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## **A WHEATLEY BLAZE**

### **MOLTOR CYCLE DESTROYS GARAGE**

The back tiring of a motor cycle caused £250 worth of damage in half an hour on Friday morning, burning to the ground a garage belonging to Messrs. Collett Bros at Wheatley Bridge containing two motor vehicles and a car, in addition to a valuable lathe and various tools, lyres and spare parts, all of which were completely destroyed. Mr. P. J. Collett was inside the garage, which is a wooden structure with a corrugated iron roof. At 10.40 he was sitting astride a Triumph motor-cycle, starting it up. Suddenly it hack-tired and burst into flames. There was no stand to the machine, and to save himself from injury he jumped away and the blazing motor-cycle fell on to another cycle, a Precision. Both machines were close to the matchboarding of the garage, and in less than five minutes the whole structure and an American Saxon two-seater car were ablaze. Mr. Collett and his brother, with a number of friends, tried to put out the fire with a fire extinguisher and buckets of water, but there was no chance of saving either the building or any of the con# tents. There was no petrol on the premises except that in the tanks of the machines. Mr. P. J. Collett telephoned for the Oxford Fire Brigade, but when it arrived, with Chief Officer A. M. Eldridge in command, everything was burnt out. The motor-car and the two motor-cycles were almost unrecognisable. The car belonged to Mr. Stanley Williams, of Tetsworth. and the motor-cycles to Mr. B. Ring, of Holton and Mr. G. Waite, of Horspath. The damage is covered by insurance. Four officers of the City Fire Brigade and six men were in attendance. the supply of water bring obtained front a stream nearby.