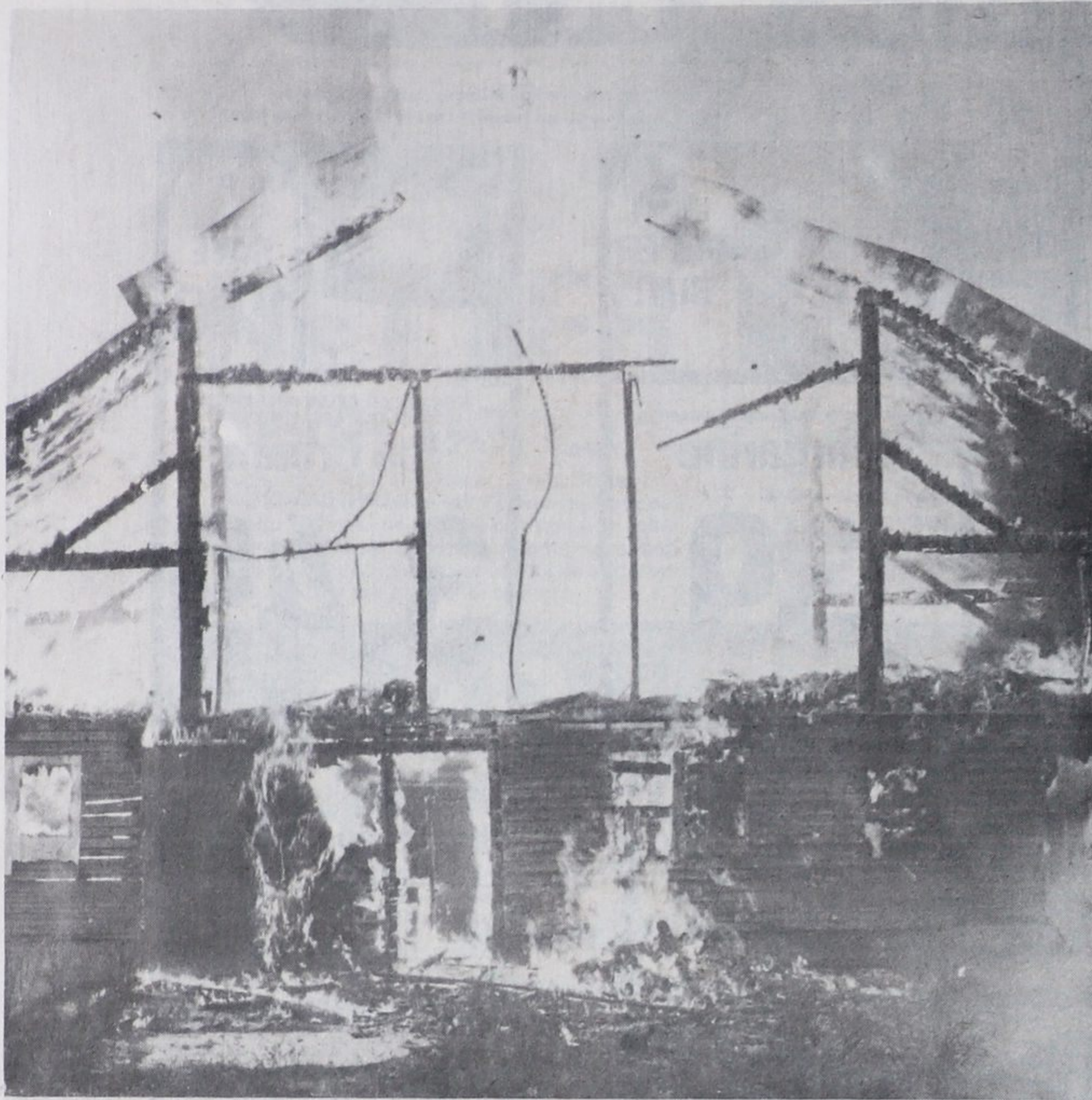


# Raging inferno consumes barn

## Firemen work into night to contain stubborn blaze



Firemen worked late into the night of Saturday, Oct. 1 to quell a blaze which completely destroyed a barn belonging to Cyril Robitaille, of Tiny Concession 18. Two trucks from Lafontaine, two from Northwest Basin (including the new pumper, shown here) and a tanker truck from Wyevalle answered the call, at about 3:30 p.m. Tiny Township Fire Chief Guy Maurice called the tragic fire 'a sad affair' and said it was difficult to estimate the damage, since the cost of reconstructing a barn of that size would be enormous. The barn was used for hay and potato storage. It took less than an hour for the flames to reduce the barn to smouldering rubble. No one was injured in the blaze. Fire Chief Maurice said the cause of the fire is under investigation by the OPP.

—Photos by Rod Prouse and Carol Dimock



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