



Old Folks' Hall Guttred By Fire

An early morning fire in the city recently gutted the Old Folks' Hall in Liardet Street. But for the quick action of the Fire Brigade, the hall would have been a total loss. As it was, the fire had a good hold when the brigade arrived, but they managed to confine the blaze, which is believed to have started in the kitchen. So near to the holiday season, this was a very sad blow to the senior citizens of this district, but renovation work has begun, and a temporary hall, the Whiteley Hall, is in full use by the members. Above: Many of the members knew nothing of the fire until they arrived for their daily game of bowls or cards. Below: Fire members stand around some of the wreckage. From left: Mesdames E. Grant, F. Cave, E. Truman, B. Beale, V. Johns and L. Baker.





Above: Treasurer of the Old Folks' Association, Mr Joe Harvey, with Mrs E. Brewer surveys the damage in their kitchen after the disastrous fire which gutted their hall recently.

Below: This was once the stage of the Old Folks' Hall. Very little of the furniture and fittings were saved, and many old records were lost forever. The piano was an almost total wreck as were some instruments left in the hall by a dance band.

