

Summer Home At Gouldsboro Swept By Fire

WEST GOULDSBORO, July 8—Fire of undetermined origin late Monday night burned to the ground the two story summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barhydt on the road to Taft's Point here with loss estimated at more than \$17,000.

The home, containing many valuable antiques, braided rugs and china, had been rented two weeks ago to Mr and Mrs. Wilmont Bradley of Washington, D. C.

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According to fire officials, Mrs. Bradley awoke about 11:45 o'clock in the first floor bedroom and told her husband, a writer, that she smelled smoke. Bradley went across the hall to the living room and found a fire behind the large fireplace.

He ran to his car in his nightclothes and drove to the home of Mrs. Buzz McGee to report the fire. Mrs. McGee called the Winter Harbor and Gouldsboro fire departments.

Flames were reported breaking through the wall behind the fireplace when firemen arrived on the scene. The blaze was so smoky that firemen were unable to reach a deep well in the shed of the home to pump water onto the blaze.

The tank trucks of the two departments ran out of water while battling the blaze.

Several braided rugs, some chairs and a few dishes were rescued from the burning structure.

Bradley told firemen that the fire in the fireplace had been out when the couple retired for the night about two hours before the blaze was discovered.

Among the articles lost in the fire was a hooked stair runner made by Mrs. Barhydt and on which she worked for 500 hours, firemen said.

The home was known as "Hillholm" and has been renovated by Mr. and Mrs. Barhydt for permanent residency when Mr. Barhydt retired next year. The owners reside in Waltham, Mass.

The Bradleys lost most of their clothing, papers and books.

The large living room fireplace was reported to have been installed in the house a year ago.

About 300 persons gathered at the fire scene, residents said.