

# Inch Of Snow Falls In Area

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In the first 14 days of December, the temperature has ranged from 64 on the 4th to 5 on Friday. The average maximum readings is 33 with the average low a chilling 10 plus. The temperature has risen above the freezing point on only three days in the last nine.

### MUCH OF VA. RECEIVES NEW BLANKET OF SNOW

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A major portion of Virginia reeled Sunday from the second heavy snowfall in four days.

The storm swirled across the Carolina border into Virginia at daybreak, piling up in some sections at the rate of one inch per hour, and dumping a total of up to eight inches at one point in the east.

Monday school closings were flashed in a number of communities. Highways were treacherous and the State Highway Department shifted some of its heavy equipment into the snowbound sections.

The western section of the state which had a reprieve from last Thursday's blast of snow that dumped up to 16 inches at one point, reported depths of one to four inches.

Other measurements: Roanoke, 2 inches; Rocky Mount, 5; Franklin, 4; Richmond, 5.8; Suffolk, 2.5; Clifton Forge, 2; Smithfield, 6; Newport News, 5; Staunton, 2.

Last night the storm had moved to the north and was centered over Maryland. It had stopped snowing in all sections but along the Northern Neck, where a total of 8 inches, the state's biggest, was reported by 6 p. m. Sleet and rain was reported falling in late afternoon at Norfolk.

Monday schools closings were announced for Richmond and the counties of Henrico, Chesterfield, Gloucester, Mathews, Middlesex, Essex, King and Queen, King William, Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond, Westmoreland, James City, York, Charles City, New Kent, Dinwiddie, Nottoway, Amelia, Brunswick, Lunenburg, Halifax, Mecklenburg, and the

cities of Petersburg and Colonial Heights.

School children were also given a day off from Hampton, Newport News and Norfolk schools.

In Richmond weather officials said the present snow depth, resulting from the two storms, was the heaviest accumulation in the area since Febm, 1, 1948.

Highway crews, given a good warmup for their task by last week's early season fall, were out in force early Sunday keeping arterial roads open by scraping and sanding. Generally speaking, the highway department said, the primary roads in the storm belt still had some ice and packed snow late Sunday afternoon.

In the Southern and Southeast sections of the state, especially on Rts. 301, 460, 60 and 168 south of Richmond, chains were advised for driving.

Chains also were advised for all roads in the Peninsula, Williamsburg, Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck areas of the state.

The department said it would move extra equipment into the Williamsburg area from Staunton and Lynchburg to cope with the big snow removal job. Extra equipment was expected to be diverted from Fredericksburg into the Northern Neck counties, around Warsaw and Saluda.

Only a few roads in the Salem and Bristol areas required chains for driving Sunday night. The city of Bristol had between three and four inches.

A rash of traffic accidents, mostly minor, were reported across the storm area. In Roanoke police investigated 27 accident calls during the storm peak.

In Fairfax County police reported a 10-car pileup at Bailey's Crossroads which caused extensive damage to a number of cars. No serious injuries were reported.

The highway department discouraged any unnecessary road travel and cautioned those who had trips to make to use chains on their cars. In spite of sand and chemicals applied to the roads the going was tricky, especially in the hill areas.