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From the desk of
GEORGE BUSH



March 22, 1973

Dear Ralph:

George Bush has told me of his recent visit to Cleveland and particularly about his very productive meeting with your Cabinet. He confirms all the good reports we have had about your opening our Party to people of every background and ethnic heritage and making the New Majority a reality in Cleveland. By encouraging the best men and women to accept responsibility within city government, you are helping to bring about a renewal of those traditional American qualities of self-reliance and personal initiative.

I also want you to know of my appreciation for your strong expression of support for our revenue sharing proposals and our efforts to hold the line on spending.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature, likely "RN" for Richard Nixon, is written over a rectangular stamp that contains the word "RECEIVED".

Honorable Ralph J. Park
Mayor of Cleveland
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

cc: George Bush, RNC

March 22, 1973

Dear Nelson:

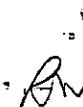
George Bush has told me of the productive meeting he recently had with you and some of the top people in New York State. The understanding and spirit of cooperation fostered by such personal discussions can pay great dividends for our entire Party, and I want you to know how much I appreciate your invaluable assistance.

I also want to assure you that George and I fully share your concern that the National Committee be entirely fair and balanced in the support and service it provides on behalf of all Republicans.

Incidentally, I also want to thank you for remembering me with a copy of African Genesis. I look forward to reading it.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,



Honorable Nelson Rockefeller
Governor of New York
Albany, New York 12224

cc: George Bush, RNC
Marge Wicklein

RN:BNolan:MBS:vml

March 22, 1973

Dear Fred:

As you leave your post as General Counsel to the Republican National Committee, I want you to know of my personal appreciation for your steadfast efforts on behalf of our Party. Your outstanding record of long and dedicated service is matched only by the conscientious and able leadership you have always given. You should derive great pride and satisfaction from the many important contributions you have made during these fourteen years to the strengthening of the Republican Party and the advancement of its goals for the well-being of all Americans.

With warm regards and good wishes,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Honorable Fred C. Scribner, Jr.
335 Foreside Road
Falmouth, Maine 04105

RN:BNolan:RLE:blh

cc: George Bush, RNC

April 6, 1973

Miss Rose Mary Woods
Personal Secretary to
the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Rose:

Jim Stephenson has just been elected the Mayor of Ann Arbor.
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Yours very truly,

George Bush

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Suggested draft

The Honorable James Stephenson
Mayor-elect of Ann Arbor
City Hall
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Stephenson:

I just want to congratulate you on your magnificent victory.

I recognize that it is not always easy for a Republican to win in a large university community.

I am hopeful that your victory in Ann Arbor and the victory of the other Republicans there will prove to have great significance as we move toward the 1974 elections.

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Congratulations again.

Sincerely,

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Republican National Committee

To: Chairman Bush

4/4/73

Date:

From: Tom Lias */lm*

Subject:

In connection with your conversation with
Congressman Esh, Mayor elect Stephenson's
number is: home - 313/663-9750
office - 313/662-5653

The County Chairman in Ann Arbor is Nancy
Chase. She is alledged to be a big Bush
fan. Her number is: home - 313/662-3994
office - 313/662-2721

Special to The New York Times

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Dear Mr. Stephenson:

Before another day passes, I want you to have this note of congratulations on your election as Mayor of Ann Arbor. Your impressive victory -- in which, I understand, Marv Each was a great help -- is still another indication of the ever growing vitality of our Party. I am fully confident that, with our solid and growing leadership at every level across the country, we shall indeed make '74 the year of the Republican Majority!

With my very best wishes for a productive and rewarding term of office,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

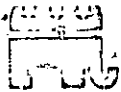
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Mayor-elect of Ann Arbor
Ann Arbor, Michigan

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Requested: George Bush

cc: George Bush, RNC

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George Bush, Chairman

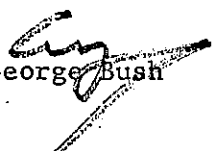
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New York Times

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 1973

REPUBLICANS WIN ANN ARBOR VOTING

Radicals Lose as Students
Stay Away From Polls

Special to The New York Times

ANN ARBOR, Mich., April 3
—Hundreds of students stayed away from the polls yesterday, and the Republicans won an easy victory in municipal elections in this university community.

The G.O.P. carried three of the city's five wards and captured the Mayor's seat from the Democrats with 49 per cent of the vote. The Democrats took the two other seats at stake.

Ann Arbor has a 10-member council with five elected every year.

The radical Human Rights party, which won two seats in the council elections a year ago, failed to win a seat this time. The two wards the radicals carried last year were won by the Democrats yesterday.

Total Put Under 30%

But to the frustration of Democrats, the Human Rights party attracted enough liberal votes to keep the Democratic candidates from winning the mayoralty and one council race.

Last year the radicals rode the crest of massive student voting to win election over Democrats in two wards with heavy student populations. In contrast, this year most students stayed home.

The city clerk's office esti-

mated that less than 30 per cent of the eligible students voted.

In contrast, a well-financed drive by the city's Republicans—who have been out of power here since 1969—raised turnout in traditionally Republican areas to well over 50 per cent.

Yesterday's election gives the G.O.P. a commanding council majority. Mayor-elect James Stephenson will have a council of six Republicans, two Democrats and two Human Rights members. Mr. Stephenson polled 15,172 votes, to 11,378 for Franz Mogdis, the Human Rights candidate.

Most of the talk here now centers on the future of the radical group, which, while, it failed to elect any candidates, managed to split the liberal

vote and elect the Republicans. Many Democrats regarded this news somewhat happily.

"We lost a battle but we won the war," declared Democratic Councilman Norris Thomas, re-elected yesterday over a Human Rights member. "Next year we will win the war."

Mr. Thomas and many other Democrats believe that the Human Rights party is now finished, its credibility shattered by its failure at the polls.

The radicals' response to the election results was more subdued.

"How do you motivate people out of their apathy?" asked an unsuccessful council candidate, Frank Schoichet, a University of Michigan law student. "I don't know. I can't claim to know after yesterday," he said, answering his own question.

May 4, 1973

TO: ROSE WOODS
FROM: GEORGE BUSH

About a month ago, a life-long Democrat, FitzGerald Bemiss of Richmond, announced that he was formally switching to the Republican Party. Bemiss headed the President's campaign in Virginia, is a former Democratic State Senator, and is a very close friend of mine.

I think a short word from the President along the lines of the attached draft would be most appreciated.

GB/eo/pap
Enclosure

Mr. FitzGerald Bemiss
P. O. Box 1156
Richmond, Virginia 23209

Dear Jerry:

I noted your recent statement of support. I am most grateful for this. I remember, of course, the excellent job you did as Chairman of my re-election campaign in Virginia.

It appears to me that things are moving very well in your state for the Republican Party. I was very pleased to see that you formally announced affiliation with the Party.

Sincerely,

Draft to Rose Woods
GB/eo/pap

May 4, 1973

Mr. FitzGerald Bemiss
P. O. Box 1156
Richmond, Virginia 23209

Dear Jerry:

Congratulations to you on your great supportive statement --
and your note to me. That sort of encouragement means a lot to
us all right now, and especially to me.

Thanks much. Hope we can get together before long.

Warm regards.

Yours very truly,

George Bush

GB/eo/pap

April 30, 1973

Statement by FitzGerald Bemiss

The President has done what he had to do and done it thoroughly. That should bring an end to this sorry affair. The important thing now is to restore the full effectiveness of the Presidency so that we can get on with the major business of the Nation. The President deserves and must have our support. I believe that the interest of the Nation requires that we give him that support.

FWB - I gave this to the papers today.
Congratulations — That's not
really the right word — I mean
I am very glad the President
has acted & wish him well.
I know he will count on you
now more than ever.

Ferry

March 28, 1973

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Dear Mr. Ostric:

Through the courtesy of our National Committee Chairman, George Bush, I learned of your recent letter to him, and I wanted to express my personal appreciation for your generous words and staunch support.

My schedule seldom allows me the opportunity to visit about the country as I would like, and so I am particularly grateful when people like yourself take time to write and share their views. Please be assured, I fully share your commitment to building a new majority within the Republican Party.

With very best wishes,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Mr. Louis J. Ostric
Republican State Committeeman
93 Spring Street
New Bedford, Massachusetts 02740

RN:BNolan:RLE:blh

cc: George Bush. RNC

May 14, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR:

ROSE MARY WOODS

FROM:

GEORGE BUSH

Enclosed is a pen and pencil set which has been given to me to pass along to the President. It is from Mr. M. A. Oztekin, President of the Kent Corporation in Birmingham. A letter from Mr. Oztekin to the President explaining the gift is attached.

Although I do not know him personally, Mr. Oztekin attended the May 9th Dinner in Washington, contributed to the '72 campaign and seems to be a great admirer and an ardent supporter of the President.

Perhaps an acknowledgment note from the President or whatever you think appropriate could be sent Mr. Oztekin.

Enclosures

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M. A. OZTEKIN
PRESIDENTMay 8, 1973
AIR MAILPresident Richard M. Nixon
The White House
Washington 25, D.C.

Mr. President:

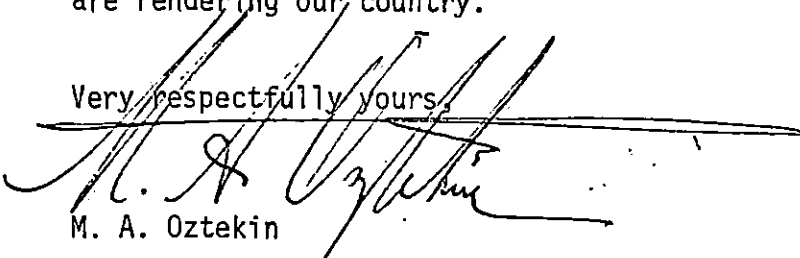
The beautiful replica of The Presidential Star you so graciously presented to me is deeply appreciated. It is now displayed in an honored place in my office and will be a treasured heirloom for my family.

I have shown with pride the photograph taken on the occasion of your visit during the Birmingham Centennial. I reiterate my thanks for it, your letter and your courtesy in receiving my brother and myself. My brother, Senator Mukadder Oztekin, is now Minister of the Interior of The Republic of Turkey.

The pen and pencil set accompanying this note is a token of my high esteem for your office and for you personally. It is crested with the Kent emblem and engraved with your name. I will be further honored by your acceptance of this gift.

I assure you of my continuing trust and support in the splendid service you are rendering our country.

Very respectfully yours,


M. A. Oztekin

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"MANUFACTURED, SOLD & SERVICED AROUND THE WORLD"

May 4, 1973

TO: ROSE WOODS
FROM: GEORGE BUSH

Could someone drop Ms. Titgen a nice note? Her letter strikes me as exceptionally sincere.

Thanks.

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Enclosure

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May 4, 1973

Ms. Elma Titgen
303 E. Sidnor
Alvin, Texas 77511

Dear Ms. Titgen:

Thank you so much for your great letter in support of President Nixon. It was like a breath of fresh air!

I know your words of praise and encouragement will mean as much to the President as they do to me. I have taken the liberty of forwarding your letter to the White House.

Again, my deep appreciation for writing.

Yours Very Truly,

George Bush

GB/eo/pap

GB - what a breath of
fresh air!

April 28, 1973

Mr. George Bush,
Republican Party National Chairman
Washington, D.C.

MAY 2 1973

Dear Mr. Bush:

The President has stated his concern for a strong, honest, fair and vigorous investigation in the Watergate affair.

With men like you and the tremendous support of Gods LOVE, how can anything harmful touch our beloved President. Mr. Nixon has worked too diligently to cast, HATE and DISTRUST within our country to be a party to that, that is unfair. He has proven beyond all doubt, he loves his citizens, and cares about the existence of his fellow-man.

I firmly believe when the truth is out, it will stagger the ones that have wronged him, and open the eyes of the doubting Thomass. (and there are many)

I wonder Mr. Bush if the people have given thought to the President ending the Southeast Asia conflict. If he had not been re-elected, I doubt very much our American soldiers would be on home soil.

Americans should get down on their knees, and THANK GOD for the President we have today, and take time to tell him. He needs to know we trust him. My prayers are for all of you that have unwavering Loyalty to one of Americas GREATEST PRESIDENTS....

With great esteem,

Elma Titgen

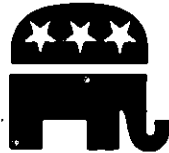
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303 E. Sidnor

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Need answer ASAP. Mr. Nelson
going on vacation next week.



From the desk of
GEORGE BUSH

RETURN TO EL O.

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GB: Re - attached

(1) It's not in Hammerschmidt's district

(2) I talked to Office of Emergency
Preparedness -- said no way on getting
aid for private school.

(3) Talked to Mr. ~~Nxx~~ Nelson - -
explained problem of President coming
back to the area, not feasible, etc.

(4) Offered to see whether we can
get some message to read at Centennial
celebration of school on May 26; explained
we might not be able to come up with some-
thing appropriate, but we'd try to think
of something that would help out in
area of moral support and recognition.

QUESTION: How about a Presidential
message on Centennial, commending them
for going on after disaster, congratulating
on 100 years service to community, etc.

Want to go on this? Yes ☒ No

If yes, via Haig Woods ☒

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From the desk of

AMBASSADOR GEORGE BUSH

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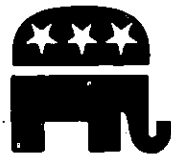
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From the desk of
GEORGE BUSH

President of College

Dr. Dan C. West, President

Ark. Coll.

Batesville, Ark. 72501

(501) 793-2282

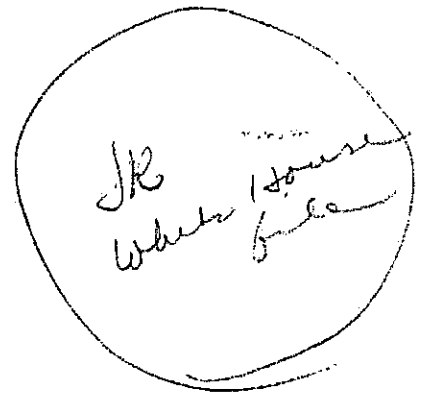
on campus → May 26

Programs throughout

banquet 5⁰⁰ pm

{ Alumni Banquet →

{ Centennial Commencement }



May 18, 1973

TO: Rose Woods

FROM: George Bush

The attached correspondence from Mr. Andrew Nelson concerns the recent devastating tornado damage to Arkansas College, a Presbyterian school in Batesville, Arkansas.

The school is celebrating its Centennial and spring commencement on May 26. They would very much like the President to come down for the occasion. I have explained the impossibility of that, but I would very much appreciate your help on obtaining a Presidential message to be read at their alumni banquet or commencement exercise the evening of the 26th. Either would be an excellent forum for presenting the Presidential message. I think this would go a long way toward boosting morale and showing the President's concern for their problems.

Such a message should be sent to the President of Arkansas College:

Dr. Dan C. West, President
Arkansas College
Batesville, Arkansas 72501
501/793-2282

Many thanks for your help.

OB/c

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May 10, 1973

Mr. George Bush, Chairman
Republican National Committee
310 First Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

Mr. Ch. your attention -
MAY 11 1973
pls advise
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Dear Chairman Bush:

I am writing you as a result of a conversation with A B Herman, who I talked to at the suggestion of your brother, Bucky. My friendship with Bucky has developed because of our relationship with GOP fundraising here in Connecticut. I have the responsibility, through my association here at PACE*, for directing activities of the Connecticut Republican Key Committee. This is, of course, part of the overall fundraising effort which Bucky is in charge of.

Arkansas College is a Presbyterian supported liberal arts college located in Batesville, Arkansas. I am a graduate of Arkansas College. AC was founded one hundred years ago and is the oldest school in the state. They plan to observe their centennial on May 26. However, on April 19 a tornado struck the campus. No one was injured, however several of the buildings were damaged, some beyond repair. Damage estimates run to near a million dollars. Fortunately, most of the damage was covered by insurance. However, as is all too often the case, not everything can or will be replaced by insurance. The college estimates they need about \$110,000 for interim needs. I might point out that this is in light of the fact that the operational budget is only something in excess of \$250,000 a year. This has, needless to say, hit them hardest at a time when they hoped to shine brightest.

The tornado hit the City of Batesville as well. An elementary school was directly in its path and somehow none of the children in that building were hurt. The tornado went through a shopping center and a main street as well. The best news is that there were no serious injuries. I am taking the liberty of forwarding several related articles from the BATESVILLE GUARD which give numerous details as well as a letter from the college which explains their situation. As you will be able to see, the damage estimates are around \$2 million in Batesville, half of which is at Arkansas College.

In the April 25th. edition of the GUARD, Joe Winkle of the Office of Emergency Preparedness, who headed the Federal Survey Team in Batesville, pointed out that aid to a church-supported college, like Arkansas College, was most difficult if not impossible. President Nixon has gone on record many



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Chairman George Bush
May 10, 1973
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times showing his strong support for private education in our nation. This is why I am writing you now.

I believe that here is a situation for the President to seize the opportunity for a positive initiative. With all of the victims of the tornado and subsequent flooding, the area had been requested for "National Disaster" status. I believe that this has now become official.

My point is that at a time when our nation needs to turn its conscience toward the troubles which have beset it, there is a place for the President to lead this redirection. A gesture to these people. A gesture to the everyday working people who live in that part of the country and are living with this. And, a gesture to a college which has made it through its first hundred years, and while struggling to make headway has had a severe blow.

The President might wish to make a tour of some of these areas to see for himself if the needs of the people were being taken care of. He might also tour Arkansas College. If no form of aid could be offered, perhaps some form of aid unrelated to the disaster could be found. Perhaps a grant for something to be done at the college later. I would, in light of this disaster, and having visited AC in the last year, go so far as to guarantee the President a very warm reception. I would submit that the people of Batesville would be warm also. The President was the only Republican to carry Independence County Arkansas (Batesville) in 1968. '72 goes without saying.

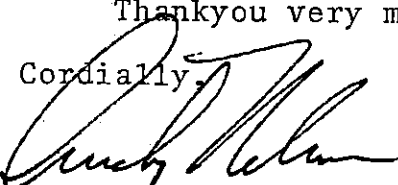
If the President could spare no more time than only a short visit to the college, there are a number of Air Force Bases in the area that would make that very easy. The President might travel now, or if he were to be traveling on the 26th. he would be in a position to be at AC on the Centennial celebration day.

I ask you to please discuss this matter with the President to see if the above or any other gesture would be possible. The college will keep going. However, there are times when encouragement and help from the top would do wonders.

Should you need any further information please do not hesitate to give me a call. My office phone is 203-377-2551 and my home phone is 203-378-8747. I will be happy to work with you or your staff at any time. However, I will say that the above presents an opportunity at a time when a fresh initiative is needed.

Thankyou very much in advance for your time and cooperation.

Cordially,



Andrew J. Nelson, II
Research Director



The Pace Corporation
Solving Problems in Public Affairs

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'Miracle' At Central: Fourth Grade Escapes

4-20-73

Approximately 350 students at Central Elementary School escaped serious injury yesterday when tornadic winds completely demolished one of four portable buildings and did perhaps irreparable damage to all other structures on the campus.

Considered most fortunate to escape were the fourth-grade students taught by Mrs. Jerry Rose in the portable classroom which was completely demolished and strewn over a wide area.

No one in the building could give a clear account of how the escape was effected. One boy remembers clinging to the fence which surrounds the playground.

Batesville High School Principal Bob Cross happened to be at the school administration office across Seventh Street from the campus area occupied by the portable classrooms. When he saw what was happening, he got through

to his office and asked for help.

A number of men teachers and high school boys responded immediately and joined other volunteers in searching through the debris until all students were accounted for.

Principal Bill Coop and all others on the scene were lavish in their praise for the teachers on duty at Central School and the fine cooperation of students involved. All agree that there was a minimum of panic and confusion, considering the lack of light in the buildings and the uncertain situation in general.

A secretary at the school, Mrs. Arvil Wood, said she thought the children were going to get hit, but "the Lord was with them."

"There was a downpour and it got black," said Mrs. Shirley Allen, who was teaching her 19 first graders in the main building. "All of a sudden, the power went off and that was it. The next thing I knew there was water and glass everywhere. I looked out and saw the roof hanging over my windows."

Michael Miller, 12, a sixth grade pupil at Central, said, "The lights went out. Glass started shattering. I hit the floor."

Some teachers herded their children into the halls, but Mrs. Allen said she huddled with her crying pupils in her room.

On the Arkansas College campus, Debbie Wilhite of Tulsa, Okla., a student, was in an office on the second floor of the severely damaged educational-psychology building when the storm hit. She jumped into a closet with a teacher, Mrs. Jane Purtle, and escaped injury.

While she was in the closet, she said, she heard debris falling and knew instantly that the winds had toppled the steeple of the college chapel.

"We were very fortunate that it came on a day and at an hour when there are very few students in class," Dr. Joe Murry, dean of students, said as he talked about the destructive storm

that hit the AC campus Thursday.

It came at 11 a.m., when only about 100 students were in class, Dr. Murry said. He said most students were in the Science Building, away from the storm's path.

He said that he and the school's president, Dr. Dan West, and six other administrative staff members were in conference when wind blew out a window in the Administration Building conference room.

"We went to the front door and saw the trees going down amid a tremendous roar," he said. "You could not hear the sounds of individual items of destruction, such as trees going over, but just the terrific roar that swallowed it all up."

"When we saw the trees going over, we took shelter immediately by crawling under the conference table, which is a large mahogany table," Dr. Murry said. "All eight of us managed to get under it."



April 26, 1973

Dear Friend of Arkansas College:

At 11 a.m., Thursday, April 19, a tornado struck our campus. Miraculously no one was injured even though six buildings received major damage as the photographs indicate. Estimates of the damage run close to \$1,000,000. As of this date the Alphin Dining Hall and Brown Chapel-Fine Arts Building have been repaired to the point where they are "in the dry". The Recreation Hall roof is being repaired. The three older buildings suffered the most extensive damage. The Education-Psychology Building will have to be razed and it is yet to be determined whether the Administration Building and Long Memorial Building will also have to be razed.

Classes were suspended Friday. However, as of 8 a.m., Monday, April 23, the college is back in operation. We were fortunate that the major classroom facilities and the dormitories were not damaged. The dining hall is back in operation and all student services have been restored. As you can see by the third photograph, three large trailers and some storage buildings have been placed on campus to temporarily house the administrative staff. We wanted all of our friends to know the extent of the damage and that we are again fully operational.

Although the college had insurance coverage, estimates of expenses relating to interim adjustments will far exceed the reimbursement that the college will receive. Therefore, an Emergency Fund has been established to help meet interim operational needs and some reconstruction costs. The minimum needed at present exceeds \$110,000.

In light of this emergency need of the college, I am asking you to consider an immediate gift to the college designated for the Arkansas College Emergency Fund and forward it in the enclosed envelope. I am asking you to consider this "above and beyond gift", although many of you have already made substantial gifts to the '72-'73 Progress Fund during the academic year. This is an extraordinary need and I am asking you to take this into consideration and be as generous as possible. The successful completion of a fine Centennial Year, the hopes of a balanced budget, the prospects of claiming a \$150,000 Conditional Grant from the Mabree Foundation, the plans for the Evaluation and Planning Process and the prospects for our next year, all hinge on the college maintaining its momentum and its sound financial position. Please respond today.

Thank you,

Dan C. West
President



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Central's Students Reassigned; Damage May Exceed \$2-Million



Buildings Ruined In Concord Area

Batesville school officials have announced that students at Central Elementary School will be reassigned, effective Wednesday of next week, to other campuses in the city.

The decision was made late Thursday by Batesville School Board members, Superintendent Leon Gaines, principals and other school personnel, following a tornado six hours earlier that left Central School

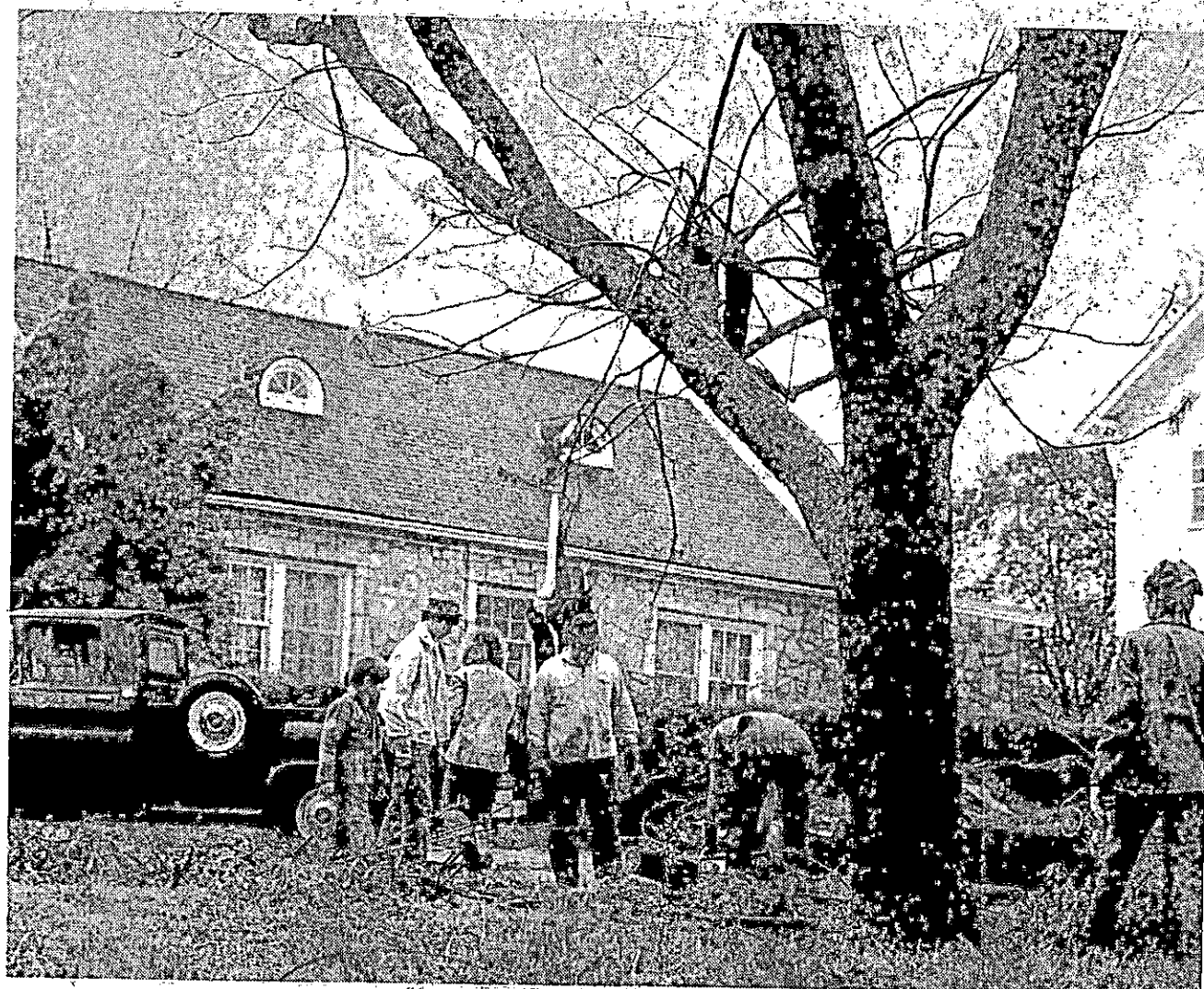
and everything as normal as possible by tonight.

It was learned today that several buildings in the Concord area were destroyed or damaged by the storm.

At least four chicken houses were completely destroyed and another badly damaged. The Cooper house near Concord was badly damaged, and Wayne Raney's recording studio reportedly was heavily



CLEANUP AFTER THE STORM — Jim Crouch and others clean up the debris at his home on Bates Street, following the tornado which smashed through the heart of Batesville Thursday.



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In gathering information and taking and processing pictures to provide the best coverage we could in a very short span of time.

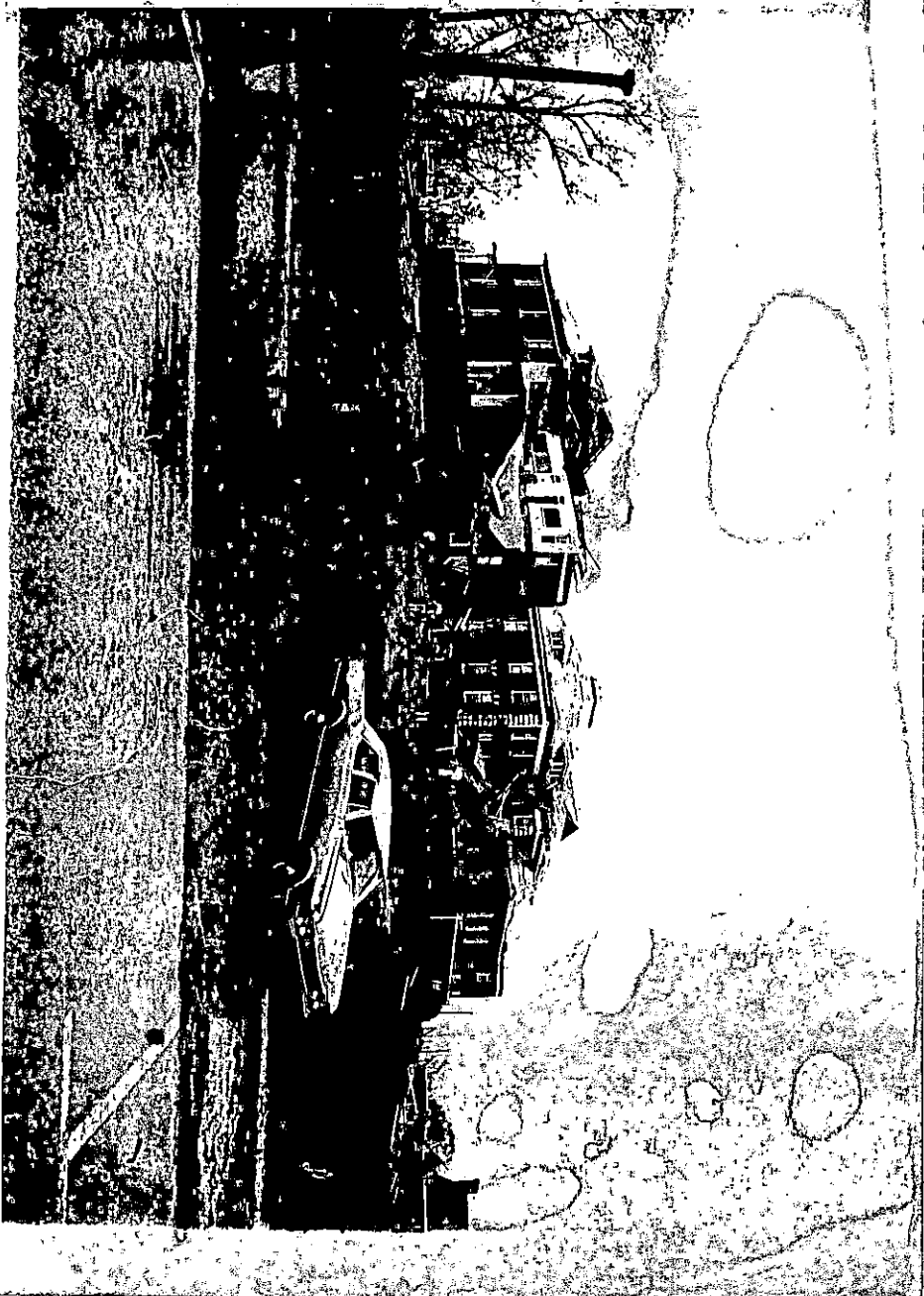
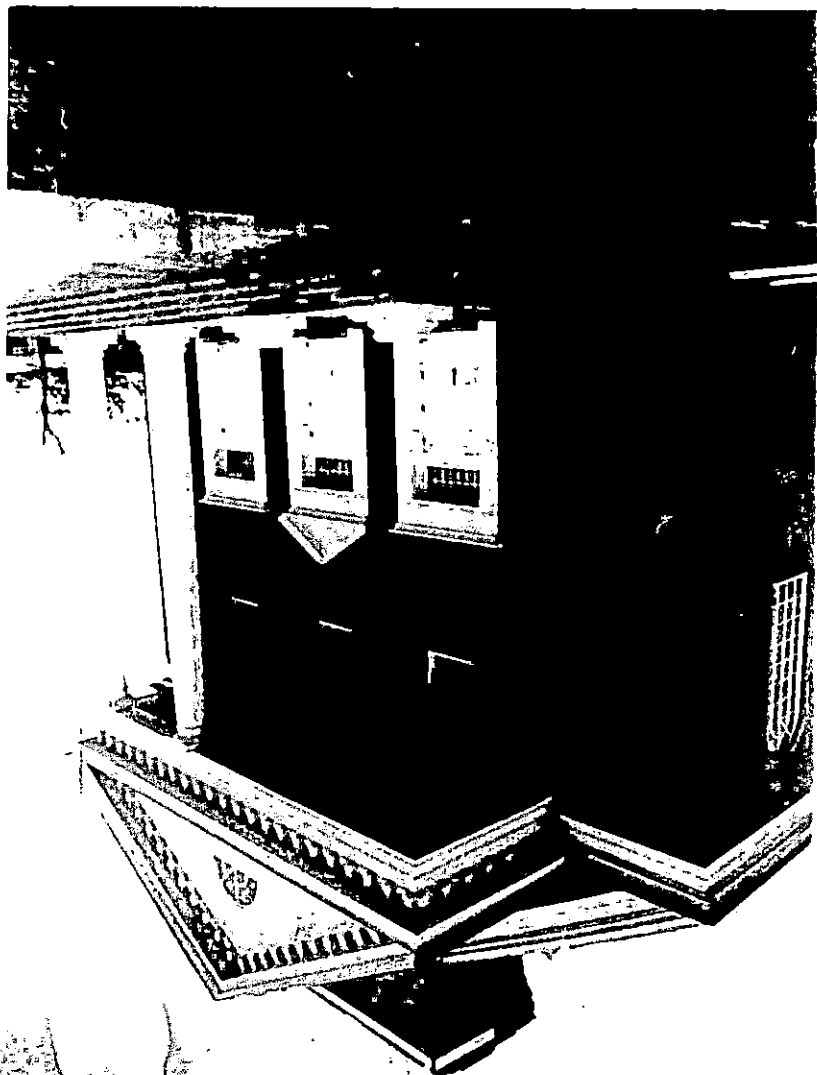
— The Guard is grateful to Jerry Matthews for some very good photos of the Arkansas College storm damage. Jerry, a graduate of BHS, has recently returned here after a stint in the Navy, where he studied photography.

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TEMPORARY OFFICES—Arkansas College officials wasted no time in setting up administrative offices in rented trailers in a campus parking lot after a tornado inflicted heavy damage to several buildings April 19. The picture was taken from a ripped-out portion of the administration building.

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Federal Team Assesses Weather Damage In City

It appears that federal disaster assistance is on the way to Arkansas, but it remains to be seen if Batesville will be able to reap much benefit from the aid.

Congressman Bill Alexander and a team of federal officials from Dallas were in Batesville Tuesday afternoon to inspect damage from a week of flooding and storms.

Rep. Alexander said federal aid "appeared to be on the way" to all parts of Arkansas that suffered storm damage. He added that after several days of touring the stricken areas of his district, it was clear that Eastern and Central Arkansas has received a "terrific blow."

Governor Dale Bumpers asked President Nixon to declare the state a major disaster area in a letter last Saturday. The White House forwarded the request to the Office of Emergency Preparedness in Dallas for a survey.

Congressman Alexander also expressed hope that the Secretary of Agriculture would declare the state a disaster area, opening the way for low interest loans through the Farmers Home Administration.

Joe Winkle of the Office of Emergency Preparedness headed the survey team which toured the city here Tuesday. Bruce Gipson of the Department of Housing and Urban Development

and Earl D. Watson of the Office of Economic Stabilization were also on the survey team.

Winkle said that it appeared that most of the storm damage in Batesville was either covered by insurance or could not apply under government standards. For example, he pointed out that aid to a church-supported college like Arkansas College, was most difficult — if not impossible.

The federal team met briefly with Mayor Peyton Golden following the tour. Mayor Golden said the most pressing need is some type of aid to repair the city streets.

"We have about 130 streets with major damage and we just don't have the funds to repair them," the mayor told the team. The officials expressed a desire to find a way to help, but added aid to repair streets was at most "doubtful."

The officials seemed to agree that low interest loans would be available to landowners and business if the president signs the disaster proclamation.

The survey team also met with County Judge James Elms in his office prior to the tour. Also present for the inspection was J. C. Lynn of the Army Corps of Engineers at Greers Ferry and R. M. Ruthuen of the Corps of Engineers at Mountain Home.

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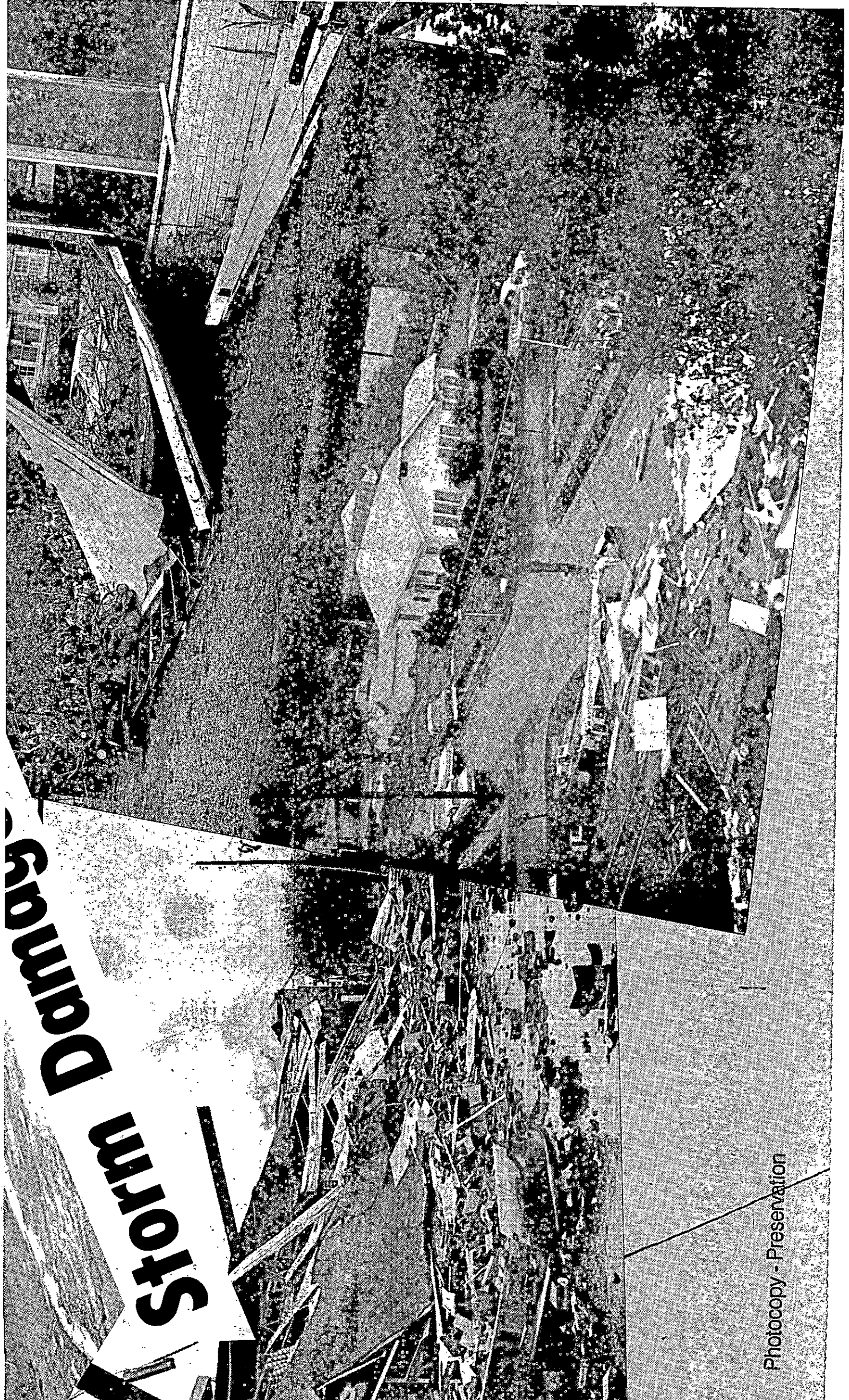
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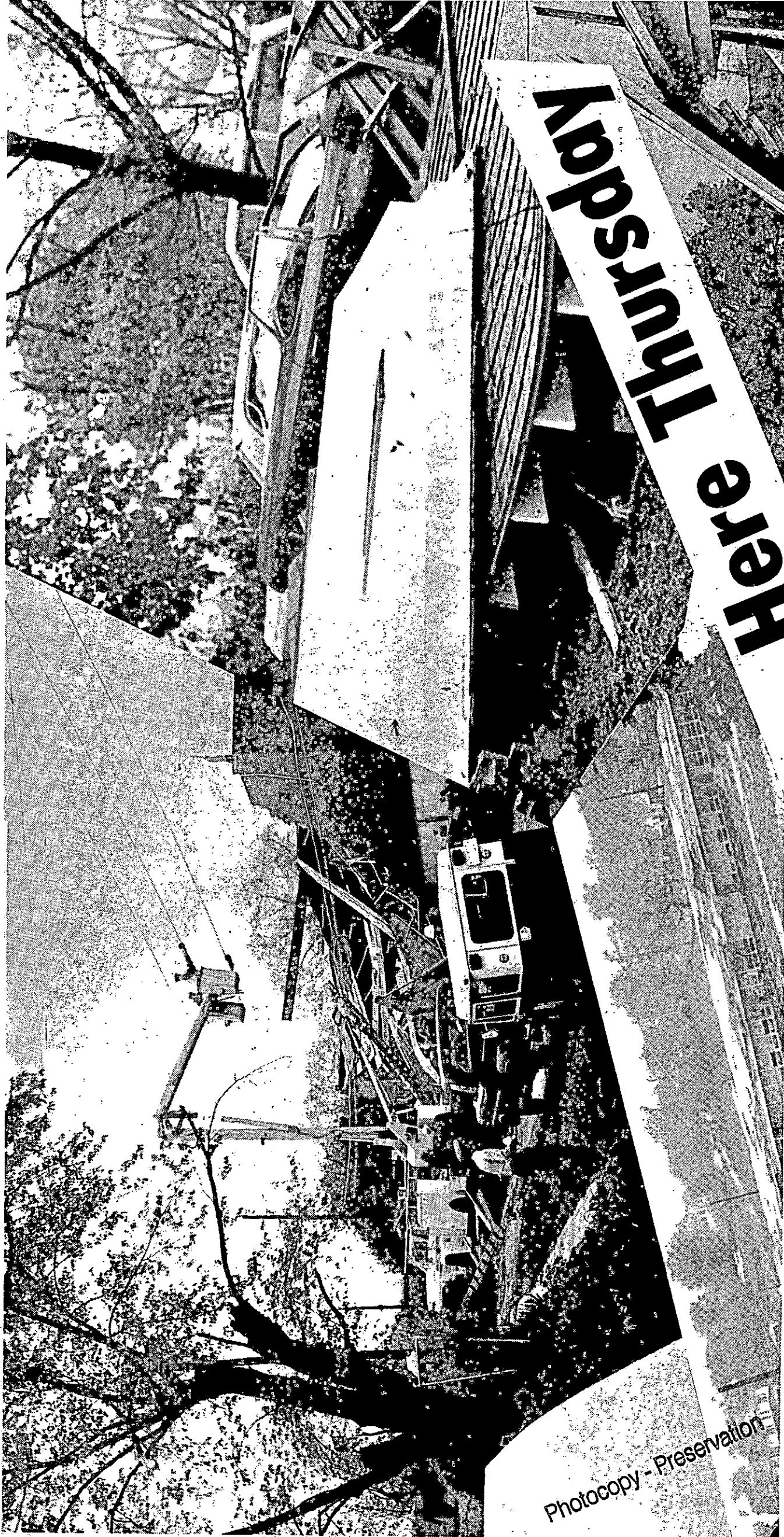


INSPECTS DAMAGE — Congressman Bill Alexander (left), accompanied by Batesville Mayor Peyton Golden, observes damage to buildings on the Arkansas College campus during a visit here Tuesday.

Storm Damages



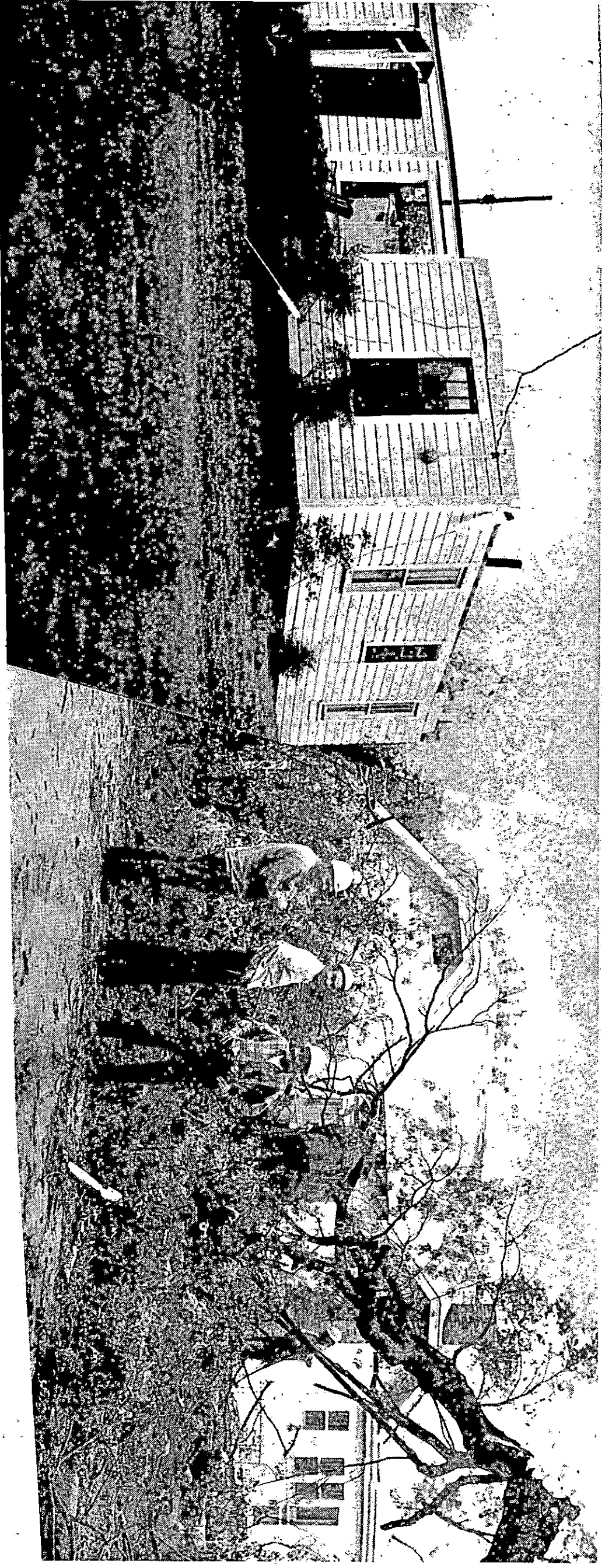
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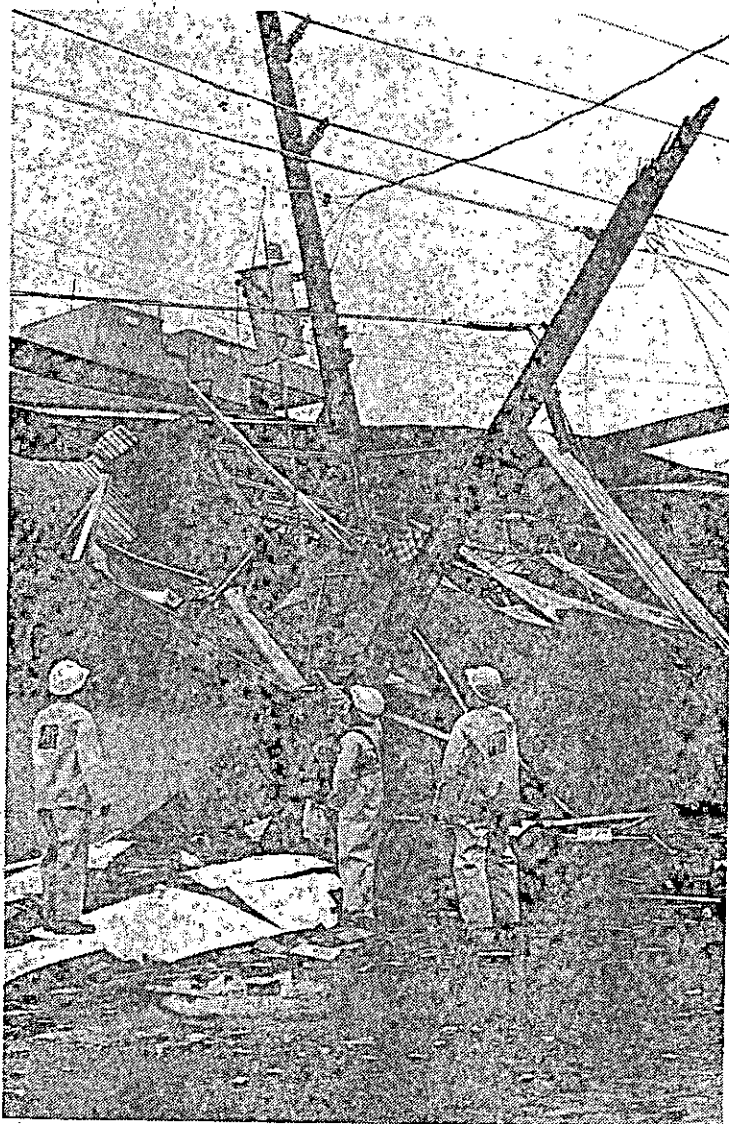
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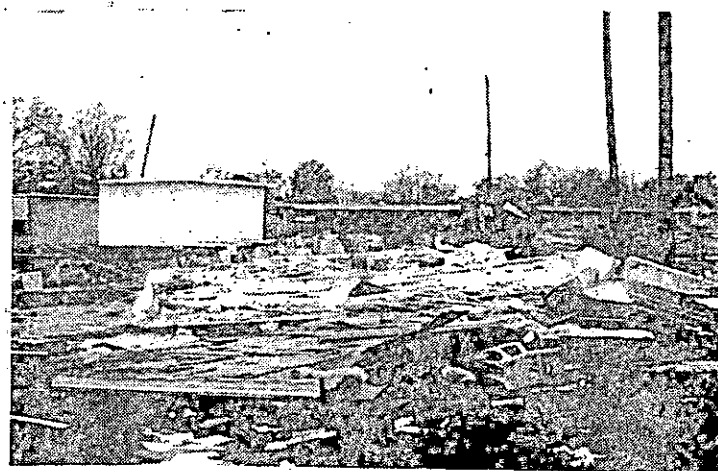
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Education and psychology building at Arkansas College



Magic Mart Shopping Center on St. Louis Street



Central Elementary School

In Worst Storm Here

An apparent tornado — or at least a storm with tornadic winds — blasted through the heart of Batesville around 11 a.m. today, leaving heavy damage at Central Elementary School, the Magic Mart Shopping Center on St. Louis Street, and Arkansas College.

Between 12 and 15 persons were treated at local hospitals for minor injuries — mostly cuts and bruises — but apparently no one was seriously injured in the worst storm in Batesville's history.

Dozens of large trees were blown down, many of them across such heavily traveled streets as Harrison and Boswell. An undetermined number of houses were damaged.

At Central Elementary School, the plate-glass windows blew into the classrooms and much of the roof was lifted off and dumped on the playground. Several students were taken to local hospitals by ambulances, police and private cars.

A mobile classroom, located at Central School, was ripped apart and the contents deposited in the street. Another mobile classroom was damaged. None of the students were believed seriously hurt.

Neighborhood residents and high school boys arrived at Central to aid with removing the students to buses and other vehicles.

Trees in the streets hampered ambulances and other traffic in many parts of the area. Power lines were down in many parts of East Batesville.

Company B., Arkansas National Guard, was mobilized about noon to help with the effort.

At the Magic Mart Shopping Center, the glass front was partly broken out and the south end of the large building was ripped off and the roof fell in on about a third of the Magic Mart portion of the center.

Arkansas College suffered a terrific blow in building damage. Publicity Director Jim Buchanan gave this report:

The steeple and two columns on the front of the chancel building were destroyed. A large portion of the education and psychology building was knocked out. The administration building was heavily damaged.

The rear end and roof of the Long Memorial building were damaged. The roof on the dining hall was damaged, as was the roof on the recreation building.

Windows were broken in the dormitories and other buildings. Big trees were blown down on the campus. An estimated 25 automobiles were damaged, some of them extensively.

Just south of Desha, the steeple was torn off the Methodist Church. Three out-buildings belonging to Jim Kemp were destroyed. An old house belonging to Mr. Kemp was damaged as

was his new home.

The Lassiter house in that same area was lifted off its foundation and turned partially around. Windows were torn out. The roof of the Fuller house nearby was heavily damaged.

Reportedly, a man was treated at a local hospital for head injuries received when his mobile home "exploded" and blew away. The mobile home was located near Miller Creek, the Guard was told by a witness at the hospital.

North of town, a home belonging to James Lewis was destroyed near the Goforth Addition. Mrs. Lewis and her baby were taken to the hospital for examination.

At Bryant Lumber Company on Lawrence Street, the roof was blown off. It landed on a late-model Thunderbird, virtually demolishing it.

At Central School, pupils in the fourth grade miraculously escaped serious injury when the building they were in was completely destroyed.

Although no one reported seeing a funnel, the main thrust of the storm followed a path from southwest to northeast.



Arkansas College Chapel heavily damaged

File

May 31, 1973

Dear Mr. Petry:

This is to thank you for your letter of May 3 to me following up on your telephone conversation with Mrs. Franklin of my staff about your invitation to the President to address the Lions International Convention in Miami Beach in June.

The President warmly appreciates your interest in having him as your guest on the morning of June 30. He wishes very much he could plan to be with you, but the developments in his schedule for June just will not allow him this opportunity and pleasure. He is delighted, though, as you are, that The Vice President can address the convention.

The President sends you his very best wishes and again, an expression of his regret that he is unable to send an acceptance to your cordial invitation.

Sincerely,

David N. Parker
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. H. C. Petry, Jr.
Past International President
Lions International
200 Union State Bank Building
Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834

Information copies to Mrs. Anne Armstrong and Chairman Bush
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George Bush, Chairman

May 21, 1973

Miss Rose Mary Woods
Personal Secretary to the President
Executive Office of the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Rose:

Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution passed at the Republican State Chairmen's meeting held in Chicago at the Hyatt Regency-O'Hare on Saturday, May 19th, and an article from the NEW YORK TIMES dated Sunday, May 20th.

This Resolution was sponsored by John McDonald, Republican State Chairman of Iowa, 808 Fifth Avenue, Des Moines 50309, the newly elected Chairman of the Midwest Republican State Chairmen's Association succeeding John Andrews of Ohio. I have also selected John McDonald as Chairman of the Republican State Chairmen's Advisory Committee. He also succeeds John Andrews in that post.

May I suggest that the President send John McDonald a warm letter of appreciation for initiating and sponsoring the Resolution. He, in turn, upon receiving the President's letter will forward copies to all State Chairmen and other Members of the Republican National Committee, should this meet with the President's approval.

With appreciation for your always fine spirit of cooperation,

Sincerely yours,

George Bush

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Issued by the Republican State Chairmen
in Conference, Chicago, Illinois,
Saturday, May 19, 1973

We the Republican State Chairmen of the various states, territories, and the District of Columbia of the United States of America, meeting in Chicago, Illinois, on May 19, 1973, fully recognize that no gathering of Republican leaders at this time in America would have credibility without addressing itself to the major political issue of the day, and that is the series of events which has occurred in this country which can best be summarized as the "Watergate Affair."

The implications of this activity represent that which we find abhorrent and reprehensible and something that has no place in our political system. It is a distasteful business that we can in no way condone or defend.

There is a basic premise upon which we all agree. That is our faith in the integrity of President Nixon and the confidence in his determination to see that all who are guilty are prosecuted and brought to justice. Certainly, his matchless record of accomplishment in both foreign and domestic policy and his devotion to country can lead us to no other conclusion.

We submit that the strength of the Republican Party must not be measured by the actions of a few overzealous individuals who in no way represented the party or the American people. Our allegiance to the Republican Party remains unshakable because it represents a viable vehicle within the political system that has developed in this country to represent a view and a philosophy of government which we believe to be sound and in the best interest of the American people.

As State Chairmen of the various states, we shall continue to provide responsible leadership and maintain in each of our respective areas a strong political organization that is responsive to the voters of this nation.

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We resolve that Watergate cannot be allowed to weaken the office of the Presidency or to impugn the integrity of our party or of our elected officials in the Congress and in the various states.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby affirm our full support of the President in his efforts to arrive at the truth and in his determination to see that all who are guilty are prosecuted and brought to justice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we recognize and commend the President for his unequalled record of achievement in world and domestic affairs, and hereby emphasize our support and encouragement as he directs his attention and energies to all of the important matters facing our Nation, and the world and his quest to build a generation of peace.

THE NEW YORK TIMES, SUNDAY, MAY 20, 1973

State G.O.P. Chairmen Pledge Support to Nixon and Say He Will Find Truth

By SETH S. KING

Special to The New York Times

CHICAGO, May 19 — The nation's Republican state chairmen took the unusual step today of adopting a resolution pledging support to President Nixon and proclaiming their belief that he would arrive at the truth in the Watergate scandal.

Meeting here for a previously scheduled business session that normally would not have included policy resolutions, the state chairmen said that no Republican gathering at this time

would have any credibility if it did not react to the "major political issue of the day."

They asked that the Republican party not be judged by the actions of "a few overzealous individuals."

They insisted that the activities of those involved in Watergate, which they found "abhorrent and reprehensible" had no place in their political system.

"We resolve that Watergate cannot be allowed to weaken the office of the Presidency or

to impugn the integrity of our party or our elected officials," the resolution declared.

Republican National Chairman George Bush, in a news conference after today's session, said he still believed Republican Congressional candidates could win in the 1974 elections by supporting President Nixon and telling voters the President needed them in Washington.

"I believe the President is telling the truth about Watergate," Mr. Bush declared. "I want to believe it. I have faith in him."

But he conceded that the Republican National Committee had been dominated by the

White House and the Committee for the Re-election of the President in 1972. He said this could not be allowed to happen again.

"The state chairman here feel that the President should have relied on the party more," Mr. Bush said. "We are strengthening the party structure right now, to guard against actions that have ripped my soul apart."

But Mr. Bush said that Republican national organizations still hoped to use the assets of the re-election committee including any money left over after the lawsuits against it have been settled.

"After our judicial system

has worked and the suits are settled and the guilty punished, that money won't be tainted," he said. "I'd like to see that money, how much there will be, used for Republican candidates in the coming elections."

'Clean, Alive and Well'

Mr. Bush conceded that the Republican party had problems, although he insisted that it was "clean, alive and well" despite the Watergate scandals.

"The party is simply not involved in nor related to the Watergate," he declared.

He noted that party enrollment was "at a low ebb" and

that contributions were not running as high as he would like.

"The small donors are still faithful," he said. "But contributions from the large donors are falling short."

Aside from their preoccupation with the effects of Watergate, the state chairmen, in their day and a half of meetings at the Regency Hyatt O'Hare hotel, also discussed party strategy for the 1974 Congressional and state elections.

Fifteen Republican Senatorial seats and 19 held by Democrats will be contested, as will 12 Republican governorships and 23 held by Democrats.

The Western White House
San Clemente

July 6, 1973

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Dear Bill:

I know how disappointed you must have been at the results of your primary. Fortunately, however, the contributions one can make to the public well-being are seldom dictated by the results of a single election, and, considering your past record of dedication and accomplishment, I have every confidence that you will find many ways to continue to serve the people of your State and our Party.

Indeed, you have already begun through your endorsement and strong statement of support of Charlie Sandman. This was not only a fine gesture in the best tradition of American politics, but also an important step in assuring that New Jersey will continue under responsible Republican leadership.

You have my lasting appreciation for the good support you have always given to me and our Party, and my personal good wishes for every success and happiness in the future.

Sincerely,

RM

The Honorable William T. Cahill
Governor of New Jersey
Trenton, New Jersey

✓ cc: George Bush, RNC

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**The Western White House
San Clemente**

July 6, 1973

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Dear Charlie:

This note comes with my heartfelt congratulations on your primary victory. May it foretell an even greater victory in November!

I am, of course, greatly pleased that you and Bill Cahill have gotten together, and that a united Party will be working for your election. With this kind of backing I am confident you will be able to keep the governorship in our Republican column.

You have my wholehearted support and my personal good wishes for a vigorous and successful campaign.

Sincerely,

RN

**The Honorable Charles W. Sandman, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515**

cc: George Bush, RNC

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Dear Ned:

This letter comes with my personal thanks to you and the members of the District of Columbia Republican Committee for your thoughtful messages of support. I am very grateful for your steadfastness at this time, and I want you to know that your staunch backing reaffirms my faith that this Administration can indeed go forward successfully toward the vital goals of lasting peace in the world and real progress and prosperity for all Americans.

With appreciation and warm good wishes,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Honorable Edmund Pendleton
District of Columbia State Chairman
310 First Street, Southeast
Washington, D.C. 20003

cc: George Bush

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June 12, 1973



Dear Bob:

I wanted to thank you personally for your forthright support. Your loyalty and deep commitment to our Party and Administration are particularly encouraging.

Although developments in recent months have posed a great test for all of us, I assure you that we shall continue to press forward. Moreover, your outspoken backing renews my confidence that, together, we can indeed achieve those great goals of peace and progress which all Americans seek.

With appreciation and warm good wishes,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

ENCLOSURE

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Cuyahoga County Republican Organization
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Cleveland, Ohio 44114

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