

# Snow Falls for Third Night, Tangling Southland Traffic: Mountain ...

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BELATED WHITE CHRISTMAS—Barbara Oates, 14, and Judy Rolfe, 11, ski down Altadena's Christmas Tree Lane.

Times photo

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## Mountain Areas Isolated With Steep Grades Iced

Los Angeles and environs dug out of Monday's snowstorm only to be faced by another series of flurries and showers yesterday and last night that further tangled traffic and heaped additional havoc on Southland citrus orchards.

The almost unprecedented cold wave which has brought snow for three straight days found outlying suburbs and portions of Los Angeles itself whitened yesterday morning by a night-long fall of flakes.

Later in the day and on into last night the snow continued to fall in San Fernando Valley and foothill communities along the Sierra Madres and Verdugo Hills.

Fourteen inches of snow piled on Ventura Blvd. near Woodland Hills in the Chalk Hills area, Sheriff's deputies radioed. They also appealed to Ventura County for a snowplow to clear the road there and on Calabasas Grade late last night.

### Call for Chains

Authorities warned that travel along almost all foothill thoroughfares required tire chains.

Slight comfort was to be gained from the Weather Bureau's evening forecast, which saw occasional showers today and tomorrow with slowly rising daytime temperatures. There will be continued, but scattered snow flurries in foothill sections, the weatherman added.

The intermittently heavy fall of snow throughout the Southland yesterday stalled street and highway traffic in various areas for hours.

### Foothill Cars Snarled

And last night the earlier snarls of skidding, snow-blinded cars and trucks promised to be repeated as the new snow began falling shortly before dusk.

Foothill Blvd. through the Altadena-Tujunga district was jammed part of the night with cars unable to proceed through nearly 6 inches of snow.

Roads into San Fernando Valley west of Cahuenga Pass were reported dangerous because of frequent flurries.

Thoroughfares leading into the Santa Monica Mountains from Pacific Coast Highway were said to be nearly impassable. Sheriff's and California Highway Patrol cars were unable to answer calls to some isolated mountain sections when they encountered snow on steep grades.

### Frost Warnings Out

As motorists fought slushy streets, citrus growers in some portions of the orchard belt wearily prepared to fire heaters again. The Weather Bureau's frost warning service pointed out that many spots would be safe from freezing tonight, but warned of temper-

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atures of 27 at Whittier, Rialto and Colton; 28 at Canoga Park, Riverside, Redlands, San Juan Capistrano and Santa Paula; 29 at Pomona, Azusa, Cucamonga and in the Santa Rosa Valley, and 30 at Chatsworth, San Gabriel, Pacoima, El Centro and Indio.

Yesterday's maximum temperature was 47 deg. at 12:45 p.m. The morning low was 32 deg. at 5 a.m.

The snowfall in Los Angeles' Civic Center measured .3 of an inch in depth, but intermittent showers, which incidentally removed the snow rapidly, added .56 of an inch to the rainfall table for a seasonal total of 2.87 inches to date, in contrast to 1.92 inches on this date last year.

### Driveways Blocked

Thousands of motorists, particularly in the foothill communities, found themselves unable to get out of their driveways in the morning because of snow which ranged from four inches in Pasadena to eight in La Canada.

The Ridge Route between Los Angeles and Bakersfield was blocked by heavy snow despite nightlong efforts of sand truck gangs.

During the day only automobiles equipped with chains were permitted to tackle the snowy grades. Trucks and busses were held back while snowplows attempted to reopen the road.

### Blizzard Blocks Road

A blizzard at sundown yesterday blocked the highway completely, forcing all traffic back at Castaic.

Other highways closed included Highway 6 through Mint Conyon, Cajon Pass and the Weldon Canyon Road.

Many county and rural schools were closed yesterday. Some bus drivers who toured their pickup routes without finding more than two or three students promptly retraced their courses and delivered the children back home. Other children escorted to school by parents were immediately dismissed.

### Long Beach Snow

Long Beach residents saw a night during which snow, rain, sleet, hail, thunder and lightning succeeded one another.

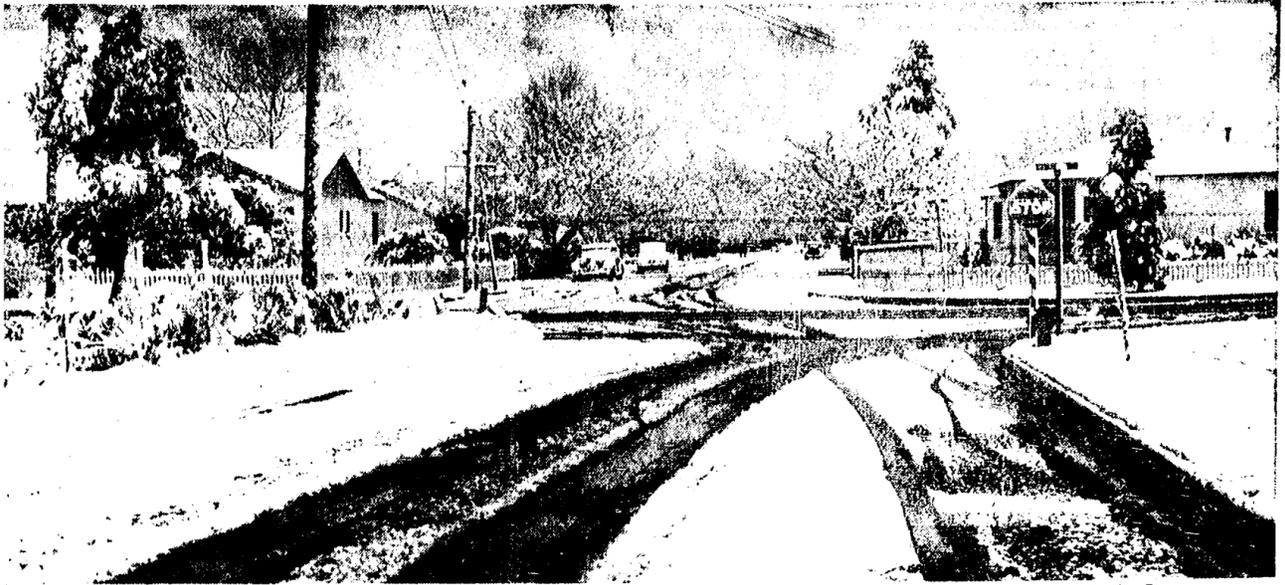
When the storm was interrupted in the morning, Long Beach had recorded .40 of an inch of rain, for a season total of 3.10 inches. Last year at this time Long Beach had received 1.32 inches. And no snow.

San Pedro Outer Harbor, the Marine Exchange and Fishermen's Dock were without light or power for an hour and a half last

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**STREET SCENE**—At height of last night's snowstorm, Toy Toy, 71, a Korean of 225 N Olive St., was struck by an auto at Broadway and 1st St. The car was driven by Norman Berez of 1037 S Wilton Place. Aiding Toy and trying to shield his face with newspaper as he lies in street is Gene M. Voss, 312 N Boyle Ave. Officer M. P. Lepore investigating. Times photo



**DOESN'T SEEM POSSIBLE**—Tire tracks make a pretty pattern on Hazeltine St. in Van Nuys. This scene matches scene in the East. Times photo

## MORE SNOW FALLS

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served here and there on 3600 acres of plowed fallow land.

**Laguna Beach Flurry**  
Laguna Beach's business area and the surrounding hills were once again laden with snow yesterday morning. Most of the layer melted quickly. Six inches of snow was reported on San Julian Ranch near Santa Maria and the town itself was visited by flurries during the day.

Two snowfalls whitened the coastal town of Oxnard and far to the south, San Diegans reported they could see the snow-capped hills of San Clemente white against a gray horizon.

Snow fell generally over Orange County yesterday morning, piling up 8 inches in fire-scarred Silverado Canyon. MacArthur Blvd., from Corona del Mar to Santa Ana, was closed because of iciness for several hours. Mrs. Eloise V. Schmidt, 39, of Balboa Island, received a fractured back when her car skidded from the road into a 30-foot ravine.

Believe it or not, it snowed below sea level. The location was Mecca, in the Coachella Valley, where the elevation is minus 200 feet. Snow fell throughout the Imperial Valley, the wintry blanket extending as far north as Palm Springs.

This was only the third time it had happened at the desert resort, and the first time since Feb. 5, 1939. Snow also was reported at Palm Springs Jan. 11, 1930—just 19 years ago. Palm Springs' latest attraction materialized at 7:30 p.m. after a rainstorm which delivered .41 of an inch for a season total of 4.66 inches.

**Antelope Valley**  
Palmdale and Pearblossom in the Antelope Valley received another six inches of snow for a 12-inch total. San Bernardino had from four to six inches, Redlands four to seven inches, and Barstow, far out in the Mojave Desert, reported three inches.

San Bernardino city officials were forced to leave the snow on the streets, there being no equipment with which to clear the pavements. All State Division of Highways snowplows were busy trying to keep mountain roads open.

Banning, on the San Geronimo Pass route to the Imperial Valley and Arizona, was blanketed with snow in early afternoon, with eight inches on the ground. Bus and truck traffic was stalled and only automobiles with chains were able to move.

**Highway Closed**  
Highway 60, from Riverside to Beaumont, was closed at Jackrabbit Trail in the badlands. The Ortega Highway between Elsinore and San Juan Capistrano was closed by snow, as were the roads to Hemet, Perris and San Jacinto.

The Weather Bureau described the situation as follows:

"The storm system that has been causing the unusual weather is now almost stationary over San Nicolas Island. This storm extends almost directly vertically to unusually high levels. The air aloft above the storm is phenomenally cold at elevations above 5000 feet.

"The radiosonde report taken at Santa Maria showed a temperature at 17,500 feet of 34 deg. below zero . . . We do not have a long record of upper air temperatures at Santa Maria but this must be at least 5 deg. colder than any previous measurement.

**Showers Expected**  
"This very low temperature aloft off the Southern California coast is accompanied by very low pressures aloft and a strong south southwest current is now developing, bringing air of increasing moisture content in across the coast line.

"It is expected that this flow will continue and it will develop into showers generally later this afternoon and by tomorrow morning there is a good chance of occasional moderate showers."

Orchardists, faced with another night of firing, would have been interested in a prediction by Dr. James Bonner, biologist at California Institute of Technology, that frost-resistant lemons and oranges will be developed.

He said recent research has shown that certain rootstocks give their fruit a greater immunity to cold than others. The frost-resistant rootstocks so they may be used for propagating purposes.

**Chains in Demand**  
Among familiar thoroughfares in Los Angeles city territory to be blocked by the snowstorm yesterday were Topanga Canyon, Laurel Canyon and Coldwater Canyon Blvds. Rising temperatures and Street Department crews' valiant efforts quickly reopened many.

Demand for tire chains was unprecedented. Some dealers burned up the wires trying to arrange for the flying in of such equipment at the earliest possible moment.

Most motorists drove cautiously, which reduced accidents to a minimum. Only one man was listed tentatively as a victim of the snowstorm. He was W. C. Dixon, Bakersfield truck driver who was fatally hurt in the crash of his truck on the Ridge Route near Gorman.

**Snowballs and Police**  
Five youths were booked following a policeman's attempt to break up a gang engaged in snowballing motorists on Ventura Blvd. in San Fernando Valley. Officer J. F. Clizin reported he was en route home when he saw 40 youths hurling snowballs at motorists. He ordered them to disperse. When they refused he told them they were under arrest but most of them fled.

Edward G. Glass, 19, of 5722 Vista Del Monte Ave., and Bascom Shoaf, 19, of 6540 Gothic Ave., were booked on suspicion of throwing missiles.

Ted Hinkey, 20, of 9303 Rowel Ave.; Dale P. Phillips, 19, of 18620 Chase St., and Anthony Bledsoe, 20, of 14526 Hamlin St., were booked on suspicion of rescue from an officer because they tried to free their companions in the scuffle.

**Scouts in Mine**  
Ten Redlands Boy Scouts, missing in the storm while traveling in the Mojave Desert, were found yesterday. They had food and blankets and were using an abandoned mine as a refuge after their truck broke down.

Most roads to the hinterland play areas were closed to all but officials and residents whose cars were equipped with chains, and in some cases even these could not get through.

The Mt. Waterman area and Buckhorn Flats in the Angeles National Forest received 24 inches of new snow. At the former this made the snow from 44 to 68 inches deep. At Buckhorn the total was 42 inches, the Forest Service reported.

**Big Pines Snowfall**  
At Big Pines, six inches of new snow made the total 30 inches. At Camp Baldy the storm dropped nine inches of snow for a new total of 18 inches. The road was reported open to this spot to motorists with chains.

Chantry Flat was isolated by seven inches of new snow, with a like situation at Crystal Lake. At Valyermo there were 18 inches of snow.

After being closed during the night, the Angeles Crest Highway was reopened by road graders functioning as snowplows, but only those with official business in the Sierra Madre were being waved on through the roadblock at Angeles Crest and Vista Del Valle Ave. in La Canada.

**Streets Closed**  
Some streets in the suburbs were closed temporarily. One of these was Adams St. between Glendale and Highland Park, where the wet snow made travel on the hilly route hazardous.

Bizarre reports of conditions trickled in from here and there. "Good skiing" was reported on the Altadena Golf Course, where nine inches of snow greeted early risers. In Arcadia, not many miles to the east, the fall was only two inches.

The Palos Verdes hills presented a picturesque scene, with snowdrifts nearly a foot deep ob-