

Initial Cleanup Began Immediately; Hughes Visits Area



CLOTHING FOR THE NEEDY. Red Cross officials were over-supplied with clothing for needy residents three days after the tornado struck the Oelwein and Maynard area. Volunteer Red Cross workers joined hands to place the clothes in areas where it was needed immediately and store the remainder for use throughout the clean-up period.



EXTENSION SERVICE ASSISTANCE TO AREA FARMERS—Mary Lacock, home economist for Fayette County takes time out from an overloaded schedule after the tornado demolished many farm properties to talk to women workers at the Alshouse farm north of Oelwein. Those involved in the overall cleanup include l to r, Mrs. Lacock, Kathy Alshouse, Gertrude Smith, home economist, ISU, and a farm volunteer worker, Carol Davis. The Extension Services are currently working out of the Oelwein airport and may be contacted there for assistance.



YOUTHS THROUGHOUT THE CITY and from area farms, from colleges and high schools throughout the state came in by trucks, cars, school buses, or they hitch-hiked to get here just to help—and they did a magnificent job . . .



RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS served 3,500 meals a day Thursday through Monday at the Presbyterian and Sacred Heart church basements. Pictured above are: Mrs. Robert Barton, Mrs. Melvin Stella and Mrs. E. C. Anderman.



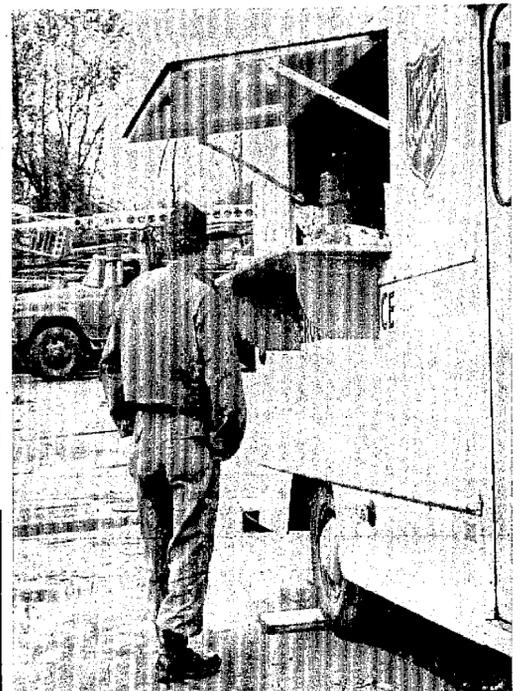
NORTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY employees not only donated the entire basement of the building for headquarters, but worked continually to open lines for emergencies such as ambulance calls and fires.



CAUGHT in all the excitement, and probably glad to find a place to get away from it all, this little pigeon found refuge in one of the almost demolished buildings right on the main drag.



GUARDSMEN FROM Waterloo, Dubuque, and Oelwein's 133rd lived at the almost demolished Army, and—as they joked—suffered through the sergeant's cookin'. The sergeant in this case was Dean Strempeke of Oelwein.



UNITS OF THE SALVATION ARMY working out of both Waterloo and Des Moines arrived in the city within hours of hearing about the disaster, and they remained to work night and day.



CLEANUP CREWS WITH HEAVY EQUIPMENT moved in early to clear a street leading to the hospital—it was a serious problem at first trying to remove the injured, all streets in the Mercy area were blocked.



FARMS THROUGHOUT THE AREA from the edge of the city north past Maynard to Randalia in the path of the twisters were either heavily damaged or completely wiped out.



MAYNARD DEMOLISHED—The twin twisters which struck Oelwein and Charles City left the town of Maynard (eight miles north of Oelwein) in a shambles Wednesday evening as well as two persons dead. Residents who were left with homes, walked out in the streets, to find the injured, in most cases, unable to help themselves.