

Fire Destroys Retzlaff Grocery at Lexington, Threatens Other Buildings

Fire which broke out in a grocery store at Lexington Sunday morning at one time threatened to destroy several Lexington business establishments and the post office.

The fire, of unknown origin, completely destroyed the Ben Retzlaff grocery store.

High winds hampered the efforts of the Lexington Volunteer fire department, which fought the fire for an hour before bringing it under control.

The fire was discovered about 4:30 a. m. by Nightwatchman Fritz Dussetschlaeger who turned in the alarm. By the time the Lexington volunteer fire department arrived the building was a mass of flames.

The Giddings fire department was called to Lexington when it looked as if the fire might spread to adjacent buildings, but the blaze was out by the time the truck from Giddings arrived.

Lexington firemen had only one small pumper to use in fighting the fire.

A tin roof and tin sides on the building occupied by the grocery store were credited with keeping the blaze from spreading.

Buildings at one time threatened by the fire included a tailor shop, a millinery shop and the post office.

No estimate of the loss to the building and its contents was available. Both were totally destroyed.

Retzlaff said the loss was partially covered by insurance.