



## SHOW WHITE AGAIN

### WEATHER SPRINGS A SURPRISE

#### SLIPERY ROADS NOTTINGHAM FOLK TREAD WARILY

Nottingham folk rising this morning, were surprised to see a white mantel of snow covering the roof tops

It was quite unexpected, even by the Air Ministry, who explained that a small depression, which was expected to move south, had taken the wrong turning and headed due east.

Later, however the snow turned to slush in Nottingham's streets, and traffic had to proceed cautiously on the slippery roads.

During the night 3.4 degrees of frost was registered in the city and at 8.30 this morning the grass reading was only 32, with a screen reading at 33.8 degrees.

The wind was north-easterly and the barometer was falling, indicating a return to milder and rainy conditions.

Kingston-on-Sour delegates to the annual Nott's Federation to the Women's Institutes at Nottingham today were unable to get through owing to the state of the roads. They started out, but had to turn back, it was announced at the meeting today.

### Trent Still Falling

The River Trent is still falling and this morning the Trent Catchment Board that during the night the level fell some eight inches. Water has been lying for weeks in low level meadow land in the Trent Valley is gradually draining away. At Holme Lock the fall was as much as a foot during the night. At this point the river is running 6ft 9ins above normal.

Snow began to fall at 6am south of a line, Doncaster-Manchester. The fall was slight at first, but became much heavier after 8am, quickly settling to a depth of several inches on country districts.

### State of Local Roads

It was reported by the A.A. that the snow was turning to rain in Cornwall, Devon and Somerset, and along the South Coast. It was anticipated that a thaw would set in today south of a line London-

Bristol, but in the Midlands, it was anticipated that there would be further falls and drifts were feared on more exposed roads.

On the Great North Road (A1) there were two inches.

Nottingham to Doncaster Road (A614) as far as Ollerton, one or two inches, and north of Ollerton, up to three inches.

Nottingham to Grantham (A52) one to two inches.

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Nottingham to Mansfield (A60) one to two inches.

Newark to Worksop (A1, A57) three inches.

Farnsfield-Lowdham Fosse Way two inches.

Sleaford-Bourne, an inch.

Spalding-Sutton Bridge, an inch.

In these areas snow was still reported to be falling at 11 am.

Somerset and Exmoor experienced the sharpest fall this season. Depths were up to a foot and telephone services were interrupted.

### **Milder Weather Soon**

The snow or sleet will continue today a Weather Bureau official to the Post, and temperature will remain just above freezing point. They will begin to rise tomorrow. There is no indication that this is going to be another freezer.

In the north fine sunny weather is forecast for the next 24 hours. The south will share it in due course, and the improvement is expected to spread sometime tonight.

Reading and district had a blizzard, and three inches fell in an hour. The depth in the town at 10 o'clock was stated to be nine inches, and it was still snowing heavily.

Two sections of the Southern Railway system were seriously affected by the snow. On the Horsham line points froze and some trains could not be run out from the sheds. The resultant delay was up to an hour, and a number of trains had to be cancelled.

Similar conditions existed on the Ascot section, where the delay was nearly an hour. Later in the morning, conditions improved and services were run more normally.

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