

# OLD SCHOOLHOUSE WRECKED BY FIRE



Firemen battling blaze in the two-story brick building at East Meadow in Long Island.

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—The 630 pupils who had attended the Front Street Elementary School are on a two-day holiday as a result of a fire that wrecked the building here late last night. However, they are scheduled to tackle their books again on Friday in the school district's two other buildings and in rooms rented in a firehouse and the East Meadow Republican Clubhouse.

Despite the four-hour battle waged by volunteers from five fire departments in high winds and near-freezing temperatures, the 43-year-old Front Street school building was reduced to a brick shell. The blaze was brought under control at 11 P. M.

Damage was estimated at more than \$130,000. Origin of the fire was believed to have been in a faulty heating unit in the furnace room.

Even before the fire was out the East Meadow school board was in emergency session at the Prospect Avenue School, working on plans for housing the classes that had been held at the Front Street building. By working most of the night and today the board worked out a plan that is to go into effect on Friday.

The residents recently voted in favor of a \$1,000,000 bond issue for the construction of twenty-six rooms to be added to the schools on Prospect Avenue and Newbridge Road. That construction is not scheduled to begin until after Jan. 1.

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