

FEBRUARY FIRE LOSS \$800,000

RALEIGH HAS BEST RECORD AMONG LARGER CITIES OF STATE.

34 TOWNS ON HONOR ROLL

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Raleigh. The aggregate of loss by fire in North Carolina during February was \$864,251, according to official reports of each fire on file in the State Insurance department, made public by Commissioner Stacy W. Wade. This shows an increase of about \$200,000 over February last year. For the United States and Canada February loss is estimated at \$31,447,900, a decrease of about \$10,000,000 from last February.

The marked feature of the State's loss is the small average loss of the 270 fires occurring as compared with the aggregate of 27 fires in which the loss was \$5,000 and over. This totals \$765,675, an average of \$28,022 per fire, while for the remaining total of \$98,576 for the other 243 fires, the average loss per fire was but 405. The heaviest single losses were: a film exchange at Charlotte, \$156,000; business building at Wilmington, \$55,000; oil mill near Henderson, \$106,000; fish fertilizer plant at Shallotte, \$50,000; a store at Littleton, \$30,000; dwelling at Pinehurst, \$28,000.

Charlotte heads the cities with heavy losses, having had 28 fires with loss of \$172,935, followed by Gastonia with 4 fires and loss of \$67,155; Wilmington with 11 fires, loss \$58,915; and Winston-Salem with 37 fires, loss of \$49,380.

Raleigh has the premier record among the larger cities, with 8 fires, and loss of \$340. The major fire causes were defective flues and shingle roofs, 82; overshoot stoves and furnaces, 15; oil stoves, adjoining building, smoking and over carelessness, 14; while spontaneous combustion accounted for 8 fires, incendiary, short circuit, child and match 6. There was not a single electric iron fire, but there was 3 due to explosion of lamps used under incubators.

The principal classes of property damaged or destroyed includes 144 dwellings, 18 stores, 9 barns and stables and 7 warehouses, four schools and dormitories, 3 churches laundries and factories, and four hotels, movie theatres and cafes.

The statistical table also shows that while out of the 270 fires the losses of buildings was \$390,695 and contents \$473,556, or just about equally divided. In the 27 fires in which the big losses occurred, the contents loss exceeded the building loss by nearly four to one.

The total value of property at risk is shown to be \$4,938,029, insurance \$3,033,924.

The following towns and counties reporting no fire or no damage from fire during February, are placed upon the department's honor roll for the month.

Plymouth, Thomasville, Mt. Olive, Concord, Mt. Holly, Fairmont, Badin, Fuquay Springs, Spring Hope, Waynesville, Roxboro, Wake Forest, Jacksonville, Stanley, Creedmoor, Taber, Rockingham, Randemarie, Albemarle, Elkin, Granite Falls, Lumberton, Huntersville, Marion, Tryon, Elm City, Forest City, Carthage, Hickory, Louisburg, Kings Mountain, Pilot Mountain, Murphy.

Encampment Dates For Guard.

Summer encampments for the North Carolina National Guard will commence this year on July 1, when the field Artillery regiment will go into training at Fort Bragg and will close on August 30, according to the April issue of the National Guard bulletin, which is issued monthly by Major Gordan Smith, Assistant Adjutant General. According to the bulletin, there will be 3,000 guardsmen in camp, the largest number since 1916.

The schedule of the training camps follows:

Camp Glenn, N. C., July 20; 120th Infantry, Staff Corps and Departments, 30th Signal Company and 117th Motor Transport Company.
Fort Bragg, N. C., July 1-15: 105th Engineers.
Fort Bragg, N. C., April 2-16: 117th Field Artillery.
Camp McClellan, Ala., August 4-18: 109th Cavalry and 105th Medical Regiment.
Fort Monroe, Va., August 16-30: Coast Artillery.

What Good Roads Have Done.

Good roads saved each motorist 66 gallons of gasoline last year which at 25 cents the gallon, is a financial advantage of \$16.50. The State Highway bulletin has figured out. The bulletin has found that the gasoline consumption per car during 1923 was 66 gallons less than 1922. Automobiles have increased and good roads have been conducive of greater use of them so that the estimate of saving is considered reasonably conservative.

Governor to Visit Charlotte.

Highway Chairman Frank Page has brought Charlotte into the Pan-American road show, and that city will be host Sunday, June 3, to the South American highway engineers and builders, ambassadors from South American countries, governors of seven states, Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover and other distinguished officials and citizens of two continents, making up a party that will spend a week watching Tar Heel road builders at work.

Receiving the news from Mr. Page Commissioner W. C. Wilkinson, of Charlotte, began devising ways and means of extending the visit at least another day. He will get the local folks behind him in plans for elaborately entertaining the distinguished guests. And Mr. Page likely will be besought to give the city at least two days so that the visitors may have ample time to see the town and surroundings.

Approximately 2,000 people are expected to be included in the list of invited guests to the road show, which has been designated a "Shirt Sleeves" exhibition, because the visitors will come to see road construction in actual progress in North Carolina. The state will give one grand show of its good roads, and it will be literally "showing the world" how to build them.

The South American highway engineers and builders will number half a hundred. Seven ambassadors to the United States from South American countries will be in the party. Secretary Hoover will represent the federal government. Governor Morrison and the governors of six South Atlantic states have accepted invitations. Senators Simmons and Overman, the North Carolina delegations in Congress and senators and congressmen from other states will be present. Invitations have been extended to members of road governing boards in every county in the South Atlantic states.

The "Triangle Cities," Greensboro, Winston-Salem and High Point will be the official hosts because of hotel facilities available in the three cities. Five hundred automobiles will be used in transporting them over the state.

The official party, which will number about 75, will arrive in Raleigh on a special train June 4. Taking automobiles here it will go to Greensboro. Leaving Greensboro Saturday, the official party and visitors will go by automobile to Charlotte to spend Sunday; and Monday, if Mr. Wilkinson can carry out his plans. From Charlotte automobiles will take them to Asheville, where they will board a special train for Tennessee June 10.

Winston-Salem, Greensboro and High Point are raising a large sum to provide for the entertainment of the visitors, and Commission Wilkinson proposes that Charlotte give them an elaborate reception.

The show, with the distinguished visitors, will prove of tremendous advertising value to the state and to the cities to be visited.

Staff representatives of New York newspapers will be here, and the press will give prominence to the event.

Bulletin on Boll Weevil.

"Habits and Control of the Cotton Boll Weevil" is the title of a new bulletin just issued by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture for the Agricultural Experiment Station. The bulletin is issued as the March 1924 Bulletin and is written by Dr. R. W. Leiby and J. A. Harris, assistant entomologists, of the Experiment Station staff. This bulletin sets for the studies, experiments and results obtained from work done during 1923 from the field station of the division of Entomology located at Aberdeen in the Sandhills.

According to Professor Franklin Sherman, Chief in Entomology, the bulletin brings out several important facts. Some of the principal findings are stated by Prof. Sherman as follows:

On April 17 the first weevil out of hibernation was found, but none were found on young cotton until last half of May. Earliest laying of eggs was about mid-June; and the generation of weevils from these eggs appeared largely from July 10 to 18. It was found that the time for starting the general dust-poisoning (1 e. when 10 per cent of squares were being punctured) averaged about July 25, which agreed with the observations made during 1922.

Tests were made with several methods for control of the weevil. Four applications of home-made sweetened mixture gave a net profit of \$1.50 per acre, while seven applications of the material known as Hill's Mixture gave a net loss of \$3.29 per acre. As early-season applications of sweetened mixture did kill many overwintered weevils, and as later applications had but little effect, during the time before blooming, the recommendation for 1924 are to use the home-made mixture. A test of the "Florida Method" gave net loss of \$5.08 per acre; hence while this method may later be adapted to our use, it is not yet recommended.

New State Charters.

Charters were issued by the secretary of state's office as follows: Citizens Insurance and Realty company, Fayetteville, authorized capital, \$50,000; subscribed, \$400; incorporators, G. E. Edgerton, L. M. Edgerton, Thomas D. Clark, and F. H. Thompson, all of Fayetteville.
Green Lumber company, Thomasville, authorized capital, \$25,000; subscribed, \$16,000; incorporators, W. E. Founts, Z. V. Crutchfield, E. W. E. Founts, Z. V. Crutchfield, E. M. Crutchfield, all of Thomasville.

18 ARRESTED BY "DRY" OFFICERS

NEW YORK PROHIBITION AGENTS MAKES BIG HAUL ON SEA AND LAND.

MUCH WHISKEY IS CAPTURED

Steam Yacht, Schooner, Motor Boat, Four Trucks and 2,635 Cases of Liqueur Caught.

New York.—Prohibition agents in this district, working on land and sea, arrested 18 men, captured a steam yacht, a schooner, a motor boat and four trucks and 2,635 cases of liquor.

Authorities began the day with a race off Montauk Point between one of their new high powered rum chasers and a fast little battleship from the rum fleet. The motor boat Mickey was captured with her crew of four and her cargo of 500 cases. The pier of the Fabre Line Syria was used as a base by federal agents, who fired volley after volley of pistol bullets in a vain attempt to halt a black speed boat which, according to the authorities, was surprised in the act of taking on a cargo of liquor from the deck of the Syria.

When the motorboat escaped the agents raided the Syria. Two firemen were arrested. Two radio messages from the revenue cutter Victory, told of the seizure off Gardner's Point, L. I., of the steam yacht Theodore and the sloop Sadie E. Nicholson, and the capture of their crews and liquor cargoes. The yacht, valued at \$85,000, had 535 cases of whiskey and the sloop, hailing from Nantucket, Mass., 700 cases.

Four moving vans with 900 cases of whiskey were seized en route to New York and their drivers arrested.

A aftermath of the raid on the Syria came when Samuel Arbee of Brooklyn, called at St. Peter's hospital for treatment of a bullet wound in the neck. He told a detective he was shot when he went in his motorboat to the Syria for a bottle of whiskey for his invalid wife.

Two Killed and Many Injured.

Lilly, Pa.—Two men were killed, another believed fatally wounded and a score of others were more or less seriously hurt in rioting between townspeople and members of the Ku Klux Klan, a close check-up by state police and deputy sheriffs disclosed. Four residents of Lilly were being held by state police upon charges of rioting while at Johnstown 25 men, said to be klansmen, were being held by Sheriff Logan N. Kellar, pending an investigation.

The rioting occurred when the stream from a fire house was turned upon the klansmen as they were boarding a special train for Johnstown, 19 miles west of here, after having paraded in the darkness through the town from an adjoining bill where a ceremony attended by some 600 klansmen had been held. Firing began immediately, and when the special train pulled out 30 minutes later several wounded men had been taken aboard while Philip T. Conrad and Floyd Paul, both of Lilly, lay dead on the street. Eleven of the injured, all declared to be residents of Lilly, were taken to the Altoona hospital, the most seriously hurt being Frank Miasco, whose recovery physicians declared was doubtful.

Business More Cheerful.

New York.—Recovery of bond prices last week followed a return of easier money rates and assurances that senate action on the tax reduction bill would be expedited. Constructive influences were at work, based on the assumption that funds would continue in supply indefinite at reasonable figures, stimulating activity and rising prices in all sections of the list.

The return of railroad shares to stock market leadership for the first time in many months was accompanied by a similar development in bond trading. Moderate gains were registered by a wide variety of the high grade railroad investments with numerous speculative mortgages, such as St. Pauls, New Havens and Eries, staging spiritual rallies.

Strength of European currencies was reflected in a stronger tone for foreign bonds. French republic issues reached new high levels to the year. The improvement along with that of other foreign government obligations, was attributed partly to the confidence inspired by the forthcoming Dawes report. Serbian 8's and Cuban 5 1-2's also moved into new high ground for 1924.

Pride of Oregon Navy Disabled.

New Orleans.—The Mexican rebels have disabled the gunboat Bravo, at Tampico, and the pride of the Oregon navy may be out of commission sever at months, according to a rebel official report brought here for transmission to the revolutionary headquarters. Rebels in the crew, according to the report, cut down the feed water supply to the boilers after the ship arrived in the Panuco river from New Orleans an done boiler was so badly burned it must be replaced or rebuilt.

HOLD BOYS WEEK APRIL 27

Interesting Program to Stress Intimate Relationship Between Juniors and Elders.

Statesville.—Boys' week, sponsored by the Rotary club, of which C. H. Turner is president, will be fittingly observed in Statesville April 27 to May 3. A most interesting program having as its object the establishment of a closer and more intimate relationship between our citizens of tomorrow and their seniors, will be carried out. Sunday, April 27, will be boys' day in the churches of Statesville. It is the intention to have every boy in the community attend a church on that day, when a special sermon for the boys will be preached. J. G. Shelton and F. L. Johnson were elected co-chairman in charge of the program for the day.

Monday, April 28, is to be boys' day in the schools. Special programs will be put on in the different schools with a view to stimulating the boys to a fuller realization of the importance of education, both as a means of increasing one's earning capacity and one's power to serve others. F. A. Sherrill was chosen chairman.

Tuesday, April 29, will be boys' day in industry. On this day the boys will become acquainted with the different industries and business houses of the community—they will see the wheels go round. C. E. Keiger and C. M. Steele were selected as chairmen.

Friday, May 2, will be boys' day in the homes. Parents will be asked to spend the evening with their children at home, the idea being to emphasize the home as the greatest institution for character building and good citizenship. Pogram A. Bryant was elected chairman of this day.

On Saturday, May 3, the principal feature will be loyalty day parade. Hundreds of boys will march in the parade, which will also include attractive floats representing the city's business houses and industries. D. J. Craig is chairman of the day's program. The object of the parade is to give the public an opportunity to review its potential citizenship and to focus attention on the boy as the medium through which all problems in society can be solved; likewise, to develop loyalty to the nation's ideals on the part of the boys.

William Wallace was elected chairman of the week, with the following advisory committee: C. H. Turner, Hon. W. D. Turner, J. G. Shelton, W. A. Thomas, N. B. Mills, J. A. Brady, R. R. Clark, L. P. Henkel, D. M. Ausley.

Will Sell Airplanes.

Dunn.—One of the latest additions to the business life of Dunn is a wholesale and retail airplane business. The Stephens Wholesale Company, of Dunn, recently purchased a solid car load of the machines used for travel through the air. The airplanes have already arrived and are on display at the company's big store. While this concern heretofore has confined its sales to the wholesale trade, V. L. Stephens, head of the firm, states that he will fill orders from this department for one airplane, or even a part of one machine.

Three Belmont Homes Burn.

Belmont.—Belmont was visited by another disastrous fire when three residences on Cox street were completely demolished. Fanned by a high wind, and with practically no water protection, it looked for a time that several other houses would be burned, but although one more did catch on the roof, it was put out by prompt work on the part of onlookers.

The Southern Power company was working on the electric line to Belmont and the current was entirely cut off, this made it impossible to work the water pump and rendered the Belmont fire department practically useless.

Sandhills Has Good Season.

Pinehurst.—This is the best winter season the sandhills have ever known. Both at Southern Pines and Pinehurst the demand for accommodations has gone beyond the supply, notwithstanding the many new houses, hotels and apartments provided during the season. The new club house at Southern Pines has been doing a limit business, and the new golf course opened there during last summer has been crowded to capacity, bringing before the board of directors the problem of another nine holes this summer if it can be done.

Mid-Pines club at Knollwood village is full, along with the cottages, making it necessary to plan for more building there this summer. At Pinehurst and Southern Pines as well as at Knollwood Village the building schedule is more comprehensive than probably ever before so early in the season.

Land For Boys' Summer Camp.

Henderson.—Dr. R. J. Gill, one of Vance county's best-known citizens, and one of the oldest physicians, from the standpoint of service, in the county, has donated to the Henderson Rotary club a tract of about 25 acres of land at the old Gill mill place, several miles south of Bobbitt, to be used as a summer camp for the boys and girls of the community. Dr. Gill was present at the last meeting of the Rotary club as a guest and made the presentation in person.

Bicyclists Killed By Automobile.

Wilmington.—Adrian Matthews, 35 years old, Atlantic Coast Line conductor, was instantly killed here, when struck by a speeding auto on the Wrightsville Turnpike, just east of the city limits. The body was dragged 20 feet, the police say, and the bicycle which Matthews was riding, was carried nearly 100 yards. The driver did not stop after hitting Matthews, and police and county officials have no clue to his identity, other than he was driving a small sedan.

POWER COMPANY PURCHASES MILL

BUYS CONTROL OF BIG PROPERTY SITUATED ON CATAWBA RIVER.

MILL WAS BUILT IN 1884

Tuckasee Plant of Gaston County Passes From Possession of Mt. Holly Citizens.

Gastonia.—Announcement is made by the former owners, H. A. Rhyne, of Mt. Holly, W. W. Glenn, of Gastonia, that the Tuckasee mill, on the Catawba river, near Mt. Holly, had passed from their control to that of the Tuckasee Spinning company, A. Q. Kale, F. S. Kale and C. A. Cochran incorporators. The Southern Power company is the real owner of the property, the corporation having taken over the plant as part of its schedule of buying everything up and down the Catawba river. A. Q. Kale, who was formerly connected with the High Shoals mills, is president and general manager.

The Tuckasee mill was built in 1883 by A. P. and D. E. Rhyne, of Mt. Holly, and was known as the Tuckasee Manufacturing company. It was run by water power. A. C. Lineberger, of Belmont, headed the mill for a long time until he went to Belmont. In 1916 the mill and machinery were practically destroyed by the big flood of that year. New machinery and equipment were installed, and three years ago a hydro-electric development was installed, the mill running by electric power generated from its own dam and generators.

The fact that the continuous operation of the mill might in some way conflict with the program of the Southern Power company on the Catawba led to the negotiations for its sale to the big corporation.

The mill has 8,064 spindles and makes fine combed yarns. Rhyne and Glenn each owned a half interest, Rhyne being president and Glenn, secretary and treasurer. A. P. Rhyne, with a nominal interest was vice president.

The Southern Power company took over the mill and 625 acres of land included in the property along the river.

From the amount of revenue stamps on the deeds which passed, the sale price of the property was slightly in excess of \$500,000.

Few Shoals in Harbor.

Wilmington.—Maps just completed of a survey of the local harbor made by engineers in the office of Maj. O. Kuentz, district engineer, show that few shoals of any consequence exist in the harbor channels between Greenfield Creek and the Hilton railroad bridge, or in the waters adjacent to the channel. The survey was ordered by Major Kuentz, upon request of the United States Shipping Board, to which board two or three harbor groundings were recently reported. None of the groundings damaged or delayed the ships scraping the river bottom. All vessels that touched upon the shoal places were heavily laden.

Onslow Builds New County Home.

Kinston.—Onslow county will have a new county home, one of the best equipped in the State, according to announcement in construction circles here. Three brick buildings will be erected on a site a short distance from Jacksonville, the county seat. These will take the form of dormitories for whites and negroes and a home for the superintendent. All modern conveniences will be installed, and the structures will be comfortably furnished. Work will be started shortly.

Governor Morrison Marries.

Durham.—Governor Cameron Morrison and Mrs. Sara Ecker Watts, widow of George W. Watts, Durham millionaire financier, were married here at the Watts mansion on South Duke street. Rev. Dr. David H. Scanlon, pastor of the Durham First Presbyterian church, officiated at the ceremony which was witnessed by the Governor's sister, Miss Ida Morrison, his daughter, Miss Angella Morrison, and a few personal friends. Immediately after the ceremony, Governor and Mrs. Morrison motored to Greensboro where they were to have taken a New York train for their honeymoon trip.

The bride, one of the wealthiest women in North Carolina, is a native of Syracuse, N. Y., and was married to the wealthy Durham capitalist in that city on October 25, 1917. Some years ago, she was a trained nurse, but had given up that profession prior to her marriage to Mr. Watts.

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