



Record 7-Inch Snowfall Hits Macon, Ga.
... as South takes on look of the North

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Snow Falls On North Florida As Yankee Winter Hits Dixie

By The Associated Press
Heavy snow, freezing rain and sleet blew out of Texas and across southern Dixie Friday, spreading Yankee-like winter into usually balmy areas and even deluging snow in sunny Florida.

School kids hurled "slush balls" at each other as snow, rain and sleet iced the pine

branches and roads of the Florida Panhandle Friday. Several accidents were attributed to the weather. It was the second time the National Weather Service has reported snowfall in Florida this year. On Jan. 12 blizzards fell in several Panhandle towns.

"The kids have been able

to make slush balls, and they've had a time throwing 'em at each other," reported Howard Powers, principal of Century High School. While temperatures hovered around the freezing mark through the northern tier of Florida counties, it was a balmy 78 some 600 miles away in Miami.

Weathermen said conditions were ripe for continued snow and freezing rain in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton counties. The Florida Highway Patrol said several car hangups were caused by slippery roads and highways. Enough snow collected on the ground in some scattered areas for the making of snowballs and snowmen—even if conservative ones, observers said.

Principal Powers said classes may be dismissed out of fear that hazardous road conditions and ice-caked trees could endanger children traveling to and from school.

At least five traffic deaths were attributed to the storm. Schools and businesses were closed from Louisiana through South Carolina. Hazardous driving warnings were issued for many areas and a number

of highways were impassable. In Macon, Ga., where more than six inches of snow accumulated before night, with more on the way, Mayor Rennie Thompson declared a state of emergency. He ordered all nonessential businesses closed and all

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Today It Will Be Just Plain Cold

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A cold front was scheduled to sweep through the Sarasota area during the pre-dawn hours Friday, but cold fronts can't tell time.

However, with all the inevitability of death and taxes, the front did pass this way late Friday, riding a crest of tornado and small craft warnings, rain and strong winds gusting to more than 20 miles per hour.

When dawn arrived Friday the skies were clear and temperatures began their climb into the 70s. About the only sign that the weather was due for a change came from the strong and steady southerly winds.

The delay was caused by a storm center that developed over the Gulf of Mexico. It caused the storm front, then in the northern part of the state, to hesitate. By 6 p.m. (Continued On Page 3A, Col. 1)

Snow Falls On North Florida Again

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unauthorized traffic off the streets and imposed an indefinite curfew beginning at 8 p.m.

Macon Police Chief J. P. Flynn said it was the heaviest snow since at least the late 1920s. Predictions were for up to eight inches of snow there by morning.

The weather forecast called for up to two inches of snow in north Florida.

Airliners were rerouted from Montgomery, Ala., and Mobile, Ala., airports. Some became icebound while on the ground at both places and could not take off.

Henry Adair, Montgomery County, Ala., associate school superintendent, said some schools did not get the word to close in time and some pupils may have to spend the night at their schools. But he said there was adequate heat, clothing and food.

As the snow continued to fall, Baton Rouge, La., residents became convinced it wasn't a passing flurry. Offices, stores and schools were closed and everybody tried to get home at the same time.

Stranded in the snow at the bottom of a hill, one motorist shouted, "Ain't this the bunk."

Weathermen said it was the first time Baton Rouge has ever seen snow twice in the same winter. Some telephone service in the New Orleans area was interrupted by the storm.

It was the second snow of the season for Florida, too, where enough of the white stuff fell for snowballs in the panhandle area. There were even reports of Florida snowmen.

Howard Powers, principal at the Century, Fla., high school said, "The kids have been able to make slush balls, and they've had a time throwing 'em at each other."

While temperatures hovered around the freezing mark throughout northern Florida, it was a balmy 78 at Miami, some 600 miles to the south.

The storm blanketed much of middle Georgia with snow, causing marmoth traffic jams in Columbus and Macon.

Mayor J. R. Allen of Columbus called it quits about noon, and closed city offices. Many businesses also closed as motorists, unaccustomed to such weather, tried to beat the snowstorm home. Some streets became impassable.

Driving was hazardous throughout a wide area of middle Georgia and schools

were closed in some communities.

Accumulations of more than four inches were reported.

Rain fell in other areas, and there was a warning of a possible ice storm throughout a wide area of the South, including portions of the Gulf Coast, southern portions of South Carolina, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

In Atlanta, about 100 miles north of Columbus, Ga., where an ice storm caused millions of dollars in damage last month, residents watched overcast skies with anxiety as the temperature dropped into the 20s.

In Texas, travel came to a standstill in many areas. Up to four inches of snow fell in southwest Texas. The band of snow extended all the way south to the upper Texas coast.

San Antonio, normally sunny and warm, reported about two inches of snow.

The University of Texas at Austin and all public schools in the capital were closed as streets became coated with ice and snow.

Schools were closed in Alabama, south of Montgomery, as up to five inches of snow fell in some areas. Driving was hazardous over most of the southern part of the state.

Opening of a \$48-million tunnel in downtown Mobile was postponed because of snow and sleet.

Power failures occurred in southwest Mississippi, as utility lines became laden with frozen rain. Emergency crews were dispatched to the area by Mississippi Power & Light Co.

Continued cold, windy

weather with some the Gulf coastal regions and precipitation was forecast for northern Florida for Friday

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Today's Forecast Is Just Plain Cold

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the storm was on the move again, sweeping southeasterly across Florida.

The advancing storm caused the U.S. weather bureau to issue tornado warnings for all of central Florida. The warning was in effect until 5 a.m. today.

Today, it's mostly going to be just cold—up to 30 degrees colder than Friday. An overnight low of 33 was predicted for Friday night, and it will be much colder tonight. In fact, temperatures throughout the Sarasota area may dip as low as freezing.

Rain should come to an end by noon today and the skies will be clear today and Sunday. A high around 50 is forecast.

Small craft warnings will remain in effect today as winds will remain strong, coming from the north at 10 to 20 miles per hour, sometimes stronger in gusts.

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