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neighbour Joy Stephen said she was putting garbage out when she spotted the fire.

"I heard crackling, I looked next door and Brian's house was totally in flames," she said.

The home owner, Brian Lee, escaped by jumping out a window, the neighbour said.

"At the top of the house, there is a window. He got out on the roof and jumped down."

Ms. Stephen said the man told her he had been sleeping when the fire started.

"I thought he was dead," Ms. Stephen

occupant had escaped the blaze.

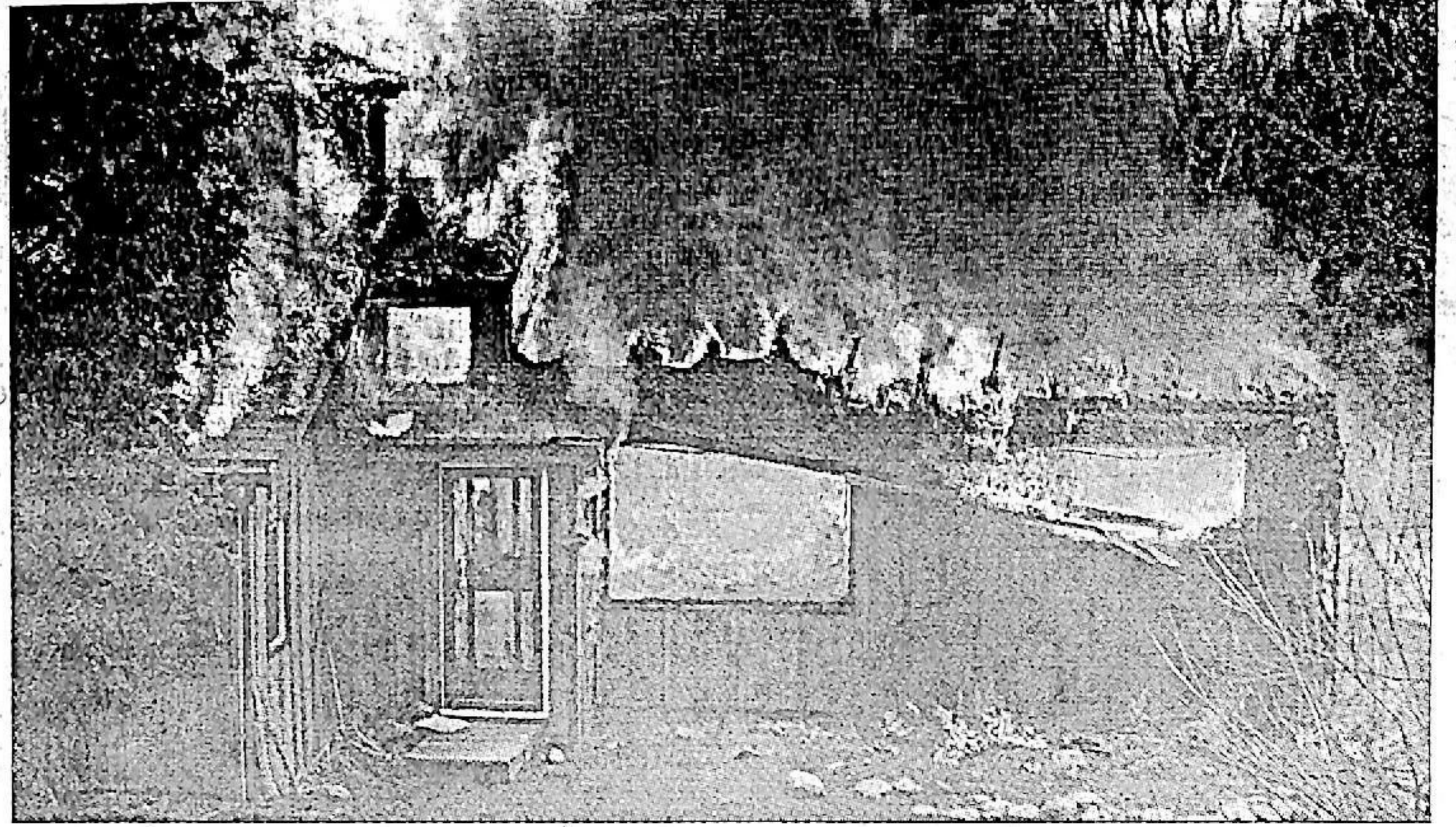
"The back (of the) house was too fully involved," Chief Cammack said. "It wasn't safe to enter."

Flames were so intense during the fire, they melted the siding of Ms. Stephen's neighbouring home.

More than 20 firefighters from both departments brought the fire under control within 20 minutes.

While dousing flames at the rear of the two-storey home, firefighters Brandon Northrup and Derek Masters rescued a dog trapped on a raised deck.

"We were trying to knock the fire down



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