

Deadliest Fire In U. S. History Cost 1,152 Lives

(Continued from page one) extinguish them.

The third element is air. This was the key to the Peshtigo disaster. The fire spread through the area, it converted the existing fires into monstrous blazes and flying brands into incendiary bullets that pierced ironwood plow handles like rifle shot. It is quite possible that the wind which in Chicago was described as a tornado was indeed the same one which, with vastly more fuel to burn, created the disaster at Peshtigo.

At about ten o'clock on the fatal night, a growing roaring was heard. The sky on every side suddenly blazed into light. As the wind struck, the air was filled with a blizzard of fiery particles. Huge streamers of flame shot into the sky and as clouds of combustible gases and superheated air swept into the community, virtual explosions of flame occurred on every hand. To inhale was to be annihilated. The entire populace fled to the river. Many leaped into wells which were later to prove death traps.

The terrible blast poured over the community. Many who sought

to escape were suddenly enveloped in flame and fell to the ground corpses. A few found salvation in pits which they covered with railroad ties and earth like bomb-proof shelters. A mother scooped out a hole in the ground, placed her baby in it and covered it with her own body—in vain.

Waves of fire literally ricocheted and bounded from the earth upward and then downward. Explosions were heard from the woods that reached the river was further tortured by lumber which had been ignited and floated hissing and steaming through the water and by maddened cattle that trampled many of them.

When the woods had been completely consumed, a few survivors crawled shivering from the water. The roads and nearby woods were strewn with human dead. The survivors, in their search for food ate potatoes which had been roasted in the ground. The community itself resembled a ghastly checkerboard, the black squares marking where buildings had been located.

Eventually help came from neighboring communities, themselves hard hit. In spite of the needs of the people of Chicago, the country found a way to send large shipments of clothes and other supplies to the surviving sufferers at Peshtigo.

One and one-quarter million acres of forest land had been consumed. The toll in human dead of 1,152 has never been exceeded on the North American continent.

Peel answered the radio call for help along with officers from Washington County. After the body was recovered, Officer Biggs made an investigation and ruled that there were no signs of foul play, that the man came to his death by drowning. No formal inquest was considered necessary.

The truck was given away three weeks ago by Jeremiah Peel to his brother, the officers said, but no arrest of the new owners was made immediately. The machine along with the boat and liquor was confiscated.

After the body was turned over to a Plymouth undertaker, Officers Bullock and Roy Peel with Officer Paul Esnig continued up the stream the greater part of a mile and found the liquor still where James and his companion apparently had just completed operations. The plant had just been recharged with about 300 gallons of beer which the officers poured out after wrecking the 150-gallon capacity copper kettle.

Submit Petitions For Improvement Of Walks-Streets

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Paving is being asked to connect the two schools, the route to follow School Drive which must be widened. A paving project for Railroad Street between Washington and Smithwick Streets was also proposed, along with one or two others.

Treasurer Marion Cobb reported \$54,463.16 cash on hand, including \$2,824.69 sewer rental fund and \$14,723.50 street funds. He reported that \$43,095 had been collected in 1951 taxes, that the sewer rental fees last month amounted to \$697.85, and that the revenue from the parking meters added up to \$661.42.

The town attorney was ordered to foreclose all old tax accounts. A request was made for 500 feet of sewer line to relieve a bad situation on the south side of East Main Street near the Marvyl Package Company.

To relieve a traffic hazard, the board ordered the retaining wall

at the corner of Main and Harrell Streets be tapered down. Specifications are being completed for the sinking of a deep well, the board was advised.

The builders of the new water tank, their job completed, advised they would not be able to repair and paint the old tank. The town is negotiating with a Charlotte firm and an inspection is to be made within the next two weeks before a contract is entered into for repairing the old 75,000-gallon capacity standpipe.

Critically Hurt In Accident On East Main Street

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yards, broke a telephone pole in two and turned over twice. Suffering a minor shoulder injury, Bundy was able to continue on his way after an over-night stay in a hospital. Damage to the car was estimated at \$700 by Patrolman B. W. Parker who made the investigation.

Driving his 1950 DeSoto toward Parmele on Highway 64 at 9:15 o'clock last Friday night, Robert Edward Phelps of RFD 1, Creswell, started to pass Samuel Lee Howard in his 1941 Chevrolet near the Martin-Pitt boundary. Howard made a turn, and Phelps swerved his car, missing the Chevrolet but plowing into a post at the edge of a ditch. Patrolman Parker estimated the damage to the DeSoto at \$40. No one was hurt.

At 5:35 o'clock Saturday afternoon, Elizabeth Rawls Rooks of Richmond started to pass Joe Best Purvis on Highway 125 between Oak City and Hamilton. Just as Purvis started to turn into his driveway with his 1951 Ford pick-up truck, The Rooks car, a 1949 DeSoto, struck the right side of the truck, Patrolman Parker said. He estimated the damage at \$75 to the car and \$30 to the truck. No one was hurt.

Noah Parker last Sunday afternoon at 12:15 o'clock started to drive his 1941 Ford out of the Jones Chapel churchyard and was struck by a 1934 Ford driven by Robert Lee Brown on the Hamilton-Palmyra Road. Mr. Zola Brown suffered a painful but believed not serious face bruise. Patrolman Parker estimated the damage to the Brown car at \$30 and that to the Parker car at \$15.

Sunday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock, Eddie Preston Hyman of Oak City lost control of his 1938 Oldsmobile and turned it over on Highway 125 about three miles east of Hamilton. He was not hurt, and damage to his car was estimated at \$75 by Patrolman B. W. Parker who made the investigation.

Bond was arranged in the sum of \$750 for Ramsey last night, but no hearing date has been fixed.

Foresters estimate nature plants 75 billion trees each year in the U. S.

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Announce Services In Rose Of Sharon Church

The Rose of Sharon Free Will Baptist Church on Wednesday night, October 3, and will continue through Sunday, October 14.

Everyone is invited to attend the services which will be held nightly at 7:30 with the Rev. Ray W. Allman of Saratoga, N. C. as guest speaker. The church is located two miles south of Bear Grass and has as its pastor, Rev. C. D. Hamilton.

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FOR YOUR ROANOKE PEANUT

Pickers and Hay Balers, see your Ferguson dealer, Williamston Tractor and Implement Company, Jamesville Highway, Williamston, N. C. oc 2 tf

FOR SALE: ONE YOKE OF

steers, weighs 1400 pounds each. See Vance Price, Route 1, Jamesville, N. C. oc 2 tf

LOST—TWO BIRD DOGS, ONE

pointer, white with liver spots, and one blue tick setter. Name, W. G. Stallings, Elizabeth City, on dog collars. Finder please call 3147, Williamston, Reward, oc 2 tf

FOR SALE—1951 CHEVROLET

1-2 ton pick up truck, practically new. H. S. Johnson, Jr., Phone 136, Hamilton, N. C. oc 2 tf

FOR SALE—HACKNEY CART

wheels, also galvanized roofing. C. L. Wilson and Company, Robersonville, N. C. ac 2 tf

FOR SALE—GROCERY STORE

and Meat Market. Good location and good business. See Louis T. Wynne at store located in Everetts on Main Street. oc 2 tf

REMEMBER—YOUR MOST EXPENSIVE SHOES

are those you never have repaired so have your shoes repaired at Warren's Shoe Repair, 203 Broad Street. Work done while you wait, and while getting your car washed and greased at Bobby's Place; have your shoes shined at Warren's Shoe Repair with experienced men at each job. I take work at my home in Hamilton, will pick up and deliver. Warren Ward, Proprietor. oc 2 tf

CHINESE CHESTNUT—BLIGHT

Resistant, early-bearing trees make beautiful shade and bear delicious nuts the second or third year after being transplanted. Successfully grown from Maine to Florida. Two 2 to 3 feet trees—Special Offer No. 1-1—\$4.75, Postpaid. Write for Free Copy 56-page Planting Guide offering complete line Fruit Trees, Nut Trees, Berry Plants, and Ornamental Plant Material. Salespeople wanted. Waynesboro Nurseries, Waynesboro, Virginia. oc 2 tf

FOR USED GAS AND ELECTRICAL

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FOR SALE—ONE '50 FORD,

good condition. See J. T. Edmondson, 1112 Haighton Street or call 2705 after 3:00. se 27 tf

WE HAVE ON HAND NOW A

supply of Crocker Jars for packing meat, etc. Can be seen at your Ferguson dealer, Williamston Tractor and Implement Company, Jamesville Highway, Williamston, N. C. oc 2 tf

JUST RECEIVED SHIPMENT

of little boys' T Shirt and Sox Sets to match. Styled by McKem. Sizes 1 to 6. McLawhorn's Lullaby House. oc 2 tf

FOR SALE: FIVE-ROOM HOUSE

and lot on West Main Street next to William Rogers' store. See John Sherrod there any night or early morning.

TELEVISION AND RADIO REPAIRS

with correct replacement parts and equipment. Call Jimmy Kitchings, WIAM Chief Engineer. Telephone 3146 or 2689. Phone 3146 or 2689. se 27 tf

BABY'S DIAPER STEP-ON

cans. Has lifetime porcelain enameled inner bucket with handle. Assorted baby colors. McLawhorn's Lullaby House. oc 2 tf

FOR YOUR CUSTOM-MADE

venetian blinds, awnings for the home or store, see us. We have the famous Flexalum aluminum slats; also beautiful colors in wood. Henry Harrison, Williamston. au 26 tf

DEAD AND DISABLED HORSES,

mules, cows and hogs removed promptly. No charge. Greenville By-Products Co., Inc., Greenville, N. C. Telephone 3101. m 20 tf

FOR SALE: ELECTRIC SEWING

machines, console cabinet, 20 year warranty, only \$124.95. B. S. Courtney and Son. fe 13 tf

BUILD WITH BRICK FOR

beauty and durability. Inquire for prices. Select, Common and Scratch, prompt deliveries. Eastern Brick & Tile Company, Inc., P. O. Box 631, Washington, N. C., or Tel. 1492 and 1365-J, Washington, N. C. au 7 tf

CLARK'S RHEUMATISM COMPOUND

for positive relief of rheumatism, sciatica, lumbago, neuritis, neuralgia and muscular aches and pains. Guaranteed relief or money back. Clark Pharmacy. m 22 tf

GEORGE REYNOLDS COFFEE

Shop. Good food and good service. Merchants luncheons served from 11 to 3 p. m. daily. 120 tf

FOR RENT: SANDING MACHINE.

Refinish your floors yourself and do a first class job of sanding and polishing your worn dingy floors. We will rent and show you how to operate the machine. Its easy and rental costs are low. Worrell Appliance Company. Dial 2057. no 8 tf

BUY YOUR FALL CURLEE

suit from Darden's on our Lay-away plan. Price \$29.50 to \$48.50. Darden's Dept. Store, Williamston. au 28 tf



Highway 64 West Williamston, N. C.

Enjoy a good movie under the stars with individual sound control through microphones for each car. Shows at 7:00 and 9:00

LAST TIMES TODAY

Shows at 7 and 9

BIRD OF PARADISE

Special Mid-Nite Show at 11:00

ADULTS ONLY

SECRETS OF A MODEL

WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY Oct. 3 and 4

With Audie Murphy Selected Short Subjects

WATCH FOR PASSES IN POPCORN

TWILIGHT DRIVE-IN THEATRE

HOUSE for SALE: SAM WOOLFORD home, 2 story frame house, large rooms, modern kitchen, convenient location. Will sell with or without electric hot water heater and three oil burning stoves, venetian blinds. Owner transferred. Possession about Oct. 15. 204 Watts Street, phone 2581. se 25 4t

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Tested and Guaranteed ATLAS WHEAT, VICTOR GRAIN OATS, and ABRUZZI RYE Any Amount — one bushel to 5,000 bushels Buy from us and save the difference LINDSLEY ICE CO. Williamston, N. C. Se 11 8t

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all types of high quality hardwood logs. Well-Oates Lumber Company, Frank E. Weston, manager, Williamston, N. C. je 8 tf

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TONIGHT Shows 7 and 9 p. m.

"SEALED CARGO"

Dana Andrews Claude Rains

CARTOON

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 3 Shows at 7 and 9:30 p. m.

Double Feature

"WONDER OF THE WASTELANDS" James Warren

"TRIPLE CROSS"

Joe Kirkwood and Cathy Downs SERIAL

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WATTS

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"The Day the Earth Stood Still"

Starring Michael Rennie Patricia Neal News - Cartoon - Short

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FRED MURRAY-PARKER

A MILLIONAIRE FOR Christy!

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Perry Como

SIN—Savannah Churchill

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Mario Lanza New Children's Records ALICE IN WONDERLAND — Storybook Record Album

WOKRELL Appliance Co.

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Men's Dress and Work Shoes For Less.

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Short or long lengths WILLIAMSTON SUPPLY CO. Phone 2460

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OREY PLUMBING Co. EDGEWOOD AVE. - PHONE 2309 WILLIAMSTON, N.C.

Lawn Mowers Sharpened We Sell and Repair.

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TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY

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Take advantage of this special offer and you get what amounts to your first month's heating bill absolutely free. The Coleman heater efficiency will keep all the rest of your fuel bills lower than you have ever experienced before.

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THIS SENSATIONAL OFFER FOR LIMITED TIME ONLY. Coleman gives you exclusive Fuel-Air Control that saves up to 25% on your season's fuel bill. Big volume circulation—heat two to five rooms. Beautiful styling that fit right in with your home furnishings.

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