Summary Sheet

IDTO - ID Number :693613
AUTH - Report Author :
TYFU - Tornado Type & Fuji Code :b0
TITL - Report Title or Location :Goderich
PROV - Province :Ontario
COUN - Counties :Huron
REFS - References :The Globe August 24,
1936 Mail and Empire August 24, 1936
ZOTO - Touchdown Zone Number & Easting :17443000
NOTO - Touchdown Northing :4843000
LOVA - Touchdown Error Value & Code :1500o
DADA - Date of Data Entry :25/06/1990
ZOLO - Liftoff Zone Number & Easting :
NOLO - Liftoff Northing :
UPVA - Liftoff Error Value & Code :
DEAD - Number of Fatalities :
HURT - Number of People Injured :
HERT - Injuries Code :
DATA - Date of Tornado :22/08/1936
DAVA - Date Error Value & Code :
TITO - Time of Tornado :2300
TIMR - Time Meridian :75
TIVA - Time Error Value & Code :17s
AXDA - Maximum Path Width :
AXVA - Max. Path Width Error & Code :
AVDA - Average Damage Width :
AVVA - Avg. Damage Width Error & Code :
SADA - Sample Damage Width :
SAVA - Sample Damage Width Error & Code:
INTO - Initials :JAM
DFTO - Detailed Report Flag :n
JUNK - PRDA & DIMO & DALE :
CODA - Property Damage Code :
MISC - ORDE,PICS_TYPE,PICS_AVAIL,COCO : 1
MANY - Multiple Event Flag :y

MEMO:Trees and hydro poles blown down.

PHEN - Associated Phenomena :P A
TSHP - Townships :Colborne/Goderich

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TORNADO PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

MORE INFO 693613 F=0 ONT

1. DATE AND TIME 23.8.1936 APPROX 0200 LOCAL

2. LOCATION OR PATH (attach map) NUMEROUS TOUCHDOWNS AT ① GLENARM ② OMEMEE ③ MEAFORD ④ PRESTON ⑤ NEW HAMBURG TO HESPELER ⑥ VCNTY GODERICH, 0936-08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13

3. PATH LENGTH [✓] NOT KNOWN [ ] <1mi; [ ] 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;

9. LIST ANY ASSOCIATED PHENOMENA (Such as hail, vivid lightning heavy rain, no rain, etc.) HAIL NEAR GODERICH.

10. TOTAL DAMAGE ESTIMATE $UNKNOWN 11. TOTAL DEATHS NONE

12. TOTAL INJURED NONE. 13. TOTAL HOMELESS NONE

14. LIST ALL REFERENCES

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

(a) NO REMARKS BUT DESCRIBED AS AN ELECTRICAL STORM ACCOMPANIED BY A "TWISTER" (①); AND AT PRESTON (④) A 'CYCLONIC WIND' REPORTED. A NARROW SWATH MENTIONED.

(b) BARNS UNROOFED AND DEPOSITED IN ADJACENT FIELDS, TREES UPROOTED, IN ONE CASE NEAR GODERICH AN ELM 150 FT HIGH AND 34 INCHES IN GIRTH FELL ACROSS THE TENT OF TWO FAMILIES CAMPING IN MENESTUNG PARK. THE LARGE HEAVY BRANCHES PREVENTED IT FROM SETTLING ONTO THE TENT AND INJURING THE OCCUPANTS. NEAR NEW HAMBURG A GARAGE LIFTED OFF ITS FOUNDATION AND CARRIED 200 YDS BEFORE BEING SMASHED AGAINST A TREE.

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Niagara-on-the-Lake
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Port Colborne
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Niagara Falls
Lockport
North Tonawanda
Lancaster
Buffalo
Lackawanna
Hamburg
East Aurora
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Lake Simcoe
Lake Huron
Georgian Bay
Thirty Thousand Islands
Bruce Trail
Cabot Head
Cape Croker
Cape Chin
Cape Commodore
Cape Rich
Griffith Island
Hay Island
Flowerpot I.
Bears Rump Island
Fitzwilliam Island
Manitoulin Island
Moon I.
Sandy I.
Fanny Island
Franklin I.
Beckwith I.
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Beausoleil I.
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Moon River
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Kluevs Bay
Barkway
Housey's Rapids
Lutterworth
Minden
Kinmount
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Head Lake
Burnt River
Coboconk
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Rosedale
Victoria Rd.
Kirkfield
Fenelon Falls
Bobcaygeon
Kennisis Lake
Pleasant Point
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Cameron
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Canrington
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Bowmanville
Darlington Provincial Park
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Ajax
Bay Ridges
Pickering
Whitby
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Brooklin
Greenwood
Brougham
Green River
Richmond Hill
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Mono Road
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Holland Landing
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Queensville
Mount Albert
Sharon
Uxbridge
Greenbank
Zephyr
Leaskdale
Udora
Baldwin
Keswick
Brown Hill
Roches Point
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Jackson's Point
Sibbald Point Prov. Park
Georgina Island
Big Bay Point
Shanty Bay
Beaverton
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Gamebridge
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Tawas City
LAKE HURON
580 FT ABOVE SEA LEVEL
LAKE ERIE
573 FT. ABOVE SEA LEVEL
GEORGIAN BAY ISLANDS NAT'L PARK
PARK SEASON
early May - late Oct.
NO FOOD OR LODGING
PARK OPEN ALL YEAR
MAIN SEASON
early April - late Oct.
NO FOOD OR LODGING
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Cockburn I
Drummond I
Grand Bend
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Blind River
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MAIL & EMPIRE
MON AUG 24 1936

Houses Unroofed By Ontario Storm

Barns Wrecked, Services Disrupted in Waterloo County.

DAMAGE BY LIGHTNING

Kitchener, Aug. 23.—(CP)—Barns were wrecked, houses unroofed and streets blockaded by uprooted trees when an electrical storm, accompanied by winds of cyclonic velocity, swept across Waterloo County early to-day. Brunt of the damage was borne by a narrow swath extending from New Hamburg to Hespeler.

At New Hamburg the roof was blown from a substantial farm home owned by Herbert Bergey, just outside the village. A large barn, erected eight years ago, was wrecked on the other side of the village. It was owned by Aaron Niebergall, Halfway between the two, Ben Roth's barn was partially wrecked. At another spot a garage was lifted completely off its foundation and carried 200 yards before it was dashed to pieces against a tree.

William Erb, principal of the high school as Kapuskasing, whose home is in New Hamburg, had a narrow escape when a large tree limb crashed through the top of his car.

Three miles south of Kitchener, the wind took further toll, cracking off 18 trees over a two-mile stretch near Williamsburg.

Power and telephone lines and trees in New Hamburg and near Williamsburg were snapped and the Kitchener telephone office reported serious damage outside Hespeler.

Owen Sound District.

Owen Sound, Aug. 23.—(CP)—Thousands of dollars damage resulted Saturday from the worst electrical and wind storm of the season, accompanied by a deluge of rain. Another storm broke over the city this morning, flooding sidewalks and cellars.

Electrical signs were torn down, trees uprooted, roofs torn from small buildings, by the strong wind. Falling trees broke telephone and power wires in many parts of the city.

Lightning struck the large barn of Mr. Burnie Cruickshank, at Springmount just outside the city, the resulting fire destroying it with the season's crop, farm implements, a number of young pigs. The loss is estimated at about $2,500, partially covered by insurance.

The large barn of Jacob Specht near Williamsford was destroyed by fire during the storm. Threshing operations had just been completed a day or two previous and 800 bushels of grain were [illegible] in the building.

Off to the [illegible] Meaford is [illegible] home—mo[illegible]ford, Aug. 23—(CP)—A [illegible] at an al[illegible]ic storm swept over Meaford commo[illegible] to-day, accompanied by a heavy dinghy [illegible] of rain. [illegible] wind, handli[illegible] exper[illegible] The home [illegible] near sh[illegible] bedroom [illegible] up. [illegible] colt [illegible] by Robert [illegible] of Rocklyn Village were knock[illegible] unconscious by lightning.

Lightning [illegible]ys Barn.

[illegible]dalk, Au[illegible] 23.—In a severe electrical storm which passed over this district about 2 a.m. to-day the barn of [illegible] Whitten, Melancthon Township farmer residing east of here although protected by lightning rods, was struck by lightning and completely destroyed. Besides the hay and part of the grain crop twelve pigs and about thirty chickens were destroyed.

GLOBE AUG 24 1936

'TWISTER' CAUSES LINDSAY DAMAGE

STORM DATE SUN AUG 23

Lindsay, Aug. 24 (CP).—An electrical storm, accompanied by a "twister" of an intensity not experienced here in many years, did considerable damage in the rural section here yesterday. The wind whipped a roof off the barn of Fred Magee, in Emily Township, and deposited it in an adjacent field. Similar damage was done to the barn of Allan Toole, south of Omemee.

The home of Chris Hodgson, Burnt River, was struck by lightning early Sunday morning, shattering the chimney and bursting stovepipes. The lightning travelled across the ceiling and threw plaster over the room. Mr. Hodgson said he saw a ball of fire roll across the room.

Doors of a garage on the outskirts of Lindsay were shattered when the building was struck. It is owned by H. Daniels.

A barn owned by John Trueman in the Glenarm district, twenty miles northwest of here, was practically demolished by the storm. Roofs of barns owned by E. Argus and Rod Moran were torn off.

A bolt of lightning played an unkind prank on a white collie dog owned by Chris Hodgson of Burnt River at 6.30 a.m. Sunday. The bolt hit the house chimney, carrying the chimney 50 feet away. It ripped rafters, bulged a metal ceiling and tore plaster off the walls, then followed a telephone wire to the woodshed, where Mr. Hodgson was splitting wood. The dog was a few feet away. The bolt circled near the dog, and it was lifted off its legs and placed on its back with its legs in the air. The white dog was scorched a dark brown.

STRATFORD BEACON HERALD, MONDAY, AUGUST 24 1936.

STORM DATE: About 11a.m., Sat. Aug. 22

(BY THE CANADIAN PRESS)

KITCHENER, ONT., AUG. 24: Farmers in a three mile swath across the southern portion of WATERLOO Co. today counted damage which will amount to thousands of dollars. Wrecked barns, homes, silos, windmills, orchards, woodlots and shade trees mark the path of the storm, defined from NEW HAMBURG on the county's westerly limits to HESPELER on the east.

At NEW HAMBURG one barn and one farm home were unroofed. Another barn was partially wrecked. A garage was carried away, inumerable shade trees in the village were blown down and orchards were left a shambles with remnants of stormtorn trees resting amid a carpet of fallen apples and other fruit.

This same condition obtains in orchards and gardens right across the county. At NEW DUNDEE two barns and a farm house had more than half their roofs carried away while several others were damaged to a lesser extent. A windmill tower was dashed to the ground and wrecked. At WILLIAMSBURG a large barn was unroofed, a silo was levelled and others less seriously damaged. In HESPELER eight chimneys were toppled by the storm.

POLES BLOCK HIGHWAY.

A terrific wind storm, lasting only a few reaching cyclonic proportions swept across STRATFORD and district shortly after eleven o'clock Saturday night causing extensive damage to property and disrupting hydro and telephone service over a wide area.

For an hour before the sudden wind storm, vivid flashes of lightning lighted up the skies for miles around.

The wind blew down a number of large branches of trees in the city disrupting several circuits of hydro for as long as an hour.

The most serious damage occurred on No. 7 and 8 highways about a mile east of the city limits, where seven hydro poles were blown over across the highway.

These poles carried 26,000 volts being the main hydro lines from the H.E.P.C. substation in Stratford to Tavistock. When the poles fell, according to motorists who were nearby, the sky was lighted up by the flashes.

Highway traffic was blocked and it was necessary for through traffic to detour around sideroads.Workmen of the H.E.P.C.were soon busy getting the service temporarily repaired and the poles were blocked back into place for the time being,by five o'clock Sunday morning,which permitted traffic to move through once again.

It was rather a weird sight out at the scene of the trouble about midnight.Workmen were just preparing for their difficult task.Crowds had gathered and at intervals the whole scene was lighted up by flashes of lightning.Lamps were swinging in an effort to warn oncoming motorists that the road was blocked.

ROOFS BLOWN OFF.

Orchards between SHAKESPEARE and NEW HAMBURG were damaged several trees being either split or blown over.

Almost all of the large roof on AARON NIEBERGAL'S barn located about a half a mile north of the highway,at the PERTH/ WATERLOO boundary was blown off by the small cyclone.Parts of the roof were blown as far as twenty rods.The entire strawshed was blown down and with the trouble telephone and hydro wires were damaged.

The wind was so strong that it blew the roof off HERBERT BERGY'S brick house,located just east of NEW HAMBURG.Here to the damage was quite extensive.

LEE GRAVES found his garage carried 300 yards away and wrecked;BENJAMIN ROTH'S barn was almost demolished.

In the district there were scores of trees uprooted, telephone and hydro poles splintered as the storm swept on its violent but narrow course.Four NEW HAMBURG streets were blocked by fallen trees.

Two telephone poles were on ROMEO St.near the ---ION GOLF COURSE.These poles carry the private telephone line between the H.E.P.C.substation here and London.Linemen were out on Sunday morning repairing the damage.

The power station here reported breaks on DOURO ST., McKENZIE ST.,ST.DAVID ST.,ALBERT ST.,and GRANGE ST.affecting various city circuits.The most serious was on McKENZIE ST.where a number of branches had fallen impairing hydro service.

An unusual incident occurred on ALBERT ST.just east of the WATERLOO ST.intersection.E.W.KALBFLEISCH,WEST GORE ST.,had parked

his car there for the evening.The storm caused a live wire to fall on top of the automobile along with a large branch of a tree. MR.KALBFLEISCH went up to the car and when he touched the handle got a real electrical "kick".Later,hydro employees assisted in having the car removed from the danger.

CROPS FLATTENED.

(BY THE CANADIAN PRESS)

Ontario's dried-up pastureland showed new life today but in some sections farmers surveyed flattened crops and began cleaning up debris left by a week-end electrical storm that accompanied the first real rain since drought began its blazing march through the province in early summer.

The storm which sent several barns into flames,uprooted trees,disrupted hydro and telephone service,poured tons of life giving moisture over most areas of a province that for weeks hoped and prayed for rain.

Avoiding LONDON,the storm struck most seriously on the KITCHENER,STRATFORD and OWEN SOUND areas of drought-stricken Western Ontario,out through TORONTO without serious damage and left a path of destruction in many eastern regions on the way to OTTAWA.

Near the nation's capital,barns were destroyed,livestock killed and towns thrown into darkness.The OTTAWA districttowns of SMITHS FALLS and PERTH were dark after transformers were burned out by lightning and communications destroyed by high wind.Smaller communities there suffered also.A barn was burned near MORRISBURG and several farm animals killed in the OTTAWA VALLEY.

Two severe electrical storms swept PETERBOROUGH, interupting power services.The BELLEVILLE district had the first heavy rain since May.KINGSTON also enjoyed the heavy rain.

THE MAIL AND EMPIRE, TORONTO. MONDAY AUGUST 24TH. 1936.

STORM DATE. "LATE" SAT. NIGHT, AUG. 22ND. 1936.

WOMAN HURT IN CRASH.

STRATFORD, AUG. 23. (CP) One woman was injured and extensive damage caused by a violent electrical storm that struck this area late Saturday night.

Trees, hydro poles and barns were felled as the strong wind swept the district. Traffic on the KITCHENER highway, east of the city, was blocked until early to-day, when seven hydro poles were strewn across the road.

MRS. GEORGE McEWEN of CARLINGFORD was driving with her husband along the ST. MARYS-SEBRINGVILLE road, just north of ST. MARYS. During the height of the storm the car collided with a tree at a sharp turn. The woman was brought to hospital here with serious head injuries. MR. McEWEN has minor cuts and bruises.

OWEN SOUND DISTRICT.

STORM DATES. SAT and SUN. AUG. 22ND. and 23RD. 1936.

OWEN SOUND, AUG. 23. (CP) Thousands of dollars damage resulted Saturday from the worst electrical and wind storm of the season, accompanied by a deluge of rain. Another storm broke over the city this morning, flooding sidewalks and cellars.

Electrical signs were torn down, trees uprooted, roofs torn from small buildings, by the strong wind. Falling trees broke telephone and power wires in many parts of the city.

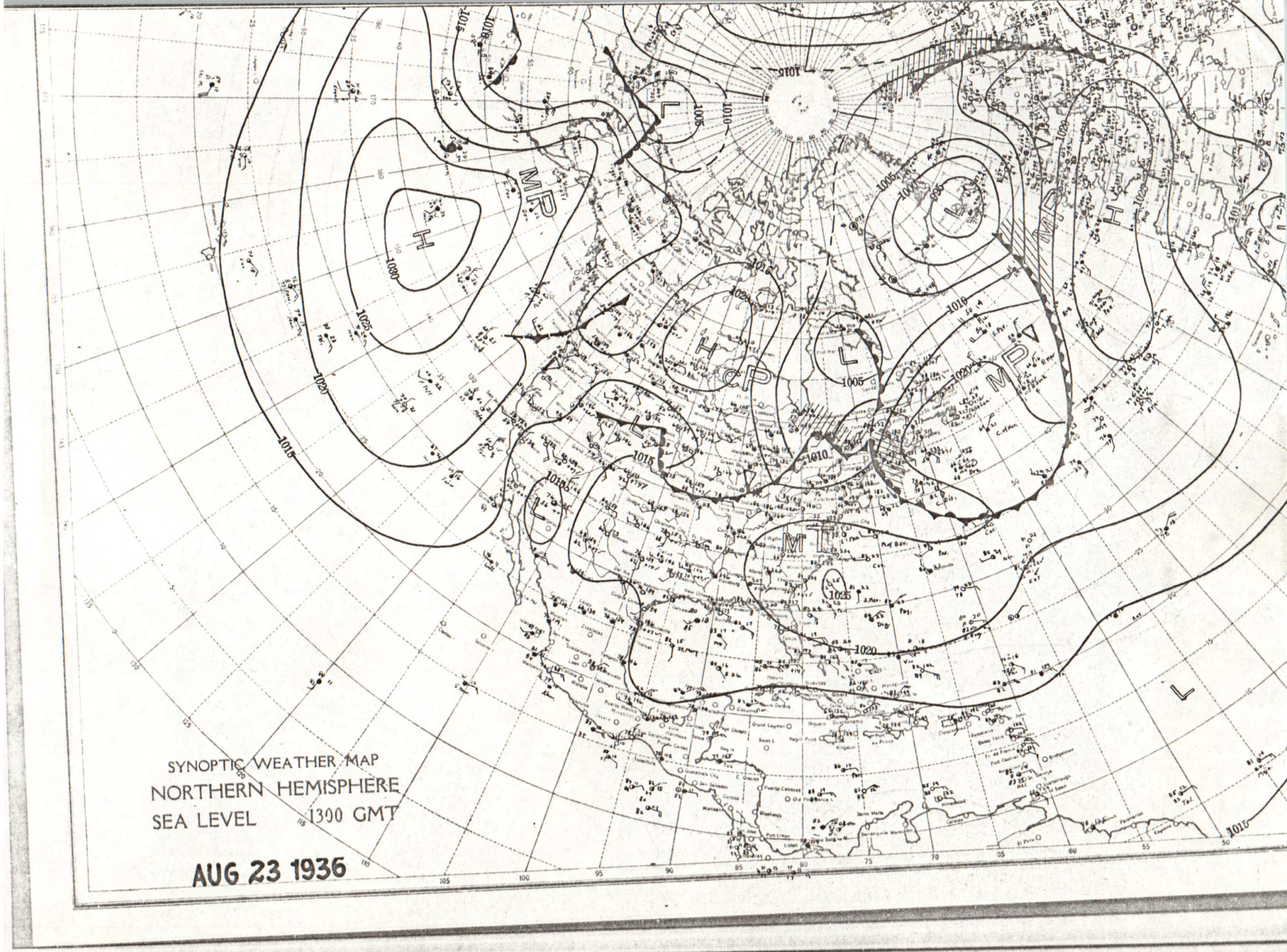
Lightning struck the large barn of MR. BURNIE CRUICKSHANK, at SPRINGMONUT just outside the city, the resulting fire destroying it with the season's crop, farm inplements, a number of young pigs. The loss is estimated at about $2,500, partially covered by insurance.

The large barn of JACOB SPECHT near WILLIAMSFORD was destroyed by fire during the storm. Threshing operations had just been completed a day or two previous and 800 bushels of grain were stored in the building

MEAFORD IS HIT.

MEAFORD, AUG. 23. (CP) A severe electrical storm swept over MEAFORD early to-day, accompanied by a heavy downpour of rain. Trees were torn out by the roots by the high wind, and lightning struck several chimneys throughout the country

BARRIE, AUG. 23. Four residents of Toronto, three men and one woman, were drowned last night when their outboard motorboat swamped in a sudden squall in LAKE SIMCOE, opposite TENT CITY, 12 miles south of here. etc. etc.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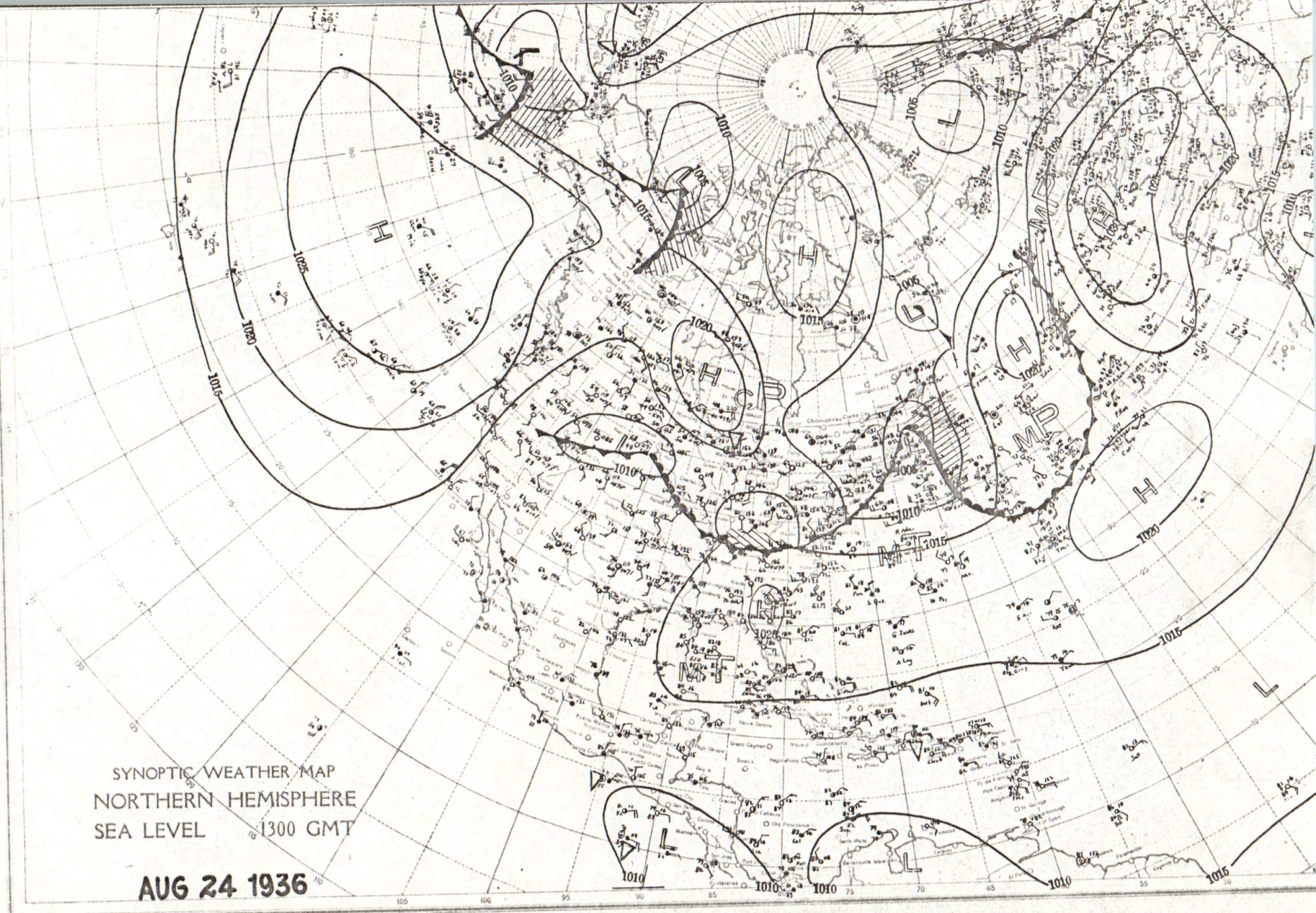
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THE MAIL AND EMPIRE, TORONTO, MONDAY AUGUST 24TH. 1936.

STORM DATE. "EARLY TO-DAY" SUN. AUG. 23RD. 1936.

HOUSES UNROOFED BY ONTARIO STORM.

BARNS WRECKED, SERVICES DISRUPTED IN WATERLOO COUNTY.

KITCHENER, AUG. 23. (C.P.). Barns were wrecked, houses unroofed and streets blockaded by uprooted trees when an electrical storm, accompanied by winds of cyclonic velocity, swept across WATERLOO COUNTY early to-day. Brunt of the damage was borne by a narrow swath extending from NEW HAMBURG to HESPELER.

At NEW HAMBURG the roof was blown from a substantial farm home owned by HERBERT BERGEY, just outside the village. A large barn, erected eight years ago, was wrecked on the other side of the village. It was owned by AARON NIEBERGALL. Half-way between the two, BEN ROTH'S barn was partially wrecked. At another spot a garage was lifted completely off its foundation and carried 200 yards before it was dashed to pieces against a tree.

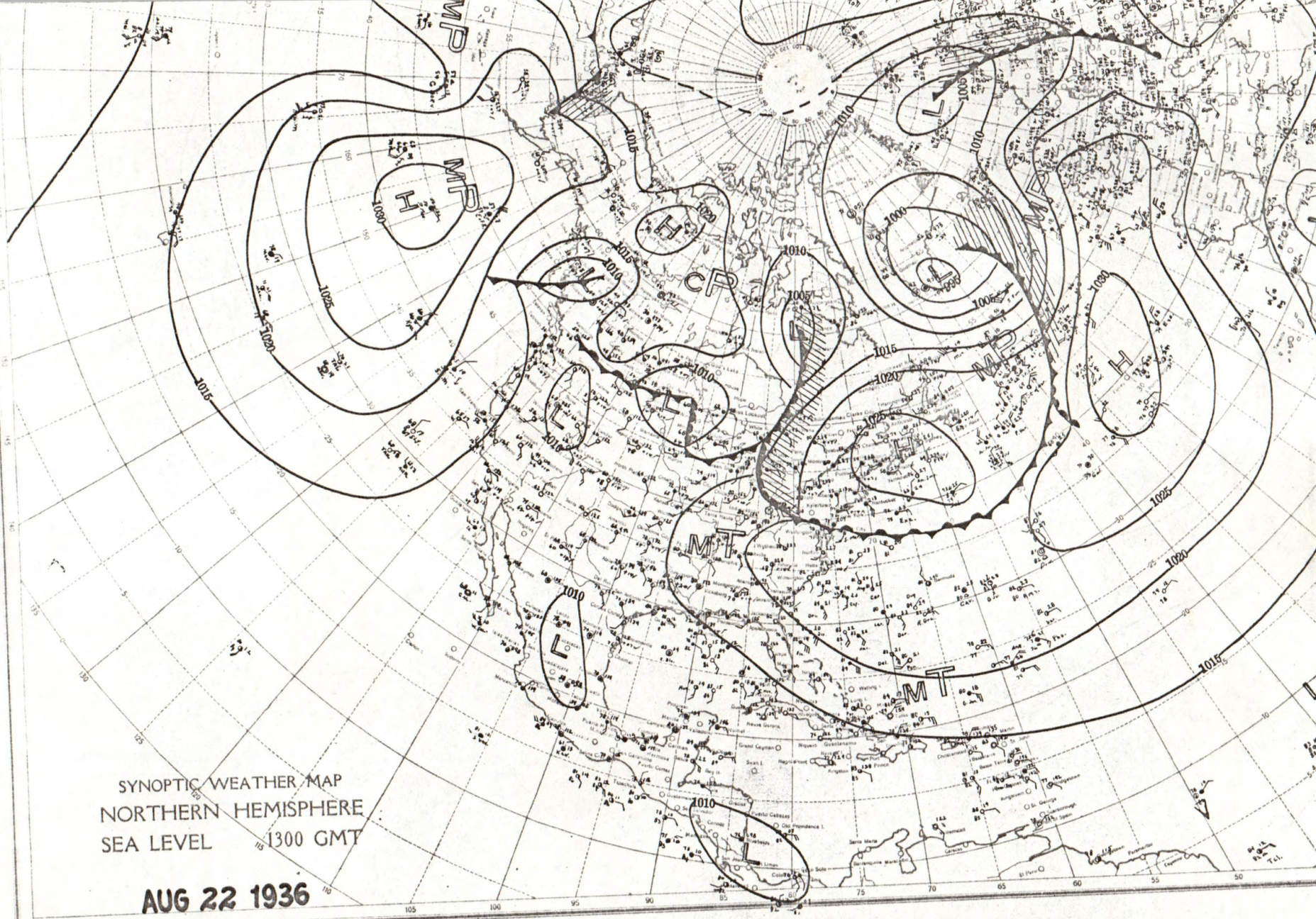
WILLIAM ERB, principal of the high school at Kapuskasing, whose home is in New Hamburg, had a narrow escape when a large tree limb crashed through the top of his car.

Three miles south of KITCHENER, the wind took further toll, cracking off 18 trees over a two-mile stretch near WILLIAMSBURG.

Power and telephone lines and trees in NEW HAMBURG and near WILLIAMSBURG were snapped and the KITCHENER telephone office reported serious damage outside HESPELER.

LIGHTNING DESTROYS BARN.

DUNDALK, AUG. 23. In a severe electrical storm which passed over this district about 2 a.m. to-day the barn of MILLARD WHITTEN, MELANCTHON TOWNSHIP farmer residing east of here although protected by lightning rods, was struck by lightning and completely destroyed. Besides the hay and part of the grain crop twelve pigs and about thirty chickens were destroyed.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Lives as Gale Carries Havoc Down Through Central Districts

One woman injured, power lines down, and property loss estimated in thousands of dollars, marked the trail of fierce electrical storms that swept across the Province over the week-end, striking western regions with especial violence.

Mrs. George McEwan of Carlingford was the one casualty reported last night. Driving with her husband along the Stratford-Kitchener Highway during the height of the storm, she suffered serious head injuries when their car crashed into a tree. She is now in Stratford Hospital.

Lightning took heavy toll of barns stored with the season's crops, and high winds which ripped chimneys from houses and the roofs from outhouses added to the destruction. Traffic on the Kitchener Highway was halted by the wreckage of Hydro poles and wires strewn across the road.

Garage Blown Away.

A narrow strip extending from New Hamburg to Hespeler suffered the worst damage. The roof was blown from a farm house at New Hamburg. Outside the village the wind lifted the roof from Aaron Niebergall's barn. In another section a garage was lifted from its foundations and carried 200 yards.

Preston, near Kitchener, reported a cyclonic wind that left trees, telephone and Hydro wires strewn on the ground. The town's street-lighting service was disrupted. Many rural telephone lines were out of order.

Three miles north of Kitchener the wind broke eighteen trees over a two-mile stretch near Williamsburg.

Two violent electrical storms visited Goderich district. Both were accompanied by torrential rains, some hail and a gale of almost hurricane speed. Scores of large trees were uprooted or broken off. Hydro and telephone services suffered heavily.

About one-third of the telephone services are out of order. Damage was caused by cables picking up the surcharges from lightning. Some poles are down and many wires broken.

Linemen Busy.

Hydro linemen were busy all yesterday repairing damage caused by trees falling across lines. The transmission line to Dungannon was broken when a big elm fell across the cable, taking poles with it. The service was not restored until 11 o'clock yesterday.

Tent Struck.

Lloyd Currell and John Long, General Motors executives, Oshawa, with their wives, had a close call when a large elm tree, 150 feet high, thirty-four inches girth, fell across their tent at Menestung Park, but they received only a few scratches, heavy branches breaking the fall of the big tree as it settled down. Children of the two families had been moved to Goderich after an earlier storm.

At Owen Sound, sidewalks and cellars were flooded in the torrential downpour, and electrical signs torn down and trees uprooted by the terrific winds. At Springmount, just outside the city, lightning struck the barn of Burnie Cruickshank, setting a fire which destroyed the season's crop. Throughout the Georgian Bay district the tale of destruction was repeated.

The large barn of Jacob Specht near Williamsford was destroyed by fire. Threshing operations had been completed a day or two previous, and 800 bushels of grain were stored in the building.

At Meaford trees were torn out at the roots by the high wind. Lightning struck several chimneys throughout the country.

Floor Ripped Up.

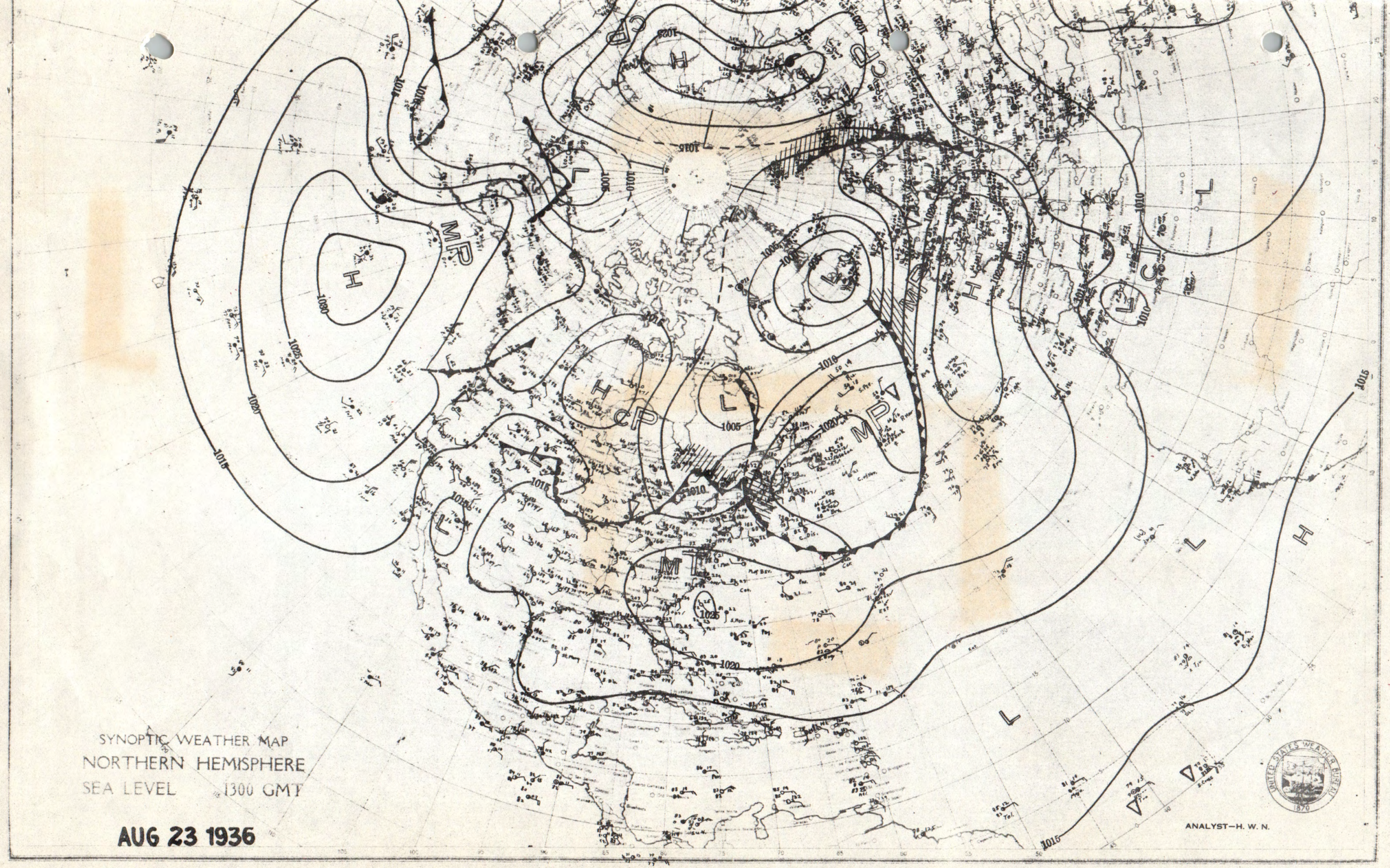
A home near Bognor belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Penrose was struck, and the bedroom floor ripped up. A mare and colt owned by Robert Gardner of Rocklyn Village were knocked unconscious by lightning.

Homer Nealands at Bognor narrowly escaped being struck as he had just lain down on a couch as lightning came through his kitchen ripping up the floor.

The barn of Millard Whitten, Melanothon Township farmer east of Dundalk, was burned. Besides the hay and part of the grain crop twelve pigs and thirty chickens were consumed. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

A second electrical storm struck the district about 5 o'clock Sunday morning accompanied by a wind storm, but no local damage is reported. Torrential rains accompanied the storms.

At North Bay rain fell in brief but heavy outbursts. Sault Ste. Marie had a good rain Saturday, but none Sunday.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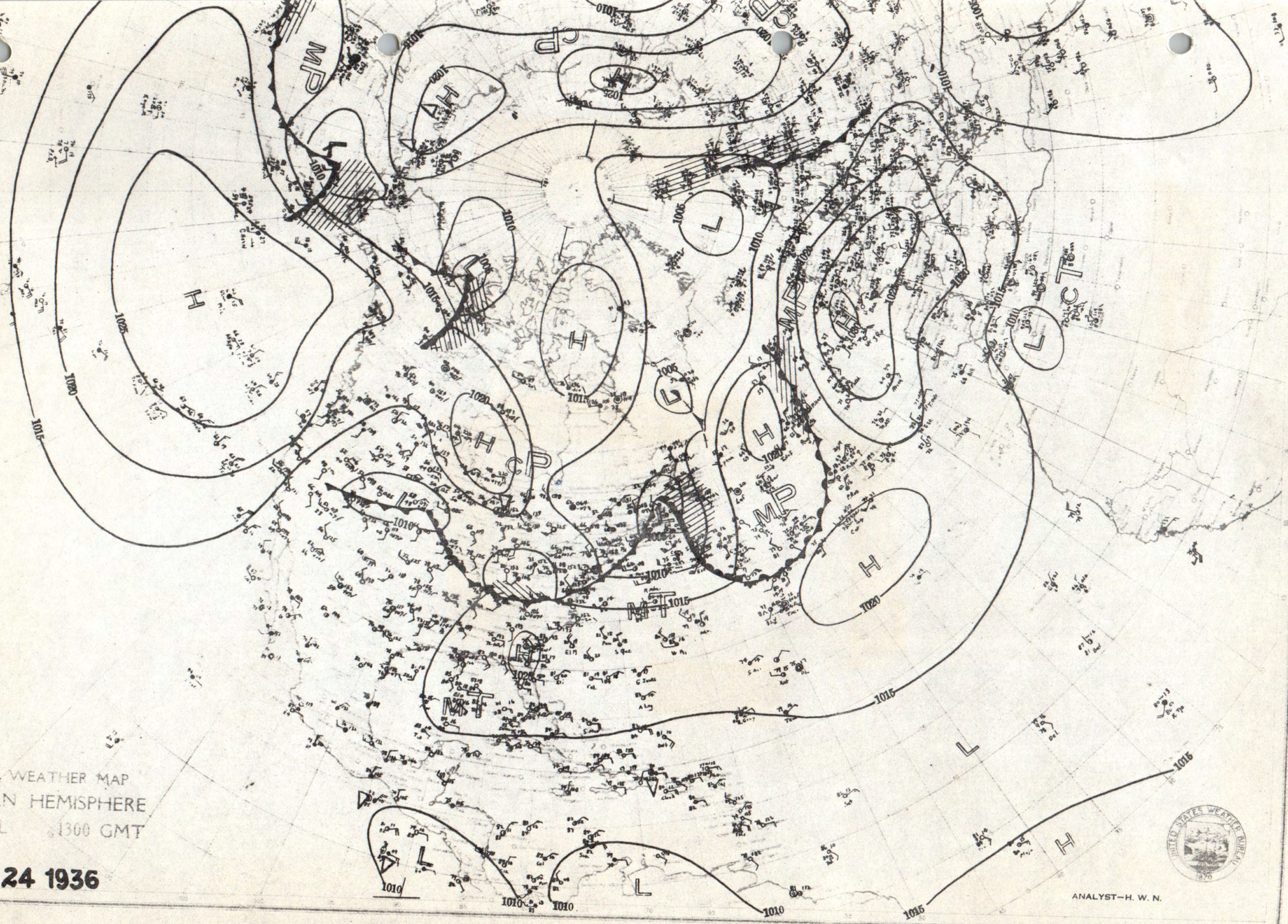
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