

Aid to Stricken Cities Being Coordinated Here

Black Hawk Social Welfare Agency Receiving Articles

Efforts to feed, clothe and help clean up the towns of Charles City and Oelwein are being coordinated by the Black Hawk County Department of Social Welfare.

Charles Wallin, director of the department, said that any donations of clothing, blankets or any other useful materials should be delivered to the Social Welfare office in the Black Hawk County Courthouse.

The office will remain open throughout the night Friday, during the day and until midnight both Saturday and Sunday on the basis of need.

Blankets Needed

Wallin said that blankets are especially needed for residents of both towns at the present time.

The Black Hawk Chapter of the American National Red Cross has set up headquarters in Oelwein and the North Central Iowa Combined Chapters of the Red Cross from Mason City in Charles City.

The Social Welfare office in Black Hawk County is working with both chapters of the Red Cross to provide what is needed most in the towns.

Surplus Commodities

The Black Hawk welfare office will have an unlimited supply of surplus commodities for as long as they are needed to supply both towns. If surplus commodities should run low in Iowa the United States Department of Agriculture has told the welfare office that commodities will be sent from Chicago.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has also informed Wallin that there will be no charge for any of the surplus commodities provided to the disaster victims.

37,000 Lbs. of Food

Wallin said that a semi-truck with 37,000 pounds of food was delivered to Waterloo Thursday night for dispersment to the disaster areas from the state department.

Red Cross Fund Drive

The Black Hawk County Chap-

ter of the Red Cross has started an emergency fund drive for the residents of Oelwein. Chick Dykeman, chairman of the Black Hawk County chapter, said that all contributions are immediately welcome and may be sent to the Oelwein State Bank in care of Churchill Williams or to the Black Hawk County Chapter.

Volunteers Needed

Wallin said that anyone wishing to volunteer their service should contact the Black Hawk County welfare office. He said that chain saws, dump trucks and heavy equipment and men to run them are especially needed at this time.

Inquiries from relatives of residents from both Charles City and Oelwein have come to the welfare office from most states. The office is taking names and making a list of the injured as quickly as possible.

Preparing Injured List

Either the Red Cross or the welfare office will inform relatives as soon as information becomes available. Wallin said that there were workers in Charles City Friday to compile a list of injured and that he hoped to have the list in Waterloo sometime Friday.

The Salvation Army has set up two canteens in Oelwein where they are serving coffee and food to the workers. Sandwiches are being taken to Oelwein every three hours from the Salvation Army headquarters in Waterloo.

Jaycees Assisting

Members of the Waterloo Jaycees have been asked to help with clean-up operations at Charles City this Saturday and Sunday.

Crews will be made up from persons who report to the Clayton House Motel parking lot at 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Jaycee Community Development Director Bob Young said that a request from the Charles City Jaycees for manpower was relayed to Gary Hougue, Region 3 vice president.

A gate collection for the tor-

Catholic, UM Collections Churches in Area Plan Tornado Disaster Funds

Congregations of area churches are responding generously to appeals to aid victims of tornadoes that took heavy tolls Wednesday of lives and property at Charles City, Oelwein and Maynard.

Donations of needed materials and funds to aid those who lost homes and possessions have been many and substantial and are increasing in scope, reports disclose.

At All Masses

The Most Rev. James J. Byrne, Archbishop of Dubuque, has announced that all diocesan churches will take a special collection Sunday at all masses for the relief program.

A call to all local congregations of the United Methodist Churches of the Iowa area to take special offerings Sunday for the tornado disaster fund has also been issued by Bishop

James S. Thomas and John Millhouse.

In Charles City, two United Methodist church buildings and parsonages in the downtown area were severely damaged. And at Oelwein considerable damage resulted to both a United Methodist church and parsonage.

Immediate response has been recorded by congregations in both Waterloo and Cedar Falls to calls to aid the victims of the disasters.

Blankets, clothing and food have been taken to relief centers for immediate distribution.

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nado victims will be taken Tuesday at the John Deere Tractor Works, according to James Schuler, vice president of United Auto Workers local 838.

Volunteers wishing to help with the collection are asked to contact the union office.

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Victim 'Fair' Man Burned Priming Engine

(COURIER NEWS SERVICE) REINBECK — William Helfhoff Sr., 63, of Reinbeck, was reported in "fair" condition and "as good as can be expected" in Grundy County Memorial Hospital Friday

with second and third degree burns over about 20 per cent of his body.

He was burned on the upper half of his body while attempting to start a balky gas engine on a sprayer.

Authorities said he decided to prime the engine by pouring gasoline directly into the carburetor.

The motor backfired, and

part of the gasoline he was pouring sprayed over him and ignited instantly.

TAPE RECORDER STOLEN

CEDAR FALLS (CNB) — Marc Mosse, Shull Hall, University of Northern Iowa, reported a tape recorder, valued at \$50, stolen from his locked car.

Europe-Built Spacecraft In Orbit

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — A spacecraft built in Europe and launched Thursday night by a U.S. rocket was reported orbiting the earth Friday on its way to studying solar and cosmic rays.

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