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WORSE SNOW IN 30 YEARS BLANKETS CITY

Seven And One-Half Inches Falls Within Span Of Six Hours
TRAFFIC INTERRUPTED
Schools To Open But Buses Will Not Operate; Low Of 27 Forecast

With 7.2 inches of snow falling by 12 o'clock last night Wilmington was blanketed in the heaviest layer of white flakes since 1912, according to local weather bureau officials.
Only a few hours after the snow began falling at 6 o'clock motorists were reporting trouble in traveling about the streets while officials at the local bus terminal said one of their busses from Charlotte had arrived two hours behind schedule and that two which were traveling on the same schedule, had failed to arrive.

Dispatchers at the Atlantic Coast railroad said trains were traveling on schedule and that no trouble was reported along the lines. The heaviest snow reported was between Wilmington and Goldsboro, Wilmington and Fayetteville, Wilmington and Florence and intermediate territories. Little snow was reported around Wilson, Rocky Mount and Smithville.

The temperature had dropped to 30 degrees here by 11 o'clock last night and weather officials predicted that it would reach a low of 27 degrees this morning.
The day's barometer reading of 30.5 was said to be the lowest here in years, while the all-time record in Wilmington was 28.65 on March 6, 1932.

Schools To Open
Superintendent of Schools H. M. Roland said last night that the schools would be "warm and open" this morning and that a decision would be made as to the operation of the schools during this snow depending upon the weather conditions today.
Mr. Roland said he contacted as many of the school bus drivers as possible last night and asked the drivers not to operate the buses today due to the heavy snow on the highways.

Several cars were marooned and trucks had difficulty in climbing the steep overpass on Fourth street. In the meantime, police said that broken limbs on trees were reported in a number of places about the city.
Wilmington's heaviest snow, 12.1 inches, fell on February 17 and 18, 1912, and another heavy snow was reported on February 11, 1912, when 9.4 inches fell, according to figures at the weather bureau.

Weather bureau officials said the heaviest snow in recent years was reported on January 30, 1936, when 9.5 inches of snow fell. Wilmington's heaviest snow last year was 7.2 inches.
TRAFFIC LAW EFFECTIVE MONDAY
City Manager Says Citizens Are Given Few Days Of Grace

Enforcement of provisions of the new traffic ordinance as to Water, Fourth and Front streets will become effective the first of next week, City Manager James G. Wallace said Tuesday.
Traffic signs have been posted on these streets several days, but motorists have not been forced to obey them. "We are giving them a few days grace and a chance to get their lines, but will begin enforcement on the signs beginning the first of the week," Mr. Wallace said.

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North Carolina will receive 2,077 of the 145,000 new 1942 passenger automobiles to be rationed to eligible buyers in the three-month rationing period beginning March 2, the Office of Price Administration announced in Washington Tuesday night.
Although county quotas were based largely on 1941 new car registrations, the OPA said, counties in strategic war and defense sections were given special consideration in both quota and reserve allotments. Actual quotas total 12,000 cars, but an additional 25,500 vehicles were placed in "reserves" and a small number released to United States territories.

The machines to be released amount to 43 per cent of the 340,000 new cars to be sold essential users in the next year and 30 per cent of the total supply left on hand before manufacturers converted to war production.
Cars to be received in North Carolina counties, as announced by the regional OPA office at Richmond, Va., include: New Hanover 32, Columbus 19, Craven 16, Cumberland 30, Onslow 6, Pender 7, Robeson 34 and Sampson 20.

OFFICER SCHOOL STUDENTS ARRIVE

Prospective Officers Reach Here From Monroe, Greeted By Officers
A group of enlisted men who hope soon to be commissioned second lieutenants in the Coast Artillery Corps arrived at Camp Davis from Fort Monroe Tuesday, and began getting acquainted with the new home of the Officer Candidate school preparatory to resuming their studies on March 2.
While the student were being assigned to quarters in one of the regimental areas, carpenters were putting the finishing touches on the headquarters building of the school. The headquarters is not a new building but is being partitioned to provide more offices for the commanding officer and his staff.
Arriving with the students Tuesday were several officers who will hold high positions in the O.C.S. organization, including Lieut-Col. John E. Madison, pioneer of the school who supervised its organization at Fort Monroe. Colonel Madison will be assistant commander, serving under Col. H. R. Jackson.
Colonel Jackson was on hand to welcome the new officers and men and shortly after their arrival he went into conference with members of the school staff to discuss matters related to the transfer.
Students of the O.C.S., considered outstanding soldiers from the standpoint of personality and aptitude, spent their first evening in much the same manner as any other new arrivals, putting their barracks in order and visiting the post exchange to stock up on minor necessities.
Transfer of the school is a significant step in the development of Camp Davis as one of the most important Coast Artillery training centers in the Army. Enlisted men from one end of the county to the other consider enrollment in an officer candidate school the chief objective of their military careers, and Camp Davis now has the only officer candidate school in the Coast Artillery Corps, which includes anti-aircraft, harbor defense and barrage balloon units.
As an unofficial guide will gesture, Capt. Paul M. Hunt, instructor in the new Officer Candidate school, and Chaplain Wallace I. Wolverton met the Officer Candidate school train in Wilmington and accompanied the students to Camp Davis, where they were officially welcomed. Chaplain Wolverton, formerly, post chaplain, is now chaplain of the O.C.S.

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Humidity
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Precipitation
Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 1.26 inches. Total since the first of the month 3.40 inches.
Tides For Today
(From Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)
High Low
Wilmington 5:22a 12:07a
5:41p 12:45p
3:06a 9:30a
3:34p 9:49p
Sunrise 6:46a; sunset 6:09p; moonrise 1:22p; moonset 2:44a.
Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville on Tuesday at 8 a. m. 10.07 feet.
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