



Peggy Lapsley, Bundled Up Against Chill, Provides Photo by Tom Franklin-Franklin News Staff Writer

Police Posing Probe Of Arson 'Epidemic'

Believed Action Of Children

By JOHN KILGO
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An epidemic of arson cases — most of them apparently the work of juveniles — had city and county police gravely concerned today.

Trauma of officers are working around the clock on the cases, in some of which the fires clearly were in a gasoline can.

Two more cases were added to the growing list yesterday.

At city police arrested a 10-year-old Negro boy after a fire in a new classroom at Lincoln in Highlands Elementary School, 1900 Newcastle Rd., in the northwest section of the city.

Police officers said the offenders probably don't realize the law doesn't look on arson as a prank.

For instance, in North Carolina a person convicted of first degree arson — setting fire to a place in which persons are asleep — may be executed.

For a boy than first-degree arson, the maximum penalty is 10 years in prison, the minimum four months.

The boy who set fire to the Lincoln Heights School, was arrested by Youth Bureau Detectives David J. O. Bennett after he was seen watching the fire by Frank Davis, janitor at the school.

Police said the youth said he went into school building, knocked a light in a gasoline can and poured the gas on the floor.

He then poured motor oil on the cabinets and cleaning wax on the floor.

The fire was spotted by the fire on his way to church and called the Fire Dept.

Last Wednesday, a crude attempt was made to burn down the auditorium at East Mecklenburg High School. The fire was put out before much damage occurred.

Temperatures dropped to 41° in zero in northern New England and near zero in parts of New York State.

The mercury edged toward the zero mark in areas southward across western Pennsylvania into West Virginia. The freezing line extended southward toward the mid-Gulf coast, including northwestern Florida.

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In a scathing sermon he titled "The Utter Shamelessness," Dr. Lawrence I. Stell told his Trinity Presbyterian Church congregation yesterday.

"The time has come for us to draw a line between the destroyers and the builders."

"When anyone sets fire to a school building, a house, or anything else, as has been suspected around here... he's destroying something out of my pocket book and my bank account and out of yours."

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No airplane has yet been built to go with the engine, although work on design studies have been under way for several years at Convair's Fort Worth, Tex., plant and at Lockheed's facilities at Marietta, Ga.

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Warmer Tomorrow Cloud Bank Keeps Temperature Down

CLOUDS and cold air kept Charlotte in the chill grip of winter today after the temperature had dropped to the season's lowest figure this morning.

The low reading here was 23 degrees and an even freezing 22 is forecast for tomorrow. But a warm 54, nine degrees over today's forecast 45, is predicted for afternoon.

Skies should be cloudy through tomorrow but no rain or snow is expected.

LOWEST SINCE FEBRUARY
This morning's 23 was the lowest reading since the bitter 21 of Feb. 17, but it was still five degrees over the predicted low of 20. Clouds which drifted in during the night kept the mercury from dropping further.

But the clouds which kept the mercury up this morning also kept the temperature from soaring higher this afternoon.

An unexpected flow of warm air kept the temperature from dropping to an expected low of 23 yesterday morning. The mercury had fallen to 28 by Saturday midnight, but the temperature quickly climbed back to the 30's. Lowest here yesterday morning, 33 degrees.

But the cold air flowed back into the states yesterday and last night and the crazy quip pattern made Raleigh the coldest point in the state.

The Weather Bureau said the Raleigh-Durham airport temperature was 17 degrees, 11 degrees under Asheville's 28. It was 20 in Greensboro, 23 in Winston-Salem. Wilmington was no warmer than Charlotte. It was 35 there. Myrtle Beach slivered in 27-degree cold.

In hilly Greenville, S. C., the mercury dropped to 23 degrees; and nearby Spartanburg reported a low of 28. Usually warm Columbia also had a 28. It was 35 degrees in Savannah, Ga.

Our Weather
Considerable cloudiness through Tuesday.

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Drivers Abandon Autos As Snow Hits N. Y. State

BUFFALO, N. Y. (AP) — "Hey, my car's stuck somewhere between here and Rochester. Did you tow it out yet?"

That, say state troopers, is typical of about 200 questions and Jordan's citizens returned almost normal living after 10 months under the military restrictions.

Larceny Hearing
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y. (AP) — Harry Gross, who has been in jail most of the time since his 20-million-dollar a-year bookmaking ring in Brooklyn was smashed in 1956, was called into county court here today in a Los Angeles larceny case.

One woman, Mrs. Enzel Wilk, is a housewife in St. Augustine, Fla., drove as far as the Pembroke service area and quit.

"The place was packed solid with people," she cried. "Children were lying around everywhere on the floor."

"They brought us a few blankets, but then they took them away again. I don't know why. We could buy food and coffee and it was warm, but that was all."

"The visibility on the thruway," she said, "was zero."

"The snow was blowing. I could not see and I couldn't turn around. You just didn't know where you were going."

"It was like driving into the North Pole region. There was no sign of a track or anything. I don't know why they let me on the thruway."

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Evening Prayer

Dear Father, help us in all things to glorify Thee. May we be truly Thy servants this day, serving Thee and doing Thy will. Give us Thy grace, send us Thy Holy Spirit that we may grow in grace. We ask all in our Saviour's name — Amen.

U. S. WITHHOLDS COMMENT — Do Reds Have Atom Plane?

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Soviet Union also is trying a nuclear-powered bomber, the magazine Aviation Week reports. It says the United States is at least four years behind the Soviet Union in this respect.

Officials of the U. S. Air Force and Defense Department withheld comment on the report.

The magazine said the Soviet bomber was completed six months ago and has been flying in the Moscow area for at least two months. Its test flights there have been observed by observers from both Communist and non-Communist countries.

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