



Snow's Over (For Now) But Still Be Mighty Cold

Road Travel Still Rough In Snow Belt

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With sun and manpower as tools, the Carolinas dug themselves out of the worst December snowfall in years today.

But a new cold front which moved the snowstorm out to sea promised continued sub-freezing temperatures through the week end.

A new storm, caused by a low pressure area near Cuba, threatens to dump more snow on South Carolina as well as bring a few flurries to Western North Carolina.

Today's thickening clouds may bring bad weather by tonight. But for Charlotte only extremely cold weather is forecast for today, to night and tomorrow.

The mercury should drop to 15 by morning, two above this morning's 11. A cold 36-degree high is predicted for this afternoon and a 38-degree low tomorrow.

The temperature dropped to one degree above zero in Greensboro. Two hundred miles to the south, Columbia reported four degrees above zero.

On Mt. Mitchell, highest point east of the Mississippi, the temperature dropped to 7 after rising to an almost warm 23 yesterday afternoon.

In Charlotte the mercury dropped to 13 degrees, lowest since the 9 degrees of last Feb. 19.

By today's enough today was not as cold as Dec. 12 last year. The temperature dropped to 10 degrees on that date.

The rising temperature should practically wipe out the trace of snow which fell here, but could only make a small dent in the mountains of snow that piled into Eastern North Carolina.

Rocky Mount and Elizabeth City both had 16-inch snowfalls and Pinehurst reported 15 inches. In Columbia, S. C., and eight inches, Raleigh nine, New Bern seven, Winston-Salem nine and Greensboro one inch.

But though little snow fell in Charlotte, eastern and southern areas of the county reported four and five inches.

SCHOOLS CLOSED
The snow was heavy enough to cause Mecklenburg County School Supt. J. W. Wilson to order all schools closed today, although city units operated as usual.

Although the city had only a trace of snow, streets and highways were dangerously slick. There were 38 wrecks in the city which police attributed to ice on the streets. County police reported 12 wrecks.

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BOY KILLED IN SLEDGING ACCIDENT

PINEBLUFF — The State Highway Patrol said today a 14-year-old boy was killed here last night during a snowstorm when he fell from a sled on Highway 1 and was crushed beneath the wheels of a tractor-trailer.

Patrolman Frank Swain identified the victim as Tommy Clippard, son of Mrs. Dorothy Clippard of Southern Pines. He said the youngster was sledging with other children about 8:45 p.m. on a well-lighted stretch of Highway 1 which passes through Pinebluff, when the accident occurred.

Driver of the tractor-trailer, held for a coroner's inquest, was identified as Chris Shetron, 35, Huntington, Pa.

US OFFER
Yesterday United Community Services offered \$1000 to feed needy hungry school children in the city and county system.

Through today, private citizens had sent \$74.25 to the lunchroom department at the Educational Center to help feed these youngsters.

Meeting yesterday, the executive committee of the Mecklenburg County Tuberculosis and Health Association passed a resolution of its continuing concern for lunches for all children.

Charles N. Briley, president, said the organization is interested in working with members of a community team in solving the hungry children problem.

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How Carolina Counties Fared In Snowstorm

Here is a county-by-county rundown on weather conditions in the area east of Charlotte hit hardest by yesterday's snowstorm:

NORTH CAROLINA
CABARRUS — Concord police reported streets "as slick as glass" with Highways 601 and 29 icy in spots. City schools remained open, but county schools were closed. Approximately 3-4ths of an inch of snowfall. Highways north of Concord were reported icy in spots.

UNION — Moore police reported city and county schools closed. Some streets were scraped, but all remain icy. Approximately four inches of snow was recorded, and Highway 74 bypass was reported passable with chains. A number of accidents in the county, with property damage. No one reported injured.

ANSON — Wadesboro police said streets "as slick as sheets of ice." Nine inches of snow was measured at 4 p.m. yesterday.

ROWAN — Salisbury police said driving was very hazardous although sanding of some streets had taken place. All county schools closed, but Salisbury city schools remained open. Snow did not begin until 1 p.m. and stopped about 5 p.m., with one inch recorded. Police reported "a zillion accidents with property damage, but no one injured."

MONTGOMERY — Police in Mt. Gleas reported a number of minor traffic mishaps, but no one hurt. Snow measured at nine inches. Streets and highways were icy, and city and county schools were closed.

MOORE — Hardest hit by the storm, Southern Pine recorded 20 inches, the worst snowfall since March 6, 1927, when 30 inches were recorded. Mrs. Cornelia Ann, desk sergeant at Southern Pine, said that in her 15 years as a headquarter, said cars without chains could not possibly make it, those with chains were having a rough time by 2 p.m. yesterday, police measured

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Train Rips School Bus; Two Killed

ESSEX, Ontario (AP) — A New York Central passenger train running 30 minutes late sliced a school bus in half at a rural grade crossing today, killing two boys aboard the bus.

The crossing is three miles east of Essex and about 17 miles east of Detroit in the southernmost tip of the Province of Ontario.

The bus was carrying 10 students to the Holy Names Parochial School in Essex.

The train hit the rear of the bus where the two boys who were killed were sitting. They were David Purnell and Paul Bossey.

The driver, Albert Siole, and three children were taken to the Essex professional center for treatment. Another boy, whose leg was broken, was sent to a Windsor hospital.

NONE SERIOUS
Dr. D. W. Clare said none of the children brought into Essex was injured seriously.

The grade crossing is marked but not protected by crossing gates. The approach is steep and icy.

Miss Margaret Seymour, who lives nearby, said several cars failed to make the grade on their first run up the incline this morning before the accident.

"It sounded as if the boys were shooting," Miss Seymour said in describing the crash.

A brother of young Bossey crawled to the Seymour home to tell of the accident.

A MIRACLE
Dr. Colin Markland, first doctor to reach the scene, said "It's a miracle all of them weren't killed."

The portions of the bus were knocked clean by the train, the Detroit bureau reported.

Observer said the children who survived apparently were helped by the fact that the bus was not dragged by the train.

The train left New York City at 7:15 last night and was due in Detroit at 8 a.m. today. The accident happened about 8 a.m.

A railroad spokesman said it was not determined immediately how fast the train was traveling.

DENHAM, England (AP) — Fourteen U. S. Air Force officers today sat at a reading table in London, written to a master sergeant on trial for murder.

The long series of letters was written by an attractive English woman, Mrs. Cynthia Taylor, 23, of Hobbsville, N. C.

The court martial is trying Mrs. Taylor on charges of poisoning his wife with arsenic and of committing adultery with Mrs. Taylor.

The court had the appearance of a reading room in a library. There were occasional sobs from Mrs. Taylor, the rustling of paper and a few objections raised to some of the letters by the defense counsel.

By noon 56 letters had been submitted. One was withheld by the court's law officer, and there was still an unopened stack on the prosecutor's desk.

Mrs. Taylor, dressed in a close-fitting black dress and a black hat, identified the letters with little nods.

The letters were not read aloud. They were passed around in batches of five.

The prosecution introduced the letters in an effort to establish a motive for the murder of Mrs. Markland, 48, who died in an air force hospital at Southbeare on June 9. The prosecution claims that Markland had an over-whelming passion for Mrs. Taylor and that she had been his mistress for two years.

TV PHOTO TYPE
HOLLAND, Mich. (AP) — Sixty-year-old Kathy Langejans decided to try to imitate a lady on television by jumping from a second-story window. She said she meant to fly to the house next door. Instead she fell 25 feet into a deep snow bank. She was uninjured.

Things were getting desperate. Finally, the order came: "Shoot her down with water."

Enter the hero — Eugene Shipman, 24, former tree surgeon from West Hartford.

He crawled up the tree with books and ropes. Down he came with the cut eight minutes later. The cat is home now to spend the holidays by this fireplace.



Said The Governor Of North Carolina: "It's A Long Time Between Snowballs." (AP Photos)

Committee Named To Study Problems Of Hungry Children

(How Dallas Did It: It) By ANN SAWYER News Staff Writer

An 11-member committee to help solve the problem of hungry school children was named today by S. Herbert Hitch, chairman of the Social Planning Committee.

William E. Varr, Allen, an attorney and former chairman of the Mecklenburg County Welfare Board, will head the study group.

The job of the committee is to determine the need of the responsibility of feeding these children, and to get action.

The attendance department of Charlotte city schools estimates there are at least 1,750 children who have little or no lunch because their parents are unable to provide it.

Members of the committee who will work with Mr. Van Allen on the problem are:

Stan Brookshire, former United Community Services president and former United Appeal campaign chairman and UCS officer now; Al Bechtold, city school commissioner; Lucy Hanson, county school board member.

Art Jonas, former UCS campaign chairman and president; Stokes King, member of the Family and Children's Service Board; Col. Francis Hearty, member of the Social Planning Council and president of the Charlotte Rotary Club.

Robert Scott, attorney and member of the Social Planning Council; Paul Johansen; Ruth Conger, Social Planning Council member; and Fred Alexander, supervisor of the Double Oaks Housing Authority and Social Planning Council member.

In announcing the committee today, Mr. Hitch said, "We feel we are fortunate in having a committee of this caliber to look into this very important matter."

Tree Climber Saves Day For Tabby
CANTON, Conn. (AP) — For 72 hours the cat just sat there, gawking them the old stam from her 80-foot perch atop an elm.

Firemen tried everything. The ladders wouldn't reach, so they tried to tilt her a little with a stick, hoping to get her to drop into a basket. But she was in no stick-grabbing mood.

He crawled up the tree with books and ropes. Down he came with the cut eight minutes later. The cat is home now to spend the holidays by this fireplace.

NC Snow Trap For Floridian

GREENSBORO (AP) — A 30-year-old Florida man, who spent nearly two hours half-buried in a snowbank, was hospitalized here today after rescuers found him beside Highway 70 East.

Authorities at Moses Cone Hospital said Ernest Smith, of Fort St. Joe, Fla., was suffering from exposure but was in good condition. Smith is employed in nearby High Point.

Smith told rescuers he had been a passenger in a car which left the highway and skidded into a creek. He said the others left him to get help and that he, in a dazed condition, apparently lost consciousness.

He was found by W. F. Fox, driver for Truitt Manufacturing Co. and two other truckers who noticed Smith as he lay buried beside the roadway.

Smith was taken to the hospital by an ambulance.

News Readers To Get Bonus For Christmas

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The series is taken from the book "STARS OVER BETHLEHEM" published by E. P. Dutton & Co., Inc.

The Christmas I Remember Best

(Third of a series by prominent Charlotteans)

Miss Kelly's Gift

By HARRY GOLDEN

In a recent speech before the North Carolina English Teachers Association at Chapel Hill, I told the story of Myra Kelly and Christmas on the Lower East Side of New York.

Although her students were children of Orthodox Jews they participated in the spirit of Christmas by bringing their Christian school teacher a present; cups and saucers were standard, with soap a close second. Other gifts piled up on the teacher's desk including a dozen buttons, "Save Alfred Dreyfus," and a few khaki belts, "Remember the Maine."

And now the last boy was approaching her desk and in his hand was neither cup nor saucer nor bar of soap. In halting English he told Miss Kelly that he had asked his mother for five cents for "a Christmas present for teacher" and his mother began to cry, he said, and kissed him saying, "Maybe tomorrow," but she never gave him the five cents and he was terribly worried until last night when his father came home and gave his mother a present.

"My mother was so happy that she cried, and out of Jewish said to my father, 'Thank you', and my father, out of Jewish said, 'You are welcome.'" The boy had then asked his mother if he may take this "special present for ladies" to his teacher; and with that, the young immigrant handed Miss Kelly a crumpled piece of paper, and quickly ran back to his seat.

Late that night Miss Kelly sat in her room, a greatly pampered person, and reviewed her treasures. She saw that they were very touching, very numerous, and very precious.

But above all the rest she treasured a crumpled piece of paper, crumpled and soiled, because it held the love of a man for a woman and a little child and the magic of a home, for the little boy's "Christmas Present for Ladies" was a receipt for a month's rent for a room on the top floor of a crowded tenement.

(Mr. Golden, author of the best-selling "Only In America," is editor of The Carolina Israelite.)

'Only In America' To Be Made Play

Charlotte stories will be told on Broadway next fall. "Only In America" will be a play.

Author of the best-selling book, Harry Golden of Charlotte, announced today contracts have been signed for producing the play on Broadway.

The production will star Sam Levene, well-known stage and screen actor remembered for his leading role in the university system.

Jerry Lawrence and Robert E. Lee will write the play. They adapted the novel "Auntie Mame" for the stage and also wrote the play "Inherit the Wind" starring Paul Muni.

Mr. Golden said today Levene and two writers will come here in February to "soak up atmosphere" and become familiar with Charlotte.

The play will be built around Charlotte, Mr. Golden said.

Georgia School Rules Explained

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP) — The chancellor of the university system of Georgia says regulations for admission were not adopted to exclude Negroes from state institutions now attended only by white persons.

Dr. Harmon Caldwell was testifying Thursday in the U.S. District Court suit of three Negro women attempting to break down segregation at Georgia State College in Atlanta.

Caldwell said that after talking to students of both races he was convinced that "both the white people and the vast majority of good Negro citizens want segregation" in public schools.

John H. Calhoun, former president of the Atlanta branch of the National Ass. for the Advancement of Colored People, said that the NAACP was financing the suit of the three women.

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