

Wind storm blows down roof, trees and church turret

The tornado that swept through Halton on Saturday afternoon, leaving a trail of damaged homes and buildings, uprooted trees, and downed hydro and telephone lines, roared through Norval around 3 p.m. Suddenly in the midst of the high wind and heavy rain a dark cloud swept down with a roar and very high wind.

At Bruce Nixon's farm it tore half the roof off the barn sending the rafters flying through the air as if they were made of straw, tore off the

house upside down, rolled over a couple of wagons that were need repair, loosened hydro wires, and downed several apple trees in the orchard, all within minutes.

Joe Schertzl, a neighbour across the road, had just shut his garage doors when he happened to look over at Nixon's. All he could see were flying bricks, tin, and tree limbs. Mrs. Nixon reports that it just swept in with a roar and was gone in minutes leaving an unestimated amount of

by the roots and was lying across his driveway and front yard.

The hydro wires were burning causing a short circuit at the Lefebvre home, which burned out the T.V. set. Fortunately the tree missed the Sawyer's car by a few inches and no damage was done to the house.

The Sawyer family moved to Norval a few months ago and had not met many of the village people but he reports that he met many of them that afternoon.

He reported that the neighbours were wonderful. Some of

them arrived with chain saws and soon had his blocked driveway cleared. "They were a wonderful help," he said. He had never experienced a storm like it before in his life.

One of the turrets on the Presbyterian Church steeple was torn off and punctured a large hole in the roof before crashing to the ground, a large crumpled mass of metal.

A large Manitoba Maple tree at the back of Mrs. Dorothy McLean's property on Mary St. was torn out by the roots and crashed into her back yard but no damage was done to any

Pinkney of Brampton and their family, Linda McKinnon and her son Michael, and John, Bob and Tom Pinkney, and John's friend, Margaret N. Mitchell.

Also present were Earl and Bessie McClure, where Mr. Finnermore worked for many years before retiring to Norval.

M.P.P. Julian Reed and his wife Deanna called with their good wishes and presented the happy couple with a plaque. The Finnermores also received congratulations from Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, the

Congratulations to Susan May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack May, RR2, Norval, and David Ross Grant, son of Dr. and Mrs. William Grant, of Mississauga, who were married in Norval United

Church on Saturday afternoon, March 27. They will reside in Milton.

Rev. Dennis Freeman of Geraldton preached for a call at Norval Presbyterian

Church on Sunday, March 28. The Happy Wanderers choir under the direction of David Esplin provided special music of an anthem and a solo sung by Mrs. Betty Reid.

The congregation enjoyed lunch following the service to meet Rev. and Mrs. Freeman and their little daughter.

The Happy Wanderers Choir will present an Easter Cantata "The Sorrow, The Victory" at Norval Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon April 11 at 2:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Teen Choir of Norval United Church have been very busy these past few weeks preparing for the church service which they will conduct next Sunday, April 4, at the regular church service hour. Special music is being prepared which will be interspersed with readings for the service.

Sympathy is extended to the Terry family on the death of Edward Earl Terry, and to the Castle family on the death of John Gilbert (Bert) Castle. Mr. Terry and Mr. Castle both died on Friday, March 19.

A children's program put on at Norval School Community Centre for two days during the winter break holiday under the

Halton Hills Recreation Dept. was very successful with about 35 children attending 9 to 12 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. The children were from 5 to 13 years of age and they enjoyed crafts, outdoor and indoor games, and a couple of movies.

Leaders for the program were Randy Fendley, Christine Pomeroy, Mrs. Marilyn Smith, Mrs. Elsie Smith, and Mrs. Dianne Taylor.

The children's Saturday afternoon program put on by Halton Hills Recreation Dept. in Norval School Community Centre will commence this Saturday, April 3, and will run for 10 weeks every Saturday afternoon from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. for boys and girls 6 to 12 years of age.

If your children are interested in attending and have not yet registered there is still time to register. The cost is \$8 per child or \$14 for two children from the same family. To register send your cheque addressed to John Cooper, 40 Mill St. E., Acton, Ont. but be sure to make your cheque payable to the Town of Halton Hills.

For further information on the program for children call John Cooper, Halton Hills recreation co-ordinator, at 877-5185, extension 19.

Norval News

by Dorothy McLean

brick chimney of the house and the dinner bell from the roof of the kitchen, turned the pump

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damage. The barn had just recently been painted and looked very nice. Now it looks like a disaster area. Their six-year-old daughter Jennifer, summed up her experience by saying "It was very interesting but a terrible mess."

In the village, Joel Sawyer, who lives in the former Bruce Harris home, was sitting in the house looking out the back window towards Russell's hill when he heard a roar like a jet plane flying too low. Then saw the trees on the hill bend right over followed by a loud crash at the front of his house. A large Manitoba Maple tree on the fence line between his property and Mrs. Ruth Lafebvre's home was torn out



A car in the driveway of Joel Sawyer's Norval home barely missed being damaged when this tree fell over.

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of the surrounding buildings. Many of the residents of the village were frightened by the sudden "twister" that roared in and out again so fast yet others in the village were unaware of anything unusual happening. It is fortunate that the twister, tornado, or whatever it was, cut a narrow path and that no one was injured by the toppling trees and flying debris.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William Finnermore of Norval who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday March 27th, with a family get-together. All enjoyed a buffet luncheon and social afternoon.

Present were their son Tom who lives at home, their eldest son, Sam, of Norval, and his wife Betty and their family, Steven, Janice, Gregory, Jeannette and Fraser Milward and baby Allison, of Georgetown. Susan and Terry Hancock and baby Michael, of Georgetown, and Janice's friend, Edward Kouyoumjian. Their daughter and her husband Marjorie and Bill

Premier of Ontario, William Davis and other political leaders.

Norman Shea of Shea's Garage has returned home after attending the Ottawa Farm Show last week held from March 23 to 26. Mr. Shea represented D. & S. Farm Machinery at the show of which he is an agent. He reports that he enjoyed the trip and the show but the weather there was very cold.

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GUEST SPEAKER: MR. JULIAN REED
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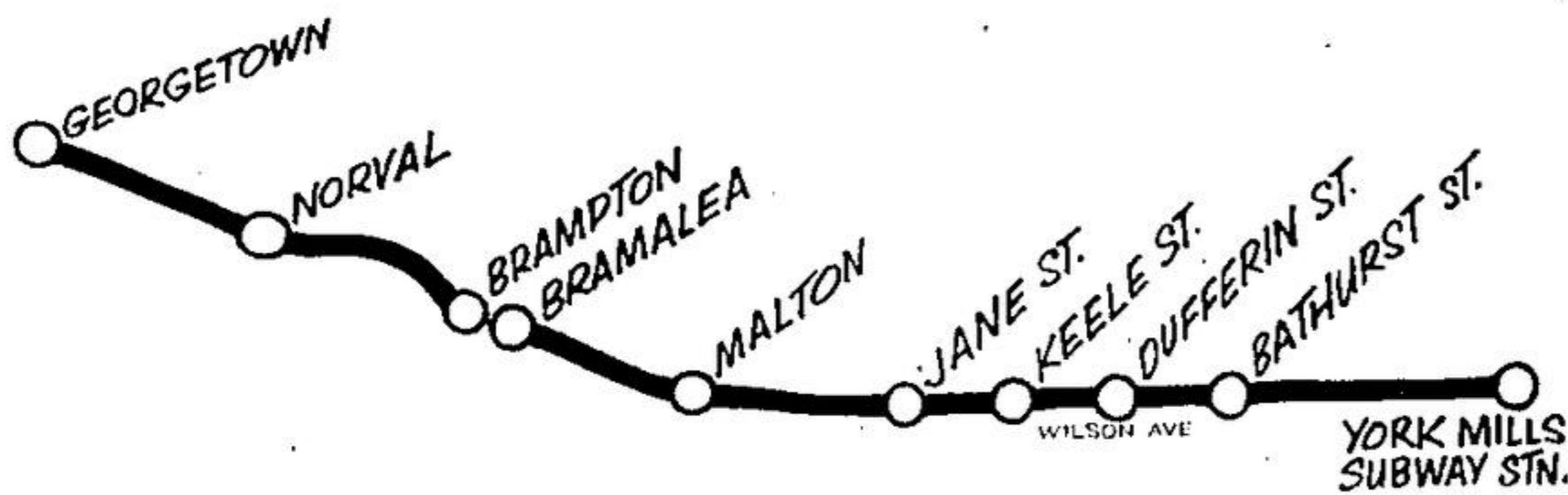
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