

# UO Warehouse Lost In Flames

## Damage Set At \$125,000

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Fire roared through the University of Oregon physical plant warehouse last night. An hour after it was discovered, all that remained of the \$75,000 wooden, barn-like, 75-by-100 foot structure on Onyx street, between Thirteenth and Franklin, and its contents valued at \$50,000, was a charred skeleton, within which smoked a pile of twisted metal and a thick layer of smouldering ashes. No lives were endangered.

The building and its contents were insured. Origin of the blaze has not been determined.

The alarm, punched in at 8 p. m. by D. L. Lewis, former superintendent of the University physical plant, on a tip from an unidentified youngster, sent three wagons rushing over from the Eugene fire department.

### 3000 Onlookers

As a crowd of some 3,000 milled excitedly about lawns and sidewalks nearby and spilled out onto Onyx street, the firemen, reinforced by fighters from the Springfield department, by University students and others,

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(Emerald photos by Don Jones and Ted Goodwin — Wiltshire engravings.)

Scenes captured by Emerald photographers show the \$125,000 fire which destroyed the University warehouse last night.

## Warehouse Erected In 1917 for ROTC

The physical plant warehouse destroyed by fire last night was constructed in 1917 at an estimated cost of \$18,000, and was first used as an outdoor drill shed for ROTC students training for World War I.

The original site of the structure was at the corner of Thirteenth and Onyx, the present site of the infirmary. Following the war the building was converted into a gymnasium, being used first as an outdoor basketball and handball court. Later it was closed in and became an annex to the men's gymnasium located in the same block. The latter building is now the University swimming pool.

In 1936 the building was moved to its present location at Onyx between Thirteenth and Franklin to make room for the construction of the infirmary. After some remodeling the structure was put into service as a physical plant warehouse.

The building was covered by state insurance.

## Hot Competition

The Gleemen do not stand a chance  
With true and tried renditions  
When campus blazes fan and dance  
To offer competitions.

—T.W.

