

## Boy Killed, Brother Hurt in Flash Fire



HE HAD NO CHANCE—Blanket covers tiny body of East Taunton boy who was burned to death at camp site in woods near his home last night when gasoline explosion caused flash-fire that also injured his brother. Medical Examiner Joseph E. Nunes and firemen check scene.

(Gazette Photo)

### Gasoline Causes Blaze At Camp Site

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Gasoline was blamed today for a flash fire last night that took the life of Raymond G. Maynard, 11, and sent his eight-year-old brother to Morton Hospital, where he was listed in critical condition this morning.

The brothers were camping in a shed about 650 feet in back of their home at 10 Claire Terrace, when the camp site was completely destroyed by flames.

Lt. Leo Doyle of the State Fire Marshal's office said this morning that "there's not much doubt that the boys were using gasoline."

"They had gasoline, I know," said Lt. Doyle. "We think it was contained in a two-quart glass fruit juice jar."

Doyle theorized that the boys were trying to start a fire in the improvised fireplace and "the container overturned and ignited."

The boys apparently obtained the gasoline themselves, according to investigating authorities.

Doyle determined the use of gasoline in the blaze after he and Taunton Fire Chief Carlton Galligan returned to the scene of the tragedy this morning.

Paul Maynard, the dead boy's brother, was listed in critical condition this morning at Morton Hospital where he was being treated for second and third degree burns over 95 per cent of his body.

The parents are Mr. and Mrs. George Maynard, who moved to Taunton six weeks ago from New Bedford. Their new home is located in the St. Yves development