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I have enjoyed a long and pleasant association with many volunteer firemen, and I have never known one of the volunteer fire-fighting fraternity who was not an engaging gentleman and a self-effacing public servant.

Again, best wishes and sincere appreciation to the Troy Volunteer Fire Department.

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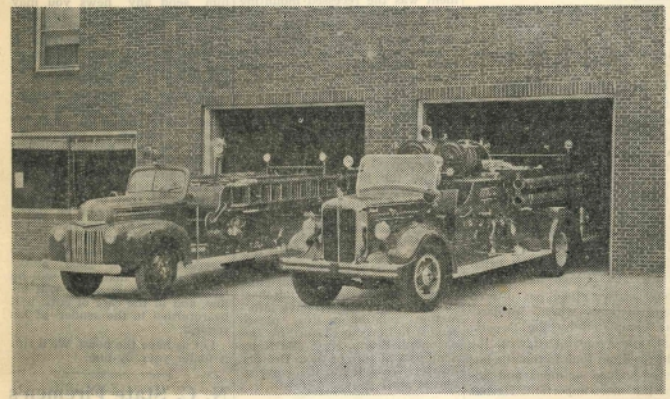
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Headquarters T. F. D.



Troy Department Opens New Station

Chief H. R. Holt of Troy reports the opening of the new Headquarters Station recently completed and placed in service. The Station contains in addition to the truck room, living quarters, kitchen facilities, showers and storage space.

The station was begun a little over a year ago with much of the materials and labor furnished by the firemen. The building itself is built of brick, backed up with cement blocks. The blocks form the inside walls and were sanded smooth and painted with a water-proof, rubber base paint which gives the effect of a tile finish. The ceiling throughout is of celotex type blocks in a light ivory finish.

The Department celebrated the completion of the Station by inviting 108 special guests to dinner in the new Station, with the Firemen and the Auxiliary preparing and serving the meal.

FIRE COLLEGE AND DRILL SCHOOL ENDS 24TH SESSION

May 19-22 the 24th session of the North Carolina State Fire College and Drill School was held in Charlotte. The place of meeting was the Palmer School and Drill Tower of the Charlotte Fire Department, located on E. 7th Street. The session was opened Monday by Curtis Plannagan, President of the NCSFA, who was followed by Mayor Victor Shaw of Charlotte with an address of welcome.

Response to Mayor Shaw was made by Chief Marbury of Badin. Chief Donald S. Charles of Charlotte offered the facilities of his department for the use and convenience of the students.

Nearly five hundred students registered for the four-day meeting, one hundred of which were first year men.

Instructors in charge were: J. M. Munday, Assistant Chief Charlotte and Capt. Walter Black, Training Officer Charlotte, First

Year Men; Chief C. L. Cox of Durham and Capt. E. McDowell, Training Officer, Greensboro, Second Year Men; Chief A. Y. Cottrel of Lenoir, Third Year Men; Chief Chas. Burkett of Salisbury, Fourth Year Men.

Director of the School was State Fire Marshall Sherwood Brockwell, assisted by Chief Burkett. Director Brockwell stated that this was one of the best attended sessions the School has ever had, and praised highly the work of the Instructors.

Thursday night the Charlotte Fire Department was host to the student body at a Bar-B-Que supper, following which the Graduation Ceremony took place. Approximately 50 men received their diplomas, one of the most coveted recognitions that a fireman can receive in North Carolina. Many students expressed their appreciation of the fact that such training is available.

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FIRE MARSHAL WRITES

Nothing is more gratifying to any newspaper than a regular reader. This is particularly true when the reader's actions are a direct result of having read the paper. Fire Marshal Brockwell is the shining example in the case of the Hoze & Nozzle. Anything significant that is published is sure to draw response from him. He has written firemen who were listed as sick, and wished for them a speedy recovery; he has offered congratulations when projects were completed by the Department, and sympathized with the failures. From time to time he has offered valued opinions and advice, but most important: He has helped to feed the life-blood of any publication with a thing called Reader Interest.

His last inquiry was a few days ago, relative to the "Something New" that had been promised in the previous edition of this paper. By now he knows that it was a printed, rather than mimeo, version of the Hoze & Nozzle, and that the printing is the first of a series of steps in converting this publication into a real fire-paper with as much coverage as possible. Thanks Mr. Brockwell. We will be able to continue to hold your interest.

J. C. W.

CHINESE TAKE TO BEBOP
PITTSBURGH, PA., The Chinese youths here have persuaded their elders to let them have a bebop session.

The jazz jamboree will be held this month with the blessing of the Chinese Social Club. It will be strictly Western except maybe the costumes of some of the old folks.

Seagrave Delivers Engine To Concord

Those who attended the Fire College and Drill School in Charlotte, had the opportunity of watching the demonstration of the new Seagrave 750 engine being delivered to the Concord Department. This new model, brought out in the last few months, shows a radical change in the hood, cow, fenders, etc. One feature that caught the eye and caused much favorable comment was the recessed mounting of the warning light and/or siren in the radiator shell. This new mounting not only improves efficiency as a warning device, but adds materially to the appearance of the unit.

Erwin Wants Info On Fire Coveralls

Fireman G. V. Fowler, Secretary of the Erwin Fire Department, writes and wants to know where to buy uniforms or coveralls similar to those worn by the boys from the Oakhurst, Troy and other Departments who attended the Fire College. We think Fireman Fowler is interested in the emblem or insignia, since coveralls may be purchased quite easily. If you have information relating to this, please send it to him c/o Erwin Fire Department, Erwin, N. C. (Ed Note: Send us a picture of them Brother Fowler. We will run it for everyone to see.)

Landis Builds New Fireman's Hall

Driver C. A. Daugherty of the Landis Fire Department, reports the completion of a Fireman's Hall. This building was built and financed principally by the efforts of the members of the department and is used as a recreational center by the group as well as a meeting place and class room.

Kearns Attendance Record Incorrect

Through an oversight! Bob Kearns was listed absent at the Russell fire last week. Bob was at the Station, covering the phone and was incorrectly listed as absent. It is a good idea to always make sure that the man who is checking the list has listed your name. It is hard to count noses with the crowd moving about, so errors are going to happen. You can help if you will see that your name is listed correctly.

Appoint Your Hoze & Nozzle Reporter

The Hoze & Nozzle announces with this issue the solicitation of news from all the Departments of the State. Prior to this time space has not allowed the inclusion of other than local news, but with additional space in the new size edition, contributions from other Departments are welcome.

Appoint a member of your Department as reporter and have him send any news you may have. Anything new, different, unusual, funny or of interest from any angle, is acceptable. If it interests you, then it is news and interesting to the other Departments of the State.

Deadline for copy is Wednesday of each week. Copy received later will be run in the following week's edition. Complaints, gripes, etc. will be published, if signed, and letters to the Editor will be answered. This paper reserves the right to reject any or all material that in the opinion of the Editors would be detrimental to the Fire Service of the State. The right to edit material, without change in context, is also reserved. Photos, good glossy prints, or cuts, mats, etc. will be run as quickly as space will allow, and in the case of cuts, will be returned to the sender-at his request.

Let us have the news. We'll run it under your by-line.

N. C. State Firemen's Association Convention Greensboro, N. C.

August 4-7

Sandhills Assoc. Meets Sou. Pines June 18

Mr. E. P. Leatherbury, Secretary of the Sandhills Firemen's Association, announces that the Convention of this group will be held in Southern Pines Wednesday, June 18th.

Registration and the business meeting will take up the morning with races and supper at the Elks club completing the program in the afternoon.

Mr. Leatherbury requests that all Departments that wish to enter the races please contact him as quickly as possible.

A complete program schedule will be published next week in the Hoze and Nozzle.

Greensboro Offers Training Program

Capt. E. E. McDowell, Training Instructor of the Greensboro Fire Department, announces that G. F. D. now offers participation in their training program to members of other Fire Departments.

This new program, worked out jointly by Chief Wryick and Capt. McDowell, offers a complete course in modern fire-fighting methods. Beginning with the basic fundamentals, the student is carried through every phase of Fire Department activity. The use and operation of equipment, tactics and techniques, pump operation, salvage, etc., is covered thoroughly.

The entire course is based on the training manuals that have been compiled by the Greensboro Department, and put into effect since Capt. McDowell was placed in charge of training. These manuals are broken down into the various phases of the Fire Service work, and each is designed to be a complete course within itself, but at the same time coordinate with the other manuals to give the student fireman a well rounded education.

The operation of the program is set up on the basis of two sessions per day, with one in the morning and another in the afternoon. The morning class will be upon one subject, while the afternoon class is upon a different one. The second day these same classes will be repeated. This arrangement works unusually well for the firemen from other departments who attend. It allows attending Monday, Wednesday and Friday, for example, which will cover the full week's work, but will require the individual present only for three class sessions.

The manuals used in this program are not for sale at the present; however, they are available for use in limited quantity.

Chief Wryick and Capt. McDowell welcome the interest of other departments and will provide information upon request. The course entails 18 class hours and extends over a period of several weeks.

For further information write: Capt. E. E. McDowell, Supervisor of Training, Greensboro Fire Department.

T. V. PRECAUTION

Neighbors of a Scotch woman said, in Glasgow: "She always closes these wee doors that cover her TV screen in case somebody sees her goin' tae bed."

Dream Materializes

Troy's driver-mechanic, Dinty Brown, has through a series of demonstrations proven that he can forecast action by dreams. Last Monday night Dinty was sick. He turned and tossed fitfully and slept in brief, disturbed snatches. During one of the naps he seemed to realize he was awake. He heard the Fire Phone ring—answered, and learned there was a fire at a residence. His illness was critical enough to make him doubt the advisability of driving his car, but he had the responsibility of setting the alarm system in motion. One of his sons drove him to the Fire Station where he sounded the alarm—and after the truck had departed, went in his car to the scene of the fire to lend his advice and assistance to the pump operator, who was an inexperienced man. He knew the pump operator was Paul Harris. Further, he saw that the fire was a pot of grease on a stove, and that one of the firemen picked up the pot and carried it out of the house. He saw the extinguisher. He also saw that there was a long lanky Highway Patrolman present who asked him what he meant by driving his personal car so close to the scene of the fire. Dinty replied somewhat angrily and threatened bodily harm to the representative of the law—who thought it wise to disappear from the scene.

Tuesday afternoon this exact dream was enacted in real life. Dinty took the call, had his son take him to the Fire Station in his car. He sounded the alarm. Paul drove the truck to the fire and Dinty collected the car. He helped Paul set up the pump and the fire was a pot of grease on a stove, which was carried out of the house by Quincy Deaton and extinguished. Dinty's true exception—the appearance of the Patrolman—who Dinty says he really expected. Now—do you believe in Dinty's Dreams????

Rockingham Orders La-France Engine

Chief Perry Covington of the Rockingham Fire Department, announces the placement of an order for an American LaFrance 750 g. p. m. triple combination engine. This is the first in a series of steps by the department to replace obsolete equipment and to supplement their fire-fighting forces.

Delivery of the new engine is expected in September.

Raw eggs are easier to digest than cooked eggs.

Police Chew The Fire Commissioner

Fire Commissioner John Allen has made it a point to attend every fire when it was possible, and thereby better educate himself as to the needs of the Department and to offer assistance to the Firemen in any way possible. Police Chief Hogan had taken notice for some time that Mr. Allen was attending the fire consistently, also that he took his car past the usual fire lines. Because Mr. Allen seemed to try to help and was not a "Sidewalk Chief," the policeman tolerated his presence. Last Tuesday Police Chief Hogan decided that it was time to warn Mr. Allen that he should stop this flagrant violation. He did so, in a very nice way, and Mr. Allen agreed that he was violating the law, but as Fire Commissioner, he was only trying to help.

Police Chief Hogan said he just "swallowed himself," turned as red as a beet, and got away from the Commissioner as quickly as possible.

The Fire Department isn't the only one that is subject to "red faces."

Get Convention Room Reservation

Don't delay. Reserve your hotel space for the convention now. Chief Wryick will make every effort to get you a place to stay. But don't strain him. Write now and make sure you have adequate and comfortable quarters. For hotel suggestions, write the Greensboro Fire Department.

PEACE, IT'S WONDERFUL

(From the Greensboro News.)
When he was arrested for demonstrating against General Matthew Ridgeway, France's No. 1 Communist, Jacques Duclos, had in his automobile a loaded revolver, a blackjack, and two pigeons. Peace, it's wonderful!

Classifieds

Rate: 25 cents per line; \$1.00 minimum, less 10 per cent for three or more consecutive insertions.

FOR SALE—New and used wiring.
1. Darley Champion, type F110 6v. siren.

2. Darley Champion, type E742 6v. siren, chromed.
New full chrome Grobs 4 1-2 inch red lights. Write Pete Warner, c/o Hoze and Nozzle.

CARTHAGE OPEN HOUSE

(Continued From Page One.)

fill tankers that hauled the water some way to fight fire and use as little water as possible, the department got the John Bean Co., to send their demonstrator truck to be exhibited and demonstrated at the Moore County Fair.

The night the demonstration was scheduled the demonstrator got a chance to show its stuff on a real and very stubborn fire. This set the spark that got the plan rolling. Firemen and the town board met and reached an agreement as to finances. Out went the boys to raise their agreed one-third of the total \$12,000.00 and in the end they were successful, but any of the firemen will tell you that it took work and not a little of it.

The Bean equipment is mounted on a '51 F-7 Ford chassis. The Hose and Nozzle hopes to have a picture of it in next week's edition.

HILLSBORO REPORTS

(Continued from page one.)

new truck was equipped with a Barton 500 g. p. m. pump and the enthusiasm was unlimited. With the help of their neighbors from Chapel Hill's Department they began to work to learn the phases of their new business.

Alarm System

One of the first needs was an alarm system. So a 3 h. p. double-headed electric siren was installed. Then someone raised the question of how are we to know where the fire is and that the siren needs to be sounded to summon the firemen? Telephones was the answer. One was installed in the mayor's office and another in the Fire Station with the Town Clerk standing watch during the day and the Police Department during the night. A rather unique device was added to the phone system—an electric horn. This horn is connected to the ringing circuit of the telephones and lets off a blast each time the phone rings, and continues to do so until the phone is answered. It was explained that this allows the Clerk or Police to step out for a coke and still know when the phone rings.

Water Supply

The Eno River, which flows through the town, is the primary water supply. In addition, a 100

M Gallon sand-pipe of treated water is in reserve. The hydrant network gives reasonable coverage, but certain demand long stretches of hose.

Outside Coverage

Of particular interest is the manner in which HFD has handled the ever present problem of outside the city limits coverage. A corporation was formed by those outside the Town. This corporation is governed by a Board of Directors who have the power to contract, raise money, etc.

With one truck, the Fire Department did not feel that they could afford to give the coverage that was needed, so the corporation set out, with the help of the firemen, to sell memberships to those living outside the Town as a means of financing additional equipment and services. The price was set at \$10.00 minimum per household and so far the demand is upward for additional property. Each membership sold was to be permanent, that is, it would be good indefinitely and was not an annual subscription.

In this manner over \$6,000.00 was raised and used to build an "outside" truck. The truck was designed and built principally by Fire Chief George Gilmore, who operates an independent garage. Mounted on a '51 F-7 Ford chassis, is a 500 g. p. m. Champion front-mount pump with a 450 gallon booster tank. Two hundred feet of three-fourth inch booster line is basket mounted atop the tank while the hose body carries two hundred feet of two and one-half inch hose and one thousand feet of one and one-half inch. Various other items of small equipment are included, in particular, a new Stephenson Resuscitator with four additional tanks.

The body is built with unpeeled clearance and is exceptionally free of projecting articles that might hang or catch passing objects. Chief Gilmore explained that much of the area they cover is rural and that some of the lanes to fish ponds and other sources of water are quite narrow.

General Operations

Regular meetings of the membership are held for the purpose of discussing the business of the department and drill. The time of meeting is the first Sunday morning of each month. This seems to suit the group best after their work and their meeting time all over the calendar. Good attendance is quite common even at its unusual meeting time.

Members of the department receive no pay, either by the month or otherwise. The Chief re-

ceives approximately \$100 per year and one member, as mechanic, \$50 or year. In addition, the town gives the members a fishing trip each year. Membership is held to about 25 with the roster filled at the present time. New members are taken on probation for the first three months and must not miss a meeting or drill during this period.

Personal equipment is not provided. Most members have gotten up a rig of their own and a great many have equipped their cars with red lights (strictly in accordance with the law). The lights were added to give some measure of relief from the traffic congestion that seems to plague all small towns.

The members have adopted a set of by-laws, the most important feature of which is: If any member misses three consecutive drills he is no longer a member. Chief Gilmore advised that few if any excuses are acceptable for such absences.

General Comment

Hillsboro seems somewhat better organized than the average department of its size. It has found a way to combine social activities with the business of fire-fighting into what is an enjoyable and entertaining combination. The station is adequate, though small, and the equipment is kept in good condition.

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Sandhill Association Announces Program

E. P. Leatherbury, secretary of the Sandhill Association, announces that the convention will be held in Southern Pines June 18, and urges each member to have as many present as possible. It is further urged that all departments who wish to enter the races get in contact with the secretary.

The purpose of the convention is to discuss the different methods of fire-fighting, various other business, and the Vol Co's action and recommendations at the forthcoming state convention.

Below is the schedule of the day's activities: 9:00 to 10:00 a. m., registration at fire station; 10:00 a. m., business meeting; 3:00 p. m., races (water and chemical); 5:00 p. m., supper at the Elks club; 8:00 p. m., street dance.

Prizes are as follows: 1st prize, water, large silver cup; 2nd prize water, small silver cup; 1st prize chemical, large silver cup; 2nd prize chemical, small silver cup; attendance prize, \$25.00.

Carthage Holds Open House, Shows New Rig

Wednesday night, June 4th, the Carthage department held open house to show their new John Bean high pressure fire truck and to give the public an opportunity to inspect the newly remodeled fire station.

The place was thronged, SRO, and the citizens of Carthage and surrounding community seemed to really appreciate the additional protection they now enjoy.

All of Carthage's neighboring towns will remember the water shortage that was experienced last summer and fall. CFD found itself in a very bad situation. The water supply was almost nil with drinking water barely sufficient. Fish ponds were pumped dry to (Continued on Page Four.)

CHEEK WINS BY LARGE MARGIN



WALDO C. CHEEK

Ins. Commissioner Takes Early Lead

As the reports of the balloting first began to come in Saturday night, it became apparent that Waldo Cheek was to be renominated over John N. Frederick of Charlotte.

Watching the returns on TV or listening on the radio, gave one the impression that there had really been no race—that the public knew the man they wanted and poured the votes into the ballot boxes.

Commissioner Cheek, with a lead of nearly 160,000 received the heaviest majority of any candidate in the state-wide primary.

A native of Moore county, who in recent years has made his home in Asheboro, Mr. Cheek had produced one of the finest records of any Insurance Commissioner of our time.

It is well known that he has been of assistance to the Fire Service in many ways and that (Continued on Page Three.)

Report On Hillsboro Fire Department

This is the first of a series of reports on Fire Departments over the State as gathered and presented by reporters for the Hose & Nozzle.

Organization

Prior to 1937 Hillsboro had no Fire Department. It is hard to believe that a town the size and age of this had no fire-fighting equipment or organization. Prior to 1936 there was no waterworks system. When the system was installed, the need for fire protection was realized and an order for a fire truck was placed.

In February, 1937, the first group of men met to set up and organize themselves into a fire-fighting unit. Their new Fire Truck had arrived, a 1937 Chevrolet with body, etc., built by the Roanoke Welding Co. (predecessors of the present Oren Co.) The (Continued on Page Four.)

Rape, Murder, Fire Faced By Gilead Men

Sunday afternoon, June 1st, Chief Bulla of Mt. Gilead found himself faced with the most gruesome experience of his career. Summoned to the home of a well-known middle-aged lady of the community, he found that the woman had been raped, her throat cut, and the bedding set afire.

The fire had been burning for some time, possibly 10-12 hours and the body was badly burned. Police authorities were notified and the Fire Department returned to its duties of watching over the community—with every man who witnessed the scene trying to rid himself of the smell of burning flesh and the ever present retching of his stomach.

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TURN THE OTHER CHEEK

This in no way refers to our Insurance Commissioner but rather to a subject which he seems to have already mastered.

How many times have you gone to a fire, worked until you were exhausted and about that time, had some side-walk Chief tell you where you were wrong? The first, and normal instinct is to tell him where to go, but let's take a good look at the fellow. Maybe you know him, maybe you don't. But in either case it is impossible to know his intentions or connections.

Perhaps he was giving you good advice. Perhaps you were wrong and it just makes you sore to hear it. Perhaps he is ignorant of what you were trying to accomplish, or the limitations imposed by conditions or equipment. Maybe your department hasn't done a very good job of selling the public on your efficiency, or maybe you are not very efficient and their lack of confidence is justified.

All this winds up with the problem of curbing your temper. That side-walk Chief may be a friend of a councilman, the mayor or some other city official. If you cuss him out, then he will explain to his "connection" just how badly he was treated. When you next submit your budget for approval, that one cussing may have been the reason it was not or will not be approved.

As we said at the start, turn the other cheek. If you can't explain why and how you acted as you did, just turn and walk away—at least don't let your temper go.

Fireman's Relief Fund Checks Mailed

The Fireman's Relief Fund Checks have been mailed to the various trustees, etc., over the state. This is a welcome addition to the fund that is set aside for the protection and welfare of all firemen who may be injured on duty or reach destitute circumstances.

Several departments have stated that they have not yet received their checks. This is likely caused by some oversight or failure to comply with the law. Many firemen misunderstand how the relief fund operates and consequently cuss someone else for their own negligence.

The relief fund is set up by law and in that law there are certain conditions that must be complied with in order for the individual department to participate. This is not an Association ruling or one that can be changed at will. The legislature laid down the rules and it is up to the individual department to meet the obligations set forth.

Departments who have not received their checks, or who are uncertain as to whether they are qualified should communicate with John L. Miller, Secretary NCSFA, Concord, N. C., or with the Insurance Commissioner's office. Mr. Miller will send on request, a copy of the Association's by-laws, etc., which include a full explanation of the Fireman's Relief Fund. Specific questions or interpretations must be asked for on an individual basis.

Much of the business concerning the Relief Fund is taken up at the convention and each department's delegates should endeavor to understand any changes or interpretations that might be presented. As stated above, each department must qualify on its own. Nobody will beg you or write you a dozen letters. If you want your money, you must qualify according to the rules.

If forced to remain in a smoke-filled building, remember that the air is usually better near the floor.

Send Your News Or Announcements Early

The Hose & Nozzle is glad to carry any item of interest, but to be effective we must have it early enough to make sure it is newsworthy. If your department has had a fish fry, then it can be run a week later and still be news to the other departments. If you intend to have a fish fry, then send it in early enough to be published prior to the date it is to occur.

Any BIG news, such as an unusual fire, etc., call it in and we will tear up and make room for it. Call Troy Fire Department, Phone 4401 or the Editor 3041.

Eureka Places First Ad in Hose & Nozzle

On page four you will find the first paid advertisement in the Hose & Nozzle. Sherwood Brockwell, Jr., seems to have a way of finding anything that is new and different, and hunted up our advertisement manager and placed Eureka's ad.

This is what is called a "quicker" since it is made up of type without illustrations, etc. The truth is that neither Sherwood nor the Hose & Nozzle had time to get one of the regular ads together. Next week perhaps we will have a more attractive presentation.

Color Fire Hydrants Shows Size Of Mains

Several departments are adopting the practice of painting their fire hydrants so they can tell at a glance how much water to expect from the main.

The color of the paint shows the size of the main. One example now in use is to paint the colors red, white and blue on the hydrant cap to denote 4-6 and eight inch mains respectively. Hydrants painted all yellow are connected to ten-inch mains while green hydrants indicate 12-inch mains.

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Car-Truck Collision Causes Long Run

Saturday night, May 31st, Troy Firemen discussed the election and watched the returns on television. A few arguments developed, but things were generally quiet.

Ten p. m. the radio blared with a report that an auto-truck collision had taken place near Cannon with four victims trapped in flames and the wreckage alive with high voltage electricity from broken power lines. The call was specifically addressed to Troy by Candor's Fire Chief, Ed Langdon with the request for Troy's fog truck.

Out rolled the truck for a long ten miles. Chief Holt of Troy states it seemed like an eternity. Traffic conditions were terrible, cars jammed the highway for more than a mile from the scene of the accident. With the aid of the Highway Patrol the fog truck got thru to find that the fire was minor and had gone out, but that the victims and the broken power lines were very real.

Clyde McLeod, 16 and Martha Dunn, 15, of Biscoe, had been proceeding South on Highway 220 and had apparently turned in front of the tractor-van to enter the driveway of a roadside restaurant. The tractor struck the car and carried it approximately 100 yards, plunged off an embankment and sheared a power pole.

The victims were removed from the car and dispatched by ambulance to the Troy hospital where at last report they were improving but were very seriously injured.

Chief Holt wishes to express his thanks to the Highway Patrol, particularly to Patrolman Lewis C. Odum, for their assistance in clearing the way to the scene of the accident.

Absent: Brown, Lemons, F. Russell, Burnette, Alexander. Time in: 10:45 p. m. Attendance: 70 per cent.

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Used Fire Truck

500 OR 750

In condition to pass underwriters test. 1940 model or later. Prefer commercial chassis.

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SANDHILL FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

SOUTHERN PINES, N. C.

Wednesday, June 18th
Races, Prizes, Eats

REGISTRATION 9:00 A. M.

— At —

SOUTHERN PINES FIRE STATION

Hillsboro Holds White Elephant Sale

Secretary E. M. Lynch of the Hillsboro Fire Department reports a White Elephant Sale held by his organization May 31st. Seems that the boys gathered-up everything they could find that nobody wanted by scouring the town. They got everything from bed springs to shoe tacks and proceeded to auction them off.

A talk with some of the customers indicates that Mr. Lynch is a super salesman. His method seems to be: Ask the customer if he is interested in buying and then start bidding on an article for him. Pretty soon he winds up with an armful of junk and the Fire Department has the money.

This appeals to your reporter as a rather painless way to raise money and at the same time redistribute the odds and ends of the community. Everybody has to have a certain amount of useless articles about, but we get tired of seeing the same ones everyday. What could be nicer than to give yours away and then buy some more, different one, from the Fire Department? There are probably other PD's in the state who will wish to try it. Be sure to report on how you come out.

CHEEK WINS BY

LARGE MARGIN

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every fireman, who has had occasion to call on him, has received prompt and courteous service. Through the Insurance Commissioners office the Fire Departments receive their best backing

in the problem of fire prevention. Who's state codes no town or city could enforce building regulations, supervision or inspection to any workable degree. This office also supplies the one ready and dependable arson investigating unit that most individual departments cannot afford to maintain.

Mr. Cheek was appointed by Governor Scott soon after he took office and was elected on his own in the next election. For the second time now, the public has expressed their preference for the man and the work he is doing.

Deputy Insurance Commissioner and State Fire Marshal Sherwood Brockwell is too well-known to need an explanation of his activities, but through him the Fire Departments receive assistance, information or other special help from the insurance office.

Publicity has not been released yet as to Mr. Cheek's opponent in the November general elections. In what is normally a Democratic state any candidate will find extreme difficulty in winning over such a popular vote-getter.

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FOR SALE—New and used warning devices.
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1. Darley Champion, type E742 6v. siren, chromed.
New full chrome Grote 4 1-2 inch red lights. Write Pete Warner, c/o Hose and Nozzle.

Santa To Ride Fire Truck In Maxton

Santa Claus will arrive in Maxton Friday, December 19th riding on a fire truck.

He will go first to the community playground, where he will greet Maxton children. He will bring with him a gift for every child in town.

The town has been decorated with Christmas lights and the store windows and homes are also gay with vari-colored lights and Christmas greens and berries. A large Christmas tree, in the center of town, is the focal point of interest.

Lenoir Women Badly Burned

Mrs. Georgia Enloe was burned December 13 when her clothing caught fire as she stood in front of a fireplace. Her mother, Mrs. Vic Payne, was burned on both hands and legs while attempting to extinguish the burning clothes.

For The Latest and Best MODERN FIRE - FIGHTING Apparatus

Man, Wife, 11 Children Miss Fiery Death

Shivering in a near-freezing wind, S. T. Woods looked at the ashes of his home near Burlington and said; "I thank God all 13 of us got out all right."

Woods, his wife and 11 children escaped December 15th moments before the six room frame home was destroyed.

"If I had slept two minutes longer the flames might have gotten all of us," Woods declared.

He said he was awakened about 9:30 p. m. by smoke and crackling flames. He and his wife went from room to room arousing the children.

4 to 18 Years
Woods, a carpenter, moved to Burlington about two years ago from Greensboro. His children are from 4 to 18 years old, and eight attend Elon high school.

Another Alamance county fire December 15th razed a service station three miles west of Burlington, on Highway 70. Owner R. R. Lester estimated the loss at \$15,000.

FOR SALE

The Town of Lousburg, N. C. will on the 1st day of January, 1953, sell at public auction at the Armory in Lousburg at 12 o'clock noon the following:

ONE 1921 MODEL AMERICAN LAFRANCE FIRE TRUCK WITH 750 GPM PUMP

The above truck may be inspected prior to time of sale by contacting G. H. Murphy, Fire Chief, or E. T. Jones, Town Clerk.

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Forsyth Man Dies As Fire Levels Home

Everett Ray Mickey, 43, burned to death December 15 while neighbors and volunteer firemen risked their lives in an effort to rescue him from his burning home.

Mickey was alone in the house when the fire was discovered by a passer-by. The frame dwelling was quickly enveloped in flames.

The Sedge Garden Volunteer Fire Department and the Forsyth County Fire Department reached the scene within minutes after the alarm was sounded, but were unable to save Mickey.

Marine S-Sgt. William S. Wyatt of Winston-Salem made four trips into the burning dwelling in an effort to save Mickey. Each time he was driven back by smoke and intense heat. The body was finally dragged from the kitchen floor.

The cause of the fire was not determined. The dwelling was just outside the east city limits.

Charlotte Fire Station Bonds Carry

In an election held last Saturday, December 13th, the people of Charlotte voted for the fire stations' bonds along with other bond issues.

The count showed 4,714 for and 1,398 against the issue.

The bonds are for the purpose of providing funds for erecting and equipping a fire station at a cost not to exceed \$200,000.

The proposed location of the new station is near the intersection of East Boulevard with Queens Road West and Kings Drive.

NOTICE

The Hose and Nozzle will not be published Christmas Week. The next issue will be January 2, 1953.

Correction

We've never claimed to be free of errors, but the scorching we've had as the result of one in last week's issue tops them all.

In our calculations in making up the paper we took the story of the Advanced Training School that Greensboro is going to start January 8, and tried to give it a full spread. The feeling was that the school was sufficiently important to all firemen to give it a prominent place.

All went well until the proof-reader (in this case your Editor) dropped the ball.

The story was so long that it had to be continued from the front page to page four, but to everybody's surprise when they turned to page four, the subhead read "Charlotte School."

Walter Black at Charlotte has no doubt enjoyed this very much—probably laughed as loud as Mac McDowell of Greensboro has cussed.

Walter Black, Harry Mac, and will try to ball-up a Charlotte story someday to help you get even.

Wake Forest Urges Prevention With Xmas Parade Float

BY F. R. KEITH
The Wake Forest department, in an attempt to educate their citizens in prevention of Christmas fires, entered a float in their Christmas Parade.

The principal items of the float were two small houses, constructed of cardboard and painted white with black window trim, etc.

In one house there burned a clear white light, illustrating a well and safely lighted home.

In the other house there was a red light, red paper over the windows and red flames representing a short in wiring.

The theme was further emphasized by suggesting to the public that they bring their Christmas tree lights and other decorative wiring to the fire station for inspection, before they turn them on.

\$12,000 Damage In Hamlet School Fire

Supt. H. M. Kyzzer of the Hamlet city schools states that damage from a fire which struck the Capital Highway Negro school Thursday night December 11th, has been estimated at \$12,000.

Chief J. C. Worley, of the Hamlet fire department, said the fire started in a supply room at the school. Stored in the room were a quantity of books, athletic equipment and other supplies.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

\$800,000 FIRE DAMAGES FOUR GREENVILLE, S. C., STORES

Chief Taylor Of Kannapolis Honored For 28 Years Service

BY ED JOHNSON
The Kannapolis fire department had their annual Christmas party Thursday evening, December 11th with Chief J. C. Taylor as the host. The party was held in the Y. M. C. A. dining room and the menu consisted of turkey and all the trimmings.
At their last regular meeting the firemen drew names and at the party gifts were exchanged. Assistant Chief Johnson acted as Santa Claus for the group. Everyone received a worthwhile gift and had a jolly good time.

The firemen had as their special invited guests, C. A. Cannon, President of Cannon Mills, who is the Honorary Chief of the Kannapolis fire department; A. L. Brown, vice-president and general manager of Cannon Mills, and an Honorary Member of the fire department; Stanley Phillips, president of Cannon Mills of New York, Inc., and Chief H. T. Barnes of the Kannapolis Police Department, who gave a lecture on arson.

At the close of the party, on behalf of the firemen, Assistant Chief Johnson presented Chief Taylor with a Hamilton watch. Mr. Taylor has served as Chief of the Kannapolis department since 1924.

Furniture Firm Gutted In Pre-Christmas Blaze \$800,000 FIRE

Fire which raged unchecked for four hours caused an estimated \$800,000 pre-Christmas damage to four stores in Greenville's main business district December 16.

The fire started in the Maxwell Bros. Furniture Store, apparently from a stove in the basement, about 11 a. m., and gutted the building before it was brought under control shortly after 3 p. m.

Flames spread to the adjacent roofs of Kimbrells and Haverty's furniture stores, but did not enter the buildings on each side of Maxwell Bros. A huge stock loss was suffered by both stores, however, from smoke and water. An office supply firm in the rear of the three buildings on Main street was badly damaged also by smoke and water.

Fire walls between Maxwell Bros. and Kimbrell's on one side and Maxwell Bros. and Haverty's on the other kept the fire damage to the two adjacent stores from being greater. All of the stores carried heavy stocks of Christmas merchandise.

One fireman was overcome by smoke and suffered an eye injury when struck in the face with a stream of water, but he was not seriously hurt. An electric line man suffered a cut hand.

The Anderson fire department sent a company of firemen to Greenville with its equipment to aid in fighting the fire. Fire departments of other nearby towns were on a standby basis.

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THOUGHTS AT CHRISTMAS

Two thousand years ago there was born in Bethlehem a child who gave the world a new birth. His quiet example set for all men a goal: Peace on Earth, Goodwill Toward Men. Since that time firemen have done their bit toward attaining that goal; for, as in His time, uncontrolled fire is one of the great menaces to the peace and security of the Earth.

Since the beginning of time man's greatest enemy has not been natural disasters, but rather his own folly, and but for that folly, the necessity of the Fire Service would be almost negligible. Down through the years the fireman's creed has been the protection of life and property of his fellow man, and for the most part this has been done without hope of physical return. The inner feeling of knowing he has helped his friend or neighbor has sufficed as payment for a difficult and dangerous job.

From the Great Teacher we learned that no man has a greater love than to lay down his life for a friend. Untold hundreds of firemen have done this the world over — willingly risking all they had in what may sometimes have been foolish, but never vain efforts to help those who were in trouble.

Because we are humans we have failures, and when you meet the fireman who attempts to

solve all his problems with reason and logic, he should be reminded of this: We may deliberate with reason, and council with logic, but there sits yet a third judge on the tribunal — that which is within our heart. This is the keystone, the principal upon which any successful organization within the fire service is founded, and without which its efforts will be nothing more than futile mechanical motions.

With the joy, gaiety, exchange of gifts and the magical panorama of Christmastime, we are inclined to miss the real significance of the occasion. The frills sometimes completely camouflage the real purpose of humble re-dedication of our lives to the principles Christ taught, and which we as firemen are dedicated to practice.

Winter Fire Losses Expected Heavy

December through March are the months of heaviest fire loss.

During these months last season (December 1951, through March 1952), fire losses throughout the United States amounted to \$284,540,000. This was an increase of three per cent over losses of \$276,149,000 reported for the corresponding months of the year before, and an increase of 10.8 per cent over losses of \$256,910,000 for a like period two years ago.

Faulty stoves, furnaces, and boilers account for a major portion of all fires during winter months. Other causes are over-heated or defective chimneys and flues, hot ashes and coals (including open fire), and sparks on roof.

On the basis of fire loss claims NBFU points out that those hazard accounts for close to 20 per cent of all fires resulting from known causes during a 10-year period, 1941 through 1950. Such hazards are in addition to the ever-present ones of matches, smoking, and misuse of electricity that account for nearly 40 per cent of all fires.

To help overcome such fire hazards, NBFU suggests:

1. Never overwork or "force" a furnace or heater that is giving inefficient heat.

2. Never try to "speed up" a fire by using gasoline or kerosene.

3. Keep a metal screen in front

of a burning fireplace.

4. Use care in handling hot ashes. Always deposit them in a metal container equipped with cover (never a wooden or cardboard container).

5. Keep wood, coal and flammable liquids away from furnace, and the furnace room free of trash.

6. Safely dispose of trash.

Trees Increase Fire Threat

Let's keep Christmas merry!

This is the appeal made by the National Board of Fire Underwriters every year at this time. The reason, of course, is that the Christmas tree, center of holiday festivities in most American homes can all too easily become the center of a tragic fire.

To keep Christmas merry, the National Board of Fire Underwriters lists the following suggestions for holiday safety:

1. Choose a small tree. It's less dangerous than a large one.

2. Don't set it up until a few days before Christmas. Until then keep it outdoors.

3. Place it in the coolest part of the house, away from fireplaces or radiators. And don't let it block an exit.

4. Stand it in water, or use a live tree planted in a tub of earth.

5. Never use cotton or paper for decoration on or around the tree.

6. Do not put electric trains under the tree.

7. Use only electric lights, never candles, and see that the wires are not frayed. Be sure the lighting sets you choose are marked as having been inspected by Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc.

8. Provide a switch some distance from the tree for turning lights off. Don't plug or unplug them beneath the tree.

9. Throw away all gift wrappings as soon as the presents have been opened; don't let them pile up near the tree.

10. Do not leave tree lights burning when no one is home.

Burlington Toy Fund Gets Contribution

The Burlington fire department received contributions amounting to \$70 to move beyond the \$500 goal established to finance the repair of toys for the underprivileged children of the area.



Sincerest wishes...

It is our privilege each year to express our warmest Christmas Greetings to those we are proud to call our friends and patrons. May we say once more that we have appreciated your confidence in the past and that we will never cease trying to make each new year rich in neighborliness and good will for you. To everyone we wish a Merry Christmas and a Bountiful New Year.

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About Reindeer

(Continued from Page Three.)

animated can of Carnation.

Reindeer can and do pull sleighs, but where you would take two months to break a wild horse, better lay off six to train a reindeer, and then he won't like it — ever.

Driving a reindeer is much like driving a car at high speed with no brakes and very little control over the direction.

Reindeer can pull a good load and carry a moderate one on their backs, but are too weak to support a man.

You can raise one, if you can catch him, and they are born wild and stay that way. They take care of their own feeding problem by digging under the ice and

snow for stuff called reindeer moss that grows up where reindeer live.

The reindeer's coat is waterproof and cold doesn't seem to bother him. They are a very tough and enduring animal and eskimos, Lapps and others use them for transportation, food, clothing, etc.

Reindeer mate in September and assemble harems of 30 to 40 females.

That's all the book said about reindeer. Hope some of the readers have better luck telling this story to their kids than I did to mine.

Many a man's wife cannot remember when the new roof was put on the house, but she can remember exactly which aunt gave her which vase at which Christmas.

Flames Destroy Farrar Foundry At Statesville

The Farrar Foundry of Statesville was destroyed by fire of an undetermined origin during the early hours of December 9.

The fire department answered the call at 7:50 o'clock. The one-story frame building, about 25 by 50 feet, was enveloped in flames when the trucks arrived. The firemen were on duty for an hour and 20 minutes.

Ogden S. Farrar, owner of the small plant, lived in a room on the south side of the building. He was at a neighbor's house nearby when he discovered the fire. Some patterns were saved, but everything else was lost. Farrar said he had no insurance and estimated his total loss at around \$2,000. The fire started in the foundry, but how it originated was not determined.

Southport Fish Fry

The newest of the fish scrap and oil plants at Southport suffered considerable damages from a fire December 13 which broke out during drying operations and reached almost beyond control of the plant's own fire-fighting equipment.

Southport fire department was called but the fire was almost out upon its arrival to the scene about six miles from the station.

In the process of making fish scrap and oil the fish are cooked but this was an unusual procedure.

The plant is now in operation but damages have not been estimated.

The Christmas Spirit

Last December, a 13-year-old boy heard the appeal in his school for contributions for Santa Claus Anonymous, an organization which provides gifts for less fortunate children. The boy saved his pennies until the Friday before Christmas vacation he had 25 cents. He intended turning it in at school that day, but because of a blizzard the buses didn't run. So he walked all the way to school to give the money to the school principal.

If the principal had to swallow hard as he accepted the boy's dime and five pennies, it's understandable: The youngster was one of those on the list to receive a gift from Santa Claus Anonymous.

Fire Departments Active In Christmas Community Activity

With the Christmas season comes the flurry of alarms, usually with little damage, but sometimes with tragedy. Firemen are sometimes inclined to get too "professional" at this season and try to make it one of anxiety for both themselves and the public. Not that prevention measures are not necessary to be pushed to the limit, but there is another side to Christmas for the men of the fire service.

Let's list, without calling names, some of the Yuletide activities carried on by the fire departments in North Carolina, in addition to their "professional" duties.

There is one that makes it a practice to take all the kids to ride on their fire engine on Christmas Day. Another gathers toys, repairs, repaints and puts in many man-hours of hard work for weeks before the Christmas season — just so they can distribute these toys to less fortunate kids on Christmas eve.

Yet another carries out a community party. They decorate the station, invite all the kids in their community for a party complete with games, a visit with Santa himself, and wind it up with a package of candy, fruit, etc., for each kid before they leave.

Still another department in cooperation with other organizations in their community, distribute Christmas baskets to shut-ins, older people, and those who are less fortunate than themselves.

This shows only a small part of the scope of activity of firemen at the most joyous season of the year and every man who takes part in any undertaking such as these described, feels better, his heart is lighter, and he has a deeper impression of his duty to mankind.

As It Should Be

Because we like to give our tyke
A Christmas he enjoys,
We always do our utmost to
Present him pleasing toys.

We always take the time to make
His tree extremely gay;
We seldom quit our work on it
Till almost break of day.

We strive like mad to please our lad
And always turn the trick.
We're on the ball, but who gets all
The credit? Old Saint Nick!

Firemen In Columbia Sponsor Santa Visit

The members of the Columbia volunteer fire departments will sponsor a visit by Santa Claus and a party for all white and Negro children up to 10 years of age, in Columbia and Tyrrell county on Saturday afternoon, December 20 at 4:30 o'clock according to an announcement by fire chief Abner Harrell.

Santa Claus is scheduled to arrive in Columbia on the fire truck and will be parked on Main Street in front of the courthouse near the Jaycees' Christmas tree. All the children attending the party will be given a stocking filled with Christmas candy, which has been purchased by the members of the fire department. The members of the fire department will assist Santa Claus in taking down what the children want for Christmas.

By the age of 7, a boy ought to know enough not to deprive his father of belief in Santa Claus, just when he needs it most.

SEASON'S GREETINGS!

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—may once more follow similar
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In most families it's an old holiday custom to eat turkey for two hours and then take a 20-minute stroll. Probably we'd all be better off if we ate for 20 minutes, and then took a two-hour stroll.

Fayetteville Men Killed In Flames Of Rooming House

The charred body of a 47-year-old Negro man was discovered by Fayetteville firemen early December 9 in a fire-riddled rooming house located near Fayetteville State Teachers College.

The body of Alex McLaughlin was found lying face down on the floor near a door of his one-room apartment.

Firemen said there was no evidence of foul play. Coroner Joe Pinkston conducted an investigation and said no inquest will be necessary.

To Our Readers

We, of the Hose and Nozzle, want to say to our many friends, that we wish for each of you the very best of the season.

During the past few months we have had a chance to meet many of you personally, others by mail, phone and indirectly through our mutual friends. This is the season when we like to take stock and remember those with whom we associate. If we were to list all our friends, it would take a special issue of the paper.

Let us simply say we are proud of our association with you, hope all your plans and dreams are realized, and wish for you and yours a very MERRY CHRISTMAS.



Greetings

May the happiness of
you and your loved ones
be as everlasting
as the evergreen.
A Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
to all our friends.

C. W. (Moon) WYRICK
President
N. C. STATE FIREMEN'S
ASSOCIATION



A JOYFUL SEASON

The remembrance of friends is
one of the outstanding joys of Christmas.

No wonder then, that we get
such pleasure in the approach of the Holiday
season, with its all-pervading spirit of friendship
and good will. A Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year to all.

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Season's Greetings

To all our friends and patrons, we
extend our warmest greetings for
a joyous Holiday Season.



Motorola

One Woman's Faith In the Fire Dept.

A lady named Mara, from Czechoslovakia, has unlimited faith in all American institutions, and one summer afternoon she proved it. She and a group of her friends had gone on a picnic and suddenly Mara rushed to find a telephone. "I just remembered I left a chicken roasting in the oven," she explained when she returned. "So I called the fire department and asked them to send someone to turn off the stove."

Her friends tried to convince her that this was not exactly the fire department's function, even in democratic America. But that evening her faith was abundantly justified.

Not only had a fireman turned off the stove when the chicken was done, but he had made an unusual gravy and had left the recipe, with a polite warning against future carelessness.

Home In Currutuck Destroyed By Fire

Fire destroyed the home of Howard Gregory near Shawboro in Currutuck county around 11:30 Friday night, December 12.

Much of the furniture in the two-story dwelling was saved and there was no personal injury. Six persons occupied the house.

About Reindeer

This is written for the benefit of all firemen who have children, grandchildren or happen to be otherwise mauled with questions they can't answer.

Because Santa travels by sleigh, drawn by reindeer, (the books say so), reindeer often become the subject of conversation with the little folks.

Firemen, for the most part, are reasonably well informed, but it is doubtful if any in North Carolina know any more about reindeer than the writer did when he was bombarded by questions by his two-year-old daughter.

This is straight from the book — but don't quote me.

Reindeer are commonly considered as large, good-humored beasts which each year haul Santa's sleigh around at Christmas-time. Actually they are morose, many little things about the size of a Shetland pony. Their color is a frowsy brown-gray and the number of horns vary with individual reindeer.

The reindeer is supposedly a sweet-tempered creature, but has to be lassoed, muzzled, and chained to a stump to be milked — and you get about half a teacup. The milk is supposed to be four times as rich as cows' milk, so you might call the reindeer an (Continued On Page Four.)



Holiday WISHES

To all our friends we wish
good cheer, not only for
Christmas, but for all of
the coming New Year.

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J. H. BAILEY, Representative

QUESTIONNAIRE BEING MAILED TO ALL DEPARTMENTS IN STATE

ume equipment if you had a choice? This questionnaire is designed basically for the volunteer department and the problems that confront them. Many of the questions cannot be answered without qualification. Do not make your explanation brief if you believe a fuller one will clarify.

The object is an exchange of ideas—not critical comparison.

Please address questions concerning answers to these questionnaires to the department involved with a copy of your letter to the Hose and Nozzle. Answers will be run in the next issue after they are received—space permitting—or as quickly thereafter as possible.

Wake Forest To Report Dept. News

Chief F. R. Keith of Wake Forest writes that he is going to become a regular reporter for the Hose and Nozzle, and apparent-Chief Keith intends to have his news in each week. He inquires as to space—don't worry Chief—there will be space if we have to run additional pages.

Chief Keith likes this publication well enough to want a personal copy mailed direct to him, so he attached \$2 to his letter.

(Note: Thanks Chief, we expect that you have had the difficulty that others have written about—someone else beat you to the mail and got the Department's copy first.

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to express my thanks to the men of the Troy Fire Department for the many kind expressions of thoughtfulness shown me during my recent illness. There is nothing better in this world than real friends. Sincerely, D. P. Brown.

If burned in a fire, report for medical treatment at once.

N. C. State Firemen's Assoc. Convention August 4-7 Greensboro, N.C.

Cary Writes To Acknowledge Copy

Chief J. L. Murdock of Cary writes that they are receiving the Hose and Nozzle each week and likes the idea. A reporter for his department has not been designated yet, but anything significant will be forwarded.

(Ed. Note: We appreciate your interest Chief, and will be glad to run any copy that you send us.)

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Asheboro Fire And Police Hold Fish Fry

MEMORIAL PARK SITE

Wednesday, June 25th, the Fire and Police Departments of Asheboro held one of their now famous fish fries. This is nothing new to the people in and around Asheboro since the boys have been putting this on from time to time for a good while.

This is one of the principal money-raising schemes Asheboro has, and has always proven successful. If you don't think so, go take a look at the cabin they have built out on the lake.

The way they work their project is like this: Through every connection they have, they pre-sell tickets. In this manner they have a reasonable idea as to how many to prepare for. They set their time at an hour everyone can attend (Wednesday it was 5-30 to 8:00). The price of the tickets is \$1.00 and they fill you up.

Their advertising is about as complete as you can get. Through the radio, newspapers and the man on the street.

They had a full page ad in the Courier-Tribune Monday and this, taken from the ad, gives you an idea of how they appeal to the people: "You don't want to miss this community event—join in the fun with your friends, enjoy the tasty fish—you'll be glad you did." Also, "Tickets now on sale by policemen, firemen and Asheboro stores. Get yours now—attend this gala event!"

Under this full-page ad appeared the names of 21 Asheboro citizens as sponsors of the advertising.

Chief Rush and his boys know how to make this thing pay off. Maybe your department can get some ideas from them.

If forced to remain in a smoke-filled building, remember that the air is usually better near the floor.

QUESTIONNAIRE BEING MAILED TO ALL DEPARTMENTS IN STATE

EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND INFORMATION OBJECT OF INQUIRY

In an effort to better acquaint the Fire Departments of North Carolina with the work being done in the various units, the Hose and Nozzle is sending out letters in the form of a questionnaire to each of the Fire Departments. This letter asks for a brief outline of the operation of the department, something about the equipment used, alarm system, water supply, etc.

As fast as the questionnaires are returned, they will be run in this paper.

By this exchange of information we will all become better acquainted with various local conditions and the plan or method used in solving the problems that are certain to be present.

If one department learns a better or more efficient way of doing anything, then the effort put forth by the staff of this newspaper will be worthwhile.

To give you an idea as to what these questionnaires will contain the following explanation is given:

Alarm System

What type of alarm system is used? Is it based on the telephone? If so, by what means do you maintain a 24 hour watch on the phone? If not based on the phone, is your system adequately covering your town or city? If yours is a volunteer unit, by what means do you direct your volunteers to the location of the fire?

Water Supply

What is your water supply? Is it constant, or are there periods when it is dangerously low? Should electric power fail, do you have some auxiliary means of pumping raw water to your filter plant and into your mains? What is your total gravity supply and at what level it it main-

tained? What is your lowest (static) hydrant pressure? How many hydrants do you have? Do you have areas that you cannot reach from hydrants without excessively long lays? Do you have areas that you cannot reach at all?

Equipment and Stations

How many pieces of equipment do you have? Are any of these over age or about to be so? What is your total amount of two and one-half inch hose? How much of this is in reserve? How much two and one-half inch hose is carried on your equipment? Give a list of the various special tools that you have. Is your station or stations adequate? If not, what is your greatest need?

Operation and Organization

Does your equipment leave the station without an officer aboard? Do you have appointed drivers and pump operators? How many men constitute a minimum crew? Do you lay (normal operation) from the hydrant to the hydrant or from the hydrant to the fire under the command of a single officer? Do you have two-way radio? Do you use it to notify your men (volunteers) as to location of the fire? Do you have regular meetings? When? Regular Drills? When? Are visitors welcome at these meetings or drills? Do you have a specific training program? Briefly explain its operation and coverage. Do you cover areas outside your city limits? Explains charges and distance covered.

Fog Equipment

Do you now have or contemplate purchasing high-pressure fog equipment? Do you consider this item too specialized for your working conditions? Would you consider purchasing fog or vol-

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WHERE'S THE FIRE?

One of the most serious problems confronting volunteer fire departments today is that of communications.

Only a few years ago our towns were villages and our cities towns. By far the great majority of them are still protected by volunteer departments. This is not a criticism of the volunteer organization. In many cases a well organized volunteer department will outclass and outwork many of the paid groups.

The principal advantage enjoyed by on-duty or at-the-station firemen is knowing the exact location of the fire.

In the average North Carolina town, its firemen are alerted by an electric siren. The first notice that the fireman has is the sound of this siren. It may be blown a series of blasts, in the form of a code, to designate the area in which the fire is located, but at best it is only a very general location—sometimes no more than a compass direction.

In some departments the men have to go to the station and read the location of a fire on a blackboard. Often they back-track and find that the fire was only a short distance from where they were when they heard the siren.

There is no argument about the above problems existing, nor is there any fuss about what it

would take to cure them. The answer, of course, is MONEY.

The strange thing in this problem is that many of the towns have seen fit to buy elaborate radio systems for their police departments, even put this equipment on their fire apparatus, but have neglected entirely the men who are to operate this equipment.

One of the cheapest (and it is much too high) methods of notification of volunteers is radio receivers. This is particularly true where police or sheriff department radio is now in existence. These small receivers may be installed in a few minutes in any automobile and require very little maintenance.

Under these conditions, when the siren sounds, the volunteer would jump in his car, turn on his radio, and immediately receive the location of the fire. This location would be broadcast repeatedly from the time the siren sounds (say two or three minutes) until it is certain that all men would have reached their cars.

This has been tried and found very efficient. It enables the fireman to be several miles from his town, hear the alarm on his receiver, and return at once to help fight the fire. Without the radio, he would have no knowledge that his services were needed.

We all agree that this is a good thing, and a workable idea, but as I said in the beginning, the drawback is money.

The cheapest, workable receiver on the market sells in the neighborhood of \$75 per set. To equip 20 men would take \$1,500 and that is a lot of money for a small town.

The quickest way would be to take the problem to the public, and with proper explanation, and some hard work, you have a good chance of carrying it out.

JCW

Citizens of the United States can agree upon almost everything except religion, and the size of hailstones and fish.

Rain Or Shine You Got To Go

The lightning flashed and the thunder rolled. Rain came down in torrents as the wind lashed the tree tops. It was a rather heavy electrical storm, even though they are prevalent at this season.

At home, with his three-year-old daughter, was a fireman. He was rather busy trying to explain the mysteries of thunder, lightning, rain, etc., to the youngster.

Down town his wife was in a beauty shop, acutely aware of the storm that would break at home should a fire occur and her husband not get to go because of "baby sitting."

During the worst of the storm, the Fire Phone rang. A man urged immediate response. A tree had blown across his electric service and the broken wires were putting on a fireworks display. In the background his wife was hollering something about "fire."

What did the fireman do? He grabbed his quick-hitch, the daughter under his arm, stowed her in his car with strict orders to stay there, and went to the fire. It turned out to be nothing more than hot wires, which were soon cut down, and the daughter had a grandstand seat for the pyrotechnique display—at a safe distance in the car.

Who was this fool fireman? Ye Editor.

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LONG CREEK TRUCK DEDICATED JULY 11TH

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urance coverage (liability etc.) All alarms are called in by phone to the Mecklenburg Rural Police which serves as the dispatching agency. The police then notify the firemen by phone and send a police car to the scene of the fire. Most of the firemen have had little or no experience, and as yet the organization has not progressed to the stage that they have regular meetings or a drill program established. They have arranged for a first aid course that will be taught to all men in the near future.

Water Supply

There is no central water supply. The men rely on what their truck will carry and improvise at the fire. There are plans for the construction of a pond on the land where the Fire Station will be located... this pond to serve as a central supply for tankers or other equipment to relay water to the fire.

Dedication Program

The dedication program was opened by Rev. Pence with prayer. Following this Chief Wilson presented Chief Charles who made an address.

Chief Charles stated that no matter how you find such spirit, cooperation, or love as you do in firemen. They love their profession probably better than any other group. He said that Mecklenburg county was one of the pioneers in the organization of rural fire protection groups and that now, with the organization of Long Creek, the City of Charlotte is completely surrounded by such units. He expressed the appreciation of the Charlotte Fire Department in having such a unit available and continued with a tribute to all voluntary firemen.

... stating that seventy per cent of all firemen in the State are volunteers. Chief Charles commented on the decrease in insurance rates because of the work of voluntary units, and paid high tribute to the men who work without compensation, regardless of weather or feelings, and expressed his belief that such men would receive their reward.

Chief Charles closed his address with an appeal to the citizens of Long Creek to back their firemen with money, goods and services, and to keep this backing constant, in order that the department might improve and render to the community better service.

Following Chief Charles was a short address by Charlotte Chief of Police, Frank N. Littlejohn,

who stated he wished to make a personal contribution to the cost of the unit and wish them every success in their venture.

Next, Chief Stanhope Lineberry of the Mecklenburg Rural Police, explained the proper way to call in an alarm and just how this alarm was relayed by his organization to the firemen.

Mr. Hiddente, of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, presented the contract for signing, between the Long Creek organization and the County. Under this contract the County supports the department to the extent of \$100 per month and has in its plans the purchase of two-way radio for use by the volunteer units.

This was followed by the treasurer's report, recognition of other departments present, etc. Grady Cole, of WBT, arrived late as usual, but served as the emcee for the program. Grady was full of his usual hubb, but has demonstrated his belief in the voluntary departments many times.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Rev. Barr.

Opinion

Both before and after the program, this reporter circulated among the crowd and asked, at random, various individuals their opinion of the new fire department. The citizens seemed unusually well informed and seemed to have great faith in the leaders of the organization.

They seemed to understand that with the long runs and lack of water, that the firemen would not always be successful but, however, they did not seem discouraged by this fact.

Long Creek has a good start. Hard work and constant efforts will make it grow.

Lightning Fires Straw Bales At Concord

On Monday, July 14th, lightning struck a shed on the farm of J. Frank Barr and Sons off Highway 73 during a storm, igniting stored bales of straw. The shed contained between 2500 and 2000 bales of straw which were destroyed by the fire.

Concord firemen confined the blaze, protecting a larger barn nearby. The alarm came at 10:15 p. m., and the fire-fighters were at work about an hour.

Value of the destroyed wheat and oat straw was estimated at about \$1,500... the shed at \$300.

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Long Creek Truck Dedicated July 11th

BY EBEN R. WALLACE
Last Friday night the Long Creek Department had its official dedication and was formally placed in service.

The program was held in the Long Creek School Auditorium and Chief Charles of Charlotte was kind enough to provide transportation to the site.

Upon arriving, it was surprising to see a number of people that had gathered in advance of the starting time. The school yard was thronged, particularly in the area of the new truck.

Inquiry brought forth that the truck was financed by "memberships" at the price of \$10.00 per year, but that the canvass for memberships was not complete. To make up the difference in cash, men of the fire department borrowed the money on their personal signatures.

Total membership is 184 at this writing with a potential of approximately 1000.

Truck

The unit was built upon a Ford chassis in the welding shop of Chief Emmett D. Wilson. It carries 900 gallons of water, Myers hi-pressure pump, two side sies mounted reels of approximately 400 feet capacity. Controls are clearly marked and the operation is relatively simple. Small equipment is lacking but is to be added with time and increased participation in the protection plan.

The truck carries no one and one-half or two and one-half inch hose; however, with its present pump there is no need for any. In mutual aid work, this truck can participate only as a fog wagon or tanker.

Organization

The department now has 30 men, all volunteers who serve without pay. The organization is a state-chartered non-profit corporation and carries its own in-

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DETAILED REPORT OF FIRE WHICH TOOK THREE LIVES

Fire Marshal Better After Long Illness

We are happy to bring you the news that Fire Marshal Brockwell is now recovering from his recent illness.

Mr. Brockwell was stricken immediately after attending the Sandhill Convention, held at Southern Pines, and has been very ill for several weeks.

"Brock" is sitting up some each day now and says that it was the weather that threw him.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery, Sir!

Chief Wyrick Asks For Parade Entries

In a letter addressed to all fire chiefs, Chief Wyrick of Greensboro requests information as to parade entries at the forthcoming convention.

Taken from his letter, the Greensboro Chief says: "It is our desire to have a parade here and would like to know if you have any unique pieces of apparatus, old trucks, old automobiles, or anything that would help to make up a parade available from your city. If so, please let us know as soon as possible so that we may line up that which we have and formulate the order of the parade."

The letter continues: "The parade will be held on Wednesday afternoon, August 6th. If you have enough men to spare that would like to either appear in the parade in their uniforms or comically dressed, or enter their automobiles decorated up, we will be happy to have them."

Chief Wyrick closes his letter with a reminder to answer the questionnaire, previously mailed. (Continued on Page Three.)

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Two Aged Persons And One
Child Lose Lives

NEGLIGENCE CHARGED

BY E. E. McDOWELL
The following is a resume of the fire reported last week in the Hose and Nozzle involving loss of life.

On July 2, 1952, at 10:12 p. m. a phone call was received at the Central Station to report a fire at 629 East Lee Street. Directly following the phone call, the Fire Alarm Box No. 315 located at the corner of Lee and Pearson Streets came in.

This house is a four room Negro home occupied by Daisy Small and owned by B. R. Crave, Box 607, Concord. Eight persons normally occupied this house, and eight persons were at the house during the fire.

Daisy Small, age 65, a paralyzed invalid, was in bed in the middle room; Lewis Thorpe, age 65, was in bed in an adjoining room; Katherine Lindsay, age four, was found in the room occupied by Daisy Small, when the Fire Department arrived. The three persons above were dead upon our arrival.

Benjamin Holt, age nine, and Madeline Holt, age seven, were rescued and taken to the street and revived with respiration and first aid administered by the firemen. D. C. Costner, assistant chief driver, and L. V. Cauthren, member of Truck Company No. 2, found and rescued the children. Costner received a wounded elbow in so doing but is back on the job at this writing. The two children received second degree burns and were carried to the L. Richardson Memorial hospital for treatment.

Charles Holt, Jr., age ten, who (Continued on Page Three.)

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FIGHT FOR IT

Gathering news takes quite a lot of visiting around. While doing so, you are bound to form some opinions, not only of the individual fire departments, but of the profession in general.

Some stations are meticulous, others slovenly. Equipment may show usage and wear, but it is clean and well maintained, or, you can write your name in the dirt, while the hose looks as though it was loaded with a steam shovel.

We find one thing in common with the neat units, and a total lack of this thing in the sloppy ones: The will to fight for their department.

This boils down to the fact that somewhere in each department there must be a man, or a group of men, who are willing to do more than their share... who are willing to sacrifice their own time and money... who believe in what they are doing to the extent that they will battle almost incessantly for the good of the fire service.

There is not a department that hasn't had its budget cut, overhauled, turned down, or otherwise mutilated by the City Council or Town Board.

This is budget time. Now is the time when you have to go in and

fight. You may not get it all, but keep hammering.

Just because an idea or proposal is turned down now doesn't mean that it isn't a good idea. Perhaps it was ill timed. Maybe the ground work was insufficient, but don't quit. If it is a good thing, keep after it.

Hitler proved to the World one thing: If you hammer an idea at people long enough, no matter how big the lie, they will begin to believe.

Fire departments could well learn from Adolph. It takes a long time and a lot of work, a lot of fighting, to put some things across.

A few minutes reflection over the things you have accomplished will prove to you that you got what you fought for.

Eight Room House Destroyed By Fire Near Mount Airy

Last Sunday, July 13th, a fire of undetermined origin at eight o'clock in the morning destroyed an eight room brick house located on the old White Sulphur Springs road, one and one-half miles from the city limits.

The house, owned by Charles W. Fulton of Mount Airy, was the former home of Mr. Fulton. It was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Vince Self and seven children. The Selfs were not at home when the fire was discovered by a neighbor. They had left earlier to attend a family reunion.

The Mount Airy Department responded to the call but was unable to save the handsome residence as it was too far gone when they reached the scene. All the contents of the home were destroyed except a few articles on the back porch. Mr. Fulton's loss is around \$10,000.

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Chief Cox Is Visitor To Troy Department

Tuesday night, July 15th, the Troy Fire Department had as its guest Chief C. L. Cox and J. Durham, of the Durham Fire Department.

Chief Cox says that he had heard and read about Troy until he got his curiosity aroused and had to come and look for himself.

Tuesday night happened to be the regular meeting night for the Troy boys and Chief Cox joined in the discussion and planning—providing the answers to a number of questions with his experience and training.

The men from Durham were most complimentary on the condition of the station and equipment with the Chief stating that he 'new few towns the size of Troy that could match it.

(Ed. Note: Thanks, Chief. We were glad to have you.)

Judge Finds Welcome At Fire Station

Last week Judge Frank M. Armstrong held court in Mt. Airy. It was convention week in Chicago, and the Judge was looking for a place where he might watch the show on TV.

He made some inquiries and was told that he should go to the fire station.

The Judge went to the station—was met by a rather tall, lanky fellow, who welcomed him. After the introductions, they found they really had something in common: The man who extended the greeting was Chief Brannonck, who is a steady contributor of news to the Hose and Nozzle, and the visitor a steady reader of the same paper.

Judge Armstrong praises the hospitality shown him and intends to visit again.

Rutherfordton Man Dies, Recovers, Dies

A 40-year-old odd jobs man struck by lightning came back to life for three hours after he was pronounced dead by a physician.

The man, Joseph Miller, Negro, was struck by lightning around 2 p. m., when caught in a thunder storm while working in a yard.

People in the house saw the man struck and called a doctor. Then they saw smoke in the house and called the fire department.

The doctor reached the home first and after an examination of Miller pronounced him dead.

Then the firemen arrived. There was no fire in the house. The fire-fighters saw the man's body and brought their brand new resuscitator from the truck. Within five minutes Miller was breathing again, but did not regain consciousness. He was removed to the Rutherford County hospital, and lived until 5 p. m., when he was again pronounced dead. He never regained consciousness.

CHIEF WYRICK ASKS
FOR PARADE ENTRIES
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regarding the number of men and ladies planning to attend the convention. He states that they must have information to complete the necessary arrangements.

Cary's New Station Nearing Completion

By JAMES J. MURDOCK
Every fire department, sooner or later, experiences the distress of being cramped both as to quarters and equipment.

The Cary fire department is making progress toward the relief of some of its pains and within the next few weeks will put into service its new fire station.

The new station will eliminate the poor storage conditions for both equipment and apparatus, and provide a badly needed meeting place for the firemen. The station will make available classroom space for proposed training program, and is expected to add much to the morale of the firemen.

Due to inadequate storage, it is necessary to repaint the apparatus and this work is being done by the firemen. At the same time a "remodeling" of the equipment and additions thereto is being done.

With these projects underway Cary is now beginning a drive among the citizens of the community to finance the purchase of additional apparatus. In this drive the firemen are trying to impress the townsfolk with the fact that additional and modern equipment is required if they are to have up-to-date protection.

(Ed. Note: Luck to you, Chief, holler if we can help.)

Troy Uses EUREKA FIRE HOSE



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also lives at this address, was questioned by the authorities and told the following story:

He was awakened by the screams of his grandmother, Daisy Small, but the house was on fire and that he got up and left his room and went into the room of his grandmother. That the flames were all over the house. This boy, Charles Holt, Jr., ran from the house and in the meantime David Potts, age 37, of 622 East Lee Street, who is the son-in-law of Daisy Small came running up from his house, hearing the cries of the boy and another small girl in the neighborhood.

He said that he went in the front door and tried to get to the bed where the old woman was sleeping and was pushed back by the flames. He did manage to take a small child (so he says) from a settee in the same room that Daisy Small was in and threw that child out into the yard.

He then tried to get into the room to the left of the front door, that his wife and three nieces and nephews were sleeping in. When he opened the door, Potts stated, the flames were so intense that he could not enter so he ran outside to the window and pulled his wife through. He could see no one else in the room, so he says, and he did not go back into the house.

Madeline Lindsay, also a daughter of Daisy Small, who lives at 628 East Lee Street, the address of the fire, stated that she left around 9:00 p. m. knowing at that time that Lewis Thorpe was drunk, that her sister, Ruth Potts, was also drunk, and that her mother, an invalid and unable to care for herself or anyone else, was all that was in the house with these small children.

At approximately 11:20 p. m., Madeline Lindsay returned home in a drunken condition and stated that she had been to the Palace Theatre and she knew nothing of the fire until she returned home.

This woman was charged with neglect of minor children and carried to jail, but is out on \$500 bond as of now. The trial is set for Friday, July 18, 1952.

The fire itself was readily extinguished by the firemen upon arrival but it is evident that it had been burning for a long time before the department was summoned.

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the members and their friends and the present indebtedness is approximately \$5400.

The annual membership fee will be based on the cost of operation and maintenance-replacement estimates.

MT. AIRY BUILDS STATION

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built for \$2,500. It is primarily for the fire department, but will be used for recreation and other community activities.

(Note: We hear you bought some new equipment. What did you get? Ed.)

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Ansonville Men Save Man From Boiler Fire

Two men who had to run from the site of the well publicized sawdust fire at Ansonville to another fire that suddenly broke out a short distance away were credited with saving the life of a State employee September 7.

Hal Harkey of Albemarle was severely burned when a boiler owned by the State Highway Department caught fire at the Ansonville depot near the sixty-foot high sawdust pile which has been burning for several weeks.

Harkey's clothes were saturated with gasoline when flames engulfed him and the tar-making boiler he was unloading.

La Mar Ratliff, forest ranger and J. C. Brewer were standing next to the burning sawdust pile when the second fire broke out. They ran to Harkey and pulled him away from the flames around the boiler. Witnesses said the two men probably saved Harkey's life.

Harkey received serious burns on his arms and legs. He is being

treated at the Stanly County hospital.

The mysterious boiler fire occurred about 11:30 p. m.

Weaverville Builds New Truck From Old

Weaverville is making progress in their fight to build their department and has now replaced the 1927 truck with a new engine.

Instead of ordering a truck already equipped, the town council bought a GMC truck, had a suitable bed built on it, and installed the necessary equipment.

Total cost was \$4,200, representing a saving of about \$2,000.

The truck also has an attachment to wash streets.

Seventeen businessmen make up the membership of the department, with Glen West, Jr., as chief and Paul Brown as assistant chief.

The man who would lift others must be uplifted himself, and he who would command others must learn to obey.

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Roseboro Firemen Build New Station

The new fire station, now under construction, would be a credit to a town three times the size of Roseboro. The project is sponsored by the town's able and long-time fire chief, C. A. Herring.

Chief Herring and his firemen are building this station without any aid from the town. They are raising necessary funds through projects put on by the firemen.

Pine Bluff Leads Playground Project

Firemen find themselves getting into all sorts of community projects. Pine Bluff has teamed up with the Woman's Demonstration club and they are jointly spearheading the local playground project.

A lot 250 x 250 has been secured, cleaned up and planted. Installation of playground facilities is planned for this fall.

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Wadesboro Holds Square Dance

The Wadesboro department has sent out the following invitation to their neighboring fire departments:

This is an invitation to you and your men to come to Wadesboro Friday night, September 12th, at 8 p. m., for an outdoor square dance to be held at Cooke Chevrolet Company car lot. Ladies and firemen free. This dance sponsored by us is for the benefit of the Christmas Stocking Fund, price to "citizens" \$1.00 per couple. Music by assistant chief Hubert Burnes and the Wadesboro Ramblers.

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Thomasville Needs Parade Vehicles

Most folks in North Carolina know that Thomasville is celebrating its centennial the week of September 14th—by the rash of whiskers that has run wild in that section.

Chief Loftin announces that there will be a parade Saturday, September 20th, at 10 a. m. He would like to know if any fire department has any unique pieces of apparatus, old trucks, old automobiles, or anything else old that would help make up this parade.

It's too late to grow a brush pile and join them, but not too late to enter anything you might have in their parade. Attend and witness one of the most magnificent collections of beards since anyone can remember.

High Point Firemen Inspect—Find Fire

BY C. S. CANADY

While on a routine inspection at the Jiffy Manufacturing Company, firemen T. G. Shelton and H. M. Smith discovered fire in the dust collector, which was caused from a spark when the metal blades of the paper grinder struck metal in the paper.

Firemen Shelton and Smith, with the aid of employees of the company, had the blaze under control before fire engines arrived at the scene.

Mt. Airy Builds New Fire Station

The installation of additional mains and hydrants is good news to the Mt. Airy department but bigger than that is the new fire station.

A 40 x 50 cement block building has been constructed with community labor and donations. Valued at \$10,000, the building was (Continued on Page Four)

APEX TAKES STEP TOWARD SOLVING RURAL CALL PROBLEM

Know Your Staff



CHIEF H. R. HOLT

Meet Chief H. R. Holt, the man under whose guidance the Troy Fire Department and the Hose and Nozzle operate.

Chief Holt is an oil distributor. His wife's name is Elma, and they have one son and one daughter.

He joined the Fire Department in 1935, was made Chief in 1945, with timeout for service with the CB's during World War II. Under his direction the department has expanded both in equipment and quarters.

An untiring worker who will neglect his business, if need be, to work for the fire department.

(This is the first of a series introducing the staff of your newspaper. Ed.)

CORPORATION FORMED ANSWER OUTSIDE CALLS

Members of the Apex volunteer fire department have built a fire truck which they will use in fighting fire outside the town limits of Apex, or which will be known as the Rural Fire Service. The truck has already answered several calls and proved its worth.

Like many other towns where the county does not provide any rural fire protection service Apex has answered the "outside" calls with town equipment, financed by town money, and has never failed to answer their neighbors in time of need.

To solve the problem of rural work, and to supplement the town's fire-fighting force, the members of the Apex department formed a corporation called the Apex Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., Rural Service Unit.

Here is how they went about it: A used truck was purchased about March 1st, and taken to the Apex Motor Lines Shop which is owned by fire chief Carter S. Schaub. Members of the department went to work, many working at night, and in that shop and the adjoining Triplett Service Shop, the truck began to materialize into a fine piece of fire-fighting equipment. It is equipped with a high-pressure fog system, 500-gallon tank, hose and miscellaneous small equipment.

They finance the operation by a "membership" plan. The schedule for the first year is \$20 for a farm unit, \$10 for a home unit or \$100 for six years for any unit protection—or life of the truck—whichever is greater. Non-members will be charged a minimum of \$25 per call whether the services of the department are of any value or not.

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DO YOU AGREE?

One of the most rapidly developing phases of the fire service is Rural Fire Protection. The development of hi-pressure fog has reduced the quantity of water required and with the demand for rural service has brought into use a type of fire engine with a large tank capacity.

With prices high and manufacturers slow about bringing out this new style equipment, many departments have built their own trucks. Most of these department-built units show good planning and workmanship, but the old problem of horsepower vs. weight is still with us.

We have learned to make water writer—but as yet, haven't found a way to make it weigh less.

Local geography should be considered in the design of a truck and sufficient horsepower installed to give reasonable performance in the area to be covered.

We can't help but think some of the trucks we've seen are going to be underpowered in the future. Do You Agree?

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Report: Siler City
Fire Department

Your reporter arrived in Siler City about 5 p. m. on Sunday afternoon. A quick inquiry found that the chief and half the firemen were gone to Long Beach on a fishing trip and the other half expected to go the latter part of the week. A search for the assistant chief or any of the firemen began to look hopeless until the services of Highway Patrolman Hayes was secured and suddenly assistant chief P. J. Reitzel (private garageman) and Fireman E. H. Foust (grocer) appeared at the fire station.

The station is cleaner than average and the general storage and appearance of gear is neat. Equipment consists of a 1928 Fomaco child hose wagon on an International chassis, and a 1942 Seagrave 750 loaded with 1200 feet of two and one-half inch and 100 feet of one and one-half inch water-thick skid load.

There are 26 members of the department with four vacancies. The men are paid fifty cents each meeting and fifty cents each call when water is used. Approximately fifteen calls per year are received. (Low for a town this size, population: 2750.) The department does not answer calls beyond their city limits other than hydrant reach; though at present they are working on a rural plan based on an annual membership fee.

Their fund raising activities consist of an annual barbecue, the proceeds of which go into their general fund.

The scheduled drill periods are set for the first and second Monday nights with the regular meeting held following the drill period on the first Monday.

Twelve men are trained as drivers and two to three men are considered a minimum crew.

Water supply is excellent both as to source and gravity storage. The alarm system consists of an electric siren—a combination—and a limited number of street boxes.

One usual innovation in the alarm system is that when an alarm is received, the local commercial radio station is notified—the program is interrupted—the location of the fire is announced and the public is asked to clear the streets.

Training Movies

This is really unusual for the size of the town. The chief is a movie enthusiast and when possible makes color movies of what will fire and the action involved. La-

ter these movies are run and re-run, mistakes accounted for and a general appraisal of the handling of the fire is made. (We think this really good and hope to bring you another story on it.)

The department has some unusual and highly interesting features. Spirit and morale seems very good, and in general they are above average.

The location of the fire station is central, but the exit path from the station to the street is very awkward (narrow) in one direction.

Dobson Organizes
New Volunteer Unit

(Note: We asked for further information about the Dobson department and received the following account from Chief Blackwelder.)

BY R. B. BLACKWELDER
The formation of a fire department in the town of Dobson was originally a project of the local Lions club. Like most projects, it took a lot of time and a lot of talk to get it going. Members of the Lions club appeared before the town board and asked that the town take legal steps necessary to create a fire department and give it standing as a part of the town organization. This was done, and on August 4, 1952, R. B. Blackwelder was appointed chief.

The chief was assigned to recruit twenty other men who were willing to serve as volunteer firemen. At one of the first meetings of the fireman Clifton Smith was elected as assistant chief and the roster was completed as follows: Cecil McMillan, Jerry Hutson, Tommie Baker, Tommie Poindexter, Rom Folger, Jay Rosendahl, James Bean, D. A. McLaren, Robert Hemmings, Paul White, Wallace Hill, Clifford Scott, John Eads, B. F. Madison, Frank Moore, J. L. Folger, John Llewellyn, Calvin Johnson, and H. W. Comer.

Plans are now being made for this group did was to seek membership in the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, and have now been accepted.

Plans are now underway to build a fire station, while the equipment in service consists of a used truck (purchased from Mt. Airy) loaded with 1,000 feet of two and one-half inch and 200 feet of one and one-half inch hose, twelve extinguishers and other miscellaneous equipment.

This engine is not considered altogether satisfactory but will (Continued on Page Three.)

Report: Ramseur
Fire Department

Your reporter found mayor and fire chief Fred A. Thomas (broom manufacturer) resting on his front porch. He seemed very glad someone was interested in his department and quickly agreed to go to the fire station to have a look at the equipment.

Water supply is unlimited and emergency pumping facilities are very good. Alarm system: phone and electric siren.

The equipment consists of a 1938 Oren Ford, 1050 feet of two and one-half inch hose. No one and one-half, 200 gallon tank, miscellaneous small gear, Army type smoke masks, coats and other personal gear furnished by the town.

Total of 21 members of the department who are paid fifty cents per meeting, \$1.00 per fire and have a supper meeting quarterly. Regular meeting is the second Monday night.

The department receives approximately twelve calls per year and has never had a serious one since it was organized in 1938. They do not answer calls beyond the town limits.

General: This interview indicates that the department is very well organized, equipped, and have adequate quarters; however, they lack training. The lack of training is recognized and a sincere effort seems to be underway to remedy the situation. This reporter would suggest that the members of the department get about and visit some other departments, talk to the men, see their equipment, and then get them an instructor and let them set up their own school for a few weeks. Below average, but with bright prospects.

Cary Orders 750
Seagrave Pumper

BY W. R. ELDER
The Cary Fire Department proudly announces that on September 4th, an order was placed with The Seagrave Corporation for a new 750 pumper.

Specifications include a 500-gallon booster tank, two high-pressure reels with 200 feet each—semi-cab of the 400 series.

This new truck will be almost exactly like the Seagraves which was recently purchased by Concord and demonstrated at the North Carolina State Fire College and Fire School.

On September 15-16, the department is sponsoring a movie, "Fort

Defiance," at the Raleigh-Cary Drive-In. All proceeds from this movie will go to the department's treasury.

The next big project with the Cary department will be to establish a more adequate and modern alarm system for the town.

DOBSON ORGANIZES NEW
VOLUNTEER UNIT

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serve until better arrangements can be made.

Water supply is from a new water system installed March, 1952, with a 75 M gravity tank. This is considered adequate for the present.

Alarm system will be based on the telephone and electric siren.

Drills are now being held once each week, with the Mt. Airy department furnishing technical assistance. Recently Mt. Airy invited the Dobson men to participate in one of their regular weekly drills with Mt. Airy's equipment.

Spirit and cooperation is excellent among the Dobson firemen, and the assistance being rendered by neighboring towns is greatly appreciated.

Youngsville Builds
Truck-Alarm System

The Youngsville fire department is spending money. Where did they get it? They raised the money by sponsoring a supper and minstrel show.

Among the improvements that have been made was the transfer of the pump and equipment from the 1926 model Reo truck to a later model Chevrolet. The new truck also has a 360 gallon booster tank, new booster hose, siren, spotlights, and a new paint job. Most of the work was done by the firemen themselves.

The installation of a fire alarm system was made possible largely by Dan Kurz, a very active member of the fire department (also a subscriber to the Hose and Nozzle). Mr. Kurz donated the material and with several other members of the department, installed the system.

The system consists of sixteen separate alarm buttons posted all over the town. Each button designates the section from which the alarm was sounded.

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PORT FIRE

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Docks Destroyed

Several other buildings were damaged and long stretches of docks were destroyed.

The Norwegian freighter Max Mann, unloading nitrate at the warehouse where the fire was discovered, was towed out into the river and escaped the flames.

About midway in the battle, Chief Croom considered the possibility of dynamiting a row of buildings to form a fire line and prevent further spread. This was not found necessary.

Asst. Chief J. A. West stated that two or three days probably would be required to put out all the fires and learn the total damage. Most of the warehouses were 150 to 200 feet long and about 75 feet wide. They were about 30 feet high and were of brick and heavy timber construction. About a dozen railroad freight cars, some loaded, were nearby.

Chief Croom said workers in one of the three warehouses of the Wilmington Terminal Company discovered the fire and that it had spread almost across the wood and brick structure before they could sound an alarm.

A 16-mile-an-hour wind whipped the flames as they consumed the buildings, one of which was packed with an estimated million dollars worth of sugar. Another, operated by Heide and Company, contained about 5,000 hogshead of tobacco. Other buildings contained stores of nitrate of soda and ammonium nitrate, all highly inflammable. Two of the warehouses were operated under lease from the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company.

Nitrate Unloaded

About one-half million dollars worth of nitrate of soda had been unloaded from vessels over the week-end at the Wilmington Terminal Company buildings. The warehouses are valued at about half a million dollars each. One warehouse contained among other stores, 60,000 bags of Cuban sugar valued at \$510,000.

The docks of all four destroyed warehouses were completely destroyed. This involved berthing space for three ships.

As smoke plumed into the skies, the fire attracted curiosity from long distances. The smoke could be seen from 12 miles away.

Reserve and regular police were kept busy keeping crowds from pushing into the area. As the fire spread, police evacuated large areas of the industrial section.

The fire at no time threatened

the new two and a half million dollar installation of the North Carolina State Ports Authority. The fire was north of the business district of the city, while the state installation is some distance south of it.

LANDMARK RAZED

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felled by smoke, gas masks were borrowed from the local National Guard unit, Company K of the 120th Infantry Regiment. Thus protected, the firemen could enter the building to combat the flames at close range.

Fire At H-Bomb Plant Kills Two

A flash fire in one of the main buildings at the Savannah River atomic energy project March 6 killed two men and injured a third.

Officials at the H-bomb materials plant listed the dead as Charles E. Moscript, 34, of Maryville, Tenn., and Dennis L. Hutchinson, 24, of Augusta. The injured man is Paul Brown of Williston, S. C.

Officials said all three men were employed by the Interstate Painting Co., a sub-contractor. They were spray-painting concrete in a small work area of one of the large plant buildings.

The cause of the flash fire, which ended a string of approximately 2,375,000 continuous safe working hours, had not been determined.

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Laurinburg Family Of 10 Escapes Fire

A family of 10 narrowly escaped fire or serious injury near Laurinburg March 7 when a youth allegedly set fire to their home.

Deputy Sheriff B. P. Lych and Wilson Oxendine, 22-year-old youth, had been charged with arson and breaking and entering. The officer said Oxendine admitted pouring gasoline around the home of Gertrude Scott and setting fire to the building.

Members of the family were able to extinguish the blaze before serious damage resulted.

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Landmark Razed In Gastonia

Firemen equipped with gas masks battled March 9 to conquer flames which engulfed Kennedy's Drugstore just off the Square and threatened other buildings in the downtown business area.

Eight members of the fire department were overcome by smoke and were sent to hospitals. Their companions borrowed gas masks from the local National Guard unit and continued the battle.

The fire fighters battled to restrict the blaze to the two-story brick landmark, of the oldest drug store in town and among the oldest buildings in Gastonia.

Estimates of damage could not be made at once according to Chief Robert Rhyne.

The flames were kept away from adjoining buildings—The State Theatre and the Smart Shop. Both establishments suffered heavy water damage, however.

First discovered about 4:30 p. m., the fire began in the basement and worked its way to the top floor three hours later. Clouds of black smoke lay over the city's business district, blinding firemen and driving back the thousands of spectators who came to view the blaze.

Names of all the injured firemen were not available. Among them were Howard Hand, William Barlowe, Dick Henderson and J. P. Stepp. No fatalities resulted from the fire.

The drug store, which occupies the first floor of the buildings, is operated by Ed Adams. Doctors' and dentists' offices and a beauty parlor are on the top floor.

All but one of Gastonia's nine fire engines were called out in the afternoon battle to quench the flames.

After the eight firemen were (Continued on Page Four)

\$10 MILLION FIRE SWEEPS WILMINGTON'S WATERFRONT**Cheek Approves Big Reduction In Fire Rates**

Insurance Commissioner Waldo Cheek announced his approval March 7 of fire rate changes estimated to save North Carolina policy holders \$947,000 annually.

The new rate schedule, filed by the North Carolina Fire Insurance Rating Bureau and approved without change, calls for reductions amounting to \$950,121 annually and increases totaling \$2,721 a year. The only increases were in protected and unprotected frame buildings used for fish products.

Major reductions are for protected residential and mercantile buildings. A 4.35 per cent cut in the rates on protected residences is estimated to bring about a reduction amounting to \$212,963 a year, while a 14.29 per cent cut in rates on protected mercantile buildings is estimated to save \$294,753 a year.

Other groups sharing in the rate cuts include office and bank buildings, hotels, hospitals, garages and filling stations, educational buildings, some types of tobacco buildings, bakeries, laundries and dry cleaners.

Burlington Child Is Fatally Burned

Five-year-old Linda Janis Harper died March 7 of burns.

Officials said the little girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Harper, was burned the day before when her clothing caught fire while she and a playmate were playing with matches in a neighbor's garage.

Blasts Shake Port In Fire That Injures Dozen Firemen

A multi-million dollar fire raged along Wilmington's water-front March 9, setting off chemical explosions that shook the entire city.

Roaring out of control for several hours, the flames fanned themselves into an inferno with the help of a stiff wind, and the fire ate steadily through the line of warehouses containing nitrates, sugar and tobacco.

Heavy smoke covered the business district a mile away and in the path of the wind-whipped flames. Firemen brought it under control just short of a big warehouse that was filled with sodium nitrate—the highly inflammable chemical used in fertilizer. Eighteen men were hurt fighting the blaze, 12 of them hospitalized, with one in critical condition.

Fire Chief J. Lude Croom said of the damage: "Conservatively, I'd say it will go 10 million dollars." W. R. S. Beane, president of the Heide Warehouse Company, said the damage "may run as high as \$20 million."

The fire broke out shortly before 9 a. m. in the warehouse of the Wilmington Terminal Company. It was reported that sparks from an electric line on which an electrician was working set off stores of nitrate. One major explosion blew off the roof of a warehouse, showering flaming nitrates over the area.

Four brick and wood warehouses fronting on the Cape Fear River burned to their foundations despite desperate work by six Wilmington fire companies, seven from neighboring communities, and the fire boat.

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WILL THEY LEARN?

Several months ago there appeared an item in the Hose and Nozzle containing the story that the Wilmington Fire Department was to be "surveyed" and the results of that survey.

It seems that the City Officials of Wilmington were in some way dissatisfied with their Fire Department, and they thought it necessary to call in an "expert" to survey and advise them as to needed changes. They imported a Yankee expert from Newark, or somewhere up that way, and he came down and made his survey. He nosed around for a few days and then presented his report.

One of the principal recommendations of the report was the disposition of Wilmington's Fire Boat. Seems that the expert thought it was not needed and was a needless expense to the city. We haven't seen the full report, but that seems to be the gist of it. What faith that man had. Either he thought there would never be a water-front fire, or he thought you could drive a fire engine on water.

This "hot shot" should have been on the end of a nozzle Monday—along with those Wilmington firemen who ended up in the hospital. He might have changed his mind.

We don't propose to say that the lack of a fire boat would have made the fire more costly, on the other hand the fact that

it was there to operate on the water side seems evidence enough as to it's value.

The point is this: When are the city officials in this state going to learn to listen to their own people? Looks like they intend to do everything but follow the recommendations of the men who know their local situation best—their own Fire Department.

Wilmington isn't the only city that has felt the impact of a "hot shot's" survey. Another large city in the state had a similar one made with this result: The expert stated that all heavy pumper, etc. should be removed from out-lying stations and disposed of. That such heavy equipment as remained should be concentrated in a central station. That the heavy equipment in the outlying stations should be replaced with pick-up trucks with booster tanks—basing this argument on the fact that 90 per cent of the fires are handled with the booster. We want to know just how the other 10 per cent are to be fought—since that last 10 per cent accounts for about 95 per cent of the total fire loss.

When will they learn?

\$200,000 Fire Destroys Firms At Greenville, S. C.

Fire virtually destroyed the stocks and the building housing three firms in Greenville March 3.

Mather Furniture Company, Inc., Friedman's Jewelers, and the Army and Navy store located on South Main Street were hit by flames first noticed about 7:30 p. m. Smoke and water damage was suffered by Greenville Hardware and Mahaffey's Feed store, both adjacent to the fire-gutted building.

Estimates of the damage suffered by all firms ran as high as \$200,000 although none of the buildings could be entered at once because they were still considered unsafe.

Unknown Origin

Fire Chief J. E. Poole said the origin of the fire is not known but that it is believed that flames started on the second floor of Mather's and spread downward from there.

Mather's occupied the entire

second story over the three stores hardest hit.

Gas is brought into the Mather store in a three-and-a-half inch line to heat the building. The appearance of the flames at first indicated that gas from the main was burning. However, Chief Poole said later he didn't believe the main was burning but the outbursts of flames were "backflashes" caused when unburned gases from the fire itself ignited.

Fireman E. L. Vaughn, 25, was overcome by smoke and was rushed to General Hospital where he is reported in fair condition.

Asst. Fire Chief R. P. Eskew, injured slightly in a fall from a ladder, and Fireman C. P. Jenkins, overcome by smoke, were said by Chief Poole, to be in good shape and that neither were hospitalized.

Statesville Firemen Have Busy Week End

Statesville firemen put in a busy week-end last week. From 12:35 p. m. Saturday until 2 p. m. Sunday the department answered a total of 10 calls—seven in the city and three in the county. No serious damage was listed.

Sumter Blaze Burns Five Buses

Sumter (S. C.) Transit Co. lost five buses in an early morning fire in their garage at the corner of Main and Canal streets March 6, although bus service in the city was back in operation by noon today.

The fire started near the center of the parked buses and spread to other vehicles and burned off a large part of the roof of the building, although the brick walls did not seem to be damaged. A police officer making his inspection rounds discovered the fire at 4 a. m. and turned in the alarm.

E. Frank Bostick, owner of the transit company, said he was unable to give an estimate of the damage, but that it would run up into thousands of dollars.

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Four Gastonia Firemen Still in Hospital

Four city firemen were still in the Gastonia hospital today, recovering from the effects of being overcome by smoke during the fire at Kennedy's Drug Store Monday afternoon.

Firemen listed as patients at Gaston Memorial hospital today were J. G. Bingham, J. M. Lawing, R. N. Waldrop and Bob Paysour.

Chief Bob Rhyne said Paysour had a slight case of pneumonia but he believed Paysour would be released from the hospital in a day or two. The other firemen were to be discharged today.

Chief Rhyne estimated the loss unofficially at Kennedy's at "between \$60,000 and \$75,000." He said it was hard to make a definite estimate since there were fire insurance policies with four or five different companies.

Nocturnal Blaze Devours Church

Spring church near Pleasant Hill in Virginia was destroyed by fire last night despite efforts of the Roanoke Rapids and Emporia, Va., fire departments.

Members of the congregation in m e d i a tely announced they would launch a campaign to raise

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funds for rebuilding the church. This is the fifth time this has been necessary since the church was established in 1828.

The fire was discovered shortly after 1 a. m., and was burning fiercely when the firemen arrived. They were also hampered in their efforts by lack of water.

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Charlie O. Garner Burns To Death

Charlie O. Garner, 77, of Route 2, Robbins, was burned to death when he caught on fire at his home March 7. Reatives reached the home in time to put out the blaze, Coroner Ralph Steed said. A portion of the floor was burned.

Mr. Garner lived alone. Cause of the fire was undetermined, but no foul play has been discovered by authorities, Mr. Steed said.

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WILKES SCHOOL FIRE

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addition of many books, was a complete loss.

Some of the typewriters and other equipment from the commercial department was carried from the burning building.

Superintendent Eller said the building was the oldest structure in use among the central schools of Wilkes County. It formerly was the administration building of Mountain View Institute, which was a Junior Baptist College for several years.

Erected in 1915

The structure was erected in 1915. After Mountain View Institute closed, it was purchased by Wilkes County for high school use. The building was extensively remodeled 16 years ago.

Gregory and Eller said Mountain View School will not operate Friday but will reopen

Tuesday following the Easter holidays. Plans are to house the high school in the gymnasium and in any other space available until a high school building can be erected.

Origin of the fire could not be determined.

Eller estimated that about \$40,000 in insurance was carried on the property destroyed, although he said he could not state the amount exactly without referring to county records.

CONCORD FIRE

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He said much heavier damage could have easily resulted had firemen not gone quickly through rear entrances into the two basement storage compartments and placed heavy tarpaulins over reserve stock and electric motors.

The blaze apparently started in the rear order room, firemen said.

HAMLET FIRE

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fire away from the main plant, which is some twenty feet from the steam power building the men of Engine Four stopped the fire with an estimated damage of two thousand dollars. Officials of the company were lavish in their praise of the work done by the three units.

This is the first real test of the recently adopted system of integrated action between Stations One and Two in answering alarms from the high loss district in which the lumber plant is located.

Chief J. C. Worley stated that the new system and the teamwork with which it is being employed will almost certainly result in much greater success in stopping future fires before major damage results.



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Hamlet's New System Tried In Plant Fire

BY PHILLIP GIBBONS

HAMLET—Three engine companies of Hamlet Fire Department answered an alarm at Builders Supply Corporation tonight of March 31 at ten minutes past ten o'clock. At the time of the alarm the entire steam power building of the large lumber plant was enveloped in flames but fast teamwork on the part of Engine Companies Two and Four from Station One and Engine One from Station Two placed two high pressure lines in action in record time. Over three thousand feet of heavy duty line brought water from two pumps to the fire.

Combination Three answered the alarm from Station One and Engine One was placed back in service within a few minutes of making the initial outlay. Combination One provided light and fog for protective service to nearby residences.

While Engine Two held the

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Fire Damages Two High Point Homes

Two fires, both originating in the kitchen of High Point residences, April 2, caused heavy damage and kept firemen on the run.

Firemen said grease spilled on the burner of an electric stove started a blaze in the home of Archie R. Peace at 406 Vine St. The kitchen and hall of the home were damaged by the blaze and water damage was reported in other sections of the home.

Cause of the fire in the kitchen of the home of Mrs. Lottie Brown, 803 Mangum Ave., has not been determined. Firemen termed the damage "considerable" in the room where the blaze originated and said smoke and water damaged other rooms in the home.

\$100,000 FIRE LEAVES WILKES HIGH SCHOOL IN RUBBLE

Plane Fire Kills Tot And Two Men

Two men and a four-year-old girl were killed April 3 when their light plane attempted a landing at the Erwin airport. A fourth person was severely burned in the crash.

Deputy Sheriff Claude Avery identified the dead as Jim Gregory, 37, owner and pilot of the plane; his daughter, Sue Anne Gregory, 4; and Roy Herring, 47, all of Erwin.

Preston Holland, 43, was burned when flames enveloped the plane soon after the crash.

An employee at the field said Gregory had planned to fly to near-by Selma. After taking off he apparently decided to land again. The plane crashed, however, and a gas tank exploded causing the craft to burn.

Fire Damages Grocery Store At Concord

The interior of the Cabarrus Cash Grocery on S. Church street was damaged extensively, rear rooms gutted and the bulk of the store's stock of groceries scorched, but said it would be fire Monday afternoon.

O. A. Swearingen, proprietor, said he had not been able to make an accurate estimate of the damage, but said it would be at least several thousand dollars. The building is owned by W. L. Morris.

The loss was covered by insurance, Swearingen said.

Cause of the fire has not been determined. Swearingen praised the work of the Concord firemen who brought the blaze under control quickly.

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North Wilkesboro And Wilkesboro Departments Answer Call To Blaze

The Mountain View High School, third largest high school in Wilkes County, was destroyed by fire the afternoon of April 2.

Replacement cost of the building and facilities was estimated by C. B. Eller, Wilkes superintendent of schools, at approximately \$100,000. P. W. Gregory, Mountain View district principal, said workmen around the building saw the fire shortly after 4 p. m., about one hour after classes had ended for the day.

Bel Tower fire The flames at that time were pouring out around the bell tower. Apparently the fire had started in the attic of the two-story brick structure.

The building housed the entire high school of approximately 250 enrollment. Ten teachers were on the faculty of the school which had eight classrooms, school office, home economics department, commercial department and school library.

The North Wilkesboro Fire Department answered a call to the fire and was able to save nearby buildings, including the lunchroom and gymnasium in frame buildings.

The lunchroom was scorched but did not catch fire because firemen kept it wet during the period of intense heat.

Wilkesboro Fire Department also sent a truck to stand by in event flames threatened to spread to the elementary school building.

School Records Saved School records were taken from the office and saved, along with some furniture and equipment from the ground floor. The high school library, which had been improved recently with the

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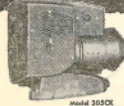
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LOOK AROUND

Last Monday your Editor stopped to visit a few minutes with Chief Charles, of the Charlotte Department. Uppermost on the Chief's mind was the work of building a new station, and he was kind enough to take your Editor for a look at the site, on which work had just started.

The place selected was the Myers Park-Dilworth section, near Freedom Park, and offers excellent access to these areas, as well as a quick run up-town if need be.

After we returned to the station, Chief Charles got out the plans for the station, and, in the pile were plans for many others.

The Chief doesn't expect to build as many stations as he had plans; however, it popped in mind that a great many smaller towns are in the process of building or are seriously considering doing so.

Chief Charles' fire station plans are the result of many years experience, a lot of trial-and-error, redrawing, etc. We couldn't help but think how much of this could be eliminated by the smaller towns if they would visit Charlotte and take a look at the work that has already been done.

In most cases the plans would not exactly fit the situation, but they would be excellent foundation material upon which to start. The small town station corresponds closely to the city

sub-urban station in needed facilities.

It looks to us that a great many headaches might be saved by asking the opinion and advice of men like Chief Charles who have been over this problem many times.

Like most other phases of the fire service, if you will look around, you will find that your problem has been met and solved by someone else, and that person can give you a great deal of help.

Morganton Fights Forest Fire

A series of four forest fires broke out in Burke county last week, two threatening homes and buildings and one keeping firefighters on the job into the night.

Apparatus and personnel from the Morganton fire department were summoned to the worst of the woodland blazes southwest of Glen Alpine. Several homes in the area were reported threatened.

Forest wardens, aided by other officers, commandeered a number of men found in a Glen Alpine pool hall to aid in battling the fire which burned over several acres before being brought under control.

Other fires were reported in the Rutherford college section in Eastern Burke county, the Piedmont Road section and near the plant of Pitts Lumber Company at Glen Alpine.

Another blaze was reported in Southern Burke county as forest wardens cautioned residents to be extremely careful with lighted cigarettes and other flames during the current dry weather.

(Shame they haven't had the rain we've had farther east. Ed.)

Lenoir Men Pass Up Spiritual Fire To Battle Blaze

A number of men on their way to revival services April 1 at Union Grove Baptist church turned their attention instead to fighting a raging forest fire.

County Forest Warden Lee G. Steele said about five acres of timber and cleared land were burned over and considerable damage resulted when a fire got out of hand on the M. F. Scale place on the Connelly Spring road.

Odds & Ends

Albemarle

Fire Chief Clarence E. Morris of Albemarle has issued a comprehensive report on the operations of his department in 1952. Altogether the department answered 192 alarms. Fire loss was \$13,559.60, a per capita loss of \$1.6.

Newton

Newton is taking measures to secure a fire insurance rate reduction. Major measures involved are the purchase of minor items of fire department equipment and work on the town's water distribution system so as to insure a pressure of twenty pounds at each hydrant.

Wilmington

Wilmington has adopted a new fire prevention ordinance after two years of study.

Hendersonville

Hendersonville has purchased a new fire truck. (What size and kind?) The department now has three pumpers and a city service truck.

Raleigh

Raleigh has contracted for a new 1000 gpm pumper.

Zebulon

Zebulon has acquired a truck for rural fire fighting within seven miles of town. The truck and its services will be financed by dues paid by rural residents.

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JUST TOO HOT
The Encanto Theatre burned to the ground in Mexico City when a short circuit ignited the building. The picture playing at the time was "A Hot Time in The Harlem."

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Safety Measure
For High Rock
Clears Hurdle

Searchers working to recover the body of 17-year-old Johnny Wilson, who drowned January 2 in High Rock Lake are still unsuccessful.

The body of Tommy Lopp, one of Wilson's companions at the time of the accident, was recovered April 7 after a three months' search.

The bill to provide safety regulations for the lake passed a committee of the General Assembly with few questions asked April 7.

The Judiciary No. 2 committee voted a favorable report after Representative Cloyd Philpott of Lexington explained that the purpose of the measure was designed to minimize accidents at the lake which has been the scene of numerous tragedies.

Philpott said regulations requiring speedboats to be operated with mufflers except during certain hours, requiring all craft to have life preservers and setting up other standards for operation of speedboats had been "worked out with speedboat owners."

FEMALE MAIL TROUBLE

A 41-year-old St. Louis woman who accidentally dropped her house keys into the mail box and needed a ladder to get into the house, was arrested recently for turning in a false alarm.

She figured the fire department would furnish the ladder and the alarm box was near the mail box. She was waiting there when six fire trucks and a police car arrived.

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LINCOLN TON FIRE

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by two hundred feet, containing two floors and was well filled with merchandise.

The fire was the same old story of out-of-town fires—too late and too little. The most discouraging thing to the firemen was found in complications at the scene—the hydrant on the wrong side of the highway, very small water supply, traffic problems, high voltage wires and hours of hard work with very little success. The department's tanker was used all night, making about twenty trips.

With all the complications a large amount of property was protected that evidently would have burned.

Wilkes Child Dies As Result Of Burns

Nadine Jarvis, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jarvis of Route 3 North Wilkesboro, died April 22 in a North Wilkesboro hospital as results of burns received April 22.

The child's body was badly burned when her clothing caught fire while she was standing before an open fireplace.

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Statesville Fire Station Dedicated

With appropriate ceremonies, followed by a public open house, the new Statesville Fire-Police stations were dedicated April 28.

The formal ceremonies began at 7:30 p. m. with the open house following.

Participants in the program were Mayor A. Fred Alexander, who dedicated the building; the principal speaker, Everett B. Jones, representing the North Carolina Commissioner of Insurance; John T. Alexander, chairman of the Iredell County Board of Commissioners; Fire Chief L. M. Gaither and Police Chief Frank Hartness.

The new two-story red brick building occupies a site on the west side of South Meeting, just south of West Front Street. Work on the building was begun last October, and its cost was approximately \$91,000.

Statesville's new fire alarm system, installed at a cost of approximately \$10,000, was shown to the public.

Charlotte Building Threatened By Fire

Charlotte was upset April 22, not only the fire department but all the citizens as well. The City's tallest building, the Liberty Life Building, was on fire.

Black smoke was visible for miles—the greater portion of which came from a blazing tar cauldron atop the building.

This isn't really the story of the fire, but rather about a picture of it.

The Charlotte News gave the story a nice spread, praised the fire department, and ran several pictures of the smoking building, etc. One, the largest picture, showed a group of firemen playing water on the tar fire—and just behind them an unidentified civilian squirting a soda-acid extinguisher (looked like that) on the fireman.

We couldn't figure out just what the man thought he was doing. (With we could have gotten the cut so all could have seen it. The more you look at it, the more amusing it gets. Ed.)

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Lincolnton Firemen Battle Inferno

BY B. J. RAMSUER

Wednesday, April 22, about 12:30 p. m. Lincolnton had a call about one and one half miles out to the Jack Shuford Antique Shop. Upon arrival of the truck and crew it was found that the entire building was enveloped in flames and the roof in a collapsible condition. The only available water supply was on a four inch line from the city mains and a pumper was immediately hooked up; however the small line would not supply an appreciable amount of water to combat the fire. Two lines were laid, but the low pressure made them partially ineffective.

Efforts were then directed toward saving adjoining property and an effort was made to save the Sinclair Oil Company warehouse, separated from the burning building by about twelve to fifteen feet. Due to the fact that this building was on the far side of the burning building (from the pumper) it was not possible to lay a line to it to any advantage.

The Sinclair Oil Company office was protected without damage, as was the Atlantic Oil company and numerous other buildings.

The fire originated in the Shuford Antique Shop and was caused by burning grass in the rear of the building.

Approximate damage to the Sinclair Oil building was \$20,000 with fairly good insurance coverage. The antique shop was not insured and the calculation of the value of the merchandise varies widely.

The size of the antique shop was approximately one hundred (Continued on Page Four.)

3 WEEKS
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HIGH ROCK LAKE DROWNING OF TWO BOYS CLEARED UP**Heavy Smoke Hampers Work in Hamlet Fire**

BY PHILIP GIBBONS

HAMLET—Hamlet Fire Department's Engine Companies One, Two and Four and Combination Three answered a call to the Mudd Pool Room at 11:49 on the night of the twenty-first.

The location is in old section of the business district and the fire had gained considerable headway before the alarm was received. Heavy smoke, which was particularly acrid because of paper and fabrics burning, was a handicap to firemen but three two and a half inch lines subdued the major part of the fire quickly and allowed for cleaning out spotty fire points with booster lines.

Though damage was not heavy, cleaning up and making necessary inspection of the adjoining building kept Engines Two and Four and Combination Three at the scene until 1:30 the next morning. Engine One returned to Number Two Station at midnight.

Greenville Lumber Mill Destroyed

A noontide fire destroyed the planing mill and dry kiln, together with about 300,000 feet of lumber at the North Side Lumber Company of Greenville April 22. N. O. VanNorthwick, Jr., secretary-treasurer of the firm, estimated the damage to be between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

Greenville Fire Chief George Gardner said the blaze apparently started in the planing mill while employees there were in another section of the plant.

Chief Owen Of Lexington Tells Story Of Intense Search Effort

By T. N. OWEN

Saturday night, January 3, 1953, at 8:30 p. m., a call came in saying three boys were missing on a week-end camping and hunting trip. After a thorough check by relatives and friends it was decided that something had definitely happened to the boys. They were Tommy Lopp, 19, Johnny Lee Wilson, 17, and Scott Craven, 15, all of Lexington, North Carolina. There began the most extensive, costliest and longest search of its kind ever conducted in Davidson County.

All boats in the lake with lights were called into the search to search the whole lake area. About 2:30 a. m. Sunday the overturned boat that had been used by the boys was sighted about one-fourth mile off shore near Panther Point on the Rowan County side of the lake. Then about 4:00 a. m., Scott Craven was found in a semi-conscious, nearly frozen condition on a bank near where Clear Lake enters the main body of High Rock Lake, about two and one-half miles from where the boat was found. Immediately full scale patrol of shore and lake area was begun. By daylight, dragging operations were begun by members of the Lexington Rescue Squad. By 8:00 a. m., young Craven had revived enough to give a fairly clear account of what happened and where the boat turned over. During the day the Lexington Rescue Squad was joined by the Rowan County Rescue Squad, the High Point Fisherman's Club Rescue Squad, the High Point Civil Air Patrol, and the Winston-Salem Rescue Squad; also the local National Guard Unit, Boy Scouts, City Police, Firemen, Highway Patrolmen, Sheriff's Deputies,

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TALK TO
YOUR NEIGHBOR

The daily papers ran headlines this week, telling the story of a train wreck at Dillon, S. C. A day or so later, most of them did a follow-up and several carried a story that was, to us, more interesting than the original tale.

The second story was how the department managed to start a rescue unit. Briefly, Chief C. W. Pate was in Greensboro about 5 years ago and was talking with Herbert Grubb whom most of our readers know. The result was that Chief Pate went home with Herb's promise to finance equipment and a burning desire to better protect his community against disaster.

The Chief began to talk—to his firemen, people on the street, his friends and neighbors, in fact, to anyone who would listen. His firemen caught the spirit and in a short while the whole town was talking and the purchase of equipment was begun.

Then came a long period of training for the recruits—with little real practice—since disaster don't happen every day, but this week it all paid off. The work of the crew is credited with saving the lives of many of those trapped in the wrecked and burning railroad cars.

As firemen we sometimes are inclined to neglect our most potent force in combating fire. That force is our own voice.

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build or destroy almost any practice or principle in our communities. The public's voice is the combination of many individuals and that is where the fireman can work.

Talk to people. Tell them of your work, what you and your department are trying to do. Most of the time they will be most interested in the things you least expect—usually because you are so familiar with them that you think no one else cares.

Plead your case, and if you convince enough individuals you will have created public demand.

Gastonia Family's
Home Is Burned

A three-room house in the Groves Mill community was destroyed by fire at 6 o'clock April 23. The house was occupied by Broadus Roff and family, and owned by Pat Ried of Gastonia.

All the furniture was lost. The Gastonia Fire Department said the fire spread from an exploding oil stove.

Questions
&
Answers

Q. Should truck engines be run each day?

Ans. Yes, conditionally. Except in cities, truck engines, like the rest of the truck, never wear out—age gets them. Sitting up for long periods of time tends to harm any piece of machinery and your truck engine is no exception. There is one thing worse and that is frequent or daily running for short periods of time.

To merely start your truck engine each day—and then shut it off defeats your purpose. In cold weather or hot the engine should be run until it builds up to operating temperature. This running time will vary with the outside or room temperature, but in all cases let it run until it reaches normal heat. Running for short periods causes the formation of acids, sludge, excessive condensation, etc. that is quite harmful to any engine. We say run the engine until its hot—or not at all.

Q. What is the best policy for the care of hose in a department with one truck and 1500 feet of hose?

Ans. There are differences in opinions on this. To begin with

you are just at the minimum amount of hose required—any less and you would be substantially damaged. You don't say whether all the hose is carried on the truck, but it doesn't matter since at any fire of consequence you will have most of it in use. The thing that seems to be bothering you is whether or not to reload this hose on your truck wet after the fire.

It's not best for the hose to do so. It should be cleaned, dried, etc., but we see your point—that of another fire while the hose is on the drying rack.

Our opinion is: clean your hose the best you can, reload wet, and be ready for the next fire. This isn't going to add to the life of your hose, but it's cheaper than buildings or lives. May we suggest that you add a few hundred feet of hose each year to your supply and thereby build a surplus—enabling you to reload from a reserve of dry hose. May we further suggest that you buy some 1 1/2 - 2 inch. It's lighter, easier to handle, and in most cases will do a better job of fire fighting than the bigger line. Furthermore it's cheaper, and saves wear and tear on your 2 1/2 - 2 inch.

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Charlotte Drug
Store Damaged

Eckerd's Drug Store, near the square in midtown Charlotte, was damaged "several thousand dollars" by fire April 23.

The blaze occurred about 26 hours after the Liberty Life building fire which attracted so much attention.

The fire was similar in origin to the one the day before. Firemen said the blaze started from a workman's blow-torch installing air-conditioning equipment on the enclosed second floor of the building.

The Liberty Life fire started from a pot of tar being used by a crew installing air-conditioning connections on the building's roof.

The drug store fire was out in about ten minutes with most of the damage caused by smoke and water. There was slight damage to an adjoining jewelry store; however, both stores were back in business the following day.

The blaze attracted a throng of spectators, but most saw only smoke—the flames were out due to the quick action of the firemen.

HIGH ROCK LAKE
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other City employees and individual volunteers. Later in the week the Galax Fire Department Rescue Squad of Galax, Va., joined in the search. Never in this section has such a spontaneous outpouring of donations in money, materials and workers been seen. These extensive operations were carried on for eight days. Then the operations were cut down to daily patrolling of the area which included about nine square miles of water.

On Easter Monday, April 6th, 1953, at 11:00 a. m. ninety-three days after the accident the body of Tommy Lopp was found floating near the bank about one-half mile from the place the boat is supposed to have capsized. Then on April 24th, 1953, about 9:30 a. m., the body of Johnny Lee Wilson was found washed up on a ledge and left there when the waters of the lake went down. The point where Wilson's body was found was up the river about five miles from the place of the accident. So after 111 days the operations were completed. To give an idea of the extent of the operations, the following figures are given on the amount of materials used and workers engaged in the effort:

As many as 600 men and boys

and 125 boats were working at one time at the height of the operations.

A camp headquarters was set up in a tent. A cook shack 14 by 30 feet was built. Gas cooking units, stove, portable light unit, telephone, refrigerators, etc., installed and round the clock canteen service was available for the workers. A 75 foot wooden pier was built out into the water so the larger boats could dock without damage.

One day 2,500 hot drink cups were used; 6,000 feet of cotton rope was used on the drag hooks and over 150 drag hooks were used.

An oil truck stood by to furnish gasoline and oil; a portable welding unit to repair hooks, etc. Mechanics to repair motors were on hand all the time during the operations.

Over \$2,000.00 in cash and food and materials estimated at a value of \$3,000.00 were donated voluntarily, making a total estimated cost of approximately \$5,000.00 for the entire operation; not counting anything for the thousands of man hours of labor spent in the search.

Practically all of this had to clear through the Fire Department. Our telephones rang almost constantly day and night for the first few days. People seeking information, making suggestions, offering help, food and supplies, much of which had to be called for and delivered to the lake. Offers of assistance were received from Albemarle, Asheboro, Charlotte, Gastonia, Statesville and others. So it is a genuine relief to write the final chapter after 111 long and tedious days "Mission Completed."

Boone Fire
\$14,000 Loss

Two Boone business establishments sustained about \$14,000 damage when the building they occupied burned about 7 p. m. April 27.

The occupants were a jewelry store, where the blaze was centered and a photo studio.

Estimated loss in the jewelry store was \$10,000, the photo studio, \$4,000, the latter almost entirely from water.

A hotel, occupying the second floor of the building, had a minor loss, the flames burning through the floor of one room.

The fire was brought under control within an hour but firemen were unable to learn the cause of the flames.

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HOSPITAL FIRE

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cials. They said they wanted to study the matter further.

Chief Brannock said the fire was especially hard to fight because of the construction of the building. He said that it was impossible, of course, to put any water through the thick outside granite walls.

Firemen had to chop holes in the inside plastering and feed the streams of water wherever possible.

Otherwise they had to wait for the fire to break through the thick slat of water and then drop streams of water into each of the fire holes.

The chief said the call was received about 7 p. m. "It could have been five minutes either way." At 8 p. m., he called for help from the Galax, Va., fire department.

So much equipment was being

used by the Mount Airy department when the Galax department arrived, however, that the Virginia department had to hook to a hydrant 1,400 feet away.

Chief Brannock said the blaze was under control around 10 p. m., but it was 4 a. m. before the last flames disappeared. At that time the department was using six lines of hose. It was 9 a. m. the following day before the last hose was taken up.

Chief Brannock said the fire was the worst in Mount Airy in ten years or more. He also said the people were most co-operative he'd ever seen.

"We certainly appreciated it," he said.

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NOTES OF INTEREST

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replaced by a 300,000 gallon new one.

Mt. Airy

Chief Brannock and crew are hustling these days. On May 2, following the hospital fire, they had another—a four-room residence on Hill Crest street. Some things delayed the call to the department and when they arrived at the scene the fire had made too much headway for them to make an effective stop.

Biscoe

The new station at Biscoe is well under way and should be ready for occupancy within a few weeks. This will provide much needed space for the storage of gear, etc., as well as the truck. In addition, the accessory is very much improved. . . the move was well worth it from that point alone.

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Whiteville House Lost In Thickly Settled Section

BY KIMBLE BEST

Though Whiteville has been fortunate in not having alarms other than grass fires and two oil stoves, for several months, they met with a most disturbing and anxious moment April 27 with the report of a blaze on thickly settled Walter street.

The house, occupied by Bill Kelly (colored) city employe, was burning badly when discovered by city police. Firemen and police evacuated five occupants from the burning building—all in a dazed but not serious condition.

In battling the fire two trucks were used and it was nearly two hours before Chief Rushing was satisfied the fire was under control.

The citizens of Whiteville highly praised Chief Rushing and the fire department for the job they did in evacuating the occupants of the house and preventing the spread of the fire in a very dangerous area.

Notes Of Interest

Newton

Newton's structures, both business and residential, are now subject to fire inspection in a move on the part of the fire department and the city government to decrease fire hazards and possibly effect lower fire rates. Among points of fire hazards which are being especially scrutinized are flues, wiring, attics, basements, outbuildings, etc.

Wallace

Wallace has let contracts for a new fire truck and for the drilling of a new well. The present 26-year-old tank with a capacity of 75,000 gallons of water will be (Continued From Page Four.)

80 PATIENTS EVACUATED AS MT. AIRY HOSPITAL BURNS

Fire College Program

(The following is a condensed version of the program of the 25th annual Fire College and Drill School to be held in Charlotte May 25-28.—Ed.)

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Mail & Phone Calls

All mail and telegrams should be sent to Charlotte Fire Department, 125 South Davidson Street, Charlotte, N. C. Care of Donald S. Charles, Chief Fire Department. Emergency phone calls will be cleared through the Charlotte (Continued on Page Two.)

2 WEEKS

— Until —

FIRE COLLEGE
& DRILL SCHOOL

Chief Brannock and Four Firemen Caught By Explosion In Burning Building

About 7 p. m., May 1, the Mt. Airy fire department received one of the most dreaded calls—a hospital fire—and answered to the 40-year-old Martin Memorial hospital building.

Fire Chief J. Ed Brannock told a reporter that the fire started in the wall of the delivery room on the second floor and that it did not appear to be serious at first. But he said that he and five of his firemen had narrow escapes in the early stages of the fire battle.

Chief Brannock told this story: "Five of us took a single line of hose into the delivery room and began knocking the plastering off the wall to get at the flames. Every one of us saw some fire we would put it out. We thought we were getting along fine."

"Then there was some sort of explosion. The five of us hit five of us. We stayed there a minute or a minute and a half. But it seemed like a year and a half."

"Everything was black. Then blue smoke began pouring out at us. At first I thought we were trapped. But then we started to crawl towards the door and reached the hallway safely."

He identified the four men at the time as Assistant Chief Buck Pruitt, Captain Earl Watson, Owen Quisenberry and Barney Williamson.

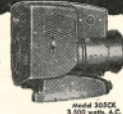
Chief Brannock said that a few minutes later another explosion knocked fireman Ott Moody into the elevator shaft and that he was hanging by his hands when he was rescued.

The fire chief could not assign any exact cause for the fire and neither could hospital officials (Continued on Page Four.)

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EDITORIAL

(Instead of the usual editorial, we are reprinting from the Southern City, monthly publication of the North Carolina League of Municipalities, this Question and Answer, supplied by George C. Franklin, general counsel for the League. This article does not necessarily express the opinion of the Hose and Nozzle but is published as a matter worthy of the attention of the North Carolina firemen.)

Question

Would a town incur any liability in the event of a collision involving the fire truck when on a trip beyond the corporate limits, and would there be any possibility of liability to town residents who might suffer fire loss while the truck is on a call outside of the town?

Answer

The Supreme Court in the case of Mabe vs. Winston-Salem ruled that a municipality was not liable for damages resulting from a fire which was not properly handled by the fire department, or for lack of equipment. The court construed this as being a governmental function in which no liability was attached to the municipality, even in the case of negligence.

This is modified in some municipalities by the 1951 Act which made the waiving of governmental immunity optional with the municipalities, and whether or not your town has passed the necessary resolution preserving its immunity, I do not know, all of which goes to say that I am inclined to believe, and I stress the word "inclined" that in the event of a fire outside the municipality, the town would not be liable to

the property owners in the town because the fire truck was outside. I must say, however, that I do not believe the decision in the case of Mabe vs. Winston-Salem reflects equity, fairness or good governmental policies, and I for one believe there should be specific and positive liability on the part of the town for neglecting its property owners in order to extend its conveniences to non-tax payers beyond the corporate limits. While there is no legal liability, there is plenty of political responsibility and any town board that catches itself in this position would seem to me to have signed its own death warrant.

I recognize that some municipalities are fortunate enough to have sufficient fire equipment to service inside and outside residents, but if I were on your town board it would take a lot of fire equipment to get me to go along on a contract basis with the people on the outside.

I do believe your firemen are covered by the Workmen's Compensation Act while outside, but I do not believe a fire truck driver is protected if he has an accident while answering a rural fire call, for I believe that in such an instance the city abandons its cloak of immunity and reduces itself to a purely commercial operation and would be liable for such damages as its negligence caused.

FIRE COLLEGE PROGRAM

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First Year Men

May 25—Registration, Lunch, Opening Exercises, Orientation. Instructors: J. M. Munday, E. M. Salley.

May 26—Formation of Classes, Explanation of Equipment, Elementary Evolutions, Lunch, 2 1/2"-1 1/2" Hose Lay and Loading Truck, Tactics Technique on Fire Fighting.

May 27—Application of Fog (dem. & lecture), Lunch, 2 1/2"-1 1/2" Hose Lay-Ladders, Classification of Fire Extinguishers.

May 28—Hose streams (dem. & lecture), Lunch, Forcible Entry, Salvage Operation, Question & Answer Period.

Second Year Men

May 25—Registration, Lunch, Opening Exercises, Formation of Classes. Instructors: C. L. Cox, E. M. McDowell.

May 26—Laying Hose Up Stairways, Hose Lines Up Fire Escapes, Lunch, Hose Lines Aloft.

May 27—Application of Fog (dem. & lecture), Lunch, Classification & Handling Ladders, Raising Ladder and Stretching Hose Up Ladders.

May 28—Hose Streams (dem. & lecture), Lunch, Salvage Operation, Classification of Fires, Question & Answer Period.

Third Year Men

May 25—Registration, Lunch, Opening Exercises, Formation of Classes. Instructors: A. Y. Cottrell, W. J. Black.

May 26—Ladder Types, Uses & Purposes, Raising & Stretching Hose Lines Up 45' Ladder, Lunch, Hose Lines Up Lays, etc., Ladder Practice 32' and Pompier, Sliding Rope.

May 27—Application of Fog (dem. & lecture), Lunch, Forcible Entry, Special Equipment—Light Truck, etc., Review of Ladders & Hose Line Lays.

May 28—Hose Streams (dem. & lecture), Lunch, Fire Apparatus Practices, Question & Answer Period.

Fourth Year Men

May 25—Registration, Lunch, Opening Exercises, Formation of Classes. Instructor: Charles L. Burkett.

May 26—Fire Prevention Demonstration, Teacher Training Course, Arson, Lunch, Chemistry of Fire, Rural Fire Protection, Tactics & Techniques on Fire Fighting.

May 27—Application of Fog (dem. & lecture), Lunch, Films—Ventilation & Structural Fires, General Inspection Methods, Industrial Fire Protection.

May 28—Hose Streams (dem. & lecture), Lunch, Fire Department Public Relations, Question & Answer Period.

Night Sessions

(All Must Attend)

May 26—What Firemen Should Know About Sprinkler Systems.

May 27—History of Fire Pumps. May 28—Bar-B-Que for Visiting Firemen, Baccalaureate Address, Awarding of Certificates and Diplomas.

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Lecturers

Tactics and Techniques of Fire Fighting—Chief E. M. Salley, Enka, N. C. Asst. Chief J. M. Munday, Charlotte, N. C.

Application of Fog—Asst. Chief J. M. Munday, Charlotte, N. C. Hose Stream Demonstration—(Continued on Page Three.)

Albemarle Store
Blaze Brings
Second Alarm

3:30 a. m., May 5 the Albemarle fire department received an alarm from the 800 block of West Main street and on arrival found the Whitley Food store well involved.

The fire, originating in a back storage room of the large super market, had worked its way into the attic and was producing large volumes of smoke.

Chief Morris set his men to covering merchandise and fixtures to prevent water damage—using a total of ten salvage covers.

Two two and one-half inch lines wyeed to four one and one-half inch lines with fog nozzles were laved in addition to the original fog tip booster line entry. Beginning in the originating area and working their way into the attic, the Albemarle firemen had the blaze under control in about 45 minutes.

Heavy smoke forced extended use of Scott Air-Paks; and some men were temporarily disabled due to lack of a sufficient number of these breathing devices.

No estimate of damage has been made; however, Chief Morris states that water damage will be comparatively low due to the use of salvage covers and fog, and that damage to merchandise resulted principally from smoke.

The Albemarle chief praised the work of his men and expressed his thanks for the fact that no one was injured during the difficult operation.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q. Is it better to lay from hydrant to fire or from fire to the hydrant?

Ans. We are not going to get into this argument. We'll tell you what we do and you can judge for yourself.

Our lay is from hydrant to fire, using a siamense with clapper valve rig. This enables us to put water on the fire at hydrant pressure immediately, and to hook in the pump more or less at leisure if needed. The principal advantage of this set-up is that the pump can be put into action without stopping the flow of water to the fire. Then if pump

pressure is required, the only action needed is to open the throttle. (Space does not permit full explanation of this operation. We'll give you the details if you desire. Ed.)

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What Firemen Should Know About Sprinkler Systems—D. F. Duncan, Engineer, Southeastern Underwriters Assn., Charlotte, N. C.

History of Fire Pumps—Hugh Walker, Manager M. F. A. Sales Engineering, American-LaFrance Foamite Corp., Elmira, N. Y. (If you've read this far, you know this is a school—not a convention. If you don't go to work, don't go.—Ed.)

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CARY TRUCK

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such "loving care," Mayor Rood pointed out, it is in even better condition now than when it was purchased in 1952. "But the new truck was needed," he explained, "our dwellings are located away from water mains."

Cary Fire Chief James Murdock thanked the townspeople for their "generous" donations toward the purchase of the truck. R. S. Dunham, local agricultural teacher, introduced guests at the presentation rites. R. L. Matthews, Raleigh's assistant fire chief, congratulated the citizenry on acquiring a "fine, new truck."

Among other city and county officials on hand for the parade and presentation ceremony were Cary's Town Commissioners, whose names, along with the firemen, are carried on a gold plaque fastened to the side of the truck. The new truck, which has a 202 horsepower, 12-cylinder engine, will take its place beside the old one in Cary's recently completed fire station.

Directly after the presentation ceremony, Cary firemen gave a demonstration of the new truck under the direction of Assistant Chief Paul Matthews. Prizes were

given away by local merchants and business firms. A barbecue supper was held in the school cafeteria, sponsored by the Junior Order, and a square dance followed at 8:30 p. m. on the parking apron of a grocery store.

Paul Wilkins served as parade marshal, Tom Griffin and J. C. Griffin, co-chairmen of the parade, Fire Chief Murdock, official greeter, Preston Wrenn, program chairman, and Police Chief L. E. Midgett, in charge of traffic.

Oldsters agreed it was the biggest crowd to gather in Cary in many years.

MECKLENBURG DRIVE

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formed at Stonewall and S. Tryon Streets.

Commenting after the parade on the volunteer fire departments and their work, Malcolm E. Glendinning, chairman of the week's program, pointed out that the units protect property listed at \$4,632,460 in the county. He estimated that the amount of property saved in 1952 when the departments answered 410 calls worth \$5,628,536.

Nine volunteer fire fighting units were in operation during 1952, three additional units have

been formed this year.

At present 397 volunteer fire fighters stand ready to answer calls in the following communities: Wilkinson Blvd., Woodlawn, Pinoca, Bertha, Newell, Oakhurst, Long Creek, Cornelius, Miont Hill, and Hickory Grove.

A total of 22 units of fire fighting apparatus, valued at \$29,000, are owned by the 12 units in the county.

During the current membership drive the group hopes to double its present membership of 3,500 paid memberships.

A free service, in addition to fighting fires, which is being taken advantage of by many business and home owners, is the department's inspection program. A trained fire safety inspector is available to advise owners about their property.

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Albemarle Men Face Arson Charge

Three Albemarle men are under arrest and have been charged with arson in connection with the fire early last Tuesday which damaged Whitley's Food Store in Albemarle.

Albemarle police reported that Rufus Whitley, owner of the store, Henderson Page, and Johnnie Lee Miller have been charged with the setting on fire of the store in the early morning hours. The blaze damaged the building and stock extensively.

The investigation officers said that both Page and Miller have admitted setting fire to the store and have implicated Whitley. They claim that he made a deal with them to set fire to the store and promised to pay them \$30 for the job.

Miller, 22-year-old resident of Love street, stated to officers that he took a bucket and spread kerosene over the building while Page pumped it from a storage tank in the rear of the store. They estimated that they used 30 to 35 gallons of the inflammable fluid. They also claimed that they gained entrance to the building through the back door which was left unlocked by Whitley, Page, a

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Cop Chases Train To Stop Car Fire

State Highway Patrolman T. R. Narron chases an Atlantic Coast Line freight train five miles May 8 to tell its crew that the train was on fire.

Narron was at home in Burgaw when the 70-car freight passed with smoke pouring from beneath a car. He jumped into his car and sped to an intersection near Burgaw where he stopped the train. By that time, the fire had seriously damaged a wood-shed boxcar but the flames were quickly put out. The crew blamed the fire on a hot box.

Laurinburg Theater Is Swept By Flame

Damage estimated in the thousands of dollars following an early morning fire May 10 which gutted the interior of the Paramount Theater in Laurinburg.

The blaze was discovered shortly after 3 a. m. by police and was brought under control more than an hour later by members of the Laurinburg Fire Department. Firemen said the fire apparently caught at the rear of the building near the stage.

The interior of the theater, a second-run house located on Monroe Alley, was extensively damaged. However, the flames were kept away from surrounding buildings.

Mecklenburg Depts. Open Member Drive

The Mecklenburg Volunteer Fire Departments began a week-long membership drive May 10 with a one-hour parade through mid-town.

One thousand volunteer firemen, 4-H Club boys and girls and musicians of 13 school bands in the county participated in the eight-hour, city-wide procession, which formed at noon on S. Tryon Street and marched northward to 11th Street. Chairman Sid Y. McAden of the county commissioners issued a proclamation for the event declaring the beginning of Mecklenburg Volunteer Fire Department Week.

A variety of fire-fighting equipment from the county's 12 volunteer fire departments was used in the parade along with the 13 school bands. The procession (Continued on Page Four.)

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Cary Celebrates Truck Purchase

No boy was ever prouder of a little red wagon than Cary of its big red fire truck, and its purchase was celebrated at a "Fireman's Day" in Cary May 2 by upwards of 5,000 persons.

Kicking off the big doings at 3 p. m. was a mile-long parade led by the Cary American Legion, commanded by Harold Blackley. Traffic along U. S. Highway 1 was halted while the gala procession moved down the main street to its destination at the Cary High School.

Featured in the parade were fire trucks from Cary, Raleigh and Apex, numerous cars and commercial floats, Girl and Boy Scouts, the Junior O. U. A. M. Lodge, a couple of bathing beauties perched on the back of an opened car, town officials, and a tiny racing car pulling an even tinier fire truck, both operated by youngsters.

Most popular piece of rolling equipment in the parade was the shiny new fire truck. It was presented to Cary's Mayor Waldo H. Rood by Tom Stewart, representative of the Seagrave Corp., at the ceremony in front of the high school.

Salesman Stewart, who spoke briefly to the crowd, saw the occasion as the "greatest manifestation of civic and community pride I've witnessed in my 50 years of selling fire-fighting equipment."

Durham's Fire Chief Cosmo Cox voiced the hope that the town would never have to use its new truck. "But if you do," he said, "you have what it takes—a completely modern, up-to-date piece of equipment."

Mayor Rood lauded the town's volunteer fire department, which was organized in 1934 and has 21 white-uniformed members, and recalled that the only house ever to burn in Cary was caused by a train blocking off firemen enroute to the blaze.

Cary's old truck has received (Continued on Page Four.)

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For many weeks now there has not been an issue of the Hose and Nozzle that did not carry something relating to the Fire College and Drill School. Maybe you get tired of seeing it, but we can't help but feel that for the small department there is no better place to lay the foundation of its training program.

We admit that the school has its faults, yet it has many virtues. The greatest single purpose of the school is to present a cross-section of ideas—the best composite of the approved and accepted methods of handling given situations. Each fire is an individual problem, and for that reason there are no concrete laws that will work in every case—yet there are tried and proven principles that apply. This is what the Fire School teaches.

There is yet a week left—time to make your plans and arrange to attend. Hotel accommodations may not be the best now, but you can still find a place to stay.

One last thing. If you pass up this opportunity, it will be another year before you get another. A year in which you will have to get along with the knowledge you now have; a year in which some bit of information you might have learned could save a life or property.

This week is your last chance.

Questions
&
Answers

Q. Which part of an extension ladder, the top or the bottom, should be nearest the building?

Ans. Let's get the terminology straight. The part or section of an extension ladder that rises is known as the fly, while the lower or ground section is known as the bed ladder. Now with the names straight this is the best we know: Most manufacturers state that the fly should be furthest from the building, or in other words the ground section should be nearest the building with the upper or fly section lapping outside.

This is also the way that is taught in the State Fire College and Drill School. Our private opinion is that there should be a standard method for raising ladders within a department for the sake of efficiency and teamwork. As to the fly or bed nearest the building—it is our private opinion again that if you have a ladder that will not support its rated load in either position—you better dispose of it and get another.

Q. Sometimes during intermittent use of hose lines while pumping, our pump heats—almost too hot to touch. Isn't water supposed to help lubricate and cool the pump?

Ans. No. To part of your question, that is. Water, in pumps of our acquaintance does not act as a lubricant—rather as an abrasive—since there is some wear caused by friction between the pump parts and the water even though it may be negligible. So water is not lubricating your pump.

As for the heating: When your pump is reving-up and the nozzles are closed, there is no escape for the water from the discharge side; therefore, the pump has no choice but to "churn" the water that is in it. This churning goes on until the friction built up shows in the form of heat and it is quite likely that the pump will get too hot to hold your hand on it. The answer here is that the pump operator should have cut down his throttle before the pump generated that much heat.

May we suggest that you check your pump housing as well as bearings and other parts the next time you inspect—most carefully. If the pump has generated the heat as you describe and a nozzle is opened suddenly, allowing the heated water to escape the pump and be replaced almost instantaneously by cold water from the

hydrant—you may very likely have a cracked housing.

Q. Our town is changing from the magneto-type telephone with a central station operator to the dial-type with an automatic exchange. In the past the telephone operator took all fire calls and blew the siren—as well as calling the drivers by phone. The new system will not have a local operator but will be served by one in another town. What are some of the systems now in use that would cover our case?

Ans. We don't have time to go into all the possible systems, for we couldn't print it in a week. Let us give you one that is now in fairly common use and see if it won't solve your problem.

First, have a telephone put in your fire station—for the exclusive use of receiving fire calls. It is better not to have a dial on it so as to further discourage possible use to make calls. Then have your phone company put in as many "outside extensions" that is, phones that are extensions of the "fire phone" in the fire station as you wish. Put in, say four, in firemen's homes who are sincere and willing to take on this obligation. Now have another "outside extension" put in the place of business of one fireman—who stays on the job—whose work does not call him outside of hearing distance of the phone bell.

The four firemen with phones in their homes will have to arrange among themselves to make certain that one of them "baby sits" with the phone at night and Sundays.

There's your system. The fireman answers the phone, gets the location of the fire—goes to the station and sounds the alarm. Time delay? Yes. But you are going to have that to a certain extent in any volunteer group.

Ed. Note: The phone system described above is used in our department and has been in use for more than two years. We find that it works very well—with the exception of occasionally imposing a hardship on the firemen who have phones in their homes. It's tough to sit at home through a sense of duty, when you would like to go somewhere, but it has to be done. The delay factor has not proved serious. The old operator - blow - the-whistle-call-the-driver scheme didn't work too well, either - for sometimes the siren caused traffic so the driver lost time getting to the station—while the others waited for him to arrive with the information as to location of the fire. Write for further details.)

STATESVILLE'S LOSS

The fire loss in Statesville for April was \$1,646, which was partly covered by insurance, according to a report filed May 9 by the fire department. The firemen answered 30 city calls and 12 county calls during the month.

ARSON CHARGE

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resident of the Mountain View section, is also 22 years of age.

Fire Chief C. E. Morris stated that when his men arrived, they readily detected the presence of kerosene in the blaze. He stated that it was a very dangerous situation. Luckily no explosion resulted, and none of the Albe-Marie firemen were injured, although he feels such could easily have happened.

The fire chief feels that it is his duty to protect his men and to inform the public of the dangers which they face in such a situation.

After the blaze was extinguished, it was possible to find unburnt kerosene, investigators said.

Officers launched an investigation immediately and made the arrest on Friday morning.

Started in Rear

The fire was started in the rear of the grocery store and gutted much of the storage room in the back. It had made considerable headway into the attic space under the roof before it was stopped. One officer advanced the belief that the building would have exploded if the fire had grown much hotter.

Page and Miller, both reported to have police records, told officers the deal was made the last week in April. They further stated that they have not collected their money for burning the store and Miller was quoted as saying he was "going to collect if it took ten years."

Investigating officers arrested Page first and he confessed to his

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part in the burning, and implicated the other two men. Miller, confronted with the story told by Page, also made a statement admitting the setting of the fire.

Whitley, however, had steadfastly maintained his innocence, and maintains that he had nothing whatsoever to do with setting the fire.

An investigation showed that he had recently taken out an additional \$5,000 in insurance on his stock of groceries. He was carrying \$8,000 prior to that time.

Baby's Cough Saves
Family From Fire

A baby's cough saved the lives of the four members of the James White family May 7 at Weldon

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when their frame house burned to the ground.

White said the family was awakened about midnight by 16-month-old Brenda Gail. Flames were pouring into the bedroom from the adjoining kitchen, he said, and the parents had time only to snatch the infant and smaller son and escape to safety.

Firemen said the blaze apparently started in the pantry. Its cause could not be determined. The family, all their possessions except a few articles of clothing lost in the fire, moved in with relatives.

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GREENVILLE FIREMAN

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the system the majority of calls could be handled by personnel from the fire stations, but in event of a large scale emergency, that the entire group would be on hand and ready for service.

"We hope also to increase the amount of equipment which we now have and to offer better and more complete services when called out," Gardner said.

Greenville's rescue squad was among the first to be formed in North Carolina. At the present time they are actively engaged in training operation involving the use of their U. S. Navy diving rig. Two of the members had previous training in this field while in service and are acting as instructors.

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to move a step nearer the goal of a county-wide firefighting service that will insure adequate protection throughout Mecklenburg county. It's an aim that ought to be endorsed by every responsible citizen.

VISITING

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straighten things out. How's that for public relations?

Albemarle
Last week we carried the story of men charged with arson in Albemarle. Since that time the charge of bribery has been added to one. Details are rather scarce, but we'll try to let you know.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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as a prank and then from a very short distance.

We admit there is some inherent danger in working ladders—regardless of height, but we are sure that you have at least a 24 foot ladder in your department—do you think you will get hurt any worse falling from a 40 foot ladder to the street than from your 24 foot? Seriously, one of the purposes of the school is to learn to take care of our own safety when operating under such conditions. We wouldn't be surprised if, after a year's training, your "hold-outs" couldn't climb a 40 foot ladder more safely than they now climb the 24.

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Station Site Chosen At Wilmington

Wilmington's new fire headquarters is slated to be built at Fourth and Cook streets. The city council made the decision May 13 on a 3-1 vote.

Voting for the Dock Street headquarters were Councilman J. E. L. Wade, E. S. Capps and W. Roland Lane. Voting against was Councilman Gordon Doran.

In making the decision the 3 councilmen authorized City Manager James R. Benson to investigate the possibility of purchasing two lots next to the present Dock Street fire station and called for preliminary architect's plans.

April Fire Loss Nil At Rocky Mount

Fire Chief W. B. (Bo) Parrish announces that April was an "honor roll" month for Rocky Mount as the city passed its first 30-day period without fire loss since February 1949.

In his monthly report to City Manager Roy Williamson, Chief Parrish declared, "The department is glad to state that we have made the honor roll for the month of April by having no fire loss within the city limits. . . . We can thank the good citizens of our city for their excellent cooperation they have given to our department in all phases of fire prevention to help us hold our losses down."

Chief Parrish explained that though there was no financial loss during April firemen were called out on a total of 38 alarms. Most of these calls were to assist residents whose oil stoves and heaters had blazed up or overheated. The department was also called to fight a number of grass fires, he added.

Charlotte Editor Praises Vols

(From the Editorial Page of the May 15 Charlotte Observer we picked up what we think is a good summation of the opinion held by the public of the Mecklenburg firefighting units in Mecklenburg county, but all the evidence supports a single conclusion—they're making an impressive contribution to the public safety in this community, and they deserve public support.)

Last year, for example, the 397 unpaid fire fighters in the 12 volunteer departments answered 412 calls for assistance in the rural areas. Despite their efforts, some of the fires they fought were heavily destructive. But, in nearly all cases, they were able to confine the spread of the blaze and to keep damage at a minimum in flaming structures valued at \$3,625,000.

Through the organization of new units and the acquisition of added equipment, the volunteer forces have become, in a remarkably short time, a promising instrument for improved fire protection in the areas of Mecklenburg outside Charlotte. The effectiveness of their service has increased as their coverage has expanded.

In their current effort toward a contributing membership of 7,000 Mecklenburg residents, they hope (Continued on Page Four)

Next Week

The usual pattern of the Hose and Nozzle is going to be somewhat upset next week with the Chief, Editor, Ad Manager and Circulation Manager all gone to Fire School.

This doesn't mean that there won't be an issue—simply that someone else will have to do the work. Somehow we have a notion that there will be a change will be good for all of us.

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Greenville Fireman In N. Y. Training

Greenville fireman Claude H. Christopher is currently training with the New York Fire department in rescue operations.

Christopher, who left last week, will train with the number one squad of the New York Fire Department rescue set-up for a period of thirty days before returning to Greenville. He is attending this course after completing a two-week training period in rescue operations work at the Civilian Defense Training Center, at Olney, Md.

Christopher's outstanding record as a student in Rescue Instructor Training at Olney, was responsible for the scholarship which made it possible for him to take the course at the New York Department.

He is training to serve as instructor for Greenville's rescue squad, organized several years ago under the direction of Fire Chief George Gardner and equipped by local voluntary donations.

The North Carolina office of Civil Defense commented upon the Greenville fireman's work, saying, "North Carolina Civil Defense is proud of the signal distinction Christopher has brought to his rescue squad, his home town and his state." The message came from Director William F. Bailey.

Commenting upon the training program which Christopher is now undergoing, Chief Gardner said, "We hope to organize in Greenville an active rescue squad which will be able to handle any and all emergencies, if and when they should occur. It is our desire to recruit members interested in forming a squad. . . . not just firemen or policemen, but outside business persons who would be interested in becoming a part of such an organization."

Gardner pointed out that under (Continued on Page Four.)

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A quarter of a century is a long time in anyone's way of measuring, and for that length of time the Fire College and Drill School has been turning out better firemen for the State of North Carolina.

It would be interesting to know what influence this School has had on the progress of fire protection and fire prevention, for it is at this school that firemen exchange ideas, hear new ones, swap problems, and to a great extent, educate themselves.

Back of all this has been the State Firemen's Association, the organization that has sponsored and led the step by step improvement of methods and techniques. Anyone who has ever attended the school can see the magnitude of the work that somebody did in order to prepare and present the program each year.

To the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, the Fire College and Drill School Committee, and all others who have made possible the 25 years of training, we want to say "Thank You" for the firemen of North Carolina.

Visiting

Your Editor has been off on another tour and ran across odd bits of information that might be interesting.

Biscoe

Biscoe is in their new station

and quite proud of it. Their pride is justified. Stop on a visit to it's on Highway 230 two blocks south of the Highway 27 intersection.

Chapel Hill

Another proud bunch. They have their new LaFrance 750 and are pleased as can be. Couldn't help but notice how crowded they were, but under the circumstances things were extraordinarily neat and clean.

Cary

It's hard to tell who the firemen are in Cary. We talked to an elderly gentleman on the street and were amazed at his knowledge of the fire department. That new "Grove" truck had better perform miracles for this man.

Durham

Durham now has in service the second utility unit built by the department. These are most creditable jobs, comparable with any of the factory built units on standard chassis. The gear is unusually well arranged on the second one — right where you can reach it when you want it.

No Name

One of the larger cities has a department that is very accommodating and certainly practices the "public relations" we preach. Seems this department had a rather difficult fire and in the urgency of the moment dragged a 2 1/2 inch line through the flower garden of an exposed residence. At the time it was done, the lady of the house raised a considerable howl about her flowers, although the maneuver was designed to protect her property.

When it was all over, the crew that messaged the flowers was sent back to help replant and

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Questions and Answers

(We did not anticipate the response to this column that we are getting, so bear with us . . . we'll get to your question as quickly as possible. Thanks. Ed.)

Q. What are the smaller departments doing in regard to Civil Defense?

Ans. We condensed your question a bit but to the best of our knowledge this is the answer you seek.

Most departments, large as well as small, are finding it an up-hill struggle to get the equipment, etc. that they need for normal operations, without butting their heads against the specialized gear that would be used in strictly a Civil Defense operation. It is possible to buy, for Civil Defense uses, fire equipment on a fifty-fifty cost basis with the town or city paying half the cost and the federal government paying the other half.

With such a purchase goes some strings that most departments find distasteful. Among them, the strings, are these: You can buy only the equipment listed by the CD authorities as approved, you can use it only for CD training and in times of National emergency, you must secure quite a list of approvals from your local, state and federal offices before you can purchase. Most departments don't feel like tying up their already inadequate funds in equipment they can't use at their discretion.

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In general CD in fire departments doesn't seem to have gone much further than the paper on planning stage. Lack of local interest, money, and strings attached seem to be the major drawbacks—and in that order.

Is a volunteer fireman who suffers an injury while participating in a drill eligible to draw from the Relief Fund?

Ans. In our opinion, yes. This assumes that he is a regular member of the department, that he was actively engaged in work beneficial to the fire department. We don't pretend to be experts with regard to the use of relief money, and suggest that you write John L. Miller, Secretary, N. State Firemen's Association, Concord, N. C. Mr. Miller can give you an official answer.

Q. Is a volunteer fireman exempt from jury duty?

Ans. In the recent legislature there were a number of "local" bills introduced and passed, usually on a county basis, that exempted the firemen of the particular county from jury duty. We have heard, and have been trying to officially confirm, that during the latter days of the legislature one of the "county" bills was amended to include all firemen of the State with regard to this exception. As we said, we haven't been able to officially confirm this.

Q. We have noticed that some towns have painted their fire hydrants yellow. Is there any particular reason for this choice of color?

Ans. Yes. Yellow has been the official color for a couple of years now and as we recall was adopted by the League of Municipalities. The reason is that yellow is the most visible color in the spectrum—attention getting under all light conditions. Primarily, it makes the hydrant more easily seen at night under poor light conditions.

Some towns have gone a step

further and placed a band of reflecting tape around the top of the hydrant. You'll notice these if you pass one at night.

Q. Some of the men in our department hold-out on attending the Fire School because they say some of the training is dangerous. Two of the points they mention are jumping off the tower, and the tall ladders. Can you explain this?

Ans. We sure can! To the best of our knowledge no man has ever been forced to participate in any training exercise that he considered dangerous; however, once these men have observed others in the class go through the routine and have seen the elaborate safety precautions that are taken to insure their safety, few if any "hold-out" as you say and refuse to participate.

As for jumping off the tower—not that we ever heard of—except

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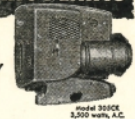
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High Point Store Damaged By Fire

No estimate of fire damage to the C. W. Watson Store, 1530 South Main Street, High Point, was available August 10. Firemen said the blaze, discovered at 10:18 p. m. the night before, by an unidentified passer-by, ate through a partition and swept into the attic before it was detected. They said it apparently started from a short circuit in a refrigerated meat counter.

Seven-Year-Old Girl Dies As Home Burns

A 7-year-old Negro girl was burned to death August 6 when fire destroyed the home of her parents, tenant farmers in the

Rosewood community near Goldsboro.

Perline Campbell was trapped in a bedroom when an oil stove exploded while her mother, Bessie Campbell, was preparing breakfast. The child's father, James Campbell, and the couple's six other children were working in a tobacco barn when the fire started.

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Mount Airy Relief Fund 6th Highest

J. Ed. Brannock, Mount Airy fire chief, announced this week that the Mt. Airy fire department has \$23,480.75 in the Firemen's Relief Fund.

This amount of money places Mount Airy sixth highest in North Carolina.

Chief Brannock's announcement was made through the local newspaper to the people of the community and listed the officers and boardmembers of the Relief Fund as: R. C. Patterson, chairman; Howard Foy, A. B. Carter, J. D. Lewis, and Robert Smith, secretary-treasurer. Patterson and Foy are appointed by the fire department; Carter and Lewis are appointed by the town board of commissioners, and the Smith is appointed by the North Carolina Insurance Commissioner. Foy is fire commissioner of Mount Airy.

President Sets Date Fire Prevention Week

President Eisenhower August 3 called on Americans to "initiate a year-round campaign in their homes and communities against the needless waste of life and property in fires."

The President proclaimed the week of October 4 as fire prevention week.

He said that during the past year fire has taken the lives of some 10,000 people and has permanently maimed countless others.

Destruction of property by fire has risen to the highest peak in many years, resulting in a loss of nearly a billion dollars, he said.

Winterville

Winterville has a new 800 gallon rural rig and held a demonstration last Sunday for the public. Quite proud of the new equipment and will no doubt make a good record with it.

State Association Announces Pump School Sept. 28-30

In a letter to all departments the State Association announced that it will sponsor an annual Pump School to be held this year in Charlotte September 28-30.

In the announcement the Association expressed the opinion that it would be to the best interest of all concerned to conduct a separate school for the instruction of pump operators.

The Pump School, sponsored by the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, will be held in Charlotte beginning the 28th of September and continuing through September 30th, 1953, and will supplant the annual Pump School conducted by the Charlotte Department.

The course as authorized by the Executive Committee will consist of three years of instruction. A credit card will be issued at the end of the first and the second year and upon satisfactory completion of the third year a diploma will be awarded by the Association.

Inasmuch as credit received through attendance at the Pump School held in conjunction with the Annual Fire College and Drill School has already been applied in issuing diplomas, only attendance at this and future sessions of the school can be considered in the issuance of credit cards and the awarding of Pump School Diplomas.

Questions & Answers

Q. We are considering the purchase of a 40 foot ladder. Should it be 2 or 3 section, and is metal better than wood?

A. We presume you want our opinion on this since the subject could be debated at length without arriving at a positive answer. Knowing your department has no

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Ashe County Home Destroyed By Flames

The Ashe County Home was destroyed by fire of an unknown origin August 10 in the county's most disastrous fire of the last two years.

The large, two-story frame building, a little more than 40 years old, was razed to ashes by a fire which started in the front corner room.

The County Home is situated about two miles from West Jefferson.

The West Jefferson fire department was called into action immediately, but the building was too far gone to be saved. However, none of the other buildings were damaged by the fire. Fire Chief B. B. Graybeal placed damages at \$10,000.

The county had an insurance policy of \$12,000 for all of the buildings on the grounds, which means that the home was partially covered.

There were four inmates in the home at the time, but none were injured.

Odds & Ends

Trying to catch up on a lot of small articles that we don't have space for, so here they are in brief:

Clarkton

Clarkton is on the list of newly organized departments with W. A. Hall as chief. Don't have much other information.

Magnolia

This is another new department. McVinn Pope is chief, and we need further information on this one.

Ham Hog

At the recent meeting of the Eastern Association there was a new "ham hog" crowned. Axon Smith of Belhaven received the dubious honor, after setting 10 full slices of ham. Smith runs the River Forest Manor—see him if you want some good fishing.

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YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Many of the readers of this paper will receive their copy this week at the Convention. For that reason we take the opportunity to remind them why they attend this meeting. Aside from the necessity of answering the roll call, and the fun which everyone enjoys, each delegate has a responsibility and purpose in attending the annual gathering. It's true that some evade, ignore, or just don't realize the fact that they represent their department, and that they as individuals make-up the collective opinion.

The delegate should keep in mind that he is representing the members of his department, and to miss attending a business session is to deprive his fellow firemen of the right to express an opinion, through him, regarding the business at hand.

It has happened that delegates returned home and could not

answer the question of what business was handled at the meetings. About all they remember is that there was some routine business—reports and such. In some cases their department never got a true picture of what happened until the minutes of the Convention were published. We suggest that the business be attended to first, and that there will be ample time for fishing, etc., in the hours remaining.

Each delegate's responsibility is to vote his convictions after careful examination of the facts, and to faithfully report the activities to his fellow firemen at home.

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ladder truck we assume you intend to mount this ladder on your pumper. The three section ladder will be somewhat easier to mount because of its shorter length and will make a better appearance when mounted; however, it is somewhat heavier than the two section due to the additional lap and normally would not have poles. The two section, though somewhat gangling in appearance, usually has poles—which make for a very steady operation and assist in raising the ladder. You better go look at both kinds and decide for yourself.

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ly pleased with the choice. Cox accepted the post with dignity and grace.

Chief Charles rose again to nominate John L. Miller as Sec. with excellent response by the group. Mr. Miller thanked the group and assured them that though he had said "thank you" many times it was still a sincere and deeply felt statement.

Mr. Miller nominated Ed A. Johnson, Treas., who was elected

and made an acceptance speech of great sincerity.

Chief Cox nominated Al Brinson for re-election to the post of Statistician, carried unanimously, and in his acceptance Brinson pledged his best to the office and the firemen.

Durham Next Convention
The group overwhelmingly accepted Chief Cox's invitation to meet in Durham next year.

The End

After an exchange of thanks between Chief Knox of Carolina Beach, the new president, Bissett,

and other officials, Pres. Bissett reminded the group of the dance to be held Wednesday night and called on Tres. Ed A. Johnson to dismiss the group with prayer.

By order of the president the Convention adjourned.

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CONVENTION ELECTS BISSETTE, COX

Chief's Conference

Monday, Aug. 17, 10:00 a. m. Chief Charles Burkett, Pres. of the N. C. Fire Chiefs, opened the annual Fire Chiefs Conference. President Burkett began the meeting with the introduction of the Executive committees, both of the Chief's group and the Association, as well as other guests.

Rev. E. P. Lanier offered the memorial prayer, dedicated to the members of the group who have answered the final call and in tribute to their memory.

Chief James A. Knox, as host chief, welcomed the chiefs to Carolina Beach and offered the facilities of the town and fire department during their stay.

Pres. Burkett then appointed Quenten Winn and LeRoy Morgan Sgts. at Arms, and proceeded with the introduction of the speaker of the occasion, Insurance Commissioner Waldo C. Cheek.

Cheek's Address

Mr. Cheek began his remarks by calling the attention of the group to the fact that this was the first Convention since the death of the late Fire Marshall, Sherwood Brockwell. He went on to explain that as Mr. Brockwell failed in health during the past few years, he had attempted to learn as much about the fire service himself so as to better understand the problems that he would have to face when the day arrived that he would not have Brock to carry out the work. In his thinking, Mr. Cheek explained, he considered just what his office could do—to supplement or augment the work of the State Association, while adhering to the idea that any governmental agency should assist and advise, rather than try to assume the leadership.

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In Memoriam

Deceased members of the State Association as read at the Memorial Service on Tuesday morning:

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E. E. Bain

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Paul K. Rickett
J. O. Harrington
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J. A. Stith
H. Vance Lloyd
James H. Rich
Fetzer Flynn
A. W. Gurley
Robert Hollifield

Other Officials
Reelected, Chiefs
Retain Same Offices

Tuesday morning, Aug. 18, saw the opening of the 86th annual convention of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, with one of the largest crowds in attendance in its history. This paper is devoting its entire news space this issue to the coverage of the meeting.

Memorial Service

One of the most impressive memorial services ever witnessed by the members was carried out by Pres. Wyrick and Treas. Johnson. Following the roll call of deceased members, Rev. David Johnson, pastor of Kure Beach Lutheran church, delivered the memorial address. This service is always one of deep feeling, yet men who have attended these gatherings for many years commented on the exceptionally fine address.

Special music for the service was furnished by the Lions club quartet and Mrs. Claude H. Fryar.

Opening Session

At 11:00 a. m. Pres. Wyrick officially called the meeting to order and opened the convention. After the group sang "America" Rev. G. P. Lanier, pastor of Carolina Baptist church, rendered the invocation.

A most cordial welcome was extended to the delegates and their guests by Mayor A. L. Mansfield, followed by host Chief J. A. Knox who further assured the group that their visit was a most welcome one.

Response was by John C. Wallace who pointed out to the Mayor that the large attendance was the best indication that the firemen knew, liked and appreciated Carolina Beach.

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STATE CONVENTION

(Continued From Page One) minutes, Pres. Wyrick adjourned the morning session.

Tuesday Afternoon

Tuesday afternoon's meeting began with the report of the Credentials committee and was followed immediately by the roll call of departments.

After completion of the roll call Pres. Wyrick made his report to the Association on the year's work by his office. Sec. Miller made his report as to the activities and investments; Pres. Johnson's report completed the story of the financial condition.

The reports of the three officers were received and adopted as read.

Sec. Miller noted in his report that the Association had shown growth in all respects during the last year and stated that the total active membership was now 255 with 9 departments inactive.

Fire School

Chief Charles Burkett, Director of the Fire College and Pump School, reported the attendance of men from 93 departments. The Director stated that he regretted that such a small part of the total number of member departments sent their men to the school, and urged each department to make an effort to get some of their members to attend.

Burkett explained that it was considered necessary to separate the Pump School and Fire College and that the name of the program would now be known as the Fire College and Pump School.

Training Program

Tuesday afternoon Curtis Flanagan presented to the assembly a resolution from the Executive committee relating to a state-wide "grass roots" train-

ing program for individual departments. This resolution was the outgrowth of a series of meetings with Insurance Commissioner Cheek relative to the need of local training with the equipment that the department normally has to work with.

The basic content of the resolution provided that the president would appoint three men to act as trustees, along with the Insurance Commissioner and one other man appointed by him. This group would then work out a plan to provide as much local training as possible. The group would have nothing to do with and no control over the present Fire College or its established program, but would serve as a supplement.

Expense of the trustees and any program they might develop would be borne by the Insurance Department at no cost to the Association. Motion carried.

Fish Fry

At 6:30 p. m. the Carolina Beach department opened the gates to a fish fry that will be long remembered. An estimated throng in excess of 1,000 persons enjoyed the hospitality of the department.

Wednesday Morning

Wednesday morning's business opened with the invocation by Rev. D. C. Webber, pastor of Carolina Beach Community church. Following the invocation, Statistician Al Brinson made his report in which he emphasized the value and necessity of gathering and grouping such information and how it influenced fire departments, both directly and indirectly. He noted that the '52 loss was \$30 million, a considerable increase over the previous year and the highest ever recorded in the state. He further noted that there was a smaller number of "unusual" fires than in the past.

The Statistician proudly announced a reduction in lives lost with a total of 292 in '52 compared with 261 in '51. Mr. Brinson explained that it would take too much time to read the entire report and he was giving only the highlights, though the full text would be printed in the convention minutes.

Guests

Pres. Wyrick presented Clarence Fisher, Orangeburg, S. C., Pres. of the S. C. Firemen's Association, and Ben Dozier, Florence, S. C., Pres. of the S. C. Fire Chiefs Association as special guests.

Courtesy Committee

The report of the Courtesy committee was heard in which the town officials and the Carolina Beach fire department were

accorded the sincere thanks of the Association for their fine work as hosts to the group.

45 Year Men

Pres. Wyrick asked that all men present who had 45 or more years in the fire service assemble in front of the hall. They were Croom of Wilmington, Morgan of Spencer Shop, Whitley of New Bern, Seymour of Sanford and Carrown of Maxton. Each man gave his name, department, etc., and made any remarks he wished.

Two Young Men

Chief Dick Hall and John L. Miller then took the floor and Chief Hall with 72 years in the fire service told Sec. Miller that he had no business holding an opinion of any kind with only 56 years of service. This started a friendly argument and a series of tales of the old days that was one of the most entertaining parts of the entire convention program.

The group received the remarks of these men with an ovation.

Sick Members

It was called to the attention of the assembly that two men who have long been a familiar part of the conventions were not present. These were Doc. Will Long and Jerome Flork. Both of these men would have been in the group with 45 or more years service. It was also mentioned that Chief J. C. Fitzgerald of Asheville was sick, accounting for the absence of this familiar face.

Senator Lennon

Introduced by Harry Greene of Reeford, the newly appointed Junior U. S. Senator Al Lennon of Wilmington made the morning address. The Senator praised the work of firemen in saving and protecting the lives and property and emphasized that we are all one people in this state and that any service which benefits everyone should be appreciated and recognized.

Brock Committee

The committee appointed by the President to study and recommend to the next convention a fitting memorial for the late Sherwood Brockwell, Ed Johnson, Curtis Flanagan and B. J. Ramsey requested that the departments write and give them their ideas.

Signal Approved

As brought from the Chief's meeting on Monday the adoption of Signal 508 for Hospital fires, and the continuous "on-off-on-off" for school fires, was adopted. Along with this the new signal for identification in mutual-aid for the year was adopted as the (Continued on Page Three.)

STATE CONVENTION

(Continued From Page Two) word "Brock" in honor of the late fire marshal.

Wednesday Afternoon

J. B. Harrison, Beaufort, rose in the afternoon session to move that a parliamentarian be appointed by the Executive committee to advise the president. Passed.

Pres. Wyrick thanked the group for their conduct at the convention and Carolina Beach for their hospitality. He also expressed his thanks for the courtesies shown him while making official visits to departments as president.

Curtis Flanagan rose to state that the motion regarding im-

provement of the school in the morning session should have been a budget item and expressed the regrets of the committee that it was overlooked.

Election

Again yielding the chair, Wyrick nominated T. R. Bissett of Wilson, present V. P. for Pres. Elected, Bissett accepted the office graciously and assured the group of his best efforts. There were no other nominations.

Charles of Charlotte rose to nominate C. L. Cox of Durham for V. P. As in the case of Bissett, there were no other candidates and the group seemed exceedingly (Continued on Page Four.)

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Fire Destroys Gaston Home

A four-room house owned by Mrs. Carrie Barker in south Gastonia was destroyed by fire Aug. 26.

A young boy, the only one at home when the fire caught, told Fire Chief Robert Rhyne that he lit the stove to make coffee but dozed off. When he awoke, the building was filled with smoke. He said he was forced to leave.

The fire was confined to the single building though there were nearby exposures.

TRAIN WRECK

(Continued From Page One.) stayed upright and skipped along over the roadbed until it hit a switch near the depot. Then the boxcar toppled over, breaking the train in two and derailing 12 more cars behind it.

After the fires broke out, residents of the neighborhood were aroused and warned of possible explosions. Ambulances and a first-aid team stood by. But the fires were brought under control by dawn, and there were no explosions.

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Dobson Celebrates Anniversary — Buys Second Truck

Dobson's fire department celebrated its first anniversary last week with the announcement of the purchase of a new fire truck for use in the county seat area.

Chief R. B. Blackwelder said the additional equipment would increase the efficiency of his department and provide greater protection to residents of Dobson. A year ago this week, the department was organized and a 1917 model pumper was purchased from the Mount Airy Fire Department.

Fire rates have decreased 25 per cent since April, according to Chief Blackwelder.

Clifton Smith is assistant chief. Other members of the department are: James Bean, Tommie Baker, Tommie Poindexter, Bill Wood, Jerry Hutson, Cecil McMillan, Arthur Brendle, Calvin Johnson, Frank Comer, J. S. Gentry, H. W. Comer, John Collins, Johnny Norman, Gurney Tilley, Bill Howell, Dick Collins, Jack Folger and Joe Callahan.

Aged Woman Dies In Jackson County Fire

An elderly Jackson county woman was burned to death Aug. 29 when flames destroyed her home in the Qualla community near Sylva.

She was Mrs. Ava Rebecca Snyder, 67, who had been an invalid for some years, according to Chief Deputy Sheriff Robert R. Enslay of Jackson county.

Enslay said the husband, Nute Snyder, had used gasoline in an attempt to start a fire in the kitchen stove of the house when flames got out of control.

Maiden Board Buys New 500 Pumper

At a called meeting of the Maiden town board last week, action was taken to assure residents of the town and surrounding area of adequate overall fire protection.

The board accepted the low bid of Howe Fire Equipment Co. for a new truck, the price being \$9,565, and designated the old truck for use in the rural area surrounding Maiden. This old truck has been purchased by the Catawba County commissioners and it will be maintained at the Maiden fire department by a 21-man volunteer crew. Dr. H. T. Campbell is the new fire chief.

The new apparatus is a 500 gpm pumper on a two and a half ton chassis with a 500 gallon booster tank. Delivery is scheduled within three months, according to Mayor Banks Whisnant.

Fire Destroys Wilson Plant

The plant of the Home Builders Supply Co. was destroyed by fire Aug. 30 for the second time in a little more than a year. Damage was estimated at more than \$400,000.

The fire was discovered about 4 a. m. but had gained such headway by the time firemen arrived a few minutes later that none of the plant's buildings or machinery could be saved.

Most of the plant was built of wood, and because of recent dry weather the blaze spread rapidly. The loss included two dry kilns, two cooling sheds, a dry lumber shed, a boiler room, a planer mill and shed, the engine room, firing room and lumber finishing shed. A new planer, costing \$13,000, had been installed only a few weeks before.

The plant, owned by N. W. Clark, was destroyed by fire just 14 months ago, and he had just completed rebuilding it.

Train Wreck Spills Gas In Mid-Gastonia

A fast-moving freight train buckled in the middle as it moved through Gastonia in the early morning hours of Sept. 2, scattering 13 boxcars and tankers over the Southern Railway tracks at a downtown crossing.

Nobody was hurt, but fires broke out around several of the tank cars, which spilled their loads of gasoline and ethyl chloride. Gastonia firemen worked through the early morning to control the fires.

Railroad officials said the wreck was caused by a broken flange on one of the boxcars. The lame boxcar jumped the track about a mile west of the city, but (Continued On Page Four.)

Fire Destroys Home Near Spruce Pine

A four-room frame dwelling and contents owned by Scott Carpenter in the Banjo Branch section of Yancey county, about two and a half miles from Spruce Pine, was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin Aug. 31 about 8 a. m. No one was at home at the time.

George M. Bartlett, chief of the Spruce Pine fire department, said firemen responded promptly to an alarm phoned in by a school-boy passerby, but the blaze was too far advanced to be extinguished. Estimated loss is in excess of \$4,500.

Correction

We have been notified that in the Convention Report as was run in the Aug. 21 issue the name of J. C. Jernigan of Fayetteville was omitted from the group with 50 or more years service.

Our apologies to fireman Jernigan and the Fayetteville department—somehow we missed listing his name.

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SELF-HELP

One of the greatest needs of the fire service in North Carolina is generally recognized as intensified, local training. The State Association and the Insurance Department are aware of this need as demonstrated by the joint committee formed to investigate and handle the problem. This committee will in time bring forth the best available solution to the training problem; yet, no matter how well founded their plan may be, nor what form it may take, it can never produce any lasting good until each department reaches the point it is willing to help itself.

Unfortunately, there are too many departments, mostly smaller ones, who somehow feel that somebody owes them something. They tell you that their Town Board won't back them, that they don't have the support of their citizens; in other words, that someone else needs to do something before they try to accomplish anything. This same department will also tell you that they have done enough when they answer the alarms, and don't have the time to engage in fire prevention or any of the various other phases of our work.

The truth of the matter is: These departments don't get support for the simple reason they don't deserve it. A little activity, a show of interest, a genuine effort toward helping themselves

will almost invariably wind up with the whole community in solid support.

The local training program seems to fall in this same category. Until the department makes some effort to provide its own training—such as was done recently on a county basis at Smithfield, and a sectional basis at Enka, any program developed by the committee will go begging for lack of interest on the part of those for which it was planned.

Now seems a good time to take a good look at ourselves as individual units, know our own faults and try to correct them—then we'll be ready to receive whatever plan is worked out—but only after we try to help ourselves.

Chief's Conference

(Continued From Last Week.)
training, the President deplored the fact that of the two hundred fifty odd departments—only 93 were represented at the last Drill School.

Continuing the report, the chief stated that he arranged two meetings in Salisbury relative to rural fire protection, tending to foster and develop this program.

The portion of the report relative to legislative action covered the questions of county assistance or provision of fire departments, and fire equipment, with the Chief explaining that there was legislation covering this and that it could be accomplished.

Exemption from jury duty of firemen was explained, also the act authorizing the use of red lights on personal automobiles. It was explained that the law relating to sirens was not changed and that only the chief and one asst. chief are allowed these warning devices.

The President concluded his report with an explanation of various local acts and turned over the report for acceptance by the group. On a motion by Chief Charles the report was accepted with the thanks of the group.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session opened with prayer by Chief Brown of Winston-Salem, followed by the report of Secretary Miller Warren, including minutes of last meeting. Adopted.

Report of Treas. Ralph Marbury was adopted upon presentation.

New Business

Perhaps the most important piece of new business was the ex-

planation and adoption of a standard signal for use in hospital and schools. This was introduced and explained by Pres. Burkett, basing the plan on one formulated by him for use in hospitals in his city. The need was pointed out for a standard signal to indicate fire in order that the training of personnel in hospitals might be accomplished... and transfer of employees from one institution to another would not breed confusion in signals.

The signal adopted was "905." This signal, when announced over the communications system of a hospital, would indicate to all employees that there was a fire in the building and immediately following the code would be the location of the fire. Such a code would not alarm patients, yet would inform all hospital personnel of the situation and its location.

Each chief was urged to put this signal into effect at once in his town, and to extend the training of hospital employees as quickly as possible.

Life Members

Upon the report of the committee appointed by the President, W. D. Morgan of the Spencer Shop department and D. C. Canady of the Durham department were made life members of the Chiefs group with their dues declared paid in full.

Funeral Attire

Pres. Wyrick of the State Association brought to the attention of the assembly that there exists some confusion as to the proper attire for attending funerals of firemen. He pointed out that some departments wear uniforms and some street clothes. The decision of the group was to wear street clothes if the funeral was out-of-town, and to exercise the discretion of the department when in town.

It was further suggested that some type of funeral insignia be adopted in the form of an armband or ribbon to indicate the wearer was a fireman and was attending in official capacity.

Chief Wyrick also brought to the group the proposition suggested to him that the State be requested to issue special plates for firemen's cars beginning with FD followed by numerals. It was noted that this is an existing practice with the National Guard members. Motion was passed.

Election

Chief Burkett was re-elected President of the group without opposition, and assured the members that he would continue to conduct the affairs of the association to the best of his ability. Chief Morris of Albemarle and (Continued On Page Three.)

Chief's Conference

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Chief O'Brien of Roxboro were nominated for Vice-Pres., with

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Morris the winner by a comfortable margin.

Both Secretary Miller Warren and Treas. Ralph Marbury were re-elected.

The assembly then divided into groups according to district and each elected its district Vice-Pres.

At the call of Pres. Burkett the meeting adjourned.

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Fire Destroys Home Near Mt. Airy

Fire of undetermined origin at 9 a. m. Sept 15 destroyed the five-room residence of Don Phillips in the Windy Ridge community, about one mile from Mt. Airy.

All the household and kitchen furniture was also destroyed. Mr.

and Mrs. Phillips were away from home at the time of the fire. Several houses in close proximity to the burned house were saved from destruction by the Mt. Airy fire department. The loss was estimated at between \$8,000 and \$10,000.

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Rocky River Bridge Hit By Fire Again

Construction foreman Tim Spurling is directing the rebuilding of Rocky River bridge on Highway 52 south of Norwood. Early Thursday morning someone knocked over five flambeaux on the bridge starting a fire which caused severe damage to a 52-foot expanse of the bridge. This was the second fire in less than a year.

On Nov. 1, 1952 a large oil tanker burned on the bridge and as a result of this fire the structure was declared unsafe. Foreman Spurling hopes the new bridge, which is being widened to 26 feet, will be completed by Christmas.

Norwood Fire Chief Nink Hutchinson hopes so, too. He's put out two fires on the bridge already.

FIRE CAUSES \$750 LOSS

Damage totaled \$750 in the lumber plant of Furman Biggs just outside the city limits of Lumberton. Mr. Biggs said the loss was in the burning of a saw, planer and bench in an old lumber shed, with a small amount of old lumber also burned.

Newton Man Burned In Gas Explosion

G. Lamar Cline, retired Newton postal employee, suffered burns Sept. 19 resulting from the explosion of gas fumes in the basement of his home in Newton. Mr. Cline, who is 63 years old, was described as being in a "serious condition" at the Catawba hospital.

It was reported that gas had leaked from a water jacket, and when Cline went downstairs to investigate, the fumes were in some way ignited. Window panes in the basement of the residence were broken by the explosion, and Mrs. Cline was burned slightly in the accident.

SANDHILLS HOLD QUARTERLY MEETING AT ROCKINGHAM

Twins Die In Home Crib Fire

The first twins born in the new Union Memorial hospital at Monroe were burned to death Sept. 22 when their crib caught fire in the home of their parents on R-1 Peschland.

Pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital, where they first saw life four and one-half months ago, were Lonnie and Johnnie Rorie, twin sons of Curtis and Sara Lee Rorie.

According to Anson County Coroner H. H. Leavitt, Jr., the twins had been left in the home with two other small children, ages 4 and 2, while the parents were picking cotton in a field nearby.

The Rories saw smoke billowing from a window of the home and rushed in to find the babies' crib on fire and a window curtain by the side of the crib also in flames. They put out the fire and rushed the children to the hospital.

Leavitt said that the fire was apparently started by the two older children who were poking boomstraws into an incinerator to make them catch fire. The coroner said that the curtain was lighted by one of the flaming boomstraws.

Good Attendance
Marks First Try
In New Series Of Meetings

Wednesday night, Sept. 23, the Sandhills Association held its first quarterly meeting in Rockingham. This was the first such meeting to be held by the group though the policy of meeting quarterly has been the custom of the Western and Eastern associations for some time.

Host Chief, Perry Covington, opened the meeting by expressing the thank of his department for the opportunity to serve as hosts and introduced Councilman Cox who made the address of welcome. Response to the welcome (Ye Editor) was short but sincere and the meeting moved quickly to the meal.

The ladies of the Roberdell Methodist church served the supper—roast chicken, etc., and passed frequently among the diners offering second-helpings.

Business Session

Following the usual business the group began a discussion, examining the value of the newly tried quarterly meeting as opposed to the old custom of a single meeting in the form of an annual convention. In the discussion it was brought out that the plan, under which the Eastern and Western neighbors operate, seems to work very well. The plan as adopted is to follow alphabetical order, beginning with Pembroke, with the host department furnishing food and entertainment at their expense. Chief John R. Lowery, of Pembroke, volunteered to begin the rotation series, and promised that those who follow will have a high mark to shoot for if they intend to equal his department's performance.

Special guests were Everette Jones of the Insurance Department and Sherwood and Brockwell, Jr., of Eureka Fire Hose.

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SERIOUS THINKING

In the next few weeks the fire service is going to be busy. Fire Prevention Week is just ahead in which most will make a special effort to call the public's attention to the thing we strive the year round to promote. On the heels of this is cooler weather and every fireman knows that business will pick up to the point that he wonders if his fire prevention week has done much good.

With this increase in activity, now seems a good time for some sober evaluation. Are we doing all we can to prevent fires and are our methods of extinguishing them the best that we can use with the equipment we have?

Another question seems important, too. It, like fire prevention, should be on a year-round basis, but it needs periodic overhauling. Are we morally and spiritually prepared to face the dangers that lie ahead of us?

This isn't an attempt to preach to anyone—just a suggestion that each man think about his own life. Every man is conscious of his responsibilities to his family, but too often is not concerned enough about the way he lives.

As we said, we are not trying to preach but there are few firemen with any length of service who have not been, at some time, very close to their Maker. This is just a reminder that we, as part of an

emergency service, may not have as much time as the average person for serious thinking.

Letter to the Editor

(The Hose and Nozzle receives many letters on a variety of subjects—many more than can be printed; however, once in a while we receive one that seems to represent a problem or situation faced by many departments. Such is the one we are about to answer here. From the answer we believe our readers can get the context of the letter and thereby save us the space it would take to reprint it. Ed.)

Robert Hamrick, Chief
Fire Department
Boiling Springs, N. C.
Dear Chief Hamrick,

Thanks for your letter of Sept. 16 and the subscription. We are pleased that you are interested in our publication.

Your request for money-raising ideas to acquire funds for the purchase of a new truck is difficult to answer. Not knowing your local conditions it is almost impossible to select from the many schemes that have been used by fire departments one that will serve your purpose. For this reason, we are answering your letter by direct mail and also publishing it—in the hope that departments who have met and successfully dealt with your problem will send you their plans and tell you how they worked.

Your question regarding hose, nozzles, etc. is just as hard to answer as the one about how to raise money for the truck. The only answer we can give you is to buy the best you can afford, but keep in mind that it is much like the purchase of an automobile or a refrigerator—the way you use it, the amount you have to spend are the main factors you will have to consider. As to a particular brand, there are many competitive brands and refrigerators—so with fire equipment. Again like the commercial goods, some have features that you will like better than others and so long as you stay in the name-brand lines you get about what you pay for. We do urge that you buy a small amount of 1 1/2 inch and believe that you will find that the smaller line will increase your efficiency in 95 per cent of your fires.

Thanks again for your letter, visit when you can.

Your sincerely,
JOHN C. WALLACE,
Editor

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(This is the third issue in which this column has been presented and we are happy with the response. It was suggested in the first issue in which it appeared that many departments might want to use it in their own newspapers—changing the details to fit local conditions. May we urge you again to do this. You will do the public you serve a great favor by reminding them of the ever-present danger of fire—and help your public relations as well.)

A Fire Chief Says

CHIEF M. G. BROWN
Home sweet home,
There's no place like home,
For an unfriendly fire,
That often causes despair.

Kick-off time is here for the football and home burning season.

During the last four months of 1952, fires increased by 134 over the preceding four months. Home fires was the cause of the majority of the 134 emergency calls.

Citizens should open the home burning season similar to the way a football team does. Not by practice and drills but by inspections and repairs. In other words, have the home in good shape by eliminating the possibilities of fire getting out of control during the winter days ahead.

We answered an alarm last week to a home that almost proved disastrous. A furnace was in need of repair and had set all summer without receiving attention. When the fire was lit, during a cool night, flames broke loose in the basement. The occupant put in a quick call to the fire department and we were able to save the house from any damage. However, \$13,000 was at risk and almost burned because: No inspection had been made and necessary repairs to the heating system had been neglected.

Our fire prevention advice is simple. Check your furnace or other electric heating equipment before putting it into operation for the winter. This same advice goes for all flues and chimneys. If you need help call us at the fire department.

Don't let your home fire be put on our score board this winter.

Gone to Blazes
The city's fire loss for August was \$4,845. To date the fire loss for 1953 is \$100,868.
The first eight months of 1953 show a decrease of \$144,289 fire loss under the same period for 1952.

Monkey Blamed For Fire in Lexington Banana House

A little monkey has drawn the blame for a small fire in a rural area near Lexington Sept. 16.

Fire Chief Norman Owen stated that firemen went to the home of Otis Younts, Lexington R-2, where an empty banana treatment house was smoldering. Upon arrival, firemen learned an unusual story.

Yount, who operates a curb market in Salisbury keeps monkeys at his place but one of the animals got a sore leg and the other monkeys had been annoying it so Mr. Younts brought it home with him.

The animal was placed in the banana house, which was not being used.

Chief Owen said the animal apparently chewed and clawed some soft insulation wires causing two to become crossed and a fire resulted. Inside paper insulation in the house was burned but Mrs. Younts, near the scene, got the monkey out of the house and

most of the fire doused before firemen arrived.

The animal burned its foot and Chief Owen said the little fellow was apparently most interested in the injury than the other excitement when firemen arrived. The injury was slight.

"Somehow we feel that Charlie Burkett ought to get into this tale—after all it was a Salisbury monkey—business. Ed.)

Chief Worley Pleased With Jaycee Action

Fire Chief J. C. Worley of the Hamlet Fire Department stated today, "I am pleased with the action of the Hamlet Jaycees in appointing Way Warr as chairman of the National Fire Prevention Week program here in Hamlet. Warr is the son of J. W. Warr, an old time fireman and has the tradition of fire fighting instilled in him from way back. Our department has promised the Jaycees the fullest possible co-operation in the program they set up and we are convinced that it will be a good one."

Way (W. E.) Warr was recently announced as chairman of NFPW by A. D. Way, Jr., president of the Hamlet Jaycees and editor of The Hamlet News-Messenger.

Mr. Warr stated that although arrangements are incomplete at this time that the efforts of schools, civic organizations and other groups will be co-ordinated to emphasize the importance of fire prevention.

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Goldsboro Youth Dies In Fire

Sidney Leon Radford, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Radford of R-2, Goldsboro, was burned to death Sept 14 in a fire that destroyed a corn-shuck room of a milling company.

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

(Continued From Page Three) hose to get to it. Is there an easier way to load 1 1-2 so this won't be necessary and still leave it readily available?

A. Yes sir! The drawer type load, where the 1 1-2 is loaded in a drawer beneath the larger hose would answer your problem. Suggest you visit either Albemarle or Candor. Both are near you and both have excellent examples of the drawer type 1 1-2 load.

Q. Are Negro firemen eligible to join the State Association?

A. We don't claim to be authorities on the constitution and by-laws, but as we recall there was an amendment to the by-

laws offered by John L. Miller at the Greensboro Convention to clarify this question both as to Association membership and the Fraternal Insurance fund. As amended, we are sure the answer is no.

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Forsyth Units
To Contest At Fair

The Forsyth County Volunteer Firemen's Association, in conjunction with the Winston-Salem Fair, will present a Volunteer Firemen's Day on Oct. 16.

As a part of the program there has been worked up a list of competitive contests that attempt to cover most of the normal usage of equipment that these units have in service. Prizes are offered to the first three place winners.

The first contest is the Grand Parade, judging upon basis of fire fighting equipment, and rescue equipment, men in uniform and neatness.

The Rescue Squad contest will consist of a race against time. The contestants will each put on an Air-Pak, run to a given point and return.

Ladder and water drill will be judged on the basis of time with penalties in seconds for infraction of rules, such as truck over-running the stopping mark.

The ladder race is a ladder carry with the truck rolling to the starting line, men remove ladder, carry it 200 feet and return it to proper position on the truck.

There will be an Honor Award to the unit selected to have done the best individual job of fire fighting during the last 12 months. Judging will be on the basis of property involved, amount of damage, property saved and clean-up, plus other considerations.

The parade will form at 1:00 p. m. All volunteer firemen in uniform will be admitted free.

\$75,000 FIRE AT CARRBORO

A \$75,000 fire razed the main warehouse and a shop building at the J. B. Goldston Lumber Co. of Carrboro Sept. 23.

Flames shot 75 feet high and could be seen in Chapel Hill, three miles away. J. B. Goldston, owner, estimated the loss and said it was partially insured.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION ELECTS
OFFICERS AT CANTON MEETMontgomery County
Departments Will
Hold School

Beginning Oct. 5 through Oct. 9, the departments of Montgomery county, with some of their neighbors, will hold their first county-wide fire school.

The idea originated with the Star department who called representatives from the other towns and asked why there could not be started a school on a cooperative basis that would provide needed training. Realizing that many firemen will never be able to attend the State school, the departments began to plan one that would be held at night when most of the members were free to attend.

The services of Asst. Chief J. M. Munday, of Charlotte, were secured and Chief Munday worked out, with the county chiefs, a program covering the fundamentals. At the request of the chiefs the work was confined to the study and use of the equipment commonly available to the departments involved, with various special gear to be used for demonstration and suggested usage.

The school will be held in Troy using that department's equipment and facilities. Departments included are: Star, Biscoe, Candor, Mt. Gilead, Troy, Ramsaur and Robbins.

Creasman New President;
Jones Retained As
Secretary

BY MARK JONES

On Sept. 23 Canton went all-out to entertain the members of the Western Association at their quarterly meeting. Beginning at 6:30 a turkey dinner was served in the Champion cafeteria, with the members allowed to gorge themselves until time was called at 8:00 for the business session.

With Dick Setzer presiding, the highlights of the program were: An address by Carl Hyatt, Jr., director of Public Safety, Asheville. Mr. Hyatt spoke on the "Importance of the Fire Service in the Community." Following the address color slides of the Wilmington dock fire were shown. (Every fireman should see these slides.)

The annual election of officers was held and the following installed for the 1953-54 year: Wayne Creasman of Troy, Pres.; George A. Bishop, Hazelwood, 1st V.P.; Horace Elliott, Rutherfordton, 2nd V.P.; O. E. Brookhysier, Sylva, Treas.; Mark W. Jones, Enka, Secretary. Program chairman, Jim Bailey of Asheville.

The attendance was checked at 110 men from 19 departments.

Cigar-Smoking Youth
Sets Bedroom Afire

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 2 — James Dawson set his bedroom on fire today when he began smoking a cigar in bed.

Firemen extinguished the blaze and then gave James, three years old, a lecture about leaving his daddy's cigars—and matches—alone.

Eastern Meets
At
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KEEP TRYING

One of the most discouraging problems that we face in our lives is that of people who don't seem to understand the importance of things we know to be worthy of attention. As firemen, this sort of thing is faced constantly. With all our best efforts toward fire prevention, we continue to have fires—certainly not as many as there would be without our efforts—yet needless fires continue to occur.

Sometimes we get discouraged with other phases of our work, nothing seems to go right, there seems to be no result of our labor. Two things can see us through such times. The first is faith—faith in what we are trying to do. Second, experience—that has taught us the truth.

The old saying that it is darkest just before the dawn is true in the fire service just as it is in other human relationships. When we reach the point that everything has gone wrong and couldn't get worse—then there is nothing for the situation to do but get better.

This is based entirely on the principle that whatever our project or situation is—we keep trying. It's a known fact that nothing is accomplished by quitting.

TROY DEPT. FEEDS LIONS

The Troy fire department will feed the members of the Lions club tonight in appreciation for the rescuicator recently donated to the department by the club.

Charlotte Stores Suffer Large Loss

Moskins Credit Clothing store at 120 E. Trade, and Elias Mergolis, who operates Pittle's Delicatessen at 120 1-2 E. Trade, suffered heavy damages when the interiors of their establishments were gutted by fire Sept. 26.

Firemen set the damage at \$100,000. Firemen received the first call at 10:11 p. m. Saturday and battled the blaze for four hours before it was extinguished. Traffic was routed to avoid the section and power was temporarily disrupted. Power was out in some sections for nearly half an hour, also interrupted was the traffic over The Associated Press wires.

The origin of the fire is undetermined, but authorities said it erupted in the rear of the delicatessen and spread quickly through the old building to the roof.

Home In Stovall Razed By Fire

12-room two-story residence in Stovall was destroyed Sept. 14 as the village's water supply gave out just as volunteer firemen were about to bring flames under control.

Owners and occupants, Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Burwell, were away when the blaze was discovered. Their two small children were at play in the yard with an attendant.

Stovall has no water system. It has a fire truck with booster tank which carries 500 gallons of water. Oxford firemen, arriving on the scene later, succeeded in saving the nearby exposures.

Wilmington Woman Dies Of Burns

Mrs. J. O. Barnhill died Sept. 28 as a result of burns suffered the day before in a fire and explosion at 1311 Dawson street.

According to fire department officials, the woman suffered serious burns from the waist up when gasoline she was using to clean the floor in the kitchen of the building exploded.

The fire department was recalled to the scene later when another blaze was discovered in the structure.

This fire was the result of a short circuit, firemen said.

Considerable damage resulted to the combination store-dwelling, officials said.

A Fire Chief Says

BY CHIEF M. G. BROWN

Next week is Fire Prevention Week. It may be interesting to some readers to mention how this week came about, and why it occurs during the first or second week of October each year.

This year will mark the 34th time that this nation has set aside a special period to emphasize the importance of fire safety—which of course includes fire "protection" as well as "prevention."

During the early years of the century, a number of Midwest communities began to conduct special "clean up" campaigns. The result appeared to be a decrease in the number of fires and soon these communities began to refer to their clean up event as Fire Prevention Day. The great Chicago fire of 1871 was then a vivid memory and it was natural for most of the communities to hold their "Day" on October 9, the anniversary of the big blaze.

In 1911, 22 governors issued special proclamations calling for state-wide observance of the "Day." And nine years later President Woodrow Wilson issued the first national Fire Prevention Week proclamation. All succeeding presidents have followed Mr. Wilson's lead and there has, in fact, been some evidence that fire protection and prevention are regarded as important matters of national policy.

Perhaps you wonder who plans and distributes the material you and your children received or see or hear during Fire Prevention Week. The fire insurance companies naturally have an important interest in reducing fire wastes through the National Board of Fire Underwriters, one of our oldest trade associations, the companies carry on a continuing fire prevention campaign, with special emphasis on Fire Prevention Week.

The National Fire Protection Association, a membership organization which provides technical services for business and fire departments, also is active in fire safety promotion. Like the National Board, it issues special posters and other material during Fire Prevention Week.

The Chamber of Commerce and the Winston-Salem Insurance Exchange, in cooperation with your fire department, are sponsoring Fire Prevention Week this year locally.

All in all, Fire Prevention Week has become one of our important American institutions.

Questions & Answers

Q. Where can we get suitable specifications for fire engines?

A. The best source we know of is the booklet "Suggested Specifications on Municipal Fire Apparatus" which is published jointly by the International Association of Fire Chiefs, 24 W. 40th St. New York and the National Board of Fire Underwriters, 85 John St. New York. Write either of these and they will supply your copy. The booklet will answer your question except for needed local adaptations.

Q. Are there state laws govern-

ing fire safety in dry cleaning plants?

A. There sure are. Write the Insurance Department and they can either supply you with a copy or tell you where to get it. Our memory is a bit hazy but we think there is a booklet, published by the department of Labor that covers the subject.

Q. We now load our 1-1-2 on top of the 2-1-2 load and normally drop in at the fire. Sometimes we want to lay the 2-1-2 alone and have to dump the smaller (Continued On Page Four)

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ROCKINGHAM FIRE

(Continued From Page One.) that the terrific heat caused a lot of damage that was not apparent at first. The roof of the building was damaged badly and every window pane cracked. It was not ascertained just what damage was done to repair equipment in the shop. The parts department was almost a total loss.

The fire was marked as one of the worst within the business district of Rockingham since the Watson Building in 1941. It was pointed out that if the fire had been able to get air before the firemen arrived, the loss would have been much greater.

Fire Chief Covington said that several "breaks" helped in keeping the loss down. One was the fact that a large number of auto tires stored above the parts department did not catch fire.

Warning Is Sounded On Forest Blazes

STUART, Va. Oct. 8.—Chief Forest Warden Fred Barnard warned residents of Patrick county to be careful of forest fires. The woodlands are extremely dry from the prolonged dry spell. Barnard said he believed that the forests were the driest that he ever remembered being them.

The key fire tower on Bull Mountain, scene of a disastrous forest fire last fall that burned over a thousand acres, is now being manned 24 hours a day and Barnard urged that an immediate report be made of any fires sighted.

STATE PUMP SCHOOL TRAINING

(Continued From Page One.) with Rotary gear pumps, designs, etc., by E. E. McDowell. The afternoon was spent in operation of rotary pumps.

Credit cards were awarded by Director Burkett at 4:30 p. m., with adjournment at 5 p. m.

Those attending the school described it as very outstanding and expressed satisfaction that this phase of the training program would greatly implement fire service.

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Montgomery School Attendance Jumps All Expectations

What began as an inter-county training program turned into an intra-county affair when the Montgomery County Fire School opened Oct. 5 with J. M. Munday, instructor.

Originally the school was planned as a cooperative venture between the departments of the county, but as neighbors heard and wanted to join, the school grew until the attendance exceeded the 80 mark.

The departments of Ramseur, Robbins, Denton, Star, Biscoe, Candor, Mt. Gilead and Troy poured men into the class room to hear Mac Munday in a course covering the fundamentals of fire fighting. After two nights of class work, the group moved outside and under the lights began a series of evolutions including hose lays, booster line practices, lines aloft, etc. Each evening the women's clubs of the town prepared sandwiches for the group.

Friday night began with a "cray" dinner and short explanation of the evening's work. Again the group moved outside to work under actual conditions with a specially constructed house that survived repeated burnings. Oil pit fires were also handled.

Throughout the week Chief Munday and Chief Holt of the Troy department carried on a 15-minute radio program each day, telling their listeners the dangers of fire and the preventive measures they should take.

The programs also included special instructions as to the proper method to report fires.

Certificates were awarded those with perfect attendance throughout the series of meetings.

Put your family on guard against every fire hazard. Fire prevention is a year-round job for everyone. Its watch words are be careful all ways!

State Pump School Makes Good Start

The State Firemen's Association Pump School, held in Charlotte Sept. 28-30, was received most favorably by those in attendance and set off the new branch of the training program to a good start. The pump school was held separate from the Drill School for the first time this year. Exact attendance records are not available but the total is thought to have exceeded 100.

In addition to the North Carolina firemen the Chief and one fireman; from Augusta, Ga. Chiefs of the Florence, S. C.; Orangeburg, S. C.; and firemen from North Charleston, St. Philips, Greenville, Rock Hill, Aikens and Greenwood attended.

The program opened with Charles L. Burkett, Director-Conductor, presiding. The invocation was by Rev. C. C. Benton, pastor of Central Avenue Methodist church of Charlotte, followed by an address of welcome by host Chief Donald S. Charles.

Classes were begun with a history all types of fire pumps by Director Burkett. The next class dealt with high pressure pumps, designs, etc., conducted by J. M. Munday. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in actual operation of high pressure pumps with all instructors participating.

The following day opened with a class on centrifugal pumps, designs, etc., by W. J. Black, with the afternoon taken up with the actual operation of this type pump.

The last day's classes began (Continued On Page Four)

Eastern Meets At Robersonville October 13

Rockingham Auto Concern \$35M Loss

Rockingham's worst fire in 12 years badly burned the interior of Harris Auto Sales Sept. 28. Three new autos were caught by the blaze and had an estimated \$35,000 in damage.

The fire was discovered by a passing motorist about 8:15 Sunday morning. Fire Chief Perry Covington said that the fire had been smoldering for several hours before it was discovered.

Both Rockingham trucks answered the call. When firemen arrived, they found the building filled with smoke and charged with gases with little evidence of active flame. Fearing backdraft, adequate lines were laid and then two entrance doors were forced. Equipped with masks, firemen Charlie Terry and Dewey Fence entered and drove out three new cars which were in the show room. As the last car was driven clear of the building, the interior burst into flames.

Here the advance preparation paid off and the multiple lines quickly knocked out the main body of the fire in a few minutes. Most of the damage was found to be from heat and smoke.

It is thought that a faulty drink box started the fire which, because of the closed building, smoldered for sometime and did not blaze until the door was opened.

The interior of the building showed many signs of the intense heat. Glass was melted and paint on automobiles blistered. One fireman was overcome by smoke, but recovered quickly and went back to battle the blaze.

The new cars which were damaged were in the basement, directly under the parts department. The fire apparently started directly above them. The heat caused all the cars' glass to discolor and shatter, and the paint to peel off. The interiors were also ruined by the blaze.

In making an estimate of the loss, chief Covington pointed out (Continued On Page Four.)

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TRAINING

The number, variety and interest shown in localized fire training programs grows by the day. These programs, where a group of departments in the same vicinity combine to hold a school, will not replace the State School but serve rather to supplement it. Many men in smaller departments, for one reason or another, can not attend a school that requires their absence from home for any appreciable length of time; therefore, the localized school serves the purpose of bringing the training to them—at a time they can attend.

Some of the schools are conducted by meeting a certain night during the week for a number of weeks. Others meet for a series of consecutive nights. The plan must be varied to suit the locality; however, the pattern of meeting at night seems to bring forth the best response.

Cost of such schools is usually borne on a cooperative basis with the participating departments dividing the expense. City and town officials like the idea for they feel that more men can receive fundamental training, and at far less cost than by sending them to the State School.

For the most part, the local schools do not go beyond the basic fundamentals. They actually have only 2-3 hours per session so time does not allow for a great amount of background or theory. Usually instruction follows the

use of the tools and equipment that are available in the section with occasional demonstration of tools that are not used by the participating groups.

These schools, if encouraged and properly directed, can contribute greatly toward raising the level of fire knowledge among North Carolina firemen. With an understanding of the fundamentals, a man can attend the State School and better absorb the knowledge offered.

We feel sure the State Committee on localized training will have a coordinated plan for these schools shortly and that this plan will greatly influence the efficiency of our fire departments.

A Fire Chief Says

BY CHIEF M. G. BROWN

"Training pays dividends." This is an established fact in the fire service of our country.

Your fire department has long realized this fact because its first firemen's training program began in 1914. However, more emphasis is being put on training today. The Winston-Salem firemen's training program was re-organized in July, 1952 to include more modern methods of fighting fires. The First Annual Fire School completed yesterday, by city and county firemen, is a good example of the attention being given modern tactics and techniques of fire fighting.

Why is training important to firemen? With certain materials burning, a fireman can waste into a fire with a hose, take about five deep breaths and be knocked out. His safety then depends on brother firemen to drag him out. He can use the wrong extinguishing agent on a fire and be electrocuted. These are only a few of the reasons why we think training is important.

Why should citizens be interested in firemen's training programs? If a smoke eater uses the wrong type of extinguishing agent on certain fires, for example, he will spread the flame and cause more property damage than the original blaze would. Smoke and water unless properly controlled can cause thousands of dollars' worth of damage. Training is important in saving your life and property.

Your fire department is sold on training firemen to do the best job possible for you in fire safety. We hope to continue to have the Annual Fire School in our city

and the other training courses that we have started recently. We're also hoping by next year's Annual School to have a modern training tower, that's under study now by city officials.

During the first eight months of 1953 fires occurred in buildings, in our city, where there was \$4,478,450 property at risk—the total fire loss was only \$169,896. The local training program is paying dividends in dollars and cents in property saved from fire out of control.

Questions & Answers

Q. We have several steel tools that we have made ourselves and for some reason can not keep paint on them. We have cleaned the surface with solvent and wire brush, yet paint peels off very quickly. Got any ideas?

A. We always have ideas, not always the right ones. It's just a guess, but it is possible that you used what is known as tool steel when you made whatever your tools are. There are many special tool steels and many of them have a scale-like coating that resists normal cleaning operations. Try cleaning with a dilute solution of muriatic acid next time before you paint. If you want to get fancy, and want a good quality tool steel, try bluing it with heat and it will take on the color of a gun barrel. Very pretty.

Q. Can any fireman join the Fraternal Insurance plan?

A. Yes, within the membership requirements. Basically, you (Continued on Page Three.)

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Woodlawn Firemen
Holding Open House

The Woodlawn Volunteer Fire Department, in conjunction with the current national Fire Prevention Week, is holding open house each evening from 7:30 until 9:30 o'clock, through Saturday at the Fire Hall on Academy Road.

Active volunteer firemen will be on duty to answer questions and demonstrate equipment. The meeting for the Woodlawn department will be held in the Fire Hall clubroom at 8 p. m. Tuesday.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

(Continued From Page Two.)

must be a member of the State Association, not over 45 years of age. There are other qualifications—suggest you write John L. Miller, Sec. NCSFA, Concord, for complete details.

Q. Who replaced Sherwood Brockwell as head of the Drill School?

A. Chief Charles Burkett of Salisbury is now director of the Fire College and Pump School. He was an instructor in the school and Mr. Brockwell's assistant for some time prior to the death of the Fire Marshal.

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Fire Chiefs Address
Elkin Civic Clubs

Two distinguished firemen addressed a joint meeting of Jaycees and Kiwanians at Elkin Oct. 8 as a highlight of Fire Prevention week.

They are Donald Charles, Charlotte fire chief, and Charles Burkett, chief of the Salisbury department.

Belmont Students
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ruined, according to M. N. Carroll, owner of the firm. The owner of the building said that his loss was covered, but Carroll said that he carried no insurance on his stock. Two new cars, insured, were damaged, and water and smoke damage to the cars of nine repair customers was heavy.

Firemen prevented the spread of the fire to the Johnson Storage company next door on the corner of Elm street and Third avenue, but officials of the company stood by to begin moving equipment out in case it became necessary.

Firemen said the fire originated in the parts department where most of the damage was done. The loss to the building was estimated at \$10,000.

Charleston

Piles of burned and smoke-stained rubble—\$25,000 worth—surrounded the Pepples Furniture company's Columbus street warehouse, gutted Oct. 7 by flames whipped to furnace fury by a brisk northwesterly wind.

Revised estimate of the loss was made by E. J. Barber, president of the furniture company.

He said the warehouse had contained fall and Christmas stock for his store, and the loss might not be recovered by insurance.

Firemen answered the alarm with four fire fighting units shortly after 11:15 p. m. and had the flames under control in approximately an hour.

Of the total yearly rural fire loss of \$133 billion, 50 percent occurs in dwellings and 40 percent in barns, say the National Fire Protection Association and the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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School Dormitory Lost In Fire

Sixteen students at Glad Valley School near Sparta lost all their possessions except the clothes on their backs Oct. 7 when fire destroyed a dormitory.

The three-story frame dormitory occupied by boys burned Wednesday night while the 70 students at the school attended a social affair at the gymnasium. The fire started in an electric switchbox, school officials said.

The school is operated by the Orange and Winston-Salem Presbyteries of the North Carolina Presbyterian Synod. The dormitory was built in 1911 and had been used by girls until this fall.

Fire Destroys Mount Airy Home

Fire of undetermined origin at 10 o'clock Oct. 10 destroyed the 12-room two-story frame residence of Mrs. Eliza McMillan, 80-year-old widow of 178 Maple street.

A small boy playing in a neighbor's yard discovered the blaze coming through the roof of the McMillan home and turned in the alarm. The Mount Airy Fire Department responded to the call and kept the nearby residences from being destroyed.

Practically all the contents of the home were destroyed. The loss is estimated at around \$15,000, partially covered by insurance.

BELK'S WINS CONTEST

Belk's Store of Greensboro won the window display contest conducted during fire prevention week in that city. Sears, Roebuck Co. was second with Duke Power Co., third. Honorable mention went to Silver's, Ellis Stone, Meyer's, Grant's and Phipps Hardware.

Man Told of Home Fire — Not F. D.

A Lenoir furniture factory employee was called to his home in a hurry Oct. 7. The caller said it was an emergency.

It was—his house was on fire. The fire department was called half an hour later but it was too late. Lenoir firemen reminded that the fire department should be notified first—especially on fire fives miles from the city.

Lumberton Gets New Shipment of Hose

Lumberton Fire Department has received a shipment of 1,200 feet of new hose to be used on a new pumper expected to be shipped soon.

Chief E. J. Glover said the 1,200 feet of two and one-half inch hose would be placed on the new piece of equipment, plus 200 feet of one and one-half inch and 200 feet of three-quarter inch booster line.

The new pumper is expected to arrive in Lumberton about Nov. 1.

Two S. C. Cities Suffer Fire Loss

Fire in Conway caused damage estimated at \$50,000 Oct. 5 in a fire that raged for one and one-half hours in the Carrol Motor company before being brought under control by the County Volunteer Fire Department.

The flames were not discovered in the building until they began shooting through the roof of the two-story brick and concrete structure about 10 o'clock. Firemen rushed to the scene and began putting water on the roof and inside the building. Then began a long fight which hundreds of persons gathered to watch.

The main damage was to the motor firm's department where \$20,000 worth of parts were (Continued On Page Four.)

Henderson Firemen Catch Two Big Fires In As Many Days

Two firemen were overcome, and fire damage mounted to high thousands of dollars Oct. 9 in Henderson's second conflagration in two days.

The Satterwhite Furniture company in the heart of the retail district of the town was gutted by a fire which originated at 4 p. m. in a second story Negro beauty parlor.

Flames ate their way through a rear wall into the furniture store and gradually burned to Main street.

All fire fighting equipment except an old truck was pressed into service to combat the flames and Mayor Henry Powell called Oxford to send a pumper which assisted in stemming the rolling tide of flame.

The fire in the beauty parlor reportedly originated in an oil stove which flared up. A Negro barber shop on the first floor was almost a total loss.

On Oct. 8 a fire which reportedly started in a hay storage, did an estimated \$250,000 in damages.

The offices and warehouse of the Watkins Synod Wholesale Grocery company were destroyed. Several other buildings were damaged. Officials said that the grocery building and its stock were valued at 100M each and were partially insured.

Two firemen were overcome by smoke in the second blaze, Hamlin Lloyd, who had the same experience in the fire the day before, and Lindbergh Faulkner. Roth were put to bed temporarily.

CHILD FATALLY BURNED

Marvin Baldwin, nine-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Baldwin, perished Oct. 9 when fire destroyed the home in the Poppy Holler section of Hendersonville.

R. P. Freeman, assistant Henderson county coroner, said no inquest will be held.

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A LONG STEP

Now, just after fire prevention week, seems a good time for a moment's reflection. It seems a common habit to compare today's situation with that of the "good old days," but a shorter period of time will sometimes give a more accurate and astonishing picture.

Consider the progress in the fire service in the state since the close of World War II. Think of the new apparatus that has been purchased, equipment in general that has been modernized and added. It's true that the war years slowed the normal acquisition of such items, yet that makes the rapid recovery even more amazing.

Another noteworthy point is the increased interest of the public in the fire service. Somewhere down the line we have begun to realize the enormous power of public relations and it has begun to pay-off.

It's natural for a citizen to brag a little about his own city or community, but he is inclined to have some bias of truth or pride in what he is talking about. The average man knows a lot more about his fire department than ever before, it makes him interested, increases his knowledge and so goes the cycle.

The politicians, before an election, always look for what they call a "ground swell"—something of an intangible feeling that indicates the thoughts and feelings of the mass of people. It looks as if

there might be a ground-swell rising for the fire department. Let's hope so, but like the politicians, let's hope it builds into a thing of real strength and meaning.

We've taken a long step as firemen in the last few years and with work can show we have only begun to stretch our legs.

Report:**Denton Fire Dept.**

This department is fairly young, considering the fact that the town it protects is quite an old settlement. It was organized in 1939 when the first public water works system was installed and began with a hose reel. A short time later a used Model A other used hose wagon purchased and served for several years. This apparatus was sold and another used hose wagon purchased from Asheboro. In 1949 the department received its present pump, a 1949 Open built Ford 500, 300 gallon tank, 1500 ft. 2 1/2 inch, and approximately 300 ft. 1 1/2 wyeed and tray loaded. This shiny new equipment was, and still is, the pride of the town and community.

The internal organization of the department is that of 16 men, two of which are regular town employees. Chief Lomax is one of these two and is also water superintendent.

Regular meetings and drills are not scheduled but are held when though necessary. The alarm system is based on telephones and an electric siren. The telephone operator receives the calls, sounds the siren, gathers at the station and phone for location of the fire.

Water supply is from a nearby creek. Originally the town depended upon wells but these were found to be unreliable. Now the creek has proved to be the same and the community has, and still is, faced with a critical water shortage. The hydrant net seems to be good, with very few locations that can not be reached with the hose load carried.

This department is not a member of the State Association, but is becoming more aware of its responsibilities in the general battle against fire.

The local government carries accident insurance on the men however, they receive no pay of any kind.

Local ordinance limits answering of calls more than one mile from the city limits; however, this is not rigidly enforced. A

minimum charge of \$25.00 is made on outside calls.

The station is small but adequate, and well located. Interest is good and the entire community takes pride in the department.

BLAME THE MAIL

This week's column should have appeared last week, but for some reason the mail was a day late and it did not arrive in time for publication. We think it is a good condensation of all the many "cautions" we urge upon the public during fire prevention week and should be brought to the attention of the people. If you can't use it now, hold it in your files until an appropriate time—it's good.

A Fire Chief Says

BY CHIEF M. G. BROWN

This is Fire Prevention Week, a time for every property owner to stop and think and to take constructive action on his own fire safety problems.

How do you rate, for example, on this little check list that appeared last year and which is reprinted by request:

1. Do you know how to turn in (Continued On Page Three).

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A FIRE CHIEF SAYS

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an alarm? (Do you know where your nearest alarm box is?)

2. Have you and your family rehearsed just what you would do in case fire broke out in various parts of your home?

3. Have you cleaned out your basement and attic lately to be sure they're as fire safe as possible?

4. Do you have the proper types of extinguishers at various potential danger spots in your home?

5. Are you sure all your extinguishers are "approved by the Underwriters?"

6. Are matches kept in a safe place, away from children?

7. Are paints, varnishes and flammable cleaning fluids stored in a safe place in closed containers?

8. Has the electrical wiring in your home been checked by a competent electrician during the past year?

9. Has your chimney been inspected for flue cracks and other possible defects within the past six months?

10. Are oily rags and mops

properly safe guarded?

11. Do you have an adequate supply of ash trays?

There's only one answer for a perfect score. If you answered "no" to any of these questions, or even hesitated for a minute before answering "yes," now's the time to mend your ways. Let's try to make ever week Fire Prevention Week!

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STATISTICIAN PRAISED

(Continued From Page One) sentence of two years for negligence.

Tar Heels still die, and homes are destroyed, when oil or gasoline is poured from a can to start a fire in wood or coal heaters. And in 1948 a gallon jug of gasoline broken in an office resulted in fumes that were sucked into a gas heater. The ensuing explosion brought serious injuries to a man in the office.

Ashes left in pasteboard and wooden boxes on porches contributed to the destruction in the destruction in the state, and despite the almost universal use of electric lights in homes and businesses, exploding lamps still help to build up totals.

Burning sulphur candles to get rid of squirrels in one case last

year not only got rid of the squirrels but \$3,670 worth of property as well. A blaze that started from an electric smoldering iron on a work bench consumed property valued at \$19,469.

Halloween candles in a win-

dow have a habit of setting curtains on fire, with devastating results for the hapless home owner. (Don't you think that is a pretty good story. We suggest you get your local newspapers to reprint it also. Ed.)

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Statistician Gets Recognition For Job Well Done

(The following appeared in the Oct. 23, 1953 issue of the Raleigh News and Observer and we are happy to reprint it for our readers. Ed.)

A 'DEADLY SERIOUS HOBBY'
By J. Gaskill McDaniel

Compiling facts and figures on unusual Tar Heel blazes is the deadly serious hobby of Albert W. Brinson, who has served as statistician of the North Carolina Firemen's Association longer than any other man in history.

Since taking office in 1940, the former New Bern fire chief has delved into the cause of innumerable blazes across the length and the breadth of the Old North State. For his efforts he reaped data that is grimly intriguing, and reading it may save your life, or the life of your loved ones.

Let's peep over the shoulder of this quiet, soft-spoken man, and presume some of the neatly tabulated cases on his desk. An overwhelming number of them stemmed from carelessness, the sort of carelessness that all of us are guilty of, at one time or another.

Others are strange enough to raise the eyebrows of Ripley himself, if the Believe It Or Not cartoonist could return from the grave! They may never be repeated, here or elsewhere, but don't be surprised if Fate dumps one of these curious conflagrations at your doorstep tomorrow, or today.

Smoking in bed takes a toll every month, in every year. Usually, it's the smoker who dies in flaming agony, but elderly non-smokers and helpless children are often burned to death, too.

In one case last year, for example, a 65-year-old man, a 65-year-old woman and a four-year-old girl were burned to death. Three other small children were seriously burned. Their mother, the smoker, was given a

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Joint Effort Stops Fire At Orphanage

A fire in the boy's building of Nazareth Orphanage was put out Oct. 27 by the Granite Quarry Fire Department.

The blaze started in the attic. The motor of the Crescent fire fighting equipment failed soon after the blaze was discovered. The Granite Quarry firemen answered the call. A hole about six feet across had burned through the ceiling when the firemen arrived.

The blaze was quickly controlled and damage was estimated at \$200. Faithful firemen arrived just a few minutes after the arrival of the Granite Quarry truck.

Lumber Firm Fire Damage Reckoned

Officials of Leak Lumber Co. of Rockingham have counted up damage from a fire which damaged one building and machinery at the plant.

Origin of the fire was not known. No one was at the plant when the fire started some time Oct. 25 (Sunday afternoon).

Firemen said that the wide space between buildings at the plant prevented a disastrous fire.

Leaf Valued At More Than \$12M Burns

Loss by fire of two tobacco storage barns was disclosed at Oxford Oct. 27 by C. B. Keller, owner of extensive farm property in Granville county.

Keller said tenants on his farm on Trison Camp Road, known as the Roberts farm, reported the two buildings burned, destroying tobacco valued at \$12,000.

WHAT'S YOUR IDEA

ON THE

"BROCK" MEMORIAL

Rutherfordton Man Named To Insurance Commissioner Post

Gov. Umstead, Oct. 26, appointed a life-long friend and supporter, Charles F. Gold of Rutherfordton, as state insurance commissioner. He thus filled the vacancy created by the resignation of Waldo Cheek, who joined a Charlotte insurance firm in an executive capacity.

Decision to name Gold, a lawyer, apparently was reached over the weekend and the governor made the announcement as soon as he reached his office Monday morning.

There had been little endorsement of Gold, and his appointment came as another Umstead surprise. He will assume office Nov. 16. Until then and as for the last ten days the post will be filled by Deputy Commissioner Charles Hasteler.

Gold, 41, was a member of the Senate in 1951. He is an Episcopalian and the father of two children. He is a Davidson College graduate, and studied law at Chapel Hill. He was secretary to the late U. S. Rep. A. L. Bulwinkle from 1940 to March, 1950. He is a veteran of the last World War, and formerly was solicitor and judge of his county recorder's court.

Oxford Couple Watch Home Burn

An aged farm couple lost their life's accumulation of house furnishings early Oct. 25 when fire destroyed the house they occupied on the farm of Dr. W. L. Taylor, six miles northwest of Oxford in the Gela Community.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Frazier were busy repacking tobacco in an outbuilding when Mrs. Frazier saw the house enveloped in flames. Nothing was saved.

Mrs. Frazier, in a highly nervous state, was taken to Granville hospital.

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JUST RAMBLING

Most of the time the business of operating this newspaper is a scramble between advertising, circulation and editorial staffs. One wants more ad space, another wants to plug for subscriptions, and you've heard this column grumble about not having enough news space. Each week there is a compromise, and for this time we are dispensing with the usual editorial comment just to chat a little.

Like most fire departments we get a lot of circulars, etc., read some of them and once in a great while see something that gets our attention. The other day we got a letter containing descriptive literature about a small transmitter called the "Portafone," put out by the Stewart Warner people, that operates on the "Citizens Radio" band. This band is one in which almost anybody can get a license and can get himself assigned a personal frequency. It is a very short range operation, a few hundred yards, and we can't see that it has much practical application in fire department use, since it does not operate on bands that are currently in use and can not be tied to an existing system. Right nice looking little gadget though, and it will likely find plenty of use in other lines.

Received a very nice letter from the Southport department. They say they finally have a post office box of their own and hope

that they will not have the trouble getting their mail that they had in the past when it went to the town office. They state that they had been receiving their copy of the H and N infrequently, investigated and found that it hadn't gotten by the office, or was lost in the scramble. They have their own box now and think the service will improve. This makes us wonder how many other departments might be having the same trouble. Many receive their mail via the town clerk, maybe it gets sidetracked. Anybody that is having that trouble with this paper please let us know—we'll change the address to whatever you say.

Received a photo from Chief Reynolds of the Lewisville department showing the Forsyth county units lined up in front of the grandstand just before their show at the fair. Got it too late to get in this week—will try for next.

Received our copy of a letter from Secretary Miller requesting that the departments submit their ideas on a memorial for the late Sherwood Brockwell. Don't say that letter down. Send in your ideas.

Enjoyed the chat. Wish we could do it more often, but space doesn't seem to allow it.

Burlington Chief's Removal in Question

A decision in the controversial issue of the Fire Department in Burlington is being anxiously awaited by the personnel involved and much of the city's population.

City Manager J. D. Mackintosh indicated no decision has been made (Oct. 27) on the petition signed by 28 firemen asking the resignation of Fire Chief Romo C. Fortune. This decision will not be forthcoming for a day or so according to the report.

The firemen last Wednesday presented their petition in which they listed a number of grievances, most of them directed against the fire chief. In the petition they stated that their own resignations would be forthcoming if the chief is not removed from office.

The city manager said (Oct. 27)

that he is investigating in detail the various charges made in the petition and at a meeting of the firemen, fire chief and city manager.

Two rumors were also denied by the city manager. He contradicted the allegation that he had already made a decision in the case. He also stated he knew of no grounds for a story that Chief Fortune has resigned.

In a follow-up in the firemen's charge that they are being deprived of rightful salary adjustments, the city manager and the city treasurer are making a study of the pay scale as it applies to members of the Fire Department. As the departmental issue continued through its sixth day, several individuals and delegations visited the city manager's office with regard to the matter.

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A Fire Chief Says

BY CHIEF M. G. BROWN

"Firemen cut oil off and stood by." This is a familiar phrase that often appears on our fire alarm reports. A lot of people don't take the time to adjust the flow of oil to a heating or cooking unit, after it has been lit—results: fire out of control.

By the same token, if other types of heating equipment (wood, coal, etc.) don't receive a certain amount of safety attention at the time of ignition, fire out of control is highly probable. We answered two fire alarms within one hour last Tuesday that were caused by home owners failing to regulate the flow of fuel to oil circulators. Fortunately no one was burned and the damage to the dwelling was small. Carelessness with heating equipment was one of the leading causes of 134 home fires last year in our city.

To stop fire from getting out of control in your oil circulator follow these five safety rules: (1) Buy the Underwriters approved type oil circulator. Make sure that the circulator is installed according to instructions that comes

with each unit. (2) Keep circulator clean and in good working condition. (3) Use the proper type oil. (4) Stay with the unit after the oil is turned into the fire box until the blaze is regulated. (5) Should the stove become too hot cut off the supply of fuel.

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West Virginians Wed In Firehouse

There was nothing unusual about the double wedding in Mt. Airy recently except that it was held in the city's fire department with a fire truck as the background instead of flowers.

It happened this way. Two couples drove up to a citizen and asked him where the court house could be located. Not knowing what they wanted he sent the couples down to the city hall where they contacted Fire Chief Ed Brannock.

The couples told Chief Brannock they wanted to get married but did not have time to go to South Carolina and asked if there wasn't some way they could get it done in Mt. Airy. They were sent to a doctor for a blood test and shortly after lunch that task was completed. Next was to get the marriage license. The couples were taken to the residence of the register of deeds who issued them licenses.

At 5 p. m. they arrived at the fire house for the ceremony. Nineteen persons were in attendance to watch the couples become

united with Chief Brannock and his wife as two of the witnesses. After the wedding ceremony the couples and guests were served soft drinks.

(Anything can happen in a fire station, but we'd like to know if anyone has a tale to top this. Ed.)

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Grady King, Chief Of Kings Mountain Department, Dies

Grady William King, fire chief at Kings Mountain since the organization of the fire department in 1931, died December 31 at his home on West Mountain street. He was 58.

Funeral services were held at the home January 1 at 3:30 p. m. with burial at the Mountain Rest Cemetery.

King was owner of the G. W. King Garage in addition to his duties at the fire department. He was born in Rutherford county and had lived in Kings Mountain most of his life. He is survived by his wife, five brothers and three sisters.

Hamlet Saves Store In 8-Mile Run

HAMLET—Three engines from Hamlet Fire Department answered a call to the store of Z. V. Fate, Incorporated at Osborne, at noon on the 5th of January.

Using fog from two engines the fire was quickly brought under control with an estimated damage of not more than two hundred dollars in spite of the fact that the apparatus answering had to make a run of eight miles from Central Station after a long distance phone report was received that a container of roofing compound had exploded in the store.

Odds and Ends

We dislike using this method to "catch-up" on the news, but right now we don't seem to have a choice. Some of these stories rate more space but the information received was too sketchy to elaborate.

Cleveland

The home of the C. P. Cashion family on Academy street was (Continued On Page Three.)

50 Escape Tenement Fire In High Point

High Point Fire Chief Claude Canady estimated that at least 50 persons were asleep in a Negro tenement which was gutted by fire early December 30. He added that "they were lucky to get out of the building."

Building Inspector A. R. Strange said the structure housed too many apartments for the size lot it occupies and indicated that, while the building has been approved to meet sanitary standards, it was still a fire hazard.

He indicated that owners may be restricted from rebuilding the rear portion destroyed by the blaze.

Woman And Pet Perish In Fire

Mrs. F. G. Tilley, 50, and her fox terrier pet were found dead in a bedroom at her home in Winston-Salem January 4.

Dr. V. M. Long, Forsyth county coroner, said both died of suffocation. Fire Chief M. G. Brown said the fire probably started from an aburning cigarette.

Chief Brown said Mrs. Tilley was alone in the house with the dog. He said the cigarette apparently set fire to the bed after Mrs. Tilley had dozed off and was apparently overcome by smoke.

\$50,000 Fire At Shallotte

Explosions and fire destroyed a supermarket at Shallotte early January 5. Alvin B. Willis of Shallotte, the owner, estimated the loss at \$50,000.

Willis said the store was in process of being remodeled and was fully stocked. He added that there was no sign of fire when workmen left the establishment about midnight after laying asphalt tile. The first explosions (Continued On Page Three.)

Carrboro Hit By \$25,000 Fire

Over \$25,000 damage was done by fire December 30 that swept through a store building in the heart of Carrboro.

The fire gutted the Carrboro Cafe and the adjoining Carrboro Barber Shop before it was brought under control about 3 a. m. by Chapel Hill and Carrboro firemen.

A newspaper delivery truck driver who noticed the blaze in the shop about 2 a. m. as he passed through the town turned the alarm. Proprietor Alf C. Weaver had closed his cafe for the night about an hour beforehand. Neither he nor Jess Heckner, owner of the barber shop in the same building, had any insurance on their properties.

Firemen have not been able to determine how the fire started. Thick brick walls on both sides of the one-story brick-front building prevented the flames from spreading into adjacent establishments.

The burned-out structure was about 35 years old. Twenty regular and volunteer firemen from Carrboro and Chapel Hill answered the alarm. They shot water on the flames from two hydrants almost in front of the building and from another one behind it.

Chapel Hill Fire Chief Bud Perry described the fire as "a pretty stubborn one." Flames destroyed the interior and roof of the building before they were put out.

The Carrboro Beauty Shop, on one side of the burned building, was fully protected from damage by the 20-inch double brick walls on its side. However, water seeped into the floor of an adjoining hardware store on the other side where the floor was 12 inches lower. There was no damage caused by the water in the store though there was considerable smoke damage.

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A HARD DECISION

A few days ago Chief A. E. Lundy of the Pinecroft-Sedgefield department had a hard decision to make. His department received a call to a non-member's property and to comply with the rules of his department, he was forced to watch the building be destroyed by fire.

We have no doubt that Chief Lundy and the members of his department have had to swallow some bitter criticism for their actions. Public opinion is quick to rally to the plight of the unfortunate and often short-sighted. We doubt if they were as loud as the critics but we believe most of the 800 odd "dues-paying members" approved the action of the department.

Somehow, perhaps because it is an emergency service dealing with life and property, many people seem to expect fire departments to render their service to any all who may desire it—without thought as to cost.

For instance, can you imagine the manager of a large corporation giving away one day's production of his factory, in direct violation of orders issued by his directors? That in effect is what Chief Lundy would have been doing had he fought the fire of a non-member.

One of the evils that beset "membership" type fire departments has always been the attitude that a fire department

should answer anyone who calls it, and the only way that seems practical to eliminate this evil is by the "fire district" method in which everyone pays his share and the department answers all within its area. Pinecroft-Sedgefield is now in the process of setting-up the machinery to determine by election whether the people in their area want full coverage and are willing to pay for it. It's our opinion that the election will carry overwhelmingly for the district as it has in all other places where such elections have been held. Basically, it is a choice of the majority of the people whether they are willing to pay for what they want as a group, or whether they want to buy this protection in individual portions.

Though it's hard to refuse a man help when he is in trouble, it is still a fundamental truth that we are entitled only to what we pay for.

New Policies In Pinecroft-Sedgefield

Policies of the Pinecroft-Sedgefield Fire District have been changed but will last only until the area can be voted into Guilford county's governmental framework. Robert McNeely, attorney and business manager for the district, reports that

The area's fire department, headed by Chief A. E. Lundy, is circulating petitions for and election which could establish a fire protection district. Petitions probably will be presented to the county commissioners in February so that commissioners may set a date for the election.

Policy changes going into effect are aimed at reserving fire fighting service for the 800 dues-paying members. Under the new rules, equipment would be used only if a subscriber's property were afire or endangered. Non-members will be aided if their lives are endangered or if they have been residents of the district 60 days or less.

The young writer eagerly sought the editor's advice: "Do you think I should put more fire into my articles?" he asked. "No," replied the editor wearily, "I recommend just the opposite."

A Fire Chief Says

BY CHIEF M. G. BROWN
The months from December to March have always been the most dangerous, according to fire experts, who have charged an average monthly fire losses for many years. Coupled with the information that fire losses in the United States this year are expected to go over eight hundred million dollars, an all-time high, we are facing some unhappy times over the next few weeks.

Now is the time for us—all of us—and that includes you, to do something about stopping this needless waste of life and property. You can be sure that your fire department, fire protection agencies and other public and private organizations interested in fire safety will do their part.

But our work is only as good as you let it be. Actually the primary job is yours, whether you like it or not. You are the one who can make conditions in your home fire safe. You can keep an eye out for careless handling of matches, cigarettes and other flames when they are small and doing a useful service. We only get called when you or someone near you has failed.

Fire losses can be cut. They can be cut drastically. Your fire department can put out fires rapidly, especially if we get called in time. But you and your friends are the ones who can stop the flames from starting.

Frozen Pipe Fires

We have had several fires caused by people using an open flame to thaw-out frozen water pipes. This is a dangerous practice.

Never use a flaming roll of paper, inflammable liquids, lamps or lanterns to thaw pipes or to keep them from freezing. In fact, we don't know of any safe home remedy for cutting the ice loose. Our safety suggestion is to call a qualified plumber.

GONE TO BLAZES

The city's fire loss for December was \$9,347; 143 alarms. 1953 fire loss amounted to \$219,835 which is \$110,840 over 1952's fire loss record. Stop fires and save lives and property.

SHOPTALK

"What does your husband work at?" one woman asked of another. "He's a fire inspector for the fire department," replied the other. "Fire Inspector? what are his duties?" was the next query. "It's hard to say exactly," explained the second woman. "No, if we women did it, they'd call it nagging."

Fire Destroys Feed Barn Near Sedgefield

A feed barn belonging to Mrs. Maggie Dalton at 532 Creek Ridge Road burned to the ground January 2 as the result of a policy adopted January 1 by the Pinecroft-Sedgefield Department.

Chief Lundy stated that the barn was insured for \$450 and contained some feed and a studio couch which were destroyed. Under the new policy, Lundy's department will fight fires for members only, unless a life is involved or the fire is on property where the owner has lived for 60 days or less. Since Mrs. Dalton was not a member, the department could not take action, Lundy said.

Formerly service was given non-members on a fee basis, but this system proved financially impractical, Lundy stated.

Mt. Airy Store Damaged By Fire

A fire on December 29 caused estimate at several thousand dollars to Boyles Shoe Store in Mt. Airy.

Mt. Airy Fire Chief J. Ed Brannock said that loss derived from damages to both the building and stock.

A toy ferris wheel in one window run by an electric motor was believed to be the source of the blaze.

The fire was controlled after an hour of action by firemen. Most of the loss was in the front of the building, while smoke and water damaged merchandise within.

The adjoining businesses were all damaged by smoke and water in various degrees.

Hundreds of people watched as firemen battled the blaze in the center of the business section.

ODDS AND ENDS

(Continued From Page One.) destroyed by fire January 1.

A little of the furniture and some clothing were the only articles saved from the flames that gushed through the frame building. None of the nine persons living in the house were injured.

Greensboro

Greensboro firemen attacking the abandoned ice box menace under a new city ordinance removed hinges and latches from six potential traps last week 18

reported by Asst. Chief Fred Truivo.

The boxes, similar to those that caused the death by suffocation of at least a dozen youngsters throughout the nation last summer, were discovered in a vacant lot on Battleground avenue.

Newton

Approximately \$1,500 damage was done to the recently built house of G. L. James on the Providence road six miles south of Newton by fire shortly before midnight Christmas Eve.

The damage to the one-story frame residence was limited to a closet and portion of the ceiling. It is believed that faulty wiring in or near live furnace was the cause of the fire. There was no one at home at the time of the blaze, but the alarm was given by neighbors.

Newton and Maiden firemen were called and extinguished the blaze.

Burlington

Patsy Ruth Watkins, 22, of Alamance county, died Christmas Day of burns suffered December 18 when her clothing caught fire from an open stove.

Lenoir

W. Otis King, 56, died almost instantly of burns sustained at his home near Hudson December 26 when he toppled from a straight chair into a fireplace.

Caldwell County Coroner Marshall Kincaid said that Mr. King was alone at the home at the time of the mishap.

The coroner said that his investigation revealed that Mr. King, who had been sitting in a straight chair in front of the fireplace, evidently dozed off and toppled into the fireplace where he was critically burned and his clothing caught fire.

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Joe Hallett Offers New Publication

Joseph Hallett, former Deputy Chief of the Norwell (Mass.) Fire Department, is preparing a handbook and guide for fire fighters with hobbies, and buffs who wish to keep a convenient record of their activities. This book will be called "The Visiting Fireman," and contain lists of these men with special notes about their interests. Lists of fire museums and collections, a "swappers column," information about box clubs, contests, articles on fire photography, model apparatus building, old and modern departments, and other firemanic subjects are planned, and pages will be provided for notes, records and addresses.

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nent nearest the scene of the fire.

Garmon McCall is the newly elected president of the association and is also one of the nine directors of the group. He is ably assisted by a number of other men, one of whom, Malcolm Glendening, is in charge of public relations and publicity. Through Glendening's efforts the widely publicized "fire week" was held in Mecklenburg to focus attention on the work of the rural group. Highlights of the week were the TV shows, parades and demonstration.

(A lot of Mecklenburg firemen don't know it, but Glendening took a week of his vacation to get this job done. Ed.)

The Paw Creek meeting is scheduled to get underway about 6 p. m., with the demonstrations followed by the dinner at 7 p. m. Full attendance is expected.

LUMBERTON SCRAMBLE

(Continued From Page One.)

events resulting from the fire. Charles Branch, 16, of Lumberton rushed toward the fire and wrecked his new automobile and

sustained minor injuries. C. L. Collins of Red Springs fell down stairs and suffered a painful injury in his eagerness to see where the fire trucks were going.

Robert Clewis, volunteer fireman, sustained injuries at the scene when he ran through a barbed-wire fence. (Nobody knows but we all have days like this. Ed.)

LENOIR PUP

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happened to the puppy until they heard it whimpering in an old well on the back porch of the residence.

They called the firemen. Fireman Sam Williams was let down the well on a rope tied to a safety belt. He came out with the puppy, which had been in the well for about a week.

The puppy was hungry but outside of that was reported to be in good shape.

JUST CHECKING UP

A Haverhill, Mass., woman was fined \$25 for sounding a false fire alarm. The young lady explained: A fireman failed to

show up for a date she had with him and she wanted to know if he was working.

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Second Large Fire Strikes Leaksville

The second large fire to strike in the Leaksville business district within a week swept through the DeHart building late January 13, causing an estimated damage of \$94,000 to \$90,000.

Volunteer firemen from Leaksville, Spray and Draper battled the flames more than three hours before bringing them under control.

Leaksville Chief Glenn Simpson stated he believed the fire started on the second floor of the building which housed a five and tent store on the ground floor and offices on the second.

The fire was discovered about 3:30 p. m., and firemen reached the scene minutes after the alarm was turned in. First efforts to control the fire, however, were hampered by great billows of smoke issuing from the building.

Mecklenburg Ass'n. Meets At Paw Creek On January 26th

The Mecklenburg County Volunteer Firemen's Association will hold its regular meeting January 26 at the Paw Creek Legion Hut with the dinner preceded by an exhibition of equipment and a series of demonstrations.

This Association is composed chiefly of the men from the various units of Mecklenburg county, which with the addition of one newly organized department will make a total of 13 in the area. The officers of the group are now assembling information and statistics but the active membership is known to be approximately 400 men. This organization developed and through the cooperation of the Mecklenburg Rural Police, put into effect the plan whereby all rural calls are received by the Rural Police who serve as the dispatching agent for the department. (Continued On Page Four.)

\$55,000 Loss In Smithfield Garage

Fire of undetermined origin gutted the garage of Buies Motors Inc., of Smithfield January 15, causing an estimated damage of \$55,000.

Ten cars were burned, including seven new ones. Harold Salisbury, manager of the firm, said the loss was partially covered by insurance.

The showroom, business office and a garage addition to the rear of the showroom office suffered only smoke damage. Volunteer firemen battled the blaze for nearly three hours, preventing it from spreading to adjacent buildings.

Milton Purchases New Fire Truck

Milton may still not have telephone service, but it has a shiny new fire engine. It rolled into town a few days ago. It was made possible by the concerted action of a number of Milton men who have long realized the danger of a town with no telephones and unable to summons fire fighting help from nearby communities in a time of crisis.

It is understood that the men went into their own pockets to secure the apparatus and that the Milton Woman's club gave financial support.

A volunteer fire fighting corps is now being recruited. A chief has yet to be selected. (Note: What did they get? Anybody have more information? Ed.)

Three Hurt In Lumberton Scramble

The home of a Negro minister burned to the ground January 14 about a mile outside the city limits of Lumberton, a serious loss but three other persons joined in the suffering, a chain of (Continued On Page Four.)

Southeastern Meets At Charlotte June 7 Through 10

The Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs, comprising 10 southeastern states, will meet in Charlotte June 7-10.

Chief Donald S. Charles expressed himself well pleased with the association's choice of Charlotte as the 1954 convention city. The conference has been held in Charlotte only once in its long history, that in 1929. The Charlotte Fire Department is already formulating plans for entertaining and playing host to this conference. The attendance is expected to include 600 members of the association, as well as some of the nation's outstanding officials of the fire service.

Hotel Charlotte will be the convention headquarters and elaborate displays of various types of fire fighting equipment will be shown for the benefit of visiting firemen and the interested public.

Chief Charles has an exceptionally long record of 36 years in the fire service, having started in 1917 and worked up through the ranks to chief in June, 1948.

(What are you putting this for? Anybody who doesn't know Donald Charles isn't a fireman anyway—not in North Carolina, at least. Ed.)

The Southeastern association is one of the largest and most progressive of all the affiliated associations that compose the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

Lenoir Firemen Save Pup From Well

Members of the Lenoir Fire Department are continuing to do all sorts of things "beyond the call of duty."

The latest job was the rescue of a fluffy white puppy from a well. The folks wondered what had (Continued On Page Four.)

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KEEP SCRATCHING

There may be other professions in which the conscientious worker fights more frustration than the fire service, but not many more. To the man who is sincere in his efforts to protect life and property it may seem that he is confronted with an almost unbroken line of defeats and evasions.

It's human nature to magnify our failures simply because the impression they make lasts longer in our minds than the impressions made by our successes.

A fairer appraisal of what has been done will certainly show that a great deal has been accomplished—much of it from a different angle from that which it was originally approached. There are few fire departments who have not made progress in the past few years, and progress is not always measured in equipment or facilities.

We are thinking now of a department in one of the smaller towns that for some years has had reasonably adequate equipment, reasonable housing for it, and surprisingly enough—money left in the budget at the end of the year. The truth of the matter was that they really didn't have a fire department simply because they lacked the organization and training necessary to make efficient use of the equipment and facilities they had.

This department drug on several years in this manner, re-

sponding when the alarm sounded, doing a pretty sloppy job with a lot of uncalled-for water damage, piling the hose back on the truck and hustling it back in the station—to sit, until the next alarm. This is no attempt to fix blame or say just what was the matter, just a recitation of the facts.

A short while ago other people began to wake up to the facts—the people in the town this department was supposed to protect, and from this awakening came one of the most energetic and efficient units of its size you can imagine.

As outsiders, we can say that lack of organization was responsible for the previous sorry showing, but actually that isn't entirely true. Part of the problem was the lack of interest on the part of the people who made up the town itself.

With this description in mind reflect for a moment and try to note the changes in your own department over the past few years. Most of the time you probably can't say that any one thing caused this change, but rather it was a series of things and conditions that brought the change about.

When a man is most down-hearted, blue, low in his mind, or whatever you want to call it, he's usually at a turning point. His actions at this time of depression usually determine to a great extent what his future course will be. When you think you're whipped that's the time to begin to fight, and it may be smart to alter your plan of attack. At any rate, we know full well that we will never win by giving up and quitting.

The ups and downs form the pattern of our lives and the recoveries we make from them usually determine our value, or worth to ourselves and our communities.

It's an old saying, but still a true one, that if we expect to succeed in any undertaking we've got to—keep scratching.

A Fire Chief Says

BY CHIEF M. G. BROWN
I cut my siren off and walked down a muddy hill to a group of spectators who were watching two companies of firemen as they gouged the last sparks of a ruined vacant house.

The spectators, on rainy last Friday afternoon, were three boys about ten years old. Boys that were so excited that I had to remind them to zip up their jackets in the drizzling rain.

"Did you see any little boys playing in the house before the fire," was my first question. "Yes," was the reply, "but I don't know anything about the fire—and I have forgotten the boys' names," was the answer.

Inside the house, I found nothing—noting but charred ruins and tired firemen.

This ruin is typical of many alarms we have and, as I have said, we usually know the answer as to the cause of a fire in a vacant building before we get to the blaze.

Keep your children from playing in vacant buildings because it endangers property and often times endangers your child's life.

The little fellow will forget details mighty easy—especially when he wants to but the owner of any property that is damaged by fire can never forget about a blaze that takes away a part of his life's earnings.

HELMETS OFF

We wish to congratulate the administrators and their staffs at Baptist, Kate Bitting and City hospitals for a job well done in fire safety. We hope your Fire Safety Program will continue to be a success. Our helmets are off to you.

SHOPTALK

Overheard in the dark: "Chief, it's so dark in here my flashlight won't shine!"

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Pipe Thawing Torch Thought Cause Of Newton House Fire

Fire January 13 caused extensive damage to the house occupied by Dr. John Sennett of Newton. Water damage was said to be high.

The blaze is believed to have originated from a blow torch being used to thaw frozen pipes, although the flame was apparently confined to the upstairs of the structure.

Water thrown on the house froze almost as it ran down the sides of the building and Newton firemen resembled walking icicles in many instances as they fought the blaze in 10-degree weather.

Fayetteville Man Dies In Home Fire

A 58-year-old Negro plywood fir worker was burned to death early January 16 when flames swept through a one-room house he occupied.

The body of A. J. "Monk" Jerrigan was taken from the ruins of the dwelling after Fayetteville firemen had brought the blaze under control.

The fire was discovered about 1 a. m. by a neighbor who told firemen the flames were leaping from the one-room structure when he discovered the blaze.

Fire Chief Carl Cain said a two-burner portable oil heater with a bursted tank was found in the ruins of the one-room dwelling. Fire was believed to have started from the heater.

High Point Furniture Plant Lost In Fire

A fire, the cause of which was not at once determined, completely destroyed a small furniture manufacturing plant early January 13 in High Point.

Firemen said the blaze swept Tripp Frame Works at 1411 Tryon St. shortly after midnight. The building burned to the ground before fire equipment arrived and machinery and equipment inside were also destroyed.

The owner stated that he carried no insurance.

Firemen said apparently flames had spread throughout the inside of the building before it was noticed and the alarm made. A nearby building was scorched by the blaze but none of the adjacent buildings caught fire.

Blaze Razes Arcade Building At Lenoir

After almost two hours of hard work, Lenoir firemen brought a fire under control in the Ballew Arcade Building in the heart of South Main St. in Lenoir January 14.

The stubborn blaze, which was reported to have originated in the furnace room in the basement, spread to the street and second floors of the building.

Considerable damage also was caused by smoke and water. The building housed the Ballew Pharmacy, a beauty shop, barber shop, insurance, realty and other offices.

Troy Fireman Injures Knee In Accident

Monday, January 11, Denny P. Brown, comic and sage of the Troy Fire Department, fell and badly fractured his left knee. The accident occurred when Denny slipped from the hood of a truck on which he was standing and fell, shattering the knee joint. Denny, who operates an independent garage across the street from the Troy Fire Station, has long been known for his wit, humor and sage philosophy. Well known to the older members of the fire service in North Carolina, Denny has visited so many fire departments in his more than 25 years of service that he can hardly remember all the places he's been, but it's a sure bet that he can tell you the mechanical condition of any fire engine he has ever seen.

Doctors at Montgomery Memorial hospital in Troy state that Denny's recovery may take some time but he eventually may expect to tinker with his engines and while he's at it, fix every kid's tricycle in town.

Monkey Business

Bobo, a monkey, lost his life January 19 in a fire that did several thousand dollars damage at the Miller Distributing company building in Hickory.

Clyde Miller, owner of the business, said Bobo probably started the fire by holding a piece of paper against a hot light bulb until it burst into flames. Bobo was cremated in his cage. There was evidence that he struggled to get out but without success. Most damage was caused by smoke that seeped from the basement to the street floor where merchandise was practically ruined.

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Thomasville Asst' Chf. Burned In House Fire

Two persons were burned, not seriously, January 20 while fighting a residence fire at 301 Fairview Road near the American Legion hut.

Those injured were Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Hartman and Dave Hinkle, owner and resident of the house.

Police Capt. Fred B. Kanoy said there appeared to be a burst of flames at a door, shooting out and up about 30 feet. Firemen said Hartman and Hinkle were burned in the explosion.

Both received treatment at City Memorial hospital. Hartman had burns on his left hand, his face and in his hair. Hinkle's chief burn was on his hand.

MODEL FIRE APPARATUS

Recently there has been established a trend toward model fire apparatus along with the established in automobiles and railroad equipment. A number of concerns now produce kits of various types of fire equipment.

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John E. Lister, volunteer fireman of Oldsmar, Fla., urged the Oldsmar Fire Department to buy a rescuator (automatic breathing apparatus). He was given the job of picking one out. It was used for the first time September 5th, and it saved a life—fireman Lister's. According to Harry Hershfield a live-wire salesman approached the manager of a factory. "I'd like your approval to sell your workmen a course that would spark and put fire into their work." "Get out of here," ordered the manager. Good idea but at the wrong place, a dynamite factory.

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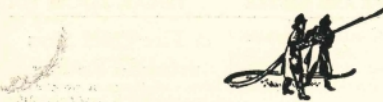
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Southern Pines To Study Plan For Outside Protection

The Southern Pines problem, like that of many other towns, of answering fire calls outside the city limits will be solved if an ordinance now under consideration is passed by the town council.

The ordinance has been prepared as the result of a study and report made by City Manager Tom E. Cunningham on request of the council. It provides for service by the volunteer fire department and town equipment only with those property owners who have previously contracted for such service with the town, paying a rate of 25 cents per \$100 property valuation.

Cunningham's study showed that in-town taxpayers are financing the fire department at the rate of 20 cents per \$100 property valuation, and have built up a considerable equity in a modern, well equipped, well-trained department, most recent addition to which was a \$20,000 LaFrance truck last May.

\$15,000 Damage In Hickory Fire

Hickory's Water and Public Works Office and Storage Building was left gutted by fire that originated in the basement January 22.

City manager H. L. Burdette estimated the loss at \$15,000.

He said that to a great extent contents of the building used for office and storage space could be salvaged.

Fire Chief Earl Moser said the fire was hard to combat in the basement as there was scarcely any escape for the fire and smoke.

6 Departments Fight Rockwell Mill Blaze

Fire January 21 spread through the plant of the Rockwell Milling company feeding on the dust and flammable contents as well as the structure of the building to destroy the roller mill an its contents in one of the largest fires of its kind in the section.

The location of the building, about a block off the main street, was near enough to other properties to set fear in the hearts of all who witnessed the blaze, and prompted the Rockwell department to request assistance from its neighbors.

Fire companies from Salisbury, Faith, Landis, China Grove, Granite Quarry and Crescent assisted in fighting the blaze, the most disastrous in Rockwell history.

Chapel Hill Refuses "Outside" Plan

Chapel Hill suburbanites won't be able to get fire protection from the municipality any time soon.

The board of aldermen has formally rejected any such plan after initiating the consideration of the idea several months ago. A committee of suburbanites has since been studying methods whereby the town fire department could answer alarms outside the corporate limits.

In a formal statement adopted on the situation the aldermen declared:

"After careful examination of the whole question and consulting with the state's Fire Insurance Rating Bureau, we are persuaded the municipality cannot wisely undertake to help its neighbors in this respect—much it would like to do so—without violating its obligations and jeopardizing its services to those living and doing business within the corporate limits."

Youths Admit Setting Salisbury Fires

Two young boys arrested by the sheriff's department have admitted setting a number of fires in Salisbury recently which caused damage of several thousand dollars. Their identities were not revealed.

One of the youths, on parole from a reform school in Maryland, admitted that he had been present when all fires were set and the second has confessed taking part in many of them, officers said.

An investigation on a larceny case resulted in the arrest of the juveniles, one 14 and one 15 years of age. Police said greater damages would have resulted had it not been for the quick action of the fire department.

The 14-year-old parolee admitted setting fire several weeks ago to a barn in Morlan Park, belonging to Richard Atkins Walker, which resulted in around \$5,000 damage and destroyed several head of cattle and other livestock. The two also admitted burning down a house on the W. C. Goughenour farm January 21.

Police said the arrests also cleared up fires which damaged platforms of the rear of business houses in the northeast section of the city, and the heavy damage to a structure of a local fuel company, and a number of less serious blazes.

High Point Veneer Plant Lost In Fire

Fire destroyed the Peerless Veneer company of High Point early January 23.

Firemen said the three-story factory was virtually in ruins by the time they reached the scene. They said their operations were hampered by snow and freezing rain.

There was no estimate of damage. Cause of the blaze was undetermined.

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FREE SCHOOL

It's still January and for the most part the fire departments are still engaged in battling the rash of fires that accompany the cold weather; however, we think it is time to begin to look ahead to the annual training program offered by the N. C. State Fire College and Pump School.

In a few short weeks this annual session will again be offered to the firemen of North Carolina and their neighbors and, in the past, will present the best available in courses and instructors.

Now is the time for all firemen to make their plans to attend this school for in most cases it requires considerable arranging to be relieved of our normal duties in order to have the four days free that are required to complete the years course.

Quite often you hear critics say that it presents an undue hardship for many men to arrange to be free for the better part of a week to attend a school. The answer to this seems to be that thus far there has been no better solution offered that it in the realm of workability—both as to expense and the availability of instructors.

It would be nice if there could be a school that was in the reach of every fireman. One that would not interfere with his normal routine and arranged to offer as little inconvenience as possible;

but, this is sort of a daydream, particularly when we add to the qualifications that we want—the best of instructors, equipment, etc.

The word equipment brings to mind another set of critics who say that the Fire College uses a lot of methods that are not available or applicable in the smaller departments. Again, the answer seems to be that firemen of all types attend the Fire College, from all size departments, with all kinds of equipment. However, for the most part, there is little equipment and practically no methods used in the Fire College that are not applicable to the smallest department as well as the largest one. It's true that quite often there may be certain pieces of equipment demonstrated that the firemen may not have available at home, and just as often he may see demonstrated the very thing he needs to solve a problem that has been confronting him—that he didn't have the answer to.

Our feeling on equipment is that every fireman should know what is available, know what it is capable of doing, and then decide whether or not its use is practical in his department.

Our experience has been that after a man has once attended the Fire College, with a genuine will to learn, that he is never satisfied until he has completed the course. This is true to the extent that you find many men who repeat the course year after year, and have talked for some time about requesting a "post graduate" school to enhance their knowledge.

It is a fundamental streak in human nature that we as individuals can almost always find the time or devise the ways to do the things we really want to do. To the man who really wants to further his knowledge of the fire service in its various forms, there is no better answer available than the Fire College.

Now's the time to start arranging to attend, and just as soon as the date is announced—

A Fire Chief Says

BY CHIEF M. G. BROWN

One of the most progressive steps in history is now happening to fire departments all over the country. We're speaking of the advent of television, as applied to fire prevention. A superficial means that can bring firemen into the living rooms of thousands of homes to show by visual instructions how to protect life and property from fire.

Television Station WSJS realizing the significance of visual aids in fire prevention instructions, is supplying "free" public service time to your Fire Prevention Bureau. An arrangement has been worked out whereby there will be a monthly half-hour program on fire safety supplementing numerous spot announcements already carried by the channel 12 station.

The monthly fire programs will follow an entirely different pattern from shows that are usually seen on net work stations. The prevention advice will come in the form approved by the Underwriters films, discussion periods featuring local folks that have been active in fire safety campaigns and special guests from all over the state that are authorities in the fire prevention field.

We know of other North Carolina fire departments that are taking advantage of this wonderful medium of selling the firemen's product, "fire prevention." Charlotte and Greensboro are two good examples of wide awake firemen salesmen. As facilities permit other television stations and fire departments in our state will join hands for the good citizens.

What the free time given by local television stations and the hard work furnished by firemen will accomplish, in the form of fire prevention, depends on you individually. What we now think is a progressive step, televised safety programs, will have to prove their worth in a few short years or time and effort will run out.

mark the calendar. There are few towns that will not pay the expense of their men who wish to attend, but even so, we know of a few who attend at their own expense.

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Two Charlotte Firms
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An exploding oil stove sent raging flames whipping through a barber shop and a cafe in the Brooklyn section of Charlotte January 23, inflicting damage estimated up to \$10,000.

But for the swift action by Charlotte firemen, observers said, the fire would have rampaged down the entire First street block.

The entire intersection at First and Davidson streets was shrouded in heavy black smoke after the oil stove exploded in the DeLuxe Barber and Beauty Shop.

The first alarm reached the Charlotte fire headquarters at 9:06 a. m. Seconds later firemen were throwing up a curtain of water between the burning buildings and buildings behind the fire.

The blaze spread from the barber shop to the adjacent H & R Cafe, but extensive damage was contained inside those two business establishments.

"It could have been much worse," Fire Chief Donald S. Charles said. "It would have spread to the whole block if we hadn't gotten here when we did."

There was a limited amount of damage on the roof of the apart-

ment house above the barber shop was by the roof of an adjacent house.

Chief Charles, who directed fire fighting operations, placed the total damage at between \$8,000 and \$10,000.

\$500,000 Fire
Hits Sanford
Auto Firm

SANFORD, Jan. 28.—Fire, discovered at 1:10 a. m. today, caused an estimated \$500,000 damage to Brown Auto Supply company's wholesale and retail headquarters here.

The fire, of undetermined origin, was breaking through the upstairs windows of the tire and repairing division when firemen arrived. The flames fed by rubber, paints and chemicals spread quickly to other departments of the huge two-story building which housed the home store and offices from which eleven retail outlets in Central Carolina are served.

Firemen from Fort Bragg and Raleigh assisted the local department in keeping the fire from spreading to other business houses. With the exception of slight cuts on the hands of two firemen, no serious injuries were reported.

The firm, which handles auto parts, tires and household appliances, is operated by F. L. Baber.

According to Fire Chief J. P. Bridges, this was one of Sanford's costliest fires and the second of major consequences in three months. The farmers tobacco auction warehouse was destroyed during last fall's marketing season.

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Furnace Blast Burns Archdale Child

Cindy Cecil, 5, resident of Archdale, was badly burned February 4 when the furnace at her parents' home exploded.

Firemen at the Guil-Rand Department quoted the mother as saying that the child had gone to the basement to check the furnace.

The firemen said they did not find anything to indicate the cause of the explosion, and they added that no fire damage was seen.

Randolph county deputy sheriffs brought the child to the High Point Memorial hospital, where attendants said she was badly

burned on her arms and upper part of her body.

GREENSBORO TIRE CO.

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chinery valued at more than \$50,000 and used for recapping tires were not effected by the fire. They were located in a section of the building untouched by the flames.

About \$10,000 worth of new appliances had been unloaded from a freight car earlier in the day but the new stock had been stored in the warehouse rather than the building involved.

Both the fire and police departments are investigating as to the cause and extent of the damage of Greensboro's first major fire of the year.

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Mt. Airy Fire Department Celebrates 50th Year

The Mt. Airy Fire Department celebrated their 50th anniversary February 8 with a dinner and program of entertainment and recognition.

With Chief J. Ed Brannock presiding, the meeting opened with the singing of America, followed by the invocation by Hly-ton Wright. The address of welcome was by R. C. Patterson with the response by A. G. Webb.

Following the chicken dinner there was a roll call of charter members. The following men answered present as the original roster of 1904 was called: Bud Brannock, R. L. Jones, M. H. Sparger, Frank Galloway, Penn Brannock, Frank Brannock, and D. S. Hodge.

The Ex-Chiefs of the department were recognized along with the Mayor, Commissioners and visiting firemen.

Other entertainment preceded the principal address by A. B. Carter, which was followed by presentation of gifts by Chief Brannock.

The program was concluded with a song "The Lord's Prayer," by J. H. Bailey, accompanied by Mrs. Thelma Clark. (Note: It must be a thrilling experience to look over 50 years of progress in the fire service as the men on the 1904 roster can. Ed.)

Blaze Razes Jamestown Com. Center

The Oakdale Community Center at Jamestown was destroyed by fire February 6.

Officials said Mrs. Ruby McMillin, who lives near the structure, was awakened by the glow from the blaze shortly before 2 a. m. and turned in the alarm. Fire Chief George E. Matthews said when he and other firemen arrived the flames were already

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Chief Croom Resigns With 47 Years Service

The resignation of Fire Chief J. Ludie Croom as head of the Wilmington Fire Department was accepted February 10 by the City Council.

The action of Chief Croom completes 47 years of service in the city's fire department, a considerable portion of that time as chief. The resignation was effective February 1.

Croom in his letter of resignation to the City Council which was read by Councilman J. E. L. Wade stated that his resignation was brought about by the recent loss of his right leg. He continued that the condition incapacitated him and that he could no longer "fully perform his duties safely and adequately." He requested the benefits from the city as a result of his long service.

In order to obtain service benefits, Wade explained to council members that the fire chief's action was that of a resignation and not retirement.

Wade proposed a resolution which was approved unanimously by the council thanking Croom for his many years of service, that he be a guest at the new Fire Department headquarters to be constructed in the near future and that a bronze plaque be placed at the new headquarters which have inscribed on it a statement of his long service.

FIRE COLLEGE
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Greensboro Tire Co. Badly Damaged Tire

A mid-day blaze swept through a downtown Greensboro building February 8 only a few minutes after workmen had left for lunch, causing undetermined damage to the stock and interior.

All off-duty firemen were called to assist in fighting the flames and smoke at the Davis Tire Co.

More than 60 firemen, headed by Chief C. W. Wyrick, worked through the afternoon cleaning up the debris after extinguishing the flames shortly before 1:30 p. m.

Sgt. H. L. Purcell of the Greensboro Police turned in the alarm which reached Central Fire Station headquarters at 12:24 p. m.

Workmen were busy during the morning readying the stock for a move to the company's new headquarters. Owners stated that the fire would not alter plans and that the new offices would open as scheduled.

Men working in the building said they left for lunch shortly after noon. Purcell, standing at a nearby corner, noted smoke curling around the roof and sounded the alarm.

Major damage was done on the main floor of the building where a combination of fire, smoke and water damaged television sets, radio consoles, refrigerators, electric stoves, washing machines and other appliances.

Files and records kept in a down-stairs office were also badly damaged by the flames.

Another large first-floor room was written off as a total loss along with used appliances and tires stored inside, but the majority of the new and used tires sold and serviced by the company were not damaged.

An upstairs office was completely destroyed as flames spurted upward to destroy one section of the roof.

Huge molds and other material were also damaged.

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THE SEASON

The human mind is a wondrous and complex thing—unpredictable, usually rational, but in each there seems to be some streak that gets a thrill from watching the fiery flames leap and twist while consuming all they touch.

This isn't a story about pyromaniacs, but rather about the average citizen who now, as spring approaches, seems to get the urge to burn the leaves in his yard, or the dry weeds and grass in his garden plot, or just gets the burning-off fever in general.

Though the cities have more grass fires than they care for, they are not plagued continually by the householder who owns enough ground to have a fair size garden back of the house—as is usual in the smaller towns. Again, the cities can pass and enforce ordinances to curb, or he'll curb, their haphazard burnings, but in the smaller towns such ordinances are to a great extent unenforceable—simply because public opinion is against their enforcement.

So, Mr. Average Citizen gets the urge to burn off his garden, scratches a bit here and there with a hoe and sets the fire. He assumes that the slight "breeze" blowing will have no effect, and forgets that the fire will create its own draft.

Things go well and the fire burns brightly, and if it doesn't, he adds more combustible fuel in

the form of old motor oil or the like, and soon there is a nice roaring, crackling blaze. About then his wife comes out of the house to watch and suddenly they both realize that the fire is out of control. Panic stricken they attempt to beat out the fire with whatever they can lay their hands on and are usually forced to call the fire department.

Most of the time such calls are easily handled by the booster line, and for the moment, the thoughtless householder is sincerely grateful. Sometimes he has learned his lesson, but too often there will be a repeat performance next year.

As we said in the beginning, there must be a streak of pyro in most people and there doesn't seem to be a cure for it.

We believe if it were possible to compile an accurate list of all such calls that will be received by the fire departments in the next three months that the total would be staggering. And, just to offer an opinion, the cost to the cities and towns of answering these calls will very likely exceed the total value of all the products produced by the garden plots.

Two Churches Near Henderson Destroyed

Two structures of the Red Bud Baptist church (Negro) four miles west of Henderson were destroyed February 10 as a result of a grass fire getting out of control.

The two structures stood side by side. The old one of frame construction first caught fire and was burned to the ground. Wind blowing toward the new brick building carried the flames to that one and destroyed it except for a tower.

Henderson firemen took a truck to the scene but had no water supply that was adequate. Firemen and residents of the neighborhood tried unsuccessfully to beat out the flames which were overcome later only after tractor powers from nearby farms were brought into use to turn under the grass.

Assistant Fire Chief D. L. Newman said the fire completely encircled the two buildings.

NOTICE

The mail crossed us up, therefore the usual copy doesn't appear in this column. "A Fire Chief Says" will be back in its usual place next week. Ed.

Two Infants Burned Gas Explosion Fire

A three-month old baby boy and his 18-month-old sister burned to death February 7 when a two-story frame house near Lake Brandt was destroyed by flames.

Howard Shamburger, Jr. and Linda Faye Shamburger, youngest of the five children of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shamburger, were victims of a fire which began when a gas stove exploded.

The three older Shamburger children, only other occupants of the house at the time of the blaze, escaped without injury.

All personal belongings of the Negro family were destroyed.

The children's father was in Greensboro attending church services when the fire began, and when he was on an errand at a neighbor's home, about 200 yards away.

She and the neighbor rushed to the house when they saw smoke and attempted to get in to the children, but were halted by the rapidly spreading flames.

The infant was in a cradle in the living room while the older child was in bed in an adjoining room.

From talking to the 6-year-old boy, investigating highway patrolmen concluded that an exploding gas stove had started the fire.

The Summerfield Fire Department was called about 1:30 p. m. by patrolmen to cool the ashes and conduct a search for the bodies of the two children.

Summerfield Chief George Price said that he and his family saw smoke in the direction of Lake Brandt as they were driving along Highway 220, less than a mile away, shortly after noon.

He did not investigate and his department received no word on the blaze until the call from the patrolmen.

The house was described by Chief Price as a total loss, with the estimated value of the building at \$5,000.

The house, located on Kelly's Hill farm, is about 300 yards from Lake Brandt, approximately eight miles north of Greensboro.

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Jump From Flaming House Injures Fayetteville Girl

Fire developing from a flooded oil heater forced a young woman to drop from a third floor window to the porch roof of an apartment building in Fayetteville February 4.

Fayetteville firemen said Mrs. Jeanette Rouer, 19, suffered badly skinned legs, either in the drop to the porch roof or in emerging from a narrow window.

Fire spread on the second floor of the building after residents were unsuccessful in an effort to smother a flaming stove with blankets, according to Fire Chief Carl Cain.

A room and hall in the building were heavily damaged.

High Point Child Dies In Apartment Flames

Becky Lewis, 8, was burned to death February 9 in a fire that gutted the upstairs apartment of the two-story frame building where she lived.

The child's mother, Mrs. J. L. Lewis, 47, is a patient at High Point Memorial hospital, suffering from shock, according to hospital attendants.

Claude Garrett, 53, who with his family of nine, occupied the first-floor apartment in the building and described the fire and the events preceding it.

He said that both his children and Mrs. Lewis' five children have been sick with the flu. Both families, along with a Mr. and Mrs. Wright, were in the Garrett kitchen when a Garrett child went into the front rooms of the downstairs apartment and yelled that the house was on fire.

Garrett said he attempted to climb the outside fire escape to the Lewis apartment, but that the flames forced him back.

He heard Becky cry for help once before he was forced to return to the lower floor and see that his own family had escaped to safety.

When firemen reached the scene and got the blaze under control, they found Becky's charred body lying across the foot of a bed near a front window.

Cause of the blaze has not been determined.

Fire College May 3, 4, 5, and 6. Make your plans to attend.

JAMESTOWN FIRE

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ating through the roof of the building.

One pumper from High Point arrived at the scene at 2:30 a. m. and remained several hours assisting the Jamestown firemen. Some 75,000 gallons of water was pumped on the blaze.

Only a few pieces of furniture and the television set were saved.

The structure was built by Oakdale Cotton Mill in 1949 and was constructed of heavy oak logs. Cost of the structure alone was \$100,000, officials of the mill said. Although owned by the cotton mill, it was open to any group of individuals who wished to use it for meeting or recreation.

L. M. Hodgkin, secretary of the mill, said an insurance company representative had declared the building a total loss. He said it was fully covered by insurance.

Chief Matthews staid the cause of the blaze is unknown. Hodgkin, however, stated that the oil furnace in the building had been giving some trouble and could have started the fire.

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Monroe Doctor Dies In River Cabin Fire

Dr. Jack Harrel Neese, about 32, Monroe surgeon, was burned to death February 16 when flames swept through his lakeside cabin on Lake Tillery, near Norwood. The fire leveled the cabin before fire trucks from nearby Norwood arrived. Origin of the fire was not determined, but reports indicated that the doctor kept large amounts of gasoline in the cabin to operate a motorboat.

Snowed Under

This is an explanation by the Editor to the readers of this paper, and to our friends in the Forsyth county departments. Just read and you'll see why this is necessary.

Some time ago our friend, Glenn Ray of the Winston-Salem Journal-Sentinel wrote to ask if we would be interested in a story about the development and progress of the rural fire departments of Forsyth county. Our answer was yes... that we thought perhaps the publication of such a

story would not only be interesting to our readers but might serve to give them some ideas they could use.

We now have our copy that Glenn promised. It is the editorial page of the Journal-Sentinel, devoted almost entirely to the story.

The best we can figure, there is enough copy here to fill up the Hose and Nozzle completely for the next two weeks, but it is a story that should not be "cut" or edited, so we are taking this space to tell our readers that starting next week we'll begin to run this as a feature and continue it from week to week until it is completed.

We liked the tale, and think you will, Ed.

Leaksville Woman Dies From Burns

LEAKSVILLE, Feb. 18.—Mrs. Ruby Leake, 63, died today at a South Boston, Va., hospital. She was burned recently in a fire at her brother's home in Halifax.

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SHOP TALK

The host was telling of his love for good coffee. "The fresher it is the better," he insisted, "and in order to have it good and fresh every morning, I get up early and build a fire in my pajamas."

The guest inquired, "And what are your pajamas made of— asbestos?"

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Local Arson Schools To Be Held In March

In cooperation with the State Department of Insurance and the State Bureau of Investigation, the Institute of Government is conducting a series of five local schools on the investigation of arson and other unlawful burnings throughout the state during the week of March 1-5. Schools will be held in the following cities on the following days: Asheville, Monday, March 1; Statesville, Tuesday, March 2; Fayetteville, Wednesday, March 3; Chapel Hill, Thursday, March 4; and Greenville, Friday, March 5. All meetings will be held at the county court house beginning at 9:30 a. m. and finishing at 5 p. m. except that at Chapel Hill, which will be held at the Institute of Government training barracks.

The following subjects will be taught: the law of unlawful burnings, 2 hours, by Richard A. Myren, Assistant Director, Institute of Government; motives for unlawful burnings, 1 hour, by Cecil C. Duncan, Investigator, State Department of Insurance; use of the fraud law in unlawful burning cases, 1 hour, by Cecil C. Duncan; basic investigative techniques, 2 hours, by an agent of the State Bureau of Investigation.

This program is designed to bring basic instruction in this important field in which law enforcement officers and firemen have joint responsibilities within reach of the members of every department in both services in the state. In this respect, the program serves as a supplement to rather than a replacement for the annual one week school held in the same specialty in Chapel Hill each fall. It is believed that unlawful burnings will decrease in North Carolina as the number of local officers trained to investigate such cases increases.



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Shalotte Has Second Major Blaze

The second major fire in the Brunswick county town of Shalotte in two months destroyed Ramseur's Restaurant at a loss estimated at \$18,000 February 16. The Southport Fire Department prevented the spread of the fire to other buildings but arrived too late to extinguish the blaze. About six weeks ago a supermarket burned in Shalotte with a loss of \$150,000.

Wadesboro Laundry Hit By Flames

Fire, about noon February 17, destroyed the White Way Laundry plant in West Wadesboro. Estimated loss is over \$20,000. Lloyd Griffith, owner, said the blaze started under the dry cleaning section of the sprawling one-story building and quickly flashed out of control. Wadesboro firemen drenched exposures, but minor damage was reported to a nearby Negro church building despite their efforts.

BURNED TO DEATH

NEWTON, Feb. 18. — Harold Dillingham, two-month-old son of James Dillingham, Blackburn section Negro, was burned to death this morning when fire destroyed the home of Gus Finger, where the Dillingham family was staying.

FIRE COLLEGE May 3, 4, 5 & 6 Make Your Plans To Attend

Firecrackers Blamed In Barn Fire

Boys playing with firecrackers was given as a possible cause of a \$500 fire that destroyed a feed barn on the Salky Kirk Farm in the Mount Tabor community near Winston-Salem February 11.

County Fire Chief Walter Martin said the owner of the barn, T. B. Fulcher, reported several boys were shooting off fireworks in the barn shortly before the blaze broke out. Fulcher said he left his house to investigate the noise when the boys ran out of the barn and across a field to the rear.

The blaze broke out shortly after 5 p. m., and was well under way before firemen from Mount Tabor company arrived. The county fire truck and the South Fork company were also called but couldn't save the structure.

Mr. Fulcher valued the barn, about 30 by 30 feet square, at \$500 and the contents at \$200.

Drexel Boy Injured When Cowboy Suit Accidentally Burns

Six-year-old Fred Matthews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Matthews of near Drexel in Burke county, suffered severe burns about his body when a cowboy suit he was wearing caught fire while the boy was playing near a burning trash pile.

Reports from the Winston-Salem hospital where he was rushed after initial treatment at the Valdes General hospital, said he was doing as well as could be expected.

The child's physician said he suffered second and third degree burns before the father and a neighbor could come to his aid. Chaps on the cowboy costume were said to have suddenly ignited from the burning trash.

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SPACE AVAILABLE

Anyone who tried to do any traveling by rail or air during the last war usually found his ticket stamped "space-available" and upon inquiry found that it meant he could travel if there was room for him.

We got a letter from one of our friends the other day and in it he mentioned the frequency of stories in the H&N about rural departments, and that some sections seemed to have better coverage than others in all respects. The answer is simple. These areas just send in their news more regularly. Some of the departments have one man assigned to make certain that their stories get to us every week. That doesn't mean that they are always printed, but they send them just the same.

It is a difficult job to select that which is newsworthy as well as interesting and entertaining. Sometimes we miss our guess, but for the most part, we print the news that is available.

When we first began this publishing venture, it was a struggle to fill the columns week after week. Now it is a struggle to write all our friends an explanation of why their story wasn't printed, or had to be held over until the following week.

Don't be discouraged. Send in your story, and it will be published, or you'll get an explanation why. The first rule, how-

Got some nice letters this week and a lot of odd bits of information that really rate more space than we can give them. Still, we want to pass parts of them on and hope you find them as entertaining as we do.

Salisbury

Chief Burkett writes that his department has purchased two new Seagraves 750 engines with seven-man cabs. He also stated that he hoped the firemen of the state would follow the suggestion in the recent editorial that they write to him as head of the Fire College and offer their suggestions and ideas. He'll be glad to hear from any fireman with a constructive idea.

"The Visiting Fireman" For those who may not know, the "Visiting Fireman" is a publication by Joe Hallett, Norwell, Massachusetts, that is sort of a catalog of people who are interested in the fire service, their hobbies, and a wealth of information, factual and humorous as to the historical. If you have any unusual hobby or interest in the fire service, or out of it, write Joe a note at the above address. He'll answer pdq.

Received a good story from Chief Ed Brannock of Mt. Airy relative to their recent fiftieth anniversary party. Ed didn't know that Jim Bailey had already passed on the information, early enough to catch last week's issue. From the description, they have done a nice job and the people of Mt. Airy appreciate it.

Enka

Mac Salley writes saying that he had a pump for sale (see ad this issue). He has with him subscription renewal, and said thanks for the editorials on the Fire College. He also promised to send the story of the program which has been instituted by the County Board of Commissioners in Buncombe county. We will be more than glad to run the story and hope that it will serve as an incentive to others.

Oakhurst

The Oakhurst department of the Mecklenburg county group has a real fireball in Malcolm Glendening. Last year he quit work for a week to organize and successfully stage a "Mecklenburg" (Continued on Page T, rec.)

ever, is that we must have space available, and as yet, haven't figured a way to stretch these columns.

A Fire Chief Says

BY CHIEF M. G. BROWN

Firemen don't have to be in uniform—on duty—or on a fire truck to protect life and property from fire.

This fact was brought out very clearly last week when Fireman Jimmy Dula probably saved a little girl's life from fire. Fireman Dula simply put his training into operation at home.

Firemen, like other public servants, are obligated to render their services to the community twenty-four hours a day.

What does this mean to you, the public? Better protection.

I am of course proud that Fireman Dula did such a good job and thankful he was in a position where he could be of service.

A Sneaky Hazard The use of welding and cutting torches, particularly in connection with remodeling or repair work, is costing American business tremendous sums each year in both direct and indirect fire losses, according to a report from the Dealers Mutual Insurance company.

Most spectacular as to size was the General Motors fire at Livonia, Mich., last August—\$35 million or so direct, plus goodness-knows-how-much indirect loss. Cause of fire: Sparks from a cutting torch.

There's just one way to be reasonable sure that your property—and your business—won't be jeopardized by molten sparks when mechanics are about: Have a distinct understanding with your contractor that you be forewarned of any on-the-job cutting or welding operations. Don't accept a "we're always careful" excuse. Be sure of positive precautions. Those sparks are dangerous.

Keep this firmly in mind: Sparks incident to welding or cutting are sneaky and treacherous. They hide in out-of-the-way places. Only through careful precautions and exercise of the utmost vigilance can they be prevented from doing harm.

SHOP TALK

A local fire inspector was making an inspection of a dentist's office. Yep, the fireman got a toothache—and the doctor pulled it for him. The Fire Prevention Bureau is now looking for inspectors with false teeth—it will save time because there are forty-seven more dentist offices to be inspected.

Fire College May 3, 4, 5, and 6. Make your plans to attend.

WITH THE EDITOR

(Continued From Page Two.) burg Volunteer Fireman Week," and writes that he is full of ideas as to how to do this year in an even bigger and better way. In addition to fighting touch-and-go for Oakhurst, he is publicity agent for the entire Mecklenburg county group. We think you'll hear more from him later.

Charlotte

Chief Charles writes that he is busily engaged in all sorts of preparations, and we don't see how he manages to get around. With the Fire College to play host to in May and the Southeastern meet right after, he's going to be a busy man. We think it a good idea to get Fire School reservations now... rather than to arrive without any and impose on Charlotte's generosity.

Fur-Piece Got a letter from George Warren (P. O. Box 462, Forestville, Conn.) stating that he has acquired a 1918 Maxim fire truck and is interested in obtaining fittings and equipment of the same approximate vintage. Should you have anything left over from that era—even small stuff—write George a line and see if he can use it. He's a very accommodating fellow. See if he can locate something you want or need.

"Explanation"

Seventy-three-year-old Jim Edwards, Greensboro Negro, explained to the judge why he turned in a false fire alarm. "I was drunk and lying on the bed," Edwards said, "when two fellows came in and threw a bucket of water on my head. They said the house was on fire, so I ran out and pulled the fire alarm."

"Didn't you look to see if the house was on fire?" the judge asked.

"No sir," he replied. "I didn't take the time."

Edwards didn't draw "time," but was ordered to pay \$16 court cost.

19th Century Mansion Burns At Aberdeen

The Page Mansion in Aberdeen, built in 1887 by Henry A. Page, brother of Walter Hines Page, and unoccupied since his widow's death last November, was completely destroyed by fire this week. With the 14-room colonial

house went most of the furnishings. This house was long a landmark and was considered a show-piece of the area.

Forsyth County Units Get \$50 Checks

Each Forsyth county fire company has received a \$50 check from Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association in appreciation for their fire fighting efforts in their communities.

The checks were given by Howard Robertson, president of the association, at a meeting of the County Firemen's Association.

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PLANE CRASH

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fire described the battle as a very unusual one. Foam was used in an effort to blanket the area with the crash trucks from Pope field working almost in the edge of the flames. Reports state that more than 850 gallons of foam liquid were used.

Firemen described how the foam would cover and smother the gasoline fed flames only to have the fuel reach the still burning section under the building and flash anew.

Though almost at cross purposes, water had to be used to fight the fire under the building, consequently washing away the foam. In turn, the foam had to be used to conquer the flames above

to give rescue workers a chance to approach the wreckage. Flash fires from the gasoline reaching the still burning lower structures resulted in the use of water again and a repetition of the cycle.

Firemen in the area surrounding Fort Bragg that is in the maneuver area were advised to call direct to the Fort Bragg Fire Department for aid in fighting aircraft fires, should such occur in their area during the maneuver period.

Fire destroyed the Balsam post office between Sylva and Waynesville March 22. There was no immediate estimate of the damage. Fire Chief Bart Cope said the origin of the fire was undetermined.

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Guil-Rand District Hits Money Snag

County commissioners from Guilford and Randolph counties are scheduled to meet at Archdale April 8 to discuss ways and means of helping the Guil-Rand Fire Protection District out of a financial hole.

The 10 a. m. meeting in the district headquarters in Randolph county was set after the chairman of the district commission appeared before the Guilford commissioners March 30.

His problem, he said, was that three months remained before any revenue would come in and funds were practically gone.

The commissioners were meeting as a board of equalization and review. The crux of the meeting name with M. P. Woodall, chairman of the Guil-Rand district commission.

He explained that the district, in December, voted to become a fire protection district with a tax of up to 10 cents on each \$100 valuation.

Previously the Guil-Rand Fire Protective Association, a non-profit corporation, offered protection with member residents paying a \$5 annual fee.

This is the period of the calm, Woodall said. Money in the coffers is about gone and none will come in until prepaid taxes begin in July.

He offered a recommendation that the equipment and services of the old protective association be rented or leased.

The rental-lease plan was espiked, at least temporarily by the current lack of money and by the commissioner's theory that they cannot enter into such an agreement without knowing how much income the district will have.

Malcolm Glendening got a nice plug in the March 19 issue of the Charlotte News . . . stating that he was writing a series on Oakhurst for the Hose and Nozzle.

Seven Killed, Ten Injured As Plane Crashes Into Mess Hall



CHIEF T. R. Bissett, President of State Firemen's Association, guest at quarterly meeting of Sandhills Association at Pinebluff.

Sandhills Group Meets At Pinebluff

The quarterly meeting of the Sandhills Association met in Pinebluff March 31 with good attendance despite heavy rain that (Continued on Page Three.)

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A flying Boxcar, falling in flames, glanced off one building, skipped across an open area and plunged into a mess hall at Fort Bragg March 20.

Five of those killed were in the plane, two were working in the mess hall.

Only the clock prevented the tragedy from being worse. The crash occurred at 10 a. m. Had it happened two hours later more than 150 soldiers would have been in the building.

A survivor of the plane's crew told the story of how one engine failed soon after take-off with five passengers and a crew of four.

The survivor told how the pilot began a slow turn to return to the field after the engine failure.

He stated that they had full power on the good engine but were losing altitude fast. The pilot told the men to jump but the craft was too low. Moments later the plane crashed into the mess hall.

A ground witness stated that the plane came out of the low hanging clouds with one engine on fire, hit the top of a building, a power pole, bounced across the parade area and into the mess hall.

Chief Parker L. Vickery of the Fort Bragg Fire Department said the fire was put out shortly after 6 p. m. Gasoline still dripped from a 500 gallon wing tank and precautions were taken to prevent another blaze.

Vickery described it as a very stubborn fire. He explained that the flames reached wood under the concrete floor of the mess hall.

Firemen from Fayetteville, Sanford and Southern Pines voluntarily came to help the Bragg fire fighters.

Firemen who worked on the (Continued On Page Four.)

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VISITING

A great portion of the value of any organization or profession lies in the enjoyment of meeting with others of the same interest.

This seems to be particularly true in the fire service, and the more we visit the more we become convinced that group meetings, conventions, gatherings of firemen for any purpose, are well worth attending just for the fellowship involved.

If you are not interested in meeting with men of common interest from the fellowship angle, there is another of great importance. Any fireman with an open mind can learn a great deal by associating with men of the same profession. Sometimes you pick up a new idea that can solve a problem you have at home. Sometimes you can learn from the other fellow's mistakes and thereby avoid getting yourself into a similar situation.

Yet another thing can be learned by visiting—hospitality. This trait isn't necessarily a part of our normal instincts for we are still animals to the extent that we are inclined to place self first. Hospitality is a thing that requires practice and close observation of the way it is displayed by others. It's like an old piece of brass—the more it is used, rubbed, polished, the more it takes on the deep lustre that is appealing to everyone.

Last, but not least, visiting is

"catching." When you stop at a station and meet the crowd, you're not only made new friends but have left the door open for them to visit your department. Soon you find that the more you get around, the more you want to see—and in a surprisingly short time it is almost impossible to pass through a town without making a detour by the station to see whose there and maybe find someone you know.

This idea works the other way around. Pretty soon these new friends will be dropping in on you—maybe finding your equipment and station a bit on the unkept order—and inspiring a better job in the future.

There is nothing like learning about the other fellow and his methods of operating to stir a man's ideas as to how he can improve his own department.

Man, Two Infants Die In House Fire

Two infants and a young construction worker died in flames which razed a Negro home in Washington before dawn March 28.

Two women were severely burned and their condition was reported serious.

Dead are Elijah Williams, 23, and Lilly Marie and James Arthur Patrick. The girl was 1 year old and the boy 1 month.

Mrs. Robert Patrick, 18, mother of the dead children, and Williams' wife, Mrs. Missouri Williams, are in Tayloe hospital. Mrs. Williams said that she was sleeping upstairs with Mrs. Patrick and the two children and that she awoke to find smoke filling the room. She and Mrs. Patrick sprang from the window to the roof of the porch, whereupon the porch collapsed in flames.

Both were severely burned on the chests and faces. The bodies of Williams and the children were charred beyond recognition. Asst. Fire Chief John Rochelle estimated damage at \$4,000.

Capt. Dick Hall, 88, is believed to be the oldest active fire chief in America. He remembers when you had to pay to belong to the volunteer fire department.

A Fire Chief Says

BY CHIEF M. G. BROWN
"Why should we be so careful with fire now, it's almost spring? You've said yourself more fires happen during the winter months."

A fireman had to set a young lady straight, last week, that asked this question. And, from the looks of inspection reports turned in by firemen several more people need to be set straight on the dangers of fire.

1953 fire inspections were made during February and 165 dangerous violations of fire safety were found.

According to the inspection reports, heating plants and accumulations of combustible trash and rubbish were two items not receiving the attention they deserved.

Heating plants should receive special attention as long as there is a spark of fire in the furnace or stove. The same rule applies to hot water heaters. Furnace rooms should be kept free of combustibles, stove pipes and chimneys should be checked often and by no means often and by no means let ashes accumulate in the basement.

Winter months, somehow, accumulate a lot of combustible trash and rubbish. During the next two months, garbage picked up in the city will almost double. Make sure you get rid of your's before it gets rid of you.

Last March the city suffered its largest fire loss during 1953. Fire knows no season. You're inviting danger, the year 'round, when fire safety is neglected for a second! If you need help with your fire safety problems, call your Fire Department.

HELMETS OFF

The Twin City Sentinel is the first newspaper in North Carolina to win the National Board of Fire Underwriters \$500 Gold Medal award and the eleventh daily newspaper in the United States to receive the Underwriters highest award.

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SHOPTALK

According to "Uncle Remus," in last Sunday's column, "False alarm is sumpin' what suddenly busts into nuthin'."—not always "Uncle Remus," because the Winston-Salem Fire Department has had one fireman killed and two injured answering false alarms.

SANDHILLS GROUP

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fell for almost 24 continuous hours.

President Harold Fowler, of Southern Pines, found his head table loaded with brass including President T. R. Bissett of the State Association, Insurance Commissioner Charles (Shorty) Gold, Everette Jones of the Insurance Department and maybe some more that Harold didn't get sorted out during the meeting.

In his usual informal way President Fowler got the meeting going and was promptly ignored when the meal was served. (The good ladies of Pinebluff really put on a meal.) Welcomed by the Mayor the business was quickly handled and the feature of the program was a color film, "Training," produced by the Underwriters and designed to assist and emphasize the need for a regular and progressive training program in the volunteer departments.

After the film President Fowler described the aircraft-mess hall fire at Fort Bragg, giving an eye-witness account of the techniques and difficulties involved.

(The order of things really went overboard now.) An impromptu joke telling contest was staged by Commissioner Gold, President Bissett and President Fowler. No winner was declared and the contest is to be continued at the next meeting.

By acclamation, Charles F. Gold, Tyrus Bissett, and Everette Jones were made honorary members of the Sandhills Firemen's Association.

The report by Secretary Leath erbury revealed 90 men present, representing 14 departments.

(Best meeting we've ever attended in the Sandhills group. Ed.)

Poole Elected Head Of S. C. Chiefs

J. E. Poole of Greenville was elected president of the South Carolina State Fire Chiefs' Association as that organization held its annual convention March 5.

Chief C. A. Fischer of Orangeburg was re-elected vice-president while Chief R. B. Colvin of Greer was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Chief Ben Dozier of Florence is retiring president.

The election concluded the one-day session.

Earlier, the association voted to return a practice of meeting

with the S. C. Municipal Assn. The firemen broke away from the municipal group several years ago because they felt they were being discriminated against when meeting place and time was handed out at the annual confab.

A committee was appointed by Chief Dozier to work with a similar group from the S. C. Fireman's Association on ironing out conflicting rules on the sale of fireworks in the state.

Principal address of the day was made by Neal Forney, arson investigator for the Charlotte Police Department.

He placed the burden of preserving evidence and trapping suspected arsonists squarely on the shoulders of the fire chiefs and felt more careful scrutiny of fire causes would greatly reduce fires by arson.

The decision to return to meeting with the municipal body followed a lengthy discussion.

Chief Fischer pointed out that he was one of the leaders in the move to hold separate meetings. However, he said the fire chiefs

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had been promised ample meeting room and enough time to conduct business during the course of the municipal meeting. He, along with Chief Dozier and Chief A. McC. Marsh of Columbia, Chief strides forward the state police chiefs group had made since meetings with the municipal group annually.

The fire officials also discussed the use of sirens and red lights by vehicles other than those on emergency missions. The group agreed to shelve any action when it was pointed out by Chief Dozier that private vehicles of many volunteer fire departments now use sirens and red lights, though they are illegal on any but publicly owned vehicles.

Life memberships were voted to Chief Charles Burkett of Salisbury, Chief W. W. Wyrick of Greensboro, and Chief Donald Charles of Charlotte.

Reidsville Receives New 750 Pumper

Since Reidsville does not have a suitable unloading platform for large vehicles, the spanning new \$16,000 fire truck for the city fire department had to pass by its new home and then be driven back from Greensboro.

It was parked in front of the Reidsville Fire Department and caused a sensation.

Pedestrians and a truckload of boys bound for a fishing jaunt, gathered to give the red truck the once over.

The truck, purchased from American LaFrance, will be Truck No. 4 for the city's fire department.

It is a 750 pumper with 1600 feet of two and one-half inch and 350 feet of one and one-half inch hose with 200 feet of three-fourth-inch booster line, plus the usual standard equipment.

CONCORD SELLS TRUCK (Continued From Page One.)

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President Wyrick Thanks Members

In an interview with President Wyrick in Greensboro Wednesday, he stated that he wished to express his appreciation to the firemen and their families for their exemplary conduct while attending the convention in Greensboro.

He further stated that the Greensboro Fire Department was delighted to have the convention in their city and that they expect to ask the group to return in 1962.

President Wyrick wishes to express his thanks to the many friends who supported him for the Presidency of the Association. During the interview it was announced that Curtis Flanagan has been appointed to the executive committee as advisor, taking the place of Chief Bissett who was elected vice-president. The other advisor is Chief Donald S. Charles of Charlotte.

Fayetteville Dept. Turns Boatmen

Chief Carl Cain and the men of the Fayetteville Department demonstrated the versatility of firemen in their work of protecting lives and property during the recent heavy rains.

In one section of Chief Cain's city the water rose to window level and above, but the Fire Department was ready and took the occupants out by boat.

Fayetteville got a lot of good publicity out of this—and an increased appreciation of their organization in their own city.

WHY?

We are still trying to find out why Chief Charles of Charlotte kept hanging around Sully's Square while attending the IAFC convention in Boston.

The story is that Chief Charles thought he had found a church—but learned differently.

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C. W. WYRICK

1916 MODEL HAS PERFECT RECORD

Some department may make us take this back—but so far, Concord has the oldest piece of motorized apparatus (pumper) still on duty (reserve) we know of in the State. This unit is in excellent condition and is in its original form with few exceptions. The old solid tires have been replaced with pneumatics, the chemical tank now holds water as a booster tank, and as a concession to laziness, the hand-cranker has been replaced with an electric siren. Otherwise, the truck is just as LaFrance built it—even with the oil lanterns.

The engine was delivered in March 1916, a 600 gallon pumper, one of the few anywhere and was the pride of the people of Concord. There was a certain element that felt something had been lost when this mechanical marvel replaced the fire horses.

We rather guess that there was a split in feeling in the town since many of it's citizens had developed a sincere love for the trained animals... particularly the matched pair of dapple-grays that (then Chief) John L. Miller had made a trip to Virginia to purchase.

Within the first year the "fire truck" paid for itself by providing the means of stopping a fire that threatened the entire western section of the town.

Chief Charles L. Miller states that the records show that in all its years of service the truck was never involved in an accident, never failed to start and that though the truck has been on reserve for the past ten years, it has answered more than 3,750 calls.

It still will deliver its rated capacity and the members of the department say its still one of (Continued on Page Four)

Report: Kannapolis Fire Department

REEL TEAM RETIRES FOR LACK OF COMPETITION

BY ED JOHNSON

The Kannapolis Fire Department was organized prior to World War I, but did not exist in its present form until reorganized in 1923. J. C. Taylor was appointed chief of the department with Ed Johnson as assistant chief. The officers have been unchanged since that time. There is no record of the names of the original members of the department.

The first state convention to which the Kannapolis Fire Department sent delegates was held in High Point—with some three or four delegates representing (Continued on Page Three.)

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STATEMENT OF POLICY

Nothing makes us any prouder than to find our box at the Post Office filled with letters. Some of them contain news items, questions, requests for all sorts of things and some business letters.

There seems to be enough mystery about just what and who the Hose and Nozzle is to devote this space to a short explanation.

This newspaper was founded in 1949 as a single sheet, mimeo job, with the circulation restricted to members of the Troy Fire Department. Expansion has been slow but it now covers every department in North Carolina. It has always been a weekly and was published on each Wednesday until May, 1952, when it was changed to Friday.

It is owned and published by the Troy Fire Department members. The purpose and aim is to stimulate interest in the Fire Service, to provide a free exchange of information between departments, to promote the welfare of the firemen of North Carolina; and, in every way possible enable them to do a better job for the sake of mankind.

One of the most frequent questions is: "How do you finance it?" The answer is advertising and subscriptions. We believe we offer a real bargain to manu-

facturers in advertising space, and quite frankly admit that our subscription rate is below cost. We would certainly like to have additional advertising as well as subscriptions; however, this is not designed as a money-making scheme. Any profit, above expenses, will be plowed back into the newspaper in the form of better coverage, additional space, more pictures and other improvements.

Our goal is to have every individual fireman in North Carolina receive the Hose and Nozzle each week and hope that within its contents something will strike a spark—to make him a better man in this humanitarian service.

It takes a lot of work (all volunteer) to bring the Hose and Nozzle to you, but it is well worth the effort when we hear from our readers.

Rural Fire Issue
Hot In Catawba

That the Catawba Board of Commissioners continues to be vexed with the rural fire protection problem was evidenced in a discussion that lasted more than an hour at the regular monthly meeting of the board in Newton Monday.

While no official action was taken on the subject, many suggestions were offered, including possible zoning of the county into fire districts and insurance to take care of the losses.

Another suggestion was made that the next General Assembly be requested to enact legislation providing for a rural note on a type of protection for the county.

Dobson Organizes
Volunteer Unit

It was reported August 30th that a volunteer fire department had been organized at Dobson. Residents of the community held a meeting Tuesday at which time organizational plans were made and officers elected.

R. B. Blackwelder was elected chief of the new organization with Clifton Smith appointed assistant chief.

(Anyone have any more information about this? Ed.)

Report: Mt. Pleasant
Fire Department

There seems to be a trend, among smaller depts. to build or have built their own equipment or apparatus. The primary factor is usually money, but sometimes they want a particular rig that isn't built by the custom manufacturers.

Mt. Pleasant is one of these towns, so The Hose and Nozzle decided to go have a look, and to bring you a report on what they have, and for what it's worth, our opinion of it.

Organization

The organization of the department is thus: Chief L. H. Barringer (Tractor and appliance dealer), Asst. Chief Hoy A. Moose (druggist). Total membership of 22 men who serve without pay of any type. All of these men have been trained in the use and operation of pump, truck and other equipment though none of them have attended the State Fire College and Drill School. At present they have no regular meeting or drill periods, but do their training in small groups at times when the men find convenient.

The alarm system is an electric siren—calls are received by telephone. There is no special Fire Department telephone; however, it is understood by the citizens of the community to call the chief, ass't. chief, or one of the firemen, to notify them that there is a blaze. The Department averages approximately 6 to 10 calls per year in a town of 1017 population. They do respond to "outside" calls and are at present negotiating with the County for compensation for this service.

Apparatus

One 1934 Ford Hose Wagon, equipped with Indian Fire Pumps and other assorted small tools.

One F-5 Ford(new), Darley front-mount 500 gpm pump, two top mounted reels carrying 150 feet of three-fourths inch booster line with Hardie guns.

Hose capacity: 1200 feet of (Continued on Page Three.)

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MT. PLEASANT REPORT
(Continued From Page Two.)

two and one-half inch and 450 feet of one and one-half inch. Two ten-foot joints of four inch hard suction hose, twelve foot roof ladder, twenty-four foot extension ladder; other small tools as customary.

The truck is quite plain in design, very simple to operate, and though it lacks many of the refinements of the "custom" jobs, its price tag is about half as much.

This reporter questions only one feature: The truck has a 500-gallon booster tank. It is a known fact that fire trucks get heavier through the years by the addition of equipment—never get lighter. Though it may not be at the present, the truck is very likely to be underpowered in the future.

Station

The station is in the process of being remodeled and expanded. Enough of the work has been done to see that it will be quite

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KANNAPOLIS REPORT

(Continued from Page One.)

the Towel City. The next convention was held in Asheville (1925), and the following year in Morehead City. After attending these state gatherings the members of the department became interested in a world's record and decided to develop a team to enter at the next convention. The boys worked hard, entered the races (held at Greensboro) and came out with the following times: long race—22 3-5 seconds, and for the grab race—21 seconds flat.

At the next state convention (New Bern—1929) the reel team made its first record. On Thursday, August 29th, at 10 a. m., the team lowered the world's record for the long race to 17 2-5 seconds. This record was held for about twenty minutes—until the Spencer Shop team beat it by 2-5 of a second. The Kannapolis team then "blew up" and lost the grab race by blowing-off at the hydrant.

In the 1929 convention races (Hendersonville) the boys ran the long race in 16 2-5 seconds, but

adequate when completed.

General: Spirit and cooperation is better than found in most towns this size. They have definitely been bitten by the fire-fighting bug, and seem quite willing to remain infected.

Greensboro Buys
Oren 1000 Pumper

Chief C. W. Wyrick announces the placement of an order with the Oren Roanoke Corp. of Roanoke, Va., for a 1000-gallon pumper.

The specifications call for 11-gauge metal in body, covered hose and pump compartments, pre-connected four and one-half inch soft suction, special compartments for miscellaneous equipment, two electric reels, two stage Hale pump, Leeco Neville alternator system, semi-cab.

All this is powered by a 240 h. p. Waukesha engine.

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again—this time East Spencer—their record was spoiled by being tied. Again they lost the grab race—the nozzle blew off.

The following year at Morehead (1930) the team won both races, and went home feeling better.

Statesville, 1931, was the big year. The Kannapolis team established a world's record in the long race of 16 1-5 seconds and grab race in 15 4-5 seconds. These records still stand. The department added further glory to its accomplishments by winning second prize in the parade that year (Charlotte was first).

The record books show that each year thereafter the Kannapolis team won both races until 1935 when the races were abandoned for lack of competition.

To get back to the present day—the department drills each third Monday night with a business meeting after the drill. Fire drills are conducted in the city schools periodically with particular emphasis during Fire Prevention Week.

The department bought its first truck in 1940, a used LaFrance of the 20's vintage. This truck

was sold and replaced by a Mack 750 in 1941. The present station was occupied in 1950 and has its own heating plant, individual lockers, baths, etc. In 1950 a second truck was added, a LaFrance 500 on an F-7 with hi-pressure.

The department has a total of 20 men, four paid. It covers Kannapolis and a 16 sq. mile area surrounding it. Principal hazards are cotton warehouses.

(Note: We have seen a lot of small stations but this town has about as neat a lay-out as you will find. There are few, if any, cities in the state that can touch the amount of small equipment that they have on their trucks. Just open your fire equipment catalog—put your finger down—and whatever you are touching—they've got it. An unusually well organized, well-equipped outfit. —Ed.)

Charlotte
Pump School
September
22nd - 23rd

In The Future

As quickly as space is available, the *Hose and Nozzle* will run a story on the history of Bristol Fire Department. This story, prepared especially for this publication by George Warren, is the story of the origin and development of the Bristol, Conn., fire department. The story is exceptionally well written and is entertaining for any fireman.

It is suggested that our readers give special attention to this story, particularly as to style and content. It will make an unusual good model after which to pattern the preparation of a history of your own department.

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Body of Painter Is Found After Blaze

Firemen today found the charred body of a 37-year-old painter in the embers of his burned home in Rockingham yesterday two hours after neighbors discovered the building in flames.

The fire was discovered at 1:15 a. m. by a neighbor, J. C. Kelly, Fire Chief P. C. Covington said. Kelly turned in an alarm, but when the firemen arrived the room in which Woodrow Yandle's body was found was falling in. Yandle was a native of Rockingham.



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Fire Strikes Center Of High Point Block

Fire late April 4 gutted one dress shop and caused smoke and water damage to three other shops and numerous upstairs offices in a downtown High Point building.

An early estimate of damages to the building and contents, located on S. Main street, was set at \$100,000.

Most of the damage was in a three-story building and contents, owned by the W. D. Simmons, Jr., estate. Cause of the fire has not been determined, but firemen said it started at the rear of the Jane Adams dress shop.

The interior of the shop was declared a total loss.

Several thousand dollars worth of Easter layaway purchases stored in the rear of the building were carried out as charred ruins.

Two other shops in the same building are Hyman's Jewelry and Jacob's Men Shop.

Upstairs over the three shops are a beauty shop, a tailor shop, and various professional offices.

Also damaged by smoke and water was Gilbert's Shoe Store, located adjacent to the Simmons building.

The alarm was turned in at 3:40 p. m., and firemen fought the blaze for an hour in the dress shop before bringing it under control.

Firemen were praised by Mayor George Covington for the speedy work, saying: "Quick action and sheer determination kept High Point from suffering a loss of what might have been an entire block of business houses."

Two firemen were overcome by smoke and had to be treated.

They were J. C. Lambeth and Roy Dailey.

A third, C. A. Jester, was treated for an arm injury.

Fire Chief Claude Cansy said every piece of fire fighting equipment in the city was brought into play.

A month from today you will either have joined a group of men like those in the picture above, or you will have lost the opportunity for another year. The picture shows men in the 1953 third year class doing ladder work on the drill tower. Instructors are A. Y. Cottrell and Walter Black. (See complete list of instructors in this issue.)

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**FIREFIGHTING AND
HEART DISEASE**

(We've been waiting until someone raised the question of heart disease as related to the Workmen's Compensation Act. and here's the story as published in "Modern Medicine" December 15, 1953. Ed.)

Strenuous occupations such as fire fighting have an adverse effect on the cardiovascular system. Hypertension, coronary thrombosis, the anginal syndrome, and manifestations of accelerated atherosclerotic changes are especially likely to occur in firemen.

Nathaniel E. Riech, M.D., believes that the following occupational factors of fire fighting predispose to heart disease: stress and strain, extremes of temperature, trauma and shock, burns, and gases and smoke.

Hypertension, arteriosclerosis and some of the collagen diseases are related to stress. Expressed or repressed emotions or muscular effort may cause great elevation of blood pressure. Blast hypertension sometimes persists for weeks in persons who were in the vicinity of a major explosion. Forced muscular exercise acts as the stressor agent to produce the alarm reaction of Selye.

Stress can also produce morphologic changes in the heart. Cardiac infarcts, hypertension, and angina pectoris may be regarded as diseases of adaptation.

Arteriosclerosis appears to be definitely more common among persons exposed to much stress and strain than in the population at large.

Firemen must carry on during emergency situations and in extremes of heat or cold. Heavy work in high temperatures adds materially to the burden on the cardiovascular system. The pulse rate increases and the stroke volume of the heart decreases. When the heart has attained maximum rate, further work is impossible. Focal myocardial degeneration with renal changes similar to the "crush" syndrome may result.

Experiments have shown that continuous exposure to cold may produce persistent hypertension, nephrosclerosis, cardiac hypertrophy, and cardiovascular hyaline. Both heat and cold induce stress reactions.

When injuries and shock are extensive, myocardial degeneration may occur. Cloudy swelling and fatty degeneration of heart muscle are prominent in persons dying after shock and collapse.

Burns, smoke, and gases can all produce toxic cardiac changes. Anoxia results in hypertension, cardiac edema, and hemorrhage.

Firemen are often exposed to carbon dioxide or to refrigerating gases which lead to oxygen want. These agents may cause myocardial infarction in a diseased heart. (Anybody want to argue now? Ed.)

**First Grader Saves
Five From Fire**

TARBORO, April 8.—Joseph Parker, six-year-old Negro, rescued five younger brothers and sisters from their burning tenant house near here when he saw the house ablaze as he returned from school. He is in the first grade.

Joseph's parents were on another part of the farm weeding tobacco plant beds. By the time they saw the fire and returned to the house, the children had been brought to safety. The house was destroyed. The children ranged from nine months to five years.

A Fire Chief Says

BY CHIEF M. G. BROWN

There are no official statistics on the subject but I think most authorities will agree that thousands of lives and millions of dollars could be saved each year if the people of this country really understood what they should do when fire strikes. Instead, we know from experience that many people get panicky, they lose their heads, they do foolish things. By the time the fire department gets to the scene, it is often too late to be effective.

There are three simple things to keep in mind if you discover a fire on your premises. Just three. Here they are:

1. Get every human being out of the building fast. Don't take chances. One human life is worth any amount of property you can name.

2. Call fire department as soon possible. If you turn in the alarm by telephone, be sure to give your address slowly and distinctly. Don't think that it is a sign of "weakness" to call the department to a "small" fire. "Small" fires have a way of getting out of control fast. We would rather answer an alarm and find the fire out, or the fire out, than to find it out of control.

3. After you have cleared the building and called the department, tackle the fire with your own extinguishers. If you are smart, they will be "approved" by one of the major testing laboratories. An extinguisher can be an important factor in holding a fire in check—or putting it out—before the department gets to the scene.

When you forget one of these simple steps, or when you tackle them in the wrong order, you are taking unnecessary risks that can lead to loss of life and valuable property.

FIRE SERVICE GRAPEVINE

Charlotte—Bids have been taken on a \$200,000 fire station to serve the Southeastern section of the city. It will be necessary to hire an additional 12 men for each shift to man the new station. The \$200,000 figure includes the cost of the property and fire fighting equipment.

Within sixty three fire stations, two of them in New York State, burned with estimated property losses of over \$125,000. What is worse, the fires left three communities with practically no immediate fire protection. Fire not only knows no season but can start anywhere!

**Burkett Announces
Instructor List**

Chief Charles Burkett, director-conductor of the N. C. Fire College and Pump School, announces the Instructors for the 1954 session of the school to be in Charlotte May 3-6.

Chief Burkett points out that Chief Fitzgerald of Asheville and Chief Croom of Wilmington have resigned and he has appointed Captain Wilke of Durham and Captain Ellington of High Point to fill the vacancies. Both men have charge of training in their respective cities.

The official list: Charles L. Burkett, director - conductor; Salisbury; E. M. Salley, assistant instructor, Enka; W. J. Black, instructor, Charlotte; A. Y. Cottrell, instructor, Lenoir; C. L. Cox, instructor, Durham; E. E. McDowell, instructor, Greensboro; J. M. Munday, instructor, Charlotte; Carl O. Wilkie, instructor, Durham; T. M. Ellington, instructor, High Point; Ed Davis, assistant instructor, Charlotte.

**Apex Theatre Burns;
Threatens Block**

Fire destroyed the only theatre in Apex April 4 and for a short while the flames threatened the entire business district.

The Apex Volunteer Fire Department and fire companies from Raleigh and Cary brought the blaze under control shortly after noon. No injuries were reported. Defective wiring was blamed for the fire.

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**Candor Christens
Station With Party**

The Candor Fire Department, justly proud of their new station, put it on exhibition and christened it with a banquet and general fun-making party.

Chief Parsons and his men spent most of April 8 preparing the meal and went all out to demonstrate what they could do with their new kitchen equipment.

Guests included all firemen's wives, mayor and members of the Town Board and visiting firemen from nearby departments. After supper a general confab started with the wives comparing actions and reactions of their various husbands.

One common complaint among the women (heard in all volunteer departments) was that fear of an alarm while they were using the family car. The ladies started some interesting discussions as to the ways they managed to get the car back to their husband, or how they managed to avoid such problems.

Mayor Burkhead expressed the opinion that the Town of Candor was fortunate in having a group of men who were willing to sacrifice their time and money to protect the lives and property of their neighbors. The mayor also reassured the group that the town would back to the fullest possible extent the work of the department and would furnish needed equipment.

SHOP TALK

Two firemen stopped to greet each other along the street. "Say, what's happened?" asked one. "Your hands are all covered with grease and soot, been to a fire?" "No, I've been down the station seeing my mother-in-law off on a long trip," explained the other. "But how could that make your hands so dirty?" the first wanted to know. "I just had to pat the engine," he was told.

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N. C. Airman's Children Die In Ice Box

HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah, April 15.—The bodies of two little girls, found suffocated last night in an ice box, will be taken to Charlotte, N. C., for burial.

The children, Joyce and Donna Mullis, daughters of S/Sgt. and Mrs. Ray Mullis, formerly lived in Charlotte.

Their bodies were found by a neighbor, Howard Bell, when he saw a pair of roller skates in front of a vacant apartment at this Air Force base. He went in and found a little girl's sweater in the kitchen.

Inside the refrigerator he found the bodies of Joyce, 6, and

Donna, 5. They apparently had climbed into the box while playing and had pulled the door closed behind them.

Sgt. Mullis is the son of M. and Mrs. S. M. Mullis of Charlotte. Mrs. Mullis is the former Ruby Lucky of the Long Creek section of Mecklenburg county. The couple has another daughter, Judy, 7.

Mullis was stationed at Shaw Air Force Base, S. C., before being transferred to Hill last Christmas.

WON'T GO TO BLAZES

Winston-Salem's fire loss for March was approximately \$20, 110; 190 alarms were answered during the month. Fire loss for 1954 to date: approximately \$52, 192; 2 deaths. Stop fires!

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Gastonia Station Bids Opening Set April 23

Bids on construction of Gastonia's new fire station will be opened at 3 p. m. on April 23 in the council room at City Hall.

The building plans were drawn by Frank B. Griffin, Gastonia architect, who also prepared the plans for the No. 2 and No. 3 fire stations.

The new fire house to replace the No. 1 station at City Hall will be built on the southeast corner of Second avenue and South street.

Plans call for a two-story building of brick, steel and concrete.

It is designed to be fire-proof and the brick front will be of the same general appearance as the other buildings in the block.

The building will have 7,879 square feet of floor space.

The first floor will have the truck and apparatus rooms, chief's office, kitchen, dining room, boiler room, and toilets.

The upstairs will have sleeping quarters, locker room, assistant chief's office, recreation room and toilets.

FIRE COLLEGE
May 3, 4, 5 & 6

Make Your Plans To Attend



Fire College Host

WE OF Charlotte consider it a singular privilege to be honored by the presence of visitors to our city; but it is a greater privilege, still, to have our friends and associates of the fire service with us during the Twenty-Sixth Annual Session of the North Carolina Fire College.

It is with pleasure that the City of Charlotte and the personnel of the Fire Department welcome the students of the school, members of the faculty, representatives of manufacturers, and all who may sojourn with us on this occasion.

The entire facilities of the department are at your disposal. It is our desire to be helpful to each individual attending this meeting and to make his visit a memorable one. If we can be of any possible service, please feel free to call on us.

Yours sincerely,
Donald S. Charles, Chief,
Charlotte Fire Department.
(Reprinted from the Program of the 26th Annual Session, Fire College, North Carolina State Firemen's Association.)

Goldsboro Blast Toll Now Placed At Five

Death toll of an explosion which rocked the business district of Goldsboro April 12 demolishing a furniture store was placed at five April 13.

Two more bodies were found by rescue workers as they dug away, with the help of a crane and piler shovel, at a mountain of rubble left by the blast and fire that followed it.

The 26 members of the Goldsboro Rescue Squad, some of whom had worked all night, were told shortly after 2 p. m. they could halt their search. Two women who had been reported missing and who were feared to be dead had been found alive.

Capt. Bob Denmark of the rescue squad said that with the finding of the two women alive all persons known to have been in the building had been accounted for, all their bodies had been removed and all had been identified—one tentatively.

One of the bodies found was identified by a dentist as the assistant manager of the store where the blast was centered.

The force of the explosion was so great that a refrigerator was hurled across the street, plate glass windows were broken in a wide area and nine persons in a restaurant across the street were cut by flying glass. Witnesses said the roof rose high in the air and then collapsed with the rest of the three buildings involved into a huge mass of rubble.

Observers estimated nearly two-thirds of the rubble had been cleared away when the search for bodies was called off.

Cause of the blast was still a mystery. Fire Chief Wesley Howell said: "I feel certain that the explosion was caused by gas of one kind or another." Those who were on the scene shortly after the explosion said, however, they could detect no odor of gas. William Probeck, an official of (Continued on Page Two.)

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AN OPEN MIND

The programs are printed, the courses outlined for the 26th annual session of the North Carolina Fire College. Director Burkett and the instructors have assembled the best available courses to take the student from the first year fundamentals through the more technical finishing courses of the fourth year.

In this planned four-year course of study is the opportunity to amplify and extend the knowledge of the fire service that is the foundation of every fireman's work. But opportunity is always with us, each day and each hour, waiting only to be grasped. For ages there have been those who cried out that they had no chance, while others working beside them advanced and prospered.

In its quarter-century history the Fire College has had many students. All learned something, most of them a great deal, while a few took home truly a wealth of information. Granted that all men are not possessed of the same capabilities, it is interesting to reflect upon why a few profited so much from their studies at the Fire College, while others got comparably little. Many reasons enter into this ponderous question, yet one seems to stand out. Those who benefited most from the training were those who accepted the information of-

fered with an open mind.

Men who are willing to listen, to try to understand the practice, principle or theory that is being taught, and who are willing to make a sincere effort to evaluate the application of the lesson to their own department are the ones who learn the most.

Those responsible for the planning and execution of the Fire College program have put a great deal of time and study to developing the courses offered. In fairness to these men, to himself and his department, each student attending should make his best effort to approach the course of study with an open mind.

Two Children Burned In Fire At Charlotte

Two Negro children were fatally burned and another badly burned when fire swept through their home in Charlotte on the night of April 9.

The victims, Betty Ann Falls, 1, and Johnny Falls, 4, perished in the fire which was believed started from defective wiring. Randy Falls, 2, was treated in the hospital for severe burns.

Mallard Creek Unit Purchases Truck

A fire truck has been purchased for the Mallard Creek Volunteer Fire Department, the 14th volunteer fire fighting unit organized in Mecklenburg county.

The purchase was announced yesterday by J. W. Garrison, president of the department. Mallard Creek's fire headquarters is located at the John Alexander Service Station on Mallard Creek road near the community house.

Officers of the department in addition to Mr. Garrison are: R. W. Alexander, vice-president; Charles N. Pesperman, secretary-treasurer, and John H. Adams, assistant secretary-treasurer.

J. H. Oehler, Fred R. Johnston, Joe M. Brown and Archie F. Eakin serve as directors along with officers of the department. The fire chief is O. B. Cochrane. John H. Alexander is assistant chief.

A benefit fish fry for the department is scheduled for April 23 at the community house.

A Fire Chief Says

BY CHIEF M. G. BROWN

In an effort to stop some of the fires before they start this year, the Chamber of Commerce and your fire department will again sponsor a "Spring Clean-Up" campaign next week in the city.

1954 marks the 45th anniversary of Clean-Up Week, according to the National Board of Fire Underwriters. Clean-Up Week, directed both at beautifying and at eliminating such fire hazards as combustibles, was first observed in Cincinnati in 1909. It is now an annual custom in some 10,000 American communities. Our clean-up campaign will be directed to both homes and places of business this year.

The modern housewife is in charge of one of our chief danger spots—the home—and chances are greater than ever that one or more members of her family will lose their lives in a home fire!

Last year in our city 40 places of business had fires that accounted for thousands of dollars worth of fire loss.

In object of our clean-up campaign, that is sponsored nationwide by the National Fire Protection Association, is to eliminate fire hazards so fire won't have a place to start. We won't succeed unless we have your cooperation.

Clean up—don't burn down!

SHOPTALK

West Haven, Conn. — Safe-crackers got \$1,997 from a chain store here had fire prevention on their minds.

Police said the yeggs carried a fire extinguisher which they used to put out a fire which started while they were burning the store safe open with an acetylene torch. — Fyr-Fyter News.

GOLDSBORO BLAST

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The Goldsboro Gas Co., said there was "no indication that gas" caused the blast. Twice in recent months explosions have been blamed on city gas escaping into sewer lines. The gas company said both those explosions were accompanied by drop in gas pressure but there was no pressure reduction with the April 12 blast.

Mayor Berkley, however, ordered the gas turned off. He said it won't be returned on again "until we know what the score is."

Guil-Rand District Fails To Find Funds

Officials of the Guil-Rand Protection District, an area which covers portion of Guilford county below Jamestown and a section of Randolph county around Archdale, wound up no closer to a financial windfall on April 8 than ever before, but are apparently convinced that they can offer fire protection until July 1.

Officials from the fire district and Randolph and Guilford counties met at 10 a. m. on April 8 in Archdale.

Their aim was to seek a legal answer to monetary problems besetting the newly voted tax district. But they found none.

Situation Outlined

The situation is this: The section has been given fire protection by the Guil-Rand Fire Protective Association, a corporation which operated on a fee basis.

In December the property owners voted to become a fire protection district with a special tax of up to 10 cents per \$100 evaluation.

The area became a fire protection district immediately after the vote and went on its own in the fire fighting business. But there will be no income until the next fiscal year begins July 1 and some money comes in. Then the two boards of county commissioners can make allotments for the support of the district, with the income from the self-imposed tax.

So the meeting was held April 8 to seek an answer to the problem. But legal representatives stopped the movement when they said there is no way the two counties can financially assist the group at the present time. The advice was to make any arrangements possible to operate until the next fiscal year.

To Offer Protection

Officials of the district offered assurance to the property owners that some protection will be offered during the three-month interval.

The representatives of the two counties agreed to recommend to their respective boards that a contract be made beginning July 1 with the old association to furnish fire protection for the district. But no contract can be made now because of lack of money.

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South Fork Unit Makes \$900 On Supper

A profit of \$900 was made by the South Fork Volunteer Fire Department (Forsyth county) from a barbecued chicken dinner in the school cafeteria recently.

The money used to be used to provide additional equipment needed by the community fire fighting group.

Chief Walter E. Martin said "The entire community cooperated and donated generously to make this undertaking a tremendous success."

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Dunn Warehouse Loss Put At \$750,000

Fire, apparently started by lightning, destroyed a big warehouse and a nearby abandoned building in Dunn April 16. Unofficial estimates ranged up to \$750,000.

The fire broke out in the Farmers Warehouse, a tobacco warehouse that had from 1,200 to 1,800 bales of cotton stored inside. The old Naylor-Dickey building also burned. High wind carried flaming debris over much of Dunn.

The cotton had been stored in the warehouse by the Matthews Cotton Co., operated by C. L. Tart, Z. E. Matthews and Emmett Edgerton.

BRISTOL DEPARTMENT

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Following this series of disasters it was decided that steps were to be taken to organize a fire department with 45 members. However, nothing further was done at that time and it was not until 1953 that the steps proposed eight years previous were finally taken and a fire department was organized and equipped. It is interesting to note that this action was taken by private enterprise and not by municipal action.

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BURNING UP HIGHWAYS

Gasoline consumption records show that motor vehicles traveled more than eight billion miles in Connecticut during 1953.

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Watauga Pyromaniac Given Life Sentence

John Witherspoon, 26-year-old Boone Negro, was sentenced to life imprisonment in Watauga County Superior Court in Boone April 21 by Judge J. W. Pless, Jr., when he confessed to setting fire to the home of Della Horton, Negro, in whose house Witherspoon was rooming at the time.

The Horton woman was out of town when her home was burned on the night of February 26, 1954.

Arrested March 3, Witherspoon said he set fire to the house with a match and piece of paper, that he didn't know why he did it, that he was not mad at anybody, but "just did it for no reason at all."

Witherspoon was also a roomer in the house of John and Bessie Jones, aged Negro couple, who lost their lives in the fire which destroyed their home in 1953, and for which Albert Anderson, Negro, is now serving a life sentence in prison.

Motorola To Show New Equipment At College

John L. Smith, manager of Motorola in this territory, announces that his firm will have a new unit to display at the forthcoming session of the Fire College.

The unit is a more compact and powerful version of an earlier line of equipment designed to operate in the high FM band.

Though delivering 30 watts, the size of the housing is the same as that of the earlier 10 watt sets. With the fire service becoming more and more dependent on radio for efficient operation, the consideration of weight and space is becoming a necessity. Considerable interest is expected in the newer, smaller version of the mobile radio.

Bristol Department 100 Years Of Service

BY GEORGE E. WARREN

Note: This is the history of the Bristol, Conn., fire department, prepared by George E. Warren for publication in the Hose and Nozzle. We believe it an excellent model that can easily be followed in preparing a history of any department. We invite all our readers to study it carefully and send in the history of their own department. Ed.

The settlement of Bristol began in 1727; it was incorporated as a town in 1785, and as a city in 1911. Its recent growth in population has been rapid and continuous. Between 1900 and 1910, it gained 40 per cent in population, and between 1910 and 1920, 30 per cent. The present population is 40,000 local estimate. Bristol is basically a manufacturing city situated in the Connecticut hills, eighteen miles west of Hartford and fourteen miles east of Waterbury. Bristol covers an area of 25 square miles at an altitude of 464 feet and has an average temperature of 45 degrees. The Bristol Fire Department consists of 57 men under the three platoon system, working a 56-hour week.

It was not until the year 1845 that anyone seriously proposed that a fire department be organized in this town. That year the town of Bristol suffered four disastrous fires; the one most widely known was the destruction of the Jerome Clock Factory on Main street. At the time the factory was destroyed it was one of the largest industries in Connecticut and following its destruction, Chauncey Jerome moved the business to New Haven where he could secure some degree of fire protection. What was at the time the Jerome plant in New Haven is now the New Haven Clock Company. Less publicized were the destruction of the Union Manufacturing Company, the Terry Clock Shop and the Langdon Brass Factory. Fol-

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Robbins Starts Move For Rural Unit

Following a series of residential and farm property fires around the town of Robbins, the people of the Moore county community are determined to provide themselves with better protection.

Under the capable leadership of Chief Newman Slack, Wayland Kennedy, and Marvin Ritter, plans are being drawn for a comprehensive canvass to determine the number of people, buildings and value of property in the area. Along with this various proposals are being considered as to the best method of raising funds to purchase equipment and to finance the cost of maintenance.

Mr. Ritter, merchant and farmer, states that as an average citizen he is one troubled to select apparatus to do the job, but is certain that something can be done to minimize the losses that have struck the community recently.

The town council restricts the operation of the Robbins fire department to the boundaries of town itself and feels that the equipment of the town for use with limited water supplies. Further, with the fast growth of the town, many areas now require very long hose lays and the absence of one truck on a rural fire would not leave sufficient protection.

Chief Slack and Mr. Kennedy (former chief) feel that the problem can be solved by the cooperation of the town and the people in the surrounding area. Such cooperation would provide the protection needed by those who reside outside and at the same time furnish additional equipment for use within the town itself if needed.

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JUST THINKING

Throughout the ages man has followed by blind instinct the primeval urges and has constantly striven to better satisfy his wants and needs. From the herds of animals he learned the value of banding together for collective security, and as with the animals time produced leaders of the herd. It has been ever thus and all likelihood will be for many years to come. Certainly this will be the case until other animal instincts of selfishness and self-preservation are overcome.

Since the creation, life on this earth has been an equation and based on almost as certain a formula as the man-made equations of algebra or geometry. This is becoming more and more true as we become more "civilized" for what may be progress and gain for one may be detrimental and a loss to another. Like the animals of the herd we endeavor to follow the democratic principle of the "greatest good for the greatest number," but in the process consideration must be given to the minorities whose feelings and opinions are due the same respect as those in the majority.

With all the complexity of living the fire service evolved and throughout the centuries has earned the reputation of being one of the most humane efforts exerted in our communal plan of living. Like all other man-made efforts, fire fighting and fire pro-

tection has not always been perfect. Errors have been made and will continue, but by building on the mistakes as well as the accomplishments there has been established throughout the land a spirit and feeling that is closely related to a religion.

Since all men do not think and feel alike, it is natural that within every department there will be those who work harder, believe deeper, and see more clearly the goal for which we strive. The other extreme is also present, but in between is the great bulk of humanity—slowing down those who would force ahead and by sheer weight of numbers dragging along those who would fall behind.

Through this great center group constant and lasting progress is made. For this group the program of the Drill School is designed, and though the "hot-shots" and the "sluggards" are welcome, they must adjust their pace to match that of men who are the real backbone of the fire service. Each year the Fire College imparts more knowledge into the stream, thereby swelling the tide that must do battle with the increasingly complex enemy.

Think soberly, seriously, on these things. And make every effort to attend the Fire College and Drill School.

TESTS FIREPROOFING

James Hanke, 23, son of a fire department mechanic in Wausau, Wis., was recently sentenced to up to eight years in prison for setting fire to a house to test its fireproofing.

A Fire Chief Says

BY CHIEF M. G. BROWN
Spring clean-up is catching. All 'round the town. A good fire safety cleaning. Might prevent your house from burning down.

Clean-up is catching!
The story of how Clean-Up Week began is ample proof of that.

The year was 1909. A young teacher in a poor district school in Cleveland had taken a special fancy to one ragged little girl in her class. One day, on impulse, she bought a little blue pinafore and gave it to the child. She washed the youngster's grimy face and combed the unkempt hair—and it was a clean, pretty little girl who skipped home that afternoon.

She was as out of place in the slum where her family lived as a firefly in a cowbuck. That night, in amazement, she fingered the clean cloth that her mother had put on the table in honor of the occasion.

Her father was not to be outdone. So the ragging pickets in their fence stood straight again; flowers were planted in the drab yard.

By contrast, the neighbors' homes looked worse than ever—and since few can resist keeping up with the Joneses, wives prodded husbands into action. Before long, the entire slum had become an attractive, respectable part of town.

Nearby communities heard the story and followed suit. In 1913, Cincinnati held the first city-wide clean-up drive, a week-long campaign led by civic groups and school children. Today, according to the National Board of Fire Underwriters, Clean-Up Week has spread to some 10,000 cities and towns all over the United States. Each of them has found that a yearly clean-up makes any community healthier, safer from fire, and a more attractive place to live.

New Transformer For Alternator System

A three-phase transformer, newly developed by the Leeceneville company, Cleveland, now makes it possible to obtain up to 1200 watts of auxiliary 110 v. d.c. power to operate tools and appliances in automotive vehicles equipped with the Leeceneville Alternator systems in place of conventional d.c. generators.

The new transformer takes full advantage of the high power output of the alternator for such purposes as operating 5-9" electric drills, small chain saws, pneumatic tools, electric blankets, artificial respirators, traffic signals, floodlights, etc., direct from fire or police emergency vehicles.

Unlike the presently available 250 watt 110 v. a. c. transformer (which delivers a frequency equal to 1-10 alternator r.p.m.), the new unit's output is independent of motor speed.

The new transformer (along with a companion 110 v. selenium rectifier) is operated in parallel with the standard rectifier and voltage regulator, leaving undisturbed operation of the alternator for its primary purposes, that of supplying 6 v. d. c. power for battery charging and vehicle operation.

Two models of the new transformer are available: for 6 volt systems, the 1013-T unit is rated at 800 watts; for 12 volt systems, the 1012-T unit has an output of 1200 watts.

Griffith Volunteers Open House Disturbed By Series Of Alarms

Griffith's volunteer fire department staged an open house at the department station on Clemmonsville Road (Forsyth county) Easter Monday.

The affair was designed partly to celebrate the first anniversary of the groundbreaking for the station, partly to pay off the last \$5,000 of the department's debt.

But the firemen, part of the time, were poor hosts. They were too busy to stay at home.

They had to answer three separate calls during the day, and barely made it back from the last one in time to prepare for the rush of customers for the barbecue supper that was part of the debt-clearing effort.

The first call came at 8 a. m.

when a furnace overheated at the home of J. O. Burns at 3656 Cornell Boulevard. Firemen got there in time to prevent any serious damage.

At 2:45 p. m. they were back in the Eston area again. This time it was a grass fire which had gotten out of control. Again there was no property damage.

Neither truck had its engine shut off back at the station when call number three rang in.

It was another grass fire, this time more serious, on Highway 52 near the south Forsyth line.

A man had tried to burn some bees out of a tree, he told the firemen an hour later as they beat out the last of the flames sweeping over six acres of small trees.

"That was a rough one," Chief Charlie Fox said afterward. "I was afraid for a while we couldn't stop it before it reached some houses."

More than half the department was out on that call, including those who had been preparing the barbecue. They hadn't even stopped to take off their aprons, chef's caps and white coats.

But the barbecue didn't burn, either. And it was served on schedule.

The night's last scheduled event—the presentation of a new car to the holder of a lucky ticket—also went off without a hitch. It was won by E. F. Huit of 233 South Main street.

The firemen weren't so sure, though, about whether they'd reached the \$5,000 goal.

At last reports they hadn't had time to tally up.

HELMETS OFF

Our helmets are off to the Chamber of Commerce's Fire Prevention committee for winning 5th place, in our population class (50,000 to 100,000), in the National Fire Waste Contest. To win an honor award with 470 cities competing, is indeed an outstanding achievement for our Chamber of Commerce and city.

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LENOIR DEPARTMENT

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till he reaches the scene of the fire.

Because of the very small area encompassed by the city limits, much of the Lenoir department's work is outside through contract with the county. This contract provides that they will go where called on the basis of men and equipment available for a flat fee per year.

Many small innovations catch the visitor's eye. A small, permanently mounted gas tank for the generator on the tanker, the reflectors at the base of the elevated radio antennas on the open apparatus, the permanently mounted back-up lights set to follow the wheel track, radio

speaker extensions to the pump operators' panels, the colored pin map that shows the number of fires and how the alarm was received and the location of the fire, and a host of other things catch your eye.

Though the space in the truck room is ample, the shop, storage and maintenance facilities are astounding. Complete woodworking, metal working, and radio repair shops with their abundance of tools and equipment will almost take your breath.

In the group of twenty men and five officers, there can be found almost every trade and art. This skill, coupled with excellent tools, accounts for many of the unusual and convenient arrangements that most departments can not afford.

Rankin District Sets Limit On Service

Directors of Rankin Fire District 13 have informed citizens of the area that beginning June 1 the volunteer fire department will not fight fires for non-members or for unpaid-up members.

Julius T. Pickard, president of the district, said the organization has been unsuccessful in collecting the fee charged for fighting fires of non-members.

The expense burden, he added, has been borne by only 300 paid-up members of approximately 4,000 home owners in the area. Pickard said dues for the first year are a set fee which is reduced in the second year.



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Stokes County Home Destroyed By Fire

Fire, swept into roaring fury by a brisk wind, gutted the Stokes County Home April 27. The 29 inmates were all saved from the flames.

Some of the inmates, confused and frightened by the flames, noise and excitement, had to be dragged from their burning rooms.

Others had to be held once they had reached safety because they wanted to go back and search for cherished pictures, articles of clothing and other belongings.

The damage was estimated by County Commissioner Ralph Mills of Walnut Cove at about \$100,000. Mills said approximately \$30,000 of the loss was covered by insurance. By mid-afternoon, as the flames still roared fiercely through the old building, the inmates sat outside in the sun and watched their home burn.

The fire apparently started near the chimney on the second floor of the rambling building.

McLeansville District Taxation Vote Is Set

The property owners in the McLeansville area are scheduled to vote soon on taxation for the proposed McLeansville Fire Protection District.

The election will be held from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m., with polling in the McLeansville Community House. Mrs. Hattie D. Huffines is the registrar.

The question is whether or no to establish the district and levy a tax of not more than 10 cents on the \$100 property valuation to support the fire fighting program.

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Albemarle Squad Finds Body of Burnsville Man

The body of a Burnsville mill employe, drowned late Sunday (April 25) in Lake Tillery near Albemarle, was found April 26 at 11:30 a. m., by the Albemarle Fire Department Rescue Squad.

Fred Carl Phillips, Sr., 53, drowned after falling from a small boat about 200 yards from a pier near Norwood Beach, according to Assistant County Coroner Odell Russell.

Phillips, who was visiting relatives in Concord, had gone to Lake Tillery with a group of friends. The party had been returning to the pier preparatory to going home when he tragically occurred. Russell said that no inquest will be held.

The Albemarle firemen dragged for the body until after dark on Sunday night, then gave up the search until the following morning.

Recovery efforts were hampered by stumps and other debris in the lake bed.

Granville Man Dies In Fire At Home

Fire which destroyed his farm home early April 26 claimed the life of Clarence Royster, 52-year-old Granville county rabies inspector.

Sheriff Roy D. Jones said neighbors found the dwelling, occupied by Royster in Oak Hill Township, a mass of flames at 1:30 a. m.

Jones said the position of the body indicated that Royster had attempted to escape through a window on the opposite side of the house from which he usually slept. He said there was no evidence of foul play.

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Lenoir Claims Title To Best Department

The fact that Lenoir claims to be the best department in the state is indicative of the spirit and enthusiasm that makes it such a pleasure to deal with its genuine zeal. A more hospitable place is hard to find.

Faced with the inherent problems of furniture manufacturing and the accompanying paint and varnish industry, Lenoir has an abundance of unusual hazards. To add to the ever present worry of the destruction by fire is the fact that the local economy is directly tied to the furniture production. A plant need not be destroyed, just disabled for a few weeks, for the entire city to feel the effects.

Though not in the extreme west, Lenoir would be certainly classified as mountainous by the Piedmont and Eastern dwellers. A careful balance of weight and power must be maintained on apparatus, the terrain effects radio, water pressure and in general adds complications that are not present in the work of flat-land departments.

Chief A. Y. Cottrell is known as the "Spark-plug" and maintains close vigilance over the activities of the department. Should you visit, one of the first things he will show you, about a half block from the present station, is the location of Lenoir's first fire station. The sidewalk in front of the site still shows the chipped surface where it was roughened to add traction for the horses' hooves.

One of your first introductions will be to Smoky, a five-year-old Dalmatian that proudly rides in his special place atop the apparatus each time it rolls. The firemen to a man affirm that Smoky can tell the bell of the "fire phone" from all others and that when the phone rings, or at the first tap of the gong, leaps to his place and barks continuously un-

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With regularity this paper receives letters complaining about news coverage—particularly the news of the department to which the writer of the letter belongs. They usually state that they haven't seen anything printed about what happened in their department and want to know if we are asleep or just plain lazy.

We may be sleepy and to some extent lazy, but the real reason is the fact that we depend on each department to send its own news. In most cases firemen are inclined to discount the events that happen unless they are very unusual. This isn't the thing to do, for it isn't necessary for a department to have a large or unusual fire to have something that is of interest to other people. By the same token it isn't necessary to buy new apparatus to have a item of interest.

The best way to measure is to say to yourself, "Would this interest me if I saw it in some other department?"

We know of one department that has a very smooth-working drawer-type 1 1/2" load. This isn't an unusual idea, but a very unique adaptation of an old one. This idea, with pictures, or drawings, would be of interest to every fireman. We know of another department that has a very cheap and simple way of mounting a spare hydrant wrench on the apparatus. This, like the

drawer-load, would no doubt be of interest and probably copied by other departments—if they could see it.

Send these things in, along with anything else you think might be of interest, and let everyone have the benefit of your ingenuity.

So—our answer to the news coverage is that we print the things we know about, depending on the interest of the readers for the news, subscriptions, and all the other things required to make this operation a success.

A Fire Chief Says

BY CHIEF M. G. BROWN
Much publicity has been given recently to new experiments in putting out fires with sound waves.

However, John A. Neale, chief engineer of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, reported to the Society of Fire Protection Engineers at a meeting in Chicago recently that much has to be done in study and research before sound waves can be used for such purposes outside of laboratory experiments.

It will be an interesting development to watch. Fire departments are naturally interested in any new or improved method of cutting our huge fire losses in this country. We wish the scientists success in harnessing sound to combat fire but we hold no hope that in the near future we can put out fires by shouting at them.

In the meantime, you can depend upon your fire department to watch and study every development that affects the science, and it is a science, of fire fighting so that we can afford our people the utmost in fire protection.

New processes and new materials are developing that pos-

sess such inherent hazards that to be used at all they must be accompanied by appropriate developments in fire protection. Many of these industrial processes and materials are so involved and complex that it will require engineering ability of the highest type to evaluate the new hazard and provide for a remedy.

We hope that we will be able to see and use the new machine for extinguishing fires by inaudible sound waves of high frequency, which surely will be developed by our scientists. Until then we will have to depend upon our standard apparatus, with both water and chemical types of fire extinguishers, whether truck born or portable.

Charlotte Home Is Swept By Flash Fire

A two-story frame house on Davis street in Charlotte was gutted April 25 by a flash fire which apparently originated in a bathroom.

The blaze swept the interior of a two-family home at 2329 Davis street. Firemen estimated the damage at several thousand dollars.

No one was injured, but the blaze consumed all of the possessions of the downstairs occupant.

The fire blazed up from an undetermined cause shortly before 1 p. m. and flames already were raging through the interior when fire fighters arrived minutes later.

Firemen said flames apparently originated in a downstairs bathroom and quickly spread through the structure. Most of the frame building was saved, but interior damage was extensive.

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Bristol Department 100 Years Of Service

(Continued from last week.)

All the first three fire companies in Bristol, Engine Co. No. 1 at the south side, the Uncas Fire Co., at the north side and the Welch Co., in Forestville, were all organized and equipped through the initiative of some of the leading citizens of the town. The only original company when the town organized during the period of the volunteer fire department was the hook and ladder company on Meadow street.

When fire company number 1 was organized in 1853, the town was experiencing a revival of prosperity which was to end in the great crash of 1857. The three men who took the initiative in securing fire protection for Bristol were Colonel E. L. Dunbar, Alonzo S. Platts and Alphonse Barnes. While these three men secured the subscription for the new companies they were by far the largest subscribers, \$2,300 was raised which built the engine house on School street where the present company number 1 stands and equipped it with a hand pump and hose carriage with 500 feet of hose. The company was ready for action in September 1853 when the first call came from the north end of

NOTICE
SALE OF USED FIRE TRUCK
Notice is hereby given that the Town of Leaksville will offer for sale one 1951 Dodge Truck. This truck is being used as a Fire Truck and is equipped with the following described American LaFrance Equipment:

1-500 Gallons per minute pumper, 2 ten sections of hand suction hose, extension ladder, 1 roof ladder, 1 Hardie High Pressure nozzle, 1 straight stream 1-2 inch shut off nozzle, 2 nozzle holders, 1 Federal C-6 Revolving Siren, 2 high pressure booster lines, 1-2 1/2 Gallon Foam Extinguisher, pike pole, axes, reeking bar and several other items.

Bids on the above described items are to start at \$6500.00 and said bids will be received by the Town Clerk until 7:30 p. m., Monday, May 3, 1954.

This sale to be upon confirmation of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Leaksville. This the 21st day of April, 1954.

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town where a barn was afire. It was the effect of even one hand engine in confining a fire to a single building in which it was discovered that completely sold the townspeople on the effectiveness of fire protection.

Still, the value of fire protection, even by such a crude method as pumping by hand, led the citizens of the north side to circulate a subscription paper in 1870 by means of which a second hand fire engine, hose cart and hose were purchased from the City of Norwich. The new company was known as Uncas No. 2. This name undoubtedly came on the fire pump when it was secured from Norwich. Uncas was a Sagamore of the Pequots and his village was where Norwich now stands. The organization of two fire companies in Bristol made it necessary to appoint a chief and William D. Carter became the first chief of Bristol's fire department. A year later, the townspeople realized the need of a hook and ladder truck. The new truck was a light one and the ladders were made in Bristol by S. Mr. Weldon. This was located across the street from the present central fire house.
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MECKLENBURG MARSHAL

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instituted by the county association.

Stipulated in the request by the departments to the county was that each department would retain its individual sovereignty and would continue to set local administrative practices within its own area. This would not apply to standardization of procedure and methods, nor the long-range planning of equipment and its utilization.

The fire marshal is to work under the direct guidance of the Rural Fire committee, appointed by the county, and the directors of The Mecklenburg Association.

Fire Departments Promote Citizenship

Chief Stanhope Lineberry of the Mecklenburg Rural Police states that in his opinion, Rural Fire Departments have done much to promote citizenship and harmony in the communities in which they have been organized.

Chief Lineberry has a series of true illustrations in which men who have been enemies were joined as friends by working together in a fire department. Lineberry also says that the citizens of a community work together in greater harmony in all projects after they have experienced the value of close cooperation in fire protection.

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Henderson Truck-Car Collision Demolishes Both Vehicles

A collision April 12 between a pumper of the Henderson Fire Department, answering a call, and an automobile resulted in an almost total loss of both vehicles and the serious injury of one fireman.

Henderson's '46 Dodge Darley 500 pumper crossed an intersection against the light with all warning devices operating. With the light a driver of a '51 Ford Victoria attempted to cross.

In the resulting collision the fire truck overturned completely and came to rest on its wheels after shearing off a light pole and totally demolishing the automobile.

Driving the truck was D. F. Dickerson, who was thrown from the truck and badly hurt. Riding with Dickerson in the cab was Asst. Chief F. H. Frazier who escaped with two broken ribs and a scalp wound.

The men driving the car was in the hospital two days, though his four-year-old son who was riding with him was unharmed.

Mecklenburg County Gets Fire Marshal

At a meeting May 4 President Garmon McCall of the Mecklenburg County Volunteer Firemen's Association, announced that the county commissioners had agreed to hire a full-time fire marshal to work with the county departments.

The fire marshal is to take charge of the training and coordinate the fire prevention and standardization programs already (Continued On Page Four.)

FIFTY-TWO GRADUATE AT THE 26TH ANNUAL FIRE COLLEGE

Graduating Class

Lonzo Melvin Bass
Durham, N. C.
Earl Geddie Beard
Erwin, N. C.
Byron Perry Beck
Thomasville, N. C.
John Willard Beck
Marion, N. C.
Frank Lee Blanton
Kings Mountain, N. C.
Leon Bradshaw
Granite Falls, N. C.
James Winchester Braswell
Charlotte, N. C.
Harry Lee Burns
Morehead City, N. C.
George Colie Caldwell
Statesville, N. C.
Smith Hardin Camp
Greenwood, S. C.
William Marshal Collins
Greenwood, S. C.
Roy Fuller Dellinger
Greenwood, S. C.
James William Dewese
Charlotte, N. C.
Harold Burgess Fowler
Southern Pines, N. C.
Francis Herbert Frazier
Henderson, N. C.
John William Godwin, Jr.
Raleigh, N. C.
George Dewey Hancock
Asheboro, N. C.
Carlton Sumner Harrell
Burgaw, N. C.
Jackson Stephen Hayworth
Asheboro, N. C.
John Cornelius Hegwood
Spencer Shop
Spencer, N. C.
Arnold Guy Hughes
Champion Fire Dept.
Canton, N. C.
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Director Burkett Leads The School In New Performance High

The 26th Fire College and Drill School ended Thursday night, May 6, with the graduation exercises and was pronounced by men who have attended many years as one of the largest and the best.

With a total registration of more than four hundred and an active student body of 321 who received credits, the classes divided into: 85 first-year men; 77 second-year men; 58 third-year men; 52 fourth-year men; and 49 post graduates.

New in the school was the post graduate course, designed to give those who have finished the normal four-year series a chance to render a program that will serve as a refresher course as well as offer an opportunity to investigate new ideas and methods. This course was conducted by C. W. Wyrick who acted as moderator for a panel that led the discussion and study of ideas, principles and policies. The enthusiastic response to this new course assures its continuation and expansion in future sessions of the Fire College.

New Instructors

Two new instructors made their first appearance before the student body at this session: T. M. Ellington of High Point and C. O. Wilkie of Durham. Their reception by the student body and particularly by the men who worked under them, indicates (Continued On Page Three.)

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FIRE COLLEGE

This should be in the nature of an apology, for with the intense activity and the broad nature of the Fire College it is almost impossible to do a decent job of reporting what went on.

Each year that we attend we become a little more attached and believe a little deeper in the principle of meeting together to study and better prepare for the job to be done.

Though there is a definite need for local training to reach the men who can not attend the Fire College, such a training program can never replace the school even though it may be a valuable supplement.

There is a time advantage at the annual school that can not be overcome locally and a concentration and intensity that can not be duplicated.

This is not intended to minimize local training for such can reach a great proportion of men that the Fire College will never have as students; however, to develop leaders, teachers and offer opportunity to those who wish to further their fire service education, the Fire College can not be replaced.

As was stated at the beginning, it is almost impossible to do a decent job of reporting the activities of the School. To go into detail would require all the space available for weeks and even then many details of the courses

would be missing.

In this issue we have attempted to report the highlights, a few of the shadows and as nearly as possible, convey to the readers the feelings and impressions of a student.

A Fire Chief Says

BY CHIEF M. G. BROWN

If you were going to the store to buy several sticks of dynamite, what kind of container would you take along to bring the dynamite home in?

Probably an explosion-proof steel vault, if you could find one, you would go to service stations and purchase gasoline in any kind of container from a glass jug to an old tin can.

Gasoline, under certain conditions is more dangerous than dynamite.

The small purchases of flammable liquids for lawn mowers and other summer equipment, including motor boats, have already started this year at our local service stations. It's the responsibility of your local gasoline dealer to furnish his product for your service but it's not his responsibility if you lose your home or the life of a dear one—using or storing it. That responsibility is yours.

It's up to you to employ every safety precaution if gasoline or other flammable liquids have to be used in or around the home. Use approved type safety cans for dangerous liquids. They can be purchased at local hardware stores, the same as an oil can, and with little difference in price. Never keep on hand more than one gallon of gas and keep it in an outbuilding away from the home.

Last year in our country careless handling and use of flammable liquids caused 1,200 fires that accounted for \$50,700,000 fire loss.

Give gasoline and other highly flammable liquids the safety attention they deserve—a potential source of fire and destruction that is more dangerous than dynamite!

GRADUATING CLASS

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Hiram Elwood Insoce
Rocky Mount, N. C.
Lewis Paschall Johnson
Pinehurst, N. C.
Robert Monroe Jones, Jr.
Durham, N. C.
James Paul Keziah
Monroe, N. C.

Jack Lee Laughridge
Marion, N. C.
William Bryan McCaskill
Pinehurst, N. C.
Thomas Henry McDonald
Fayetteville, N. C.
Eugene Early McDowell
Greensboro, N. C.
James Frederick McLaughlin
Florence, S. C.
John Lewis Minor
Greenwood, S. C.
John Eugene Nesbitt
East Spence, N. C.
Aubrey Raymond Olsen
Canton, N. C.
Howard Eugene Pender
Mooresville, N. C.
Cebron Curtis Pickens
Greenwood, S. C.

Clarence Arthur Prince
Charlotte, N. C.
Chief James Virgil Robinson
Champion Fire Co.
Canton, N. C.
Marshall Lee Sherrill
Mooresville, N. C.
Ralph Troy Skinner
Monroe, N. C.

Franklin Henry Smith
Charlotte, N. C.
Ralph (None) Still
Greenwood, S. C.
Ralph Richard Strickland
Greenwood, S. C.
Curlee Sharpe Thomas
Statesville, N. C.
Woodrow (None) Vestal
Sprey, N. C.

Eben Reynolds Wallace, Jr.
Troy, N. C.
John Chisholm Wallace
Troy, N. C.

Ivey Miller Warren
Plymouth, N. C.
William Wesley Wash
Greenwood, S. C.
Jack Griggs White
New Bern, N. C.
Roscoe Maynard Whitley
New Bern, N. C.
Talmadge McAnnally Ellington
High Point, N. C.
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AUGUST 16, 17 AND 18

FIRE COLLEGE REPORT

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that their choice was a good one.

Better Continuity

The school showed better planning and organization throughout the entire operation than it has in the past, with particular regard to the elimination of much of the dead-time and lost-motion. Most frequent complaint in previous years has been that there was too much lost time. Much of this has been eliminated and the Drill School committee assured the group that greater efforts toward this end would be made in the future.

Question Period

Though not entirely new, the last period of the last day was reserved for a question and answer session. Questions were received all through the session by writing out the query and placing it in a box provided for the purpose. The question box was opened with all the instructors assembled on the stage, the questions read aloud and the answer given by one or more of the instructor group. The nature and wide variety of the questions submitted indicates that this practice is one that will be continued, with perhaps greater time allowed for the handling of the time.

Local Training

Though not a part of the program of the School, there was a meeting held by the committee on local training while the school was in session. The members of the committee are Insurance Commissioner Gold, Curtis Flannagan, Waldo Cheek, Charles Burkett and Don Chiles.

These men announced the results of their meeting during the school and this was the net: That it is recognized that there is a need for local training in many departments that are unable to provide their own, and that this program would be better coordinated at state level to provide uniformity. Further, that a minimum of two full-time instructors would be required to perform this task and that they would be a part of the Insurance Commissioners staff, guided by the above committee and the N. C. State Firemen's Association. That at present, funds are not available to the Insurance Commissioners office to hire these men and that such funds will be requested at the next meeting of the legislature.

Graduating Class

With an address by Hon. John Shaw, City Attorney of Charlotte, the graduating class neared the moment they had waited many hours and years to enjoy,

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and as President Tyrus Bissette read their names, Treasurer Ed Johnson presented each man with his diploma.

At this session Chief Donald Charles expressed a feeling of sadness at the conclusion of the school. This feeling was perhaps most prevalent among the members of the graduating class as they realized that perhaps they would never again meet and work together as an entire group. With the presentation of the certificates to the other members of the student body, all shook hands and scattered to their homes—ending the 26th session of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association Fire College.

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WYRICK CANDIDATE

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 animous support of the South Carolina Fire Chiefs Association which has gone on record favoring his candidacy. Many other chiefs from Virginia, Georgia, Florida and Alabama have promised their support.

Widely known for his intense efforts to carry out any assignment for the good of the fire service, Chief Wyrick is certain to have the support of the North Carolina chiefs who are thoroughly familiar with his capabilities.

GONE TO BLAZES

Winston-Salem's fire loss for April was approximately \$1,605; 91 alarms were answered during

the month. Fire loss for 1954 to date: approximately \$53,797; 2 deaths. Stop fires!

ODD AND UNUSUAL

The call recently to a Greensboro fire station sounded like the fire of the year: The Guilford County Courthouse was reported in flames.

Cancellation of the call followed shortly.

No fire—just reflections from a brass spittoon playing on a plate glass door.

FIRE SERVICE GRAPEVINE

From Danbury, Ct., comes the yarn about a puppy which was trapped in a burning gasoline station and who picked the safest place when he couldn't get out. He dived into a toilet bowl,

where he was found after the fire was put out, singed but safe. (Fire Engineering.)

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Morganton Dept. Gets New Engine

Monday, May 10, the Morganton Fire Department received their new pumper. The new engine, LaFrance equipment on a GMC chassis, is creating considerable interest in the western section of the state. For some time LaFrance has adhered to a policy of building only on the Ford commercial chassis and Morganton's new rig is on of the first in the state since their departure from this policy.

Those who have seen the truck all express delight at the appearance and believe that the GMC is definitely going to invade the commercial field in fire apparatus building.

Fire District Vote For Oak Ridge Set

The election for the Oak Ridge Fire Protection District will be held May 15 from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m., in the Oak Ridge school.

Registration for the special election ended May 1 and Challenge Day was May 8. Total registration was reported at 134.

Purpose of the election is to determine if a fire protection district will be set up and a special tax levy of not more than 10 cents on the \$100 property evaluation levied to support the district.

County Manager J. Harry Weatherly said yesterday that the county commissioners will meet May 17 in the courthouse at Greensboro to canvass the votes of the election.

FIRE SERVICE GRAPEVINE

The only fire truck in the town of Winona, Tex., was destroyed by fire February 7, last, when a grass fire got out of control.

Candidate

CHIEF C. W. WYRICK

Wyrick Candidate For Second Vice-President Southeastern Chiefs

Chief C. W. (Moon) Wyrick, of Greensboro, has announced his candidacy for the office of second vice-president of the Southeastern Chiefs Association subject to the election at the June convention in Charlotte.

The jovial Greensboro chief is well known in other states for his outstanding work, not only having brought honors to his own department but to the state and region.

Having been urged by his many friends to seek this new office and responsibilities, Chief Wyrick has been assured the un-

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Housewife, 17, Admits Setting Home Blazes

BY MRS. JOHN F. BOLES, JR.
 A 17-year-old blonde wife was charged last week with setting a fire that razed two houses and left 11 persons homeless.

Mrs. Harold Pike of 32 Nissen Avenue, Winston-Salem, confessed to setting fire to a house at 2508 Ansonia street last March 1, according to officers, because she was angry at her mother-in-law for "coming between" her and husband. The seven-room house was owned by Mr. Pike's father, Norman Pike, and the young couple lived there with their parents.

Mrs. Pike said officers were wrong in explaining why she set the fire. She said she thought she and her husband would be better off living in a place of their own.

On March 1 she became impatient, she said, and set fire to a stack of newspapers on the back porch of the house. She went next door and told the neighbors to call the fire department, but both houses were beyond saving when firemen arrived.

Western Association Meets At Spruce Pine

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YOUR INFLUENCE

Whether the individual fireman realizes it or not, he is a very potent political influence in the State. With approximately three hundred fire departments in the State with an overall average of forty men per department, you arrive at approximately 12,000 firemen. Since most of these men are married, multiply by two and the result is 24,000 direct votes. Another fact, regardless of how small a man may be he has a certain sphere of influence in his community, and can to a reasonable degree influence the voting of the people in this sphere. Just for argument's sake let's assume that each fireman and his wife can influence five persons each. Multiply again and the voting potential becomes 120,000.

This last figure shows the real influence the fire service can have on legislation, provided there is a concentrated effort on the part of the individual fireman to have a particular bill passed.

All this talk about elections and votes is not designed to follow or suggest any party-line with regard to politics, but rather to urge every fireman to see his Senator or Representative, or the announced candidates and express his feelings with regard to the forthcoming bills that will be of particular interest to the fire service.

One of the bills is based on the

resolution passed at the Greensboro Convention, which would require that fire extinguishers be placed on all state school buses. The second bill will provide funds for the employment of state-wide instructors to carry out the oft proposed local-level training program in each department about these bills, and insist give legal status to the association committee that would be responsible for the planning and administration of the training program.

See your Legislator now. Tell him about these bills, and insist that he vote for their passage. Demonstrate that your entire department is behind this legislation and there should be little difficulty in securing its passage.

Wyrick Story

With Chief Wyrick's announcement that he was a candidate for second vice-president of the Southeastern Chiefs, the readers of the H&N will probably be interested in his background and qualifications. Here is a brief history of "Moon" that will help you become better acquainted with the leading candidate for this high office. Ed.

Chief Wyrick joined the Greensboro Fire Department on September 1, 1926. He has served in the capacity of private, driver, lieutenant, captain and chief of the department. On August 21, 1940, after being with the department for a total of 20 years, he became chief of the department. At the present time, he is a member of the Advisory (Continued On Page Three.)

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BY CHIEF M. G. BROWN
Defective or over heated chimneys and flues caused 31,000 fires in the United States last year.

Because chimneys and flues did not receive proper fire prevention attention, \$26,000,000 worth of property was destroyed by fire in 1953.

We don't have the figures on how many of the 12,000 persons that were killed by fire, for the same period, was the result of this leading cause of fire but our guess would be a large percentage.

To make the fire picture a little more alarming, fires are on the increase this year in our country from this cause of fire.

These are only a few of the reasons why we, for example, that the chimney should be cleaned at least once a year by a qualified chimney cleaner.

A qualified chimney cleaner will have the proper tools to free a chimney of dangerous accumulations of soot without dirtying up the home or place of business. Also, he will make sure your chimney is free from cracks in the attic that often start fires that go undiscovered until it's too late.

A part of a good chimney cleaning job includes the flue pipe from the heating plant to the chimney and while the chimney and flue pipes are getting the once over have your heating plant checked for proper operation and safety.

Now is a good time to have your chimney and flues checked by a qualified chimney cleaning man. It will save you money on your fuel bill and what's more important it might save your life and home!

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WYRICK STORY

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Board of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association. He is also past president of this association, vice-president of the Fire Chiefs' Association, member of the N. F. P. A., honorary member of the South Carolina State Firemen's Association, member of the North Carolina Fire Chiefs' Association and International Association of Fire Chiefs.

He is vitally interested in training both local, state and nationwide in the fire service. At the present time he is one of a committee headed by the very distinguished W. Fred Heisler, who is training consultant for the Oklahoma A. & M. college at Stillwater. This committee is actively engaging in the preparation of information for a book to be published in the future. The title of information for a book to be compiled under the heading "Duties And Responsibilities Of Fire Officers." Moon is also actively participating in the activities of the F. D. I. C. and attends most of the schools being held in and around the state and other out of the state. One of his main objectives in the fire service is to see better training of firemen over the entire nation. Before becoming a paid man, Chief Wyrick was a volunteer fireman for a period of 5 years.

Chief Wyrick is very active in many civic clubs and fraternal organizations such as: Masons, Scottish Rite, Shriner, Odd Fellows, Elks, Kiwanis, Jaycees, Old Timers and is also a member of West Market Street Methodist church in Greensboro.

He is very interested in helping crippled children and through this interest is director of the Guilford County Foundation of Infantile Paralysis and Cerebral Palsy Foundation.

Boil all this down to a small simmer and it will come out plain old "Moon" Wyrick, who is vitally interested in any phase of the fire service.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Note: We had no intention of reviving this column since quite often there is no satisfactory way of answering questions that involve opinions; however, too much stuff has piled up on the desk, and this looks as though it is the best way to clear it.

If you have puzzlers, send them in, we won't deliberately misinform you. Ed.

Weight of Water
Q. How much does a gallon of

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water weigh?

Ans. We suspect you've been in an argument, but here is the technical definition. The weight of a cubic foot divided by the number of gallons per cubic foot, or 62.5 divided by 7.48 equal 8.33 pounds, commonly taken as 8 1-3 pounds. Another rule often applied is that water weighs 9 pounds to the gallon—including the tank weight. This is a rough calculation but will suffice in many instances.

More Weight Problems

Q. How many gallons of water does a 50 foot length of hose hold? Also, how much does the water weigh?

Ans. Find the number of cubic inches in the joint of hose, convert it to gallons and multiply. The answer is 12.75 gallons, 106.2 pounds. Add to this the weight of the hose and couplings and you see why you are taught to carry the hose dry when possible.

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The City Council of Boyne City, Mich., figured it cost an average of \$18 for the fire department to answer alarms on grass fires that get out of control. So the council decided to offer free grass service this spring. Any resident who wants to burn grass is asked to call the fire department. A fireman will call and burn the grass, safely.

HELMETS OFF

Our helmets are off to the Fire Prevention committee of the Chamber of Commerce and citizens of our city for helping make Clean-Up Week a success. Only \$50 fire damage was reported during spring Clean-Up Week.

Questions And Answers

Q. How do you determine the "kick-back" on a nozzle?

A. The kick-back, or pull-back is the diameter of the nozzle squared times nozzle pressure times 1-2. For an 1 1/4 inch nozzle at 50 pounds it works out 117 pounds.

Interesting note: This is often argued but a stream striking a wall or other solid object has no effect on the reaction or pull back. Although it appears to be more to the men on the nozzle, this is only mental.

SHOPTALK

According to my favorite barber, "In God We Trust" was put on pennies for those people who use them to block fuses.

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Cary To Stage Second Annual Firemen's Day

BY W. R. ELDER

Plans are now being made for the presentation of the second annual Fireman's Day in Cary.

On Saturday, May 29, the Cary Fire Department will hold its annual Fireman's Day program. The program will include a mile-long parade at 3:00 p. m., a fish supper from 5 to 8 p. m., bingo from 8 to 9:30 p. m., and an old-fashioned street dance from 9:30 'til midnight.

Interest has been rising in Wake county for many years in the field of rural fire protection and from this interest a committee made up of the fire chiefs from Wake county has been formed to present to the commissioners of Wake county a rural fire fighting program.

The Cary Fire Department has built a rural fire truck consisting of a ten wheel, 180 hp International truck tractor and an eight wheel 4000 gallon tank trailer. The tractor will mount 8.25020 tires and the trailer 11.00-20 tires. This is not just an ordinary converted gasoline tanker. Work on this equipment has been going on for approximately four months and averaging approximately 100 man hour per week. The tanker will mount a 350 gallon per minute portable pump and the tractor will mount a 1500 watt 110 v. generator.

Cary believes they have the only tank tractor fire truck of this kind in the State of North Carolina.

(Note: Don't want to discourage you, Cary, but others have similar rigs. Pinocia (Mecklenburg county) has a 5500 gallon tanker. Ed.)

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Stove Explodes In Home At Statesville

Flames from an exploded kerosene cookstove swept through the five-room frame dwelling of Mrs. Vonesse Woods May 17, damaging three rooms extensively before firemen brought the blaze under control.

Mrs. Woods, widowed mother of six small children, said she was preparing lunch at 1:30 a. m. when the stove exploded, throwing burning kerosene over the kitchen. No one was injured in the fire.

Red-Faced Firemen

For a week or more the members of the volunteer fire department at Reeds, Davidson county community, were busy drumming up trade for their Brunswick stew supper set for May 1.

They expected about 1,000. The money taken in was to be used in building a new fire station.

But, the day of the big affair the firemen had a shame-faced announcement: There wasn't any supper. The Brunswick stew burned up.

Convention Delegates

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Clinton Woman Is Burned To Death

Mrs. Joseph Hoegler, 69, of Clinton was burned to death May 17 when her silk dress became ignited in the kitchen of her home, where she was alone at the time.

Sampson County Coroner Dr. J. S. Ayers reconstructed the scene as having occurred when a box of matches became ignited from a burner on the electric range, as a burned box was found on the floor. She apparently had tried to throw them outdoors.

Mrs. Hoegler ran screaming from the house and when neighbors arrived her clothes were burned off.

Battleground Dist. Solicits, Recruits

The Battleground Volunteer Fire Department has announced that it is taking applications for volunteer firemen, that voluntary contributions are needed and that a dust purpose fire truck has been ordered.

In addition, the department said plans call for a groundbreaking ceremony at an early date at the site of the unit's proposed fire station. The site is on Lawndale Drive Extension, just beyond the entrance to Greensboro Country Park.

A program report released by the department shows:

1. Residents of the fire protection district are calling on their contribution pledges and any neighbors to collect additional donations.

2. That the solicitors will carry applications for volunteer firemen and will also accept offers of voluntary labor for the construction of the fire station.

3. That a 1,000 auxiliary (Continued on Page Two.)

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WYRICK STORY

I hasten to accept the opportunity to speak a word or two to you in regard to a candidate for second vice-president of the Southeastern Chiefs' Association. After much urging by many of Moon's friends, he had decided to run for vice-presidency. No one knows more fully than I his very rigid schedule in Greensboro. If he were elected to this office, it would mean added work, but I know from experience that he would do a wonderful job while in office. I have followed his curriculum closely and never once have I found him doing anything but his best on any job assigned to him. He sincerely wants to be elected and if you, the reader, will cast your vote for this man, he will put his heart and soul into each function of his duties.

Those of you who know Moon personally understand without a doubt what I am trying to say, but for the benefit of the few of you who may not, this article is being written. This man has had much experience in the fire service and he knows the needs of all firemen. He is a valuable asset to the Greensboro Fire Department and he could be to the Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs if you so desire to have him. He has many, many friends throughout the Southeast and we know that Moor has entered into the race. Chief Wyrick has had experience

as a volunteer fireman, as a paid fireman, and as a chief, which qualifies him to render services to every person associated with the Southeastern. Those of you who read the May 14th issue of *Hose & Nozzle*, remember quite a list of civic clubs along with other foundations that Chief Wyrick is affiliated with. He never misses an opportunity at any of the gatherings to build up the firemen in the sight of all present. I do not know if any opposition will arise to question Chief Wyrick's ability or to question his right to be unanimously elected as vice-president of the Southeastern Chiefs' Association. If so, the record will speak for itself and I for one can see no person more qualified to fill this position than Chief C. W. "Moon" Wyrick, chief of the Greensboro Fire Department.

If you will cast your vote for Moon, you will be doing the entire association a good deed.

E. E. McDOWELL.

BATTLEGROUND DIST.

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tanker is expected to be purchased and in operation within 30 days, so equipped that it can be used for fire fighting pending arrival of the truck.

The officials pointed out that although the residents of the district approved a tax levy not to exceed 10 cents per \$100 valuation to finance the department, that contributions are needed to pay off immediate debts.

They said the district is faced with large expenditures during the current year which will exceed revenue from taxes. Contributions for capital investments will hasten the time when the tax levy can be lowered or used for paid personnel in the department, they said.

The department said it hopes to reduce the cost of constructing a fire house through obtaining materials at cost and by voluntary labor. The architect has denoted his services and a resident of the district has agreed to grade the site.

Plans are for a fire station capable of housing two pieces of fire fighting equipment. In addition to a meeting room and an apartment.

A Fire Chief Says

BY CHIEF M. G. BROWN

The Winston-Salem fire department will conduct its second annual Fire School for city, county and visiting firemen next week.

Emphasis will be placed on "pumps" used by the fire service during the four day school. H. R. Burton, master mechanic of the department, will be the instructor for the classes.

All classes are scheduled to be held at the Buena Vista Fire Station, Arbor Road at West First street. Captain J. W. Wooten, drill master of the department, will have charge of the school.

Two pumps, a 750 g. p. m. Hale Centrifugal cut-away model and a 750 g. p. m. rotary pump dismantled, will be displayed during the school.

Members of the Forsyth County Volunteer Firemen's Association and nearby towns have been invited to attend the school. The school is a part of the year 'round training program for Winston-Salem firemen.

Fire schools and training programs mean better protection for you against fire.

Sleep Safely

"Nightcaps" have been responsible for many deaths caused by fire.

We are not speaking of the kind you drink.

You are at a disadvantage enough when fire breaks loose in your home, while asleep, without the drowsiness that goes along with alcoholic beverages.

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Questions & Answers

Somebody must have really gotten into a lulu of an argument to bring this question up. We had to dig in the books a little, but we got it.

Q. What is meant by "slip" in a pump?

A. Got to talk about some other things before we can answer exactly, namely: nominal displacement and actual displacement, and for this question we refer to rotary pumps.

The nominal displacement of a piston or rotary pump is the amount of water in gallons which should theoretically be discharged when the pump makes a complete stroke or revolution. The actual displacement is the actual amount of water being discharged divided by the number of revolutions or complete strokes. The slip is the difference between the nominal displacement and the actual displacement.

For instance, a rotary pump with a nominal displacement of 745 gallons per revolution, operating at 700 r. p. m. throws 500 g. p. m. The actual displacement is then 500 divided by 700 or 714 gallons per revolution and the slip is 745 minus 714 or .031 gallons per revolution. The percentage slip is the slip divided by the nominal displacement or in this case about 4 per cent.

This is the theory. Send us a specific example and we'll try to work it out for you.

Q. What is meant by net pump pressure?

A. You attend the Pump School in Charlotte this fall and let someone that is competent answer, but until then perhaps this explanation will do.

It is the difference between the suction and the discharge pressure when operating from a hydrant, with pressure on the suction gage. When operating from a hydrant or from draft with vacuum showing the suction gage, it is the sum of the discharge pressure and the pressure equivalent of the vacuum recorded. Suction gages record in

inches of mercury when needle is below zero, which is equivalent to about 1 foot of water or 1-2 lb. per square inch of negative pressure. Example: A pumper discharging at 120 lbs. pressure with a pressure of 40 lbs. showing on the suction gage is working at 80 lbs. net pump pressure. A pumper discharging at 120 lbs. with 15" of mercury (15 below zero) vacuum on suction gage is operating at 120 plus 15 over 2 or 127.5 lbs. net pump pressure.

Q. What is the flow in gallons per minute from (a) a 1 1/4" nozzle with pressure of 64 pounds? (b) one inch nozzle with 40 pounds pressure?

A. Not going to tell you the formula, think you are just trying to find out if we can work the problem. (a) 29.7 times 1.25 times 1.25 square root of 64 equal 71 gallons per minute. (b) 29.7 times 1 times 1 square root of 40 equal 188 gallons per minute.

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GREENSBORO BANQUET

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 tificates for completion of courses in advanced training and pointed out that the instructors were due much credit for the work accomplished.

Guests of the firemen were: Robert H. Frazier, Mayor, R. Boyd Morris, Mayor Pro-tem, E. L. Faulconer, M. A. Arnold, W. B. Burke, W. M. Hampton, Councilmen, Gen. J. R. Townsend, City Manager, W. H. Reeves, Jr., Director of Public Safety; G. H. Aull, Chief C. L. Cox, Vice-Pres. NCSFA, Ed Johnson, Treasurer NCSFA, John Wallace, Editor Hose & Nozzle, Rev. J. Calvin Barnes, Rev. Claude B. Bowen, Herbert B. Winston, Jr., Chief J.

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Girl, Parents Are Injured In Blaze

An 11-year-old girl was severely burned and her parents seriously hurt when a fire swept through their home in Fayetteville May 25.

The child, Patsy Ross Watkins, was burned about the back, chest, hands and face and is a patient at the Army hospital at Fort Bragg. Her mother suffered burns on the hands and arms and is also in the Fort Bragg hospital. Her father, Pfc. Carlos G. Watkins, was treated for burns of the hands and arms.

Fayetteville firemen said the blaze started in the living room of the home on a settee.

A neighbor of the Watkins, Mrs. Lonnie Berry, said she was aroused by the father, who asked her to call the fire department. She said Mrs. Watkins and the girl were both out of the house and the child was lying on the ground.

SHOPTALK

John was rather careless with the dynamite in the quarry and let a stick drop. The whole box went up, taking John with it. A short time later the foreman came by and asked, "Where's John?" "He's gone," answered a fellow-worker. "When'll he be back?" queried the foreman. "Well sir," responded the other, "if he comes back as fast as he left, he'll be back day before yesterday."

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CHIEF C. W. WYRICK

Win With Wyrick.

If you travel over this nation of ours and observe closely the operations of any particular business, in any field, some few individuals will stand out as definite pioneers and leaders in that field. Our principle interest, of course, is that of protecting life and property and we have all devoted our time, efforts, and yes, even our lives to this very respected service. It would not be hard to list the many well known and respected men in the Southeast who stand out as progressive leaders in the fire service. One of these men is Chief C. W. "Moon" Wyrick of the Greensboro, North Carolina Fire Department. You could elaborate on his ability on the things that he has done for the betterment of the fire service and on the respect (Continued on Page Three)

Lumber Firm Fire Caused By Explosion

Fire touched off by the explosion of a steam line on a boiler caused several thousand dollars damage to the Wilson-Barbour Lumber Co. in Fayetteville May 18.

The steam line exploded about 5:30 p. m., during the absence of the boiler attendant and fire quickly spread throughout the boiler room, sending flames high into the air and creating a column of smoke which could be seen for several miles.

Two Fayetteville fire department companies brought the blaze under control and saved stacks of lumber stored nearby.

The boilers, which powered the plant, were engulfed in flames. A company spokesman said the boiler was constructed to withstand intense heat and an inspection of it would be necessary to learn the damage sustained.

Greensboro Stages Annual Banquet

With the usual thoroughness, the Greensboro department held their annual banquet Tuesday night, May 25.

Chief Wyrick opened the semi-formal affair and following the invocation the Greensboro firemen served a banquet... built around a huge portion of fried chicken on each plate.

Welcomed by the Mayor, congratulated by the city manager and praised by both, the firemen had their night of glory. Chief Wyrick presented the guests, and with his usual unpredictable fashion presented each of the firemen with his wife or companion.

City Manager Townsend presented to the firemen their certificate (Continued On Page Four.)

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WHAT'S A MISTAKE?

There probably has never been a fire, which after it was all over, there was not some individual or group who pointed out all the mistakes and errors.

Like all other professions, fire fighting is not a perfect one, and because of the very nature of the work, decisions must be made hurriedly and once made often must be followed—even if an error was made.

The sidewalk chiefs, or the station-house expert, can always point directly at who, how and why the error was made—and just what should have been done instead. Most of the time these experts have not had the responsibility of making such decisions, and are not willing to admit that the men who do are human and subject to failure.

Another point: If there is a primary or basic requirement in an efficient fire department, it is organization. Without this, all the apparatus and facilities in the world are useless. Officers and men are trained to make decisions and one must be made in the size-up of every fire.

In all honesty we must admit our errors; however, it is unfair to charge a man with a mistake when in his best judgment, he thought he was making the right decision.

Now the question may arise as to why he judged as he did, and quite often the foundation of the

fault is traceable to someone other than himself. Perhaps he has not had the training he needed, or has not been required to study thoroughly the subjects he has been taught. Perhaps he has never had impressed upon sufficiently the responsibilities and considerations that must be taken into account. Perhaps he has advanced too fast through circumstance and has over-run his experience. These and many other things might account for the mistake—none of which are directly chargeable to the man himself, but to those who are his superiors.

All things considered, no man should be condemned for an occasional error in judgment—even though it may be a disastrous one. So long as we inhabit this earth, we will continue to make mistakes, but if we are making our best effort, if we are trying to fan the spark of good that is within us, and make an error, our fellow men should be generous enough to forgive and understand that they, too, may someday be in the same position.

There is within every man a spark of good and a spark of evil. As firemen we know the power of fire and should have no difficulty in selecting the spark to fan, and the one for which we must be forever watchful.

Western Association Meets At Spruce Pine June 2nd

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A Fire Chief Says BY CHIEF M. G. BROWN

Flames took advantage of a delayed alarm last week, in a two story dwelling on Mickey Hill Road in Winston-Salem.

A neighbor working in his yard noticed smoke boiling from the back porch and kitchen of the nearby house. The alarm was then turned into the fire department.

When the fire department arrived, the fire was out of control and required some fast work and two hose lines before the flames could be extinguished. Not before \$3,000 damage was done to the building and contents.

This fire, like many others we answer, points out the necessity for a home automatic fire alarm.

The Underwriters have approved an alarm bell that can be hung on the wall, in the attic or in the basement of a home that will ring automatically in case of a fire out of control. In addition to being economical in price, the bell is easy to operate and will last for years. No electricity is required and they can be purchased from dealers in your city.

Check into an alarm system for your home today and if you need help call your fire department.

Remember fire harms on delayed alarms!

Vacation Time Hints

Springtime always starts people thinking about vacation. For most people it is a time to get away from home and see new faces and new places. Yet even with the nicest vacation possible, it's always pleasant to return home when the trip is over. But have you ever thought that far too many persons return home to find that in their absence, their has gone up in smoke and flames, usually because they did not take a few simple precautions for fire safety in their absence?

Here are a few tips on making your home "fire safe" before you go away.

1. Get rid of all accumulations of combustible waste and oily rags.
2. Turn off the electricity at the main switch or disconnect all floor lamps, television sets, radios, etc.
3. Clean out loose papers and trim high grass against the house that might be ignited.
4. Ask a neighbor to keep an eye on your home.

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WIN WITH WYRICK

(Continued From Page One.)

that everyone has for him, but the record will show for itself his capability. "Experience," as the slogan goes, "is the best teacher" and the candidate for second vice-president of the Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs certainly has this in his favor. He has been associated with the fire service practically his entire life and nothing has meant more to him in his business life than the fire service. Chief Wyrick is also a very progressive fire chief. He is quick to grasp every opportunity to make working conditions, salaries and equipment better for his men. He not hesitate to try a new idea that may mean a short cut to the saving of life and property. It seems imperative that we all make sure that Moon be unanimously elected as second vice-president by casting our vote for him.

There is no doubt that the Southeast is blessed with many capable leaders and that regardless of who his opponent is, he will be worthy of consideration.

The fire chiefs of the Southeast feel strongly about selecting men to lead this great Association, and since this is the last chance to speak through the Hose & Nozzle on this subject, we can not emphasize too greatly the importance of the issue at hand. Words will not adequately express thoughts on the matter but will perhaps urge a vote for Moon Wyrick.

If you will visit the City of Greensboro and ask anyone you see at random if they know the fire chief, it is certain that the reply would be in the affirmative. This man is loved by all the citizens in his city and he is highly respected as a man capable of fulfilling his duties. Greensboro insurance rates are very low and the tax payers are pleased with the premiums they

pay for insurance. The department has good equipment, the personnel is of the highest calibre and this has not been brought about by sitting down and letting the other fellows do the work. This progress has been chiefly due to the very capable leadership of the fire chief.

Think on the things you have just read and you will realize the importance of placing this man in office as second vice-president of the Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs. Join the winning team, do yourself, as well as the fire service, a good turn.

THANKS

Thanks to each and everyone for taking the time to read these articles. Everything that has been said has been strictly the truth and not a single thought has been stretched to get a vote for Chief Wyrick. We all feel that he will be unanimously elected, but whether elected or not, his attitude and feelings toward every man in the Southeast will be the same. Truthfully, through victory or defeat, Chief Wyrick still will be just plain old "Moon."

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WESTERN MEETING

(Continued From Page One.) in our fellowmen, and confidence in our religion and government. With appropriate thanks to the Spruce Pine department, President Creasman adjourned the meeting, to convene again at Tryon in September.

GONE TO BLAZES

According to a report from the National Board of Fire Underwriters, fire losses in the United States are up 10.7 per cent over 1953.

Losses for the first two months of 1954 now total \$156,421,000, an increase of 10.7 per cent over the first two months of 1953, when they amounted to \$149,965,000. Stop fires!

BOOK REVIEW

(Continued From Page Three) ham radio gear, helmets, and alarm boxes.

Interlaced with the articles and stories are ads that range from tie clips to parts for ancient motorized apparatus. Not too much advertising and carefully selected.

All in all, we liked it very much. Never have seen anything quite like it, and intend to keep it close by for handy reference to a collection of men who are just as interested in the fire service as we are.

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Guilford Departments To Form Association

In a letter issued by Chief A. E. Lundy of the Pinetree-Sedgefield fire department all rural fire department personnel, county officials and interested persons in Guilford county have been invited to attend a meeting for the purpose of organizing a Guilford County Fire Protection Association.

The meeting is set for June 15, 7:30 p. m., at the Guilford County court house.

Originally the project had been approached by the rural departments, and by the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce. The two efforts have now been combined into what promises to be a more successful plan.

In addition to the general organization the meeting will take up fire insurance rates, tax supported rural fire districts and the operation of Forsyth county fire departments.

Sandhills Announce Convention Program

The program for the Sandhills Firemen's Association Convention has been announced by Secretary E. P. Leatherbury which contains a full day of business and entertainment for the members and their guests.

With Hamlet as host and the date of June 18 set, the program promises to be a gala affair.

Beginning with registration at 9 a. m., there follows a business session; turkey dinner; aerial truck demonstration; parade; address by Secretary of State Thad Eure, and a boat race—followed by crowning of the queen.

Hamlet is well known for its hospitality with Chief Worley and his men doing their utmost to provide the best for their guests.

Don't forget the Sandhills Association meets at Hamlet June 16.

Two Small Children Lose Lives In Blaze

Two small Negro children were burned to death in bed at their home in Camden county May 28 about eight o'clock.

They were Connie Mercer, 5, and her brother, Thaduis Mercer, 4, children of Bydella Mercer who with their grandmother, Amelia Mercer, were asleep.

The home, a two-story house located on Indiantown road two miles east of Belcross, and its furnishings were entirely destroyed.

The women were asleep in a room downstairs and the two children in another room. The mother and grandmother were awakened by smoke and found the entire house ablaze. They could not reach the children.

Elizabeth City firemen were called and on their arrival found the house entirely burned down. They wet down the ashes and found a few bones of the children in the iron frame of their bed.

Investigators were unable to determine the cause of the fire.

Two Hurt In Blast, Fire Aboard Yacht

An explosion and fire turned the yacht "Stormy" into a charred hull at Trent Pines May 31.

Its two crew members were injured.

The trim 43-foot yacht was rocked by the blast after it had taken on fuel. Flames swept over the vessel.

Capt. R. L. DeLoach, 54, and Willard Alston, 21, were preparing to leave the dock, three miles west of New Bern, for their home port of Wilmington. Both men were painfully burned.

Damage is estimated between \$15,000 and \$20,000. The "Stormy" had participated in a cruise of 48 vessels the day before.

Western Holds Quarterly Meet At Spruce Pine

On the first hot day of the season, Spruce Pine was host to the quarterly meeting of the Western Association. Meeting June 2 at the Country club in Spruce Pine, the members and guests found Chief George Bartlett and his men ready with a banquet of country ham, corn-on-the-cob and the trimmings.

After the meal the firemen were welcomed by Chief Bartlett and members of the Board of Aldermen. President Wayne Creasman requested roll call by Secretary Mark Jones of Enka. Totals showed 132 members present from 22 departments.

Candidate Endorsed

Under the heading of old business, the committee appointed for the purpose of selecting a candidate for vice-president of the State Association explained its findings and upon motion from the floor of the Western Association voted unanimously to endorse John C. Wallace of Troy.

Local Training

The principle new business of the meeting was a discussion of the advisability of holding a local training program, using the facilities of the Asheville department. Unanimously approved, the tentative program is to hold a school designed to reach the firemen who are unable to attend the State Fire College and Drill School. Arrangements are to be made to hold a two-day meeting with details to be worked out by special committee headed by Chief E. M. Sallee of Enka.

Program chairman, Jim Bailey, presented W. W. Smith of Rutherfordton who with mastery precision kept the group in hilarious laughter while driving home a lesson in confidence. Mr. Smith's unusual style foreably put over the three points of his talk: Confidence in one's self, confidence

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KINDRED SPIRIT

We're changing style a little this week in order to tell a story. It's a story with a point, we think, and hope the reader agrees.

Last Sunday night your editor and his family were returning home and had just passed through the village of Tramway, a few miles west of Sanford on U. S. 1. A short distance beyond the village the headlights suddenly went out. With luck, a straight road, and the kind hand of Providence, the car was brought to a halt safely and driven off the highway into the driveway of a house.

Inquiry at the house brought the owner to the door, a Mr. Lester Donathan, who kindly agreed to use his truck to go back to a service station in search of aid. Following closely the truck, the car was driven back to the service station where the attendant quickly located the trouble.

Some where in the conversation your editor asked about the newly organized rural fire department at Tramway. This broke the ice and when it was found that there was a mutual interest in the fire service, things really warmed up.

Mr. Donathan proved to be one of the very satisfied participants in the fire protection program, while the owner of the

service station, Charles Yow, proved to be one of the firemen.

These men explained their system, based on the \$10 annual fee, covering a 3-mile radius, with Lee county contributing \$2,500 on the initial cost of apparatus, plus \$50 per month maintenance.

Though we didn't get to meet Chief Bert Villa, our friends offered to hunt him up, it would be difficult to have found two more enthusiastic supporters of the newly organized department.

The thing that seemed most impressive was not just the interest, but the change in attitude when they found they were dealing with another fireman.

Though most of us are inclined to discount its value, one of the greatest pleasures we receive as firemen is the fellowship, the new friends, and old acquaintances—all bound together by a common bond that we call a kindred spirit.

H and N Recognized By Fire Fan Register

Out on the west coast, Huntington Park, Calif., to be exact, Donald Shelburne is doing a fine job of publishing a magazine that is called The National Fire Fan Register. Don covers about every phase of the fire service and in the latest issue devotes almost a full column to a description of the Hose & Nozzle, its purposes and points of interest. If you're interested in a good collection of firemaniana, send Don 2 bucks and get on the mailing list. Address: Fire Fan Register, 7614 1/2 Seville Ave., Huntington Park, Calif. (Ed.)

SHOP TALK

"The wonderful spirit of this country can certainly be found in the volunteer fire departments."—Chief Thoms, Pres. International Assn. of Fire Chiefs.

Convention Delegates CONTACT

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AUGUST 16, 17 AND 18

A Fire Chief Says

BY CHIEF M. G. BROWN
Our helmets are off to Bill France and Alvin Hawkins.

These gentlemen are putting on a stock car race in Bowman Gray Stadium, June 29, for the benefit of the Winston-Salem Firemen's Retirement Fund Association.

All of the net profits from the race will be given to the Winston-Salem Firemen.

In addition to giving the profits to the fire boys, Bill and Alvin are going all out to produce one of the season's best automobile races for sporting fans.

It's no secret that the firemen's retirement fund needs additional financial help besides what we pay into it ourselves. At the present time we have eleven men drawing on the retirement fund and this fund could certainly stand a few more dollars in the kitty.

If you would like to support a worthy cause, buy a ticket for the June 29 race from a fireman.

Slogan Announced

"Let's Grow Up And Not Burn Up" is the slogan that will be used during Fire Prevention Week all over the nation October 3-9. This is in accordance with an announcement made at the annual meeting of the National Fire Protection Association last week in Washington, D. C.

Nashville, Tenn., suggested the slogan that won the contest sponsored by the NFPA. The school children of Nashville had a slogan contest and the fire department picked from the entries this year's nation-wide slogan.

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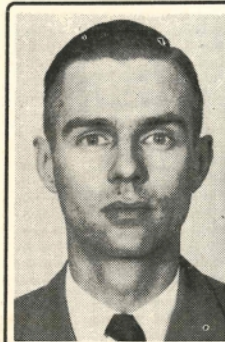
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This is really something new for the Hose & Nozzle, book reviewing, but in this case it's well worth the effort.

We've just received an advance copy of Joe Hallett's "The Visiting Fireman," and wish to applaud the first effort of this kind in the fire service.

Actually, the book is designed as an annual publication and will, as the author states, help you "to make your fireman contacts, hobbies and travels more pleasant." He further urges suggestions and increased coverage, as the readers might care to have.

Basically the book contains a "roll call" listing by states, those who are particularly well known for their hobbies and unusual interests in the fire service. The author does not claim it to be complete, but rather admits that a great many men have been missed. It contains a particularly good article on the history of the Charleston, S. C. Fire Department and the building of a steamer in the middle 1800's.

Another article deals with Chief Hale of Kansas City, yet another with fire department collecting, in the form of small gear, etc. Then, there follows quite a list of "fire hams" with several pages of Radio Log complete with call letters. In addition to this there is a section in which the individual fireman may record alarms and other data regarding fires, etc.

An annual fire photo contest is explained and prizes offered. Of particular interest to the

vacating fireman is the list of collections, museums, etc., that have preserved old fire apparatus and equipment. These points of interest are listed by states and with each there is a brief description of the contents of the particular collection. Most are open to the public without charge.

Another section is devoted to model building with pictures of model apparatus and equipment; also a section on Box clubs and Fire Service organizations.

A number of pages are devoted to "Swaps and Trades" containing everything from post card pictures of old steamers to

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ASHEVILLE, N. C.

Hickory Firm Hit By Fire, Blasts

Damage that may run as high as \$10,000 was caused by a fire and explosions at the Del Mark, Inc., plant in Hickory June 14.

The plant makes dry transfers for hosiery and other products. Joe Marlowe, an employee, said loose celluloid under a table suddenly caught fire and the flames spread to other parts of the building. The explosions came from cases of celluloid in the engraving room.

Quinton Church, a Hickory fireman, suffered a broken right thumb in helping fight the fire.

GONE TO BLAZES

Estimated fire losses in the United States during March amounted to \$94,821,000, it was reported by the National Board of Fire Underwriters. This loss represents an increase of 1.6 per cent over losses reported for March 1953.

Losses for the first three months of 1954 now total \$250,242,000, an increase of 7.5 per

cent over the first three months of 1953.

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ASHEVILLE FIRE CHIEF

(Continued From Page One.) where she talked to her mother by long distance, then returned to the hospital with him.

Hospital officials telephoned the fire department about 1 a. m. that they had found the woman on the second-floor roof after she had been missing for about four hours. Fitzgerald quoted the officials as saying the woman had threatened to jump if anyone came near her.

Eastern Meets At Snow Hill - July 13th

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Burlington Buys New 85 Foot Aerial

The purchase of a \$36,000 ladder truck for the Burlington Fire Department has been authorized by the City Council. The Council awarded the bid to the American LaFrance company of Elmira, N. Y.

The aerial truck with 85-foot ladder will be delivered within 175 calendar days according to the contract. It will be the most expensive piece of equipment in the fire department, which presently has six units.

The new aerial will replace for uptown service the Peter Pirsch Junior aerial with a 50-foot wood ladder purchased in 1934. The old truck will be retained and rebuilt for other service within the department.



ASST. CHIEF E. E. McDOWELL

Wife Of Greensboro Deputy Chief Dies In Two-Auto Accident

Mrs. Myrtle Christopher Garrard, 53, was killed about 10 p. m. June 21, three miles north of Randleman on Highway 220, when her car was in collision with a pickup truck.

Mrs. Garrard, wife of Deputy Chief F. G. Garrard of the Greensboro Fire Department, was dead on arrival at Randolph hospital.

The investigating patrolman said that Mrs. Garrard's car was struck in the right side. She was traveling north and the truck was headed south. Mrs. Garrard was apparently attempting to make a left turn at the time of the accident.

The wife of the Greensboro Fire Department office had been attending a meeting in Asheboro and was returning to her home in Greensboro at the time of the accident.

Heart Attack Claims Greensboro Ast. Chief

The funeral service for Eugene E. McDowell, Jr., 35-year-old assistant chief of the Greensboro Fire Department, was held at 4 p. m. June 23 at the First Moravian church in Greensboro with the Rev. Calvin Barns pastor, and Dr. Claud Bowen, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating. Burial was in Forest Lawn Cemetery. The body remained at Forbis & Murray Funeral Home until 30 minutes prior to the service when it was placed in the church. McDowell, who lived at 701 Cliffside Drive died at Wesley Long hospital Monday, June 21, after suffering a heart attack while playing softball.

Pallbearers, all members of the Greensboro Fire Department, were F. V. Trulove, G. C. Wuchae, C. O. Crumpler, E. B. Smith, W. L. Watson and G. H. Stubbins.

Shelby Drug Store Basement Fire Estimated At \$20,000

An unusually stubborn blaze broke out about 10 p. m. June 16 in the basement stockroom of the Cleveland Drug company of Shelby and resulted in an estimated loss of \$20,000.

The fire was confined to the basement but there was considerable heat and smoke damage on the first floor. Firemen laid more than 2,000 feet of hose but found themselves handicapped by the heavy acrid smoke from the burning drug stock.

Origin of the fire is unknown but firemen said it might have started from electric wiring or a motor. The proprietors checked the basement before leaving the store about 9:30 p. m. and saw no sign of smoke or fire.

Passersby a short time later saw smoke coming from the basement and called the fire department.

Asheville Fire Chief Persuades Woman Not To Jump From Roof

Fire Chief J. C. Fitzgerald persuaded a woman mental patient to come down from her precocious perch on a second-floor hospital roof June 20 by agreeing to let her telephone her mother.

Chief Fitzgerald said he spent 20 minutes arguing with the woman, who threatened to jump the 30 feet to the driveway below if the firemen put a ladder up to her or even shone a spotlight on her.

Fitzgerald said the woman came over to him and said, "Let's go," after he had convinced her that, as fire chief, he was in charge of the situation and he could keep his promise.

He said he took her downtown, (Continued On Page Four.)

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M A C

"Let not your heart be troubled..." These age-old words of comfort offer consolation and hope. For under this stunning blow, the full impact of which has not yet been felt, strong men reel and reach out blindly to take refuge from their numb loneliness.

Mac's sudden death brings many thoughts—unchecked, unrelated and without analytical reason. In the churning maelstrom thoughts of the mind questions arise, doubts, misgivings and fears. And, in our human frailty we turn to receive the reassurance that, "...ye believe in God, believe also in me."

"In my Father's house are many mansions..." for those who love, cherish, and put their duty to God and man above their own self. Such people, in their own way, understand the explanation that "...if it were not so, I would have told you." And, shedding further light on their faith and devotion to duty is the acceptance of the promise that "...I go to prepare a place for you."

"And if I go and prepare a place for you..." extends and emphasizes their already full acceptance that "...I will come again, and receive you unto myself..." Such promise undoubtedly helped Mac as he worked for his church, his family, his

fire department and all firemen everywhere...giving freely of his time, his knowledge and throwing himself fully into the job to be done. And, while we, his friends, who are left to carry on the job he started, sit motionless with shock and troubled minds, should make every effort to collect our thoughts and emulate the faith and devotion of Mac who must have surely believed, "...that where I am, there ye may be also."

SHOPTALK

In regards to mutual aid and civil defense, Chief Henry Thomas, president of the International Assn. of Fire Chiefs, recently said: "The Fire Service of this county is trying to prevent a world fire."
"Never underestimate the possibility of fire. The next one might claim you or yours."—A. Bosch.

EASTERN MEETS AT SNOW HILL JULY 13th

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A Fire Chief Says

BY CHIEF M. G. BROWN

Children playing with matches during the summer months causes many fires in our city and nation. With school out, children are going to play and we're all for the youngsters having a good time—a good fire safe time. Last month in our city children and matches caused approximately \$100 fire damage resulting from three fires. During June, July and August these figures are usually on the increase.

The national picture shows (we don't have the fires or losses broken down to months) children and matches caused 20,100 fires a\$7,340,000 fire damage during 1953. This cause of fire can be classified as one of the ten leading causes in our city and nation.

Firemen don't mind fighting fires because that's their job; buildings destroyed by flames can usually be replaced; but, how about the 1200 children that lost their lives last year in the United States because of fire. Life safety is at risk when a child plays with matches.

Prevention of this type of fire is simple and it's up to parents to help us to protect your child's life. Follow these three rules:

1. Keep matches away from children. This includes checking the youngster's pockets often.
2. Teach them that fire is hot and destructive.
3. Have your child trained to never play with children that carry matches. We're hoping all our children will have a happy "fire free" vacation.

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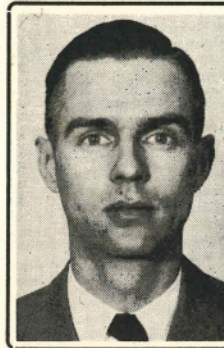
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**Boy Confesses To
Starting 6 Fires**

A young firebug has been apprehended and has confessed to his part in the setting of six of a series of "mysterious" fires which have occurred in Roxboro and Person county during the past five months, Chief of Police G. C. Robinson reports.

The youth, stated Robinson, denies having any part in four other fires. A partial solution to their origin has been offered, which would eliminate the boy.

An 11-year-old Negro boy of the Gallows Hill community admitted starting the fires and has been charged with "unlawful setting of fires in which property was destroyed."

The third grade student, who liked to see the "fire truck run," was apprehended after a week of extensive investigation by Henry Martin, Underwriters investigator, Chief Robinson and Fire Chief Fred Long. Their investigation carried them all over Roxboro and a large portion of the county.

The youth admitted setting the following fires, to four of which he called the fire department: An

abandoned pig pen, a brush fire, grass fire, an auto fire, all in Roxboro; and a feed barn near Roxboro, another feed burn and stables in the Long's Store community.

CONTRIBUTIONS

If there is an individual or group that would like to make a cash contribution to the Winston-Salem firemen's retirement fund instead of buying tickets to the stock car race on June 29, mail your contribution to: Office Chief Fire Department, 301 South Liberty street and make the check

payable to the "Winston-Salem Firemen's Retirement Fund Assn." Contributions to this worthy cause are deductible for tax purposes.

FIRE SERVICE GRAPEVINE

According to the Quarterly Report from the National Fire Protection Assn., out of 14 North Carolina cities reporting in 1953 Winston-Salem was second lowest in building fires per 1000 population with 2.2. Asheville had the best record with 1.2 per 1000 population.

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ODDS AND ENDS

Nashville, Tenn.
Associated Press carried story this week of "hook and ladder" runaway... wherein the tractor ran away from the trailer... had no tiller man to boot. Messed up quite a bit of property. Red faces, no?

Guilford Association
Progress reported by Chief Lundy of Pinecroft-Sedgefield on the organization of a Guilford County Firemen's Association. Standardization, mutual aid, etc., is their objective.

HELMETS OFF

Our helmets are off to John S. Bost, the new chairman of the Fire Prevention committee of the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce. We know from the good work Mr. Bost has done in the past, on fire prevention projects, he will make a good leader for the committee.

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"Suppose this building should burn down tonight," asked the man as he picked up his new policy on the structure, "what would I get." The agent looked grim. "About ten years, at least, I should estimate," he said.

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\$400,000 Waterfront
Fire At New Bern

BY ALBERT W. BRINSON

A raging fire destroyed a storage warehouse located on the Trent river waterfront June 11 with property loss estimates running upwards to \$400,000.

The frame warehouse located at the foot of Craven street was used jointly by the Baugh and Son Fertilizer company and the Montgomery Ward company for storage. At one time a beer concern had used the warehouse for storage but informed sources state that the company no longer used the building.

The fire started on the south-eastern corner of the one-story building next to the Trent River, and quickly spread throughout the structure. Firemen rushed to the scene with two trucks at around 6 o'clock but in a matter of minutes the fire fighters were forced from the building by the hot flames and the billows of smoke which poured skyward and could be seen for miles.

During the battle against the fire, two firemen were overcome by the smoke and just barely escaped being trapped by the flames. Vernon Potter, who was accepted for membership as a volunteer fireman a few nights before and who was getting his "baptism of fire," and Osmon Erul, a longtime member for the fire department, were the two firemen who suffered from the suffocation. Both men are reported in good condition.

The firemen poured water on the flaming building from three sides, using eight 2 1/2" lines. Since the fire first started on the river side of the warehouse, the firemen were handicapped in that they could not get to that portion because of the river.

Fire Chief Clyde R. Smith expressed thanks to the citizens of the city who rendered assistance during the fire and also to Cherry Point for furnishing a stand-by truck during the fire.

JOHN L. MILLER RESIGNS AFTER
46 YEARS SERVICE AS SECRETARY

JOHN L. MILLER

Tyrus Bissett Appointed Act-
ing Secretary Until
Convention

With his resignation, effective July 6, John L. Miller ends 46 years of service to the firemen of North Carolina as secretary. Mr. Miller has held the post of Secretary of the N. C. State Firemen's Association continuously since 1908.

President Bissett explained that Mr. Miller felt that due to failing health he should resign at this time instead of waiting until the convention in August.

This action left the State Association without a secretary and at a special executive committee meeting, held in Concord June 24 the following action was taken.

(Note: These are excerpts from the minutes of the meeting, condensed to space requirements, Ed.)

Present: Wyrick, Brinson, Cox, Charles, Johnson, Bissett; Miller absent. Motion by Cox, second by Wyrick to accept Miller's resignation. Motion by Cox, second by Wyrick to appoint Bissett acting secretary until the convention. Resignation by Bissett as president, accepted. Motion by Charles, second by Brinson, Cox appointed acting president until the convention. By unanimous action of the committee, Ed Johnson instructed to write John L. Miller a letter expressing the appreciation of the committee and association for work done in their behalf.

(More complete story on John L. Miller next week. Ed.)

EASTERN MEETS
AT SNOW HILL
JULY 13, 1954

Odds and Ends

Again we have to resort to this method to catch-up with all that is happening.

Lenoir

Chief A. Y. Cottrel reports \$2,000 loss in furniture plant fire. Cause not given. Lenoir certainly has a variety of hazards in the furniture industry.

Greensboro

Residence of Obermyer street gutted June 28. Shingle roof covered by two layers of roll roofing hampered the work of the fire fighters. Had it under control in about 20 minutes. Apparently started by a cigarette.

Candor

Lost a residence this week. Too far from water supply. Good job done protecting exposures.

Troy

Lost a residence in the rural section of Uwharrie. Kerosene range flare up, too much delay in notification. Hard to teach people to call the department first—then do what you can.

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Volunteer Describes
Freight Depot Fire

BY M. E. GLENDENING

(Foreword: The following story was written in the form of a personal letter to the Editor of the H & N. We thought it such a good description that it would make good reading for everyone. Glen is a member of the Oakhurst VFD, works at American Trust Co., and was on the scene moments after the fire broke out. He sees and writes as a volunteer and is extremely proud of his own department. E.)

Two blocks of roaring flames and smoke: that was the length of the building gutted by that disastrous fire. Sirens from every direction. . . Miles of hose line, or so it seemed, with an occasional one bursting and spraying water on everyone nearby. The hoses in every conceivable shape forming a crazy and bewildering pattern. . . Suddenly from the western part of the building a part of the roof crashes downward, forming more dust along with the smoke. A car burning furiously where it had been parked close to the building. A huge chimney exposed and standing alone among the burning timber. . . firemen in their uniforms, assisted by spectators and the volunteer firemen, some in the everyday clothes, unmindful of damage that might occur. A large volunteer truck with sirens blasting loud, and as I looked up there was Garmon McColl at the wheel. . . down at the edge of the building the Woodlawn department had just pulled in with two trucks ready for action. . . another group, all volunteers manning an opening in the building, and on the back of

one of the men was the words "Cooks Community VFD." A man rushing frantically close to the building to rescue his car, and in his nervousness flooded the engine, necessitating his having to be pushed out of the way.

Around to the edge of the building on the south side. . . freight cars, 25 of them, standing in line on several tracks within the burning building, a mass of flames and beginning to buckle in the center from the terrific heat. Over the door at the entrance a "no smoking" sign. . . above me at this point, the top of a telephone pole was burning near the dangerous wires. The firemen directed a stream of water to it, extinguishing the fire, exposing a large hole, as though a woodpecker open-house was in progress. Another car burned to a crisp. . . someone's Chevrolet.

Around the corner to the East side, and there stood Chief Donald Charles and Assistant Chief Mack Munday along with two other men, discussing the situation. Another group of firemen in their work clothes fighting the fire, and I recognized several men from the Oakhurst VFD. A doorway nearby another group, and I recognized Chief Withrow of the Wilkinson VFD, and in still another group was Oakhurst and Pinocna men.

A city fireman walking down the tracks along with a volunteer first aid man, heading for their equipment and attention. He was burned on the arms. Seconds later, a young man in nothing but white canvas trunks let out a yell, something had burst inside the building sending its liquid into the air, some of it falling on his body. He left also for first-aid attention. Nearby another group was fighting furiously to protect a huge lumber yard. Two men, cars were badly singed and another one which was a sure guess. . . wondered who the owners might be. An urchin or two braving the smoke and flames trying to pick up a hot can of soup or some such item that looked eatable.

Volunteer Life Saving Crew from Gastonia standing by. . . "boom," something burst inside, and it stunk. . . pools of water all along the railroad tracks.

For a moment the smoke shifted and one could see the skyline of Charlotte through the haze of an open doorway. Intense heat. . . intense smoke, and intense fire fighters doing a courageous fight with a stubborn enemy. . . And one could not help but feel happy, that the Volunteers were

A Fire Chief Says

BY CHIEF M. G. BROWN
Rehabilitation flashed into the news last week similar to the way fire could and has flashed through some of the houses that have been inspected on the program—quick and very effective.

If the rehabilitation program could receive the appreciation and attention it deserves, many fires could be prevented in our city for years to come.

It's not beyond the realm of good reasoning to say, a well-coordinated program could prevent serious conflagration fires from starting in several sections of our city.

The "Sanitation Improvement committee" has been working on a rehabilitation program since 1950. Inspectors sent into the field from the committee have done a good job toward getting health, building and fire hazards cleared up. A part of the drop in fire losses in our city could well be attributed to this work.

Now with the help of the "Special Citizens Committee on Rehabilitation," we could, in a few years to come make our city a lot more fire safe. The time spent on this problem by the citizen committee is appreciated by the fire department.

The fire service of this city and country knows that it takes cooperation from the public to do a good job in fire prevention or on a rehabilitation program. If cooperation is received on this program, like we have had the pleasure of receiving in fire prevention for the past several years, the results will be newsworthy throughout the year.

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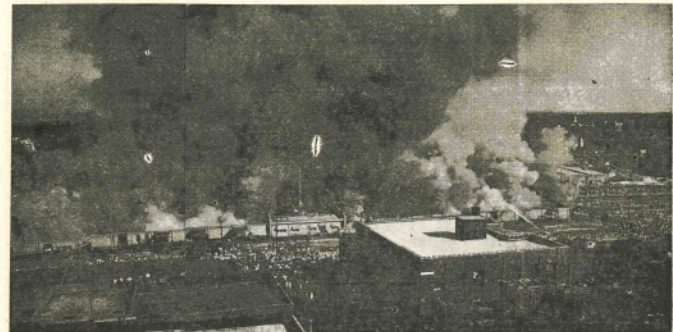
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CHARLOTTE FREIGHT DEPOT FIRE BLACKENS SKY

Officials Seek Cause
Freight Station Fire

Charlotte officials still searched through grotesquely melted boxcars and ten-foot deep rubble to learn the cause of the fire which destroyed the Southern Railway's freight station June 24.

Unofficial damage estimates reach the million dollar mark.

Firemen who fought the blaze, which raised a cloud of black smoke visible more than 100 miles, suspect that drums of movie film stored in the 650 foot building may have been ignited by spontaneous combustion.

Eight city firemen and one civilian were injured in the fight to control the fire. The freight station is only two blocks from Charlotte's downtown business district.

The fire was termed Charlotte's worst in 30 years by Chief Donald S. Charles who noticed smoke coming from the building and turned in the alarm. Charles and a former assistant fire chief, J. H. Bailey, were near the building and radioed a general alarm from the chief's car.

Protection Contracts
For Southern Pines

Fifty-eight householders out of an estimated 250 living within a radius of two miles of the city limits have signed contracts with the Southern Pines fire department for fire protection, starting July 1.

Along with the contract they pay a fee of 25 cents per \$100 of their property evaluation.

The new ordinance will go into effect as a solution to the perennial municipal problem of out-of-town fire protection service. Only those who have signed the contracts, and paid the fee, will be entitled to call on the fire department if they have a fire.

The new policy is in line with the program of the present council-manager administration to put various town services on a self-sustaining basis as far as possible, and to provide such services outside the city limits only to those paying a fair share of the cost.

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HIGH POINT FIRES

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mitted, out-of-town crews and all, at the Tate fire.

Engines were cut loose from hydrants, some drug their hose lines to the lumber fire, a distance of several blocks, some of the out-of-town units had not entirely unloaded their hose and were sent to the new threat.

Incidentally, the lumber plant occupies most of the block in which the headquarters fire station is located, and at one time there was fear that the fire fire would spread to that group of buildings.

Outside Response

Responding to the call for aid were Jamestown, pumper; Winston-Salem, pumper; Lewisville, pumper; Greensboro, 3 pumps; Thomasville, pumper; Triangle, pumper; Lexington, pumper, Asheboro, pumper; Griffith h. pumper; Pinocroft - Sedgfield, pumper and additional crews; Macdon, manpower; Gull-Rand, pumper and 26 men; Burlington, manpower; Salisbury, manpower; Randleman, manpower; NROTC at Greensboro offered its equipment and manpower; local CAP

unit offered radio and other emergency equipment.

Asheboro's mayor was interested enough to ride their pumper to the fire.

Chief Lundy of Pinocroft-Sedgfield took over supervision of untrained labor from other city departments while High Point men got some rest. Chief Burkett of Salisbury covered operations for the city while equipment was engaged at the fire.

Injuries-Cooperation

With approx. 50 working lines involving approximately 30,000 feet of hose, injuries were almost inevitable in an operation of this size. Most of the many men who received treatment had burnt eyes and minor burns of other parts. Some and exhaustion overcome many, and it became apparent that ambulances could not handle the transportation of the injured to the hospitals.

At this point the Red Cross and Salvation Army stepped in with equipment to set up an emergency hospital in the Headquarters Fire Station, staffed with doctors, nurses, and the full complement of Gray Ladies.

Cooperation from the police saved untold additional damage

by their close cooperation with their mobile radio. At this time the fire department does not have radio, though this equipment is on order.

Without solicitation people of the city brought drinks, food, etc., to the scene of the fire in an effort to ease what aid they could to the weary firefighters.

Tuesday night, men from Burlington, Greensboro, Salisbury and Winston-Salem manned the High Point stations, allowing the city firemen, except for drivers to have a complete night's rest. Chief Burkett of Salisbury took over for Chief Canady who was ordered to bed.

Wednesday afternoon firemen were still probing and wetting-down the ruins, reluctant to think what might have been, very tired and thankful men.

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Lilesville Stores Destroyed By Blaze

An early morning fire whipped by high winds destroyed two buildings and left Lilesville without telephone service for nearly 16 hours July 14.

Chief James R. Clark stated that two stores were involved, a music store and a furniture store. The chief said sparks from the blaze set fire to an old hotel building nearby but the flames were quickly extinguished.

Telephone service to more than 195 customers was completely cut off when the fire severed the main cable leading to the exchange.

The mid-town blaze was discovered about 1:35 a. m.

No injuries were reported as a result of the blaze; the loss was estimated at \$50,000.

Cause of the blaze has not been determined and it has not been definitely established which of the two buildings the blaze originated in.

Chief Clark praised the Wadesboro and Rockingham departments for their quick response and aid in combating the fire. He also stated that the high wind created a great operating difficulty.

CARD OF THANKS

The Greensboro Fire Department wishes to thank the many departments and individuals who sent designs, letters and other expressions of sympathy in connection with the death of Asst. Chief E. E. McDowell.

Our very special thanks to the men and departments who helped man our stations during the time of the funeral which enabled men of our department to attend.

We hope that in some way in the future, we will be able to express our appreciation.

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THREE MAJOR FIRES STRIKE HIGH POINT IN FIVE HOURS

Snow Hill Host To Eastern Meeting

Snow Hill July 13 was host to the quarterly meeting of the Eastern Association. Horace Moore opened the meeting, a song by the group, and the invocation by one of the Snow Hill firemen.

Barbecue and the trimmings, wound up with ice cream, and everyone with very full stomachs sat back to hear Mayor George Hart welcome the group.

Response to the welcome was by Wiley Rogerson of Robersonville, who somehow started a joke-telling contest that ran intermittently for the rest of the program.

Mark Lassiter recognized the guests, furthered the joke telling, got Curtis Flannagan involved and finally President Miller Warren got the two hundred men present settled down to business.

Reports were made on the Fire College, announcement of the Pump School, with everyone urged to take advantage of these opportunities to further their knowledge.

Explanation was made by Ty Bissett and Cosmo Cox of the recent action of the Executive Committee in handling the resignation of Mr. John L. Miller of the State Association. This action was explained as a temporary measure, with the Convention holding the power to make all final decisions.

Each department was urged to properly certify its delegates in order that they might be recognized as the official representatives of their department.

Candidates Endorsed

Upon motion from the floor, Miller was received and endorsed by (Continued On Page Three.)

Arson Suspected; Many De- partments Aid In Fight To Control Blazes

Investigators continue to sift evidence indicating that the Monday night fires in High Point were set by a ruthless arsonist, but report little progress has been made in identifying the culprit.

Aided by representatives of the SEI, the National Board, and the Insurance Commissioner's office, local officials continue to question witnesses and eliminate possibilities. In all likelihood there will be little known for several days, or until the investigation has made further progress.

Definite loss figures are still in question and official estimates have not yet been made, though the heaviest loss was suffered by firms that occupied the Tate building.

Chronology

Beginning Monday night the series of fires started with an alarm from Jiffy Mfg. Co. at 10:40 p. m. The officer on the first engine called a second alarm on the blaze and in that area meant that all but the reserve units responded.

As the Jiffy fire was brought partially under control, but with almost all equipment and apparatus involved, the second fire was reported. Time was 12:40 a. m. and a quick scramble released part of the equipment to respond to the second blaze.

At this time the call for aid was dispatched to the surrounding towns and cities, which began immediate response.

To continue the chronology: At 3:52 a. m. the Snow Lumber Co. alarm was received and at this time almost everything was com- (Continued on page 4)

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MUTUAL-AID

Firemen who worked on the series of High Point fires this week, those who inspected the ruins later, all agree on one point: That no city or town in the State could have handled the fires without additional help.

Among the towns, cities and communities of our state there exists a certain rivalry, usually friendly but competitive; however in no phase or form of the governmental units do you find any closer cooperation than you do between the various fire departments.

In High Point's case Chief Canady very humbly and sincerely appreciates what the other departments did for him and his men. He can feel, see, and in his mind's eye reflect the possibilities that might have been without this close spirit of cooperation.

Many of the responding departments refused to leave when told they might do so . . . knowing that the High Point firemen were exhausted and needed rest before resuming their duties. Some responded to fight the fire without being asked. All worked, worked just as if the fire had been in their own town or city . . . taking the same risks, the same chances as Chief Canady's men.

At the recent Charlotte freight depot fire there was another example of the value of mutual-aid.

When the rural departments of Mecklenburg came to the rescue, covered the city and helped fight the fire as well.

Almost every other group or organization can look to the fire departments for a lesson in sincere cooperation. Though we have our differences, when the alarm sounds firemen weld into one solid mass and do their best . . . now and always.

All homes and business places should be inspected annually for defects in wiring. Lots of fires have started from this problem.

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A Fire Chief Says

By CHIEF M. G. BROWN

Are you planning on doing some remodeling to your home during vacation? If so, be sure to get a permit from the Building Inspectors Office before you start.

If you're not doing the work yourself, make sure the man that does the job has a permit.

Whether you're going to build, repair or remodel, for your own protection secure the inspection services of the city by applying for permission.

A permit, which is required by law on construction jobs, is a safeguard to you and yours. By applying for a permit we know: (1) That work is being done at your home or place of business. (2) Your plans are safe and sound before work starts. (3) The building will be safe and sound when finished. These points are checked by building and fire inspectors.

By being safe we mean, for example, the wiring system won't set your home on fire, the heating system will be installed properly, chimneys will be constructed safely, etc.

Fire inspectors are constantly fighting "jack-leg" jobs of wiring, heating plants that are installed improperly, and firemen fight many fires during the year that could have been prevented if proper safeguards had been taken from the beginning by home owners and occupants.

Besides being dangerous to life many people have found it costs money to tear out and to start all over on a construction job. By securing a permit and having someone to tell you how's the best and most safe way to do a remodeling job, is by no means a back mark against your liberty as a citizen. Instead it helps guarantee that you will be around to enjoy the liberty and freedom of an American citizen.

Fire Service Grapevine: An 8-year-old boy has confessed he set fire to a Catholic church on W. 53rd street, Manhattan with altar candles "so I could see God". . . According to one of our foreign correspondents there's an Austrian gadget that is far more effective than "No Smoking" signs for preventing fires. The device actually detects smoke and shouts a recorded message, "A fire-raiser is smoking here."—Fire Engineering.

A year's subscription to the Hose and Nozzle will make any fireman happy. It makes an ideal birthday gift.

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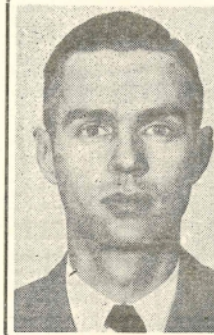
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SNOW HILL HOST

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the group as a candidate for the Presidency of the Fire Chief's Association.

A similar motion endorsed John

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C. Wallace as candidate for Vice President of the State Association.

Following the business session, an executive committee meeting was called of the fire chiefs present wherein problems were discussed along with the possible future events that might effect their operations.

Twenty-four departments, 200 men present. Next meeting at Watsburg.

(Manage an invitation to an Eastern meeting if you can. Food, fellowship and entertainment are excellent.—Ed.)

Greensboro Promotes
Wuchae To
Assistant Chief

Captain G. C. "Buck" Wuchae has been appointed Director of Training & Personnel with the rank of Asst. Chief to fill the vacancy created by the death of Asst. Chief E. E. McDowell in the Greensboro department.

Wuchae has been working very closely with the training program for some time in addition to his duties with the fire prevention bureau.

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**ASST. CHIEF HORNEY,
CAPT. A. H. BEAMAN
RETIRE AT HIGH POINT**
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particularly the guests of honor for their long years of service.

The mayor wound it up, extending the sincere thanks of the city for a job well done, and presented to retiring Asst. Chief Gene Horney and to retiring Capt. A. H. Beaman gold watches, gifts from their fellow firemen.

Neither Gene nor Arnie said much, later stating they just didn't feel like it. These men served the city for 32 and 31 years respectively and worked together for most of this time. The breaking of this close relationship was saddening, but as Gene said, "It warms my heart."

Guests included: Mayor George A. Covington; Council members, John Hayworth, Gary Davis, C. A. York, C. A. Lewis, Mrs. O. A. Kirkman, M. L. Patrick, C. E. Stuart; city manager, T. E. Hinson; city clerk, Mrs. Lois Smith; Senator O. A. Kirkman; Civil Service Commissioners Tom Kearns, Wade Morris, N. M. Harison, Robert Davis, Jesse Wash-

burn, Joe Snider; retired Chief E. K. Ingram; retired Master Mechanic L. F. Honeycutt; retired Capt. R. D. Church; retired Capt. J. B. Long; Trustees of the Fireman's Relief Fund J. P. Williams, W. C. Idol, W. E. Mitchell; members of the Pension Board, Dr. J. E. Slate; W. D. Lemons, custodian of the funds, J. P. Bolt; Vice-President of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, John

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**Burkett Announces
Pump School Program**

Director-Conductor Charles L. Burkett announces the second annual Pump School will be held in Charlotte September 20-22.

The Pump School, sponsored by the North Carolina State Firemen's Association will be held in Charlotte at the Firemen's School Building and Training Grounds, 2601 East Seventh street, beginning with registration at 8:30 a. m. September 20 and continuing through September 22.

The course, as recommended by the Fire College and Pump School committee and authorized by the Executive committee, will consist of three years of instruction: First year, basic instruction and operations; second year, secondary lectures and operations; third year, advanced study and operations. A credit card will be issued at the end of the first and second years, and upon satisfactory completion of the third year a diploma will be awarded by the North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

It is recommended that departments send firemen to the Pump School for the three years successively when possible, and in addition keep new firemen entering the school each year. In this way there will be an even distribution in the classes and at the same time the department will benefit more from the knowledge obtained by the students, Burkett said.

The director, in a letter to all departments, asks the question, "Was your department represented last year?" and urges all those who did attend in return for the second year course along with new men for basic instruction.

MURFREESBORO

Resignation because of ill health was tendered to the Murfreesboro Town Council by W. E. Deanes, who had been fire chief for twenty-five years.



ASST. CHIEF GENE HORNEY

**Asst. Chief Horney,
Capt. A. H. Beaman
Retire at High Point**

Late the afternoon, September 1, the men and equipment of the High Point Fire Department began to gather at No. 1 Station. As the men assembled, there was scattered through the crowd a number of guests, many introductions and general good fellowship.

The passers-by had no way of knowing, but they, as citizens of High Point, would have been extremely proud of the group for they were meeting to honor two of the most respected men ever to be associated with the city or fire department.

Somewhat bashfully the guests of honor took their places at the headtable, along with all the city officials and "brass" that High Point can muster.

Chief Claude Canady opened the meeting with the presentation of Rev. Lester Ballard who gave the invocation.

Chief Canady then turned the program over to Toastmaster Emmit Stone.

The good cooks of the department stuffed the crowd, barbeque and all the trimmings.

Toastmaster Stone then called on members of the City Council and other guests, who lavishly praised the fire department and (Continued On Page Four.)

**Jasper G. Jernigan
Of Fayetteville,
Fireman, Dies**

Jasper Garfield (Jack) Jernigan, for 51 years a member of the Fayetteville Fire Department, died August 26 at his home after an illness of several months. He was 71.

Jernigan joined the Fayetteville fire department in 1903 and had served in practically every position in the volunteer and paid departments. At the time of his death he was desk officer.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; three brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services were held August 29 at 4 p. m. at the Person Street Methodist church by the Rev. J. E. Sponenberg, assisted by Rev. C. C. Cribb and Dr. Walker B. Healy. Burial was in Cross Creek Cemetery.

**Pump
School
Charlotte
Sept. 20th**

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PUMP SCHOOL

In about two weeks the second annual Pump School will get underway with what should be a large class of students.

Director Burkett, in a letter to all departments this week, urges that each department make a special effort to have one or more men attend these sessions.

Not since formal training was begun in fire departments has there been a greater need for information than there is today. With the many advances made by man in scientific learning, the new products that result, the discovery of new uses for old products; all these things tend to complicate the fireman's job.

In an effort to keep abreast of the advancing civilization, fire departments along with apparatus and equipment manufacturers have designed and built new equipment, improved and modified established lines and in general have created new fields with which the fireman must familiarize himself.

Too often, the operation of the pump at a fire is taken for granted. As long as the water flows

through the lines at the pressure desired, little thought is given to the man who is responsible for this. Back at the pump the operator keeps a rather lonely vigil with his gauges, alert to the sounds of his engine and a watchful eye for signals from those fighting the fire.

While things go well, operating as they should, the pump operator seldom gets much attention. He is expected to deliver water in the volume called for

with little consideration for the manner in which he does it.

Even a hurried look at this man's job shows that it deserves more attention than it receives. He is expected to operate satisfactorily a very expensive and complicated piece of machinery. He is supposed to know its limitations, peculiarities, diagnose its troubles and above all keep water on the fire.

Because the pump operators



THIS CUT shows the newest addition to High Point's fire fighting apparatus and shows the new one thousand gallons per minute LaFrance engine just delivered undergoing acceptance tests. This new engine No. 27 will be placed in Station Number 4. The latest acquisition makes a total of five first line one thousand gallons per minute pumpers in the department. In addition there are two 750 pumpers in reserve; a city service truck, 75 foot mechanical aerial with a new 85 foot aerial on order with delivery expected in January. The department also has a 1953 Pontiac chief's car; 1948 Pontiac assistant chief's car; new station wagon on order for the assistant chief; a Chevrolet maintenance truck, and another Chevrolet communications truck. Radio equipment for the department has been shipped including base station and nine mobile units. Also on order is a new ten circuit fire alarm switchboard from Gamewell.

are comparatively few in number their training is often overlooked — and their mistakes are magnified.

With the establishment of the Pump School last year, the operators job is being given the emphasis it deserves. This is one operation in a fire department that cannot be learned entirely by experience, for there is a basic amount of theory necessary, a genuine understanding of what goes on inside the casings and housings. Without this theoretical knowledge the pump operator may get along very well, just in experience, until the time comes when trouble arises. Then theory must step in to help logic correct it.

Like the Fire College, the Pump

School is not perfect and it will require time and adjustment to reach its best performance; however, it does offer now the basic knowledge so vital to the reliable operation of pumps.

Study the program and make an effort to attend!

A Fire Chief Says

BY CHIEF M. G. BROWN

Mr. Average Citizen of today puts away a part of his pay check for the security of his family should something happen to him.

He will insist on the best doctor that can be had, in case of sickness in the family, for the protection of life.

He spends a great many of his days worrying about the safety of his children as they grow up.

But, that same Mr. Average Citizen will let a fire hazard go untouched in the home that endangers everyone's life in the house—including his own.

You might call it human nature but we know what-ever-you-might-call-it there is one cure for "it." Fire! Usually one fire that destroys a part of Mr. Average Citizen's property or the life of a dear one will cure the neglect toward fire safety.

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