

Teddy Bear, Not Child, In House Blaze



Mr. and Mrs. Savage with the teddy bear, which had been rescued from their blazing home yesterday.

FEARING that a child was trapped, fire brigade and police officers went into a bedroom of a burning house in Sheffield last night but found only the child's teddy bear in bed.

The child, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Savage, whose home at 82, Coniston Road, Millhouses, was severely damaged, was out with his mother.

Mrs. Savage returned to find much of her furniture and house-hold goods, which were not insured, had been destroyed.

Neighbours in Action

Mr. Savage, who had been dozing in the front room, woke when he smelled smoke to find the kitchen blazing.

Neighbours helped to get some of the furniture from the front room into the street and then fought the blaze with buckets of water until Sheffield Fire Brigade arrived. Firemen confined the blaze to the downstairs rooms and the back bedroom.

When the brigade arrived, neighbours said they thought the Savages' child might be asleep upstairs. Second Officer Jones, and Sub-Officer Marshall, of the Fire Brigade, and Chief Inspector Redfern, of the City Police, went up a ladder into the bedroom, which was filled with smoke, and found the teddy bear.