

Out of the Funnel, Death Pours on Area Towns...

...and Northeast Iowa Begins to Bind Its Wounds



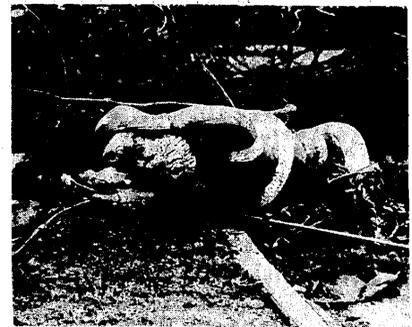
ABOVE, Looking north on South Frederick St. in the Oelwein business district shortly after the tornado struck.



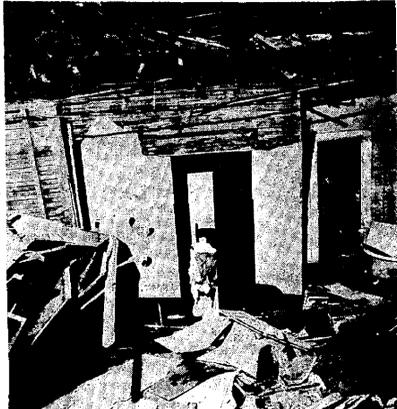
AT RIGHT, William Walker of Oelwein is surrounded by volunteer workers as he is lifted on a stretcher at Mery Hospital there. He was transferred to Peoples Hospital at Independence.



TWO VIEWS of the residential areas of Charles City shows some of the "matchstick" destruction. The streets are shown AT LEFT and ABOVE. The aerial photograph while pleasant residential street above is now a shambles.



SANTA CLAUS IS DEAD at Oelwein. This figure of jolly old St. Nick was found under tree limbs on East Charles Street.



ALIVE AND WELL is Billy Murray of Atkins after emerging from the Grand Hotel room at Oelwein pictured at LEFT. He took refuge in the closet and, in spite of the damage, emerged with only a cut on the forehead.



ROGER MAPES, 43, and his father, Charles Mapes, 76, sit on what's left of their farm home southeast of Charles City and drink a welcome glass of milk brought in by neighbors. The house was demolished.

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ABOVE is Central Methodist Church at 907 Kelly St. in Charles City as dawn broke Thursday after the storm.



AT RIGHT is an aerial view of Maynard showing the havoc wreaked at the elevator.



NOT EVEN the National Guard could guard the Oelwein Armory from virtual total destruction, although the guards from Oelwein and a number of Iowa cities were called out in the wake of the disaster.



THIS HAD BEEN a pleasant residential area of Charles City before 4:57 p.m. Wednesday. After that, much of the area was a shambles.



MOTORISTS would no longer recognize Hwy. 218 in Charles City as it now appears. In the background had been a new low-cost housing development. Large building is former hospital.



THIS IS WHAT remains of Duane's Texaco Station at the intersections of Hwy. 18 and 218 in Charles City.



THIS IS WHAT happened late Wednesday to the Oelwein Trailer Court near Lake Oelwein.

AT LEFT is an aerial view of Oelwein showing the tracks of the Chicago Great Western, Carnation Co. plant and trucks alongside the railroad.



BEGGING FOR HELP from rescue workers, Mrs. Donald Damon lies under tons of rubble Wednesday after a chimney toppled. Mrs. Damon was later dead on arrival at a hospital. More than 100 persons were injured at Oelwein (AP Photo.)