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Agnew to run again with Nixon

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon has again selected Vice President Spiro T. Agnew to be his running mate in the fall White House elections, it was announced today.

British launch attacks on IRA

By COLIN BAKER

BELFAST (UPI) — The British Army today

Violent twister rips Chelmsford, Tyngsboro

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By NICK CARAGANIS
Sun Staff

CHELMSFORD — A state of emergency has

been declared in Chelmsford today in the aftermath of a violent tornado that cut a sudden swath through the town and neighboring Tyngsboro leaving thousands shocked, trees uprooted and damage estimates in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Miraculously there were no major injuries reported, despite the intense power of the twister which covered a 10 mile stretch in less than 10 minutes.

Hardest hit was Vinal Square and the Old Stage Estates Development in South Chelmsford

where homes and business establishments were severely damaged.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony D'Amelio, 19 Sierra Dr., was practically levelled. Other homes on Rio Grande Road and 7 DeWolfe Street were also severely damaged when roofs were blown off. Another home at 128 Proctor Rd., owned by Andrew Souleotis, was also badly damaged.

The roof of the Marinel Transportation building on Groton Road (Rte. 40) in North Chelmsford Center was ripped off its studs, lifted 50 feet into the air and hurled into a nearby gasoline pumping area. Two pumps were ripped from their moorings, but no vehicles were present.

Mark Player, an attendant at the service station said, "I was inside the garage when I suddenly saw the roof from across the street lift from the building, swirl in the air, and come hurtling into the yard here and shatter." Player said he also saw an ice storage machine actually floating and shimmy'ng in mid-air as if defying the laws of gravity.

Howard Carpenter, (owner of the Service station,) said he saw a wall of rain coming towards him and he ran into a nearby building. "the next thing you knew the wind struck with fury."

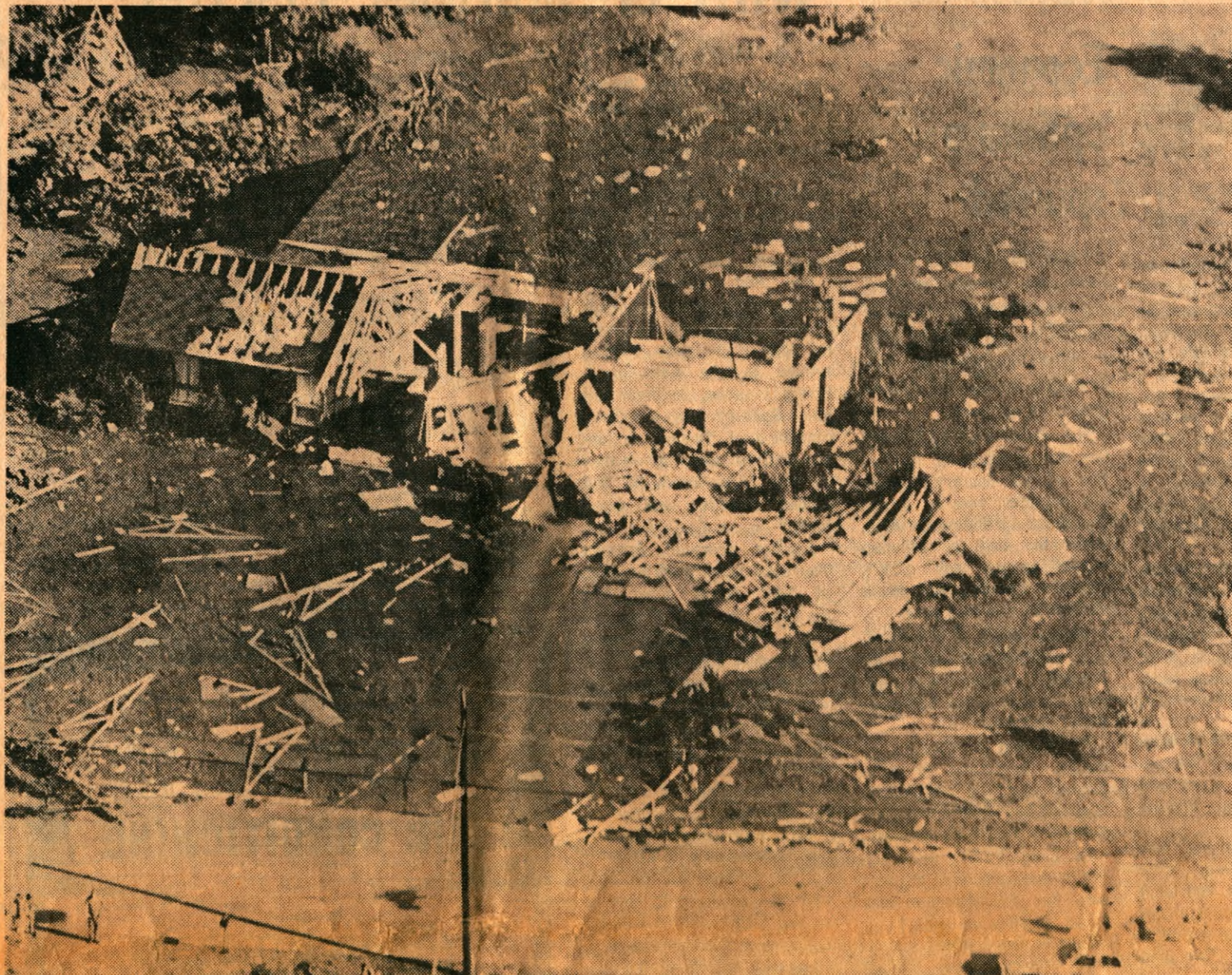
The Chelmsford selectmen, along with police, fire and highway officials surveyed the destruction last night and declared a state of emergency. This enables the selectmen to use town funds to repair the damage without town meeting approval. Selectmen were meeting at 11 a.m. today to discuss emergency measures.

A spokesman for the selection said assistance from surrounding towns during the emergency was rapid. Trees last night were being removed from roads and debris was being cleared.

On Newfield Street several trees were toppled narrowly missing homes. Other residents were not as fortunate. The home of Barry Bell, at 5 Mansur St. was damaged when a large tree in his yard was uprooted and sent hurtling against the structure.

"I saw the funnel from the Varney playground," Bell said. "Now I have no trees left in my yard. Some of them were more than 65 years old."

Bell said he was eating supper and watching TV when he saw the wind rip off a nearby tree and begin to move his way. He said the area turned black and then it came. "It poured. I was in one other tornado once before in Worcester," he said, "and I knew what to expect."



SHATTERED D'AMELIO HOME
... at 19 Sierra Road, Chelmsford

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Case containing \$10M in stock found in canal

CHICAGO (UPI) — A suitcase filled with more than \$10 million worth of stolen stock certificates was found floating in the Chicago Sanitary Canal, the FBI disclosed Friday.

Chicago FBI agent Roy K. Moore said the certificates were part of a \$30 million haul taken from the truck of an air freight service Aug. 18, 1971, after the shipment had left a Loop printing firm.

The FBI said two industrial waste pollution control officers found the suitcase Tuesday and the FBI received it Thursday.

Including this find, \$23 million in stolen certificates has been recovered, the FBI said. Investigation into the theft spanned two continents as six Americans have been arrested in London in joint efforts by Scotland Yard and the Los Angeles and Chicago FBI offices.

A seventh person, John D. Credidio, 17, Cicero, was arrested June 16 in Chicago and held to a U.S. grand jury on charges of possessing more than \$1.4 million in stolen certificates.

Moore said one of the men arrested by Scotland Yard, which recovered more than \$12 million worth of certificates, was Terry Somenzi, 29, Highland Park, Ill.

Ex-police captain's son found dead in Lowell

Reds cut Quang Tri supply line

By BARNEY SEIBERT

SAIGON (UPI) Communist troops trying to outflank South Vietnamese paratroopers attacking Quang Tri city blocked Highway 1 today and halted supply shipments to the front line troops, field reports said.

UPI correspondent Donald A. Davis said five South Vietnamese vehicles managed to get beyond a 500-yard section of the highway cut off by the North Vietnamese. All five — an armored personnel carrier, a jeep and three trucks — detoured behind government lines around the area.

Military sources said three North Vietnamese battalions were in the area west of the highway, 31-2 miles south of the My Chan river and about 15 miles south of Quang Tri city. The Communists were firing on the highway from bunkers about 100 yards west of the road, Davis said.

South Vietnamese infantrymen tried to close in on the bunkers from behind a curtain of artillery fire, with shells crashing 50 feet ahead of them. To move one company forward, the artillery fired while phosphorus shells so the infantry could advance behind the smoke, Davis said.

In the Central Highlands, UPI reporter Ed Bassett said the last Communist resistance ended before noon today in the district town of Bong Son and South Vietnamese infantry occupied the community of 25,000 persons.

Bong Son, 290 miles north of Saigon, had been in Communist hands since April 29. It was among 16 district towns overrun by the Communists in their offensive which began April 1. Two of the towns have been recaptured.

UPI reporter Ted Kurrus said traffic was cut on Highway 1 31-2 miles south of the My Chanh river at dawn when Communist gunners began lobbing mortar shells onto the road.

Later field reports indicated that some of the 1,200 men of the North Vietnamese Army's 304th Division had crossed from the west to the east side of the road.

The east side of the road was previously held by the South Vietnamese.

Meanwhile, a battalion of South Vietnamese Marines was landed by helicopter six miles northeast of Quang Tri in the most northerly push of the 25-day-old government counteroffensive.

Within an hour-and-a-half the Marines were in battle, killing eight North Vietnamese, capturing one tank and knocking out another. Three Marines were wounded in the fighting a half mile from the landing zone.

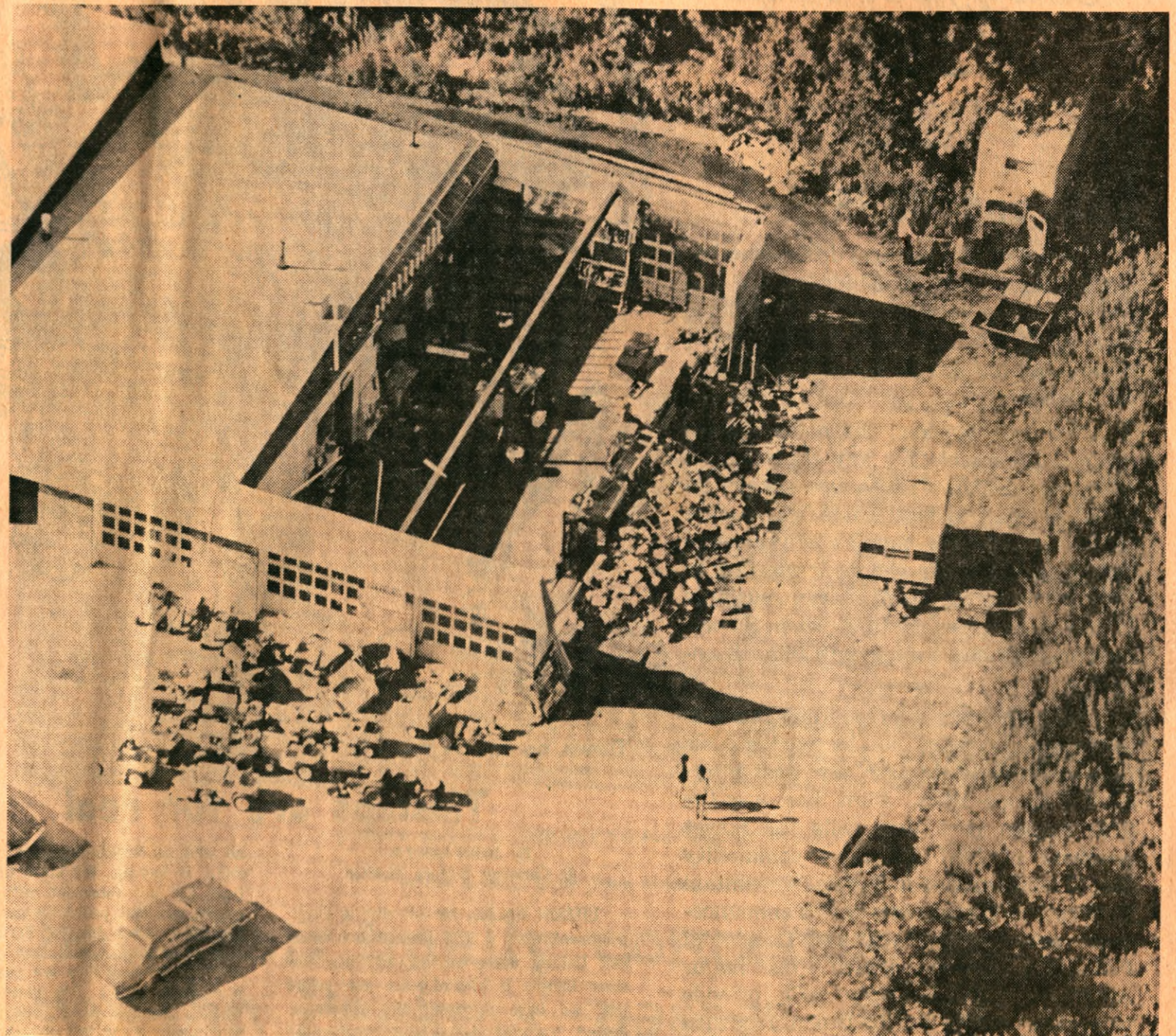
Some 1,200 North Vietnamese pushed around a South Vietnamese airborne division and skirted government rangers to reach Highway 1. They moved into position Tuesday and a regiment of South Vietnamese infantrymen has failed to dislodge the Communists. Despite air strikes, artillery barrages and tank fire, the Communists clung to a line of bunkers within 100 yards of the highway.

MILITARY spokesmen said South Vietnamese infantrymen killed 17 North Vietnamese at the site Friday when the Communists carried out another blockade of the roadway.

South Vietnamese paratroopers fought a

Communist force 200 yards south of Quang Tri Friday night, killing 34 and capturing a 75 mm recoilless rifle. Two paratroopers were killed and eight wounded. South Vietnamese artillery

blew up a Communist tank a half mile southeast of the Quang Tri suburb of Trieu Phong. Communist gunners late Friday lobbed 300 rounds of artillery shells and mortar rounds into a South Vietnamese unit near Fire Base Birmingham, seven miles south of Hue and a company of North Vietnamese infantry attacked. The attack was repulsed, leaving at least one South Vietnamese wounded. North Vietnamese casualties were unknown.



DUFFY'S AUTO COMPANY IN NORTH CHELMSFORD
...roof gone, concrete-block wall collapsed by tornado

SUN Aerial Photo by Alves

Stagnant air blanketing eastern U.S. shows some signs of breaking up

By UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

A mass of polluted air that forced major industries in the tristate Ohio Valley to curb air emissions still covered the area today but

Major industries in the area were ordered Friday to curb air emissions when the stagnant mass of hot and humid air swept inland from the East Coast trapping pollutants at dangerous levels.

Consolidated Edison was able to cope with the heat in New York City Friday and did not institute a city-wide voltage cutback as it did the previous four afternoons.

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"Trees were falling like pretzels"

CHELMSFORD — "I looked out my window and the trees were falling like pretzels."

This was the picture painted by Chelmsford Firefighter Donald Drew, whose home at 27 Ripley St., near Vinal Square, was in the middle of the tornado last night.

"I was in the yard cooking on my hibachi and it started raining and thundering. Suddenly the wind picked up and the large maple trees near my house began to topple," said Drew.

The fireman, in shorts and appearing rather calm after experiencing his first tornado, said the "whole thing" lasted about 3 or 4 minutes and then "it was over."

Added Drew, "When I went out into the yard again the neighbors joined forces and began cleaning up. But what was strange was that it was quiet. It was almost like being in the eye of a hurricane."

Asked if he or his family was scared, he said, "It happened so fast we didn't have time to be scared."

But Drew was not alone last night. Residents unlucky enough to live in the path of the twister were also cleaning up. Young boys with power saws cut fallen trees into pieces. Women and chil-

dren cleaned their yards and streets. A priest walked around comforting the people.

One unidentified woman, surveying the damage to her house said, "When you look at the damage you realize that you're lucky to be alive."

Florence Carpenter, owner of a Shell Service Station in Vinal Square said women inside a diner were screaming when the full force of the wind hit the heart of the area.

"The trees were swirling around. It was frightening," he said.

Police said the townspeople handled the situation well. One police officer said the only problem was the traffic. It was backed up from Vinal Square all the way down Middlesex Street for more than a mile. And they kept coming. Cars stopped and people stared. Police were losing their patience.

The town of Chelmsford, a fast growing suburban town has had its share of disasters. On April 5, 1970 families were evacuated, mills and business establishments were damaged and roads were flooded in No. Chelmsford when tons of water poured from Crystal Lake, whose retaining wall gave way.

Damage estimates exceeded \$100,000 and 25 acres of land was turned into a gigantic swamp.

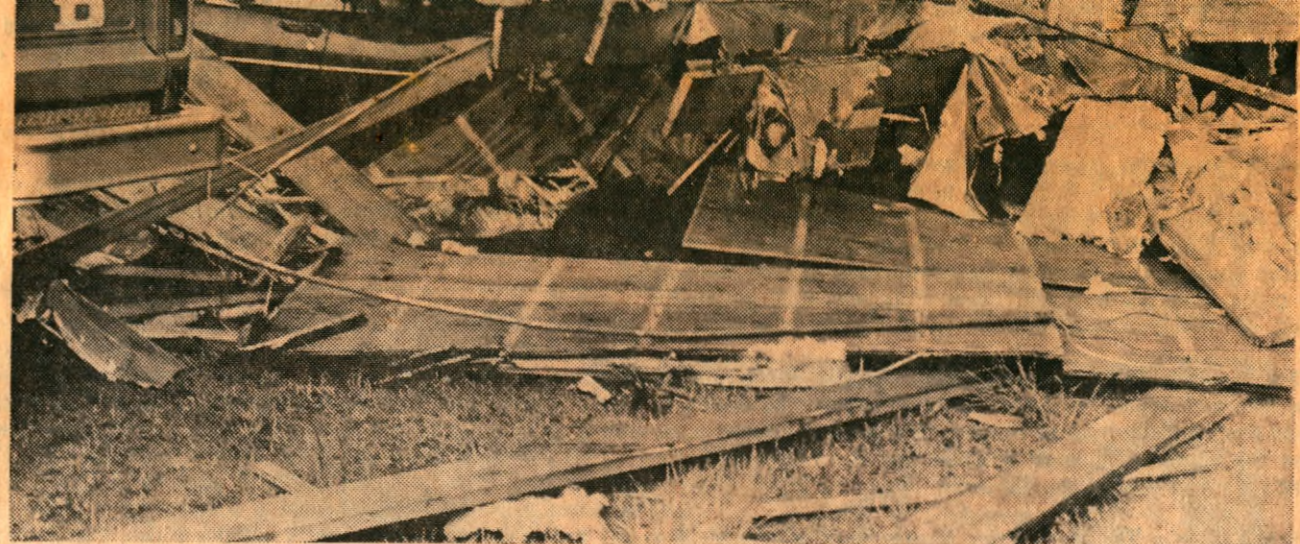


TREE LANDS ON HOUSE, CAR
... in twister's path in North Chelmsford



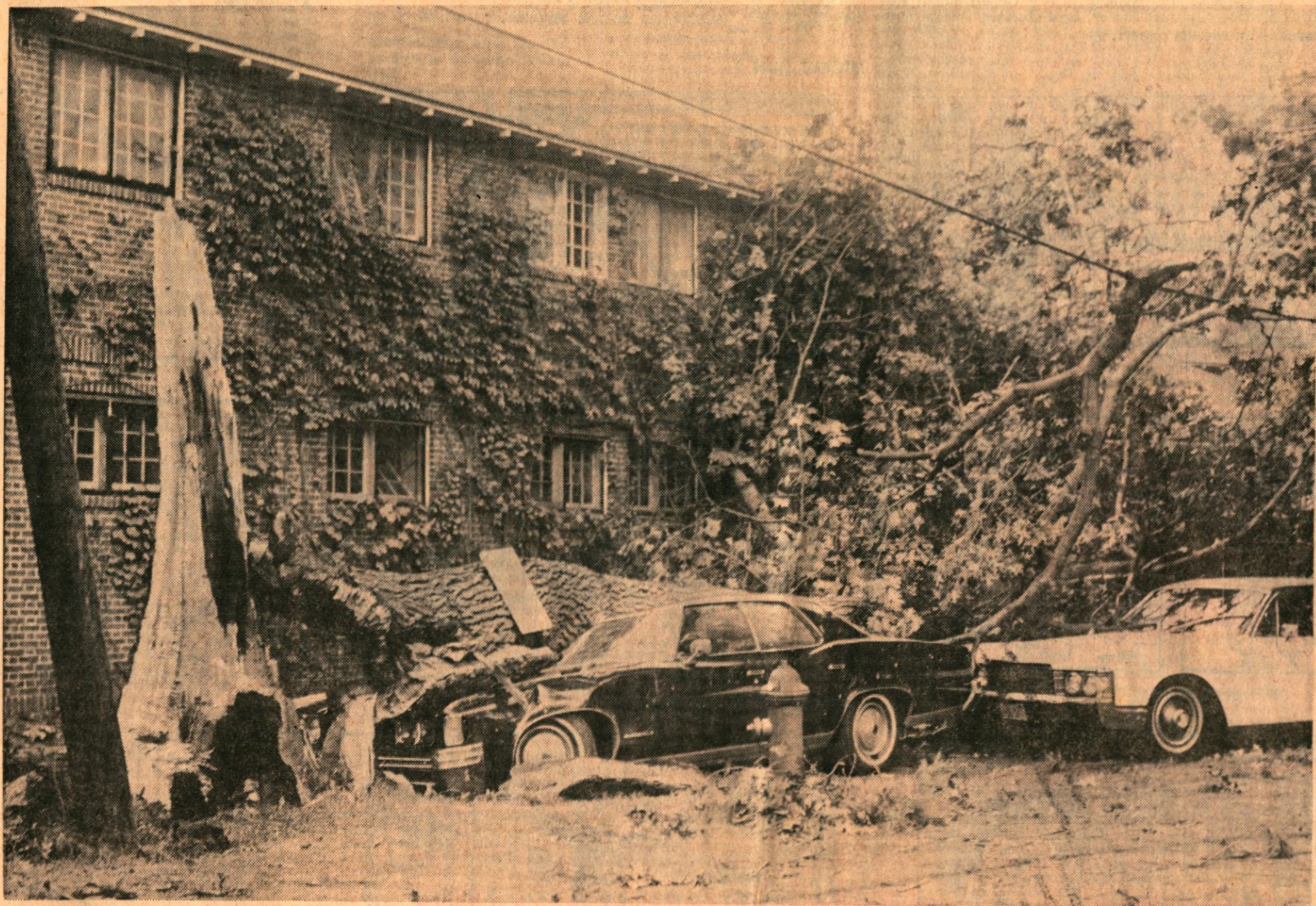


ROBERT FLEURY
... looks at father's buried car



DEVASTATION
... all that's left of roof of Duffy's Garage in North Chelmsford

Sun Staff photos by Irvin and Wallace



BLASTED TREE RESTS ATOP CAR
... next to Vesper Country Club Clubhouse



REMAINS OF CAR
... under garage roof

A tornado

CHELMSFORD—A tornado is rare in these parts. In fact, this is the first "real one" to hit the Greater-Lowell area, according to weather bureau records.

On June 9, 1953 a violent twister struck Worcester, resulting in mass damage and killing some 100 people.

On Aug. 9, 1878 34 people were killed when a tornado struck Wallingford, Conn.

So the Chelmsford area goes into the record books.

A tornado has a diameter of about 100-300 yards. Its speed of rotation is so terrific that instruments cannot hold together to measure its velocity.

As a rule they occur in Spring, when the temperature and humidity are high. And when they strike they move in a northeasterly direction.

Recently the Lowell area has been experiencing above normal temperatures and humidity which are the main ingredients for tornado development.

