

National Guard, Patrol, Police on Duty



ELDON WARDELL (right) looks back in disbelief of what remains of his filling station at the intersection of First Ave. and East Charles St. Wardell escaped

serious injury in the storm, but his son Tom was treated at a doctor's office for cuts and bruises.

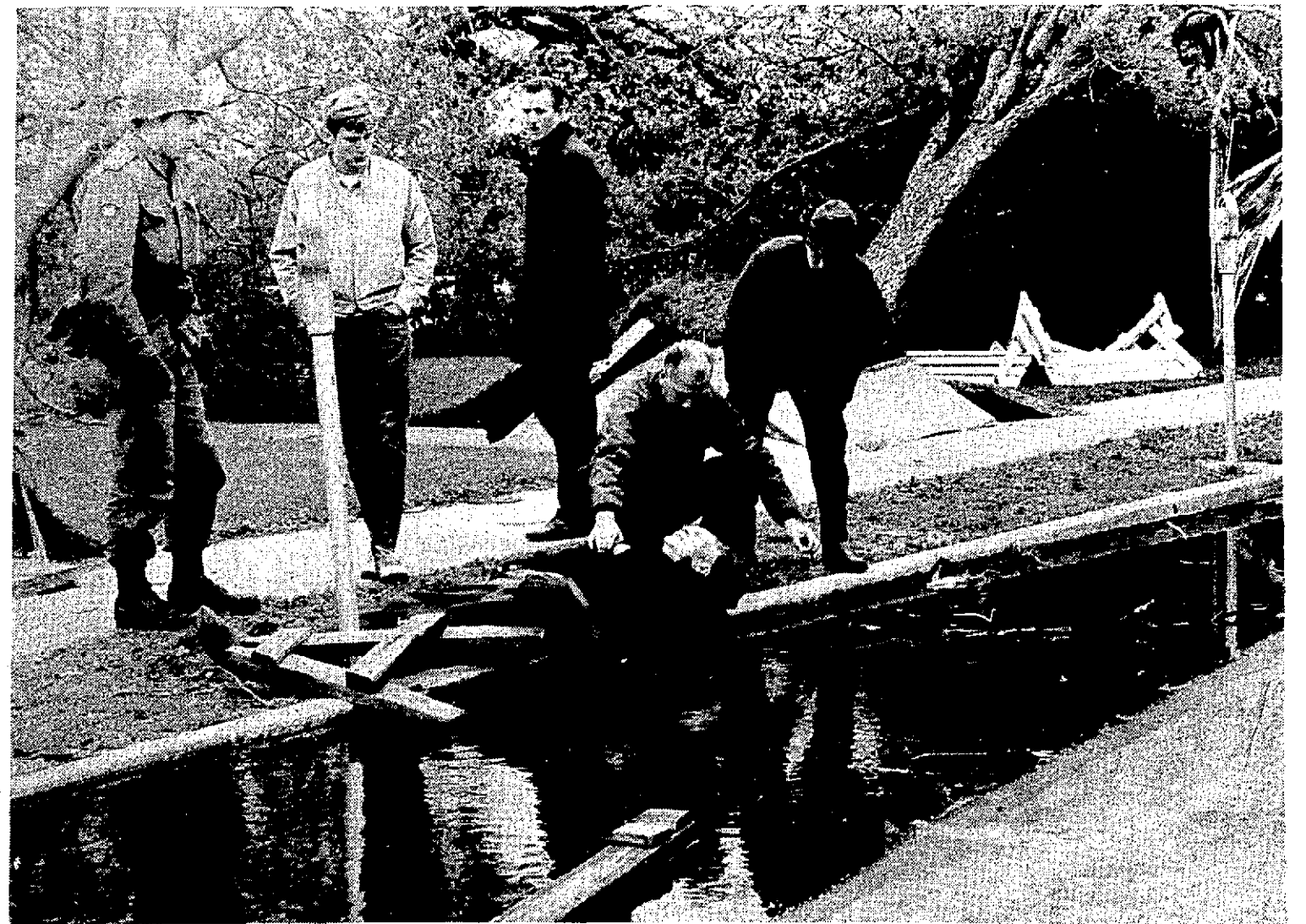


TRUCK LOADS of the Iowa National Guard were called into the city by local and county officials to assist in the problem of traffic and sight-seers. Guardsmen were on duty all night and throughout the day Thursday as clean-up began following Wednesday's storm.



MAIN STREET in Oelwein was littered with broken glass, roofing material, signs and equipment following the storm. One city

official estimated every business establishment in the community suffered damage of one sort or the other.



ONE OF MANY injured residents of the city is assisted by passersby. The injured man (unidentified) was tossed to the ground in the violent winds that smashed the city shortly before 5:00 p.m. Injured residents were rushed to Mercy Hospital. The more critical patients were later transferred to Waterloo or Independence hospitals.