



# Is That So?

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## Violence Erupts Again, Columbia

CHARLES CITY — "We're in the middle of a discussion on whether to re-orient and rebuild the entire downtown area," remarked David Archie, publisher of the Charles City Press.

Charles City was hammered with more complete devastation than Oelwein and was left with 13 dead when the twin tornadoes struck that city about the same time a vicious storm slashed away at the city of Oelwein.

We are able to get an aerial view of the Charles City disaster area and talk with Archie Tuesday afternoon.

"We're concerned about the downtown area right now," continued Archie. "The fire marshal has already labeled all but a few buildings in one entire block as condemned. Most of them are in the area facing the city park." Charles City officials are still searching through ruins and might possibly find more bodies.

"One problem we're facing right now is trying to get warnings to the residents of the community about speculators coming to town and buying up lots. We've had warnings and we know that Belmont had a similar problem after its storm," commented Archie.

The Charles City storm was violent. The aerial view (see the picture elsewhere on page 1) leaves no doubt about the path. It leveled entire areas. For example, according to Archie, one new housing development area was smashed. Only three of 180 homes in the area were left standing.

Many of the victims of the Charles City tornado were elderly. "The storm hit an elderly housing area and many had no basements to get to," Archie described one business establishment where the entire working force was saved. They were unable to get to the basement and were trapped in the stairwell. It proved to be the best place in the building when the walls collapsed all around the stairwell.

The hospital at Charles City just missed the violent storm. All of the patients had been taken to the basement after an early warning. The city was without water and residents brought water to the hospital to assist in medical problems.

A baby was born in the hospital there just 30 minutes after the storm hit.

"Of course there are many stores," says Archie. "But there seemed to be two or three funnels finally join together and rip through town."

"We're faced with problems like Oelwein financing and a location for businesses," commented Archie. "I'm sure it will be three months or so before we're in good shape and know exactly where we stand about rebuilding."

O-O-O

Oelwein Mayor Samuel Mazziotti reports the evening curfew will be in effect at 9 p.m. through Sunday. Business will be open "as usual" Thursday according to city fathers. "I would like to personally thank all the young Americans who have worked so hard helping this city clean up. The town will officially be open at 8 a.m. Thursday."

O-O-O

A Cedar Rapids organ company was in Oelwein Tuesday to dismantle the organ at the First Christian Church. The unit was taken to Cedar Rapids, put back together and stored until church officials have finalized plans for the local church.

O-O-O

Stories about the storm continue to be told: Roy Burkett, a member of the REGISTER mechanical department, huddled with two other men at Rueber's Auto Sales on highway 150 south when the storm hit. When he regained consciousness, he found himself across the highway to the west in the front lawn area of the DeKalb. He suffered only minor cuts and bruises, but still does not remember "what flight" he took.

O-O-O

Mrs. Robert (Jan) Bradenburg and Mrs. Wayne Stockwell were in the basement of the First Christian Church when the storm hit last Wednesday. They were preparing meat for a scheduled 6:30 p.m. potluck. "Scared green" and frightened, they crawled under a work table and escaped injury. Church officials are confident that last year's tuck-point work on the building might possibly have saved the unit from possibly even greater damage.

O-O-O

The real estate team of Crowley-Chase-Palmer were in their office on North Frederick just before the storm. Each left just seconds before it hit. James Crowley got to the parking lot area on 2nd Ave. S.E. (near Arnold Motor Supply) where his car was tossed about. . . . Jim suffered cuts and bruises. George Palmer made it two blocks down North Frederick; he limped from his car (recovering from knee surgery) and was helped into the Sinclair Station where they huddled in the repair department. Harold Chase tried to outrace the storm home . . . he reached his house and found his wife and son safely in the basement on 7th Ave. N.E.

O-O-O

Pictures of the actual funnel (or funnels) are found in today's edition. One is taken from the south by 13-year-old Chris Franks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Franks. It shows the funnel from the south of Oelwein (looking north). The other photograph was taken by Milton Smith from the two-mile corner north of Oelwein, just minutes before the storm hit Oelwein.

O-O-O

Frankly, we had a front row seat from the parking lot of the Elks Country Club last Wednesday to watch the storm "drop and rip northward." We hope to relate our experiences in a later column . . . trying to get home . . . etc.

## List Condition Of Injured

Still hospitalized but listed in good condition at People's Memorial hospital, Independence, are Mrs. John Phillips, 40, and her ten-year-old son, Russell, Oma Neffzer, and LaVern Warthan, all of Oelwein and Henry Warneke, Maynard. Mrs. Lucille Taylor, Maynard, is listed in fair condition. The farm home which she and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Greco occupied near Maynard, was completely destroyed in Wednesday's tornado.

Mrs. Raymond (Florence) Paulsen, Oelwein, was dismissed earlier this week.

Galen, 5½, Gary, 3, and Gerald, 1½, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Kelly, Maynard, were reported good at the Summer hospital. Four-year-old Glenda Kelly was killed in the tornado and Mrs. Kelly seriously injured. She remains at Allen Memorial Hospital, Waterloo, where along with other hospitalized victims is reported satisfactory.

Others on the satisfactory list this morning were Mrs. Lloyd Major and daughter, Dawn, 6; Dale Streitmatter, Oelwein, and Mrs. Anna Steege, Maynard.

Mrs. William Hicks, Oelwein, has been dismissed from St. Francis hospital and Mrs. Winifred Joyce, also of Oelwein, from Schoitz Memorial, both at Waterloo.

## Classes Suspended

The Rev. Fidelis J. Kaufmann, superintendent at Sacred Heart school, told the REGISTER this morning (Wednesday) that classes at Sacred Heart would be suspended until further notice.

## Schedules Meeting For Local Teachers

Oelwein Supt. of Schools Arthur Sensor announced at noon Wednesday that he was scheduling meetings of all teachers and principals for Thursday morning.

Principals are asked to meet at the superintendents office at 8:30 and the teachers are asked to go to their own schools at 10 p.m. Teachers in the junior high and central grade school are urged to wear warm clothing as there is a heat in either building.



RILEY MEETS WITH CITY COUNCIL—Senator Tom Riley arrived in Oelwein at 3 p.m. Tuesday to discuss with Mayor Samuel Mazziotti and city council members all available federal and state assistance. Riley was in the city the night of the tornado and has since conferred with Des Moines and Washington officials in an attempt to gather information that will help city officials receive aid of all types for reconstruction.

NEW YORK (AP) — Police cleared a barricaded building and arrested 131 demonstrators without incident at Columbia University early today, but in the hour before dawn the troubled Ivy League campus erupted again in violence.

When it had subsided, 22 more persons had been arrested and about 60 — including 10 policemen — had been injured.

Columbia, a venerable, 214-year-old institution atop Morning-side Heights in upper Manhattan, has 25,000 students, including those in its affiliated colleges and schools.

Columbia President Grayson Kirk had summoned police to "clear the area" after small fires broke out in dormitories and shouting students defied orders to return to the dorms.

At 4:25 a.m., a thousand police rushed across the campus. They were met head-on by a wave of students who answered a call: "To the barricades!"

A stone flew, striking a policeman in the face. He bled profusely. Police surged into the students, nightsticks flailing, and blood was drawn on both sides.

The storm had begun building late Tuesday, one month after several hundred demonstrators led, among others, by the radical Students for a Democratic Society began a siege that eventually led to temporary control of campus buildings.

The campus demonstration which began April 23, grew out of student opposition to what the SDS described as the university's aid to the war effort, to a proposed Columbia gymnasium in a park separating the campus from Harlem, and to university disciplinary procedures.

Work on the gym was suspended. The students then demanded amnesty from disciplinary procedures, refusing to budge from the five buildings they held — until, in the pre-

## Cargo Plane Crashes, Burns

LINCOLN, Mass. (AP) — A C54 military cargo and passenger plane crashed and burned just short of a Hanscom Air Force Base runway today.

Three men aboard, believed the crew, walked out of the wreckage, apparently having escaped serious injury, Hanscom officials said.

There was reason to believe a fourth person was aboard, they said.

No body was found and a search was being made of the surrounding wooded area.

The propeller-driven plane, with one wing and two of its engines ablaze, ripped into a swampy area before skidding into nearby woods about 500 feet from a clearing which leads to the base runway.

The nearest house was several hundred yards away.

The crash scene is near the Lincoln - Concord - Bedford line, about 20 miles west of Boston.

## Stock Market

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market mounted a solid rally this afternoon, with trading active.

Pent-up cash reserves of institutional investors were being pumped into the market, analysts said, accounting for a major part of the rally.

dawn hours of April 30 — city policemen routed them in a violent confrontation that left 150 injured.

## S. B. A. Office To Open Saturday

Oelwein Mayor Samuel Mazziotti announced at noon Wednesday that small business loan offices would be set up at the Chamber of Commerce building starting Saturday, May 25 from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The office will also be open on Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Beginning Monday, May 27 the office will remain open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mr. Howard Vondruska and Harold Brachow will have charge of the office.

## Receives \$90,000 From State

CALMAR — Board of directors of the Area I Vocational Technical school met in special session Tuesday, May 21, at the administration headquarters at Calmar.

Supt. Max Clark reported the state board of public instruction and the advisory committee had approved an amount of \$90,000 for Area I building purposes.

The board of directors approved the appointment of the following staff members: Mrs. Kathleen Egge, Decorah, for the position of cosmetology instructor; Lyle Seebach, Cresco, distributive education; Mrs. Lucille Smith, Moline, Ill., practical nurse instructor; Diane Prull, Cedar Falls, bookkeeping-accounting and Gene Henrickson, Plain View, Neb., vocational counselor.

It was reported that the first annual commencement for Area I will be held Sunday, May 26, at the South Winneshiek auditorium at Calmar at 2 p.m. Public is invited.

## Announces As Auditor Candidate

DES MOINES — Donald J. Kelly, a certified public accountant, today announced his candidacy for the office of Auditor of State on the Democratic ticket.

Kelly, a native of Kinross, Ia. is an honor graduate of St. Ambrose College, received his Certified Public Accountant Certificate in 1958 and is the first person so qualified to seek the office of Auditor of State. He served as Supervisor of State Department audits from 1965 until mid April 1967. He is currently serving as Supervisor of data processing techniques in insurance company audits for the State Insurance Department.

## Fire Wednesday

City firemen were called out at 9:15 today to the Chester Cole residence, 309 Fourth Ave. SE, to extinguish a small fire started in a frying pan containing food being cooked by Mrs. Cole.

The food apparently caught fire, causing minor smoke damage throughout the home.

No damage was actually recorded.

## Poppy Day Cancelled

Representatives of the American Legion Auxiliary announced today that the annual Poppy Day Sales campaign has been cancelled until further notice.



CHARLES CITY DESTRUCTION—Hundreds are homeless, and some still not located in the Charles City area after the twisters of Wednesday, May 15th left Oelwein and apparently headed for that area. The downtown section of the city appears from the air as though it had been hit with bombs similar to those of World War II in Europe. Fourteen persons lost their lives in the area depicted in this Oelwein Daily Register photo. Businesses, churches, and individual homes and autos were swept away like so much pulp wood during the devastation.

## Sharp Exchange At Talks

PARIS (AP) — In a sharp exchange of arguments, North Vietnam's envoy raised the possibility today that the Paris peace talks might fail and told U.S. Ambassador W. Averell Harriman the United States would bear "the full" and entire responsibility.

Harriman, in talking with reporters after the formal meeting, accused North Vietnam of using the talks to "make a propaganda impression on the world."

"A lot of people are getting disgusted with these allegations about the war in Vietnam which have no basis in fact whatever," he said.

A North Vietnamese spokesman said that during the fourth session, which lasted about three hours, Xuan Thuy told Harriman "in the event these official conversations do not conclude with result, the American side must bear full and entire responsibility."

The spokesman also quoted Thuy as telling Harriman that thousands of Americans, and "progressive opinion" around the world, demand that he change his attitude. Thuy denounced what he called "the obstinateness and the lack of seriousness of the American side."

The meeting was the fourth in

the series which began 10 days ago. The next meeting will not be held until Monday morning, an interlude of four days—the longest yet.

Harriman told reporters he had suggested that "we abandon the practice of going out with public statements so that we can make some progress with discussions across the table."

But he said he thought the North Vietnamese would not go along, and if they did not the United States delegation would then report publicly what Harriman said.

Within a few minutes the North Vietnamese spokesman began reporting Thuy's comments and the press office gave out his 2,500-word statement in a French text.

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## Coed Dies In Dormitory Fire

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A fire, officials say appeared "obviously set" killed one coed and hurt 14 others early today in a tower dormitory on the campus of Ohio State University.

The blaze broke out in an 11th floor suite of the 24-floor circular Lincoln Tower which houses 1,000 students. There were 70 coeds on the 11th floor. All suffered to some degree from smoke inhalation.

The dead girl, who died in nearby University Hospital several hours after the fire of smoke inhalation, was identified as Pam Patterson, 18, Ludlow Falls. She was a freshman majoring in arts and sciences.

Nine students suffered minor injuries and were admitted for treatment, three others were treated and released, and two coeds are in critical condition.

Downtown Store Hours  
Merchants in the downtown business area announced that they will not be open Thursday evening during the usual hours between 5-9. They will, however, remain open until 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 29, according to spokesmen.

## REGISTERLAND Weather and River Stages

Cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely Wednesday night. Lows in lower 50s. Partly cloudy with scattered showers Thursday. Highs in the 60s. Precipitation chances: 70 per cent Wednesday night, 50 per cent Thursday.

RIVER STAGES  
DAVENPORT (AP)—River stages:  
Lansing 9.00 rise .30  
Dam No. 9 17.60 rise .70  
McGregor 10.00 rise .80  
Guttenberg 9.20 rise .60  
Dubuque 11.00 rise .70

Thurs., May 16  
Tues., May 21  
Tornado Picture  
Issues Still  
Available  
at the  
Oelwein Register  
Office



TORNADO FUNNELS. The picture at the top was taken by Milton Smith from the two-mile corner north of Oelwein (Fischer Auto Parts) looking south at the clouds over Oelwein. Two funnels. The second picture was taken by Chris Franks, 13-year-old, who lives just north of Hazelton. It shows the black cloud formation hovering over the south edge of Oelwein.

**MYSTERY NUMBER TODAY Is Good For \$6**

number in upper left hand corner of page one of this issue is your Mystery Number. See if you find the "MN" number in an ad in this issue exactly the same as the number on page one.

Eligibility for a prize is limited to subscribers of the REGISTER prior to the time contest was announced. A subscriber who has the correct Mystery Number cannot transfer the paper to another person.

No Register employee or carrier or their family may enter. Bring your full paper to the REGISTER office no later than 10 a.m. Friday.

If unclaimed, \$3 is always added.

Monday's Mystery Number was MN-5134 in Grand ad. Now check back, would you have won?