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COMPLETE COURSE — Dudley firefighters, l-r, Earl Kornegay, L. T. Whaley, and Asst. Chief Bobby Outlaw completed a firefighting school sponsored by the State Department of Community colleges and Wilson Technical Institute in Wilson recently. Outlaw also finished an officers training course. Doug Fisher, who was absent when the picture was taken, also completed the training.

Mount Olive Tribune Photo

Dudley Firemen Complete Training Course in Wilson

Dudley — Dudley volunteer firemen L. T. Whaley, Doug Fisher, Earl Kornegay and Asst. Chief Bobby Outlaw have completed a fire training school sponsored in Wilson by the Wilson Technical Institute.

The training exercise was coordinated by the State Department of Community Colleges. There were 30 instructors for the course, including Fisher who is also a member of the Goldsboro Fire department and Carl Vaughan, retired assistant chief of Seymour Johnson AFB.

The Dudley firemen were among some 800 fire and rescue personnel from throughout North Carolina who attended the two day, 16 hour course held

at the Wilson Fire Training Grounds.

They received instruction in the use of breathing equipment, flammable liquid and petroleum fires, liquid fires in enclosed areas, simulated airplane crash, mock railroad tanker fires, LP gas fires, etc.

The firemen also observed various methods of high level rescue operations and repelling from a 60-foot tower.

Assistant Chief Outlaw also completed an officers training

course in which he studied firefighting tactics, personnel management, pre-fire planning, operations of a volunteer fire department, etc.

Outlaw has been a member of the Dudley department for nine years. Fisher has served the department for six years. Whaley, a newcomer to the rural department, has been a volunteer seven months, and Kornegay has been a Dudley fireman for three months.

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Cozart Chosen Chief

Oxford — Fire Chief A.F. Cozart was reelected to another one-year term as head of the

Fire Station Underway

Efland — A new and modern fire station is now under construction in Efland thanks to a \$103,000 loan from the Farmer's Home Administration.

County FmHA supervisor Willie Glover said the loan was closed in the FmHA's Hillsborough office.

The Efland Volunteer Fire Department said the loan will be used both for construction of a new station and purchase of a fire truck and fire and communications equipment.

According to Glover, the Efland loan is the second made to the volunteer fire department by the local FmHA office.

Oxford Fire Department in a close vote at a meeting held recently.

Cozart, who has served as chief of the Oxford department for more than 24 years, was opposed by John Norris, another long-time member of the department. Both men were nominated by fellow firemen.

Officers who attended the annual meeting said several ballots were cast before Cozart won by a simple majority.

They said Norris and several other full-time firemen left the meeting before the first vote when Norris's father-in-law, volunteer fireman Norman Sizemore, suffered a heart attack.

Sizemore was reported in stable and improving condition at Granville Hospital later.

Also at the meeting attended by about 30 full-time and volunteer firemen, Smith was appointed by Cozart as assistant fire chief.

City Employes Receive Honors

Wilson — Some 27 City of Wilson employes who have

served the city for 20 or more years were honored recently during a meeting of city council.

Certificates for 35 years of service were presented to Hardy W. Skinner, public works superintendent; Milton C. Thorne, retired city-county electric supervisor; and Police Chief A.J. Hayes, Jr.

Honored for 30 years of service with the city were Russell V. Powell, utilities office manager; Sidney Turner, assistant fire chief; Frank Hayes Jr., fire captain; Robert L. Smitherman, gas inspector; and W. Clifton Hardison, treatment plant operator.

Banner Elk Volunteer Fire Department Shares Radio System

Banner Elk — The Banner Elk Volunteer Fire Department has placed an order for radio equipment that will make up the backbone of a county-wide communications system for the Avery County Fire Departments.

The system will consist of a base station and tonal alerting system at the Sheriff's department and transmitting facilities on Hawshaw Mountain. It will operate on a frequency donated by the Crossmore Volunteer Fire Department and be administered by the Avery County Fire and Rescue Association.

Upon receipt of a fire call by the county sheriff's department on the county-wide fire number (733-5555), the radio operator could immediately alert all members of the correct department through their pocket pagers, set off the siren of the correct fire station, give all members vocal messages as to the exact location and type of fire, and keep in constant contact with both firemen and equipment to and from the fire.

Once the base at Fire Central is installed each Department will be able to become a part of the system for several hundred dollars and will be able to increase their system in similar or larger increments until all

members are radio equipped. Radio communications will greatly decrease the response time of each department and increase the quality of the county's fire services.

Monies for the system will come from a recent grant by the Department of Housing and Urban Development to the Banner Elk Department, which department members decided to share towards this cooperative effort.

Iredell Fire Depts. Get Increase

Statesville — Iredell County Commissioners in a budget session in May approved a substantial increase in funding county volunteer fire departments.

Commissioners tentatively adopted a budget which would give each of the 15 firefighting units \$750 monthly, or \$9,000 annually.

The cost to the county would be \$135,000, a substantial increase over the \$34,475 officials estimate the departments will receive this year.

Stumpy Point VFD Gets Ambulance

Stumpy Point — The Stumpy Point Volunteer Fire Department has increased its emergency service with the addition of an ambulance acquired in May by the Coastal Plains Regional Commission.

The ambulance, formerly a part of the U.S. Navy medical service in Norfolk, Va., was made available to the commission through the U.S. Government Excess Property Program.

Larry Brinn, local fire chief, said the ambulance was a vitally needed piece of equipment for the remote community. "We no longer will have to wait 20-30 minutes for an ambulance to reach here from Manteo," he added, "and that could well mean the difference between life and death."

Brinn said the town was indebted to Jack Hawke of the commission and to the General Service Administration office in Norfolk, Va., for clearing the paperwork in less than an hour.

In addition to the ambulance, the Stumpy Point V.F.D. also has a fire truck and a back-up vehicle.

Training Academy Dedicated

Charlotte — The new \$2.2 million Charlotte Police and Fire Training academy was dedicated recently by city officials.

Mayor John Belk, City Council members and about 5,000 others gathered to watch local policemen and firemen demonstrate equipment at the

academy on Shopton Rd. in southeast Mecklenburg.

The academy includes a classroom building, a firing range and a fire training tower and house that can be burned repeatedly.

The academy was built with federal revenue sharing, city and local bond money.

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Editorial



EMILY H. KING

If I kept you up-to-date on each and every item of interest sent to me by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), I would write about nothing else and fill up much more space than I can devote to it. There are so many things that I feel would be a help to you. I like to let you know about as many as I can, knowing that so many of you do not belong to the Association, thereby not being informed in a lot of things you could use to your advantage.

Although I am a little late with this information, I feel sure that supplies are still available to those of you who wish to avail yourselves of the opportunity offered to you hereby, to wit, the 14th (and latest) Edition of the "Fire Protection Handbook." This was to have been released the latter part of January or early February. The first Edition of this book was published in 1896, however the new revised edition is larger, trimmer (8½" x 11") and a much easier book to use than before.

Experts have reviewed and updated the 18 specific sections, packing it into 131 chapters, incorporating the latest data on Fire Control and Suppression. There are also 6 informative appendices included. Photographs and diagrams are included, with 790 illustrations and a 50-page index, all in this 1,300 page Handbook. The new edition contains such important additions as 14 new chapters on industrial and process hazards; new sections on special Fire Protection problems and life safety hazards, transportation problems and a new chapter on urban rail transit systems.

Copies are available from the National Fire Protection Association's Publications Sales Department, 470 Atlantic Ave., Boston, MA 02210 (catalogue No. FPH-1476) at \$43.50 each. It seems to me that this Handbook should be a must for each and every Fire

Department to be used as a guide to study courses, reference on a lot of problems as they occur, or whatever. For the Volunteer Departments who are often short of funds for anything other than actual necessary fire protection equipment, it may not be easy to possess, but perhaps each of the members would be interested enough to "chip in" and thus accumulate enough money to obtain it for their Firematic Library, to be kept at the Department at all times. Thus, it would give those on duty some pertinent reading while waiting for that Fire Bell or call to come in.

I am sure that many of the questions that arise from time to time could be answered by consulting this book. I hope that all of you who can raise the necessary money will order it. Keeping up-to-date on changes in the Fire Service should be a must for a successfully operated Department.

Emily H. King

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Shepherds Cross Roads Dept. Rated

Wilkes County — Shepherds Cross Roads Fire Department has been approved and has been rated by the State Rating Bureau, Clay Blackburn, Wilkes County fire marshal, has announced.

Being approved with a rating of 9-A, this means that the residents of Shepherds Cross Roads Fire District are entitled to the reductions in fire insurance premiums which accrue to districts having rated fire departments.

The rating was effective on May 1 and residents may contact their fire insurance agencies for adjustments in their rates, Mr. Blackburn said.

Haw River FD Elects Officers

Haw River — The Haw River Fire Department has elected officers for the term of 1976-1978. The newly elected officers are: John R. Watkins, Chief; Gary McBride and David Ray, Assistant Chiefs; Jon Wolfe, Secretary; and Ernest Workman, Treasurer.

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NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

- Sept. 13-17, 1976 **NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION International Seminar on Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting, headquarters at Centre International de Conférences de Geneve (CICG), Geneva, Switzerland**
- Oct. 3-9, 1976 **Fire Prevention Week, internationally sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association**
- Nov. 15-18, 1976 **NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION Fall Meeting, Netherland Hilton Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio**
- Dec. 12-17, 1976 **NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION Technical Committee Week, Galt House, Louisville, Ky.**
- May 16-20, 1977 **NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION 81st Annual Meeting, Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, D. C.**
- Oct. 9-15, 1977 **Fire Prevention Week, internationally sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association**

Letter To The Editor

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FROM: R.L. Gainey
Acme-Delco-Riegelwood Fire and Rescue, Inc.
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Sir(s);

It is unfortunate that the people in local politics cannot learn from the mistakes witnessed in our national government. The situation I am referring to has and is occurring in Columbus County. Let me clarify the situation.

In February of 1976, the chairman of the Columbus County Fire Commission, Mr. Ed Walton Williamson, was responsible for the publishing of an article in The News Reporter, a Whiteville based newspaper, which I and my department consider an insult. Mr. Williamson stated that Cerro Gordo was the only state rated volunteer fire department in Columbus County. This issue of approved and taxed districts and the number of same has caused quite a bit of misunderstanding in my departments' districts and the involved taxed citizens.

In fact, my department rated the first two rated volunteer districts in Columbus County. The Riegelwood Sanitary District was rated in 1961-62 with a class 8NB rating. The Acme-Delco Fire District (a four-mile rural district) was rated in 1972 with a class 9A rating. Both Districts have continued to maintain these rates to this date.

I contacted Mr. Williamson the same week the aforementioned article appeared in the News Reporter. He expressed his dismay and blamed a member of the Newspaper's staff for the inaccuracy of the article.

I then sent a letter to the editor's office of the News Reporter explaining the inaccuracy of the article and requesting an editorial clarification and correction. While awaiting an answer, I learned that the article appeared in the April issue of the Tarheel Firefighter.

To this date, I have received no apology from Mr. Williamson or the Fire Commission. I have received no clarification of correction from The News Reporter.

I feel that it is my duty as the Chief of this department as well as a citizen of Columbus County to inform the public of the facts. It is very unfortunate that so many can be angered over such a trivial matter in fact, and yet such an important matter in principle, by the few who lack the ability to correctly state the facts and inform the public.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Gainey

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Fire Chief, A-D-R Fire & Rescue

Note: We sincerely regret the inaccuracy of the article entitled "Legislation Affects Fire Departments" which appeared in the April 1976 issue of the Tarheel Firefighter and Carolina Rural Firemen. We apologize for our error and appreciate your bringing this matter to our attention.

The Editor



Wayside's Brady Is Iredell Fireman Of Year

IREDELL COUNTY — Ray Brady, a member of the Wayside Volunteer Fire Department, has been named Iredell County's volunteer fireman of the year. Announcement of the choice of Brady for the annual award came May 15 during the third annual banquet of the Iredell County Volunteer Fireman's Association at West Iredell High School. Brady, second from right, accepts his plaque from Reggie Bauguess, Iredell fire marshal. With them are Robert Dellinger, left, Iredell fire commissioner; and Eddie Neel, a member of the Lake Norman department and president of the association. The association coordinates the services of the county's 13 volunteer fire-fighting units.

Mooreville Tribune Photo

Child's Alertness Enables Firemen To Reach Home Before Fire Spreads

Louisburg — When Mrs. Linda Cottrell's daughter mentioned upon arrived home from school that Mrs. Marguerite Spencer must have a fire in the fireplace, due to the smoke coming from the chimneys, Mrs. Cottrell's suspicious were immediately aroused. Upon investigating, she discovered the child was correct, and that smoke was indeed coming from all of the chimneys, but it was apparent to Mrs. Cottrell that the house was on fire and she immediately called the fire department.

Answering the call at approximately 3:30 p.m., the Louisburg Fire Department arrived at the scene of the suburban home on 201 Cottrell Drive just as smoke began to erupt from the vents in the eaves of the roof.

The home was tightly locked and all windows were closed, but the swift response of local contractor Dennis Mustian arriving with keys to the home

aided foremen to gain access to the home with minimal damage.

Several firemen including Assistant Chief Bunn and Mayor Peoples braved the dense smoke and heat while others were donning Scott Airpacks and the source of the fire was located within seconds, as if the exercise were a drill. The fire in the upper portion was extinguished within

minutes and burning debris under a crawl space in the home was also detected and put out.

According to Fire Chief Karl T. Pernel, the fire apparently started as a result of wiring in a wall housing both a thermostat and wall switches, since firemen could locate no other

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WANCHESE — JACK WILSON, chief of the Roanoke Island Fire Department, cuts the ribbon opening the new Wanchese Firehouse. The structure, located next to the Community building, has space for two pumpers on the ground level and a large meeting room with cooking facilities above. The Manteo and Wanchese stations work together in responding to calls, with one truck remaining at each station in case of simultaneous alarms.

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Quick Response By Buxton VFD Saves Cape Pines Motel

Buxton — The Cape Pines Motel in Buxton was saved from major damage due to a potentially dangerous fire on a recent morning, by the quick response of the Buxton Volunteer Fire Department. The call was received at about 2 a.m. Firemen arrived to find the fire spreading through the ceiling of the boiler room to the eaves of the motel's south wing.

Despite the heavy smoke that filled adjoining rooms, leaving only about four inches of breathable air, firemen were able to crawl into the rooms and knock down the fire.

Fortunately there was little wind blowing and the fire was put out before it engulfed the entire motel. Firefighters said their recent training sessions enabled them to make short work of the blaze. The sessions were part of the department's reorganization effort.

Chief John Conner directed the operation from initial response to clean-up and praised the Cape Hatteras Naval Facility and Hatteras Volunteer Fire Departments for their quick response to the call for mutual aid. Neither of these departments participated but their presence was reassuring.



Fireman Of The Year

SALISBURY — Dallas Campbell, center, was named Fireman of the Year at the annual Salisbury - Rowan Fireman's Association banquet recently. Shown above, left to right, are Robert Blackwelder making the presentation; Campbell, chief of the Enochville Fire Department for many years, who was instrumental in organizing a rescue squad; and Jack Doby, chief of the Gold Hill Fire Department, who received the Achievement of the Year Award.

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Henderson — Nutbrush Baptist Church, located on N.C. 39 north of Henderson, was virtually destroyed by fire on a recent Wednesday night.

Fire Chief Ranger Wilkerson said damage to the structure, partially covered by insurance, was estimated at \$75,000.

Chief Wilkerson noted firemen from both the Henderson and Vance County stations battled the blaze from 10:20 p.m. until 2 a.m. before finally extinguishing it.

In addition to the three trucks and 25 men at the scene,

Nutbush Church Is Damaged By Fire



CHURCH BURNS — The interior of Nutbush Baptist Church was gutted by fire. Fire Chief Ranger Wilkerson estimated damage at about \$75,000. The fire started under the floor (bottom of photograph) and spread to the interior. It was the third major fire in the two-county area in that week.

Henderson Dispatch Photo

Townsville Volunteer Fire Department also sent a tanker truck.

Chief Wilkerson said the fire started in the heating system, burned through the floor, spread up the walls to the ceiling and roof.

"Judging from the way the fire burned, I would say it had been smoldering for almost two hours before it was detected," the chief added.

All the damage was contained to the inside of the church and the building was

practically a total loss, he said.

Chief Wilkerson said Rev. A. A. Brown is pastor of the church.

On a previous night fire destroyed three buildings at the Carolina Burkart plant on William Street in Henderson and a warehouse owned by Henderson Building Supply Company.

Damage in this fire will total nearly \$1 million.

On another night a house in Oxford burned and resulted in the deaths of six children. The house was described by Oxford Volunteer Fire Chief A.F. Cozart as a total loss.

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ROCKY MOUNT — STONY CREEK DEDICATION — Dedication and open house ceremonies were held recently at the new facilities at Stony Creek Fire and Rescue Squad, located on Country Club Road. A fund-raising drive for the new facilities was completed here the previous week, as more than \$63,000 was raised. Shown here (left to right) are Horace Fuller, president; Bill Williams, assistant chief of fire department; Tommy Brown, assistant chief of rescue squad; and Buck Overton, chairman of the Board of Directors.

Rocky Mount
Telegram Photo

Firemen at Pump School



PRACTICE SESSION — Mount Olive firemen who completed a pump school recently, practice the use of various hoses and nozzles. They are, from left, Larry Hartsell, Jimmy Green, B.J. Lee and Doug Kelly.

Mount Olive Tribune Photo

Mount Olive — Nine Mount Olive firemen completed a pump operator's school which was held at the Mount Olive Fire department recently.

Advanced techniques in operations of pumpers, including pumping water from hydrants, tankers and reservoirs, and proper use of various hoses and nozzles were taught at the school.

The pump school was the first such course held for local firemen in three years. Firemen attended the classes nightly for four consecutive nights before receiving their certificates.

Firemen said the pump operator is "one of the most

important men at a fire." The operator controls the flow and pressure of water from a tanker or reservoir through the lines to the blaze.

Firefighters completing the course were assistant Chief

Ralph Hollingsworth, Lt. Charles Witherington, Chief John R. Smith, Fire Marshal Carl Ray Coley, Captain B.J. Lee, and firemen Raymond Brock, Earl Whitley, Larry Hartsell and John Thigpen.

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Home Destroyed By Fire

Wayne County — Fires destroyed one house and damaged two others in rural Wayne County recently.

Saulston firemen said a blaze of undetermined origin destroyed an unoccupied house owned by Jake Smith near Nahunta Church. No estimate of loss was available.

Mar Mac firemen said Mrs. Betty Moore was burned on the hand in a fire attributed to an electrical shortage in a stove. Damage to the \$12,000 home of Gerald Blizzard at Toyway Apartments was set at \$100.

Dudley and Mar Mac firemen checked a fire which did \$500 damage to the \$7,000 home of James R. Holland behind Brogden School. Unattended cooking was blamed.

Carrboro Firemen Complete Course

Carrboro — Nine members of the Carrboro Fire Department have completed Flammable Liquid School taught at the Alamance Training Center in Graham.

Seven of the men — James Cook, Gerald Lominac, Brian Tilden, Bruce Long, Robert Crabtree, Frank Davis and Joey Parker — are volunteer firemen. Lester Hill and Robert B. Williams are part of the paid force.

The 12-hour course instructed the men about tank fires, smoke-filled rescue, ladder use and other fire fighting areas.

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GRIFTON — FIRE DAMAGE . . . Grifton firemen responded to a mobile home fire approximately 10 p.m. recently on South St. The mobile home was owned by Mrs. Virginia Tyndall. The fire apparently started in the kitchen area but no estimate of damage was reported.

Grifton Times Photo

Residents Honor Firemen

Newport — An estimated 60 Newport residents turned out recently to honor John Lilly and Bill Dugee for their service to the town's fire department and its rescue unit. Mr. Lilly retired in December. He joined the department in 1951. Mr. Dugee, who did not retire, has served for 25 years.

Mr. Lilly has served as the fire department's chaplain and treasurer. His son, Don, is one of the department's assistant chiefs. Mr. Dugee has served as chief of the department, as well as assistant chief, captain and lieutenant.

Mrs. Mitchell Moore, president of the fire department's ladies auxiliary, and Mrs. Kenneth Pederson, treasurer, presented a check for \$1,000 to Chief Milton Gould. The money was placed in the department's ambulance fund and will be used to purchase equipment.



John Lilly, left, and Bill Dugee, center, talk with Newport Fire Chief Milton Gould during ceremonies at the fire station, honoring them for their work with Newport's emergency units. An estimated 60 people attended a barbecue dinner in their honor.

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Child Alertness Helps Firemen
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 source from which the fire might have originated. Pernell was orally appreciative of the quick response of the firemen, assuming that another five minutes of unhampered progress by the

fire could have caused a loss of the entire home. Only one wall section in a back den of the house was heavily damaged by the fire, in addition to burning a six foot by three foot hole in the floor to the crawl space below. An antique pie safe located on one side of the room received fir damage. The remainder of the home was heavily damaged to smoke and the intense heat that was being retained in the tightly constructed home. Very little water damage resulted in the firefighting efforts, as firemen went directly to the source of the fire before using the hoses.

In order to rid the home of the heavy smoke, and suffocating heat, firemen enlisted the aid of the local Rescue Service to provide a generator to run exhaust fans set up by the firemen.

After the smoke had cleared sufficiently to inspect the area of the fire, several firemen indicated that the fire may have been hampered in its progress due to the insulation batts in the interior walls between the den and an adjoining bath, since without the insulation, the fire would have had an unobstructed path to the ceiling and attic.

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Furnace catches fire, causes minor damage

Cary — A faulty furnace in a Hillsborough Road house caught fire recently and did minor damage to the house and its furnishings.

Cary Fire Chief Ned Perry said damage to 217-B Hillsborough Road totaled \$25 to \$30. He said an oil furnace in the house apparently had an excessive amount of oil in the oil circulator and started burning out the sides when it was lit.

Sandra Ragan, who was at home with her sister and son at the time of the fire, said she had gone next door to call her landlord to tell him the furnace was making a strange noise, leaving her sister and son at home. She said her sister

looked under the furnace and saw flames coming out, picked up the child and left the house.

Perry said he believes the fire began because the element inside the furnace wasn't burning properly. He theorized that an accumulation of soot inside caught fire.

Firefighters used extinguishers to put out the fire, then used ventilators to draw the acrid smoke outside the house.

No one was injured, but Perry said if no one had been at home, the fire would probably have spread to nearby furnishings and would probably have caught the house on fire.

The house is owned by Jefferson Sugg.



STATESVILLE — FIRE SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY — Twenty firemen completed a course in building construction for fire safety and fire prevention code and standards recently, with John Fleming, right, as instructor. The training is part of a program leading to an Associate of Science degree in fire science technology through Western Piedmont Community College in Morganton. All of the men are in the Statesville Fire Department, except for one who is in the Mooresville Fire Department. From left on the front are Capt. Charles Fortner, Capt. Clifton Benge, Tony Dagenhart, Danny Boovey, Bud Long, Capt. Tom Coley, Asst. Chief George Kimberlin, and Chuck Gallyon; back row, Joe Benson, Jr., of Mooresville; Jerry Lackey, John McCrary and Ronnie Thompson.

Statesville Record & Landmark Photo

Firemen's day clean, wet fun

Cary — One group in the Raleigh area certainly wasn't worried whether the rain clouds parted or not.

They were the dozens of firemen involved in the 24th annual Cary Fireman's Day. The firemen of Cary, YRAC, Morrisville and Fairview fire departments spent a recent afternoon engaged in water

fight, soccer matches and bucket-brigade races.

As Capt. Wayne House put it before the event: "We're not going to cancel it. We're going to get wet anyway."

Fortunately, however, for the 50 spectators who assembled in Cary Village Shopping Center, rain which had been falling since the previous day had stopped early in the afternoon.

That gave the men of the four departments a chance to hose each other down — in the name of good clean fun.

The most lengthy competition arose in the aerial water fights where the object was to push a ball suspended between two telephone poles the length of the cable, using the water hoses. Teams lined

up at opposite ends for the matches which lasted up to half an hour.

One tactic used to divert the opponent's attention is to blast the opposing four-man team with water. "It's not dirty, it's legal," noted Howard A. Finch, captain of the YRAC rural fire department.

One YRAC member, E. Russell Secrest Jr., remembered last year when the water, which blasts out at 90 pounds per square inch, knocked his fire helmet from his head and "nearly ripped my coat off."

"It could blind you if it hit you in the eye," Secrest continued. But he played down the risk when asked why firemen do it. "It's something to do," he explained.

Haw River FD Elects Officers

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The appointed officers are: Charles Belcher and Willard Abernathy, Captains; Norman Ross and Bruce Dawson, Lieutenants; Charles Belcher, Training Officer; and Gary McBride, Assistant Training Officer.

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Dance Brings \$2,800 Return To Firemen

Pinehurst — Fire Chief William Yoder reported recently that the 38th annual Firemen's Dance, held April 16 in the Cardinal Ballroom of the Pinehurst Hotel resulted in proceeds of about \$2800.

The dance is sponsored by and for the Pinehurst Volunteer Firemen each year with proceeds from ticket sales going to purchase needed items of equipment for the Fire Department.

The Department hopes, said Chief Yoder, to buy a brush truck and has applied for matching funds from the State; however, it may be necessary to defer this purchase until next year.

The Fire Chief expressed his appreciation to all who bought tickets to help support the Department in this way.

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4 injured in dorm fire

Elon College — A fire which apparently started when a candle accidentally ignited a wall poster on the third floor of Elon College's Carolina Dorm resulted in injuries from three students and a fireman.

Fire Alarm Activated by Hot Kitchen

Raleigh — The Raleigh Fire Department raced to the Governor's Mansion recently when a fire alarm there sounded, but found no fire.

A highway patrolman at the mansion said the alarm went off by accident around 7:30 p.m. when it got too hot in the kitchen. The trooper said one element of the alarm system was set to go off at too low a temperature.

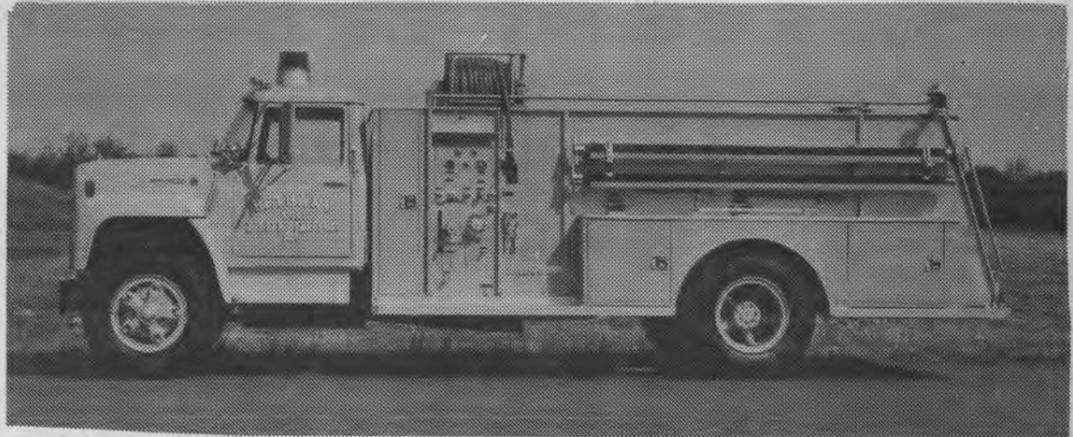
The governor and his family were in the mansion, but never left the building. The firemen were told they weren't needed, and did not enter the building.

Most seriously hurt was Duane Kennedy, 19, who suffered a broken ankle and possible back injuries when he jumped from the third floor during the fire. He was in "satisfactory" condition later in an area hospital.

Two other students, identified as John Pelosky and Brant Gray, were treated at a local hospital and released. Gibsonville fireman Clarence Owens reportedly was overcome by smoke while battling the blaze and was treated and released.

Gibsonville firemen responded with Elon College firemen under a "mutual aid" agreement. The two departments combined efforts to confine the fire to two rooms on the third (top) floor of the 22-year-old dorm. But smoke, heat and water damaged other parts of the building, requiring the 150 students who occupy it to be evacuated and housed temporarily in a Burlington motel.

Elon firemen said one of the rooms was gutted by the fire and another room was extensively damaged. According to preliminary estimates, damage to the building was between \$20,000 and \$30,000.



REIDSVILLE — This new FMC Bean tanker-pumper with a 1,250 gallon tank, Hale 450 GPM P.T.O. midship pump, and jet-assist fast dump system mounted on an International Chassis was recently delivered to the Bethany Volunteer Fire Department of Reidsville, N.C.



MOUNT OLIVE — HOUSE FIRE — Mount Olive firemen unload fire hoses to battle a fire at the home of Mrs. Cora Oates, right, on Oliver Street extension. The \$4,000 building, owned by Everette Raynor, sustained \$1,500 in damages; the loss to the \$800 contents was put at \$250. Firemen said a defective flue in a chimney caused the blaze. Mount Olive Tribune Photo

Dudley Firemen Complete Course

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The recent training program is one of several courses in firefighting, rescue work, etc., Dudley firemen have completed. Fire Chief Herman Holland said all Dudley volunteers are encouraged to take the courses to improve their knowledge in the field of firefighting.

Employees Receive Homes

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Lamm, chief collections clerk; Van B. Etheridge, assistant fire chief; William H. Davis, fire captain; George C. Howard, fire captain; William W. Evans, fireman; Vance T. Langley, fireman; Leslie Artis, sanitation equipment operator; Arthur L. Artis, maintenance man in the public works department; Rufus E. Mosley, utilities watchman; Harry Thompson, utilities foreman; and Richard Murray, custodian in the public works department, who retired last year.

Another 23 employees who have served 10 and 15 years were also honored.

City Manager T. Bruce Boyette also reminded council of the five city employees who died during the past year, noting that the city was "saddened by their deaths": Robert Lee Farmer, refuse collector; David Lee Dawes, a maintenance man in the public works department; Paul E. Hinnant, refuse collector; Albert R. Hare, a foreman in the public works department; and Prince Smith, a patrolman in the city police department.

Area Fire School, Wilson County Technical Institute

Wilson — A two-day, 16-hour fire school was held in Wilson on April 10 and 11 at the Wilson Training Center. Classes consisted of Flammable Liquid firefighting, High Level Rescue

working off a 60 foot tower, Officers Class, Compressed Gas Emergencies, Hazardous Materials, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Breathing Apparatus Training in the smoke house.

Students attending school were from North Carolina, South Carolina, Michigan, Virginia and Georgia. There were 738 firemen enrolled in classes. The next Area School will be held in November 1976. Submitted by Doug Batts, Fire Training Coordinator N.C. Dept. of Community Colleges

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