

# Home of Fred C. Warren Destroyed By Fire Early This A. M.

**Property Total Loss --- Family Escape  
With Very Little Clothing ---  
Neighbors Respond Quickly**

The second fire in a week at the Center destroyed the home and barn of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Warren early this morning. Mrs. Warren was awakened about 3:15 by the smell of smoke and found the kitchen all ablaze. A barrel of fuel oil in the cellar soon exploded, making it impossible to save the house or any of the furniture. Mr. Warren got his car out of the garage and saved the cattle from the barn. Except for a few clothes, all the household goods were destroyed. Two dogs were saved but a pet cat was lost in the flames of the garage.

The neighbors rang in the alarm and the Waterbury Fire Department responded, as did many neighbors. The milk house adjoining the barn was saved, and the work of the Department, aided by a rain that had just fallen, prevented the grass fires that might have resulted. The loss of several thousand dollars is partially covered by insurance. Cause of the fire is unknown.

This is the third set of buildings on this place to have burned in the last fifty years, the Stanley family having lost their home there several years ago.

Mr. Warren built the house destroyed this morning about four years ago. The family's plans are at present uncertain.

