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## Cold Enough For You Now? NO KIDDING: ZERO TONIGHT



### 'Lie' Charged

NEW YORK (AP) — One of the leading firms in the field of toll television charged today that a "big lie technique" is being used by major television networks in a campaign against pay TV.

### Top Dog Soon?

CHICAGO (AP) — A key-note of warning that Russia may win a commanding military lead over the United States within 10 years opened a strategy conference today of top business, government and military specialists.

### Murder Charged

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — A gun battle in a rural house last night left a Michigan man dead and another charged with murder. Patrolman Ed Gravette identified the dead man as Thomas Lee Masters, 41, of Detroit. He said W. Condon Graham, 38, of Dayton, Tenn., was charged with murder and released on \$2,500 bond.

### Parley Proposal

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower in a new letter to Soviet Premier Bulganin has suggested that both sides work through "normal channels" for an eventual East-West summit conference. He described present efforts as at an "impasse."

### Flight Admitted

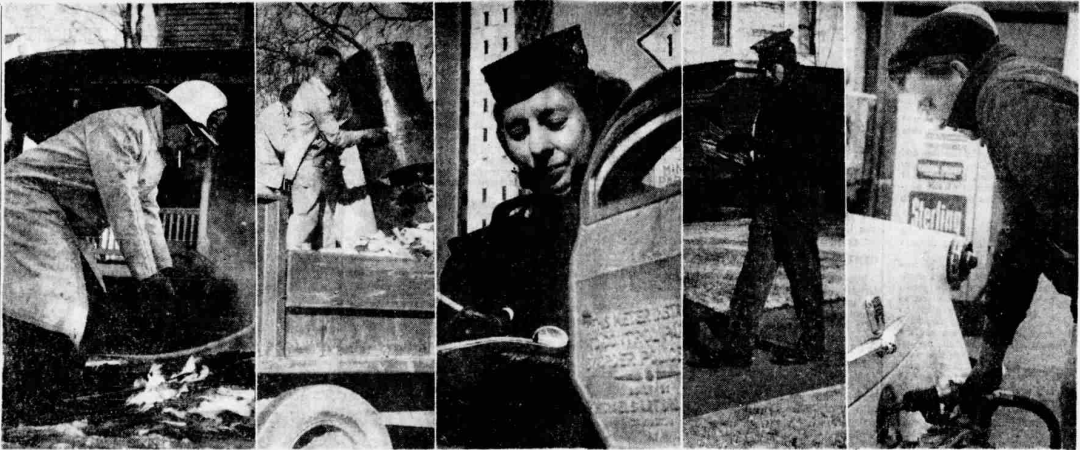
SEOUL (AP) — Pyongyang radio admitted today a South Korean passenger airliner with 2 Americans and 30 others aboard flew to Communist North Korea yesterday.

### Barrage Kept Up

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Indonesia's new rebel government on Sumatra kept up an economic barrage at the central government on Java today with no indication so far of its effectiveness.

### Nasser, Envoy Talk

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — President Nasser conferred today with U.S. Ambassador Raymond Hare at Nasser's home. Hare requested the meeting.



Our Chillest Citizens Go About Their Jobs: G. L. Barnett, Kelly Stevens, Jackie Blackwelder, C. C. Helms, Eugene Ramsey

### —THE TOWN'S COLDEST PEOPLE—

## Be Glad You Don't Have These Jobs

By DONALD MACDONALD  
News Staff Writer

People who work out of doors on days like today have our deepest sympathy.

While the temperature stood at 7 degrees, photographer Jess Hunter and I surveyed the situation and came back with this observation:

"It shouldn't happen to such nice people."

Take firemen, for instance. On the coldest night in over a decade, firemen were out most of the night fighting two major fires.

### FIRE FOR FIREMEN

We spotted Asst. Fire Chief G. L. Barnett, crouched over a fire hose, mopping up at Harry L. Golden's house and office, 1229 Elizabeth Ave.

"Worst night I can remember in 32 years with the department," said Chief Barnett. The chief was so cold he put his hands into the flames and even then could feel only a little warmth.

Ice was everywhere. To avoid traffic mishaps the city had been called to dump dirt on the icy pavement.

Just then we spotted postman C. C. Helms. "It's been pretty rough," agreed Mr. Helms. "But I've been out just since 8 o'clock."

Beneath his cap he wore a hood which protected his ears.

### USED TO IT?

Stopping for gasoline at 4th St. and Independence Blvd., we talked with service station attendant Eugene Ramsey. "Yeah, it's been bad," said he, "but

I'm getting used to it by now." Seasoned or not, he rushed back inside to the heated station house as soon as we drove away.

"How are your ears?" we asked driver Kelly G. Stevens on Truck 82 of the City Sanitation Dept.

"Don't thump 'em," he laughed, "or they might fall off."

### Don't Let Leaf Drop Scare You

Broadleaf evergreens in a loose leaves because of the extreme cold, but the branches may still be alive and should not be pruned.

Miss Cora A. Harris, The News' garden editor, warned homeowners not to prune broadleaf evergreens — like lilacs, hollyhocks and other hollies, magnolia, euonymus, azaleas and others — and not to cut branches for decoration.

Mr. Stevens, cold though he was, said he prefers winter weather to the summer's heat. "When it's hot, you get ringing wet at this work," said he. And he heaved a garbage can into the back of his truck.

In downtown Charlotte, walking against a wind so biting it took your breath away, we spotted Mrs. Jackie Blackwelder. A parking meter checker with the City Police Dept.'s traffic division, Mrs. Blackwelder prepared for the day by adding long woolen socks and earmuffs to her regular uniform.

"Without a doubt, this is the worst day we've ever had on this job," she moaned.

Police Officers Jimmy Zagar and Jimmy Canipe agreed. It was cold, but they stationed themselves in the sunshine while directing traffic, and it wasn't so bad that way.

The worst part about it was the forecast. More of the same and a low of zero tonight.



Even newsmen got it cold. Reporter MacDonald and Photographer Hunter interview shivering policeman Jimmy Canipe and John Zagar.

## 127 Dead As Eastern U. S. Bows Before Winter's Fury

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The coldest weather of the winter swept in today over a wide area of the eastern United States on the heels of a raging snow storm.

At least 127 deaths were attributed to the stinging fury which swept from Mississippi to Maine on the heels of a raging snow storm.

Little relief was forecast as metropolitan areas began to dig their way out of traffic-clogging snows and normal business activities were suspended in many smaller communities.

### WILL CONTINUE

In the northeast, weather bureau said the bitter cold would continue probably through Wednesday and New York City faced the possibility of more snow by Thursday.

The mercury fell to 6 above zero in New York City, 3 degrees in St. Louis, and plummeted to 15 below zero in upstate New York. Coldest spot in the nation apparently was Atlantic, Iowa, with 34 below zero.

States having large numbers of storm fatalities included Maryland, 11; New Jersey, 12; New York, 12; and Pennsylvania, 17. New England and upper New York have much of the trust of the snowstorm which today was swirling in unabated power over the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Civil Defense volunteers went on emergency duty.

In most areas all major highways were closed overnight in time for some travel, but secondary roads remained impassable. In the area around Buffalo drifts of 30 feet were reported.

Many industrial plants remained closed and a large part of the school population were excused from classes. The huge General Electric Plant at Schenectady, N. Y., employing 25,000, shut down.

In New Jersey some courts were closed.

Train schedules were seriously disrupted, especially in Massachusetts where a spokesman for the Boston & Maine line called the storm the worst on record.

In western New York airports were shut down and an airline official said service in the east was "wiped out."

New York City's big air terminals, however, continued handling flights without interruption. Even after the center of the storm passed, snow continued falling last night over most of the northeast as northerly winds blew in gusts up to 50 miles an hour.

The storm buried deeper many areas struggling to get back to normal after earlier falls. Syracuse, N. Y., has had 60.6 inches of snow this month, and Lebanon, N. H., lay under a 38-inch cover. In Boston, a 37-year-old record was swept from the books last night when 17 inches were measured. The City Weather Bureau spoke of "the wildest coastal storm of the winter." The old record for 24-hour snowfall in the city was 16 1/2 inches, set in 1921.

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## Minus 23 On Mitchell Our Lowest

By EMERY WISTER  
News Staff Writer

Showing no mercy to the snow-crusted Carolinas, winter is aiming a harder blow tonight.

An even zero is forecast for Charlotte tomorrow morning, seven under the almost unprecedented 7 above of this morning.

The Weather Bureau said the polar air mass is now centered over Missouri and will give North Carolina full benefit of the cold tonight.

Rushing down from Canada yesterday the cold air knocked the temperature down to 23 degrees below zero on Mt. Mitchell last night. That was the lowest temperature ever recorded in North Carolina.

The 7 degrees here was the lowest reading in Charlotte since the minus 3 of Jan. 27, 1940.

### HIGH OF 30

Even a bright sun could do little to raise the temperature. At 11 a.m. the mercury was at 8 and a high of 20 degrees was forecast for the day.

The Weather Bureau said little relief is expected before the end of the week. Precipitation is likely Wednesday night or Thursday.

There was no mention of snow, but unless the temperature rises above freezing all precipitation will be freezing rain, sleet or snow.

In its monthly prediction issued this morning the Weather Bureau says the temperature will be below normal east of the Rocky Mountains through the middle of next month.

### COLDEST FEBRUARY

As of today the daily February temperature is eight degrees below normal and unless there is a warming trend it may be the coldest February on record.

This morning's extreme cold brought the usual misery to the Charlotte population.

At East Mecklenburg High School, where a cantankerous heating system has kept students in coats, Principal D. K. Fry reported the building "a little colder than usual."

The heating system was kept in operation all day yesterday.

A number of fires kept city firemen hopping all night. Plumbers had a busy day of repairing pipes which had frozen, and one said it would be from two days to a week "before we can catch up."

Wrecker services were kept busy answering calls of weather-bound drivers.

The temperature started dropping here at Saturday midnight, and the 12:01 temperature of 30 degrees was the high for Sunday. Even with the sun shining brightly all day the mercury kept falling.

By tonight the temperature was in the teens and motorists

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## Space Travel Experiment Concluded

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## —IT WAS SNOW FUN— Wachovia Moves \$100 Million

Over \$100 million in currency and securities were moved from the old Wachovia Bank Bldg to the new Saturday.

J. Harry Sapp, cashier of the bank, said movement was made in trucks of the Armored Motor Service. The task was completed between 1 and 2 p. m. in a driving snowstorm.

### BANK EMPLOYEES

Mr. Sapp said two teams of experienced bank employees were called in to move money and securities from the old building

at 4th and Tryon Sts. to the new building at Trade and Church Sts.

Each team consisted of two persons. One team came in to prepare a shipment to the new location and as soon as it had completed its work this team went to the new building to receive the shipment.

The second team then moved in and prepared the second shipment and like the first received it at the new location.

Mr. Sapp said three guards rode the armored truck there

was a policeman at the new building's front door and one in the vault.

### MONEY TRANSFER

The money transfer received little notice because of the bad weather. The armored truck was placed in sealed bags for the transfer.

Lock boxes were moved to the vault the week before.

### Today's

### Weather



Fair and cold today, tonight and Tuesday.

Low tomorrow morning... 7  
High today... 20  
High tomorrow... 22  
High yesterday... 39  
Sunrise today 7:07 a.m.; sunset today 6:08 p.m.

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### Cozy Nests

ASBURY PARK, N. J. (AP) — When the annual Jersey Coast Boat Show closed its doors Saturday night, the exhibitors found piles of snow outside. A dozen of them curled up in the sleeping facilities provided in the boats they were exhibiting.