



Halton Hills Firefighter Glen Edwards looks over a large willow tree struck by lightning during Monday's storm. The tree fell across 22 Sideroad just north of Glen Williams, blocking the road completely for several hours.

Heavy weather rocks Halton Hills

Heavy winds and very high winds combined to knocked down trees and power lines throughout Halton Hills Monday evening.

But Halton Hills got off rather easily compared to areas to the west and north.

In Wellington County golfball-sized hail was reported and a funnel clouds were reported in Fergus and Elora. In Elora, Environment Canada officials were checking to see if a tornado had actually touched-down.

Halton Hills firefighters responded to eight calls during the height of the storm.

Most of the calls in the two-hour period involved ensuring that downed power line did not cause fires and that transformers struck by lightning did not explode.

"We gave priority to calls where wires were down or trees were across wires," a department spokesperson said. Six vehicles and more than 25 men spent most of the evening running from call-to-call.

Halton Hills hydro workers spent most of the night fixing the damage caused by the storm.

No damage estimates were available at press time.



Mother nature put on a great light show following Monday's storm

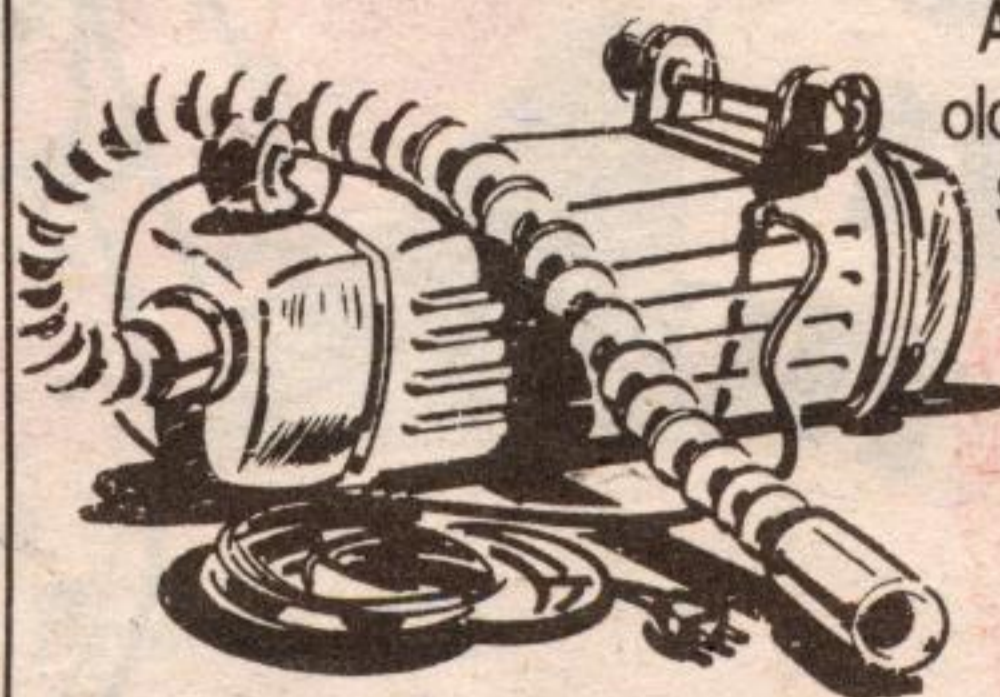
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