

Vamp, 22, Dies on Way to Fire

Port Washington—A 22-year-old fireman was fatally stricken with a heart attack yesterday as his truck rolled to a stop before a burning building. The origin of the fire is now being investigated by Nassau County fire authorities.

James Doyle, Jr., of 9 Maple St., a member of Protection Engine Co., was one of the firemen to answer the alarm which sounded around 3 p. m. yesterday. He together with Tony Muro jumped aboard their engine as it sped to the scene of the reported blaze at the home of Mrs. George Lewis at 41 Shore Rd.

As the truck braked to a stop before the building, Doyle jumped to the ground with hose in hand to attach to the curbed fire hydrant. As he took his first step toward the hydrant, Doyle slumped to the ground. Muro began

immediate attempts at resuscitation as other firemen brought up the company inhalator and others sped toward the flaming house.

Dr. David Pittman rushed to the scene and firemen found that their efforts to revive their buddy had been in vain. Doyle was pronounced dead. The Rev. John Toole, of St. Peter of Alcantara Church, gave Doyle the final rites of the church.

Det. William Sheridan, Sixth squad, was called to the scene.

In the meantime, firemen brought the blaze under control.

Chief William McCarthy put through a request to the Fire Marshall's office for an investigation of the fire's cause, Fire Marshall George Clough, together with Det. John Goebel examined the premises of the two story building. Clough said the fire had apparently started in an upstairs bedroom closet. Damage, confined to the second floor was estimated at \$2,000. Clough said that two other fires had occurred on the same premises during the past year.

Mrs. Lewis and a daughter were at home when the fire started.



HEART FAILURE felled James Doyle Jr., 22, Port Washington fireman, as he jumped from his fire truck before a burning house yesterday. Here, his buddies work in vain over the lifeless form.

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