

# LOSS BY FIRE IN NORTH CAROLINA

### DURING MONTH OF MAY 156 FIRES OCCURRED; TOTAL DAMAGE \$361,475.

Raleigh. The total property loss by fire in North Carolina during May was \$361,475, it was reported by Insurance Commissioner Stacy Wade. Property at risk, said Mr. Wade's report, was valued at \$1,431,070, on which there was insurance aggregating \$806,920. During the month 156 fires occurred, and of these 17 involved a loss of \$5,000 or more each, aggregating \$232,058, leaving for the remaining 139 fires a loss of \$129,417. Some of the larger fires were: Tannery bark and sheds at Morganton, \$80,000; store and contents at Burlington, \$19,000; apartment at Shelby, \$18,000; store and contents at Smithfield, \$12,500; dwelling and contents at Ayden, \$10,300; dwelling and contents at Wadesboro, \$10,000; four dwellings at Hamlet, \$8,150.

During the month there were 103 fires in dwelling houses involving a loss of \$86,232 for town and \$29,093 for rural dwellings. Three negro children were burned to death in one of these fires near Lumberton.

Chief causes of fires were listed as follows: Sparks on shingle roofs 47; unknown, 41; oil stove, 8; electricity, and "carelessness," 7 each; adjoining building and gasoline ignition, 4 each.

There were no fire damages reported in May in the following places: Rocky Mount, High Point, Thomasville, Albemarle, Mount Olive, Sanford, Weaverville, Middlesex, Warsaw, Granite Falls, Fuquay Springs, Zebulon, Pinetops, Bryson City, Jefferson, Marshville, Aberdeen, Elm City and Franklinton.

### Buses Carry 69,391 Pupils Daily.

North Carolina school children numbering 69,391 are transported 40,765 miles each day by 2,000 school buses in 95 of the 100 counties of the State, according to estimates by the State Department of Education.

The figures are based on actual reports from the 68 counties participating in the equalization fund and estimates on the remaining counties using school buses for the transportation of children. Actual reports show that in the school year 1922-23, a total of 31,544 children were carried daily by 853 buses; and in 1923-24, a total of 48,251 children were carried 26,354 miles daily by 1,318 buses.

In 1923-24 the most recent period for which figures on bus transportation in other states are available, only Indiana hauled more children and the per pupil year cost of \$18.57 in North Carolina was the lowest in the Union. The year cost per truck in North Carolina is only \$496.

The average daily mileage of the school trucks is 20 miles. The usefulness of the trucks is shown by the fact that there are in the State 842 rural schools.

School buses were first used in the State in 1915 by Edgecombe and Pamlico counties, both of which claim the honor of being first.

### Increase in State Prisoners.

An appeal to cities and counties to take advantage of the new law passed by the General Assembly of 1925 permitting them to hire and work State prisoners was made by George Ross Fox, Superintendent of the State Prison.

Declaring that the population of the State Prison has nearly doubled in the last four years and that the increase has been at an even greater rate for the past two months, Fox issued the following statement to the press: "The population of the State Prison on June 22 was 1,387 prisoners. This is an increase of 658 prisoners in a four year period. During the month of May 64 prisoners were committed to the State Prison and 21 prisoners were released, causing an increase in population for the month of May of 43 prisoners. From June 1 to June 22nd there were committed to the State Prison a total of 45 prisoners, while 24 were released; an increase of 65 prisoners in 52 days."

### County Loan Approved by Court.

Counties may continue to make loans to the State Highway Commission for the construction of highways, the Supreme Court held in an opinion handed down.

### Will Reimburse Money.

Bonds in the sum of \$47,500 to reimburse the general fund for money advanced on the \$6,000,000 road bond fund will be issued, it was decided at a meeting of Governor McLean and the Council of State. Of the total \$65,000,000 authorized, \$447,400 remained unissued, and it was to take care of this that the Governor and Council of State decided to issue bonds.

### Want Auto Title Numbers.

Commissioner of Revenue R. A. Doughton stated that applicants for automobile license tags, both at the central office in Raleigh and at the branch offices throughout the state will save a great deal of time both for themselves and the department if they will bring their title certificate cards with them, in the absence of such cards will bring the numbers. It is estimated that a license can be issued in one-tenth of the time otherwise required when the number of the title certificate is known.

### Inmates Financially Able Must Pay.

State institutions for the insane deaf, blind and delinquent, under legislation enacted by the 1925 session of the general assembly, are now making a charge for those students and inmates who are able to pay. Further, the law provides that should a person enter one of these institutions an indigent and later inherit or acquire money or property he would have to pay for his support or instruction as the case might be.

The constitution provides that "the general assembly may provide that the indigent deaf, blind and insane of the state shall be cared for at the charge of the state." In the next section, however, is the following: "It shall be the duty of the general assembly and board of public charities that all penal and charitable institutions shall be made as nearly self-supporting as is consistent with the purpose of their creation."

Advocates of legislation making a charge mandatory in every case where the inmates or pupil is able to pay, insisted that this was in line with the provision of the constitution declaring that institutions should be as nearly self-supporting as possible.

The institutions specifically named in the 1925 legislation include the state hospital at Raleigh, the state hospital at Morganton, the state hospital at Goldsboro, the state home and industrial school for girls and women, (Samaracand), the Caswell training school at Kinston, the Stowall Jackson training school at Concord, the East Carolina training school for boys near Rocky Mount, the Morrison training school for delinquent negro boys in Richmond county, the state school for the deaf and dumb at Morganton and the state sanatorium for the treatment of tuberculosis.

The law provides that the governing bodies shall fix, in their discretion, the cost to be imposed on each patient or student.

It is specifically provided, however, that at none of these institutions shall the policy of caring for the indigent free of charge to them be abandoned, although it is further provided that any person listed as an indigent who afterward acquires means of payment shall pay. Suit for the recovery of such pay may be entered in the Superior court of Wake county, the law provides.

It has been pointed out that the charters of the original institutions for the care of the insane, that is, the asylums at Raleigh and Morganton made specific provision that preference was to be given indigents and that those who were able to pay should be made to do so.

These institutions, it is said, have charged for the support and care of persons who were able to pay, from that time to the present day. It is only the institutions later created that are said not to have carried out this policy.

Governor McLean recently announced that he intended to appoint a commission, headed by Dr. Watson S. Rankin, to look into the affairs of the Caswell training school and to determine definitely what class of patients should be admitted there.

Whether the governor later would conduct similar investigations of other institutions was not stated.

### State Graduates Get Jobs.

Within ten days after commencement State College had placed every one of the 137 members of the graduating class of 1925, according to information just received from that institution, thus maintaining one of her most cherished traditions, namely, that State men never fail to land jobs.

The problem of placing her men looked more difficult to State College this year than formerly because of the large class of students graduated from the School of Science and Business, the class in business administration being one of the largest in the South. A placement bureau, within the school, under the direction of R. W. Henninger, Professor of Industry, secured the positions.

In each case in which the College helped to place the men, care was taken to see that the applicant had received training which seemed suitable for the position available. There were more openings in the various industries in the State for men trained in business subjects than the college could fill. The positions included accounting, store management, industrial management, sales, county agent work, farm management, commercial houses dealing in agricultural implements, and research work in agricultural and economic.

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## POINTS ON KEEPING WELL

DR. FREDERICK R. GREEN  
Editor of "HEALTH"

### SCIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE

### SIR RONALD ROSS IS ONE OF THE GREAT MEN OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL PROFESSION.

He is the man who first worked out the way in which mosquitoes carry malaria. He is also one of the leading authorities of the world on tropical medicine.

Speaking recently on the increasing length of life, he said the average length of life can be still further increased to one hundred years, at an expense that would only amount to sixpence a year for every Englishman. "Eighty years ago," said Sir Ronald, "the average length of life in London was about thirty-four years and seven months for a man and thirty-eight years and four months for a woman. Today, it is fifty-three years and nine months for a man and fifty-nine years for a woman. Thus medical science has in 80 years given us 20 years more of life."

The editor of a large city daily, quoting this remark, says: "That is very interesting, but the entire increase in the length of life during the last 80 years can hardly be credited to medical science. Better living conditions, brought about by modern building and plumbing, have probably done more to prolong life than anything else, except better food and bathtubs."

Both Sir Ronald and the editor show a curious but very common confusion of ideas regarding just what is meant by "medical science." The general idea is that there are two kinds of knowledge, ordinary knowledge and "scientific knowledge," and that there are at least two kinds of science, ordinary science and "medical science."

That this is incorrect will be plain on a moment's thought. Science means knowledge. All knowledge is science, whether it relates to man or to rocks, to trees or to engines, to farming or to flying. All knowledge that is worth anything is gained by observing and experimenting, carefully proving each fact, discarding what is error and retaining what is true. The only difference between the farmer and the expert in the United States Department of Agriculture is that the farmer's knowledge is limited to what is generally known, while the expert tests every theory by carefully conducted and checked observations and experiments.

In the same way "medical science," or what we know about the human body and its disorders and care, is a part of all knowledge or science. The student of the body must also know chemistry, physics, biology and many other subjects. Certainly "modern building and plumbing, better food and bathtubs" have helped to prolong life. But what made these things possible? Greater knowledge. All knowledge is science, and science is one and not many.

### ULCER OF THE STOMACH

WE HEAR MUCH MORE TODAY than formerly about ulcer of the stomach. Does this mean that it is more common than in former years? Probably it is, but not so much as one might suppose. Many cases which are now known to be stomach ulcers were formerly called "chronic dyspepsia," "indigestion," etc. But our habits of living and our present-day food have also probably increased the number of cases of this very painful and dangerous condition.

Ulcers of the stomach, or round ulcers, as they are also called, are exactly what their name would indicate. In the mucous membrane which lines the stomach a round ulcer appears which destroys the lining membrane; sometimes, if neglected, it eats through the muscular coats, and may finally go clear through the stomach wall, making a round, punched-out hole and allowing the stomach contents to escape into the abdominal cavity, generally causing peritonitis and death.

These ulcers, in about 95 per cent of all cases, are at the lower end of the stomach and usually on the back rather than the front wall of the stomach. What causes them? No one knows positively. There are several theories. One is that a blood vessel in some way becomes stopped up and the part of the wall supplied by it dies and softens, causing an ulcer to form. Another is that germs from other parts of the body lodge on the membrane and cause inflammation and ulceration. Apparently there is a close relation between infection and ulcers.

The symptoms of a stomach ulcer are quite characteristic. A gnawing, burning, boring pain or cramp, coming on from one to three hours after eating but absent when the stomach is empty, is common. Pain is relieved by eating or by taking soda or magnesia. Washing out the stomach relieves the pain. The stomach contents are usually strongly acid. If the pain is severe enough to keep the patient from eating, there may be loss of weight.

In the early stages or in mild cases the patient will generally recover if put to bed and kept for four weeks on a soft, nonirritating diet. If the ulcer has gotten to the point of perforation or if bleeding has begun, surgical treatment is generally unavoidable.

## LIFE'S LITTLE JESTS



### HEHEHEH!

It is supposed to have happened in a theatrical club. An actor remarked: "I am tired of the way they are casting me lately. In my last three plays I have been a dirty scoundrel."

"That's the trouble with your American idea," observed an English actor, "of casting with types."—New York Graphic.

### The Example

"What a beautiful ring, Laura."

"Yes, but the engagement's broken off, dear."

"Well, aren't you going to send it back?"

"Of course; but I shall keep it long enough for the next one to see what he's expected to live up to."

### Success

"There are some points about your writings that much resemble Shakespeare," said the editor.

"Do you think so?" cried the delighted author.

"Yes," the editor continued; "you employ almost the same punctuation marks."

### THAT'S THAT



He—Where would you prefer to live—city or country?

She—Why-er-er whichever you like best.

### The Airplane

The airplane is a thing of worth. Save when compelled to mix, As it descends from sky to earth, In petty politics.

### Lucky Aunt May

"Mummy, has Aunt Betty got a little baby?"

"Yes, dear."

"Has Aunt May?"

"No, she has a little dog instead."

"Oh, I suppose she had first pick."—Progressive Grocer.

### They Come High

"This stove would suit me perfectly," said the threesome customer, "but it is too low. I would have to stoop every time I worked over it."

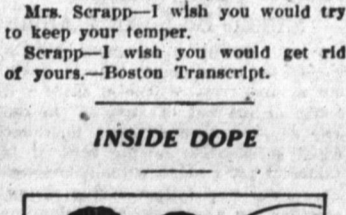
"Well, madam," said the weary clerk, "what you want is a mountain range."—Good Hardware.

### Two Wishes

Mrs. Scropp—I wish you would try to keep your temper.

Scropp—I wish you would get rid of yours.—Boston Transcript.

### INSIDE DOPE



"Say, why's the doc pumping out that fellow he thinks poisoned himself?"

"Trying to get the inside dope on his case."

### Dismissing the Past

Republicans are ungrateful, sure. For which we're all regretful. But many a statesman's more secure Because they are forgetful.

### Liquid Measure

Teacher—Johnny, what is it called when four persons are singing?

Johnny—A quartet.

Teacher—And William, what is it when two persons are singing?

Willie (after brief hesitation)—A pint.

### Heard on the Campus

First Mail-Order Student—What's biology?

Second Mail-Order Student—Must be in the selling course.

## The KITCHEN CABINET

(6, 126, Western Newspaper Union.)  
If we looked for people's virtues And their faults refused to see, What a pleasant, cheerful, Happy place this world would be.

### FOR THE PICNIC

A variety of sandwich filling is always useful, especially during the picnic season. The following may be used as a lunch-eaten loaf:

Pressed Eggs.—Chop fine six hard-cooked eggs, one green onion, one-half of a green pepper; mix together with one-half teaspoonful of salt and one tablespoonful of prepared mustard. Place half of the mixture in a small greased loaf pan, press down and add a layer of chopped ham, using one and one-half cupsful. Finish with the rest of the egg mixture. Pour over two tablespoonfuls of rich soup stock and press down well. Let stand in the ice chest until firm and well cooled. Serve sliced or as a sandwich filling.

Crutters.—These are the old-fashioned cakes that our grandmothers made to perfection. They are dainty and delicious when well made and cooked in deep fat. Take a tablespoonful of butter, four tablespoonfuls of sugar; mix well, add the yolk of an egg well beaten, one-half teaspoonful of cinnamon and the same of salt. Add flour to roll. Roll the dough one-fourth of an inch thick, cut into rectangular pieces two and one-half inches by three and a half, then make five incisions lengthwise, cutting within one-third of an inch from each end. Take up every other strip and fold together slightly in the middle, then drop into deep fat and cook until brown. Dust with powdered sugar when serving. These are delicious to serve with tea.

Raspberry Tart.—Line a pan with suet puff paste or a rich plain pastry, fill with fresh raspberries covered with sugar or with raspberry jam. Bake quickly with a top crust. When done lift off the top crust and pour over the following mixture: Heat half a pint of cream, the yolks of two eggs well beaten, and a little sugar; return to the oven for six minutes.

Prune Salad.—Soak half a pound of large prunes and simmer until tender. Remove the pits and stuff with walnut meats. Shred lettuce, make halves and place four or five of the stuffed prunes in each. Cover with mayonnaise and serve.

### Things Worth Trying

A most delicious "ainn pie" which is different is made as follows: Take one cupful of raisins, one cupful of grape juice, a tablespoonful of lemon juice, and one tablespoonful each of butter and flour, well mixed. Chop the raisins and cook all the ingredients with one-half cupful of sugar and a well-beaten egg. Serve in a baked shell and cover with a meringue. Brown lightly.

A quick dessert enjoyed by chocolate lovers is called Dresden crumbs. Prepare by taking one-half cupful of grated chocolate, two tablespoonfuls of sugar, a pinch of salt all well mixed, then add one cupful of bread crumbs; stir until well blended, then bake until the chocolate is melted. Serve with whipped cream.

Stuffed Lettuce Salad.—Remove the hearts from firm small heads of lettuce and fill the cavities with a mixture of cooked chopped chicken, mushrooms, shredded almonds, tender celery and mayonnaise. Serve garnished with a ripe strawberry or cherry.

Chicken and Spinach Soup.—Wash and pick over two pounds of spinach and cook until tender in half a cupful of butter. Add one-half cupful of flour mixed with a tablespoonful of salt and pepper to season. When thick rub through a colander and add two quart of chicken broth. Serve in cups garnished with whipped cream.

Combination Salad.—Mix well one cupful of diced celery, two cupfuls of diced apple, one tablespoonful of peanut butter and one-third of a cupful of mayonnaise. Arrange on lettuce and garnish with roses of mayonnaise.

A whole wheat bread sandwich with a good salad will make a good noon meal for almost any worker in the warm summer days.

Heartly meats, rich desserts and cakes should be cut down, if one wants to enjoy good health.

A glass of buttermilk with a hot bread sandwich makes another good luncheon menu.

Grape Juice Ice Cream.—Take one pint of sweetened grape juice, one quart of thin cream, one tablespoonful of lemon juice, adding sugar, if needed. Freeze. Serve in sherbet cups, top with whipped cream or a spoonful of vanilla ice cream.

Plenty of green vegetables and fruits are the best of foods for summery weather.

### Nellie Maxwell

### Swore by the Beard

In the Middle Ages the seal on documents of great importance contained three hairs from the sovereign's beard as a sign that matters of such moment were concerned.

## Children Cry for



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## Sargossa Gulf Weed

The gulf weed which floats in the Sargossa sea by means of air bladders is thought to have come from a plant which grew attached to the bottom.—Science Service.

## Scrambled Brains

There are two kinds of people; the intelligentia and morons. The intelligentia does the classifying.—Fresno Republican.

## A Household Remedy

For Cuts, Burns, Wounds, Any Sore. Handford's Balsam of Myrrh prevent infection and heals. Three sizes; all stores.—Adv.

## Male and Female

"Fa, what's an alligator pear?"

"Two alligators, my son."—Boston Transcript.

If one had leisure to read the Congressional Record he could learn a great deal from it.

When you decide to get rid of Worms or Tapeworm, get the medicine that will expel them with one dose.—Dr. Peery's "Dead Shot," 372 Pearl St., N. Y. Adv.

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