

N.C. Recovers From Storm

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The weekend snowstorm that pelted eastern North Carolina with up to 14 inches was well out to sea Monday, but its memory lingered for the thousands of travelers whose journeys were interrupted.

All main roads were open in the state, with the exception of I-95, south of Fayetteville. Secondary roads in eastern and southern portions of the state were snow covered and chains or snow tires were required for travel. I-95, 117 and U.S. 1 in South Carolina were closed, with the prospect that they might be opened Monday night.

At Fayetteville, during the peak of the storm, there were 1,600 persons housed in the ar-

mory and auditorium Sunday night and some remained Monday afternoon, hoping for a clearing of roads to the south.

A sheriff's deputy remarked, "The sun's shining pretty now and I hope it shines all night." He added that rural roads remained in bad shape, but the major arteries were open.

At Charlotte, which escaped with only an inch of snow Saturday morning, the Red Cross said the final count showed 85 servicemen stranded in Charlotte Sunday night.

They were unable to make connections back to their bases, Ft. Jackson, S.C., and Camp

Lejeune, N.C. They were given lodging at a motel, supper last night Sunday and breakfast and lunch Monday. Buses were not running to their bases.

The Red Cross said it operated 28 shelters in North Carolina over the week and as of 2 p.m. Monday 2,252 persons had been given food.

At Wilson, some 200 travelers were stranded over the weekend. They were put up in the armory and private homes. Cots were provided for sleeping. Children amused themselves by playing basketball. Restaurant and motel operators reported all were full Sunday.

Mid-afternoon temperatures Monday ranged from 43 at Asheville in the western mountains to 32 at coastal Elizabeth City. Skies were clear after morning lows featured by 7 above zero, a record for the date, at Raleigh-Durham. Warmest overnight reading was 28 at Cape Hatteras, with most inland readings in the 11-17 range.

The Outer Banks reported tides driven by hurricane force winds that undermined several beach cottages and motels.

Some toppled into the Atlantic.

Electrical power was out in some sections of Kitty Hawk and Southern Shores, north of Manteo, and southward at Bux-

ton and Ocracoke. Such inland points as Englehard and Stumpy Point also reported power failures.

North Carolina's northern coast received two to three inches of snow, but further south, the snowfall was up to 14 inches.

High sea water came across sand dunes north of Buxton, near Cape Hatteras, smashing cottages and three motels and blocking traffic for a time on the only land access to the southern Outer Banks. A long stretch of Highway 12 was inundated for a while Sunday.

Extensive lowland flooding continued on some of the principal rivers, with the greatest overflow Monday afternoon on the Neuse, which was near crest at Kinston, six feet over flood stage.

Most eastern North Carolina stream areas were snow-covered, with up to seven inches on the ground in some places Monday morning. Melting was slow, however.