"Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal."-Thomas Moore. Memorial Day . . . 1968 . . . remembrances of all the loved ones who sleep in peace will fill hearts of northeast Iowans Thursday.

Is That So?

By Mike Mahoney

**Register Managing Editor** 

REGISTERLAND residents, especially those in Oelwein and Maynard, will bend a knee in thanksgiving in remembrance of May 15. The tragedy will never be forgotten, but what could have been

mass slaughter in the vicious tornado is still the miracle of the storm that hit this community at 4:57 p.m.

One Korean War veteran described 1st Ave. N.E. immediately after the storm hit, "It looked just like downtown Seoul, Korea in 1952." Another Oelwein resident commented, "I've always wondered what object I would grab for if I was faced with a disaster . . . . pictures, money, etc. . . . I found out May 15 . . . . it was nothing. The material world had no value in that tornado."

Our personal experience in the tornado was unbelief that it could on sightseers to stay away so mashappen here . . . in Oelwein. We've always heard oldtimers claim sive cleanup operations can contornadoes couldn't hit this community for reasons of altitude, sur- tinue through the holiday. rounding hills, etc.

But we personally witnessed, along with several other residents, far as cleanup work is concerned. the formation of the tornado cloud and funnels from the Elks Club Visitors will just get in the way," parking lot. The clouds were boiling and churning in every direction said Brenton. above the lake area . . . and there was more than one funnel . . . there were several finger-like funnels that swooped down at first made good progress toward cleanand then joined together. The funnels were gray at first, quickly ing up the wreckage left by the turning to black as they picked up debris.

The ride home was "hours long" due to worry, concern, and the inability to find a path to get into the city. Ron Goodell, the partner who hoped to play a round of golf that afternoon, was driving his car and we finally reached the residential area from highway 3 east.

After climbing through trees and over downed wires, like every Iowa communities. other resident affected had to do, we both found our families safe and sound.

There were nervous minutes for everyone who searched for fami- Craft, "but we've still got a long lies in debris and who attempted to get "somewhere" to be sure everything was OK.

Carl Heller who was in need of milk for Heidi . . . the new Heller addition. People were confused, but there was no panic.

It wasn't long and the street corner at East Charles and 1st Ave. homes. was humming with ambulances, disaster teams, heavy construction equipment and the "rebuilding" started immediately. One of the most avid pictures in my mind that evening was the giant diesel powered tractor that cleared First Ave. N.E. in "seconds" . . . pushing away overturned cars, trees and piles of rubble.

We used camping lights at the office to get things moving for the Thursday issue that evening. Electriciy somehow, returned to the Register building Friday morning. We were helpless without power.

The next few days seem to be a maze . . . . the organization was outstanding . . . and to even attempt to mention those who deserve special recognition would be a folley. Everyone seemed to take it in stride . . . and many of those who suffered the most serious damage were among those who "gave their all' to help others.

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We were honored with a chance to speak to the Sumner Rotary Club Juesday night at the country club . . . special thanks to "Jim" Heyer, publisher of the Sumner Gazette, and president elect Donald Gosch, superintendent of the Sumner Community School system.

Gosch, who is a native of Oelwein and a graduate of Oelwein High. He was at Independence May 15 afternoon attending a meeting and met a man from the Department of Public Instruction who was in Oelwein when the tornado hit.

The gentleman, quite frail from his experience, related to Gosch, # "I was laying in a bed at one of the motels at Oelwein, tired and thinking of some duties for May 16. I could hear the wind blowing a little, but wasn't thinking about a tornado. All of a sudden a 2x6 board smashed through one side of the motel, went right by my head and went out through the wall on the other side of the room. I couldn't even move."

Another of the many thousands of stories.



MYSTERY

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**To Block** 

Sightseers

CHARLES CITY (A) - If you're

planning to take a Memorial Day

signiseeing trip through this tor-

nado damaged community, forget

Mayor Harry Brenton has called

"This will be a big weekend as

He said the community has

tornauo that swept through the

middle of town May 15, flattening

most of the business district and

an estimated two-thirds of the

homes. Other twisters the same

day struck three other northeast

**Charles** City

furniture and canned goods which arrived Tuesday by truck from

Lincoln, Neb. The commodities were gathered over the weekend declared the tornado stricken during "Good Neighbor Days" in areas of northeast Iowa a "major disaster area" according to an anthe Nebraska capital.

"I never dreamed we would nouncement from Congressman have this type of response," said John C. Culver, Cedar Rapids. Jim Dier of Lincoln originator of the "Good Neighbor Caravan." for Oelwein and Maynard to be He said a Lincoln radio station eligible for funds to repair and

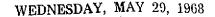
provided a rent-free headquar- replace public facilities and for ters building and telephone. A de- the clean-up of public facilities. partment store donated \$700 worth of furniture, and a mattress with Oelwein and Maynard city company contributed about a doz. officials to assist in the reconen bunk beds. He said persons struction planning and direction dropped by with sheets and elec- concerning available government

trict blankets still in the store agencies and funds. cellophane. At one collection point, a 12-

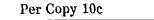
square-foot area was covered with canned goods stacked five feet high.

> Great Western Gives \$2,500 To **Disaster Fund**

The Oelwein tornado disaster fund was given a lift with receipt of a contribution of \$2500 from







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# Senate Acts To **Assist Victims**

WASHINGTON, D. C. - The nished bousing, including mobile Senate today adopted three homes, by the federal government amendments to the housing and at a monthly rental not exceeding urban development bill which 25 percent of a family's monthly could bring substantial relief to income. And in cases of serious victims of the recent tornado dis- financial inability, the rent could asters in Oelwein, Maynard, and be further adjusted downwards Charles City areas according to for as long as one year.

a telegram report from U.S. Sena- Miller expressed hope that the tor Jack Miller (R-Iowa).

The bipartisan amendments, co- takes up the housing bill. The sponsored by Miller and Sen. amendments were extracted from Birch Bayh (D-Indiana) cover vic- a disaster relief bill which has tims of "major disasters" occur- been pending on the Senate calring after Jan. 1, 1968. Under two pending efforts to resolve the of the amendments, homeowners, endar. This bill has been held up farmers, and businessmen would difficult job of estimating the no longer be required to obtain a budget impact of several other certificate that they cannot bor- provisions in the bill, Miller said. row money from normal private

sources to repair, rehabilitate or replace property "seriously" dam-aged or destroyed. Instead, they De Gaulle

would be authorized to borrow money at low interest rates from Flees France the Farmers Home Administration or the Small Business Administration. Under the third amendment, abruptly today and, hours later,

places of residence have been tery. made uninhabitable or destroyed

Smash Windows

#### In Washington

and hurled rocks through the win- village. dows of a main floor office.

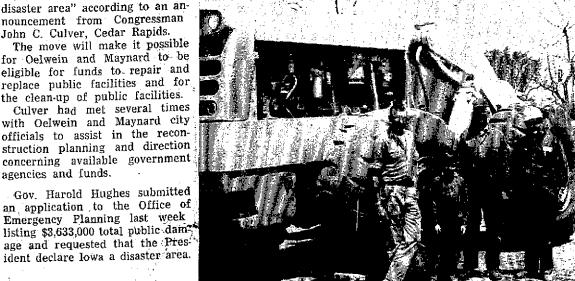
They were pushed back by four members of the court's special police force and left as a sort of calling card a button that read, "Nosotros venceremos" (we De Gaulle's private retreat at

will win) The violent outburst came after though there was unusual activia group of about 300 from the Ly around the property. Poor People's Campaign had assembled on the court steps to the house. Police and personal protest a court ruling affecting bodyguards assigned to the presi-

west. Rocks broke four windows in Gaulle, the court's file room, strewing

shards of glass along the floor and startled several women cm- Suggests Slower ployes who fled the room shout-

ing, "They're coming." There was no indication of any Plan To Stop



200-MAN WORK FORCE composed of Farm Bureau members from Clayton, Buchanan, Fayette, and

Winneshiek counties moved into the Oelwein-Maynard areas Tuesday afternoon and started the task of

cleaning up the farms which had been damaged by the tornado. Pictured above is a segment of that

group working on the John Stolka farm two miles south of Maynard. The men were saving all of

the lumber possible so that a rebuilding program could be started.

BIG CAT-It was too big to come through Illinois, but after a round about trip the big front end loader arrived in Oelwein to cleanup. Just to show the size of the wheels

PARIS (A) - President Charles de Gaulle left crisis-ridden Paris homeowners or tenants whose his whereabouts were a mys-

House of Representatives would

accept the amendments when it

In the interval demonstrators by a major disaster would be fur- in a massive march launched from the Place de la Bastille

shouted for De Gaulle's resignation. Aides announced this morning

De Gaulle was going to his home at Colombey-Les-Deux-Eglises, in eastern France, for an overnight WASHINGTON (P) - Shouting stay. But the Agence France Press "Viva, Viva," a half-dozen angry reported he never showed up demonstrators crashed their way there, though the presidential car into the Supreme Court today and chauffeur were sighted in the

"The destination for which the president of the republic left this morning is still unknown," the agency said.

The doors were wide open at Colombey-Les-Deux Eglises, al-

A police helicopter landed near Indian fishing rights in the North- dent swarmed through the village. But no one there had seen De

# Dedicate Montauk May 30, Clermont

enlooper will present an address colors.

perform during the ccremonies. welcome from Henry A. Follett. Sheehan Olson Post 375 of the

### Swim Lesson **Signup This** Weekend, Pool

Officials sponsoring the annual Oelwein have announced a change Board of Control. in dates for the three lesson periods during the summer. the services.

The sessions will be held June 4-July 6; July 15-26; August 5-16. Registration will be conducted Search Goes 24-July 6; July 15-26; August 5-16. at the Oelwein swimming pool **On For Sub** Friday, May 31, 1-4 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m.; June 1 from 1-4 p.m.

Officials repeat there will not be a late registration period.

#### REGISTERLAND Weather and River Stages

REGISTERLAND WEATHER Cloudy with chance of showers Wednesday. Considerable cloudiness. Not much change in temperatures, highest Wednesday in lower to middle 70s. Cooler Wednesday night lowest middle to upper 40s, Thursday partly cloudy and little warmer, highest in 70s. Winds northeast to northwesterly 5 to 15 mph.

RIVER STAGES DAVENPORT (A)-River Stages: Lansing-8.50, no change Dam No. 9-17.30, fall .80 McGregor-10.20, fall .80 Guttenberg-8.70, fall .70 Dubuque-11.10, falt .70

> Special Tornado Issues Of **Oelwein Daily Register** Are Available At The Register **Business Office**

CLERMONT — Sen. B. B. Hick- American Legion will present the at the relatively slow cross-sec-Memorial Day at the dedication Also on the program will be

Oelwein's banks made out to Oelof Montauk as a historical home. the reading of the Clermont Com-The program will begin at 1 p.m. munity honor roll, gun salute, Valley High school band will taps, the National Anthem and a tax deductible.

L. H. Meier will present the Negroes Submit acknowledgement by the community and the ribbon will be cut Complaints, Iowa by Mary Larrabee Allen Heabel.

IOWA CITY (P)-Some Negro The home was the residence of athletes have submitted comformer Iowa Governor William plaints to University of Iowa Ath-Larrabee who moved to Iowa letic Director Forest Evashevski. from Connecticut in 1853. He was "We have agreed that some elected Governor of Iowa in 1886 problems exist," Evashevski said and sets forth many of the ob- ficials made the suggestion Tuesand served two terms. He was al- Wednesday, "and we have set up jectives to be accomplished by day to a committee studying in-so chairman of the first State the machinemy to deal with them the realize and served with the state the machinemy to deal with the state the machinemy to deal with the Red Cross swimming program in so chairman of the first State the machinery to deal with them the zoning ordinance. and prevent further problems

way.

The public is invited to attend from arising."

their complaints or what steps the university was taking to answer them.

titudes don't change.

WASHINGTON (A) - The Navy today reported the sighting of an ment. unidentified orange object north

of an Atlantic oil slick which has University recently submitted a forcement center. The vote was thus far been the only clue as to list of grievances to officials at 4,269 to 1,918. The proposed the possible whereabouts of the the Ames school. They called for, center will house the Clinton city missing submarine Scorpion and among other things, the firing of police department, the county is badly needed for highways, its crew of 99.

Whether this object - spotted early Tuesday somewhat north of the oil slick area-may have been a messenger buoy from the nuclear powered sub was a matter of speculation.

Capt. John F. Davis, who is monitoring the search effort from the Pentagon, said he thought some buoys are orange but he added: "The Navy isn't supposing

anything." The oil slick has not been located, nor has it been linked to the Scorpion. Its location was noted May 23 by a passing vessel two days after the Scorpion sent what turned out to be its final routine message from the Azores.

**Register To Observe Holiday** 

Employes of the Oclwein Daily Register will observe Memorial SUMNER ROTARIANS. A new slate of officers has been elected at the Summer Rutary Club. Among Day Thursday, May 30. Due to those for the next year are left to right-Les Borcherding, director; Glenn Wiebke, director; Donald the observance, there will be no Gosch, president-elect; Louis Hochberger, secretary; and Oswald Vorthmann, director. The Rotar-Thursday edition of the Register. lans meet each Tuesday evening at the country club. Publication will resume Friday.

SUMNER - The Sumner Plan-

the Chicago Great Western Railning and Zoning Commission met with representatives of Powers-The committee comprising W.L. Hicks, E.D. Mallam, Harry Peter. Willis and Associates of Iowa son, Paul Ruse and C.T. Williams City to discuss a revised zoning has still indicated disappointment ordinance and map.

Sumner Looks

President Lyndon Johnson has

The ordinance is being revised tion response, and the public is as a part of Sumner's community urged to send checks to one of planning program which has been in progress since May of last wein Disaster Fund. It is income year and is scheduled for completion late this fall.

> The present ordinance now in effect was adopted in 1956. Planners stressed the importance of basing the zoning ordinance on a complete analysis of the community's existing land use and upon the Future Land Use Plan.

The Land Use Plan recognizes the community's long-range goals

The proposed ordinance incorporates many of the goals and lion car owners pay license fees to \$5. Evashevski, who said the ath- standards of the present ordi- on the basis of weight of the veletes are members of the Afro- nance. Major changes recommend- hicle and its dollar value. The fee American Student Association, refused to disclose the nature of regulations and the zoning map. reaches a certain age.

Law Center CLINTON --- Clinton County The athletes also declined com- voters Tuesday gave 69 per cent

approval to a \$627,000 bond issue Negro athletes at Iowa State to finance a county-city law en-

a coach and a trainer if their at- sheriff's office, a civil defense roads and streets in the state. headquarters and a jail. The Highway officials also rec-

we lined up a few of the work force which included (I to r) Dick Chicken, West Union Statet Commissioner; Jimmy Loban and his father, Mike Loban, Oelwein Street Commissioner and Ed Strand. The cat, owned by Dillman Bros. Construction of Wisconsin has a 12-foot bucket on the front.

Suggest \$40 Licenses For All Automobiles In Iowa

DES MOINES (P)—A legislative ommended that the license fee on King's Men To committee is studying a recom- trucks of up to four tons be fixed mendation calling for the cost of at \$40 a year. Presently, the fee a license for every passenger car for any truck of up to three tons Appear, Stanley

in Iowa to be fixed at \$40 a year, gross weight is \$25 a year. regardless of value, size or age.

The proposal also calls for a straight \$25 a ton fee for vehicles will be featured in a service at Iowa Highway Commission ofunit therefore would be register- at 7:30 p.m. Traveling with the

Currently, the state's 1.3 mil-

Thus, the combined truck-trailsent

monies and a message. Highways Director Joseph Coupal told the committee the reasoning behind the single \$40 per completed its 25th year as a would increase license revenue car fee is that a "Volkswagen gets training center on the college leas much use from the highway as vel. During its 25th term 430 studoes a Cadillac." dents chose to study within the framework of a Bible major.

He added there is no reason to collect a larger registration fee on a bigger car because the difference in weights among cars is

of no significance in wear and tear on the highways.

"The difference in weights among vehicles under 6,000 pounds is almost impossible to measure," he said.

**Drivers** License Team Moved To **Relief Office** 

> The Iowa Highway Patrol Driv- residents are asked to contact ers License team will be housed Interstate Power (283-1721),

at the relief office north of the District 10 patrol building until further notice. Lt. Stan Kuch of the patrol made the announcement

Residents wishing to obtain li- ages softened as preholiday procense renewals should call at the fits were taken on blue chips. relief office at the top of North Trading was heavy, ranking Frederick hill. The change is in with, Tuesday's when nearly 14 million shares changed hands. effect until further notice.

injury. The demonstrators were dress- Hog Cholera ed in work clothes and several wore bandannas around their necks. One was a young girl.

STANLEY - The King's Men

Bible Institute of Omaha, - Neb.,

strumental arrangements, testi-

Interstate Power Company of-

ficials urge local residents to con-

tact electricians to repair service

made," stated an Interstate of-

Electricians can advise resi-

dents what needs to be done or

Stock Market

NEW YORK (P)-Gains outnum-

bered losses on the New York

Stock Exchange today but aver-

The public is invited.

**Urge Residents** 

entrances to residences.

**To Contact** 

Electricians

ficial.

Jerry Sprunger.

DES MOINES (R) - The president of the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association says the state's hog cholera eradication program is being "rushed," and this could

increase cholera outbreaks, Dr. S. D. Linn of Humboldt criticized a Legislative Rules Review Committee decision to prohibit vaccination against hog cholera after Dec. 1.

"The association is in favor of, and will support, continued efforts to eradicate hog cholera in this state," said Dr. Linn. "But we feel it is regrettable that the program is being rushed into the final indemnity phases before disease incidence has been reduced sufficiently."

Indemnities are being paid by ed for \$900. The proposal also King's Men are Jacqueline Dick, the state to farmers whose swine would cut the fee on the trailer Beverly Friesen and the Rev. are killed by cholera.

"There will be no vaccine The team, representing Grace available after Dec. 1, and there are no prospects of any reserves being provided if outbreaks \$905—only \$10 more than at pre- cluding a variety of vocal and in- should occur," said Dr. Linn. "Elimination of vaccination

does not mean elimination of hog cholera, and it could mean an in-Grace Bible Institute has just tensification of the disease."

> **MYSTERY NUMBER** TODAY **Is Good For**

Number in upper left hand corner of page one of this issue is your Mystery Number. See if you find an "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. "The service entrance is owned by the property owner and it is the property owner's responsibility to have the necessary repairs

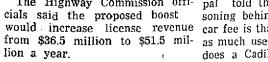
A subscriber who has the correct Mystery Number cannot transfer the paper to another person.

No Register employee or carrier of 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-7264 in Lambert Chevrolet ad. Now check back, would you have won?

Officials said the average registration fee in 1967 was \$28.23. The Highway Commission offi-



They said the additional money