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Hard-Frozen Carolinas Brace For Another Winter Assault

Weather Coldest Since '48

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Winter aimed another haymaker at the frozen Carolinas today after a Great Lakes air mass had given the states their coldest weather in 10 years.

A low of 14 degrees, just four degrees above this morning's 10, is predicted for Charlotte tomorrow morning.

The Weather Bureau, revising an earlier estimate, predicted the mercury will not rise above 28 this afternoon, but said partly cloudy skies should produce a 48-degree top tomorrow afternoon.

8-DEGREE FIGURE

This morning's low was the coldest weather to strike Charlotte since the 8.1 degrees at the airport Jan. 15, 1948.

The official low for the day was 14 degrees, as the Weather Bureau then maintained a downtown station in the Federal Building. But the mercury was 6 degrees lower at the airport.

Today's 10 degrees set a new record for the date, and was over seven degrees under the previous low of 17.5 for Dec. 12 recorded in 1950.

BUMPER CROP

The cold weather produced a bumper crop of minor mishaps, power failures, frozen pipes and even fires.

The Charlotte Fire Dept. reported the "busiest day of the year" as overworked furnaces caused a number of fires.

At 9:45 a.m., nine trucks were out in various parts of town due to fires.

Fire Chief Donald S. Charles warned residents not to strain their heating units.

Sprinkler systems also gave firemen a bad time. Two sprinkler caps came loose at the Lincoln Theater at 208 E. 2nd St. and firemen were busy there for over an hour cleaning up and guarding against further damage.

The sub-freezing cold put many automobiles out of commission and tow trucks spent a busy morning.

A spokesman for a radiator repair firm said there were "hundreds of burst radiators" and said "We have a yard full of cars" to be repaired.

A spokesman for a garage official said about a dozen cars had been brought in for repair, "most because of battery trouble but some because of a plain freeze up."

CABLES FREEZE

Some cars were so cold the speedometer cables froze and could not be moved. Most service had to read widely.

But the most severe effect of the cold weather was power failure.

The Duke Power Co. had a number of calls during the night but most service had been restored by 8:30 a.m.

A major equipment failure at the company's Monroe Rd. substation and wire breakage because of high winds and extreme cold set off a series of power interruptions early today that had all available repair crews working feverishly.

Circuits in Eastover, Myers Park, North Charlotte, Oakhurst, Municipal Airport, Park Rd., Myers Ford Rd., and Albemarle Rd. areas were affected.

MAIN TROUBLE

The main trouble began at 8:03 a.m. said J. D. Sloan, Charlotte branch assistant manager, when the Monroe Rd. substation equipment failure stopped service in eastern Charlotte.

The thermometer registered 12 degrees at the time.

In most instances service was restored in just over an hour.

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Ship Smashed

LONDON (AP)—A huge wave slammed the American Destroyer Manley today, killing one man and critically injuring others, said a message received at U.S. Naval headquarters here.

Powder Kills 2

CHICAGO (AP)—A 54-year-old babysitter and a 2-year-old boy died, police said, poisoned by cockroach powder that today threatened the lives of the boy's two young sisters.

Dutch Confused

AMSTERDAM (AP)—Amsterdam business circles were thrown into wild confusion this afternoon by unconfirmed reports President Sukarno of Indonesia had been ousted.

52 Rescued

CASABLANCA, Morocco (AP)—Three U.S. Navy helicopters today rescued the 52 crewmen of the French cargo ship *Pei Ho*, driven aground in a storm last night.

Final Meeting

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower today held his final meeting with the National Security Council before going to Paris for the NATO summit session.

Claim Supported

NEW DELHI, India (AP)—Prime Minister Nehru today gave India's support to Indonesia's claim to Dutch-held West New Guinea. Nehru told the upper house of Parliament, "We feel Indonesia's claim for West Irian (West New Guinea) is a right and a legitimate one."

Talks Adjourned

GENEVA (AP)—U.S. ambassador Alexis Johnson and Wang Ping-Nan of Red China today adjourned their two-year-old talks indefinitely. The two envoys held their 73rd meeting and for the first time since the talks began in August 1955 adjourned without setting a date for another meeting.

\$480,000 Budget

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A \$480,000 budget for evangelist Billy Graham's six-week crusade starting April 27 at the Cow Palace was announced today.

Fire Prevention Men Smoked Out Of Post

CHICAGO (AP)—Firemen early today rushed to city hall to investigate a report of smoke in Room 105.

The smoke came from an overheated blower in a radiator. Firemen reported no damage.

Room 105 is the fire prevention bureau.

Irish-UNC Here Next Year?

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Safety Patrol members, like Pinewood School's John Feld, above, had to report to duty in 10-degree weather today as if it weren't the coldest of the year. Bu Tjoh and hundreds of others showed up just like good soldiers.



Maybe you can appreciate the unhappy situation this auto driver found himself in today. It was mighty hard to get some cars cranked up. This unidentified driver saw his car conk out in early morning traffic and a friendly trucker stopped to help.



Just looking at the nude statue of Diana at Queens College gives you shivers. Diana looks even colder when surrounded by ice—and she is today. The pool around the base of the statue is frozen solid and Carolyn Hamrick tests it gingerly.

Oh, Come On! It's Not THAT Cold

wrap scarfs snugly, stand near heaters and stoves and radiators, stamp your feet, walk briskly to work, keep children inside—and talk.

TEMPERATURE: 10 DEGREES.
Pull out the tales of old days. The yarns of big freezes and frozen lakes and icy streets and heavy snows.

THE STORIES OF WAR AND YOUTH and times past.

Bring them out, cherry-nosed Charlottians. Bring them out today—while there is still cold to talk about.

Blow hard on your hands.

It is cold, certainly, but be cheerful.

And think hard.

Now, don't you remember when it was colder?

Yes—in Korea and Germany and in English barracks.

WALKING, SHOVELING

Walking to school on miles of country roads, the year it snowed and it snowed and it snowed—and you shoveled. The year you ice skated from December to February. The year

Indonesia Crisis Takes Bad Turn

By JAMES WILDE

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—The Indonesian army was ordered confined to its barracks today and men on leave were summoned back to their posts as the national crisis with Holland grew deeper.

(Unconfirmed reports reaching Amsterdam, The Netherlands, said Indonesian President Sukarno had been ousted. The reports caused wild confusion in Dutch business circles. There was no confirmation.)

There was no explanation of the army order. But military headquarters bristled with activity. Officers were in battle dress.

Premier Djanda called in all three of his military service chiefs for a series of long, secret talks. Isa Anshary, a leading member of Masjumi, Indonesia's largest Moslem party, charged that subversive agents from Communist countries were active here in an effort to topple the Indonesian republic.

Communists, he charged, were trying to turn Indonesia into "another Korea."

If their activities are not checked, he added, "a big calamity will befall the Indonesian people." Anshary is a member of the constituent assembly.

HOW'LL SHE HOLD CLASSES UNDER WATER?

WHISKEYTOWN, Calif. (AP)—This tiny Shasta County mountain community in northern California is trying to educate 30 pupils in a one-room school with no blackboard.

It looks as if enrollment will double or even triple within two years. To further complicate things, the school will be under before being built.

The nearby Trinity River project is attracting hundreds of workers and their families. One unit of the project, the Whiskeytown reservoir, eventually will flood the school site.

Mrs. Julia Sangster, principal of the school, says only three seats are left and when enrollment goes up "we'll have to start double sessions."

"We can teach in a crowded room," she said. "But we can't very well teach under water."

Whiskeytown's official population is 275.

Jailbird Honored, Gets In Front Door

DETROIT (AP)—Willie Houston, 47, pleaded guilty in Recorder's Court to a probationing charge.

Before Judge Paul E. Krause handed out a 30-day jail term, Houston said, "Your honor, I want you to know the appreciate that officer taking me through the front door after he arrested me. Every other time I've been picked up I was always hauled in by the side door or basement."

Subway Jam Called Better; Union Leaders Shout 'Lie'

NEW YORK (AP)—Transit officials and police today reported growing improvement in subway service, disrupted since Monday by a motormen's strike which has created travel difficulties for millions.

The Transit Authority reported that men are returning to work in a dampened mood. It was intended to stampede and confuse our men, and if we fall for this gimmick, we'll lose this fight. They're desperate, and they'll use any foul means," Zelano said.

But an official of the striking union termed "a damned lie" a claim of the New York Transit Authority that more and more motormen were going back to work.

Frank A. Zelano, executive secretary of the Motormen's Benevolent Assn., said such claims were only intended to stampede and confuse the men.

Police headquarters said about 7 per cent of scheduled subway train runs were made during the rush hour today, a figure somewhat above yesterday's performance.

The Transit Authority said 73 more motormen appeared for work between midnight and 8 a.m. than on the same date yesterday, putting the total today at 494. Yesterday's figure was 422. The normal work schedule for those hours called for 816 men.

A TA official termed significant the fact that 58 motormen reported for work on the Independent

division of the subway system early today, as compared with 27 yesterday.

MORE END MEN

The MTA has more members on the Independent division than on the other two subway divisions in the city.

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He'll Take Circus Job To Forget Whole Thing

LONDON (AP)—Henry Ferrie said today that getting your face tattooed is no way to win back a girl friend—unless maybe you are a Hottentot.

Ferrie, a 38-year-old janitor, recently had a spot with his steady, Tilly Farrell, 40. Explaining to a reporter what happened next, he said: "If you ever leave me, I'll have my whole face tattooed so that no other woman will ever look at me."

Ferrie went out and had a butterfly tattooed on his nose, a tree on his forehead, a coiled snake on his left cheek and a flying dragon on his right cheek. Then he went to see Tilly.

"I thought he had taken leave of his senses," she said. "I'm afraid it is all up between us."

"The tattoos are permanent," said Ferrie, "so I think I'll get a job with a circus to help me forget."

He opened his shirt collar, revealing a tattoo across his throat saying "cut here."

Fires Take 17 Lives In South

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fires, mostly in the South, took a toll of 17 lives today among adults and children. The fires coincided with a wave of cold weather.

Eight persons in one family, including six children, perished in a fire that swept through a rural tenant house at Ellabell, Ga.

A fire in the Nelson County Infirmary near Bardonia, Ky., caused five deaths.

Three children burned to death in a fire that destroyed their home in a remote area near South Shore, Ky.

An explosion followed by raging flames in the three-story Beckham Hatch in Greenville, Tex., caused at least one death among the 32 registered guests.

Nine students were forced to leap from second story windows to escape a fire that destroyed a fraternity house on the University of Mississippi campus.

A fire in a business block in the Marshall, Mo., courthouse square destroyed at least two buildings, including one housing the Daily Democrat-New.

An exploding oil stove caused a fire that destroyed a residence at Bonas Point, in upper New York state. The wife of the owner complained afterward that two women talking on her party telephone refused to surrender the line so she could summon firemen.

Chicago authorities sought a fire following 38 fires in the city's South Side area in the past seven days. They said major disasters had been averted only because the fires had been spotted quickly.

\$17,500 Job Turned Down

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)—The top candidate for the post of Little Rock's first city manager last night turned down the job and gave as one of his reasons the fact that he was somewhat worried over the integration problem.

Dean I. Dauley, city manager of Grand Prairie, Tex., telegraphed Mayor Werner Knopp that he would not return to Little Rock.

He was the board's choice among 30 applicants and was expected to take the post.

Dauley reportedly would have received a salary of \$17,500 a year at Little Rock. He gets \$13,300 at Grand Prairie.

Although Dauley said in a telephone interview from Grand Prairie that he was unable to pinpoint reasons for his refusal, he mentioned the integration dispute at Little Rock's Central High School as a factor in his decision.

The federal-state deadlock over integration of nine Negro pupils at Central High still is unresolved. Federalized Arkansas National Guardsmen remain on duty at the school to enforce a court order for integration.

Curious Cat Leaves Cut Tail Far Behind

EUREKA, Calif. (AP)—Missing—a curious cat and a very short tail.

Mrs. Edna Miller called the sheriff's office yesterday requesting help. She said her cat was caught in the motor of her washing machine.

Deputy Joe Victorine went to Mrs. Miller's but was too late. The cat had fled, leaving its tail left entirely entwined in the motor.

Evening Prayer

Dear God, give me the vision to see Jesus as the most beautiful door. Give me the desire to enter in. Help me to become a doorknocker for Jesus that I may help others to enter in. In His name. Amen.

Today's Weather

Fair, windy and continued fairly cold today. Fair and very cold with hard freeze again tonight. Friday—increasing cloudiness with slowly rising temperatures.

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TRADITION CLOBBERED IN HILLS

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But (D-F-R), the temperature here this mornin' was 18 degrees below zero.

Freeze Hurts Florida Crops

TAMPA, Fla.—The worst freeze in 23 years smacked Florida hard today, damaging citrus, vegetables and blighting Yule-lime ornamental shrubbery.

The Florida Citrus Commission, a state agency regulating the vast citrus industry, called a special meeting for 10 a.m. Saturday to survey the cold damage.

Farmers were out early checking the effects of the severe cold on their crops and although reports of what they found were slow coming, these findings were typical.

What was left of the winter vegetable crop in the truck growing section around Plant City appeared to be wiped out.

Elmer Futch, manager of the Plant City Growers Association, termed the cold a "severe freeze." Futch reported a loss of 22 degrees in rural areas.

Ice was a common sight in the central and northern sectors of the widespread citrus belt.

The Weather Bureau said tonight will be severe again with temperatures ranging from 22 to 23 degrees in the northern interior to 32 to 35 in the southern interior.

Early morning temperatures ranged from 18 degrees at Crestview to 29 at Tampa and 35 at Miami and 50 at Key West.

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