

# N. Wilkesboro Store Destroyed By Flames

Lowe's supermarket No. 1 of North Wilkesboro was destroyed by fire Sunday morning at a loss of \$1 million.

The 10-year-old brick building was owned by J. C. Faw and was one of three supermarkets he owns in the Wilkesboro. Faw left Sunday morning

for Chicago by plane to attend a food merchants meeting. He was to return that night, according to one source.

His wife said the loss including contents of the 12,500 square foot structure, would be about a million dollars. Employees of the market also esti-

mated the loss would run between half a million and a million dollars.

Mrs. Faw said F. D. Eller, produce manager, was in the store about 9 a. m. Sunday. She said he reported that everything was okay in the store at that time.

A small concrete block church, Danner's Chapel Holiness, on a tract adjacent to the supermarket and owned by Faw was also destroyed. No one was in the church. Sunday School was scheduled for the Negro church at 1 p. m.

This was the second destructive fire in North Wilkesboro within two weeks. The Forest Furniture Co. plant was destroyed April 25. W. H. McElwee, president of the firm, said it would cost \$1.5 million to replace the plant. He said no decision has been made concerning rebuilding.

A total of 200 men were put out of work by the earlier fire. Some have been absorbed in other furniture plants in that area.

Edgar Haynes of North Wilkesboro, Route 1, who was working at a nearby filling station, discovered smoke coming from the roof of the supermarket, which measured about 120 feet by 120 feet.

Haynes said he started toward the building and was about halfway there when the front plate windows, covering a spread of about 75 feet, suddenly burst. Flames shot out in all directions, Haynes said. The building was enveloped in flames.

Three North Wilkesboro fire companies responded to the alarm. Firemen were unable to save the supermarket and church but kept flames from spreading beyond that area.

The structure was a shell of brick walls within two hours. The market was heavily stocked and a stockroom at the rear was also heavily stocked.

Faw kept some of the stock for his other stores at this place. Faw said recently that the store was insured against fire but did not say how much he carried. He was in the process of opening a fourth store in Wilkes County.

Only a few records and some petty cash in a register were saved. The cause of the fire had not been determined as of Sun-

day night.

The Lowe's store was founded by James Lowe something over 10 years ago. Faw was a clerk for Lowe for some time and then bought Lowe's interest. Following this he began to build up his chain to the present size.

### CARD OF THANKS

With humble hearts we sincerely wish to thank our many friends, neighbors, and relatives for the many acts of kindness shown us in the loss of our dear wife and mother. We are especially thankful for the beautiful floral offerings, the many baskets of nice food, for each warm hand clasp.

May God bless each of you.

—Ed S. Williams and children

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# Beaver Dam News

Mrs. Susan Warren was hostess of the Beaver Dam Home Demonstration Club for its April meeting.

Mrs. Nora Swift, a charter member, had charge of the devotions. Psalms 15 was her selection for reading, followed by prayer.

Project leader Mrs. Mack Rominger presented a demonstration on window hardware. Many different kinds and their uses were shown.

Due to sickness and bad weather a delayed February demonstration of quick and easy meals was given at this time also. Mrs. Susan Warren, project leader, assisted by Mrs. Cecil Swift, gave the demonstration featuring quick homemade chili.

The business session followed. Mrs. Warren served refreshments to the members present and a visitor, Mrs. Grace Arn-

ette.

**Wedding Announced**  
Mr. and Mrs. Asa Reece announce the marriage of their daughter, Dorcas Dean to Dean Hodges in a quiet home wedding.

The bride's pastor, Elder Vaughn Greene, using the double ring ceremony, united the two in marriage.

After a short trip to points in Florida, they are at home in the Beaver Dam section.

**Spend Time In Hospital**  
Earl May recently underwent surgery in the Cannon Memorial Hospital. He is back home and doing nicely.

The small son of Hugh Wilson suffered a broken arm in a fall from a horse and had to be hospitalized for some time.

More U. S. control of banking is urged.



**VIEWING REMAINS.**—Weary firemen relax on the few bags of potatoes which were saved from the North Wilkesboro blaze which destroyed one of three Lowe's super markets Sunday. Owner J. C. Faw stated Monday that it was too early to talk of possible plans for rebuilding. He said he had some insurance on the property, but not nearly enough to cover the loss.—Flowers photo.



**TOTAL DESTRUCTION.**—An unidentified fireman sprays a stream of water on the charred ruins of J. C. Faw's super market at North Wilkesboro. The store burned Sunday morning, causing \$500,000 to \$1 million damage.—Flowers photo.

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