

WEATHER
Cloudy and cooler with chance of rain late today.

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BOMB THREATS AND SNOW GRIP UNC CAMPUS



POLICE PROTECTION FOR BINGHAM HALL
... after threat of bombing

English Classes Cancelled Due To Threatening Call

Accidents From Snow In Village

By NEIL MURPHY
A rash of accidents hit Chapel Hill, along with a blanket of snow, from the east yesterday. Chapel Hill police report more than twenty minor accidents during the day. No personal injuries occurred. Many of the accidents involved damage over one hundred dollars.

The snow that totaled more than six inches did not interrupt power in the Chapel Hill area. Phone lines were jammed and service slower, but phone company officials said that no lines were down. What seemed to save the public utility lines was the light weight of the dry snow. Service men fear that sleet will do much greater damage.

At 4 p.m. yesterday the snow stood at six inches and was predicted to reach a depth of 12 inches in spots.

Traffic was at a standstill on the Durham-Chapel Hill Boulevard and many cars had skidded into the ditch on the Hillsboro Road. Cars were jammed along the hospital by-pass.

The snow, which started at 7:15 a.m., was expected to stop sometime last night. The western part of the state escaped the snow almost completely. Greensboro received only light flurries.

Snow Affects Whole State

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A swirling snow storm of near-blizzard proportions swept over central and eastern North Carolina yesterday, virtually paralyzing traffic in many communities.

Depths ranging up to 15 inches were reported from the storm, which sneaked in without warning from the south during Wednesday night and the early morning hours.

Bingham Protected By Police

By RON SHUMATE

Bingham Hall was still standing yesterday afternoon at 3:15.

Classes in Bingham will resume today, and classes all over the campus will be held as usual, despite yesterday's bomb scare and snow, according to Chancellor William B. Aycock.

Aycock said that when such a bomb scare occurs, "every precaution will be taken. We're not taking any chances."

Desk Sgt. W. F. Hester received the call at about 10:30. This one was from a man, possibly college age, who warned the police that a bomb had been planted in Bingham and was set to explode between 3:15 and 3:16 p.m. Thursday. Apparently the man made no attempt to disguise his voice, though police said it sounded muffled.

Chapel Hill Police Chief W. D. Blake listened on an extension phone to the second call. There were no sounds in the background. All that was heard was the voice and heavy breathing.

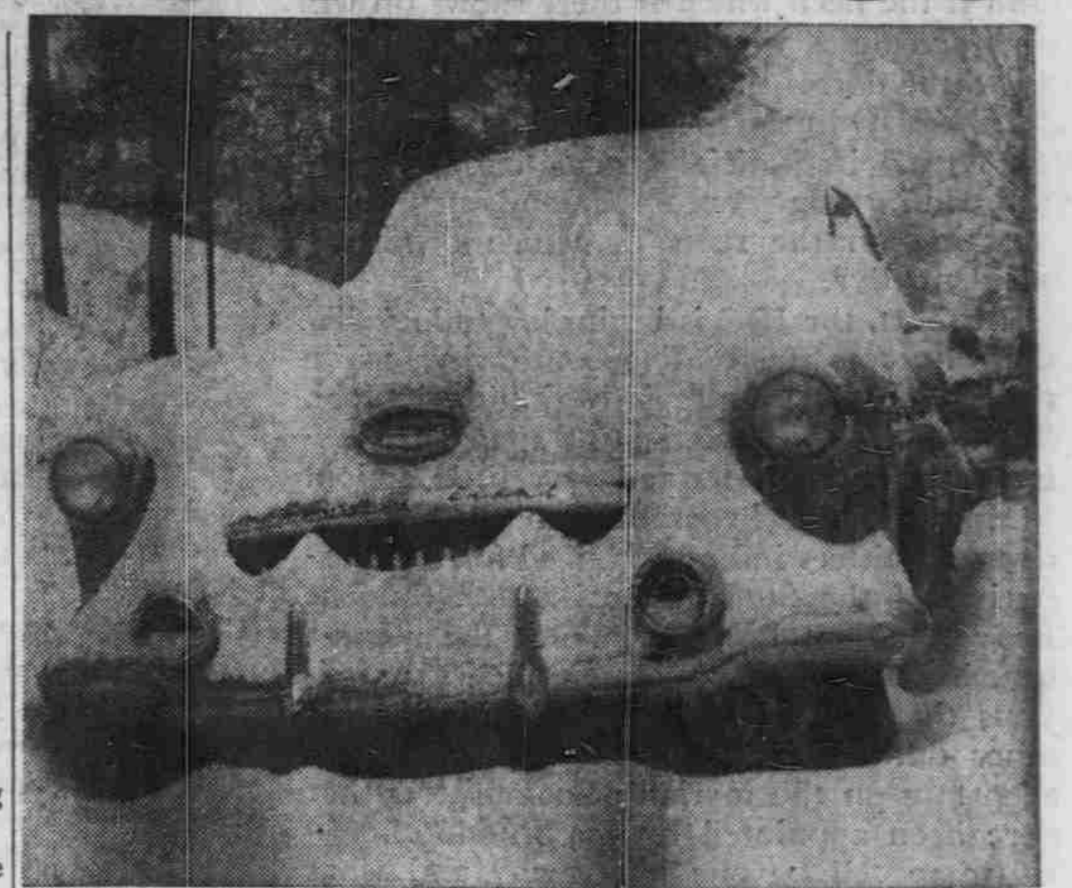
Police made a systematic check of both buildings, but no bomb was found. They also searched the Chapel Hill Junior High School and the West Franklin St. Elementary School. Both schools were closed yesterday.

According to the office of the superintendent of Chapel Hill schools the school should be open today. Joseph M. Johnson, school superintendent, was not available for a statement.

J. Arthur Branch, University business manager, said that the administration "decided not to take a chance, although it's probably a prank." He said that the University police searched Bingham yesterday, "as an added precaution."

Police were stationed at each door in Bingham to keep students from entering.

Upon hearing of the "bomb" the police systematically searched every room in the building.



TAKE ME TO YOUR LEADER!

... snow-distorted cars took on eerie shapes

Photo by Bill Brinkhous

Chapel Hill High School Closed By Bomb Threat

North Carolina's school-bombing "scare" epidemic spread yesterday to Chapel Hill and the University campus.

Two calls to the Chapel Hill Police Dept... two hours apart Wednesday night, warned of bombings to Chapel Hill High School and to Bingham Hall on the UNC campus and set in motion extensive searches and guards by officers.

Until noon yesterday, no evidence of actual bomb placements had been uncovered.

Just in case, however, Bingham Hall, the high school and junior high school were closed for the day. Later, heavy snow forced all public schools to close. University classes other than in Bingham, which houses the English Dept., proceeded. A call to the police at 8:35 Wednesday night by a "crying" teenager started the bomb-scare craze here.

"My brother is going to blow up Chapel Hill High School in the morning," the voice wailed. "For heaven's sake don't let it happen." Sgt. W. F. Hester, on the telephone desk, then asked the person his name. He hung the receiver up in a hurry.

The caller was described as "about 16-17 years old, and crying all the time."

Immediately, the high school was checked and guards placed. It was searched again early yesterday morning and later. No bomb was found.

"All of these threats in the state have proved to be false, but you can't take any chances," Chief of Police Bill Blake said today. He said that guards were maintained at the threatened buildings throughout the day.

Ironically, the local force held a meeting only last week to prepare for any bomb threat incident, and plans were made.

"We were still shocked when the calls came in," Chief Blake said.

He attributed the calls to "crackpots."

SSL Snowed Under; Postponed—Bad Roads

RALEIGH—(AP)—North Carolina student legislators who had a tough time getting the use of the state capital for their annual mock legislative sessions had to call off their meeting at the last minute Thursday—because of heavy snow in the central and eastern part of the state.

The meeting, which Gov. Hodges had been scheduled to address in a welcoming speech at 3 p.m., was postponed indefinitely when only three of some 21 college delegations had arrived by early afternoon.

Leaders said the annual event would be re-scheduled at a later date. Ironically, the students had to call their meeting off only two days after they had been assured of the

use of the state's legislative halls. As a result of criticism they stirred up last year they had to get letters of sponsorship from half of the heads of the colleges represented. The needed number of letters arrived only Tuesday.

The criticism resulted from a resolution the students adopted last year advocating repeal of the state's laws which prohibit inter-racial marriages.

Carolina's SSL Delegation Waited, And Waited And...

A UNC delegation of over twenty was waiting patiently yesterday to await word of whether it was safe to drive to Raleigh for this year's State Student Legislature convocation at the Capitol.

Students started gathering in The Daily Tar Heel office before 11 a.m. and continued to stay while telegrams and the phone calls were placed to Raleigh in hopes of getting word whether the meeting was going to be held.

At 1 p.m. delegation Chairman Ed Levy called and said that roads were considered impassable, and the delegation was advised that

travel for the next two hours was impossible.

In the meantime the waiters received a report over the radio that the SSL would meet.

Officially they were in a quandry until after 3 p.m., when the meeting was finally called off.

Chairman Levy expressed hope that the meeting would be held at a later date.

Campus Christmas Look Gets Addition Thursday

By MARY ALICE ROWLETTE

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas and the Christmas look at Carolina should reach its peak Thursday night in Y Court when the Y and the Grail sponsor a carol sing around the Christmas tree.

The sing will begin at 9 o'clock and hot chocolate and donuts will be served afterward, according to Bill Sugg, representative of the Y. Charlie Huntington is in charge of the sing for the Grail.

Sugg said Dr. Joel Carter of the Music Department will lead the singing and the Glee Club will be there to "back things up." It has been tentatively arranged for the Glee Club to sing one number alone.

"The idea behind the sing," Sugg said, "is to get the various groups on campus, such as sororities, fraternities, dorms and other organizations, to do their caroling early in the evening and then come and join in a campus wide sing."

This is the first time the carol sing has been held, but the Y and Grail hope that it will become an every year occurrence. Sugg urged everyone on campus and in Chapel Hill to come to the sing.

Others working with the caroling are Denton Lotz, Sophie Martin, Betty Kay Johnson, Ben Taylor and John Hunnicutt.

ED WIVES

The Ed Wives met at the home of Mrs. John B. Chase Jr. Wednesday night and heard guest speaker Paul Green.

Slippery Snow Causes Falls No Injuries

A coed was rushed to the infirmary yesterday after a serious fall in the snow at Y Court.

Brenda Jean Bryan was not seriously injured by the fall, according to Dr. James Taylor. Earlier rumors indicated that she was dead, but Dr. Taylor said the girl claimed she had never lost consciousness.

A series of X-rays revealed no injuries, but Dr. Taylor called in an orthopedic specialist to recheck Miss Bryan. She was received at the infirmary about 10:30 a.m. yesterday.

After the X-rays she was sent to bed because of some "uncomfortableness" caused by the fall, Dr. Taylor said.

Concord's Minute Man Comes Out In Color

The new design of the 25-cent U. S. Savings Stamp still has the Minute Man of Concord on it, adapted from the statue "by the rude bridge that arched the flood" done by Daniel Chester French.

But the new version, now on sale at post offices, is red-white-and-blue. Also new are \$2.50 and \$5 gift books of Savings Stamps for any occasion.

Banks offer free gift covers for E Bonds, which start at \$18.75.

MOCK TRIAL IS TONIGHT

Diana Johnson 'Death' Case In Court

(Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity each year sponsors a mock trial featuring prominent campus personalities as principals. The following story is connected with the trial scheduled for today.)

Miss Marlon Fitz-Simons faces trial tonight on a charge of first degree murder in connection with the brutal and bewildering slaying of Diana Johnson during the final act of "Look Homeward Angel" Sunday night.

Mrs. Fitz-Simons Miss Johnson, accused, who played a minor role in the Playmakers' production, was killed by a heavy flowerpot thrown by the defendant during a scene where the boarders were being chased from the stage.

The beautiful, dark haired girl, who had been chosen 1958 Yackety Yack beauty queen and Miss Chapel Hill of 1958, died of severe head injuries backstage. Neither members of the cast nor the audience was aware of the tragedy until after the final curtain.

Sheriff Jim Fasul, who at first theorized the death was accidental, uncovered evidence which led to the

arrest of Mrs. Fitz-Simons. The defendant is the wife of dramatics professor Foster Fitz-Simons.

One of the stranger aspects of "backstage murder" is that even up to the day before the trial, no mention has been made by either Solicitor Luke Corbett or Sheriff Fasul about the motive for the killing.

Sheriff Fasul hinted when asked about the motive that jealousy might be involved in the case.

"I'll give you a hint though—there ain't much a jealous woman won't do," Sheriff Fasul told reporters after Mrs. Fitz-Simons' arrest.

Because of a widespread interest in the case and the extensive coverage it received in the press, Defense Attorney Stanley Gertzman seriously considered asking for a change of venue.

When asked yesterday if he still planned to make such a motion, Gertzman said, "I certainly will not."

"As I said before, these charges are so utterly ridiculous and without foundation that both Mrs. Fitz-Simons and myself are anxious to have the case tried as quickly as possible in order that she might be cleared of this unfortunate occurrence with dispatch," Gertzman said.

"I am surprised that the state

even chose to prosecute this case seriously," he said.

Solicitor Luke Corbett, however, told newsmen in his office yesterday that he intended to press for a conviction of first degree murder which carries a possible death penalty.

When informed of Gertzman's earlier statement, Corbett refused to comment, but indicated that on the basis of the state's evidence he found it rather difficult to believe that Gertzman would have an easy time convincing a jury of his client's

innocence. Voir et dire examination of the jury will be held today at 2 p.m. in the Manning Hall Courtroom.

Judge Reid Thompson of Pittsboro will preside at the trial which is slated for 7:30 tonight in the Manning Hall Courtroom. Officials of the clerk's office said that a capacity crowd of onlookers was expected for the trial and that it would be wise for those interested in the case to come early in order to be assured of a seat. He pointed out that some judges do not allow onlookers to stand in the courtroom during the trial.

INFIRMARY

Students in the Infirmary yesterday included:

Brenda Jean Bryan, Sandra Rush Roberts, Carolyn Keit Shuler, Charlie Howard Brown, Louis Elton Feinberg, Wayne Arnold Babb, Charles Albert Ross, Robert Reitzel, Ronald Tully Bull, Wil Douglas Gillikin, John Larston Chander Price, Frank Graham Riggs, Nicholas Burton Bragg, Margaret Pennington Addison, Michael John Turnbull, Gloria Lee Olds, Ann Buche, John Chalmers Eagle, Santa Claus, and William Parker Hodges.

Judge Reid Thompson To Preside At 'Trial'

Judge Reid Thompson of Pittsboro arrives here today to preside over the annual Phi Alpha Delta mock trial scheduled for 7:30 tonight in the Manning Hall Courtroom.

Judge Thompson will attend a dinner tonight honoring the principals of the trial at the Pines Restaurant.

The judge will also be the featured speaker at the annual Phi Alpha Delta Christmas banquet to be held Saturday night.

This year's trial is centered about the "slaying" of Miss Diana Johnson, 1958 Yackety Yack beauty queen and Miss Chapel Hill of 1958, during the final act of the Playmakers' production of "Look Homeward

G. M. SLATE

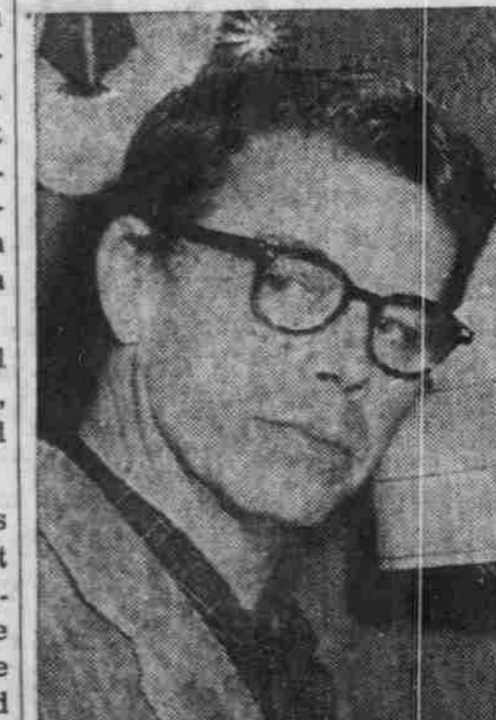
Activities for Graham Memorial today include:

Playbill meeting, 3-4 p.m., Grail Room; Alpha Kappa Psi, 6:30-9 p.m., Grail, Roland Parker I and II; Political Science, 9-10 a.m., Woodhouse Conference Room and Free Dance, 8-12 p.m., Rendezvous Room.



BERLIN CHRISTMAS—The world's hottest cold war city remembers its policemen at Christmas time. See the story by Daily Tar Heel reporter Chuck Finner on page 4, section 2, of today's paper.

Photo by Chuck Finner



FOSTER FITZ-SIMONS
... involved in case?