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"Night Miss Nancy Ann's Hotel For Single Girls Burned Down"

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Now Miss Nancy Ann ran a boardin' house with a faded
sing that read
Single Rooms For Single Girls No Men Allowed it said
But rumor had it that a gentleman with a yen for love
for a fee
Could always go to Nancy Ann's for some feminine
company
Well one night in June in the Billiard Room was I
chalking up with a friend
He was set to break when the door burst open and Leo
James rushed in
He yelled there's a fire that's just broke out and it's
down at Nancy Ann's
So we dropped our cues on the poolroom floor and
down the street we ran

Though the flames were hot and the smoke was thick
not a single life was lost
And the reason for the blaze was never found
But it long will be remembered in our local history
As the fire that fairly scandalized the town
The night Miss Nancy Ann's Hotel For Single Girls
burned down

When we got to the place the front was a blaze and so
was the second floor
So we cut around the side and up the alley and stopped
aside the back door
We were catching our breath when the door flew open
and knocked poor Leo flat
And out through the smoke ran Mayor Wills wearin'
nothing but a black silk hat
And right behind him with his shirt tail afire came the
local chief of police
And banker Jones with the red-haired girl he always
said was his niece
And then I spied Miss Nancy Ann herself helping
someone else out of the fire
Her arm around the red bald head of old Judge
McEntire
A deacon a dentist a deputy sheriff and one state

congressman
The county physician the city mortician out through the
flames they ran
The grand parade of girls in gowns and hat clad
gentlemen
Through the thick gray smoke that certainly smelled
like french perfume and gin
Though the flames were hot...

Now everybody was out at the girl's hotel by the time
the roof caved in
We were headin' back to the billiard hall when Leo
turned to my friend
He said I believe that's the funniest show I've ever seen
in town
The so called elite caught out in the street with their
pompous purity down
Though the flames were hot...

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