Kinnelon Fire Still Suspect

Chief Says Cause Not Yet Determined

KINNELON—A fire two weeks ago which swept a frame bungalow on Route 29 is still suspect.

Chief A. Robert Tullett said last night all angles of the fire have been checked and its cause has not been traced to any "natural reason," such as short circuit or faulty oil burner.

He said remains of a cardboard box found on a bedroom floor are being examined.

Tullett suspects arson. He said the fire started in the center of the room and probably burned unnoticed some time until it burned through the floor.

The house is on the boundary lines of Riverdale, Butler and Kinnelon and firemen of all three towns were called out to fight the blaze.

Kinnelon Fire Department officers and guests who attended the dedication Saturday of Engine Company 2's new firehouse off Boonton Avenue were, left to right, standing: Jack Savage, secretary; Charles E. Jones, captain of Co. 2; Fred De Angelis, first assistant chief; Rev. Dr. Edward Betterton, pastor of Butler Methodist Church; Russell F. Dixon, guest of honor; the Rev. Vianney McGrath, OFM, assistant pastor of St. Anthony's Church, Butler; Gene Tuttle, Captain of Co. 8 and Joseph Panting, captain of Co. 1.

The men kneeling in front are: Fred Lord, president; Councilman Preston Fairlamb, fire commissioner; Chief Robert Tullett and Warren Mathis, second assistant chief. Dixon, donator of the site, was presented a scroll.

FIREHOUSE DEDICATED—New quarters of Engine Company 2, Kinnelon Volunteer Fire Department, were dedicated Saturday afternoon. The new firehouse is on Boonton Avenue. Left to right are Fred De Angelis, first assistant chief; Chief Robert Tullett, Russell F. Dixon, Fred T. Lord, department president, and Councilman Preston Fairlamb, fire commissioner. Dixon, who donated the site, was guest of honor and received a scroll. (Herald-News Photo)