

Fire Put Out; Nobody Injured At Brentwood

BRENTWOOD, Sept. 21 — About 200 County Home patients were routed from their beds early this morning when a fire broke out in a top-floor utility room of the Fernald Building.

There were no serious injuries. Several patients were treated at the scene for smoke inhalation.

Volunteer firefighters from a dozen surrounding communities limited flame damage to the utility room and the near by recreation room.

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There were no patients' rooms in the immediate vicinity.

County Commissioner Ralph Southwick, at the scene, said he expected about two-thirds of the residents would be returned to their rooms by the end of the day, depending on the amount of of smoke and water damage.

Other patients would be housed in the newly completed wing of the hospital, Southwick said, and officials were contacting area nursing homes to see if there was any available temporary space.

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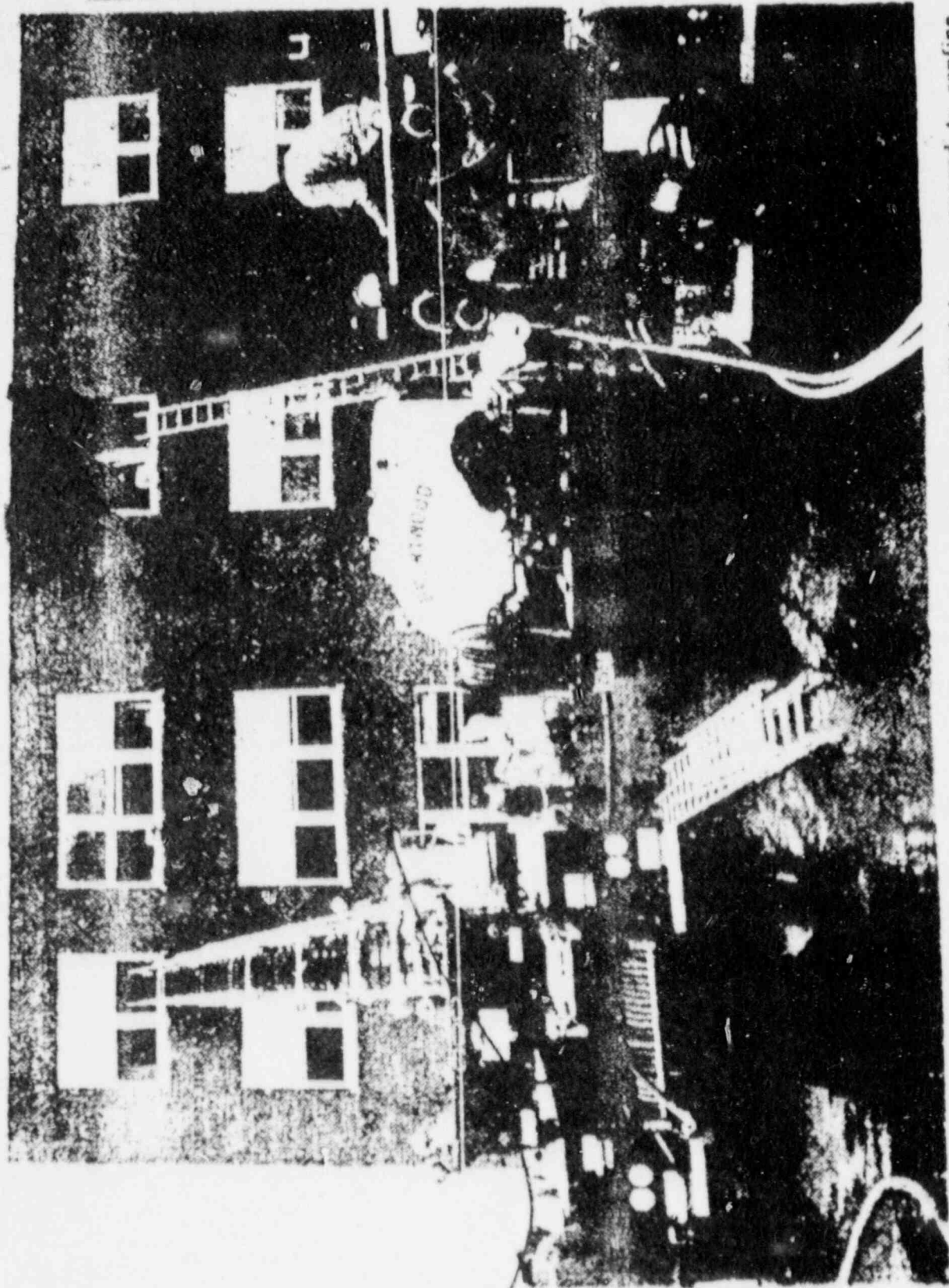
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FIRE UNITS from several surrounding communities joined in battling a Saturday morning blaze in the Fernald building of the Rockingham County nursing home in Brentwood. Firefighters managed to confine blaze to one second-story room. No injuries were reported. (Photo by Ernest Grafe)

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