

EDITORIAL

THAT PROTECTION

Does it mean anything in the way of protection of life and property for Hoover dam workers to be housed in a central community with modern conveniences?

All one needs do is look back to the two fires of Saturday, which destroyed two homes of Hoover dam folk, one in Williamsville and one in the railroad "Y" on the outskirts of Boulder City.

A very short time after the fire in Boulder had started, the fire truck of the Boulder City company was on the scene extinguishing the blaze in order to prevent ignition of any of the nearby homes.

Being a tent-house, the structure went rapidly, and it was impossible to save it. If it had been of more permanent construction it is possible the firemen working under Boulder City company Chief A. Kaninsky might have saved the building in part so that it could have been repaired.

The fire in Williamsville, however, was fought without any of the advantages of fire equipment or water pressure, and the structure burned to the ground.

When Bureau of Reclamation officials ordered that all residents of the reservation, not living in the river camp, must be in permanent houses, preferably in Boulder City, by April 1, they mentioned fire protection as one of the many reasons for