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Local beef cattle farmers, Roland and Peggy Height have been plagued by bad luck for a second time this year.

This past Sunday during the early morning, a thunder and lightning storm swept over the area. During the storm, several cattle on his rented pasture near 30 Sideroad and First Line took shelter under a large maple tree. Consequently, six beef cattle and a bull calf, 5 months old, were struck and killed by the lightning. The loss is estimated at \$10,000.

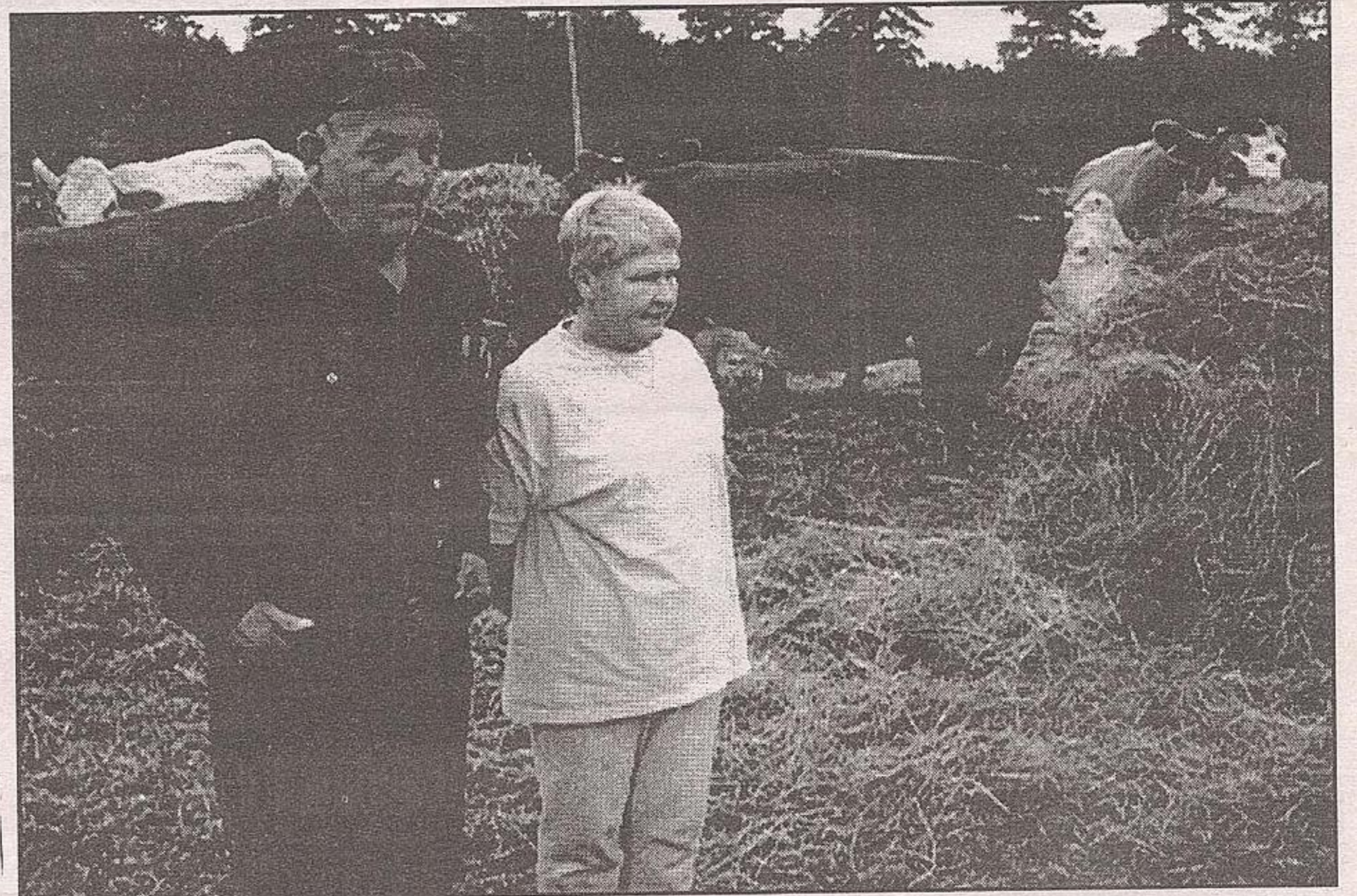
Peggy was informed of the news late Sunday morning by a neighbour and greeted

Roland with the sad news after he returned from church around noon.

Earlier this year in January, Roland was housing 11 of his cattle in a barn in

Arthur. His son Tim had exotic birds and animals there and required the cattle to help heat the barn and keep his menagerie warm during the winter. A fire of unknown

origin destroyed the barn and it's contents. Height's son lost more than \$50,000 in animals and equipment while Roland and Peggy lost \$16,000 with their cattle.



DEVASTATED: Area beef cattle farmers Roland and Peggy Height check their remaining herd after lightning struck and killed many early Sunday morning. *Ted Tyler photo*

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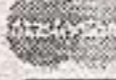
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