

October Fire Losses Amount To More Than Half A Million

Greensboro Reported No Loss At All Wherefore There Was a Ray of Relief For Commissioner Wade Who Is Greatly Depressed By The Report For The Month.

Greensboro Daily News Bureau, No. 9 Woodruff Building, Raleigh, Nov. 18.—Fire figures for October depress insurance Commissioner Wade, who put on a grand program, sent the gospel to the uttermost parts of the state and then had to foot up one of the most disastrous totals in many months of campaigning.

The state suffered losses of \$740,229 and there was a salvage of more than \$1,300,000. Rural fires ran to \$523,330. Two of these blazes alone cost \$145,000 and the two almost matched the whole of September which was \$149,392. The \$200,000 fire at Clinton and \$215,000 at Danville reached the magnitude of great disasters and North Wilkesboro had a \$30,000 burning.

Greensboro, Salisbury, Mount Airy, Hickory, Rockingham, Elizabeth City, Nashville, Sanford, Benson, Pinehurst and Wake Forest had no fires at all. These are the most delightful names to Mr. Wade. Wake Forest is a miracle. That city and college of the deep water faith had no fire for 12 consecutive months. No other town with an organized fire department anywhere in the state has any such record. The Foresters have finished the year summa cum laude while the other towns mentioned have come through with an ordinary cum laude or at best magna cum laude.

Fifteen of these fires last month were in the \$5,000 and more class before. Of the 158 fires in the state, 143 made a total of less than \$125,000. This is a decidedly agreeable aspect of the losses. But 46 residences suffered and that is not encouraging. Defective fuses and sparks on shingle roofs caused 44, 35 came from unknown causes, six from short circuit, five from machinery friction. Fourteen stores and nine garages were lost in part or whole.

"Suckers Bite By Wire." Suckers who have hitherto come into the world at the rate of one a minute now come more frequently and are so impatient to be skinned that Commissioner Wade said today that he issues a statement "suckers bite by wire" to show how easy it is to get detached from one's money.

The commissioner formerly was satisfied to say that these stock companies selling blue sky were acting without license and violating the law. He calls them swindlers now. Here is his gospel for an age of uncommon faith:

"Not long ago one Edmonds and his associates, of Camden, Arkansas, offered 'mineral' deeds while the Commissioner was in the city. A single deed would put the lucky purchaser in an automobile for life. The insurance department took the matter

AUTO MISHAP RESULTS IN KILLING OF A HORSE

Drivers of Auto Charged With Being Drunk—One In Jail, One In Hospital.

SIMILAR ARRESTS MADE

A head-on collision at about 9 o'clock Saturday night on Asheboro street between a Ford automobile driven by two young men of this city and a wagon loaded with feed and hay, resulted in the slight injury of two men, the death of one horse, the complete demolition of the automobile and the partial damage of the wagon.

Joe Gates and Jack Rodman, both of whom are alleged to have been trying to operate the automobile at the same time, had their names jotted down on the police court files, both being charged with operating an automobile while drunk. After the accident occurred Gates was taken to the police station and confined in the city jail. Rodman was taken to the St. Leo's hospital suffering with slight cuts and bruises about the face and hands.

Clyde Bunting, one of the occupants on the wagon seat, was bruised about the body and suffered a concussion. He was taken into the home of Mrs. Mary King, 915 Asheboro street, and Dr. W. J. Meadows was summoned. His injuries are not considered serious. Bunting, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bunting, of near Julian, was coming to this city to secure employment. He is 21 years of age.

Vaughn Cox, aged 24 years, the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Cox, of lower Ramseur, was driving the team of horses from Ramseur to this city. While knocked from the wagon the automobile collided into it. Mr. Cox did not sustain any injuries, other than slight cuts about the head.

The accident occurred directly in front of the residence of Mrs. M. B. Bunting on the corner of Asheboro street. According to those who saw the mishap the Ford automobile was being driven south on this street while the wagon was being driven north on the same street. The Ford automobile was driven headlong into the wagon, the machine striking the horse on the left side of the neck and knocking off one of the wheels. The horse was so badly cut that policemen relieved the animal of suffering by shooting it.

The other horse was completely demolished as a result of the collision. The occupants of the Ford machine were thrown out, but Rodman was the only one injured. Cox was driving the team, was thrown from his seat on the wagon, and struck his head against the wagon tongue, being later pinned under the horse. That he escaped serious injury was due to the fact that he was thrown to the pavement but other than being shocked and considerably shaken up, was uninjured.

The team of horses and wagon, which are the property of J. R. Bunting of this city, was being driven to Greensboro with a load of hay, seed and flour, secured from Mr. Siler's farm in lower Ramseur.

The police were summoned to the scene of the accident immediately after the mishap occurred. A quart jar containing a small amount of corn liquor was located in the machine, by the police.

Police officers had a busy night Saturday in arresting drunks and persons who figured in the operating of an automobile while under the influence of liquor. Another was arrested for transporting liquor.

C. F. King and George Phillips were both taken into custody by the police last night, the former being charged with operating a Ford touring car while under the influence of liquor, while Phillips, his companion, was charged with being drunk. The two were made on Summit avenue, near Cobb's filling station. About a quart of liquor was seized by the police.

Robert Tooms was arrested by local police officers Saturday on the charge of transporting liquor, the police locating about two gallons in an automobile which he was driving. Several other men were arrested during the afternoon and night charged with drunkenness and drunk and disorderly conduct.

MEXICO RESENTS WORK OF THE UNITED STATES

Congress Becomes Wrought Over the Petroleum Legislation Situation.

ORATORY FLOWS FREELY

Mexico City, Nov. 18.—(By Associated Press.)—All South and Central American republics were being informed today that Mexico resented any censorship of its legislation by the United States or other powers and that President Obregon's statement to that effect had secured for him a virtual vote of confidence in the chamber of deputies.

This action grew out of a heated debate in the chamber last night following the disclosure of a series of communications which are said to have recently passed between foreign Secretary Paul and George T. Sumnerin, the American charge d'affaires. In these communications Mr. Sumnerin, speaking for the American state department, is alleged to have offered suggestions concerning the prospective petroleum law which is to be considered by congress. The Mexican government is represented as holding the opinion that these suggestions were intrusive.

Seldom has there been such an outburst of oratory and vindictive speeches against the United States as was witnessed in the chamber last evening when communications dating back to last October were read. These letters, some of which were more personal notes between Foreign Secretary Paul and Mr. Sumnerin, were interpreted as an encroachment upon the national sovereignty, and the lower house, unanimously approving President Obregon's attitude, voted to inform all Latin-American countries of "the Yankee attempts at imperialism."

According to the communications as published here, Mr. Sumnerin on October 19 last wrote a personal note to Secretary Paul enclosing a copy of a draft of a proposed petroleum law and requesting a copy of the official bill as soon as it was prepared. On October 21 Secretary Paul acknowledged the note and on November 15, according to the published memorandum, he received another communication from the American charge, in which the latter said he had received instructions from the state department to inform the Mexican minister "that the proposed petroleum law is entirely inadequate for the protection of rights legally acquired by North Americans."

Fraternity Holds Meeting.
Special to Daily News.

Charlotte, Nov. 18.—The annual convention of southern province of Kappa Alpha fraternity was held here today. Representatives from many cities of state were present. Fred Wilson is president. W. J. Yates secretary-treasurer. There are 30 members in Charlotte.

LODGE OF SORROW TO BE HELD DECEMBER 3

John W. Carter, of Danville, Will Be Chief Speaker For Elks' Service.

NOTABLE MUSIC PLANNED

Greensboro lodge No. 602, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, will join with Elks all over the United States in celebrating Sunday afternoon, December 3, their annual lodge of sorrow for the members who have died.

Preparations are being made this year under the direction of O. L. Sapp, exalted ruler, for one of the most impressive services ever held in the city. They will be held at the National theater at 3 o'clock.

To these exercises the Elks have issued a general invitation to all persons. Members of the lodge will be present, but they are especially anxious to make the services this year a community event. The program is marked by great beauty and solemnity, by a notable musical program, and by a number of short orations headed by the address of John W. Carter, of Danville, commonwealth attorney, a well known lawyer and Elks, and speaker said to possess unusual brilliance.

While the service is for the memory of all Elks of the Greensboro lodge who have died, special tributes will be paid to the members who have died in the past year. There are four of these, and for each of the four a short eulogy will be made. The tributes to J. Ed Albright will be made by Norman A. Boren; to John M. Galoway, by Russell M. Robinson; to W. T. Broden, by Martin F. Douglas; and to James J. Gorfine, by O. C. Cox. Mr. Carter, the chief speaker of the afternoon, will be introduced by G. Sam Bradshaw.

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M'CHARGE TAKEN FROM THE CABARRUS PRISON

Kannapolis Man, Who Killed Officer and Wounded Others, Shot Six Times.

WARRANT IS ISSUED

(Special to Daily News.)

Concord, Nov. 18.—Lee McCharge, who is alleged to have shot and killed Deputy Sheriff Will Probst, of this county, and wounded three other officers and a civilian in a shooting rampage in Kannapolis early last night, was removed from the Cabarrus county jail this afternoon. His whereabouts is unknown, the officers making no announcement of the removal. This was the only development in the case today other than an announcement by Dr. Buchanan, county health officer, who examined McCharge, that the man was wounded six times himself during the shooting. Despite the wounds McCharge had no temperature and appeared to be resting comfortably when examined.

Mr. Probst will be buried in Oakwood cemetery here tomorrow afternoon after funeral services at his home.

Chief Boger and Patrolmen Swing and Pruitt, of the Kannapolis Police, and Mr. Bostian, sectionhand of the Southern, who are alleged to have been wounded by McCharge before he was arrested, were reported today as resting comfortably. The former two are at their homes in Kannapolis, and the latter two are in the Concord hospital. They are expected to recover.

Coroner Davis, of this county, held inquest as Mr. Probst was killed just across the Rowan line. Reports from Salisbury this afternoon stated that Solicitor Hayden Clement was prepared to ask a Rowan grand jury for a true bill of first degree murder against McCharge, but it is hardly probable that McCharge can be moved for some time.

WARRANT CHARGING MURDER DRAWN UP BY MR. CLEMENT

Salisbury, Nov. 18.—A warrant charging murder was drawn up here this afternoon by Solicitor Hayden Clement for service on Lee McCharge, the white man who is charged with killing Deputy Sheriff Probst of Cabarrus county at Kannapolis last night. McCharge will be tried for the alleged crime in Rowan Superior court as the killing occurred on the Rowan side of the county line although the original trouble and the shooting of Chief Boger occurred in Cabarrus. It was decided that no coroner's inquest was necessary as the homicide is said to be admitted by McCharge.

Rowan Superior court convenes here Monday with Judge Finley presiding and the murder case is expected to be taken up during the

week. A young white man, giving his name as Mr. McKamey and his home as Knoxville, Tenn., was arrested here this afternoon by Policeman Cook and is being held for the arrival of a postoffice inspector. The arrest occurred soon after McKamey had sold at a reduced price a small quantity of stamps, stamped envelopes and postal cards. The sale was made to a local business man who had the stranger shadowed until an officer could be secured.

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MRS. H. T. HAM DIES AT DAUGHTER'S HOME

She Was Mother of Mrs. F. C. Boyles, and of L. M. Ernest A. and W. L. Ham.

Following a year's illness, Mrs. H. T. Ham, wife of the late H. T. Ham, prominent realty and business man, died at 10:10 Saturday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. C. Boyles, 614 West Market street, of whom she had made her home since her illness.

Born in Onslow county 65 years ago, Mrs. Ham came to this city in 1890 and rapidly made friends. Possessed of a pleasing personality, a genial disposition and a desire to do something for the betterment of the community and for all with whom she came in contact, Mrs. Ham was esteemed by friends and acquaintances not only in the city, but in Onslow and Guilford counties as well, where she was well known.

Up until the time of her illness she lived at her home, 122 Smith street, with her daughter, Miss Estelle and three sons, Ernest A., Ernest A. and W. L. Ham, all prominently engaged in the realty business. Mrs. Ham was preceded in death by her husband seven years.

She was a devoted member of the First Presbyterian church and always took an active part in the church work until hampered by her illness. She was possessed of a beautiful Christian character, was a devoted mother to her children and always had a kind word and smile even in the hours of her serious illness.

In addition to her three sons and daughter, Mrs. F. C. Boyles, with whom she resided for the past year, she is survived by the another daughter, Miss Estelle Ham, at home.

Funeral services will be conducted from the home of Mrs. F. C. Boyles, 614 West Market street, at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. F. Myers, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, and Rev. R. Murphy Williams, pastor of the Church of the Covenant, will officiate at the services. Interment will be in the family plot at the Green Hill cemetery.

Negro Held For Attempted Attack On Young White Girl

(Special to Daily News.)

Danville, Va., Nov. 18.—Emanuel White, a negro, is held in jail without bond, charged with having attempted an attack last night on Annie Lee Shumate, the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Shumate, on Myrtle avenue. The girl was returning alone to her home after working in the city when, she says, the negro darted at her from behind some bushes. She ran and outstripped the negro. This afternoon a highly nervous condition she told her story, and her father sought the police. White was arrested some hours later in a negro suburb. The fact that a grocery delivery wagon had been seen on the street gave the first clue. White was the man driving it. The negro denies the charge and while admitting being on that street at the time in question says that he was merely trying to repair the rear light on the truck when the girl passed him.

Lady Nancy Astor Replies to Danville Congratulation

(Special to Daily News.)

Danville, Va., Nov. 18.—Mayor Harry Wooding has received a reply from the cable of congratulations which he sent to Lady Nancy Astor expressing in the name of the city of her birth gratification over her reelection to the house of commons. She said:

"It was good of you to cable. My love to you and all Danville. (Signed) 'NANCY ASTOR.'"

INTEREST IS AROUSED IN TESTIMONY MEETING

Mrs. Barr to Conduct Three Services Today at Asheboro Street Friends Church.

The "When and where meeting" announced by Mrs. Barr for last evening in the Asheboro Street Friends church aroused a great deal of interest, because no one seemed to know what it would be like. It turned out to be quite similar to a Methodist testimony meeting, for the evangelist proceeded to call upon those present to tell when and where they had been converted and began to live the Christian life.

She began with the ministers and the singers who were on the platform, then she included all those in the congregation who were willing to bear witness, and closed that portion of the service with the story of her own spiritual birth and development. Her account was particularly interesting, as she revealed the fact that she began public speaking in religious meetings at a very early age.

Mrs. Barr did not preach last evening, Sunday promises to be one of the greatest days of the entire campaign. Three different services will be conducted. The minister used the Saturday evening meeting to make preparation for these services. At the morning service at 11 o'clock, Mrs. Barr is expected to preach to one of the largest congregations that she has addressed so far. At 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon she addresses a mass meeting for men only on the subject, "The ideal man from a woman's viewpoint." This is the lecture that proved so popular in the army camps during the war, the service of Mrs. Barr. In the evening she will preach again at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to all services.

Mrs. Clarissa Eller Dies At Home Near Salisbury

(Special to Daily News.)

Salisbury, Nov. 18.—Mrs. Clarissa Eller, aged 69, wife of D. A. Eller, prominent farmer of Providence township, died today, a victim of pneumonia. Funeral takes place from Providence church Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. Lee Thomas, of Spencer, is in a Salisbury hospital suffering from a broken nose and numerous bruises the result of an automobile accident. The machine in which she and other members of her family were riding hit an obstruction on East Inis street, this city, and turned over, others in the party escaped with slight injuries.

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