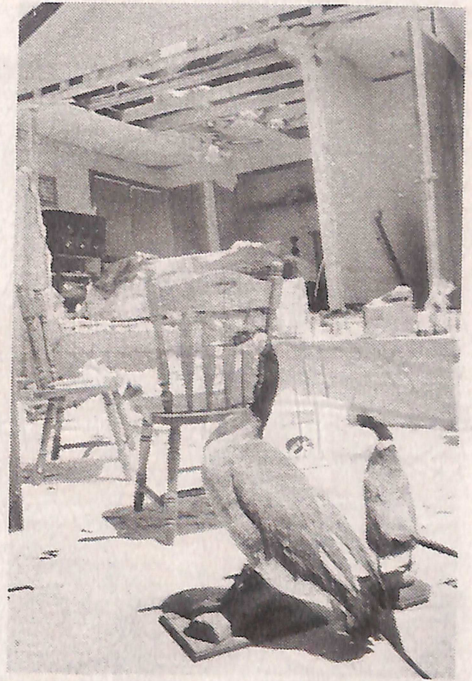


Gov. Terry Branstad reassured Council Bluffs residents that state aid was on the way and an application would be made for federal assistance. Listening from left are Mary and Glen Smith, 2304 Ave. K, and Shirlee Villarreal, 2320 Ave. K. The Villarreal home was leveled, the Smith's severely damaged. In the background is the Holiday Inn which also was extensively damaged and closed for nearly a week. — Photo by Joe Arterburn.



A stuffed goose and pheasant appear unruffled, surveying damage at the Glen Smith home, 2304 Ave. K. Tobie Smith, 13, took the family's two dogs to the basement when the storm hit and was on her way back upstairs to get a cat when a kitchen window blew in. Tobie was able to make it back to the basement and the cat survived the storm under a bed. — Photo by Joe Arterburn.



U.S. Rep. Jim Lightfoot, R-Iowa, met on Saturday after the tornado hit with Council Bluffs mayor Tom Hanafan and reporters to

discuss financial aid from the federal government and the state of Iowa. Photo by Steve Glowacki.