



### BARN LOST TO BLAZE

Four fire departments answered a call at William McKay's farm on East Zorra-Tavistock Concession 9 Monday night but were unable to save his barn. Hickson fire chief Sherman Kropf said the main barn was "beyond saving when we arrived" as fire had already collapsed the roof and one wall. He credited neighboring farmers as well as the Innerkip and Tavistock fire departments for supplying water which allowed them to spare an adjacent pole barn. The Embro fire department was originally dispatched at about 9:15 p.m. but learned the fire was in Hickson's jurisdiction. They used their tanker and pumper for 1½-hours before leaving. Kropf said most of the Hickson firefighters left at midnight, with a four-man crew watching the debris overnight. No damage estimate has been prepared yet. A hay bale elevator, a wagon, a snowmobile and seven puppies were lost in the blaze. Pictured immediately above, Catherine and Kevin Kitching help firefighters beat the heat with some hard earned cold drinks.

(Staff photos by Ted Rhodes)