



ONTARIO HYDRO and PUC crews, top picture, put some of the wires back up that were felled in the village of Embro during Monday's storm. Several trees fell across roads, knocking out power lines, although no-one was injured. PUC says some residents will not have their power back on until tomorrow. In the bottom picture, Dave Fulton, a hired hand at the

Bill McKay farm north-east of Embro surveys the damage. The storm, which hit about 6 p.m., knocked close to a dozen trees over in the yard, including one that fell on the house. McKay said he is certain a tornado passed over his house.

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DAMAGE TO TREES, HYRDO AND CROPS

Goliath winds whip Oxford

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EMBRO — Residents in this village were busy cleaning up the debris this morning from a heavy wind storm Monday night which knocked down numerous trees and hydro lines.

Some residents reported spotting a funnel cloud near the village about 6 p.m.

Trees fell on some homes in the village and surrounding farm area but no injuries were reported.

Helen Johnson, a resident of Commissioner Street, where downed trees were scattered across the roadway, said she saw a funnel cloud as the storm struck the village.

"It got extremely black," she said and the trees began "making a whooshing sound" when the winds came. Mrs. Johnson said she then headed for the basement.

Gerald O'Neill, of Hay Street in Woodstock, who was visiting in Embro when the storm came

also reported seeing "a small funnel.

"As far as I'm concerned, it was a small tornado," he said last night.

As the funnel approached "it got to be quite a size."

up front

Shirley Weitzel, of Stratford, said she was driving along Highway 2 west of Embro when she saw a black "puffy-looking" cloud, lightning, and trees with tops that looked "twisted off, not blown off."

On the Bill McKay farm, on the 7th concession of East Zorra-Tavistock Township, about three kilometres from the village, about a half dozen trees were blown over, one maple crashed onto the house, smashing a window and possibly damaging the roof.

"If it wasn't a tornado, it was damn close to it," McKay said this morning.

Ontario Hydro crews worked through the night and were still busy this morning repairing lines.

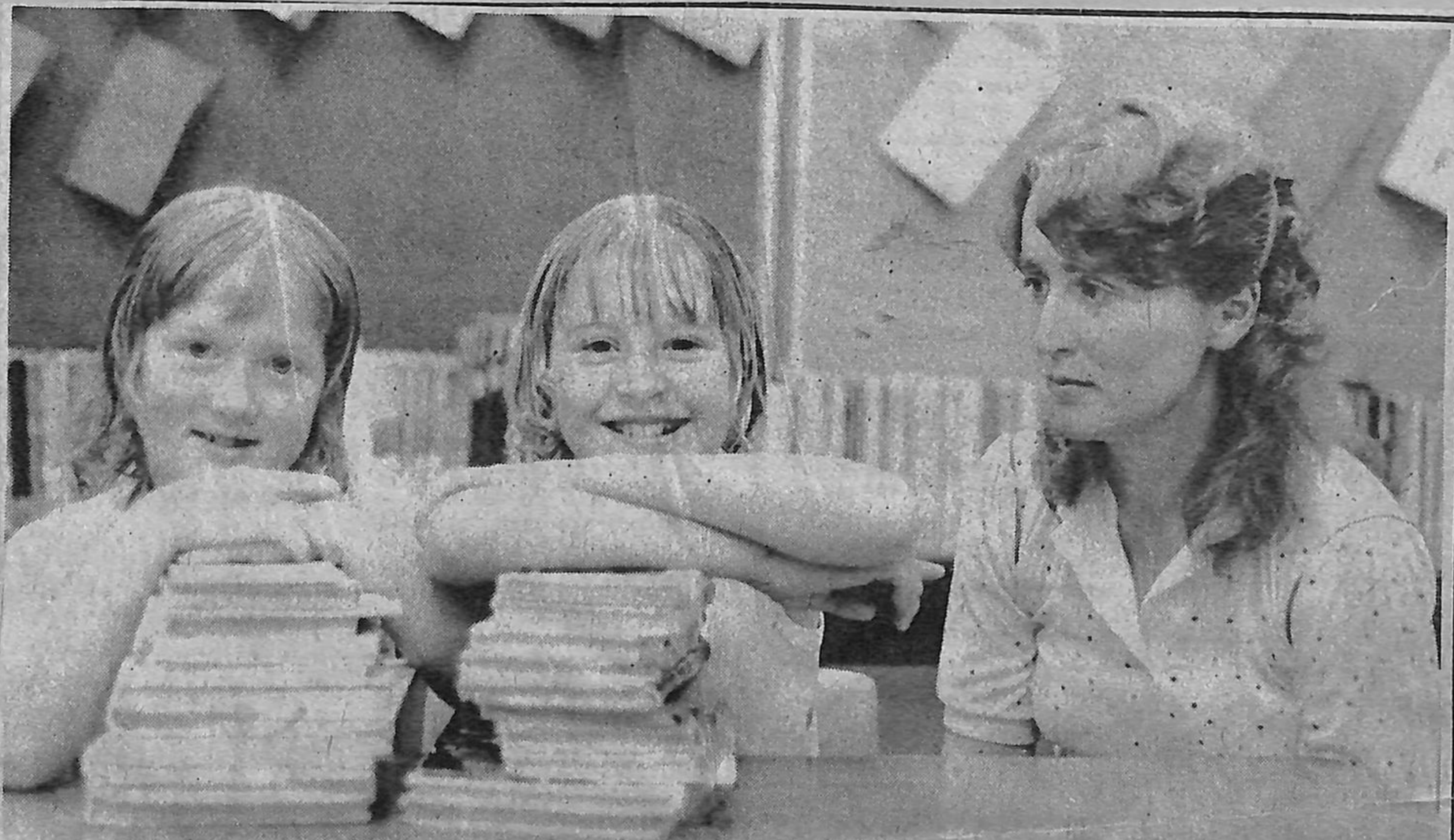
A hydro lines department employee said the storm moved in a path from St. Marys, through to Embro, Beachville, and the Holbrook area.

Harold Hosein, of the Toronto Weather Office, said while he couldn't confirm that a tornado accompanied the storm, the damage reported across southern Ontario was the type associated with a twister.

Woodstock experienced 27 millimetres of rainfall during the storm period, but there was no severe wind damage in the city.

Back in the Oxford area, crop insurance companies were receiving reports of hail damage across the tobacco growing area this morning, but the worst of it hit the Langton area, south east of Tillsonburg.

Bill Hall of Otter Dorchester Mutual Insurance Co. said he phone was "ringing off the wall," this morning.



WATCHED BY MOTHER Marion McKay, sisters Jackie, 7, and Jane, 9, show off some of the books they have read this summer since beginning the Reading, Entertainment, Ad-

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Ursula Rauh named president of Braemar WI

Joan Hunt, Shirley Wright and Hannah Chambers.

rug-raiding course was announced as April 18. Members voted to give a donation to the Associated Country Women of the World Water for All project. Humorous readings were given by Reny Hettinga and Shirley Wright. Minerva Doering expressed courtesies and lunch was served by Dorothy Leslie, Betty Bartlett,

of standing committees. Gifts were presented to past president Moore, and to Alice Vanderspek and Joan Hunt for their leadership in the "Food For All Seasons" course. Secretary Reny Hettinga and outgoing treasurer Sharryn Sharples gave their reports and roll call was the payment of fees. The summary day for the 1983-84 president of Braemar Women's Institute at the annual meeting held at the RR 5, Emro home of Dorothy Leslie. Mrs. Rauh succeeds Mary Moore, who was named district director at the meeting. Other new officers include first vice president Dana Weicker, second vice president Norma Howe, secretary Reny Hettinga, treasurer Margaret Ross. Branch directors for 1983-84 are Vi Furtney, Vi Masters, Ruby Killing, Gertie Sim, Rheta Bailey, Tena Zomer and Margaret Wheeler. Reports of the year's activities were given by covenors

vancement and Development (READ) Experience '83 program, geared to making children enjoy reading.