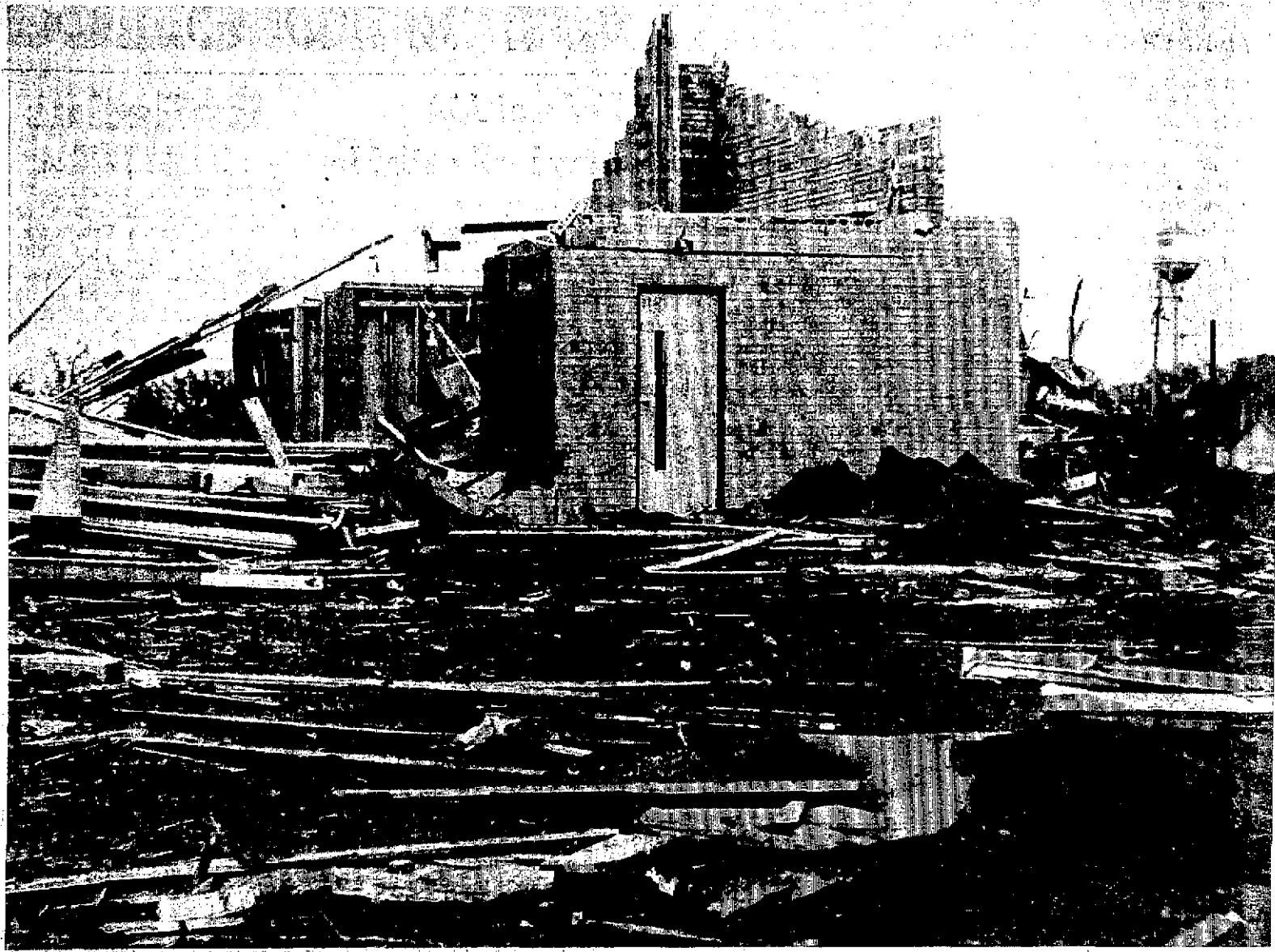


'We Didn't Have Time To Get To The Basement'



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, Maynard, was completely demolished by the twin twisters striking the town only seconds after it smashed through Oelwein. Maynard citizens face the future bravely by very loudly stating that the building's remains will be pushed out of the way and 'we will build it up again'... Just a few feet away, to the north, little Glenda Kelly, 3, and Mrs. Louis Ponsar died at homes absolutely flattened by the tornado.

MAYNARD — "We just simply didn't have time to get to the basement," uttered Mrs. Leo Anderson as she fingered through the remains of a lifetime of work.

Mrs. Anderson revealed her reactions to the Wednesday tornado that reaped devastation on the tiny community of Maynard. They could be echoed by numerous residents where two deaths were recorded.

The Andersons live at the far west edge of Maynard on the south side of the highway (150). All that remains of the family belongings is rubble tossed in all directions.

"I was just going to go out and take a picture of the hail stones," whispered Mrs. Anderson. "They were quite big and I was starting out the door when the wind blew the door shut. It was getting dark and you could hardly see."

She and her husband were heading for the basement steps when the tornado hit. "I tossed my arms around my husband's neck and we hit the floor by the washing machine. It was pitch dark. The house quivered and then it was just like it exploded. It didn't seem to take any longer than three seconds."

Leo suffered an ankle laceration and had to be treated for the injury. Mrs. Anderson escaped injury except for bruises and bumps.

"We would have been all right if we could have made the basement. The door was only four feet away," she said. They can't even find the door now.

The Andersons' dog "Cricket" was found safely under one of the family cars. The only thing they've been able to salvage is "just some" clothing.

"It sounded just like a railroad train coming right through the house. You could feel the suction—a terrific feeling—and you really can't explain it," remarked Mrs. Anderson.

"The people who lived in those homes that were torn down... those are the ones that really need help," she said as she stepped around a pile of lumber that used to be an organ.

Along with the smashed homes that were twisted and ripped, numerous Maynard businesses were flattened in the terrific wind.

Businesses lost included: Wittenberg's Standard Station, Ray's Fin Station, Spahn & Rose Lumber, Ehlers Blacksmith, Hamilton Hardware, Mische's Car Wash, Maynard Co-op, Farm Service Co., Leo Anderson's Excavation Co., stockyards, Smith's Implement, hotel, steel bins north of town, both the new and old St. Paul's Lutheran churches.

Mother's Day dinner and supper guests on Sunday in the Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schwake home were Mr. and Mrs. Victor Nacke and Marsha of Tripoli; Diane Nacke of Waverly, Sharon Nacke of Waterloo, Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Nacke and Carol Ann and Mrs. Bertha Nacke. Evening guests were Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Haverkamp and family of Grundy Center.

Mrs. E. J. Shelton was taken to Schoitz hospital in Waterloo Monday for medical treatment.

Madge Benton came home Sunday, May 5, from Good Samaritan Center, West Union.

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Mazziotti will work this summer with disadvantaged children in the Des Moines Greater Community Involvement Program and will enroll in the College of Law at the State University of New York at Buffalo in the fall semester of this year.

He also received a Circle K Club Award at the annual Drake University Honors Convocation last week.

In accord with the principles and precepts of Circle K, the Drake chapter awards honorary memberships to a senior man and woman who have not been affiliated with the organization during their residence at Drake.

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Saturday Funeral In Maynard For Mrs. Louis Ponsar

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Burial is scheduled in Long Grove cemetery at Maynard. The Delsing-Wright Funeral Home of Maynard is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Ponsar was a lifelong resident of the Maynard community.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Gordon (Leila) Sanford, Waverly; three sons: Milton, Elkader; Elmer, Solon; Louis, Manchester; a brother Anton Haas, Maynard; three sisters: Mrs. Delos (Emma) Watenpugh, Maynard; Mrs. John (Anna) Reuckert, Waterloo; Mrs. Howard (Susie) Hartman, Edgewood; several grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

West Central Schools To Open Monday For Classes

MAYNARD — West Central high school will hold classes Monday, May 20 according to Supt. Robert Jacobson. Schools will open for regular classes Monday morning, however, officials are asking junior high and senior high students to bring work clothes.

Classes will be dismissed early and students will be directed to the downtown area to assist in the cleanup of the debris.

Jacobson announced that tonight's (Friday) meeting of the band boosters has been canceled. The freshman dance has also been postponed.

Baccalaureate will be held Sunday night, May 19, at 8 p.m. Seniors are asked to report at 7 p.m. The senior trip will be staged beginning immediately after the Baccalaureate services. Graduation ceremonies will be held in the gymnasium Friday, May 24, 8 p.m.

The band trip to the NEI Festival at Cedar Rapids has been canceled.

The school suffered heavy damage on the west wing, the grade school area. Three classrooms, the faculty rest room and the boiler room are without a roof. The kindergarten room was the hardest hit.

The school system also lost six school buses, the bus garage, storage building and a garage at the superintendent's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Oltroge were weekend guests in the Mr. and Mrs. Bud Foss home in Waterloo. On Sunday morning they attended church services at Zion Lutheran church in Waterloo. Other Mother's Day guests were Mr. and Mrs. Steven Foss and son Mr. and Mrs. Phil and Mrs. Phil Kuepker and family.



THE FRANK GATES family once called this home. A neighbor woman and several children including the Gates' children were found safe after they had sought shelter in the basement of the house. Mrs. Gates, who was at Earl Moore garage called the neighbor who took her children to the Gates' home and ushered all of the children into the basement just moments before the house lifted off its foundation and landed on its roof about ten feet away.

Services Saturday For Glenda Kelly, Tornado Victim

MAYNARD (Special)—Funeral arrangements have been announced for Glenda Kelly, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Kelly of Maynard. Glenda died Wednesday in a tornado that ripped the Maynard community.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the United Presbyterian church. The Rev. Walter T. Martin will officiate. Burial is scheduled in Long Grove cemetery.

Survivors include her parents, three brothers, paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kelly, Maynard.

Mrs. Kelly is still listed in serious condition at a Waterloo hospital. The three boys in the family, Gerald, Paul and Galen, are all hospitalized at Sumner from injuries suffered in the storm.

West Union Lions Set Meeting Date

WEST UNION (Special)—West Union Lions club will meet at Boot Hill Supper Club Thursday evening, May 23, at 6 p.m. for a dinner meeting.

The following newly elected officers will be introduced: William Jahnke, president; Merle Brown, 1st vice president; Norman Jones, 2nd vice president; John O. Falt, 3rd vice president; Harold Gruver, secretary and treasurer; Dick Clark, Tail Twister; William Holst, Lion Tamer; Dale Allbee, Kenneth Robinson, Stanley Harrison and Robert Swale, directors.

FAYETTE BRIEFS

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Durley, Cedar Rapids visited Wednesday in the Merle Durley home and attended funeral services for Mrs. Paul Oelberg.

Graduation of the spring confirmation class of the First Methodist church was held Sunday and the following were confirmed by Dr. George T. Carl: Paul Aanes, Steven and Tom Smith, Warren Odekirk, Joe Risinger, Scott Daniels, David Jack, Garth Koehler, Duane and Debra Martins, Edgar Treager, Susan Ruth, Rebecca Jo Streeter and Randy Frey.

Concert Chorale Set For Indee

INDEPENDENCE (Special)—The Concert Chorale of Independence will present a concert of sacred music Sunday, May 19, at 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian church in Independence. The program includes contemporary concert selections, spirituals and southern folk hymns, and a short cantata, Benjamin Britten's "Rejoice in the Lamb."

Soloists are Sandra Tieszen, Darrell Garriett, Marly Dodge, Joann Sloan, Monte Cue and Jere Graetz. Director of the 23-voice adult group Lauretta Graetz and organist is Lillian Cue.

Other members of the Chorale are Diane Brimmer, Dave Clark, David Dix, Sylvia Fleming, Max Grover, Candy Higgins, Beverly Horacek, Joe Horacek, Sharon Lentzow, Roby Marks, Mason Marshall, Glenn Miller, Jean Schlobohm, Mary Siesseger, Mike Thornton, Jan Werger, and Roger Willey.

The public is invited to attend.

D. Mazziotti Receives Two Top Awards

DES MOINES — Donald F. Mazziotti, senior in political science and pre-law at Drake University, was named the most outstanding senior student by the student yearbook, the Quax.

The "Quax Recognizes" award was given Mazziotti in recognition of his campus participation at Drake over the past four years. He is a member of the University Senate, the Student Personnel

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