

## **£200 Damage In Burbank Fire**

About 50 people and two motor traffic constables saved the motor garage of S. Zygas, on South road, Burbank, from destruction yesterday.

A fire, which destroyed the adjoining blacksmith's shop and started a grass fire in a nearby paddock, caused damage estimated at nearly £200.

When Motor Traffic Constables R. C. Chivell and R. L. Stringer arrived, the blacksmith's shop, containing three four-gallon drums of oil, a welding plant, a lathe and three tyres and tubes, was alight and the fire had spread to the main building.

The constables dragged the burning tyres from the garage and had just pushed Zygas's car clear of the flames when a large drum containing about 10 gallons of kerosene exploded. It shattered the blacksmith's shop and threw out a huge wall of flame which started the grass fire.

Passing motorists assisted the police in checking the spread of the fire until the arrival of an appliance from brigade headquarters.

The premises were not insured.

Stanley Zygas, proprietor, whose home adjoins the garage, told the police that he was filling a gallon measure from a four-gallon drum of petrol at the side of the main building when the fire started, and spread to the blacksmith's shop.

Det. Wuttke is investigating.