

'Twenty firemen stripped to undies'

□ FIREMEN. From Page 4
game and only about \$35 in
the "pot "

Where was he that night?

A heartbreaking scene occurred near the end of the evening, reliably reported long after the incident. After the holdup men issued a stern

warning that no one move as they left, one brave fireman finally located his pants and the keys to his car.

Rushing out in the bitter night, he headed for his Model A to spread the alarm or, courageous man as he was, to chase the culprits. Turning the

ignition key and stepping on the starter, he found the battery dead.

And so was his bank account!

Gordon B. Seavey, a Westford native, is the former publisher and owner of the Belmont Citizen

The actual date was Dec. 9, 1939.

The *Lowell Sun* and the *Boston Globe* both reported the story with various details.