



It Is To Laugh At 'The March Of Three Snows'

It's not really spring—but you couldn't tell the difference.
It won't be really spring until 9:10 a. m. March 20, but from the looks of the people in our parks and playgrounds, that brightest of seasons is already here.
There's nothing to do but get out in the sunshine, kick up your heels, and work out some of the winter kinks.
Nanette Sill, seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Albert A. Sill, skipped out to Freedom Park for a romp during the springtime sampling.
Yesterday, an all-time high temperature of 81 degrees was set for a March 4.
But lest we forget, yesterday was the fourth anniversary of 1960's beginning of the "March of the three snows." If you remember, we had heavy snowfalls on three consecutive Wednesdays that month.

Road Patrolmen Booted For Yule Party Incident

By JOHN KILGO

Two Mecklenburg state troopers with spotless law enforcement records are no longer with the State Highway Patrol because of the after-effects of a Christmas party they attended. The News learned today.

It also was learned that the local patrol operation is undergoing "more than a routine investigation" by state officials. Details of this inquiry were not available today.

W. E. Reep, one of the most popular and respected men in the patrol's Mecklenburg office, was fired after a Raleigh hearing in January.

R. D. Shaver Jr., a state trooper for 4½ years, resigned. Shaver was given a hearing with Reep in Raleigh. State officials decided to suspend Shaver for five days and transfer him to Elizabethville. Rather than accept Shaver's resignation in January.

Maj. C. Raymond Williams, head of the State Patrol law enforcement division, confirmed today that Reep had been fired and Shaver had resigned.

HE ALSO SAID the Mecklenburg division is being investigated now. "It is more than a routine field investigation," Maj. Williams said. "But I can't go into details at the present time."

Reep and Shaver talked freely to a News reporter about the incident that cost them their jobs.

Shaver was charged with

misuse of state equipment, conduct unbecoming an officer and leaving his patrol duty.

Reep was charged with drinking while in uniform, damage to state property and bringing beer onto state property.

The two ex-officers told this story:

Both were in uniform last Dec. 23, but were off duty when they attended a private party. Shaver was driving his patrol car.

"I got off at 4," Shaver said, "and went to the patrol office at 3:45 to pick up my check. I met Reep there and we went to the party."

SHAYER SAID, "At the party, they kept asking us to have a drink, but we refused because we were in uniform. Then they asked us to have some punch. We took that. I took one drink out of mine but Reep

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Gen. MacArthur Faces Surgery

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who once said "old soldiers never die, they just fade away," is facing exploratory surgery of the abdomen at Walter Reed Army Hospital. The Hospital said today he has "obstructive jaundice of unknown origin" and an operation tomorrow will attempt to find the cause. The MacArthur at left was commander of American forces in Asia during the Korean War. The MacArthur at right was the "old soldier."



Nixon Urges Speedy Action On Presidential Succession

WASHINGTON — Former Vice President Richard M. Nixon told Congress today the time has come to remedy the constitutional flaw "with respect to presidential disability and succession."

Although he set forth his own proposals, he said he had "no pet idea to sell" and felt the important thing was to get action while the people are acutely aware of the problem as a result of the late President John F. Kennedy's assassination and former President Dwight D. Eisenhower's heart attack.

"The more time that elapses, the less urgency the people and the Congress will feel," Nixon told a Senate Judiciary subcommittee.

He made recommendations that differed in some respects from those advanced by Eisenhower in a letter yesterday to Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., the subcommittee chairman.
Nixon agreed with Eisenhower that the country should always have a vice president, but he proposed that in case of a vacancy that office be filled by the Electoral College on the recommendation of the President.

EISENHOWER recommended that the nomination of a new vice president by the President be subject to the approval of both the House and the Senate.

Nixon said he favored using the Electoral College because it would always be made up of a majority of members of the President's own party, while 20 per cent of the time

during the nation's history Congress has been controlled by the opposition party.

Nixon said that letters written by Eisenhower, Kennedy and now President Johnson to the men next in line of succession setting forth how disability was to be handled lack the force of law and would be inadequate if a dispute arose.

Duke's On The Spot

Duke's on the hot spot and North Carolina has gone cold as the ACC basketball tournament opens in Raleigh. These problems, plus the question, "Why a tournament at all?" are features of sports pages 3-6B today.

How To Diet During Lent

Dr. George Crane tells how to lose excess pounds and save money for your church in his Lenten Dieting Contest. It's featured in the Worry Clinic on Page 14C.

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'I Hope I Killed Him'

RUBY: 'I INTENDED SHOOT 3 TIMES'

Jimmy Hoffa Plans Appeal On Jury Fix

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — James R. Hoffa, tough little leader of the nation's largest labor union, planned today to appeal his conviction on charges he tried to rig a federal court jury.

Hoffa started in grim disbelief yesterday when he heard the verdict — his first conviction in four trials. Still another federal trial awaits him next month in Chicago.

"We will appeal," Hoffa told newsmen. His lawyers said motions for a new trial would be filed with U.S. District Judge Frank Wilson within five days.

THE CONVICTION could mean 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine for Hoffa. The judge has set no date for passing sentence.

Hoffa told newsmen that "despite what you think" he has no intention of relinquishing the presidency of the Teamsters, an independent union with 1.7 million members.

"I can rest assured of one thing," he said, "that the membership will be behind Hoffa in the fight all the way."

Initial reaction from members of Hoffa's home local in Detroit was unanimously in his favor.

Hoffa is scheduled to go on trial April 27 in Chicago on charges of misusing \$20 million in union pension funds.

Hoffa's bond was raised from \$10,000 to \$75,000 by Wilson. Smaller bonds were required of the three men convicted with him of attempting to bribe the jury that heard Hoffa's 1962 conspiracy trial at Nashville. That trial ended when the jury couldn't agree on a verdict.

The jury received the case Tuesday evening after six weeks of testimony and deliberations of 5½ and 40 minutes. It acquitted Hoffa on one charge, but found:

1. Hoffa, Larry Campbell of Detroit and Thomas E. Parks of Nashville sought to offer \$10,000 to the son of a juror in Nashville trial.

2. Hoffa and Ewing King, former Nashville Teamsters president, tried to influence another juror by offering to help her husband get a promotion on the Tennessee Highway Patrol.



Hoffa Tells Newsmen He'll Appeal

Bobby Kennedy Smiled Quietly

News World Service

WASHINGTON — Around the Department of Justice, it was as though Captain Ahab had killed Moby Dick, the great white whale. And, contrary to Herman Melville's classic, had lived to tell about it.

Robert F. Kennedy had finally gotten teamster boss Jimmy Hoffa, the man he considered the personification of evil.

From the attorney general himself on down, most everyone at Justice high broke his neck trying hard not to show how pleased they were.

Kennedy refused to see the press. TV crews with their crates of equipment waited fruitfully.

The "AG" wasn't talking.

His only statement of record was: "The case was in the hands of the jury and the jury has spoken."

BULLETINS

Spoon Escapee Returned Here

William H. Summers, 24, who escaped from County Jail with the help of a spoon, was back in jail here today. He was seized in Florida and is charged with rape, armed robbery, larceny of a car and jail break.

Kentucky Demonstrators March

FRANKFORT, Ky. — More than 8,000 Negroes and whites marched on the Kentucky capitol today in support of proposed state legislation that would give Negroes equal access to public places.

Nixon Stays On Oregon Ballot

WASHINGTON — Richard M. Nixon said today he is going to let his name stay on the presidential primary ballot in Oregon. At the same time, the former vice president asked Florida's secretary of state to keep his name off the Florida primary election ballot.

FBI Presses Bomber Probe

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The FBI said today it has intensified its investigation of Ku Klux Klan associates of an accused Jacksonville racial bomber. Authorities checked possible links with Alabama racial violence and dynamite sabotage against the Florida East Coast Railway. William Rosencrans, the suspect, was found in the company of Duval County klansmen after the bombing of a Jacksonville Negro's home, agents said.

'I WON'T PLAY BALL'

Badgley To 'Expose' GOP Chairman Saxon

GREENSBORO — State Rep. Donald Badgley has again refused to withdraw from the GOP gubernatorial race "despite threats from Party Chairman Herman Saxon."

"Saxon threatened to run me out of politics if I didn't play ball with him," Badgley said today. "I'm not playing ball with anybody."

Police Tell Moment Of Death

DALLAS — A police officer today quoted Jack Ruby as saying within minutes after he shot Lee Harvey Oswald that "I intended to shoot him three times."

Officer D. R. Archer testified at the 32-year-old Ruby's trial that the defendant came at Oswald with a gun in hand — in the basement of Dallas police headquarters last Nov. 24. He was muttering unintelligible phrases but did call the accused presidential assassin a "f---er."

After the shooting, Archer said, "As we got him down on the floor, I heard him say, 'I hope I killed the f---er.'"

Three to five minutes later, Archer continued, when he was inside the jail with Ruby, he told the defendant, "I think you killed him."

"HE SAID," Archer added, "I intended to shoot him three times."

Ruby, on trial for his life, is pleading temporary insanity. The defense claims Ruby was in a mental blackout when he shot Oswald and didn't know what he was doing.

Wade asked Archer: "How far was he from Oswald when you first observed him?"

A. About one pace.

Q. Did you see the pistol?

A. I didn't see the pistol until the shot was fired.

Q. He was in a crouched position?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you hear the defendant Jack Ruby say anything?

A. I heard him say a phrase I could not make out all of it.

Police officer L. C. Graces, walking alongside Oswald when Ruby shot him, said he did not hear Ruby say he hoped Oswald died.

The other officer alongside Oswald, J. R. Leavelle, testified.

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Stock Driver Jailed After Road Deaths

ROCK HILL, S. C. — Ervin H. Carpenter, star of small-truck accidents in piedmont Carolina for several years, today struck and killed two pedestrians while driving his new sedan toward Rock Hill, the State Highway Patrol said.

The victims were grandfather and grandson, Julian M. Sims, 48, and William A. Sims, 5.

Carpenter, who rolled up an impressive list of victories as driver of a Pontiac "White Ghost" at tracks in both Carolina last year, was jailed pending an inquest Monday night.

Highway Patrolmen said Carpenter pulled out to pass a slower moving vehicle when he struck the pedestrians from behind on the left side of the road.

Almanac

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1964

Sunrise today 6:33 a.m.

Sunrise tomorrow 6:07 a.m.

Fifteen years ago today school officials in 58 counties, including Mecklenburg, were up in arms over a new "educational foundation" plan by which the state would provide 85 per cent of the money for new schools and the counties 15 per cent. Officials were afraid the state would control the county tax rate if the new system was adopted. And in 1959 potatoes were five cents a pound.

Forecast: Partly cloudy, windy and cooler today. Fair and much cooler tonight. Tomorrow, fair and cooler. Low this morning 56, high today 64; low tonight 56, high tomorrow 58. More weather on Page 2.