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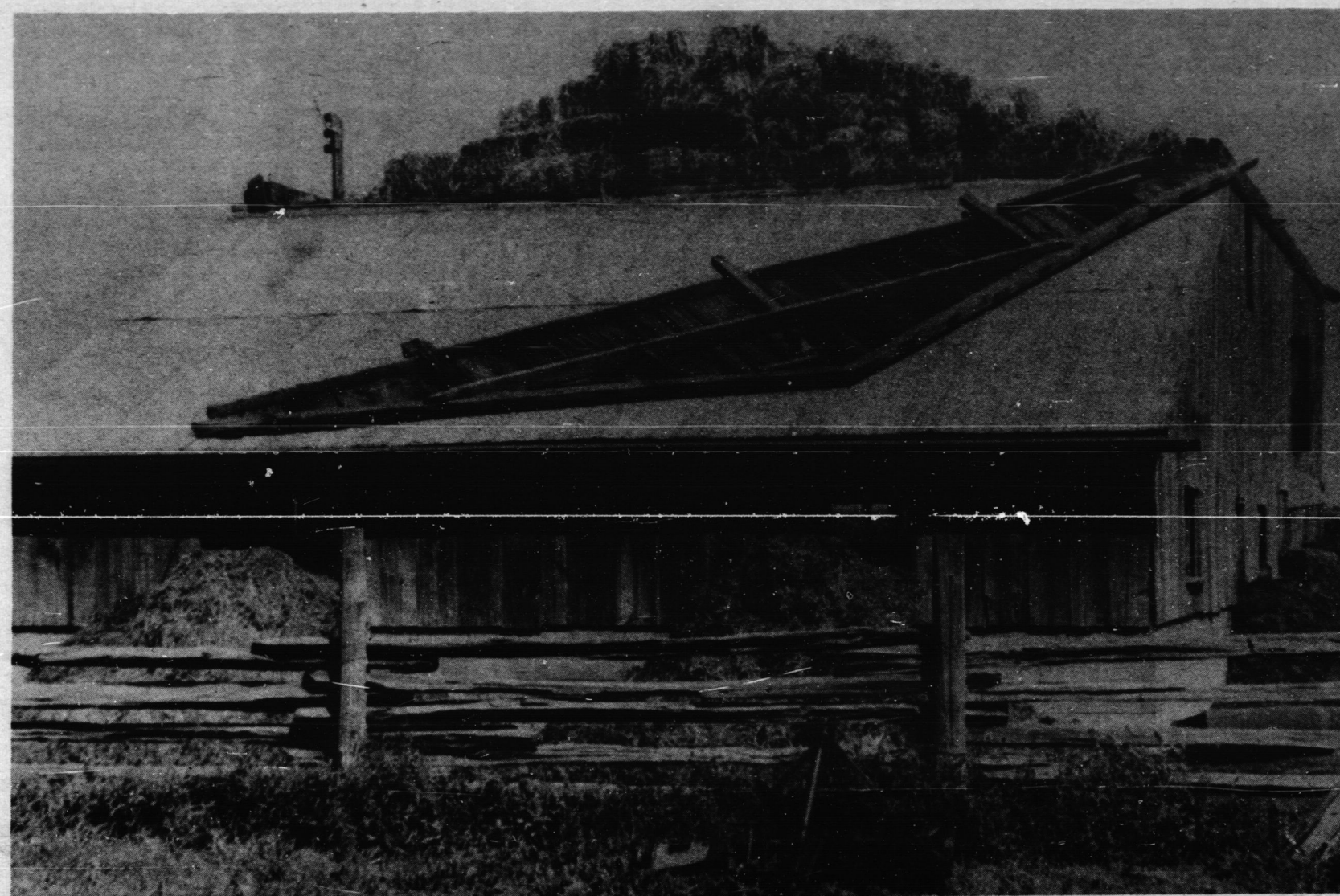
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## Mini-Twister wreaks havoc in Jarvis



In what could almost be described as a mini-twister, wind ripped through an R.R. 5 Simcoe farm causing an estimated \$2,000 damage.

Mrs. Dan O'Dwyer said the storm lasted for about ten minutes. "It was just literally white out there, I stood at the kitchen door and couldn't see anything more than foot away from the house. I saw a shadow fly past and thought it might be our picnic table."

The "shadow" was the roof of a pig barn, about 50 feet away from the O'Dwyer home. The roof was torn off the barn, hit a nearby drivehouse in two places causing extensive damage, broke a rail fence and landed in two different places. Part of the roof landed in a pasture field on the O'Dwyer property, and half was deposited on the porch of their house.

Twisted wreckage litters the O'Dwyer farm, but friends and neighbours are helping to clean up the damage and restore the barn.

The O'Dwyer's had wind insurance on the barn, but the insurance company dropped the policy on May 25 of this year.

## Delegates protest urban service charge

by Trisha Banks

A delegation of 14 ratepayers from the outside southern limits of Caledonia were present at Haldimand Council Monday night, to protest the assessment of the local improvement rates in rural Caledonia, that they claim do not benefit them.

A spokesman for the delegation told council they "wanted a justification for the tax."

Regional treasurer, Charles Douglas told the ratepayers that it would have been more fitting for the delegation to appear at regional council rather than at the area municipality, because "The region sets the amount for sewer and water facilities which must be collected from each of the area municipalities."

Mr. Douglas told the delegation that under the mandatory advertising legislation, the Urban Service Area proposal sewer and water rates had been published in the Caledonia Sachem so that residents could file objections. The ad was to appear three times consecutively, but at the end of the mandatory 21 day wait, when the region was to present its affidavit confirming that no one had complained, the region found that the Sachem had only published the notice once.

It was suggested to the region by the Ontario Municipal Board that they publish the notice one more time and wait seven days for any complaints.

During the seven day period, the region received four objections to the rates, of which three were dropped. The region at that point had the option of holding an Ontario Municipal Board hearing, or excluding that person's property from the rate levy.

Mr. Douglas said that before the advent of regional government, Caledonia had adequate sewer systems for Caledonia at that time. However, with regional government, Caledonia was already well under way with a new sewer system designed to fulfill expected future needs.

"If we could establish the area going to be served under this system," said Mr. Douglas, "it seemed unfair to burden Caledonia people with the entire cost, since they had already paid for their system. The region has already spent almost one million dollars on expanding

the sewer facilities in Caledonia." Mr. Douglas told the delegation that one area in particular, East River Road, had a problem with septic tanks and the region hopes to put the area under the new system.

Mayor David Pierson said, "There are two types of property owners which we are concerned with. There are the property owners on East River Road that should be and will be serviced within one to two years. Then there are the outlying areas which are a little further out of town, but which we hope to put under the new system."

A spokesman for the delegation told council, "I can't see us sitting here for 10 years paying these rates and not getting the services."

Mr. Douglas said, "The

urban sewer charge is really an offset to other users of the system in Caledonia proper who have already paid off, and are starting to pay into a new system. You don't pay any other way for the services. When you get on the system, you will have to pay 30 cents a foot and \$15 a connection over the next 40 years.

Councillor Gerald Haslam said, "If we are charging for something he is not receiving then I feel he is entitled not to pay for it. He has a legitimate complaint. I feel we should reimburse these people."

It was decided to refer the matter to the regional engineering committee.

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## Rift develops over bylaw 41

Bylaw 41 has caused a rift to develop between the Cayuga Rod and Gun Club and Mr. and Mrs. Bent Stidsen, with Haldimand Council as mediators.

Mr. and Mrs. Stidsen appeared as delegates to council demanding that they enforce their own bylaws. Bylaw 41 states that no one may discharge a firearm

within 500 feet of a residence.

The Rod and Gun Club, which has been in its present location for the past 14 years, is within 400 feet of the Stidsen home.

Mr. Stidsen told council that bylaw 41 had a great deal to do with their decision

to locate their new home in the Rod and Gun locality.

Mr. Stidsen said the situation was almost intolerable. The Stidsens had appeared at council before with their problem but had received no action, and were back again Monday night to request another hearing.

Mr. Stidsen told council he

had a few suggestions to clear up the problem. He suggested that the Gun club relocate with financial help from the Town of Haldimand limit membership to what it was before the bylaw was passed, or for the Stidsens themselves to move, which he claimed was out of the question.

Councillor Robert Dell told Mr. Stidsen that it was

impossible for the council to take taxpayers money and relocate the gun club for the benefit of one taxpayer.

Mayor David Pierson told the Stidsens "Bylaws are not retroactive and the club is a non-conforming use."

Finance chairman Alistair McEachern said he would look into the matter once again.

## Correction

Temporary post office hours will be from 8:30 to 5:45 p.m. weekdays, and 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

A letter drop box has also been placed outside the temporary Post Office quarters.