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TORNADO PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

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1. DATE AND TIME AUG 3, 1969 EVENING ("SUPPER TIME")

2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map)
ROSSER

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

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.)
HAIL

10. TOTAL DAMAGE ESTIMATE $

11. TOTAL DEATHS NONE

12. TOTAL INJURED NONE

13. TOTAL HOMELESS UNK

14. LIST ALL REFERENCES

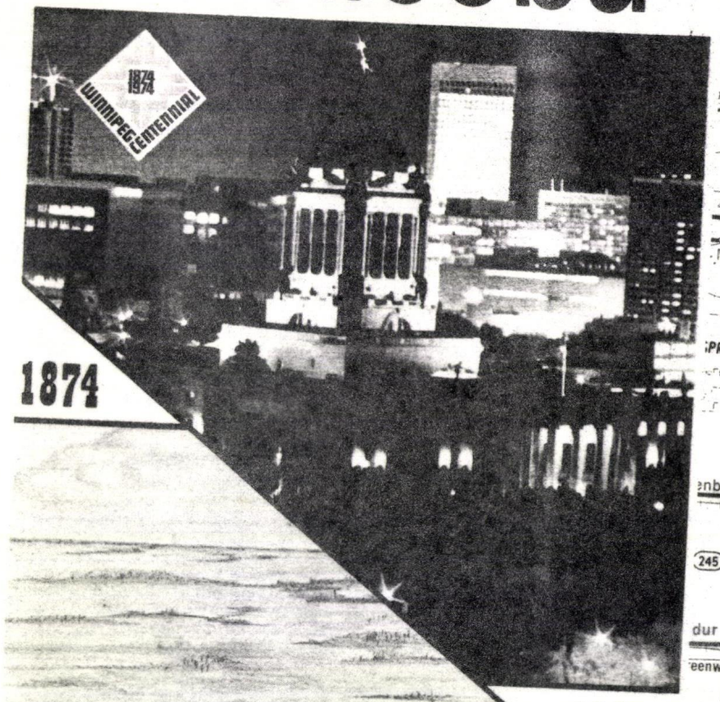
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15. SUMMARIZE REMARKS PERTAINING TO (a) FUNNEL; (b) INTERESTING OR CAPRICIOUS EVENTS.

(a) none.

(b) Granary roof blown off, hydro wires knocked down. Propane tank damaged grain dryer bin wrecked

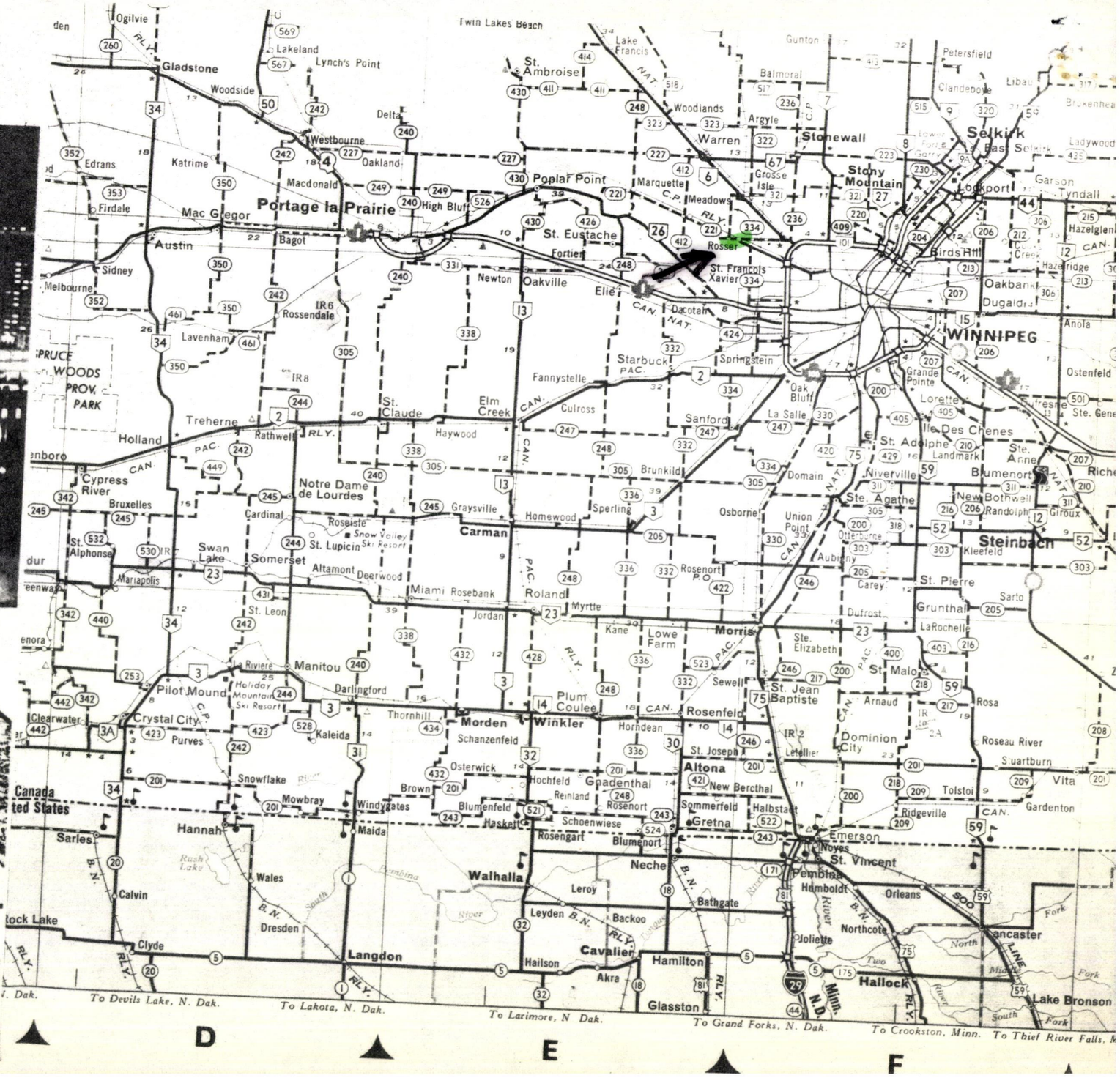
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Official Highway Map

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Twin twisters cut brief but vicious paths

By JOHN FORSYTHE
Tribune Staff Writer

Debris was still being gathered up today from the wake of two tornadoes that raised roofs Sunday evening in St. James-Assiniboia and Rosser. There were no injuries.

Several homes were damaged, hydro poles and trees knocked over and the wall of a town house under construction was flattened.

Winds up to 40 miles-an-hour, torrents of rain and golf-ball sized hailstones accompanied the twisters. Hydro power was cut off for several hours in the McDermot and Furby St. areas of central Winnipeg.

The tornadoes were born early Sunday evening in turbulent air of thunderstorms west of the city.

Assiniboia Downs, where horse trailers were bowled over and part of a stable roof blown away, was hit by the first of the twisters. A house trailer owned by Darrel Hartley of Calgary was wrecked by the storm.

The second tornado followed a northerly course venting the main part of its fury on Keith Ryan's farm at Highway 221 and Sturgeon Rd. A granary roof was blown off, hydro wires knocked down and a propane tank damaged.

Before the first, more southerly tornado veered into higher altitudes, it cut a swath of minor damage in St. James-Assiniboia. Hardest hit was the home of Ernie Smith at 379 Hillery Crescent.

The swirling "greyish-white funnel" sheared a complete layer of asphalt shingles off the roof of the home.

"It was just plain luck it didn't hit a little lower," was Mr. Smith's reaction. He said he heard "a great roaring noise" as the tornado approached.

"It hit the peak of the roof and bounced up . . . the whole sheet of shingles rose in the middle like a huge bubble."

Mr. Smith estimated about $1,000 damage was done to his home and his car, scraped by the shingles as they flew off the roof.

Another eyewitness, Mrs. Warner Rottcher of 894 Parkdale Ave., said the tornado was preceded by "howling winds and white streaks (hail) that swirled round and round . . . the funnel was very narrow at the bottom and increased to about six feet wide as it went up . . . it didn't move very fast . . . it went up in the air as high as you could see . . . as it went past it rose in the air and seemed to disappear."

A neighbor commented, "I took all the kids down the basement when I saw it coming."

St. James-Assiniboine police said a car was hit by a falling tree on Ronald St., the wall of a town house under construction on Buchanan St. was blown over and a fence at 968 Crestview St. knocked down.

West Kildonan police reported that some basements were flooded by the rain-storm that accompanied the tornados.

The Winnipeg International Airport Weather Office said thunder storm activity extended across southern Manitoba into northwestern Ontario Sunday evening. Sheets of rain halted highway traffic in many places.

And a sodden audience sat through the Rainbow Stage performance of Funny Girl.

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Tornado strikes Rosser

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Many crops in the Rosser area were hailed out 100 per cent during the storm which hit the area about supper time Sunday evening.

The farm of Keith Ryan suffered considerable damage. Half a granary roof was blown off, equipment damaged, including a grain dryer bin which was completely wrecked.

Everet Lawrence of Rosser reports that 4½ inches of rain fell in the district during the eight day period from Saturday to last Sunday.

Barley crops which were ready for cutting in two weeks time suffered 100 per cent hail damage.

The storm varied from heavy rains in the Stonewall area to tornado conditions in parts of Winnipeg where trees were felled, houses damaged and gardens wrecked.

Assiniboia Downs caught much of the same storm that hit Rosser. One house trailer was picked up by the storm while a stable roof was badly damaged.