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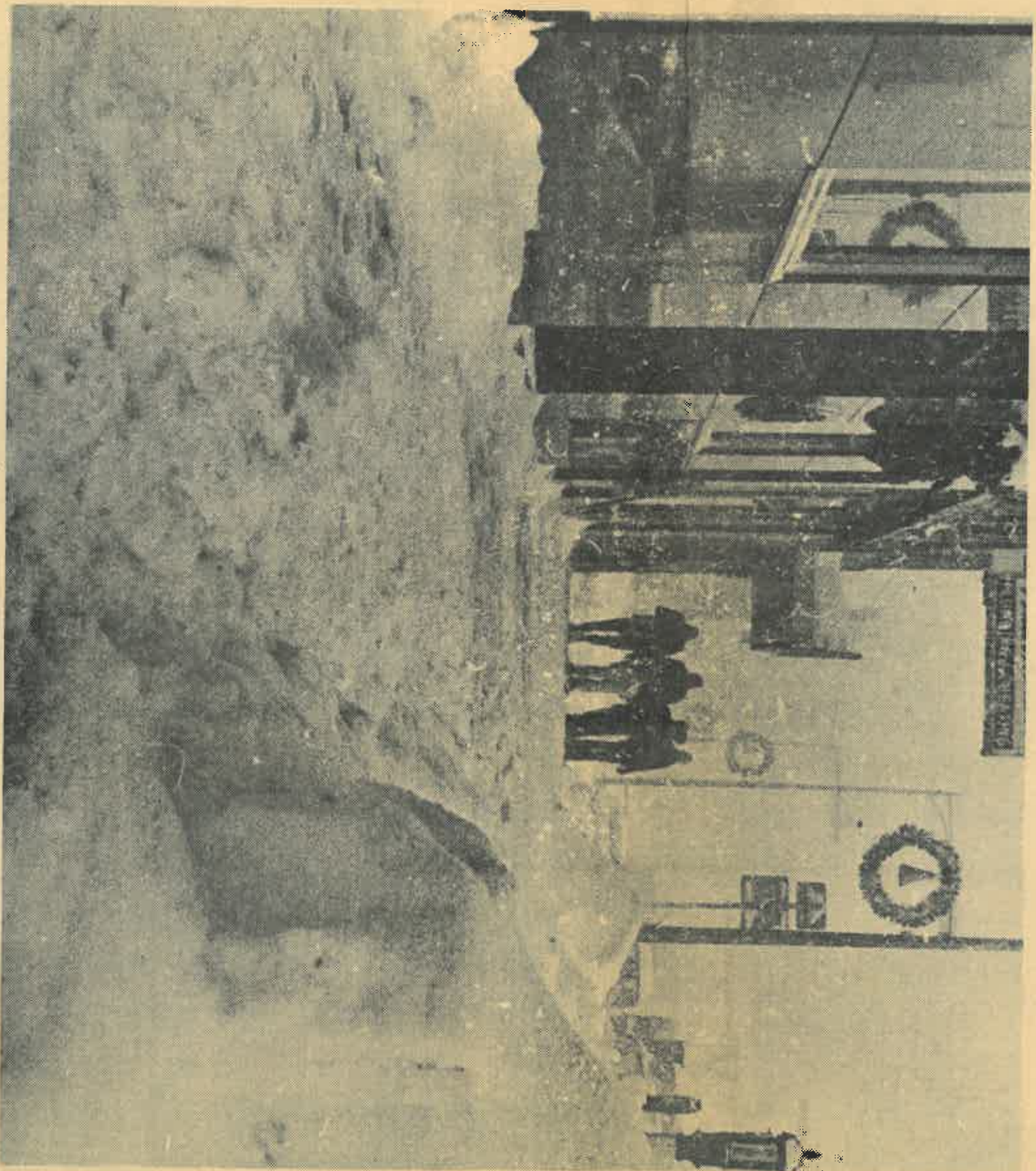
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THE STORM OF '69

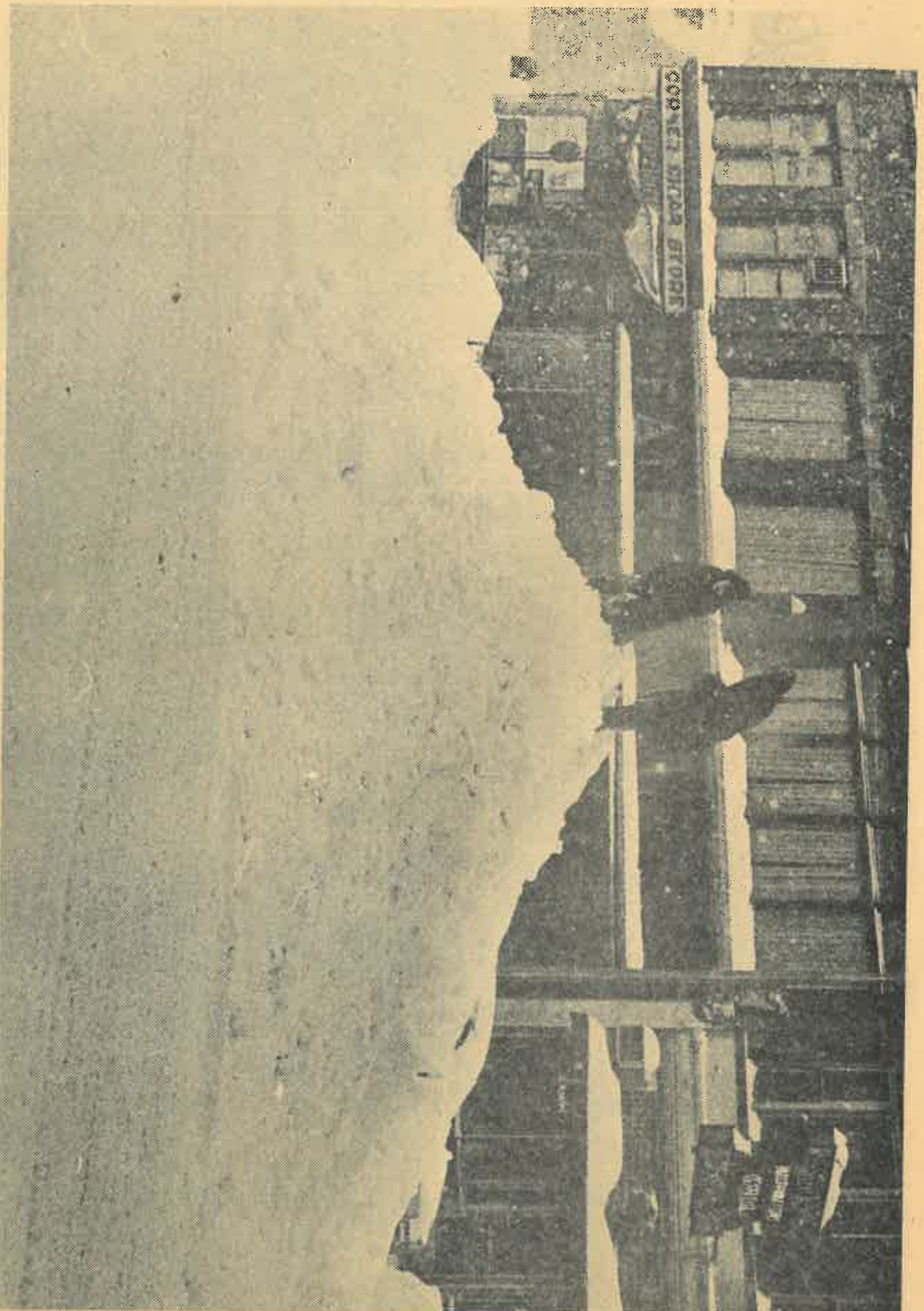


*Not the Yukon,
but Broad Street*

HEADS DOWN, SHOULDERS SHRUGGED, pedestrians make their ways up North Broad Street in Norwich as new snow continues to pile up. Footsteps replaced tire tracks for much of the county's population during the weekend snow seige, with the vehicular traffic also being infested by snowmobiles. The only ones

who seemed to enjoy it, however, were the children, who burrowed paths through snow, built forts, and romped on the "center malls," created in the city. When it was all over 23 inches of new snow was on the ground.

(Sun Photo by Casey Jones)



YOUNGSTERS engage in snow antics on deep pile of snow forming "center mall" in North Broad Street, Norwich, as more flakes add to the pile.

Except for passing car, at right, traffic was extremely light for a week-end. (Sun Staff Photo)

23 inches of new snow recorded

Area digs out after 'worst storm'

By CASEY JONES

Marks of the Big Storm of '69 are still very much evident, even as the sun shines down on the fourth day after the snow began to fall on Chenango County.

Road crews are still working on county highways, city workers keep plowing and cleaning up side streets, and the general public still wields snow shovels as home owners attack the drifts of snow covering sidewalks and drives.

The first snow emergency in at least 20 years and probably in history ended with an official 23 inches of snowfall, although weather forecasts indicate that more precipitation might be en route to this area.

It all began early Friday morning, the day after Christmas. City Engineer Thomas Natoli noted that it was fairly peaceful until after 4 a.m.

And then the skies opened. By mid-morning the roads were covered, visibility was near zero, and many highways were already closed.

At 10 a.m. the "snow emergency" was declared by Ernest L. Poole of Afton, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, following consultations with Lyman O. Anderson, Civil Defense chief of staff, and Sheriff Joseph J. Benenati Jr.

Traffic was officially banned from all highways, with police agencies urging motorists to stay home.

The sheriff's department set up an emergency number to aid persons stranded without sufficient food or medicine, with rolls of papers being used to record all the calls.

Snowmobiles were pressed into operation with deputies utilizing three of them for the emergency runs.

Drifting snow also caused damage in some parts of the county when roofs and some structures caved in from the weight of the accumulated precipitation.

County highway workers plowed around the clock in an attempt to keep up with the storm which it seemed would continue forever.

In some parts of the county, town plows were pulled back to the garages until the storm subsided. Officials said there was no sense in plowing a highway which would be drifted in within 20 minutes.

There were no major traffic accidents, police reported with a sigh of relief, but fires caused considerable damage, including the loss of one life near Bath-bridge.

A family was also left homeless in the city and a dairy barn

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CHENANGO COUNTY CIVIL DEFENSE CHIEF of Staff Lyman O. Anderson marks reports from Southern Tier counties, declaring snow emergencies, on map in the agency head-

quarters in Norwich. Chenango was also included in the snow emergency from 10 a.m. Friday to 8 a.m. Saturday. (Sun Staff Photo)

Area now digs out

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burned Sunday near Sherburne when firemen were unable to get through.

Utility crews were also kept busy, fighting through drifting roads in an attempt to restore service to interrupted areas.

Several main highways were closed for periods of time with other highways being all but closed.

In neighboring counties roads were all locked up and, throughout the area, interstate and other divided highways were closed.

Snowmobilers had their day, racing up and down streets and highways which were impassable to motorists.

Persons also got exercise by walking to the store, when they would normally drive.

Streets were utilized by pedestrians who were unable to walk along impassable sidewalks.

Most stores closed their doors, although those selling clothing and other winter gear had a steady stream of customers.

Grocery stores had a busy trade — at least those able to open — with persons running short of foodstuffs, particularly bread and milk.

Some stores ran out, but bread and milk delivery trucks made early morning rounds throughout the city.

All in all, it was a busy time, even for those who stayed at home.

They had to shovel.

New Berlin plugged up by snowfall

NEW BERLIN—"If we'd had a fire in the village it would have been a disaster," said New Berlin Fire Chief Gerald Pittsley Sunday.

"We were fortunate," the chief said, "because we were completely plugged. All our hydrants were buried."

The chief reported two calls made by the Emergency Squad. Stricken at her home on the Columbus Road, Mrs. Helene Alexandra was taken by a tobagan to the ambulance and transported to Chenango Memorial Hospital in Norwich. Mrs. Alexandra later died, the chief reported.

The squad also took Paul Linger from his home in the village to Chenango Memorial Hospital after he collapsed in his home following an attempt to start a snowblower, Chief Pittsley said.

Chief Pittsley said he had from six to 12 men standing by at the fire station around the clock to handle emergencies. He said residents of the community had been "very cooperative" in volunteering help and vehicles if needed.

Apparently none of the residents of the community have been without heat or food, the chief said. Some of the staff at Chase Memorial Nursing Home were working double shifts due to the inability of relief personnel to get to the home.



SHOVELS, PLOWS AND SNOWBLOWERS were all pressed into action over the weekend to combat falling snow accumulations. Stuart Conkey and Francis Shapley, right,

utilize snowblowers to clear walk in front of Dean Phillips Store on North Broad Street, Norwich. (Sun Staff Photo)



SIGNS ARE SURROUNDED AT NEW BERLIN

He takes back 'mild winter' talk

By JERRY WEAVER

Right here and now we're taking back everything we've said in the past few years about winters not being as bad as they used to be.

Nobody in his right mind could sincerely make such a statement after last week's "White Christmas" storm that paralyzed most of the eastern section of New York State.

This winter has been no slouch in the temperature department either. Already the mercury has dropped below zero three days — 11 below on Dec. 22, five below on Dec. 23 and a bone-chilling 21 be-

low on Christmas morning. Meteorologists will tell you that certain natural weather conditions caused last week's storm.

But we're rather inclined to place the blame on two groups of people — those who were wishing for a White Christmas and snowmobilers, that new breed of outdoor enthusiasts who must have snow to participate in their new-found hobby.

We're not criticizing either of these groups. Practically everybody — in this section of the country — favors a white Christmas. And it appears that the snowmobilers may come into their own in emergency situations because of the ability of their

vehicles to stay on top of the snow while moving in a forward direction.

Up until last week we were beginning to believe that the days of deep snow were really something we remembered from childhood. But maybe that was because we were somewhat shorter and the snowbanks seemed higher.

Clearing a track through the snow to allow transportation has changed considerably, too. As a youngster on a farm in Preston we can recall plowing out the road with a homemade snowplow using real horsepower.

That was before the Erwin Plan and the road was a quagmire in the spring, dusty in the summer, and clog-

ged with snow in the winter.

The neighboring farmers would pool their talents, material and horses to clear snow from the road. The plow was nothing more than a huge "Y" shaped gadget made of thick, wide planks.

Pulled by a couple of teams of horses and loaded down with stones — and sometimes children — for weight, the plow was hauled back and forth, up and down the road, until some resemblance of a road could be seen.

The hay-fed horses would occasionally bog down in the deep drifts, but then, so do today's powerful gasoline-fed snow-movers.

In the meantime we wonder just what will happen if the

snow keeps falling — and you can bank on it that it will. But as Grandad used to say, "Let it come. We were here first."

Already we've had more than the 40.4 inches total in the winter of 1961-62. This winter's total to date is 51.5 inches. We're rapidly approaching the 1968-69 total of 62.2 inches, and if the stuff keeps falling we might even surpass the 93.4 inches recorded during the winter of 1966-67.

Then came nine more inches of snow on the day after Christmas, bringing the total on the ground Sunday to 23 inches. This morning the low temperature reading was an even zero.

Power cut in Smyrna by storm

SMYRNA--A power failure in the southwestern part of the Town of Smyrna left several farm families without heat and lights Saturday night at the height of the storm.

The first power failure came at 7:15 p.m. and was restored at 9 p.m. Shortly after 9, the second failure threw the territory into darkness until 5 a.m. Sunday.

Stewart Blanchard, who operates one of the largest dairies in the town, used a generator on his farm tractor to generate power during the first power failure, but drifting snow made it impossible to use the tractor when the second power disruption occurred.

Mr. Blanchard said he walked through shoulder-high snow to get to his dairy herd Sunday morning.

At 12:30 a.m. Sunday the Smyrna emergency squad was called to bring William Naumann of the Smyrna-Sherburne Road to Chango Memorial Hospital at Norwich. It was believed, crewmen said, that he had suffered a slight heart attack.

James Parker, a squad member, said "It was some trip." Highway Superintendent James Cole, he said, plowed the road from Smyrna to Sherburne, ahead of the ambulance.

Even then, Mr. Parker said, "We sure hit some high drifts. We got back to the station at 3 a.m."

Mrs. Cole, wife of the road superintendent, said Sunday morning that the men worked most of the night. She said equipment had to plow so the light company could fix the power lines.

New York Electric and Gas employees made the first trip to Smyrna by snowmobile.

Mrs. Cole said she knew of no one in the town who was short of food or fuel. She said that everyone she had talked to was "pretty well fixed."

"I think we are pretty well taken care of here. We're all just waiting for the snow and wind to stop."

Church services were canceled Sunday to both the Smyrna United Methodist and Smyrna Baptist churches.

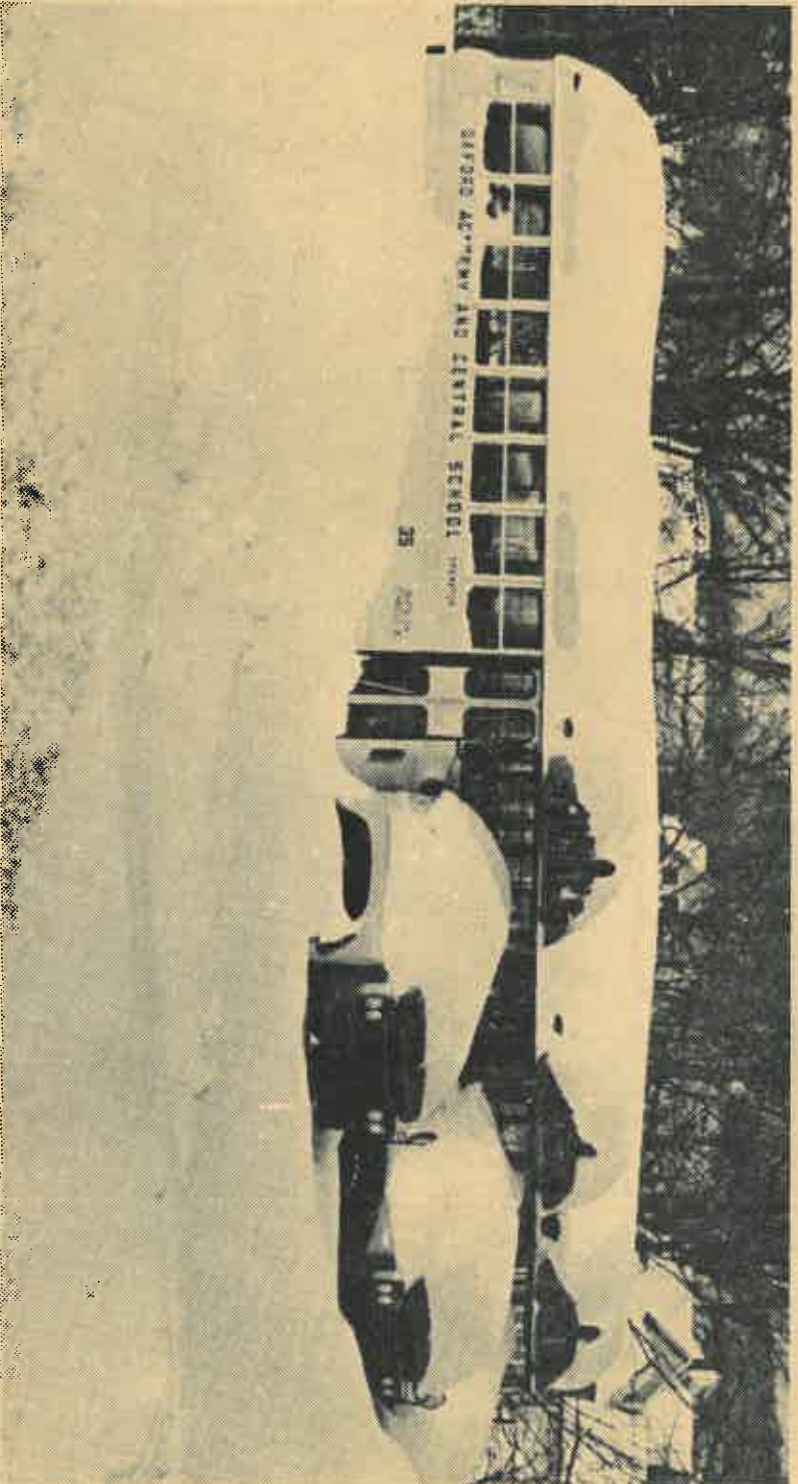
The Smyrna supermarket was open for several hours Sunday for those who needed to replenish supplies.



FIVE-YEAR-OLD Edward Turner (left) and brother Eric, 7, found one good use for the mounds of newly fallen snow in Sherburne — a snow fort. Adults, who had to shovel the

white stuff, were less enthusiastic about the record snowfall.

(Evening Sun Photo)



TWO-FOOT deep mantle of snow covers three Orford Academy and Central School buses, partly hidden behind

drifts that reached five-feet in some sections of the village.

(Evening Sun Photo)

Snow, milk pile up

SHERBURNE--The winter's worst storm and the worst storm in the memory of many of the older residents of the Town of Sherburne has finally relaxed its grip.

As the snow piled up in the area during the period, the storm was also raising havoc with the Sherburne area milk plants.

Fire Chief Norman Palminter said the emergency squad car transported oil to the Paul Cran-dall family on the Utica Road Saturday when snow blocked their means of transportation into the village.

The town snowplows worked throughout the night to keep abreast of the constantly drifting snow. Supervisor William Kehoe said one plow broke down Saturday and highwaymen had to drive to Syracuse for a part to repair it. He said Sunday that the plow was again back in operation.

The Rev. Donald Benoit, who was scheduled to conduct funeral services Saturday for Floyd Ferris, was unable to get from South Edmeston to Sherburne, and the Rev. Willard Cook, of Christ Episcopal Church here, substituted and conducted the service.

Union church services were held Sunday at the United Methodist Church for all Protestant churches because of the storm. Sunday School in all churches was canceled.

Supervisor Kehoe said stores remained open Saturday, and he knew of no reports of hardship due to the lack of food.

Several residents who own snowmobiles offered their services in case of emergencies and several teenagers were available for shoveling.

Shoveling, however, was a lost cause for snow drifted in as fast as it could be shoveled out.

Industry, recessed for the Christmas weekend, has not been affected as yet by the storm. Thomas Favalaro, Technical Appliance Corp., executive, said the plant planned to open today with an inventory crew only. Other workers, he said, had been laid off until after the inventory. He said that procedure is normal for this time of year.

Donald Tomaselli, department manager at Lily White Sales Co., said his firm recessed over the holidays and would be open today for all those who would be able to get to work.

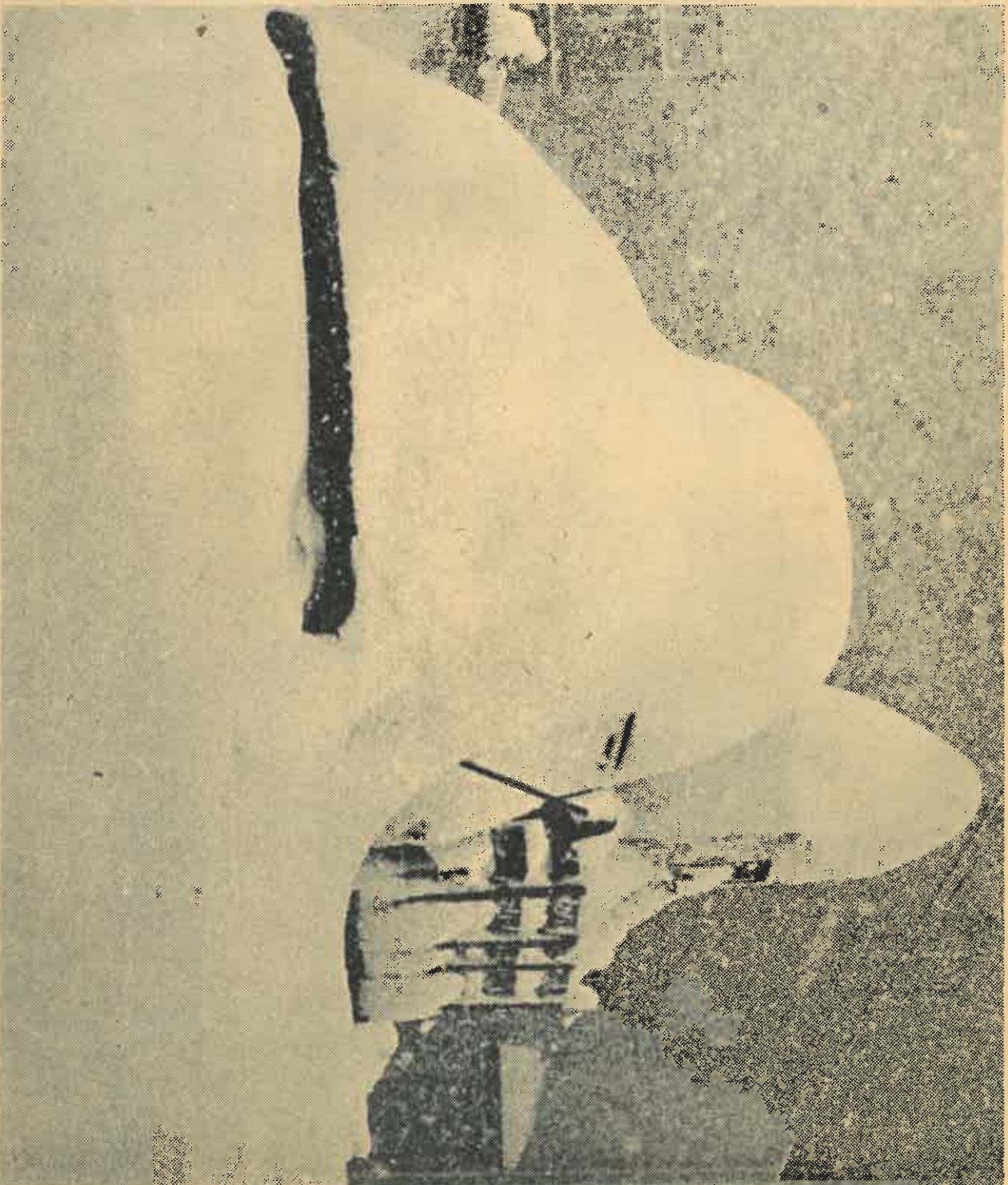
Vern Stevenson, plant manager for the Dairymens League, said he had more than 50 tons of milk at the station Sunday and was awaiting a tractor trailer to move it out. He said all his bulk tanks were full and he had telephoned dairymen who delivered by can to stay at home until he had room for their milk.

At the F.C. Hohneker Milk Receiving Station at Sherburne Four Corners, Donald Coleman, an employe, said: "Things are a mess."

He said only four or five dairymen of the 60 delivering to the station had been able to get through with their milk as of Sunday. Bulk delivery, he said, also was at a standstill.

Mr. Coleman said that the plant had been besieged by telephone calls.

A great many farmers in the area hampered by mountain-high drifts around their farm buildings which added to the tying up of mobile equipment. For the most part, it was a waiting game for the wind to subside.



MOUNTING SNOW gives this truck parked on Lackawanna Avenue in Norwich, near Chenango and Unadilla Telephone Corp. (rear), a look of modern sculpture as swirls of snow

gradually succeed in making vehicle disappear before one's very eyes.

Hospital keeps on perking

Chenango Memorial Hospital is operating normally despite the onslaught of one of the worst storms in Chenango County history - but it is taking some extra effort by hospital people who are used to emergencies.

Robert Straight, hospital administrator, said that hospital people have been staying over at the facility to make sure there would be sufficient staff at all times, doctors and other people associated with the hospital have been providing emergency transportation on a voluntary basis, and the food supply was normal.

"We were somewhat concerned about getting delivery of milk and bread, but we received supplies of both today," said Mr. Straight over the weekend. He said there had been concern as to whether these suppliers would be able to get through.

"There have been no real emergencies, although we did have an appendectomy (Friday at the height of the storm) from New Berlin, but both the ambulance and doctor got through okay."

"The emergency room has been busy with a variety of cases, and now we're beginning to get people affected by the storm. We're getting some coronary cases due to shoveling," he said. The hospital administrator said that 13 of the hospital's staff slept over Friday night. "They were on the day shift and used patients rooms, or beds put up in the corridors, and a few stayed in the resident building."

Physicians, he said, have been "doing pretty well" in getting to the hospital. Not only have

doctors from the City of Norwich been showing up, but also doctors from New Berlin, Sherburne and Oxford, he said.

Undersheriff Walter Kasmarck said Saturday afternoon that his department had just brought Dr. Paul Newland to and from the hospital. "We've also been transporting nurses back and forth," he advised.

Mr. Straight said that Friday Dr. Theodore Bruslowicz of Norwich voluntarily used his snowmobile to take hospital personnel home and to work. Mr. Straight also said that Philip Gilmer, a Norwich merchant whose son was a patient at the hospital, helped "dig out some of the cars" in the hospital parking lot.

Trash begins to build up

Norwich area residents who may be becoming concerned about refuse collection were advised today to be patient and "if possible to put their trash receptacles out on the curb or drive."

Area sanitation companies surveyed expressed hope that pickups would resume today, but all said they were way behind. Carl Cowles of 85 Plymouth Street, head of Cowles sanitation service, said that the storm in addition to the Christmas holiday put all collectors behind.

"The storm shut us off until it was all over," he said, advising residents to put their containers on the curbs or open driveways near the street to normal pickup and return to mended use of plastic bags.

Mr. Straight said that the hospital at the time was anxious to clear the parking area so it could be plowed and made usable again.

He said the patient load at the hospital was down due to the holidays when many go home. "But our phone business has been heavy because everyone wanted to check on how their families were making out at home."

Some of the nursing staff members "haven't been home for two days," he advised Saturday.

He said that the medical and surgical nursing supervisor, Mrs. Charles Hanson of the Guilford area, hadn't been able to

"As soon as the dumps can be cleared out we will be free to move," he commented, saying he expected "that the city would be cleared up" by today.

He also noted that his firm has large containers at some spots, including Midland Apartments which had to be shoveled out before pickups could be made. John Combes of North Norwich said that because of the storm it had been impossible to get through to make pickups through Saturday.

He also said his company had sustained the loss of one truck due to an accident last week and it would be some time before a replacement would be available for use.

He planned to go out Sunday once the wind subsided.

get home due to the storm.

She and her husband, a Norwich Pharmacal employe, were staying in Norwich with a relative, he said. But "she did the night shift in obstetrics last night (Friday) and medical-surgical this morning (Saturday)," he advised, saying she was pretty tired.

Dr. Martin Jacobi of West Hill, Norwich, wasn't able to get to his home, off Manley Road, until Saturday afternoon after two days.

Mr. Straight said that Dr. Parker Ward, a Norwich surgeon, drove Dr. Jacobi by snowmobile up the steep grade on Route 319 until the vehicle could go no farther.

"The snow was too high" to continue, Dr. Ward said. He said that Dr. Jacobi borrowed snowshoes from someone and continued on by foot. But the sheriff's department reported that they later brought him in their snowmobile the rest of the way. Undersheriff Kasmarck said that his department went to investigate an accident on the Brackie Road, traveling over Route 319.

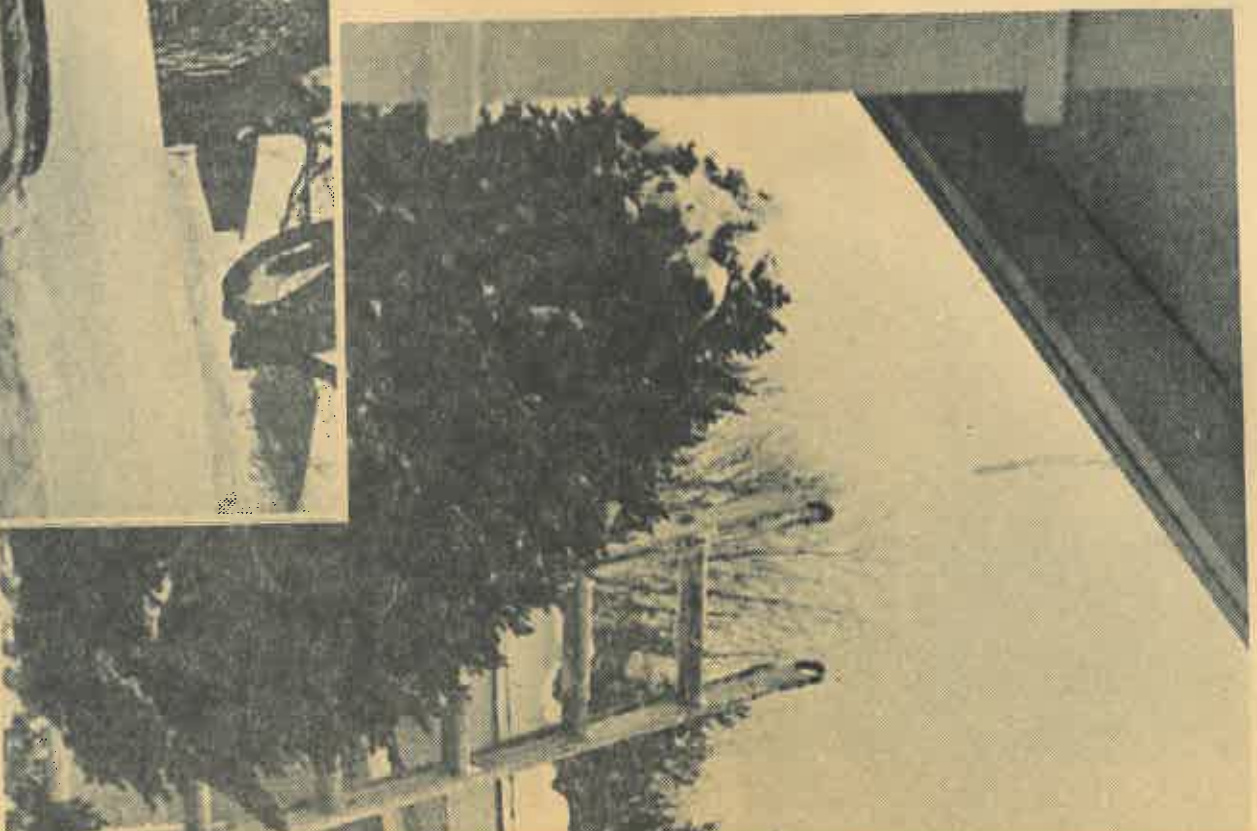
"When they returned, the car was pushing snow over the grill," he commented, in explaining how quickly the combination of wind and snow was filling in highways. The law officer said that there telephones had been extremely busy with accident reports and requests for food, medicine and fuel which deputies were providing for.

He said that deputies "were doing extra duty - it's not costing anybody anything - they feel they should do it."

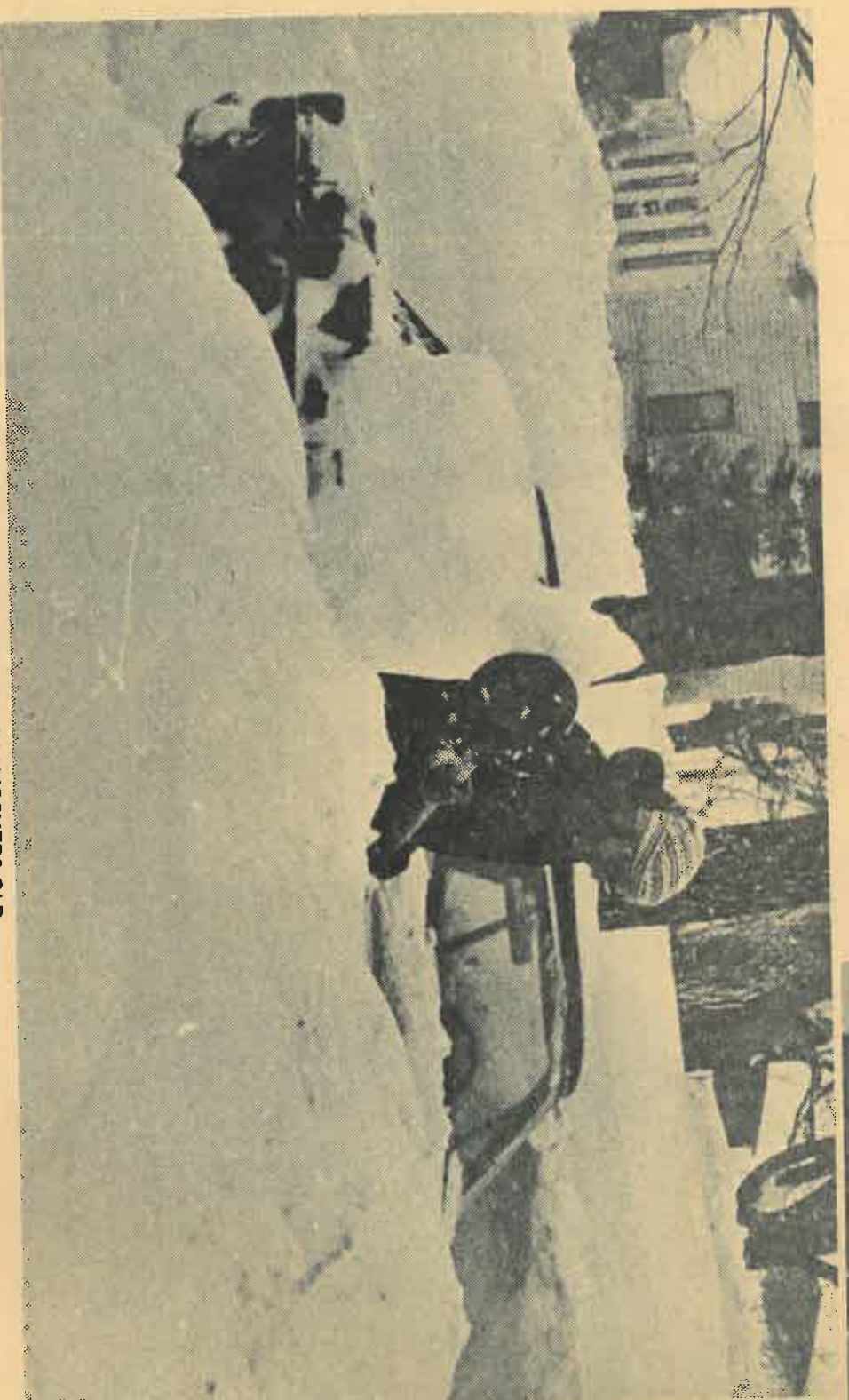


PASSERSBY AID STUCK MOTORIST IN NORTH BROAD STREET, NORWICH

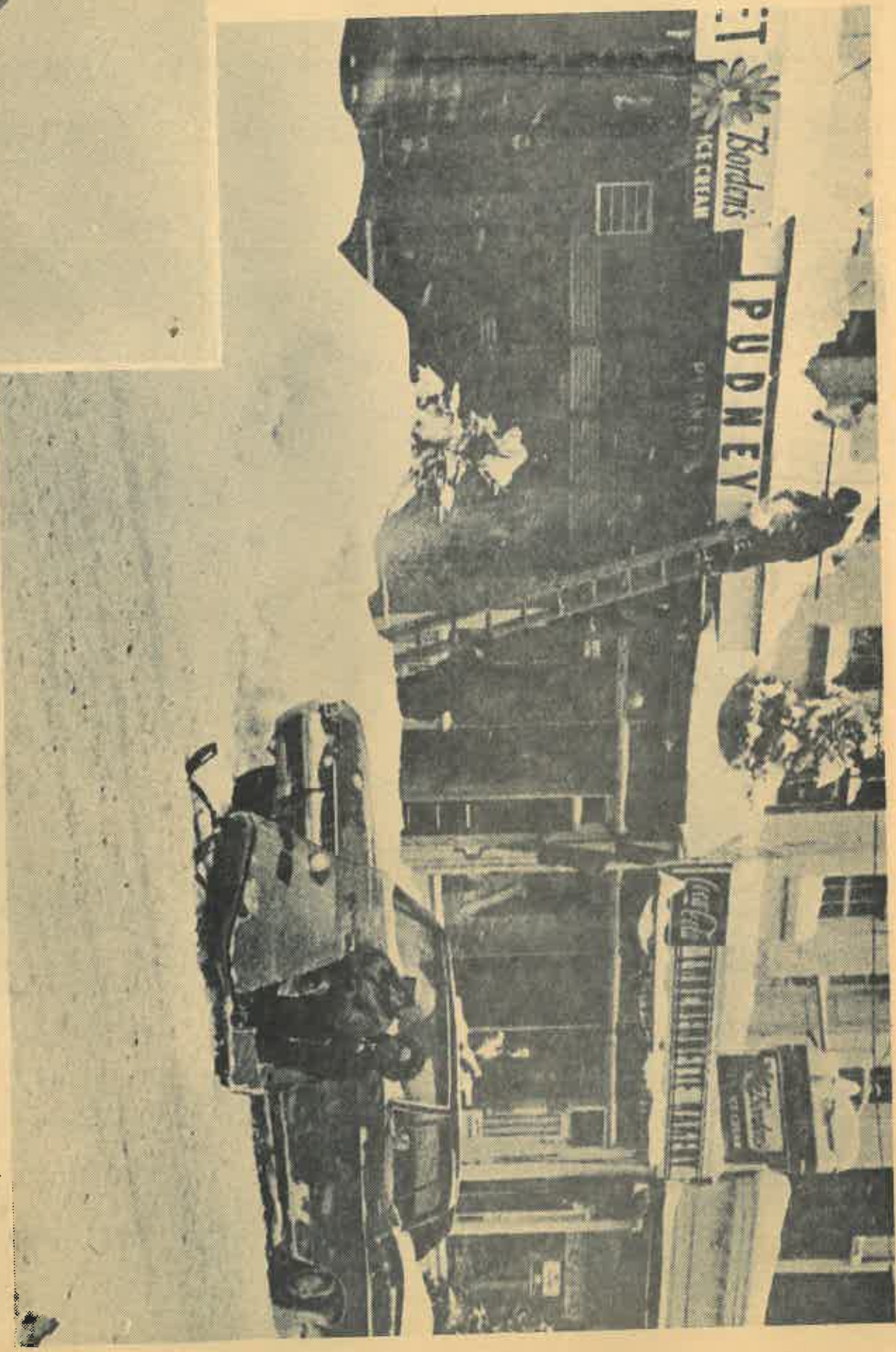
Chenango 'digs' that stormy weather



JOHN LEAL OF 88



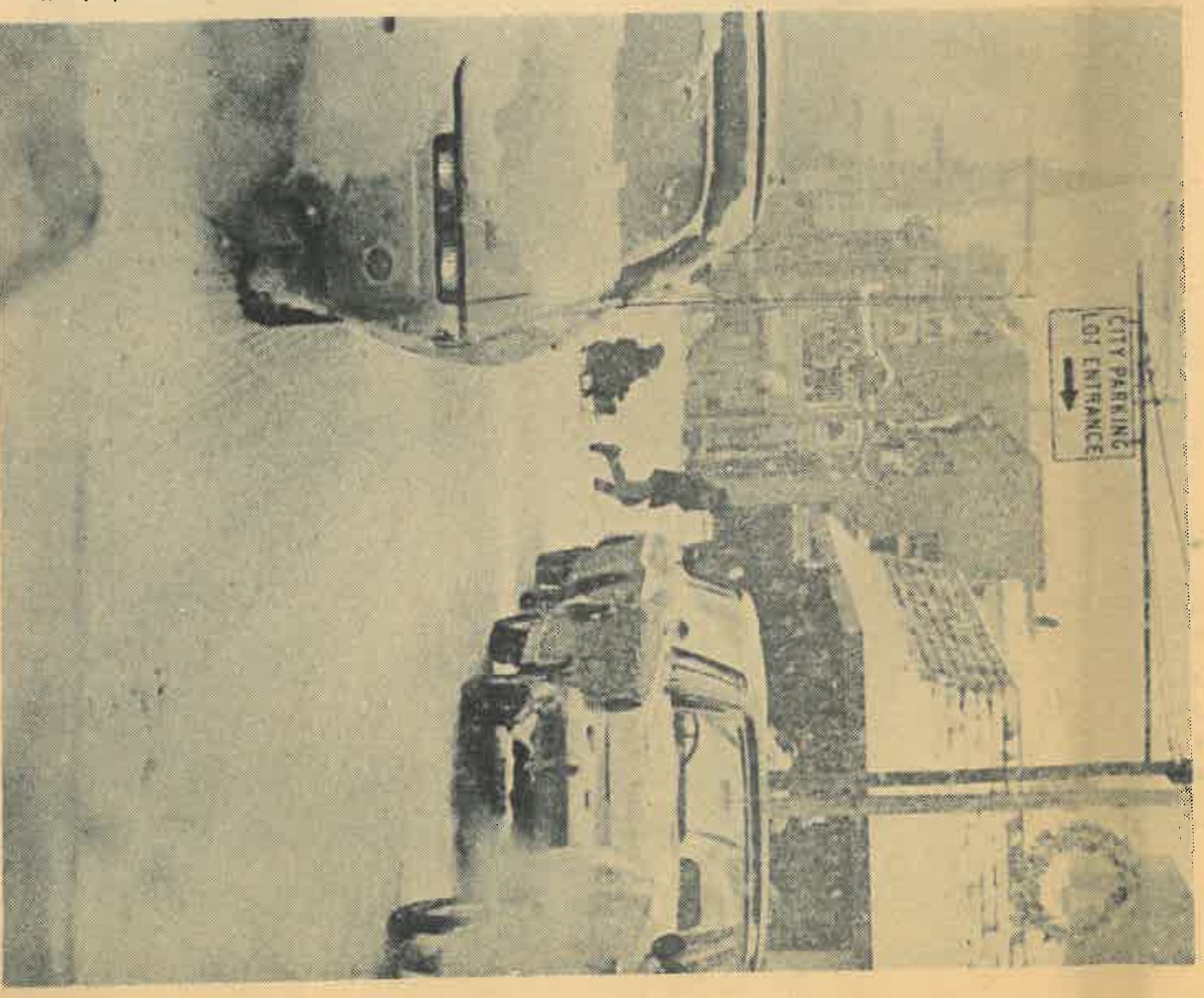
JOHN WILLIAMS OF NEW BERLIN UNCOVERS CAR



FRANK PUDNEY tries to keep ahead of the snow piling up on marquee of father's store in Sherburne. Snowmobile, the only dependable means of transportation during blizzard, zips by on East State Street.



STREET, NORWICH, CLEARS OFF ROOFTOP



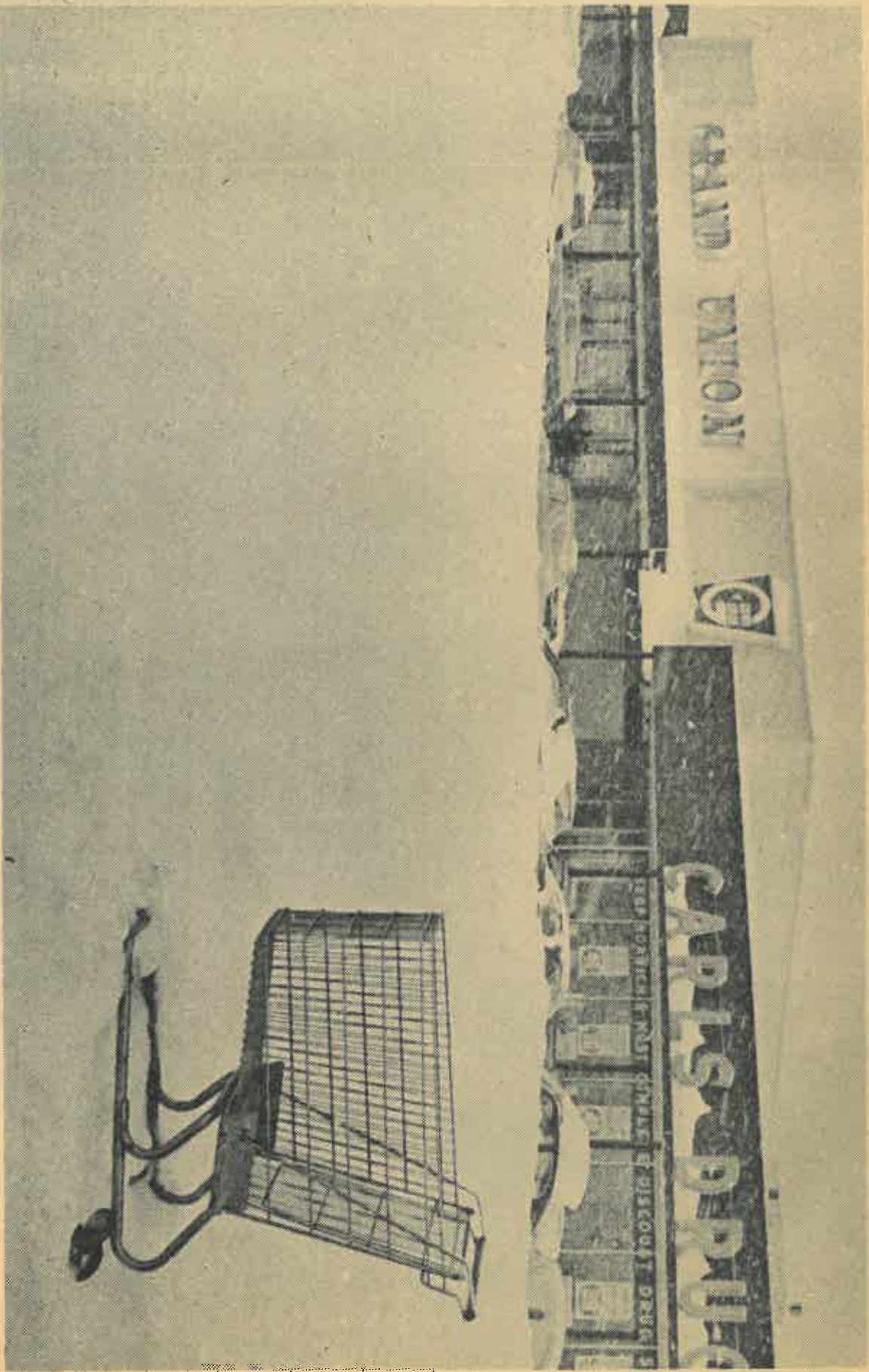
SLEDS AND PEDESTRIANS are the fastest moving vehicles in South Broad Street, Norwich, as cars wait for bucket loader to clear roadway. Scene is just north of Front Street.

Those many white open spaces . . .



SNOW, SNOW, SNOW . . . all there seemed to be was snow as piles, downfall and blowing swirls all mixed together to form a vast whiteness. Above, an elderly man utilizes his cane as he casts a wary eye down

East Main Street before crossing the snow covered lanes. Below, shopping cart is one of only a few vehicles parked around a snowplow-formed traffic circle at the Norwich Shopping Center, north of the city.



Most call it the area's worst storm

In case you had any doubts, that storm that buried Chango County at the start of the weekend is considered the worst in the recollection of most residents polled today by The Evening Sun.

At New Berlin, sanding and salting equipment of the New York State Highway Department was at a standstill as late as eight hours after the storm hit. "The plows just couldn't keep up with it."

This was the comment of Roland Fay of New Berlin, highway light maintenance foreman, who at the time estimated that some 14 to 16 inches of snow had fallen in the first few hours.

"It's the worst storm I've seen since I began working for the state 14 years ago," he commented. He said that New Berlin village's main streets were barely wide enough for two-way traffic, with absolutely no room for parking by Friday afternoon.

Mr. Fay said that strong winds were adding to the dilemma. "The plows can't keep the roads clear long enough for sanding."

It was a similar reaction from Robert Wheeler, a Main Street resident of New Berlin. "I haven't seen this much snow in the 20 years we've lived at this location," he said. "Absolutely nothing is moving."

At Mt. Upton, some of the milk was arriving late at the Dairy-men's League plant. Frank Manchester, area manager, said Friday afternoon that the plant had received about two-thirds of its canned milk from farmers, but the bulk milk tanks were still on the road at 3 p.m., "running much later than normal." He estimated that milk might have to be held over until Saturday for processing. "It's the worst storm I've seen in the six years I've lived here. Before that I lived in Richfield Springs and they really get winter over there!"

Mr. Manchester said that many of the 125 farmers doing business with the Mt. Upton plant managed to get their milk delivered. "But they were having a rough time getting in and many wondered how they were going to get back." He estimated some 15-18 inches had fallen there.

"But I think the plows are finally beginning to gain on the snow," he advised. "Personally, I think they're doing a splendid job."

"I've never seen the stores all closed up like this," commented Francis D. Conroy Sr., of Conroy's drug store at East Main and South Broad Streets. It was 4 p.m. Friday and along South Broad Street, he said, the only stores he knew were open were Woolworths, the Imperial Restaurant and Urwins Shoe Store. "We're keeping the drug store open because we feel we should stay open," he said. "We can't give the service we usually give, but we felt we should be open in case someone wanted medicine."

But the White Christmas Blizzard of 1969 was not the worst he had seen in Norwich. "I think the storm we had back in 1905 was worse. It was a tough storm and much colder."

He said he remembered because it was the time his father died. The horse-drawn hearse could be used and the body had to be drawn in a grocery sleigh to the O&W Railroad station for transportation to Kingston where he was buried. Mr. Conroy said the snow was so deep that no one got out of the funeral hacks at the cemetery in Kingston. Comparing that to Friday's snowstorm, he said, "This is just tough on the walking."

"This is really early for such

a storm," Charles Merrill, dairyman on the Sherburne Four Corners Road said, commenting on the snow storm.

"This is the first time in 60 years that I have been on this farm that I missed getting the milk to the station."

Back in the old days, Mr. Merrill recalled, one could usually hitch up a team of horses on a sleigh and get out. He could recall a storm several years ago in March when even the horses couldn't make it because it was so deep.

"Today's storm," he said, "is worse than that for we've got blowing wind which is drifting the snow."

Lloyd Cook of Sherburne also said he recalled deep snow in a March storm, which is probably

the same one Mr. Merrill was referring to.

"Horses," Mr. Cook said, "could not move because the snow was right up to their backs. He recalled it was about four feet deep."

Both Mr. Merrill and Mr. Cook said town and country roads were passable, but it was drifting very deep in farm driveways and around farm buildings.

Robert Marshman of Oxford, a retired dairyman, and executive of the Dairymen's League said, generally, he could not recall a worse storm.

He did recall however that in 1959 he and Mrs. Marshall were enroute home from Mexico by bus and a similar storm had started around Baltimore. It grew worse in Scranton, and he tele-

phoned ahead for reservations in Binghamton at the Arlington Hotel, for he knew his son never would be able to meet the bus in Binghamton.

He recalled wading in foot deep snow from the bus terminal to the hotel.

The next morning, he said, they took a bus for Oxford and he remembered seeing stalled and stuck autos by the roadside. Some were stuck in snowbanks, others, he said, had been pushed to the side of the road so traffic could get by.

As a very young lad, he said he recalled roads being closed but that was due to the fact there was no snow removal equipment like we have today.

Si Whitaker of Oxford recalled a bad storm some 55-56 years

ago. He said he must have been around 8 years old, and he remembered it for the storm came just ahead of the St. James Hotel Block fire which gutted five stores.

"That was in January," Mr. Whitaker said and the snow was between four and five feet deep and the night of the fire it was 20 degrees below zero. He vividly recalled St. John Morton who ran a store in the block for he had an English Bull dog. "Kid fashion," Mr. Whitaker said, "I remember that dog very well."

He said he also remembered another bad storm about 1959 or 60 when at least two and a half feet of snow fell.

This storm, he said, is unusual. It is all coming so fast,



IT WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING as this young Oxford shoveler, like many other residents who became experts at the 'trade,' was to learn as the snow continued to fall,

Camp at Pharsalia was isolated

PHARSALIA--Counselors at the State Correction Camp for Youthful Offenders here got back on a regular work schedule Sunday afternoon after doubling up on shifts after the camp was isolated by the weekend storm.

Lt. Almon Corrigan of South Oselic said that things "were in pretty rough shape until Sunday" when, using a camp pickup truck and plow, they managed to open passage to one of the main roads.

He said, however, that the Brackley Road still remained closed as late as 4:30 p.m. yesterday. He said he had heard one report that one or two high-way plows were stuck around Pharsalia.

"We were getting low on fuel, but an oil truck got through today (Sunday)," the camp officer said. "We also managed to get bread and 15 gallons of milk in from Norwich on Saturday. "Right now things look pretty good, a lot better than they did Saturday."

Lt. Corrigan said that the mid-

night to 8 shift couldn't get out of the camp at the end of their shift Friday morning. "I got in Friday morning along with two officers and Joseph Portelli of Norwich, the camp cook."

Because other officers were unable to get into camp at their scheduled times, those on hand worked 8 to 8 shifts, with Lt. Corrigan working a double shift. Mr. Portelli remained at the camp for duty until Sunday, when a way was cleared to leave. Camp Supervisor Joseph Perrin said Sunday he had been stranded in Norwich where he lives because of the storm, but had kept in touch with the camp by telephone.

Saturday some men began arriving for duty at the camp on snowmobiles.

But at 4 p.m. Sunday, the camp was "back to normal," operations, Lt. Corrigan said. He said the campmen and employees "have been very good" about the storm, with the campmen volunteering to keep pathways and walks shoveled out.

filling up cleaned walks like this one on Oxford's State Street time and time again over the post-Christmas weekend.

"I was kind of surprised when it got to be Saturday night and it got to be kind of a grind, but everyone's spirits was high. . . . In fact I think as far as spirits are concerned, I think it might be better than in the middle of summer," he commented.

Meanwhile, at Camp Georgetown in Madison County, William Brooks, assistant supervisor, reported that there was a dwindling of power about 4 a.m. Sunday, with some flickering of

lights. He said the camp generator was put into use and kept things at full power until 1 p.m., when full outside power was restored.

He said the road to DeRuyter was still closed late Sunday afternoon, but the highways to Georgetown and Hamilton were open. Some counselors didn't get home and continued on duty, but "we're in good shape," the assistant supervisor said Sunday.

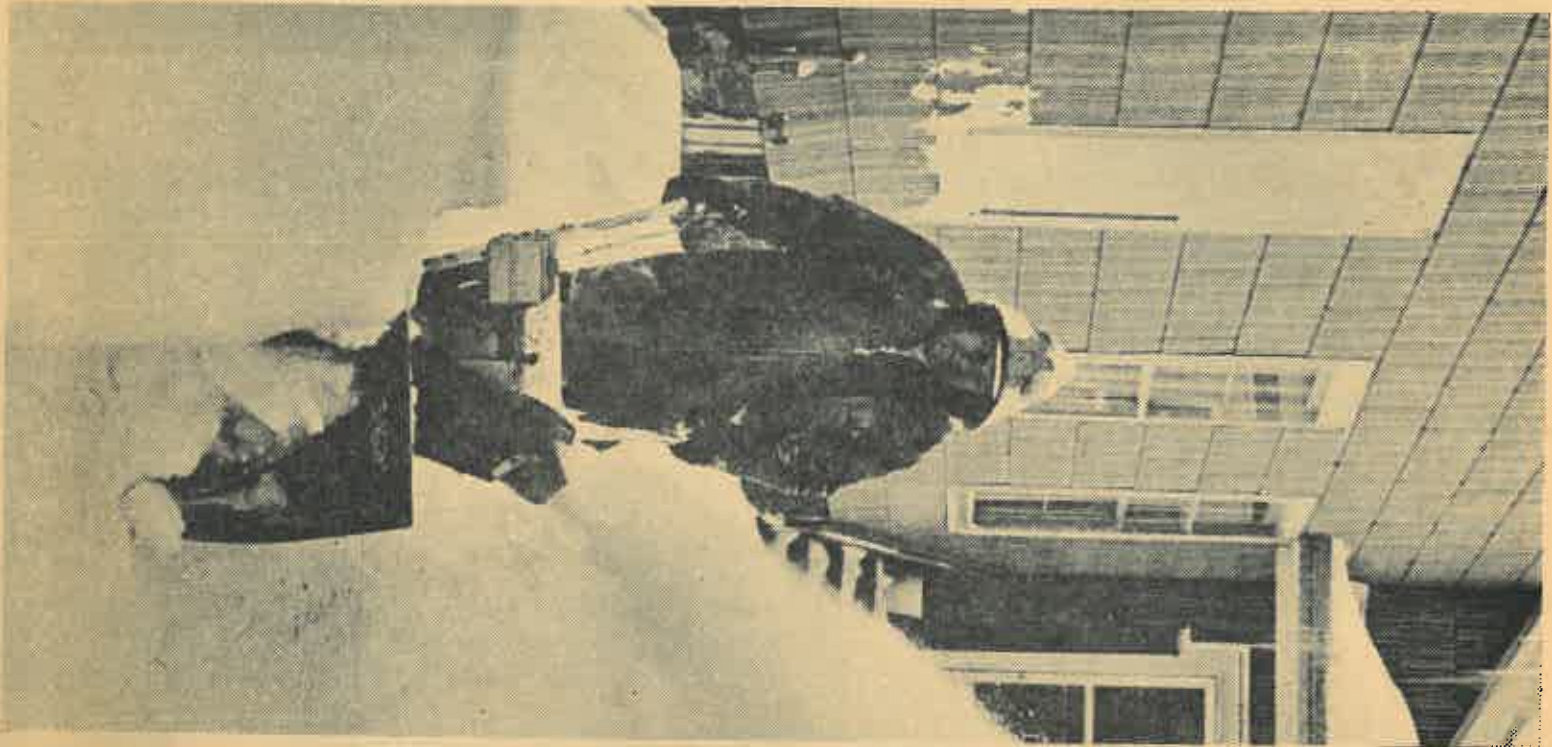
Barn buckles at Polkville

Old buildings took a beating this past weekend from the tons of snow that fell, piling up on roofs to depths of up to two feet. One of these structures collapsed about 8 p.m. Sunday at Polkville, just north of the SPCA animal shelter on the west side of County Highway 32.

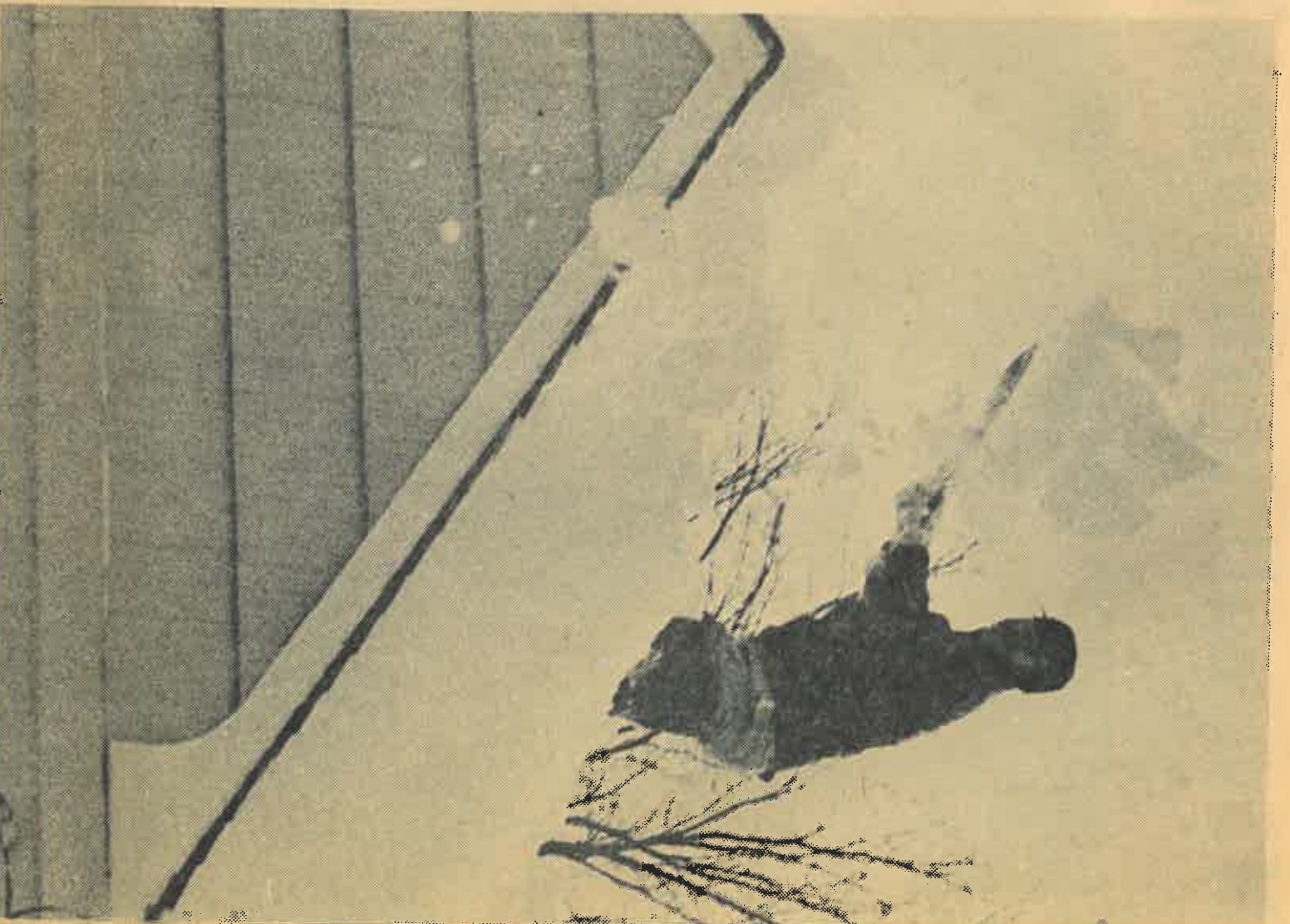
Owned by John R. Marshall and Herbert Lemox, the long, wooden structure contained two vehicles - an auto and a truck, Mr. Marshall said.

He said the front wall of the barn began leaning toward the county highway, each hour leaning a little further forward, so finally machinery was called in to pull it down. Portions of the building fell into the roadway and was pushed back off the pavement.

For years the front wall of the structure was used as a billboard and presented advertisements before the eyes of motorists coming down Polkville Hill Road.



CLEANING UP - Bob Adams' snowblower sprays a shower of snow from driveway and walk of home on Greene Street in Oxford.
(Evening Sun Photo)



MYRON HILL, Stremoves dangerous accumulation of snow from the roof of his Mt. Upton home. Hip boots and hooded jacket like Mr.

Hill is wearing were standard attire during and after the storm.
(Evening Sun Photo)

Area barn buckles, stock ok

NEW BERLIN--Neighbors aided the Larry Daniels family near here rescue nine sheep and three calves when the roof of a one-story building collapsed about noon Friday under the weight of snow.

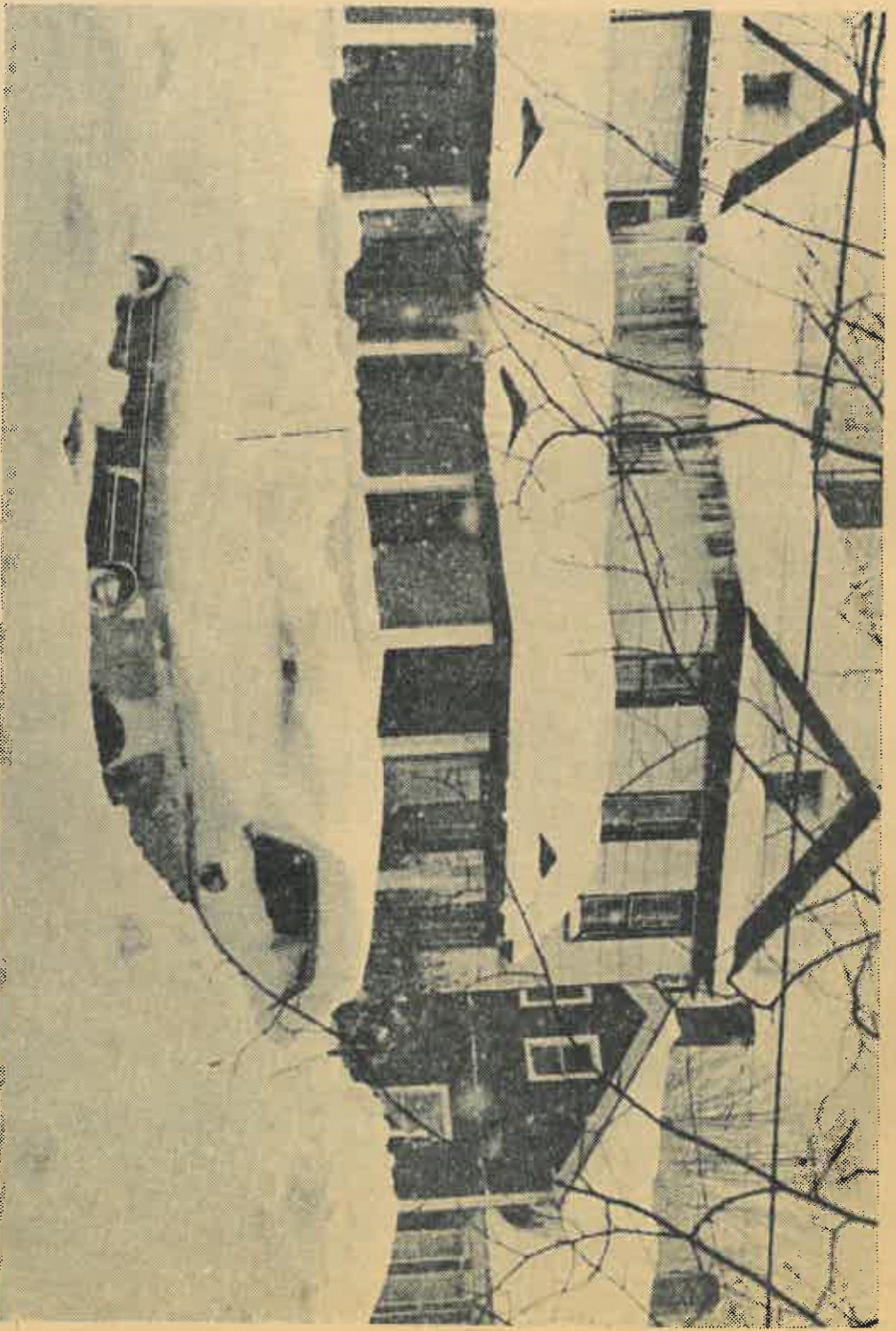
Mrs. Daniels said the roof "just seemed to buckle" under the snow, sending the roof down on the animals.

"Several neighbors came in and helped get the animals out," said Mrs. Daniels. "We were afraid they might be hurt but I guess they weren't."

The sheep and calves were taken to a neighbor's place for the time being, Mrs. Daniels said.

Mrs. Daniels said that her 13-year-old son Mark had just bought one of the calves, a pure-bred Holstein, for his 4-H project.

The building, a former poultry house, was a 60 by 40-foot wooden structure located on Route 80 between New Berlin Five Corners and Columbus.



SMYRNA'S MAIN STREET took on a Siberian look during the blizzard as snow buried cars and houses, like that

of the David Simmons', shown in this photo.
(Evening Sun Photo)

Milk emergency move is sought

The general manager of Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative, Syracuse, has requested President Nixon and Governors Rockefeller of New York and Shafer of Pennsylvania to declare a state of emergency in Central New York and North Central and Northeast Central Pennsylvania.

Motels

not aided by storm

Motorists apparently were either not ready to return from holiday trips or were just taking the advice of State Police and the sheriff's department and staying off the highways when the Christmas storm struck this area. At least area motel operators said Saturday afternoon that they were not being swamped by stranded motorists seeking accommodations until highways were cleared.

None of the area motels reported crowded conditions Saturday following two and one-half days of nearly steady snowfall. Coleman Diamond, manager of the Central Hotel, Sherburne, said Saturday afternoon that there was still one room available and that if necessary "we can double-deck them until the storm lets up."

Mr. Diamond said the hotel had a jeep that could be used to bring in stranded motorists if they were not too far away, leaving their cars until they could be freed from the snow.

At Chenango Valley Motel, Route 12 south of Norwich, Fred Bierman, proprietor, said rooms were still available Saturday afternoon. He said that apparently none of those who had sought accommodations had done so because of the storm.

Jerry McConnell, manager of the Norwich Motor Lodge at 179A South Broad Street, said there was not a great number of people stopping. Two or three, he said, had stopped before the storm struck and had stayed on because they figured they couldn't reach their destinations.

It was reported by Harvey Young at the Sherburne Inn, which can accommodate 25 guests, that some people were coming in Saturday and that at least three were there because of the storm. Two were on their way home to Johnson City after coming in from the north, he said.

One of the guests at the Sherburne Inn was the operator of a gasoline delivery truck. Mr. Young said the driver had been unable to unload his truck and indicated he would stay on at the Inn for a day or two.

At the Sherburne Motel, Mrs. Phyllis Smith said that she had just a few people who had come in before the snow and were staying on until highway conditions improved.

The situation was working in reverse for some motels. At Stefanielli's Motel, north of Norwich on Route 12, Gary Stefanelli said he had no extra guests — just those who had made reservations.

But some guests who had made advance reservations had canceled them because of the snow-

storm.

which represents a major share of dairymen in these areas.

Mr. York urged the three government heads to "declare a state of emergency in the above areas occasioned by the severe snowstorm."

"Millions of dollars in losses of milk is being experienced by dairymen because milk cannot be moved into marketing channels. Lives and property of

thousands hinges upon you establishing this area a disaster and to provide disaster relief."

Mr. York's telegram pointed out that "there is no communication available to hundreds of people, particularly in rural areas, who may need medical attention, fire protection, heat and food, and in the case of dairymen who have additional problems of marketing therepro-

duct because it is not storable and is perishable. Their losses could eventually force some out of business."

The cooperative manager said, "Your assistance is needed to put into effect both state and federal personnel and equipment to give immediate relief. "This is the worst storm I have seen in my 25 years of experience in milk marketing covering such a huge area. If another storm hits us - which is reported likely - the seriousness will multiply many times unless relief is provided immediately."

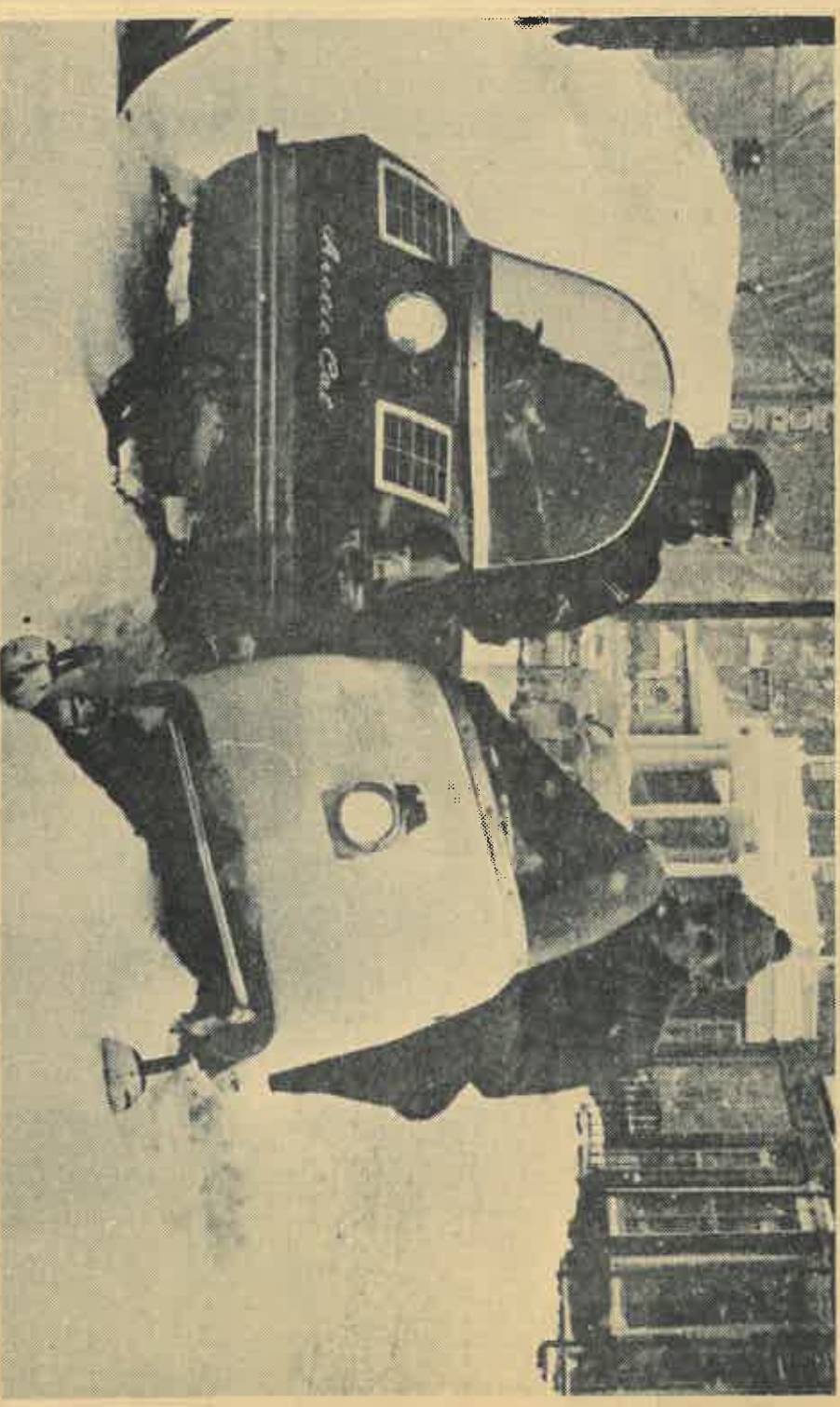
Mr. York wired.

"The situation could lead to a regional disaster affecting the northeast and the heaviest populated area of the U.S. We appreciate your assistance."



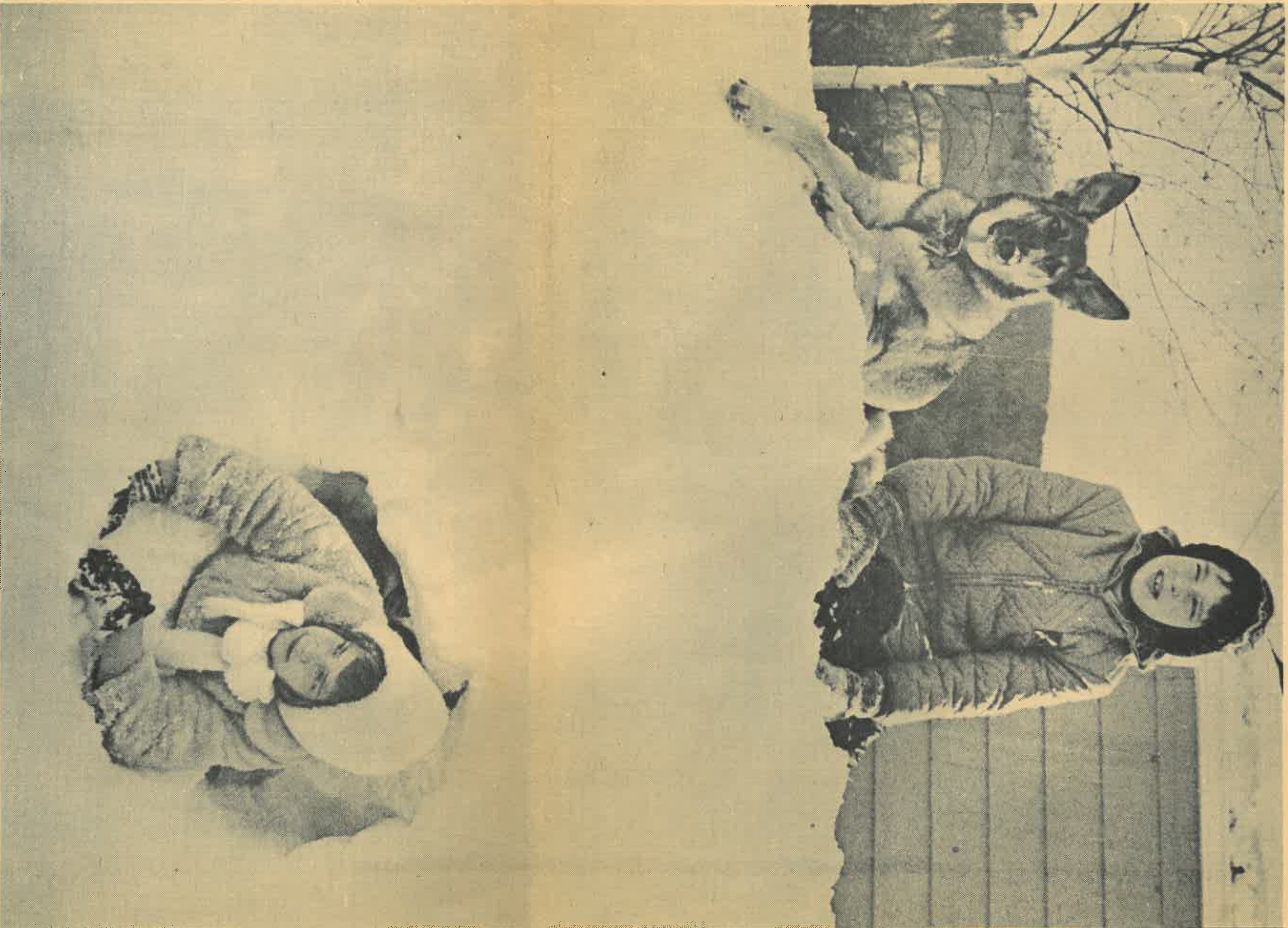
SHIFTING, wind-blown snow on secondary roads made driving dangerous and frequently impossible. The Mt. Upton Road, shown here, was one such highway, bare in some

places but completely covered in others. The Florence P. Barnes home, upper right, was isolated for a time during the blizzard. (Evening Sun Photo)



STANDING BY IN CASE of emergency during the weekend storm were Sherburne volunteer snowmobile operators Howard Boyse (left) and Ed Rothwell, Headquarters for

emergency crews was the fire house on West State Street. (Evening Sun Photo)



Fun time

KIDS WERE ABOUT THE ONLY ones having fun over the weekend as an official 23 inches of precipitation hit Chenoango County. Drifts made the accumulation even deeper in places, but children managed to dig it out, transforming it in-

to fortresses. Keeping a lookout on the East River Road, south of the city, are Stephen, 9, and Donna Chomyszak, 7, children of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Chomyszak. Assisting in the guarding of the stronghold is Elsa. (Sun Staff Photo).