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## While You Read

In about the time it will take you to read this brief article, a fire will occur somewhere in the United States. Thousands of dollars worth of property will be destroyed. And it is very possible that someone will die a horrible death.

The National Board of Fire Underwriters states that a fire alarm is sent in every 53 seconds—and a fire breaks out every 57 seconds. Each day, the property loss runs into the millions, and several lives are lost. Finally, for each death, there are four injuries.

This is the record for an ordinary, "quiet day." On days when spectacular fires occur, the toll of death and destruction soars far beyond the average.

The fire that is in progress while you read this may be far away. But the next fire may be in your home or your place of business. Destructive fire has no favorites. It strikes without warning—and no property and no life is safe from it.

Fire is a terrible challenge to the American people. That challenge can be met only if all the people understand the causes of fire—and act accordingly. The alternative is an ever-increasing toll of death and destruction.

## Argument For Flood Control

Judge Johnson J. Hayes in an address Friday evening before the North Wilkesboro Lions club made some very pertinent arguments for flood control on the Yadkin river.

Answering arguments of those who are against the proposal on the grounds that they would have difficulty securing a just price for their lands in the area of the dams, Judge Hayes explained that just compensation would be paid for lands, according to their market value and that property owners would suffer no financial loss.

He also discussed the question of loss in property taxes to the county. He explained that protection from floods would so increase the value of property below the dams that the loss would be more than recovered in that manner. He also stated that Wilkes county is already losing great amounts in taxes in payrolls because of the fact that industries have been forced to leave the valley. He called particular attention to the fact that the tannery plant was destroyed by flood and was not rebuilt. It is probable, he said, that the tannery plant had paid more in taxes than all property that would be purchased by the government for dams.

Judge Hayes also explained that the property above the dams could be used for grazing purposes and that 75 per cent of all funds derived from grazing rents would go to the county to offset loss in property taxes. In all probability this would amount to more than present taxes paid, he said.

It was pointed out that everything lost in a flood is lost forever and is recovered by nobody. By erecting the flood control dams nobody will lose and the entire coun-

high heaven about a movement initiated by Illinois' Republican Legislature to erase the congressional district so long represented by Representative Sabath and thus to gerrymander this veteran Democratic stalwart right out of a congressional job.

We'll join in the protest, for gerrymandering, in its patent effort to defeat the minority party and deny representation which all democratic rules and procedures decree, is wholly indefensible. But our condemnation is of a general and not a particularist sort. It is just as despicable to gerrymander a Republican out of a congressional, judicial, solicitorial or what-have-you post, as it is to ditto a Democrat.

So far as we've observed the brethren hereabouts who are stirred to righteous indignation by what is happening in Illinois have never beat their breasts or raised their hands in holy horror when the Democratic gerrymanderers were really working on the minority party and its sizable membership as it sought some degree of participation in the administration of North Carolina affairs.

Those big, bad Illini Republicans ought to be told a thing or two about democratic processes. But, if at the same time, they don't know exactly how to proceed in their geographical freezing out of an unbowed district or two, they ought to consult the saga of the late Col. Alston D. Watts or try to get some of his surviving lieutenants or successors trained in his ways to tip 'em off, reasonable as such an act would be of course, as to most effective and sustained operating methods.

It really doesn't do for gerrymanderers in one state to talk too much and too loudly about gerrymanderers in another, unless there is the faint prospect that, like unto the gingham dog and the calico cat, they might wind up devouring each other and thus giving clean, fair and decent politics an unexpected break.

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## OUR WONDERFUL BLESSINGS

To be a child of God means that we have wonderful blessings bestowed upon us along life's pathway. Even a sinner is blessed with the temporal necessities of life, which are many, and for which he ought to give himself unto God; but the blessings of the Christian far outnumber those of the sinner. Temporal blessings are wonderful, but spiritual blessings are far more wonderful. The heart, mind, soul and spirit that feeds on spiritual food has a joy, peace, contentment, satisfaction, sweetness and blessedness that no sinner in all the world has. We don't have to run after the evil things of the world in order to have pleasure, because we find pleasure in Christianity. God satisfies the longing of our souls. He fills us with His blessedness, therefore the amusements and so-called pleasures of the world do not appeal to us. We have that within our hearts, which comes from our Lord, that makes us happy; while the sinner seeks happiness from without, thus turning to dances, picture shows, exciting games, foolishness, strong drink, social indulgences, pleasure resorts, traveling, night clubs, pool rooms, skating rinks, sex literature, bad company, and so on. All this is outside the Christian's realm of living, and foreign to that which he delights in and enjoys. Hallelujah!

Paul said, "Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours; whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; and ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's." (1 Cor. 3:21-23). That is to say we are not to glory in men, or make of them a god, or let them come between us and God Almighty; but good men are our helpers, and are a blessing to us. Then we are to have the good things of the world enough to get along with; the good things God has in store for His dear children. Life holds in store many good things for the followers of Jesus. Death even works for the advancement and good of God's saints. Things present and things to come, which are good, are ours to own and enjoy. "All

## ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By DWIGHT NICHOLS et al

### COULDN'T HAPPEN—

Pat got a job moving some kegs of powder and to the alarm of the foreman, was discovered smoking.

Foreman—Heavens! Do you know what happened with a man smoked at this job two years ago? An explosion blew up a dozen men.

Pat calmly—Well, that couldn't happen now.

Foreman—why not?

Pat—There ain't that many men here.

### IMPORTANT DATA—

Minister—Good morning! I'm so glad to see you at Sunday School, Harold. What do you expect to learn today?

Harold—I expect to learn the date of the Sunday School picnic.

### HOW NOT TO—

Talkative Lady—A big man like you could find a better occupation than catching poor little fish.

Wise Fisherman—Maybe so ma'am. But if this poor little fish had kept his mouth shut, he wouldn't have been on this hook.

### IT TAKES SO LITTLE—

It takes so little to make us sad Just a slighting word or a doubtful sneer

Just a scornful smile on some lips held dear And our footsteps lag, though the goal seemed near

And we lose courage and the hope we had

So little it takes to make us sad It takes so little to make us glad Just he cheering clasp of a friendly hand,

Just a word from one who can understand And lose the doubt, and the fear he had—

So little it takes to make us glad. —Exchange.

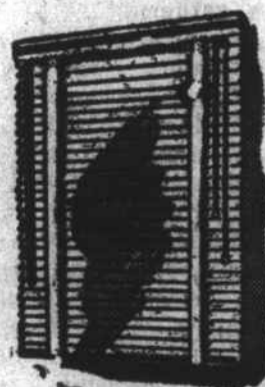
### TRUTHFUL—

Husband, shouting upstairs to wife—For the last time, Mary, are you coming?

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A drunk was swaying back and forth on the sidewalk when the cop stepped up and asked him what he was doing and where he lived.

"Right there," he said, pointing to a house, "but I rang the bell and nobody answered."

"How long ago was that?"

"About three hours ago."

"Well, why don't you try them again?"

"Aw to hell with 'em—let 'em wait."

### SLIGHTLY MIXED—

His wife asked him to copy a radio recipe. He did his best, but got two stations at once. And this is what he wrote down:

"Hands on hips, place one cup of flour on your shoulder, raise knees and depress toes; mix thoroughly in one-half cup of milk, repeat six times. Inhale quickly one half teaspoon of baking powder, lower the legs and mash two hard-boiled eggs in a sieve; exhale breath naturally and sift in a flour and roll in the whites of two bowls. Attention: Lie flat on the eggs backward and forward until it comes to a boil. In 10 minutes remove from fire and rub smartly with a rough towel. Breathe naturally, dress in warm flannels and serve with tomato soup."



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