

# Fire Destroys Ply-Craft Shop Last Thursday

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The interior of the Ply-Craft Products at 172 Main Street was completely destroyed last Thursday evening when a fire of undetermined origin swept through the frame building.

Smoke which crept through the walls to the near by American Legion Hall was the first warning that a fire had broken out somewhere on the block. Legionnaires who were about to break up their regular meeting notified the Port Washington Fire Department.

John Whaley, fire chief, yesterday could not estimate the amount of damage done, but several stores adjoining the Ply-Craft were marred by smoke.

George Delinanas, proprietor of the Nassau Furriers, through the News, wishes to express his appreciation for the "wonderful" work of the Fire Department and his friends who extended to him and his family, their assistance during the fire.

"The Firemen certainly performed a wonderful job" Mr. Delinanas said.

"Not only did the firemen through their prompt and efficient service, prevent a disastrous fire but they took extra precaution in preventing unnecessary damage to the valuable stock in my store. I have many thousands of dollars worth of stock and I was amazed how careful the firemen were. They had to of course, enter my place to fight the fire and keep it from spreading, but my floors were not messed up a bit and the only damage to

my stock was through smoke. Port Washington has every reason to feel proud of its Fire Department.

"My sincere thanks," he continued, "to my many friends who offered my family a place to stay during the night as my apartment was not in condition to remain in over night due to the heavy smoke which had filled it. Many also offered us clothing as we were forced from our apartment in night clothes. I never knew we had so many good friends and we thank them from the bottom of our hearts.