Summary Sheet

IDTO - ID Number :693502
AUTH - Report Author :
TYFU - Tornado Type & Fuji Code :a2
TITL - Report Title or Location :Sarnia
PROV - Province :Ontario
COUN - Counties :Lambton
REFS - References :Drayton Advocate May 30, 1935 The Globe May 29,30, 1935
ZOTO - Touchdown Zone Number & Easting :17395050
NOTO - Touchdown Northing :4759510
LOVA - Touchdown Error Value & Code :100o
DADA - Date of Data Entry :25/06/1990
ZOLO - Liftoff Zone Number & Easting :17396860
NOLO - Liftoff Northing :4759430
UPVA - Liftoff Error Value & Code :100o
DEAD - Number of Fatalities :
HURT - Number of People Injured :2
HERT - Injuries Code :
DATA - Date of Tornado :28/05/1935
DAVA - Date Error Value & Code :
TITO - Time of Tornado :1530
TIMR - Time Meridian :75
TIVA - Time Error Value & Code :20c
AXDA - Maximum Path Width :
AXVA - Max. Path Width Error & Code :
AVDA - Average Damage Width :
AVVA - Avg. Damage Width Error & Code :
SADA - Sample Damage Width :
SAVA - Sample Damage Width Error & Code:
INTO - Initials :JAM
DFTO - Detailed Report Flag :n
JUNK - PRDA & DIMO & DALE :
CODA - Property Damage Code :
MISC - ORDE,PICS_TYPE,PICS_AVAIL,COCO : 2
MANY - Multiple Event Flag :y

MEMO:Many people saw black tornado as it moved along the highway, more than a dozen barns destroyed, roofs taken off houses, woman blown out of house and over a wire fence.

PHEN - Associated Phenomena :P
TSHP - Townships :Sarnia

JAM, 25/06/1990

CANADA

693502

(1) F = 2
(2) F = 1
(3) F = 1

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TORNADO PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

1. DATE AND TIME TUES 28·5·1935 (1) 1630 EDT (2) 1530 EDT (3) 1830 EST

2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map)
(1) east of SARNIA
(2) EXETER
(3) WINFIELD

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

4. PATH WIDTH U 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 $ U

11. TOTAL DEATHS NONE

12. TOTAL INJURED 2 in (1); 1 in (2)

13. TOTAL HOMELESS SEVERAL FAMILIES

14. LIST ALL REFERENCES
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PERSONAL COMMUNICATION WITH D PARKINSON, O/C TRENTON W.O.
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15. SUMMARIZE REMARKS PERTAINING TO (a) FUNNEL; (b) INTERESTING OR CAPRICIOUS EVENTS.

(1a) People over a radius of 20 miles saw the dark pathway of the twister as it swept along the highway.

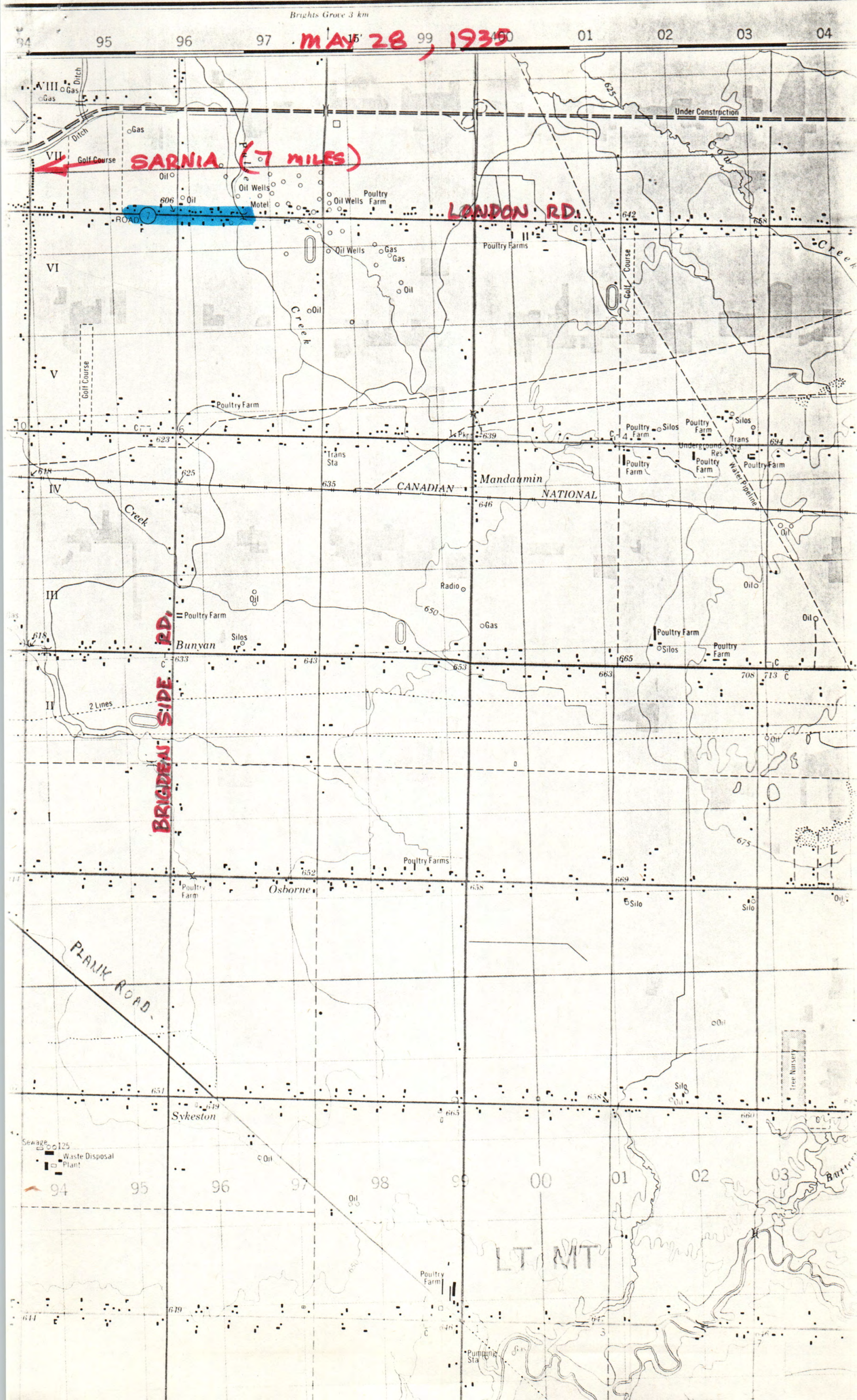
(2a) Tornado seen by eyewitnesses.

(3a) no remarks, but called a cyclone.

(1b) A dozen or more barns razed, roofs taken off houses. Miss J Park was swept out of her home along with the door and carried over a wire fence into a field. Her father's car was blown clean out of the garage, while the garage itself remained on its foundation.

(3b) Trees uprooted, barns and houses badly damaged, in some cases totally wrecked. Wreckage found high in trees 1/2 mile away, and pieces of metal sheeting found driven into the trunk of a tree 1/3 mile away.

(2b) Barns, trees etc blown over.


Brights Grove 3 km
94 95 96 97 98 99 00 01 02 03 04
MAY 28, 1935
SARNIA (7 MILES)
LONDON RD.
BRIGDEN SIDE RD.
PLANK ROAD
Under Construction
Golf Course
Oil Wells
Poultry Farm
Poultry Farms
Motel
Gas
Oil
Creek
Ditch
Trans Sta
CANADIAN NATIONAL
Mandaumin
Bunyan
Osborne
Sykeston
Silos
Radio
Underground Res
Water Pipeline
Tree Nursery
Pumping Sta
Silo
2 Lines
Sewage Waste Disposal Plant
LT MT

...t ... PV E32
... T C29
(see Dysart)
...rt ... D33
...rt Beach ... D33
...y ... Tp G36
...n ... Tp E34
...n Falls ... V F34
...k (Pelham) ... C33
... T D31
(North Bay) ... I33
... V G41

Landsdowne ... E39
*Langstaff (Vaughan) ... D33
Lavant ... Tp G38
Laxton Digby
& Longford ... Tp F34
Leamington ... T A26
Limerick ... Tp F36
Limoges ... G41
Lincoln ... T C33
Lindsay ... T E34
Lindsay ... Tp G29
Linwood ... PV D30
Lion's Head ... V F29
Listowel ... T D30

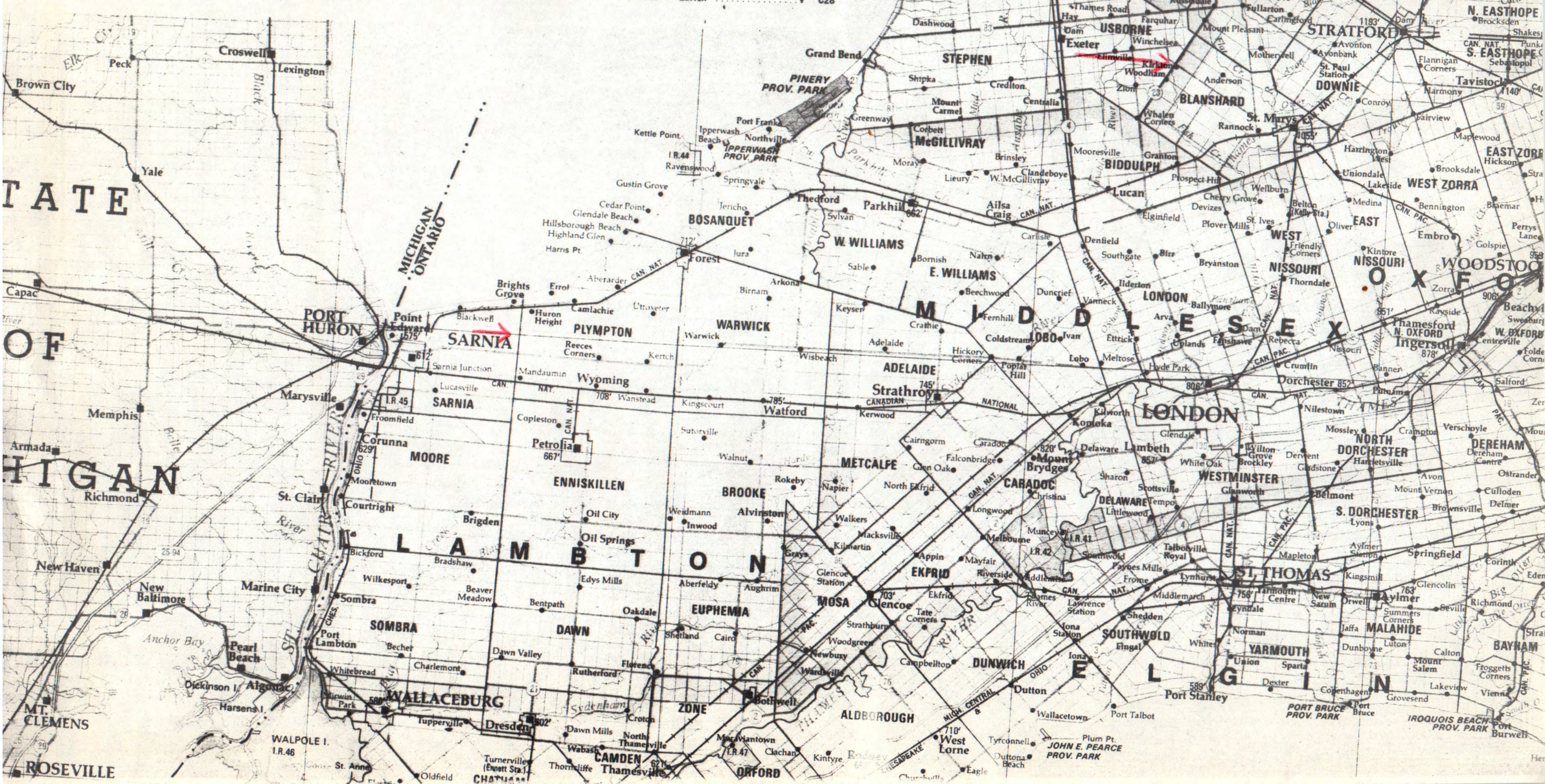
(Wasaga Beach) ... E31
Oakville ... T C32
Oakwood ... PV E34
Odessa ... E38
Oil Springs ... V B27
Olden ... Tp F38
Omemee ... V E34
Oneida ... Tp C32
Onondaga ... Tp C31
Ops ... Tp E34
Orangeville ... T D31
Orford ... Tp B28
Orillia ... C F33
Orillia ... Tp F33
Orleans ... PV G40

...ville (West Lincoln) ... C32
Snowdon ... Tp F34
Sombra ... PV B27
Sombra ... Tp B27
Somerville ... Tp F34
Sophiasburg ... Tp E37
South Algona ... Tp H37
South Burgess
(see Bastard)
South Canonto
(see Palmerston)
South Cayuga ... Tp B32
South Crosby ... Tp F39
South Dorchester ... Tp B30
South Dumfries ... Tp C31
South Easthope ... Tp C30

Wolford ... Tp F40
Wollaston ... Tp F36
*Woodbridge (Vaughan) ... D32
Woodhouse ... Tp B31
Woodstock ... C C30
Woodville ... V E34
Woolwich ... Tp D30
Wroxeter ... PV D29
Wylie (see Rolph)
Wyoming ... V B27

Yarmouth ... Tp B29
York ... B D33

Zone ... Tp B28
Zurich ... V C28



DRAYTON ADVOCATE. THURSDAY MAY 30TH. 1935.

STORM DATE. TUES. NIGHT, MAY 28TH. 1935. ABOUT 6.30P.M.

CYCLONE SWEEPS 6TH. LINE OF PEEL. ("STORM AT SARNIA" also)

Old man weather turned on the tap on Monday night and Tuesday and indications are that he has effectively banished the predicted drought, in this district at any rate. The showers developed into a steady rain that soaked the soil thoroughly and provided the much needed moisture to bring along the crops that are "showing up well" and now farmers and gardeners are wearing a smile.

The rain Tuesday night was accompanied by a high wind which did considerable damage to some property in the district. Just before going to press we learn that the storm on the 6TH. of PEEL developed into a cyclone which completely demolished the barn on MR. JAMES MORRIS' farm and also badly damaged his house. MR. ED. MORRIS' barn and house and MR. THOMAS HOWLETT'S strawshed and buildings on MR. JOSEPH TURNER'S farm were also badly damaged. The cyclone started about 6.30 and swept buildings, trees, fences and almost everything in its way. The MORRIS brothers, who suffered the greatest loss, carried Wind Insurance on their buildings.

The trees in MR. WILLIAM WATSON'S orchard were also uprooted and much damage was done to his property.

In the SARNIA district at least a dozen barns were razed, roofs blown off houses, highways strewn with trees, telephone poles and wire for a stretch of one mile along SARNIA—LONDON highway. Several people are reported injured according to dispatches in Wednesday's daily papers.

Two-Minute Twister Tosses Tree Over Home

Raging Storm Near Elora —Poplars, as Windbreak, Save Farm Residence

Elora, May 29.—Damage amounting to thousands of dollars was left in the path of a terrific windstorm which rachd cyclonic velocity in Peel Township, twelve miles west of here.

One barn was totally destroyed, others had the roofs blown off, huge trees and orchards were uprooted and blocked at least one of the main roads of the district. Telephone poles and wires for almost half a mile were down, while pieces of the wreckage of the damaged buildings were found high in trees a half mile away.

The twister, which struck a small patch of the township less than a mile square and which took less than two minutes to work its havoc, struck its heaviest blow along the Sixth Concession. A large barn owned by James Morris was razed to the ground when the wind demon twisted it and scattered its members over a wide area. A large field surrounding the barn was literally covered with boards and shingles. One huge timber was blown over the roof of the Morris residence, three hundred feet away, carrying away the chimney in its flight yet leaving the occupants of the house uninjured. Debris broke every window in one side of the building. The barn had been of sturdy construction, but it crumbled as though matchwood under the terrific force of the tornado. Implements and crops also added into the total of property damage.

On the adjoining farm, owned by Edward C. Morris, the roof and a part of the barn was blown down. Pieces of metal sheeting from this building were driven into the trunk of a tree at least a third of a mile away. On the farm of William Watson, in the same locality, a large number of trees in the orchard were uprooted, as well as a long row of poplars which saved this house from almost certain destruction.

THE GLOBE, WED MAY 29, 1935 p1, 3

Sarnia Area Hit by Storm

Several Barns Razed, Roofs Lifted and Trees Strew Highway

Sarnia, May 28 (CP).

AT LEAST a dozen barns were razed, roofs blown off houses, and highway strewn with trees, telephone poles and wire for a stretch of one mile along Sarnia-London Highway, eight miles east of Sarnia, in a windstorm early tonight. Several people are reported injured. Traffic and communications are badly disrupted.

Christian Purves, 20, daughter of Robert Purves, farmer, is in hospital with severe cuts on her legs, and body bruises. Eva Park, 20, daughter of John Park, is also in hospital with a badly bruised arm and cuts about her body.

The storm, which broke about 4.30 o'clock this afternoon, passed over the city without doing any damage. Worst damage was done in a narrow strip on each side of the Provincial highway.

Tonight several families were housed by kindly neighbors, as their own dwellings were without roofs. Shingles were torn off the roofs of many homes. Barns were smashed, and nearly every orchard in the area uprooted.

Tonight emergency gangs, Hydro and telephone linesmen, police and volunteers, were at work clearing the debris from the road and endeavoring to restore communication.

The windstorm came immediately before a violent thunder and rain storm that was not of exceptional violence as it passed over Sarnia, and no damage of note was done in the city or intervening area between here and the London Road Church, seven miles east. In the vicinity of the Brigden side road, for a distance of one mile and closely confined to the farms adjoining the highway, the wind cut a swath that brought buildings and trees to the ground and spread terror among the residents.

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Lightning Starts Fire.

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