

Falling under the spell of that old white magic

The snow meant different things to different people. For some it was, to put it simply, a pain. Albemarle Electric manager Ed Brown said that it was an experience that built character, the around the clock work required in an effort to restore electrical service. Customers who shivered in all-electric homes wished that such character building exercises had not been required. So did those employees who worked until they were ready to drop to get the power back on. But they did what had to be done. Many a motorist took to his

heels and trudged through knee-deep snow as he deserted his car to the clutches of a well disguised ditch. These folks were also probably mumbling about the great white curse. But along with the terrible inconvenience came great beauty. The snow took every day scenes and performed white magic on them. For many folks it inspired creativity. Then there was the snow cream, and the no-school celebrations, as well as pushing stuck cars and shoveling sidewalks. What made the snow special was that it was different...like it or not.



Desolate beauty

The old abandoned Melvin Rogers Grocery out Grubb Street Extended presents a picture of bleak beauty in a desert of white.

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Knee deep

The snow was almost knee deep to a horse as this fellow photographed in the Belvidere section illustrates.



White angles

Snow gives even the ordinary an extraordinary look. Looking up at snow covered branches against grey sky offers some interesting angles.



Stormy seas

It was rough seas for the Angler's Cove craft on Wednesday but Pam Carney, Chris Boyette and little Sarah Midgette (Chris' daughter) had smooth sailing as Henry Carney pulled them behind his Jeep.



Snow sculpture

Russell and Lu Anne Chappell of Winfall created an eye-catching snow sculpted deer in their front yard.



Bus stop

Bus 23 wasn't going anywhere for reasons that are evident in this picture. The bus got a three day vacation out of the big snow, just like the youngsters did.