

Cold Snap Brings Fun, Frolic, Some Perplexity

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The sudden cold snap that drifted down on Brazos County Monday brought a lot of joy to the kids which at the same time perplexed adults.

As the white snow flakes began to fall eager small-fry dashed outside to romp in the snow. To them, the sudden freeze meant an unanticipated holiday from school and many hours of snow fights, and for many, the chance to build their first snowman.

The weather closed public schools in the Brazos County area on Tuesday and they will remain closed until the freezing temperatures are over. The schools were closed to reduce traffic hazards. School officials

urged parents to listen to the radio for further announcements as to when the schools will re-open.

Local farmers were split in their opinions on the economic importance of the winter blast. Some are of the opinion that the snow and ice will alleviate the damage caused by the recent drought while others contend that the ice further damaged crops that were weakened by the lack of water.

A local plumbing contractor estimated that damage to water pipes and water heaters would run into several thousand dollars before the weather begins to warm. He said, "About the only protection against breakage that the house owner can do is to cut off the pipes from the main water line

and drain the water from the pipes."

All outside pipes should be protected from the wind either by wrapping them with rags or by building shields to protect the pipes from the direct blast of the wind, he added.

The Bryan police department said motorists have been unusually cautious during the icy weather, but cautioned them to be extra careful in applying brakes on the ice-covered streets. Speed should be greatly reduced to lessen dangerous skids.

Pedestrians should be especially careful in crossing streets because of the danger of falling into an oncoming car's path.

On Wednesday, no traffic accidents were reported to the police.

Prof. L. L. Gee, of the Biology Department, says the sudden decrease in temperature will have little or no effect on the cold viruses. Although the low temperature will perhaps retard the action of the virus, no appreciable decline in the diseases will be noticed. The cold weather however will reduce the body's resistance to colds and care should be taken to keep the body warm and dry.

Roaring Texas Cold Wave Blamed On Soviet Russia

Along with inclement weather there are always many stories on the brighter side of life. Associated Press reports included the following:

Feb. 1.—(P)—You can blame Russia for the roaring cold wave in Texas today.

It came from Siberia.

The U. S. Weather Bureau says the high pressure area howled into Northwestern America about Jan. 15 from Soviet Siberia.

The great air mass "sat down" over part of Alaska and Northwest Canada and built up pressure in the long, cold nights.

The Russian weather shows no signs of ending its invasion.

Waco—Biting wind and blowing snow was stronger this week than Baylor University Tradition.

Permission for girls to wear slacks on the campus and in class was posted in dormitories.

Austin—Sorority rush week activities at the University of Texas went into a deep freeze today.

Rushing was scheduled for Friday and Saturday.

The Dean of Women said it has been postponed indefinitely because of the cold.

Austin—Second semester registration at the University of Texas has been delayed two days until Feb. 3.

Opening of classes will be on Monday, Feb. 5, University officials announced. Many students would be unable to return by today because of slick roads.

Ennis—Seventy-five men called to report today to the Ennis and Waxahachie Draft Board got a break. Because of the ice storm they were excused until notified by mail, said Mrs. Vera D. Norton, draft board clerk.

College Station—Two newly-wed couples were snow bound in the A&M Memorial Student Center, Wednesday night. The couples had planned to leave yesterday, but because of the icy weather they stayed over for two more days.

Mills Attends Ohio Conference

W. W. Mills, chief of training for Rural Electric Cooperative for the Texas Engineering Extension Service is attending the National Rural Electrification Conference in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mills recently conducted a two-day conference for cashiers for Rural Electric Corporation at Brady. Fifteen cashiers representing seven Cooperatives attended the conference.

Cooperatives represented were McCullough County, Concho Valley, Erath County, Taylor, Coleman County, Comanche County and Midland.

Ice Skids Honeymoon Into MSC

A new accomplishment has been added to the work done by the Memorial Student Center. For the first time since it has opened a couple have spent their honeymoon in the center.

But not entirely of their own choice—Jack Frost dictated most of the terms.

Donald P. Miller, class of '48, and his new bride were passing through College Station on their way from his home in New Orleans—then the big freeze slipped in.

They will remain in the MSC until the roads are passable again.

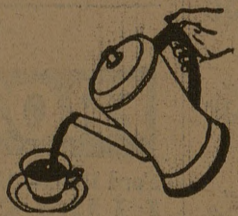
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Big Freeze Calls in Aid

(Continued from Page 1) where some ice-laden lines were reported down.

A 135-station emergency network aided railroads, oil and gas companies, the telephone, light, and power companies in handling vital messages.

Loss in Valley

Some Rio Grande Valley citrus growers predicted their losses would be in the millions of dollars; that the freeze may put the valley out of the citrus business temporarily.

The State Highway Patrol said travelers shouldn't venture out "under any conditions." The patrol pulled its cars off highways in the Beaumont area and put them on a stand-by basis.

Some big city schools which had tried to keep going gave up. Dalkite so cold in the afternoon."

Ham radio operators at Austin said amateur radio stations were helping handle communications in

the Brownsville-to-Houston area, as well as Fort Worth schools closed for the week. Schools at San Antonio closed until further notice. All Harris County schools (including Houston) were to be closed today. Hundreds in smaller cities and rural sections already had closed.

Sleet Covered

Sleet covered Fannin County (Bonham) about four inches deep. Before dark Wednesday, freezing drizzles fell at Beaumont, Alice, Houston, Galveston; earlier at Corpus Christi and Brownsville. There was snow at Waco, Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio, El Paso, Salt Flat, Wink, Midland, Big Spring, Austin, Cotulla, Texarkana, Tyler, and Dalhart. Longview had sleet.

More light snow or freezing rain was in prospect Wednesday night and Thursday. Lows of 10 to 28 degrees were forecast for East Texas; zero to 10 in the Panhandle and South Plains, and 10 to 18 elsewhere in West Texas.

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SMU Veep Will Lead Forums In Hart Hall Lounge

By B. F. ROLAND

Hart Hall will have a member of the 1931 Championship Southern Methodist University football team conducting forums and discussion groups in their dormitory lounge during Religious Emphasis Week, February 12-16.

His name is Willis Tate, recently appointed vice-president of Southern Methodist University. He was honorable mention for All-American tackle in 1931 and is a former coach, which should establish a common ground between him and the A&M athletes during the forums and discussions of the week.

In the afternoon forums (4 to 5:30) he will talk on "Do Scientific Facts and the Bible Agree?", Monday; "What Should a Student Get Out of Four Years of College?", Tuesday; "What Makes a Person a Success?" Wednesday; and "Men and Women Relationships" on Thursday. Subjects for the nightly discussions, scheduled for 9 p. m., will be left to the discretion of the individual groups.

But not only is the man adept at sports, he has a formidable array of degrees to his credit. Coming from San Antonio, he graduated from SMU in 1932. He received his Master's Degree in Sociology in 1935 and has done additional graduate work in the University of Chicago and Texas University.

After teaching statistics for two years at the University of San Antonio schools, he was awarded the title

of the Outstanding Young Man of the Year by the San Antonio Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1942.

He moved to Houston where he served as executive assistant to the pastor of the First Methodist Church. From Houston, he went back to SMU to become assistant Dean of Students in 1945. In 1948, he became Dean of Students.



WILLIS TATE

Ducats on Sale Now for Rotary Variety Show

Tickets went on sale yesterday for the second annual Bryan-College Station Rotary Club Variety Show to be held the evenings of Feb. 22 and 23 in the Stephen F. Austin High School Auditorium in Bryan.

Most of the 120 club members of the two cities will have tickets for sale, under the supervision of E. H. Utzman and J. E. Bethancourt.

The club has drawn heavily on its own ranks for advance workers and performers. Approximately 70 per cent of the showmen are Rotarians, according to Dr. W. H. Ritchey, chairman of the show.

Bob Braley is show director, Dean H. W. Barlow is production manager and President M. T. Harrington is head usher. Tom C. Harde is handling the music on the program. As stage manager, Greene Buchanan will be assisted by Brooks Martin. Joe E. Vincent, club president, has program advertising.

Dames Club Plans Card-Social Party

The Dames Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. this evening in the Cabinet Room of the YMCA. Mrs. W. T. Matzen, vice president of the organization, will preside over a short business session. This will be followed by a dessert card party with bridge and canasta taking the spotlight in entertainment.

Campus Interviews on Cigarette Tests

Number 12...THE MOURNING DOVE

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