

# Storm damages

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and in a few seconds I saw the chicken coop behind the house being picked up and twisted around." Bender commented.

"But just as soon as it had been lifted up, it disintegrated and was gone."

"I could feel the pressure building up in the house and just as I stepped away from the windows they began to pop, then the roof lifted right off."

Bender explained that he stood in the kitchen area as there seemed to be no time to move. "It seemed as soon as the storm had begun it was over."

A porch, which stood outside the Shenk's kitchen, was completely ripped off its foundation and blown away. Also portions of the roof were taken off while the chimney's on both sides of the brick structure crumbled.

Shenk noted that some of the heavy furniture in the kitchen fell to the floor. "The heavy pie board against the wall was found on the kitchen floor," Shenk said. "That (furniture) is heavy and it must have taken some force to knock that over."

## No Livestock Lost

Bender, had several steers housed in the field adjoining the barn and a number of hogs in a pen-type building behind the house. Although the storm knocked over the fences and liberated the steers, all but one was returned to the farm.

Bender's newly constructed hog finishing house was torn to shreds and the hogs were quickly trucked to neighboring farms and the Lancaster Stockyards on Sunday.

"None of the livestock was hurt so we were really fortunate," Bender stated. "It could have been much worse."

The front of the main barn was completely ripped off with the roof being torn away on both sides. A forage wagon which had been near the buildings was found some distance away in a field - crumpled and twisted to until it was hard to distinguish the machine.

Although the silos on the property were steady enough to withstand the intensity of the wind and pressure, Shenk noted that the smaller



Volunteer workers labored for hours to replace the barn roof at the Roy Shenk property near

Annville. Shenk's farm was damaged severely by a tornado which touched down on Saturday evening.

Lancaster Farming Photo by Melissa Piper



Bare framework and shreds of insulation were the only materials left of a hog house standing on the Shenk

property. Because of the damage the hogs were sent to the stockyards and neighbors.



Three black walnut trees which lined the lane to Shenk's property near Annville were stripped of bark

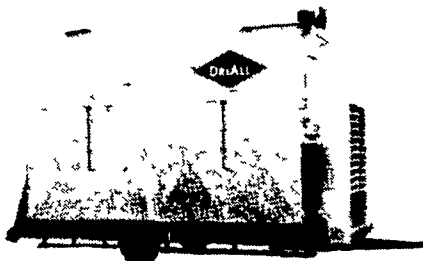
and limbs by the midwestern-like twister. The heavy limbs were found in fields as far away as one-half a mile.

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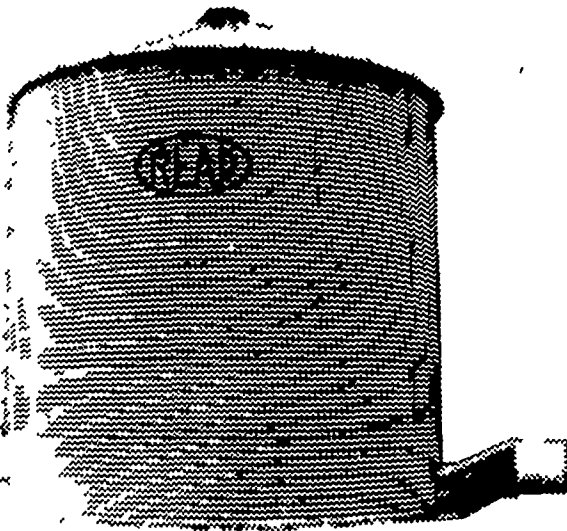
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