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**FIRE IS EVERYBODY'S  
BUSINESS**

During the last few years there has been a steady and encouraging decrease in the average annual fire loss. However, figures for the last year, issued by the National Board of Fire Underwriters, show that a decided slow-up has occurred in the rate of decline. Fire costs the nation less than it did a few years ago—but we are now experiencing less success in forcing the loss still further.

The 1934 loss amounted to \$2.08 per capita. That may not seem a large amount—but, looked at in the light of the fact that it amounted to utter and unnecessary waste, it is important. Between two and three hundreds of millions of dollars a year is being sacrificed to fires—millions that could otherwise be used for home and business building, for in vestment, for all the articles and services that keep the wheels of industry turning.

Further, the true size of the fire waste cannot be shown in figures. A fire, for example, may destroy a \$100,000 factory. Yet the factory's destruction may mean that several hundred men are thrown out of employment, that a town's principal industry no longer operates, that taxes are lost to the community, that local merchants, a large part of their customers gone, are forced out of business. A hundred thousand dollar fire can thus cause a total loss of many times that amount.

Fire is everybody's business. We all pay for fire waste—we all benefit when it is reduced. And the best friend of fire is public apathy, that permits hazards to grow unchecked, and allows the commonest risks to multiply and get out of hand.

Fire prevention should not be regarded as somebody else's business. Foresight and caution impose the same responsibility upon us all.

**THE DECLINING YEARS**

Nothing is more tragic than poverty-stricken old age.

And nothing—especially in these times—is more prevalent.

Something like seventy per cent of men, once they reach the age of retirement, find themselves without money sufficient to provide for the needs of life. To subsist, they must accept public charity—ore be come burdens to their relatives and friends.

Many such men were once wealthy. Many more earned comfortable incomes during their working years. Some managed to create sizeable estates only to lose them. Most of them made some kind of an attempt to guard against the exigencies of the future, and failed. They can look back now and see the mistakes they made—and feel the bitterness of futility. In most cases, it is too late to mend.

Those disastrous examples should be pondered upon by men in the young and middle years. They have a chance to

avoid the pitfalls that caused the downfall of so many of their elders. Today, ways are open to them whereby they can create an estate, on the "easy installment" plan—an estate that will exist when they need it most, and that will not have been wiped out by a calamity they could not foresee.

Through life insurance, annuities, trust funds and similar methods thousands of men are preparing for a self-sustaining, independent old age. They can look forward to the declining years without fear.

**LINCOLN WATER  
TEAM WINS HONORS**

The Lincoln water team won first place in the contest held this afternoon in connection with the annual state firemen's convention in Wilmington, according to information received in the city.

The team is composed of C. C. Crowell, William Lander, George "Buddy" Page, Harold Honeycutt and J. Thos. McLean.

**YOUTH ADMITS  
HE STARTED 17  
DENVER FIRES**

Denver, Aug. 28.—A seventeen-year old youth was said today by police to have admitted he was the arsonist who set a series of fires which struck terror in the city's business district.

"Sure I set 17 of the fires, and besides that I wanted all over the country," detective sergeant Walter T. Fox quoted the youth as saying.

Dave Eastes, a detective, said the youth identified himself as Warren Cramer, son of Dr. Harry R. Cromer, Oakland, Calif.

"I got a thrill out of it," sergeant Fox said the boy told him. "It was fun, especially last night when I started a fire in police headquarters."

"I set all the fires except those at the Annunciation School, the railway exchange building and the Crescent flour mill," officers revealed the boy declared.

"I started three fires in doctors' offices that were never reported," he told the officers. "I didn't want to hurt anyone—that is why I set those kind of fires. I could have started some good ones if I had wanted to."

The boy said he was wanted in Colorado Springs and several other western towns for arson, grand larceny and petty thievery.

He explained his rapid movements about the city by saying he stole a bicycle and used it to jump from one spot to another.

"We are positive we have the right man," declared Fox after listening to the smiling youth's story. Police maintained their guard over churches and other buildings, however, while they checked the youth's statements.

Besides the blazes set in three Catholic churches, flames were found in office buildings, stores and the city hall. All the fires were extinguished without heavy loss although a costly oil painting was slightly damaged in a church fire and works of art were threatened at the city hall library.

The fire at the police station last night was the final one before the youth was dragged from a night club telephone booth and arrested by three officers.

**Police Clash  
With Strikers**

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Aug. 26.—Police and strikers traded blows today when a United States mail truck driver attempted to go through picket lines at the Iowa Manufacturing company plant here with a parcel post package.

The strikers are machinists at the plant. They demand higher wages and better working conditions.

The pickets have succeeded in preventing delivery of food to 25 or 30 workers in the plant since Friday night.

The clash came when officers tried to pull aside a street barricade to allow the mail truck to pass. Three attempts to yank down the barrier were made, but strikers held their lines and the mail truck finally left.

Recruit: Sir, I have neither pencil nor paper for my examination.

Major: What would you think of a soldier who went to battle without rifle or ammunition?

Recruit: I would think he was an officer, sir.

A 4-4-50 Bordeaux mixture is giving excellent results in controlling apple blight on the farm of R. L. Plonk, near Kings Mountain.

The  
**Annals of Lincoln County**  
By William L. Sherrill

**Installment No. XIX**

1813  
Robert H. Burton was married May 11, 1813 to Mary Fulenwider, daughter of John Fulenwider.

Pleasant Retreat Academy, in Lincoln, for boys, was chartered by the Legislature December 10, 1813. A school site of four acres was secured on the North side of the town. A long line of notable people have been educated there. The original Trustees were Rev. Philip Henkle, Rev. Humphrey Hunter, Lawson Henderson, Joseph Graham, John Fulenwider, John Hoke, Peter Forney, Robert Williamson, Daniel Hoke, John Reinhardt, Vardry McBee, David Ramsour, Peter Hoyle, Henry M. Webb, George Carruth, William McLean, Robert H. Burton, John Reid and David Reinhardt, altogether a very remarkable body of men.

John Phifer, of Cabarrus, was defeated for Congress in 1813 by Gen. Peter Forney, of Lincoln County.

1814  
Dr. William McLean was elected to the Senate from Lincoln in 1814.

1815  
Dr. William McLean delivered the address at the first celebration of the battle of Kings Mountain, held on the battle ground, October 7, 1815, and had erected there at his own expense a plain stone with an epitaph on one side as follows: "Sacred to the memory of Major William Chronicle, Capt. John Mattocks, William Rabb and John Boyd, who were killed here on the 7th of October 1780, fighting in defense of America." On the other side of the stone the inscription reads: "Col. Ferguson an officer belonging to his Britannic Majesty was here defeated and killed." This was the first marker ever placed on that historic battle ground.

1816  
The first cotton factory operated south of the Potomac river was built in 1816 by Michal Schenck the pioneer, near the McDaniel spring, one and one-half miles east of Lincoln. Some of the machinery was bought in Providence, R. I., but portions of it were made by Absalom Warlick, a skilled worker in iron, and was a relative of Mrs. Michal Schenck. Michal Beam made some of the machines as shown by the following contract dated April 27, 1816.

Articles of agreement made and entered into this 27th, April, 1816, between Michal Schenck and Absalom Warlick of the County of Lincoln, N. C., of the one part, and Michal Beam, of County and State aforesaid, of the other part. WITNESSETH: That the said Michal Beam obliges himself to build for the said Schenck and Warlick, within 12 months from this date, a spinning machine with 154 fliers, with 3 sets of floated rollers, the back to be set of wood, the other 2 sets to be iron; the machine to be made in two frames with 2 sets of wheels, one carding machine with 2 sets of cards to run 2 ropings, each to be one foot wide, with a picking machine to be attached to it with as many saws as may be necessary to feed the carding machine; one roling (or roping) with 4 heads; all the above machinery to be completed in a workmanlike manner. And the said Beam is to board himself and find all the material for the machine and set the machinery going on a branch on Ab Warlick's land below where the old machine stood. The said Schenck and Warlick are to have the house for the machine and the running gears made at their expense, but the said Beam is to fix the whole machinery above described thereto. The wooden cats for the roping and spinning, and the reel to be furnished by said Schenck and Warlick together with all the straps and bands necessary for the machinery. In consideration of which the said Schenck and Warlick are to pay the said Beam the sum of \$1300.00, to wit: \$300.00 this day, \$200.00 three months from this date, \$100.00 six months from this date, and the balance within twelve months after said machine is started to spinning. In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year above written.

Absalom Warlick (SEAL)  
Michal Schenck (SEAL)  
Michal Beam (SEAL)

TEST: Robert H. Burton.

1817  
Dr. Albert J. Fox was born at Staley, N. C., September 6, 1817; came to Lincoln County in 1854 as a Lutheran minister, served as pastor Daniel, Trinity and Salem churches until he died in 1884.

William Lander was born in Ireland May 9, 1817.

Daniel M. Forney was married October 18, 1817, to Harriet Brevard, daughter of Alexander Brevard, of Lincoln county.

Jacob Forney, Jr., was married to Sarah Hoke, daughter of Daniel Hoke March 5, 1817.

1818  
Bartlett Shipp married 29th November 1818, to Susan Forney, daughter of Gen. Peter Forney.

1818. Michal Quickle, the pioneer, died at his home near Lincoln in 1818, in his 71st year. He was the ancestor of all the well known family of Quickles in Lincoln and of many Hokes and Canslers.

Vardry A. McBee was born in Lincoln April 17, 1818, in a house which stood on the lot now occupied by the Methodist church. (1934).

Henry Y. Webb, lawyer and legislator from Lincoln, appointed Territorial Judge in Alabama by President Monroe, later elected to the same position by the State Convention of 1819, and died September 1823.

Winchester Pegram was married to Mary Stowe, daughter of Larkin Stowe, in 1818.

The Schenck factory though small was so profitable that Michal Schenck, John Hoke, a Lincoln merchant, and Dr. James Bivens, in 1819 built the Lincoln Cotton Mill with 3000 spindles at the old Laboratory site two miles south of Lincoln. People came long distances to buy yarn or to exchange cotton for yarn. Later they attached an axe factory and other mechanical industries, and the axes were in great demand because of their fine quality. Later Schenck and Bivens sold their interest to Hoke who conducted it until his death in 1844. Later it was operated by Col. L. D. Childs, until destroyed by fire in 1863.

1820  
In 1820 David Smith, son of Peter Smith the pioneer and soldier of the Revolution, bought the Henry Dellinger place 6 miles East of Lincoln. The County Court in 1784 was held in the Dellinger home and the spring house was used as the county jail. Dellinger later moved to Lincoln and resided on North-west corner of the square now known as the Robinson corner.

On June 19, 1780, Gen. Rutherford, camped overnight on the Dellinger farm en route to Ramsour's Mill, and reached the battle ground next morning after the battle was won by the troops commanded by Col. Frances Locke.

When David Smith bought the 900 acre tract in 1820 he built the substantial brick residence which now stands there and kept public house. In the old days many travelers stopped overnight there. James K. Polk and Mrs. Polk spent the night there before he was President and the bed they slept on is still in the same room.

David Smith married Elizabeth Arndt, daughter of the pioneer Lutheran preacher, John Gottfried Arndt, and reared a large family, among whom were John Barnett Smith and Mrs. F. M. Reinhardt. The home was called Magnolia Grove for the handsome magnolia trees which surrounded the house. The property is still held by the Smith family, is kept in good repair and an interesting historical place to visit.

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**Card of Thanks**

We desire to express our thanks and gratitude to the many friends for numerous kindnesses and expressions of sympathy in our bereavement. We wish it were possible to tell you each in person how much we appreciate this and just what it has meant to us.

The Family of E. G. Nantz.

**WANT ADS**

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This Size Type—2c a Word

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3t-M. 8-26.

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1t. 8-19 \*

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4t. 8-29 \*

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2t. 8-19. \*

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2t. 8-19.

**LOOKING BACKWARD**

Items of Interest Taken From The Times' Files for This Week, 1920 and 1925.

Ten Years Ago

Another section of Lincoln county hard surfaced road was opened to the public this week. The finished section joins East Main street at Howard's store and extends as far as the Asbury church.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gabriel, of Arizona visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gabriel. The Mesdames Gabriel are sisters and had not seen each other for thirty years.

Mrs. Betty Haynes has moved to Lincoln from Charlotte and will have an apartment in the home of Mrs. H. E. Setzer on East Main street.

The election held Tuesday to determine whether or not Lincoln county should adopt a county-wide school plan and issue bonds in the sum of \$100,000 for school purposes, was defeated by a big majority.

Mayor C. Guy Rudisill is calling on the people of Lincoln to be sparing with water and thus avert a shortage which, owing to the continued drought, is being experienced in many cities in this section.

Laban Yoder, of Illinois with his daughter, Mrs. Minnie Waldron and his son, Prof. Claude Yoder, of Minnesota, arrived in Lincoln yesterday and are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Yoder.

The entire post office force enjoyed a watermelon feast Tuesday evening given by R. A. McNeely at his

Fifteen Years Ago

Misses Inez Crowell and Grace Sherrill returned Wednesday from Wrightsville Beach. Prior to going to the beach they spent ten days at Chimney Rock.

Misses Elizabeth Cochran and Weta Hinson have returned from a fortnight's stay at Ocean View, Va.

Miss Hattie Ramsour will leave this week for Pittsburg, Pa., to visit her sister, Mrs. Wood Wrenshall.

Misses Mattie Camp and Maude Mullen leave today for a trip to Washington, New York, Niagara Falls, and Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Grady Crowell moved Tuesday from the house they have been occupying on East Main street to their pretty new home on North Cedar street.

Pink Martin has received notice from the War Department at Washington that the body of his son, Furman Martin, has arrived in New York and will be shipped promptly to Lincoln. This will be the first burial of the dead returned from Europe to take place in Lincoln county.

Forest Leatherman, son of M. L. Leatherman and Miss Verne Brown, daughter of Joe Brown, of Cherryville were quietly married in the city Saturday night. Rev. W. H. McNairy officiated.

home several miles south of Lincoln.

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