
Fire Prevention Day.

The Governor of this State has designated October 9th as Fire Prevention Day. His object is to direct the attention of the people of Texas to the importance of preventing useless and unnecessary fire hazards. The State Fire Marshall reports that 13,000 fires in Texas during the past twelve months entailed the stupendous loss of \$16,000,000, which represents an average direct loss of \$4.00 for every man, woman, and child in the State. The same authority states that 10,270 of these 13,000 fires were of the preventable type—fires where a little care, a little thoughtful precaution and a small amount of time would have prevented it.

There is constant need for every person residing upon this Campus to observe the ordinary precautions, in order to safeguard college property against loss by fire. Campus residents should be careful about the trash pile, the rubbish heap and the bundle of worthless rags which are such common sources of disastrous fires. Our flues, stove-pipes, and electric wiring should be examined from time to time to safe-guard campus residents against fire hazard. The increasing number of automobiles on the Campus makes necessary a word of warning concerning the storage and use of gasoline.

Students are urged to use precaution in the use of matches and cigars. Many of our buildings,

unfortunately, are not constructed of fire-proof material, or even semi fire-proof material. A burning match or a cigar stub thrown by accident into a waste-paper basket or on a newspaper in a hallway might cause a disastrous fire.

I invite the cooperation of students and other campus residents alike to the necessity of exercising the greatest possible precaution in order to reduce the fire hazard on this Campus to the minimum. Let us cooperate with the State officials in reducing the fire loss as much as possible. This is an important matter that is worthy of the attention of everyone. W. B. BIZZELL,
President.

"Smoking."

The smoking of tobacco, especially cigarettes is one of our chief sources of pleasure and enjoyment, and we would not have it otherwise; yet, a careless smoker can very easily convert one of our magnificent dormitories into a pile of ashes. A cigarette stub should always be thoroughly extinguished before being thrown out of the window or concealed. Lighted matches should never be thrown on the floor of the halls or into the garbage cans.

Another bad practice that should be avoided is that of smoking while lying down. There is always danger of the smoker's pipe depositing its contents on the bed. We shudder to think of the conflagration that would follow.

MORAL: Smoke often but carefully. Burkett, J. M.