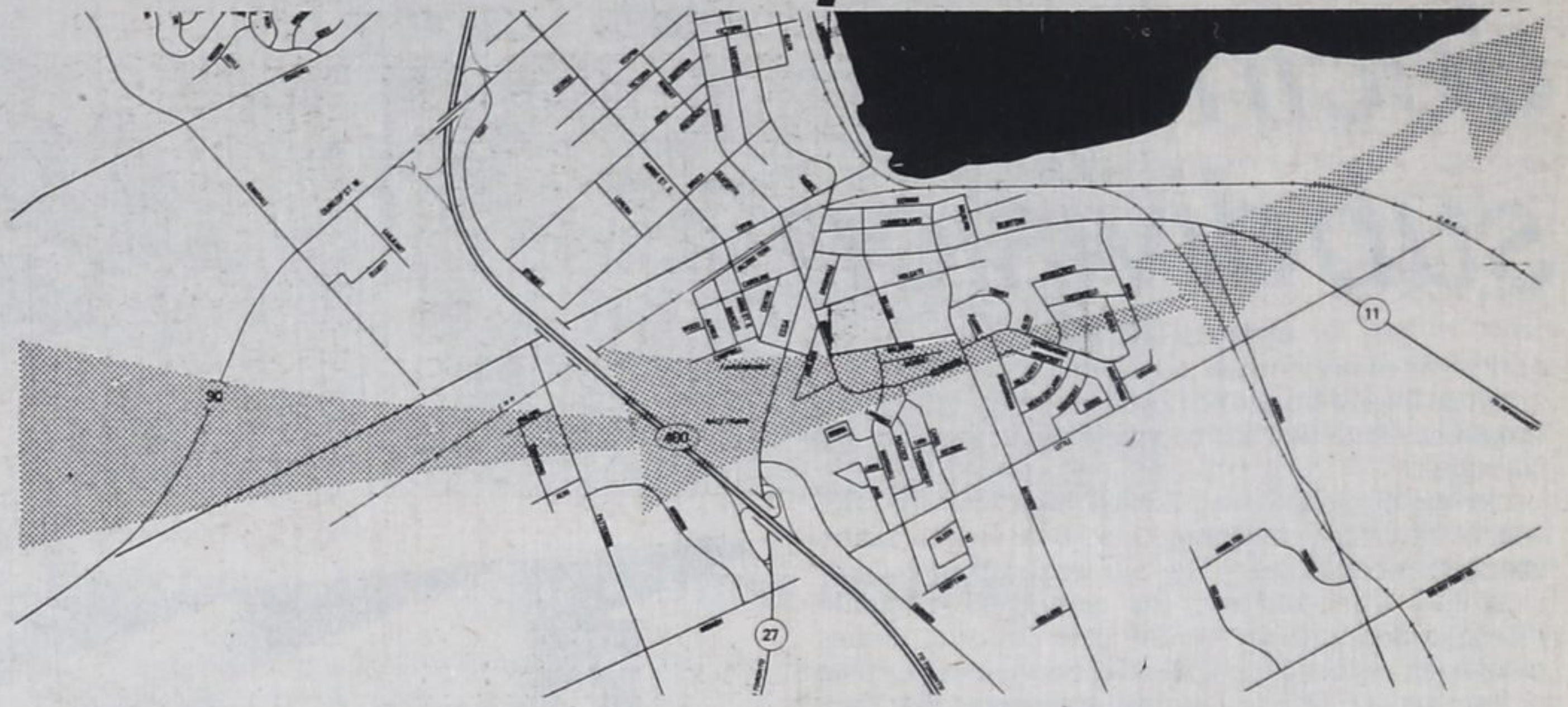


Hell rode in on 300 mph winds



A trail of death and destruction in Barrie

This is the path one of six killer tornadoes that sliced through central Ontario last Friday afternoon took when it touched down in the south section of Barrie causing an estimated \$100 million dollars and leaving dead and injured in its wake.

As tornado victims begin rebuilding their homes and lives this week, the twisters have already been termed nature's worst disaster in Ontario since Hurricane Hazel in '54.

Twisters clocked at 500 km/h

How is it that a tornado can cause so much damage in a few seconds?

It's been reported, twisters can generate speeds of up to 800 km/h (500 mph) once they start swirling.

Last Friday's were measured clocking speeds of 500 km/h (300 mph).

They can sound like jet engines or steam rollers on a drunken rampage.

They usually touch down from monstrous black

clouds and suck up everything in sight.

These funnels can snap trees like matchsticks, toss bricks like confetti and shatter dreams.

Tornadoes form when extreme cold and hot air meet. When cold air fronts and hot air fronts clash during a humid summer's day, there's a good chance bad weather won't be far behind.

When the air masses start to swirl and rotate, a twister can be born in as quick as a wink.



'No man's land' tell tragic tale

It looked like a scene out of a World War I movie, but it wasn't. This was for real. Picture was taken Saturday morning less than a day after six twisters ripped through central

Ontario. This photo of "no man's land" was taken in Barrie, one of the community's hardest hit by the killer twisters.

-Photo by Paul Sanderson

Coverage of events

Photographic coverage and stories for today's Times and Citizen were produced over the weekend and yesterday by a four-member team of reporter photographers: Peter Spohn, Paul Sanderson, Cathy Dupuis and Doug Reed.

Just minutes after six tornadoes slammed into central Ontario the above team moved into action.

The results of their long hours appears in today's paper.

U.C. people donate to fund

In a spontaneous outpouring of generosity, 600 members of The United Church of Canada, meeting in Barrie donated \$5,200 to the Canadian Red Cross to aid victims of the tornado.

The church members, meeting at the Continental Inn, were less than half a mile from the site of the worst devastation. When details of the disaster were known, the delegates offered their services to relief organizers.

As some local clergy and others left the conference to minister to the stricken, clergy from other affected areas also left the meeting to return to their communities to offer whatever assistance they could.

Rev. Dr. Sang Chul Lee, minister of Toronto Korean United Church, was installed as President for 1985-86 at the conclusion of the Sunday night worship service held in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in downtown Barrie.

It was chosen because it is the largest Church in Barrie and permission was granted by the Toronto Archdiocese for use of the sanctuary.

Toronto Conference oversees the life of 359 congregations within the United Church of Canada stretching from Lake Ontario to Huntsville. Dorothy Phillips, a lay woman from Sandhill United Church in Dufferin-Peel Presbytery was elected President-designate for 1986-87.

The theme for this year's Conference was SHALOM; Peace Within and Without. St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church was filled for the Sunday evening service during which nine men and three women were ordained and four women were commissioned to the Order of Ministry. As well as ordaining individuals to the ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care, The United Church commissions others to the Diaconal Ministry of Education, Service and Pastoral Care.

As part of the service, the newly-ordered ministers participated in the sacrament of Holy Communion. The sermon was preached by Mrs.

Genevieve Carder, a past-president of Toronto Conference.

In other business, the church court reaffirmed its opposition to pornography, capital punishment, violence in society and the refusal of the provincial government to debate in the legislature the decision to extend full funding to Separate Schools in Ontario. Three theme presentations were given by Rev. Dr. Robert Smith, the Moderator of the United Church of Canada, Mr. Douglas Roche, Canadian Ambassador for Disarmament, and Mrs. Robina Salter.



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If you're ever in doubt about whether or not to visit a friend or relative whom you know to be terminally ill, then MAKE THE VISIT! It will benefit both of you.

If he doesn't wish to see you, he'll let you know. If it grieves you to see him, share your grief. Bring a caring mutual friend. Together you may diminish the sorrow you share with your terminally ill relative or friend.

What do you talk about? Memories of happy occasions and sad ones, too; shared experiences, both the good, bad and amusing times, but mostly you LISTEN. Ask if there's anything he wishes you to do for him - letters to write, people to call, business and personal matters to handle.

Studies made by Herman Feifel, Elisabeth Kubler-Ross and others indicate that the terminally ill may pass through emotional stages of denial, anger and finally acceptance of their impending death. To learn more about coping with these stages, stop by for some suggested reading material or information.



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