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TEWKSBURY GAZETTE

NEWSLETTER:

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T E W K S B U R Y ' S F I R S T N E W S P A P E R

Remembering:

The Propane Gas Explosion

Lowell Gas Company
Chapman Road
Tewksbury, MA

February 9, 1972



The explosion was so large it shook the ground like an earthquake and the fireball was seen by pilots approaching Logan Airport.

Please Join Us for a Video Presentation!

Monday, September 16, 2024

Tewksbury Public Library

Main Meeting Room, First Floor

7:00 PM

Co-sponsored by the Tewksbury Historical Society and Tewksbury Public Library

The video features 3 former Tewksbury Firefighters who experienced this event in an interview by Nancy Reed, with:



Retired Captain Robert Fowler

Retired Lieutenant Ed Kearns

Retired. Firefighter Jim Farley

Examples of newspaper headlines about the explosion from the scrapbook:

Fireball 'Like Big A-Bomb' Seen 50 Miles Away

22 Injured in Tewksbury Fierce Gas Blast Rocks Tewksbury

BOSTON HERALD TRAVELER, THURSDAY, FEB. 10, 1972

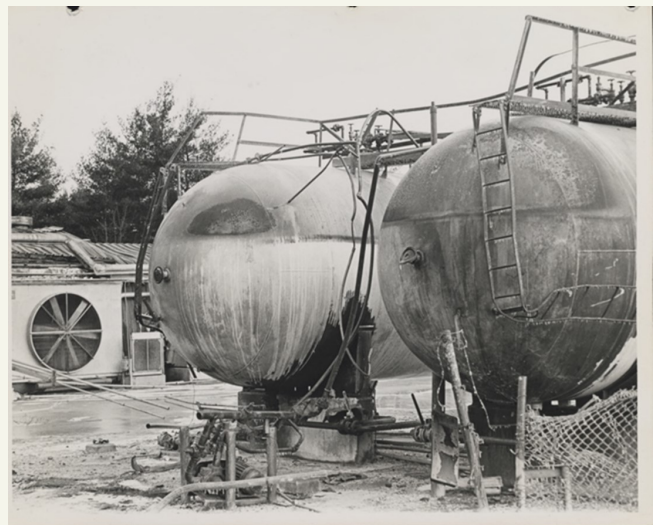
Tewksbury Explosion

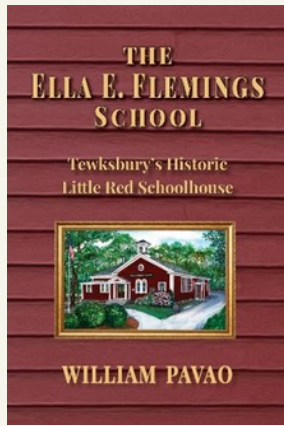
Fire, Destruction "Like An Atomic Bomb Struck"

MERRIMACK VALLEY ADVERTISER

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 16, 1972

Examples of photos of the fire and the scene after the explosion from the scrapbook:





The Ella E. Flemings School Book:

by Bill Pavao

TO ORDER A COPY OF THIS 400+ PAGE BOOK:

EMAIL: vpres@tewksburyhistoricalsociety.org

*Thanks to the author, Bill Pavao,
the Tewksbury Historical Society
will receive profits on books that we sell.*

The price for the book is \$20.00. Cash or Check

We will have books available for sale on September 16th at the presentation at the Library!

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