

Flash Fire Hits Prison Farm Here

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A flash fire, fanned by high winds, swept a warehouse and damaged two other buildings at the City of Atlanta's prison farm in DeKalb County Wednesday night.

Firemen from four Atlanta companies and three DeKalb companies fought the hour-long blaze before bringing it under control shortly past 7 p.m.

The fire burned out a one-story warehouse used for canned goods and damaged the adjoining home of a prison guard and another warehouse. Prison guards said the damage would run "several thousand dollars."

GREAT RAPIDITY

Only Monday the DeKalb County Grand Jury had recommended that the county's fire inspector investigate the prison and that fire equipment at the farm be brought up to the minimum requirement.

Lt. Roy Parker of the Atlanta Fire Department said the fire, whose origin was undetermined, "spread with great rapidity" and could have been more serious if the firemen hadn't moved fast to check the spreading flames.

"I don't understand how the fire started," Parker said. "There were no electric current outlets or stoves in the building."

COOKING SUPPER

The fire broke out shortly before 6 p.m. and was spotted almost simultaneously by an unidentified motorist on Key road and members of the prison guards' families.

Mrs. Ernest Mackey, wife of one of the guards, said she was cooking supper when her 10-year-

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Staff Photo—Charlie Vaughn

FIREMEN FROM 7 COMPANIES BATTLED FIRE AT CITY PRISON FARM
Flames Swept Through Food Warehouse and Damaged Two Adjoining Buildings In Furious Blaze

DUPLICATE

**Dalton Lifer
 in 2 States**

for a life-terminer who escaped a gang.

student. Jim B. Edmonds, 21, was convicted in a U.S. District Court, Washington, D.C., in the death of George P. Lefebvre. . . . Sentence was postponed. . . . The Ridge Baptist Church, located about four miles south of Summerville, was destroyed by fire. The church was built in 1877. . . . Written charges against a dismissed Wesleyan College professor were filed with a faculty appeals committee but the contents were withheld from the public. Persons who have followed the situation closely, however, said they understood the charges concerned differences between the professor, Dr. Thomas F. Gossett, and Pres. B. Joseph Martin. . . . The lame duck Chatham County grand jury Tuesday asked in its presentments that the next grand jury look into pinball machine licensing procedures in the Savannah suburb of Garden City. . . . Charles E. Williams, elderly Harrock Hall resident who was burned in the crash of a KC-97 Stratotanker in Savannah Nov. 12, died in Memorial Hospital. He was standing in his garden a short distance from the point of impact.

TODAY'S EVENTS

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Northside Beginners, Cathedral of St. Philip, 8 p.m.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Downtown Beginners, 294½ Peachtree St., NE, 8 p.m.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Alston Family Group, 2321 Peachtree Rd., NE, 8 p.m.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Decatur Presbyterian Church, 8:30 p.m.

**Lockheed Wins
 \$2 Million Pact
 For C130 Work**

Special to Atlanta Journal-Constitution
 MARIETTA—A two-million dollar contract has been awarded

Lockheed Aircraft's Georgia division for major modification work on early model C130A Hercules prop-jet airlift transport planes.

The award of a \$2,007,900 letter contract was announced Wednesday by the Warner Robins Air Materiel Area at Robins Air Force Base, Ga. It covers work on 40 Hercules airplanes from Tactical Air Command and Pacific Air Forces C130 wings.

This was the first major modification work on C130A planes announced by the Air Force. The purpose of the program is to incorporate newest improvements and developments in the early-type C130A aircraft and to keep them in top readiness for worldwide airlift missions.

Lockheed officials said some of the Hercules transports were already in work at the Marietta plant.

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old son, Ernest Jr., began hollering.

"I thought the boy was watching something on television and was just playing around. Then I knew by the sound of his voice that he wasn't," she added.

The Mackeys and several other families live in a row of apartment units on a terrace approximately 40 yards from the storage building.

Guard W. J. Rayner said the buildings acted as a shield against a stiff breeze which was blowing and kept the flames from spreading.

At its height, the flames leaped 100 feet into the air and were visible for several miles.

The roof of the heavily damaged concrete building collapsed midway of the fire.

Hundreds of cans of foods were destroyed.

An adjoining warehouse, containing clothing and other goods, was damaged by flames and water. Several prisoners were rushed from the stockade area to move furniture from the home of guard Carl Ellem which also suffered water and fire damage.

Fireman Bobby Fields of Atlanta's Station 5 was overcome by smoke. Capt. E. F. Everett of Station 13 suffered an injured hand during the fire.