

Charles City Asks Help

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hardest hit in the tornado which struck Oelwein Wednesday. Sacred Heart schools had minor damage.

Both the junior high school and the Central elementary school have been condemned. No one is being allowed past the first floor on either building. The two buildings sit next to each other on Third avenue SE.

A quarter of the roof was lifted off the senior high school but the building is in use as emergency headquarters for the national guard and highway patrol.

The cancelling of classes for the Oelwein school system also includes classes at centers in Stanley and Hazleton.

"This city will come back," said Mayor Samuel Mazzitelli. "We're going to rebuild. This city has a great deal of faith in itself."

Despite smashed windows and a lack of electricity, some business places reopened in Oelwein Thursday. There was a brisk trade in axes, saws and other tools.

Power was being restored to the city by Interstate Power Co. but individual residences would take longer, officials said.

Some citizens were too stunned to think of rebuilding.

"All I've got between me and nothing is this, and this is nothing," wept Dorothy Clark of Oelwein as she picked over the remains of her shattered house. "This is all I had, and I've worked all my life for it."

Charles City

Water and gas were installed in key places in Charles City late Thursday afternoon and emergency telephone lines were in the process of being installed.

Entire blocks of houses were smashed in Charles City. Almost every building in the tornado area was damaged to some extent.

John Sebern, Floyd county disaster chairman for the American Red Cross, said 450 persons were listed as injured and needing treatment at Charles City. James Johnson, administrator for the Floyd County Memorial hospital, said that at least 300 injured persons had been treated at the hospital.

Sebern said damage would be more than \$15 million in Charles City. Mayor Harry L. Brenton said a "conservative" estimate placed the damage at about \$20 million.

The Red Cross estimated that 58 businesses were demolished, 90 sustained major damage and 46 minor damage. 172 houses were demolished, 188 sustained major damage and 356 minor damage.

"It looks like we've been bombed," commented one businessman.

Charles City has a population of 10,419.

"I don't know where we'll put the rubbish," said Sheriff Lane.

"We don't have room at the dump."

"Is it a disaster area?" asked Gov. Hughes as he toured Charles City Thursday. "Hell, all you've got to do is look down the street to see that."

Charles City officials issued an urgent plea Thursday night for men and equipment to help with the grim task of clearing away rubble.

The call went out for "manpower, both adults and students," and endloaders, dump trucks and chain saws. Red Cross officials asked the public to hold off donations of clothing for a few days.

"The people have responded tremendously with clothes, to a point that at this time we just can't handle any more," said Glen Hayden, Red Cross director in Charles City.

Meanwhile, the city council, meeting in its storm-battered town hall, agreed to seek all the federal and state aid available for tornado recovery efforts.

Mayor Brenton said Charles City could not recover from the blow without help from the outside. "It's too big for us," he said.

Maynard

At Maynard, where the west part of town was leveled by Wednesday's tornado, school officials said Baccalaureate services would be held Sunday night in the school and classes are expected to resume next week. The school received only minor damage.

Hughes said he had faith that Charles City and Oelwein would quickly rebuild, but he expressed concern over the future of Maynard, population 600, which had part of its residential area virtually leveled.

"It's difficult for a small town to recover from something like this," said Hughes.

However, clean-up work in the community was under way Thursday and Friday and the residents expressed a determination to rebuild their town.

Several farms south of Maynard also were hit by the twister, with heavy house and out-building damage.

Wednesday's tornado activity also brought damage to at least two Winneshiek county farms.

The Paul Hanni farm in Orleans township was hit, as was the Fred Taylor farm in Sumner township.

Assistance

Several branches of the federal government have moved disaster assistance into storm-struck areas of the Midwest in the wake of Wednesday's tornadoes.

The President's Office of Emergency Planning, charged with marshalling the government's efforts in disaster relief, reports it sent disaster specialists into several areas hit in the rampage.

A disaster specialist from OEP Region 6 in Denver, Kent Hutton, flew to Des Moines.

assisting state officials in damage assessment.

The Small Business Administration has sent representatives to check damage at Charles City and Oelwein.

Red Cross disaster teams from all over the Midwest are converging on the tornado-struck areas.

Fifteen emergency shelters have been set up in Charles City, Iowa. The shelters are manned by Red Cross staff and volunteers from Mason City and Des Moines, Iowa, and Minneapolis.

In Oelwein, Red Cross units from Cedar Rapids and Waterloo and East Moline are providing assistance.

The Rock Island detachment of the U.S. Army's Corps of Engineers has been alerted.

Department of Agriculture officials report that representatives of the farmers Home Administration are surveying the stricken areas.

Culver Enroute To Iowa; SBA Acts on Loans

WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. John Culver announced Friday that he is enroute to Iowa from Malta to coordinate federal disaster aid efforts and that the Small Business Administration has declared Iowa storm areas as disaster loan areas.

With the SBA designation, long term low interest loans will be available to individuals, homeowners, businesses and non-profit organizations for replacement and repair of property, furnishings, equipment and inventory destroyed or damaged by the tornadoes.

The SBA will establish temporary offices in the disaster area.

Culver received word of the tornado damage when he arrived in Malta Thursday to participate in a weekend Anglo-America parliamentary conference sponsored by private foundations in the United States and England.

He departed Malta on the first available return flight and is due in Cedar Rapids at 6 p.m. Friday.

The Second district congressman will tour the disaster area Saturday, and will arrange a public meeting soon in Oelwein with representatives of the appropriate federal agencies, local officials and residents.

Culver has already talked to officials in the Office of Emergency Planning, Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman, and Robert Moot, administrator of the Small Business Administration.

In addition, Culver requested that the leadership of the house emergency planning, charged with marshalling the floor action pending legislation to provide emergency assistance relief, reports it sent disaster specialists to farmers and rural home owners.

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Grants Available From Red Cross

Cedar Rapids Red Cross officials Friday said the Red Cross is equipped to make outright grants to assist people in rebuilding homes demolished by Wednesday's tornado.

"We will help make up the difference not covered by insurance," a Red Cross spokesman said.

Tornado victims are asked to call their nearest Red Cross office to apply for financial assistance, or contact the Linn county chapter, 327 Granby building, which is headquarters agency for Red Cross services in this area.

The spokesman said grants are determined on the basis of available funds. As a result, he said, donations are being sought from the general public to aid tornado victims.

"We don't need any more clothing. We need money to help these people." Donations made through the Red Cross are tax deductible, the spokesman pointed out.

Simpson Rites

TAMA — Mrs. Harold L. Simpson, 61, Citrus Heights, Calif., died Friday. Services will be held in California. Survivors include two sisters and her mother. Mrs. Eldon Holland, all of Tama.

DRIVE SAFELY

No Sentencing Date Set for Mrs. Kloubec, 50

No date has been set for sentencing of Bernadine E. Kloubec, 50, of route two Mt. Vernon, who has changed her plea to guilty on one count of a federal indictment charging her with making false income tax returns.

Mrs. Kloubec remains free on

\$1,000 bond. The indictment accused her of failing to list income for 1961 to 1964, when in fact, it said, she had income of \$5,075, \$2,213, \$5,492 and \$4,473 for those years.

She had pled innocent when arraigned, but changed her plea to guilty on count four, which charges her with failing to list income for 1964.

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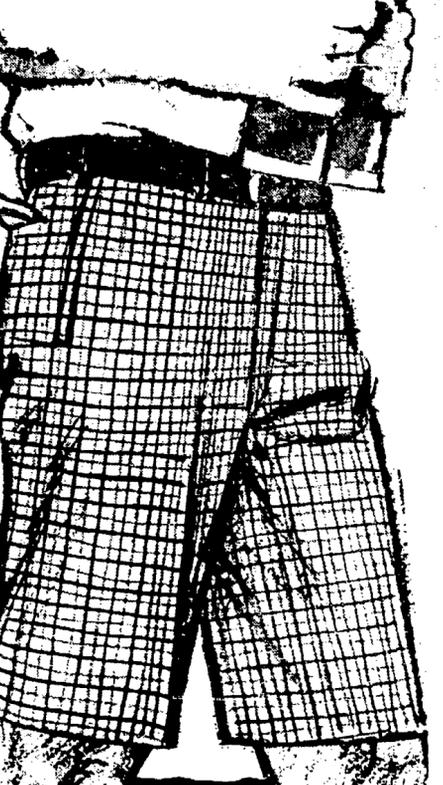


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