Homes, Businesses Flat; Trees Uprooted

THE TEMPLE HOTEL building (immediate right) suffered extensive damage when the high winds hit the downtown area. Officials later knocked off loose bricks from the building to insure safety of those working in the area during the evening and night hours.

THEY WERE GOING camping. Twisted metal is all that remains from a camper trailer smashed in the storm. Falling trees and limbs smashed vehicles, houses and other property in the violent storm.

OFFICIALS halted traffic near the north edge of Oelwein following the storm Wednesday.

The picture shows the damaged area of Fred's Super Valu, downed wires and traffic backed up on highway 150 north of town.

Storm Strikes Maynard

MAYNARD — The west edge of Maynard was completely flattened by a tornado Wednesday evening shortly after 5 p.m.

Residents were in the state of shock, many weeping and crying as they surveyed the extensive damage. Damage Thursday morning.

Register City Editor Earl Davis reports the tornado left a path of damage from Oelwein to Maynard. Most of the extensive damage was located on farms a mile east of highway 150 leading into Maynard.

Listed as complete losses in the west section of the Maynard community were 18-25 homes, the Maynard Co-operative, Hamilton Hardware, Nutrition Club, two gasoline stations, the Eureka and Two Lamper Co., the new St. Paul's Lutheran church.

Extensive damage was reported to the West Central school buildings along with heavy damage to majority of other homes in the community.

Extensive wreckage was reported in the Juneau town. An exact number was undetermined as heavy damage made an exact count impossible.

Numerous residents were continuing their check of conditions and other reports were coming in the Maynard area.

EXTENSIVE DAMAGE. The view above looks into downtown Oelwein from just east of the railroad tracks on East Charles. Note the pickup truck wrapped around a tree at the left. In the background to the left is a section of the Presbyterian roof that was blown off. Also note to the right side where Kuhn's Blacksmith shop and Eldon's Shell station once stood.