

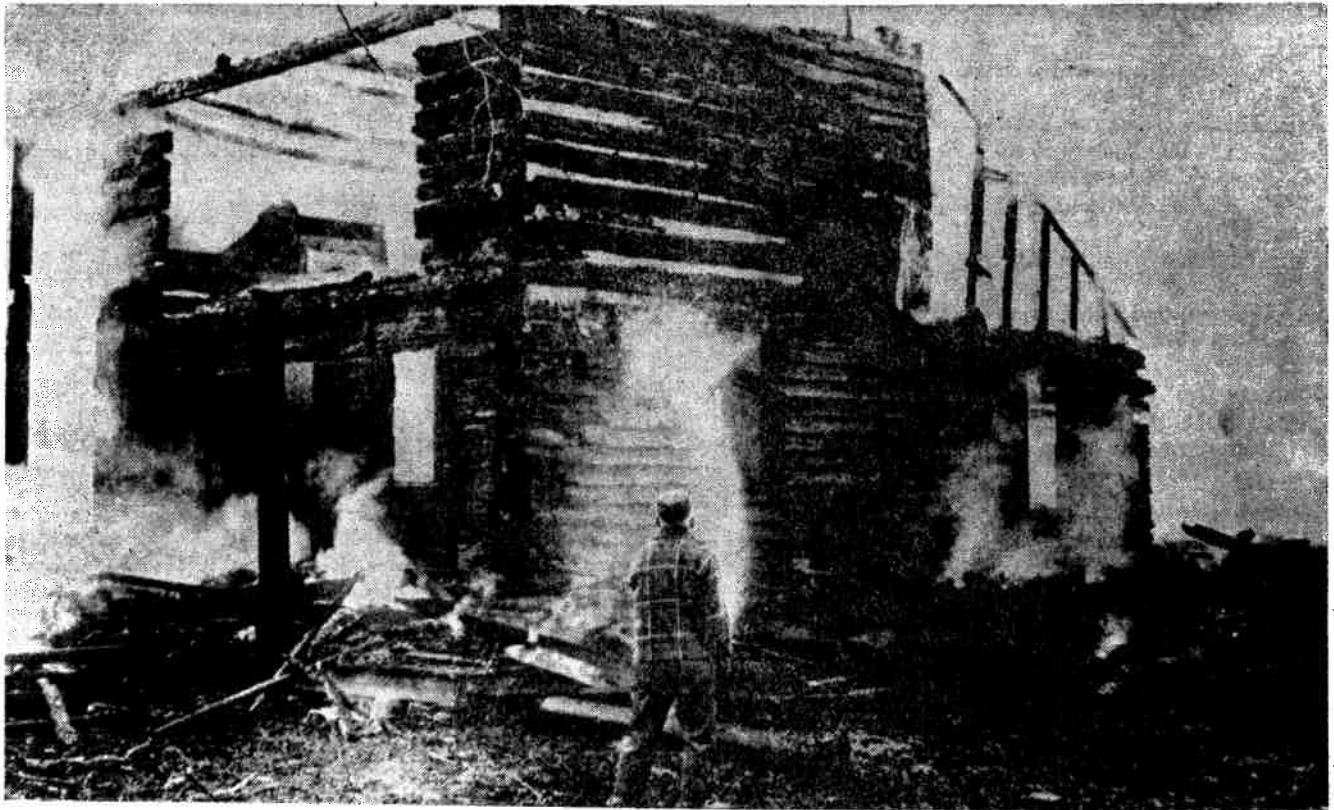
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## Landmark Destroyed

Dunlap firemen battle the blaze which yesterday destroyed Crow's Tavern, an old inn dating back to 1822, near Hematite in Alleghany County. In its

early days, the inn was known through-out the nation for the friendliness and hospitality of its founder, Col. John Crow. (See related photo on page 19)

# Crow's Tavern Destroyed

Crow's Tavern, one of Alleghany County's most colorful landmarks, was destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon, despite the valiant efforts of the Dunlap Fire Department to save it.

William Vail, fire chief, said the fire apparently started from an overheated stove in the kitchen of the west wing.

The Dunlap Fire Department was called at 3:18 p.m., but the fire had spread rapidly. The firemen used the water on their trucks, and then pumped water from nearby Dunlap Creek, but when the fire was extinguished,

the only portions left standing were some sections of the original log part.

### Started In Kitchen

Fire Chief Vail said the owner of the property, Marvin Hudnall of White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., said he was doing some work on the building, and had made a fire in the kitchen stove.

He was working outside when he heard a noise inside, and found the kitchen enveloped in flames.

Firemen remained on the scene until after 10 p.m. They

had hoped to leave the chimneys standing, but when brick began to fall, were forced to pull them down for safety reasons.

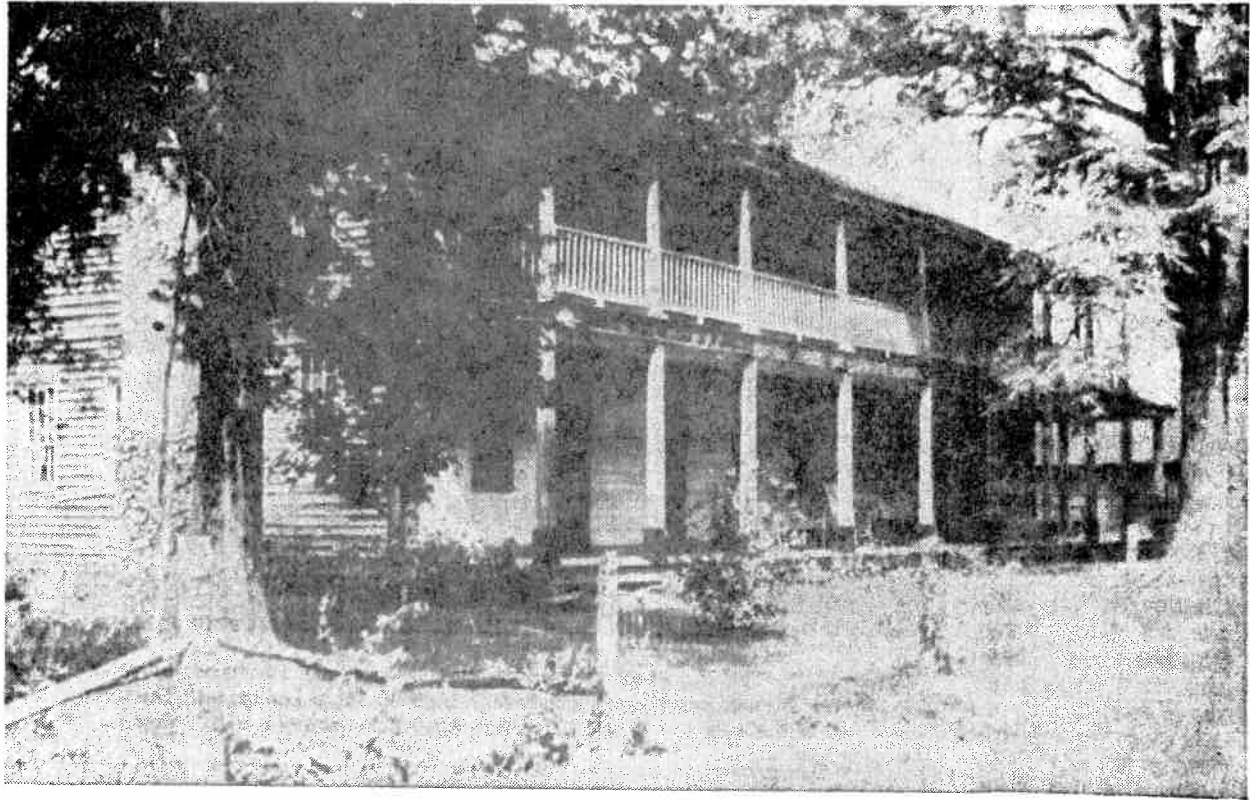
Crow's Tavern, which was being operated by Col. John Crow when Alleghany County was formed in 1822, was known throughout the country, due largely to the personality of the last of the old inn keepers. The first section was built of logs, and it had been expanded until it contained 13 rooms, all with fireplaces.

After the death of Colonel

Crow in 1861, the Tavern was sold, and it changed hands several times, before being purchased by the late Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hepler, and it was later owned by M. and Mrs. D. W. Adcox.

Hudnall purchased the property from Mrs. Adcox about three years ago.

*\* These would be our Grandmother Mary Virginia Eggleston's Parents*



### *Crow's Tavern*

This is Crow's Tavern (facing Dunlap Creek) as it appeared a few years ago. The fire which destroyed this historic landmark yesterday started in the rear of

the west wing. See related story and picture on page one. (Staff Photo by Gay Arritt)