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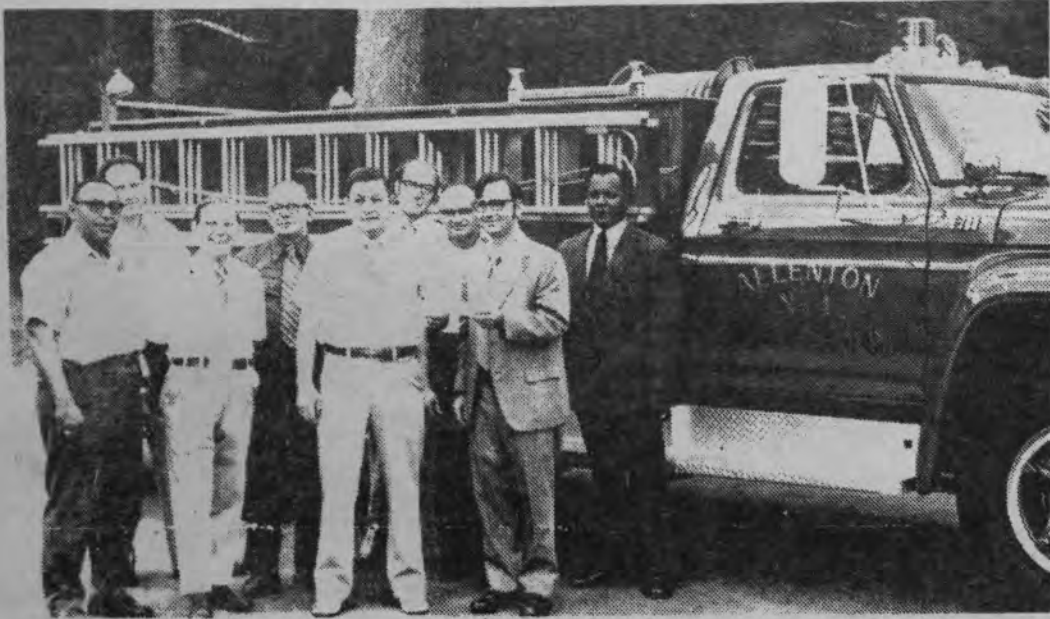


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WILLIAM LONG, the County Supervisor for FHA presents H. T. Taylor, President of the Allenton Volunteer Fire Department, with a check for \$15,000 to be used with personal funds for the purchase of a new pumper truck. Shown from left to right are; Delton Morgan, George Ward, Mut McNeill, Richard Fleming, H.T. Taylor, Rodford Allen — District Supervisor of FHA, James West, William J. Long County Supervisor of FHA, Cassius Williams — Assistant County Supervisor of FHA.

Lumberton Robesonian Photo

Allenton Fire Dept. Gets New Pumper Truck

Allenton—The Allenton Volunteer Fire Department has a new pumper fire truck in their garage now, thanks to a \$15,000 loan from the Farmers Home Administration.

The Rural Development Act of 1972 authorized the FHA to make loans to rural fire departments. Allenton is the second fire department to benefit from the federal act; Lumber Bridge has also received such a loan. Loans to Britts and Fairmont Fire Departments are also in process.

The Allenton Fire Department was established to provide protection to the area in a four mile radius, but has been extended to cover the Wishart Townships as well. The volunteer unit is responsible for nine mobile home parks within

its district, as well as homes, barns and rural stores.

The brand new truck although it has yet to see any action beyond customary practices, already registers 2,274 miles on its meter. Fire Chief Delton Morgan and

President of the fire department, H. T. Taylor drove the truck from the manufacturers in Chicago last week.

The firemen, gathered along with FHA representatives to celebrate the arrival and were treated to a steak supper.

Fire House First Under New System

Anderson Creek — Harnett County is the site of the first rural fire station completed under Farmers Home Administration financing.

At dedication ceremonies for the Anderson Creek Fire Station recently, Paul V. Parks, chief of community programs for FHA, told a gathering of fire department members, patrons and county officials that of 16 loans approved for fire departments during the last fiscal year, four were in Harnett County.

He explained, however, that the program got off to a late start, and said that probably 70 to 80 such loans would be made during the current fiscal year.

Parks was introduced by David Tyre, county supervisor for FHA, who praised the county commissioners, county attorneys and other for their parts in making the facility a reality.

Parks noted that other community projects could also come under the program as presently administered.

Also speaking were Commissioner Chairman Jack Brock, Commissioner Bobby Etheridge, Bill Shaw, a member of the department and contractor for the building, Guy Cayton, treasurer for the fire department, and others.

Brock said the commissioners were pleased with the growth and progress of rural departments in the county and pledged all possible support by the county government. Etheridge said he was glad to see the people "work together for the benefit of all involved."

He noted that some members of the fire department were military personnel, not even taxpayers in the county but none the less willing to donate their services.

Shaw gave a brief resume of the department's history, from its conception two members of the Anderson Creek Lions Club, in 1970. He also thanked all supporters of the efforts of the firemen.

During Parks' talk, the FHA official explained the provisions under which his agency was able to make loans for buildings and equipment to rural departments at five percent interest.

He was installed as an honorary fire chief by Chief Charles Moyers.

Land for the station was donated by the Overhills developers.

About 200 persons were on hand for the ceremonies, and later a dance and open house were held.

Final Inspection Made

Zebulon — A final inspection of the renovation to the Zebulon Municipal Building and construction of the new firehouse was staged recently in a three and one-half hour tour and examination of the facilities.

Present for the inspection were the architect, construction coordinator, contractors, and town officials. A brief meeting was held in the upstairs meeting room of the Municipal Building just prior to the inspection. Joining the tour were Donald Horton, Assistant Town Manager, Zebulon; Douglas Y. Perry, owner, Douglas Y. Perry Associates; Eugene Hunter, Construction Coordinator, Douglas Y. Perry Associates; H. Clay Taylor, Partner, Environmental Planning Associates; Bill Jones, Vice President, Ray Sparrow Construction Co., George Albury, Foreman, Ray Sparrow Construction Co., Ray Moore, President, Mechanical Associates; Nathan Hicks, Owner, Tar River Heating & Air Conditioning; and Phillip Boswell Electrical Foreman, Edwards Electric Co.

"There are still a few punch-list items left to be completed before the contractors can be released," said Douglas Perry,

Architect. "These include such things as hardware for the doors and cabinets, an overhead fan on order for the fire station, and some minor

adjustments in other phases of the construction." Perry said that all of these finish-up projects should be completed by this Friday, when a short

inspection will be taken of the punch-list items.

The buildings have been

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Pre-Fire Planning Important

Mecklenburg County — There is a fine line between a fire inspection and pre-fire planning. However, as Fire Inspector Dale K. Reading of the Mecklenburg County Fire Administrator's Office knows, this "fine line" is one of the most important areas in Fire Prevention. Inspector Reading has been instrumental in setting up the "pre-fire plan" program and surveys in Mecklenburg County.

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Making final inspection

Assistant Town Manager Donald Horton and architect Douglas Y. Perry joined contractors in making the final inspection at the Zebulon fire station and municipal building.

Zebulon Record Photo

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Editorial



EMILY H. KING

FOR SALE CHEAP: One invisible black cat, who evidently attached himself to my premises sometime around July 11th and remained there for succeeding weeks. Anyone interested may obtain same, by just a simple phone call to your Editor. Will be happy to help him find a new home — he has been here far too long!

For Example: On July 11th, my husband was working on a repair job on a lime kiln in Franklin, Va. (this is the kind of lime that will eat the meat right off your bones). A laborer on the floor beneath him tossed a shovelful of lime directly under an Air Shaft over which my husband was working — you know where the lime came up, don't you? Right in his eyes! For three weeks after coming out of the Hospital he was under the daily care of an eye Specialist in Suffolk, and we are very thankful there was no permanent loss of sight, but it was an anxious three weeks.

Next Example: Just a few weeks after he went back to work, while I was in Wilmington, I had an accident, and received the first citation of my life! I really was not guilty, but since I had no witnesses and the other driver had his wife with him, it was two against one, and there was just no way, except by common sense, I could prove I didn't run a red light, but who, in the world, would stop for a red light, sit there and wait for it to turn, then run it before it did? I was so shook up, sitting there in the midst of shattered glass, I guess I would have let them charge me with anything! It was quite a shock to look up just as I entered the intersection, to see the front of a big cadillac just before smashing into the door I was sitting beside — I only had time to throw myself over to one side to avoid the breaking glass. Thank heavens, it was safety glass, which was all that saved me from being

cut to pieces, as there was almost none of it left in the window — I did have a split second to think my time had come!

The body shop ordered a new door, and I left the car and returned to New Bern, since he said it would probably be Tuesday before it would arrive, however, it would only be a matter of 5-6 hours after that, before I could have car, so I returned to Wilmington the first of the week, staying at a Motel to wait for the car. Know how long I was stranded in that Motel with no transportation? All the rest of that week, thinking each day I would get it back, about to climb the walls by Friday P.M. at 5:30 when I finally got it back!

Needless to say, all these ups and downs have sadly affected my work, but now, I am back in harness again and hopeful nothing else eventful will upset the apple cart. I always heard you couldn't keep a good gal down, and I'm back up and with you again, and hope you will forgive my using Editorial space to tell you all my recent troubles, but thought you might like to know. Maybe that black cat was riding with me in Wilmington, and I got rid of him, there. If any of you run across him, just keep him, please, or give him away, because I really don't need him anymore!

Emily H. King

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Multi-Pronged Effort Launched

Wayne Firemen To Lead Crime Prevention Drive

Goldsboro — Wayne County Firemen's Association recently pledged to help spearhead a county-wide crime prevention campaign.

The decision by the firemen signaled the go-ahead for a multi-pronged effort aimed not only at preventing crime but also at expediting convictions and bringing pressure for

sterner punishment of criminals.

Groundwork for the campaign was laid earlier by representatives of law enforcement agencies, the industrial community and the Goldsboro News-Argus.

But all agreed that success of the campaign would depend on full-scale support of the rural

fire departments.

"You men represent every community in Wayne County and the best people in Wayne County. Without you, this thing won't work," declared W. R. Helms, president of Dewey Brothers.

Earlier, Eugene Price, editor of the Goldsboro News-Argus admonished the group: "If we

don't get together and run this (criminal) element out, we're going to see Wayne County and our state become another satellite for organized crime."

Price referred to the dynamiting of an SBI agent in Salisbury yesterday morning. He noted that the agent had

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Safety Measure In Mobile Homes

Automatic Smoke Detectors Now Required



Capt. H. T. Link of the Statesville Fire Department, surveys a mobile home destroyed by fire which might have been contained if a smoke detector had been in use.

Statesville Record & Landmark Photo

Statesville — The rule requiring automatic smoke detectors to be placed outside each sleeping area in all mobile homes went into effect Sept. 1, and the rule will be applicable to conventional dwellings on Jan. 1, 1975.

Statesville Fire Chief Frank Crowson said the trouble detectors would emit a signal of not less than 85 decibels at a distance of 10 feet and praised the ruling as "a good way to save many lives."

Crowson examined a letter received from North Carolina Insurance Commissioner John Ingram notifying all city and county fire chiefs, building inspectors and electrical inspectors of the designated changes in the state building code as adopted by the state building code council.

The amendment to require smoke detectors on mobile homes was adopted by the council March 11 and became effective Sept. 1.

The amendment requiring smoke detectors on conventional dwellings was

adopted June 11, and becomes effective Jan. 1, 1975.

The letter from Ingram stated: "The council has adopted an amendment which will require what they judge as the most effective smoke detector by requiring that it sense visible and invisible particles of combustion and also will require, in their judgment, the most dependable power source, that of electrical house current, for the majority of persons who are owning or renting homes or apartments."

The letter continued: "In order to provide for evaluation, testing and follow-up inspection in the factory of smoke detectors which are manufactured to meet this requirement, the council amendment requires such units to be listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory, with products evaluation which provides periodic inspection and labeling of listed smoke detectors."

Crowson was provided a list

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SMOKE DETECTORS REQUIRED — Amendment to the state building code has required smoke detectors such as the one held by Statesville Fire Chief Frank Crowson, in all mobile homes manufactured after Sept. 1. New conventional dwellings will be required to have the detectors as of Jan. 1, 1975.

Blaze Strikes Hot Rod Barn

Mount Airy—The Hot Rod Barn, 768 West Lenanon Street, Mount Airy, was literally destroyed by fire of undetermined origin recently at 3 o'clock.

According to Fire Chief Bill Joe Woodruff, the block structure was owned by the Joe Greenwood estate, while the business itself was owned and operated by Dorsey Jones of Mount Airy.

Chief Woodruff stated that the fire was reported by Wayne Greenwood, who lives next door to the place of business.

When the local firemen arrived, Chief Woodruff said, "we found the fire was coming out the front of the building."

"Heavy fire streams brought the fire under control in a short time," he said.

The building included a large room—a display area—in front and a storage area in back, Chief Woodruff said.

The fire was concentrated in

the front room, while the storage area suffered mostly heat and smoke damage.

Cause of the fire, Chief Woodruff stated, is undetermined. The damage has not yet been estimated, he said.

Unofficial sources put the damage to the building and contents in the several thousands of dollars category.

The inside portion of the building was heavily damaged, as was the structure, Chief Woodruff said. The blaze broke through the roof in several locations.

Firemen remained on the scene about one hour and 45 minutes, the chief said. Two trucks and 23 men were dispatched to the scene.

There were no injuries incurred during the fire-fighting operations.

The Mount Airy Police Department was dispatched to the scene, handling the traffic details.



This is the fire-gutted building on West Lebanon Street housing the Hot Rod Barn. Cause of the early morning blaze is undetermined.

Mount Airy Times Photo



Donated by Friends of the Murfreesboro FD

Murfreesboro — Back Packs, brooms, mops, portable generator for night lighting and salvage covers. While it may sound like a peculiar shopping list, these are among the items the Murfreesboro Volunteer Fire Department will purchase with funds raised in order to furnish the new equipment truck. The men have raised \$900 in September, with \$95 coming from the Ladies Auxiliary.

The town supplies equipment required by the state, but the department felt the new unit was needed and raised the

\$5,700 for it. Saturday, they operated a road block, sold home and auto fire extinguishers, and the ladies held a bake sale. When the new unit is put into service, lettering on it will read "Donated by Friends of the Murfreesboro Fire Department." Those friends may still contact any fireman with additional donations or mail them to the department. And what is a "salvage cover?" It is a heavy piece of canvas thrown over store merchandise or home furnishings to minimize the damage during a fire.

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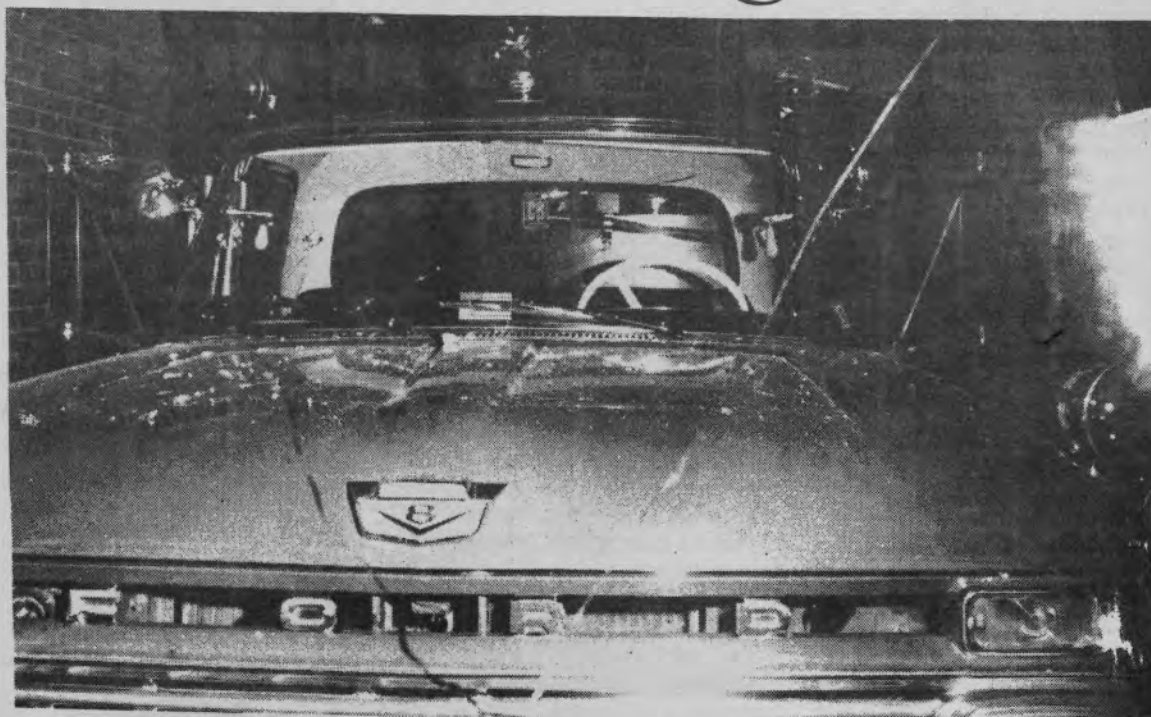
\$2,000 Damage

Vandals Strike KSD Building

Kannapolis — Vandals made a shambles of the Kannapolis Sanitary District office and fire station on Floyd St. recently.

Broken glass covered the floor and bits of it clung to the furniture and big red fire engines.

Cracked windshields formed tiny spider webs, one hood was dented and chrome was damaged on both the trucks. An estimated \$2,000 damage



Fire Truck Damaged, Windows Shattered . . . At Least 74 Rocks Thrown During Attack
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was done, and Everette Murph, chairman of the district's governing board, noted that there was no insurance to cover it.

"This is an expense the sanitary district must bear," he said. "Our insurance will not cover this type vandalism."

Rosie Horton of Horton Grading discovered the broken windows on his way to work about 6:30 a.m. and notified sheriffs' deputies at North Kannapolis.

At least 74 rocks — some of

them weighting from eight to 10 pounds — went through 34 windows and two doors. Six of the windows were the eight foot ones along the front of the office.

The outside light was broken, and guttering on the roof was knocked loose. Many rocks also lay on the roof.

Surveying the damage to the trucks and doors that slide upward prompted Deputy C. W. Harrington, a former fireman, to wonder aloud what would have happened if there had been a fire call.

"If a fireman had rushed in and thrown up the sliding door, glass would have rained down in him," Harrington commented.

This is the third time the station has been damaged by vandals. About three and a half years ago, juveniles were taken into custody following one such incident, and about 18 months ago two bowling balls were thrown through a window.

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HEAVY DAMAGE — This was the scene as Dunn firemen spent three hours fighting a blaze at the home of Marvin Tart near Jonesboro Road northeast of the Dunn city limits. Dunn Dispatch Photo

Night Blaze Heavily Damages Dunn Home

Dunn — A one-story, brick veneer home owned by Marvin Tart just northeast of the Dunn city limits was heavily damaged by fire by undetermined origin recently.

The alarm was received about 9 p.m. and Dunn firemen were at the scene in a matter of a few minutes, but the blaze had gained headway through the roof.

The fire is believed to have started near the roof in the area near the chimney, destroying the entire roof. A large portion of the interior escaped the flames, but sustained extensive smoke and water damage.

Tentative estimates placed the damages at least \$25,000. The entire roof and all interior walls will require replacement.

Firemen said that an unidentified person had apparently kicked open the front door and saved a considerable amount of the contents before the truck arrived.

The location, on a secondary road about a mile off Jonesboro

Road, and for most of the way in only able to accommodate one-way traffic, made the house more difficult to reach.

Fifteen firemen, a pumper, tanker and equipment truck spent more than three hours at the scene.

The flames were visible from a considerable distance.

Investigation into the cause and estimate of the damage is still underway.

Although a number of interested spectators drove to the area of the fire, they were kept out of the way and apparently did not interfere with the equipment. Most parked near the beginning of the narrow

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There were no reported injuries.

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Fire Damages Home

Taylorsville—A fire recently caused damages estimated at a couple of thousand dollars to a four-room house owned by J. D. Barnes and located near L. E. Herman's store just off N. C. 16 north of Taylorsville.

The Taylorsville Volunteer Fire Department was summoned at about two o'clock and found smoke coming from the dwelling from a fire that had erupted in the bedroom. Firemen weren't certain of

the cause but speculated that the flames may have erupted when burning materials fell from a chimney opening into a clothes hamper in the bedroom.

A wood fire was burning in a stove in an adjoining room and the chimney also had an opening into the bedroom. Firemen theorized that bur-

smoke coming from the house and firemen credited L. E. Herman and Jimmy Jolly with saving the house from greater destruction. They used a

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FIRE DAMAGES HOUSE — Flames erupted in a four-room, frame house just off N.C. 16 north near L. E. Herman's Store recently. The house, owned by J. D. Barnes, was damaged an estimated "couple of thousand dollars," with a bedroom and its furnishings destroyed. Above, firemen remove some of the burned contents of the bedroom while other burned items including a mattress are in the yard. *Taylorsville Times Photo*

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ning materials could have fallen through the chimney's opening into the clothes hamper, igniting the bedroom. Most of the bedroom and the furnishings in the room were destroyed. Nobody was home at the time of the fire but neighbors responded when they saw

garden hose to squirt water onto the flames until firemen arrived. Taylorsville firemen answered a call at about 11:15 a. m. to a car burning near the old Zachary Fabric Shop toward the Highland Section of Taylorsville. A spokesman for the fire department said that a 1973 Oldsmobile driven by Barbara Barker of Taylorsville caught fire while she was driving down the road.

He said she reported that she had been having some trouble with the car but the trouble had not been detected. The fire burned out most of the wiring, the spokesman said. Damages were estimated at \$500.

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SALVAGING BELONGINS — Sifting through belongings of Miss Iva Wilson, whose fire-gutted house on Long Creek Roads is in the background, friends and relatives search for salvageable goods. Gaston Rural Police suspect burglary and arson. *Gastonia Gazette Photo*

Burglar sets fire to house

Gastonia—A burglar apparently set fire to a house on Long Creek Road in western Gaston County recently after stealing a television set and pistol.

The 4-room home of Miss Iva Wilson was gutted by flames, but neighbors and firemen removed several items of furniture before the fire consumed the entire frame house.

A television normally on a stand in the living room was missing, when neighbors entered the burning home, and Miss Wilson discovered a pistol missing after the fire, Choat said.

ago and she rebuilt the smaller home which was destroyed. Police have no suspects.

Gaston Rural Patrolman T. R. Choat said that neighbors told him they saw the flames around 2:30 p.m., called the Tryonata Volunteer Fire Department and began removing furniture.

Miss Wilson was at work when the fire started. Firemen said that fire destroyed another home on the same site 10 years

2 Wright School Rooms Destroyed

Durham—A fire destroyed two classrooms in the Wright School on Roxboro Road recently. No injuries were reported.

Fire officials said the blaze was under investigation for possible arson.

The school, a state-supported institution for emotionally disturbed children, has been using facilities at Butner since April while the Roxboro Road building was being renovated.

School officials had planned to move back to Burham later this fall, but a contractor on the scene said damage would delay the reopening.

Fire officials said the blaze was confined to two classrooms in the front of the building, but said the entire building and the basement had smoke damage.

There were no visible signs of damage to the exterior of the building.

Fire officials said the blaze was reported shortly after 6 p.m. The fire was extinguished within minutes after firemen arrived, according to assistant Chief S. J. Smith.

No estimate of the damage was available.

Concord Names New Fire Chief

Concord — Francis Weddington has been named Concord Fire Chief, filling the vacancy left by the death of John Fisher.

Weddington is a 32-year veteran on the Concord force.

Weddington had been serving as acting chief until the Board of Aldermen recently promoted him.

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Electric Blanket Blamed for Fire

Roxboro—A Longhurst resident probably thought his electric blanket was doing quite a job keeping him warm recently, when the blanket apparently malfunctioned, causing a fire which did about \$1,000 worth of damage to his home.

The fire was reported to the Roxboro Fire Department at 6:30 a.m. It occurred at the home of Kerry Humphries on School Street in Longhurst.

Firemen have theorized that the electric blanket on Humphries' bed had a short circuit, which caused the blaze. Humphries was reportedly in bed when the fire broke out. He was not injured.

Damage was mainly restricted to the bedroom of the house. Damage was estimated at \$500 worth to the building and \$500 worth to the contents.

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Fire damages Siler City Mills

Siler City—A major fire was averted recently at Siler City Mills as the results of quick action by the Siler City Fire Department and an excellent sprinkler system at the local feed plant.

Firemen responded to the call at 6:20 a.m. when a fire starting in an elevator shaft sent flames up to a room near the top floor of the building.

The efficient operation of the sprinkler system was credited with retaining the flame until firemen arrived at the scene.

Firemen scrambled to the roof of the building and quickly subdued the fire, preventing

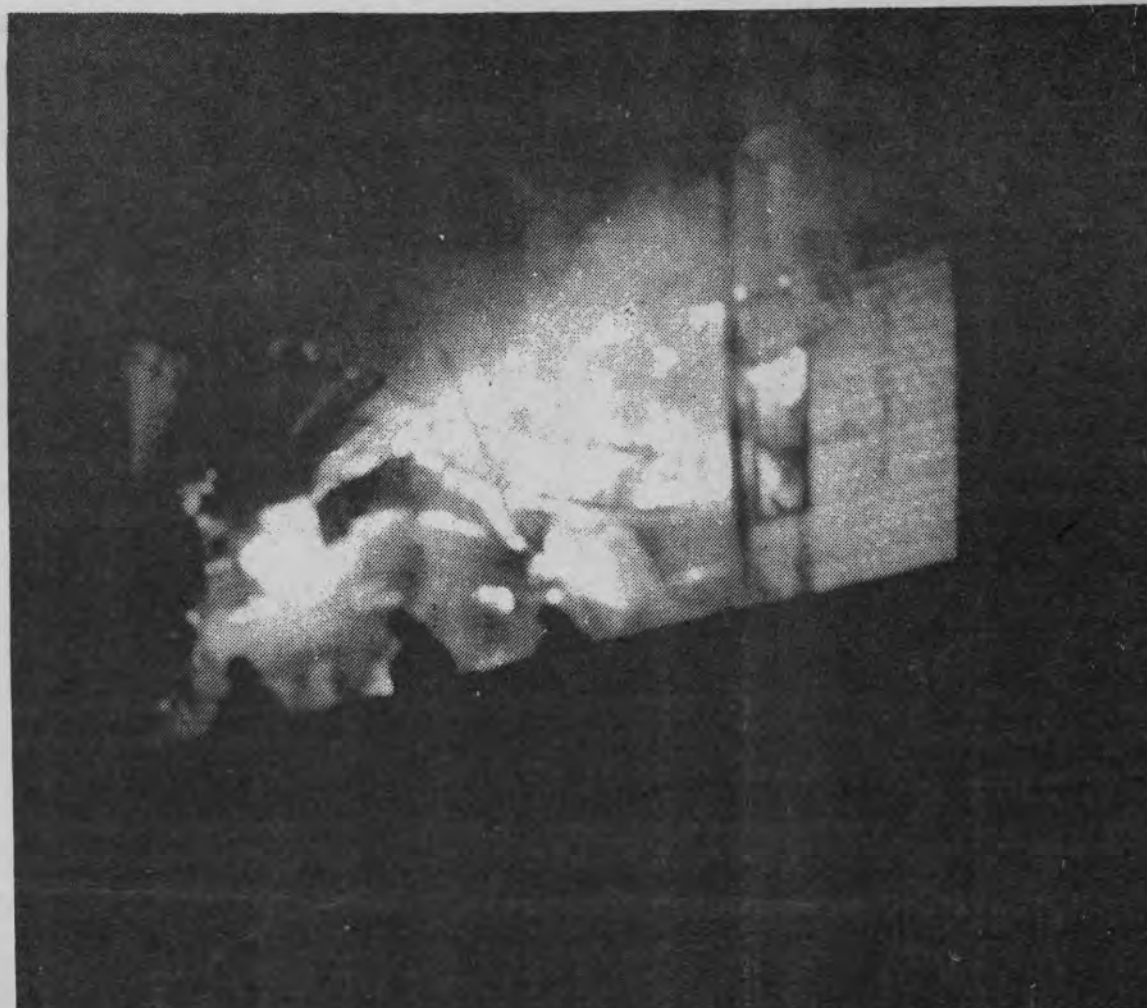
the flames from spreading to other areas of the huge structure. Firemen remained at the scene until around 10 a.m.

According to Ray Swain, general manager, extensive damage was done to the room near the top of the building with other areas suffering heavy water damages. Damages were estimated to the around \$70,000

The plant resumed limited production Tuesday after repair crews worked throughout the weekend.

Fire Departments at Silk Hope and Bonlee also answered the call on a standby basis.

Firemen reported intense heat near the top of the building; however, the fire was knocked down within 30 minutes following the arrival of firemen.



The figures of three Siler City Firemen can be seen silhouetted by flames at an early morning fire at Siler City Mills. Firemen battled the flames from the roof top of the building sided by the railroad tracks.

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DAMAGE EXTENSIVE — Statesville firemen water down contents from the home of Herman Gabriel at 457 N. Tradd St., which burned recently at 7:48 p.m. One bedroom was completely destroyed and the remainder of the home was damaged by smoke and heat.
Statesville Record & Landmark Photo

Fire Damage Is Extensive At Residence

Statesville — The family of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gabriel of 457 N. Tradd St. is in need of clothing following a fire at their residence recently at 7:48 p.m.

The home, owned by Talmadge Adams, was extensively damaged by smoke and heat, with one bedroom being completely destroyed.

The fire, according to Fire Chief Frank Crowson, started in the bedroom from a short circuit in an electrical cord.

Twelve members of the Statesville Fire Department responded to the call.

Booster lines and a one-and-one-half-inch hose were used to extinguish the blaze but firemen could not prevent extensive damage to the dwelling.

Clothing is needed for small children, ages four to seven, and one female adult, wears size 10 and 11.

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Short Circuit Ruled Cause Of Enka Fire

A fire which destroyed Edgewood Baptist Church in Enka recently was caused by an electrical short circuit in a closet on the second floor of the education unit, Enka Fire Chief Houston Blackwell said.

The \$150,000 building was gutted by the fire which was out of control by the time

firefighting units arrived at the scene about 9 a.m., Blackwell said.

According to the pastor, the Rev. Robert Evans, regular evening worship services were held Sunday night at the church and the building was checked as late as 10 p.m. and found in order.

Seven fire departments responded to the alarm, first called in by neighbors who noticed smoke coming from the church. A nearby activity center was not damaged.

Some congregation members also responded to the alarm and served coffee and cold drinks to firemen as they fought the blaze.



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Training Fire Is Arranged And Set By Fire Department

Rocky Mount — For more than four hours recently, some 14 members of the Rocky Mount Fire Department battled a house fire here at the corner of Columbia and Adams Streets. Unlike most house fires in Rocky Mount, this blaze was

started by the Fire Department.

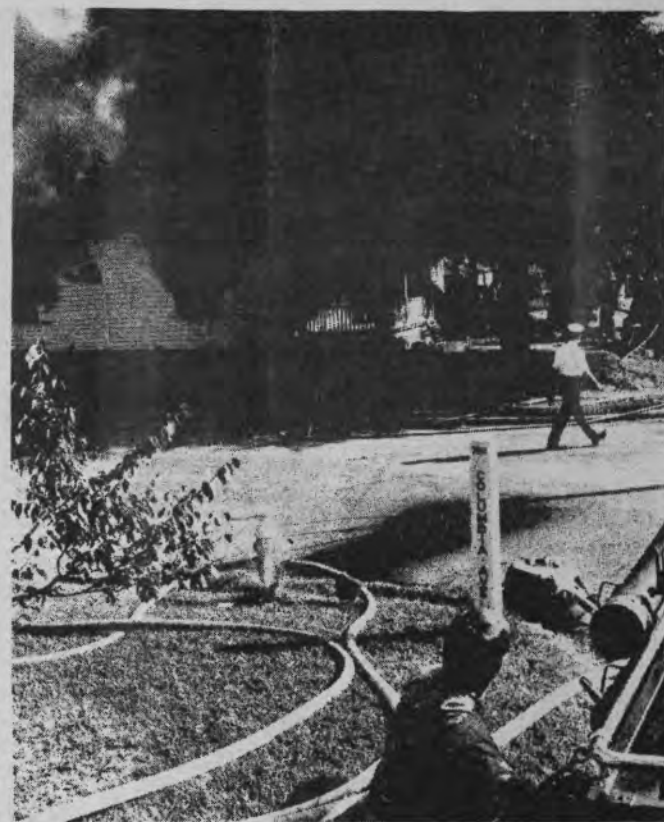
The fire was a training exercise designed to assist the department's newest recruits in understanding and dealing with heat and smoke conditions common to real fires. The house used was scheduled to be demolished later this fall.

"Outside of actual firefighting experience, this is the best way possible to build the confidence of our newest members," said the department's Director of Training Capt. J. F. Lancaster. "In addition to putting out 14 separate room fires in the house, we practiced rescue missions in the smoke-filled basement. As far as I'm concerned it was a very successful exercise."

Rocky Mount Fire Chief John Skyes who was on hand to supervise the training exercise, expressed pride in performance of the new recruits and in the department's veteran members for their efforts Thursday.

"I thought the new men acted with the professionalism of seasoned firefighters," said Chief Skyes. "It was a pleasure to watch them performing under true-to-life circumstances."

Sykes said he was also proud of the several off-duty firemen who operated the pumps during the exercise. "They gave of their own time to help the department better itself," he said. "I'm grateful to them."



FIREMEN BATTLE BLAZE THEY STARTED — Some 14 members of the Rocky Mount Fire Department spent more than four hours battling this house fire at the corner of Columbia and Adams Streets which was started for training purposes. While neighbors and passers-by enjoyed watching the department in action, the firemen found the session to be successful in helping train the department's newest recruits.

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Love Valley Firm Burns
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 The Central Volunteer Fire Department received the call at 11:58 p.m. and 25 volunteer firemen battled the blaze until 5:30 a.m. the next morning.
 Damage was set at \$27,000 and the building was declared a total loss. Central Fire Department officials said the fire may have been caused by exploding paint.
 Members of the Trinity Volunteer Fire Department aided in fighting the fire.

Chick Haven Fire Put Out
 N. Wilkesbors—A mid morning fire did substantial damage to an incubator building at Chick Haven Farms east of North Wilkesboro.
 Fire department officials stated that fuel oil from a leaking storage tank ignited, causing the blaze. As the oil and flames spread over the patch of hillside, a nearby building which housed incubators caught fire. Damage was restricted to the ceiling area of the structure.
 Units from the Mulberry-Fairplains, Mountain View, and North Wilkesbors Fire Departments, plus volunteers from other area stations, fought the blaze and brought it under control within thirty minutes after their arrival on the scene.
 Firemen speculated that a smoldering electric motor which was found near the fuel tank might have been the cause of the fire.
 Work was continuing near normal in the undamaged areas of Chicken Haven.
 Firemen were successful in plugging the leaking oil tank. When all available hydrants were used, firemen pumped water from Mulberry Creek. Although there was burning oil, firemen were successful in keeping it from spreading to other buildings.

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worked as an undercover man against the drug traffic in Wayne County and was a star witness in several cases — some still pending.

"If you think there is no connection between the people who blew up that agent and

some of the people who sell heroin and marijuana to your sons and daughters — and the people who engage in stolen goods traffic — I suggest you're making a dangerous mistake," Price said.

Firemen's Association President Dwight Rose said he

had been advised on the project in advance by Fire Marshal Carl Ray Coley. "I have been talking this up with the fire chiefs and all of them like the idea," Rose said.

Specifically, firemen were called on to promote the marking and inventorying of personal property by use of electric engraving devices donated by Dewey Brothers through Helms.

More than 250 of the devices are being placed in the hands of rural fire officials and law enforcement agencies in each community.

Citizens are urged to use the devices — at no charge — to engrave their driver's license number on articles of value such as TV sets, radios, sports equipment and other items that might be stolen.

The same items are listed on an inventory sheet kept in a safe place.

If the articles are stolen and are later recovered, they can be easily identified. This not only assures the owner of getting his property returned but it enables law enforcement officers to bring charges against those caught with stolen goods it was explained.

"We have been embarrassed many, many times in this very court room because the owner of the property couldn't prove that stolen property belonged to him," declared Goldsboro Police Lt. Bobby Williams as he

addressed firemen in the District Court room last night.

Through a computer system, stolen goods recovered in other cities can be traced to the rightful owner in 20 seconds if the engraving system has been used, Williams said.

A big factor, though, is the deterrent effect. Property owners who have marked their valuables are given stickers to go on doors and windows warning the would-be thieves that the valuables are so identified.

Firemen accepted leadership in the campaign with enthusiasm.

George Edgar Summerlin, Jr., dean of Wayne's volunteer firemen and former fire marshal, motioned that the association seize on the project as an opportunity and a duty to their county.

He said it afforded rural fire departments an unusual educational opportunity to acquaint their own citizens with their departments.

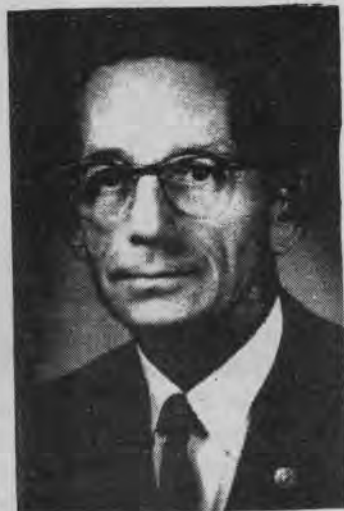
Commenting on problems facing law enforcement officers, Summerlin noted: "They can't do it alone. All you have to do is sit on the switchboard here at the courthouse and take the calls to know that. They can't be everywhere at one time. But our departments are. This is one of the best projects I have ever heard of."

In addition to the iden-

tification of property, the campaign also is expected to include a move to enlist widespread cooperation with law enforcement officers in reporting suspected criminal activity and other projects to be announced within the next few days, firemen were told.



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Smoke Detectors

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of manufacturers responding with information requested by the state building council and they offer detectors which meet all requirements. Crowson said the list, along with prices for the detectors, would be made available to the public upon individual request.

Commissioner Ingram said he had been very concerned about the methods and means for solving problems, in which the public might suffer from unfair practices.

He stated the two main concerns as: unethical sales practices taking advantage of the emotional state of persons who have intimate knowledge of lives lost and the showing of horror pictures within individual homes by eager salesmen asking exorbitant prices on equipment offered for sale; and excessive cost of smoke detection devices which are now on the market which may not have been properly inspected or tested, thus giving false security.

The council has recommended a listed ionization battery-powered smoke detector for existing dwellings and apartments which would not have to be installed by a licensed electrical contractor and is very simple to install. The type is recommended to be made available to the general public by volunteer fire departments, rescue squads and civic organizations.

Crowson has received information from the deputy commissioners of the engineering and building codes division and the fire and rescue training services division

which listed, as a goal, eventually to install properly listed and tested smoke detection devices in all existing dwellings and apartments if it can be accomplished through a voluntary system of selling them to the public by volunteer organizations such as volunteer fire departments, rescue squads and civic organizations.

Commissioner Ingram said it was his opinion that the volunteer groups undertaking a project of this kind would find excellent reception from the public and provide a trustworthy place for the public to do business and also provide excellent benefits to their organizations.

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Final Inspection Made

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turned over to the respective fire departments, police department, and town officials. "We are very pleased that the construction was completed

on time," said Perry. A September 1 deadline had been set at the beginning of the project.

Assistant Town Manager Donald Horton said Thursday, following the inspection, that it goes without saying that town office employees are "proud" of the newly renovated municipal building. He announced that an open house and formal dedication will be held in a few weeks, when citizens will be invited to take a look at the buildings. Some furniture and the draperies have not arrived yet, so the formal ceremony will be put off until all minor decorating details are taken care of.

Architect Perry said that plans are also in the making to pave the parking lot between the municipal building and firestation. He said plans are being redrawn to take care of parking at least 35-40 vehicles. The entrance to the lot will be from Vance Street.

The total contract price on the municipal building and fire station project was \$163,518. This included the contracts on general construction, plumbing, heating and air conditioning, and electrical. It also included several small changes made in the design after the project was begun.

Morehead City—Fire left a family of five homeless and destroyed the family's belongings near Newport recently.

A spokesman for the Newport Fire Department said the trailer home of Sgt. Henry Reynolds, his wife and three children, was gutted by the fire, which started as a result of overloaded electrical wiring in the master bedroom.

The 1974-model, four-bedroom trailer and its contents were valued at \$12,000, firemen said.

Firemen were alerted at 7:15 p.m. by a neighbor in Brockwell's Trailer Park, just off the Roberts Road, where the trailer was parked.

The family had reportedly left the trailer a few minutes before the fire broke out, to take supper to Sgt. Reynolds, who was at work at Cherry Point.

A 1,000-gallon tanker and a 500-gallon pumper were dispatched to the scene by the fire department, and 30 firemen answered the alarm. The trailer court is about three miles from Newport.

Firemen brought the fire under control with minutes after arriving at the scene, using three hoses and 1,000 gallons of water.

The wife of Sgt. Reynolds Mrs. Jackie Reynolds, passed out upon returning to the trailer park and learning about the fire. She was taken to Carteret General Hospital by the Newport Fire Department ambulance, suffering from shock. She was released, the hospital reported.

The family had bought the trailer just two months ago in Morehead City, firemen said. Operating the rescue ambulance were Fred Kelly, Charles Masters and Dick Luthy.

Fire Destroys Trailer



This mobile home was destroyed by fire just off the Roberts Road near Newport, with damage to trailer and contents estimated at \$12,000. Looking over the damage are, from the left, Milton Gould, Newport fire chief; Allen Elliott, secretary of the fire department; and Zeb Tripp, fireman.

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Pre-Fire Planning

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Inspector Readling says pre-fire planning is perhaps "one of the most important programs ever undertaken by our office". It establishes a very important rapport between industry or business establishment, the fire prevention inspectors and the combat firemen". He continues, "We hope to eventually have in Mecklenburg County planned. However, many man-hours are involved in this in-depth planning and it will take time".

The first thing that Inspector Readling does when he starts a pre-fire plan is to send a letter to the plant in question asking for information as to their insurance carrier. Many of the larger fire insurance companies have map plans that can be useful in pre-planning. This saves hours of time.

The first thing that Inspector Readling does when he starts a pre-fire plan is to send a letter to someone who has the authority to give him a blueprint of the plant. Once he has studied this blue-print, he makes an "on-site survey".

This survey allows him to determine the location of special hazards such as chemical storage, spray booths, etc. He also notes the location of hydrants, size of mains, whether the building is sprinklered, shut-offs, exits, and any other pertinent information. Once all of this information is gathered, he completes a Video-Data Terminal Form.

The next step in is the computerizing of the vital information. It is placed on the computer with the Charlotte Fire Department. Should an emergency arise, it can be recalled in approximately thirty seconds and relayed to the fire scene.

The final step in the pre-fire planning is a meeting between Inspector Readling and the chief officer in charge, should a fire occur at that occupancy and the first back-up chief. At this meeting, the Chiefs are made aware of all information secured during this pre-planning and they are then in a position to determine intelligently where to position fire apparatus in the event of an emergency.

Fire Administrator, Dan J. Carpenter, says, "Inspector Readling was given the responsibility of initiating the pre-fire plan program and he has done an excellent job. It took a lot of initiative and ability and he has an abundance of both".

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