



MRS. OLIVE BOGART, above, sits on her temporary bed at Red Cross disaster headquarters in St. John's Lutheran Church. A church supper was being prepared Wednesday before the killer twister hit, and tables decorated with flowers had been set up. Mrs. Bogart, 78, whose home in the Cedar Terrace Elderly Housing complex was demolished, was given the vase of flowers at left by the Red Cross volunteers.

HIS WIFE DEAD, killed in Wednesday's twister, J. I. Gault at right is being sheltered by the Red Cross at St. John's Lutheran Church. Gault was returning from town in a taxi to his mobile home at Mrs. Ross's Highway Trailer Court when the storm hit.



AT LEFT, JANA Griebling, volunteer Red Cross worker from Mason City, seeks advice from Glen Haydon, Executive Director of the North Central Iowa Red Cross Chapter. Haydon praised the more than 300 Red Cross volunteers who reported to work. "I particularly want to praise the high school and college students who are helping," Haydon emphasized.



MORE THAN 3,000 tetanus shots had been given by Red Cross volunteers by yesterday afternoon and officials were urging everyone to get one. At right, Scotty Hovie, 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hovie, gets his shot from Mrs. Ethel Ellis of Toledo. The Hovies lost their home and all its contents.



Food-Shelter HOPE In Charles City

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A bright red cross has become a symbol of mercy in Charles City; a gathering point for food, shelter and rest; a promise of warmth in the cold, wet, dismal bleakness; a sign of hope.

Under the Red Cross symbol tragic and heartwarming dramas unfold amidst the ruins of Charles City. The stamina and determination of volunteers and residents are exhibited hourly.

The first Red Cross disaster unit was in operation seven minutes after Wednesday's tornado hit, manned by people who just minutes before were fighting to survive the storm's fury. Many had lost all their possessions, except what they were wearing. But still they came.

Today, there are more than 300 Red Cross Volunteers in Charles City. They are:

- feeding more than 8,000 people daily.
- providing shelter for many of the elderly homeless from the Cedar Terrace unit plus sleeping space for volunteers.
- administering first aid; yesterday, almost 3,000 persons had received tetanus shots.
- coordinating scheduling for the days to come in arrival of food, dispersment of men and equipment and the other thousands of details.
- acting as the official disaster relief organization. (A Charles City Relief Fund has been established at the Citizens National Bank in Charles City. Those wishing to donate should make checks out to American Red Cross Disaster Relief - Charles City.)

Simply, the Red Cross is doing its job as an angel of mercy.

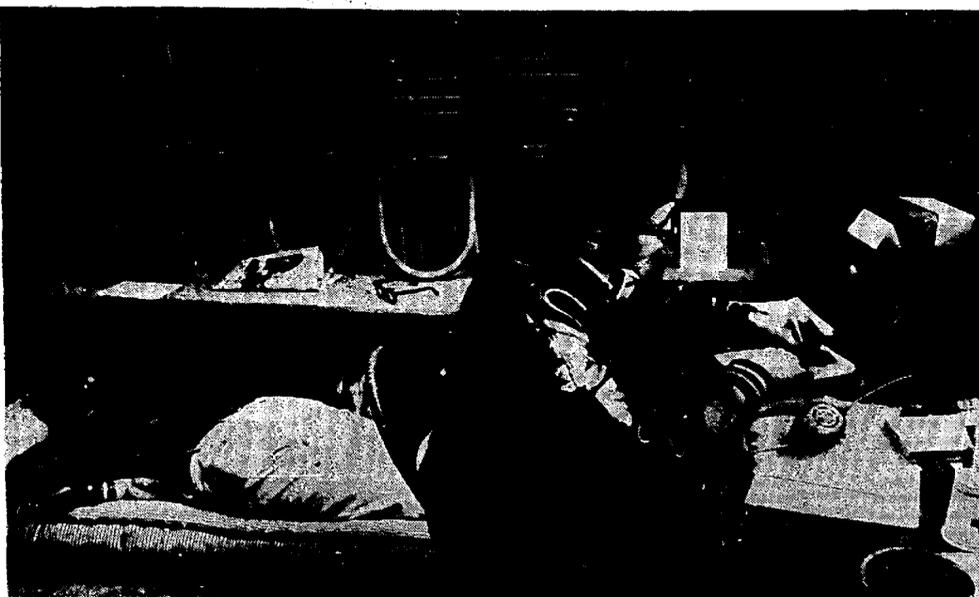
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EVERYBODY WHO WAS free volunteered to help. Red Cross units are feeding more than 8,000 persons daily. Above, from left, are Fred Grobe, Des Moines bricklayer, Joan Michelson, junior at Charles City High School, Jane Hadley, senior at Charles City, giving hot coffee and cookies to Ron Yocom of Austin, Minn., assigned to the 1133 Transport Company from Mason City.

JERRY REMHOF, SON of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Remhof of Iowa Falls, below, mans a citizen's hand radio as an unidentified volunteer lies exhausted on a mattress in background. Volunteers managed to catch three or four hours sleep before returning to the litter-packed Charles City streets. So many volunteers came to Charles City, the 15 Red Cross mobile units at times were pressed to feed everybody. An official commented, "They're doing a tremendous job."



THREE-AND-A-HALF-year-old Lois Shepard, above, daughter of Mrs. Barbara Shepard of Charles City, ate her breakfast yesterday at the Red Cross headquarters. The Shepard home escaped damage but Lois's grandparent's home was demolished.



THE SEVENTH DAY Adventist's Health and Welfare Division received so much clothing they had to issue a plea for the clothing donations to stop. The Adventist combine and coordinate their operation with the Red Cross. Above, Linda Love, sophomore at the University of Northern Iowa, sorts clothing by size. Russell Johnson of Mason City is director of the disaster clothing project here.