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GEORGETOWN TO LOOKOUT AREA BRACED AS CONNIE NEARS SHORE

Carolina Capes Feel Breath Of Hurricane

WILMINGTON (AP)—Hurricane Connie bore down on the Carolina coast today, her center winds of up to 120 miles an hour. The eye was about 120 miles southwest of Myrtle Beach.

By 8 a.m. winds were near hurricane force of 75 miles an hour near Cape Fear, some 30 miles south of this port city. The eye crept along at about 5 to 7 miles an hour toward the northwest.

A long stretch of coastline from Georgetown, S. C., to Cape Lookout, N. C., braced for the mounting fury of the storm. Connie still threatened the whole eastern seaboard from Savannah to Block Island, R. I.

Even as Connie whirled her menacing winds off the Carolinas resort area devastated last October by hurricane Hazel, another tropical storm was developing in the Atlantic 400 miles northeast of San Juan. The Miami Weather Bureau said the new storm, named Diane, has winds of 50 to 60 miles near the center and gales outward 100 miles. It is expected to grow stronger steadily, continuing its generally northwest movement at about 14 miles an hour.

The 8 a.m. Weather Bureau bulletin on Connie extended hurricane warnings down the South Carolina coast as far as Cape Romain, about 50 miles northeast of Charleston. The red and black flags were up as far north as the Virginia capes.

Tides in the area were 4 or 5 feet above normal and were expected to be double that in some places. The Frying Pan shoals lightship, 45 miles off the mouth of the Cape Fear river and 60 miles southeast of Wilmington, pitched and tossed in winds up to 90 miles an hour and raging seas as early as 7 a.m.

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MIAMI, Fla. (P)—Another tropical storm, Diane, has developed in the Atlantic about 400 miles northeast of San Juan, P.R., the Weather Bureau reported today in its first advisory on the fourth storm of the season.

The advisory stated: "Ships reports indicate that a tropical storm has formed in the Atlantic and was located at 7 a.m. (EST) near Latitude 23.0 north, Longitude 62.0 west, or about 400 miles northeast of San Juan, P.R. Since no report has been received from near the center this position may be in error by as much as one degree."

"This storm appears to be moving towards the west-northwest or northwest at about 14 miles per hour attended by winds of 50 to 60 miles per hour near the center and gales outward 100 miles."

"Further intensification is expected during the next 24 hours with movement continuing about the same."

"The next advisory will be at 10 a.m. (EST) but an exact fix on the storm may not be obtained until early this afternoon following aircraft reconnaissance."

Diane formed about 300 miles north and considerably to the west of the area which spawned Connie, the great Atlantic hurricane now threatening the U.S. mainland. It was too early to determine whether Diane would follow in Connie's path.

Evening Prayer O Thou Eternal One: let us find Thee, for Thou art the Way without whom there is no going. Thou art the Truth without whom there is no knowing. Thou art the Life without whom there is no living. In Christ we see light. In His name, Amen.

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WAVE OF EVACUATIONS A wave of evacuations preceded today's possible blow from Connie but, for the most part, they were movements of small groups in exposed communities near Morehead City and Beaufort, N. C., as well as Wrightsville and Carolina beaches.

The 150 residents at Salter Path, tiny North Carolina fishing village, left to ride the Marine Corps Air Station at Cherry Point. Orders for evacuation were issued for exposed communities near Morehead City and Beaufort, N. C., as well as Wrightsville and Carolina beaches.

Hotels, schools and other solid structures opened their doors to small streams of beach dwellers moving back from the frothing ocean.

In many places, residents hung on defiantly, hoping the big blow would never fall. The entire coast was standing by with all involved government and

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Connie Sat Close To Wilmington This Morning. (AP)



CAVORTING WITH CONNIE are these vacationers near Atlantic Beach as they get a big dunking from high seas. The seas are whipped up by pre-hurricane force winds along the North Carolina coast. This was fun for a while, but they soon had to retreat. (AP Wirephoto)

Hurricane Brings Cool Air To Area

Hurricane Connie, now holding a big slick above the Carolina coast, has brought the blessings of cool weather to the Carolina interior.

While the coast is being ripped by gusty winds and pounded by high waves, the only effect in the interior has been almost completely overcast skies which put a damper on the sun.

The Weather Bureau predicted an 85-degree high today, an 84-degree top tomorrow. A low of 74 is seen in the morning. Today's low was 73.

Even if the hurricane does strike the coast with full force, little more than gusty showers are expected here. Weather men say Charlotte is too far inland to get anything like hurricane conditions.

This morning the hurricane was 165 miles south-southeast of Wilmington and was plodding toward the coast at a rate of about six miles per hour. Unless it picks up speed considerably it will be a long time coming.



At Surf City Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Brise Head For High Ground. (AP)

Carolinas Coastal Residents Awaiting Connie's Decision

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS The relatively few persons remaining on the Carolinas ocean front watching rising water and wind anxiously today as the threat from Hurricane Connie increased.

The hurricane's center winds of up to 120 miles an hour were some 120 miles southeast of Myrtle Beach at 8 a.m.

Storm-driven waves and gusty winds of up to 70 miles an hour struck the shoreline late last night and early today.

Police at Carolina Beach termed early morning winds "pretty strong—as strong as we've had during the night if not stronger."

LOOKS BAD Policemen N. M. Sheldy at Wrightsville Beach said, "It's looking pretty bad right now but no worse than since the high tide last night." Winds there were steady at about 25 miles an hour at 7 a.m., with stronger gusts.

At high tide last night sea water flooded streets on the north and south ends of Wrightsville. There was extensive flooding also in Carolina Beach, from the beach-front and from the yacht basin.

Florida Beach fire engines and other equipment were moved out of the municipal building during the night when water rose around the building and seeped across the fire department floor. When the water subsided the trucks were driven back in. Several power lines and power poles were down.

The highest wind recorded at Blueherald Field near Wilmington during the night was 69 miles. Early this morning the wind was a steady 25 miles, with gusts 10 miles higher.



LOOKOUT FOR CONNIE is the Hurricane warning going up at Manteo. Alpheus W. Drinkwater, veteran Manteo weatherman, is shown raising the warning. Phyllis Freshwater of Beaver Dam, Pa., and Judy Walker of Charlotte were in the procedure. Drinkwater has done the trick many times in 80 years. (AP Wirephoto)

At Least 18 Injured

Ohio Blast Takes Toll Of 21 Lives

By RICHARD H. SMITH ANDOVER, Ohio (P)—A roaring blast and swirling flames tore a path of death last night through a row of buildings on the village square. Many of the victims had taken refuge there from a storm.

There were 21 bodies accounted for, most of them in a makeshift morgue inside a garage three blocks away. The injured numbered at least 18. In the confusion, there were reports of at least 2 persons missing.

The center of the disaster was the Gateway restaurant in this village in the resort area of Pymatuning Lake, along the Pennsylvania border. The restaurant and a dairy store were in a two-story frame building which disintegrated with a force that shook the whole town. It has a population of about 1,200.

Through the sodden ashes and debris the squads of silent firemen worked in a drizzle until 9 a.m. today. Then they stopped for rest and food.

At 2 a.m. they had pulled the 17th body from under the sagging and blackened timbers which had fallen into the cellar. After that, they had been able to recover only portions of bodies.

Debris showered Main Street in front of the restaurant, ripping up sections of the street and wrecking several automobiles. Then the flames whipped on to other buildings.

DISASTER DESCRIPTION A Cleveland policeman, Elmer Bunkalis, was driving past the restaurant at the time of the explosion and gave this description of the disaster: "The walls blew out and the roof fell in. There were arms and legs sticking out of the wreckage all over the building."

No one was certain what caused the explosion. Firemen, however, speculated that accumulated gas was set off either by a bolt of lightning or a spark from electrical equipment in the basement, flooded by the heavy rains.

Today, tired firemen and volunteer rescuers still were searching for more bodies. They worked through the night with searchlights and emergency generators, as the storm had knocked out power lines and telephone communications.

MAKESHIFT MORGUE In a makeshift morgue, set up three blocks from the scene, Ash-tahola County Deputy Coroner H. K. Lyne was attempting to identify the bodies. Many were burned beyond recognition, and Dr. Lyne said it may take days to identify all of them.

The fire itself was brought under control in four hours as firemen from 20 nearby Ohio and Pennsylvania towns rushed equipment to the stricken village.

Traffic was snarled through much of the night by the effects of the explosion and herds of curious motorists who drove to see the fire. Law enforcement officials threw a cordon around the community and the state highway patrol said martial law had been declared there at the request of the Andover mayor. Sixty troops were sent to the village to enforce it.

Frank Lackey, a Massillon, Ohio truck driver, was eating in the restaurant when it exploded. "Suddenly the restaurant was gone," he recalled later at Ash-tahola Hospital where he was taken for treatment of his injuries. "It just blew up. The next thing I knew I was lying in the grass." There was no official estimate of property damage, but it was expected to run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. The building in which the restaurant was located also housed an Isaly store, part of a national

WRIGHTSVILLE WATER HIGH AT LOW TIDE

Hugh Morton of Wilmington, who is covering the Wilmington area with his camera for The News, reported extremely high water at Wrightsville Beach this morning.

Morton reported at 8 o'clock that water was running high at low tide and was only about two feet short of covering most of the land area of Wrightsville.

With high tides expected to be from 8 to 10 feet above normal, Wrightsville may be covered with a shallow layer of water late this afternoon.

Winds in Wilmington, he reported, were between 25 and 30 miles per hour with gusts slightly more. There is much rain in the area.

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Our Weather

Showers today, tonight and tomorrow. Partly cloudy tomorrow. Local winds about 20 miles per hour today. High yesterday - 84. High tomorrow - 84. High today - 85. Low today - 71. Low tomorrow - 71. Low tonight - 74. Sunrise 5:49 a.m.; sunset 7:16 p.m. More Weather Data on Page 12-A. See AT LEAST on page 12-A.