

HEAVY LOSS CAUSED BY HILLSBORO FIRE

Several store buildings and their contents, were destroyed in the fire at Hillsboro late Wednesday night, according to members of the No. 1 fire truck company in this city, who responded to a call from Hillsboro for assistance. The fire, of unknown origin started in the Farmers Union store opposite the court house. It spread to adjoining frame buildings and to Cole's garage a brick building. All of the frame buildings were completely destroyed but only the roof of the garage was damaged.

The Durham fire department received the call for help shortly before midnight and made the trip to the neighboring county seat in 40 minutes. When the local firemen arrived on the scene the frame buildings were falling in. They helped extinguish the blaze on the garage roof.

Hillsboro is without an organized fire department, only a volunteer bucket brigade serving in case of alarms. The town is also without a water system, which made fire fighting extremely difficult. The calm weather conditions alone prevented the blaze from spreading to other sections of the town's business district.

No estimate of the damage done has been given.

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