

Is That So?

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"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. 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 4:37 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 unbelievable that it could happen here . . . in Oelwein. We've always heard oldtimers claim tornadoes couldn't hit this community for reasons of altitude, surrounding hills, etc.

But we personally witnessed, along with several other residents, the formation of the tornado cloud and funnels from the Elks Club parking lot. The clouds were boiling and churning in every direction above the lake area . . . and there was more than one funnel . . . there were several finger-like funnels that swooped down at first and then joined together. The funnels were gray at first, quickly 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 other resident affected had to do, we both found our families safe and sound.

There were nervous minutes for everyone who searched for families in debris and who attempted to get "somewhere" to be sure everything was OK.

The trip downtown revealed the actual brunt as we walked with 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. was humming with ambulances, disaster teams, heavy construction equipment and the "rebuilding" started immediately. One of the most vivid 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. Electricity, 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 folly. 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 Tuesday 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.

Dedicate Montauk May 30, Clermont

CLERMONT — Sen. B. B. Hick-enloper will present an address Memorial Day at the dedication of Montauk as a historical home. The program will begin at 1 p.m. Valley High school band will perform during the ceremonies. Sheehan Olson Post 375 of the

American Legion will present the colors.

Also on the program will be the reading of the Clermont Community honor roll, gun salute, taps, the National Anthem and a welcome from Henry A. Follett.

L. H. Meier will present the acknowledgement by the community and the ribbon will be cut by Mary Larrabee Allen Heabel.

The home was the residence of former Iowa Governor William Larrabee who moved to Iowa from Connecticut in 1853. He was elected Governor of Iowa in 1886 and served two terms. He was also chairman of the first State Board of Control.

The public is invited to attend the services.

Swim Lesson Signup This Weekend, Pool

Officials sponsoring the annual Red Cross swimming program in Oelwein have announced a change in dates for the three lesson periods during the summer.

The sessions will be held June 24-July 6; July 15-26; August 5-16. Registration will be conducted at the Oelwein swimming pool 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 —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, fall .70

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

Search Goes On For Sub

WASHINGTON —The Navy today reported the sighting of an unidentified orange object north of an Atlantic oil slick which has thus far been the only clue as to the possible whereabouts of the missing submarine Scorpion and 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

Employees of the Oelwein Daily Register will observe Memorial Day Thursday, May 30. Due to the observance, there will be no Thursday edition of the Register. Publication will resume Friday.

Charles City To Block Sightseers

CHARLES CITY — If you're planning to take a Memorial Day sightseeing trip through this tornado damaged community, forget it.

Mayor Harry Brenton has called on sightseers to stay away so massive cleanup operations can continue through the holiday.

"This will be a big weekend as far as cleanup work is concerned. Visitors will just get in the way," said Brenton.

He said the community has made good progress toward cleaning up the wreckage left by the tornado 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 Iowa communities.

"We have come a long way," said Assistant City Engineer Tom Craft, "but we've still got a long way to go."

He said all of the city's streets have been cleared of rubble and residents are hauling off and burning what remains of their homes.

Meanwhile, Salvation Army officials were distributing clothing, furniture and canned goods which arrived Tuesday by truck from Lincoln, Neb. The commodities were gathered over the weekend during "Good Neighbor Days" in the Nebraska capital.

"I never dreamed we would have this type of response," said Jim Dier of Lincoln, originator of the "Good Neighbor Caravan."

He said a Lincoln radio station provided a rent-free headquarters building and telephone. A department store donated \$700 worth of furniture, and a mattress company contributed about a dozen bunk beds. He said persons dropped by with sheets and electric blankets still in the store 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 the Chicago Great Western Railway.

The committee comprising W.L. Hicks, E.D. Mallam, Harry Peterson, Paul Ruse and C.T. Williams has still indicated disappointment at the relatively slow cross-section response, and the public is urged to send checks to one of Oelwein's banks made out to Oelwein Disaster Fund. It is income tax deductible.

Negroes Submit Complaints, Iowa

IOWA CITY —Some Negro athletes have submitted complaints to University of Iowa Athletic Director Forest Evashevski.

"We have agreed that some problems exist," Evashevski said Wednesday, "and we have set up the machinery to deal with them and prevent further problems from arising."

Evashevski, who said the athletes are members of the Afro-American Student Association, refused to disclose the nature of their complaints or what steps the university was taking to answer them.

The athletes also declined comment.

Negro athletes at Iowa State University recently submitted a list of grievances to officials at the Ames school. They called for, among other things, the firing of a coach and a trainer if their attitudes don't change.



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 Stoika farm two miles south of Maynard. The men were saving all of the lumber possible so that a rebuilding program could be started.

Iowa Declared Disaster Area By President Johnson

President Lyndon Johnson has declared the tornado stricken areas of northeast Iowa a "major disaster area" according to an announcement from Congressman John C. Culver, Cedar Rapids.

The move will make it possible for Oelwein and Maynard to be eligible for funds to repair and replace public facilities and for the clean-up of public facilities.

Culver had met several times with Oelwein and Maynard city officials to assist in the reconstruction planning and direction concerning available government agencies and funds.

Gov. Harold Hughes submitted an application to the Office of Emergency Planning last week listing \$3,633,000 total public damage and requested that the President declare Iowa a disaster area.

Sumner Looks At Future Plans

SUMNER — The Sumner Planning and Zoning Commission met with representatives of Powers-Willis and Associates of Iowa City to discuss a revised zoning ordinance and map.

The ordinance is being revised as a part of Sumner's community planning program which has been in progress since May of last 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 and sets forth many of the objectives to be accomplished by the zoning ordinance.

The proposed ordinance incorporates many of the goals and standards of the present ordinance. Major changes recommended affect the schedules of district regulations and the zoning map.

Law Center

CLINTON — Clinton County voters Tuesday gave 69 per cent approval to a \$627,000 bond issue to finance a county-city law enforcement center. The vote was 4,269 to 1,918. The proposed center will house the Clinton city police department, the county sheriff's office, a civil defense headquarters and a jail.



SUMNER ROTARIANS. A new slate of officers has been elected at the Sumner Rotary Club. Among those for the next year are left to right—Les Borcherding, director; Glenn Wiebke, director; Donald Gosch, president-elect; Louis Hochberger, secretary; and Oswald Vorthmann, director. The Rotarians meet each Tuesday evening at the country club.

Senate Acts To Assist Victims

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Senate today adopted three amendments to the housing and urban development bill which could bring substantial relief to victims of the recent tornado disasters in Oelwein, Maynard, and Charles City areas according to a telegram report from U.S. Senator Jack Miller (R-Iowa).

The bipartisan amendments, sponsored by Miller and Sen. Birch Bayh (D-Indiana) cover victims of "major disasters" occurring after Jan. 1, 1968. Under two of the amendments, homeowners, farmers, and businessmen would no longer be required to obtain a certificate that they cannot borrow money from normal private sources to repair, rehabilitate or replace property "seriously" damaged or destroyed. Instead, they would be authorized to borrow money at low interest rates from the Farmers Home Administration or the Small Business Administration.

Under the third amendment, homeowners or tenants whose places of residence have been made uninhabitable or destroyed by a major disaster would be fur-

nished housing, including mobile homes, by the federal government at a monthly rental not exceeding 25 percent of a family's monthly income. And in cases of serious financial inability, the rent could be further adjusted downwards for as long as one year.

Miller expressed hope that the House of Representatives would accept the amendments when it takes up the housing bill. The amendments were extracted from a disaster relief bill which has been pending on the Senate calendar. This bill has been held up by difficult job of estimating the budget impact of several other provisions in the bill, Miller said.

De Gaulle Flees France

PARIS — President Charles de Gaulle left crisis-ridden Paris abruptly today and, hours later, his whereabouts were a mystery.

In the interval demonstrators 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 stay. But the Agence France Press reported he never showed up there, though the presidential car and chauffeur were sighted in the village.

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

The doors were wide open at De Gaulle's private retreat at Colombey-Les-Deux-Eglises, although there was unusual activity around the property.

A police helicopter landed near the house. Police and personal bodyguards assigned to the president swarmed through the village. But no one there had seen De Gaulle.

Suggests Slower Plan To Stop Hog Cholera

DES MOINES — 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 the state to farmers whose swine are killed by cholera.

"There will be no vaccine available after Dec. 1, and there are no prospects of any reserves being provided if outbreaks should occur," said Dr. Linn. "Elimination of vaccination does not mean elimination of hog cholera, and it could mean an intensification of the disease."

Smash Windows In Washington

WASHINGTON — Shouting "Viva, Viva," a half-dozen angry demonstrators crashed their way into the Supreme Court today and hurled rocks through the windows 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 will win).

The violent outburst came after a group of about 300 from the Poor People's Campaign had assembled on the court steps to protest a court ruling affecting Indian fishing rights in the Northwest.

Rocks broke four windows in the court's file room, shattering shards of glass along the floor and startled several women employees who fled the room shouting, "They're coming."

There was no indication of any injury.

The demonstrators were dressed in work clothes and several wore bandannas around their necks. One was a young girl.



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 help in the task of cleanup. Just to show the size of the wheels we lined up a few of the work force which included (l to r) Dick Chicken, West Union Street 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 —A legislative committee is studying a recommendation calling for the cost of a license for every passenger car in Iowa to be fixed at \$40 a year, regardless of value, size or age.

Iowa Highway Commission officials made the suggestion Tuesday to a committee studying interstate truck financing.

Currently, the state's 1.3 million car owners pay license fees on the basis of weight of the vehicle and its dollar value. The fee starts going down after a car reaches a certain age.

Officials said the average registration fee in 1967 was \$28.23. The Highway Commission officials said the proposed boost would increase license revenue from \$36.5 million to \$51.5 million a year.

They said the additional money is badly needed for highways, roads and streets in the state. The Highway officials also recommended that the license fee on trucks of up to four tons be fixed at \$40 a year. Presently, the fee for any truck of up to three tons gross weight is \$25 a year.

The proposal also calls for a straight \$25 a ton fee for vehicles of eight tons or more. A 36-ton unit therefore would be registered for \$900. The proposal also would cut the fee on the trailer to \$5.

Thus, the combined truck-trailer vehicle would be licensed at \$905—only \$10 more than at present.

Highways Director Joseph Coupl told the committee the reasoning behind the single \$40 per car fee is that a "Volkswagen gets as much use from the highway as does a Cadillac."

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 Drivers License team will be housed at the relief office north of the District 10 patrol building until further notice. Lt. Stan Kuech of the patrol made the announcement.

Residents wishing to obtain license renewals should call at the relief office at the top of North Frederick hill. The change is in effect until further notice.

King's Men To Appear, Stanley

STANLEY — The King's Men will be featured in a service at Stanley Union church on June 2 at 7:30 p.m. Traveling with the King's Men are Jacqueline Dick, Beverly Friesen and the Rev. Jerry Sprunger.

The team, representing Grace Bible Institute of Omaha, Neb., presents a musical program including a variety of vocal and instrumental arrangements, testimonies and a message.

Grace Bible Institute has just completed its 25th year as a training center on the college level. During its 25th term 430 students chose to study within the framework of a Bible major. The public is invited.

Urge Residents To Contact Electricians

Interstate Power Company officials urge local residents to contact electricians to repair service entrances to residences.

"The service entrance is owned by the property owner and it is the property owner's responsibility to have the necessary repairs made," stated an Interstate official.

Electricians can advise residents what needs to be done or residents are asked to contact Interstate Power (283-1721).

Stock Market

NEW YORK —Gains outnumbered losses on the New York Stock Exchange today but averages softened as preholiday profits were taken on blue chips.

Trading was heavy, ranking with Tuesday's when nearly 14 million shares changed hands.

MYSTERY NUMBER TODAY Is Good For \$15

Number in upper left hand corner of page one of this issue is your Mystery Number. See if you find an "X" 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. 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?