



Trixie Fisher, (upper right) 1407 N. 20th St., sits with Sara Wolfson, (upper right) of Omaha, a Red Cross volunteer Nurse, while Red Cross volunteer Elizabeth Miller (foreground) takes information for a damage report in the gym of the Full Gospel Church, 1224 N. 28th St. Photo by Dan Koenig.

a Red Cross volunteer and volunteer firefighter for Lewis Township, would log 120 volunteer hours in the coming week, many manning a radio set as a whirlwind of activity went on around him.

Utility companies rushed in with all available manpower and outside crews in around-the-clock shifts to restore power, and reassurance, to the community.

Truckloads of food and necessities came — \$20,000 worth of canned food from Blue Star Foods; 100 cases of chips from Frito-Lay; \$16,000 worth of food solicited by Hy-Vee food stores; a semi-trailer of ice from Foodland; and boxes and single cans and clothes, appliances and furnishings.

Volunteers, many whose names would never be known, came to saw trees and drag

branches from littered yards, to search rubble for rain-soaked family photographs and bronze baby shoes, to comfort, nourish and support.

The Daily Nonpareil, its presses quieted in the city with no power, was published on Omaha World-Herald presses.

Damage to insured residences, vehicles, businesses and other insured property was set at \$27 million. Local officials estimated uninsured business and commercial damage at \$4.5 million and uninsured residential damaged at about \$20 million. Damage to public property reached \$1.7 million, \$100,000 to the county courthouse, which lost part of its roof and numerous windows.

According to Red Cross figures, 930 Council Bluffs homes were damaged.

Broken down, the damage



With a large tree still resting on the garage of Rusty and Sandy Stucker, 2240 Ave. H in Council Bluffs, Dan Partridge and Dan Goodsell help their neighbor by clearing limbs and branches from the back door. Photo by Steve Glowacki.

tallied as follows:

- 18 single-family homes destroyed.
- 117 single-family homes with major damage.
- 764 single-family homes with minor damage.
- 3 mobile homes destroyed.
- 1 mobile home with major damage.
- 4 mobile homes with minor damage.
- No apartment buildings destroyed.
- 4 apartment buildings with major damage.
- 17 apartment buildings with minor damage.

Stately trees that provided shade and buffered wicked winds protected homes once more, many for the last time. Pottawattamie County/Municipal Civil Defense director Herbert Hansen said treetops took the brunt of the storm, which was not strong enough to push through to many homes below but strong enough to twist and shatter and strip and uproot the largest of trees, the community's oldest living residents.