

Workshop At County Home Is Destroyed By Night Blaze

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City Firemen, However, Succeed In Extinguishing Fire In Two Nearby Buildings—Small Laundry Stove May Have Started Blaze—Damage Not Estimated

The workshop at the county home where caskets for the burial of indigents are made and stored was destroyed by fire early last night.

Two other nearby buildings, the smokehouse and cannery, caught but city firemen quickly extinguished the blazes with virtually no damage to the two structures.

County Manager D. W. Newsom said last night he was unable to estimate the loss caused by the workshop fire until an inventory is made of the building's contents. Several caskets and much of the county's carpenter tools were stored inside, he said.

The origin of the fire was not im-

mediately determined. However, it might have been started from a small laundry stove used to heat the building, Newsom said.

All of the meat from the smokehouse as well as a large quantity of salt purchased for curing hogs killed this winter were removed from the structure during the period it was threatened by the fire. The quantity of meat on hand was not large since none of this season's hogs has been killed.

The workshop and contents were fully covered by insurance, Newsom said.

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