

Board commends fire actions

Commendations to those involved in discovery of a fire which caused an undetermined amount of damage to Dover High last Friday morning, and to those who fought the fire and assisted in cleanup operations were made by the Dover board of education Monday night.

Willie Zuercher of 228 W. 5th st., who resides across the street from the high school, reported to police at 5:18 a.m. that there was a possible breakin at the school. When officers arrived, they discovered the fire in a rear receiving and storage room at the school.

Smoke throughout the building caused cancelation of classes and activities Friday, but the junior-senior prom was held Saturday night and all classes

went ahead as scheduled Monday.

"THE CUSTODIAL staff did an excellent job of cleaning up after the fire," Supt. William Kinneer commented. "We even had help from those not on the staff. Horace Page, who formerly was with the custodial staff and now is with audio visual, came in both Friday and Saturday to help with the cleanup."

Don Wallick, superintendent of buildings and grounds, added: "They cooperated 100 per cent. There were no comments or complaints. Everyone just worked to clean up."

He noted that a trash disposal, formerly kept inside, had been placed on the outside of the building Monday.

"We don't know what caused the fire, but we're not taking a chance that it might have been the disposal and that it might happen again."

Wallick said that about three days before the fire a large amount of duplicating fluid, which is highly flammable, was removed from the storage area.

The smell of smoke remains in the school, as do blackened ceilings, but walls have been washed down and classrooms cleaned. Some ceiling tiles and light fixtures will have to be replaced because of the heat and smoke, and extensive painting also will be necessary. A complete listing of needed repairs and work has not yet been made.