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NEDEAU**  
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**REPORTING FOR DUTY** as the new probationary police officer on the Kennebunk police force, following his appointment last night by the board of selectmen, is Linwood J. Nedeau, right, who assumed his duties this morning. Seated is Town Manager Frederick T. Staples, who announced the appointment.

## New Police Officer Named At Kennebunk

At a special meeting of the Kennebunk board of selectmen last night, the appointment of Linwood J. Nedeau, 33, as probationary police officer was announced.

The probationary appointment is in keeping with a recent policy adopted by the board, whereby all appointments of town officers are for the probationary period of six months.

Nedeau succeeds Robert Schmidt, who resigned from the force, effective April 1. He is married to the former Charlotte Sweet and they reside at 37 Grove street, Kennebunk. They have three daughters, Linda, 10; Judith, 7; and Mary Lou, 3.

Nedeau attended Kennebunk schools and served in the U. S. Marine Corps during World War II. He has been a school bus

driver for the past five years, and prior to his appointment was employed as a carpenter.

## US Blasts

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depth of the artificial sheet or say how long the phenomenon lasted.

The Explorer IV satellite sent back some data on the tests. This information is to be released later.

Sources outside the Pentagon who had been informed of the tests said it was significant that about the time they were made there was a sudden reduction in the Nike-Zeus program to develop an antimissile missile. However, there was no clear indication as to whether this pointed to possible future development of a program aimed at producing a high speed antimissile missile.

Quarles said results of the tests are being studied by many scientists. He termed the experiment "an exploration of the unknown in an area that may have considerable importance."

Jan 9, 1958

### KFD Officers

At the annual meeting of the members of the local Fire Department, held Monday evening in the Central fire station, Reginald W. Libby was re-elected captain.

Other re-elected officers include George E. Kimball, first lieutenant; Lewis H. Burr, second lieutenant; and Lloyd Nedeau, steward. Drivers named were Linwood Nedeau, Ernest Ricker, David Nichols, Ralph Barrett, A. Wesley Leech, and Alexander Burr. Serving as mechanic is Robert Nedeau with Ernest Ricker as assistant. The fire chief and assistants are appointed annually by the town manager.

KFD Officers 1958

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## Candidates Obtain Papers At Kennebunk

KENNEBUNK—More nomination papers have been taken out in this town to be voted on at the annual Town Meeting March 8.

They include: Ernest Redlon Sr., West Kennebunk, for the Upper District. Others who have already taken out papers for this post include Harland Dutch, Raymond Thyng and Ralph Curtis.

G. Hollis Truscott and Robert A. Nedeau have taken out papers for selectman for the West Side. Nedeau, who has served this town for the past 14 years as constable, is not seeking that post this year. He has served with the Kennebunk Police Department for 17 years. Also seeking this position is Reginald Martel.

Reginald Libby has taken out papers for a five-year term as trustee with the Kennebunk Light and Power District to succeed himself.

Jack Libby has taken out papers for the post of town clerk. Mrs. Shirley Gordon, who was recently appointed as town clerk pro tem due to the resignation of John N. Balch, is also a candidate for this office.

To date, Howard Martenson of West Kennebunk has taken out papers for town constable, as has Linwood Nedeau, seeking the post being vacated by his brother.

Constable papers 1965

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March 1, 1967

## Nedeau Captains Kennebunk Unit

KENNEBUNK — Linwood (Tug) Nedeau was selected as the new captain of the local fire company Monday evening.

Nedeau replaces Lewis H. Burr as captain. Burr was recently elevated to chief, replacing Harrison Coleman who retired as chief after 11 years of service.

Other new fire company assignments included: Marlowe Lebarge, driver; Bailey Wentworth, assistant mechanic; Brian Hutchins, regular member, and Ronald Graffam, substitute member.



Dad Fire Captain 03 01 1967

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## Ambulance Call, Woods Fire Busy Kennebunk Firemen

**KENNEBUNK** — A brush and woods fire gave Central Station firemen a busy Friday evening.

One half to three fourths of an acre was burned in the blaze located off the Ross Road.

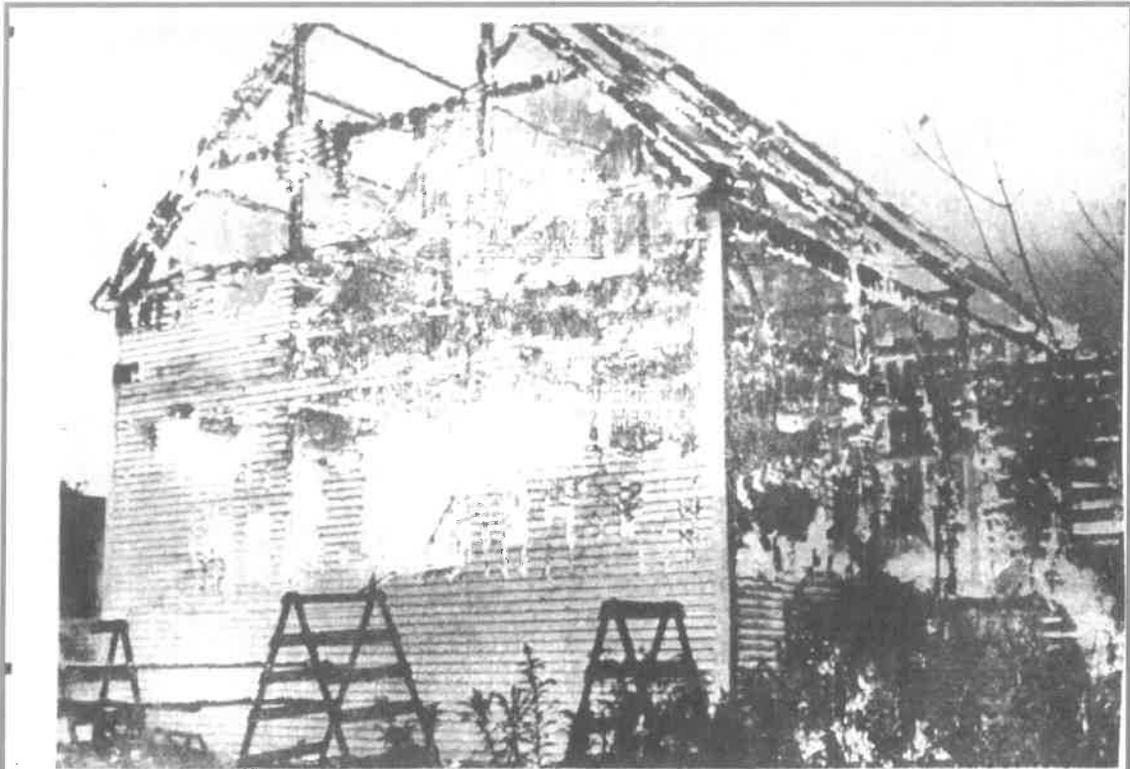
Cause of the blaze was undetermined, but Fire Department Captain Linwood Nedeau stressed that the current extreme dry conditions represent a potential hazard.

Nearly at the same time as the fire call, the department ambulance was called to the Arundel Speedway to take stock car driver, John Call, Westbrook, to a Biddeford hospital. Call was injured in pre-racing practice.

Brush Fire 08 17 1968

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### Kennebunk Fire: The Start Of A Tragedy Wednesday

(Photo by Peter Kingsley)

#### Tragic Chain Of Events

## Firefighter Dies While Getting Help

By PETER KINGSLEY  
Star Writer

KENNEBUNK — Confusion, fire and a fatal fire truck accident Wednesday night in West Kennebunk led to the death of a firefighter.

The tragedy was one of several incidents which occurred in connection with the fire alarm which was sounded on Whitten Road. The alarm was sounded by the fire alarm system which is in the area between the fire alarm station and the fire alarm station.

The 36-year-old Nedetzka was one of the first on the scene when the alarm sounded. He was heading back to Kennebunk in his own pickup truck to get an additional tank truck.

According to Police Chief Frank Stevens, Nedetzka struck a pickup truck at the intersection of Main and Water Streets, carried on Main Street, as another pickup car in the Warnwood Gulf station before coming to rest against the John Downing real estate office some 200 feet from the original impact.

Nedetzka was transported to the hospital and then to the Kennebunk Hospital where he was declared dead on arrival. Nedetzka had been a volunteer firefighter for many years and served as a volunteer on the Central Fire Company for many years. He is survived by his wife and two children.

Chief Stevens said that at the intersection of Whitten and Water Streets, Nedetzka's truck struck a pickup truck which was heading west on Whitten Road. The pickup truck was carrying a tank truck to the fire station. The pickup truck was carrying a tank truck to the fire station.

In the other message, the Central Fire Department's No. 2 pickup truck was en route to the fire at the intersection of Mousam and High Streets when the driver, Brian McBride, succeeded in avoiding hitting a passenger car coming out of Mousam Road. There were no injuries. Fire Chief Stevens said McBride "did a good job avoiding the

car, which was heading east on Whitten Road. The pickup truck was carrying a tank truck to the fire station. The pickup truck was carrying a tank truck to the fire station.

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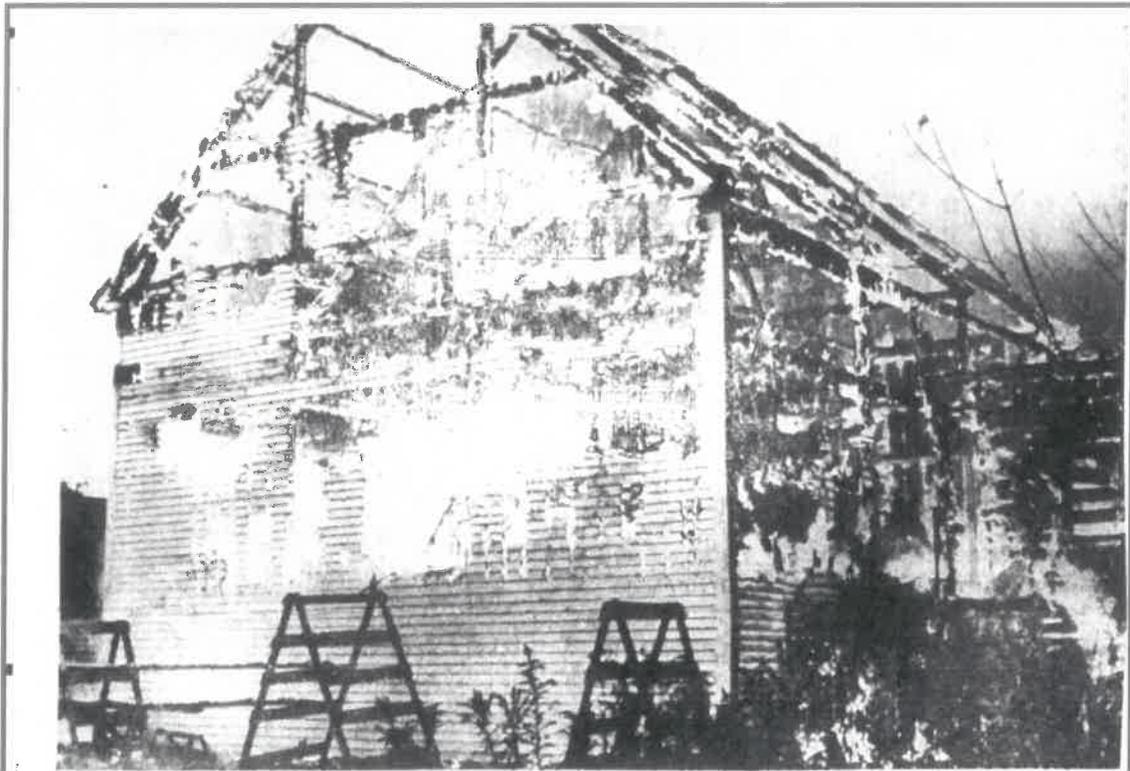
## Buffalo Bandits Bungle

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KENNEBUNK — (Special Fire Co. Assistant Chief) Leonard J. "Big" Nedow died of an apparent heart attack Wednesday in the course of getting medical help to battle an afternoon barn fire in West Kennebunk.

The tragedy was one of several incidents which occurred in connection with the three barn fires which consumed the old Stevens farm barn on Whitten Road. The adjoining house was saved by firefighters from other towns who fought the flames in the driving rain for more than two hours.

The 40-year-old Nedow was one of the first on the scene when the 1 1/2 hour alarm sounded. He was heading back to Kennebunk in his own pickup truck to get an additional tank truck.

According to Police Chief Frank Stevens, Nedow struck a pickup truck at the intersection of Main and Water Streets, careened up Main Street, hit another parked car at the Wormwood Golf station before coming to rest against the John Downing real estate office some 200 feet from the original impact.

Nedow was unconscious when paramedics arrived. He was taken to the British Clinic and then to the Webber Hospital where he was declared dead on arrival. Nedow had been a volunteer fire fighter for 20 years and served as a volunteer on the Central Fire Commission for 10 years. He was married to the late Edith and has three children.

Chief Stevens has only 10 days at the intersection of Whitten and High streets beginning before the barn fire and there was no indication of what was to come. He said of all night, "I just talked to him three minutes before and he was fine. The next thing he was on the way." Chief Stevens expressed sorrow.

In the other incident the Central Fire Department's 1972 No. 2 pickup crashed while enroute to the fire at the intersection of Mousata and High streets when the driver, Brian McBurn, skidded to a stop hitting a passenger car coming out of Mousata Road. There were no injuries. Fire Chief Louis Burr declared the truck a total loss.

Chief Stevens said McBurn "did a good job avoiding the

car, there was nothing else he could do."

The last time Nedow was killed, he advised the fire department "I'm going to be a tank truck driver at Kennebunk and I'll avoid the car. The truck landed in a ditch on the east side of High Street."

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occurred about 10:30 in the course of battling the Stevens barn fire. They were treated and released, according to Chief Burr. The fire was still burning in the upper part of the barn at the time.

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BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — A Buffalo man was bugged by a carjacker who stole his pickup truck and drove it to the Buffalo police station.

Detectives arrested a suspect who had a carjacking.

With one man sitting inside in a pickup car, the carjacker forced the truck down the road. The driver, who was injured, was taken to town, inquired about the case and asked to be seen in court.

One of the men then asked the clerk about the possibility of getting a job at the bank.

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VICTIM'S TRUCK is seen after it careened off the road and came to a stop against a building on Kennebunk's Main Street. The operator, identified as Linwood "Tug" Nedeau, died shortly after from a reported heart attack. He traveled some 350 feet from where he was first stricken, when he hit a pick-up truck, sideswiped other

cars, ran across the Paul Wormwood filling station yard, knocking down an ornamental light pole and hitting a car parked in the area, coming to rest against a building. The Rescue Unit rushed him to the Webber Hospital in Biddeford where he was dead on arrival.

Stevens Photo

## K'Bunk Man Dies Tragic Accident

Linwood J. "Tug" Nedeau, 49, of Grove street in Kennebunk, died as he lived—doing his best to serve his community and his neighbors.

He was identified as the operator of a pick-up truck that left Main street in Kennebunk and came to rest against a building after moving some 350 feet.

Nedeau reportedly suffered a fatal heart seizure while en route to the fire

station to pick up the 10,000 gallon tanker to be used on the fire that destroyed the barn of the former Arthur Stevens place on Whitten road and damaged an el of the homestead itself.

Fire Chief Lewis Burr said that Nedeau was one of the first at the fire, had called for additional help, had told the dispatcher via radio he, Nedeau, was going for the tanker.

A long-line truck driver, Nedeau was the principal driver of the big tractor-tanker.

One of the best known men in the community, Nedeau had been active in a wide range of affairs, from athletics to local and area politics. He has been especially active in the fire department, which he joined in 1946 and of which he had been an officer for many years.

As a member of the department he had become skilled as a trained ambulance attendant, was an instructor in extrication and casualty handling, and had been active in county and state firefighting organizations.

Nedeau was a member of Local 340, Brotherhood of Teamsters, of York Lodge 22, AF & AM, and was a Marine veteran of World War II. He had been employed for the past 18 months by the Roadway Express Company of Portland, and by the former Atlas Transportation Company of Cambridge, Mass., and Kennebunk prior to that.

Besides his wife, Charlotte Swett Nedeau, he is survived by a son, Mark, four daughters, Linda J. of Portland, Judith A., Mary L., and Deborah J., all of Kennebunk, two brothers, Lloyd G. and Lawrence E., both of Kennebunk, three sisters, Mrs. Clayton (Alma) Johnson of Cape Porpoise, Mrs. Helen Bennett, and Ruth M. Nedeau, both of Kennebunk; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Services were held from the Christ Church in Kennebunk at 3 p.m. Saturday afternoon with the Rev. Lamar Robinson and the Rev. Fred Holmberg officiating. Brother firemen served as pall bearers.

Interment was in Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk.

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UNITED  
WAY.**

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**VEHICLE'S PATH** from the time shortly after operator Linwood "Tug" Wilson, Kennebunk Assistant Fire Chief, was stricken with a fatal heart attack as shown by the dotted line. The pick up truck he was driving cut down the ornamental light pole whose base is adjacent to the line. came to rest against the building in the background after striking the side of the car shown parked there.

Stevens Photo



**STOPPING POINT** of the pick up truck operated by Linwood "Tug" Nadeau, Kennebunk Assistant Fire Chief, after he suffered a fatal heart attack while proceeding back to the fire station to pick up the 10,000 gallon tanker to help fight the fire at the old Stevens homestead on Whitten Road, Kennebunk. The accident happened shortly after 12:30 p.m. Wednesday afternoon.

Stevens Photo



**FIRE SCENE** from which Kennebunk Assistant Fire Chief Linwood "Tug" Nadeau left to get the 10,000 gallon tanker located at the Kennebunk Fire Station, only to suffer a fatal heart attack on the way to the station. The barn at the old Stevens place on Whitten Road was destroyed and the farmhouse itself damaged by the flames. Shown in the picture are Paul Wormwood, who was among the first on the scene with Nadeau. David Jones, Thomas Jones, Marlowe LeBarge, John Thyng and Merie Romphy. The Martin Laughlin family renting the farm, were not injured. The fire reportedly started when Laughlin lit a cigarette and a fume-filled drum exploded. A fire tanker driven by Brian McBride laid over on its side en route to the blaze. McBride escaped with minor injuries. The truck was not badly damaged, it was reported.

Stevens Photo

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