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Fire destroys church, Holt St Deer Park

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(Fire occurred on the 27th December 1954)



Above is a view of the Church at Deer Park being destroyed by fire.

Church Destroyed in Fire

ALTHOUGH a fire completely destroyed the Catholic Church in Holt Street, Deer Park, over the holiday period, a marquee was quickly erected on the site so that services could still be held.

The building was a converted Nissen hut and had been open only a short while.

By an unfortunate set of circumstances it was the only one

of nine buildings in the parish which was not covered by insurance.

Some seats were saved from the blaze but the majority were lost and total damage was estimated at over £1,000.

Rv. Fr. W. K. Glover, parish priest of Deer Park, said this week that it was proposed to use another army hut temporarily until a more permanent building could be established.

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Seven young New Australians dashed into the blazing Catholic church of the Queen of Heaven at Deer Park yesterday and saved six pews.

A converted Nissen hut in Holt st., the church was burned down, damage being estimated at £1,000.

Sunshine and Footscray brigades, hampered by low water pressure, had to drag hoses to hydrants nearly a block away.

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