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TORNADO PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

1. DATE AND TIME June 18, 1986 1650 MDT.

2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map) High Prairie, Alta.

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

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

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

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

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

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

10. TOTAL DAMAGE ESTIMATE $ 11. TOTAL DEATHS

12. TOTAL INJURED 13. TOTAL HOMELESS

14. LIST ALL REFERENCES

15. SUMMARIZE REMARKS PERTAINING TO (a) FUNNEL; (b) INTERESTING OR CAPRICIOUS EVENTS.
-motor home lifted off the ground.

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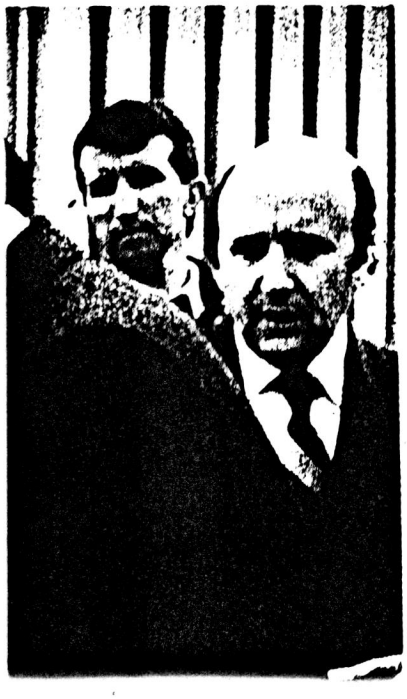
Twisters strike rural areas of northern Alta.



PICTURES: Chris Schwarz



By JUDY MONCHUK
and DAVID HOLEHOUSE
Journal Staff Writers

Trees a half-metre thick snapped like matchsticks, farm implements were tossed like toys and a roof was ripped off a house as tornadoes and thunderstorms hit parts of northern Alberta early Thursday.

Two separate funnels were seen to have touched down about 1.6 km apart near High Prairie, while downdraft from a thunderstorm ripped across a similar-sized area just west of Edmonton.

"It was like Dorothy and the Wizard of Oz," said Liz Poroban, who rents a suite from Bill and Vicki Marian west of Highway 60 near the Yellowhead Highway.

Poroban had been awakened by the storm shortly after 5 a.m. and watched as white sheets of rain "jumped" across 500 metres of open field before cutting through a clump of trees alongside the house, breaking off 40-metre high trees in its path.

No deaths or injuries were reported caused by the storms.

High Prairie's first tornado in living memory was a frightening experience for Violet and Alex Komisar.

When the rain began, Alex went to shut his shop door. The last thing he saw as he closed the door to huddle inside was the metal roof of his machine shed fly past.

Violet decided to close the bedroom windows, then heard a hissing sound.

"I went back to the kitchen and looked out the window and all I saw was black — things flying through the air," said Komisar.

Winds of up to 140 kmh accompanied hail stones the size of golf balls, trees were uprooted and buildings were left splattered with holes where flying objects had hit.

Insurance adjusters in the High Prairie area were busy handling claims ranging from crop damage to a roof torn off one house and another that was moved 15 cm off its foundation. No damage estimates were available.

Forecasters might have been able to foresee the violent storm outside Edmonton except that lightning had struck their radar station sometime during the night and it was not repaired until about 7 a.m., said forecaster Brian Paruk.

The local storm was not considered a tornado because there was not a twisting motion in the damage, he said.

"It must have been a tornado — it couldn't be anything else that did that," Walter Frunchak of the County of Parkland said as he surveyed the path of the storm.

Wainwright was also victimized by its second hailstorm in as many nights. About 30 claims have come into the Hail and Crop Insurance office in that area.

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Library report finds book beefs common

By CATHY LORD
Journal Staff Writer

A recent survey shows Alberta public libraries in 1983 received more than one public complaint a week seeking the removal of books.

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from the shelves because of public complaints. "That's not to say people don't complain," she added.

Thirty-five of 162 libraries responding to the questionnaire reported they had been asked to remove books in 1983. Half of them

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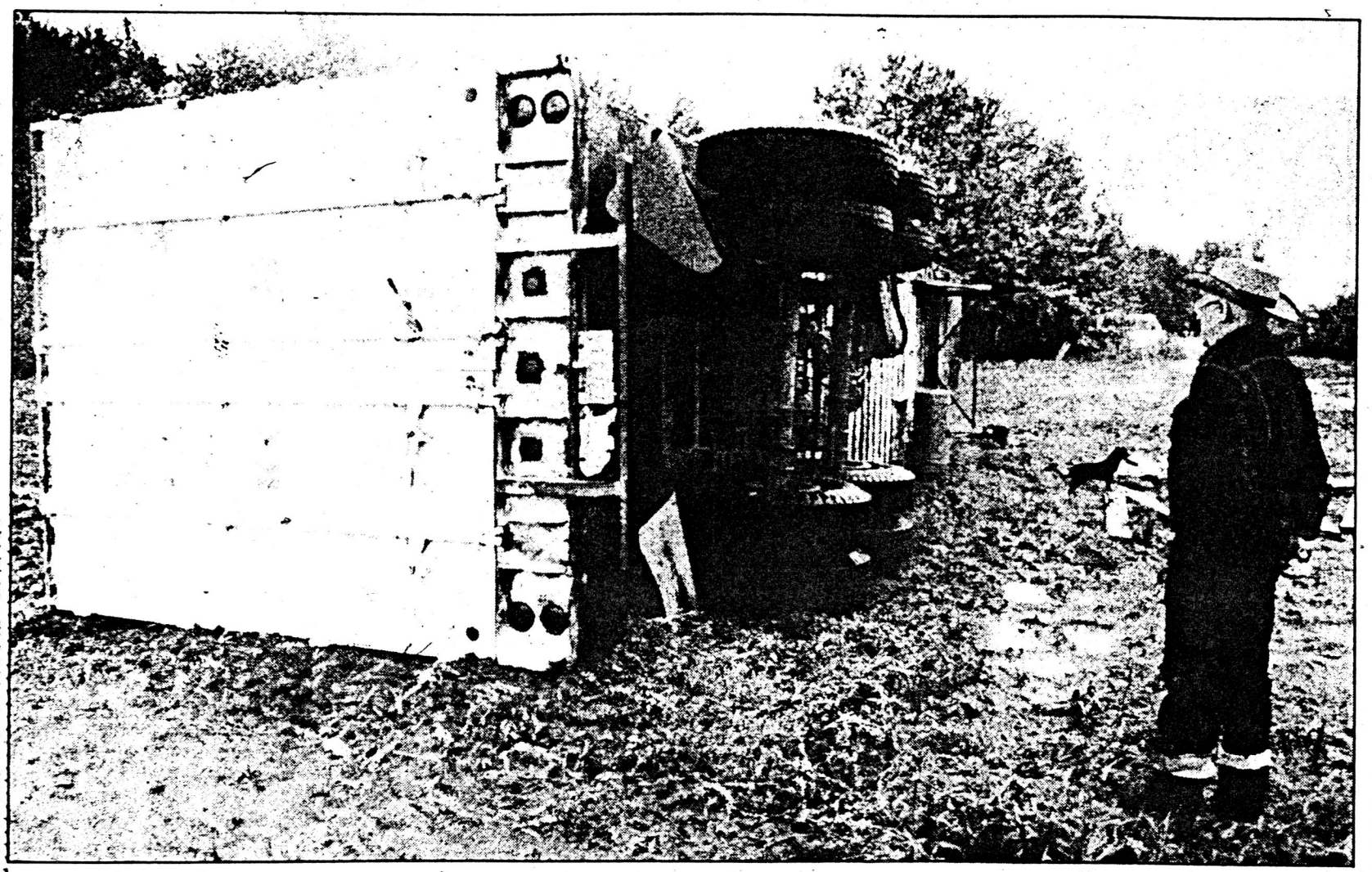

PICTURE: Bruce Edwards

Tornados strike Alberta

Ralph Ament takes a closer look at a semi-trailer blown over by what is being described as a tornado that struck Thursday west of the city, in an area off Highway 60 near the Yellowhead Highway. Trees half a metre thick were snapped in the high winds and farm implements were tossed around like toys. Another tornado struck in the High Prairie area, inflicting heavy damage.

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Tornado

** Residents clean up **
** after two*tornados***
** hit northern*Alberta***

Canadian Press
HIGH PRAIRIE, Alta.
Residents of this northern Alberta community were cleaning up yesterday after two tornados whipped through the area on Wednesday.
Residents of the community of 3,000 reported yesterday that two seperate funnels touched down, said Brian Paruk, a weather office spokesman in Edmonton.
Weather office spokesman Louella Wood said the 20-minute storm was accompanied by winds of up to 140 kilometres an hour.
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