

The rampaging Credit worst in years

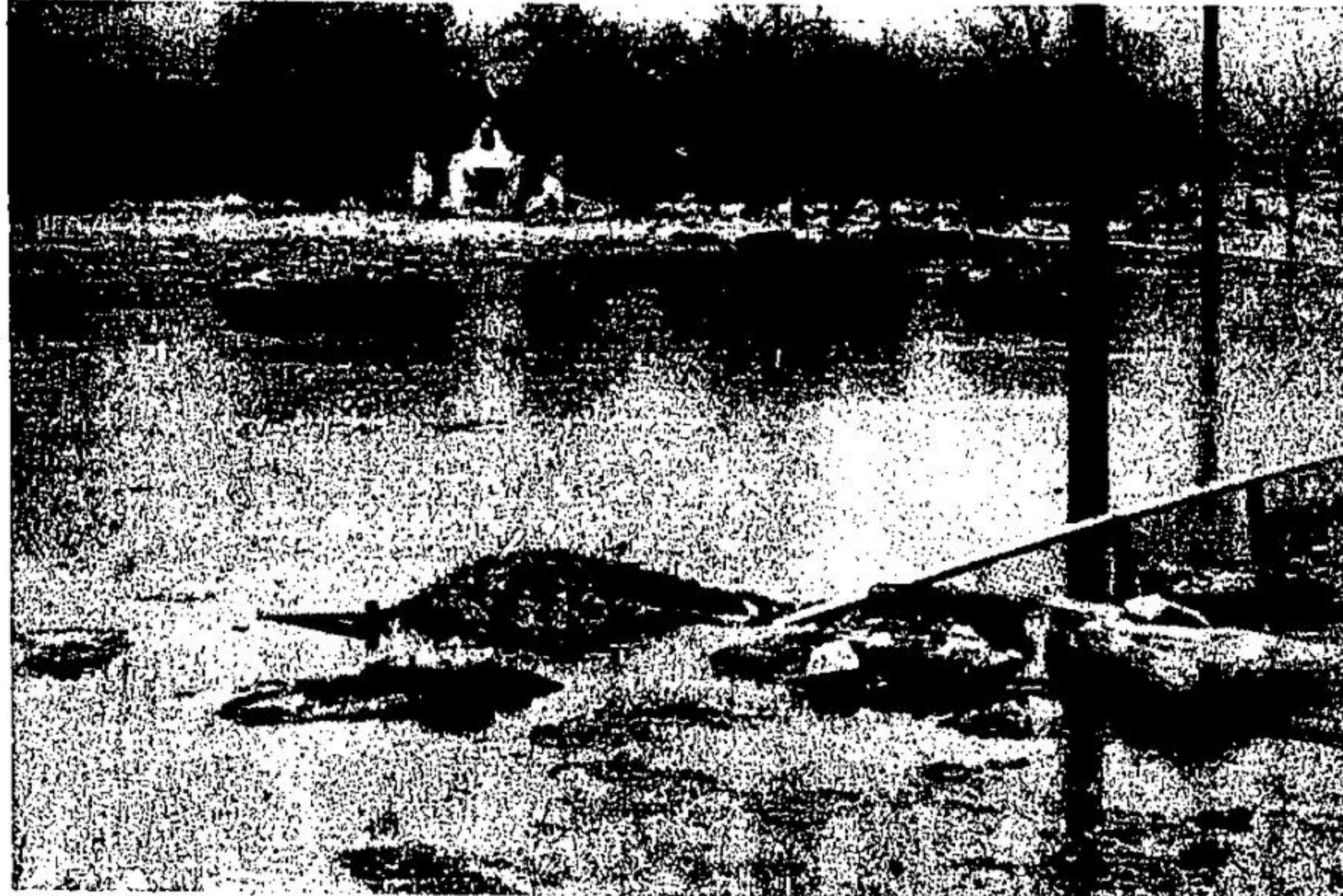


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Bernie Egerton, the District Volunteer Deputy Chief and Bernie Van Fleet, Acton's Volunteer Fire Chief, chart a hazardous course through titanic icebergs. They borrowed a boat from the Credit Valley Boat Co. to rescue Mrs. Grace House from the old Davidson Homestead. Some firemen weren't as lucky as the above two and took unexpected dips in the icy flood waters of the Credit.



"Road closed, no exit" was extremely accurate Friday morning when the Credit and Rogers Creek combined to make the trailers and cars somewhat uncomfortable.



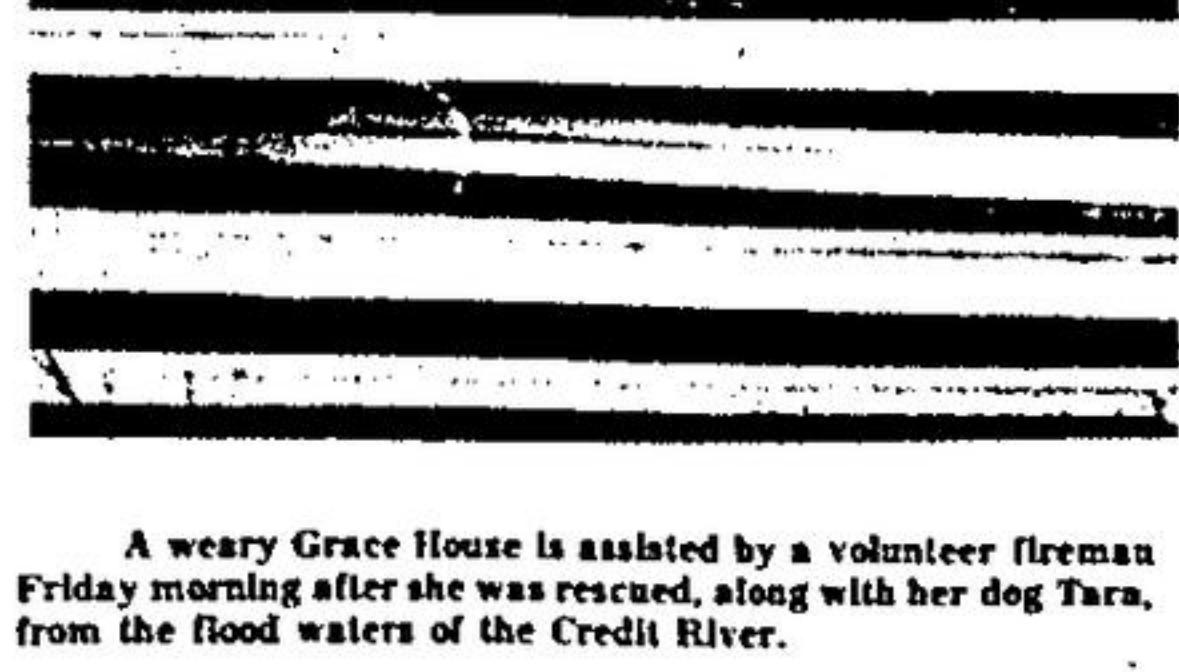
Looking from Main Street in the Glen, this was the scene that confronted residents on Friday morning. Flooding on the old Davidson homestead, owned by the Houses, and smashed fences on the baseball diamond.



The scene above was taken late Thursday evening from the Main Street bridge in Glen Williams. Friday evening the water level rose dramatically causing the ice jam to be thrown up on to the banks and onto the property of Ken and Grace House. Many residents felt the situation could have been avoided by preventive blasting.



A weary Grace House is assisted by a volunteer fireman Friday morning after she was rescued, along with her dog Tara, from the flood waters of the Credit River.



A front end loader from Wheeler's Haulage toiled for more than two hours to clear massive sheets of ice away from Confederation Street Friday morning. The ice was piled up to five feet high on sections of the road.



A Global television cameraman donned chest-high waders to get some live footage for Global News which featured a report on the flooding by Peter Silverman.



Glen resident Elmer Shire had to chop the ice that floated into his yard and driveway when the river overflowed its banks. Elmer said that the flood was the worst he's seen since he moved to the Glen in 1962.