

Freezing Weather Sweeps Over Florida, Damage To Crops Hits \$5,000,000

MIAMI, Fla., Nov. 28 (AP)—Old Man Winter made a hurried departure from South Florida today, leaving extensive crop damage in his wake.

He rode in Saturday on a brisk northwest wind, sending temperatures to as low as 25 degrees in some sections.

The valuable bean crop in the Lake Okechobee region was especially hard hit. The Miami Herald said the total crop loss might reach \$5,000,000.

Fair and warmer weather was forecast for today, with gentle to moderate winds.

Warren O. Johnson, head of the federal-state frost warnings service at Lakeland, said a preliminary report placed damage to the Lake Okechobee bean crop at between 75 and 90 per cent and the bean loss alone might reach \$2,500,000.

Some bean growers saved their crops from frost by flooding the fields, he said.

Corn, potato and sugar cane crops also suffered although it was too early to estimate damage, Johnson reported.

Citrus fruits and hardy vegetables such as onions, lettuce, escarole and

cabbage apparently escaped with minor damage.

Lowest temperature was 25 at Okeelanta, southeast of Lake Okechobee. The mercury dipped below freezing throughout Central and South Florida. Bell Glade and Pahokee, in the center of the Lake Okechobee farming area, had temperatures of 28 to 32.

The mercury ranged from a high of 52 to unofficial lows of 30 along the South Florida "Gold Coast." At Homestead, 28 miles south of Miami, it went to 31 degrees.

Temperatures of 34 to 36 were reported in North Florida. The ridge section reported lows of about 38 degrees and the Indian river citrus belt 37 to 40.

West Palm Beach International airport had 40 degrees, downtown Miami recorded 51 and the airport weather station at Miami reported a low of 42.

Thin sheets of ice were seen on puddles in outlying sections of Miami and frost appeared on car tops.

A high pressure area stopped cold northwest winds over the lower part of the state and did not permit the ground to warm up, according to Cecil Gentry of the Miami weather bureau. He called it a "radiation cold."

Teen-Ager's Throat Cut; Suspect Held

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Nov. 28 (AP)—Throat-slashing victim Mille M. Summa is "holding her own" at Riverside hospital here, but doctors say the extent of injuries to nerves in her throat will determine whether she ever again will be able to speak above a whisper.

Doctors said last night the attractive, brown-haired 18-year-old Warwick high school senior will pull through if she "can get by another 48 hours without complications."

Unable to speak since she was taken to the hospital late Friday night with her throat cut from ear to ear, the girl on Saturday scribbled a note to police accusing Jesse Wilmer Worley, 20-year-old neighbor, of the crime.

"Bill Worley did it," the note read, said Warwick County Police Chief LeRoy Woody. Worley, who has a police record and who was discharged from the army as "undesirable," is being held by police on a maiming charge.

Worley has denied knowing anything about the attack or participating in it, the chief said, although the youth admitted he visited the girl Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Stooks, step-father and mother of Miss Summa, returned here Saturday night and said they could think of no motive for the attack. They were in New York Friday, and the girl was alone in the home, about a mile north of here in Warwick county.

The bleeding girl staggered to the home of a neighbor about midnight Friday and fell to the floor when the door was opened.

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admission to this country. Postmaster James Yellig referred the letter to the very Rev. A. G. Wicke, pastor of St. Simon's church here.

The pastor obtained approval of Ince's application and he arrived here Friday under sponsorship of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dally of Washington.

Dr. Ince, 34, served in Hungarian and Romanian armies. During the last year he had been employed as an x-ray technician for the international refugee organization.

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The UJA's highest actual collection was \$150,000,000 obtained in 1948, when a quota of \$250,000,000 was set. This year's quota also was \$250,000,000.

Delegates to the appeal's national conference yesterday approved the fund raising campaign to meet what was termed the minimum requirements of world-wide Jewry.

Henry Morgenthau Jr., general chairman of the UJA, told the conference that Jews in the United States had contributed almost \$110,000,000 so far in 1949.

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Letter To Santa Pays For Hungarian

WASHINGTON, Ind., Nov. 28 (AP)—A letter to Santa Claus has got a Hungarian displaced person what he wanted most—a home in the United States.

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Slayer Takes Victim's Body To Own Rooms

CHICAGO, Nov. 28 (AP)—Police said yesterday that a 30-year-old freight handler had admitted that he strangled a woman in her hotel room then carried the body to his own room.

They quoted the man, Otto Zinsel, as saying he killed Mrs. Mildred Garlock, also 30, because of her attentions to other men.

Zinsel was held without charge. Detective John Tyndall quoted him as saying he strangled the woman in her room Friday then took her body to his own room in the same hotel and on the same floor.

The detective said Zinsel added that he then placed the body in a natural position in bed and otherwise prepared the scene to make it appear that the woman had died of natural causes.

Tyndall said Zinsel was taken into custody, however, when police found some of her torn clothing

and a piece of package ribbon on the ledge outside her window.

Tyndall quoted Zinsel as saying he had used the ribbon to strangle the woman.

Zinsel's wife, Anne, 37, told police she left her husband November 19 because he was "violent." She also was held for questioning.

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