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Hurricane Hovers Off Shore CAPS COAST GUESSING

Hundreds Fleeing Carolina Beaches

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Hundreds of residents of Southeastern North Carolina beaches moved inland today as Hurricane Connie churned the stormy Atlantic off Wilmington.

Populous East Coast Readies For Big Blow

NEW YORK (AP)—The populous east coast, alerted for a hurricane as far north as Cape Cod, battened down today and warily watched the advance of the season's first big blow.

Coastal residents, who learned caution from three bad storms last year, began to prepare for hurricane Connie as soon as the first warning was flashed yesterday.

Many along the shore moved to higher, inland safety. Anything that might blow away was tied down or brought indoors.

For New York City the Weather Bureau forecast winds of 25 to 35 miles per hour by tonight, reaching gale force tomorrow. The bureau said that by gale force it meant 39 to 54 miles per hour.

The Coast Guard canceled all leaves in the third district which covers Delaware, New York, New Jersey and parts of Pennsylvania and Connecticut.

SHIPS GO TO SEA
Navy ships put out to sea to escape or ride out the storm rather than risk being battered at their docks.

At Norfolk, Va., two pilots were killed when their plane crashed into the bay. The twin-engine aircraft had just taken off on a flight to safety from the hurricane.

Construction men worked through the night to make as secure as possible a 10-million-dollar tower being built at Cape Cod, 100 miles off the tip of Cape Cod.

Along the Carolina coast all highway patrolmen were standing by for emergency duty.

Navy aircraft carriers put to sea from Norfolk, Va., and Quonset Point, R.I. The supercarrier Forrestal, not quite finished in a shipyard at Newport News, Va., was made as secure as possible in her berth.

The storm was preceded by heavy surf along the shoreline. At Jones Beach on Long Island bathing was stopped at noon yesterday.

In Washington the federal Civil Defense Administration put its units on a 24-hour operating basis in the District of Columbia, Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.

The American Red Cross announced that it was sending 100 tons of supplies to the coast.

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Soap Box Derby Champ Leaves For Nationals

Randy Mears, Charlotte's 1955 Soap Box Derby champion, was scheduled to arrive in Akron, Ohio, this evening, to begin his attack to begin his quest of the national Derby title.

The Augusta, Ga. lad stopped here shortly after 11 p.m. after a change flights and be joined by John Borchert, News reporter who is accompanying the youth on the trip. Flight is via Eastern Air Lines.

Randy will get his first big thrill tomorrow morning when he will be brought in from Camp Y-Noah to the Mayflower Hotel in midtown Akron for his official welcome to the city.

There will be several other activities planned for the 15-year-old youngster.

In the race at Charlotte in June Randy was a late entry in the race, but flashed past stiff competition to win the tenth post-war competition here.

In Akron Randy will be seeking a \$5,000 college scholarship, first prize in the nationals. He will be competing against 152 other boys from cities in the United States, Canada, Alaska and Western Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mears, Randy's parents, are in Akron last Saturday morning. They will remain until next Monday. Randy and Mr. Borchert will return Monday afternoon, with Randy arriving in Augusta at 9:18 o'clock that evening.



Circled X Shows Approximate Site Of Hurricane Connie. Arrow Shows Expected Route. (AP)

School Suit Possibilities Called 'Grave'

MARS HILL (AP)—A suit by a group of Montgomery County Negroes, attacking state constitution provisions for separate schools, raises "grave possibilities," Atty. Gen. W. B. Rodman said today.

Rodman told a meeting of state school superintendents that the suit brings into question constitutional provisions for state support of schools, as well as requirements for separate schools for white and Negro children.

In Raleigh, Rodman's office received a memorandum from the attorney general to Gov. Hodges in which Rodman pointed out that the constitutional section attacked is ruled void "by the Legislature would then be under no mandate to go to the state courts for a uniform system of free public schools."

RODMAN ALERTED
R. B. Scarborough, Charlotte volunteer Red Cross disaster chairman, said the local chapter had been alerted for Connie over the past 48 hours and some 100 volunteer workers were standing by to open five shelters and provide other emergency services if needed.

The New Red Cross "Comprehensive Coastal Disaster Plan" announced Monday in Washington was put into operation for the first time Monday night in Wilmington.

Jefferson said it is "proving very successful."

Units now in operation at other coastal points, will be extended to cover chapters away from the coast if necessary, he said.

The Civil Defense Administration hurried its preparations, too. Judge Thomas H. Goodman of Atlanta, regional director of CDA, and Regional Engineer Earl Mader flew to Raleigh today to help with preparations.

The North Carolina Highway Patrol assigned some 120 men to special duty in the coastal area.

The section requires the legislature to provide funds for support of schools, and provides for separate schools for whites and Negroes.

Called void
The suit alleged that the State Constitution's provision was void because of conflict with the Federal Constitution.

Rodman said the suit raises the question whether the entire section is voided by the U. S. Supreme Court's segregation decision, or only the sentence requiring separate schools.

"The question is serious. It might not be answered without the utmost care and study," he said. "The decision is one for the state court and not for the federal courts."

If the entire section is voided, the Legislature would have to decide what course we would pursue with respect to the education of our youth," Rodman said.

Civil Defense Heads Prepare For Storm
THOMASVILLE, Ga. (AP)—Four officials of the regional Civil Defense Administration went to Raleigh, N.C., today to prepare for any emergency arising from the hurricane threatening the eastern seaboard.

Civil Defense authorities would coordinate efforts of federal agencies in event storm damage warrants emergency relief work.



At Newport News, Va., Dock Workers Rush To Secure Battleship Kentucky (AP)



At Atlantic City, N. J., Residents Store Boat, Beach Chairs, Umbrellas. (AP)

How To Beat A Hurricane Here's Before-After Storm Advice

- BOSTON (AP)—The first rule in a hurricane, the Weather Bureau says, is "keep informed."
1. Keep on radio or television for Weather Bureau advisories, using car radio if home power lost.
2. Disregard rumors.
3. Don't risk being marooned. Leave low beaches or other locations open to high tides or storm waves.
4. Be alert for high water.
5. Your home probably is the best place if it is well built and out of range of high tides.
6. Board windows, securely fastening with good lumber.
7. Stock extra food, especially goods which can be eaten without cooking or with little preparation using electric power if available.
8. Be sure emergency cooking power facilities are in work order. Sterilize kettles, jugs, bottles, cooking utensils and fill with drinking water.
9. Keep flashlights, other emergency lights, handy.
10. Have car gas tank filled as gas stations may be without power.
11. Check awnings, garden tools, other articles which might be blown away.
12. Be sure a window or door can be opened on the side of the house away from the wind.
13. Remain in a safe place during lull as eye of storm passes over as winds will return suddenly from the opposite direction, frequently with great violence.
14. Be calm.
AFTER THE STORM
The Weather Bureau's eight safety measures suggested after a hurricane:
1. Seek medical care at Red Cross disaster station or hospitals for injured persons.
2. Don't touch loose or dangling wires. Report such to power company or nearest policeman.
3. Report broken sewer or water mains.
4. Guard against spoiled food in mechanical refrigerators if power has been off for any length of time.
5. Remove any temporary shutters and store for future use.
6. Remain away from disaster areas unless qualified to furnish valuable assistance.
7. Drive cautiously as debris can be dangerous and roads near coast may be undermined.
8. Be alert to prevent fires. Lowered water pressure make fire fighting difficult.
WESTERN COUNTIES Warned Of Wind, Rain
ASHEVILLE (AP)—The United States Weather Bureau here issued a precautionary warning this morning for six Western North Carolina counties which may feel the effects of the Hurricane Connie.
Frank Hood, in charge of the bureau, said that during the night the hurricane may advance close enough to the Carolina coast to begin to produce local heavy rains and increasing winds in Rutherford, Caldwell, McDowell, Burke, Wilkes and Polk counties. Residents in this area, he said, should be on the alert for these conditions.

Storm Southeast Of Myrtle Beach

HATTERAS (AP)—Hurricane Connie, her mighty fist cocked at the Carolina coastline, held off the blow today. The destructive storm lashed offshore and kept observers guessing where she would strike.

The whole east coast was alerted to her danger. The Weather Bureau in an 11 a. m. (EST) advisory placed the storm center 225 miles southeast of Myrtle Beach, S. C., and said there was little movement and WIND DROPS.

The peak wind may have dropped from 135 to 125 miles an hour, the bureau said. Any wind over 75 miles an hour is hurricane force.

Hurricane warnings were hoisted from Myrtle Beach, vacation spot where Hazel came ashore last year, to the Virginia capes.

The bureau said the future path of Connie is uncertain, but winds probably would reach gale force on the North Carolina coast tonight and hurricane force by tomorrow morning with the center likely to head for Cape Lookout southwest of here.

The entire Eastern seaboard, remembering three 1954 hurricanes which killed more than 250 persons and caused upward of 1.4 billion dollars damage, girded for any eventuality and kept a watchful eye on Connie's progress.

Indications today were that Connie would hit not far from the point Hazel came to land last Oct. 15 to sweep northward through the heavily populated east coast to Canada. Most hurricanes blow themselves out shortly after they reach land. But after Hazel, no chances were being taken.

Towering waves and high tides already pounded the North Carolina shore and hard tropical showers pelted residents and vacationers moving to safety away from the beaches. Beaches took on a deserted look of winter.

The entire east coast from Savannah, Ga., to Provincetown, Mass., was under hurricane alert. Rough seas were reported all along the area.

Crowded automobiles, piled high with belongings, moved away from Carolina beaches last night and this morning. The Coast Guard at Ft. Macon, N.C., ordered the beaches evacuated at Atlantic Beach, Salter Path and Emerald

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Expect Mild Winds Connie To Bring Showers To City

By EMERY WISTER Charlotte News Staff Writer
The Weather Bureau said the only effect of Hurricane Connie in Charlotte will be gusty showers, with the wind blowing at a rate of from 20 to 25 miles per hour.

Today the temperature should rise to about 85 degrees, with occasional showers cooling the air. A 85 degree top is also expected tomorrow and an 80-degree maximum Friday.

A low of about 74 is seen for morning. At noon today, the hurricane was some 200 miles offshore. A Weather Bureau bulletin said: "Little movement is indicated in the next 12 hours. This to be followed by a curve toward the northwest or north. Future actions still uncertain."

At noon today winds at the center of the hurricane were blowing at a rate of 125 miles per hour, with less, but still a gale force, extending out for hundreds of miles from the center.

The tides on the coast are expected to be about four feet above normal, the Weather Bureau said. The North Carolina Wing of the Civil Air Patrol has alerted all members and radio equipment is being moved to Eastern North Carolina.

The CAP's radio network is now being organized and CAP officials here were in contact with South Carolina CAP units this morning.

IN CONTACT
The North Carolina CAP's headquarters radio station—Red Dog 1—will be in contact with all CAP units in areas in the hurricane's path. Col. Robert D. McCallum, wing communications officer, said radio equipment will be placed wherever necessary, but that portable equipment will not be taken as far east as Wilmington.

The CAP's radio network will backstop regular lines of communication should they be disrupted.

Evening Prayer
O Father, we would live in fellowship with Thee. In humility we seek pardon for our sins. Grant us the power that will release us from them. Help us to discover Thy wisdom to thread the way through our doubts and problems. By Thy grace free us from ourselves and release us to righteousness and service and life eternal. In the name of Christ and for His sake. Amen.

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