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HOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE

On Friday of last week a fire broke out at the caretaker's residence at Messrs Ficken, Halliday & McClelland, Braybrook. The Sunshine Fire Brigade was notified, but several minutes were lost in raising the alarm, and by the time the fire engine arrived on the scene the house was extensively damaged. The building and contents were partly covered by insurance.

SEVERAL GRASS FIRES

Two grass fires on Saturday last necessitated a turn-out by the Sunshine brigade. One was at Cooper Street, near Devonshire Road, and the other at Jackson Street, Maidstone. In each instance a small area of grass was destroyed. On Tuesday about half an acre of grass was burnt at the Gun Club's property at Tottenham, but the brigade prevented further damage.

The local brigade officers anticipate a large number of fires this summer, on account of the prolific growth of grass, and a warning is issued to residents that in case of fire no time should be lost in getting into touch with the fire station. Fire alarms are situated in various parts of the town and these should be used. In one instance last week a man rode right past an alarm and a further half-mile to the fire station. In a more serious case this time lost may have meant the difference between a "save" and a big conflagration.

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