

AT CRESCENT BEACH, near Hamilton, cottages were caught in the path of 60-mile-per-hour, tornado-like wind and rain storm which caused 500 persons to flee their homes in centres from Windsor to Oshawa. Hundreds of cars tumbled into the ditches



AT OSHAWA, two residents of the Lakeshore area salvage a stove from another ravaged home. Cottagers in that area called Saturday night's storm worst in 30 years



AT LONG BRANCH, Robert Stiff, son Bobby and wife Jean, with the daughter of a neighbor, are shown amongst the debris of their wrecked home. Stiff was told he could keep house if he repaired it and moved it back from the lake. Many were condemned

FURIOUS WAVES RUIN 21 'BRANCH' HOMES

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every the load of assisting these people without aid from outside," the news said after he had seen the full extent of the damage. He would seek an immediate conference with Premier Frost or members of his cabinet to discuss the problem, he added.

For years the village has urged the provincial government to share the cost of a \$700,000, mile-long breakwater to protect the lakeshore homes. Now, supported by the mute testimony of shattered houses and homeless families, the reeve said he would again place the council's case before the government in the hope that other homes may be saved from other storms.

"The blueprints are already prepared. But the cost is so high that a municipally the size of ours cannot possibly afford to pay it all," he asserted. "The government has considered introducing legislation which would permit it to provide aid, but to date has given no assurance that it will."

GLAD TO ESCAPE WITH LIVES
Late Saturday night an east wind began to blow. It whipped Lake Ontario into a frenzy. And the Jarker it got, the harder the wind blew, and the higher the waves became. In the worst storm in the memory of residents, the hungry waves tore at lakefront homes in Long Branch, Mimico and New Toronto, heaving, twisting, battering them with stones, logs, wreckage, until the owners fled, thankful to escape with their lives.

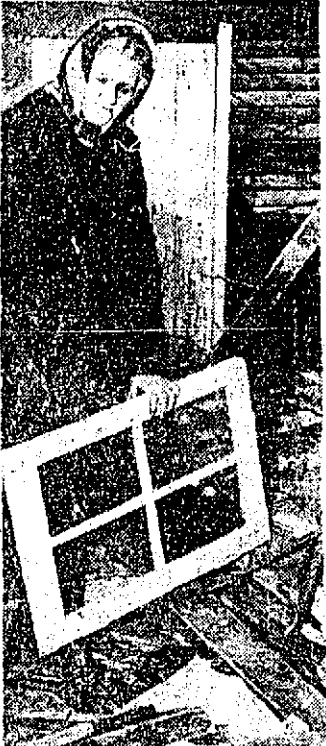
All night the waves battered houses along Lake Promenade in Long Branch. The wind fell somewhat at daybreak, but later awoke with renewed fury, and continued its work of destruction. One home in New Toronto at the foot of Fourth St., disappeared completely, and several houses in Long Branch broke up bit by bit and were swallowed by the lake.

RISK LIVES IN SALVAGE WORK
Village officials, works department employees, firemen and innumerable volunteers risked their lives to move furniture from the homes, many of them surrounded by a foot of rushing water at the height of the storm. As Reeve Carter and others worked to save houses to salvage as much as possible, a wall washed in, soaking everyone to the skin.

Among those who spent a grueling night were Mr. and Mrs. George Cairns and their children, Billy, Lola and Sandra. When the waves started to break up the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Weller next door, they went over and moved furniture to the kitchen away from the lake. No sooner had this been done, then they found their own house starting to break up, and they had to move their own furniture to the kitchen.

HOUSE SPLIT IN TWO
Sunday morning, after spending a night of terror, Mrs. George Billy had farewell to her home with tears in her eyes. Even as town workmen moved out the furniture belonging to her family, the house split in two. Mr. and Mrs. Billy and their four children were without a home for seven hours. It took Fred Anderson 20 minutes to get the door of his home open to let his wife and family of seven small children out. When the waves knocked off its foundations, his wife suffered two badly injured knees, and Pamela, two, received bruised shoulders and a cut when they were knocked out.

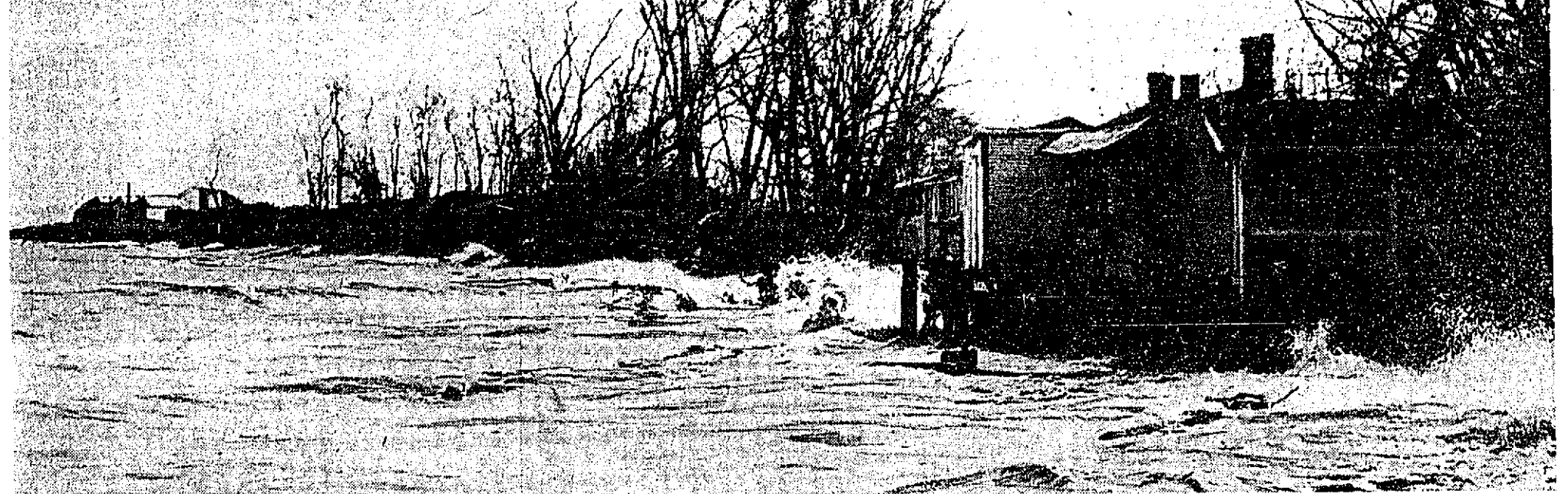
Mrs. Anderson of bed. Clad only in such clothing as their parents could snatch up, Bobby, 10, Barbara and Beverley, eight-year-old twins, Joanne, seven, Heather, four, Pamela and Vicki, six months, were rushed to neighbors on higher ground. Their trim little bungalow, which they had contracted to have moved back from the lake, is tilted into the water, holes in the floor where the posts on which it rested have gone through. After town workmen had worked against time to move their furniture before the waves washed it into the lake, a big wave picked it up, tilted over the stove, and set fire to the house. Mr. Anderson, neighbors and volun-



WINDOW frame from cottage is held by M. Sampson, ordered to find new home



CATS take refuge on porch of one condemned residence in the Long Branch district



WAVES ARE SWEEPED IN from Lake Ontario to smash against these homes at Long Branch, an area which suffered the most damage. Police were forced to set up flares and detour traffic as water flooded over highways in various sections. Highways were



WAVES BREAK BEFORE boathouse at Kew Beach in Toronto's east end. Near Windsor, 250 persons fled their homes when Lake St. Clair overflowed and inundated the area until Sunday afternoon. Southwest of city, thousands of acres of farmland suffered

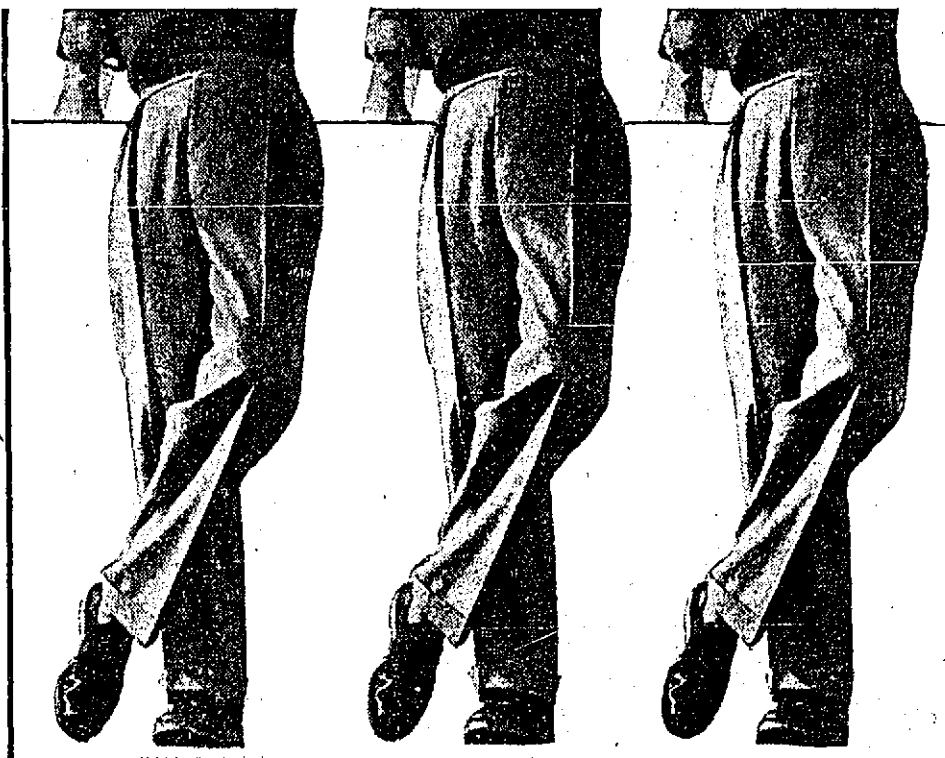


AN IMMIGRANT FAMILY, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kubart and their children are homeless near Port Credit. Here Arno, 7; Anne, 5, and Ursula, 3, are comforted in bed by their mother with Ingrid, 16, and Wolfgang, 14, all from Germany

RAP U.S. STATE DEPT. OVER LAKE LEVEL ACTION LAXITY

Washington, March 24—(AP)—A. O. Stanley, chairman of the U.S. section of the international joint commission, Saturday rapped the U.S. state department for its "seeming unwillingness" to act in bringing about a decline in the ruinous high levels of the Great Lakes. He urged, in a letter which representative Harold G. Osterg (Rep.-N.Y.) said will be inserted in the Congressional record, that the high water problem be referred "instantly" to the commission. Prime Minister St. Laurent told Parliament Friday he will consider

to it from the state department in the U.S. and in Canada. Stanley's letter, criticizing the state department for its failure to make the referral, was sent to W. R. Vallance, assistant to the legal adviser of the state department. Stanley said the fact that the present lake levels are critically high—thus causing property owners "millions of dollars" in damages—is "utterly indefensible." He added he was "at a loss to understand alleged objections to immediate consideration of the property of continuing present admittedly artificially created controls of the level of Lake Ontario." Stanley expressed disagreement with what he said were Canadian contentions that the joint commission is "too busy" to attend to the high-water problem.



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