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Editorial

Although it has been my habit to avoid getting involved in controversial or political matters as much as possible, sometimes I just have to open my big mouth and ask a few questions, even though by now I really expect no answer to them!

The energy and fuel situation has been occupying my attention and concern a great deal lately, since it is a subject vital to all of us, in the Fire Service and out. I cannot help but wonder how a country like ours, with all its nuclear research, highly trained technicians and scientists, has allowed itself to become so dependent on another country for this vital need. I assume that emergency vehicles would be exempt from rationing, should it come to that, but how about the working men who also man the emergency vehicles? Will they be allowed enough fuel to pursue their occupations as well? We all know that the many Volunteer Firemen in our State are the backbone of the N. C. Fire Service - what happens to them in their private lives if such a shortage occurs that they are no longer able to earn a living?

It seems to me, although I suppose an investigation into Watergate was necessary, entirely too much time, energy and persistence was devoted to it by our governing bodies at a time when they surely were aware of the approaching shortage. That time would have been better spent dealing with what I consider a National Emergency. I probably will be at odds with some of you for this, but the present situation could spell complete disaster to our whole Economic System. I feel that our Congress is there, or should be, to deal with this kind of situation, in preference to trying to place the blame for a political situation, that for all anyone knows has already happened, in some manner of other by both parties in the past. Thankfully, we will not be subjected to anything like this kind of investigation, but I wonder how many of our elected officials could stand such an investigation into their past or present lives? It seems to me that the investigation into the energy crisis was of much more importance to the country as a whole. The approval of the Alaska pipeline should have been of major importance at the time when all this was going on. Every days delay in overcoming the shortage is of vast importance.

While I am on this subject, what of the four years needed to complete this project? I certainly am not informed enough to know

the answer, but without fuel to go to jobs or heat their homes, what if unemployment becomes paramount? Could not enough money be spent to offer enough to those who needed work to put in extra time on this project, or more technicians and scientists to devise some way to combat the weather or terrain that offer delay on this work? Better this than increasing the welfare and supplement aid that the over-taxed working man will have to pay.



EMILY H. KING

If we, as a people, can so quickly gird ourselves for an all-out war in an emergency can we not all do the same thing with a National emergency as vital as the Energy crisis? A collapse of our economic system will concern each and every one of us in our Fire Fighting Service as well as in our private lives. More fires will occur as people try to keep warm by dangerous means, and arson should be on the increase as this usually follows dissatisfaction with our way of life. Unemployment will mean more vandalism, usually requiring our emergency crews, and what if the fuel to operate these emergency vehicles and men should become acutely short? This may be a horrible picture for me to conjure up, but it is not beyond the realm of possibility.

This energy crisis concerns us all. A letter to your congressman might just help to stir some of them to devoting their time and energy to finding a solution to how to SUPPLY MORE FUEL, rather than spending the same time trying to decide how we will use the decreasing supply we already have.

On that soapbox again!

Emily H. King

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Azariah Carmichael New Fire Marshall

Rural Hall VFD Elects New Officers; Enjoys Annual Party

RURAL HALL--The Rural Hall Volunteer Fire Department held their annual banquet at the Westinghouse Plant Saturday night, November 9. Approximately 130 firemen and their wives, along with auxiliary members and their husbands, Westinghouse firemen and their wives and Jr. volunteer firemen attended the gala event. Also attending were the town commissioners, Burke Wilson, Jr. and Mrs. Wilson; Roger Sloop and Mrs. Sloop; Charlie Shelton and Mrs. Shelton and the newly elected town commissioners, Harry Carithers and Mrs. Carithers. Special guests included Reece Bauguess, County Fire Marshal, and Mrs. Bauguess; and Tom Andrews, Assistant County Fire Marshal, and Mrs. Andrews. The tables were decorated with baskets of fall flowers accented with orange candles. These flowers were presented as door prizes.

Norman Horn served as master of ceremonies. He welcomed everyone to the annual banquet and presented the outgoing fire marshal, Wilbur Jarvis, to the group. Mr. Jarvis then introduced the new fire marshal, Azariah Carmichael, and gave his white fire helmet, which symbolizes our fire marshal, to him. Wilbur has served as fire marshal for the past three years and has done a tremendous job in this office. He thanked all the firemen for their

cooperation during his reign as fire marshal. I'm sure Mr. Carmichael will have the same cooperation as the newly elected fire marshal. The officers for the ensuing year are as follows: Chief, Company A, Reid Jarvis; Ass't Chief, Wilbur Jarvis; Captain, Mike Senick; Lieutenant, Frank Campbell. Chief, Company B, James R. Burrown; Ass't Chief, Bill Marshall; Captain, Johnny Hampton; Lieutenant, Gib Bodenhamer. Rescue Officers are: Captain, Hobson Preston; Lieutenant, Jimmy Christian; Sgt., Larry Hunter, Training Officer, Hugh Billings. Truck Captain is Bill Neal and Vance Marshall will serve as chaplain. The newly elected Jr. firemen officers are: Chief, Tim Burrow; Ass't Chief, Mickey Senick; Captain, Mike Stoltz; Lieutenant, Barry Poe; Secretary-Treasurer, Tony Marshall; and Chaplain, Jerry Hampton.

The Fire Auxiliary's newly elected officers are as follows: President, Mrs. Carolyn Horn; Vice President, Mrs. Carol Christian; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ann Senick; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Lowder; Treasurer, Mrs. Ruth Saunders; Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. Juanita Carmichael; Chaplain, Mrs. Annette Preston; co-hostess, Mrs. Carolyn Holiday and Mrs. Martha Hunter; Reporter, Mrs. Marty Marshall.

Mrs. Carolyn Horn, President of

the auxiliary, presented a \$500.00 check to the firemen's fund and a \$100.00 check to the Jr. fire department for their general fund. Each year, the auxiliary presents a check to the firemen, which they use to buy equipment as they need it. The auxiliary's function is to help support the firemen for equipment, etc. and to offer a canteen for emergencies in the community. This money is made by selling tickets, serving food at auctions, etc., and we do appreciate the support of the people in the community and the firemen and Jr. firemen for helping us with our projects.

The highlight of the evening was the awarding of the trophy to the Fireman of the Year, Auxiliary Member of the Year and Jr. Fireman of the Year. Jimmy Christian, last year's fireman of the year, presented the trophy to Wilbur Jarvis who is the 1973 Fireman of the Year. Barry Poe, last year's Jr. fireman of the year, presented the trophy to Mickey Senick, 1973 Jr. Fireman of the Year. Mrs. Carolyn Horn, last year's fire auxiliary member of the year, presented the trophy to Mrs. Ruth Saunders, the 1973 Auxiliary Member of the Year. Congratulations to all of these fine people for this very worthy honor.

After a delicious steak supper, the Rev. Albert Hale, a retired Baptist Minister, was the after dinner speaker.

Clayton Fire Department Adds 18 Trained Firemen

CLAYTON--The Clayton Fire Department has been reorganized with the addition of 18 trained firemen to its roster and establishment of a rural company as well as a town company.

"We have been answering calls to the rural area around Clayton since 1946," Clayton Fire Chief

James Norris said, "but there was no established fire district approved by the North Carolina Fire Insurance Rating Bureau."

He said that a new district, called "Claytex Fire District" has been formed "so that people in the area outside of town also will receive a reduction in their fire

insurance premiums."

The district includes the Town of Clayton and an area extending four miles from the fire station.

Chief Norris said that he expects final approval of the fire district by the Rating Bureau, after which the insurance rates for

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LOUISBURG - FIELD TRIP TO FIRE DEPARTMENT - Members of the Franklin Academy Kindergarten and their teacher, Mrs. Dot Steelman took a field trip to the Louisburg Fire Department recently as part of their social studies for November. Firemen Grey Moon and Gerald Eury directed the tour. - Franklin Times Photo

Coley Is Appointed Wayne Fire Marshal

Wayne County - Carl Ray Coley, a veteran of 14 years in the Wayne County fire and rescue service, has been named Wayne County fire marshal, effective Dec. 1.

He fills the post that was vacated on Nov. 1 when Jerry Grimes resigned to take a post with the N.C. Department of Insurance Fire and Rescue Training Division.

Coley, 40, was assistant chief and training officer of the Mount Olive Volunteer Fire Department. He is a former member of the Mount Olive Rescue Squad and a former courthouse dispatcher.

His appointment as fire marshal was confirmed by Wayne County Commissioners.

Coley said, "I want to help furnish the people of Wayne County with the very best fire protection available and help carry on the program we started with Commissioner Chairman Norwood Vinson and which has been carried on through the last two fire marshals.

"I've been associated with volunteers for a long time and they're the best bunch of men I know of anywhere."

Coley was selected from a field of eight applicants by a committee composed of the officers of the Wayne County Firemen's Association.

A committee spokesman said they contacted the State Fire Insurance Division in the process and were informed that Coley is anyone the state could offer.

Coley, a native of Mount Olive, graduated from the N.C. State Fire College in 1971 and has completed more than 15 courses or schools in firemanship and related subjects.

These include firemanship, advanced first aid, arson and bomb threats, strategy and



Carl Ray Coley - Goldsboro News - Argus Photo

command, fire department administration, officers tactics, special fire problems, and a number of courses related to firefighting and equipment, water supply and preventive maintenance.

He serves as fire inspection officer for schools, day care centers, nursing homes and the business district at Mount Olive in addition to command, training and equipment maintenance administrative assistance to the Mount Olive fire chief in budgeting, personnel scheduling and equipment purchasing.

Coley has served as an instructor in Wayne County Fire Schools and taught firemanship and fire pump courses in various Wayne fire departments. He is currently serving as chairman of the standards committee of the Wayne Firemen's Association.

A Navy veteran, Coley joined the Mount Olive Rescue in 1959, serving as secretary and treasurer until 1962. He worked as a dispatcher for the Wayne Sheriff's Department and fire departments

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Carelessness Increases Fire Hazards

HARNETT COUNTY - "It's terrible - the loss and damage from grass fires - and it's absolutely uncalled for," said Harnett County Fire Marshal Carl Lucas recently.

"Most of these fires start just because people are too careless to put out a cigarette or a match before they throw it out of the car," he continued, "if they would be just a little more thoughtful they would save everybody a lot of trouble."

No complete count on the number of fires this fall in Harnett County was available, but the Erwin Fire Department alone has answered between 10 and 15 alarms of this type.

"They're doing a great job," said Dunn Fire Chief Ralph Hanna, "the Erwin district has a lot more area where these fires can get started and make headway than we have here in Dunn."

Hanna said that his department had fought five grass fires during October and November, four since the first of November. He said, however, that no serious damage resulted from the five fires.

But in the county the flames have, several times, reached mobile homes, some of which

were totally destroyed, with all contents, and in other instances only quick response and expert work by firemen have avoided the loss of many buildings.

Larry Smith, an assistant Erwin fire chief, pointed out that another cause of fires was careless burning of trash.

"Some people will try to burn their trash when the wind is blowing and some will even leave the fire unattended," Smith said.

Like Lucas and Hanna, he felt that practically all of the fires could be prevented if a little more caution was exercised. One day recently there were at least five grass fires, three in the Erwin area and two near Coats, with at least one mobile home destroyed.

The hazard of fire is even greater than is normally the case due to extremely dry weather conditions.

Lucas said that motorists on the highways, hunters in the woods, individuals on farms and in homes and all citizens could help the situation by remembering to be careful not to drop a match or cigarette or leave any fire unattended.

"The firemen would really appreciate it," said Lucas, "but the people will be helping

everybody, including themselves, if they cooperate in preventing fires. They never know when their own place might be next."

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dwellings and commercial property will drop considerably.

The Fire Insurance Rating Bureau assisted with the training of the new firemen and refresher training for the older members of the department.

The rural fire company is composed of Henry T. Hines, assistant chief; Jimmy Stevens, captain; Ralph Isenhour, lieutenant; and the following regular firemen: Jodie Wheeler, Grady Hill, Harry Pittman, Bobby Dale, Gerald Hardee, Douglas Ellis, Danny Jones, Charles Pines, Duke Hockaday, James Whitley, Jerry Wilkins, Waylon Spence, Jerry Blinson, Randy Godwin, and Roy Cooke.

Serving in the town fire company are Larry Castleberry, assistant chief; L. R. Shedan, Captain; R. W. Sanders, lieutenant; and the following regular firemen: James E. Barbour, Willie Moore, Bobby Lee, Roy Ellis, John Mayo, Ed Lambert, Charlie Aiken, Johnny Givens, John Tuttle, Allen Stewart, Wayne Pulley, Ronald Barbour, Braxton Parrish, Bobby Ross, Carl Benson, and Billy Daughtry.

The telephone number of the Clayton Fire Department is 553-6222.

County Firemen Install Officers

FORSYTH COUNTY-A. A. Hobson of the Mount Tabor Volunteer Fire Department was installed as president of the Forsyth County Volunteer Firemen's Association at the association's annual banquet at Mount Tabor High School recently.

Other new officers installed by county manager, Nicholas Meiszer, are E. G. Long of the Old Richmond department, first vice

president; Steve Idol, Beeson's department, second vice president; Eddie West, Triangle department, secretary; Ralph Tomlinson, Mineral Springs, treasurer; Don Adams, Old Richmond, assistant secretary; and Tom C. Andrews, Forsyth County department, corresponding secretary.

Anthony Hubbard, of the City View department, was named "Fireman of the Year."

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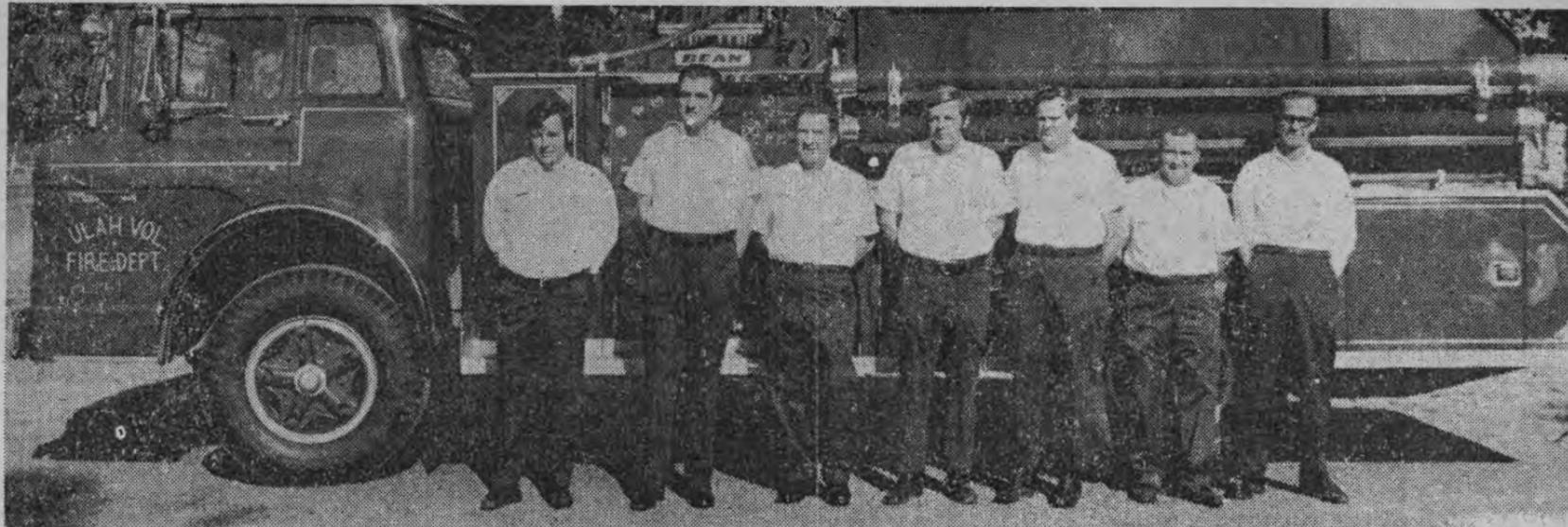
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ASHEBORO -- NEW TRUCK FOR ULAH - Ulah Volunteer Fire Department has a new Ford, Bean equipped fire engine, replacing an old, 1950 Chevrolet which was the first vehicle owned by the department. The new truck, which is valued at \$31,000 with all its

extra equipment, is of 750 gallon per minute capacity. Officers shown with the newly delivered truck are, left to right, Norris Whatley, Casper McDowell, Thurmond Scott, Jerry Dickinson, Coy Kiser, M.L. Robbins Jr., and Herbert Russell. --Courier - Tribune Photo

With Annual Jaycees Award Graham Chief Named Fireman Of The Year

GRAHAM -- A Graham businessman who is chief of the Graham Fire Department was

awarded a plaque presented annually by the Graham Jaycees to the designated Fireman of the Year.

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from 1963 until 1965.

He joined the Mount Olive Volunteer Fire Department in 1962, was elected lieutenant in 1966, captain and training officer in 1969 and assistant chief in 1972.

Coley works with Little League baseball and football through the Mount Olive Boys' Club and is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

He is married to the former Bobbie West and they have one child, Tony, 9.

Don Bulla, 45, was selected on a vote by his fellow firemen, who are asked to select the man they feel has done most for the department, according to Horton Callahan of the Graham Jaycees.

Callahan said the award is the fifth presented since it was begun as a means of recognizing the Graham Fire Department.

During the program Dr. Durwood Stokes related events in Graham's history, particularly those relating to the firemen.

"Firemen are among those people we do not think about until we need them, and then they are very important," Stokes noted.

Presently, there are seven paid firemen in Graham, and 30 volunteers. Bulla has been a volunteer for sixteen years, and chief for two years.

Previous winners of the award are Julius Thompson, E. A. Braxton, W. J. Euliss, and Bill Cooke.

Bulla, operator of Bulla Tire Company for ten years, has lived in Graham for 35 years. He is married to Marcelle Allen Bulla. They have two children, Wesley, a freshman at Elon College, and Mrs. Robin Hall.

The Bullas are members of Graham Methodist Church, where Bulla is head usher and has served on the church board and held various offices.

Bulla is also a member of the Graham Board of Adjustments.

Emmett Sapp Named HVFD Fireman Of Year

HARRISBURG -- Harrisburg Volunteer Firemen, Rescue Personnel and their families were honored recently by the Fire Department Auxiliary. The group was honored with a fish dinner, complete with all the trimmings.

Mrs. Bob Sides said the Auxiliary felt that the men and women needed some special recognition for the service they provide for the community.

The mates of the firemen were included since they too give a lot to the community in sharing their spouses.

Emmett Sapp was named Fireman of the Year by the department and in presenting an engraved plaque, Chief Bob Sides noted Sapp's devotion to the department. He noted hours of work spent doing the little things which have to be done. He added, "Emmett is a very deserving fireman of the year. He does so

many of the extra jobs and never yet has he said, Look what I did."

Like the plot of bad comedy, before some had finished their dinner, the fire alarm was sounded. Putting duty before pleasure, the firemen responded to the call and came to the aid of their community.

According to Mrs. Sides, it was a dinner well earned by the 65 people who came.



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Water Being Hauled To Fill Dry Wells In Area

CARTHAGE -- Carthage firemen have hauled around 300 loads of water to fill dry wells for families during the past few months.

In recent weeks as the dry weather had become more severe calls for water were more frequent in the area.

Some eight to ten loads are hauled daily whenever a call comes in. On weekends the trip may run as high as 25 as firemen have more time then to carry out the job.

A daily log is kept on the number of loads delivered and unless a heavy rain comes to alleviate the present situation the trips will hit the 400 mark before too long.

Many of the families to whom water is transported make a donation to the fire department to help defray expenses for gasoline in appreciation of this service.

Almost everyday you can see the fire truck backed up at a hydrant near the stop light loading water in the tank for some family who is in great need of it.

Conditions now are just the reverse to what they were back in 1950 when Carthage was hauling water in town to fill its local needs. At that time a group of army engineers were brought in and set up a portable filtering out for water that was pumped in from local lakes and ponds.

Now the county seat has an ample supply and is very happy that it is in a position to provide for those who need it



BILLY CARTER, member Carthage Fire Department getting ready to carry another load of water to fill a well gone dry in the local area. Over 300 loads have been carried out so far during dry spell. --Moore County News Photo

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Fire Destroys Museum At Daniel Boone Complex

HILLSBOROUGH—Members of three area fire departments spent six hours fighting a massive blaze recently that destroyed the Wax Museum Building at the Daniel Boone Complex just south of Hillsborough.

Cates said that the fire apparently began between the main building and the wing occupied by Boone Towne Children's Shop. He said that at one point it appeared that the fire was under control but that a strong wind spread flames above the ceiling of the main structure and came thru the roof of the building.

Cates said that the cause of the fire has not been determined.

James Freeland, owner of the building, estimated his loss at more than \$150,000 and said that insurance would cover only about 20 percent.

Freeland said the stock of the Hillsborough Antique Mall operated by Rodney Barfield was completely destroyed in addition to antiques owned by about 15 dealers who operated in the Mall. Freeland said that he understood that Barfield had no insurance.

A total loss was also experienced by Mrs. Rachel Braxton, owner and operator of the newly opened Boone Towne Children's Shop. Freeland said that Mrs. Braxton's stock was covered by insurance.

In addition to the building Freeland's loss included 36 wax figurines, an old three wing airplane, a 1903 Oldsmobile and several other antique items that he had on display there.



Flames break through the roof of the Wax Museum and Hillsborough Antique Mall at the Daniel Boone Complex in spite of firemen from three departments working to control the fire. The fire completely destroyed the building and all of its contents including three business operations. (News of Orange Co. Photo)

Fire Chief Cates expressed his appreciation to the Eno and Efland Fire Departments for the assistance given the Hillsborough Department in fighting the blaze and to the Orange County Rescue Squad for standing by and providing service to several firemen suffering minor injuries.

He said that there were no serious injuries to firemen but that several suffered minor cuts and scratches.

Paul M. Brown

The Revs. Leroy Denton, David Parks and H. B. Dendy officiated and burial was in West Memorial Park. Pallbearers were M. J. West, Charles Lominac, Robert McDaris, Rollins Jarvis, Baird Burnett, John P. and J. D. Brown, Lawrence Sprinkle, Nick Koon, Bill Williamson, Clark W. Pennell and Ben Massey.

Mr. Brown was a member of

Weaverville Fire Department, chairman of the Weaverville school committee a number of years, a member of Weaverville Men's Club and North Buncombe Optimist Club, active in Democrat affairs, and owned and operated a Weaverville service station 30 years.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Clara Hilton Brown of the

home, four daughters, Miss Mary Sue Brown of the home, Mrs. Jack Williamson, Mrs. Harold Payne and Mrs. Scott Harrower, all of Asheville; two sisters, Mrs. Jesse Burgess of Weaverville and Mrs. Henry Dendy Jr., of Nashville, Tenn.; one brother, Rex Brown of Asheville, and five grandchildren.

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Cooking At Firehouse Can Be Indulged In As A Pleasure... John Powers, Left, Johnny Teters and Robert Carmen at Station 5 -Greensboro Daily News Photo

Firemen Ring In Three-Alarm Feast

GREENSBORO -- Thanksgiving is the day for giving special thanks followed by immediate over-indulgence in turkey and dressing, cranberry sauce, candied yams, green beans, and pumpkin pie. It is the day for reunions - when families like to overeat together. Thanksgiving is a day when cities are silent and suburbia is

alive with laughter, good smells and frustration for mama who must work the turkey in between morning parades and afternoon football veiwed on the tube.

Even the mailman who makes it through rain and sleet and falling snow gets a day off to eat turkey.

But thre is the fireman, you See FIREMEN, Page 8

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say, who must do his duty, be at his post and leave the rest of his family to the festive board at home.

Pity the poor fireman?

Not on your life!

At any Greensboro station you might happen by Thanksgiving you'll probably smell a roasting turkey enhanced by the odor of sage and onions coming from that big pan of dressing ready to go into the oven as soon as the turkey comes out.

Opinion has it that a number of firemen are pretty good cooks and they do it for one of two reasons -- they have to or they like to.

Capt. E.E. Ritter of Central Station whose culinary expertise enjoys a pretty good reputation, looks on his cooking as a necessity.

Johnny Teeters of Station 5, will tell you without a moment's hesitation that he's the "best creamed potatoes man in the world." And there's not a man at his station who will argue the point.

Meal preparation is done on a rotating basis so that each man has his day. Holidays are an exception and the crew can take the day off, cook the meal or leave it in the hands of someone else. Usually on Thanksgiving the men get together and decide to go with turkey dinner cooked on the premises.

Capt. Ritter, who's been with the fire department for 25 years, didn't know how to cook when he started work but now he can whip up a roast, chicken, fresh vegetables or what have you.

"Noon meals we usually cook as cheaply as we can and have our big meal at dinner," said the captain last week just before a noon meal at the station of navy beans, stewed tomatoes, cole slaw and corn bread. "Breakfast isn't cooked at the station because we come in at 8 a.m. and get off at 8 a.m. the next morning."

Capt Ritter cooks by recipe and as the spirit moves him. He doesn't get any pointers from his wife, in fact "we don't even

discuss it." In the summer much use is made of tomatoes, green beans and other vegetables brought in by those with gardens. If a fire call comes in, someone is left to tend the pot, or if all of the men must go they simply turn off the stove and turn it on again on the return.

There might be a little kitchen competition, said Ritter, but "actually it's not a detail looked forward to too much." Even so from time to time a friend or two will stop by for lunch or dinner with the men.

The captain pointed out that with a big 19 - man crew at Central enthusiasm for culinary artistry wanes but that at smaller stations with 6 to 8 men there seems to be more pleasure in executing a good meal.

Johnny Teeters is just one example that Ritter's point is well taken. Not only does he make those great creamed potatoes, but his roast is very well received.

"I couldn't cook when I first started," he said in a telephone interview. "Couldn't even fry an egg. If you don't try, the fellows gripe, so you try to cook the best you can. Lots of the guys cook real well. They get on me for using too many pots and pans."

How does he cook those potatoes?

Take five or six pounds of potatoes and cut them in chunks and cook them until they are done. Drain off the water and add two sticks of butter cut up. The butter will melt over the hot potatoes and they are mixed at high speed on a mixer for about 5 or 6 minutes. Then add a half can of evaporated milk, salt and pepper and beat another five minutes. "They are real creamy."

When Teeters cooks a roast he leaves the selection to a nearby butcher. He browns the roast on both sides and puts it on a large piece of aluminum foil. He pours a can of mushroom soup over it and chops up some onions on top. He closes the foil and cooks it for

a couple of hours, then adds potatoes and carrots and lets it cook on for about another hour.

"You ought to talk to Robert Carmen about his Chicken and Dumplings," said Teeters. "I'll guarantee you it's the greatest!"

Carmen learned a lot watching his mother cook for a large family and has been involved in the food business in some form since his school days as a short order cook in Virginia Beach. He cooks at home, too, and often has dinner ready if his wife's teaching job keeps her at school late.

When he makes chicken and dumplings here's how he does it.

Wash and clean the chicken and put in salt water with 2 or 3 pieces of celery. Boil the chicken until the meat comes off the bone. Take plain flour, about 1 1/4 pounds, and buttermilk, about 3/4 quart, and some salt and mix into dough. Flour the board or table well and roll out pastry real thin. Cut into strips about 1 inch wide and 3 inches long. Remove chicken from pot and have juice simmering. Drop in strips of pastry. Do not stir. Remove chicken from bone and after dumplings have cooked about 15 minutes in the juice add the chicken, cut down the heat to low and cook about 30 minutes.

"Green beans and candied yams go well with this," said Carmen.

"I just wish Donnie Barnett were here. He makes the best lasagne you've ever tasted ..."

Most any day of the week there's feasting at the firehouse.

--Daily News by Martha Long



Wheeler Named Fire Captain



Wheeler - Greensboro Record Photo

Greensboro -- Jerry D. Wheeler, 37, driver at the Radiance Drive-Friendly Avenue fire station, has been promoted to captain, effective immediately, Fire Chief G.C. (Buck) Wuchae announced recently.

Captain Wheeler, who fills a vacancy created by the retirement of Capt. Carlton Summers Aug. 31, will be stationed at the new station on Pisgah Church Road.

A veteran of 16 years service with the Greensboro Fire Department, Captain Wheeler is a native of Guilford County and served in the Air Force.

He is married to the former Rachael Lashley. They have twin daughters, Lynn and Leslie, and make their home at 3003 Orange St.

Burning Laws Cited

Kinston--Kinston Fire Chief Otis Koonce commented recently on regulations handed down by the Air Quality Division of the North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources.

Chief Koonce said, "These regulations virtually prohibit the burning of leaves and other types of refuse that may have been permitted in the City in the past. Where two ordinances or regulations exist," he said, "the stricter one shall apply."

The Fire Chief requested that everyone cooperate with the local fire authorities by abiding by these regulations as they would apply within the City Limits.

Persons having questions concerning burning in the City are being requested to call the Fire Department at 527-2139. The number to call for information concerning burning outside the City Limits covered under the regulation is 758-0644, Greenville.

New Alarm In Valdese

VALDESE--The Valdese Fire Department has been equipped with a new alarm system - a system permitting the department to alert all other fire departments in the county.

Called the Plectron Fire Alarm System, the new system was put into operation recently.

The system is the same as that used by the Morganton Fire Department, enabling Valdese to serve as a backup unit in the event

the Morganton system should fail and vice versa.

Before the new system was installed, Valdese firemen could alert only firemen in Rutherford College, Icard-Hildebran and of course Valdese.

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