

Mini-tornado demolishes newly built Uxbridge home

UXBRIDGE — A mini-tornado is being blamed for levelling a nearly-completed house in Uxbridge's Quaker Village subdivision.

Richard Tripodi, president of builder Foxbridge Corporation, confirmed that a funnel of wind ripped through the west-end development Saturday at about 8:10 p.m.

"It's one of those things that happens in construction and

we're just happy no one was injured," Mr. Tripodi said in an interview Monday.

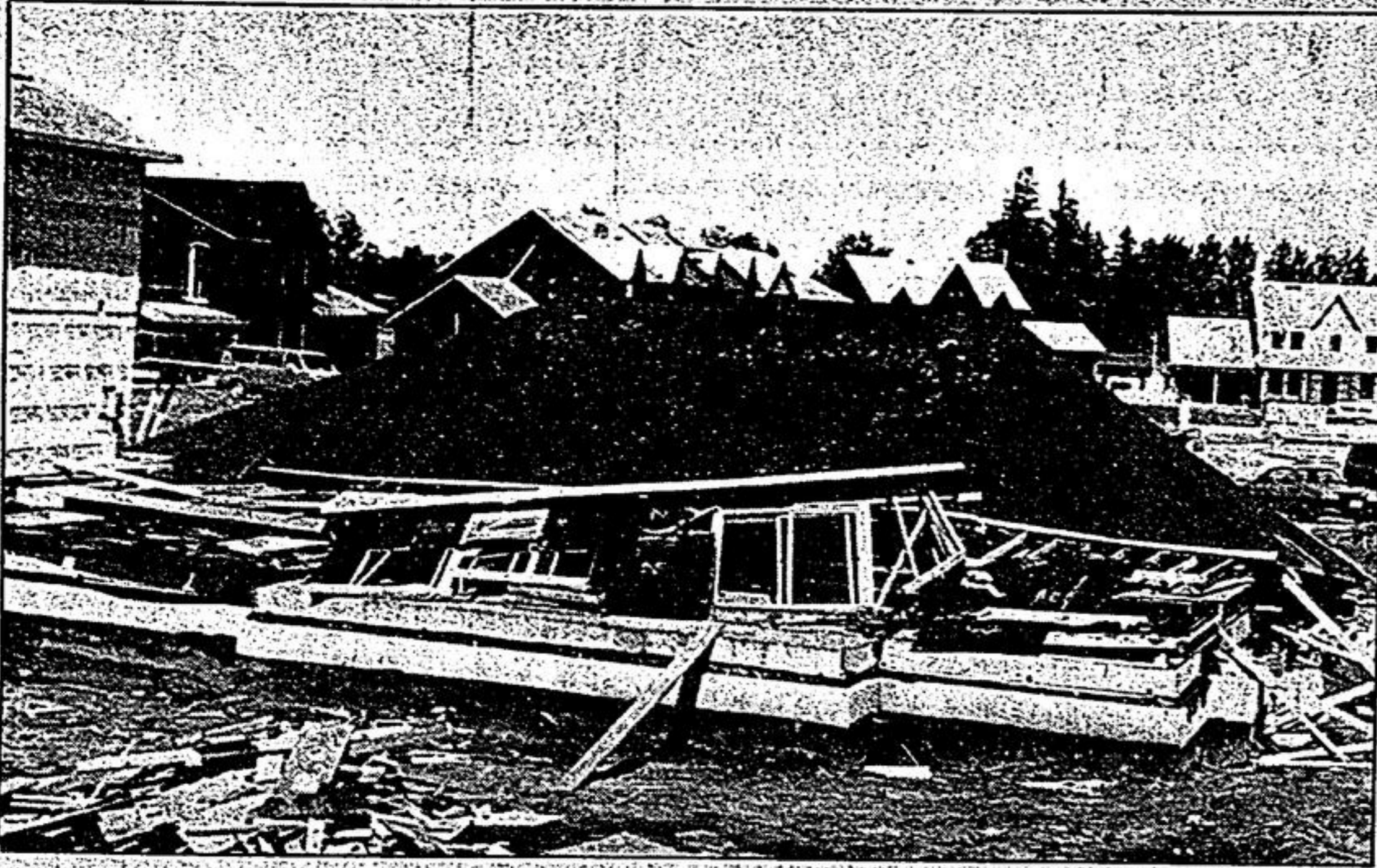
The full amount of an estimated \$50,000 in damage is covered by builder's risk insurance, he claimed, adding the Uxbridge model was ready to be bricked at the time the twister struck.

While damage was confined to the one structure, debris was scattered over the surrounding area.

Mr. Tripodi said his company will attempt to rebuild the demolished house as fast as possible so not to inconvenience its purchasers.

"It's pretty traumatic for them and we're trying to do everything we can to help," he said.

Quaker Village includes 85 homes in its initial phase, the first of which are expected to be ready for occupancy in mid-September.



A house in Uxbridge's Quaker Village subdivision was flattened by a mini-twister Saturday, just before it was to have been bricked. — Chris Shanahan

Office serves labor needs

By DENISE McDONALD WHITCHURCH — Whitchurch-Stouffville's federally-regulated employees and industries will now be covered by their own Labor Canada jurisdiction.

Labor Minister Pierre H. Cadieux officially announced July 14 the opening of a fourth branch office in Toronto.

According to a press release, the new office, located at 4211 Yonge Street, will serve Stouffville, Richmond Hill, Orillia, North Bay, Newmarket, Midland, Concord, Barrie, Aurora, Timmins,

Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie. In addition, it'll service the head offices of banks throughout the Toronto area.

The federal labor jurisdiction covers industries such as broadcasting, airlines, banks and most federal Crown corporations, as well as all trucking, shipping and railway transport industries that cross provincial or national boundaries.

It also administers the Canada Labor Code, which regulates occupational safety and health in federal government offices.

In the press release, Mr. Cadieux emphasized Labor Canada's commitment to serving federally-regulated industries in the region, and noted it's also planning to open a satellite office in Sudbury come fall.

"With the new office, the region will be able to emphasize the importance of employer and employee participation and their responsibilities in relation to the Canada Labor Code and to assist the parties in improving safety and health in the workplace," it reads.

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