

Two Valuable Business Blocks Destroyed by Week-end Fires

Lundy & Henderson Quickly Locate to Continue Service

There will be as little disruption as possible in the services offered by Lundy & Henderson, as a result of the fire which gutted their garage last Saturday.

On Monday morning the staff was at work in, or engaged in readying facilities to service their customers with as little inconvenience as possible.

The firm quickly accepted the offer of accommodation by friends, and while service may be slowed down a little the same dependable workmanship can be expected.

The general office (Phone 95) and the sales of new and used cars and trucks will be from their used car lot on Talbot Street East; General repairs will be done at Doughty & Williamson International Agency on No. 3 Highway. Specialized jobs will be done at Walter Mill's garage directly across the street from their former premises; and Truck repairs will be taken care of in the Graham & Jamieson building, Main Street S. No definite plans have as yet been formulated regarding re-building.

Lundy & Henderson Garage and Bowling Alley Burn Within Few Hours

The Jarvis Bowling Alley was reduced to ashes on Sunday morning when fire broke out around 5:30 A.M. The flames were first noticed by the CNR gateman at the Main Street crossing who turned in the alarm. The front of the building was a mass of flames when the firemen arrived and assisted by the Hagersville Fire Department efforts were concentrated in saving the American Hotel, located about ten feet to the south. The wind was favorable and the Hotel building was never seriously threatened. Hose lines were laid across the Wabash and C.N.R. lines and trains from both the west and the east were held up at the height of the fire.

The bowling alleys were built by Andrew Johnson in the summer of 1955 and have been the chief recreational area for the community since that time. Mr. Johnson operated the alleys until this year when the operation was leased to Mr. Alex Grieve, of Hamilton. The alleys were busy every night, except Saturday, for league bowling which meant that about five hundred enjoyed this recreation weekly. Mr. Johnson estimates the loss to run between \$40,000 and \$45,000.

While the cause of the fire was unknown the man who turned in the alarm said that there seemed to be an explosion which blew out the front window. Mr. Johnson stated the Bowling Alley would be rebuilt and hopes to have the building completed by next fall.

where the fire started, made it impossible for anyone to enter the building.

When the fire department first arrived on the scene they attempted to draw water from the large cistern located under the garage. The smoke soon drove them from this source and they had to move to a cistern across the street for their supply of water. When the Hagersville truck arrived they drew their water from the cistern behind the Jarvis Meat Market on Main Street. All efforts to bring the fire under control proved useless and the firemen concentrated their efforts on saving adjoining buildings.

The wind was blowing out of the north-west, directly away from the Clayton Rhora residence on the west side of the garage. For this reason the firemen were able to save the residence as well as a single car garage which abutted the Lundy and Henderson building. The old town hall on the east side of the garage was threatened for a time as well as two or three residences on the same side of the street. William Williamson, who operates a TV shop in the Town Hall Building moved the major portion of his stock to be on the safe side. Some furniture was also moved from the nearby residences. The wind continued favorable however and the flames were confined to the Garage building.

The Lundy and Henderson garage was built by Fred W. Reicheld during the winter of 1930-31. When the building first opened it contained a restaurant on the west side, an office in the front-center and the balance was devoted to the General Motors Agency then operated by Mr. Reicheld. When the property was purchased by the present firm in 1943 the entire premises was devoted to the garage business. The restaurant was converted into a paint and body shop and the former office section was converted for lubrication services. A total of fifteen were employed in the operation of the business.