Freak twister rips through Georgetown

A freak twister ripped through a section of Georgetown Saturday afternoon at 3.30, leaving uprooted trees. smashed windows, toppled garages and sheds, and hundreds of bent and downed television antennae in its cable television wires came wake.

damage between \$50,000 and rooted in the vicinity of Ryan \$100,000.

The tornado, with winds cane, cut a swath roughly the Guelph Street-Ryan Road to Ewing Street, along Eliza- Street pulled down more beth Street and Hewson power lines. Crescent, across the railroad tracks to the Dayfoot Drive the Bell Canada parking lot school, careened across most three hours and traffic Market, Edith Street and North Halton Golf Club.

The storm occurred right at a shift change for police, so extra men were sent to Georgetewn from Acton and Milton detachments without draining staff there.

Cons. Michalski and Cons. Vanclief from the Acton detachment assisted in Georgetown till about 7.30

Acton hydro employees also went to Georgetown to assist. In their concern to make the ground safe, they undertaken, they said

awakened at midnight was sitting in, parked on the Saturday by anxious relatives median strip on Main Street, was at Acton. They wanted to around in the air, and then know if the people here were dumped on another car and didn't even know there street. Sue Frawley, Gibson's had been a storm Georgetown.

'he wag.

Hydro wires came tumbling down in the Elizabeth Drive-Hewson Crescent area when the twister struck and as it moved along it knocked out windows at Chapel Street School. More hydro wires and tumbling down when a tree Halton police estimate behind the school was up-Road and Morris Street.

Another falling tree pulled between gale force and hurri- down hydro wires with it in from Ann and Ontario Street, area and a large tree on Main

The tree, located in front of area, hit Chapel Street blocked Main Street for al-Guelph Street near the fire was diverted away from the hall, down Main Street, to the area by police. Police kept a watchful eye on the many park area, and lifted up near wide-eyed pedestrians who milled about the area to make sure no one went near live hydro lines sprawled around

> Much of the damage which resulted from the sudden tornado was especially visible on Main Street where the winds lifted a car into the air and then deposited it on the back of another car, smashed store windows and signs and left the street riddled with glass, tree limbs, refuse and leaves.

Colin Gibson, 51 Main fied up some wires with ropes. Street, was treated for laceruntil further repairs could be ations on his right arm and later released from hospital One Acton family was after the small sports car be who had heard the bad storm was lifted live feet, twirled all right. They were all right parked on the west side of the at fiancee, was also in the small car but escaped unhurt.

Another Actonian blamed The car ended up on the the whole thing on regional rear of an unoccupied parked "Georgetown car belonging to William gets everything," complained Kavanagh, 77 Guelph Street. Police estimated there was

car, which sustained damage to the entire front end. There was \$300 damage to the other parked car to the trunk and rear bumper.

whirling winds

\$500 damage to the Gibson bettianne shop. Barber-Henley Travel, Comfi windows were shattered the

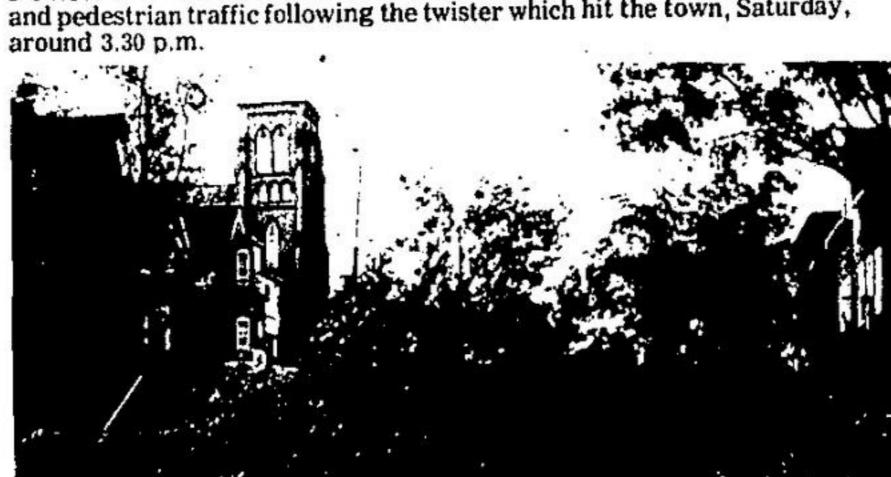
damaged the roofs at Mac- Furniture, Golden Fish and kenzie Lumber, James Chips, Towne Sewing Centre, Street, the Halton Hills Canada Trust and the law municipal office and the by Windows were smashed at

offices of Richard Howitt and Peter Heslin.

When the Canada Trust



DOWNTOWN GEORGETOWN was chaotic as police tried to control car and pedestrian traffic following the twister which hit the town, Saturday,



TRAFFIC WAS BLOCKED on Main Street, Georgetown, Saturday afternoon after this tree came crashing down during the twister which tore through downtown Georgetown. It dragged down hydro wires with it.



WHAT MILL Street, Georgetown, looked like just seconds after a twister tore its way down the street.



THIS TREE pulled out of the ground by Saturday's twister leans against the front porch of Enrico Caruso's house, 6 Guelph St.

Planner Mario Venditti

said under the development

control of the Niagara

Escarpment even tree

planting is controlled, He said

the insistence on indoor

storage would be written into

showing the location of the

building and a long curving

driveway leading to it, plan-

ning board approved the

proposal in principle and

asked for a report from the

After a slide presentation

any agreement.

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Lumber yard planned on No. 7

The lawyer said parking

would be no problem since

24 acres. He said the land is

within the Niagara Escarp-

must be approved by them, after the town makes a

* Councillor Russell Miller

questioned the statement that

all storage would be indoors.

He said frequently businesses

start out that way and end up

with storage all over the

place. He said nobody seems

recommendation.

A lumber yard known as since Highway 7 already to entorce bylaws and agree-Lumberland Retail Outlet carries heavy traffic. could locate on 24 acres of land on Highway 7, next to the wrecking yard, north of the there was lots of space in the Limehouse road, if all approvals can be obtained.

Solicitor Walter Sopinka ment Development area, and told Halton Hills planning board. Tuesday night, Guy and Tony Cavallo planned to erect a 20,000 square foot commercial-building, with all indoor storage.

He described the existing stretch of highway as "planner's nightmare", with three residences, a car dealership. a farm machinery dealership, a gas station, and a wrecking yard.

He claimed this proposal would upgrade rather than detract from the area, and said it was a consistent use, with valuable assessment for

the town. He said he understood there had been an objection raised because of increased traffic in the area, but discounted it

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There was also some minor damage to Union Gas and a sign at Goodlets store. The twister swept up Wes-

leyan and Mill Streets. startling Independent reporter Gord Murray, who was at the newspaper office, when the rear window of the office came crashing down. Murray raced to the front

door with camera in hand and

tossed back against the wall of the office. struggled to get the front door STATION

dirt roared up the street.

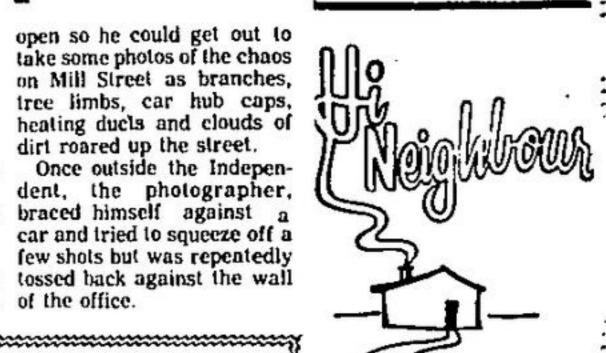
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doors were blown open. Part

of the tiled ceiling was torn

down and the rest warped and

furniture and lamps were

knocked over by the twister.

had finished, Halton Hills

works crews were on the

scene cleaning up the glass

which was scattered over

Main Street and merchants

busied themselves boarding

up broken windows and

Since the boarding up of

windows and doors was only a

lemporary measure police

detailed an officer to keep an

eye on the area and police are

still paying special attention

to the commercial areas

The large blue and white il-

luminated overhanging sign

at Wigo TV was smashed by

the high winds and pieces of it

scattered about on Main

Street and found as far away

as Mill and Edith Streets.

affected by the storm.

doors.

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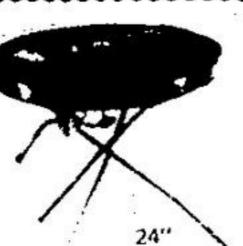
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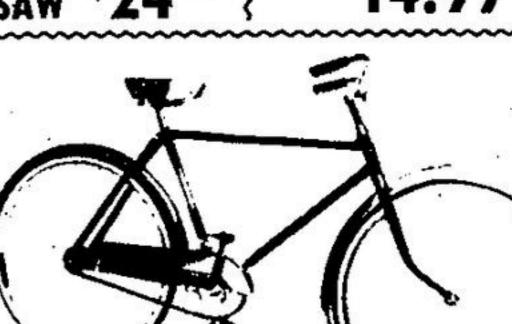
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