

# 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.

## :-: Young Man Drowns :-: In Lake Mansfield

Michael Morvant, 20 years of age, lost his life Monday afternoon in the wind chopped waters of lake Mansfield when a canoe in which he and his friend, W. S. Howe, overturned.

Morvant was the son of a Greenfield, Mass., tailor and was at the Lake Mansfield Trout Club as guest of W. S. Howe of Hinsdale, N. H.

Young Howe nearly lost his life in trying to save his friend. The body was recovered a little after eight that evening.

The Waterbury and Stowe Fire Departments had responded as did Motor Vehicle inspector Cleveland. Later the Enosburg Falls Department arrived with special grappling equipment and the body was soon recovered by representative from the Stowe and Enosburg Falls Department and Roland Lafayette of the local Department operating from a boat.

The Waterbury Department lost two pieces of equipment and an order has been placed for new, improved equipment.

A funeral director from Greenfield came on Tuesday and took the body of young Morvant back to his home in that city.