Death confirmed

The death of one New Durham woman has been confirmed by police as a result of the tornado which struck there at 7:15 last night.

And "quite a number" of people were injured during the twister, a police spokesman at the scene said.

Almost all of the homes in the village were damaged to some extent and a number were destroyed. In addition, cattle barns were destroyed, causing loss of some livestock.

The twister struck at exactly 7:15 p.m., according to New Durham resident Doris Duke,

"I've never seen anything like it in my life," commented Doreen Stannard of Stannard's General store. "It looked like it was miles away...the clouds were gray and tumbling across the sky and the next thing we knew it hit."

"It's hard to describe because it happened so quickly."

Mrs. Stannard said that following the first pass of the tornado, "It got deathly hot and then poured rain again."

"We were lucky here," she said, referring to the condition of the store which only suffered broken windows," down the road they have no houses left."

Funnel of death

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draped there by the storm.
Three rigs were blown over
on Highway 401 near the
junction of Highway 59 and
one was blown over on High
59 into the ditch.

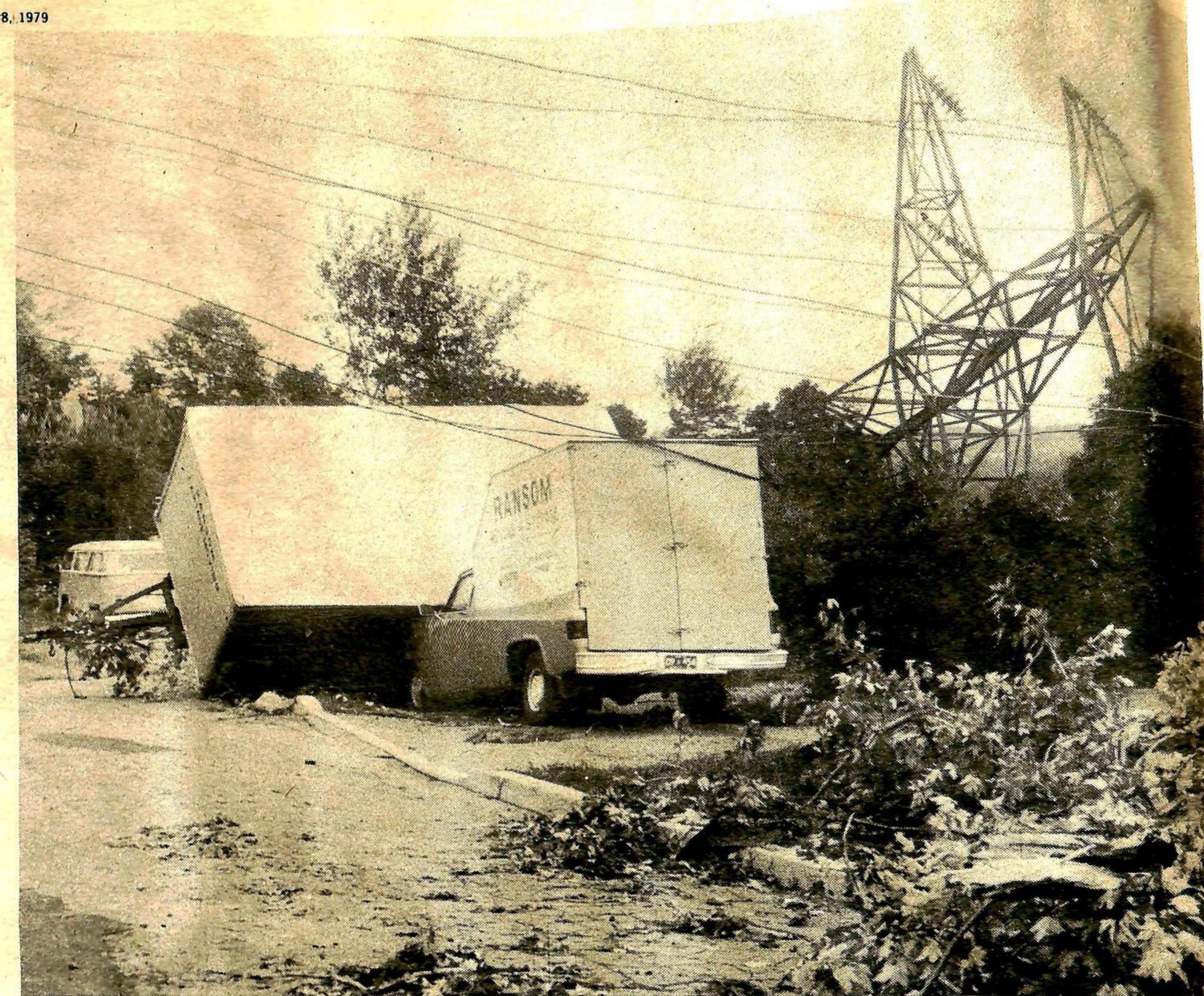
Ten workers were inside the Hobart Brothers of Canada Ltd. plant at the corner of Highways 401 and 59 when the tornado struck.

"We heard it coming and thought for sure we'd had it. I was scared to hell," one said. The men clung to steel girders, concrete walls and each other, while the wind sucked in the walls and ripped the roof off the plant. No one was injured at Hobart, nor at King Hydraulic Ltd. nearby.

Across Highway 401, the Christian Reformed Church is a pile of rubble and wood, the stand of fir trees around it broken off a few feet from the ground. The John Knox Christian Reform elementary school, located next to the church, is missing much of its roof and the south wall. Desks, books, chair s globes and other debris are scattered all over the field.

Behind the school, the Provimi flour mill sustained neavy damage to its roof and heavy tractor trailer rigs lie

On the other side of Highway 59 (Norwich Ave.)



The tornado smashed these two trucks together on Finkle Street in Woodstock and crumpled a hydro tower, downing power



All that remains of the Christian Reformed Church at the junction of Highways 401 and 59 in Woodstock is a pile of twisted

