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### Huntsville Fire District Approved

Madison — Residents of Huntsville and Hogans precincts went to the polls recently and voted in favor of establishing a fire district. The total vote for both precincts was 102 for and 31 against. Huntsville voted 95 for and 27 against; Hogans, 7 for and 4 against.

The vote will allow a tax levy up to 15 cents per \$100 valuation. Residents who live within a four mile radius of Huntsville Community Building are included in the district.

According to Rush Collins, a firehouse will probably be built beside the present community building.

### Fire, Rescue Officers Picked

Carteret Co. — The Cape Carteret Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department elected officers at a meeting conducted recently in the fire station.

W. D. (Red) Gaylor was elected president; John Alexander, vice-president; Mrs. Roberta Moore, secretary; Marvin Cisler, treasurer; Adrian Schoonover, chief; and Eric Campen, assistant chief.

Perry Moreau, Walter Meadows and Herman Muntford were named lieutenants.

The fire department phone number is Zenith 191, and the rescue squad phone number is 326-4110.

### Swan Quarter VFD Dedicated Group

From the Albemarle  
Flames - Vol. 1, No. 9

Swanquarter — The Swan Quarter Volunteer Fire Department was chartered as of July 1, 1971. Hiatt B. Cahoon was elected as their first chief. The Department obtained a 1960 International Pumper (500 gallon booster tank) 750 GPM from government surplus in the fall of 1971. The Swan Quarter firemen began construction of a station in 1972 with nearly all the construction being done by the members of the department.

Current officers are CHIEF Hiatt B. Cahoon, Asst. CHIEF Bennett Emroy, CAPTAIN Thomas Sanderson,

### Honor Top Men

## Firemen Select Officers

Cabarrus County — Highlights of the Cabarrus County Firemen's Association meeting recently were the selection of the Firemen-of-the-Year and the election of of-

ficers to serve during 1976.

Firemen recognized for "outstanding service" during 1975 were William "Bill" Ward of the Kannapolis Fire Department; Danny Scott,

Kannapolis Sanitary District; Curtis A. Allman, Royal Oaks; Earl Wise, Mt. Mitchell; Charles Umberger, Winecoff; Harold "Dutch" Clay, Jackson Park (Concord); Carl Good-

### Fire Dept. Says "Thanks"

## Citizens Make Firemen's Auction Big Success

Wallace — Local citizens turned out en masse to make the benefit auction and barbecue lunch by the Northeast Volunteer Fire Department a smashing success to the tune of \$5,600.

The event took place at the Northeast Firehouse recently, in the heart of the Northeast Community, Route 3, Wallace,

about 10 miles east of Wallace on N.C. Hwy. 41.

The big event got underway with a delicious barbecue lunch being served starting at 11:00 a.m.

The first item was placed on the auction block by Auctioneer Bobby Cavanaugh promptly at 1:00 p.m. which was a double bed frame with headboard which sold for \$1.

The price of \$1 did not hold true for other items however, for as the sale progressed, citizens began opening their wallets — and their hearts — in order to assure the district the best and most efficient fire-fighting equipment available in case of catastrophe in the future.

The largest sum to be paid for any one item was \$200 which was paid for an upright piano donated to the department by Rodney Hanchey of Rt. 2, Wallace. Bidding for the piano became hot and heavy as one bid and then another rang out! But bidding finally stopped as James Branchell of Rt. 3, Wallace gave the bid \$200 which was accepted by the auctioneer as final.

According to the Northeast fireman's bookkeeper Russell English, by the time the day's events were over, the lunch and auction combined had brought into the treasury the sum of

\$4,600. The total was increased to \$5,600 by a \$1,000 donation to the Department by the Northeast Ladies Auxiliary.

Fire Chief Willis Batts, spokesman for the Department, extended thanks and appreciation to all for making the event such a success... those who donated items for the auction... and those who made purchases at the auction. Chief Batts noted that after eight years as head of the Volunteer Department, he is resigning as of October, this year and thanked everyone for

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## Davidson County Firemen OK Mutual Aid

Davidson County — The Davidson County Firemen's Association voted recently to enter into mutual-aid agreements with associations from surrounding counties.

Van Everhart, president of the association, and Charles Stout, secretary, were given the authority to negotiate agreements with surrounding counties on behalf of the association. Everhart is chief of the Midway Volunteer Fire Department, while Stout is chairman of the board of

man, Rimertown; Bobby Krimminger, Georgeville; Cletus Hurlocker, Mt. Pleasant; Jerry Irvin, Odell; Larry Taylor, Pitts; George Sheppard, Harrisburg.

Leading the association during the coming year will be Sam Wise of Rimertown, president; Bill Ward of Kannapolis, first vice president; Gary Moss of Kannapolis Sanitary District, secretary and treasurer; Luther Barrier of Coldwater, chaplain.

Officers were installed by Claude Donahue, chaplain for the past eight years and a retired fireman of the Kannapolis Fire Department with more than 20 years service.

Donahue also brought devotional thoughts and led a brief memorial ceremony for the 34 firemen who had died during his tenure of office. A moment of silence was observed for the four men who died during the past year.

They are David Allen McClellan of the Winecoff Fire Department and Cabarrus County Rescue Squad; Ambrose F. Hileman, Mt. Mitchell; John White, Flowe's Store; Wade Biggers, Georgeville.

Some 135 firemen attended the quarterly meeting, held at Pitts Volunteer Fire Department. The women's auxiliary of Pitts VFD prepared a barbecue dinner.

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HONORED—The 12 Cabarrus County firemen chosen Firemen-of-the-Year by members of their departments for outstanding service are: Front row (left to right)—William "Bill" Ward, Charles Umberger, Carl Goodman, Jerry Irvin, Curtis Allman and Larry Taylor; back row (left to right)—Bobby Krimminger, Cletus Hurlocker, Harold "Dutch" Clay, Earl Wise, Danny Scott and George Sheppard.—Kannapolis The Daily Independent Photo

# NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

Dates	Events
Nov. 18-20, 1975	NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION <u>Fall Meeting</u> , Pittsburgh Hilton, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Dec. 15-19, 1975	NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION <u>Technical Committee Week</u> , Host Airport Hotel, Tampa, Fla.
May 17-21, 1976	NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION <u>80th Annual Meeting</u> , Hyatt Regency Hotel, Houston, Texas
Nov. 15-18, 1976	NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION <u>Fall Meeting</u> , Netherlands Hilton Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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## From NFPA Editorial

Chief Byron R. Chaney of the Mountain View (Calif.) Fire Department is the new chairman of a Technical Committee of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

He now heads the Committee on Fire Department Organization, one of more than 150 NFPA Technical Committees on which some 2,400 experts serve voluntarily.

NFPA is the Boston-based organization which is the center of technical and educational information on all phases of the fire problem, including fire prevention, fire protection and fire suppression. Origin, development and publication of standards is one of the Association's principal activities.

The NFPA Committee on Fire Department Organization of which Chief Chaney is now chairman is concerned with public fire department organization and operation. Specific NFPA standards for which the committee is responsible are "Organization for Fire Services" (NFPA 4) and "Organization of a Fire Department" (NFPA 4A).

Can a Fire Captain lose his job for refusing to cooperate with the Police Department in a criminal investigation? Resolution of this question is featured in the Legal Insight column of the October issue of Fire Command!—the monthly magazine published by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

The article traces the case of a Fire Captain of the Chattanooga (Tenn.) Fire Department, who was dismissed from his job for "insubordination and conduct unbecoming a member of the fire fighting service."

Attorney H. Newcomb Morse details the case, which reached the Court of Appeals of Tennessee, and cites the court's interpretation of the Fifth Amendment or the right to remain silent.

Legal Insight is a regular column in Fire Command!, the most widely circulated magazine in the Fire Service field. Fire Command! is available to NFPA members for \$6 and to non-members for \$8 annually. Orders may be sent to the NFPA Membership and Subscriptions Department, 470 Atlantic Ave., Boston, MA 02210.

Although the value of ventilating is unquestioned by the Fire Service, a remodeled building can defy opening-up efforts. The October issue of Fire Command!, monthly magazine published by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), examines the frustrated attack by fire fighters of Alhambra, Calif., who were confronted with problems arising from successive interior renovations.

The upcoming issue of Fire Command! explores this and other problems faced daily by the country's Fire Service.

The necessity of state-level fire agencies is explained in another article, which describes Connecticut's recent plan to create the office of State Fire Administrator. Detailing the results of Connecticut's two-year study, the article offers guidelines for every state in its past and potential role in fire protection.

Additional timely reading is presented by the Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office, which by law enforces fire protection codes applicable to the building construction industry. Fire protection starts with proper building design and code compliance, the article emphasizes.

Fire Command!—with the largest circulation in the Fire Service field—is available at \$6 annually for NFPA members and \$8 for others.

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## VFD Open House

Lincolnton — The East Lincoln Volunteer Fire Department held open house recently from 1-7 p.m. at the fire station behind Duckworth's Store on Highway 73. Firemen were on hand to show off the fire fighting equipment, show visitors around and answer any questions about the VFD's service to the area it covers, according to Chief A. O. Duck-

worth. The East Lincoln VFD was organized in 1956, the first volunteer fire unit in the county outside the City of Lincolnton and the third in North Carolina. Duckworth is one of the department's five charter members still active. Others are Rodney Sherrill, Graham Long, Bill Grice and Morris

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## Skinner Appointed To Executive Director's Position

Hertford — Charles T. Skinner, Jr. of Hertford has recently been appointed to the Executive Director's position with the Albemarle Firemen's Association on a part time

basis. Skinner replaces Kermit Layton of Edenton, who was a full time paid Executive Director for the Association for several years.

Skinner, a volunteer fireman

with 27 years service on the Hertford Fire Department, also serves as the Perquimans County Fire Marshal. He is fully employed with the Employment Security Commission of N.C. as a Rural Manpower Representative. Skinner is a past president of the Albemarle Firemen's Association and a past president of the Eastern Carolina Firemen's Association. He serves as a fire service training instructor with the Department of Community College program.

The Albemarle Firemen's Association serves a membership of 25 fire departments in 10 counties of the Northeastern North Carolina area. Skinner states that the Albemarle Association was organized in 1967 and since that time has sponsored a number of regional schools for its membership - Railroad Involvements, Hazardous Material Emergencies, Annual Pump Service Test School - to

## Fire Chief Prescribes Baking Soda As A Cure For Kitchen Fires

Reidsville — As National Fire Prevention Week was observed from October 5-11, Chief Monsees of the Reidsville Fire Department announced a baking soda cure for kitchen grease fires. He calls it Fire Pail Alert.

"Most people don't realize than an important ingredient in many commercial fire extinguishers is the same soda used in baking," says Chief Monsees. "When heated, soda creates carbon dioxide gas, which in turn smothers the flames."

Fire Pail Alert, he says, is a reminder that no kitchen should be without a handy container of soda. For the pail he recommends an empty one-pound coffee can, which will hold the contents of a large two-pound box of soda. The handle can be a wire attached through holes punched near the top of the can. Replace the click-on plastic top, and all you need is a label saying FIRE.

Bright red wraparound FIRE labels can be obtained free from the fire station at 402 South Scales St. On each label are spaces for telephone numbers of the fire and police departments, ambulance and doctor. Also, instructions for dousing small cooking fires, electrical or gas fires and

clothing fires.

"If grease flames break out in a skillet or broiler," says Chief Monsees, "don't be tempted to grab the pan and dash outdoors with it. This can lead to dangerous burns. Instead, grab your Fire Pail, throw soda at the base of the flames and stand back while the soda works."

He also warns householders to notify the fire department immediately afterward so that fireman can double-check for sparks that may be smoldering

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## Smothered To Death

Columbus — Gene Green of the Columbus Volunteer Fire Dept. reports that the Fire Dept. has added new equipment which produces a foam that will smother flames from gasoline, chemicals and other things that water can't be used on for water just spreads such fires, but the foam smothers any flames and prevents oxygen from getting to the fire.

Mr. Green said this is just one

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# Ned Perry New Cary Fire Chief



**CHIEF PERRY**  
—Cary News Photo

Cary — Cary's new fire chief reported to work on Oct. 6. Ned Perry, a former Raleigh fire captain, was hired to replace Terry Edmondson who resigned in July after he was accused of making false fire alarms. Perry, who will be paid \$15,828.80 a year, has 17 years experience in firefighting. He will make \$728 a year more

than Edmondson. As a captain in the Raleigh Fire Department, Perry was in charge of a five-man pumper company. He is president of the Raleigh Firefighters Association, a firemen's union.

Perry is a native of Franklin County. He graduated from Bunn High School and attended N.C. State University for two years. He has attended 15 fire training courses.

Perry is a member of Samaria Baptist Church where he teaches a Sunday School class, serves as a deacon and chairs the Personnel Committee. He is also a Mason and a Shriner.

He and his wife, Ava, have two children, Ned Jr., 19, and Kim, 15. The Perrys live at 1112 Lord Berkley Road in Raleigh, but plan to move to Cary.

Town manager Charles Williams described Perry as "an impressive individual and one I think will be an asset to the town of Cary as well as the Fire Dept."

Williams said the town had seven applicants for the job, some whom he had asked to apply.

## Henderson Mall Store Damaged

Henderson — The front door of Rose's store at the Henderson Mall was closed to customers recently, but there was plenty of activity at the rear entrance as electricians worked to repair damage from an electrical fire.

An apparent malfunction in a 200-amp fusebox at the rear of Rose's caused extensive damage to the store's main electrical service components, as well as destroying a Carolina Power and Light service cabinet outside the store. The power to Rose's stayed off temporarily as workers continued to replace the electrical cables, circuit breakers, and other equipment destroyed in the fire, which broke out shortly after 10 p.m. Electricity was also cut off for a short time to the Big Star food store, which was fed by the same CP&L transformer as Rose's, but the Big Star was open for business as usual the next day with full electrical power.

Captain Tom McFarland, of

the Henderson Fire Department's central station on Dabney Drive, said damage to the electrical service room at the back of Rose's store is estimated at about \$8,000. McFarland said he has no figures on the amount of damage to Carolina Power and Light Company's equipment outside the store, but it was

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## Fire Damage In School

Lumberton — Fire brought an estimated \$5,000 damage to the Joe P. Moore school in a blaze of undetermined origin. The alarm came about 6:06 p.m. on a recent Sunday.

Fire Chief P. H. Edwards said the fire started in a storage closet and equipment room on the downstairs floor, just under the sixth grade classroom.

The chief said the fire burned out the closet and holes in the floor and ceiling, plus destroying valuable electrical equipment housed there.

Smoke was so heavy the firemen had to use breathing equipment to battle the blaze.

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A further inspection was made and the cause will be decided, officials said, between spontaneous combustion from materials stored in the closet or probable electrical shortages, since the main switch box was melted.

## Fire Department Elects Officers

Morehead City — The Emerald Isle Volunteer Fire Department conducted an election recently at the town hall. The new officers will serve until December, 1976.

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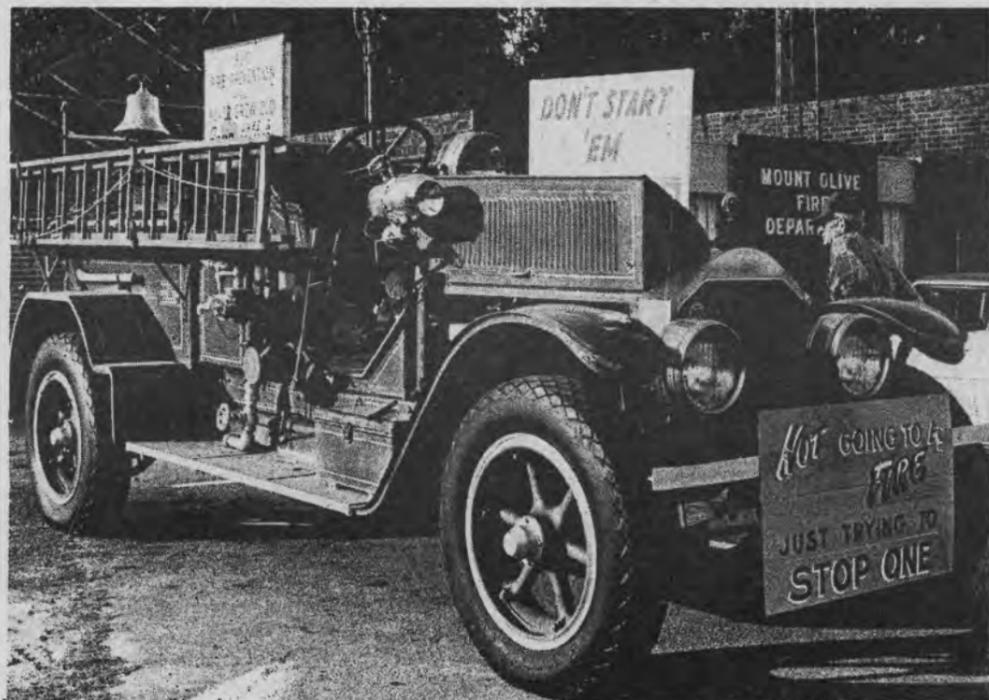
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Kinston—Honored by Lions—Fireman David Tripp (second from right) receives from Tommy Boone a bronze plaque from Lions International while Kinston Mayor Simon Sitterson (far left) and Fire Chief Leslie Green look on.—From the Kinston Free Press

# Old, But It Still Cranks!



"OLD 75" all dressed up for a parade.—Mount Olive Tribune Photo

Mount Olive — "It's old, but it still cranks" was the way one fireman here described Old 75. Old 75 is the 1926 model fire pumper at the local fire station. It's been out of regular service for years. But it is "cranked up" now and then for parades and special events.

Ralph Coley and retired Chief Edgar Summerlin were tinkering on the old machine, trying to get it in running shape for a fire prevention parade in Goldsboro.

without it. It just would not be right around here if Old 75 wasn't here. Parades just wouldn't be the same. And what would the kids ride," a fireman said.

It sputtered and missed, but it worked. A twisting of bolts and screws here and there, and she was working.

A sign atop the shimmering red engine warned "Don't Start 'Em, We're Getting Old."

Mr. Summerlin winked and allowed as how the old engine has been to "many a fire here in Mount Olive." Asked if he ever drove the truck, he adjusted his cap and replied, "Oh, yes, a few times I reckon you could say."

"That old engine is "about like me . . . getting old," smiled the retired chief.

Old 75. "We just couldn't do

# Smoke Alarm, Extinguishers Offered by Department



FOR SAFETY'S SAKE — Denton Fire Chief Don Peacock and son Chip show two items offered for sale by the fire department. The chief is holding a "SmokeGard" home fire alarm, a battery-operated device that emits a loud tone when activated by the presence of smoke. Chip shows a household fire extinguisher, a dry chemical model that is effective for all types of home fires. Denton firemen were selling the alarms and extinguishers door-to-door and will also offer home fire safety inspections for those who desire.—Denton Record Photo

Denton — Denton Volunteer Fire Department kicked off the Fire Prevention Week observance in September — a little earlier than usual but for a good reason.

The department began selling two household items which are designed to prevent destructive home fires.

Firemen offered a "SmokeGard" home smoke detector, a battery-operated device which emits a loud, shrill tone activated by the presence of smoke. It is designed as a warning signal in

case of fire, and is especially valuable to awaken sleeping occupants of a house if fire should break out at night.

Since the SmokeGard is activated by smoke rather than by heat, it will give sufficient warning to alert a family before a fire has gotten out of control.

The device is in a small inconspicuous round container which mounts on the wall. The batteries, included in the purchase price, will operate it for approximately one year.

Fire Chief Don Peacock said firemen will make an annual check of the SmokeGards sold to be sure they are operating properly.

The department also offered household fire extinguishers. The 2½-pound dry chemical extinguishers are recommended for all types of home fires. Firemen will also make an annual check of the extinguishers purchased.

The SmokeGard sells for \$58 (and usually costs \$69.95 when purchased elsewhere, Peacock said), and the extinguisher is \$15.

Peacock said firemen sold the alarms and extinguishers

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## Ambulance Catches Fire

Catawba County — Technicians of the Iredell County Emergency Medical Service answered a call at 5:10 p.m. and transferred an infant to Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

The call came when an ambulance from Catawba County caught fire on I-40 at the intersection of I-77. The infant was being taken from Catawba County to Winston-Salem and an ambulance from EMS transported the patient and returned the Catawba County attendants to their home base.

The Catawba County emergency vehicle reportedly caught fire when the transmission overheated.

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**Rocky Mount — In Hot Pursuit** — A miniature fire truck was in hot pursuit of the treacherous fire bug who "escaped" during the annual Fireman's Parade in Rocky Mount recently. The parade included many displays of fire-fighting equipment for the enjoyment of children and adults.—The Nashville Graphic Photo

## Barn fire 'explodes'



Rolesville firemen battle tobacco barn blaze on Taylor farm

—Wake Forest Wake Weekly Photo

Wake Forest — "It was like an explosion like someone had taken the lid off the fire."

Wake Forest Head Football Coach Ron Daniel was talking about a tobacco barn fire at the Ellis Taylor farm on RPR 1945 and NC 98 about four miles east of Wake Forest.

Daniel was returning from football practice that night

about 6:30 and was making a turn from NC 98 to RPR 1945 when he saw the barn burst into flames.

Rolesville Fire Department answered the call within minutes with three vehicles, but the tobacco was lost and the barn, probably beyond repair.

It will cost about \$2,000 to replace the barn, Taylor said,

and the tobacco loss was estimated at \$1,500. Luther Walker, also owner of the tobacco, said it had been in the barn for five days and was about ready to take to market.

The farm was formerly owned by the late Bennie Daniel.

three governmental units: 82 per cent by the Airport Development Aid Program of the FAA, 9 per cent by the Governor's Aviation Commission through the North Carolina Department of

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## Fire Station At Airport Only A Few Weeks Away

From the Hickory Daily Record  
By Charles B. Pegram

Hickory — A fire station at Hickory Municipal Airport is now under construction and should be ready for use in a few weeks.

Harold D. Whitener, airport manager for the City of Hickory, said the one-story metal building will house the \$25,000 crash truck and safety appurtenances required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for certificated airports.

The Hickory airport was certified on May 21, 1973, when a uniform program for all airports served by air carriers became effective nationwide.

An Ansul crash truck, purchased by the city on a bid of \$24,411, was delivered by Southeastern Safety Appliances of Charlotte and is housed at the Hickory Central Fire Station pending completion of the building. The crash truck is manned by Hickory firemen and is driven to the airport a half-hour prior to arrival of Piedmont Airlines

flights and remains until the airliner departs.

Moss-Marlow Building Co. of Hickory has been issued a building permit at \$37,000 for construction of the fire station which will be 48 by 40 feet in dimensions. The building is designed to accommodate a second crash truck. The structure will have an apparatus room, 28 by 40 feet, a storage room for fire-fighting agents and equipment, an alarm room with a base radio

station for communication with the airport control tower and the fire department, and will have toilet facilities.

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**Faison**—Faison Barbecue—Turn out was good at the barbecue sponsored by Faison firemen recently, according to Chief Glenn Jernigan who had words of appreciation for those who attended. Proceeds will go to the fire department's equipment fund. An unidentified man, right, purchases a plate from, l-r, firemen "Pig" Bradshaw, Gene Sasser (almost hidden). Tommy Taylor; J. C. Warren, Kenneth Avent, Bill Lewis and Billy Ward.—Mount Olive Tribune Photo

# Building Destroyed During Holocaust In Dunn

Dunn — Heavy rains that turned the fields to masses of mud didn't prevent a costly fire on a recent Thursday night, destroying a large packhouse on Susan Tart Road, but did

prevent the blaze from spreading to nearby woods and helped Dunn firemen save three bulk tobacco warehouses and a tractor, with a total estimated value of more than \$30,000.

The fire, of undetermined origin, was reported by a passing motorist at 8:20 p.m.

Assistant Fire Chief Gerald Mann said that a witness at the scene told him that as far as was known nobody was working in the building prior to the start of the fire. Mann said that it had been impossible to determine in which part of the structure the flames started.

Firemen contained the blaze in the immediate vicinity of the barn. The tractor was parked between the burning building and the bulk barns. A thickly wooded area starts within 25 to 50 feet, but the trees were soaked from the rain. A curing barn on the edge of the woods was also unharmed.

Value of the building was tentatively estimated at between \$7,500 and \$10,000 but no estimate has been made of the value of the contents. Inside, and totally destroyed, were some tobacco, tools and parts. A corner had been used as a shop.

The frame building was covered with metal siding and roofing.

Owner of the property is Alsey D. Johnson, and it is farmed by James Lee of Route 3, Dunn.

Fire Captain Dickey Bennett said that the large crowd of curious spectators both impaired operations by the firemen and risked personal injury by congregating too close to the fire.

"Some of them were standing

under live power lines," he said, "and that's very dangerous."

Twenty-two men, three pumpers, the Dunn Fire Department's tank truck and a service truck were at the scene.

The fire was under control by about 10:45 but some of the ruins were still smouldering this morning, a fire department spokesman said.



**A HOT PLACE** — Flames were visible over a wide area as fire of undetermined origin destroyed a packhouse on Susan Tart Road near Betsy Johnson Hospital. Firemen were able to save a large tractor and three bulk tobacco barns, although the fire had gained too much headway when discovered for the building to be saved.

## Fire Guts Lincolnton Dwelling

Lincolnton — Fire destroyed a two-story house in Lincolnton recently despite a nearly all-night effort by firemen.

Lincolnton Fire Department personnel went to the dwelling of Russell Walker on 701 South Grier Street at 1:24 a.m., and left the scene just after 3 a.m., only to return again at 4:33 a.m., a fire department spokesman said.

Firemen speculated that a natural gas leak from a stove

was the cause of the fire. The 7-room structure was a total loss, the department spokesman reported.

No one was injured while fighting the blaze.

The owner of the house was not at home when the fire broke out, according to firemen.

Two pumpers and approximately 20 men fought the fire for about an hour and a half and then returned to the scene at 4:33 a.m. when another gas leak apparently flared up, the spokesman said.

All firemen had not left the scene until approximately 7:30 a.m.

## Billiard Parlor Damaged

Fayetteville — An attic fire believed started from a faulty neon sign caused slight damage to a Bragg Boulevard billiard parlor recently, city firemen said.

Shift Commander Pete Piner said the small fire damaged rafters at the Boulevard Lounge and Billiards, 3232 Bragg Blvd.

The billiard parlor was closed at the time of the fire and firemen reported no injuries.

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**Firemen Graduate**

**Murphy**—Members of Murphy, Peachtree and Hayesville Fire Departments are shown displaying the Award Certificates they earned by attending the Fire Tactics Course held in Andrews recently. Shown left to right are: Mark Cole, Neal Enloe, Murphy; Don Weaver, Hayesville; Leon Gee, Joe Fowler, Dan McKinney, Murphy; Carl Kilpatrick, Hoyt Zimmerman, Peachtree; and Instructors Dan Hawk and Floyd (Chub) Brooks of Andrews.—Murphy Cherokee Scout Photo

## Plant Blaze Damages Extensive



**Four Departments On Scene**

Four fire departments were called to extinguish a fire at Pem-Kay Furniture Company on the Mt. Olive Church Road. The fire, which burned extensively inside the building, was possibly caused by lightning. Newton firemen have listed it as an electrical-type fire.—Newton Observer-News-Enterprise Photo

**Newton** — Damages were extensive in a recent fire at Pem-Kay Furniture Company plant located on the Mt. Olive Church Road, two miles east of Newton, according to reports at the Newton Fire Department. Units were dispatched to the company at 9:48 p.m., according to a spokesman at the department who said the cause of the fire had not been determined but was an electrical type fire.

Fire departments from Conover, Maiden and

Claremont were dispatched and remained on the scene with Newton firemen until 12:44 a.m. The fire was brought under control in a relatively short period of time and confined mostly to the interior of the building. The walls and roof were still standing but damage to the interior was extensive, firemen said.

Officers from the Catawba County Sheriff's Department were called to the scene to guard furniture taken from the burning building.

No injuries resulted from the fire, firemen said.

## Insurance Women Hear Guest Speaker

**Greenville** — Jane Murray, of the Greenville Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Pitt County Association of Insurance Women.

Hilda Pinkham introduced the speaker, who has been with the bureau for two years. Her primary functions are teaching a fire safety course in the elementary schools and inspections of businesses and homes upon request.

She is the first female in a municipality to hold the position of inspection and one of four ladies in the state to be employed by a fire department. She offers programs, on request, for civic organizations.

Her talk on home safety stressed the free fire place inspections and the smoke detectors needed for homes.

### Blaze Damages

#### Durham Residence

**Durham** — A house at 308 E. Piedmont Ave. was heavily damaged by a fire recently at about 6:15 p.m., according to the Durham Fire Department.

Reports indicated heavy damage to one side of the house

and a hallway. Flames had engulfed the house upon arrival of firefighters, reports said, but the fire was brought under control within a few minutes.

The house is occupied by Levon Huston, according to reports. No one was injured in the fire.

Cause of the fire is undetermined.

### Fire damages Concord home

**Concord** — Fire gutted the inside of a Tournament Drive home and destroyed all its contents on a recent Saturday morning.

When city firemen arrived at the James Reed residence at 10 a.m., "fire was coming out the windows and the eaves," around the roof, Asst. Fire Chief James Lee said.

Lee said the occupants were using an open fireplace when a defective chimney spread the fire into a nearby clothes closet. The blaze climbed to the second floor and had begun to break through the roof when firemen arrived.

Several children were reportedly at home when the fire began, but they escaped unharmed.

Firemen were called back to the home several times to extinguish flare-ups near the roof.

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### Citizens Make Firemen's Auction Big Success

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the great support given him during that time.

Batts also stated that due to the support by the community as a whole during the past, the department is completely free of debt, which shows the great unity behind the group.

He further stated that he was sure that the same support and unity will be behind the future chief, regardless of who is named to the position.

### Smoke Alarm, Extinguishers Offered By Department

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door-to-door and also checked homes for fire hazards and fire escape routes, and made safety suggestions for anyone who wishes the service, whether or not they make a purchase.

All proceeds from the project will be used to buy equipment for the fire department.

### Fire Chief Prescribes Baking Soda

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behind the stove or in cupboards. "Don't hesitate to call even though you think the emergency is over. Fires are never to be taken lightly, even small ones."

### Davidson County Firemen OK Mutual Aid

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County firemen could be asked to assist in Forsyth County.

Over 60 firemen from 20 Davidson County fire departments were present at the meeting. The meeting was held at Thomasville Fire Station No. 2 on Randolph Street.

In other business, three firemen were named to a committee which will nominate a slate of association officers for the coming year. They were Richard Bowles of the Arcadia unit, George Thomason of Welcome and Otis Bean of South Lexington.

Also, Arlin Briggs of Central Davidson, Gene Beck of Wallburg and Allie Carter of Southmont were named to a committee which will audit the association's treasury.

### Skinner Appointed to Executive Director's Position

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mention a few. The Association also sponsors a fire prevention week parade each year.

Skinner said, "Thru the publishing of a monthly newsletter and by personal visits to the membership fire departments, he hopes to be able to bring the members closer together for mutual aid and help to co-ordinate fire service community activities in the Albemarle Region."

### VFD House Open

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Hager.

Starting out with no radios and equipment, the department now has about 40 members, three trucks stationed in a three-bay building, two-way radios and complete fire fighting uniforms. The firemen are fully trained in the latest fire fighting and prevention controls.

A new fire truck has been ordered with a delivery date in about 18 months, but Duckworth says the present equipment is very adequate and the truck was ordered now because of the lengthy delivery date.

### Smothered To Death

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of the things needed by the local fire department to keep it up to date. The foam equipment cost about \$650, but it will come in handy for many fires especially gas tanks, oil heaters, motors, motor vehicles, etc.

### Fire Station At Airport

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Transportation and 9 per cent by the City of Hickory.

The project for construction of a security fence around the airport—a distance of more than five miles—last spring was completed at a cost of around \$165,000 and has been accepted by FAA officials.

Whitener said that violation of any portion of the FAA certification regulations could result in the imposition of fines at the rate of \$1,000 per violation, and if the airport does not have approved firefighting equipment properly manned by trained personnel a fine of \$1,000 per flight could be assessed by the FAA.

"We're under the same regulations as are in effect at O'Hare (Chicago), LaGuardia (New York City), Dulles (Washington) and all other airports served by air carriers," Whitener said.

### Henderson Mall Store Damaged

From page 3

extensive.

The alertness of three Big Star bag boys may have prevented the Rose's fire from becoming a major blaze, observers at the scene said. Employees Tony Fuqua, Bryan Hartsell, and Rod Allen were

unloading a truck at the Big Star loading dock when they noticed smoke coming out of the large steel service cabinet behind Rose's. The youths said they also heard popping noises coming from inside the cabinet and notified authorities.

Firemen arrived shortly afterward and stood by, preparing to open the door of the service cabinet. Before they could open it, a series of loud explosions sent the firemen and several spectators running for cover. Bright blue-white flashes erupted from within the cabinet and flames could be seen around several electric conduits leading to Rose's.

About that time, a CP&L service man arrived and cut the power at the pole-mounted transformer, making it possible for firemen to put out the blaze.

Capt. McFarland emphasized that damage to the Rose's facility was limited to the extreme rear portion of the store, with no merchandise being damaged.

## Damage From Fire \$15,000

Goldsboro — Damage was estimated at approximately \$15,000 in two separate fires on a recent morning at Borden Manufacturing which were believed caused by a spark from a machine igniting cotton.

Seven fire companies were dispatched to the west building of the plant at 2:06 a.m. A fire was burning in the blower and filter rooms and the penthouse of the building.

After bringing that blaze under control, Goldsboro firemen were preparing to leave when they were called to a cotton fire in the east building.

Fire Chief Willard Herring said water and smoke damage to the west building was high.

Firemen spent five hours in bringing the blazes under control.

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