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## Tornado Rips Through Yard



**A** path of destruction is shown Sunday evening after a shed was picked up and thrown through this fence, landing near the house. Photo bottom bottom left shows a piece of electrical equipment that used to supply energy to the farmyard.

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### “We Went Downstairs When the Buildings Started to Move”

A tornado ripped through a farmyard 36 kms. north of Provost late Sunday afternoon destroying five buildings while the five members of the Arnold Seim family huddled in the basement. The house received light damage and no one suffered injuries while the 5 p.m. winds suddenly appeared from the northwest.

Seim, who farms and also works in the oilpatch told *The News* that “We went **More buildings damaged P. 2; Other photos inside**”

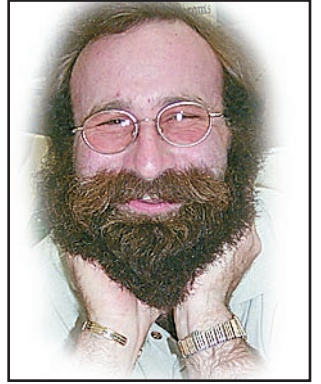


Arnold Seim with twisted metal: will be talking to his insurance agent. ©PROVOST NEWS PHOTO.

Looking For \$1,000

### Mark Will Take It All Off— For Money

Mark Rehman of Provost, who has been growing his beard for Homecoming 2000 festivities says he will not only



MARK REHMAN  
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take his beard off, but all the hair on his head will be shaved off in a bid to raise money for cystic fibrosis research.

Rehman said on Friday that so far he has had 23 people pledge over \$300. But he’s aiming for \$1,000 to turn over to charity.

The head shaving will take place after the beard growing contest is judged this Saturday, July 8 in Provost. The challenge has been made; pledges are still being accepted.

### A Letter from the Editor . . .

This edition is a special one for us, and hope it is for you as it was chosen to mark our 90th year of operation in the community. The newspaper that you hold in your hands is representative of the many hundreds of thousands of pages produced over the long life of the paper.

Many men and women—and boys and girls have toiled in the back shop and front office over the years to bring news and a variety of information to the public. And so it is to all these people—including today’s staff that I dedicate this particular issue, for it would not be right to forget any of them at this time.

Inside these pages you will find a total of nine sections spanning the life of the community and district over the past nine decades, as Provost itself marks 90 years since incorporation. Although many are, not all of the stories are happy ones but there is still a reasonable reflection of the history of many hundreds and hundreds of people who have called this community home. In a large city many of those people would never be recorded in the papers.

There have been a variety of changes at this paper, first called *The Provost Star*, with the composition men laboriously setting the entire contents of each page by hand for printing. After the pages were printed the printers had to work late into the night and put each single lead letter back into its typecase to use over. The miraculous invention of the Linotype was later put to use here and transformed typesetting in the shop. Then came primitive engravings to display

illustrations to readers, followed by larger and more automated presses. A revolution came some decades later when printers experimented with a new method called offset printing and “cold type” was born. Then came early computerized phototypesetters that generated a variety of fonts and sizes of type, with some advanced and very expensive machines later having a “memory” to store the text for easier editing. Evolution brought Adobe’s creation of the Postscript language, paving the way for more advanced layout publishing software and powerful photographic imaging devices, allowing us to also produce full process colour photographs in the paper on a regular basis. Even though pages are now transmitted quickly in compressed form (PDFs) over phone lines to our own central plant for printing we still control 100 percent of the material and layout that goes into each edition.

While improvements in methods of working continues at a rapid pace, the fundamental principle and aim remains the same—striving to accurately print and deliver news and advertisements each week to a wide audience, no matter whether the type is set by hand, composed via computers—or in the future even possibly to be disseminated electronically.

We hope that as you read through these pages you will get the same amount of joy and reflection that the staff had in preparing the old issues for reproduction leading up to mark this milestone.

Now is also an excellent time to let our readers and faithful advertisers know that even though our work can be at times be challenging, we are truly happy and honoured to be welcomed into your homes and businesses. We enjoy those challenges, the ever changing technology and we do take our work seriously. We also appreciate the wonderful co-operation of everyone to get that work completed. Thank you.

As Ed Holmes (1878-1944), who in his early years worked at large daily papers in England and later Canada once said: “I still hold the conviction that there is no more a free or congenial life than that of a rural weekly editor.”

Read. Relax. Enjoy!

Editor, The Provost News.

