



INJURED IN ACTION, Carl Schroeder of Protection Engine Company One is aided after being slightly injured fighting house fire early Saturday morning by (l. to r.) Tony Sigda of Flower Hill Hose Company, Mike Pickering of Flower Hill Hose Company and Bill McCarthy of Protection Engine Company. Virginia Robertson died in the fire in her home on Fairview Avenue.

(Everitt Hehn Photo)

House fire kills one

A Port Washington woman was killed in a fire in her home early Saturday morning.

Port Washington Police said that Virginia Robertson was found dead in the living room of her home at 102 Fairview Ave. in spite of efforts by volunteer firemen to rescue her.

Alexander Robertson returned to his home at about 2:15 a.m. on Saturday, police said, and when he opened the back door he smelled smoke and flames engulfed the interior of his house.

Police said Robertson ran to a neighbor, who reported the fire at 2:21 a.m.

Four firemen were slightly injured while fighting the fire: Peter Zwerlein, Donald Kurz, Wayne Gaddy, and Carl Schroeder.

By 2:56 a.m. the fire was under control and Ms. Robertson had been pronounced dead. The fire re-ignited in the attic at 7:39 a.m. and was again put out by all the Port fire companies.

A Fire Department spokesman said the blaze began in the living room from an undetermined cause. The house was almost completely destroyed.

Ms. Robertson was 63 years old and had lived in Port Washington since 1936.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by an aunt, Frances Earnest.

The funeral was on Monday at Knowles Funeral Home and interment was private.



FIRE KILLS WOMAN, DESTROYS HOUSE on Fairview Avenue early Saturday morning. Virginia Robertson was found dead in the living room of her home after Port Washington Fire Department brought blaze under control at 2:56 a.m. Cause of fire is undetermined.

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