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MD farmers hit hard by tornado disaster effects

By JAMIE WILSON
Gazette Staff Writer

Sturgeon MD farmers have borne the brunt of the damage, outside Edmonton, from last week's violent storms and many may find themselves without enough insurance to cover their loss.

Farmers here are reporting dead cattle, heavily-damaged buildings and extensive crop damage from storms on Thursday and Friday. And phones are reported to have been ringing constantly at the Alberta Hail and Crop Insurance office in Morinville since officials went to work Tuesday morning.

Farmers are claiming between 50 and 100 per cent crop loss in many areas of the southern MD, said clerk Jackie Schneider. But many could find themselves without enough insurance to cover the loss, she said.

Crop insurance covers up to a maximum of $125 per acre and some farmers may not have bought enough coverage to compensate for their entire loss, said Schneider.

One Namao-area farmer who suffered extensive damage to crops, cattle and buildings is Barbara Crozier. She and her husband Hugh lost a 500-pound steer when a beam in their barn fell on the animal. Other calves in the barn received minor injuries, she said.

One barn collapsed in the storm, and close to 100 per cent of the couple's uninsured barley and alfalfa crop was destroyed by hail and high winds Crozier said. "Right now, we need some time to work things out," she said.

Farmers in the Morinville area were not hit as badly by the storm, said Schneider.

One farmer south of Morinville who did receive some damage was John Bocock. His farm, at the intersection of Highways Two and 37, received approximately 50 per cent crop damage, although cattle and buildings were left untouched, he said.

Buildings throughout the MD were also damaged by the storm.

Sturgeon Composite High School had more than one-quarter of its gymnasium roof ripped off by high winds, while rain flooded the room's hardwood floor, said Sturgeon School Division secretary Murray Lloyd. "Part of the floor is starting to warp," he said.

The storm caused the school at least $25,000 in damage. More will be totalled once the extent of damage to the gym floor is determined, said Lloyd.

Namao Air Force Base was also damaged. A single-engine civilian aircraft on the base was flipped over in the storm, the auxiliary power generator was shorted out by the windswept rain, and there was "some major flooding" in the administration building, said base information officer Capt. Barry Charles. "We were considerably lucky," Charles said.

Despite the winds and hail, there were no auto accidents attributable to the storm in Sturgeon MD, according to the Morinville RCMP. And St. Albert residences escaped the storm's wrath with only minor flooding and wind damage reported, St. Albert Public Works manager Jack Kraft said Tuesday.

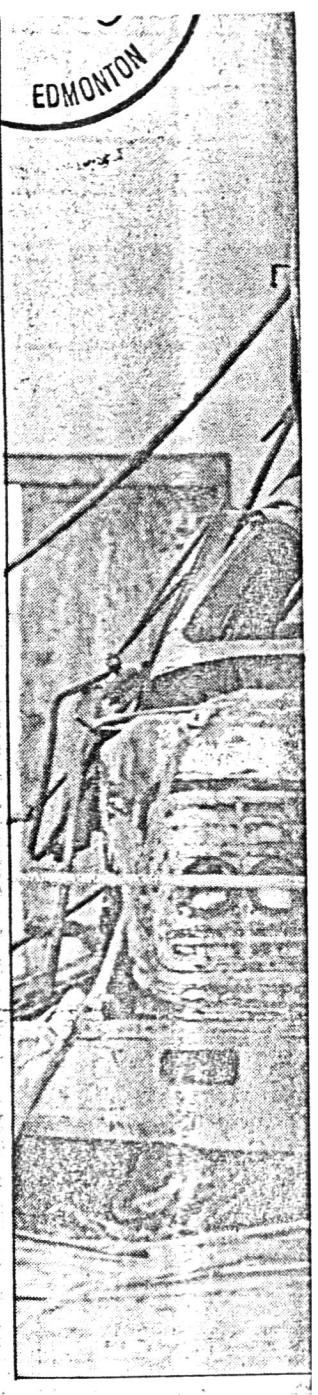
Emergency sandbag crews were called in 3:30 p.m. Friday, but were not needed, Kraft said.

A much smaller tornado than Friday's touched down three miles east of St. Albert Thusday destroying a storage shed and greenhouse in Manor Estates subdivision.

The building's owners, Neil and Louise Bowen, were away in St. Albert when the tornado struck. Their daughter Tracy was home alone when winds up to 200 kmh cut through their backyard destroying the 16-by-10 foot building.

A wall from the wood-framed building was blown more than 24 metres and its roof was tossed 6 metres, narrowly missing the family dog who was tied up beside the shed and miraculously escaped injury.

Neil Bowen estimated the damage at about $2,500.



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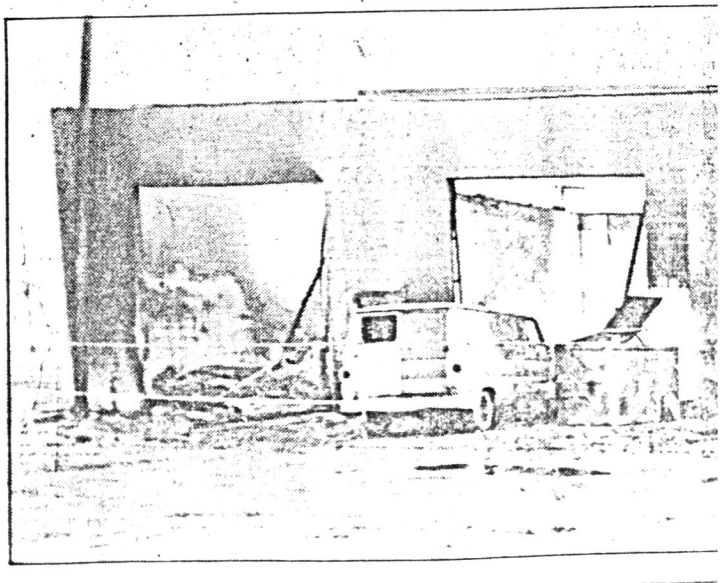

Locals aid in relief

Cardiff man fled tornado

By SUE GAWLAK
Gazette Staff Writer

Cardiff resident Patrick Beck w first-hand the devastation used by the tornado that tore rough Edmonton Friday.

From his work place at Dewar sulators Ltd., 87 Avenue and 18 eet, Beck saw the tornado clos- in from the south. Together th workmates, he took cover in- le the building and expected the rst.

"One building, which I'm sure is a thousand-feet high, was just elled, 50-foot cranes were fly- around as if they were plastic d thrown 200 yards into a near- field. Cars were strewn all over place. We found one car 200 ds from the road and then we nd the dead body of the driver out 20 yards away," said Beck.

While emergency crews picked the injured he and his collea- es started checking flattened ildings for survivors. "Gas was king everywhere and burst ter mains were spouting 30 feet o the air.

"Across the Sherwood Park eway garbage bins were still ng hurled in the air from the per recycling plant. The noise s deafening, like a roar of con- uous thunder, touching down l rising up again for what must ve been half an hour. The astation was unbelievable," he d.

f the tornado had hit the build- he was in, he'd be dead, Beck d. "If I hadn't seen it I would er have believed it could hap- n in Edmonton. I was just estruck."

eck left the city to join his ily at Island Lake near abasca where the storm was orted to be heading. Although storm had lost most of its ngth, it caused damage to lake- cabins, sunk boats and scat- d debris on the lake, Beck d.

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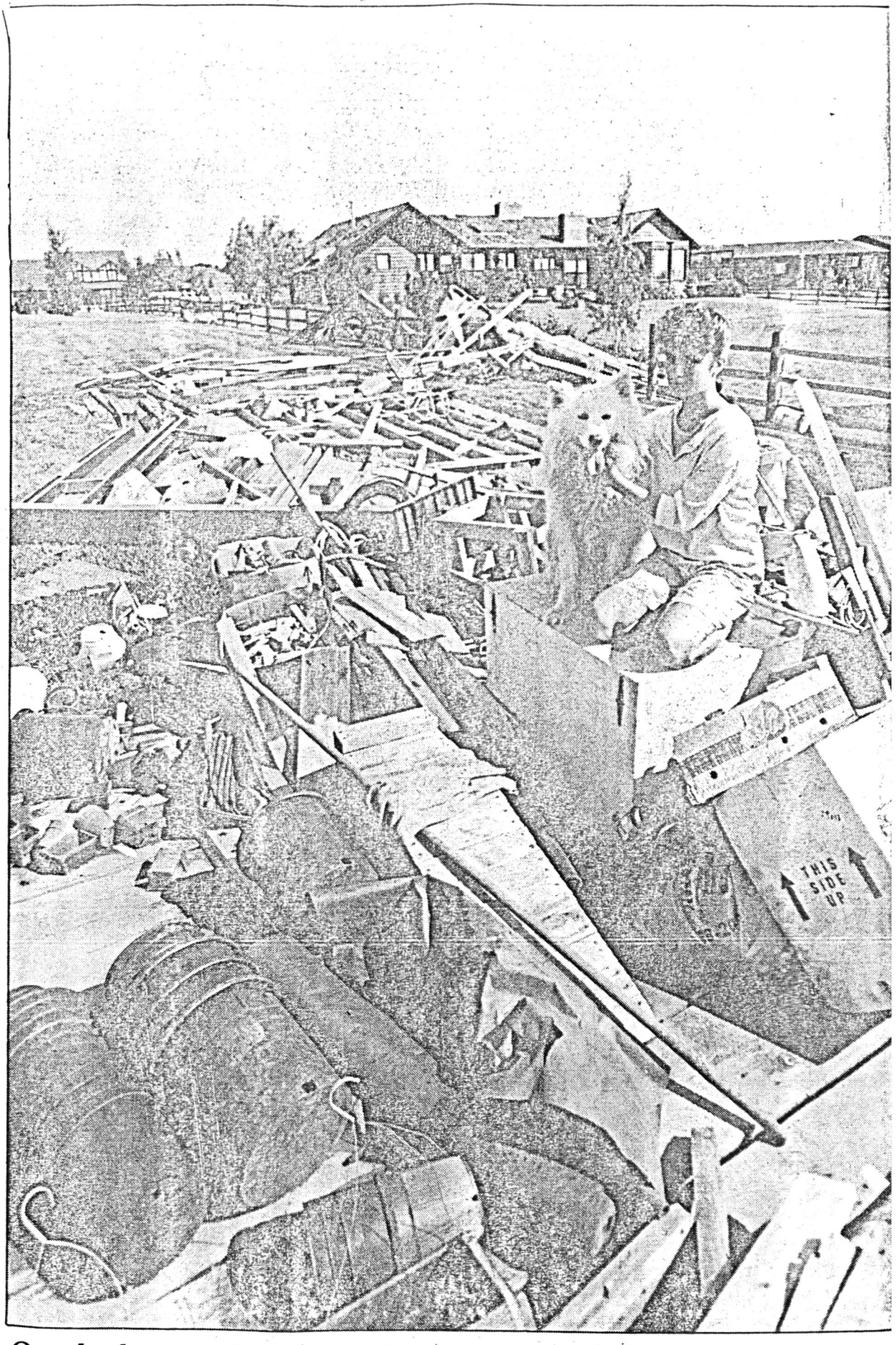

One lucky pooch

Tracy Bowen, 14, sits amidst the rubble that once was a storage shed and greenhouse before it was blown apart last Thursday when a tornado touched down in her family's Manor Estates acreage three miles east of St. Albert. Nish, the family's five-year-old Samoyed was tied up beside the shed and narrowly escaped injury. Photo by Jack Dagley.

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Storm victims file insurance claims

Morinville insurance offices are starting to receive damage claims resulting from the tornado and storm of July 31.

Both Thompson Insurance and Drayden Insurance of Morinville have received numerous claims most of which affect motor vehicles.

Ian Dalziel of Drayden Insurance says as of last Wednesday his office had received about 30 claims most resulting from hail or wind damage to cars which damaged either the roof, hood or trunk.

He said damage to homes was minimal with a few claims for torn away shingles or siding. He said one claim was for the liner inside a pool that had been ripped.

Mr. Dalziel said he had walked through the Clareview area that was ravaged by the tornado and was "devastated" by the sight of it. "You have no idea what it's like," he said.

Mr. Dalziel also saw evidence of the destruction by the storm in Edmonton near his home eight miles north of

Morinville district clerk Jackie Schneider said by August 6, which was the deadline for claims, the office had received 130 claims from farmers with crop damage. That 130 amounted to about 30,000 acres she said.

Mrs. Schneider said of those 30,000 acres about 8,000 were destroyed by the July 30 storm which affected the areas around Morinville and to the north. The rest of the crop damage occured the next evening and affected the St. Ablert and Namao areas.

She said farmers are reporting 100 percent damage to their crops which resulted from hail stones that reached the size of grapes in some areas. She said the tornado itself did not cause the damage so much as the storm that accompanied it.

While claims have been pouring into the office, Mrs. Schneider said she expects it to slow down soon because of t deadline for claims. After t August 6 deadline claims w be taken but there will be a l filing fee.

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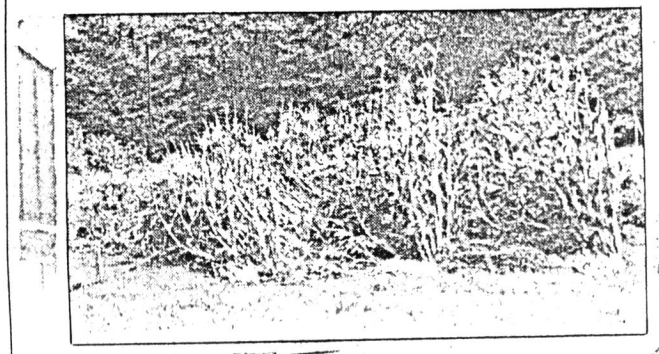
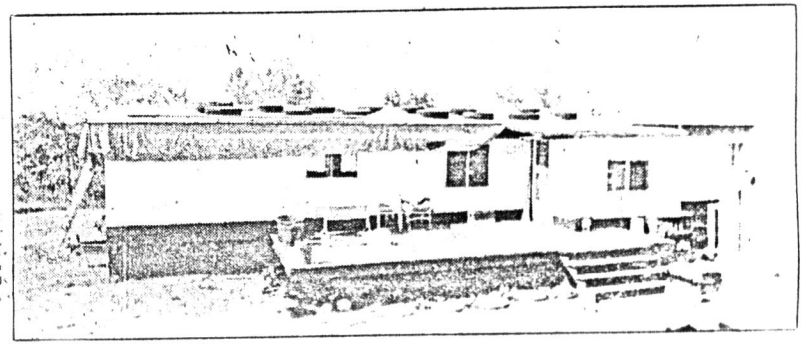




it. "You have no idea what it's like," he said.

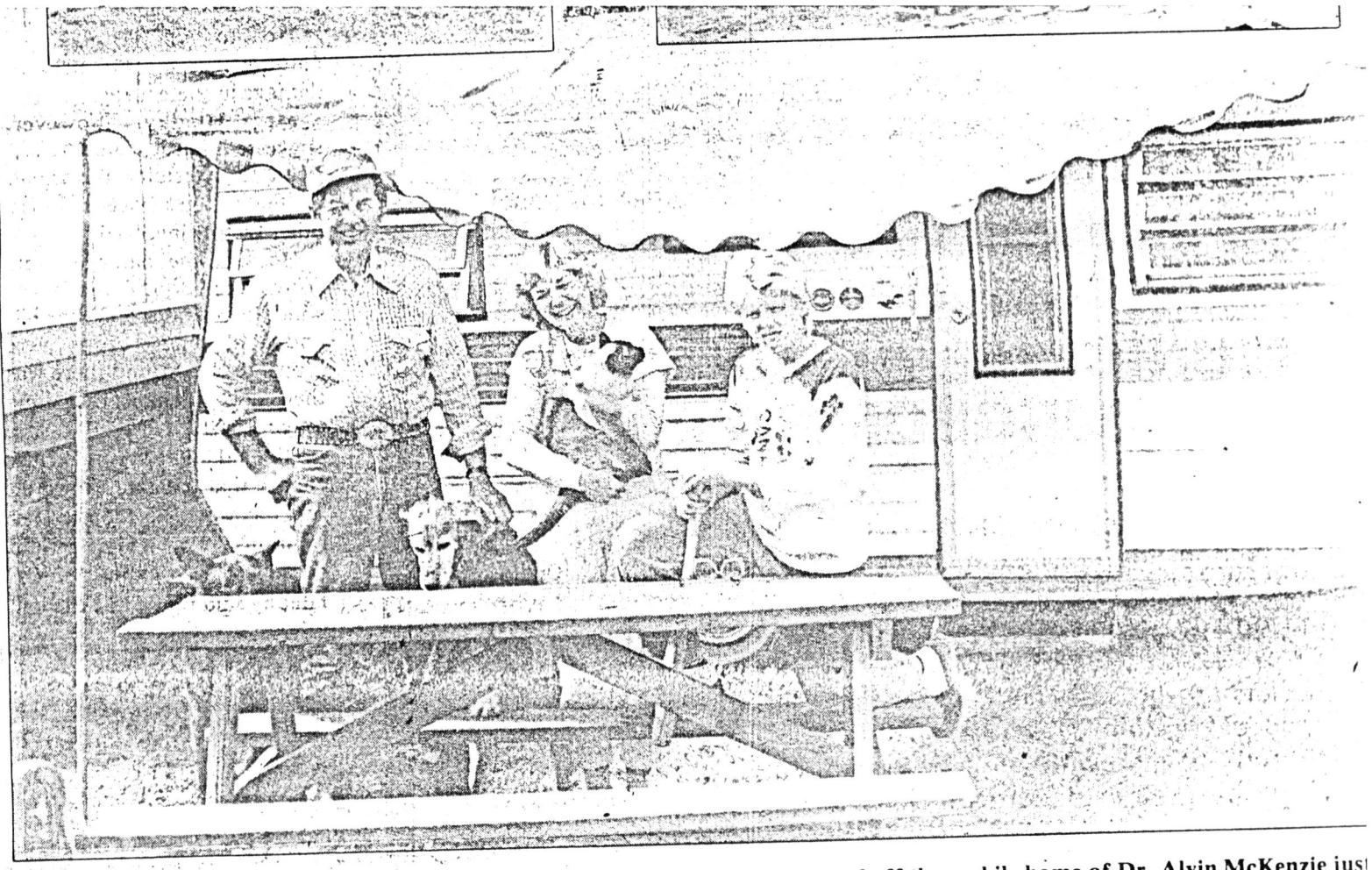
Mr. Dalziel also saw evidence of the destruction by the storm in Edmonton near his home eight miles north of Gibbons. He said he found time sheets, invoices and pieces of insulation from the industrial park that was also devastated by the tornado.

Meanwhile, claims have also been coming in to Thompson Insurance and as of last Wednesday, Neil Thompson said he had received about 10 claims, mostly to vehicles.

He also said there were two properties near Namao that suffered some structural damage including one building having a hole blown through it. Other property claims were mild, including minimum damage to shingles, soffits and siding.

"There was really nothing more drastic than that," he said.

But such was not the case with the Morinville district office of the Alberta Hail and Crop Insurance Corporation. Calls have been coming in steadily since the storms of July 30 and 31.



A twister that blew through parts of the Sturgeon district July 30 tore the roof off the mobile home of Dr. Alvin McKenzie just north of Namao. The winds and rain that followed destroyed the interior of the house forcing the McKenzies to look for a new home. The storm also uprooted trees on their property and ruined Mrs. McKenzie's garden. Pictured in the above photo are left to right: Dr. McKenzie, Mrs. McKenzie, their son Alan and the family pets. For the time being, the McKenzies are using the holiday trailer and bunkhouse for temporary shelter. **See related story Page 2**

Sturgeon School Division undergoes changes

A major change in the Sturgeon School Division for the new school year will see most of the special education students brought back into the local system says the secretary-treasurer of the division.

Murray Lloyd says this will result in additional classes and

In the past, up to 80 students have been bused into the city to schools that offer special instruction for pupils who are handicapped or learning disabled. Mr. Lloyd says only eight or nine students will continue going to Edmonton because they are in the higher

back into the system and integrate them back into the local schools," says Mr. Lloyd. He says the school board feels the students need to feel a part of their local school and that in subjects such as art and drama they will "fit right in."

A study was conducted for

to bring the students back into the system.

"Politically, the parents prefer that they attend school at home and it is a long bus ride into the city every day and it's tough on the little kids."

He says from the board's point of view it is also a sound move since it saves a substan-

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by Chris Poole

Last week's hurricane force winds affected the Smoky River district far less seriously than they affected parts of Edmonton, but Kathleen farmer Henry Laurin is grateful he wasn't around when his farm was struck.

"I'm happy we weren't home when it happened," he told the Smoky River Express on Friday.

Mr. Laurin, his wife, Pauline, and their children Arthur, Joanne and Christine were away looking for farm implements last week when strong, but very selective, winds struck his property tearing down trees and overturning four of his granaries.

The first inkling the Laurins had of the damage came when Mrs. Laurin's father stopped the returning family on the road home.

"By the look in her father's eyes Pauline thought the house had burned down and I thought there'd been a death in the family," said Mr. Laurin on Friday. "We just drove into the yard last night - we'd been away for a couple of days. I'm still in shock."

The swathe of destruction indicates that the wind came in from the south across Mr. Laurin's cattle pens (empty at the time), through a shelter belt and into the front yard before jumping over equipment sheds and pushing over the steel granaries.

"It's the loss of the trees that hurts the most," said Mr. Laurin who estimates there's been about $20,000 worth of damage caused by the wind which also flipped open the lids on his seed drills. "There's a latch on those lids," he said. "But the wind opened them anyway, took the cover from our grain drier, that's a big one, and turned the drier around before knocking it over. Then it took the cover from our natural gas pipeline - I still haven't found that."

Mr. Laurin was born on the farm he now works. In fact the house in which he was born in 1951 still stands south of the road, although it is now used as a granary.

"I've lived here all my life and I've never seen anything like this," he said.

"At least we've still got our house," he added, referring to the property north of route 679. "We'll pick up one way or another. We'll need a couple of days to get all this out of our system and to let things dry out, but we'll make out all right."

The Laurin farm was not the only one struck by the winds. The Smoky River Express understands that George Wilson's property 19km. west of High Prairie was also badly affected by strong winds with several outbuildings being flattened.

The heavy precipitation which accompanied the storms across the north of the province raised river levels to an alarming degree.

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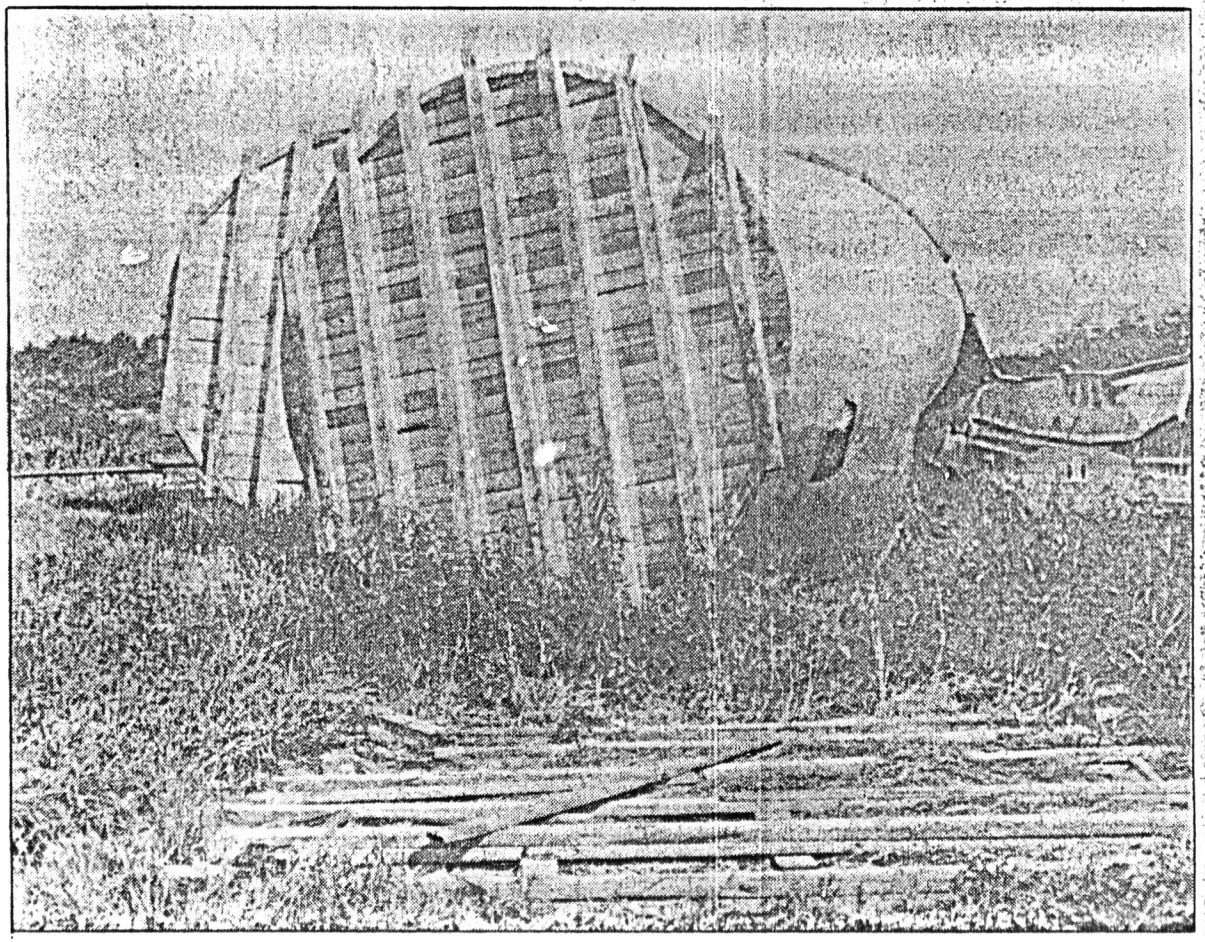
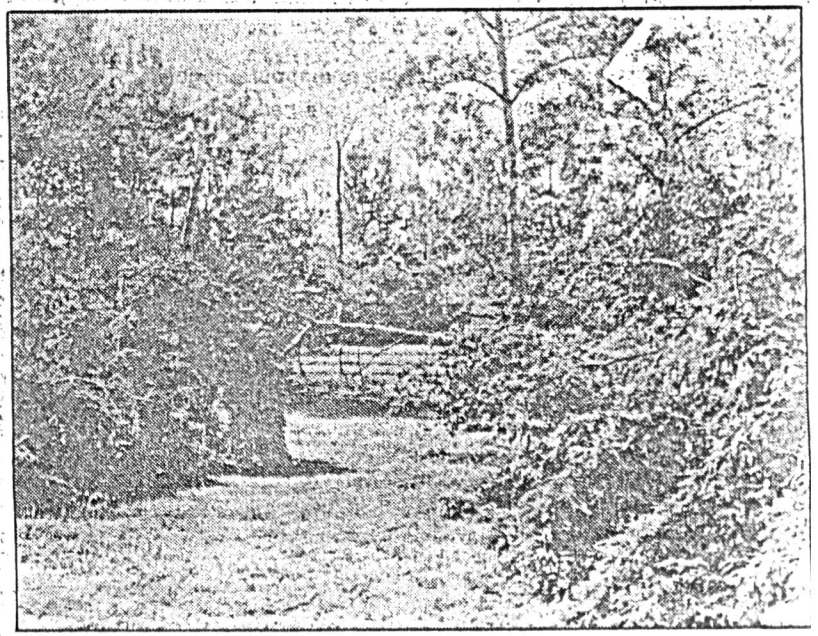


Tossed about like the toys of a wilful child, these huge steel granaries were "rearranged" by the winds which last week paid a flying visit to Henry Laurin's farm at Kathleen.



Tree trunks up to a metre in diameter were snapped like twigs as the wind cut a swathe from south to north through to Henry Laurin's farm.

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the mayor is present or not, although the General Municipal Government Act (Section 51-1-a) stipulates that the mayor should preside at all meetings of the council whenever he is present.

The Edson bylaw also assigns the secretary-treasury to prepare the council's agenda, to which Mayor Doyle wanted to add the phrase "upon direction of the mayor."

Edson storm costs money but no lives

By Anne Groenen

July 30

With winds whipped to 93 km per hour (58mph) and 12 mm of rain dumped in 15 minutes the storm that hit Edson Thursday afternoon will cost the town thousands of dollars in damages and clean up.

Public Works Superintendent Charles Ward, estimates expenses of $2,000 for clean up alone, a figure which does not include damages to town structures and utilities.

After the storm Thursday, town crews hit the streets removing trees from roads and houses and cleaning up any debris considered hazardous.

Ward was concerned that the number and size of the trees down in Edson might delay final clean up.

The even greater costs will be borne by homeowners who had trees crash on houses, garages and sheds while winds knocked over some smaller structures.

Art and Doris Straub on 6th avenue had to bring an insurance adjuster to estimate damages to the roof of their house as two trees in their neighbor's yard crashed down. The neighbor has agreed to cut down one remaining old poplar.

Dave Dowdell at 49th street and 18th avenue looked out his bedroom window to see trees coming down all around the house. A total of seven huge firs came down in his yard, but unbelievably none hit the house.

Many more homes were affected and all Thursday evening the sound of chain saws could be heard as neighbors helped one another to clean up fallen trees and scattered branches.

Environment Canada meteorologist Lucille Bahnsen recorded the winds and rain and said there were no unusual conditions to cause the storm.

Some Edson residents had heard, via their radios, of a tornado watch for Edson on Friday night, but Environment Canada denied this information Sunday. They claim the conditions were there for a severe thunderstorm only.

However as explanations poured out of Edmonton about the massive tornado which hit that city Friday, it became increasingly clear that conditions in Edson were very similar to those in Edmonton.

We had been experiencing hot and humid weather and were directly in the path of the cold air front coming over the mountains. The only ingredient missing was the jet stream which whipped the clashing air masses over Edmonton into the funnels which became the killer tornado.

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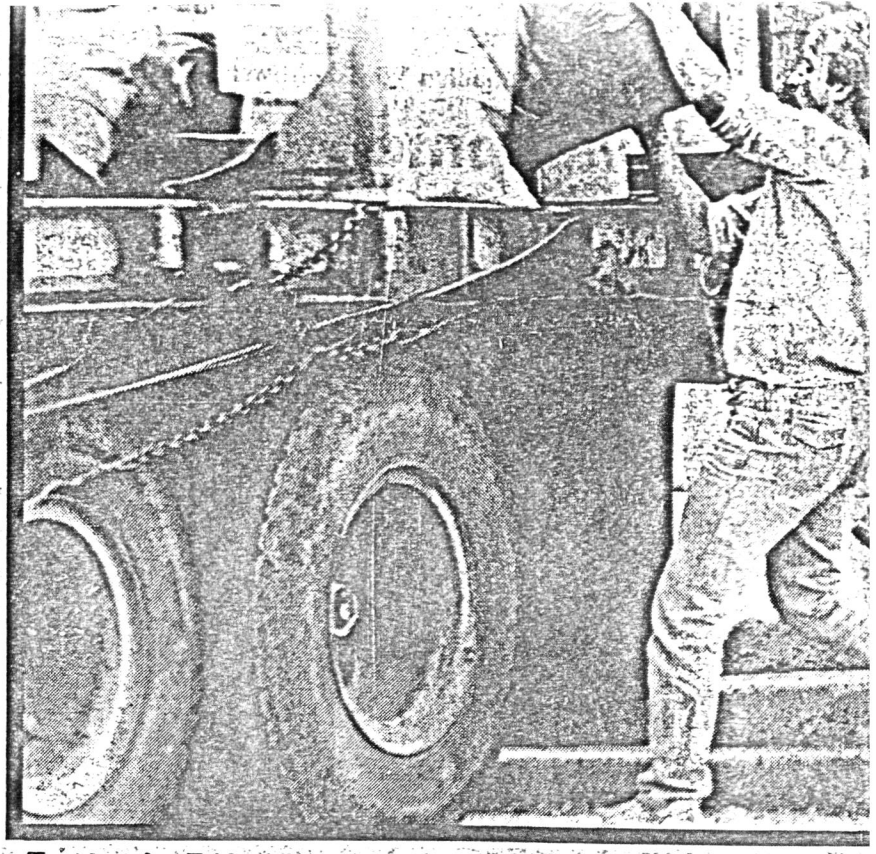

Touched by Friday's tragedy in Edmonton, Edson residents load a relief truck Sunday at Parkland Composite High School. The truck reached Edmonton Sunday n hands of torn

Edson mounts food, clothin

By Allen S. Bryant

Haggard emergency service workers were unloading Edson's relief truck at a Kingsway Ave. warehouse in Edmonton Sunday night.

Speaking in a late-night phone interview, co-driver Joan Lenahan said even as the 50 foot logging truck was being unloaded victims of Edmonton's horrible catastrophe were trickling in for help.

"They look tired, they look in pain, their faces wear a shocked expression," she said.

Many of the victims would have been from Edmonton's north east Evergreen Mobile Home Park where 14 people were killed Friday when ferocious winds savaged the area. Some of the victims could have been from the south east industrial area near Sherwood Park. Eight people were killed there.

The death toll from the twisters that caused an estimated $100 million of damage to the city, stood at 25 Sunday.

Lenahan said the workers were glad to get the help from the Edson area "but were a little testy because they were so tired."

It took the emergency service volunteers about 30 minutes to unload the truck belonging to Mike's Trucking of Edson. Edson's relief goods are expected to be in the hands of the tornado victims some time this week.

Driver Mike Lenahan left Edson for the battered provincial capital shortly before 6:00 p.m. Sunday. Lenahan said he volunteered his truck and time because he wanted to do something to help.

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River levels high, but no flood threat

River levels are "considerably higher than normal" after rsistent rains in the mountains and foothills of western lberta over the last week, but an Alberta Forestry official ys it appears the rivers in the Edson area have reached eir peak levels without spilling their banks.

Edwin Preece of the Edson Forestry Lands and Wildlife fice told *Edson Report* on Monday that the rains which ll in the last week had swollen rivers and creeks to the oint that his department was keeping an eye on water vels and were gathering information from residents in ostream communities. "If the rain had kept falling, we ould have been in for some flooding," stated Preece.

The weather forecast calls for some sunshine, so it looks ke we're okay for now."

Creeks and rivers in the area overflowed their banks last immer, floooding homes, farms and roadways, and veeping one man in a vehicle to his death.



These trees were pulled up by the roots in Thursday's storm which saw trees down all over Edson. Houses, sheds and yards took a beating as the winds reached 93 km per hour. See related story page 1.

Hazardous waste sites not harmful in Edson area

A recent inventory of active, closed and abandoned industrial waste landfills documented by Alberta Environment includes a number of sites in Edson and area.

None of these sites, in fact none of the 620 so far identified in the province, poses a problem requiring immediate clean up according to Ken Kowalski, Alberta Environment minister.

The inventory report is the first phase of Kowalski's Help End Landfill Pollution (HELP) program launched last fall in response to the discovery of an unrecorded industrial fill in the Edmonton area.

With a Hazardous Chemical Advisory Committee made up of 17 representatives from government, industry and public organizations to advise the minister and hear appeals, Kowalski hopes to have two documents passed by November 1, 1987.

A Policy on Management of Hazardous Wastes and Recycleable Materials is being drafted to develop a management plan to protect the environment, to plan industrial growth, and to increase public confidence in hazardous waste disposal.

Recycling has become the major focus of environment officials as well as decreasing the total amount of waste produced.

Amendments to the Hazardous Waste Regulations is the second document. The major amendments being considered include 1)specification of wastes prohibited for disposal, 3)requirements for the immediate reporting of spills, and 4)exemptions of small quantities of wastes to avoid every household needing a permit to dispose of things such as paint cans.

A tracking system for disposal and recycling is being developed by the government to ensure requirements are met.

As well Kowalski has indicated he will aggressively pursue industries failing to respond to questionnaires. They will be "singled out for special inspection if repeated attempts to obtain responses fail," said the minister.

Ken Crane, environmental affairs representative for Luscar Sterco in Edmonton, says the company responded to the government inquiries. He believes the 150 or so different approvals required for operation at Coal Valley ensure that solid wastes are disposed of properly in landfills and chemicals and drums of lubricants are being stored and transported according to government regulations.

Derek Stewart from Pelican Spruce Mills in Edson, says their closed landfill was a site for wood waste but the cost of meeting regulations for treating, dozing and restoring the site to its natural state prompted the company to close the site.

The company now utilizes as much waste as possible and burns the rest.

Various companies in Hinton, Wabamun, Grande Cache, Whitecourt and Edson are listed as having active or

$479,000 for town's sewage expansion

Minister Al Adair of Transportation and Utilities and MLA for Peace River last week announced a grant of $479,150 to the Town of Grimshaw.

Drop in chicken prices seen

Although chicken prices held steady through the first quarter of 1987, an Alberta Agriculture specialist predicts prices may drop over the next six months.

Al Dooley, an analyst with the market analysis branch in Edmonton, says increased production, greater supplies of other meats such as pork, and chicken brought in from other provinces could impact on prices paid here.

In his quarterly look at the poultry and egg industry, Dooley says prices to producers could drop three to five percent over the summer and fall. Alberta chicken production was estimated at 9.9 million kilograms during the first three months of 1987--a 5.3 percent increase over 1986.

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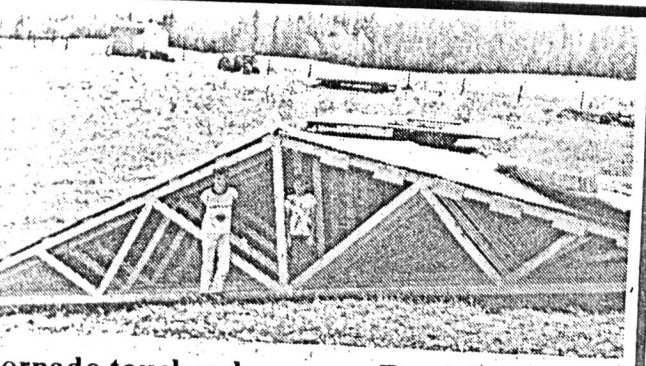

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Women's Education

The Women's Studies Outreach Project is offering free learning packages for rural women. See Shopper

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Celebs blast Knights

The Knights of Columbus took on a team of local celebrities in a slowpitch game that raised money for the Auxiliary Hospital. For details see

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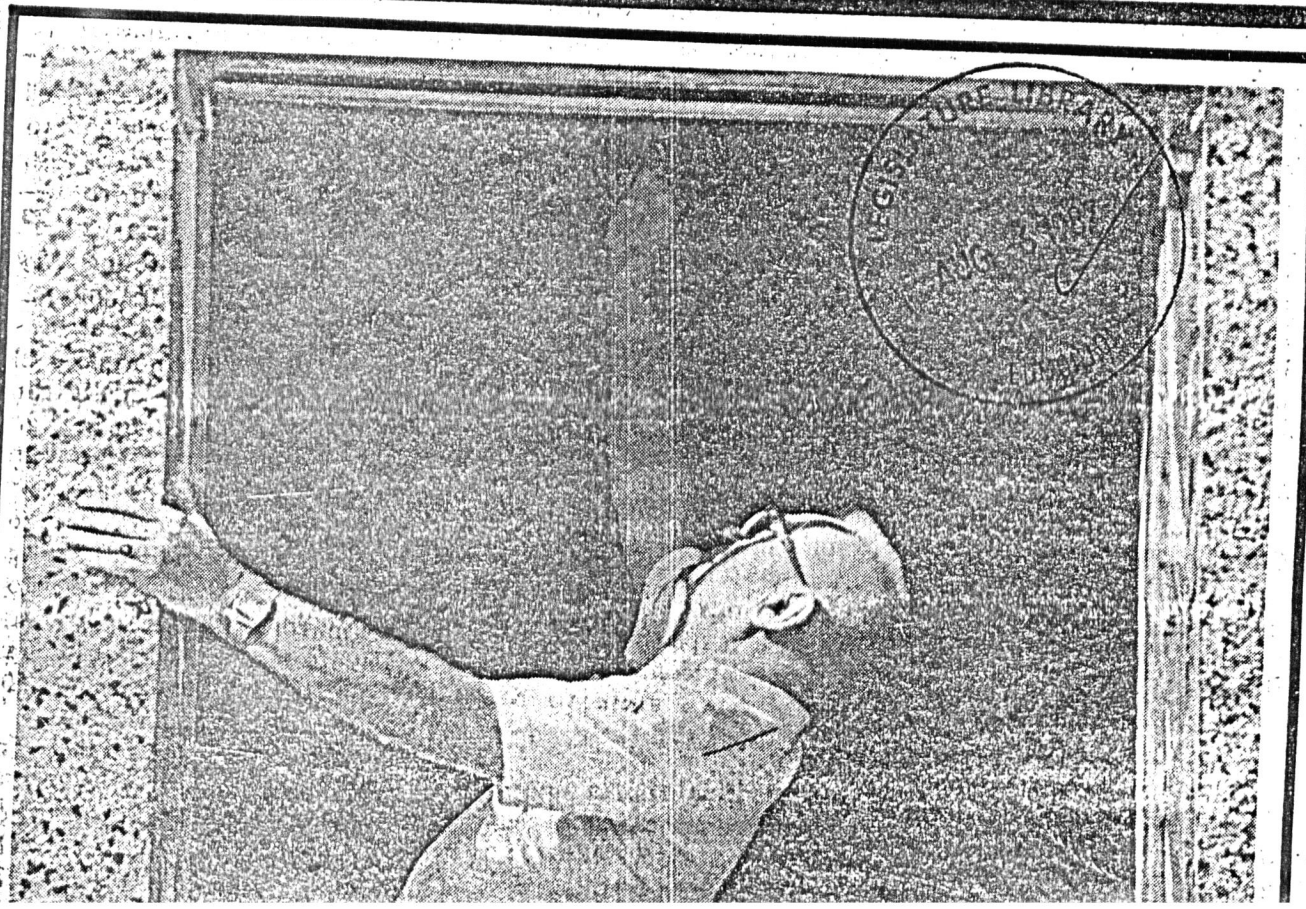

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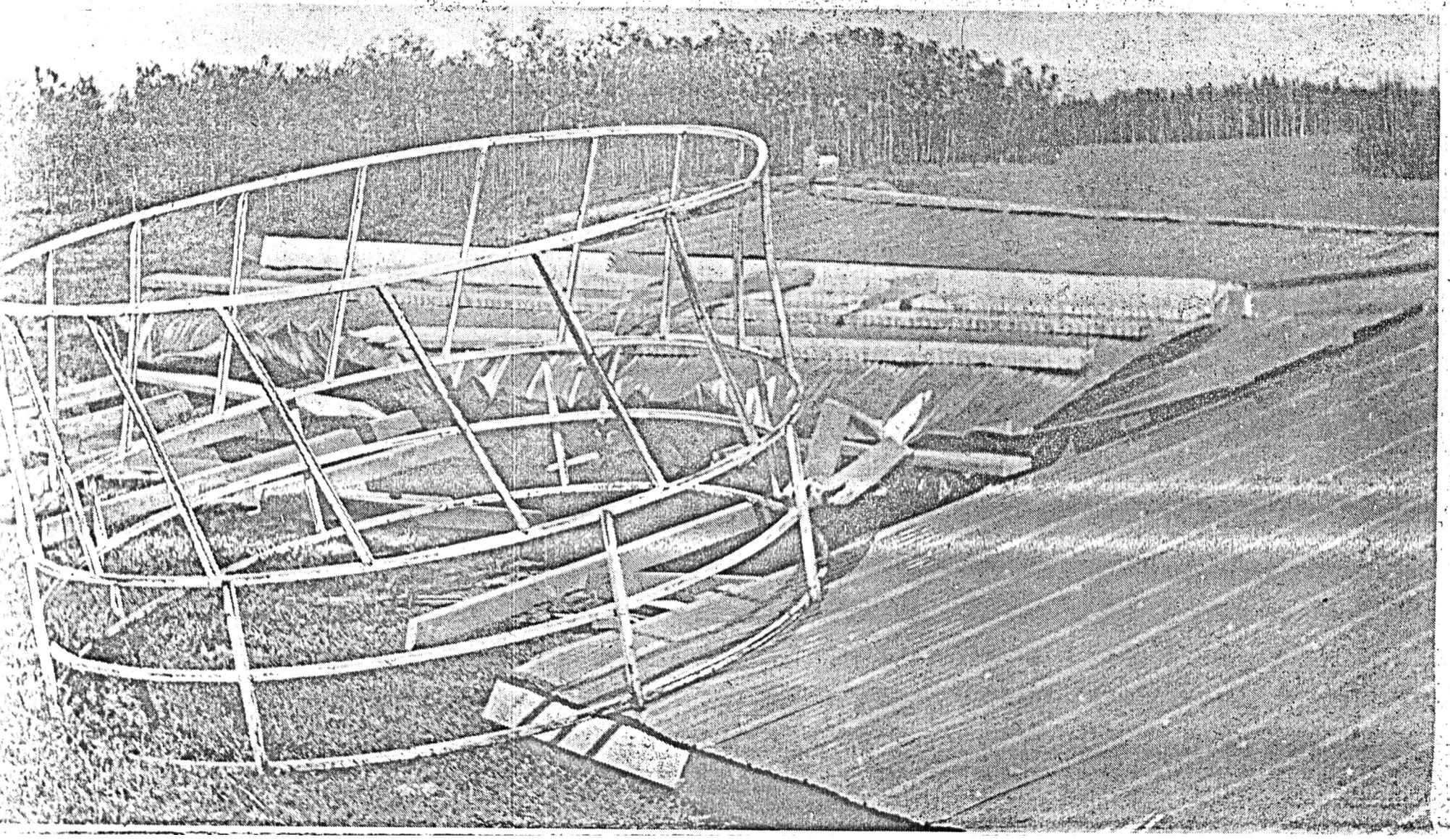

Paul Boulerice's bale feeder sits on top of what had been a machine shed before a tornado ripped through his yard last week.

Tornado wreaks havoc on Dapp homes

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A machine shed was totally destroyed and trees were uprooted when a tornado touched down north of the Dapp corner on Thursday.

A round metal bale feeder crashed on the roof of the shed and pieces of metal siding and wood were scattered across the barnyard. The shed was 32 by 60 feet in size and had just been built last December.

The Boulerices were awakened by loud noises around 3 am and when they realized the sounds were coming from a tornado, they retreated to their basement.

Lorraine Boulerice says the events of the evening were very frightening.

Nearby at the home of Keith Christenson, several trees were uprooted while at Ed Dul's place more trees were uprooted and several more were broken off.

Environment Canada officials say the severe thundershowers and strong winds we've been getting recently are due to very warm, tropical air that has been floating up from the United States and mixing with our normally cool air. The combination has sparked the very severe and unpredictable storms the entire area has been experiencing.

Aside from several funnel clouds which have been reported all around the Edmonton region, environment officials say winds have been blowing from 90 to 100 km per hour during the storms.

Trees damaged

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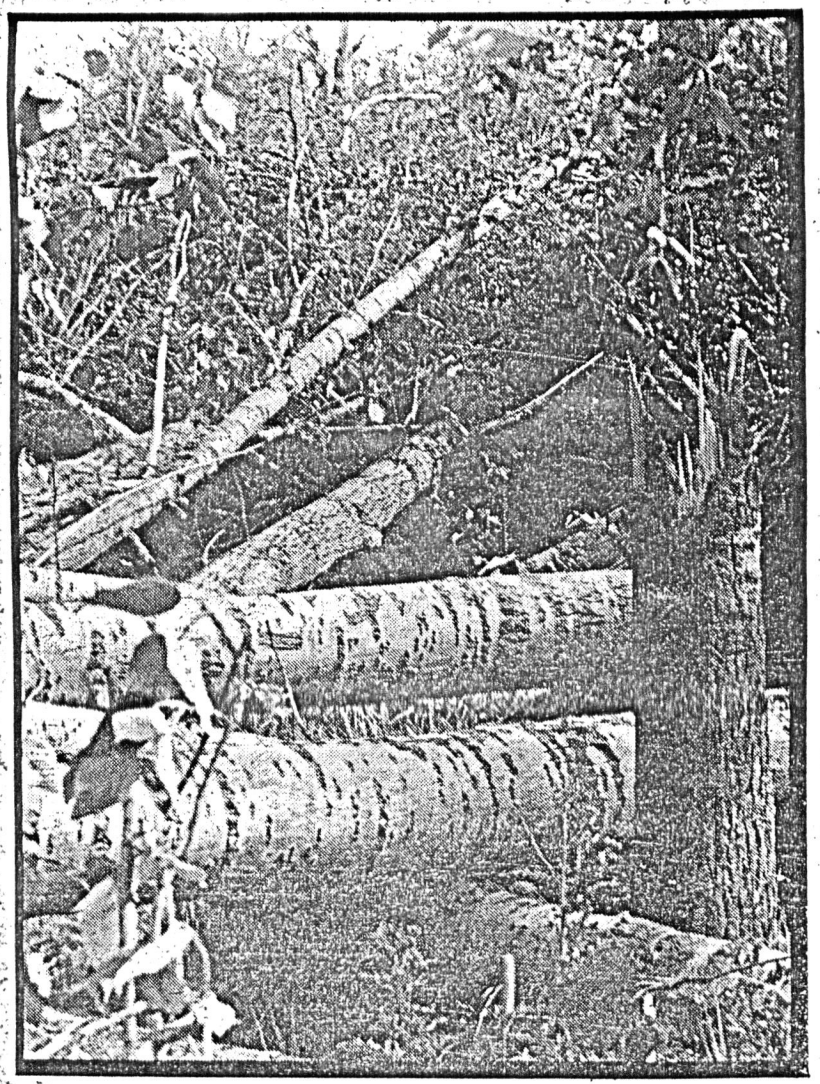
Keith Christenson also lost trees to last week's violent storms.



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Storm hits town

By John Eamon

A severe lightning, wind and rain storm July 31 left one Whitecourt man dead, downed powerlines and toppled trees.

Lightning was probably responsible for the death of a local man, said RCMP Sgt. Ben Andersen.

Leonard Lentz, 34, was found lying in a pasture on the Whitecourt Mountain Friday with his horse. Both were dead. RCMP estimate his time of death to be 5 p.m. — three hours before he was found.

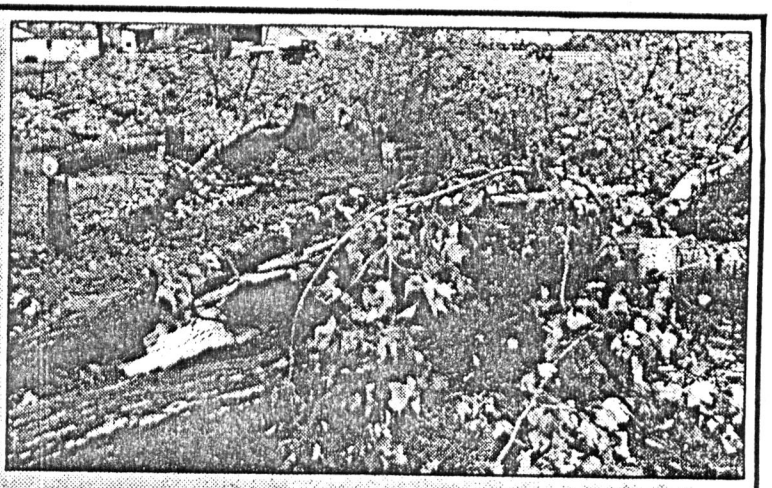
Wind gusts of 55 km-h were recorded at the airport, and powerlines were downed by broken trees. Mostly small powerlines were knocked down, and TransAlta Utilities crews worked all night to fix them. There were no major power outages even though four transformers were struck by lightning, said TransAlta district manager Bob Piper.

Some telephones were out for a time in town.

A downed line caused a fire on the Peers Road. "It was a small fire, and it was out by the time we got there," said fire chief Bob Walker.

The storm dumped 15 mm of rain, contributing to some flooding.

There was a flood scare Aug. 2 as the McLeod and the Athabasca Rivers overflowed their banks. Only minor flooding occured, and the rivers peaked Aug. 3 at 4:30 p.m.



Timber

Friday's storm destroyed this group of trees in Cottonwood. The debris was later cleared by members of the Blue Ridge Lions Club and some of the Blue Ridge firefighters.

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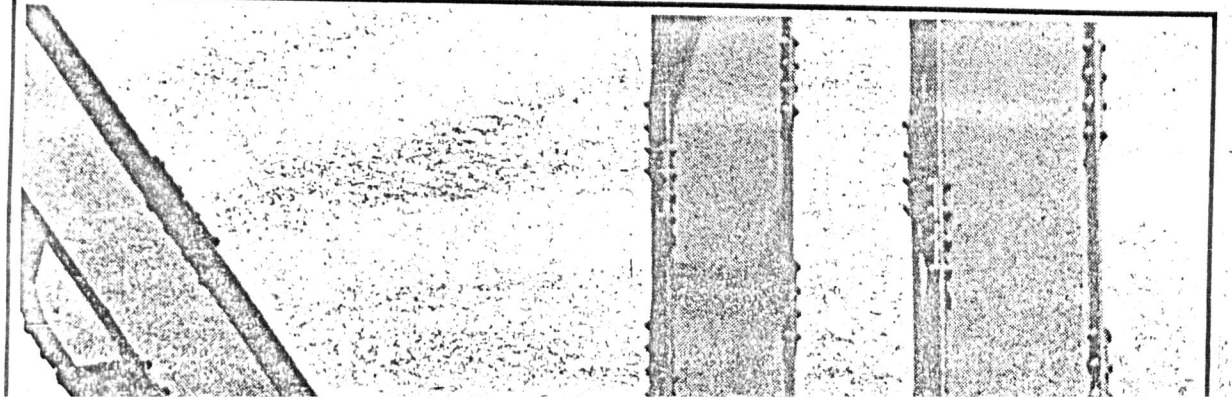

Police have leads

Break-ins increase

Another rash of break-ins hit Whitecourt in the past week, bringing the total to seven in two weeks.

"We're working on some solid leads," in the previous

They also stole two boxes of toilet paper and did some damage in the storage room. Andersen said any residents who witnessed someone smashing lights are encouraged

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'A lot of insurance claims'

Storm causes havoc in town

High winds caused a lot of damage during Thursday's driving rain storm.

Thelma Maris at TransAlta Utilities says the power was out in town for about 45 minutes, from approximately 3:45 to 4:30 p.m., due mostly from trees falling on power lines.

"It (the storm) caused a lot of problems with transformers," she says. "Our men have been working basically all night (Thursday night, Friday morning)."

Maris says she was answering phones until 2 a.m. Friday morning, saying that helps the company figure out where the problems are.

Fred Maybroda at the Edson weather office says 12mm of rain fell in the time between 3:15 and 4:30 p.m. Thursday. He says the wind peaked at 50 knots or about 100 kilometers an hour (60 mph).

"There is going to be a lot of insurance claims," he says.

How true.

"We've had two or three month's worth of claims in one day," says Insco Insurance's Ellen Hunt, who had 12 claims by noon Friday.

"Our phone's been ringing off the hook this morning," says Soltys Insurance Vicki Melhus who had eight calls by the same time.

"It's going to cost the insurance companies quite a bit of money to straighten this out," says Gail Dubray of Berglund and Dubray Insurance.

The Commodore Hotel was one of the local businesses that had some damage because of the storm. Clarence Wanchulak says one of his signs was "sucked right up and thrown over." He also says he found some of the hotel's siding 200 to 300 yards from the hotel, noting that it could have been dangerous for people walking on the street during the storm, if there were any.



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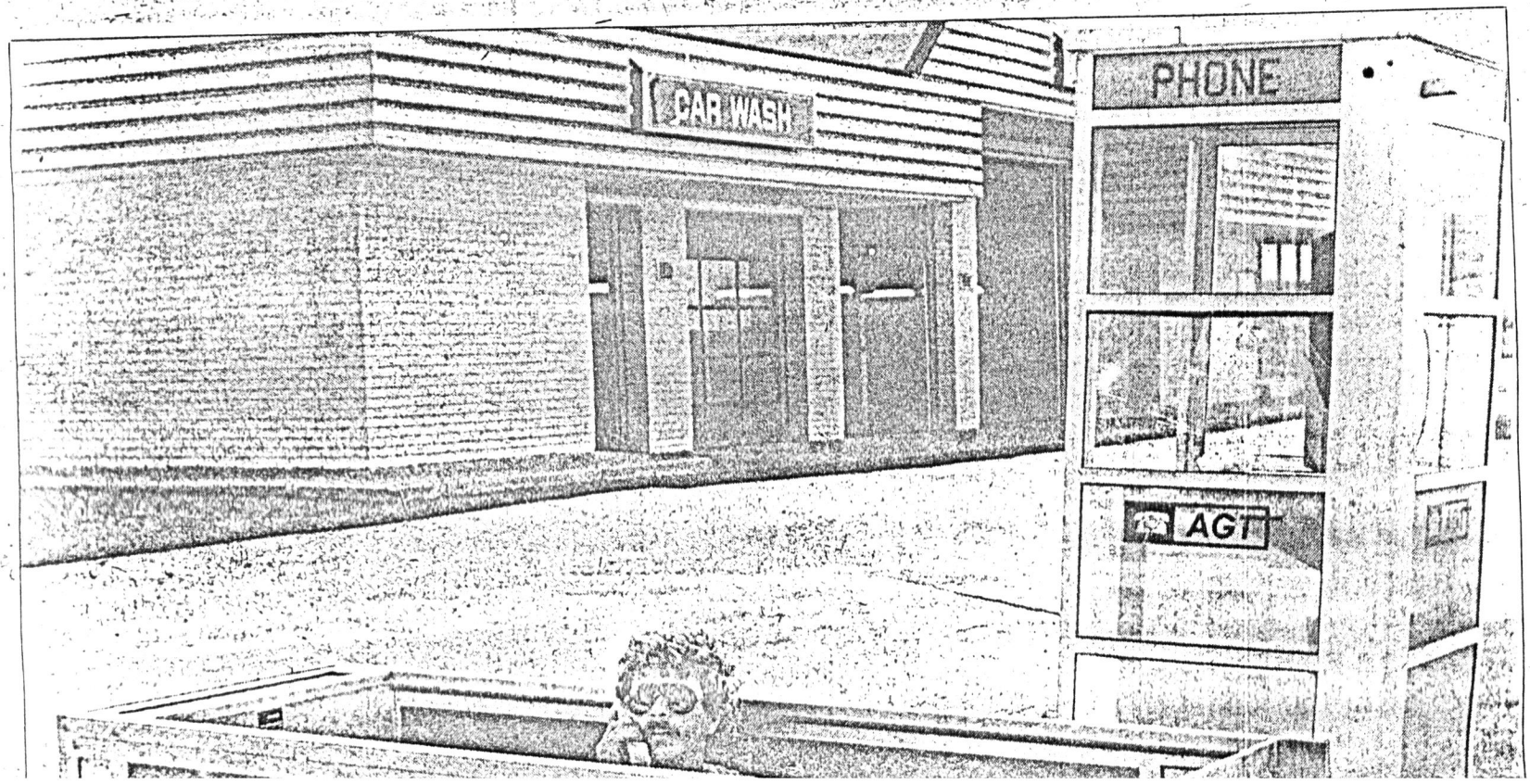

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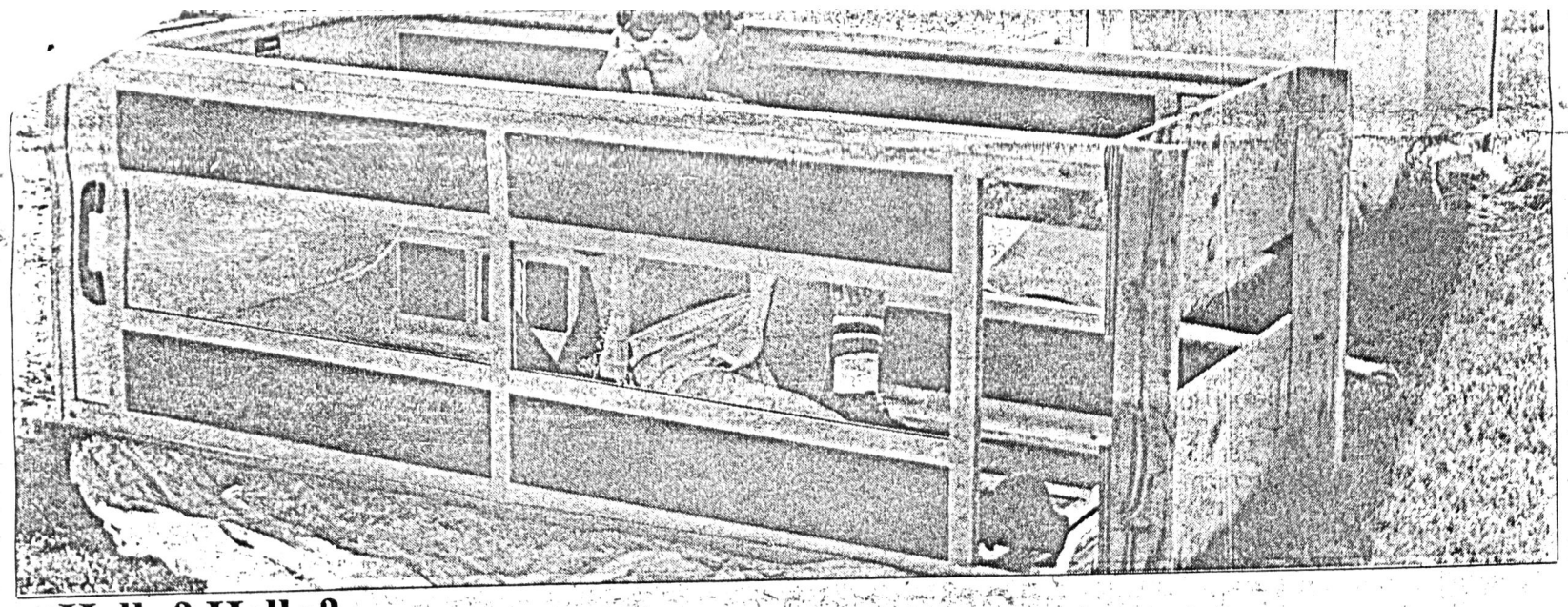

Hello? Hello?

Morinville resident Kevin Badry tries out the newest models in phone booths. This style allows the caller to lay down and put the ole feet up while chatting away the hours. This model may become particularly popular with the local women.

Family school bus fees more than double

It's official. School bus fees for students attending in Morinville under the Thibault Roman Catholic Public School District will cost more effective at the start of the school year.

Secretary-treasurer of the school district, Ben Wigger, says the increased prices will remain unless an alternative is found after a transportation study is done by the Alberta School Trustees Association (ASTA).

Bus rates for the family will be $300 up from $140. Grades one to three will pay $100 up from $75 and grades four to six will pay $125 up from $75. Grades seven to 12 will be paying $55 more than last year bringing the cost up to $150 from $95.

Students that will not have to pay bus fees include those living 2.4 kilometres or more from the school and physically handicapped pupils.

Also exempt from paying the fees are elementary students attending a special program not offered in the school they would normally attend, students who have been requested by the board to attend a school not in their attendance area and elementary students who live in Sunshine Estates but will be going to school at G.P. Vanier.

The reason for the increase is bus fees stems from cuts in government grants to the school division which has nessesitated that the board look at other ways to make up for those cuts.

When determining what to do in the case of bus fees, the board looked at two possibilities, one, to discontinue the use of one bus to bring down expenses and the other to increase the cost of bus passes.

The board chose to increase the fees.

The projected budget for the transportation services in the 1987-'88 school year shows $149,743 in revenues. These revenues are divided among regular transportation and transportation for the language program, special education, early childhood services and private individual busing.

Transportation expenses come to $155,403 which will leave the board with a deficit of $5,660. Expenses include the operation of seven buses.

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Obituary tells story of tornado disaster

Obituaries. Every newspaper runs them, many people read them. Some people even collect them in their family photo albums.

Mrs. Lillian Bird Babb has a family photo album which was handed down to her from her mother. The photo album has pictures of family members dating back to 1891.

Pictures were made of tin plates back then. There were no negatives to have duplicate pictures made.

In Mrs. Babb's album are obituaries of family members that her mother was able to collect. The saddest obituary has to be, however, of a tornado that ripped through Vermilion in 1907. The obituary tells the tragic story of how she (Mrs. Babbs) lost her three sisters during the tornado. Mrs. Babbs was only four months old at the time the tornado struck, so she has no memories of it. Her three sisters are buried in the Vermilion cemetery.

Mrs. Babb has her own picture album of her own family. The memories will last for generations to come.

Here is how the obituary was written in 1907. It is from the Vermilion Standard and the Winnipeg Free Press.

Ever wonder why people never smiled in those old pictures? Cameras weren't made with fast shutter speeds which freeze frames pictures taken now. Anyone who wanted to have their picture taken had to go through a grouling experience of having themselves wired so they could not move. Any movement in pictures caused a blurred picture. Smiling for pictures back then was almost impossible because it was such an uncomfortable experience.(DAVE, this has to be moved to go underneath the third paragraph).

August 14, 1907 — The town was thrown into consternation Thursday evening when word was received that three of Henry Myer's children had met their death the day previous through their residence-near Vermilion-being struck by a cyclone. The information Cood Myer received was merge, and at first two reported dead, the other girl severly injured. A latter wire conveyed the information that all three had succombed, the oldest having lived 12 hours, but never regained consciousness.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook Myer left on the evening train, and were there in time to attend the funersal and comfor the bereaved.

About three months ago the family left for their new home with the brightest hopes, accompanied by the best wishes of our community, and to have met with such fate, threw a pall of saddness over the town.

To the bereaved father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Cook Myer, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Haley the sympathy of our community is extended.

The following is taken from the Winnipeg Free Press:

Vermilion, Alta., Aug. 15 — A tragedy occured yesterday at the ranch of Henry Myer, a well known local horseman, on the Battle river, about 20 miles south of here, as a result of a small cyclone which passed across the district about five o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Myer, with his hired man and eldest child, a boy of ten years, was haying some distance from the ranch, and Mrs. Myer, with the remaining 4 children, youngest a baby four months old, were in the kitchen. Mrs. Myer had been engaged in baking when the hurricane struck the house. The three eldest children ran from the building but had gone only a short way when they were overtaken by the flying timbers, two being unstantly killed and the third so badly injured that she died this morning at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Myers and the baby had a miraculous escape, as the building was completely demolished together with the stables and carrals. A horse was also killed.

The dead children were all girls, Emerald, Ruby and Pearl, their ages being nine, seven and three years, respectively. So far as could be ascertained no other harm was done.

The report was brought to town by Mr. Myer's man, who came for Dr. Ryan to attend Pearl, the injured child. She died however, before his arrival. The children will be buried in Vermilion.

This is the first story of a real cyclonic character ever reported in Saskatchewan country. Witnesses who viewed it from a distance say that the cloud took the form of a funnel-shape pillar quite narrow in cicumference. Heartfelt sympathy for Mr. and Mrs. Myers is felt in their terrible bereavement.

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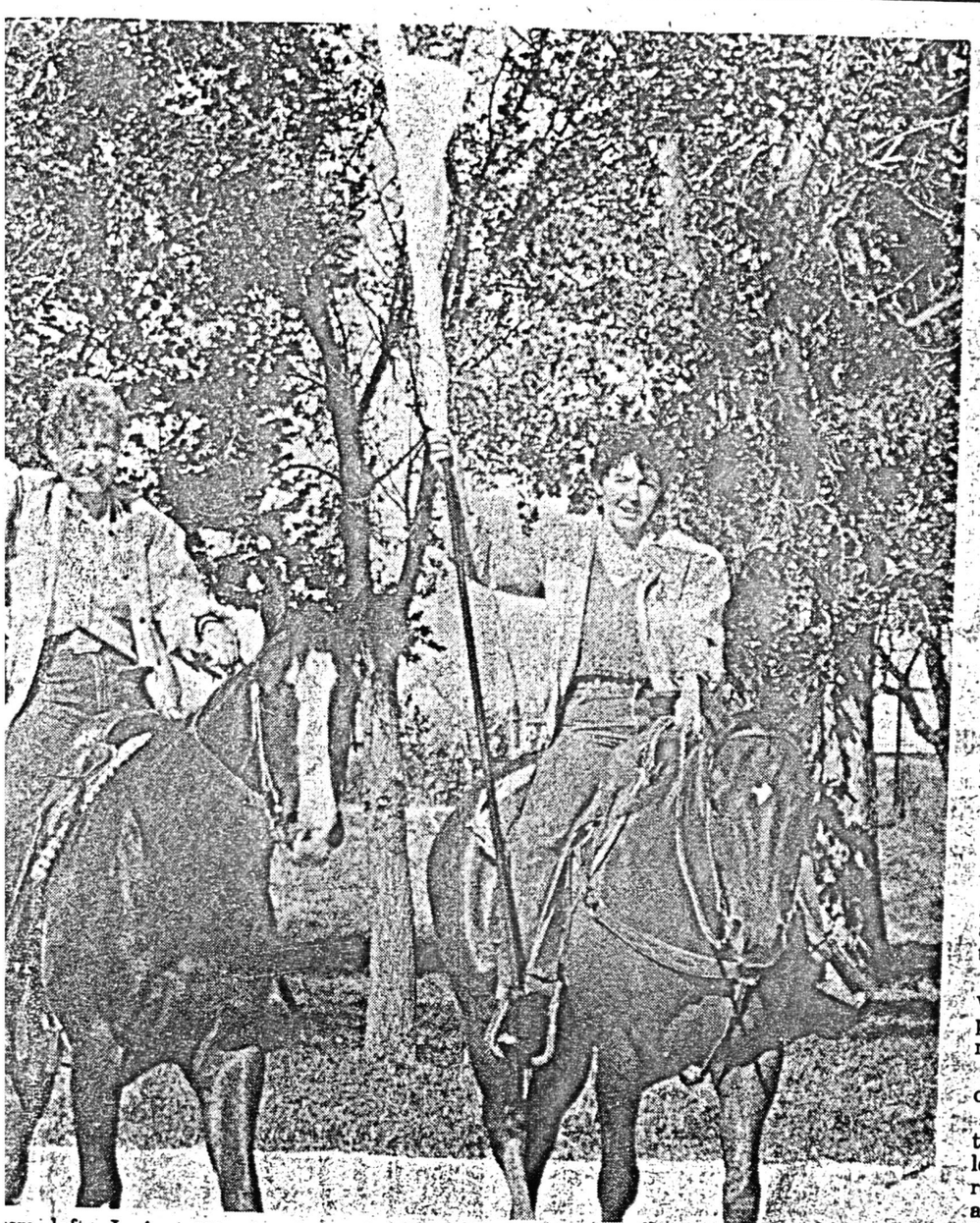

'om left, Janice Edwards and Shari Greene. sisters Rhonda Because of high winds the flags were wrapped around the poles to avoid frightening the horses.

Milo clears reminders of storm

Most reminders of the July 25 storm in Milo are cleared off streets, yards and farms, according to Milo Mayor Robert Phillips.

Many of the trees and branches blown free onto the streets are picked up, although those near Milo's entrance have been left untouched, Phillips said.

The village applied to Disaster Services for financial aid, to be used especially in cleaning up those trees. Word from the service is expected later this week as to exactly how much aid will be given.

The money would also be used for other non-insurable municipal property damaged by the storm, Phillips said, not including private property.

On the farms around the Milo area, only four or five hail claims were made, according to Lorraine Gair from the Alberta Hail and Crop Insurance in Vulcan. The rest of Milo area claims were for wind damages with hail, usually a great threat to the farmer, taking a back seat to the terrific force of the tornado's blast.

However, throughout the whole district, Gair said, approximately 350 hail claims were made.

Wind and hail were not the only factors in the storm.

As well, throughout the County of Vulcan, the same storm that left much of Milo shaken also rendered many homes powerless, a spokesman for Trans Alta Utilities in Vulcan said.

Several hundred customers were left without power, a few for up to 24 hours.

The power shortage started at 6:07 p.m., blacking out 500 homes. By 9:30 p.m., approximately 325 homes had their power returned - those in the Arrowwood, Mossleigh and Sholdice areas.

But where the storm hit the worst, the power was out for a longer period of time.

In the town of Milo, power returned by 5:15 a.m. on Sunday with still approximately 130 customers in the Milo REA (Rural Electrification Association) in the dark, but by 10:00 a.m. power had returned.

Trans Alta Utilities was still receiving calls in the evening on Sunday from people without power. Eventually all electricity was on.

The storm hit the Milo area and then moved into Gleichen, taking down two main structures of the main feeder line in Milo.

Because the damage in Milo was so severe, three men were called out from High River to put up three fallen power poles. Six transformers also needed repairs.

Besides the larger damages, wire was down in various parts of the Milo and Mossleigh areas.

With the damage so widespread, an estimate of costs is difficult. Reports of the storm's havoc are still coming in.

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winners, and to all who didn't win, we hope you had fun and will try again next year.

Mini Rodeo Results:

Mini Rodeo was a huge success again this year, 1987 Mini Rodeo king and queen were Melissa and Darcie Volk.

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Drivers buckling up

Minister of Transportation and Utilities Al "Boomer" Adair July 23 released figures indicating that nearly 80 per cent of Alberta's drivers are fastening their seatbelts since the introduction of seatbelt legislation on July 1, 1987.

In surveys taken from July 1 through July 7, researchers found that 78.6 per cent of drivers in Alberta were wearing seatbelts. Edmonton drivers cracked the 80 per cent barrier with a usage rate of 80.9 per cent. Calgary drivers checked in at 79.1 per cent. Re-

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Sturgeon high school hit by storm



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Councillors Gilbert Soetaert and Hubert Lamoureux argued against Coun. Schoenberger's recommendation, which said the program would be initiated over a number of years beginning in 1988.

They said it was too vague in not stating exactly when the project would begin, how much it would cost and how long it would take to complete. Coun. Soetaert was concerned that only certain areas would receive the signs and there would be a long wait before other areas got them.

"I can't see putting in a piecemeal installation, he said. "An accident could happen in an area where there aren't any signs."

Coun. Lamoureux said he felt it was up to the emergency people to study the areas in which they cover so that "these mix-ups don't occur." He also said council had not considered the cost of upkeep for the signs which he suggested could be about $20,000 a year.

On the other hand, coun. Everitt said it was an important move since many roads near Calahoo didn't go straight through to it and wound around slews, and the present signs could be confusing. "Are people going to look at the signs and know where they are, or are they

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Storm brings hail, uproots trees

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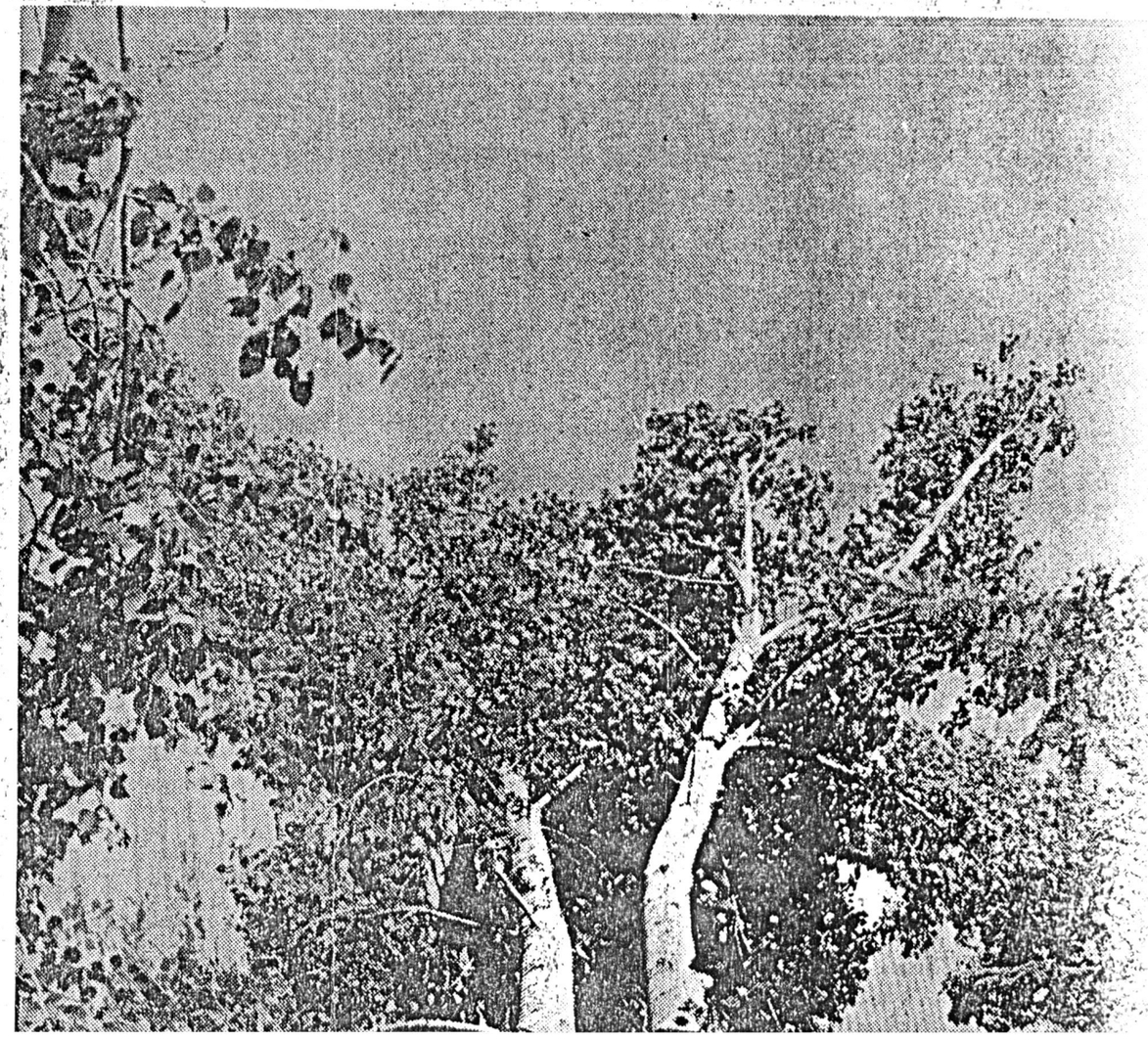

Irrigators get deficit payment

Application forms for additional payments under the Special Canadian Grains Program have been mailed, the president of the Alberta Soft Wheat Growers' Association said Friday.

Art Eckert of Duchess, in Taber for the association's annual crop tour, said he'd been told by officials in Ottawa the forms had been mailed between July 17 and July 20.

The mailing of the forms marks a triumph for the soft wheat association. The group led the effort to convince the federal government irrigated grain growers were short-changed in the $1 billion deficit payment program announced last year to compensate farmers for low prices.

The payments were based on yields.

(See IRRIGATION Page 2)

Hostess lays off 15

A 12 per cent sales tax on snack foods went ahead as predicted, and a lay-off of 15 people at Hostess Foods Products became a reality Monday.

Hostess protested the tax increase by sending letters and cards to Michael Wilson, finance minister.

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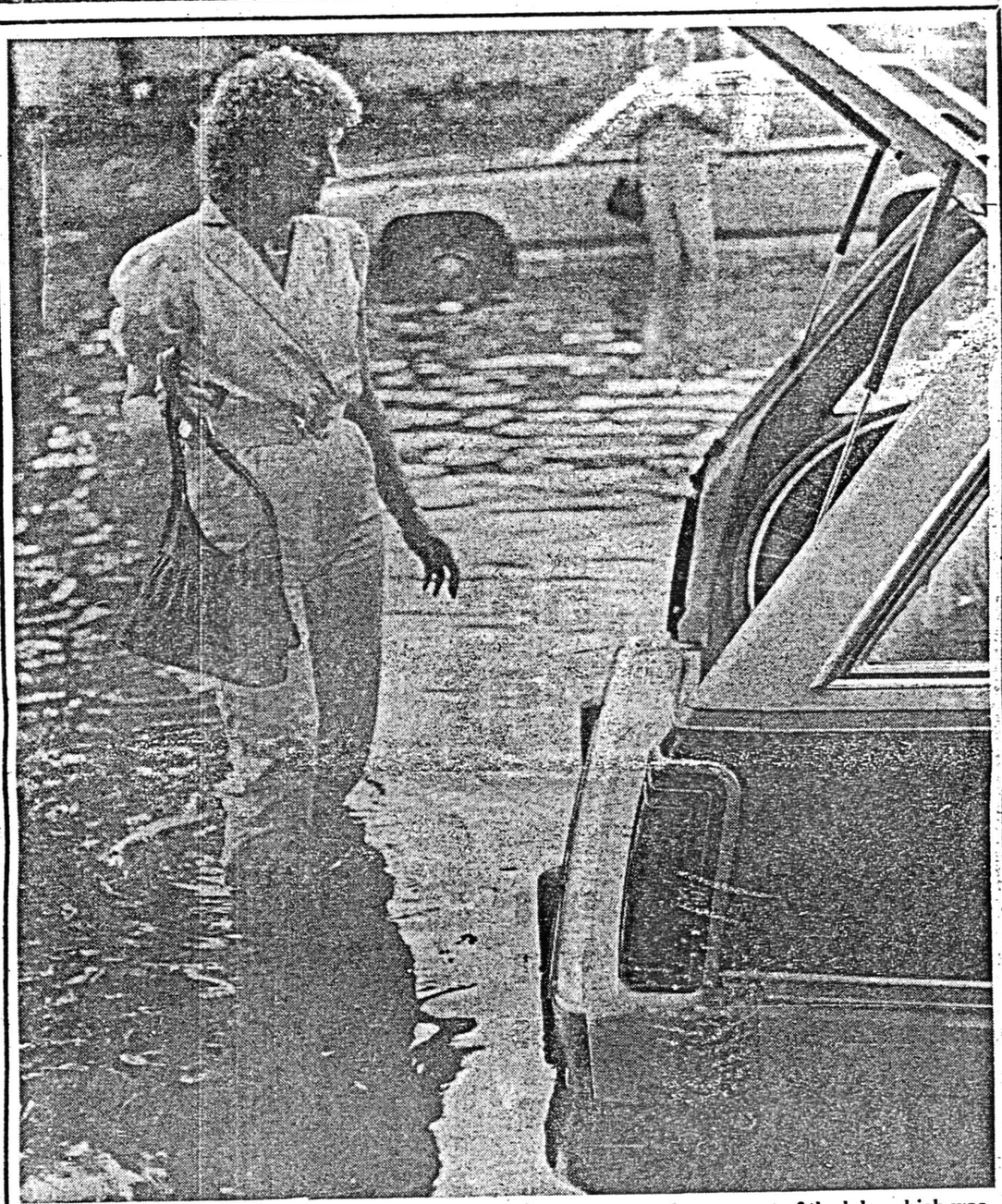

KNEE DEEP IN WATER, Janet Watch tries to figure a way to get her car out of the lake which was created on 49 Ave. by Friday afternoon's storm. Shortly after 4 p.m. Watch was able to drive out of the giant puddle. There were no reports in Wetaskiwin of serious injuries or damage caused by the storm. Photo by Marg LeGuilloux. — S-1xD Reg.

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grams and just be offering a friendly place to drop by, Cuthbert said.

Right now the centre has three full-time workers and three temporary youth workers, he added.

They have already organized several events, including a suicide prevention workshop last Friday, July 31, and an ice-cream party the Friday before which the Care Bear Day Care Centre enjoyed.

Other projects planned include a day care centre for native children -- something native families have trouble finding at the moment, he said.

The centre, to be called "Kokum's House" (Cree for "Grandma's") may be placed in the house just east of the friendship centre at 5006 48 Avenue.

Many groups and individuals have already helped the centre in this and other projects, Cuthbert said.

Other organizations, such as the Wetaskiwin public school administration, have also cooperated in discussions with the centre staff, he added. The centre and the local school district plan to offer much more native education for everyone this year.

Projects such as obtaining an alcohol abuse worker for Wetaskiwin area are also receiving support from many groups, including Hobbema authorities.

Funding for the centre comes mostly from the White Buffalo Society, but many groups are now also helping in this area, as well, he added. "The more you're able to get people to put in the money, the more you're able to get others to help."

Equally important, everyday people are starting to see the friendship centre as a nice place to just visit, Cuthbert said.

Tornado strikes farm area

BY BEV RUDOLFSEN
Staff Writer

One family is grateful to be alive after they watched a tornado rip through their yard east of Millet July 31.

"I've never seen anything like it--it was as if the heavens had closed up," said Joanne Babwik. "It was terrifying, and I hope we never see this again." She, her husband Peter and their three grandchildren were on their farm 13 miles east of Millet at 3:45 p.m. last Friday when the tornado ripped through the farmyard, collapsing a calf shed, shearing away trees and destroying a granary.

As the family hid in the home's basement, they could feel the house shaking, Babwik said. Heavy hail "the size of plums" and rain also hit the area, she added.

At the same time, two killer tornadoes were devastating northeast Edmonton and the County of Strathcona July 31.

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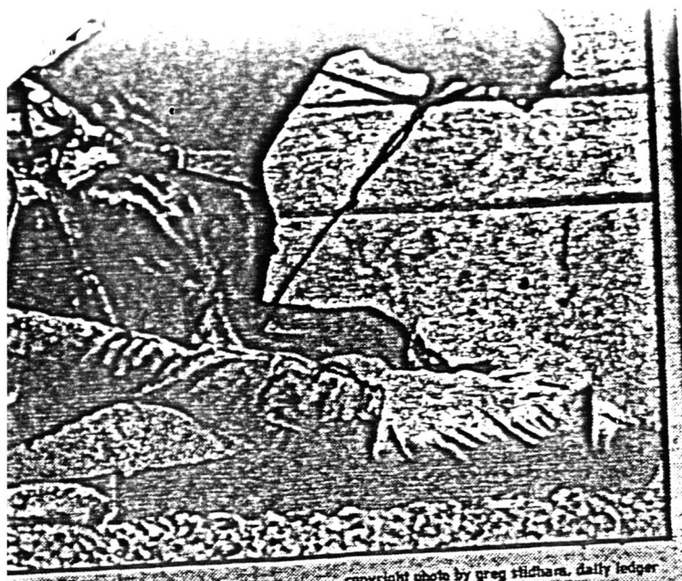

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Lightning strikes out powerlines

A wicked thunderstorm swept into the city yesterday knocking out power for thousands of Calgarians.

Intense lightning and strong winds uprooted trees and tore hydro lines from poles, knocking out electricity, said Eric Cameron, city electric system spokesman.

"You could say it was a bit of a mess," Cameron said.

The longest power outage was in Bridgeland — two hours.

The late afternoon storm prompted Environment Canada to issue a two-hour severe weather warning — telling of heavy rains, strong winds, hail and lightning.

Off-duty electric workers were called in to work to repair downed electricity lines damaged by falling trees. The northeast was particularly hard hit by power outages.

Officially, Calgary had 2 mm of rain in the downpour.

But Environment Canada weather briefer Colin Hansen said some areas had a lot more rain, including places to the northeast of the city which had more than 20 mm.

Medicine Hat avoided the main storm and recorded a temperature of 35C — highest in Canada.

But Longview residents reported golf-ball size hailstones.

Black Diamond, Priddis and Carseland were also hit.

There was hail the size of marbles in the Springbank area and pea-sized at Calgary airport.

A farmer east of Calaway Park reported a couple of 30-ft. trees were uprooted on his land.

The strong winds ravaged the southern Alberta village of Milo, taking tops off grain bins and flattening several telephone poles.

The Calgary forecast for today and Monday is for sunshine and highs near 30C.

Meanwhile, cleanup crews across southern Ontario were out in force following thunderstorms that damaged buildings and left thousands of people without electricity.

There were no reported deaths, but several people were injured.

However, Greece declared a state of emergency after a week-long heat wave sent temperatures soaring to more than 43C and killed at least 300 people.

Monday in the Sun

Come on Cannons!

The red-hot Cannons are smokin' in Las Vegas. Check out *Sports* for the game reports.

Surprise at cinema

Louis B. Hobson reports on this summer's surprise hit at the cinema.

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Hijacker overpowered

GENEVA (Reuters-AP) — A Lebanese Shiite Moslem hijacker who shot dead a French passenger had just agreed to free the lone Canadian passenger and two Belgians on board the jet when he was overpowered.

After the Frenchman was killed at the Geneva airport Friday, passengers at the rear of the plane, including Canadian Walt Cholewa, opened emergency exits and fled the plane.

The hijacker was distracted by the commotion and was overpowered by the plane's crew, including a steward who was shot and seriously wounded.

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Homely advice

Buying a house will likely be the biggest purchase you ever make. Erik Floren provides some sound advice on mortgages on Page 30.

Magical musical

Louis B. Hobson previews a six-week run of a Cole Porter musical revue at Calgary's Plaza Theatre. It sounds good on Page 25.

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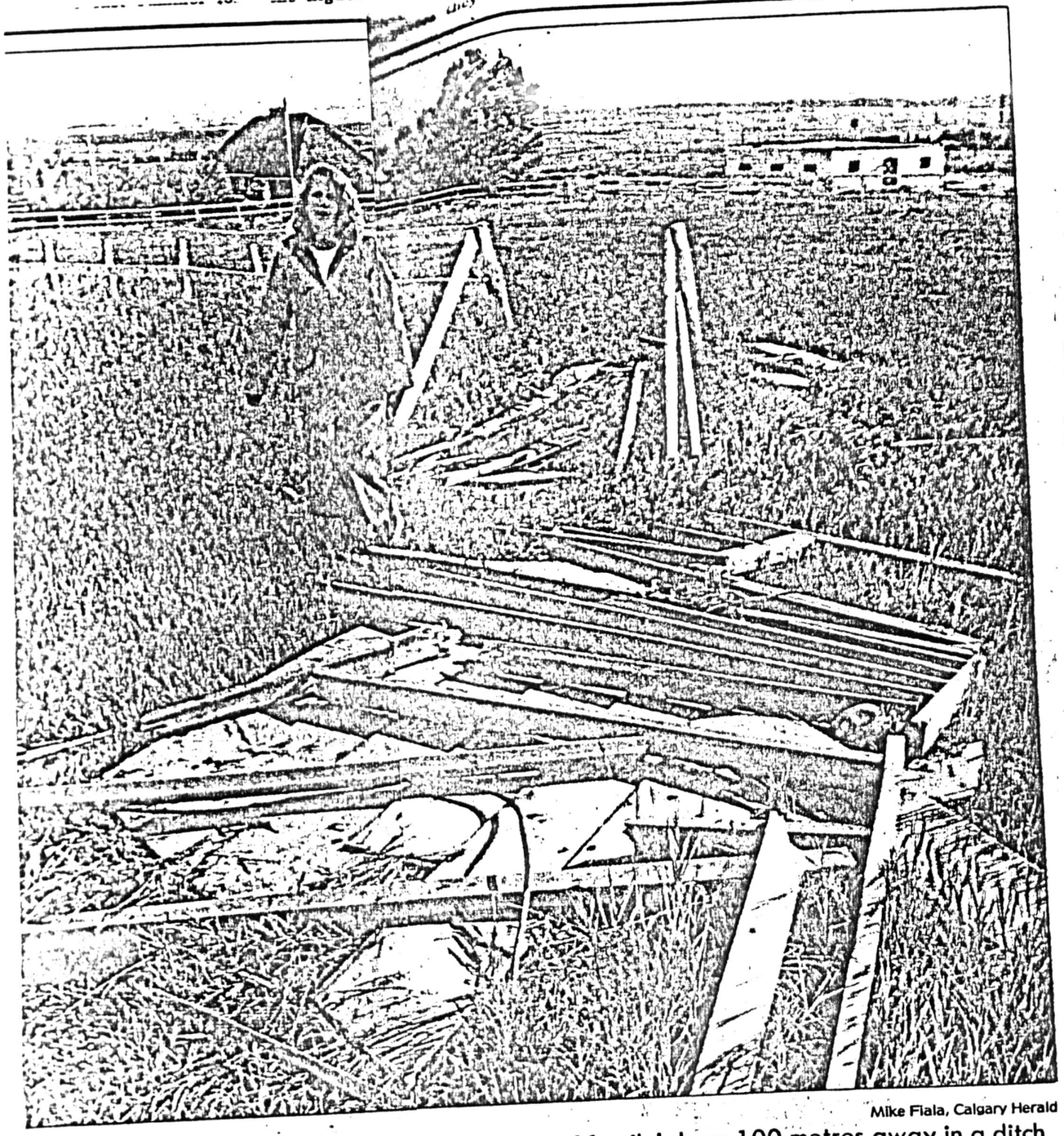

Mike Fiala, Calgary Herald

Courtney Bardonner of Springbank found part of family's barn 100 metres away in a ditch

Tempest zig-zags into city

By Lisa Church
(Herald staff writer)

A summer tempest whirled into the Calgary area with a vengeance Saturday, uprooting trees and pounding several areas in and around the city with marble-sized hail.

And when the brief but potent thunderstorm cleared, 19-year-old Courtney Bardonner of the Springbank area just west of the city went looking for the roof from her barn.

"It looked just like when they show that hurricane footage from Miami on television, with sheets of water and all the trees bent over," she recalled.

Bardonner, who had the family acreage to herself Saturday afternoon, had considered napping through the storm, but couldn't sleep because "it was like being in a carwash."

"The water was coming through the doors," she added.

When she glanced out the window to check on the barn, only the ground floor remained of the two-storey building.

The empty stalls on the main floor of the barn remained intact. But Bardonner eventually tracked the splintered remnants of the wooden roof to a ditch about 100 metres away.

Robert Gordon, who lives down the road from the Bardonners, didn't have any problem finding his two-car garage.

It was only three metres away from it's original location. But the wind was none too gentle in bringing it back to earth, collapsing the structure over the family car.

In Calgary, trees were torn from their roots and branches were tossed like matchsticks over Memorial Drive N.E. near the Langevin Bridge. Power outages — some as long as four hours — kept the city's electrical crews hopping.

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Cory Oakes and Troy Hanlan enjoyed the strange adventures available at the Summer Games' children's fair.

Remarkable actions come from tornado

Life does repeat itself in unexpected ways.

The severity of the storm which passed over our country home at North Cooking Lake about ten or fifteen years ago quite amazed us at the time.

Torrents of rain, a suddenly dark sky and wind so strong it bent the younger quivering aspen almost horizontal, then window screens abruptly flying in at us all along the porch — none of that was the usual summer storm, not at all.

Neighbors watching from the mainland later told us that funnels from the immense charcoal cloud passing overhead dipped down above our property several times but always rose again before touching the tree tops.

Sheila Abercrombie



Unfortunately a funnel did come to ground near Camrose, destroying some farm buildings and, if I remember, causing at least one death. Not until we heard of that tragedy, did we realize how close we had been to meeting a killer tornado.

But even with that experience, I wasn't remotely prepared for the awful realities of this community's recent terrifying experience with a mega-tornado. Looking back to the events of that Friday afternoon, I wonder how I could have been so calm, so ignorant, so stupid.

Let's face it, I was calm just because I *was* ignorant and stupid, knowing as I did almost nothing of the true destructive force of a tornado funnel nor of the necessity of finding a really safe place in which to wait it out.

It wasn't until the TV and newpaper pictures gave meaning to the first incredible radio reports that I became aware — and afraid.

Then, seeing the unbelievable destruction beside the freeway, Baseline Road and 76th Avenue, reality struck home. Never again will I be so unaware (''We don't get real tornados in Alberta'') or so ignorant (''Our buildings are well made to withstand climate and weather extremes'') or so stupid (''If we stay calm, everything will be all right''), at least as far as tornados go.

From all the horror of the tornado, however, some remarkable things did emerge. One was the extraordinary courage of the survivors. Have you ever seen such spirit, determination and good humor as was shown by those facing the TV cameras scant hours after the carnage?

Then there was the quick, efficient reaction to a major disaster by city and county emergency services. Very impressive. And the genuine outpouring of concern and help from ordinary people, massive amounts of both. At such times, one feels proud indeed to be a member of the human race.

It does seem, however, that we humans do have trouble keeping the right perspective about Mother Nature. With all our ''superior'' intelligence and technology, we tend to relegate her to a minor role in our lives, to take her for granted. And whenever we get too cosy and comfortable, it seems that Mother Nature seems to give us a dramatic lesson to demonstrate her awesome power.

I doubt if anything in nature can be as terrifying, as dramatic or as destructive as the weather. Blizzards, hurricanes, tidal waves, earthquakes, tornados, how dreadful they can be.

Nothing in the animal kingdom, for instance, is their equal. I suppose being caught alone in the ocean in the midst of a shark frenzy would be somewhat the same as being trapped by a tornado, but misadventures with wolves or snakes or grizzlies or other fearsome beasts don't hold a candle to tornados and the like.

Perhaps that's because we're so much more aware of wild animals and now have such detailed knowledge of their habits as compared to the weather.

Nevertheless, news of bear sightings in Strathcona County may cause some residents undue alarm. It shouldn't, for bears are unlikely to be a threat to anyone if we are aware, knowledgable and realistic aobut them. They are, after all, part of the natural environment that we Strathconians so cherish.

However, one needs to be aware that bears have been sighted and trapped in this area if one is a rural resident or if one enjoys the pleasures of exploring the bush areas, hiking, riding, berry picking, etc. Forewarned is fore armed, without the necessity of either man or beast being harmed.

County residents should know that this year bears have been live-trapped near Half Moon Lake and outside the north-east boundary of Elk Island Park. Sightings have been made at a few other locations.

It is likely that there are already small resident bear populations around Tofield, the Ministik Sanctuary and in the Cooking Lake Blackfoot Reserve. Some biologists believe that various natural pressures (overcrowding, poor berry crops, etc.) are causing younger bears to come down from the St. Paul area or to pass through this district along the river, making the odd side trip up the various tributaries or game trails.

It is highly unlikely that the bears will threaten or harm people, but we must use our knowledge of them as the basis for acting in a responsible way. It would be ignorant to treat any bear as a pet or plaything, as tourists used to do in the mountain parks. I remember being given a graphic description by a summertime boss when I waitressed at Lake Louise of what happened when an American man tried to push a local bear into the driver's seat of his car so he could get a great picture of a bear sitting next to his wife!

Bears must be respected as the wild animals they are. It would be wise, too, to make some noise when going through bush, to tighten up on our garbage handling systems in the rural areas, especially on acreages, and to be sure to clean up well after outdoor barbeques and picnics, particularly around our homes. A few simple precautions should make bears sources of pleasure (from a distance) rather than panic.

If you do sight a bear or find bear tracks or droppings, do get in touch with a member of the Strathcona Natural History Club or provincial biologist and county resident Bob Stevenson (427-6757). Ian Gray at the County's Agriculture Office would also like to know, and I believe that broadcaster Garnett Anthony of CBC is likewise keeping tabs. Phone game officer Doug Nothstein at Leduc (986-6775) only if you have a problem bear.

(Sheila Abercrombie is a freelance writer and a resident of Strathcona County. Her column is a weekly feature in the Sherwood Park News.)

Tornado flattened trees in Grande Cache area

By DAVE COOPER
Journal Staff Writer

A major tornado touched down in the wilderness near Grande Cache in August, less than one month after a tornado killed 27 people in Edmonton.

The Aug. 29 storm flattened 15,000 trees along a five-km swath and just missed a manned forest lookout tower, an Alberta Forest Service spokesman said.

By comparison, the path of Edmonton's devastating July 31 tornado was more than 20 km in length.

Foresters on a routine patrol last week discovered the damage about 60 km northeast of Grande Cache.

"It's pretty spectacular, with about 300 acres flattened — just sort of bowled over," said Don Podlubny, chief ranger for the Grande Cache region.

"As far I am aware, it's the largest area of timber ever destroyed by a storm in this province," he said Friday.

Dave Burnett, head of weather services for Environment Canada's atmospheric environment services, said a major storm three years ago, that spawned a series of tornadoes on a path from Lake Wabamun to Athabasca, probably destroyed more trees.

"But these were mostly non-commercial. I'd agree that this Grande Cache storm would be the biggest in commercial timber," he said.

The 15,000 trees are part of the timber area used by Grande Cache Forest Products.

"They are assessing right now whether they will come in this winter and salvage the timber," said Podlubny.

If the timber is not salvaged, it will quickly become a fire hazard, he said.



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Hail damage to crops was spotty, but crops in general are doing well in the heat that makes most of us swelter.

"Corn just loves this heat," said District Agriculturalist Jack Payne.

Payne said last week's rain, coupled with the warm weather, means accelerated growth for crops.

"Most of the crops are responding really well," he said. "Most are not experiencing drought stress."

The lack of strong winds is the saving grace, he said, since a strong wind in this weather would increase evaporation, and the plants would suffer, even if soil moisture was adequate.

"If you have a hot wind, the plant loses moisture faster than it can take it up," he said.

The weather is ideal for hay crops, he said, with excellent yields of two to 2.5 tonnes to the acre on the second cut.

Payne said the warm, dry weather is also a bonus for winter wheat, speeding up the drying and ripening process.

Natural disaster at Milo



WIND'S HAVOC. Milo's Saturday storm left much of the area over-turned. In top right photo, a tree next to the Milo Hotel was uprooted, partially lying in the street. Bottom left, a tree beside Jim and Dene Peterson's home snapped in half. Bottom right, Ralph Hall's land was in ruins as the roof from an abandoned house blew off and collided into a grain bin.

Concerts confirmed

At a brief meeting of the executive of the Highwood Concert Series on July 13, Myrtle Greig, head of the concert selection committee, reported on two items of interest to the subscribers to the series.

The first was that over the last couple of months she has been trying to get some action on the tapes which some subscribers ordered from the group, the New Orleans Connection which performed here last March. The agent for the group at last reported that the tapes had finally arrived and had been mailed out. Those who ordered these tapes should let some member of the executive know if

anniversary of the death of George Gershwin.

On February 5, a group of instrumentalists from the University of Calgary will present a musical program in the Memorial Center. They will present individual solo instrument selections as well as performing in various combinations.

The third concert will be presented by The Guild. This is a mixed quartet. Their repertoire spans the centuries from Brahms to blues and from madrigals to Manhattan. This too will be at the usual time in the Memorial Center.

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The revised edition of the Lomond and District History book will be made available for purchase or exchange at the Vulcan Farmers' Market held Thursday, July 30 at the Iceplex.

Owners of the white - colored history book published in 1986 are encouraged to exchange their books (at no extra charge) for the new corrected version which contains additional historical information as well.

The new book will also be made available at the Lomond Drop-In Centre on July 28, the Lomond Village Office and in the villages of Champion, Carmangay, Milo and Arrowwood.

Hail storm leaves damage to crops

While the worst of the storm hit the Milo area, many other parts of the county received rain and hail over the weekend, most of it on Saturday, July 25.

Alberta Wheat Pool managers in the Arrowwood area reported that two inches of rain fell in the area on Saturday. Hail was also scattered throughout with an estimated 40 to 85 per cent damage. The largest hail stones reported were the size of ping-pong balls and many rape fields were nearly destroyed.

At Blackie, 6/10 of rain fell in town over the weekend. The area didn't received much hail except in the eastern crops near Herronton.

Elevator managers at Champion reported that the rain was spotty with only 1/10 falling in town. Out of town it was reported that anywhere from 1½ to 3 inches of rain fell. The hail was also sporadic with an estimated 30 to 50 per cent damage rate and hail stones broke windows on a few farm houses.

At Lomond 8/10 of rain fell on Saturday. It was also reported that crops north of the town received anywhere from 30 to 50 per cent hail damage.

Carmangay's Alberta Wheat Pool managers reported only rain over the weekend with little of no hail falling in the area.

Despite the storm, Milo did received some welcomed rain. 1 7/10 inches of rain fell in town while farmers in the area received between 10 and 50 per cent hail damages. Most crops did miss the hail however.

In Vulcan, Alberta Wheat Pool elevator managers report that about 650 farmers were hit with hail in the area, some as much as 100 per cent. A number of farmers from the Corner Store area reported that their fields were flattened. In town, 8/10 of rain fell over the weekend.



AN ABANDONED FARM HOUSE ON RA

Milo area

Tornado, gale

Debris can still be seen scattered about Milo's streets, tree branches and litter, downed telephone poles and massive trees, snapped like toothpicks.

And Milo's residents can still be seen on those streets, cleaning up te remains of one of the worst natural disasters to ever hit the area.

Some swear it was a torr hit Milo about 6:15 p.m. while others vow it was hearty gale.

Milo Mayor Robert claims it was a tornado v that came horizontally, "lil of water."

A telephone pole beside h broke off. "The pole didn wiggle. It just went boom Phillips said.

According to Phillips, th storm lasted for about two the winds that did all the lasted only a few minutes.

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Lorraine Stumpf, a block east of Phillips, wasn't a during Saturday's storm to garage blown off its ceme The small building was several feet, part of it still h over the foundation's edg door had to be pried off to car out.

Yet neighbors of Stumpf' lucky enough to have their untouched by the winds.

"It's so funny the way it

Allen subdivision residents petition

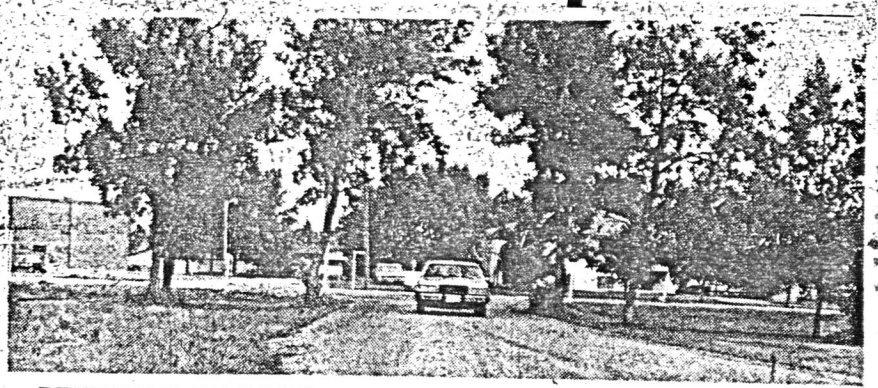
Members of the Vulcan town council have decided to hold a meeting with concerned residents in regard to two petitions for street improvement in a residential area.

During the regular council meeting, held July 27, Mayor Dave Mitchell and five councillors chose to discuss futher the petitions, "Safety in the Allen Subdivision" and "Elizabeth Street Crossing" with advocates for both papers.

Although a date is not set for the meetings, Mayor Mitchell said that it was necessary to first find out how many people are interested in attending and then to rent an appropriate sized hall.

The Allen Subdivision petition calls for six items.

The petition, signed by 40 people, first calls for a decreased speed limit to 30 kilometres per hour and the appropriate signs posted throughout the Allen Subdivision.



PETITIONS BY RESIDENTS INCLUDE THE ENTRANCE INTO ALLEN SUBDIVISION

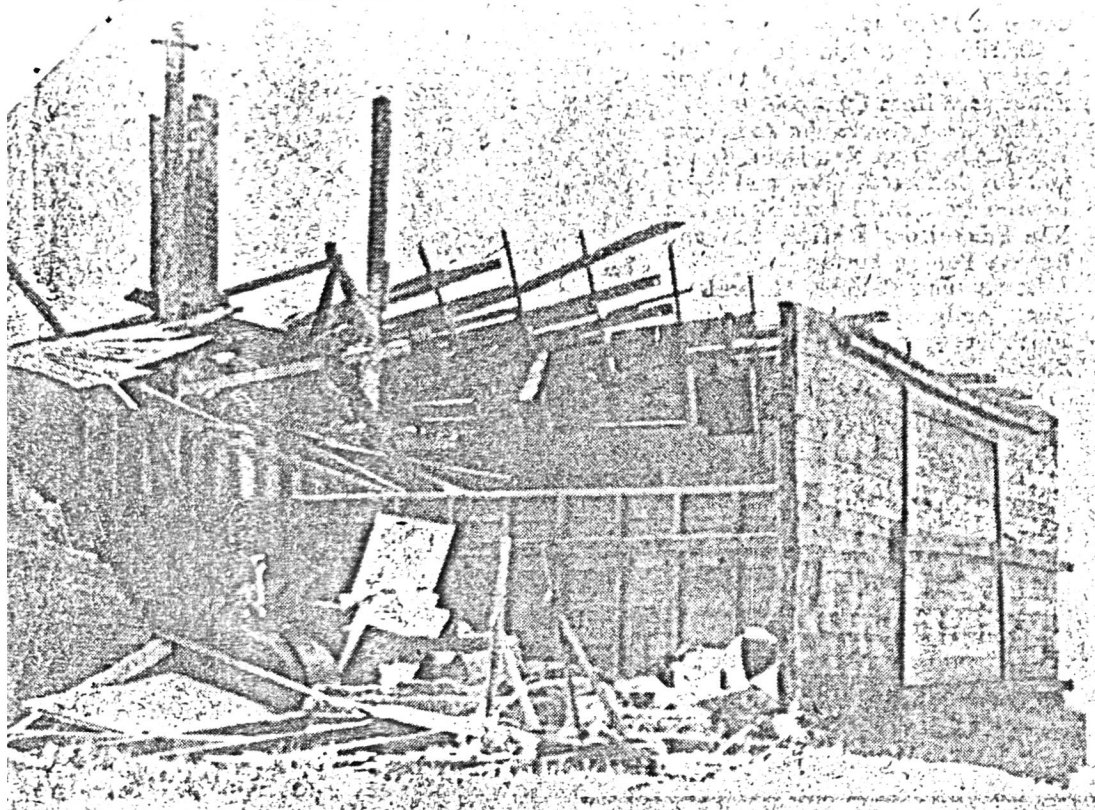
within the subdivision that residents feel should be controlled with stop signs.

The petitioners want to place and maintain a cross walk at the intersection of Aspen Way and Birch road, connecting the existing walk-

agreed that the walk should be painted at least twice a year.

The petitioners also ask for a sidewalk from Elizabeth Street, connecting to the existing sidewalk at the school.

The residents also feel the need



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Luckily enough the storm caused no injuries. A few people were taken to hospital and treated with cuts and bruises but overall injuries were relatively minimal.

A windsurfer at Lake McGregor escaped almost certain drowning by reaching the lake's shore when the storm hit. Another man reported 10-foot waves cresting on the lake.

Objects were moved by the force of the sudden blast.

According to Larry Vannatta of the Alberta Wheat Pool elevators in Milo, a camper owned by Dennis Cyr blew across the railroad tracks and landed in a field, some 50 to 70 feet away. A half-full truck fueling tank was carried from Ralph Hall's farm to a field near the elevators, a quarter mile or more.

At the elevators, Vannatta said, the wind "ripped the doors right out" of the southern-most building. "It just hit with a bang."

Vannatta was at home with his wife and child when the storm hit. After watching two trees snap off at the trunks, he took his family downstairs and waited the storm out. Other damages at his place included a destroyed chimney and television antenna.

Out of town, the storm brought hail to some places. Damage is estimated between five to 100 per cent.

Vannatta has had several farmers come in with stories about the storm's results. Jim McNiven lost 1,100 acres of 1,400 to hail near the Corner Store area. The hail was so large in one instance, golf ball sized, that it broke the windshields out of a truck.

The only good news about the storm was that it brought a heavy rainfall with it.

The Corner Store area reported three inches of rain, Vannatta said, while he measured 1 and 7/10 in his Milo metre. "Of course the rain came in sideways," Vannatta laughed, "so that could be inaccurate."

(see photos, pg 12)

Lomondite plays role in arrests

Two men found out that smoking was more than just bad for their health when both were caught after robbing a Lomond grocery store for cigarettes.

Fast action by a local, concerned resident and the Vulcan RCMP led to the capture of two men during the early morning hours of Tuesday July 21.

The two Calgary men, Bouverie Edward Samuel Cochrane, 38, and Nicholas Matero Tyssen, 36, are charged with break, enter and theft and are remanded in custody, for further court appearances. A third suspect is still being sought by police.

Three men were spotted breaking into Hollwey's Lucky Dollar by Max Golish after he left work from the Lomond Hotel at 3 a.m., July 21.

Golish phoned the Vulcan RCMP and then snuck around behind the store, waiting in the alley for the men to exit. As the men came out the back, Golish caught and held on to one while the other two fled by foot. The police arrived shortly after, relieving Golish of his surprise duty.

The second man was caught at approximately 5:30 a.m. a mile north of Lomond by tracking dogs from Lethbridge. Cigarettes were found on the men.

For Hollwey's Lucky Dollar, this has been the third robbery in a month. The first two break-ins resulted in $10,000 worth of cash, cigarettes, candy and other goods missing.

EARLY DEADLINE

With the Monday, August 3 holiday getting closer, advertisers and correspondents are reminded that copy for ads and news copy should be in The Advocate office earlier. Advertising copy should be in no later than Friday, July 31; and if possible, news from our rural correspondents should be in to the Advocate on that same day and no later than early on the morning of Tuesday, August 4.

Wrestler at world championship

[Contributed]

Mark Daniells, a former student of CCHS who graduated recently, was selected as part of the Canadian Regional Wrestling team from

and he is also a provincial junior champion.

However, even with Mark's athletic ability to wrestle, he would have never made it to the cham-

er, and the CCHS Student's Union.

Mark's athletic ability is a great asset to the Vulcan community, which should not be ignored. Achievements this exceptional do

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Twister destroys property

July 28

By TREENA MIELKE

The sunshine and blue skies experienced in the Eckville area for most of Saturday seemed perfect for the many activities going on, but high winds later struck some areas with a vengeance that left area residents amazed and frightened.

While Garry and Donna Lightbown were enjoying festivities at Donna's high school reunion, funnel winds appeared to have swept through their acreage a few miles northwest of town, leaving a path of destruction in their wake.

The winds appeared to have



winds appeared to have come from behind the family's trailer, almost twisting the TV antennae off the roof and hurtling the patio roof to the ground. Several large poplar trees to the west of the trailer were felled, their trunks split open by the ferocity of the winds.

"We're not really sure what time it happened," said Mrs. Lightbown. 'I'm so glad the kids weren't home and no one was hurt."

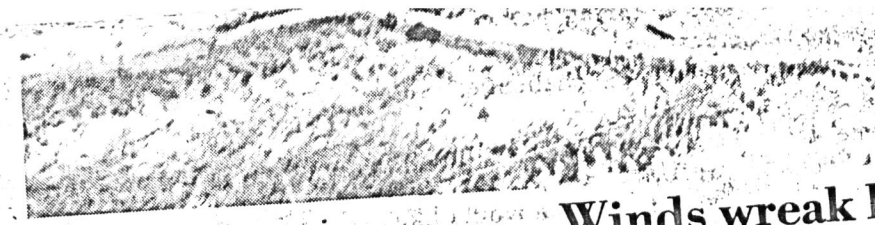
The winds seemed to move along a narrow path leaving hanging flower baskets on the deck intact. A children's playhouse, which stands besides the fallen poplar trees, had not been damaged, nor was a tent trailer set up behind the family home.

"I can't believe it never touched my garden or sunflowers" said Mrs. Lightbown.

Mr. Lightbown pointed out a leaf that had hurled through the air with enough force to imbed itself on a nail and hockey stick that landed in the branches of a tree.

Mr. Lightbown said Bill McDonnel, who lives about a mile west of his home, said he had lost a couple of trees in the storm.

Eckville experienced high winds and heavy rainfall early Saturday evening but no other damage has been reported.



Winds wreak havoc

Funnel winds sweeping through Garry and Donna Lightbown's acreage northwest of Eckville felled trees and lifted off the couple's patio roof.

Staff photo by TREENA MIELKE

Board opposes new school act

The new school act introduced for first reading has been met with opposition by The County of Lacombe school board, chairman Sandra Wagner said in a recent telephone interview.

"Our biggest concern is erosion of local autonomy," said Mrs. Wagner." We're afraid we will no longer be able to make decisions concerning local issues."

The act, which was given first reading in June, gives the minister of education authority to over rule the board's decisions on many issues such as transportation and student placement, Mrs. Wagner said.

"We're hoping the MLA makes some changes."

In a newsletter, MLA Jack Campbell said the new school act was based on access to quality education, equity, flexibility, responsiveness and accountability. He stated the act focuses on the student rather than how schools and school juridictions are managed.

Mr. Campbell said recommendations, questions and concerns about the act that arose at a joint meeting with school board representatives from Rocky Mountain House, the MD. of Clearwater and Caroline are now being drafted. The completed draft will be presented by Mr. Campbell to the minister of education, Nancy Betkowski.

Mrs. Wagner said the school board plans to spend a day in August or September addressing the new school act.

Deadline notice

Due to the upcoming long weekend, the deadline this week for advertising will be 5 p.m. Thursday.

Antique show is set for Leslieville

An upcoming three-day antique show in Leslieville promises some interesting and entertaining displays and demonstrations of many of the tools and machinery used by our pioneers.

Central Alberta Antique and Model Club will be sponsoring the show which will be held Aug. 1, 2 and 3, one-half mile west of Leslieville.

Preceeding the show, the Leslieville Elks will be holding a barbeque at 5:30 p.m. on Fri., July 31 to be followed by a fiddlers jamboree.

Central Alberta Antique and Model Club member Lloyd Stevens said all kinds of machinery will be displayed and demonstrated including steam threshing, hay baling and horse-power grain grinding.

"There will also be lots of handicrafts," he said "and butter churning and spinning will be demonstrated."

Steam train rides will be offered for the children and a daily parade will highlight the three day show.

A pancake breakfast will be held on Sun., Aug. 2 sponsored by The Royal Purple.

Mr. Stevens said the antique club owns some of the antiques which will be displayed and some are privately owned.

Past Leslieville Antique days have been very successful with approximately 2,500 people attending last year's two-day show.

"This year is the first time we've had a three-day show, Mr. Stevens said. "We're very proud of how well our club has done.""It's a lot of work, but it's worthwhile in the end."

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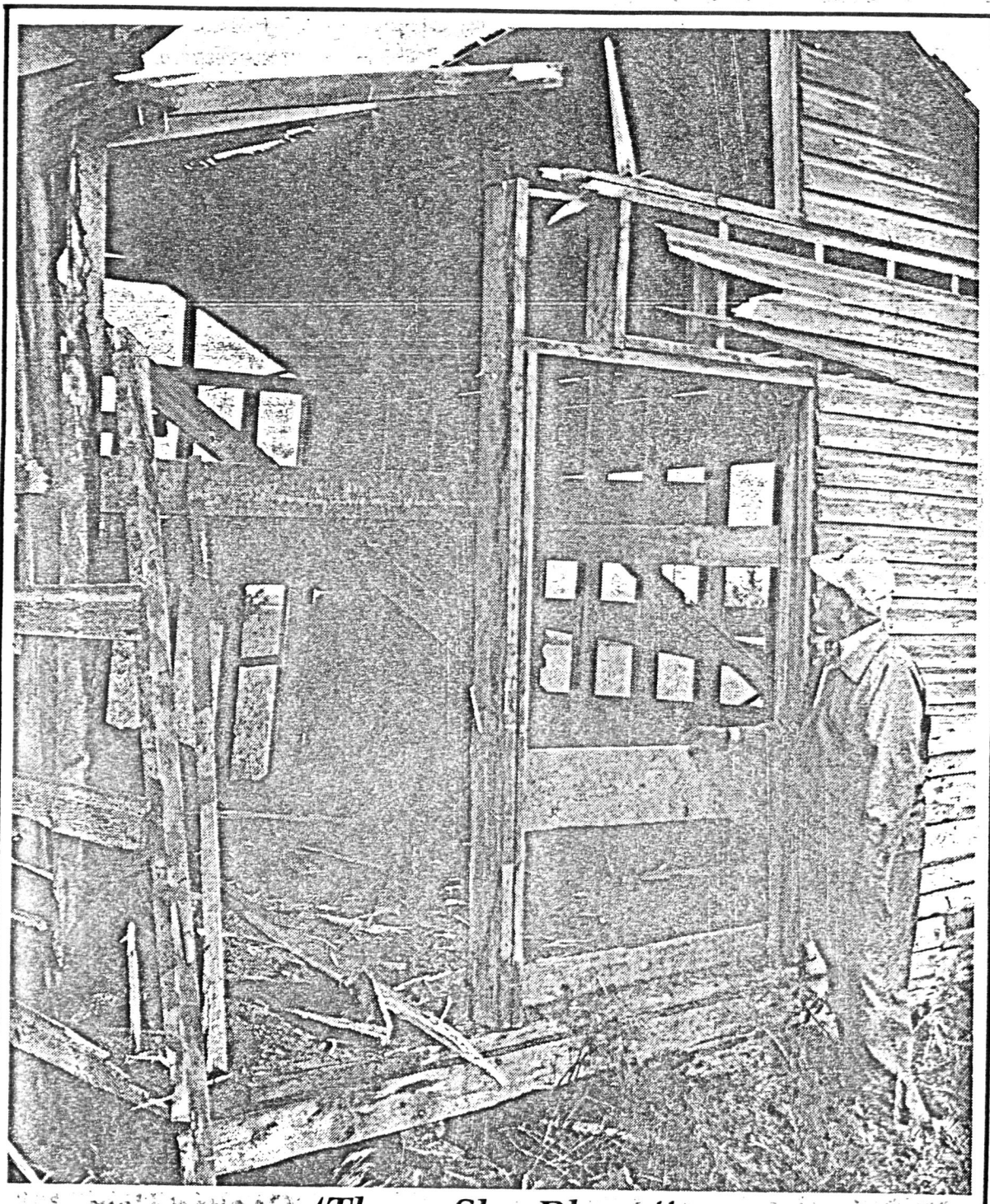

'There She Blows'!

Longtime area farmer Henry Singer, pictured above, has seen a great many things in his lifetime, but nothing so puzzling as the sight last Tuesday morning, when he woke to find a grainery blown apart.

Was it a 'funnel cloud'? (Many had been reported throughout the region) A lightning bolt? Or simply high winds, that ripped the lumber, nails and all, off the sides of this building, split the roof wide open, and spread shattered pieces of wood 30 feet into the field. It's anybody's guess, but it certainly made a heck of a mess for Henry to clean up.

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by Heather Bell

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Readers of this column will ık that I have nothing to write ut but garbage and landfills. It ns however, that this subject ps coming to the fore tinually. With this in mind, I ıld like to quote some stical information we received ng our tour of the Wainwright ıerator.

The provincial average of e or garbage per person, per is almost three pounds for / man, woman and child. ıwright's previous experience landfill and now with the erator project confirms that rovincial average figure is ct. The cost of operating the wright incinerator is ging slightly over 00.00 per month. These costs are a great deal higher than was anticipated due to the fact that modifications are required to the physical construction of the incinerator, which does not let it operate as it was supposed to. It does reduce the combustible material to 5% of its original bulk and it has been fairly stable in keeping the emissions within a range acceptable to government standards.

I would like to quote a few sentences from their report: "We know from past experience that if all landfill costs are taken into consideration that you are in the $25.00 per ton range and when I make this statement I mean that to recover all capital land and equipment costs you cannot operate under $25.00 per ton. Our study indicated incineration costs to be in the $29.00 per ton range, during the past 7 months we have is not sufficient for a 24 hour a day operation and thus the heat generated is not utilised. It would seem that for a plant such as this to be efficient, it would have to operate 24 hours a day and utilise the heat energy rather than letting it go out the smokestack.

There was excellent participation in the Farm Beautification Competition held in [illegible] Honourable mention in the farmstead category went to Brian and Bev Biggs, the farm category to Diane and Maurice Lewis and in the acreage category to June Campbell.

I would also like to extend a thank you to the Delburne and Elnora Agricultural Societies for their support and co-operation. See you next month.

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reflection on the revelations of the Bible, nature and the ways of the heart. Hopefully you will think so too after reading this!

Looking back to Genesis you find God bringing the animals to Adam to name. In the original language, the word "name" does not have exactly the same meaning that it does for us today. Rather it means that Adam studied the nature of each animal so as to give it a name expressive of that nature. It's something like the Indian way of naming a person according to their character or deeds and implies empathy and respect.

Each animal created reveals something of the nature of God in the same way that a painting shows something of the character of the artist who painted it. Each animal answers, in a small way, the question, "What is God like?" In giving Adam the animals, God was giving him the chance to learn from them something of God's own nature. This is a much more significant place in the scheme of things than the Bible is usually credited with giving to animals.

The earth, teeming with such an amazing-even bizarre-variety of animals, birds and creeping things testifies to the vibrant, untamed imagination of God. What human being could ever have dreamt such creatures as these? From the tiny hummingbird to the lumbering hippo the diversity of colour, shape, size, texture, habit, habitat and life cycle tell us of a God wonderfully alive!

Much is made by its opponents of the Biblical command to "have dominion"

Rumsey news...

by Laura M. Pennock

A ferocious storm of hurricane force struck the village of Rumsey on Saturday evening July 25th. Visibility was limited to a few yards when the yellowish grey clouds were viciously discharged. Twisting winds accompanied the torrential downpour, snapping large limbs of trees like matchsticks, uprooting some trees, whipping plants out of pots, whirlybirds off rooves also shingles, T.V. antennas were downed, odd shapes broken out of the middle of windows and numerous other oddities. Power was off for 5 hours starting at 7:15 p.m. The job of Kevin Kashuba, a student hired for the summer by the village, was a tough one. Many, many loads of branches were hauled for three days following the storm and residents cleaned a lot of areas. Hardest hit was George McCall's place-the front yard was really full of long thick tree branches. George was away at the time. However, two days later the dust was flying again with intense heat nearing the 100 degrees F. mark.

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Laura Pennock served at the Drop-In Centre on July 29th.

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July 26th to July 29th was the Stettler County Fair with several Rumsey people participating, the Holowaths with their Simental cattle, winning many prizes, Linda Helmer with photography, winning a lot of prizes and Laura Pennock winning the handicraft and hobbies section trophy with her many entries.

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Merv Matus, Three Hills, won the $400.00 for the Rumsey Community Hall draw.

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Ball diamonds have been prepared for the upcoming Rumsey Ball Tournament this weekend. New outdoor toilets are being made also for the occasion.

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Trips are being planned at the Drop-In Centre to go to Heritage Days Calgary where there will also be a Chautaugua August 23 and to the West Edmonton Mall, date still to be decided. Please contact Elsie Herman [illegible]

noon lunch, the drinks will be provided.

Last weekend the Rumsey Ball Tournament was held with threatening skies and cool winds. Ten teams participated coming from Howell's Lake, Huxley, Byemoor, Morrin Giants, Rumsey Royals, Rumsey Roadrunners, Rosedale, Scollard, Stettler Dymies, Sylvan Lake Beach Boys and the Red Deer Past Time Lounge team.

With only ten teams it was decided to pay top four places. In first place was Sylvan Lake Beach Boys, second was Byemoor Expos, third was Morrin Giants and in fourth was Stettler Dymies. There were some very good plays as well as games.

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The Rumsey Community Hall draw was won by Don Hennel, Stettler.

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A disastrous fire Saturday evening destroyed the home of Eleanor and Leonard Richmond. The family was away at a wedding in Drumheller at the time. A motorist passing by on the highway saw the flames and notified the Rumsey Fire Department who responded very quickly. However the flames swiftly destroyed the beautiful home. A presentation from the community will be made on the 16th of August. A good neighbour, Dwayne Griffith planning to put a trailer on a basement all ready for it, is giving the Richmonds the use of it until they can construct a new home.

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The Rumsey Drop-In sponsored a trip to West Edmonton Mall on Friday August 7th. Many Morrin people also went.

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Coming Events

August 18. Drop-in Trip to Rosebud Theatre; Junior Plots will be judged at 1 p.m.; entries can be taken to Morrin Horticultural Show 6:30 to 8:30, August 18th and August 19 from 9 till 12 noon.

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from BUFFALO

MARLENE ANDRUS, Buffalo Correspondent

BUFFALO, July 26 - The community sends sympathy to Mary Skjenna on the passing of her sister Tiny Bjark on Saturday. Tiny lived in this area for a number of years before retiring to Medicine Hat with her husband several years ago.

Bob Dearing spent the weekend in High River at his family's reunion.

George Mercer, and the Skjenna's enjoyed the old time fiddlers in Medicine Hat at the stampede on Saturday.

Neil and Greg Howe spent the week in Medicine Hat and seen a lot o the stampede.

The Monkman family returned from their vacation down through several parts of the States and B.C. Their children were delighted with Disneyland.

Simon and Marg Schonofer spent the weekend in Bonnyville visiting with Marg's sister and family.

Cindy McLean spent the weekend with Stan and Diane McLean. Cindy is from Blue River, Saskatchewan.

Sunday visitors with the Skjennas were Linda and Grant Fanwick from Medicine Hat, Vernon and Helen Johnston from Cereal and Paul Dziatkewick from Cereal.

Buffalo is the only safe place to live. We never get rain, hail or high winds like they got all around us on Saturday night. The wind at Bassano and other places was reported to have been 80 miles per hour. The high winds sent many trees falling to the ground. The storm was heading this way and just seemed to split and went all around us.

Tony and Brenda DeLauw went camping for the weekend.

Please phone your news to Marion - 379-2221 for next week. Since Marion is new here, it will be up to you to phone her with any news.



MIKE CASSESE/CANADA WIDE

Not bad for 50!

Snow White and Dopey were the centre of attention at a recent celebration held in Toronto's famous Casa Loma. It was fifty years ago that Walt Disney's classic cartoon first enthralled audiences around the world.

from ALSASK

ALSASK, July 25 - Charlie and Bertha Carratt of Rolling Hills were recent visitors with Harvey and Dot May.

Bill and Vera Strandberg have been holidaying at Melfort and area.

Clair and Dorothy Denney and Willis and Kay were holidaying at Loon Lake.

Overnight visitors with Lena Millar were her sister-in-law and husband Jean and Dave Davidson of Regina and Lena's niece and husband Kim and Nick Greenwell, Kirbey and Noah of Capt Cook, Hawaii.

Phyllis and Karen Stauble were to Saskatoon last Saturday, July 18th.

Kevin and Sharon Ross and their wee daughter Molly have been visiting Kevin's parents, Don and Doreen Ross and other relatives recently.

Florence Menzies spent a few days holidaying at Bjorkdale and district.

Andrea Millar and her mother

MARGARET GROAT
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ELVIN PERSON, Esther Correspondent

ESTHER, July 31 - Esther folks e been sweltering through a heat e with the temperatures soaring o 35 degrees C. With the heat e, sudden wind storms and thun- showers have roared through the ict causing some damage to the s and a few of the buildings as . About 18.4 m. of rain was regis- l here, and this made the atmos- e rather muggy!

Vacation Bible School will be at the Esther Community Hall 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. from August o 21. Children from the age of e to grade six are welcome. Please ne Mrs. Shirley Foot at 676-2204 Mrs. Gisela Pratt at 664-2455, if you have children who wish to attend, or if you are willing to help with the crafts, bible study, or in any other way.

From the Marigold Library System Newsletter, a photo shows a picture of Kelli Westerlund and her three year old daughter Charmaine enjoying the children's books at the Esther store. Underneath is written: "Esther is a tiny hamlet located northeast of Oyen in Special Area No. 3. The hub of activity is Esther's General Store which also houses the Post Office and the Marigold book deposit. Madge Dalton is the friendly store keeper and Post Mistress who always has the coffee pot on for visitors. The hamlet boasts of a population of eight, all members of the Dalton family. Esther used to be an active centre before the elementary school closed in 1968, and the railway abandoned in 1978. The hamlet has preserved its Wheat Pool Elevator, famous now for being the oldest Pool elevator still standing in Alberta. School children from the surrounding area are bussed into Oyen or New Brigden, a very long ride for some of the young students. After its closure, the Esther School was sold and converted into a garage and shop. Although Esther is small, it is bustling; especially on the three days a week when the mail arrives and everyone congregates at the General Store to collect it. Folks take this opportunity to browse through the paperbacks and the deposit has been well used since its establishment in March."

Many thanks to Olive Parks for sending in the Esther News last week. Elvin and Amy Person spent the week visiting with Amy's brother and sister-in-law, Claud and Doris Stevens of Fort Macleod. On the trip down they stopped for coffee at the Marigold Central Library at Strathmore. During their stay they managed to catch a quick glimpse of the Duke and Duchess of York as they were whisked past the Fort. Later they enjoyed a visit to Head Smashed In

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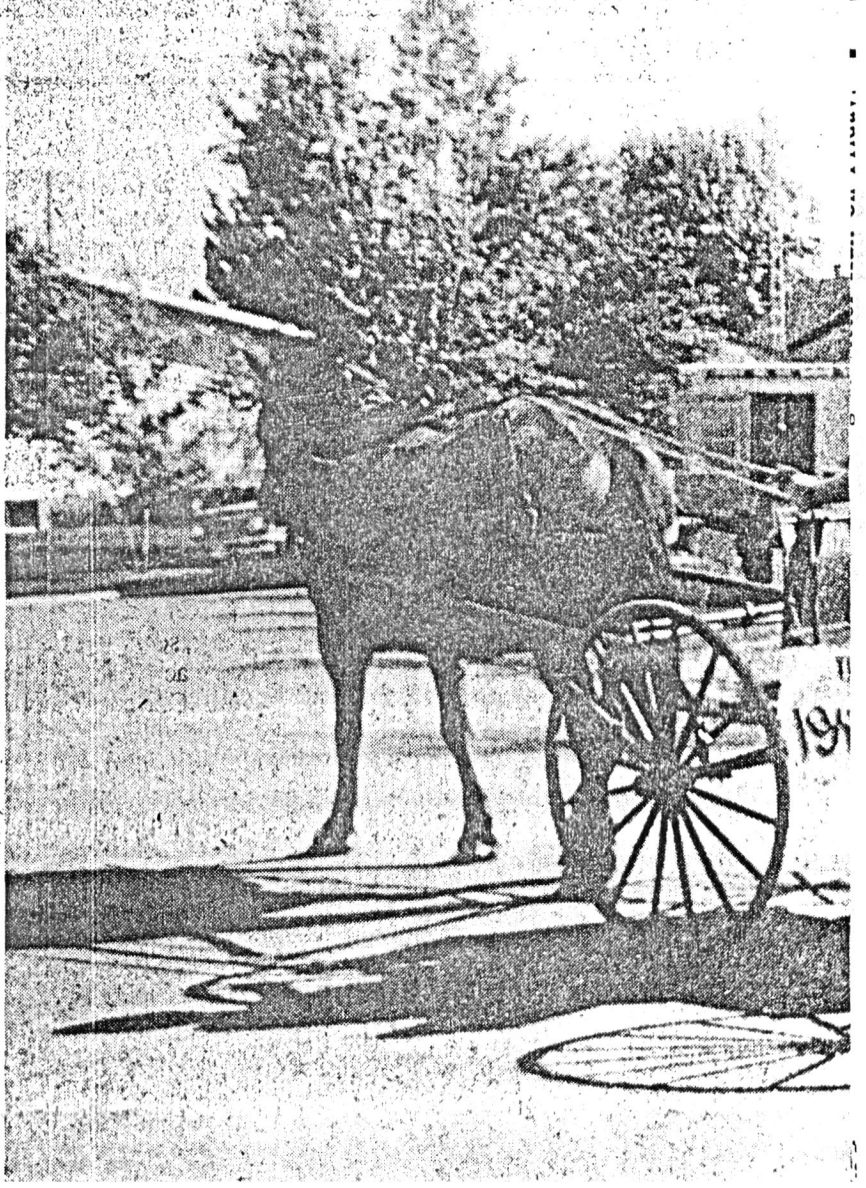

High winds hit High Prairie area

High Prairie South Peace News
Aug 5/87

by Linda Shearman

The High Prairie area had its share of nasty weather over the past week.

Although the tornado which devastated parts of Edmonton did not affect the Peace Country, heavy showers caused water levels to rise in some nearby rivers and caused flooding in Grande Prairie and Peace River.

Hurricane-force winds mowed a path through farmland west of High Prairie during the early hours last Wednesday morning. July 29 AM

George Wilson, whose farm is about 20 km west of town, woke up on Wednesday morning to find six steel grain bins and a grain hopper had been blown over. He says he has no insurance and the damage could cost $6,000.

"It happened at about 4:30 to 5:00 a.m.," says George's wife Sadie. "There was a bad wind, and there was hail and rain."

She says the power went on and off during the storm and some trees were blown over. But the Wilsons didn't see what happened to the grain bins because their huge shed blocks the view between their house and the granary area.



The grain bins were toppled like giant bowling pins. One of the ton-and-a-half bins was thrown about 50 feet by hurricane-force winds.



George Wilson is now trying to fix some of the bins by hammering out the dents. Some of the bins have huge holes cause by the force of the impact when they were blown over.

"The last one moved about 40 or 50 feet," he says, indicating one of the six bins. He estimates the bins each weigh about one-and-a-half tons.

On Friday, Wilson was trying to mend some of the damage using a tractor to push bins and roofs back together.

"I'll have to use them for grain in about one month," he says.

Trevor Barnes, another farmer in the area, also had one of his outbuildings damaged. But the hurricane-force winds missed other nearby farms altogether.

"It missed us by three miles," says Muriel Simmonds, whose farm is close to Wilson's. "It cut a swath right through."

That swath went as far north as Kathleen, where winds knocked over granaries and equipment at Henry and Pauline Laurin's farm. The Laurins were away at the time of the storm. Damage there is estimated at about $20,000.

On the weekend, another weather-related problem arose. Torrential rain caused flooding in many parts of northwestern Alberta.

While the West Prairie River in High Prairie rose slightly, there was no danger of flooding in this town according to Town Manager John Jarvie, who is also director of disaster services.

"I was out Sunday night at 2 a.m. and the river wasn't high," he says. "And it was checked before that on Saturday night. It was checked every three hours on Saturday."

But he says there was only a "minor increase" in the water level of the West Prairie River.

He adds that some town workers checked the East Prairie River and Deep Creek as well, but there was "no perceptible change" in the those water levels either.

Other Peace Country residents had worse luck, however. Farms and campgrounds around the Grande Prairie area were evacuated because of flooding from the Smoky, Wapiti and Simmonette Rivers. Roads, railways and bridges were washed out.

The town of Peace River was placed on preliminary alert as waters reached a peak water level at 6 p.m. on Monday night. However, dykes handled the rising water and the town has now been declared safe. Waters are expected to continue rising downstream for the next few days as runoff takes place.

Shields caught in tornado tail winds

Tornado may have caused damage, meteorolo

by Linda Shearman

The high winds that knocked over grain bins, twisted trees and destroyed crops west of High Prairie may have in fact been a tornado says a meteorologist from the Alberta Weather Centre in Edmonton.

Al Wallace, a supervising meteorologist with the centre says it's hard to determine whether or not it was a tornado that swept through an area about 20 km west of town on July 29.

"It's been quite sometime since it happened and we've only just gotten the reports now," he says. "But we phoned some of the people there and talked to an observer in High Prairie."

"There were severe thunderstorms that night, and golf-ball sized hail, and a lot of lightning," he says. "With severe thunderstorms there are very strong gusty winds."

"It is possible that it was a tornado, judging by the tree damage," Wallace says. "We could classify it as a tornado but it's hard to say."

George Wilson, whose farm lies on the highway heading south to Sunset House, found that six of his grain bins and a hopper had been blown over during the storm. Further north, in Kathleen, equipment was blown over at the Laurin farm.

Hazel Hopps, who lives about 20 km west of High Prairie with her husband Thomas, is sure a tornado was responsible for the damage done that night.

"Trees were toppled over in every direction," she says, adding that the storm struck at about 5 a.m. early on the Wednesday morning.

"It was a wicked-looking sky. I've never seen anything like it. I looked out the window and the trees were blowing in every direction. The wind wasn't going in one direction it was crazy."

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THE WESTERN DIVERSIFICATION INITIATIVE

Flood aid set

by Ken Nelson
Herald-Tribune E
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Charles Ireland, who lives north of Triangle, reports the same thing. He says crops were damaged and trees were twisted in every direction.

"It was two nights in a row," he says. "The first night it was around midnight and the second night it was about 4:30 a.m. There was steady clashing, big hailstones and steady banging thunder. I've never seen a storm like that."

He says his crops were about 50 per cent hailed out while his brother Robert's barley crop was 100 per cent hailed out. They have no insurance.

"There's nothing we can do," he says. "We've cleaned up already."

Mrs. Ireland adds that during the storm she heard a loud noise "like something slammed into the west wall of the house."

"It sure scares the heck out of a person," she adds. "We were just about scared to death."

Both Mrs. Ireland and Mrs. Hopps report seeing frightening cloud formations in the eastern sky the following Friday.

"Every old timer you talk to around here says they've never seen anything like it," says Mrs. Ireland.

Al Wallace says he doesn't think the frequency of tornados is increasing in Alberta, but he believes people are becoming more aware and making more observations.

"When there is a severe thunderstorm warning, it means there are conditions for hazardous weather," Wallace says. "A severe thunderstorm watch is an alert of potential danger but a severe thunderstorm warning is an alert of immediate danger."

He says the warning is made when hazardous conditions are reported by radar, by satellite or by observers on the ground.

There are some safety tips people should keep in mind when there is danger of a tornado.

Stay away from window, doors, and outside walls. Go to the basement if you can, or seek shelter under a stairway, sturdy table or a work-bench. Get into the most interior room that you can. Avoid buildings with unsupported roofs, such as arenas, shopping malls and barns.

Wallace says it's not a good idea to go out to your barn and open the doors (this is done so that the wind will go through without building up pressure.)

"If you run out to open the doors you could put yourself in danger. You should be protecting yourself first. You could be hit with the door if it is blown, or with large hailstones," he says. "Stay inside. Try to get as much shelter as possible."

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The new agency will work to build on our natural strengths and develop emerging technologies,

Flood aid set up for victims

by Ken Nelson
Herald-Tribune Edmonton bureau

People who lost property in the worst flood ever to hit the Simonette River valley can register their losses at the Debolt fire hall or the Improve-

Claims will be co-ordinated through the ID.

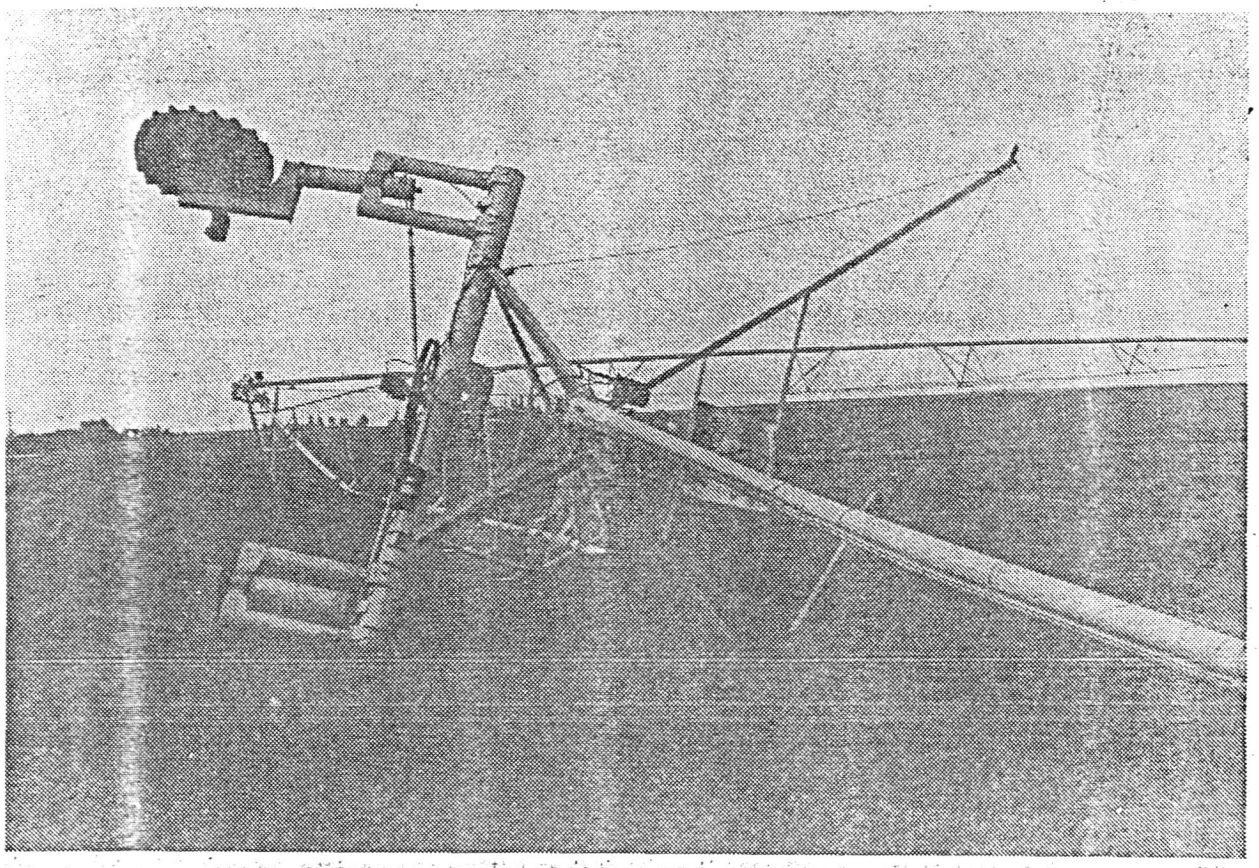
Moore estimated agricultural losses at $1 million but stressed the figure is only a guess. The Ridgevalley Hutterite colony last week pegged its loss at $500,000 alone.

The safety of a deposit depends primarily on where you put your

Awareness. This booklet is designed to help Albertans increase their

the local farmer was McGregor flax.

—Commentator



DAMAGE FROM WINDSTORM— The Bow Island area also fell victim to a windstorm recently and these two photos show some of the damage it caused. In the above picture a pivot on the Albert Bouw farm is tipped over. The bottom photo shows a wooden granary that was moved from its original site to an adjacent field.

—Commentator photos

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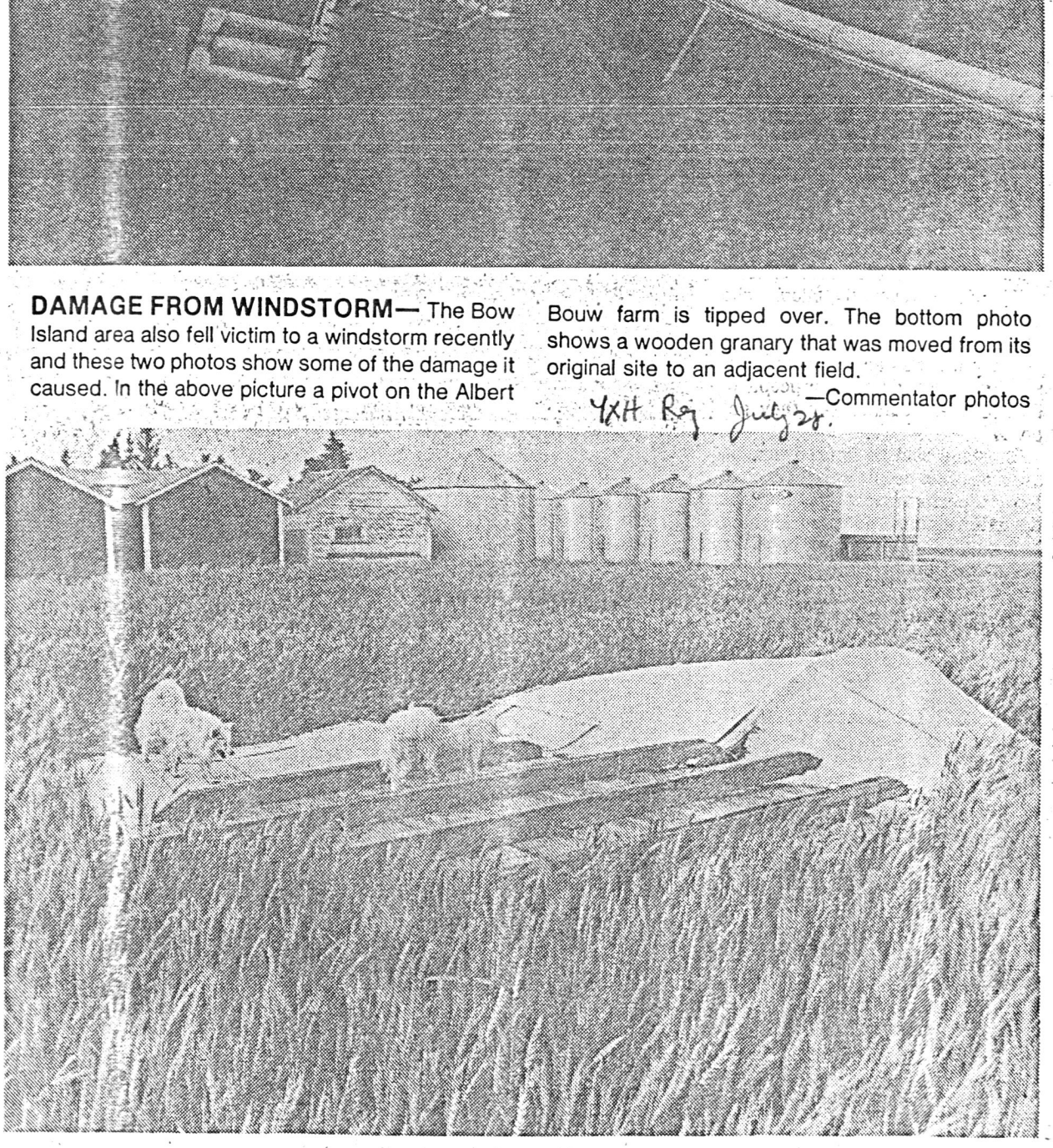

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On July 31st my shed and one due East were blown off.
On the north side of the lake 6-8 sheds were destroyed.
Trees were broken off in spots.
Power lines were damaged for many hours in the Saturday storm.
A rain storm passed through north of lake which blotted out all visibility beyond it. It came through in a straight line, with only very light rain beside it.
The destruction was so short in duration there was no time for advance warning.
It has enlightened many people to what the wind can do so next time may be easier.
All we need is an earthquake next!

WILDWOOD NEWBERY

On the east shore of Chip Lake.

Storm damage considerable near Wildwood

by JOHN LANGSTON

WILDWOOD - With all the attention on Edmonton, some local residents here, mostly farmers, are wondering what their chances are for disaster relief.

All are thankful that the storms which passed through this area did not result in the loss of lives, but still some losses in terms of property damage are quite significant.

Damaging winds struck here mainly on Saturday, July 25 and Friday, July 31. Buildings and new construction which were open or exposed to the south were particularly vulnerable, as the worst storms came from the southwest, not a normal storm path in this area.

The Leader visited and spoke with a number of affected farmers, and found scenes of uprooted trees, collapsed equipment sheds, cattle and hay sheds, shed roofs blown off and fences damaged by fallen trees and high winds.

CATTLE SHEDS DAMAGED

Dwayne Veldhouse, who farms northwest of Wildwood, lost two cattle sheds, one 100 feet long and one 250 feet long, both which almost crashed through their mobile farm house northwest of Wildwood. Stan had never seen anything like it in his many years of living in this area. Their damages could top $5,000.

EQUIPMENT SHED LOST

Leonard and Vicky Paulson, who farm just east of Wildwood, lost their new partially-constructed 130 foot equipment shed, which collapsed on top of their farm equipment. They too had no insurance while it was under construction, and as such they figure that a salvage operation may cost them around $5,000 as well. Fortunately, their farm equipment was only minimally damaged.

OTHER DAMAGES

Some others who sustained property damage are Joe Gargas (a new barn partially collapsed while under construction); Carl Leakvold lost equipment shed roof; at Ron McColman's a tree fell on shed, plus other damages; Dallas DeWitt had fences damaged; and Carl Bahrynowski had his shed roof blown off.

Damage was quite limited in Wildwood itself according to Mayor Reg Ahlskog.

Fred Young, district agriculturist for this area, indicated that damages had



STAN WILLETT shows the remains of his equipment shed.



arms northwest of *Wildwood*, lost two cattle sheds, one 100 feet long and one 250 feet long, both which were open to the south.

He and his family became very concerned when circular *high* winds started up at one point in one of the worst storms and lightning struck a hay bale, trees were uprooted and cattle feeders were blown apart.

Dwayne had hoped to redo some propertty fencing, but now his attention will have to turn to rebuilding at least 200 feet of cattle shed before winter. He figures that his damages may top $20,000, all uninsured.

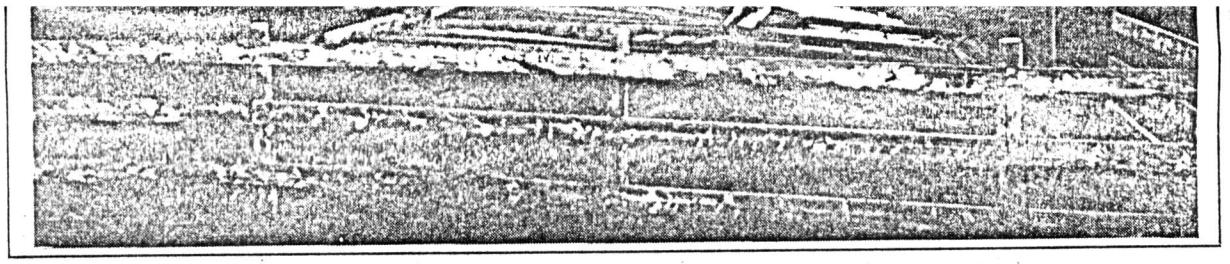
Stan and Fred Willett lost their equipment shed, Ahlskog.

Fred Young, district agriculturist for this area, indicated that damages had been referred to inspectors from the Disaster Services Board of the provincial government. While inspectors have visited most of the damage sites, it is still inclear as to whether those affected will be compensated for any damages.

Everyone wondered at their chances of receiving assistance, especially since so much publicity and attention is being focused on Edmonton. Yet, as farmers, such setbacks, given current economic circumstances, are potentially critical in terms of survival on the land.



LEONARD AND Vicky Paulson stand in front of the remains of their equipment shed after the storm



VELDHOUSE FARM suffered the loss of two cattle sheds, one of which was 100 feet and the other 250 feet. Dwayne Veldhouse said the damage would top $20,000, all uninsured.

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I.D. 14 NOTICE

Development permits have been issued authorizing the following:

D87-054	Pt. NW 21-56-14-W5	D. Goodsman SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING (SECOND RESIDENCE)

The Land Use Order provides that any person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Officer may appeal to the Development Appeal Board by serving written notice of appeal to the Secretary of the Development Appeal Board within fourteen (14) days after notice of the decision is given.

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PAT GOLEC, DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Edson is offering for sale properties complete with improvements which have become surplus to municipal requirements as follows:

1. Lots 12, 13 and 14, Block 58, Plan 3364 AC (4511 - 5th Avenue)
   Formerly used as RCMP Headquarters
   Land Use District: R-1 Single Family residential
2. Lots 27 to 30 Inclusive, Block 8, Plan 1494 AC (4902 - 2nd Avenue)
   Formerly used as police Cell Block
   Land Use District: C-1 Multi-Purpose Commercial

Interested applicants will need to acquaint themselves with possible renovations necessary to make these buildings suitable for intended uses. An inspection of the premises can be arranged by contacting the undersigned or E.G. (Ted) Hicks at the Town Office.

Sealed tenders for the purchase of these individual properties will be accepted at the municipal office up to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, August 21, 1987.

Council reserves the right to reject any and all tenders.

C.R. Ward, R.E.T.
Superintendent of Public Works

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JULY 3 - ALWC ISSUED SVR WW FOR N.E. ID 22, & S.W. ID 23, AT 00Z, CKYL PHONED, NIL CONTACT AT 0008Z, CONTACT AT 0020Z.

JULY 31- GR. PRAIRIE W.O. ISSUED A SVR WEATHER WATCH FOR THE WESTERN SLAVE LAKE REGION, AND WHITECOURT DISTRICT, AFTER A SVR PIREPS RCVD INTO GR. PR. W.O., PLUS ALL COMMUNICATION WITH ALWC WAS LOST DUE, PWR ETC PRBLMS DUE TO TORNADO WHICH AFFECTED EDMONTON, AND PWR TO ALWC. ALL AGENCIES CONTACTED LOCALLY, RADIO STATIONS, RCMP ETC., AS REQUIRED BY SVR WEATHER PROTOCALL.

THE SVR PIREPS INDICATED A TORNADO TOUCH DOWN 15 EAST OF WHITECOURT, PLUS HVY THUNDERSHOWRS PRESENTLY BEING REPORTED AT BOTH SLAVE LAKE, AND HIGH PRAIRIE.

GR. PRAIRIE W.O. AFTER RECONNECTION WITH ALWC COMMUNICATIONS, AND CONSULTATION ISSUED A HVY RAIN WARNING FOR THE GR. PRAIRIE DISTRICT.

JULY 20-GR. PRAIRIE W.O. REPLIES TO NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS ABOUT BAD WEEKEND WX FORCAST, FROM LOCAL RADIO STATION OPEN LINE PROGRAM.

JULY 21-GR. PRAIRIE W.O. BRDCST SPECIAL WX FORCAST FOR ROYAL TOUR.

JULY 6- DAVE HOLLIS, TELESAT CANADA, BEGINS BASE/FOUNDATION WORK FOR SATELLITE DISH.

JULY 11-FINANCE MINISTER "MICHEAL WILSON" STOPS OVER FOR SEVERAL HOURS FOR MEETING, THEN ON TO YUKON.

JULY 15-GR. PR. W.O. CONSULT WITH W.G. NEALE, RE SECURITY OF OFFICE FOR ROYAL TOUR.

JULY 25-ROYAL VISIT TAKE PLACE, NIL OUTSTANDING COMMENTS.



Troop 278 exchange items with the Leduc group.

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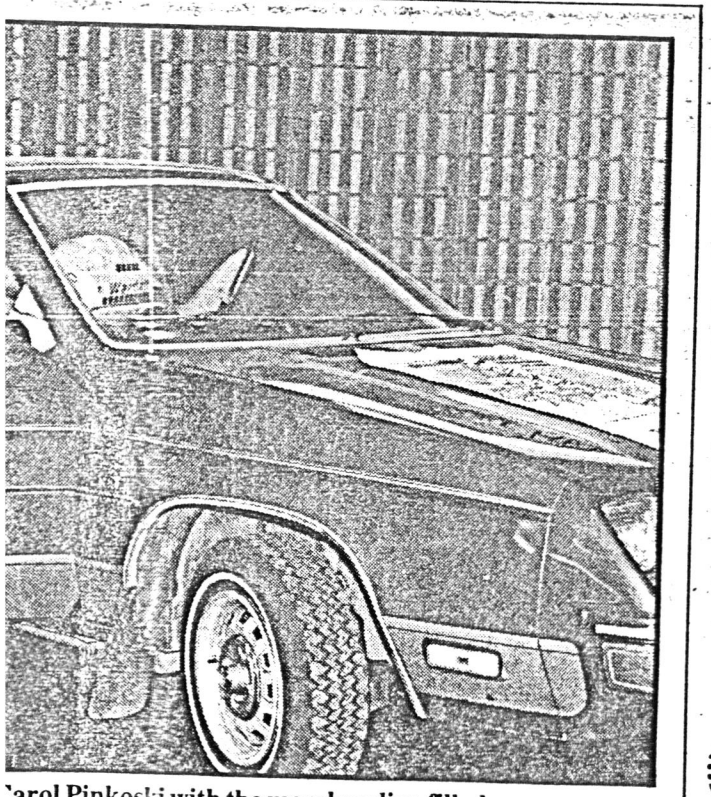
"There were some awfully sad faces when we told them it was time to go home," said Boler. "There was no desire to leave for home, rain or no rain."

While in Leduc the sister troops enjoyed trading items such as badges and uniforms.

The two troops have been associated since 1983 and members of the troops plan to get together at the World Jamboree, Dec. 20 in Sydney, Aust.

Leduc scoutmaster Dan Petryga and son David will be attending the gathering.



Carol Pinkoski with the merchandise-filled car.

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Spectacular car includes: a wall clock from **Johnny's Parts and Service**; a carry-on shoulder bag from **Leduc Cash Store**; a pinwheel crystal bowl and earring holder from **Chosen Gifts and Jewelry**

A 21-year-old Leduc man was sentenced to 14 days in jail July 22 in Leduc Provincial Court for driving with a blood alcohol level over .08.

Dean Richard Folk was apprehended by Leduc RCMP driving south on Secondary Road 795 after police noticed a car making abrupt changes of direction. Folk provided breath samples of .180 at Leduc detachment.

Man sentenced for thefts at Mulhurst

An 18-year-old Edmonton man was sentenced Monday in Leduc provincial court to three months concurrent in prison for thefts at Mulhurst this weekend.

Douglas Seibel entered guilty pleas to stealing a set of car keys, $60, a camera and a jacket from vehicles parked near cabins at Mulhurst. The thefts occurred Saturday, one day after Seibel finished serving a one-month sentence for a prior theft conviction.

Court heard Seibel's previous record included convictions for mischief, assault and three counts of theft.

In sentencing, Judge C. L. Liden said he was being lenient because of Seibel's age.

"If this should happen again, you can expect to go to jail for a much longer time," he added.

Storm causes damage in some areas

A cattle shelter in the Genesee area was demolished during a storm Saturday night.

"It shows what can happen," said Otto Miller, expressing amazement at the power of the wind. "Before, I'd only seen that sort of thing on TV ... now I've seen it in my own yard!"

The wind lifted the roof off the 44-foot-long building and carried it to a field about 40 feet away.

Otto's wife Erna saw the incident. "Everything went straight up in the air ... it was pretty scary," he reported.

"There was a big rumble ... I thought everything was going."

A neighbor's building also suffered damage, Otto said.

"There was a lot of damage ... too much to suit me."

Sunny warm weather predicted for area

WEATHER

Leduc and district forecast issued by Environment Canada for Tuesday, July 28 calls for sunny and hot conditions. High near 32 C. Winds south 20 kilometres per hour. Minimum humidity 45 per cent. Drying index very high. Scattered thunderstorms overnight. Low near 16 C. Winds light. Maximum humidity 95 per cent.

Wednesday will be sunny and hot. Scattered thunderstorms developing late in the day. High near 32 C. Winds light. Minimum humidity 45 per cent. Drying index very high.

Probability of precipitation 20 per cent Tuesday, 30 per cent overnight and 30 per cent Wednesday.

Weather outlook for Alberta for Thursday, Friday and Saturday indicates Thursday and Friday will be mostly sunny. Probability of showers 30 per cent. Lows near 14 C. Highs near 28 C. Saturday will be mostly sunny. Probability of showers 40 per cent. Low near 13 C. High near 25 C. Normals for the period ... low 11, high 23.

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Good News Party Line

On the occasion of the Post Office's 75th anniversary in Mulhurst, there will be an

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE A REGISTERED HISTORIC RESOURCE

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Linda Vander Veen
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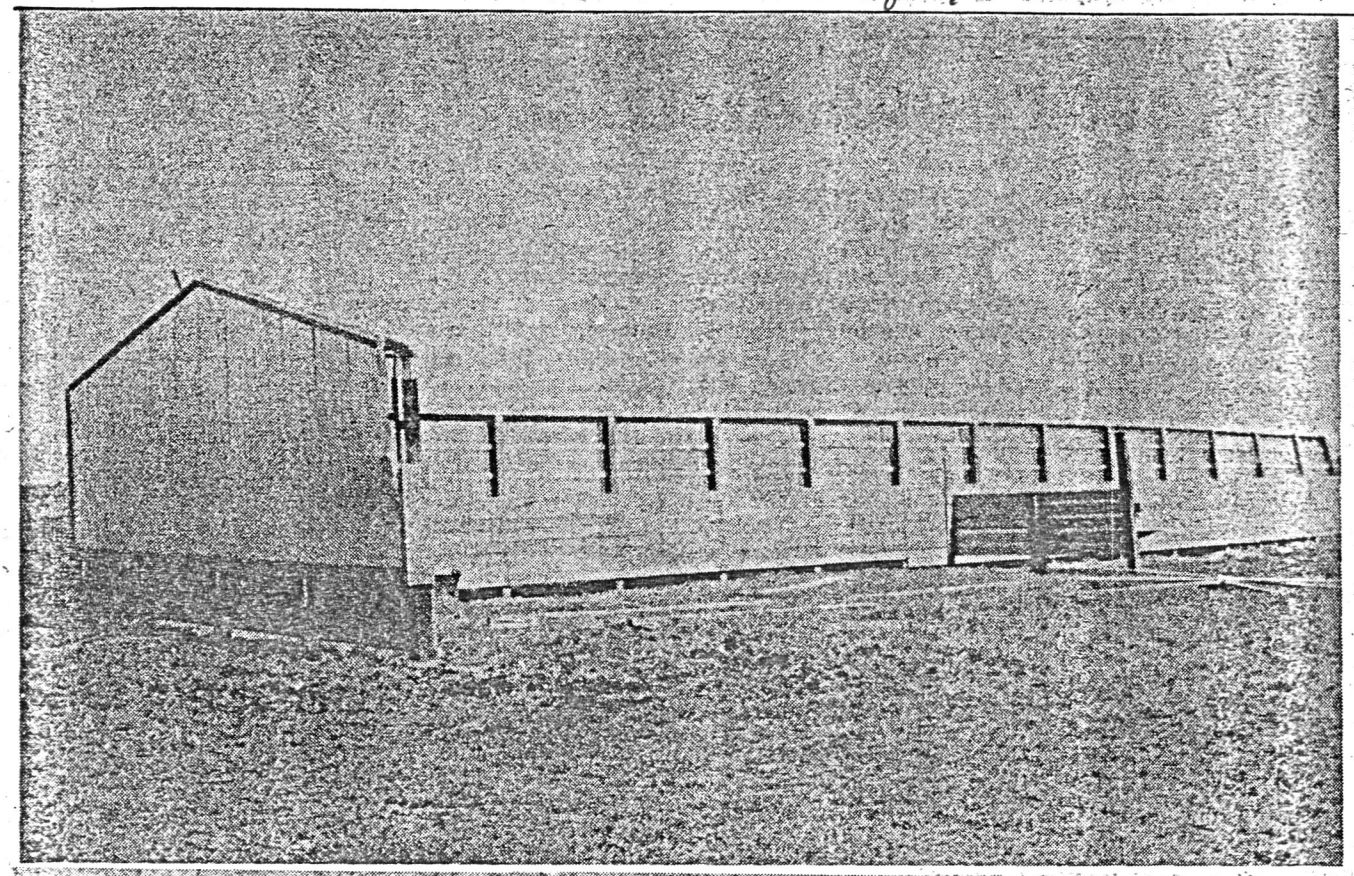

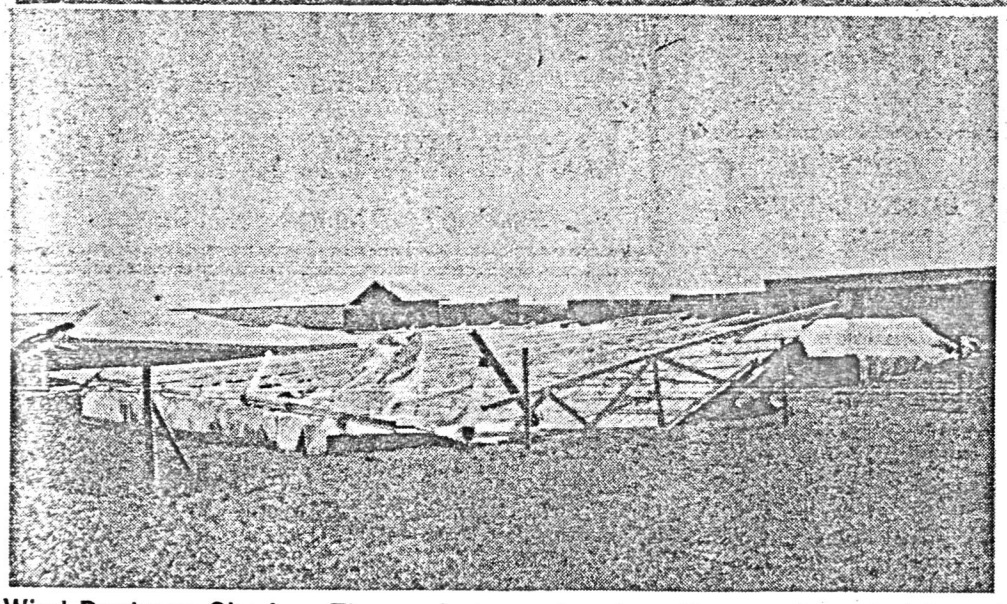

Wind Destroys Shed — These photographs show the remains of a newly constructed cattle shed which was totally destroyed by the wind of last Friday evening. The building was owned by Blume Ranches with construction having been completed only a couple of days before. The storm was part of the same system that resulted in the tornado which hit Edmonton. Several other areas were also affected by the high winds of that day as well as the severe wind storm which struck the Castor area three days previous.

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NOTICE OF DECISION: August 6

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DATE OF DECISION: July 17th, 1987
DATE OF ISSUANCE: August 21st, 1987

Welcome Wagon news

From June 16 to July 15 I made the following calls for Community Welcome:

STAHR, David and Leah are Camrose. Joyce was employed in Camrose, before moving here. Hope

I also made three "Birth of Baby" calls:

CREASEY, Colin and Shelly

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Rocky Mt. House, AB.
Sept. 2, 1987

Hi!

Thought you might be interested in the following information to help round out your records:

While no funnel was visible from our home area on the day the hurricane struck Edmonton and other communities, we have learned that at least two people saw two funnels over Rocky Mt. House a short while before the twister struck Leduc.

Unfortunately, we ere not told of this until quite some time after the fact.

Hope the tornado was some distance from your residence or that of your relatives/ friends.

Sincerely,

Ray Grosso

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Bow Island "Commentator" 4TH July 25.

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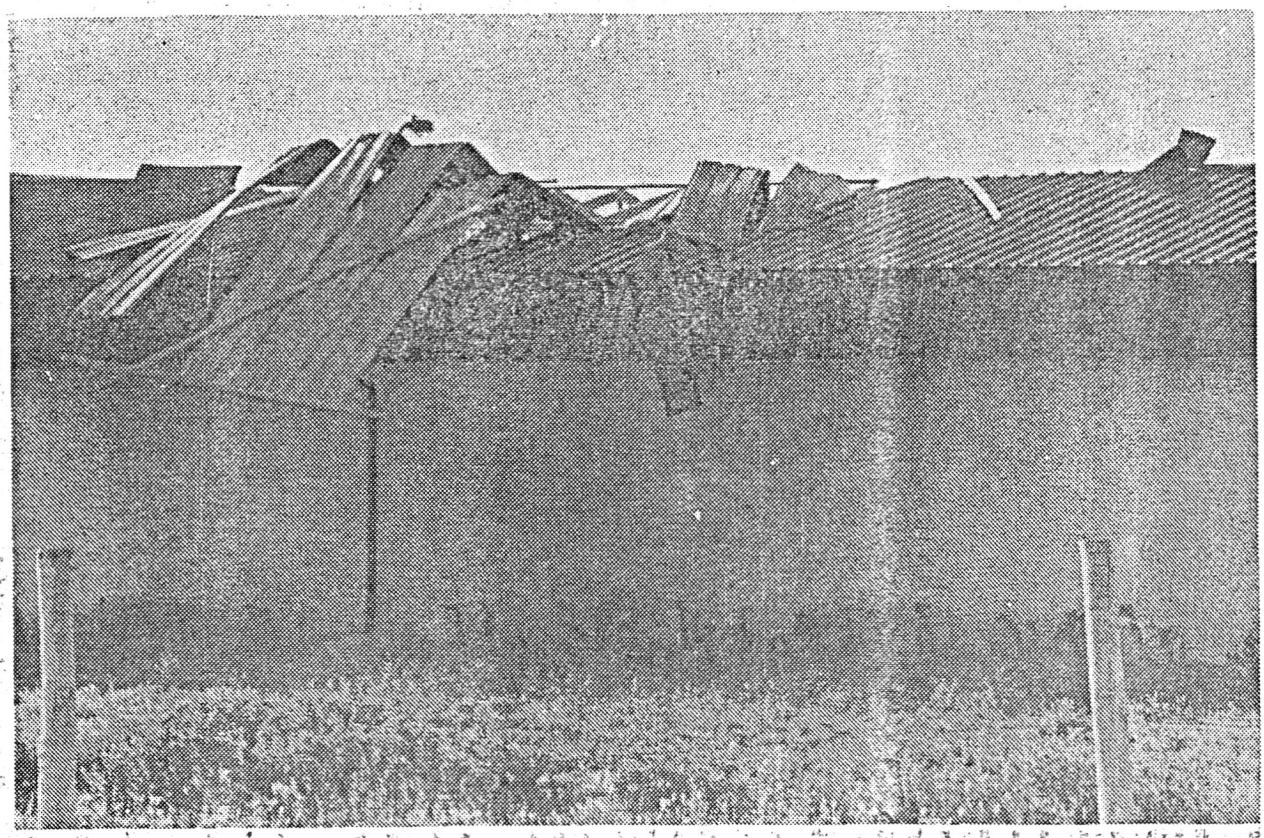
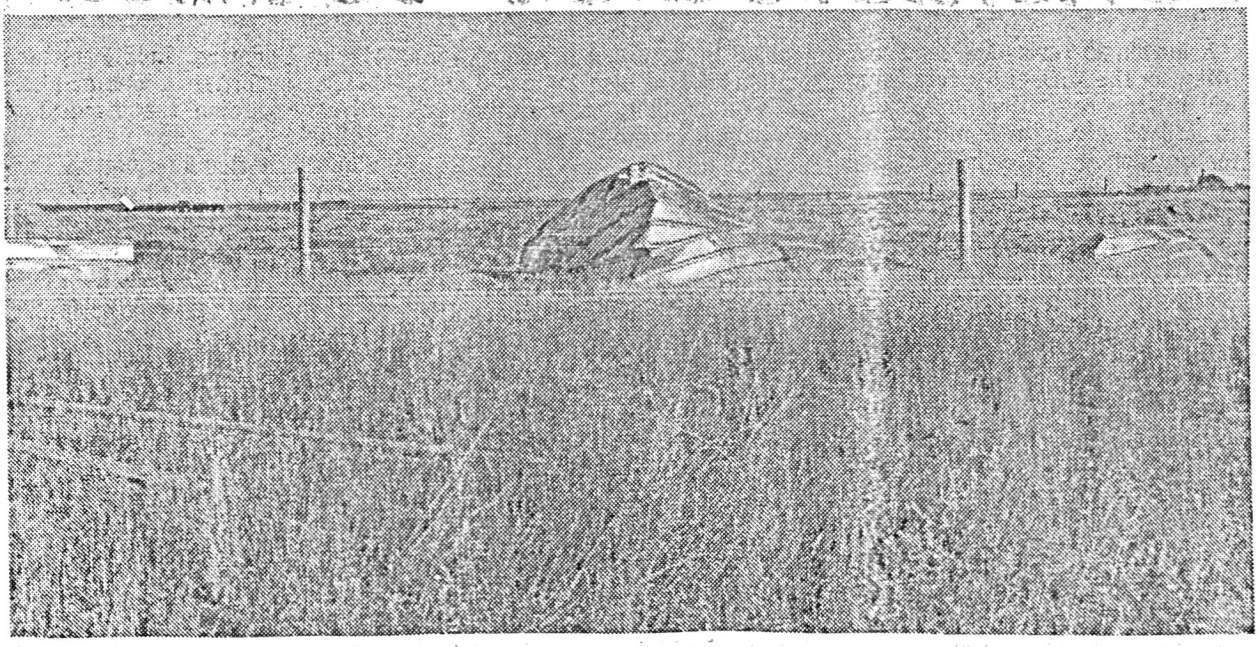


ROOF RENOVATIONS— A violent wind storm swept through the area Saturday night and tore a considerable amount of metal sheeting off the roof of the Seven Persons Community Hall, above. The lower picture shows some of the roofing material rapped around a fence post and scattered in a field on the north side of Highway 3.
—Commentator photos



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BILL MATHEWS FROM GRANDE PRAIRIE WEATHER OFFICE PHONED IN AT 0640 PM SUNDAY TO INQUIRE ABOUT US ISSUING A WARNING FOR THE WHITECOURT AREA ON FRIDAY LATE IN THE AFTERNOON. HE NEEDED THE INFORMATION TO UPDATE HIS LOG.

HE RECEIVED A PIREP ISSUED BY YZU AT 23 292 31/07/1987. THE PIREP READ AS FOLLOWS:

BLUE RIDGE 30 E YZU/PUBLIC REPORTED A TORNADO TOUCHED DOWN, TREES AND BUILDING DAMAGED AND NO REPORTS OF PESONAL INJURIES.

A LITTLE BIT LATER A RADIO STATION MANAGED TO HEAR ABOUT THE PIREP AND PHONED HIM IN TO HAVE AN INTERVIEW ABOUT THIS PHENOMENA AND THE TORNADOES IN EDMONTON. HE EXPLAINED THAT SEVERE TSTMS WERE IN THE AREA AND ALSO EXPLAINED THAT THESE SEVERE TSTMS WOULD BE OVER THE YZU AND YZH AREAS SO PEOPLE DRIVING DOWN FROM YQU TO YZU SHOULD WAIT A FEW HOURS BEFORE TRAVELLING.

HE PHONED HERE TO TELL US ABOUT THIS STORY SO WE WOULD KNOW ABOUT IT IN CASE SOMEBODY CALLED ABOUT IT.

HE IS NOW GOING ON DAYS OFF AT HOME, I THINK.

YOU CAN CONTACT HIS OIC BTN 0900 AM AND 0200 PM MONDAY.

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Seniors barbeque set to go

by Myrt Puddifant

The last call is out to all seniors in the area, who are 55 years and over, inviting them to a free Seniors barbeque.

The afternoon, which is slated to start at 2 p.m. at Dodd's Lake Park, has been planned to recognize members of the older adult population for their accomplishments and contributions to our community.

Activities during the day include music by the IMPS, a bean bag throw, croquet, softball throw, horse shoes, crib, lawn darts and miniature golf.

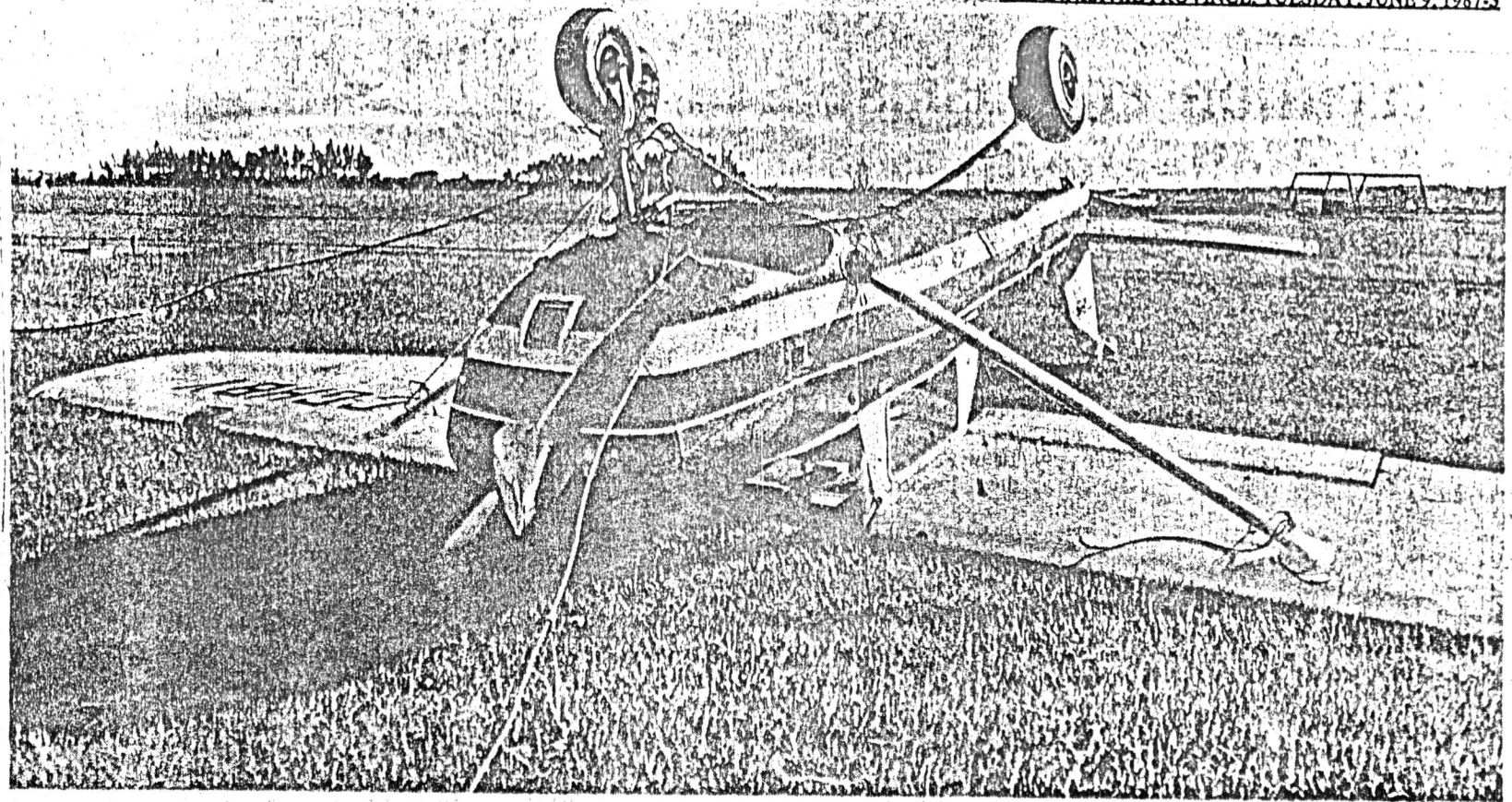
A refreshment stand will be set up in the treed area and there will be lots of opportunity to visit.

Guests will have a choice of hamburger or steak at the barbeque, which is scheduled to start around 4:30 p.m.

And although you have to find your own ride to the Park, arrangements have been made to see that everyone gets a free ride home.

The afternoon has been coordinated by Ed Morgan, manager of Branch #104 and Cheryl Gingras, recreation coordinator at Autumn Glen Lodge. 80% of the funding has come from the Innisfail Family Community Support Services and the remainder is being provided by the Royal Canadian Legion.

"We're looking forward to the afternoon," said Mr. Morgan. I feel our seniors are very important to the community and this is our way of saying "thank you." Responses



WHOOPS: This plane had more than a little trouble staying up right. It lost the battles Friday along with some sheds and a few trees at the Innisfail Airport. Friday's strong wind gusts made it hard for anything to stay right side up.

Photo by Steve Bennett

June 5/87



Area damage caused by tornado investigated

The summer of 1987 will be remembered by many as a time tornadoes ripped through the province's capital destroying homes, businesses and lives in its path.

For several others in the Rimbey area another, earlier tornado will be remembered. On July 25 a storm struck much of Central Alberta destroying property in areas between Sundre and Evansburg.

"I've never seen anything like it," Keith Beebe, who lives west of Rimbey said recently. "It sounded like a jet plane."

Mr. Beebe said he was finishing work on a new shop at his farm at about 5:25 p.m. on July 25. He was still in the yard at 6 p.m. when the storm hit.

He jumped under a one-ton truck for protection when the winds swept through the area. A 100-foot metal cattle shed was lifted into the air and fell on top of the truck he was beneath, another shed and a tractor.

To be removed, the shed had to be cut in three pieces. The truck was also totally destroyed in the storm.

Mr. Beebe was unhurt in the incident but he said he doesn't have insurance to cover the damaged shed.

"I thought it (the shed) was indestructible."

Wes Skeels, also from the Rimbey area, said the storm hit about a mile from their home.

"The wind flipped a shed upside down and pulled supporting posts out of the ground," he said. "The shed skidded along until it hit a fence."

The severe winds were also felt at Bill Houston's farm northwest of Gilby.

Mr. Houston's daughter Shelley, who was in the house when the storm struck, said she saw whole sheets of plywood from an old granary flying around the yard.

"I've never seen anything like that before," she said.

Miss Houston said the wind also blew over a 80 by 100 foot cattle shed onto some bales which were sitting behind it.

The vicious winds also played havoc with a garage belonging to neighbors of the Houston's, the Glen Johnson family, who have since moved to British Columbia.

"It picked up their garage and threw it over the fence," Miss Houston said.

Reports of these and several other incidents in the area are currently being investigated by Alberta Public Safety Services. Glen Abrey of the Red Deer branch, has been out to see the damaged property. His reports are sent to Edmonton where it is decided if the damage is devastating enough to warrant financial assistance.

Mr. Abrey said about $60,000 worth of damage was caused in the Rimbey area. Many of the people whose property was damaged didn't have insurance to cover damage by wind.

There isn't a particular assistance program in effect, he said, so each incident will be looked at on an individual basis.

Recently the minister of agriculture, Peter Elzinga the minister of the public s ty services, Ken Kowalski nounced an assistance comprised of home and sonal assistance programs families experiencing loss damage as a result of the 25 to Aug. 3 storms and f business assistance progr for producers also experi ing loss and damage a result of the storm.

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Assistance will also be vided to farm operations clean up of storm rela debris. Assistance towa the replacement or rest tion of fences, non-insura buildings and non-insura livestock losses will also available.

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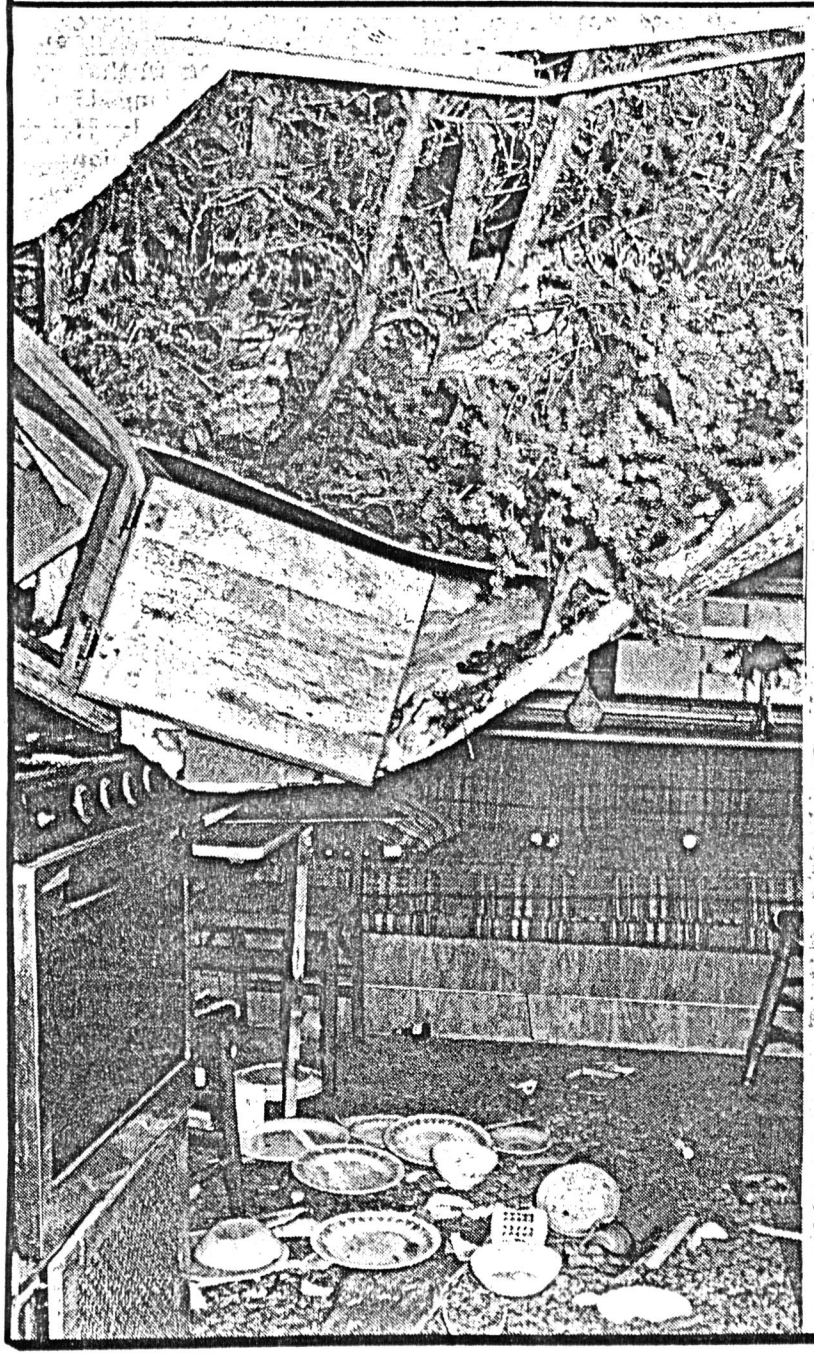
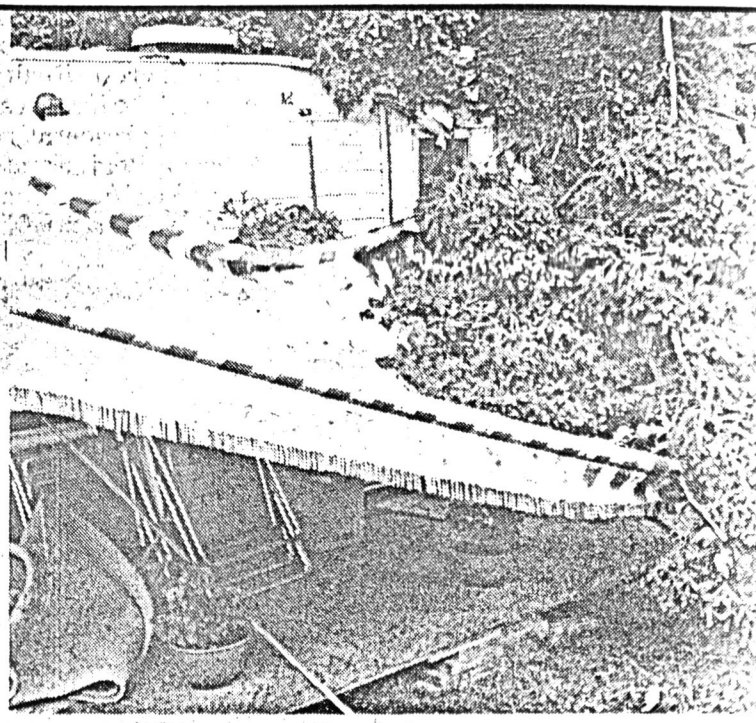


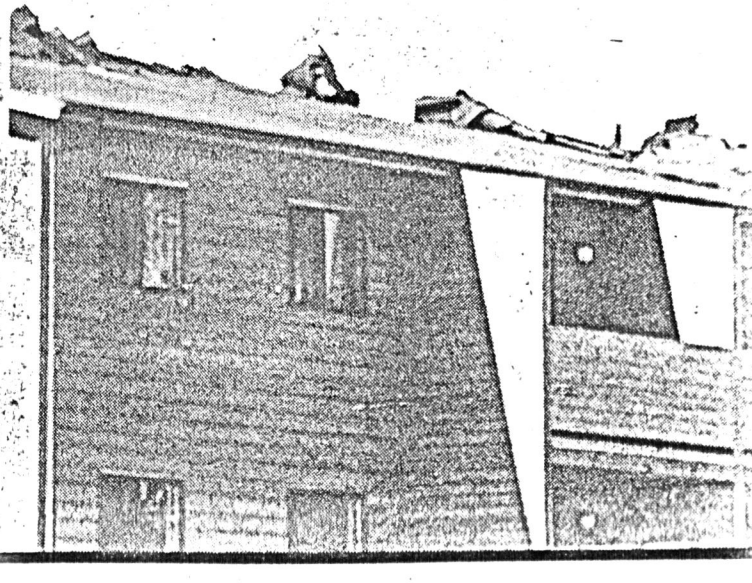
July 14

Last Tuesday's storm wreaked a bit of havoc as high winds caused damage in both Grand Centre and Cold Lake. At left, the inside of a Cold Lake man's trailer was destroyed when the winds toppled a nearby spruce.

Top right: the outside of the trailer didn't fare much better.

Bottom right: High winds also managed to peel away the shingles on a Grand Centre apartment complex. While the storm was brief, it left quite a mess in its wake. Keeping town workers busy Wednesday cleaning fallen branches from the roads.





Local motel owners looking to water recreation



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It's Waterhole Rodeo time

LORI ANN WATCHORN

QUEEN CONTESTANTS SHOWN ABOVE — RODEO NEWS ON PAGES 13-16

Rain falls in torrents on Fairview

A torrential downpour umped 1½ inches of water on airview in less than an hour last uesday evening. (July 7)

The rainfall, which turned own streets into instant rivers, aused little damage, but sent hose unfortunate enough to be outdoors at the time racing for over.

Long-time Fairview residents said it had been many, many years since they had seen so much rain come down in so short a time.

Minor flooding of basements did occur, but the town's storm sewer system appeared to handle the inundation without cause for concern.

At the College, the reservoir was filled to overflowing but there are no buildings in the vicinity to suffer any damage.

A few hardy motorists were caught in the deluge and had their cars stall on them while attempting to motor through intersections covered with water that was suddenly too deep for their vehicles.

One such intersection was at 103 Avenue and 115 Street where more than one driver was stranded.

Main Street became a raging waterway as the accumulation of water from uphill came racing down, even covering the sidewalks to a considerable depth.

All that water from upper Fairview found a temporary home south of Railroad Avenue, turning the area into an instant lake.

The rain began shortly after 6 p.m. and the 45-minute deluge turned into a steady rainfall that evening and intermittent rain the next day, all of which has been welcomed by area farmers.

At the golf course, wher men's league participants wer stranded in the clubhouse, th water swept down the fairways

The evidence of the delug came Wednesday morning whe the water dissipated and th aftermath of lawn clippings we left drying in waves on all th fairways.

There was still casual water several of the fairways th week.

Farmers welcome precipitation — not the hail

Fairview and area farmers are optimistic about their crops after last week's rain.

District Agriculturist, Dale Seward, said that anywhere from one to two and a half inches of rain fell throughout the district last Tuesday, July 7.

There were also some reports of hail during the storm. However according to Seward, the crops were not damaged too severely.

Ron Hart, who farms just south of Gage, said that the hail smashed down about 40 per cent of his rape, but it is already starting to come back.

Hart's rape crop was just in the flowering stage and a lot of blossoms were knocked off by the hail. Only 10 per cent of his barley was damaged. Hart expects that there may not even be yield damage to the barley.

The 2½ inches of rain received came at the right time of year for Hart. He said that not only did his crops need the rain but so did his pasture and hay fields.

The rain also came just in time for Dan Doll, who farms three miles east of the Waterhole corner. He received two inches of rain and said that the wheat and barley crops in the area are "real nice."

"I guess you could call it a million dollar rain," said Doll.

Lou Beaulieu said he definitely needed the rain even though his hay was down. Beaulieu received 2½ inches of rain and some hail. There was no damage to Beaulieu's wheat by the hail. Now, Beaulieu wants a nice breezy day to get his hay up.

The two inches of rain that Gerard Boytinck received helped fill out his wheat. His first seeded wheat is now starting to turn.

Although Boytinck received a little bit of hail, there was no damage to his canola because it had already finished blossoming.

Boytinck, who farms six miles south and three miles east of Fairview, said that he has h enough rain and all he needs n is a lot of hot weather.

However, Alphonse Kram who farms one mile north of airport, disagrees. He said t this last rain would be good fo couple of weeks and then would need some more.

Kramer received 2.4 inches rain and a little bit of hail. said it doesn't look like ther any damage except that so blossoms were knocked off rape.

Coming home from Edmon this week Kramer noted that crops, on the average, were very good between here and city.

"The best crops were on north side of the river," Kramer.

Wilson still considering allowance

Finance Minister Michael Wilson assured Fairview town councillor Doug Lindskoog that the northern living allowance is under review and decisions would be made shortly.

Wilson, who spoke in an open forum on tax reform at Grande Prairie Friday, was told by Lindskoog that northern communities cheered when they heard about the tax allowance but, "The cheers died rapidly when certain areas found out they were left out."

The finance minister told councillor Lindskoog, and more than 60 others in attendance, that the tax allowance proposal was based on an existing program that had been in place a number of years. But it is under review and MP Albert Cooper has been a very active advocate in Ottawa, Wilson said.

"It's a problem that has been more complex than anticipated. But there should be some decisions made shortly," said Wilson.

aylor M.P. held a reunion of his Grade 9A -46. As the class had left and did not return to eir report cards, Mr. Taylor felt this was a good ss them out, after keeping them for 41 years. e evening, the students reminisced about their /s in the cottages at Central School. Many paid Gordon Taylor as the best teacher ever and many instances when they played hockey with one student commenting the class used ire for dental floss. M.L.A. Jack Campbell commented he would keep his report people believe politicians never attended school.

The class all felt Mr. Taylor was an inspiration to all and kept them on the right track. A poem was written by Anne (Janz) Jircik entitled "More than a teacher. It was presented to Gordon along with a picture of the Red Deer Valley and a plaque paying tribute to him.

Comments during the evening were about another reunion to be held in 5 years. All seemed to feel this was a wonderful idea.

rrin girl on exchange to France

International Student programs has selected gen, daughter of Tom an exchange student mer program 1987. Rosgen, a student at r High School, will be a family in France for s on the Summer Program.



Andrea Rosgen

lives on a farm south of of Morrin. She was n a basis of scholastic ents, recommendations chers and school rators, good citizenship rity.

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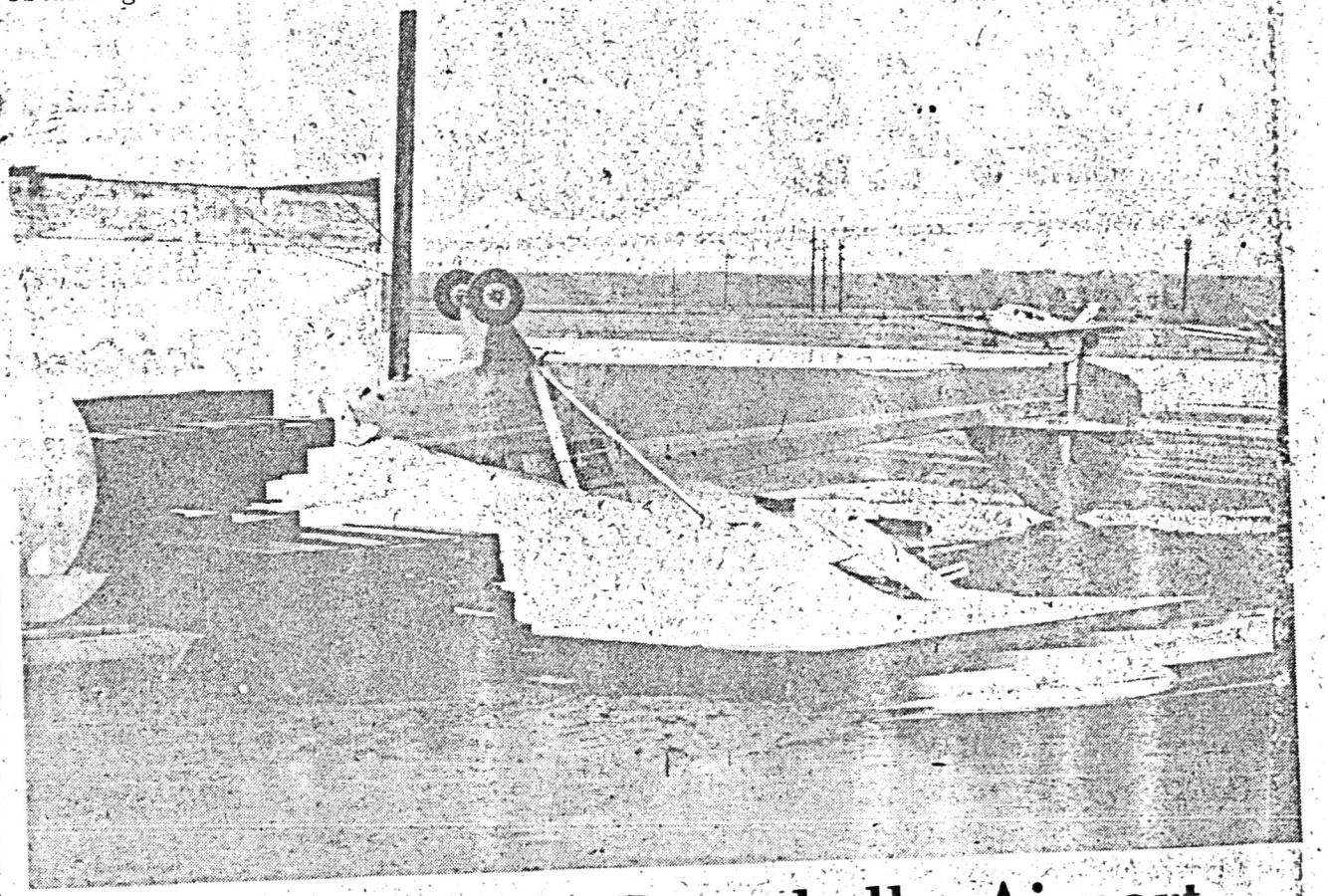
Any student or prospective host families interested in obtaining more information about these programs may contact Doug Barnard, Box 322, Acme, Alberta, TOM OAO, or phone 546-2536, who is the local representative of A.S.S.E. International.



Planes damaged at Drumheller Airport

Considerable damage occurred Friday afternoon when a freak storm wreaked havoc at Drumheller's airport.

Three hangars were destroyed and one partially damaged, plus three aircraft sustained damage in the 15 minute storm which preceded the rain.

A Beechcraft Sierra, owned by Jim MacLeod, was most seriously damaged with wing, body and prop damage. The hangar housing the plane was destroyed.

A Taylorcraft, owned by Gordon Denzler and Durell Wiley, flipped on its roof when the hangar left.

Joe Zambo's Cessna 172 was damaged when one side of the hangar collapsed on the plane.

A plane owned by Barry Killaby was left unscratched in the storm but the hangar it was in, owned by Alvin McLean, was completely destroyed.

Gerry Murray, owner of Fox Coulee Aviation was at the airport at the time of the storm, approximately 5:30, Friday afternoon.

He said the storm blew up so fast, and the wind and rain were so intense, that within 10 to 15 minutes it was all over.

No damage was sustained to any of the Commanche aircraft in the City for the Commanche owners convention. All were tightly tied down in the field beside the runway.

No final estimate of damage was given.

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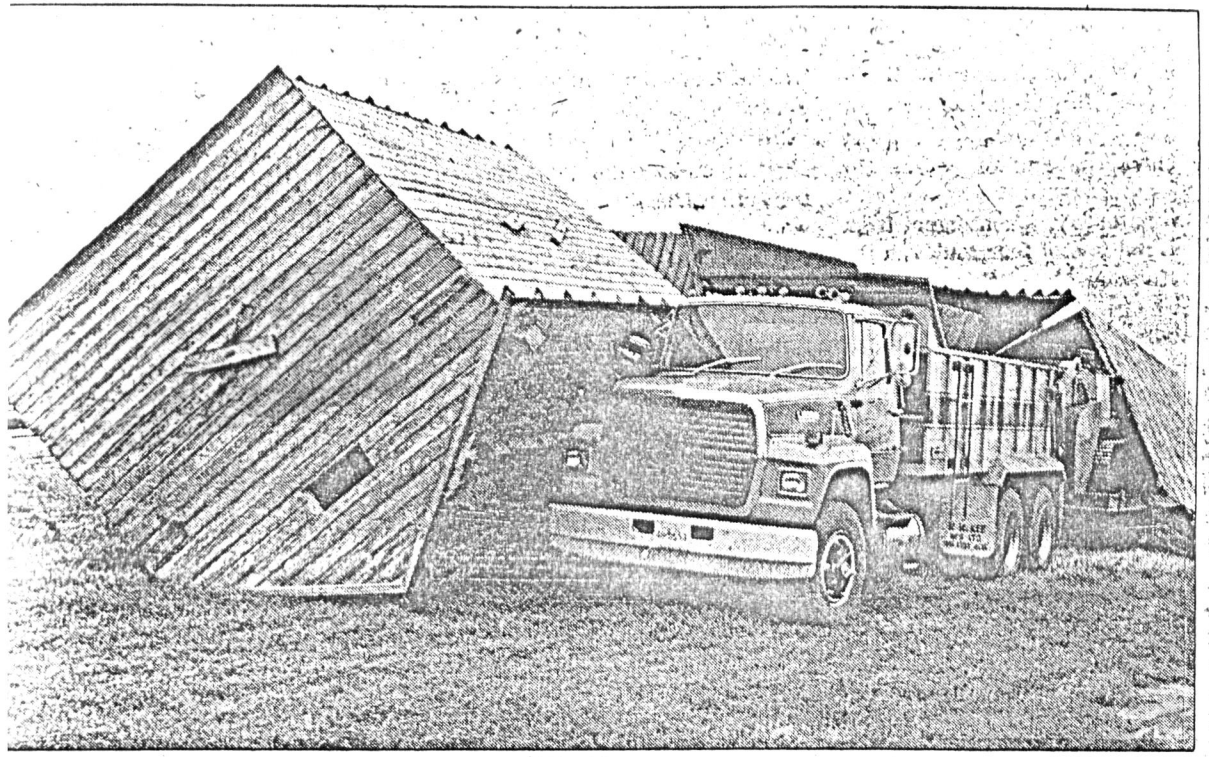

FRIDAY'S STORM blew over a grainary onto a large truck and small cat at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Zyle, who live just east of Beaver Lake. One of their grain bins blew several hundreds yards into their field. —Observer photo

Green Acres

Field pea market for Alberta is good

by Jim Unterschultz
District Agriculturist

Market prospects for field peas look good this year. Field pea acreage has nearly doubled to an estimated 600,000 acres in the prairies in 1987 and it looks like there should be a market for most of these peas.

The biggest part of the market is expected to be for livestock feed in Europe. Field peas can gain access to the European market and be used as a protein supplement in [illegible] Peas can replace soybean meal. If sufficient supplies are available it could also be used in local feed rations. The local market will likely develop if large consistent supplies of peas are grown each year in Alberta. So far, this local market for peas is limited but market analysts feel this could be a growth area in the demand for peas. Again, the peas would be used as a protein supplement, likely replacing some soybean meal.

The dry weather in central Canada will lead to reduced yields

Prices, problems growing peas and demand for feed peas will determine whether peas become a more common crop in Alberta. There is cautious optimism the demand for field peas for the export and domestic market could grow. This means peas could become an important alternate crop in Alberta.

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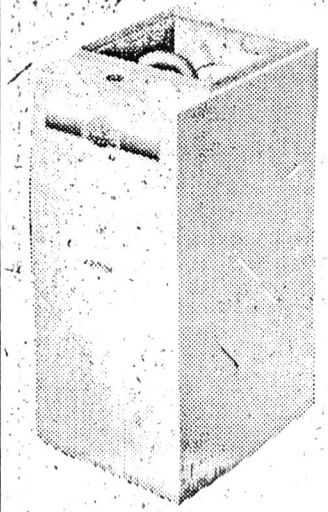

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ly, project manager, Dr. Steven West, MLA for Vermilion-Viking, Virginia Budinski, Leonard Komarnisky, Susan Frebrowski, Lawrence Polny, John Kozoway, all steering committee directors. Missing is director Helen Polny.

Bottom right: The Drahomanow Recreation Area, including a ball diamond, camping sites, a communal fire pit, washrooms and kitchen facilities building, picnic area, playground facilities and horseshoe pits.

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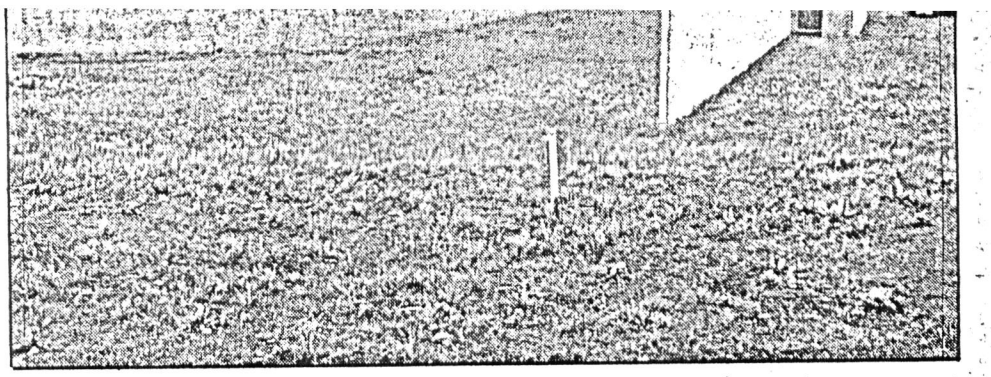

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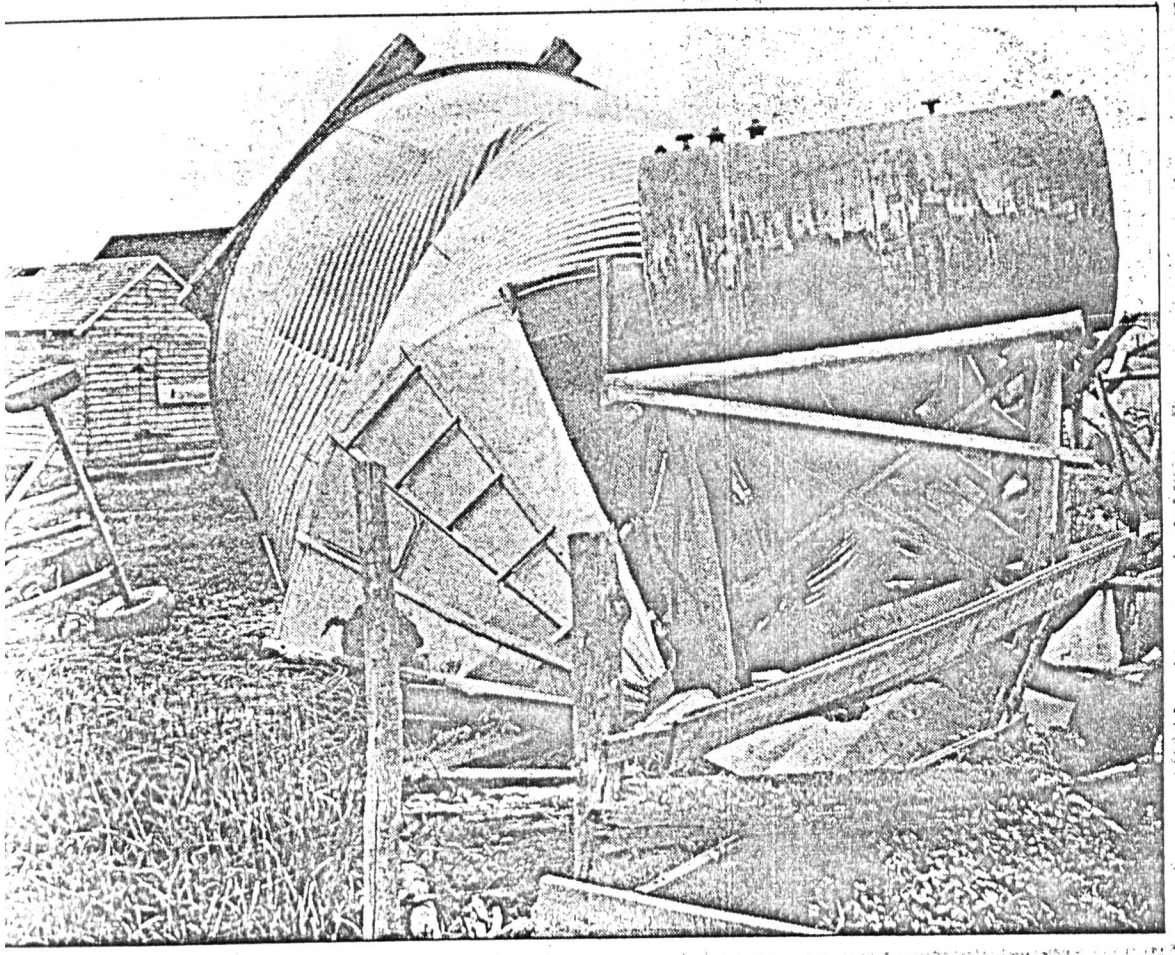

BASHED-UP GRAIN BIN lies amid a heap rubble, the result of Friday's storm at Leonard Rachansky's farm, situated 18 miles west of Vegreville. —Observer photo

Severe storms and maybe small twisters tore through farmland areas west of Vegreville on Friday.

Peter Zagrosh, County of Lamont councillor and director of Public Safety Services for the county, said there were no injuries as far as he's aware.

"Large shelterbelt trees were snapped like twigs," he said. "It's a total mess."

He toured parts of the county on Saturday and described what he saw: mangled grain bins blown hundreds of yards from their original position, fences and corrals totally demolished, power poles knocked down, shingles ripped clean from roofs, siding torn off houses, TV antennaes toppled, grainaries blown over, and bales moved about.

One resident couldn't find the roof of his trailer porch, blown clean away.

Mr. Zagrosh heard that some areas in Division 2 and in the Hilliard area were badly damaged.

He asks people to contact the county if they were affected by the storms. Also, insurance companies should be notified so they can assess the damages.

Leonard Rachansky, who lives 18 miles west of Vegreville, estimated damage to his property at $30,000.

He said the storm lasted about half an hour, with heavy rains, strong winds and some hail.

There was so much rain he couldn't see whether there was a twister but guessed there was because some structures were not damaged while others were severely damaged.

A grain bin was blown about 20 feet into a swather, the doors were blown off his machine shop, shingles were removed from some buildings, trees were knocked down, fences were busted where his grainary was blown through, and bales were lifted up over the fence.

Fortunately his house was not damaged.

Mates thought buddy survived boat accident

By JAMES PARKER
Journal Staff Writer

Sailing companions of a Red Deer man who died Saturday in a Sylvan Lake boating accident thought he'd made it to shore.

Only after the pair swam to shore from their capsized boat did they realize Gordon Richard Girard, 22, was missing.

Mike Sparling, 21, is being treating for hypothermia at Red Deer Regional Hospital. Curtis Aiken, 20, was treated for hypothermia and released Sunday.

Aiken and Sparling were rescued by a boater about 8.30 p.m. Saturday.

The three men had borrowed the boat Saturday afternoon from a boy scout camp on Sylvan Lake, Aiken said in an interview.

He said because of the strong wind the boat capsized a number of times. After capsizing about 7 p.m. Saturday, accumulated water made it difficult for them to turn the vessel over.

After hanging on to the boat for a few minutes, the men decided to swim the half-kilometre distance to shore.

"We were starting to get cold," said Aiken. "It's a good thing we did go or we wouldn't have made it to 9 p.m."

Aiken said both he and Sparling thought Girard would make it to shore because he was swimming strongly.

"He was pulling so far ahead of us we thought he was going to make it."

Eventually, the men lost sight of Girard. His body was recovered about 7 a.m. Sunday after an intense search involving three police boats and two civilian aircraft.

All three men were wearing life jackets.

Aiken, who grew up with Girard in Red Deer, described his friend as a "kind-hearted guy."

William Riley, Girard's brother-in-law, said the family was in shock.

Girard was a student at Red Deer College where he edited the student newspaper.

Police identify crash victim

A 66-year-old Edmonton woman has been identified as the person killed Saturday in an accident on the city's north side.

Ione Hart was pronounced dead on arrival at Royal Alexandra General Hospitals after the accident at the intersection of 137th Avenue and 97th Street.

The car Hart was riding in was crushed by a pickup truck.

Hart's 66-year-old husband and the 22-year-old female driver of the pickup truck were uninjured.

Hart is the city's ninth traffic victim. At this time last year there were 18 traffic deaths on city streets.

Police are still investigating. No charges have been laid.

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Willow Creek area crops damaged in storm

By Wanda Markstedt

Strong winds, heavy rainfall and hail damaged several crops (up to 100 per cent) and gardens in the Willow Creek area during the Friday storm. Some windows were broken.

Donna Sendziak and her two daughters, Patricia and Natania travelled by bus last week to visit her parents at Norquay, Sask.

They were also attending the Norquay homecoming, held to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the town, 1912 - 1987.

A Thorsby and District Horticultural Society meeting will be held at the Thorsby senior citizens' centre, Tuesday, Aug. 11, 7 p.m. Flower arranging will be the topic of discussion.

Roy and Dolly Westlin left home July 22 for a trip to British Columbia. They met their daughter Helene and her husband Bob at a resort on Kootenay Lake for a day's visit before a visit to relatives and friends at Enderby, Armstrong and Kamloops, B.C. They brought back peaches for preserving.

Sam Oswald underwent surgery July 31 at University Hospital, Edmonton.

Ernest Kvarnberg recently hurt his foot in a farm mishap. He is on crutches.

Kate Mankow recently drove to Edmonton to see the Duke and Duchess of York.

Herman and Wynne Wollen of Winterburn celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Aug. 1 at the Kitaskinaw school in Enoch.

The Wollens are former residents of Buford and Calmar.

Local people attending the event were Walter and Margaret Pearson, Ernest and Ruby Kvarnberg, Aldona Harrish, Roy and Dolly Westlin and Albin and Wanda Markstedt.

Jim and Troy Tattersall attended an Aug. 1 horse show at Lamont. Troy placed first in reining, second in stock horse, third in trail horse, and third in western riding.

Jim placed first in adult English pleasure, second in two-way versatility, second in equitation jumping, second in open hunter, third in open jumper and second in fault and out jumping.

Lori Ellen Sandstrom and Brent Michael Meyer were united in marriage Aug. 1 at the Saint Margaret Mary Church in Calmar.

Sam and Alma Oswald were recent guests of Walter and Rose Watamaniuk at their cottage near Lake Isle.

Their grandson Josh, who stayed with them for a week, accompanied them to the cottage.

William Chimera of the Calmar area died July 31, 1987 at the W. W. Cross Institute, Edmonton.

Energy/Sun Day planned at science centre

Staff at the Alberta Natural Resources Science Centre will present the third annual Energy/Sun Day, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9 with displays, workshops and hands-on activities for children of all ages.

Visitors can view the sun through a solar telescope ... tell the time from a sundial, make popcorn in a solar cooker and see the solar house displays.

The Alberta Natural Resources Science Centre, is located in the Strathcona Science Park, 17 St. between Highways 16 and 16A, (101 Ave.). It is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. until Labor Day. Parking is available on-site.

Hail storm damage claims flood Alberta crop insurers

Damage claims continue to pour in from Friday's hail storm which destroyed about 20,000 acres of crops between St. Albert and Namao.

Another 3,000 acres of crops outside the storm's main path were also damaged or destroyed.

"We've been swamped with calls," Jackie Schneider of the Morinville district office of the Alberta Hail and Crop Insurance Corporation, said Wednesday.

Crops sustained 50 to 100 per cent damage from hailstones that were the size of grapes and larger, said Schneider. Strong winds blew over or twisted farmers' metal grain bins and shattered many open hay and cattle sheds.

Schneider said it's too soon to estimate total damage from the storm. About 100 farmers had filed crop damage claims by closing time Wednesday.

Schneider said her office is still receiving claims after a hail storm last Thursday caused crop losses as high as 30 per cent on about 7,500 acres near Morinville.

About 40 claims have been filed as a result of the Thursday storm, which battered crops in a path from about 10 km west of Morinville to six km north of the town.

Air raid siren urged for tornado

By BOB BOEHM
and CAM TAIT
Journal Staff Writers

National Defence air raid sirens should be used to warn people of tornadoes and other impending natural disasters, some Edmontonians say.

Alice Piche, who describes herself simply as a "concerned citizen," was one of a couple of city residents who phoned The Journal with the suggestion.

"We have in place an air raid system for air raids — why can't the system be used for any emergencies where citizens must take shelter?" Piche wondered.

The system now in place is a "little archaic," she said.

Moments before Friday's tornado, officals at the Alberta weather office issued a tornado warning over their own private broadcasting service — called Weath... Radio Canada — to va...

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Wheat, barley crops devastated by hail

By DAVID HOLEHOUSE
Journal Staff Writer

Hail destroyed crops worth thousands of dollars last Friday in a turbulent prelude to the tornado that devastated Edmonton.

Farmers in a 25-square-kilometre area near Calmar watched hailstones the size of golf balls and baseballs snap the stalks of their ripening wheat and barley.

And many have no hail insurance.

"I haven't had hail insurance for 40 years," farmer Ernest Kvarnberg said Tuesday. "We haven't had any hail in that time. But I was just thinking last week we should get hail insurance again, because it was so humid."

The storm flattened about 30 acres of cropland at the north end of his farm, while the south end was unharmed.

Farmer Larry Galavan lost about 200 acres, however, and it too was uninsured land.

"We don't know if it's a complete write-off because it's too wet to get on the land," he said. "I don't know how much rain we got — the wind blew the gauge over."

He said he didn't carry hail insurance because the Calmar-Devon area isn't known for severe hail.

"You can't recover your losses," he said. "You just have to grow again next year and hope for a better year."

Alberta Hail and Crop Insurance officials did not have complete details of the hail damage when contacted Tuesday.

Hail left autos riddled with dents

By DAVID HOLEHOUSE
Journal Staff Writer

Edmonton's worst hail storm in 15 years is likely to keep city autobody shops busy for a year.

Huge hail stones that accompanied Friday's tornado dented hundreds of vehicles and left others looking as if they'd been riddled with gunfire, according to one body shop.

Henry Herbers, of Herbers Autobody Repair Ltd., said his west-end shop wrote 22 hail-damage estimates Monday and the flow is likely to increase as more claims filter through area insurance offices.

"The damage ranges anywhere from $600 to $5,000," he said. "One needed a new roof, new hood, new windshield, repaired side and trunk lid and a complete paint job."

Herbers is putting on an extra shift in the paint shop, and figures it could be a year before all the city's hail-damaged cars are restored to their original condition.

At The Co-operators insurance claims office staff scrapped their holiday weekend to start taking claims Saturday morning.

"We've had 1,000 or more so far, and that's just the tip of the iceberg," said claims supervisor Keith Bett. "About 55 per cent are for autos. The rest are for property within the city. Most of the autos are repairable."

Bett said he hasn't seen this kind of hail damage since the early 1970s, and the damage covered by his office will be in the millions.

In the Leduc-Calmar area about 40 farmers have registered with the Disaster Services office after losing crops to the hail.



Lois Nauta with hailstone from her east-Edmonton yard
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THIS WARNING IS IN EFFECT FROM 2.40 PM MDT UNTIL 4.40 PM MDT.

OTHER WATCHES OR WARNINGS IN EFFECT...NUMBER 17 FOR EDMONTON AND
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THE ALBERTA WEATHER CENTRE HAS ISSUED A SEVERE WEATHER WATCH FOR THE
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ST PAUL REGIONS OF ALBERTA.

A SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WATCH MEANS THAT THUNDERSTORMS WITH LARGE HAIL
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ON THE ALERT FOR THESE CONDITIONS AND LISTEN FOR UPDATED FORECASTS OR
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THIS WATCH IS IN EFFECT FROM 1.30 PM MDT UNTIL 9.30 PM MDT.

OTHER WATCHES OR WARNINGS IN EFFECT...NONE

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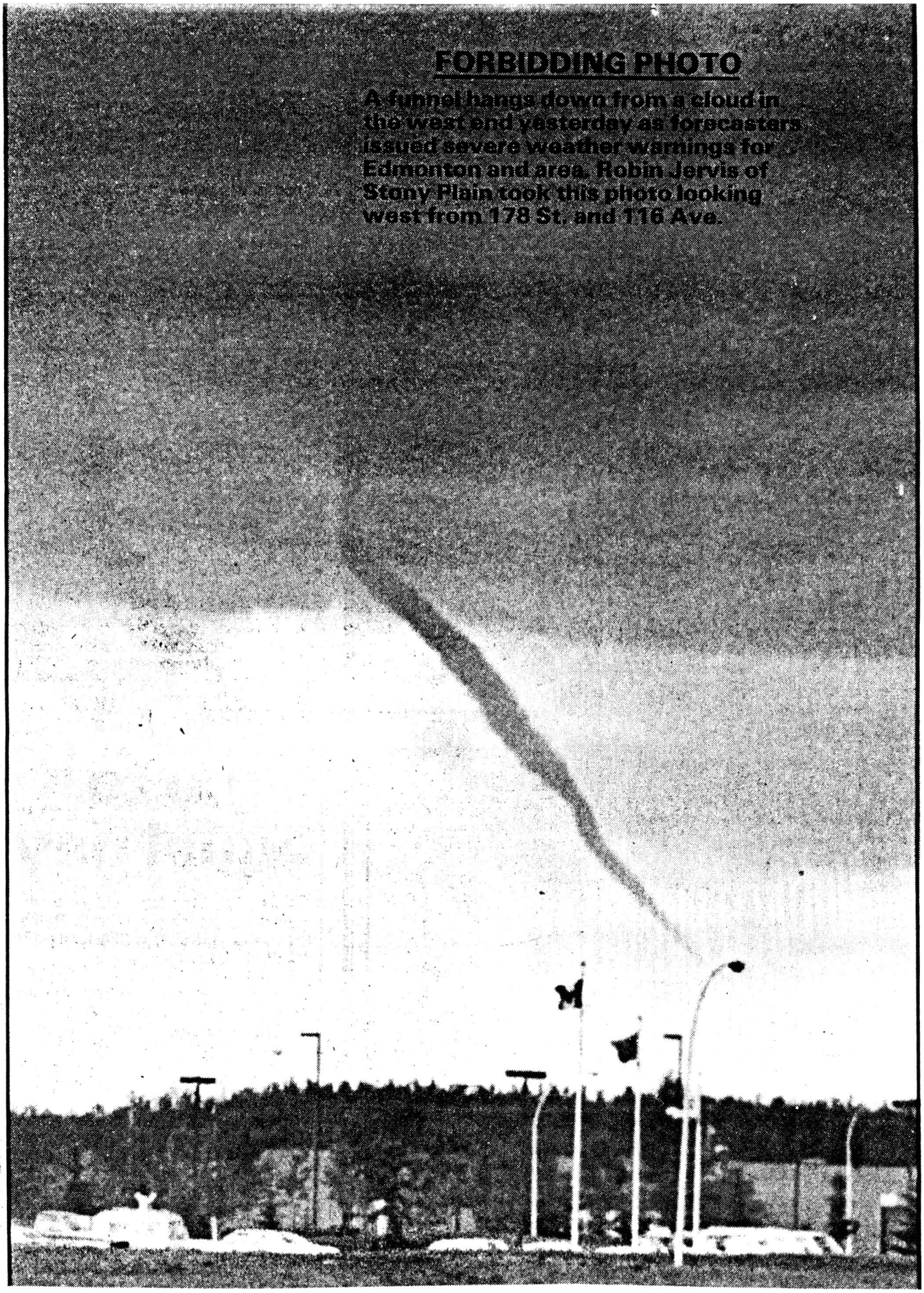
FORBIDDING PHOTO

A funnel hangs down from a cloud in the west end yesterday as forecasters issued severe weather warnings for Edmonton and area. Robin Jervis of Stony Plain took this photo looking west from 178 St. and 116 Ave.



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ALERT LIFTED BY EVENING

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By TIMOTHY LERICHE
Staff Writer

Environment Canada issued a severe-weather warning yesterday afternoon after funnel clouds were spotted over Edmonton for the second time within a week.

Environment Canada weatherman Tim Aldie said the warning was issued at 4:07 p.m., after several public reports of the menacing funnel clouds.

The sightings came less than a month after a tornado ripped through Edmonton and area, killing 27 people and causing hundreds of millions of dollars in damage.

Aldie said the warning yesterday was issued for Edmonton and the counties of Sherwood Park, Strathcona and Parkland as thunderstorms passed through.

He said the warning was lifted for Edmonton, Sherwood Park and Parkland at 5:30 p.m., but was extended after that time to include the county of Leduc.

The warning was completely lifted by 6:21 p.m., he said.

Funnel clouds differ from tornadoes in that they don't touch ground. The moment they do, they are declared full-blown tornadoes.

But yesterday's weather warning met with some indifference at the Evergreen Mobile Home Park.

Park manager Chico Bulmer said no residents expressed any concern at his office.

"I think the attitude is 'send us anything you've got, we've seen it all now,' " he said.

A portion of the park was flattened by the July 31 twister and 15 people were killed.

Meanwhile, an expert heading a new Canadian study says the chances are remote of more quickly predicting storms like the July 31 twister.

Keith Hage, former chairman of the Department of Meteorology at the University of Alberta, will lead a study of weather warning systems announced in Ottawa yesterday by federal Environment Minister Tom McMillan.

"I don't hold out much hope for improved predictions," Hage said in an interview. "What I will focus on are the steps in between to determine what coverage we're getting."

But the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration yesterday announced plans for a satellite it claims could spot a tornado forming 20 minutes before existing weather prediction techniques.

The high-resolution microwave satellite is part of a $2-billion US network scheduled for deployment in 1994.

"With this satellite we could have told those people in Edmonton to get out 20 minutes earlier," said NASA spokesman Dr. Robert Curran.

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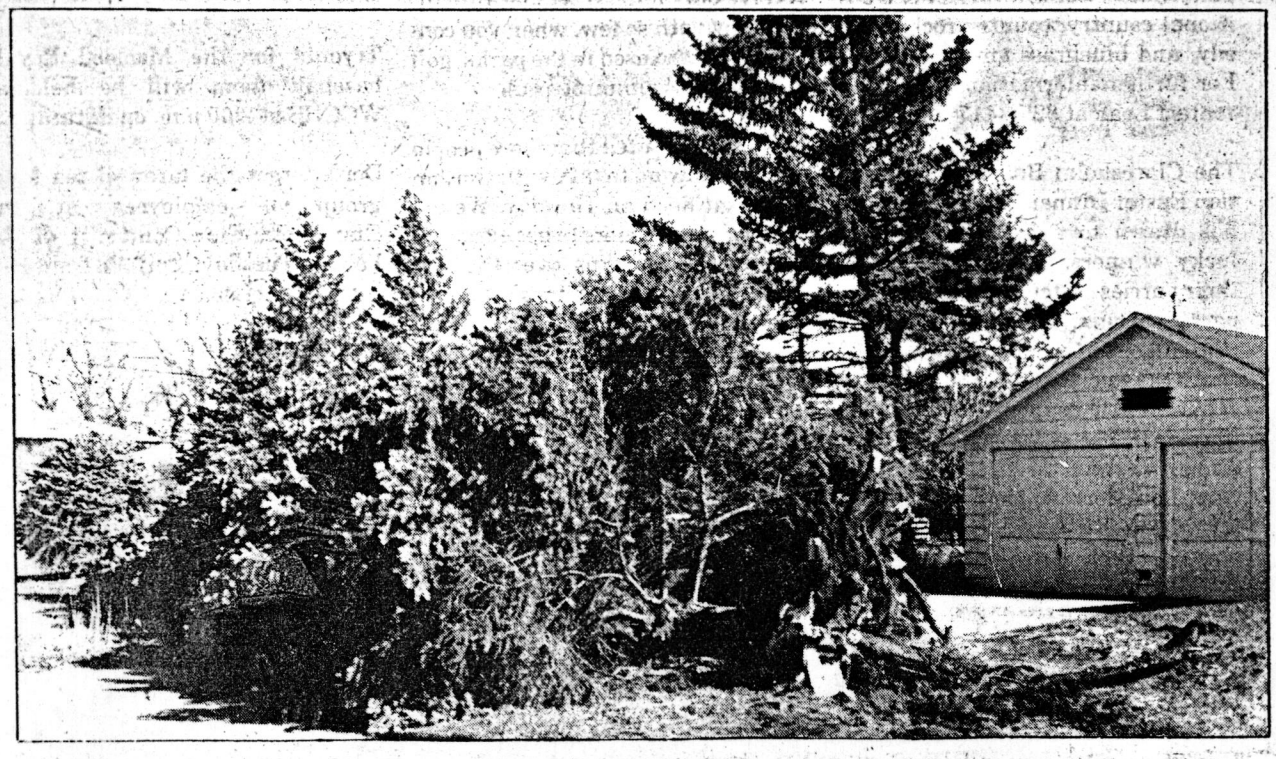

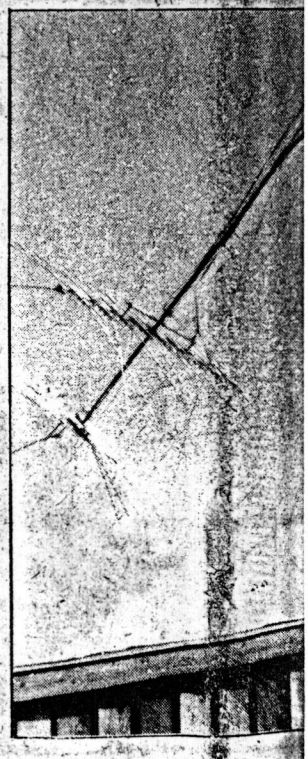

If you thought the winds were bad on Wednesday of last week, you should have been here on Thursday!

Thursday, April 16 was not a great day in Southern Alberta, as winds of over 120 km/h struck, over most of the area.

Damage was excessive, with it now becoming an insurance adjuster's nightmare! An eight care vehicle pile-up was well hidden in a dust storm just north of Granum on Highway 2. Apparently, there were two separate accidents somewhere under the blanket of dust. Many of those involved just had to sit it out in their cars, while
juries, were taken to hospital.

The vehilces were all pushed into the
from 2:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

In the Fort Macleod area, it was report
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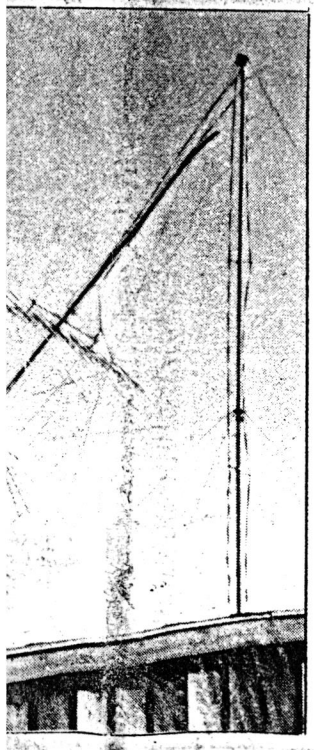

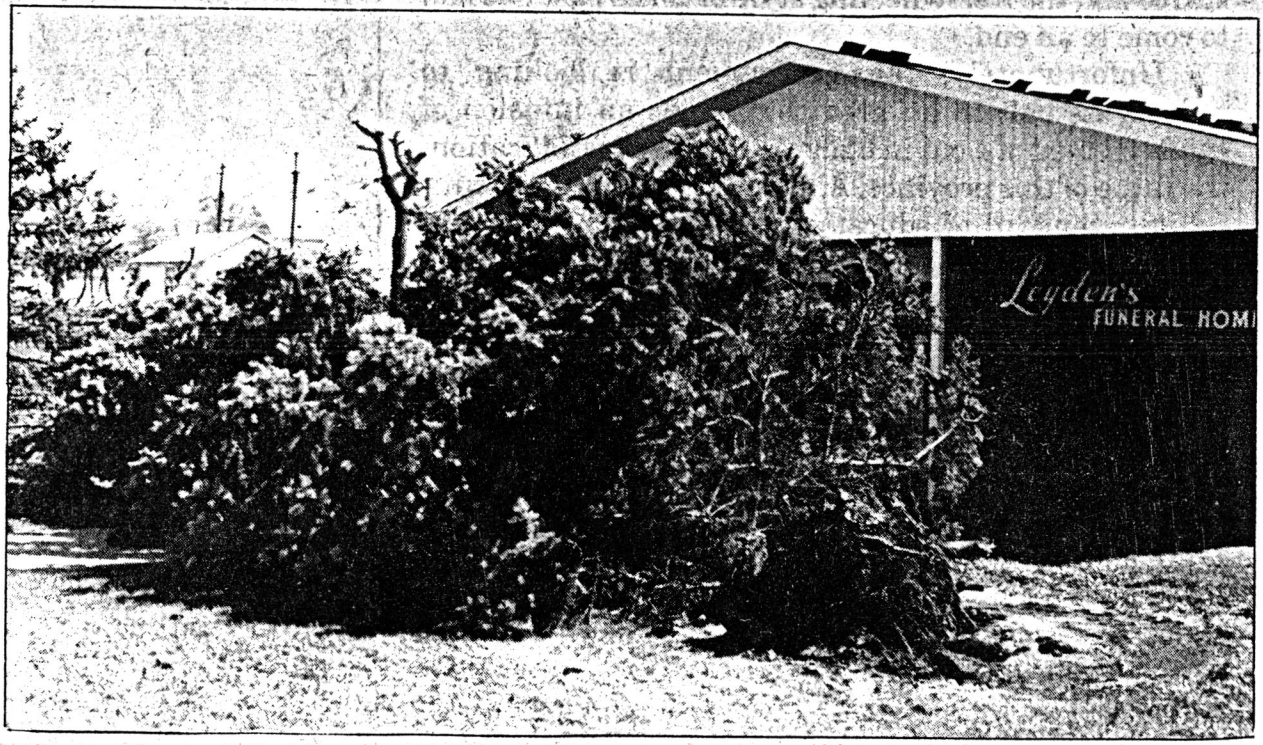

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nts reported that they had never seen wind like it before.

Not only were many trees uprooted as witnessed above, but a well constructed farm house east of town lost 90 percent of its roof, and hundreds of structures lost many shingles as well as some buildings complaining of broken windows.

Let's hope we don t see a repeat of this type of wind storm for some time to come.

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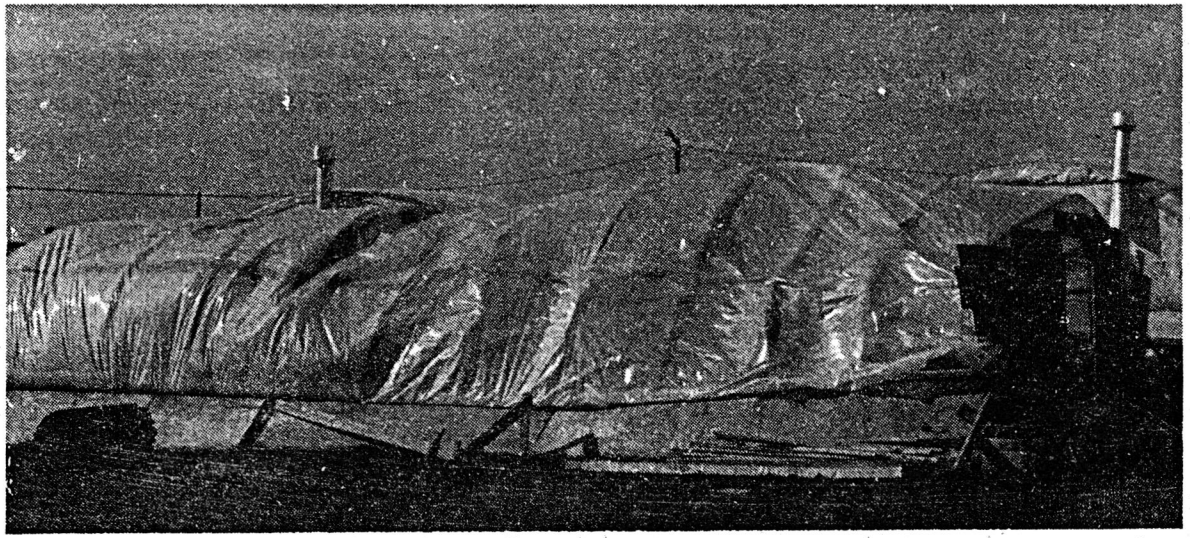
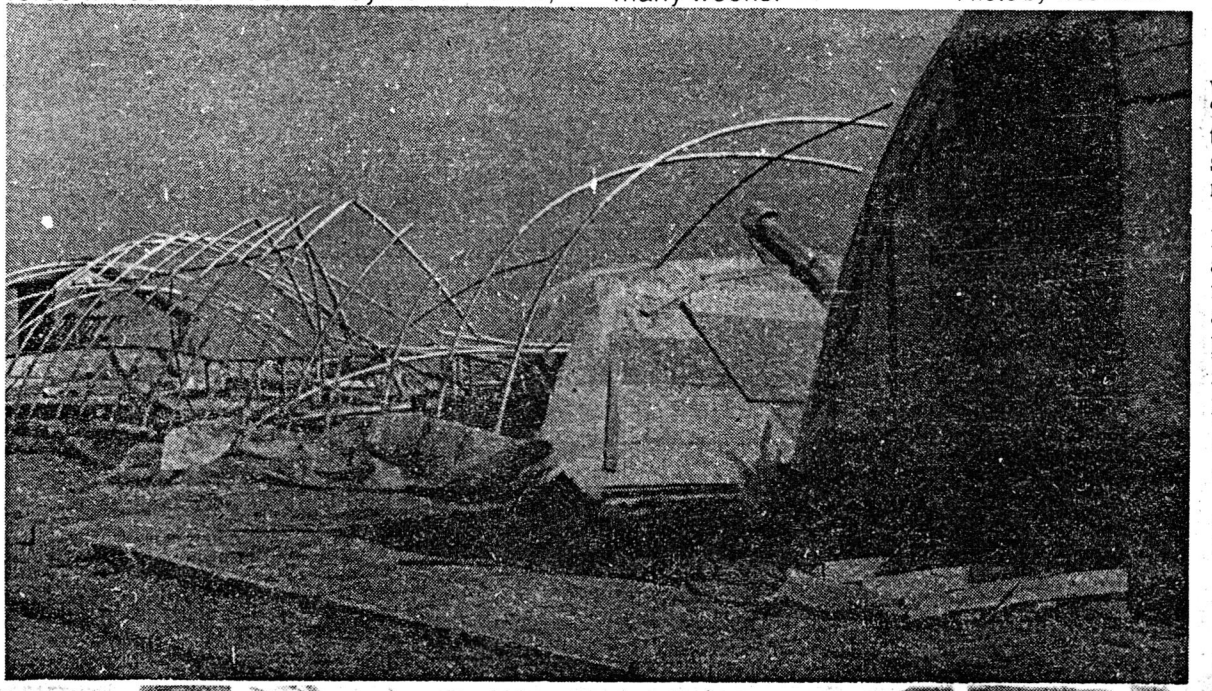


Above, one of five greenhouses is buffetted in the height of the gale-to-hurricane force winds last week in Raymond. Below, what is left of another of the structures in the aftermath of the second storm in as many weeks. *Photo by Wes Keller*



Hurricane-force winds lash business twice

By Wes Keller

For the second time in as many weeks, greenhouses at Raymond fell victim to persistent gale-force winds that sometimes gusted to beyond hurricane levels last Thursday.

The continuing winds had prevented the installation of the plastic cover on a metal frame of a greenhouse to replace one of two that had succumbed to earlier gales. As the skeleton of the new greenhouse stood starkly waiting, the hurricanes came back, wreaking havoc on three of the structures that had remained intact in the previous storm.

Rick Shewchuk at the Lethbridge weather office said the winds "didn't set any records," but they topped on Thursday at 1:40 p.m. at speeds of 122 km where they were recorded.

The maximum wind recorded at Lethbridge was a November blast at 171 km. The winds of the past two weeks have been "persistent at around 96 km," and the 122 km peak was "above hurricane levels." Between 1955 and 1986, however, area winds have topped the 122 level during one or another of the years in all months except July and August.

Shewchuk said winds between 61 and 90 km are classed as gales; hurricanes are up to 115. But he said "hurricane force" in Southern Alberta is not as dangerous as the same force in other areas. "The west winds were light air masses, so they did not do as much damage as hurricanes."

Nonetheless, the damage in Raymond was not isolated. Throughout the area there were reports of grain bins blowing away, and of tractor trailer units being overturned on the highways.

By last Friday the winds had calmed, but the weather outlook was typically bad for an Easter weekend. Shewchuk said Friday a snow warning was in effect because of a cold front moving north from Montana. The moist air masses and the cold front were expected to create up to 20 cm of snow at the Milk River Ridge. The snow was expected to stop falling Sunday, and a chinook would return with winds that would reach the "gale" levels of 60-plus km.

At the greenhouses meantime, owner Bob Phillips had his replacement plastic ready for installation at the damaged structures whenever a lull would allow him to install it. He vowed he would continue in business in spite of the setbacks.

"That was yesterday," he said of the winds as he surveyed the flapping remnants of one of the greenhouses Friday. "This is a new day and we're in business."

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Gone with the wind

Gillian Vas

Over half a century ago, our old barn-loft came into being. It was built to the west of the farmhouse, the lower portion out of a mixture of prairie rock, cement and mud, the top sturdily out of wood. Originally horses were housed in it, vital for farm work and transportation. Bales of hay were stored in the wooden loft above them. Over the years, the horses were replaced by machinery and motor vehicles and the old stone barn became a pigpen. Later still, new pig pens were built and the old barn was left empty. Unused bales of hay still remained in the hay loft.

The years passed. I became part of the farm and, on my arrival, noticed the old barn out of the corner of my eye. It really meant nothing to me. I was unaware and, I suppose, uninterested in the hours of sweat and toil that had gone into its making. Perhaps its only significance was the fact that it helped break the west wind which I was beginning to know and hate.

The old farm house, made from the same prairie rock as the barn, was my home for only a few months. Fire and bulldozer burned and buried it and within a year it was replaced by our new and much bigger home. In all this time I never once thought about the barn.

Three boys were born and quickly grew to an age when exploring the farmyard became a top priority in life. They looked upon the old barn in quite a different light from myself. It was, for them, the most exciting place in the world. Finally they were big enough to climb up an old wooden ladder that gave them access to the hay loft. My husband unbolted the door and let them in.

Oh, the magic of that place. It became a castle, a fort, a secret hiding place, a second home, a veritable paradise. Three little bodies moved bales away from the west wall and built small individual 'rooms.' Old blankets, cups, plates disappeared from the house to become part of the wonderful world of make-believe.

With the passing of time, the old wooden ladder became obsolete. Longer legs and stronger arms permitted the three to climb into the hay loft unaided. Now a new game came into being. Bales of hay were thrown to the ground to act as a 'mattress' and nothing could beat leaping from the hay loft with screams of glee. To this day, I still wonder how no one every broke an arm or a leg.

Then we acquired a dog. He was small and unable to join the boys above the barn, so they hauled more bales, threw them down on top of the others and built 'steps.' The hay loft thus became the haunt of three boys and a dog.

They found they could undo the bolt on the door on the west wall. Once opened, it was never closed again. It became the 'look-out' door, the way to spot the million and one monsters, spies, men from outer space or simply the farm cats fleeing from the exuberance of the dog.

I had, of course, been fighting an endless battle against the straw that was constantly trekked into the house. This winter I was relieved when the old barn and hay-loft were left alone again. Bales remained strewn on the ground. Doors on the east and west wall remained open.

On April 16 a dreadful wind blew — a wind that made driving hazardous, that created a fog with top soil, that ripped off branches and newly opened leaves. I returned home that afternoon, glad to be off the road. I listened to the TV aerial clanging to and fro on the roof and wondered if it would be the next victim of the wind. It wasn't. Instead, as I watched out of my kitchen window, I witnessed, in a split second, an awesome, unbelievable sight. With one almighty crack, the entire roof of the old barn rose upwards like an opened umbrella, and, almost in slow motion, moved eastwards all in one piece. I held my breath as, in another instant, it came crashing down several metres behind the house. A few minutes later the east door blew away like tissue paper.

This incredible feat of nature had been accomplished through two factors: strong bales no longer supported the west wall and two open doors provided the necessary funnel to channel the wind and give it its frightening power.

The old stone barn still stands below. However, the openness above marks the end of an era. What had withstood the punishment of 50 years of Alberta weather and provided both service and pleasure had suddenly and simply gone with the wind.

WIND APRIL 16 RAYMOND

New hospital cost taxp

By Wes Keller

The cost of the Raymond General Hospital to the average taxpayer in the town, between 1982 and 1986, has been $185.30.

This is the figure calculated by hospital board chairman Ruth Nalder following the publishing of statements to the effect that the Raymond town taxes had gone up by 25 per cent because of the 1983 hospital requisition and had never come down.

Nalder and the hospital's chief of staff said some taxpayers had the impression the hospital had collected five years on what was supposed to have been a one-shot requisition averaging about $100 a household.

In fact, calculated Nalder, the hospital requisition averaged $100.46 in 1983. It reduced to about $26 in the years 1984 and 1985, to about $24 in 1986, and to $16 for the 1987 taxation year.

Prior to the $100 average requisition, the 1982 figure calculated by Nalder was $8.72.

The apparent continuing collection of the "one-shot requisition" became an election topic last October when it was raised at an all-candidates meeting.
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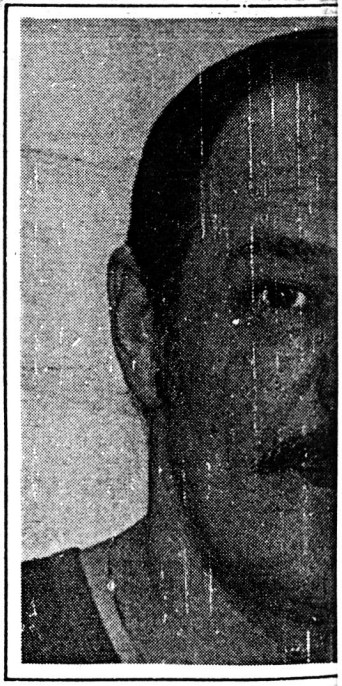

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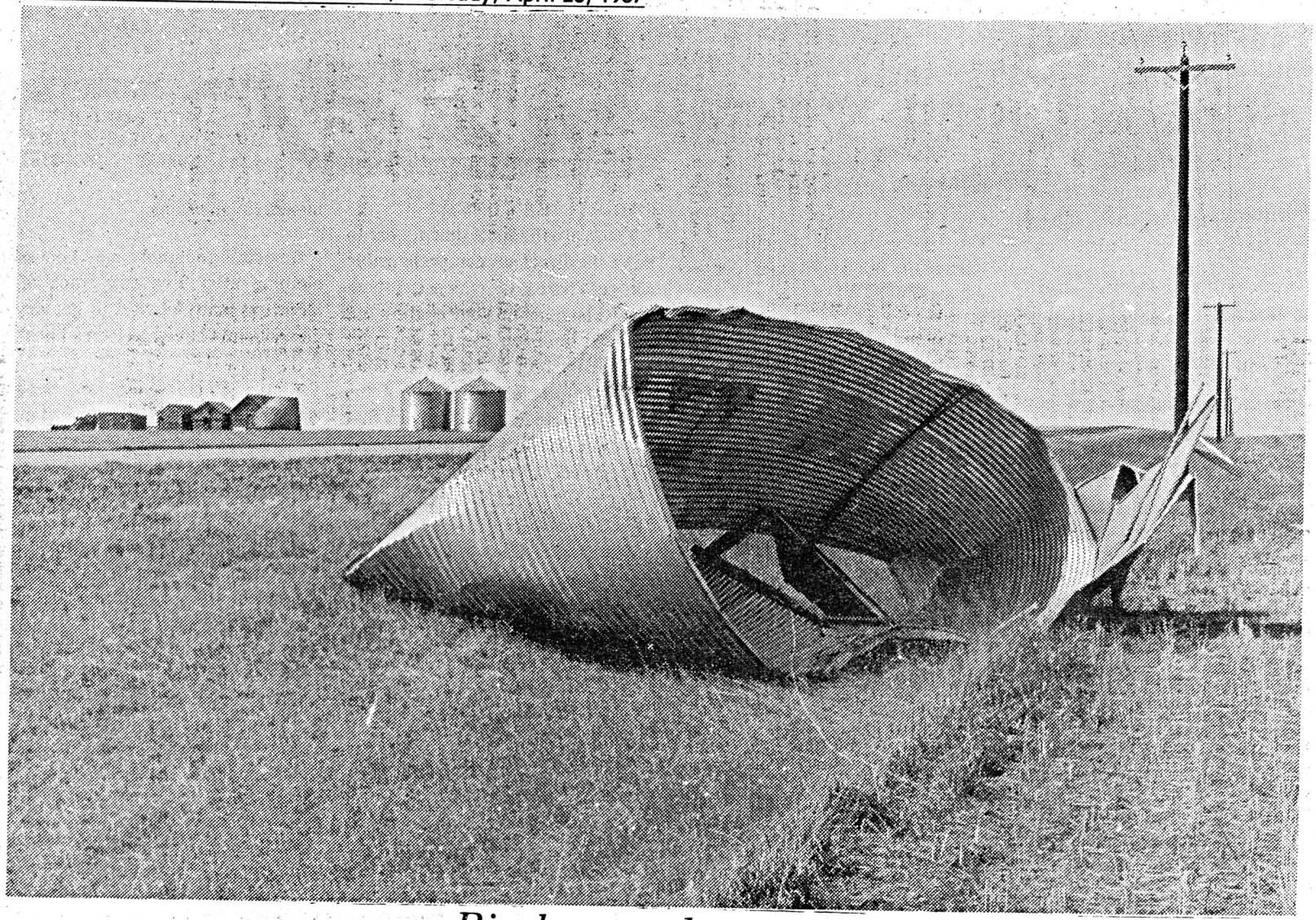

Bin here and gone

Photo by Barb Glen

The results of gale force winds last week could be seen all over the County. This granary east of Nobleford used to stand with its twins in the background, but gusts of over 120 km/h proved too much for the empty bin.





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Chase driver jailed

The driver of a red pick-up truck who led Cochrane RCMP officers on a 70-kilometre, high-speed chase June 7 has been sentenced to 18 months in jail.

Marjorie Holloway, 29, pleaded guilty in Court of Queen's Bench at Calgary Friday to charges of criminal negligence causing bodily harm plus hit and run.

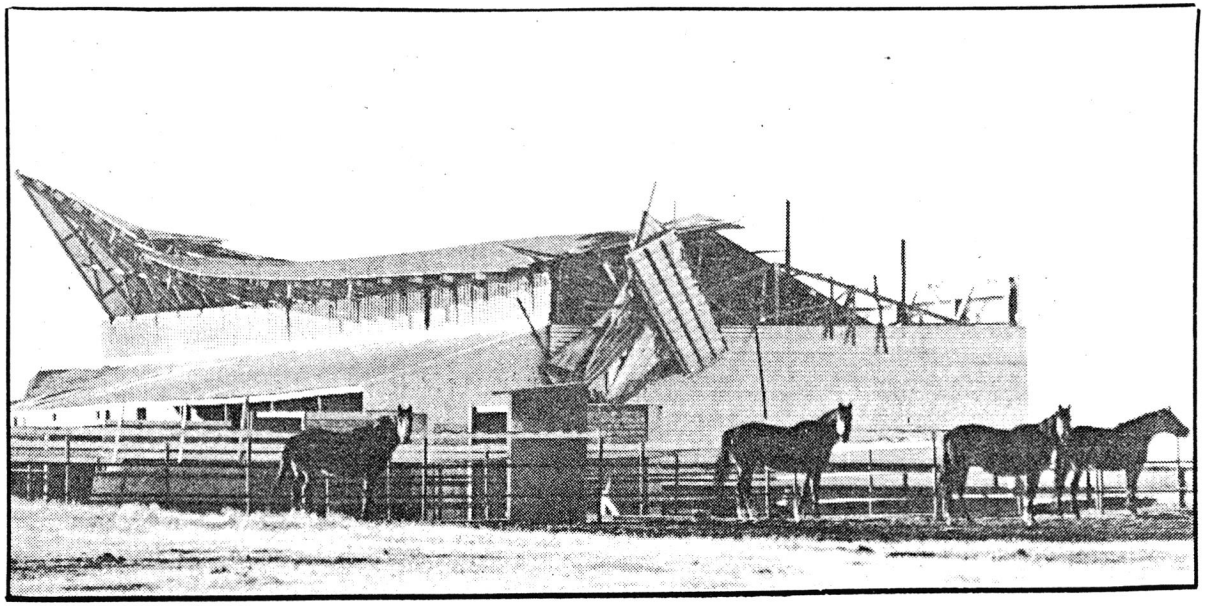
It was a miracle nobody was killed, said Justice Ross McBain after hearing the facts of the chase that reached speeds of 170 kph along the Trans-Canada Highway.

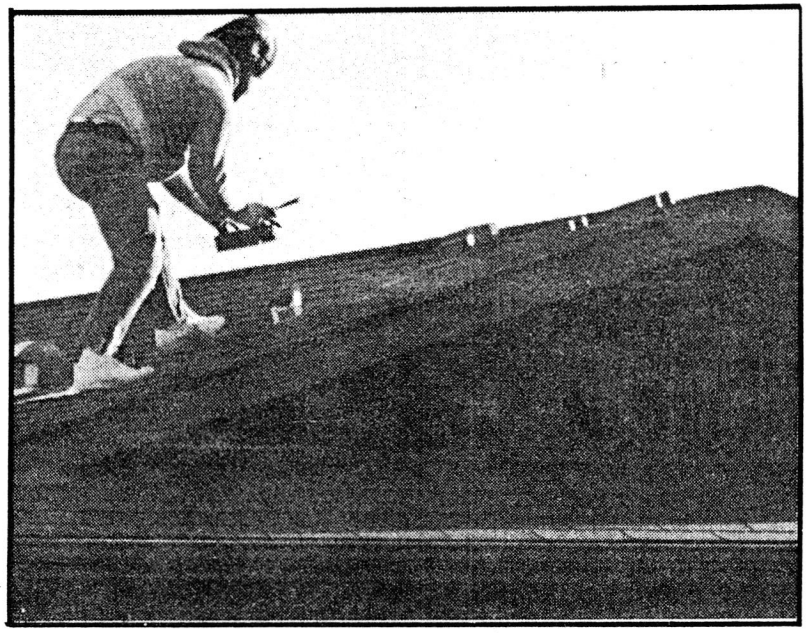
Attempts by Cochrane RCMP officers Mike Ritchie, Brian Dologh and Richard Leclair to stop the speeding truck failed. Vehicles were forced off the road, a Voyager van was rear-ended and roadside markers and signs were mowed down.

Const. Ritchie's car was rammed from behind, causing neck and back injuries that sent him to Foothills Hospital.

It was Const. Leclair who forced the pick-up into the ditch to end the 70-kilometre chase at the Bear Hill Road exit from Highway 1.

The Morley resident was so drunk, the justice was told, she passed out in the back of the police cruiser after being arrested.





Wind damage

(Above) High winds damaged this barn located at Danzoe Stables on Cochrane's Retreat Road Saturday night or early Sunday morning. (Left) A Glenbow resident uses bricks to weigh down shingles after several shingles had blown away by winds the night before.

Right of way okay

Existing right of ways on both sides of Fifth Avenue at the Griffin Road intersection are adequate for a small residential development south of Griffin Road.

Town engineer Ken Brisbin said right of ways at the intersection would accommodate traffic flow from some six to 10 houses in a development on the Oberacher lands.

Before the larger Riverview development proposal can proceed, however, right of way must be obtained from landowners on both sides of Griffin Road, something developer Howard Ash has been unable to obtain.

"Maybe we're just delaying the problem again," said Mr. Ash, who suggested council will have to deal with the two landowners eventually.

Residents' committee asks M.D. to stop trucks

By Mike Sturk

The Bragg Creek-Redwood Meadows residents' committee will attempt to stop logging

The group met with the Municipal District of Rocky View Tuesday to discuss several provisions of the Motor

allow a municipality to impose severe restrictions on certain vehicles using municipal roads.

stop the logging trucks until after the committee meets with the government Thursday.

the West Bragg Creek area to prohibit logging, and emphasize recreation.