



## Grow Dead In Wake Storm And Cold Wave



THE AFTERMATH OF THE COLD WAVE is checked by Mrs. Colin Munroe of 2111 Hastings Dr. as she looks over her flowers to see what damage has occurred. The cold wave which hit here over the weekend wiped out many flowers and canceled a flower exhibit in Belmont.

### Damage To Crops Placed In Millions

#### Early Spring Storm Chills Most Of East

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
A killing storm, the more deadly because it prolonged winter a week beyond its calendar-scheduled departure, moved back toward Canada today, leaving in its wake wakened crops and dead livestock.

Crop destruction estimated in excess of 50 million dollars. A fresh blanket of snow over much of northeastern United States, and:

Freezing temperatures reaching as far south as the northern portion of the Gulf States.

HEAVY SNOWS  
The blizzard spearhead of the weekend storm swept heavy falls of snow on upstate New York yesterday—15 inches at Syracuse—and paralyzed transportation. The Thursday was closed for a 240-mile stretch.

Winds up to 55 miles an hour whipped snow into drifts as deep as 12 feet and cut visibility to zero.

Its long sweep through the United States had taken none of its energy out of it. The snowstorm was called Ontario's and Quebec's worst of the year, as 60-mile winds piled 13 inches of new snow into 12-foot drifts.

ROADS BLOCKED  
Most highways in those provinces were blocked. Motorists had to abandon their stalled cars. Storm-caused accidents took five lives.

But the greatest disaster was in southern and central United States, where a spell of spring had brought out the fruit blossoms before the storm swooped in from the northwest.

The hard freeze virtually wiped out the peach crop in eight states—Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama and Virginia. It left Illinois with prospects of only one fourth of its crop in 1955.

Other crops, such as strawberries, tung nuts and vegetables were among the ruined or badly damaged crops in Dixie.

BOATS MISSING  
Wind-whipped waters of the Gulf of Mexico menaced shipping and commerce, as well.

The furious wind shredded sails of boats in New York harbor and prevented efforts to blast an ice beam in the Niagara river, which has damaged property along the river's shores.

Both the winds and the cold moderated today.

The count of storm-caused fatalities included: Indiana 18, Illinois 10, Michigan 10, New York 3, Florida 2, Ohio 2, North Carolina 1, Missouri 1, Alabama 1, Tennessee 1 and Virginia 1.

### May 1 Talked For Assembly Adjournment

#### Many Issues Still Face Legislators

RALEIGH (AP)—Many issues are still facing them, but there was talk of an adjournment date, possibly May 1, as members of the General Assembly returned today to begin their 12th week.

The legislative pay period will end next Monday, according to Secretary of State Thad Eure. The lawmakers are paid for 90 consecutive days. After that they have to foot their own bills.

Before this week is out much headway is expected to be made on the two biggest issues—appropriations and finance. Members of the Joint Finance Committee have had the weekend to study and get grass root sentiment on the tax proposals outlined to them Friday by House Finance Chairman W. B. Rodman of Beaufort and Senate Finance Chairman Nelson Woodson of Rowan.

20 MILLION  
The proposals by Woodson and Rodman would raise nearly 20 million dollars per year. Under revised revenue estimates, only 37 million would be needed for the next biennium to balance the proposed budget of 637 million.

The Woodson-Rodman tax package, which steers clear of the controversial taxes on tobacco and soft drinks, proposes 2½ million more taxes than will be needed, according to the chairman. Woodson said this "will enable us to correct inequities and undue burdens in the proposals."

Woodson and Rodman reported their tax package had generally met with good response. Woodson added that the legislators were "most receptive and are delighted with the framework of the proposals."

LITTLE CHANGE  
Rodman said, "Wherever I've been I've met with general approval. Generally, somebody wants a little change here and a little change there."

He added that he hoped that the committee members would be ready to begin voting on the tax proposals tomorrow or Wednesday so that work on the finance bill can be completed promptly. If this is done, he predicted, "We can go home by May 1."

Woodson said the Finance Committee should be able to complete work on the tax bill within two weeks. A subcommittee is expected to be given the job of handling the legal mechanics of the bill.

Evening Prayer  
O God, we know Thy Spirit cannot abide in us until we have a heart. Forbid that we should shut out Thy presence from our souls by entertaining a critical, unforgiving spirit. We ask in the name of Him who forgave, even when upon the Cross, Amen.

### J. H. Reeves Jr. Dies

## Auto-Truck Crash Kills Local Man

J. H. Reeves Jr., 51, of 1751 Queens Rd. W., was killed almost instantly in an automobile-trailer truck collision on Route 49 near Concord this morning.

H. E. Coker, 62, 303 Berkshire Rd., who was with Reeves in the accident car, was critically injured and taken to Cabarrus County Hospital.

The two men were en route from Charlotte to Raleigh on business trip when the accident occurred at 7:10 a.m.

Mr. Reeves was Carolina district manager for Westinghouse Electric Corp. He had been located at the Charlotte office since Jan. 1, when he was transferred from Greenville, S. C.

He joined the Westinghouse firm 30 years ago and was Greenville district manager in Greenville.

The extent of injuries suffered by Mr. Coker, Charlotte office manager for Westinghouse Electric Corp. He was taken to the hospital this morning, pending examination of X-ray findings. His known injuries are abrasions of the face, hands, shoulders, and legs.

Driver of the truck with which the two men's 1955 Buick collided was Jerry Rowe, 34, 1227 Summit Ave., Charlotte, who was operating a Thurston Motor Lines trailer truck. State Highway Patrolman B. J. Cloninger said the truck being driven by Rowe was two feet over the center line of the road and that the Buick left skid marks for 50 feet before the collision.

Rowe, who was uninjured, is being held on \$2,500 bond in connection with further investigation.

Patrolman Cloninger said the wreck occurred about one mile south of Jackson Training School, with the truck heading south, the car north.

Funeral arrangements for Mr. Reeves, who was a native of Eufulata, Ala., were incomplete early today.

Surviving are his wife, Zadora B. Reeves; his mother, Mrs. Jerry H. Reeves Sr., of Eufulata, Ala.; three sisters, Mrs. Frank Comer of Macon, Ga., Mrs. Cruse Braswell of Demopolis, Ala., and Mrs. F. Alexander of Bristol, Fla.; a daughter, Jackie Reeves of the home; two sons, Jerry H. Reeves III of Savannah, Ga., and John B. Reeves of Columbia, S. C.; and two grandsons.

What's Inside  
Business ..... 47B  
Comics ..... 13-15B  
Classified ..... 11B  
Editorials ..... 8A  
Features ..... 2B  
Obituaries ..... 12B  
Radio & TV ..... 12B  
Serial ..... 6B  
Sports ..... 14-15A  
Theaters ..... 9A  
Women ..... 11-13A

INCOME REPORT  
CONCORD (AP)—Cannon Mills today reported net income of \$9,108,458 for the 12 months ended Dec. 31, 1954. This was equal to \$4.29 a share. It compared with net of \$10,268,669 equal to \$4.95 a share for 1953.

REMINDS OF PLEDGE  
He reminded Parliament today of a pledge he gave it on the subject of a Big Four conference only 11 days ago.

He said then, once the London and Paris treaties freeing and re-arming the West Germans have been ratified, Britain will want to meet with the Soviets on the main problems blocking a European settlement between East and West.

German and Austrian treaty settlements, an effectively controlled disarmament program, and a continental security system, presumably in the form of mutual East-West non-aggression pledges—were the subjects he listed for discussion.

Labouret's Arthur Henderson asked Eden if the government will take the initiative in proposing a Big Four meeting in proposing a statement made both by President Eisenhower and Marshal Nikita Khrushchev supporting the holding of such a conference.

Eden replied: "We are already in consultation with our allies as to the methods by which we can now go ahead."

Henderson also called for an assurance that Britain's policy, once the ratification process has been completed, will be to press for a Big Four meeting "at the highest ministerial level."

Eden told the House of Commons that the House of Commons is eager to discuss the future of Germany and Austria, disarmament problems and a European security pact with the Russians—this after discussing arrangements for a Big Four meeting with Russia.

Eden told the House of Commons that the House of Commons is eager to discuss the future of Germany and Austria, disarmament problems and a European security pact with the Russians—this after discussing arrangements for a Big Four meeting with Russia.

Eden told the House of Commons that the House of Commons is eager to discuss the future of Germany and Austria, disarmament problems and a European security pact with the Russians—this after discussing arrangements for a Big Four meeting with Russia.

Eden told the House of Commons that the House of Commons is eager to discuss the future of Germany and Austria, disarmament problems and a European security pact with the Russians—this after discussing arrangements for a Big Four meeting with Russia.

Eden told the House of Commons that the House of Commons is eager to discuss the future of Germany and Austria, disarmament problems and a European security pact with the Russians—this after discussing arrangements for a Big Four meeting with Russia.

Eden told the House of Commons that the House of Commons is eager to discuss the future of Germany and Austria, disarmament problems and a European security pact with the Russians—this after discussing arrangements for a Big Four meeting with Russia.

Eden told the House of Commons that the House of Commons is eager to discuss the future of Germany and Austria, disarmament problems and a European security pact with the Russians—this after discussing arrangements for a Big Four meeting with Russia.

Eden told the House of Commons that the House of Commons is eager to discuss the future of Germany and Austria, disarmament problems and a European security pact with the Russians—this after discussing arrangements for a Big Four meeting with Russia.

Eden told the House of Commons that the House of Commons is eager to discuss the future of Germany and Austria, disarmament problems and a European security pact with the Russians—this after discussing arrangements for a Big Four meeting with Russia.

Eden told the House of Commons that the House of Commons is eager to discuss the future of Germany and Austria, disarmament problems and a European security pact with the Russians—this after discussing arrangements for a Big Four meeting with Russia.

Eden told the House of Commons that the House of Commons is eager to discuss the future of Germany and Austria, disarmament problems and a European security pact with the Russians—this after discussing arrangements for a Big Four meeting with Russia.

Eden told the House of Commons that the House of Commons is eager to discuss the future of Germany and Austria, disarmament problems and a European security pact with the Russians—this after discussing arrangements for a Big Four meeting with Russia.

Eden told the House of Commons that the House of Commons is eager to discuss the future of Germany and Austria, disarmament problems and a European security pact with the Russians—this after discussing arrangements for a Big Four meeting with Russia.



WHEN PHOTOGRAPHER TOMMY FRANKLIN went to Mercy Hospital last week to take a picture of student nurses rehearsing a dance number for their "Top Hatters Revue," he asked Sister Mary Evangelist to hold one of his teleflash guns for backlighting. The picture which the photographer was sent to take appeared in Friday's News. What you see here, appeared on the same negative but was cropped out of the published picture. It shows a startled but smiling Sister Mary Evangelist who had no idea that her picture was also being taken at the same instant the flash went off.

### 9 Hold Hostages

## Rebel Convicts Drive Out Three

LINCOLN, Neb.—Three prisoners considered "dead weight" by their companions in the day-old rebellion at Nebraska state penitentiary were sent to the warden's office today, but nine others still held two guards hostage in the maximum security building.

Gov. Victor E. Anderson said after interrogating one of the trio that the two guards had not been harmed.

Ronald Larkin, 28; Paul Barnes, 35, and Elwood G. Robinson, 29, were sent from the prison jail at 4 a.m. following the first word from the hold-up prisoners since late yesterday afternoon.

Larkin, the governor said, told him the three left the building by mutual agreement, because they were considered "dead weight" by the others. There was no elaboration.

WITHOUT FOOD  
The 12 prisoners in the penitentiary's "jail" captured two guards early yesterday. They have been without food since yesterday.

"The guards are not harmed in any way," Anderson said after talking to Larkin. "In fact, they have been sleeping."

The governor said "The men are not planning an escape. They know they cannot escape."

Anderson said prison authorities believe the rebels have "some kind of homemade knives."

First word from the prisoners

### Detroit Second Grader Missing Since Thursday

DETROIT (AP)—Four days ago a pert, brown-eyed second grader said "Hi" to a chum, then headed for her school building 100 yards away.

Barbara Gaca never got to school. And since Thursday noon thousands of police, Boy Scouts

and other volunteers have combed 120 square miles on the populous east side of Detroit and neighboring suburbs without finding a trace.

"She must have been kidnapped," said Police Inspector Arthur Heidt, "but why or by whom we have no idea."

Barbara, aged 7, is the daughter of a postman. She has two brothers and a sister, all younger.

No ransom notes have been received. Nothing that Barbara had with her—gloves, a pencil box with her rosary—has been found. Despite thousands of tips, many prompted by newspaper and other rewards which now total \$8,100, police have found no one who can remember seeing the child after she spoke to her friend at the busy intersection of Gratiot and Glenwood. Gratiot is a main thoroughfare from downtown Detroit to the northeast. Her school was less than 100 yards away.

Two men questioned Sunday were released.

Our Weather  
Some cloudiness and a little warmer today. Fair and cold tonight with light freeze and scattered frost. Tomorrow increasing cloudiness and a little warmer.

Low this morning—26.  
Low tonight—32.  
High today—47.  
High tonight—52.  
High tomorrow—54.

Sunrise 6:16 a.m.; sunset 6:41 p.m.  
More Weather Data on Page 2-A

### What's Inside

Business ..... 47B  
Comics ..... 13-15B  
Classified ..... 11B  
Editorials ..... 8A  
Features ..... 2B  
Obituaries ..... 12B  
Radio & TV ..... 12B  
Serial ..... 6B  
Sports ..... 14-15A  
Theaters ..... 9A  
Women ..... 11-13A

### Four Die In Ditching Of Plane

By ELMER C. VOGEL  
SEATTLE (AP)—The dry, choked voice of Mrs. Emma Peterson sounded shocked and far away as she told of the crash landing Saturday of the big Pan American World Airways plane in the Pacific Ocean.

"I didn't know it was John," she said in the voice of a person who wants to but can't cry. "I just noticed that someone had been dragged in all covered with blood."

"He opened his eyes and smiled weakly, then said, 'Oh, is that you, Emma?'"

"Then he didn't say any more. He groaned, became silent and died there—his head in my lap," John Peterson, 90, died. And so did three others in the crash landing of the Hawaii-bound plane on a quiet sea 25 miles off

### Wife Tells Of mate's Death In Crash

Last night the survivors brought back their recollections, bitter and sweet, and the bodies of the four who perished.

Those who came ashore from the plane when one engine was wrenched from its mounting and fell into the sea. There was no explanation for the engine's tearing loose.

Those who came ashore from the plane when one engine was wrenched from its mounting and fell into the sea. There was no explanation for the engine's tearing loose.

Those who came ashore from the plane when one engine was wrenched from its mounting and fell into the sea. There was no explanation for the engine's tearing loose.

Those who came ashore from the plane when one engine was wrenched from its mounting and fell into the sea. There was no explanation for the engine's tearing loose.

Those who came ashore from the plane when one engine was wrenched from its mounting and fell into the sea. There was no explanation for the engine's tearing loose.

Those who came ashore from the plane when one engine was wrenched from its mounting and fell into the sea. There was no explanation for the engine's tearing loose.

Those who came ashore from the plane when one engine was wrenched from its mounting and fell into the sea. There was no explanation for the engine's tearing loose.

Those who came ashore from the plane when one engine was wrenched from its mounting and fell into the sea. There was no explanation for the engine's tearing loose.

Those who came ashore from the plane when one engine was wrenched from its mounting and fell into the sea. There was no explanation for the engine's tearing loose.

Those who came ashore from the plane when one engine was wrenched from its mounting and fell into the sea. There was no explanation for the engine's tearing loose.

Those who came ashore from the plane when one engine was wrenched from its mounting and fell into the sea. There was no explanation for the engine's tearing loose.

Those who came ashore from the plane when one engine was wrenched from its mounting and fell into the sea. There was no explanation for the engine's tearing loose.

Those who came ashore from the plane when one engine was wrenched from its mounting and fell into the sea. There was no explanation for the engine's tearing loose.

Those who came ashore from the plane when one engine was wrenched from its mounting and fell into the sea. There was no explanation for the engine's tearing loose.

Those who came ashore from the plane when one engine was wrenched from its mounting and fell into the sea. There was no explanation for the engine's tearing loose.

Those who came ashore from the plane when one engine was wrenched from its mounting and fell into the sea. There was no explanation for the engine's tearing loose.

Those who came ashore from the plane when one engine was wrenched from its mounting and fell into the sea. There was no explanation for the engine's tearing loose.

### Dixie Crop Loss Put At Over \$50 Million

ATLANTA (AP)—A record-shattering spring cold wave caused more than 50 million dollars' damage to orchards and crops and took at least three lives in the Sunny South yesterday.

A hard freeze virtually wiped out the peach crop in seven Southern states and ruined early vegetables,

fruits and nuts in many sections. Somewhat warmer weather was in sight today, but it did not bring any satisfaction to farmers counting multimillion-dollar losses.

The key blasts swept from Indiana to Dixie Saturday. There was little the growers could do about it.

SMUGGLES, PRAYERS  
Some frantically burned smudges in their orchards. Others prayed. The Fort Valley Ministerial Association in the heart of the Georgia peach district conducted service asking "God's help, mercy and guidance."

But the cold blanket covered all alike.

At Birmingham, Ala., police reported that a 38-year-old cripple, died of the cold when he fell out of bed in his unheated room.

Flora Henderson, 43, was found frozen to death near her Knoxville, Tenn., home shortly after the temperature dropped to a record spring low of 14 degrees.

Clinton Draper Sulphin, 38, was found dead 18 miles east of Wytheville, Va. Sheriff J. Nancy Subersland said he apparently froze to death. He lived at Poplar Camp.

DAMAGE MOUNTS  
Damage mounted steadily as late reports came in. Horticulturists said it might be several days before the full extent of the loss was known.

Less than 10 minutes later

See WIFE on page 2-A

See DIXIE on page 2-A

See WIFE on page 2-A

See DIXIE on page 2-A

See WIFE on page 2-A

See DIXIE on page 2-A

See WIFE on page 2-A

### Beginning Today, Special Series On Religious Faiths—See Page 8-B