

LOCAL NEWS

Castleton Sports Club up for award

The Castleton Sports Club has been nominated for an Award of Rural Excellence from the Foundation of Rural Living.

Initiated in 1999, the awards of Rural Excellence recognize and celebrate communities, communities of interest, organizations and groups doing things to improve the quality of life in rural Ontario.

Nominated in the Outstanding Voluntarism and/or Partnership in the Voluntary Sector category, the awards will be presented at the Ontario Rural Council's annual conference in Alliston, ON on October 25.

The Castleton Sports Club has been in existence for over 35 years. In that time, it has created the Castleton Fields sports facilities with ball and soccer fields, playground on Castleton Public School property, and, new this year, a canteen facility. The Club also takes care of the flooding, maintenance and

supervision of an outdoor skating rink.

Comprised of a group of dedicated and hardworking volunteers who have proven their ability to raise capital even during tough time, the baseball, soccer and fitness programs are offered through the many volunteers who give hours of their time doing registration, coaching and refereeing.

The Awards of Excellence are sponsored by founding member Pioneer Hi-Bred Limited and partners The Co-operators and Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs.

The Foundation for Rural Living was founded in 1979 as a non-profit, charitable organization to act as a catalyst to support and build health by rural communities in Ontario. The foundation partners with rural communities and organization to create and build endowments and funds to sustain projects and local dreams.

Public meeting October 10 on bottler's demand for water

An area water bottling company seeking to increase the maximum amount of water it can draw for a proposed Vernonville-area plant was scheduled to host a public meeting Wednesday night, October 10 in Colborne.

The application to the Environment Ministry by CJC Bottling Limited, north of Grafton, has created a lot of public attention. The Concerned Citizens of Haldimand held a public meeting last month that drew area residents concerned about their well water and water levels in general. Representatives from the ministry and local conservation authority were also there but CJC Bottling was not invited.



John Corcoran

At the time, CJC Bottling president John Corcoran said the company planned to hold its own public information session to share scientific

data on the application for the new plant's water supply. The current plant, near Ste. Anne's Country Inn & Spa, is supplied by other licensed wells in that area.

The company's long-term plan is to close the Grafton-area plant and operate the bottling facility at the proposed Vernonville site, Mr. Corcoran said.

CJC Bottling placed ads in area newspapers to invite the public to the October 10, 7 p.m. meeting at the Keeler Centre, 80 Division Street, Colborne.

Mr. Corcoran was unavailable for comment on the details of the consultants' presentation by press time.

Because of the increased public attention on water taking, the Environment Ministry has twice extended the period for public comment on CJC's application. The deadline is now October 26.

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Fire razes residence

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For the second day in a row Colborne/Cramahe firefighters were called to a house fire in Cramahe Township.

Fortunately, no one was injured in last Thursday's blaze. It came on the heels of an explosion and fire in Colborne that killed four people and seriously burned two others shortly after midnight October 2.

The firefighters were assisting an investigator with the Ontario Fire Marshal's office at the scene of the deadly explosion and fire when they were called to Branscombe Road, east of Colborne, around 2:30 p.m. Thursday, October 4. An estimated \$80,000 damage resulted from the blaze.

The firefighters had had very little sleep since Wednesday's tragedy on Victoria Beach Road.

But when they got the new call, they quickly loaded their gear into the fire trucks to respond to the blaze. While en route, they could see black smoke from the fire in the distance.

Arriving at the scene, firefighters found flames erupting from the windows of the home and the rear of the building collapsed.

Brighton Fire Department and later Haldimand/Alnwick Fire Department were called to help with their water tankers. But the house could not be saved.

The lone occupant of the home was not injured in the blaze. The cause of the blaze is under investigation.

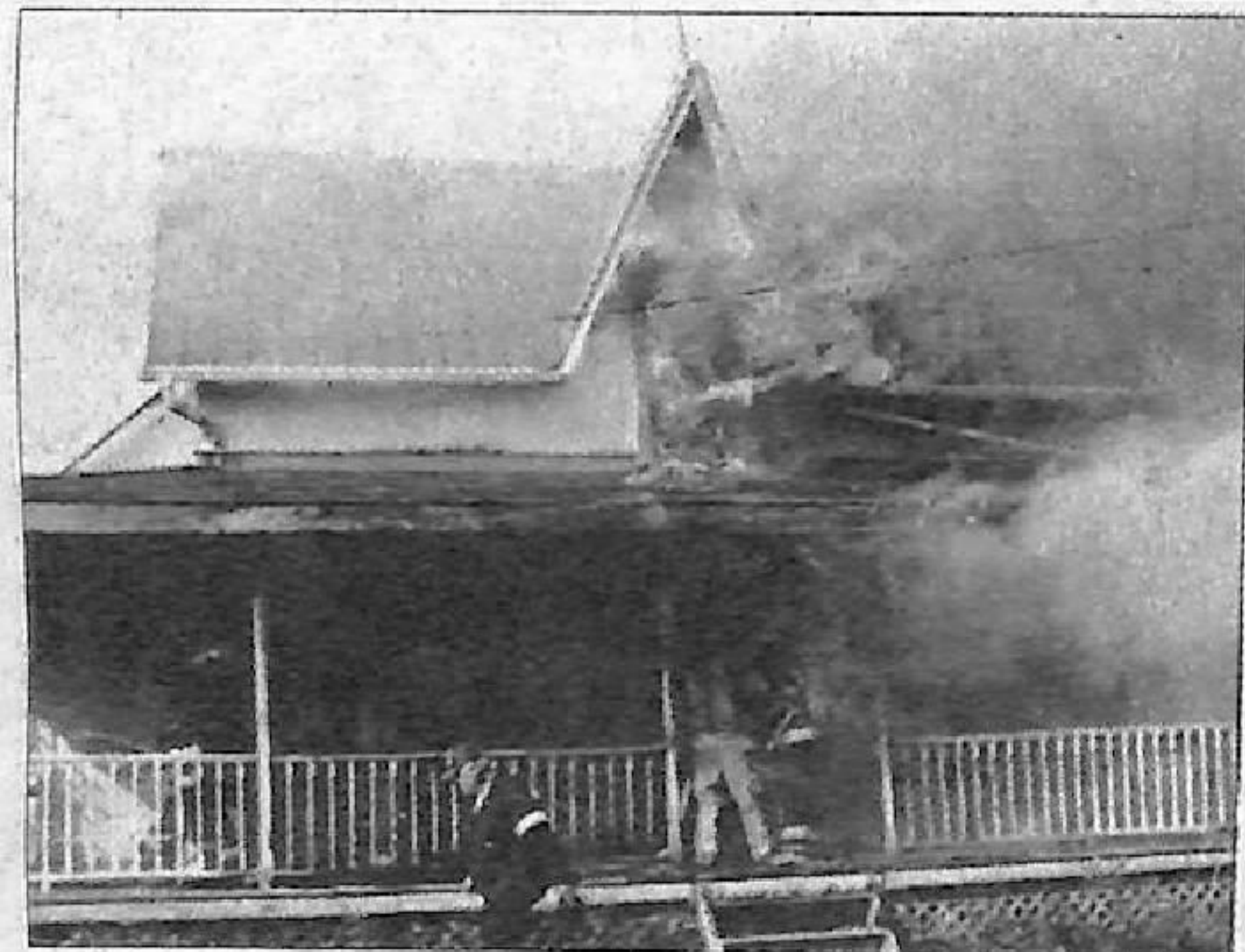


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FIRE ABOVE: Flames shoot out the second storey of a home on Branscombe Road in Cramahe Township Thursday October 4 as firefighters try to advance handlines inside the home. Colborne/Cramahe firefighters were helping the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office investigate a house explosion in Cramahe Township Wednesday that

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