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TORNADO PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

1. DATE AND TIME June 5, 1958 0300 MDT

2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map) west of Ramrose

3. PATH LENGTH ☐ NOT KNOWN ☐ <1mi; ☐ 1-4mi; ☐ 5-10mi; ☐ 11-50mi; ☐ LENGTH IF>50mi

4. PATH WIDTH ☐ 5. TORNADO PART OF SQUALL LINE? ☐ YES; ☐ NO; ☐ UNKNOWN:

6. ANY UNUSUAL COLORATION? ☐ YES; ☐ NO; ☐ UNKNOWN

7. ANY UNUSUAL SOUND? ☐ YES; ☐ NO; ☐ UNKNOWN

8. IF ANSWER TO 6 OR 7 YES, ELABORATE;

9. LIST ANY ASSOCIATED PHENOMENA
(Such as hail, vivid lightning heavy rain, no rain, etc.)

10. TOTAL DAMAGE ESTIMATE $ 11. TOTAL DEATHS

12. TOTAL INJURED 13. TOTAL HOMELESS

14. LIST ALL REFERENCES

* see annual report

15. SUMMARIZE REMARKS PERTAINING TO (a) FUNNEL; (b) INTERESTING OR CAPRICIOUS EVENTS.

b) Barn demolished, half of concrete silo blown over, damage to farm equipment.

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Tornado said to blame for Alta. stor

CAMROSE, Alta. (CP) — Albert Lensink's four children, camped on the lawn in a small tent, slept through a tornado-like storm that tore a path of destruction through a narrow rural strip of central Alberta early Sunday morning.

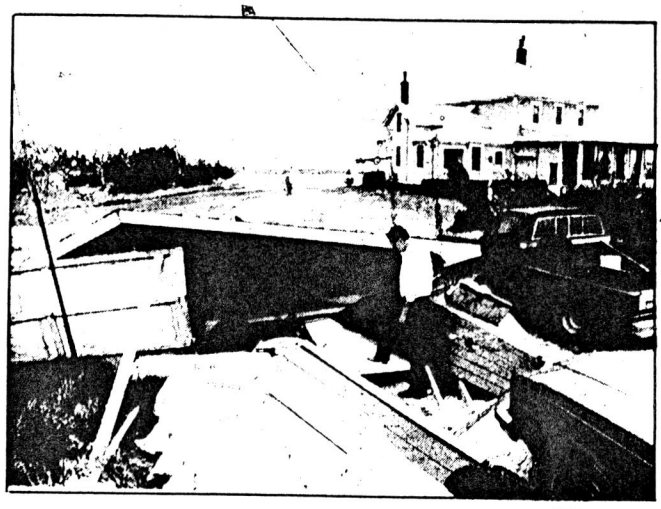
No one was injured as the storm system, which officials said probably included a tornado, demolished farm buildings, stripped crops from fields, uprooted trees, snapped power lines and tossed about heavy machinery.

Most of the damage, which amounted to hundreds of thousands of dollars, was confined to a narrow path 200 kilometres long and 40 kilometres wide stretching from Cayley, south of Calgary, to Smoky Lake, northeast of Edmonton.

A tornado in Edmonton last July 31 killed 27 people, injured hundreds of others and caused hundreds of millions of dollars in damage.

But Frank Letchford, a spokesman for Environment Canada in Edmonton, said Sunday's storm "wasn't anything of the magnitude of the Edmonton tornado."

In fact, no tornado warning was issued Sunday. Officials said the Alberta storm system did not contain the usual ingredients for a tornado — high temperatures and humidity and strong upper-atmosphere winds.



CP Laserphoto

Bob Hoover inspects damage from a tornado which levelled his garage early Sunday morning near Okotoks, Alta.

"A tornado watch will only be issued on rare occasions," Letchford said. "We're trying to isolate those days where there's a strong possibility of a tornado."

Lensink's 4½-hectare farm is located southwest of Camrose about 50 kilometres south of Edmonton. He finds it difficult to believe his children were not awakened by the violent winds that tore apart his barn and left the carefully planted trees, lawn and garden that won him a landscaping prize two years ago in ruins.

He said a half-tonne windmill located less than four metres from his farm house was tossed like a toy over the children's tent and landed 50 metres away.

"That tree trunk there must've missed the tent by less than a foot," Lensink said, prodding a 30-centimetre-thick trunk with a muddy toe. "I still can't believe they didn't wake up."

Lensink sadly surveyed the remains of his landscaping efforts — shattered trees, pieces of his demolished barn dangling from the branches of the few trees still standing, a lawn covered in muddy debris and dead chickens strewn everywhere.

"It's all finished, look at it — finished," he said, shaking his head. "All that work, gone in a minute."

The big, middle-aged farmer lost more than 300 chickens and estimates it will cost him more than $50,000 to repair his damaged property. But he considers himself lucky. His children escaped injury and, except for a few broken windows, his house was still in one piece.

"It happened fast — maybe 10 minutes from start to finish — it was like I was dreaming," he said.

Alan Wilson was not quite as fortunate.

Wilson was sleeping in a second-storey bedroom of his wood-frame farmhouse a few kilometres southwest of Camrose when furious winds woke him about 3 a.m.

"All I could hear was the wind — this high-pitched whining," he said. "I ducked under the covers and sort of instinctively covered my head with my hands. The next thing I know, the blankets have been sucked right off me and I could feel it lifting me up."

Wilson said he scrambled out of bed and down to the ground floor. The storm plucked the roof off his house and scattered it across his 384-hectare ranch.

"It was a bit of a surprise," a taciturn Wilson said of his brush with the storm.

More than 30 neighbors chipped in to build a temporary plastic and tarpaulin roof for Wilson, who lost at least one calf to the storm and 12 large elm trees lining the driveway to his home.

Jim Lewis, who has a 485-hectare farm west of Camrose, said he lost several buildings and equipment worth $40,000. Three of his 300 head of cattle had to be destroyed because they had suffered broken legs.

A neighbor, David Bartel, lost the top half of a 25-metre-high concrete silo. He said the silo — with steel reinforced, three-inch-thick walls — was cut in half.

Andy Zetsen of Bittern Lake, a village with 170 residents about 75 kilometres south of Edmonton, said he saw what he described as a tornado funnel early Sunday morning from his bedroom window.

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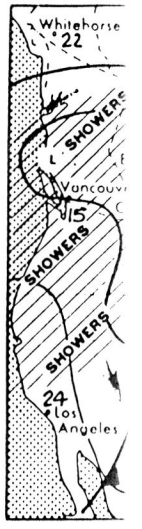
Environment



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Woman injured in house fire

Camping out in the backyard to escape the heat of the house helped a Regina man and his two daughters escape a fire that put his wife in hospital in intensive care early this morning.

Murray Lydiard and his daughters were sleeping out on the back lawn when a fire broke out in the house at 2271 Queen St. where his wife was sleeping. Neighbors who were coming home by taxi were the first to spot the blaze about 1:30 a.m.

"I saw some smoke and jokingly said 'There's a fire,' " a neighbor, who did not want to be identified, said.

"I looked in the window and saw flames and it wasn't a joke anymore."

The pair called the fire department and woke up the family sleeping in the backyard.

Platoon Capt. Karl Kuchinski, of the Regina Fire Department, said the house was filled with smoke when firefighters arrived. Frances Lydiard, 35, was found in the bedroom. She was given oxygen and taken to Regina General Hospital where she was transferred to intensive care for treatment of smoke inhalation and some burns.

"The fire started in the front room in the chesterfield," Kuchinski said.

The house suffered severe fire damage in the front room and heavy smoke and heat damage in the rest of the house.

It is not yet known what caused the blaze.

Lottery

TORONTO (CP) — The winning numbers in Saturday's Lotto 6-49 draw were 15, 19, 28, 32, 35, and 42. The bonus number was 45.

The jackpot prize of $4,452,740.90 goes to the holder of a single ticket bought in Western Canada.

The second-prize pool, awarded to those matching five regular numbers and the bonus number, had four winners of $230,750.60.

The third-prize pool, awarded to those matching five regular numbers, had 236 winners of $2,990.80.

The fourth-prize pool, awarded to those matching four regular numbers, had 15,686 winners of $86.50.

In addition, there were 315,204

Youths arrested

Police reported arrests after two break-ins in the city's northwest this weekend.

Two male youths, aged 13 and 14 years old, were arrested Sunday morning and charged with break, enter and theft after an incident on Williston Crescent.

Two bicycles and a knife had been reported missing.

No details have been released by police about a break-in at St. Bernadette School at 727 McIntosh St. N., Sunday afternoon.

Three male juveniles were arrested, however. The school was apparently entered through an open door.

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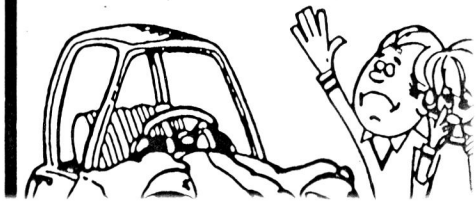

June 5* (cont'd) BASHAW to FERINTOSH (Red Deer / Edmonton Regions)

0300-0400 MDT a roof was removed from a house and a shed was moved

CAMROSE AREA (Edmonton Region) 0330 MDT the following was reported:

roof damage, grain lost, power poles downed (with power lines fused together) 27 poles to south of CAMROSE and 6 to the west, a severe thunderstorm accompanied by a TORNADO with winds estimated to 150 kmh (96 mph) at 0300 MDT with an area from LACOMBE to VILNA affected with the NEW NORWAY and DUHAMEL areas hardest hit (8 MILES BY 35 MILES), three (3) homes were severely damaged with a large number of reports of granary and shelterbelt damage, a three (3) car garage is "missing", hog and chicken barns, and cattle sheds were ripped apart, the sound was described as a "noise like a low flying jet", also reported was hail and inches of rain, extensive damage to power lines, a hangar and farm buildings were destroyed with a roof and ceilings moved 200 feet away

881580116 MON JUN.06,1988 PAGE: A4
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DATELINE: CAMROSE, AB WORDS: 661
MEMO: Early Edition

** Thunderstorm batters area in central*Alberta***

Canadian Press

July 5/88

CAMROSE, Alta.

A thunderstorm that witnesses believe was a tornado ripped through central Alberta early yesterday morning, leaving a trail of damaged buildings, uprooted trees and downed power lines.

There were no injuries reported in the storm, which Environment Canada officials said probably included a tornado. But property damage could cost farmers hundreds of thousands of dollars.

A tornado in Edmonton last July killed 27 people, injured hundreds of others and caused hundreds of millions of dollars in damage.

Yesterday's storm snapped trees and telephone poles like twigs as it wove an erratic course, touching down along a 200-kilometre path through a cattle-ranching area.

Environment Canada spokesmen hesitated to label the storm as one that packed tornados, saying severe storms can sometimes cause the type of damage reported.

Weather officials, along with crews from the Alberta Government's Public Safety Services branch, were dispatched throughout the areas hit by the storm from Cayley, south of Calgary, to Smoky Lake north of Edmonton.

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''We were watching it for five to 10 minutes - I didn't realize it was so close to my home.''

Mr. Zetsen said a funnel he estimated at 100 metres high raced past his farmhouse - it was less than 15 metres away - and headed toward the town of Camrose, less than 10 kilometres away.

Witnesses said the storm skipped through the outskirts of Camrose, touching down mainly on nearby farms and ranches. It tore down power lines and telephone lines in the area and the town lost its power.

Crews were working to restore power all day yesterday.

The storm, which Pat McCarthy of the Edmonton weather office said began near Banff, tore the roof off one farmhouse in Duhamel, a few kilometres southwest of Camrose.

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''I think it was a twister, because it didn't just blow things down, it spread them all over the place,'' Mr. Bartel said. He said the storm, which also flattened one of his metal-walled barns, will probably cost him more than $70,000.

''I sure hope the Government or someone will help me out on this one. I don't think my insurance will cover this.''

ADDED SEARCH TERMS:
GEOGRAPHIC NAME: *Alberta*
SUBJECT TERM: *storms;*tornados*

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***Saskatchewan*warned after*storm*hits Alberta **

Jun. 5/88

Canadian Press
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Environment Canada issued a severe thunderstorm watch for southwestern Saskatchewan yesterday afternoon, saying the same system that caused the Alberta storm could result in severe storms for Alberta's eastern neighbor.

Frank Letchford, a spokesman for Environment Canada in Edmonton, said it was difficult to predict whether the system would pack the same punch.

Parts of Saskatchewan had record high temperatures for the second consecutive day yesterday, and Mr. Letchford said a surface trough of humid air in the system was of special concern on the Saskatchewan side of the system.

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** ACROSS*CANADA***
** Some farmers get respite from drought **

Canadian Press
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Severe rainstorms over northern Alberta have ended the drought for some farmers and ranchers, but raised fears of*tornados*for others. The*storms* started on Friday evening and brought heavy rain to central and northern parts of the province, giving at least temporary respite from the drought, provincial water resource specialist Peter Dzikowski said. The past 10 days of rain have left enough moisture for crops in the north to thrive for three weeks, but southern Alberta still needs good rain within a week, he said.*Wind*damage,*possibly caused by*tornados,*was reported on both sides of the Alberta-Saskatchewan border on Friday night. Funnel clouds were reported in western Alberta and parts of Saskatchewan.

ADDED SEARCH TERMS:
GEOGRAPHIC NAME: Alberta; Saskatchewan
SUBJECT TERM: rain; drought; agriculture