

Wenonah Fire Ruins Abandoned Factory; Arson Is Suspected

WENONAH—An abandoned pill factory here was destroyed by fire early this morning.

More than 75 men from three area fire departments fought flames for three hours in an effort to bring the blaze under control.

The old factory, formerly known as the Clark and Clark Pill Factory, was located on Southwest Ave.

Jack Hart, assistant fire chief of the Wenonah Fire Department, directed fire-fighting operations. He said the blaze was "definitely of a suspicious origin."

The initial alarm at the Wenonah Fire Company was sounded at 3:20 a.m. today. Subsequent alarms brought in men and equipment from Mantua and Woodbury Heights.

Green-Fields Fire Company was put on a standby alert during the blaze. Ten pieces of fire-fighting equipment were at the scene. The blaze was brought under control about 5:30 a.m.

Hart said the old factory has been abandoned for more than five years. The empty factory was reportedly the scene of at least two other fires over the years, according to Hart, the most recent occurring a little over two years ago.

Wenonah firemen and equipment were still on the scene at 8 a.m. this morning to watch over the smoldering ruins. Mantua and Woodbury Heights firemen left the scene shortly after 7 a.m.

There were no injuries reported (but someone switched Wenonah fireman Bob Shryock's size 10½ boots for a pair of size 8s, and Bob currently suffers from aching feet).

However, the treaty clearly gave Sadat a go-ahead on continuing talks that might lead to peace in the Middle East. The Tass announcement said the two sides "agreed that the policy followed by the United Arab Republic toward a peaceful settlement of the Middle East crisis is one which can create an atmosphere for a just and lasting peace in the area."

the voting rolls," he said.

Authorities in Drew and Ruleville said their areas were peaceful early today.

In Drew Thursday, more than 200 blacks marched back and forth along downtown streets for about 45 minutes. Police said a parade permit had been granted and there were no incidents.

Sgt. Williams said Strickland said something caused him to turn his wheel to the left and he crossed the yellow medial line and collided with Decker's car. Strickland's car then traveled another 200 feet and struck a tree, said Williams.

Decker was treated for minor cuts and Strickland for a cut above the right eye.



FACTORY BURNS—An abandoned pill factory in Wenonah was completely destroyed by fire early today. Captain Don Gehring (right) and Assistant Fire Chief Jack Hart, both of the Wenonah Fire Company, discuss suspicious blaze as factory ruins smolder. Three area fire companies fought the blaze.

Pill Factory in Wenonah Burns

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