

March 19th-20, 1958

The storm began as a weak area of low-pressure just east of Norfolk, Virginia.

Much of the precipitation that fell in the Washington area as rain but finally during the late evening of the 19th the precipitation changed over to heavy snow.

The dense flakes fell rapidly through the rest of the night and into the morning of the 20th and by noon, the worst of the storm was over, but periods of light to moderate snow continued on into the morning of the 21st.

The interesting feature of this storm was extreme amount of water content.

National Airport recorded a water content of 3.75 inches and some stations reported over 5 inches of liquid content.

The snowfall total at National Airport was only 4.8 inches of wet snow. Arlington had a foot of snow.

In the Maryland suburbs, 9 inches fell in Greenbelt; 11 inches in Silver Spring; 15 inches fell at Fort Meade; and 16 inches fell at Bethesda.

Much of the Upper Montgomery County and Howard County received over 20 inches and Mt. Airy, Maryland had 33 inches of snow.

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