted Mrs. Reece. Wetzel also is accused of killing Patrolman Brown.

Terry, under questioning by Solicitor M. P. Boyette, said he spent several months last fall in New York and was returning to his home in Norman when he hitchhiked a ride near Asheboro.

He said he and the driver, whom he identified as Wetzel, talked about coin hunting and bridge during the ride from Asheboro to near Ellerbe.

Terry said a patrol car drew up behind them and sounded a siren and blined a red light.

"I was excited," Terry said, "and I told him he had better stop."

Terry said the driver then slowed the car and reached into the glove compartment for a gun as the car stopped.

"I started begging him 'Please don't do that, please don't do that,'" he said, "I gotta do it."

The witness testified that as the driver got out of the car he (Terry) opened the other door and slipped out. Terry said he jumped into a small ditch when he heard a single pistol shot. He said the driver then got back into the car and sped away.

Defense attorney John T. Page, in an attempt to discredit the witness, drew from Terry an admission that a Washington, D. C., man "made a proposal to

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Part Of Wetzel Jury Leaving Richmond County Courthouse

## —SNOWFALL RANGES UP TO 16 INCHES—

# Northeast Counts 27 Dead After Storm

NEW YORK (P)—A fierce winter storm which cut at least 27 lives moved northeast toward the Canadian maritime provinces today after pummeling the east coast—from Maine to Florida—with a staggering variety of elements.

Weathermen termed it "one of the most intense coastal storms of recent years." Although skies cleared today over most of the middle and south Atlantic states, bone-chilling cold was forecast for New England.

The tempest thrashed the seaboard with avalanches of snow, wind gusts up to 75 miles an hour, sleet, rain and lightning.

For the first time in history,

In New England it snarled automobile traffic, forced business houses to close, tumbled power lines and closed schools.

Augusta, Maine, was hit by a 16-inch deluge of snow. Atlantic City, N. J., got 13.3 inches—the biggest downfall there in nearly 17 years.

## FLORIDA HAS SNOW

Florida, with its citrus crop already hard hit by an earlier cold spell, was handed another blow. Snow fell in the sunny state as far south as Lakeland in the heart of the citrus growing area.

For the first time in history,

the Florida Weather Bureau included snow flurries in its state forecast.

On the heels of the storm, New England got a weather bureau warning that some of the bitterest cold weather of the season was on the way. Temperatures of 15 below zero were forecast for northern Maine tonight.

Connecticut apparently was the heaviest sufferer from the wintry onslaught. New Haven got 14 1/2 inches of snow, only a half inch less than the record fall of Dec. 19, 1948.

Daylight revealed hundreds of abandoned cars in snowdrifts. Some business houses were

closed for the day. Driving was hazardous, and in many cases not possible.

## DRIVING BANNED

At Hartford, all downtown driving was banned to permit snow removal.

Turnpikes were either closed or the rate of travel sharply reduced in parts of Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey.

Many New England schools were closed.

Wind gusts during the height of the storm reached 75 miles an hour—gale force—in some parts of New England.

## Possible Death Evidence Found

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## The Bad News: 14 Low Tonight

A powerful cold front which chased a storm to the Northeast may give the Carolinas their severest jolt of the new year to morrow.

The Weather Bureau, predicting a low of 14 degrees here, said the temperature will be in the teens from the west Piedmont to the eastern areas of the state.

Weather observers said a high pressure area in Texas is teaming up with the onrushing cold to keep the air cold and clear through tomorrow.

Temperatures should rise a little tomorrow with a high of 40, seven over today's expected 35. By the end of the week the mercury may be in the 50's.

Today was the seventh straight day the temperature has tumbled below the freezing mark.

The cold air which rushed into the states late yesterday cleared the air of practically all snow. Only in the mountains was light snow falling this morning and skies were clear elsewhere.

The mercury which struggled up earlier with the aid of Hill-Burton funds, fell back to one degree below zero this morning. By 8 a.m. the temperature was one above.

Mountainous Asheville was some warmer. It was 17 there. Hickory was almost as cold at 18, and Greensboro was colder at 16. It was 19 in Raleigh, 24 in Elizabeth City and 25 at Myrtle Beach.

Yesterday's short-lived rain and snow brought a rash of minor traffic incidents and inconveniences to drivers.

At Lenoir a school bus skidded into a tractor-trailer. Ten children received minor injuries.

Schools in Forsyth County were closed for the day.

## Steadfast Parents Win: Footbridge Finally Up

LOS ANGELES (P)—A \$38,000 pedestrian bridge stands today over busy Rosemead Boulevard as a monument to a schoolboy killed by a truck. It reflects 16 months' persistence of about 100 parents.

On the first day of school in September 1956, the brakes on a heavily loaded truck and trailer failed. The truck struck a group of students, James Picha, 15, was killed. Three girls were seriously hurt.

Outraged parents of 400 pupils attending the nearby El Rancho High and Mary Miller Junior High Schools, in the suburb of Rivera, went into action.

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## Kuralt Tells What Makes Welfare Tick

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EARL HATCHELL  
Snoring

## By ELIZABETH PRINCE News Medical Writer

Riddle for the day:  
What is it that, when you have it, others are affected but you aren't?

The answer: snoring.

Some folks are mild snorers. They snore only when they sleep on their backs, and a strong poke in the ribs is enough to stop the snoring—until they turn over again.

Some are heavy snorers. Waves of sound, orkorkrk-zzz-zzzzorkrk-zzzz, reverberate around the room whether

they're on their stomachs, their backs, sides, or have the pillow-over-head habit.

If you're the wife of a back-sleeping snorer—traditionally only men snore, but it's not borne out by facts—your solution is simple.

Make it uncomfortable for him to sleep nose-up, like with a small pillow at the nape of his neck.

## TOUGHER STEPS

Otherwise, you'll have to take more definite measures.

Dr. Noah D. Fabricant, writing

in the January issue of "Today's Health" magazine, says the orkorkrk-zzzzz is due to vibrations in the soft palate and other structures of the throat with the inflow and outflow of air during breathing.

You can't ask a body to stop breathing.

So, your course is to do something about the vibrations.

In children, it can be tonsils and adenoids, and they can be removed.

Sometimes a deficiency or polyps, benign masses at the back of the nose, can block the smooth passage of air, and the

condition can be corrected by surgery.

An allergy or infection can block the nose and cause the offending vibrations.

Dr. Fabricant is optimistic, though.

"... snoring is repulsive, even repulsive, when a domestic cause-and-effect relationship is discovered. Something can be done about it," he writes.

And "... the agonized listener, helplessly adrift on a sea of snores, can always wear ear plugs, when everything else fails."



MRS. HATCHELL  
Sleeping?

## Today's Weather

Fair and cold today and tonight. Thursday fair and not so cold.

Low tomorrow morning... 14  
High today... 33  
High tomorrow... 40  
Low yesterday... 4