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County Emerges From Mantle Of Snow

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5-Inch Fall Unexpectedly Covers Area

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A bright sun and above freezing temperatures were uncovering York County from its more than five-inch blanket of snow at noon today.

The unexpected snowfall, which began about 10:30 a. m. yesterday and continued until early last night, closed schools in York County, tied up traffic and caused postponement of various scheduled meetings.

L. P. Culp of the Winthrop College weather station reported that yesterday's high temperature was 53 degrees. Last night, he said, the mercury sank to 22 degrees. At 11 a. m. it had risen to 38.

Fair and clearing weather was forecast today, but temperatures are expected to get down to freezing again tonight.

Rock Hill city police reported several minor accidents as a result of the snowfall, but there was no report of any injuries. Members of the street department were on duty early today clearing sidewalks and streets in the business district.

Early this morning the Fort Mill by-pass was closed, and traffic between Rock Hill and Charlotte was routed through Fort Mill. The by-pass is now open, however. For several hours last night the Rock Hill-Chester highway was closed because trucks had skidded across the road and blocked traffic.

Schools To Open

Things were beginning to get back to normal throughout the county. Supt. W. C. Sullivan of the Rock Hill Public Schools system reported that schools would be open tomorrow. Schools in Fort Mill are also planning to resume classes tomorrow, according to Supt. A. O. Jones. Schools in the western section of the county which were closed today because of the weather are also planning to re-open tomorrow.

There were conflicting reports as to the depth of the snow in various parts of the county. Observers from several sources in the Rock Hill-Fort Mill area listed the snowfall at five and a half inches while reports from York indicated that the snowfall there might have been an inch greater.

The snow began falling about 10 a. m. and stopped, except for occasional flurries, about 8 o'clock.

Associated Press reports indicate that the Piedmont area was

hardest hit, but even Charleston had a "measurable snow, although it did not remain on the ground long.

The snow fall at the Greensboro-High Point airport in North Carolina measured six inches at midnight.

Asheville reported two inches, the Asheville-Hendersonville airport four inches and Mt. Mitchell seven inches of snow.

Elsewhere in South Carolina snow fell at Greenville, Spartanburg and Anderson but turned to a cold rain farther east at Columbia and Florence.

The deepest snowfall reported in the South last night was eight inches atop Bald Mountain near Blairsville, in North Georgia.

Atlanta, which had seen scarcely more than a trace since March, 1942, had from two to three inches, but the snow stopped falling early last night.

Rock Hill Snowfall Scenes



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SNOW TIME — ain't no time to sit around and spoon they say, but it is a good time for photographers to get plenty of pictures. These scenes were snapped by Herald Photographers Ben Bundy and Earl Roberts yesterday during and after the better than five-inch snowfall which blanketed the county. The top photo proves that the kids got the biggest kick out of the snow. Reading from left to right Larry Miller, Betty Ratterree, India Seagraves, Tommy Moses, Bennett Miller and Jean and Judy Moses are busy building a snow man and sledging.



The next scene shows the beautiful Glencairn Gardens, owned by Mrs. Dave Bigger, on Charlotte Avenue. The third scene shows that although the snow brought fun and beauty it also produced trouble. The three autos found travel hazardous at Charlotte Avenue-Cedar Street. The next picture is a view of the Rock Hill municipal parking lot across Main Street from the Andrew Jackson hotel. Cars left in the lot were blanketed with snow. And the final scene shows that young ters out in the Waverly Avenue section built their snow man with an eye to Rock Hill's Centennial Celebration May 4-10. Frosty has on a derby hat and string tie. At the left are Tommy Calhoun, Jay Langston, Gene Rentz, and Bryon Connerat. Herbie Rentz is shown in front of the snow man and at the right are Morris Sellers, Allen Smith, and Mac Hanna.

HAIL STORM SEVERE IN SECTION OF YORK

STATE ——— -5/27/12
Crops Wiped Out and Fruit Trees
Stripped in the McConnells-
ville Neighborhood.

Special to The State.

York, May 26.—A stretch of coun-
try along the Carolina & Northwest-
ern railway between Guthriesville and
McConnellsville was visited by a de-
structive hail storm Tuesday evening.
Crops in this area, which was about
two miles wide and three or four miles
long, were literally cut to pieces and
much replanting will be necessary.
Many fields of young corn and cotton
were wiped out and the grain crop
was badly damaged. Orchards in the
path of the storm were stripped of
their fruit and gardens were ruined.

On either side of this strip of ter-
ritory hail fell in considerable quanti-
ties and did damage of some conse-
quence, but the harm done the young
crops was not comparable with the
havoc wrought between Guthriesville
and McConnellsville, where hail
stones as large as a guinea egg fell
so rapidly that the ground was cov-
ered within a few minutes.

Collier Reporter Dec 26, 1912

The windstorm last night was something fierce, amounting to a gale, probably the blizzard wind which struck the Southwest yesterday and the day before. It is said the wind was blowing 30 miles an hour about 8 o'clock last. We are informed that it blew down one of the chimneys of Dr. R. M. Kennedy's residence and tore a hole in the roof of his house. It blew down the Buggy Company's fence and blew a lot of lumber over the railroad track. Some slate was blown from the roof of Johnson Hall at Winthrop College and the tops of several chimneys were blown off in Ebenezer. Numerous fences and things of that kind were blown down and considerable damage done along this line. The storm also blew down about 10 feet of the smokestack on the Highland Park oil mill and numerous outhouses. The wind out at Ebenezer last night resembled a small cyclone and was evidently circular in its course. It struck the house of Mr. E. P. Steele, who lives next to Ebenezer church, blowing down a chimney, broke window glass and some fencing and uprooted a few trees. The church was not injured, for which all give thanks. * * * Mr. Massey Coulter, of Ebenezer, died at his home at that place Sunday morning. Mr. Coulter had long been a sufferer from cancer and before his death the dread disease had practically destroyed his face. His remains were buried at Ebenezer cemetery Sunday afternoon.—Rock Hill Record.