

**A REAL FIRE, IF YOU ASK US**  
When we reached the scene of the fire which destroyed an entire city block (according to state papers), the other morning there weren't but about 18 people present. Six of these were fighting the blaze and the other 12 were standing safely across the street handing out advice.

Those twelve were really talking a great fire fight, too, while everything the firemen were doing was dead wrong.

One man, who was very careful not to get his feet wet, found fault with the direction in which the firemen were pointing the hose. At the time the hose was being pointed north by west, when it should have been pointed south by east. As long as Elkin's firemen have been fighting fire, looks like they would have known better than that.

Somebody ought to make up some money and buy them a compass. Then they could get their bearings and point the hose right. And regardless of whether the water went on the blaze or not, they would still have the satisfaction that they were going according to the book.

Another fellow who was also talking up a good fire fight from across the street, was bitterly complaining because the firemen didn't go inside the building, chop a hole in the ceiling, and squirt water up where the blaze was. The firemen would have been glad to give this fellow one of their best Sunday glass breaking axes with which to go in and chop the hole in the ceiling, but he would have had to figure out for himself how to live in the suffocating smoke with which the buildings were filled, while doing his chopping. The smoke was so thick that it came through a solid brick wall.

The reason firemen were so long in subduing the blaze was because they could not reach it.

dear! Times are certainly not what they used to be!

**THIS AND THAT**  
We've been wondering for some time if Superintendent McAdams, of the Elkin schools, is going to print diplomas for the graduating class this year on his mimeographing machine?

And if it had snowed longer it would have been deeper. And if we had written more this would have been longer.

**BURCH**

J. C. Carter of Winston-Salem spent the week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Carter.

Mrs. Foy Anthony, who has been in a hospital at Morganton for sometime, returned to her home here Saturday. Her many friends will be glad to know.

J. C. Kerley of Elkin spent the week-end here the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Humphries.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Sneed spent the week-end in Elkin with Mrs. Sneed's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Williamson and son of Mount Airy were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stanley at Union Cross Sunday.

Mrs. John Greenwood and son, Hal, returned last week from Ohio, where they spent several days visiting Mrs. Greenwood's brother, Wendell Wellborn, and Mrs. Wellborn.

Cottage prayer meeting will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Phillips. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Burton spent the week-end at Union Cross with Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Burton.

Rev. A. B. Hayes of Mountain View will fill his regular appointment at Little Richmond Baptist church Saturday evening and Sunday. The public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hampton spent Tuesday in Cycle, visiting friends. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hampton of Arlington.

Earl Nance and his singers from Shady Grove will be at Little Richmond Sunday morning and will have charge of the song service.

Coy Williamson of Salisbury spent the week-end here with his mother, Mrs. Etta Williamson.

**BOONVILLE**

Mrs. Claudia Moxley and son, Howard, of Toledo, Ohio, are visiting relatives here.

Mr. R. M. Fletcher, prominent merchant here, was taken to the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem last week for treatment and is improving to some extent.

Mrs. J. P. Huskins of Greensboro, is spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Amburn.

Boonville School has been closed indefinitely on account of meningitis.

Francis Woodhouse, Clarence Caudle, Charlie F. Poindexter, Joe Hobson and Gray Shore left Tuesday morning to visit relatives in California.

Miss Grace Brown has gone to Raleigh to attend a business school there.

Mr. Mode Martin and family have moved near Richmond, Va. We are sorry to lose these good people.

Mr. Hermon Simpson and family are visiting Mrs. Simpson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Norman.

The death of Mr. A. E. Johnson, who died in a Winston-Salem hospital Monday morning, has cast a gloom over this community. The family has our sympathy.

**MOUNTAIN PARK**

Rev. T. S. Draughn filled his regular appointment at Mountain Park Baptist church last Sunday at eleven o'clock. His sermon was enjoyed by a large attendance.

Mr. Clyde Cockerham of Winston-Salem visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. U. H. Cockerham last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Swift spent part of Saturday in Dobson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Mooney had as their week-end guests, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Key, Miss Opal Key, Miss Helen Wall and Mr. John Henry Wall of Mulberry.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Harris had as their Sunday dinner guest, Rev. T. S. Draughn of Crutchfield.

Mr. J. A. Swift spent part of last week in Winston-Salem visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Adams and family of Winston-Salem visited relatives here over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cockerham and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wallace of Yadkinville last Sunday.

**On a Diet**  
Circus Fan—I hear the sword swallower is on a diet.  
Publicity Agent—Yes, that's right. He hasn't eaten anything but razor blades for a month now.

**FARM PRODUCTS REVENUE UP IN N. C.**

Value of State Crops and Livestock Increases 21 Per Cent Over Last Year

**HEAVY TOBACCO CROP**

North Carolina farmers received \$271,132,000 this year from the sale of crops and livestock, an increase of \$47,780,000, or 21 per cent, over 1936, officials of the federal-state crop reporting service announce.

The state's cash income from field crops amounted to \$232,850,000, compared with \$193,500,000 last year; livestock and livestock products brought \$26,000,000, as against \$25,900,000 in 1936; government payments to growers under crop control programs totaled \$12,282,000, compared with \$4,302,000 last year.

An unusually heavy tobacco crop, which sold at "good prices," was the largest contributor to farmers' income. Favorable weather conditions and increased acreage resulted in a production increase for most crops raised in the state.

"The national income showed an increase of only 7.3 per cent over 1936, showing that North Carolina farmers occupied an enviable comparative position in the farm picture for the past year," the crop report said.

Summary of crops:  
Tobacco—The estimated production of 593,745,000 pounds would exceed the previous record set in 1930 by 7,145,000 pounds. The cash income from the crop was estimated at \$154,800,000, an

increase of \$50,550,000 over 1936. Cotton—A total of 775,000 (5500 pound) bales was produced in 1937, compared with 597,000 bales last year. Lint brought farmers \$29,000,000, compared with \$37,390,000 in 1936. Receipts this year from lint and cotton seed amounted to \$35,350,000.

Corn—The total crop, estimated at 45,357,000 bushels, was the fourth largest in the state's history. The total value of the grain was \$34,471,000, as against \$41,736,000 for the smaller crop year.

Small grain crops—Production of all, with the exception of buckwheat, was above last year. The total cash value amounted to \$4,126,000, compared with \$3,300,000 last year.

Hay crops—A total of 824,000 tons was produced, an increase of 18 per cent. The value was not listed.

Peanuts—The production was estimated at 278,460,000 pounds, 11 per cent higher than 1936.

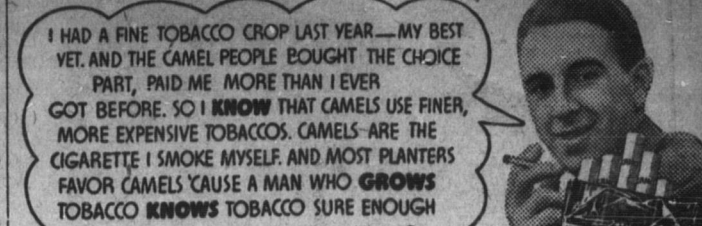
Irish potatoes—Production of 9,894,000 bushels was 71 per cent over last year. The cash income was \$4,150,000, which was only 52 per cent of the 1936 return.

Fruits—Apples, 4,505,000 bushels were produced, compared with 1,890,000 in 1936. Peaches, growers received approximately \$2,350,000, compared with \$2,000,000 in 1936.

Soy beans—Production was estimated at 1,560,000 bushels, as against 1,475,000 last year. The price per bushel was \$1, compared with \$1.32.

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**"I GROW TOBACCO"**



I HAD A FINE TOBACCO CROP LAST YEAR—MY BEST YET. AND THE CAMEL PEOPLE BOUGHT THE CHOICE PART, PAID ME MORE THAN I EVER GOT BEFORE. SO I KNOW THAT CAMELS USE FINER, MORE EXPENSIVE TOBACCOS. CAMELS ARE THE CIGARETTE I SMOKE MYSELF AND MOST PLANTERS FAVOR CAMELS 'CAUSE A MAN WHO GROWS TOBACCO KNOWS TOBACCO SURE ENOUGH

**"WE SMOKE CAMELS BECAUSE WE KNOW TOBACCO"**

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**LYRIC THEATRE**

TODAY ONLY—(Thursday)—  
**KAY FRANCIS**  
in  
**"Confession"**  
News Adm. 10c-25c

FRIDAY ONLY—  
ON THE STAGE



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ON THE SCREEN  
**"THE WOMEN MEN MARRY"**  
Shorts Adm. 10c-25c

FRIDAY—MIDNIGHT SHOW—  
**"The Game That Kills"**  
Shorts Adm. 10c-25c

**LYRIC THEATRE**

SATURDAY—  
**BUCK JONES**  
—in—  
**"Black Aces"**  
SPECIAL ADDED ATTRACTION  
**"BOMBING OF U. S. S. PANAY"**  
ACTUAL SCENES OF THE ATTACK THAT STARTLED THE WORLD!  
**COME EARLY!** AND GET A GOOD SEAT!  
Cartoon—Serial—Comedy Adm. 10c-30c

NEXT WEEK, MONDAY-TUESDAY—  
**Loretta YOUNG** **Virginia BRUCE**  
in **WIFE, DOCTOR and NURSE**  
News—Cartoon Adm. 10c-30c

WEDNESDAY, FAMILY SHOW—  
**JACK HOLT**  
In **"TRAPPED BY G-MEN"**  
Shorts Adm. 10c to All

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