

## FIRE DEPARTMENT BATTLE STUBBORN GARAGE BLAZE

Monday during the noon hour the garage on Mrs. Albert Spencer's property on Union Street was found ablaze by Mr. Avery Carey as he was walking by and hurried to the door of the Millington apartment to notify the family.

Mr. Millington raced from the dining table to the garage where was stored furniture enough for three rooms, a car and fishing tackle.

The car belonging to the Adams family who live upstairs was parked in the driveway and was moved immediately to safer regions. When Mr. Millington unlocked the garage the rear end was ablaze nearly to the rafters.

The Fire Department arrived in its usual speedy manner, raced up to the blazing building, stopped short, backed to the nearest hydrant to find it frozen. This delay of approximately twelve and fifteen minutes gave the hungry flames a chance to completely ruin the Millington car, char and burn the furniture beyond use.

Mr. Millington had a fishing tackle collection that would have warmed the heart of any nimrod. Much of this collection was made up of gifts from Fishing Tackle Companies for whom Mr. Millington had done exhibition casting.

A four section bookcase filled with books, a fur coat and many other pieces of wearing apparel were destroyed. A clothes mangle recently moved to the garage to give additional space in the kitchen was numbered among valuables destroyed.

Had the hydrant been in working order very little damage would have resulted. "Wick" Woodward, Waterbury's old time smoke eater, was first to enter the flaming building with a hose. Chief Collins soon ordered him to safer regions more in keeping with his years.

The shingle covered garage is practically a wreck.

People in nearby houses were becoming pretty nervous as they realized that the hydrant was frozen and the fire was gaining headway. The next hydrant down the street proved to be in working order. The hose had to be carried from the first hydrant as the procedure of the fire department is to drive close to the fire and lay the hose back to the nearest hydrant.

The loss is partly covered by insurance. The fishing tackle collection alone was valued at \$300.00.