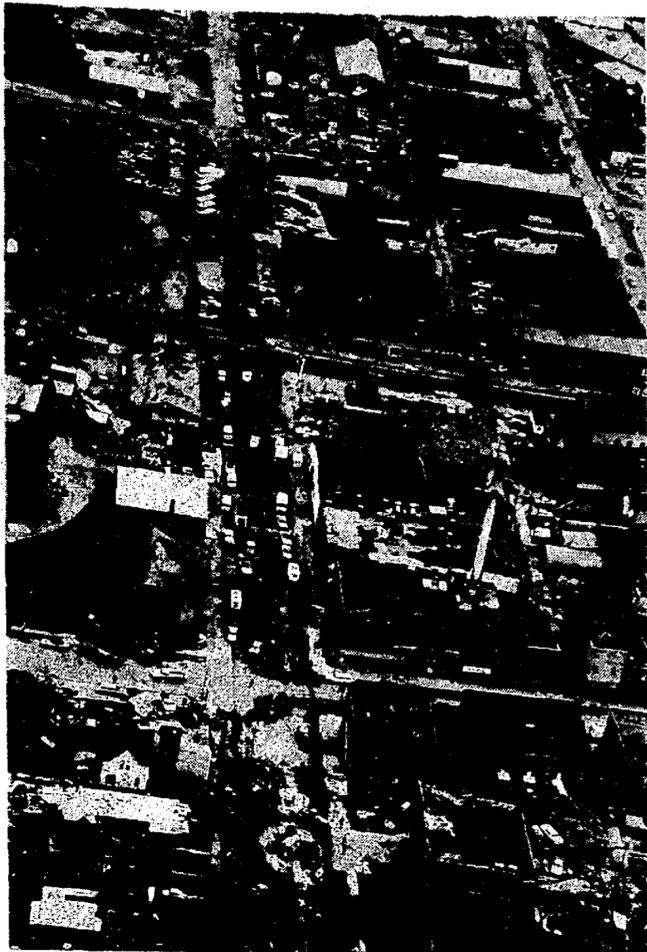


Tornado Victims Hunt for Hope After Horror



AT LEFT is downtown Oelwein in the aftermath of the tornado. Hwy. 150 on Frederick Street runs from top to bottom in the center of this photograph. Now residents are engaged in a massive clean-up that will take weeks and a rebuilding job that will take years.

VOLUNTEER WORKMEN begin clearing debris around what is left of Manual Arts School in Charles City.

AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH on East Charles Street in Oelwein, a cross lies on the steps below a Civil Defense shelter emblem.



A NATIONAL GUARD truck was used at Maynard to remove this car from a house in which the children miraculously escaped when the car rammed the clothes dryer behind which they were crouched.

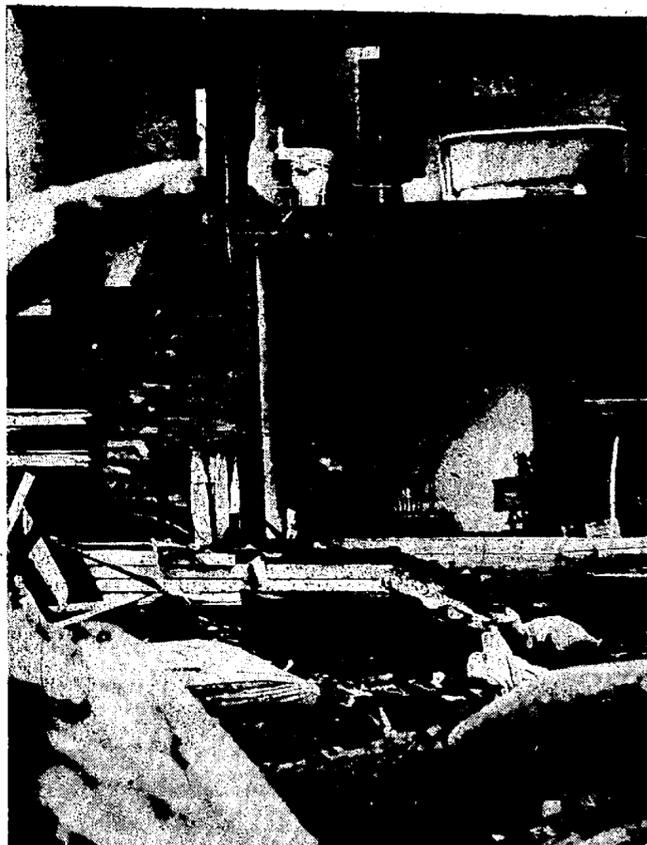


ONCE THIS was a comfortable family home at Charles City. Now members of the family work to salvage what they can, a scene repeated hundreds of times in Northeast Iowa Friday.

Photographs by Jim Humphrey, Tim Rogers, Glenn Kohler, Veryl Sanderson and Carolyn Holcomb of the Waterloo Daily Courier staff.



VIRGIL QUADE of Charles City hauls blankets and carpet across what had been a lawn, now turned into jungle by fallen trees.



THE WALL of this Maynard home was sheared off by the temperamental tornado, leaving the interior exposed like a wound.



GOV. HAROLD HUGHES tours Oelwein, accompanied at right by Mayor Samuel Mazziotti. The governor flew to Northeast Iowa from Des Moines, accompanied by Iowa Adjutant General Junior Miller, shown at extreme left behind him.



TWO GIRLS work against what seems insurmountable odds at Cedar Valley Terrace housing project for the elderly at Charles City. The scene here is chaos, with an epergne untouched on a chest at right.