What Happened To Sunny South?

Seven Inches In Macon, Ga.

Snowballs In New Orleans

South Alabama Snowfall Biggest In Half Century

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It began as a prediction of colder temperatures but ended up as what a weather bureau official has called the worst snowfall in southern Alabama in half a century.

Before it was over schools and offices were closed, telephone lines were overloaded — and three persons were dead in traffic accidents on icy roads.

Three fatalities came in accidents early Friday. State police reported what they considered surprisingly few accidents Friday night when police said driving was hazardous.

A spokesman for the state troopers said he didn’t know if motorists were staying off the road or just couldn’t get to telephones to report the accidents.

The snow began Friday morning south of a line extending from Meridian, Miss., to Columbus, Ga., according to Ben Barker of the National Weather Service.

But the heaviest snow was reported in Crenshaw and Butler Counties.

A spokesman for the weather bureau said there was an unofficial report of 16 inches of snow in Highland Home, a Crenshaw County community about 20 miles south of Montgomery.

Barker said it was the worst snowfall in South Alabama since 1914 when 4.1 inches fell on Montgomery. Some 2.5 inches fell in the capital in 1968 and a small accumulation was recorded in 1964, he said.

Winter Wallop
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Flu Deaths