

Warning Storm In Makes Northeast, Leaving 24 Dead, Millions In Damage

Hodges Asks Coast Declared Disaster Area

Governor Sends Wire To President

RALEIGH (AP)—Gov. Hodges today wired President Eisenhower requesting that North Carolina's coast, battered by Hurricane Connie, be declared a major disaster area.

Preliminary estimates of storm damage, given at a meeting of state officials and regional federal civil defense leaders, ran over 3 1/2 million dollars.

Hodges pointed out that first estimates could not serve as the basis for a request for federal relief funds since later and more complete surveys could run the total higher.

The request for relief funds will be made after the disaster area designation is received and after further surveys, Hodges said he hopes to hear from his request to the President early next week.

FIRST ESTIMATES. Judge Thomas H. Goodman of Atlanta, regional civil defense director, said first estimates of damage for the area from Wilmington southward totaled \$2,353,500 for private property and \$568,500 for public property. He stressed that these estimates were compiled from reports by state and federal civil defense engineers and local sources. He said they were "widely unconfirmed and preliminary" estimates.

Gen. Edward Griffin, state civil defense director, said preliminary estimates from Carteret County indicated damage of about \$300,000. This included Morehead City and Atlantic Beach areas.

Engineers are continuing surveys up the coast today, Griffin and Goodman said.

WORK PRAISED. Hodges, who was accompanied by Goodman in following the path of the hurricane from Wilmington to Morehead City, praised the work of all agencies in meeting the storm.

As with Hurricane Hazel, North Carolina was "the sturdiest" hit, he said. He promised that the state "will do its part" in relief work.

W. R. Eloxton, assistant to Adj. Gen. John Hall Manning, said it was anticipated that all National Guard troops will be relieved from duty today except for a small number at Carolina Beach and Topsail.

All Guard troops scheduled to report for summer training next week will be able to do so, he said. Units which have already completed summer training are available for relief if they are needed, he added.

LOOKING REDUCED. Eloxton told the governor that looking was not the problem that it was following last fall's Hurricane Hazel.

Red Cross, Southeastern area Stone Cross representative, said there will "not be a great deal of rehabilitation work" and it should be completed in about 15 days.

N. C. Beaches Count Damage In Millions

Vacationers Pouring Back In Business Normal Along S. C. Beaches

Telephone and other late reports from the South Carolina beaches indicate business as usual along the Grand Strand.

From Pawleys Island north to Cherry Grove beautiful weather greeted vacationers today and indications are that beach business will continue brisk.

Frank Marlow, owner of Marlow's Store at Pawleys Island, told The News this morning that "we are having our prettiest day of the year today."

WEATHER CLEAR. Temperature early this morning was 70 and high today is expected in the mid-eighties. It is clear and sunny, seas are normal and it appears ideal for tourists. Many telephone calls are pouring into the area confirming weekend reservations and little or no drop-off in visitors is expected. Pawleys lost 100 feet of the fishing pier there.

At Garden City the situation appears about the same. Several reports indicate some change to the end of the fishing pier, but otherwise, there was practically no damage, especially to beach property. There was an evacuation along the beach, but everyone is back enjoying near-perfect beach weather.

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SOME DAMAGE. On the upper reaches of the Grand Strand the same reports are coming in. There was some heavy damage at East Cherry Grove Beach, but the rest of the area fared very well.

Even high water failed to reach most of the beach front homes at Crescent Beach.

Windy Hill, Tipton, and Crescent beaches all expect big business to continue.

All of these beaches lost considerable sand and saw much of the beaches cut away by high tides and heavy seas, but the damage wasn't extensive enough to keep vacationers away. No houses were lost, although there was some undermining.

North Beach, Md. (AP)—An ancient's monster on a pleasure cruise was pounded to pieces in storm-lashed Chesapeake Bay, leaving 10 dead and 4 missing today.

Thirteen others were dramatically rescued yesterday by firemen, National Guardsmen and civilian volunteers who poured into this beach resort 30 miles south of Washington, D. C.

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By JAMES DEVLIN
NEW YORK (AP)—The millions of residents of Greater New York took shelter today from a rainfall of almost a foot and winds up to 70 miles an hour.

The storm was blamed for 11 deaths. Flood conditions from the side-sweep of "Hurricane Connie" temporarily halted railroad service out of the city to the north and east and blocked highways. Thousands of cellars were flooded.

Water over the tracks of the New York Central Railroad, used also by the New Haven Railroad, stopped service for about an hour.

Trains began to move again when water up to 12 inches deep canceled 108 trains — 24 inbound and 54 outbound.

Idlewild Airport, canceling 35 flights, recorded rainfall "in excess of 1 1/2 inches" during the 24-hour period ended at 7:30 a.m.

The city's vast subway network operated without interruption.

As the rain continued to fall, the New York Weather Bureau predicted the skies would begin to clear at about 4 p.m. This amended a previous prediction that the rain would continue until this evening.

The Weather Bureau reported that approximately nine inches of rain fell in the city during the 24-hour period.

The storm knocked out today's baseball games between the New York Giants and Pittsburgh Pirates and the Brooklyn Dodgers and Philadelphia Phillies. It also canceled the entire job taking but two hours. It took four for Hazel and Mark Gardner, the city councilman, said they "do better next time—f and when."

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THE CAROLINAS COASTS. From Wilmington to Myrtle, the final pages of a reporter's notebook.

The folks on the Grand Strand are enjoying a rare treat today. "Hurricane Connie" brought rare tropical waves in its wake along the Strand they're finding scores and scores of star fish, thousands of odd-shaped shells common to the region. And also are a few octopus washed ashore by the storm.

They had a fireworks display in Wilmington Thursday night. Looking east from Gov. Luther Hodges' sixth floor headquarters in the Cape Fear Hotel you could see Carolina Power and Light Co. generators blowing out. They cast greenish lights in the sky and looked weird and frightening over the darkened city.

Wilmington became a ghost town for a while during Connie when the power failed. However, when there was power one used car dealer kept his thousand light bulbs burning during the storm just as if nothing was happening.

Down at Shallotte everyone headed for shelter. Even some of the old-time fishermen who guided us in the way of life. Inland Waterway last year. Along the coast many wanted to try this time.

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FLLOATING MARRIAGE. GALVESTON, Tex. (AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Walter have been married 11 years and they are living quarters have been aboard many of several sail boats they have owned.

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Hurricane Diane, swirling 115 miles an hour around her center, swung around to a northwesterly course over the Atlantic today. She had been traveling toward the north.

The center at 11 a.m. (EST) was about 1100 miles east of Palm Beach, Fla., at latitude 27.5 north, longitude 82.0 west. Her forward speed was about nine miles an hour. Gale winds extended outward 250 miles from the center in the north-easterly semicircle and 100 miles in the southwesterly semicircle.

Diane Shifts Toward West

Private Conference Schmidt Meets Wife, Sees Son

By ALAN CLINE
NEVADA CITY, Calif. (AP)—Airmen Daniel C. Schmidt, disturbed and irritated for a long day of homecoming, met his son for the first time and held a lengthy but inconclusive conference with his remarried wife today.

The meeting was held in private and the 22-year-old wife, a prisoner of war, said she had been incommunicado for 32 months, said he would have four or four meetings with his suburban wife before making any decision on his marriage.

The wife, Mrs. Schmidt, was brought to the law office of Harold Berliner, U.S. attorney, for the reunion. After a three-hour meeting, with his wife, Schmidt told reporters he had nothing to say now. He said he would remain in this high Sierra community until "we get this thing worked out" and as he had done before when he landed yesterday.

San Francisco, Schmidt begged for a waiting car and taken back to her home in the hills.

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Berliner had promised a state-of-the-art press after the meeting last night but then changed his mind and had no comment.

MIND MADE UP. Yesterday the Sacramento Bee said that Una had given "every indication" she would stay with Fine, husband No. 2. The newspaper quoted its reporter Alan Trivelpiece as saying she appeared to be a woman who had made up her mind.

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Government Won't Cut Cotton Export Prices

By OVID A. MARTIN
WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Benson, in an announcement issued in cotton markets around the world, said today the government will take no new steps before next Jan. 1 to cut prices cotton exports.

After that date, he said in an announcement, the government "may" offer up to one million bales of government-owned low quality cotton for sale abroad at reduced prices.

This means that for the time being foreign buyers of American cotton must pay the same prices that prevail in domestic markets even though these prices run above world market levels.

The administration has been under strong pressure from some farm groups and cotton state congressmen to increase exports, which have dropped considerably.

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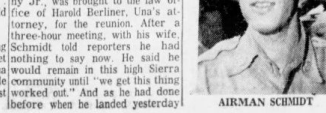
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Evening Prayer

Our Father, how grateful we are for Thy Son. We thank Thee that Thou didst send Him into the world to teach and to guide us in the way of life. Help us to see Him as He is that we may live as good servants of Thine. Grant us strength and courage to live for Him and faithfully to proclaim the riches of Thy Word to others. We ask Thee for the dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

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