

Summary Sheet

IDTO - ID Number :694611  
 AUTH - Report Author :  
 TYFU - Tornado Type & Fuji Code :c1  
 TITL - Report Title or Location :Rockwood  
 PROV - Province :Ontario  
 COUN - Counties :Wellington  
 REFS - References :Windsor Star July 20,  
 1946  
 ZOTO - Touchdown Zone Number & Easting :17569330  
 NOTO - Touchdown Northing :4829400  
 LOVA - Touchdown Error Value & Code :2000c  
 DADA - Date of Data Entry :13/06/1990  
 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 :19/07/1946  
 DAVA - Date Error Value & Code :  
 TITO - Time of Tornado :1200  
 TIMR - Time Meridian :75  
 TIVA - Time Error Value & Code :208s  
 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:Nearly completed barn destroyed, damaged car nearby.

PHEN - Associated Phenomena :  
 TSHP - Townships :Eramosa

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**CROPS TO BENEFIT**

The effect of the storm on crops varies according to the district. It is expected to be beneficial to potato growers in most areas, but damage to hay crops will be heavy. Other grains were not damaged extensively.

Along the shores of Lakes Ontario and Erie, lifeguards and rescue workers were kept busy bringing bathers and boaters back to shore. At Port Stanley the fire siren was sounded when two youngsters were carried off a sandbar by heavy seas. They were rescued unhurt.

In the Toronto area there was sufficient warning of the approaching storm and all small craft on the bay and lake reached shore safely.

**RISKED LIVES**

Three men risked their lives at Niagara Falls to rescue a young cocker spaniel dog which dropped 125 feet down the Niagara River bank. Norman (Corky) Hill suffered severe brush burns to his left arm when he was lowered down the slippery cliff on a rope by Roy (Skike) Healey, and William (Red) Hill who directed the rescue operations.

Campbellford's fire brigade had to be split into two sections to fight fires which followed when lightning struck two residences.

**HURRICANE CRASH**

**GUELPH**—Western Ontario's miniature hurricane hit Guelph with a crash that flattened trees, wrecked a barn in the city's west end, rain fell so heavy that motorists halted their cars, unable to see the road even a few feet ahead. The storm seemed to circle the city, causing most damage to the west and east suburbs.

At Rockwood a nearly completed barn was smashed, damaging a new car owned by Fred Edwards.

The storm held Guelph in its grip for two hours, levelled about 40 poles on the C.P.R. main line at Guelph Junction. Some wires were broken, but communications were being maintained, although under a handicap, it was reported.

At Mount Brydges a tree was reported blown down on the home of George Hedley, between Mount Brydges and Delaware, as the storm swept the district. No hydro or telephone interruptions were reported.

**SANDSTORM**

**PORT BURWELL**—A driving wind, between five and six o'clock this afternoon raised a sandstorm which made it impossible at times to see across fields. Only a small amount of rain fell and there was no immediate report of any serious damage. A few small trees were blown down and hydro service was interrupted for a short time.

**RECORD HEAT**

**ST. THOMAS**—Friday's highest temperature in St. Thomas was 89 degrees—a record for this year, water-works officials reported. At noon the mercury stood at 84 and the low for last night was 67, officials said. Between six and seven o'clock this evening, nearly two-fifths of an inch of rain fell locally, officials reported.

**ESCAPES DAMAGE**

**WOODSTOCK**—A heavy downpour of rain this afternoon flooded Woodstock streets in about five minutes' time, but the storm was short-lived and excess water drained away almost immediately. Woodstock itself escaped damage, with no accidents reported and no trees felled by the wind, so far as could be learned. The storm was more severe in the Embro and Innerkip districts, where 25 telephone lines, rendered dead by the wind, were still out of commission late tonight.

**No Storm Damage  
In Chatham Area**

From The Star's Chatham Bureau

**CHATHAM**—A rolling rain, thunder and wind storm hitting this area last night about 5:15 and lasting for almost an hour brought a little relief to the high temperatures of the early forenoon and late afternoon.

The storm, preceded by one of the worst heat periods this year, did no damage from all reports from the department of highways, Hydro and the Union Gas Company.

Rain did no damage to standing crops. Farmers delighted to see the heavy short rain come down as most of the haying has been completed and peas, beans, tomatoes, corn and tobacco stood in need of the rain.

Two terrific thunder crashes immediately after severe lightning flashes led to two rumors that a Hydro power station had been hit and a gas main ignited. Both rumors were spiked by company authorities.

**MICHIGAN COOLED**

Michigan cooled off a little today, yesterday's soaring temperatures blown down by wind storms that reached 60 miles an hour in the Detroit area.

Residents throughout the state who sheltered yesterday in the near 100-degree heat found relief in scattered thunderstorms and winds of 25 miles per hour velocities. The storms had a cooling effect on the atmosphere, and the Detroit Weather Bureau predicted the mercury would not climb beyond the high 80's today.

The winds that swept across southeastern Michigan left heavy damage in their wake. Trees were uprooted and electric wires downed in Detroit, and in Sanilac County six barns were destroyed by the wind and two more burned with fires started by lightning.

One death yesterday was attributed directly to the heat and two drownings were listed in the state. At Romeo William Licht, 55, retired merchant, collapsed on the street and died.