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Firefighters receive honors

Welcome — Firemen from 22 Davidson County fire departments attended the second annual fire safety instructors recognition banquet recently at Bethesda United Methodist Church in Welcome.

County commissioner Whitey Smith presented certificates of appreciation on behalf of the Davidson County Agricultural Extension Service to 92 firemen.

The firemen served as instructors of a recent four-session fire safety program attended by 1,041 fifth-grade students. The fire safety program was a special project of Davidson County 4-H clubs, sponsored by the extension service.

Seals of appreciation also were presented to the fire chiefs of each department which participated in the project.

Individual firemen who received certificates and the fire departments they represent included:

First Year Certificates

Richard Boles, James Craver and Bobby Weaver, Arcadia fire department; Ronnie Griggs, Jerry Smith and John R. Sowers, Churchland; William C. Brady, Tommy Beanblossom and Steven Peacock of Denton; Richard Byerly, Fair Grove; Henry G. Idol, James Sink and Gerald R. Long of Gumtree; Roger Cranford of Holly Grove; Bobby Arthur Gage of Lexington; Jim Leonard Jr., Malcom Myers and Franklin Myers of Linwood; Roger Bateman, Ray Hedrick, Ben

Inscore, Ralph Payne and John Swicegood of Midway; Bobby L. Jolly and Jerry Clinard of Pilot; Ronald Smith and Raleigh York of Thomasville; Grey G. Hobbs and J. Odell Miller of Reeds; Billy Joe Stanley and William Stanley of Silver Valley; Frank Austin of Southmont; Jack Jones Jr. of 10-A; Franklin L. Fritts, and Titus D. Leonard of Triangle; Tommy Poag and W. P. Snelling of Tyro; and Grant Lyle, Tony Leonard and Jerry Everhart of Welcome.

Second Year Certificates

Arthur Bostick and Chris Hooper of Arcadia; David L. Craver of Churchland; Arlin Briggs, Franklin Burkhardt, Gary Burkhardt, Bruce Greer and Joe B. Young of Central; Gary Varner of Denton; Garnett Rice, Ronnie Sink, Richard Price, Don Byrd and Carl Hawkins of Fair Grove; Jimmy Whitlock, Harold Beck, Tommy Swing and Leon Garner of Holly Grove; Kenneth B. McCrary of Lexington;

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Sherrills Ford-Terrell VFD Gets \$55,000 Federal Loan

Sherrills Ford-Terrell — The Sherrills Ford-Terrell Volunteer Fire Department received official approval recently of a \$55,000 federal loan to pay for an addition to the fire department and a new fire truck.

The official approval of the loan, which will be paid back at five per cent annual interest over the next 25 years, came during a meeting of the fire department board of directors

with officials of the U.S. Farmer's Home Administration, which administers the loan.

The addition recently was finished and includes a kitchen, bathroom, training room, storage space and parking space for the new vehicle, a pumper truck, which was ordered a few months ago.

Neil S. Gabriel, secretary of the department's board of directors, said construction of the 44-by-50 foot addition was

begun in September 1974. The total cost of both projects was \$61,000, Gabriel said.

The remainder of the needed money, \$6,000, was raised in the

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Fire Company At Providence Enlarges Home

Providence — Providence Volunteer Firemen have expanded their facilities in order to serve more adequately fire protection needs of the community.

Waverly Woodlief, secretary-treasurer of the Department, said the size of the building has been about doubled with the addition of storage and assembly rooms.

Money needed to meet the expense has been provided by sponsoring dances and participating in other fundraising events, Woodlief explained.

The assembly room is being

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Bear Creek residents organize VFD effort

Bear Creek — Residents in the northeast community of Cabarrus County have organized to form a Bear Creek Volunteer Fire Department and to implement a crime watch patrol.

Some 40 community citizens were informed by Cabarrus Fire Marshal Walt Burr on the procedures for forming a fire department to serve the 165

homes in the community.

Presently Mt. Pleasant serves the community and residents felt the service is good, but a speedier response time is needed for fire alarm in the community.

During the meeting discussion was held on building

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Fairmont Rural Firemen Receive \$19,500 Loan

Fairmont — The Fairmont Rural Fire Department, Inc., has received a loan from Farmers Home Administration for \$19,500. The 20 year loan at 5 per cent interest will enable the Fire Department to provide adequate fire protection for the approximately 1,165 residences and commercial establishments within the fire district. The loan funds were used to refinance a short-term loan with another lender on a 1974 pumper-tanker with a 1200 gallon tank.

This loan was made possible under the provisions of the Rural Development Act of 1972. Farmers Home Administration is a rural credit agency within the United States Department of Agriculture. The local office serving Robeson County is located in the basement of the U. S. Post Office on Elm Street in Lumberton.



RHEASVILLE Volunteer Fire Department, located on N. C. 48 South of Roanoke Rapids and the oldest volunteer unit in Roanoke Rapids Township, remodeled its facilities and displayed new equipment during an Open House in August 1974.

Roanoke Rapids Sunday Herald Photos

Volunteer Firemen Provide Needed Service

Roanoke Rapids — Three volunteer fire departments in

the great Roanoke Rapids area assist in meeting fire protection

needs.

The GASTON Fire Department, oldest of the three, was chartered in 1956.

Thirty active firemen, under the direction of Chief John Acree, are available to meet the emergency needs of the Gaston area. The boundaries of the protected area stretch from Gaston to the Virginia line, eastward to the Garysburg-Pleasant Hill area and westward along the Lawrenceville Road.

An allocation from the town government, contributions and fund-raising activities support the efforts of the volunteers.

Present fire-fighting

equipment includes three pump trucks, a 1,000 gallon tank truck and a new 1,250 gallon tanker.

In the past year, the department has added a large room over the station which serves as recreation room, dining room, meeting room and is furnished with kitchen facilities.

The RHEASVILLE Volunteer Fire Department, chartered in 1966, has 28 men on the active roster and was the first in the area to attain a "fire service rating."

The station, located on N.C. 48 South, is manned each night.

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West End Honors Firemen and Rescue Volunteers

West End — On a recent evening approximately 150 people gathered at the West End Middle School Cafeteria to

express appreciation to the volunteer members of The

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Improper Storage Of Gasoline Cited

Eden — The lawn-mowing season is here again and with its arrival there are some dangers associated with it, Lloyd Bolt, fire prevention and training officer of the Eden fire department, reports.

The biggest danger is improper storing of gasoline in plastic milk jugs, glass bottles and glass jugs, he says.

The proper way to store gasoline for pouring into the mower is a metal container — not to exceed five gallons capacity — that has a spring-closing lid or screw on cover with a spout so the contents can be put into the lawnmower without spilling.

If there is no spout on the container pouring gas into the mower while the machine is hot can result in serious facial burns.

This and other information is taken from the Fire Prevention code adopted by the Eden city council in March, 1974, Bolt says.

A letter has been circulated to service stations, convenience markets and all other agencies dispensing Class I flammable liquids, of which gasoline is included as a Class I liquid.

Bolt's letter to service stations and others selling gasoline, follows.

"As you know, the city of Eden in March of 1974 adopted the fire prevention code as recommended by the American Insurance association.

"Sec. 16.73-A of this code states: 'No delivery of any Class I liquids shall be made into portable containers unless the container is constructed of metal or is approved by the chief of the Bureau of Fire prevention, has a tight closure with a screwed or spring cover and is fitted with a spout — or so designed that the contents can be poured without spilling.'

"Also, Sec. 16.12-P., in defining approved containers

Curiosity calls hinder firemen

Fairmont — Citizens have been requested by the Fairmont Fire Department and Fairmont Rural Fire Department to not call the Department when the alarm sounds to ask where the fire is located.

Officials pointed out that such calls tie up a fireman, a dispatcher, the telephone, and slow down the Department's response to fire calls.

"Your cooperation is urged," fire officials said, "to help us help you."

Horse Rescued From Fire

Kannapolis — Kannapolis firemen answered a call at 7:30 p.m. on a recent Thursday to 605 Kimball St. where they found a barn burning. The barn and all its contents, except a horse, were destroyed.

Mrs. Terry Parham, owner of the barn, said she and her husband were burning trash some distance from the barn and did not realize that it was on fire until flames had engulfed it. They managed to get the horse, which was slightly burned on the back, from its stall, but were unable to save anything else.

Mrs. Parham declined to estimate the loss, but said it was sizeable since the barn contained saddles, hay, and stored items. She said firemen

Editorial

I know I promised you news of the impending legislation concerning the added power of the U.S. Government's involvement in our Fire Service Industry. I now have some material on it, however, I have not yet had time to go over it, and since it is time for our Spring Clean-Up Campaign I will put it aside temporarily. I believe it is highly important we be aware of this threat of intervention by the U.S. Government and do all we can to prevent it in our Industry or Avocation, whichever we wish to call it.

Thankfully, stockpiling of gasoline has or should have by now come to a halt since the price of gasoline must have about reached the level it was designed to. More gas is now available, therefore last year's dangers of the storage of fuel in the home or car (with the deadly fumes so anxious to explode or ignite and burn with only one lit cigarette, electrical spark or one pilot flame) has lessened that danger considerably. There are many other dangers you should begin stressing to your community in your Spring Clean-Up Campaign.



EMILY H. KING

Now that it's time to start cutting that grass again, stress should be made on the fueling of power mowers. Give your homeowners this simple set of rules to follow, and if they will, it should eliminate most of that danger: 1. Refuel outdoors to avoid accumulated vapors; 2. Never store fuel in a glass jar or jug—use only a sturdy metal can or approved plastic container with a tight fitting cap; 3. Before starting the mower wipe up any spills of fuel and faithfully observe the NO SMOKING rule when refueling.

The ABC's of Spring Clean-Up are Attic, Basement and Closets, as we should all know by now, since these are the areas in which most things accumulate. Stress to the housewives that while cleaning out these areas is still necessary and most important, the outdoors also needs some attention to insure more fire safety. Dead grass, weeds, twigs and old dried trash are a very real danger with the coming of the dry summer heat. Tell the wives to get their husbands involved as some of them have habits that could stand some cleaning up in the area of Fire Safety. Old rags (especially those used with cleaning motors, oil or gasoline usage, etc.) of any kind should be promptly disposed of. If the man is a real outdoorsman and has a chain saw, see that he uses some of the same rules for refueling it as those listed above for refueling lawn mowers. It is also a good idea that he set the saw on the bare ground, a log or a stump when refueling spot to start the saw. If it is backfiring or over-heating it should not be left idling unattended.

With the advent of spring and the outdoors calling to get out and go places, don't let yourself forget the ever-present, most important rule of never leaving children alone or unattended — not even for a few minutes. Fire kills almost a thousand children each year who were left alone or without adequate supervision. If you can't get a reliable person to stay with them, either cancel your plans or take them with you. Fun at the expense of your child's (or children's) safety turns out too often ending in tragedy.

As for that spring painting, water-based paints are available and as cheap (or cheaper) in most areas as oil-based paints, so it is no longer necessary to use the oil-based paints. If you must use oil-based paints there are again some rules to follow: 1. Work outdoors when possible to avoid vapors which could ignite; 2. The NO SMOKING rule should be followed without fail. Also watch out for pilot lights on ranges, hot water heaters, furnaces, etc.; 3. Rags used with oil-based paints should either be disposed of promptly or kept in a metal container with a tight fitting lid. Be sure to dispose of these rags outside the house.

In the case of outdoor fires or cookouts, closely woven materials (such as denim) do not ignite or burn as quickly as loosely woven material, and no flowing type of apparel should be worn near the fire. Make certain that children or elderly persons do not get too close to flames or sparks.

All these precautions should be stressed to your communities with all the available sources you have such as free radio or TV spot announcements (which are given to Public Services in most communities). If we can get it all across to our families in our respective areas the dangers of spring fires should be lessened considerably. So let's hope everyone will listen to and follow your rules and advice.

Emily H. King

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Please feel free to submit any story or pictures to us for publication in this paper. We may not receive information on your department that you feel would be of interest to others, so we ask that you send items of interest to us.

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GASTON recently with volunteer assistance completed work on the second story of the Gaston Volunteer Fire Department which will provide sleeping quarters and room for meetings.

Volunteer Firemen Provide Needed...

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Volunteers serve an area extending from the Roanoke Rapids City Limits to Hawkins Chapel Church to Garner's Crossroads along Loop Road within a four mile radius of the fire station.

Equipment consists of a 500-gallon capacity pumper with a 750-gallon per minute pump; a tanker, 1,000 gallon capacity with a 500 gallon per minute pump and a 200 gallon brush truck with a 50 gallon per minute thrust.

On Aug. 17 and 18 last year, the department held open house for public scrutiny of their new facilities, modernized at an approximate cost of \$15,000.

Nightshift workers now have an apartment at the station, complete with king-sized bed, sofa-bed, shower-bath, central heating and air conditioning and kitchen facilities.

A new low-band 39.10 radio unit makes possible contact with most area fire depart-

ments and immediate contact with Halifax County Sheriff's Department and the Roanoke Valley Rescue Squad.

Funds from a district tax support the Rheasville VFD and income is augmented by various fund-raising projects.

The DAVIE Volunteer Fire Department, under Chief Steve Edmonds, has 25 active firemen.

The organization serves an area roughly four miles in radius from the station, extending from the city limits on Fifth and Tenth streets, along Loop Road almost to Deep Creek on U.S. 158 and along the Thelma Road.

Fire-fighting equipment includes a 500 gallon pumper, a 1,200 gallon truck, a 1,250 gallon tanker and foam equipment.

Financial support is provided by a fire district tax.

Sherrills Ford Terrell...

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Sherrills Ford-Terrell community, he said.

According to Thomas A. Dixon, Catawba County supervisor of the Farmer's Home Administration, federal officials wait until construction is completed before giving final approval to a loan.

Dixon said the fire department was aware their application, submitted 18 months ago, had been approved before construction was begun.

Attending the "loan closing" was James Johnson state director of the Farmer's Home Administration.



FIREMEN DOUSE FIRE

NEWPORT—Newport firemen douse a woods fire that originated from an unattended trash fire. The fire occurred on a recent afternoon on land owned by L. W. Howard just off the Nine-Foot Road. Fire Chief Milton Gould said he notified state and federal forestry firefighting teams for assistance but the Newport department extinguished the blaze. Approximately half an acre burned.

Newport The News-Times Photo

Fire Company At Providence

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Firemen extinguish house fire

Wilmington — Two companies of Wilmington firemen fought a small blaze which caused considerable smoke damage and partially burned the interior of a two-story house at 313 South Carolina Ave. recently.

Firemen say the fire apparently started in the center of the house and spread to other areas.

Damage was confined to the inside of the house owned by Spencer Combes of Wilmington.

The house was abandoned and contained no furniture, according to firemen.

The alarm was turned in shortly after 9 p.m. but the fire was under control by 10 p.m.

The cause of the fire was under investigation.

Bear Creek Residents

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cost, rating, ownership and financing.

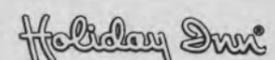
Following that discussion the group voted to form a steering committee headed by Thomas L. Moose with Leonard Worrell, Charles Cruse, Fred Voncannon, Cletus Herlocker and Eddie Moose as members to investigate the matter.

Also the group appointed Earl Earnhardt, Joe Moose and Howard Boger to organize the crime watch program and to put it into effect in compliance with guidelines from the now existing Rocky River Crime Watch Program.

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JACKSON—Jackson Volunteer Fire Department members are seen at a recent firefighting training exercise. An old former tenant house was donated for the burning. The first scene (on left) was taken shortly after the fire began. After the fire is put out, some of firemen rest. (right).
Roanoke Rapids Daily Herald Photo

Home Near Gold Point Burned

Robersonville — On a recent Monday night at 8:00 the

Robersonville Fire Department received a call to report to the Preston Howard home about a half mile from Gold Point on the Hassell Road. The firemen, found the house about half burned up upon their arrival. The fire was put out but again the following morning at 7:30, another call came to the firemen when the fire flared up again.

Nothing was saved from the home it was stated although no estimate of the loss was immediately available.

West End Honors

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West End Fire and Rescue Service. Sponsors of the annual event were The West End Lions Club and The Carolina Bank.

Lion President S. E. Thomas presided and Lion Rev. C. B. Hicks gave the invocation.

Mrs. Elizabeth W. Pusser, on behalf of the bank, presented The Fireman and Rescue Volunteer Award of the year to Z. B. Conrad. Selection of the recipient was by secret ballot of the membership. Mr. Conrad received a beautiful engraved plaque and Mrs. Conrad was presented a corsage by the Bank. VonCanon Woodworking presented the couple with wooden smoking stand.

Firefighters Receive

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Franklin Leonard and Thomas K. Huss of Linwood; Vann E. Everhart of Midway; Lamar Miller, A. Phillip Stout, Charles Stout and R. Dale Leonard of Pilot; Forrest Michael and William "Bill" Swicegood of Reeds; Carl C. Hunt, Bruce Wright and Ben May of Silver Valley; Allie Carter, Homer Copley, Wayne Creer and Ronald Warford of Southmont; Ottis R. Bean, Ray E. Fritts, Nyal A. Yarborough and John Freeman Jr. of South Lexington; Y. R. Wright, R. C. Kennedy and James Sink of 10-A, Michael Ray Hill of Thomasville; F. M. Bunting and Roger Gregory of Triangle; Billy Giles and Tommy Cox of Tyro; Jack Craver of Wallburg; George Thomason and Carlton Sowers of Welcome; and Fay W. Young and Billy J. Bullin of West Lexington.

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WILLIAMSTON—NEW TRUCK IN NEW COLOR HOLDS WATER.—This newest addition to the Williamston Fire Department is a water tanker for use in those places where water is not immediately available and to back up other tank-carrying fire fighting equipment. It is in the new lime-yellow color, holds 1600 gallons of water, has dual outlets on the rear and baffles inside to keep the water under better control when moving to fire scenes. Chief Tommy Price of the department said the firemen had waited a long time for delivery but did get a 1975 engine in the vehicle.
Williamston Enterprise Photo



MEN OF THE YEAR

VALDESE—Ralph Jacumin of the Valdese Rescue Squad and Howard Barlow of the Lovelady Fire Department have been selected "Man of the Year" by their respective units. Hugh McAulay of the Burke County Chamber of awards, made the presentations at a meeting of the Rutherford College Lions Club. From the left are: McAulay, Jacumin, Barlow, and Lions Club President Robert Icard.
The Valdese News Photo

Barking Dog Alerts Family About Fire

Mineral Springs — A barking dog lost his life but saved the lives of his owners in a house fire recently a mile west of Mineral Springs Baptist Church in western Stanly County.

Oakboro firemen said the barking dog alerted Mr. and Mrs. James Franklin Klutz, Jr., who managed to run out of their burning frame home in time to escape injury.

But everything else was lost, including the dog, the contents, and a late model car.

Both Oakboro volunteer fire departments responded to the fire alarm, which came through the central alarm system in Albemarle.

They said the dwelling was already practically consumed by fire when they arrived.

Owner of the house was given as Miss Myrna Hathcock.

Reports indicated that the Klutz family consisted of a young couple, married only for a few months.

Horse Rescued...

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remained on the scene about an hour and a half.

A barn belonging to Carl Cochran of Pitts School Rd. was destroyed by fire that same afternoon.

Seven men from the Harrisburg Fire Department answered the call to the blaze at 3:05 p.m., but they were unable to save the building which was valued at \$1,000.

Firemen were on the scene until 4:30 p.m.

The cause of the blaze had not been determined.

Improper Storage...

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or safety cans states: "... An approved container, not over five gallons capacity, having a spring-closing lid and spout cover and so designed that it will safely relieve internal pressure when subjected to fire exposure' is a proper container.

"In essence, the foregoing means that no gasoline is to be

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WINDSOR—A FIRE DEPARTMENT is not made up of just shiny red trucks but of men who care for their community. The Windsor Fire Department has more than 30 members and most of them were on hand recently for open house. From the left are P. N. Waters, Herman Price, Bob Spivey, Chief Pete Alston, Ernest Carraway, Robert Hoggard and Holland Bond. On the second row are W. F. Ruth, William Bazemore, Riddick White, Jr., Andy Walker, Roy Eubanks, Joe Smith Warlick, Jerry Baker, John Ed Whitehurst and Jack Cooper. On the third row are Thomas Scott Gillam, Tom Hoggard, Billy Dunlow, George Cobb, Andy Lee, Joe Freeman, Wint Hale, Mayor L. T. Rascoe, Jr., and David Price.
Windsor Bertie Ledger-Advance Photo

Cabarrus Fire Loss \$490,000

Cabarrus County — Walter Burr, Cabarrus County Fire Marshal, released the fire reports for the period of Jan. 1 through March 31 from Cabarrus County volunteer fire departments.

Property exposed to fires was valued at \$4.5 million, and losses totaled \$490,000. Burr reported that several of the large losses from fires originated around the chimneys of older houses. Several injuries were reported in the fires, but none were serious.

Departments and the number of alarms they answered include:

Kannapolis Fire Department, 32; Rimer, 4; Mt. Pleasant, 9; Jackson Park, 9; Cold Water, 1; Pitts, 5; Winecoff, 3; Harrisburg, 4; Mt. Mitchell, 3; Midland, 1; Odell, 4.

Thirty-four fires were reported in buildings, 12 in autos, seven at industrial plants, three in mobile homes. There were 20 grass and miscellaneous fires.

Fire Contained At School

Youngville— A fire recently at the Youngville High School, which destroyed a chemical supply storage room and caused heavy smoke and heat damage to an adjoining office and classroom, was discovered

by an employee of the school. Arriving to work around 6:00 p.m., Mrs. Marsellett Williams noticed smoke emerging from the door of the school. Mrs. Williams, whose husband works in Raleigh and had just dropped her off on his way to work, alerted the authorities who rushed the Youngville firemen to the scene.

Firemen reported that the blaze was smouldering in the closed off room, and that the blaze erupted when the door was opened. Firemen extinguished the fire in minutes after their arrival, which left the storage room, an approximately 50 square foot room, in shambles. Origin of the fire had not been determined, though it was believed to have been burning for more than four hours before the discovery, since a clock on the adjoining wall had stopped at

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Champion Firemen

Attend Fire School

Wilson — Six members of the Champion Volunteer Fire Department attended a two-day fire school at Wilson recently.

Those who attended were assistant Chief Bob Church, Captain Jimmy Church, Lt. James Richardson, and firemen Terry Church, Bruce Laws, and Bobby Triplett.

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Firemen Were On The Spot For This One

Asheville — Firemen and their equipment were on the scene recently when a fire broke out at Reynolds High School.

Chief J. L. Sales of the Reynolds Volunteer Fire Department said his men were checking new hydrants when one of them noticed a trailer a few feet away burning.

The chief said it only took the 25 men who had three trucks with them a few seconds to put out the fire before any damage was done.

The men were at the school as a part of their training.

THE WNC FIREMEN'S ASSOC. had a turnout of 169 firemen at the quarterly meeting held at Pisgah High School cafeteria recently. Col. Charles Speed, third from left, is the new Emergency Medical Services director. Others are, from the left, Jack L. White, Champion fireman and state president of rescue squads; Elwood Insko, deputy commissioner of Dept. of Insurance; Bob Harrell, president of State Firemen's Assoc.; Ted Woodruff, Champion fire marshall; Jim Rhea, North Canton fire chief and Barton Cope, area coordinator for firemen's training through Community Colleges. Waynesville Mountaineer Photo

Col. Speed Praises Firemen

Waynesville — The new chief of the North Carolina Emergency Medical Services, Col. Charles Speed, former commander of the State Highway Patrol, commended firemen for saving lives and protecting property at a quarterly meeting of the WNC Firemen's Association at Pisgah High School on a recent Wednesday night.

Speed retired from the highway patrol after 40 years in Troop F, headquartered in Asheville.

Canton and Clyde fire departments hosted the dinner meeting for 169 representatives from 16 counties, which includes paid firemen and volunteers.

Speed described the 1973 passage of the Emergency Medical Service by the state legislature and spoke of the need for an emergency treatment center for 10 eastern counties, for a Statewide Communications System of

Telemetry, and a Statewide EMS Training Plan.

Canton officials were praised for the town's record of no traffic fatalities in eight years, the only such record in the state.

"It didn't just happen," Speed said. "Somebody made it work."

Col. Speed urged everyone to practice "defensive driving." He also urged use of seat belts, and said a person has a 60 percent better chance if seat belt and harness are on if involved in an accident.

Mark Jones, the association's secretary, announced that the annual meeting would be held in Brevard in July. Other

meetings scheduled are the Firemen's School at Rocky Mount, June 9-12; the Annual Conference, July 28-29, and the Annual Conference July 30-31.

Attending the meeting were Elwood Insko, deputy commissioner from the State Department of Insurance, and Bob Harrell, president of the State Firemen's Association.

Barton Cope of the Department of Community Colleges, area co-ordinator for firemen's training, also attended.

Fire-proofed mattresses

After two years of research, the Veterans Administration Hospital at Buffalo, New York, has fire-proofed and prolonged the life of mattresses, bed linens and room draperies, while saving on laundry bills.

Improper Storage

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Mill Swamp Ruritans Present Check to Chinquapin F & R

Wallace — The Mill Swamp Ruritan Club has presented the Chinquapin Fire and Rescue Squad with a contribution of \$500 to support the Unit in its drive for more efficient and effective equipment and facilities.

The presentation came at the regular monthly meeting of the Ruritans at the Mill Swamp Community Building recently.

Chinquapin Fire Chief J. C. Norris and Rescue Squad Captain Gurman Norris were present at the meeting and accepted the \$500 on behalf of the Units.

The meeting got underway promptly at 8:00 p.m. with a delicious dinner of fried chicken, vegetables and home made cake for dessert with iced tea or coffee to drink.

Immediately following the dinner, the business portion of the meeting was held, followed by the presentation of the monies to the Fire and Rescue Squad.

The \$500 was the amount raised (less expenses) as result of a special benefit barbecue dinner held recently at the Community Building sponsored

by the Ruritans for the Units. The amount of the check showed the great cooperation and appreciation the residents of the community have shown for the Department.

Following the presentation, the members and guests listened with great enthusiasm to a lecture on proper Dental care presented by Dr. C. C. Hale, Dentist at Caswell Center in Kinston. Dr. Hale was assisted by Hollie Bergan and Eva Williams, also of the Center.

After the lecture, which covered dental care on "how to brush," "when to brush," etc., the meeting adjourned.



\$500 CHECK—Chinquapin Fire Chief Gurman Norris proudly holding a check for \$500 presented to the Chinquapin Fire and Rescue Unit at the regular monthly meeting of the mill Swamp Ruritans held at the Mill Swamp Community Building, recently. The amount of the check shows how great the citizens of the community responded to a special benefit supper held recently at the Community Building for the Fire & Rescue Unit. The monies are those profits received by the Ruritans for the supper after expenses. With the Fire Chief in the photo is (Center) Rescue Captain J. C. Norris and (right) Mill Swamp Ruritan President Graham Raynor who presented the check to the heads of the Units on behalf of the club. Wallace Enterprise Photo

Fire Destroys Goldsboro Home

Goldsboro — Goldsboro firemen battled a blaze that gutted the 407 W. Elm St. residence of Mrs. Mary Lee Stokes for more than two hours recently before bringing it under control.

Assistant Fire Chief James Allen reported that the street had already filled with smoke

when his men arrived at the scene just before 4 p.m. and the fire had already spread to the attic of the house.

"The wind seemed to help the fire spread," Allen said. "The entire and most of its furnishings were heavily damaged by both fire and water."

Allen said that an exact estimate of the damages was not yet available. He also said that he believed a wood heater located in the dining room of

the house to have been the cause of the fire.

"We aren't sure yet, but it looked as though a spark fell from the heater, the fire began and just spread right up the wall to the attic where several ventilators gave it all the air it needed to engulf the entire house," he explained.

No one was at home at the time the fire broke out.

The fire department also reported a grass fire the previous afternoon at 700 Franklin St. that was believed to have been started by children playing with matches. There were no estimates of damages.

Fire Contained At School

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1:21 a.m. The clock was operating the previous day, stated the firemen. Lack of oxygen was attributed to the slow spread of the fire that was in a newly constructed area of the school.

Although the office to the chemistry lab was adjoining the storage room, only the

intensive heat and smoke caused damage to that area and to that of the classroom. Water damage caused some injury to the office and classroom, also.

Damages, including loss of lab chemicals, is expected to be in the thousands of dollars.

Fire Chief L. A. Woodlief, Assistant Chief Billy Robbins and about 25 firemen were at the scene to contain the fire and assist in the clean-up of the burned area.

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