

### **A Sad Accident**

One of the saddest accidents happened in Lee County last Saturday when Mrs. Albert Karcher of Dime Box became severely burned and she and baby narrowly escaped being burned to death. In addition to this, there was added the total loss of their new residence which had just been completed, and their furniture.

They were moving to their new home and had eaten their first meal there, being the dinner of Saturday, their furniture was all moved except the piano and they were preparing to spend the first night in the pride of their hearts — their

own bungalow built and designed after their own desires. During the afternoon Mrs. Karcher was heating some linseed oil to be used on the floors. It was in a tin can or bucket on an oil stove. When she attempted to remove the can, the bottom had melted and the contents became ignited which threw the flames over her, the baby and the room. Henry Els a relative who lives with the family was near and snatched the baby to safety and also got Mrs. Karcher out of the burning room.

People gathered quickly and rendered all assistance possible, but the house and contents could not be saved. Mrs. Karcher was burned about the hands, arms and chest. Her face and lips were scorched. She is in a precarious condition and she changes from better to worse then back again. She did not do so well Wednesday night and she is not out of danger. The baby did not receive any burns. Mrs. Karcher's condition late Thursday was not encouraging.

The News joins the many friends of Albert and his wife in wishing her a speedy recovery and no ill effects from the ordeal.