

Fire destroys Cash and Save

Fire completely destroyed the home and business of a Combermere family on Saturday January 10.

The fire occurred at Cash and Save on Highway 62, just outside of Combermere, between 6:00 and 6:15 pm. Mr. Howard Magda said that he went passed the store at 6:00 pm on his way to the dump. When he returned a short while later, he saw the Hagan's home completely in flames.

Mrs. Sandra Hagan was bathing her 7 month old child, Trevor and went into the living room to get her 2 year old son, Derek, when she noticed smoke seeping out of the office. When she opened the door the flames spread out. She grabbed the two children and escaped out of the building.

Mr. Hagan was upstairs when he realized what was happening. He was forced to climb out an upstairs window on to the roof and escape down the TV antennae.

Mr. Gerald Bloom and Mr. Robin McLean arrived at the scene and drove the family to the hospital. Mr. Hagan and son Derek were released that night. Both were treated for shock and

Mr. Hagan received 2nd degree burns on his arms and shoulders.

Mrs. Hagan received 1st and 2nd degree burns on her face and hands. She is expected to be released from the hospital in a few days.

Seven month old Trevor received 2nd degree burns.

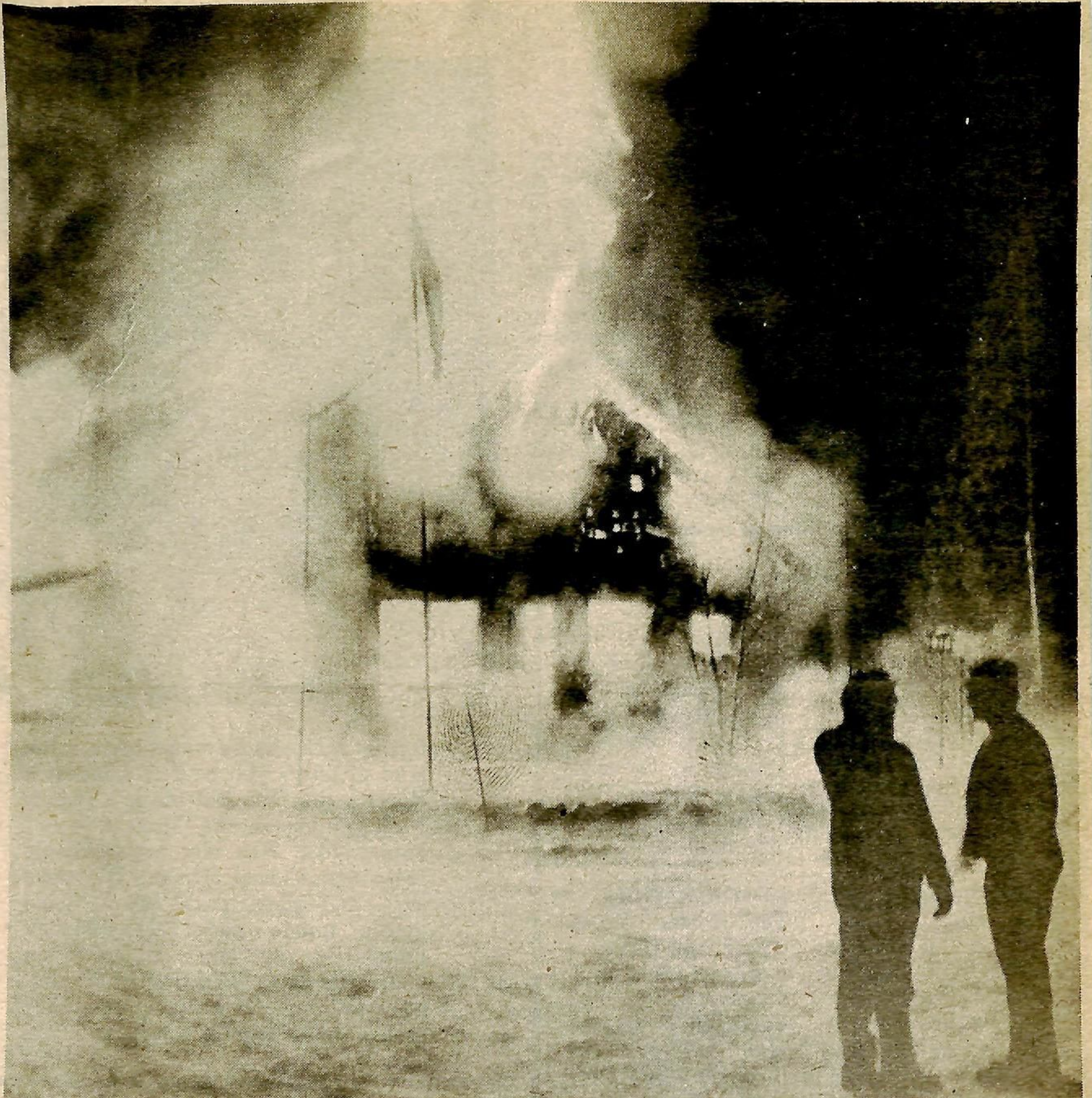
The Radcliffe Volunteer Fire department was summoned and arrived within minutes to find the fire completely out of control. All that could be done at that time was to prevent the fire from spreading to the forest and the nearby buildings.

The fire department of Sherwood Jones and Burns was called to the scene. The Radcliffe fire truck and an auxiliary pump which was hooked up to a nearby creek helped in preventing the flames from spreading.

The building was completely destroyed. Firemen attended the fire throughout the night. By Sunday the flames had subsided.

"The cause of the fire is unknown at the present time" said Radcliffe fire chief Bob Coulas.

The building and contents are a total loss, the value of which is unknown at time of printing.



Flames soared high as firemen tried to prevent the fire from spreading at

Cash and Save in Combermere on Saturday



Mrs. Anita Boles, a representative of the Radcliffe Fire Fighters' Association presented Bob Coulas, Fire Chief Radcliffe Volunteer Fire Department with a cheque for \$500.00. This money will be used towards the purchase of a two-way radio system with a quick alert system. The money was raised at a fund raising dance. To establish the Fire Fighters' Association the volunteer fire fighters donated part of their monies earned from the point system. The purpose of the Association is to organize fund raising events and social activities. In order to maintain interest, social events such as the Firemen's Ball will be held October 20.



Personal safety equipment consisting of an approach suit and Scott air pack. Chuck Sharpe (left) outlines the procedure used while Tom Roberts (right) demonstrates. Fire Chief Bob Coulas in background.