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Awards Presented by N.C. Fire Instructors

ATLANTIC BEACH, N.C. — The N.C. Society of Fire Service Instructors met for their semi-annual meeting at Atlantic Beach, North Carolina on October 15th and 16th. The meeting was very successful.

Three important events happened. The Society named its Instructor of the Year who was presented with an Award, also an Award was presented for the Best Training Aid of the Year. The third event was presenting a scholarship Award to a deserving student.

The Instructor of the Year is Mr. Wilbur Fishel, of Forsyth County. Mr. Fishel was chosen for his long and devoted efforts in teaching volunteer fire departments within his area the basic fire service courses. As one of his peers stated, "You have to consider the end

product of an instructors efforts and the quality of training he provided". Wilbur has caused quality in the efficiency of the departments he has trained. Mr. Fishel served as training officer for eight (8) years in the Piney Grove V.F.D. and was active in organizing that department. The Gumtree V.F.D. gives Mr. Fishel the credit for helping them find the right equipment for the fire units and taking thirty (30) men who knew nothing about the fire service and training them to a high

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A-D-R Fire, Rescue Report

RIEGELWOOD — Acme-Delco-Riegelwood Fire-Rescue, Inc. of Riegelwood, N.C. submitted the following fire and rescue report for the month of September 1976.

FIRE REPORT: structure 3; false alarms 2; public service 3; and auto 2. The total man hours spent came to 142 and total miles driven were 137. Property lost totaled \$52,350 and property saved \$14,300.

RESCUE REPORT: house calls 18; wrecks 6; fires 3; miscellaneous 3; and public service 6. Total man hours totaled 283 and miles driven came 1,566.

Submitted by James Duncan, Rescue Chief Richard Gainey, Fire Chief Lynn Godfrey & Donna Justice, Publicity

W. Beaver Fire Chief

LANDIS — Willie B. Beaver has been named chief of the Landis Fire Department.

Action to this effect was taken when the Landis Town Board held its regular monthly meeting for October.

A resident of 318 Town St., Beaver has served as a fireman on the Landis department for several years. He is employed with the National Guard in Concord.

The new chief succeeds Nagil Price.



FIREMAN OF THE YEAR — The Roanoke Rapids Exchange Club named Michael Ihnat (center) Fireman of the Year. He is a member of the Roanoke Rapids Fire Department's Call Company. With him are Fire Marshal Ted Lockamon (left) and club president C. G. Castellow Jr.

Roanoke Rapids Herald Photo

Fireman Of The Year Is Roanoke Rapids Newcomer

ROANOKE RAPIDS — The Roanoke Rapids Exchange Club honored a relative newcomer to the city as its Fireman of the Year.

Michael Ihnat of the RRFDD's Call Company was a unanimous selection by his fellow firefighters, club president C.G.

Castellow Jr. said. He said Ihnat had attended 92 per cent of the fire drills and 71 per cent of the fire calls since joining the company in December, 1975.

Ihnat is production control supervisor at the Airmold here and came to Roanoke Rapids from Reading, Pa., where he

served with Junior Fire Department for three and one-half years and attended many training schools.

"It takes teamwork from the chief and all the other firefighters," Ihnat said. "They

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Cape Fear firemen start new building

WILMINGTON — Cape Fear Rural Firemen in October were rejoicing over the start of their new fire station.

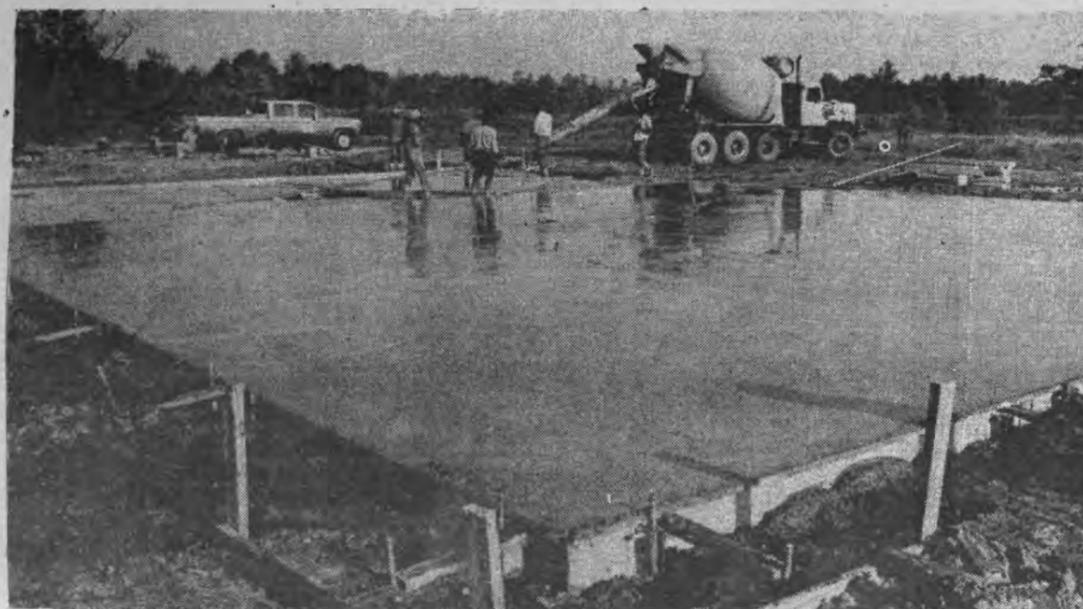
Workmen were pouring concrete at the new fire house to be erected along US421 on two lots the firemen previously purchased from Hoover Johnson. Total cost of the building was placed at \$25,000.

Metal Building Constructors have the contract to erect the 80 by 50-foot building expected to be ready by January 1, 1977 reported by Paul Aderhold, a fireman.

The new structure will have four bays, an office and working area.

It will replace the small space the Cape Fear firemen have long used without charge, adjoining the Broadway Town Hall.

The department has 29 volunteer firemen, with Nello Thomas serving as chief, Robert Jones as assistant, both officers chosen by the firemen. The department has two pumper trucks, which can attach hose to a hydrant or a pond; and one tanker which can haul 1,000



Concrete was poured in October. Sanford Herald Photo

gallons of water.

However, due to lack of space at the present Broadway Town Hall, the tanker has to be parked outside and loaded after a fire call is received. In winter, if kept loaded, the water would freeze. Each of the pumper

trucks carries 500 gallons and often they go first with the tanker following.

Cape Fear firemen by early October had in hand one half of the cost of the new building, all representing donations from individuals and firms.

The new quarters, which the new building will offer, will give the department more space that will be under their own ownership and not in conflict with the Town of Broadway activities. It

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LaGrange Salutes Fire, Rescue, Police

LAGRANGE — The Town Board of LaGrange paid special tribute to a group of young men recently recognizing their valuable service to the community.

Honored were members of the LaGrange volunteer Fire Department, LaGrange Volunteer Rescue Squad, LaGrange Police Department and Patrolman Ray Early of the North Carolina Highway Patrol.

The governing board treated the men to a pig picking with all the trimmings.

The event, which was held at the LaGrange Fire Station, featured several guests including Representative Daniel T. Lilley of Kinston and Richard (Dick) Whaley, chairman of the Lenoir County Board of Commissioners.

The members of the local board and guests praised the firemen, police, and rescuers for their loyal and dedicated service to LaGrange and surrounding areas, citing it was second to none.

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Editorial

How many of you know that the FIRST settlement in America, made in 1606, had to be abandoned because of a series of fires that finally devastated it? This first settlement, made in Jamestown, Virginia, led the way for Plymouth to become America's Number One permanent settlement. Since I only recently learned this myself, I thought it was very possible you were not aware of it either, and decided to pass it on to you. Thus we find that from the 1600s we have been very much aware of this country's loss by fire, so, like war and taxes, apparently fire has been one of our plagues for a long time and undoubtedly will continue to be so.

After the Great Chicago Fire in 1871, which cost 168 million dollars of pre-inflation money (what would that amount to now?) this country came to a turning point in their efforts to

States alone is as follows: 1,812 homes; 415 apartment buildings; 97 schools and college buildings; 15 churches; 86 hospitals, nursing homes and other institutions; 238 stores and offices; 73 restaurants and taverns; 145 industrial plants; 188 storage facilities; and 84 farm buildings.

Generally, statistics have always been dull to me, but the ones dealing with fire never are. Fire has such a devastating effect on everyone — the deaths — the terribly burned and maimed — the loss of precious possessions that can never be replaced — sometimes a lifetime of work and savings totally lost for the young and old alike. For the old this is especially true and sad since their lives are often centered around old and treasured mementos of the past that are then gone forever.

The costs of fire CAN BE REDUCED if we can just get people to become fire-conscious, and educate them to fire prevention, not only during our celebrated Fire Prevention Week, but every day of every week of all the days of the year. Only until the general public will help us in this way can we expect to drastically reduce the high cost of fire.



EMILY H. KING

eliminate fire. I did not mean to put the dollar value first on this fire — it also cost 250 lives and destroyed 17,430 buildings. With all our progress along the lines of Fire Prevention, Fire Protection and Fire Suppression, it continues to be an enormous problem, thus our war against it must, of course, not only be continued but increased.

Eighteen people die each day from fire where they live — 125 people a week — some 6,500 a year. This toll of lives is taken from the ranks of the very old and the very young for the most part. What makes these tragedies so much worse is the fact that if people kept their property as fire-free as possible, practiced fire prevention measures in their day-to-day living and had worked out an advance plan for family fire escape and emergency exits, most of these lives could have been saved.

The average DAILY property toll in the United

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 Emily H. King

Fire destroys mobile home

WILMINGTON — A mobile home north of Wilmington was destroyed by fire recently after an earlier kitchen fire had been extinguished by the Wrightsboro Volunteer Fire Department.

Deputies of the New Hanover County Sheriff's Department said the blaze was out of control at the home of Ronald Turner when they arrived at 4:45 p.m. at the Port-O-Pines Trailer Park.

Although Turner reported the incident to the sheriff's department, a neighbor told Deputy James Lightner the family who lived in the mobile home had gone to Wrightsville Beach.

Fire Chief David Seidd said the kitchen fire had been completely extinguished about two hours earlier, according to Deputy Lightner.

NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

- 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

Preventing fires saves Lives, loss of property

From The Monroe Enquirer-Journal
 By JOHN L. ROBINSON
 Staff Writer
 MONROE — There is probably nothing so frightening as a raging fire, burning its way through a house without regard to any of its inhabitants.

There is probably no danger which can strike so quickly, damage so much, occur so often and cause so much fear amongst the citizenry as a fire.

The fact that fires kill an average of 32 persons in the country each day and that an estimated 11,800 lives were lost due to fire last year alone adds

to this fear of fires.

The fact that fires cost the country approximately \$4.4 billion just last year adds to this fear.

But probably the greatest portion of the fear is caused by the fact that fires can occur anytime anyplace without regard to anyone.

All this leads up to the importance of — FIRE PREVENTION WEEK.

Union County and Monroe are highly equipped to handle most fires. Virtually all of the county is covered by a volunteer fire department. In addition, Monroe is covered by a

professional department.

DEFINITE NEED

There is definite need for these men and women who protect the area from fire and its damages. In the county, for the first eight months of the year, there were 420 fires involving property valued at \$1,446,525.

However, damage estimates were valued only at \$429,790 — which saved \$1,016,735 in property salvage. Rough figures, but had they included your home, important ones.

The 650 volunteer firemen and the 40 Monroe personnel

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Christopher Fireman Of The Year



CLAUDE CHRISTOPHER
 Greenville Reflector Photo

GREENVILLE — Captain Claude H. Christopher of the Greenville Police Department has been named Fireman of the Year by the Pitt County Association of Insurance Women.

Christopher, a veteran of World War II and a former Greenville policeman, has been with the department since 1953. He was promoted to captain in 1970.

He headed several fire-place heavy duty rescue and first-aid competition teams including the Greenville Rescue Squad team that took the U.S. championship in 1961 and the International championship in 1962 — the first time a U.S. team ever took an international heavy duty rescue championship. He also has served as an instructor at the N.C. Fire College and at the N.C. Rescue College.

Christopher is married to the former Helen Cannon of Winterville. He is the father of a son, Chris, and a daughter, Mrs. Leon (Lina) Williams III. He has three grandchildren.

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Fireman Smith Enjoys His Work; It's Different And Exciting



RANDALL SMITH, one of the newest firemen to join the Lumberton Fire Department, shows there's more to being a fireman than fighting fire. Here he maintains equipment on a small pumper truck at the downtown station.
Lumberton Robesonian Photo

LUMBERTON — As one of the newest members of the Lumberton Fire Department, Randall Smith says he joined because the work was "interesting, exciting and different" and because to him it "beat plumbing hands down."

At the time he filled out an application with the city leading to consideration for a job with the fire department, Smith was a plumber.

He says he's had several other jobs too, some in construction, and certainly enough to recognize the bad side of a job.

But when questioned about what he finds disagreeable about being a fireman, he just grins and maintains he can't think of any drawbacks to his present position.

Smith has been with the city fire fighting team for over a year, long enough he says, to get a fair sample of what the job's about.

There's the actual fire fighting, the maintenance of equipment, the maintenance of the buildings and the classroom training.

Part of that training has led Smith to certification as an Emergency Medical Technician.

When he first announced at home that he was going to work with the fire department, Smith admits his wife, the former Catherine Jones of Prospect, had some worries.

But now, Smith says, she's adjusted to the idea and seems pleased that he's pleased with his work.

Firemen Work Two Hours At Plant Blaze

ALBEMARLE — Albemarle firemen worked two hours controlling a waste cotton blaze around some steam pipes at American & Efirid Mills Company early on a recent Saturday morning. The call was received at 4:31 a.m.

At 4:25 a.m. the same morning firemen were called to the James Kimmer residence, 530 Salisbury Avenue, for an odor investigation. The trouble was attributed to an electrical short which caused a power failure.

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Cost a lot of chicken suppers
 SANFORD — West Sanford Volunteer Fire Department received its long-awaited new fire truck, a Ford 750 pump, in October, after waiting for six months to take delivery. Firemen report they have managed to put aside a little over \$10,000 towards the purchase, and they are borrowing another \$25,000 to buy the vehicle which cost \$34,452. Assistant fire chief Phil Burns, pictured above, said it will take a lot of benefit suppers for the department to pay for the vehicle. The 30 members of the department are hoping the community will support their efforts to pay for the new vehicle.
 Sanford Herald Photo

Dust Blamed In Plant Fire

MORGANTON — Spray dust has been blamed for a fire in plants three and five of Drexel Heritage Furnishings on Hogan Street in Morganton. Fire Chief Carroll M. Sullivan said that apparently finishing spray dust settled in the heating system of the plants, touching off the fire that left damage unofficially estimated at \$10,000. Howard Haworth, president of the firm, said the fire was "of very small magnitude."

Fire Damages Mulberry Home

NORTH WILKESBORO — Fire heavily damaged the Baptist Home Church Road home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Royal about 1 a.m. recently in the Mulberry Community. Mulberry-Fairplains Fire Department answered the alarm and quickly contained the fire, which according to Fire Chief T.G. Foster apparently started in a bedroom. He said the house had fire, heat, smoke and water damage, and said that much of the furnishings were damaged.

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Playing With Matches Cause Of House Fire

CHARLOTTE — A fire that almost trapped two children in their north Charlotte house was started by one of the children playing with matches, fire officials said.

Assistant Charlotte Fire Chief W.O. Dowdy said a neighbor rescued Miranda Spears, 5, and her brother, Samuel, 7, from their burning home at 3714 Bar-dot Dr.

The fire, which started at 3:21 p.m. and caused more than \$5,000 worth of damage, was extinguished in 19 minutes, Dowdy said. Capt. D.F. McCallum of the fire department suffered a cut on his knee requiring about 12 stitches when he climbed through a window in the house, Dowdy said. "We didn't know the children were out," he said. "Neighbors were telling us there were still children in the house."

The children's mother, Mrs. Adrienne Spears, was at work at University Park Elementary School, where she teaches, when the fire broke out, firemen said.

A neighbor, who reportedly was supposed to be watching the children, wasn't at the house.

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Bit Of History About Newton Fire Department

NEWTON — We've been around for a long time! Old newspaper clippings and articles show that the Newton Fire Company came into existence 1886.

The Fire Company, as it was called, was made up of volunteers from within the community. They used a Hook and Ladder wagon equipped with eight rubber buckets. Evidently, some controversy had developed over the purchase of the fire equipment during this time. A fire at the residence of Mr. Alfred Setzer, November 17, 1887, brought forth the following statement after the fire. "Don't grumble anymore about the purchase of the fire outfit, for it has already saved property several times its cost."

Another serious fire broke out on the East side of the present courthouse site. This fire also required the Fire Company and the Hook & Ladder wagon. Fire in the Lanugenour house seriously endangered a whole block. Had it not been for the Fire Company and the Hook & Ladder wagon, Yount's Livery Stable, Yount & Shrum, J. R. Gaither, Abernethy & Williams, the Enterprise Printing Office, a whole block could have gone up in fire.

Costs to the fire equipment was probable average for that era, to give you an example: 1904, the Newton Fire Company had a \$4.00 expense to the fire outfit, 1907, repairs and painting to the fire wagon \$17.00.

Fire Destroys Double Wide Home

BUNN — Bunn firemen responded to a fire alarm at Jeffreys Trailer Court on N.C. 39 near Bunn shortly at 5:00 p.m. recently to the home of Ronnie and Clarise Ayscue.

Much of the home was in flames when the firemen arrived but their immediate efforts succeeded in extinguishing the blaze before all of the furniture in the bedroom part of the double wide mobile home was destroyed.

Mrs. Ayscue told J.B.Land, operator of a store directly across the street from her home, that she was not sure of what started the blaze. She told him she had been in the living area and went down the hall to the kitchen and was met by dense smoke.

She immediately took the couple's two year old son out of the home and fled across to Land's Store to call the fire department.

Land said the firemen arrived in eight minutes after he had phoned in the alarm.

Our lovely community became known through out the State of North Carolina due to a strange phenomenon in 1890. Newton had a curiosity that beat by a large majority the rain tree which gained great notoriety in Charlotte in 1886. A "Smoking Tree", a Mulberry, standing in front of the home of Mr. Levi Yoder. The tree had been brought to its location a year or two earlier and stood 12' high, with the bushy top and many lateral branches. The family had noticed a puff of smoke proceed from one of the limbs, puffs similar to cigarette smoke. The puffs were seen at different times during the day coming from various locations on the tree. People came from all around the area to see our strange "Smoking Tree".

To enlarge our curiosity May 9, 1890 our tree gave up smoking! Then on May 16, 1890, a gentleman from out of state wrote to tell us that we indeed did not have a phenomenon, it was only the general behavior of the Otahaite Mulberry Tree. The smoking was only the bursting of little vesicles on its limbs. Thus, our excitement had been cooled down by a stranger who knew it all!

America is celebrating its 200th Birthday, but the Fire Service is celebrating over 240 years of fire fighting. The Newton Fire Department has been serving its lovely city for over 90 years and still continues to strive to be one of the very best in the State. Nothing is possible without our public helping us, help you!



GRAHAM — FIRE WINNERS — Members of the Faucette Township Volunteer Fire Department are displaying the trophy and first place plaque won at the third annual Firemen's Competitive Drills at Holly Hill Mall. In addition to the trophy and plaque, they were awarded \$100. First row, left to right: Bill Boggs, Kenneth Dixon and Joe Wilkie. Second row: Sidney Johnson and Ervin Iseley. Third row: Mike Johnson, Wayne Hackney and Tom LaMoreaux. Fourth row: Danny Langley, David Ward and Jerry Beckom. (Not pictured, Johnny Murray).
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level of proficiency in fire fighting. Wilbur has served in every capacity of the North Carolina Society of Fire Service Instructors including President and never missed an opportunity to attend classes to improve his teaching skills. The Society is proud to have such a member to select as their Instructor of the Year.

Each year many instructors develop training aids that makes it easier for the student to meet the objective of the training class. Each year the North Carolina Society of Fire Service Instructors presents an Award for the outstanding training aid. The Award for 1976 goes to Mr. George A. Walker of Lincolnton, N.C. This training aid allows George to train on a simulated L.P. Gas tank with broken flame impingement, under tank impingement and remotely operated relief vent. The gas is supplied via liquid pressure from a transport vehicle on a stationary tank through the units piping. Two valves are used to direct the gas to the broken flame and-or the under tank pipe. The simulated relief vent is remotely opened after a period of time. After the valves are closed to extinguish the impinging fire, the relief vent is left open to relieve pressure in the lines and simulate closing due to cooling of the tank.

Mr. Walker is a fire service instructor in the Lincolnton and Cleveland County area and was with the Delaware fire service before moving to North Carolina. The Society is happy to be able to present Mr. Walker with the Award for the Outstanding Training Aid of the Year.

One of the highlights each year for the North Carolina Society of Fire Service Instructors is presenting a deserving student with a scholarship. The scholarship is small (\$100), but it is the desire of the Society to help some young person toward a career in fire protection. The 1976 scholarship goes to Jerry W. Hampton, a student in the Fire Science program at Guilford Technical Institute. Jerry, who is 18 years old, started at the age of 12 years as a junior member of the Rural Hall Fire Department. He is still a member of Rural Hall and is a certified Emergency Medical Technician, and a Fire Aid Instructor. Jerry plans to make a career in the fire service and with the sincere efforts he is applying he will succeed and be a credit to the future of the fire service.

The Society is privileged to award this scholarship to such an outstanding young firefighter.

Each year the North Carolina Society of Fire Service Instructors, a State Chapter of the International Society of Fire Service Instructors, takes pride in being able to present these awards.

Submitted by
Richard L. Blackwelder, Pres.

Fire Loss \$124,550

WAYNE COUNTY — The 1976 tobacco barn season in Wayne County resulted in \$124,550 in fire losses, while rural Wayne firemen were able to save another \$47,450 in tobacco barns and contents, Wayne Fire Marshal Carl Ray Coley said in October.

Coley said 30 tobacco barns were destroyed by fires among a total of 49 exposed. The highest fire loss was in August, when losses totaled \$85,000. They totaled \$33,550 in July and \$6,000 in September.

No fire losses were reported in six of the county's 28 fire districts which had no tobacco barn fires. These included Belfast, East Wayne, Little River, Mar Mac, Polly Watson and Thoroughfare.

Total fire loss for the month of September in rural Wayne County was \$59,100, compared with \$459,000 worth of property at risk to fire.

Coley said firemen protected or saved more to \$399,800 worth of property at risk to fires, an excellent record.

These fire alarms included one \$6,000 tobacco barn, nine houses, nine grass and woods fires, one mobile home, nine vehicles and 17 mutual aid calls.



BLADENBORO — THE OLD GRANDSTAND at Spinner Field in Bladenboro, long since retired from active use but still a reminder of happy days gone by, finally met its death on a recent afternoon. Flames swept the old structure and burned it to the ground. The grandstand had been about the only thing left after the park was dismantled some years ago. Time had decayed it to the point that the fire, more than anything, put it out of its misery. It had become a danger, in fact, Firemen are not sure how the flames were started.

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Preventing fires saves Lives, loss of property



Fire Inspector Hamp Funderburk Checks Shiloh fire extinguisher Monroe Enquirer-Journal Photo

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The inspection covers the size and bulk of ashtrays, smoking habits of the inhabitant, where he smokes, whether wires are loose or frayed, the size of fuses, whether drip cords are overloaded and whether electrical appliances are too near combustible items such as papertowels or cloth towels.

But fire is not caused solely through abuses in electricity or smoking. The inspector checks good housekeeping in general — whether stocks of paper, rags or clothes are evident; whether flammable liquids are stored in the house; and, how greases are handled.

One vital point which inspectors try to convince housewives of is that talking on the telephone, ironing and cooking do not go together.

In spite of all precautions, a fire can easily break out and the inhabitant must know proper course of action.

Every room in the house should be reviewed so that every person living there knows two escape routes in case a fire should be ragin in the house. The windows are the logical choice.

On a second story bedroom, the windows may provide perhaps the only chance of escape and rescue. For this purpose, a rope or chain ladder should be near a window in each room upstairs.

In new construction, a fire detection device is required and is mounted on the ceilings of homes. When the appropriate amount of smoke fills a room, the devices emit a loud buzz, warning or awakening the household.

But if the fire breaks out, night or day, the first step is to remain calm. Panicking is often fatal.

As soon as you are calm and

collected, you should move to the escape route planned and use it. With that remaining presence of mind, get to a telephone and call the sheriff's office, if you live in the county, Monroe Fire Dept., if the city giving your name and the location of the fire.

From there, the dispatcher will contact the local fire department and it will start on its way.

The county departments have 60 trucks valued at approximately \$600,000. Including the departments, buildings and major equipment, the total value reaches about \$1,300,000.

Monroe Fire Department has 40 people and three trucks. Chief Floyd Hill also says the department has the major equipment to fight any type of fire.

Both departments require training to become a fire fighter.

OFFICIALS

Chief Hill leads the Monroe force, assisted by Assistant chiefs Wayne House, Fred Smith and James Goforth; Captains Don Howard, Louie Helms, George Hinson and Paul Keziah; and Lieutenants Charles James, Paul Mangum and David Pierce.

The county VFD is governed by the fire commission with V.T. Helms Jr., chairman, and members Jerry Knight, John Eduy, Warren Plyler, Bland Fowler and Ray Adcock.

County VFD officials are: Allens Crossroads — J.D. Knight, chief and Carl Mullis,

asst. chief; Bakers — John V. Cheney, chief, Warren Nichol and Bill Jo Helms, asst. chiefs; Beaver Lane — Boyce Jordan, chief, Jimmy Helms and Eddie Collins, asst. chiefs; Fairview — Keith Rushing, chief, John H. Crowell and Timothy A. Rushing, asst. chiefs; Hemby Bridge — James Plowman, chief, Bill Randle and John T. Stansell, asst. chiefs.

Jackson — Mitchell Tyson, chief, Fred McCain, asst. chief; Lanes Creek — Don Taylor, chief; New Salem Don Brooks, chief; W.S. Simpson, Jesse Bacuom, Dwight Philemon and Jack Maske, asst. chiefs. Sandy Ridge — Horace Lathan Jr., chief, Ted Keziah and Foseph R. Broome, asst. chiefs; Springs — Billy Ray Alexander, chief, William Starnes and John Hammonds, Jr. asst. chiefs.

Stacks Road — Albert Greene, chief, Walter Rorie, asst. chief; Stallings — J.C. Flowe, chief, Ira Broome and Howard Teeter, asst. chiefs; Unionville — Bland W. Fowler, chief, Reece Deese and Floyd Stroupe, asst. chief; Waxhaw — James M. McGee, chief, Warren Plyler and W.D. Rogers III, asst. chiefs; Wingate — John A. Eudy, chief, Thomas L. Croke Sr., asst. chief; Wesley Chapel — Bob Nichols, chief.

are well trained to keep the damage to a minimum and the injuries to zero. So far this year, with the exception of one tragic death, they have been successful.

Of course, the major thrust of the week is to prevent fires. Every volunteer and paid fireman is qualified to inspect homes for their fire suscep-

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PLYMOUTH — GROUND BREAKING HELD — Members of the Mid-County Volunteer Fire Department and its Auxiliary held a ground breaking ceremony recently at the site of its proposed fire station on N.C. 32 in the Pea Ridge area. The group has received an \$18,000 loan from FHA for construction of the 30 by 50 foot, two story building. Chief John Stillman who heads the 22-member department praised community citizens for their work thus far and concern for fellow residents in striving to protect the community from fire. Ed Womble, vice-chairman of the county commissioners and Plymouth's assistant fire chief, also commended the department for its progress and expressed the county's support of their efforts. Shown above during the ceremony from left are Gary Cardwell, director; Gordan Chesson, director; Chief Stillman; Fay Tarkington, director; and Lois Krawczyk, vice president of the ladies auxiliary which has played an important role in fund raising projects.

Plymouth Roanoke Beacon Photo

Fireman is Newcomer

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are the ones who should get this award. They help me and I help them."

Innat resides at 303 Quail Ct. The club presented certificates to the third, fourth and fifth grade students who placed first, second and third in the Fire Prevention poster contest. They are:

Third Grade—First, Mar Ann Wright of Medlin; second, Brian Keith Hockaday of Manning; third, Angela Griffin of Medlin;

Fourth Grade—First, Scott Daniel of Manning; second, Amy Mead of Roanoke Christina; third, Jordan Wrenn of Medlin;

Fifth Grade—First, Randy Carmichael of Medlin; second, Dee Redwine of Roanoke Christian; third, Susan Smith of Medlin.

The activities concluded the annual Fire Prevention Week.

rates. Once the new station is in action, this district will be extended four miles. However, the department makes no charge of any kind for going to fires in a 15 to 30 mile area.

This is the department that is subject to serve all areas along NC 87, Carolina Trace, the busy Cox Mill Road industrial plants and will also have to serve the new junior high now going up opposite the Coty plant, the latter also in its district.

"This fulfills a five-year dream the firemen have had of a new station," said Aderhold. Ninety-five percent of the firemen voted to go ahead and start construction, without any grants or subsidies from any source, he said.

Lee County commissioners appropriate \$300 per month to this rural fire department, as they do to all fire departments in the county, including that of the City of Sanford.

Cape Fear Firemen Start

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will also provide an area to keep the tanker truck filled and under cover at all times. In the immediate future the department hopes to buy an additional tanker to serve the widely scattered rural area the department serves.

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