

# State, County Offices Close

## FILLING THE SKY AND THE EARTH BELOW



Last night's four-inch snowfall enhanced the serenity of the Church and offered photographers an opportunity to get pictures like the one above. It was the first heavy snowfall in Charlotte since 1948.

## CITIZENS MUSH THROUGH THE SLUSH

# Bright Sun Reduces Year's Biggest Snow To Drip-Size

By EMERY WISTER  
Charlotte News Staff Writer  
Held fast by an overwhelming mass of gray clouds yesterday, the sun broke out of its trap today to whittle the four-inch snowfall down to size.

By noon today streets were held bare of white yesterday and last night were no more than rivers of slush. The melted snow poured down from roof tops, drenching hundreds of pedestrians on busy streets. The drippings kept a fine mist flying in the air in the business districts.

Several vehicles were actually mired in the mush on Charlotte's downtown streets. More than one car and truck were observed trying to get free of the mountain of melted snow, their wheels spinning. City street cleaning crews assisted by cleaning up the snow or moving it to the center of the streets.

The Weather Bureau said the sun will melt most of the snow today but added that some of it will be on the ground tomorrow. A sharp drop in temperature tonight will keep all of it from melting.

A low of about 25 degrees is forecast for this area tonight, with warmer temperatures seen for tomorrow. The weather should remain clear. No more snow is in sight.

The snow started falling shortly after 9 A. M. yesterday. At first it was mixed with rain but by noon the rain had halted altogether and the snow continued thick and fast until last night. Some sleet fell around 9 last night and some after city crews took to the streets, pouring sand on them and washed away the slush.

## Street Workers Labor All Night On Slippery Spots

By DICK YOUNG  
Charlotte News Staff Writer  
Municipal forces working through the night had main thoroughfares in possible condition when the sun rose today on snow-blanketed Charlotte.

Little or no difficulty was encountered by traffic at the usual tough spots when motorists moved toward their work.

Lloyd G. Richey, city engineer, said a strong east breeze was felt after 6 A. M. and reported most of the slippery spots well taken care of and later when traffic started moving, cars negotiated the hills with little or no difficulty.

Mr. Richey said that a big factor in this morning's cleared streets, particularly in the midtown area, was the flushing which was done last night by the street cleaning department under the supervision of O. C. Fugus, superintendent.

The W. Morehead St. hill near Bryant Park, which is regarded as the worst in the city, was sanded by the State Highway Commission last night.

City forces spread slag on the hills on E. Trade St. near College St. on E. Trade St. near the railroad and the Square, on W. Trade St. near Graham St. on Church St. near 5th St. and on Independence Blvd. at P.E.

Two crews were at work in the midtown business district this morning, clearing crosswalks of snow and slush.

The street flangers were also in the street.

operation flushing the slush into storm drains were called to duty as well because of the rising temperature.

Street maintenance and street cleaning crews were called to duty at midnight and they labored throughout the rest of the night. And at dawn when traffic began venturing its way into the heart of the city the main thoroughfares were cleared.

Motor graders were readied at the City Garage but it was not necessary to use them to shove snow off the pavement. Mr. Richey said.

The crews worked with dispatch and no lost motion. Mr. Richey said, because a list of trouble spots, known from past experience, has been compiled at the City Garage and crews were sent to those places first.

In all 41 inches of snow fell, the heaviest snowfall since the 7 1/2 inches of Feb. 9-10, 1948.

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## OUR WEATHER

Fair and rather cold today, slightly colder tonight. Thursday fair and warmer. Expected high today 58 degrees. Low tonight 28 degrees.

Highest yesterday 43 degrees. Lowest this morning 25 degrees.

Sunrise, 6:35 A. M.; sunset, 6:17 P. M.

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## SNOW AND CROPS

"Whenever there is much snow, a fruitful season generally follows." This was first said by the Greek philosopher Theophrastus in 300 B. C., and it's just as true today.

The reason is that abnormally heavy snows delay the starting of vegetation, so that it is not so late to be harmed by killing frosts.

Theophrastus, one of the earliest weatherers, lacked the scientific weather knowledge we have today, but from his own observations he was able to set down many weather rules. The first compilation of this kind that is known to exist.

## STRONG QUAKE FELT

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP)—A strong earthquake was felt in San Salvador at 12:09 A. M. today. It lasted 45 seconds. There were no reports of damage. Similar tremors were reported in Nicaragua yesterday.

# Men Charged With Kidnaping Woman

By NOEL YANCEY  
WHITEVILLE (AP)—More than a score of state and county officers, moving against hooded terrorism in Southeastern North Carolina for the second time within two weeks, today arrested eight former Ku Klux Klan members.

The arrests were announced by State Bureau of Investigation Director J. Edgar Hoover, who with Sheriff Hugh N. Coleman of Columbus County directed the early morning roundup.

Powell said the former Klan members, all identified as members of the Fair Bluff Klavern in Columbus County, were involved in the kidnaping of a Negro woman, Esler Lee Floyd, Nov. 14 last year. He said all the defendants are being charged with:

- 1—Conspiracy to kidnap and assault.
- 2—Kidnaping and assault.

## PV Problem Goes Back To Subcommittee

Voluntary Exchange Still Key Issue  
By GEORGE A. MCARTHUR  
MUNSON, Korea (AP)—Staff officers tentatively agreed today to drop the question of voluntary exchange of prisoners of war back into the laps of a true subcommittee.

They've settled all prisoner exchange details but this key issue and one minor translation problem. The translation was to be worked out Thursday.

The subcommittee of armistice negotiators tentatively was scheduled to take over again Friday.

A second staff committee headed toward a similar stalemate over Communist insistence that Soviet Russia help supervise the truce.

Col. Don O. Darrow told the Reds they "appear to be more interested in arguing the merits of the Soviet Union than in reaching an armistice agreement."

North Korean Col. Chang Chun-an said the Communists would "categorically reject" any allied proposal to sidetrack Russia. He said the only solution was for the U. N. Command to accept the Red nomination of the Soviet Union "and land Czechoslovakia as neutral nations to help police a truce."

"Until such time," Chang said, "there will be no progress in these negotiations."

The Reds previously turned down the U. N. offer to drop Norway from its list, retaining Switzerland and Sweden as neutral supervisors and the Communists eliminated Russia.

Until the Russian question cropped up, the main trouble over a stumbling block was whether the Reds could rebuild airfields.

Communist charges that the Allies used germ warfare were heard in Panmunjom outside the truce tent.

The charges, repeated regularly for four days over Red radio, also drew first official note from an allied spokesman. In Seoul, a U. S. Sixth Army spokesman said:

"It is not true as far as this headquarters is concerned. We have at no time or in any place engaged in any such activities."

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# RUSSIAN PAPER CALLS BILLY GRAHAM 'QUACK'

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## Fairness Of Probe Argued Lattimore Clashes With Senate Group

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senate internal security investigators today were locked in dispute with Owen Lattimore over the fairness of the committee's investigation, begun more than a year ago.

He came to yesterday's hearing armed with a 56-page statement in which he denied ever being a Communist or a Soviet agent and accused the committee of "insulting and offensive remarks."

Sen. Willis Smith (D-N.C.) told reporters after yesterday's opening hearing, "I do not see how he (Lattimore) could have been treated more fairly." He added the committee had given the witness "far more latitude than any court would."

Lattimore, a Johns Hopkins University professor and a Far East affairs specialist, has been a central figure in the subcommittee's investigation, begun more than a year ago.

After nearly three hours, he had reached only the second page of his prepared statement, leaving 48 pages to go. He said he could not read the rest of his statement in a court, you would be in jail for contempt."

# KING'S FUNERAL COST PLACED AT \$162,000

LONDON (AP)—The funeral of King George VI cost \$162,000.

The Government presented the bill to Parliament today, asking it to vote the necessary money.

The total includes \$60,000 pounds (\$240,000) for entertaining royal and overseas guests, hiring cars and railway expenses.

Biggest item was a bill from the armed forces for 35,750 pounds (\$143,000) for the troops who took part in the ceremonies.

That does not include their pay—only special costs resulting from the royal funeral on Feb. 25.

# Acheson Gets Congratulations From Truman

Secretary Lauded For Lisbon Parley Work  
By EDWARD E. BOMAR  
WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Acheson returned today from Lisbon and received congratulations from President Truman for the "accomplishments" at the meeting there of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

Mr. Truman, greeting Acheson personally at the airport, said the Lisbon conference was the "most successful" held thus far by the Western Allies.

"I think we have accomplished in the last few days the things we have been working for, for the last four years," Mr. Truman said.

He congratulated both Acheson and Secretary of the Treasury, who returned in the Presidential plane with Acheson, for the job they have accomplished.

In reply, Acheson said he thought "We have accomplished what we set out to accomplish." Snyder expressed belief that "We are entering a period now where progress becomes accomplishment."

Acheson and Snyder drove to the White House with the President to report to him on the NATO meeting.

Acheson expects to report later in detail to the Senate and House on the moves made by the North Atlantic Treaty Council to bolster the alliance against Communist aggression.

What Acheson has to say to Congressional leaders, particularly the cooperation of Western Europe, promises to have a direct bearing on the fate of the request for \$75,000,000 in foreign aid funds.

After a report will be made to the public, a State Department official said, possibly in the form of a speech.

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## EVENING PRAYER

Dear Lord and Master of us all, help us to hear Thy call and to trust our lives by Thine that is so unbrotherly world we shall be able to live as sons and daughters of the Most High and as brothers where Thy Fatherhood may reach and where Thy love may shine. In the Name of our Elder Brother, Jesus Christ, we pray Amen.

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## Comic Dictionary

INSANITY  
Grounds for divorce in some states but grounds for marriage in all.

## Letter To Warren

# TAFT ADMITS IKE QUALIFIED

WASHINGTON (AP)—A friendly letter from Gov. Earl Warren of California prompted Sen. Taft to say today he doesn't question the presidential qualifications of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

At the same time, Sen. Lodge (R-Mass.) said in a statement that Eisenhower, if he wins the nomination at the July convention in Chicago, "will take off his coat and fight for a Republican victory (in November) with fervor and conviction."

Taft told reporters he had received a "cordial" letter from Warren, who like Taft is an avowed candidate for the Republican presidential nomination.

The letter explained that Warren's invasion of Ohio for a Cleveland speech last night was "non-political."

Taft, opposed by the Californian in the April 1 Wisconsin primary, said he will write a friendly letter in reply.

Previously, Warren had criticized as "arrogant and insulting" a January assertion by said S. J. Gallagher, Taft's campaign manager, that opponents of the Ohio senator should be "confused, demoralized and squabbling."

Asked if the letter exchange indicated a new warmth toward Warren, Taft said it was only in line with his idea that the Republic should not quarrel so violently among themselves over the nomination as to split the party in the general election.

Observing that while he "respects" assertions by Eisenhower's followers that Taft couldn't win in November, the Ohio senator told him: "I have never questioned the qualifications of Gen. Eisenhower to win in November and would not agree with him on politics. If his policies are those of Deverey, Lodge and Taft, they are different from mine."

"I am opposing him for the nomination, but I want a Republican to win in November and would support him if nominated. I hope he would support me, too."

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, Sen. Lodge and Sen. Duane (R-Ia.) are among the leaders of the case.

## Highway Fatalities Exceed '51 Period

RALEIGH (AP)—For the first time this year, North Carolina highway deaths today passed fatalities reported for the same period last year.

The Motor Vehicles Department reported today that for the first 24 hours of this year, 133 persons lost their lives on the state's highways bringing the toll for the year to 154, as of Feb. 25, last year, 133 persons were reported killed.

The department reported 1,671 persons lost their lives as the result of accidents on the roads in the Tar Heel state last year.

## Name Your Candidate Presidential Poll

With the 1952 Presidential election a subject of wide public interest, The News is conducting an informal poll in which its readers may indicate their choice for the Presidency.

The News realizes that your preference may change before the election November 4. At the same time a cross-section of the current preference of News readers will be of interest.

You may cast your vote in this poll by indicating your choice on the ballot below. Bring or mail the ballot to the Poll Editor, The News, Box 360, Charlotte 1, N. C.

## PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE POLL

At this time my choice for President of the United States is: Indicate your preference by an (X).

(X) EISENHOWER	_____
(X) TRUMAN	_____
(X) DEWEY	_____
(X) WALLACE	_____
(X) THURMOND	_____

Neither of these. My choice is \_\_\_\_\_

Write in name of candidate: \_\_\_\_\_  
Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_