MOST FIRES DURING WOULD HAVE MARCH AND

CONFLAGRATIONS GENERAAL OC-CUR BETWEEN FEBRUARY 25 AND MAY 3.

LETTER OF WARNING ISSUED

Some Interesting Statistics Concerning Spring Fires Which Should Interest Citizens of North Carolina.

A letter issued by the Georgia Fire Prevention Society and circulated throughout the State of Georgia is worth attention in North Carolina or any other State. It points out that during the past twenty-five years, \$77,-749,513 of the losses in the South about five miles from Raleigh, March have occurred between February 25 and May 3.

are enumerated as follows:

April, 1892, New Orleans..\$ 1,500,000 May, 1901, Jacksonville.... 10,000,000 February, 1904, Baltimore. . 40,000,000 May, 1904, Yazoo City, Miss. 2,000,000 February, 1905, Hot Springs 1,500,000 February, 1906, New Orleans 5,000,000 May, 1907, Atlanta..... 500,000 February, 1906, New Orleans 5,000,000 March, 1908, Tampa..... February, 1912, Houston... 4,500,000 April, 1912, Columbus, Ga.. 250.000 May, 1914, St. Augustine ... 250,000 March, 1916, Augusta, Ga., 5,999,513 March, 1916, Nashville..... 1,500,000 March, 1916, Paris, Texas.. 5,000,000

The above figures represent the amount paid by insurance companies, and are naturally much less than the property losses. The great conflagrain a property loss of about \$350,000,000. occurred in April, 1906.

It is on account of the danger of spring fires that the Georgia Fire Preto the people of Georgia. The society arson before things at the scene of is also conducting a vigorous campaign a fire are disturbed. along other lines to aid in the prevention of fires. School children are being interested in the crusade, and recently 400 fire inspection blanks were which under circumstances favorable filled out by the pupils of Fitzgerald to its spread, baffles man with all schools, showing the condition of dwellings in that place. The society is also calling atteniton to the dangerous hazard of storing collected waste paper in school houses, basements, etc.

In North Carolina during six days from March 27 to April 1, inclusive, newspaper reports indicate rather a close adherence to custom. The tannery of the United States Leather of any other, but that one we cannot Company at Old Fort was destroyed financial loss of between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000. At about the same time on the same date the lumber plant of the A. T. Griffin Lumber Company at Goldsboro, was damaged, entailing a loss of about \$25,000. At the alarm of this fire in Goldsboro thousands of people visiting the camp of the Second Regiment North Carolina National Guard nearby, were thrown into a panic and in the stampede that followed a number of persons were injured and several women fainted. Fire at Turnpike, a small village twelve miles from Asheville, was practically wiped out by fire Saturday, March 31, when a large saw mill with quantities of lumber, several other buildings, and two cribs of corn (\$1.40 a bushel) were burned. A hotel and store nearby were damaged, but sav. ed from destruction by the work of a bucket brigade. A railroad trestle was damaged and traffic on the Murphy Branch of the Southern Rafiway Med up for several hours.

WHERE SAFETY-FIRST SAVED HUMAN LIFE

C. H. Williams, a Wake county farmer died in Rex Hospital, Raleigh. Sunday, April 1, from burns sustained in the explosion of an oil stove. The 21-months-old son of Mr. and ing her stay on earth 48 years, 11 willingly or unwillingly, as much as

scouring purposes. A negro, named Renfrow, near Bailey, bled to death, March 28, as a result of being struck by an axe which slipped from the hand of a fellow the man's life.

28. The negro had been left alcas in the house and when fire was dia-Some of the spring conflagrations covered by neighbors it was not known

be left alone in a house. A fire at Wilson on Thursday, March 29, resulted in the loss of two lives. a negro woman and her child. Newsthat the woman was subjected to fits and it was supposed that she fell in the fire. Screens for the prevention of such accidents can be purchased as 500,000 cheaply as fifty cents.

PREEMINENT PERIL OF ARSON

Any material evidence found at the scene of an incendiary fire should be carefully wrapped, marked with the date and place found, as well as the tion of San Francisco, which resulted name of the finder in order that it Like precious pearls, fond memory may be identified in court.

I would be much pleased to be called by telephone or notified by telegram immediately, when guilt is apvention Society is issuing its warning parent, for it is much easier to trace

From the instant that the arsonist applies the match, he sets into action our most destructive agency; a force, fire-fighting agencies at his command. The man who would burn to obtain insurance can be prevented by making it imposible for him to secure a policy in excess of sound values. If Thy dear, sweet face shines in our he cannot profit by a fire, he will not burn. One of the greatest hazards that we have to contend with is overinsurance. We can force the removal

THE SMITHFIELD HERALD

In Memoriam-Mrs. S. H. Starling.

Women in Khaki.

On April the first, our home was There is every reason for the womsaddened when the death angel call- en of the United States to put on ed the spirit of our loving mother khaki. The United States is at war home. Mama had been confined to for the perpetuation of the princiher bed only a short tiume with brain ples of human liberty for which our fever. She was Mollie Holland, the people fought in 1776. It is to be a youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. real war-let there be no mistake Exum Holland. She was born April about that. And in real war the wora-29, 1868, and died April 1, 1917, mak- en of the country must de their bit,

Mrs. B. J. Bryan, Jr., of Wilmington, months and one day. She was mar- the men. died March 27, as a result of burns ried in 1887, to S. H. Starling, and Therefore it is inspiring to see the

from falling in a tub of boiling water to their union were born ten children, women of the United States put on which had been placed on a porch for nine of whom she leaves to grieve the uniform of national service, proover their loss. Still we feel that our vided that it is put on in the spirit

loss is her eternal gain, for I feel of service and not in the spirit of that she is resting in a better land sentimentalism or for show. There than this. We realize that she has is real work to be done by America's chopper severing an artery. Know. only paid the debt we have got to women. First of all there is the ledge of first aid work on the part of pay. Mama was a good wife, a lov- work of the Red Cross in the field. the fellow labarer would have saved ing mother and sweetest of all Chris- which none can do as well as they. tian women, trying to live and teach Then there is relief work at home.

George Williams, an aged blind ne- her children right. Before marriage And of most vital importance to the gro, was burned to death in the fire she united with Bethlehem Baptist country is the work that must be which destroyed a three room cottage church in Wake County, then moved done in the munition factories and on her membership to Carter's Chapel the farms. The women of the counwhere she remained a member until tries that preceded us in the war have a few months ago when she moved demonstrated already how invaluahe was there. No blind person should to Bethesda, where she was a member ble they are in these factory and agwhen death came. Her body was laid ricultural services which are hard.

to rest in the Holland burying ground wearing and oftentimes dangerous. Monday afternoon in the presence of For all such serious business the a host of friends and sorrowing rela- women of the United States cannot paper accounts of the incident stated tives. May we all live a life so as to put on Khaki too soon. But when the meet her in a land beyond, where all women of the United States put on is peace and love, for the Lord say- khaki to go to camps for squad drills eth "he that is faithful to the end I with rifles they waste their time. will give thee a crown of life." which belongs to the country and

O mother dear, with soft dark eyes And hair of almost gray, Who gently flitted from the gloom To lay life's burdens away.

O mother sweet, so dearly loved; How can we give thee up? To miss thy smile from day to day-How bitter is our cup!

count

Each day when thy dear face Made glad the hours within the

home Blessed by thy winsome grace.

O mother with thy gentle heart, And spirit kind and true,

Thy gracious presence cheered our lives

As nothing else could do.

Forty-eight brief summers came and went

And took thee from our armso beautiful and fair, their light-Can Heaven hold richer charms?

dreams, Each feature clearer grows,

While falling tears bedim our eyes, But calm thy soft repose.

HOW THIS MOTHER

Fair Haven, Vt .- "I was so nervous ed in a certain mortgage deed exeand run down that I could not do my cuted to me by Rom Sanders and wife, on March 20th, 1916, as is recorded in housework for my little family of three. I had doctored for nearly two years without help. One day I read about Vinol, and thanks to it, my health has been restored so I am doing all my ing been broken, I will offer for sale

Vinol is a combination of famous tonics which we guarantee to build up the weak and run-down.

> HOOD BROS., Druggists, Smithfield, N. C.

NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator on the estate of being Lot No. 6 in the division of the Howard M. Coats, deceased, hereby lands of Ivory Sanders, deceased. notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified on or before 11, page 22, of the Registry of Johnthe 26th day of March, 1918, or this ston County. notice will be pleaded in bar of their Time of sale, Monday, May 14, 1917, notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment.

This 26th day of March, 1917. W. R. COATS, Administrator.

ABELL & WARD. Attorneys.

The undersigned having qualified Worse that that, they waste time S. T. Barham, deaceased, hereby noas Administratrix on the estate of tifies all persons having claims might well be put to real use. Never againts said estate to present the unless a people is fighting, like the same to me duly verified on or before Serbians, against extermination by a the 16th day of March, 1918, or this ruthless invader have its women any notice will be pleaded in bar of their perior Court of said County to be held place on the firing line. And that recovery; and all persons indebted to on April 24th, 1917, and answer or said estate will make immediate pay- demur to the complaint in said action, the women of the United States need prepare for either immediate or ultiment. mate duty in the trenches not even

NOTICE.

This 16th day of March, 1917. SUSIE J. BARHAM,

hat hacking cough that lingers from January. The soothing pine balsams loosen the phlegm, heals the irritated loosen the phlegm, heals the irritated membrane, the glycerine relieves the tender tissues, you breathe easier and coughing ceases. Don't neglect a ling. For Sale coughing ceases. Don't neglect a ling-ering cough, it is dangerous. Dr. 25 H. P. Oil Engine I. H. C. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is antiseptic and pleasant to take, benefits young and old, get it at your druggist to-day.

Mogul, latest type, fully equipped with magneto, self-oiling, automatic feed, slightly used. Price low.

T. H. Atkinson

Selma, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.

Got Strength To Do Her Work By virtue of the authority contain-

housework once more. I am telling all my friends what Vinol has done for me." -Mrs. JAMES H. EDDY. Vinol is a combination of famous transition of famous described land, to-wit: Beginning at a stake on the road, thence with the road S. 3 W. 3.27 chains to a stake; thence S. 87 E. 11 chains to a stake; thence N. 5 W. 2.50 chains to a stake; thence N. 3 E. 1.70

chains to a stake; thence N. 87 W. 10.40 chains to the beginning, containing 4¼ acres, more or less; the same

Reference is herewith made to deed from Kader Sanders et als, to Rom Sanders as recorded in Book "X", No.

at 12:00 M.

Terms, Cash.

This April 6th, 1917. PERCY HOLT,

Mortgagee.

S. S. HOLT, Attorney for Mortgagee.

NOTICE.

North Carolina, Johnston County.

Octavia Bass VS.

George Bass. The defendant above named will ake notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Johnston County for the purpose of obtaining an absolute divorce, and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the next term of the Suor the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said

action. This March 24, 1917. Z. L. LEMAY, , Deputy Clerk Superior Court.

WELLONS & WELLONS, Attorneys.

NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator on the estate of Eveline Creech, deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 27th day of March, 1918 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment. This 27th day of March, 1917.

A. S. CREECH, Administrator.

NOTICE. The undersigned having qualified tate of I. D. Manning, deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified on or before For a few days only we want the 12th day of March, 1918, or this recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate pay-

Administratrix. Engine Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey will stop

MORTGAGE SALE OF VALUABLE LAND.

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This record shows that if there is a time when special vigilance is needed in fire prevention work and the pursuit of the "Satety First" idea it is at this particular esason of high winds,

There is no closed mason for hunting and exterminating fire hazards.

repairs:

touch The maximum insurance on a building should be the value that the assessor has listed it for, and two-thirds of the invoice should be the limit on any stock of goods. These inventories should be made and certified to by a disinterested party. How many buildings would be burned to obtain insur-

ance if this were done? A mental test should be made of the pyromaniac and he should not be released from the institution into which he is committed unless fully cured .-Fire Marshal B. B. Buckley.

HE THOUGHT HE COULD. There was a man who fancied that by driving good and fast He'd get his car across the track before the train came past. He'd miss the engine by an inch and make the train hands sore. There was a man who fancied this: there isn't any more.

There was a man who though that he could win a bet

By quenching in some gasoline a light ed cigarette.

He thought the fluid, being wet, would drown the flame somehow.

There was a man who reasoned thus He isn't with us now.

The tender shepherd holds thee close, As His own precious lamb; For early didst thou heed His call, And answer "Here I am."

We know that thou art safe with Him, And bless His name for ave;

That thou wast led in that dark hour To choose the shining way.

How many a hope, and plan and dream

Were centered all on thee, Our loving mother, but thou hast gained

The heights we hope to sec.

Beyond the shadow of this vale, Where bitter partings cease, We hope to see thy face again In realms of perfect peace. GERTRUDE. Selma, N. C.

Waiting For Jesus to Come.

On last Tuesday morning at 8:30 the Home of Mr. and Mrs. Robey Stanley was made sad when little Goldie, their daring child, breathed her last. Not only that home was saddened, but the entire neighborhood, for she was a child loved by all who knew her. Little Goldie was the result would be an increase of born December 17, 1914, and died agricultural production. There would April 10, 1917, making her stay on earth 2 years, 3 months and 24 days. All that three doctors, a trained nurse and friends and neighbors could do was done, but nothing could stay the icy hand of death, for as in Adam all shall die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. Yes, we are looking forward to that final Judg-

ment morning when we shall meet Insurance Commissioner James R. be altered, repaired, or moved until our dear little Goldie, and if we have Young has issued the following letter it has been examined and approved by lived as God would have us live we to building inspectors, chiefs of fire the inspector as being in a good and will meet to part no more, where all Her little body was taken to the Webb graveyard Wednesday, April 11th, near Four Oaks, where Rev. Starling Massengill preached the funeral, after which she was laid to rest to await the resurrection morn-Barbour, Jesse Barbour, J. W. Wood and Lamuel Jones.

> We miss thee, Goldie; yes, we miss thee-

Oh, how sad it was to part; But we hope to meet thee, darling Where no sorrow will touch our heart.

When the dead in Christ shall rise, And hope to have Eternal life. GRANDFATHER.

Clear Your Skin In Spring.

Spring house cleaning means cleaning inside and outside. Dull pimply branes, soothe the sore throat, the skin is an aftermath of winter inacgrant these permits; but the mayor, tivity. Flush your intestines with a your cold is quickly relieved. Dr. mit is not valid or effective until ap city attorney and police are charged mild laxative and clean out the ac-proved by the Insurance Commis- with their enforcement. mild laxative and clean out the ac-with their enforcement. do not grip. Dr. King's New Life coughs and colds in thousands of "Kindly let me have your active aid Pills will clear your complexion and homes. Get a bottle to-day and have brighten your eye. Try Dr. King's it handy in your medicine chest for New Life Pills to-night and throw off coughs, colds croup, grippe and all the sluggish winter shell. At drug- bronchial affections. At your druggists, 25 cents .- Advt.

atriotism for which he will be recognized as a soldier of the commissary, adding his share to the food supply of the people." This is President Wilson's message to the Amer-

How about the workers on the farms? It will be almost impossible to increase this year's output of aglabor can be obtained. The next two or three weeks must be utilized to the utmost if production is to be stimulated. It has been reported in a general way that farm workers would be excused from miltary service in case the selective draft bill should become law, but no authoritative statement to that effect has been issued. Thousands of men would prefer work on the farms to service in the ranks, and many of them would be far more valuable as farm

the wildest jingo would suggest .-

STOP LEFT OVER COUGHS.

Formula on the bottle. 25c.-Advt.

Exempt Farm Workers.

"By planting and increasing his

production in every possible way,

every farmer will perform a labor of

ican farmers.

New York Evening Sun.

workers than as soldiers. If an official assurance could be given that they would be exempt from military service while engaged in farm work, be more men immediately available for planting and later on for har-

The country's agriculture cannot be turned over to women, boys and old men. It is too huge a job. The character of the work is not the same as that performed by women in the fields of Europe. Women can do much, but, willing as they are, they cannot break the farm labor shortage. The gigantic crops of this nation must be handled by able-bodied men if the food supply is to be increased sufficiently to make adequate exports to the allied nations. Food from America is just as necessary in defeating Germany as soldiers from

Great Britain and France.-Washington Post.

News comes from Berlin that Americans will not be interned in Germany but will be accorded the rights of aliens and allowed to same privileges as America gives Germans in this country who behave themselves.

Bad Cough? Feverish? Grippy? You need Dr. King's New Discovery to stop that cold, the soothing balsam ingredients heal the irritated memantiseptic qualities kill the gorm and gist, 50 cents.-Advt.

For a Few Days as Administrator C. T. A., on the es-Only!

to buy sacks. Save your sacks notice will be pleaded in bar of their ricultural products unless more farm and sell them back to us. We pay five cents each for second hand cotton seed meal sacks de-

livered here. Pine Level Oil Mill Company Pine Level, N. C. ED. A. HOLT

Dealer in High Grade Coffins, Caskets and Burial Robes, Princeton, - North Carolina

PRINTED STATIONERY ADDS dignity to one's letters. Every farmer should have his farm named and then have his printed letter heads, note heads and envelopes. The Herald Print-shop is ready to do this class of printing on short notice.

TWO BOOKS OF VALUE

We have on hand a few books of great value which we are pricing down duly verified on or before the 9th very low. Here are some \$1.00 and day of March, 1918, or this notice will \$1.25 books going at 50 cents:

unes, by Bulwer Lytton. A story of Rome of the 14th Century. A book worth reading. 438

pages. The Heart of the Bible. Edited by Ella Broadus Robertson. A book for young people, parents, and teachers.

Price of above books, 50 cents each. By mail, 56 cents.

AT HERALD OFFICE

MUSTANG ^oFor Sprains, Lameness, Sores, Cuts, Rheumatism Penetrates and Heals. Stops Pain At Once For Man and Beast 25c. 50c. \$1. At All Dealers. .

ment. This 9th day of March, 1917. EUGENE MANNING,

Administrator C. T. A. Zebulon, N. C., Route No. 1.

NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator on the estate of C. C. Ingram, deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 2nd day of April, 1918, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said will make mmediate payment.

This 2nd day of April, 1917. J. MANG WOOD,

Administrator.

WELLONS & WELLONS,

Attorneys.

NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator on the estate of Nettie Moore, deceased, hereby noties all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said es-Rienzi: The Last of The Trib- tate will make immediate payment. This 8th day of March, 1917. E. GRANT,

Administrator.

NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator on the estate of Martha H. Massey, deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 24th day of March, 1918, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate pay-

ment. This 24th day of March, 1917. E. W. MASSEY, Administrator.

M-27-ev. Tues.

WORLD ALMANAC FOR 1917. We have on hand a few copies of the New York World Almanac for 1917. It is a paper bound book of nearly 1000 pages, filled with valuable and interesting information. Price 35 cents. Get a copy and see how many things worth while you may learn. HERALD BOOK STORE, Smithfield, N. C.

departments and other local officials safe condition to be altered as pro is peace, pleasure and happiness. throughout the State in regard to posed, and the alteration, repair, or frame buildings in fire districts and change so made shall conform to the "Gentlemen:-Because of some mis- the allowing of (1) repairs to old or understanding and confusion in regard dilapidated buildings or (2) the reto frame buildings in fire districts and pairs to be other than is allowable in ing. The pall bearers were W. O.

FRAME BUILDINGS IN THE FIRE DISTRICTS

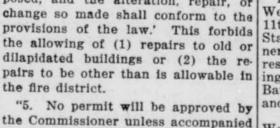
repairs thereto, I deem it necessary the fire district. to call to your attention the following matters:

aldermen or commissioners of each scribed by the Department. city and town must establish and define a fire district in their city or town.

"2. Under section 2988, no frame building (including iron-clad buildings) can be erected under any circumstances.

"3. Under section 2988, no frame or wooden building can be altered, repaired, or moved except upon a permit of the building inspector, approved by the Insurance Commissioner. The responsibility of passing upon the application is placed upon the building inspector by the law; but his perproved by the Insurance Commissioner.

"4. In section 2010 we find: 'No building now or bereafter built shall ter."



"1. Under section 2985 the board of by an application on the blank de

"6. Section 3484 makes violations a misdemeanor, with a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500.

"7. This law is a most important In that resurrection morning and necessary one for the protection of our cities and towns, especially There we hope to meet our darling, their business districts, and the local inspectors and officials will be held to a strict account for their enforce ment and any violations vigorously prosecuted.

"8. Under the law no mayor or board of aldermen can pass upon or

and hearty co-operation in this mat-

vesting.