

cane country now, then we should have the apparatus and techniques developed and available for use without hurried conferences. There is a grave danger that repeated and protracted alerts may have the effect of numbing the public into indifference. Somehow coexistence with hurricanes must be worked out without dislocation at every alarm.

## And Now, Diane

Although an immediate threat to New England by hurricane Connie was discounted by weather bureau authorities Thursday, even as they announced it another storm named Diane was already percolating. Not that Connie was dead, far from it. But late Thursday it appeared to be hitting the Carolinas though still at sea. If it should veer toward Connecticut it will be noon or later today before it strikes. And if we shall be fortunate enough to escape it entirely Connie shall have made a deep impress on our actions just the same, economically and socially. Thousands have hurriedly revised or cut short their vacations and summer resorts have felt markedly the effect of this potential wind.

The upcoming of Diane underlines the need for all of us in this section to learn to live with hurricanes and threats of hurricanes. Now we are somewhat in the position of the man who got bit unexpectedly by a dog named Carol and is suffering from a mild neurosis concerning all dogs. Somewhere a happy medium must be achieved between the *laissez faire* that preceded Carol and the acute apprehension that now begins to grow the minute a storm center appears in the far-off Caribbean.

It is certainly a matter of delicate balance, of personal adjustment and sensible interpretation of weather bureau reports. Whatever may have been the faults of weather bureau reporting in the past, one can have only the highest praise for the complete, up-to-date reports that bureau issued during the anxious period waiting for Connie to arrive.

If we may consider Connecticut true hurri-