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The storm center developed over Texas on Valentine's Day.

The storm tracked rapidly southeast into a position near Mobile out all about, on February 15,

and then it recurved to the Northeast and began to intensify.

The storm center past over Columbia, South Carolina and deepened quickly as it moved northeast across North Carolina and off the Virginia Capes.

By midnight, of the 16th, the low was just east of the Delmarva Peninsula, with a central pressure of 28.80 inches.

Between 14 to 18 inches of snow fell across the Washington area.

Winds were sustained at 30 to 40 mph for several days after the storm, causing terrible drifting, in many instances to at least 6 feet.

Snowfall rates during the storm were among the heaviest ever record at National Airport 11 inches of snow fell and

just a 5 hour period and over 3 inches of snow fell during a one hour period.

Generally, a snowfall of 10 to 20 inches occurred from Alabama to a Massachusetts.

Up to 30 inches was reported in North East Pennsylvania.

The heaviest snow than was about 50 mi. wide and passed directly through the Washington-Baltimore area.

Within this band, 15 to 20 inches of snow fell, with 22 inches of snow reported it in the northern suburbs of Baltimore.

(p. 66 Washington Weather Book 2002 by Ambrose, Henry, Weiss)