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13 TORNADO PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET F=1 ONT

1. DATE AND TIME 19-9-1960 (SEPT) EARLY MONDAY NIGHT

2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map) TOUCHDOWN AT FARM OF LEO O'NEIL R.R.3 WALLACEBURG. FROM 220° 06960-05

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

4. PATH WIDTH UNKNOWN 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; (7) SOUNDED LIKE JET PLANE DIVING AT HOUSE, PASSED OVER FARM "BUZZING" AS IT WENT

9. LIST ANY ASSOCIATED PHENOMENA HEIGHT OF RAIN & ELECTRICAL STORM
(Such as hail, vivid lightning heavy rain, no rain, etc.)

10. TOTAL DAMAGE ESTIMATE $10,000 11. TOTAL DEATHS NONE

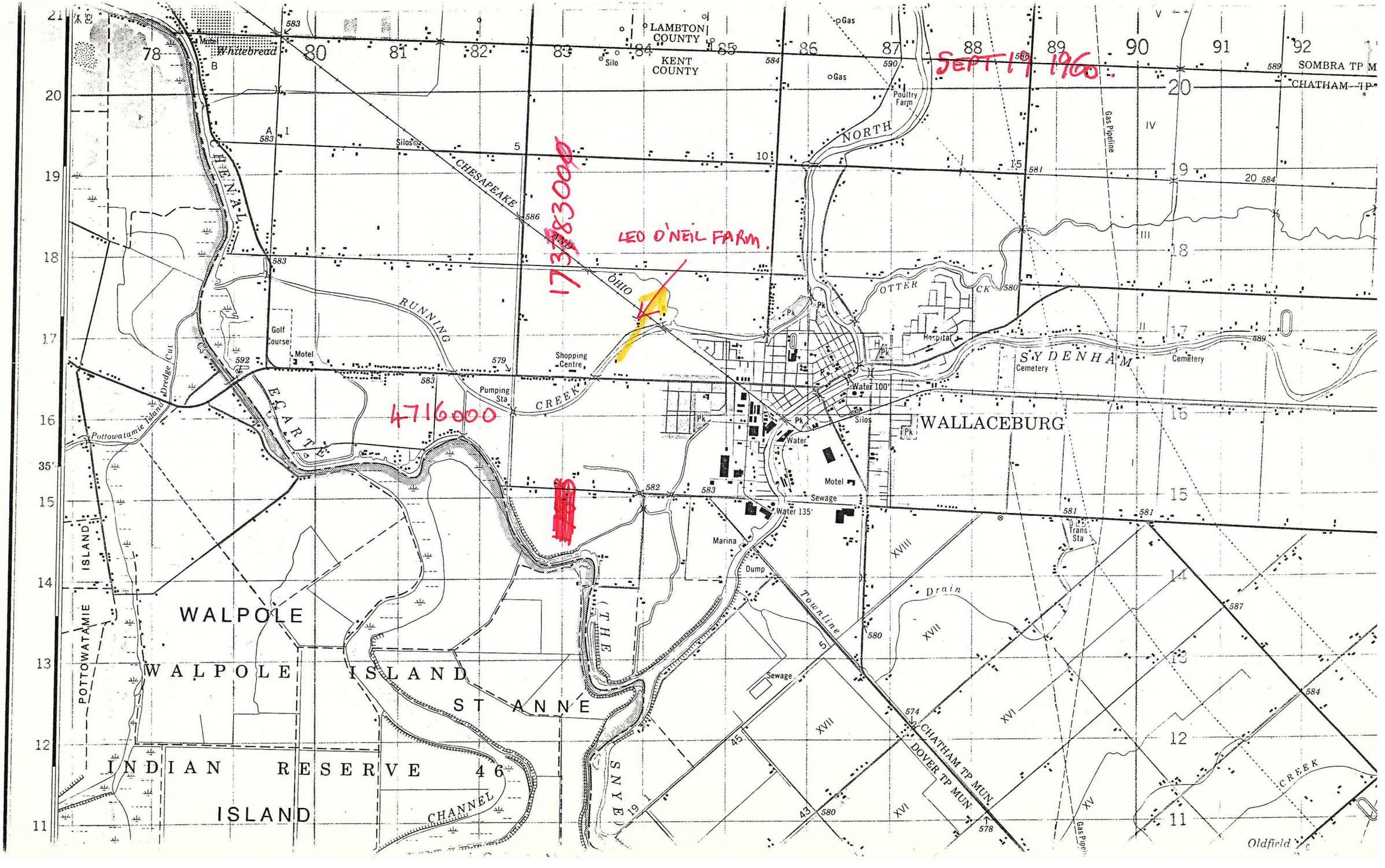
12. TOTAL INJURED NONE 13. TOTAL HOMELESS NONE

14. LIST ALL REFERENCES WINDSOR STAR 20-9-1960

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

THE FREAK WIND COMING AT HEIGHT OF RAIN AND ELECTRICAL STORM WHICH SWEPT THE ENTIRE DISTRICT HIT ONLY AT O'NEILS FARM MR O'NEIL SAID STORM CAME SUDDENLY FROM N.E. RIPPING THROUGH TREES & BUILDINGS. SHREDDED BRANCHES OF SEVERAL LARGE TREES SURROUNDING HOME BUT LEFT BUILDING UNTOUCHED.
FULL FURY OF WIND STRUCK BARN, A MONSTER STRUCTURE 125' LONG ONE OF LARGEST IN DISTRICT. RIPPED ROOF, & ONE WALL FROM WEST END OF BUILDING, SCATTERING PIECES ALL OVER FARM. SMALL OUT-BUILDING CLOSE TO BARN DEMOLISHED & DAMAGE CAUSED TO ROOFS OF OTHER FARM BUILDINGS CLOSE TO BARN
MR O'NEIL SAID WIND PICKED UP TWO LAWN CHAIRS CARRIED THEM HIGH OVER TREES, DEPOSITED THEM NEAR BARN 100' AWAY. ONE CHAIR BADLY TWISTED.
MISSING AFTER THE STORM A GRAIN BOX FOR A WAGON, WHICH HAD BEEN LYING IN THE BARN YARD.
TWO MEN JOE SIPOS AND STEVE MURANYI ESCAPED INJURY WHEN THE SHANTY THEY WERE IN LESS THAN 50' FROM THE BARN WAS UNTOUCHED

LEO O'NEIL. (519) 627-2309 PHONE AND GOT. LOCATION OF FARM. AUG 7/80 P. ELMS.



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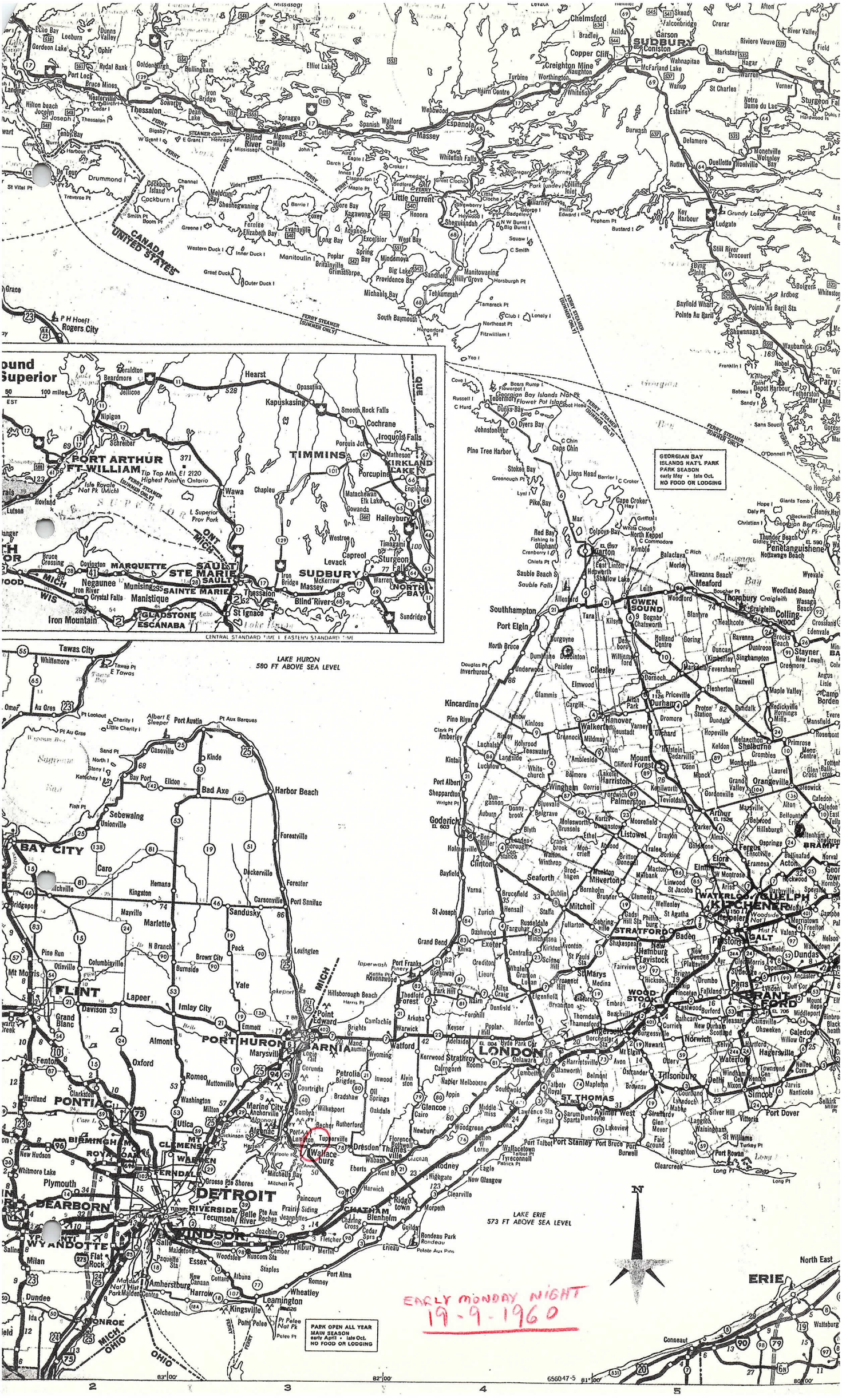
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Freak Storm Wrecks Two O'Neil Buildings

WALLACEBURG—A "baby" tornado, "roaring like a jet plane," carved a $10,000 path of destruction through a lone Wallaceburg area farm, early Monday night.

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The freak wind, coming at the height of a rain and electrical storm which swept the entire district, hit only at the farm of Leo O'Neil, R.R. 3, Wallaceburg. There were no other damage reports from anywhere in the area.

Mr. O'Neil said that the storm came suddenly from the northeast, ripping through trees and buildings. It shredded branches of several large trees surrounding the O'Neil home, but left the building untouched.

Full fury of the wind struck the O'Neil barn, a monster structure 125 feet long, one of the largest in the district. It ripped the roof and one wall from the west end of the building, scattering the pieces all over the farm.

A small outbuilding close to the barn was also demolished, and damage was caused to the roofs of other farm buildings close to the barn. One entire wall of the barn remained standing, and a portion of the roof was not touched.

Mr. O'Neil said that the wind picked up two lawn chairs, carried them high over trees, and deposited them near the barn, close to 100 feet away. One of the chairs was badly twisted.

"It sounded just like a jet plane diving at the house," Mr. O'Neil said. "I thought it was just that until I looked out and saw things sailing through the air."

Most fortunate of all residents on the O'Neil farm were two Hungarian beet workers, Joe Sipos and Steve Muranyi. They were in their shanty, less than 50 feet from the end of the barn when the wind roared across the farm.

Neither of the men heard the storm coming, but they did hear it when it passed over the farm, "buzzing" as it went. The building was not touched.

Missing after the storm is a grain box for a wagon, which had been lying in the barnyard.

The damaged barn contained a large quantity of wheat and oats, full crop for the year, as well as the winter supply of hay and straw. Mr. O'Neil said that he feared that exposure to the torrenial rain which followed the wind would cause considerable damage to the stored feed and bedding.

Also in the barn, but in the undamaged east end were a number of pigs, all of which escaped injury.

Mr. O'Neil said that he lacked wind insurance coverage. He had been approached by an agent, and had decided to insure earlier in the year, but had neglected to do so.

"We've never had a wind like this before, but I guess there's always a first time for everything," he said, as he surveyed the damage.

Plans are being made to salvage as much grain and hay as possible and to store it in dry buildings on the farm. It is likely that the present barn will be

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