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Fire Chief C. C. Fisher had reported his suspicions that the fire was set at the Stewart Gibson farm on Kneeland Flats. The barn contained 30 to 40 tons of hay. Mrs. Gibson herded 50 head of livestock, housed in the barn basement, to safety.

Sgt. Nelson Lay, who investigated, found the fire was started accidentally by small boys, who had been playing in the barn.

The boys were given a stern lecture on the fallacies of smoking and playing with matches.

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## Bolton Car Fire Does Not Involve Waterbury Dept.

WATERBURY — Waterbury Fire Chief C. C. Fisher says he wants to keep the record straight. The news claims that firemen argue as car burns on interstate. "This is not true," Fisher said. "Waterbury has a well-equipped department with

20 men. They cover Waterbury, Duxbury, Moretown and all nearby towns that will reimburse them for calls."

Chief Fisher stated that he did not believe Bolton had a fire department as mail comes to him addressed: C. C. Fisher in care of Bolton Fire Department as well as the Waterbury Fire Department.

Bolton claims to have an agreement with Richmond but Fisher says he does not know if this is so.

He concluded saying that Bolton should pay some department to protect their property. The village trustees tell the Waterbury Fire Department that they cannot cover Bolton unless they pay for services rendered.