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### J.D. Humphrey, Dianne Taylor Firefighters of the Year

ONSLow COUNTY — J.D. Humphrey, assistant chief of the Pumpkin Center Volunteer Fire Department, was given an award as the Onslow County volunteer Fireman of the Year and Mrs. Dianne Taylor, president of the Northeast-Onslow Volunteer Fire Department, was named Fire Woman of the Year, recently, during the annual banquet of the Onslow County Volunteer Firemen's Association.

The letter nominating Mrs. Taylor reads:

"Dianne S. Taylor currently serves as the President of the Northeast-Onslow Volunteer Fire Department. Mrs. Taylor whom recently was reelected to a second term in this office, has been with the department since its organization.

"Mrs. Taylor is a very versatile and unique person. As the President of our department, she presides over all of our meetings as a fair and impartial judicator. In this respect, she insures that the decorum of the department is maintained and strict compliance of the department's By-Laws and Constitution is adhered to by our members.

"As a part time Civil Servant, her rapport with the community is truly exemplary. Mrs. Taylor constantly meets with local businessmen and private



**FIREMAN AND** Firewoman of the year, J.D. Humphrey and Dianne Taylor, are given their awards by Gus Forte, president of the Onslow County Volunteer Firemen's Association.

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citizens to keep them abreast of the departments polices, procedures and needs. She has organized numerous successful fund raising drives for the department and has assisted in conducting fire drills at many of the Onslow County Schools during Fire Prevention Week.

"As a fire fighter, Mrs. Taylor is unsurpassed in the department. She has completed

eight sixty-hour courses in fire fighting through the Coastal Carolina Community College and one eight hour course on

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### The Second Annual Piedmont Fire Seminar

WINSTON-SALEM — The Second Annual Piedmont Fire Seminar, the largest fire school ever held in North Carolina, was conducted at Parkland High School and Forsyth Technical Institute in Winston-Salem.

Through the handiwork and effort of the Forsyth County Firemen's Association and in conjunction with Forsyth Technical Institute, they hosted over 650 firefighters from over thirty counties and several states. Among the welcoming committee was the Chairman of the County Commissioners,

Fred Hauser; President of Forsyth Technical Institute, Mr. Harley L. Affeldt; President of the Forsyth County Firemen's Association, Mr. Harold L. Jent; and State Supervisor for Fire Service Training, Department of Community Colleges, Keith Phillippe.

The purpose of this seminar was to invite speakers from outside their own realm with specialized fire related subjects. There were seventeen subjects taught during this seminar with the keynote speaker being Mr. Terry Hayes,

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### Committees Appointed for Wayne County Association

WAYNE COUNTY — The Wayne County Firemen's Association has appointed committees for the year to work in such areas as training, standards and awards.

The committee chairmen are Dwight Rose of Jordans Chapel, training and nominations; Gary Britt of Jordans Chapel, awards and activities; Billy Grady, Arrington, standards; Billy

Bridgers of Eureka, program; Perry Bright of Indian Springs, competition; and Ed Sutton of Fork Township, ways and means.

Members of the training committee under Rose include Wayne Aycock of Nahunta, Jerry Allsbrook of Goldsboro, Charlie McClenny of Smith

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### Brevard Fireman Revives Man Overcome By Smoke

BREVARD — A Brevard fire captain saved the life of a Little River man trapped in a grass and brush fire on a recent Monday afternoon, Fire Chief Joe Pickelsimer has announced.

The chief had high praise for Capt. Joe Smith's cool and swift action to restore the breathing of Larry Taylor, who has been released from Transylvania Community Hospital after treatment of burns and suffocation.

The chief gave this account: "At 2:56 p.m. Monday we received a call to a brush fire on Whitener Rd. in the Little River Community."

"When we arrived we found, that a fire had burned all of the way across a field and was burning into the pine thicket on the other side.

"I sent Assistant Chief Gordon Byrd to go down the right side of the burned area, someone else to go down the left, and Capt. Smith through the center of the burned area."

The chief said he was following about 100 feet behind Capt. Smith in the smoking pasture when he heard Capt. Smith call out to bring a resuscitator and continued through the smoke to find Capt. Smith giving mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to a man.

"The man was already conscious," the chief said, "when I arrived. "We radioed for an ambulance and began to give him pure oxygen when the resuscitator arrived."

Captain Smith said he was

to-mouth respiration. He had stopped breathing," he added, "but he started again soon."

The smoke overcame Mr. Taylor while he was fighting the fire.

He received first degree bur-



Captain Smith

Brevard Transylvania Times Photo

climbing across the second of two fences when he heard Mr. Taylor coughing and gagging and saw the man in the smoke attempting to climb a slope.

"He was weak and I could see he was in bad shape. He passed out while I was running to him. The smoke inhalation had gotten him. So I yelled to the chief and then began to apply mouth-

ns on his face; first degree burns on his arms; and second degree burns on his hands and wrists, Chief Pickelsimer reported.

"Fortunately all of Brevard's firemen have had the training to apply mouth-to-mouth resuscitation," Chief Pickelsimer said. "We spent four weeks in the training last winter."

### Havelock Fire Dept. Marks 10th Anniversary

HAVELOCK — February 27 marked the tenth anniversary of the organization of Havelock Fire Department with a rescue squad added to the emergency operation in 1973.

The department, presently with 28 firefighters and 17 rescue squad members, celebrated the occasion with an open house from 2 to 5 p.m. at the firehouse with coffee and donuts as well as a demonstration of emergency lifesaving methods for those attending.

Havelock Fire Department was organized following the passage of a Havelock city ordinance in 1967 and began with 33 members and one fire truck.

In 1972, however, the department lost some of its firefighters with the organization of Township 6 Fire Department but has since rebuilt to the present 28 man force that provides fire protection for those within Havelock city limits.

Fire Chief Bill Creed said those men "should be commended for the job they have done. We have a good bunch of

boys and they've been working together."

During 1976, the department responded to 85 fire calls.

The rescue squad, with its first ambulance purchased under

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### Firemen Honor Harry Womble

WHITE LAKE — The White Lake Fire Department honored retired Chief Harry G. Womble at a dinner at the Village Grill recently. Womble was White Lake's first fire chief, serving from May, 1953, till December 31, 1976.

Assistant Chief Murphy Corbett presented a plaque to Womble and thanked him for his many years of devoted duty.

Present at the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Womble, members of the White Lake Town Board, White Lake Fire Department, and various guests.

The new Fire Chief for White Lake is Ray Beasley, who assumed office January 1, 1977.

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"Be a hero — take out the trash" captions a new Sparky the Fire Dog poster, one of many items in the annual spring-summer fire safety campaign now available from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

Heroism is often associated with dramatic rescues from blazing buildings. In this case, heroism is prevention — cleaning up and taking care of the home so fires never start.

Approximately 900,000 fires occur in residences each year, causing deaths, injuries, and extreme hardship to families.

To educate the public on fire safety in the home and outdoors NFPA has available a variety of folders, films, and other aids. Folders cover electrical hazards, home fire check and detection, and burn safety subjects. Children's materials include the new Sparky Membership Kit, Sparky Comic Book, and Babysitter Handbook. Items in Spanish, placemats and napkins, and subjects for industry are also available.

"Using Fire Extinguishers — The Right Way" is a new 13-minute film that teaches proper use of extinguishers.

For a sample packet of new Spring Clean-Up and Summer Fire Safety Campaign print materials including a price list and order form, write to the NFPA Publications Sales Department at 470 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, MA 02210.

Fire extinguishers can effectively stop small fires before they spread into destructive blazes. But their success depends largely on how they are used.

"Using Fire Extinguishers — The Right Way," a new, full-color film produced by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), provides a thorough description of the various types of extinguishers, and explains exactly what type of extinguisher to use on what type of fire. It emphasizes the importance of knowing before an emergency where extinguishers are located and how to operate them.

Utilizing test fires, the film clearly illustrates the proper technique to use in extinguishing small fires. It also shows what can happen when someone who is unfamiliar with a fire extinguisher tries to use one.

In one sequence a person who has never used a fire extinguisher tries to put out a test fire with one.

"I pulled the pin and started spraying it," she says in the film. "As soon as I started to spray it on the fire, it felt really hot all of a sudden and so I had to back up. I figured that you are supposed to stand far away from it, but I think I wasn't standing close enough. The fire didn't go out and the extinguisher was empty by the time I finished."

Later in the film the same person uses the proper technique on a similar test fire and has no trouble extinguishing it.

She then says, "I would say people should learn how to use an extinguisher. They should read the directions. They should keep it in good shape. And they should use it only if they know that if they fail within the first few seconds, they can still get out."

"Using Fire Extinguishers — The Right Way" has easy-to-grasp, life-and-property-saving lessons for all age groups. The 13-minute film can be ordered from NFPA Publications Sales Department at the special introductory price of \$165 before April 15, 1977 (specify FL-45SP). Thereafter the price is \$185 for both 16mm films (FL-45) and video cassettes (FL-45CT).

## Conway VFD Honors Chief

CONWAY — The Conway Volunteer Fire Department honored their wives and special guests at its Annual Ladies Nite with dinner & dancing at Howard Blooms Restaurant in Roanoke Rapids on Feb. 19.

Bobby Taylor welcomed the guests: Mayor Raynor Woodard & wife; Council Members and their wives; Town Clerk Sadie Bridgers and husband; and widows of Conway firemen.

L.G. Britt gave a warm welcome to the firemen's wives, with a response from Helen

Bridgers.

Invocation was given by Joe Barrett, followed by a delicious steak dinner.

After dinner, Joe Frank Draper recognized fire chiefs having served since the organization of the Volunteer Department: Medford Taylor, Joe Frank Draper, Bobby Bridgers, and Fire Chief William Garris.

Draper then presented a plaque to Bobby Bridgers, immediate past-chief, "in recognition of eight years of

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## National Fire Protection Association CALENDAR

April 4-8, 1977	NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE WEEK, Host Farm Resort, Lancaster, Pa.
May 16-20, 1977	NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION 81st ANNUAL MEETING, Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C.
July 11-15, 1977	NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE WEEK, Copley Plaza Hotel, Boston, Mass.
Oct. 3-7, 1977	NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE WEEK, Radisson Denver Hotel, Denver, Colo.
Oct. 9-15, 1977	FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, internationally sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association
Nov. 14-17, 1977	NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION FALL MEETING, Atlanta Marriott Hotel, Atlanta, Ga.
Dec. 5-9, 1977	NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE WEEK, Holiday Inn O'Hare/Kennedy, Chicago, Ill.

## Fuquay-Varina Firemen Hold Annual Banquet, Honor Members

FUQUAY-VARINA — About 70 Fuquay-Varina firemen, their wives and special guests gathered recently at the Hickory House near Garner for the fourth annual Fireman's Banquet.

A highlight of the occasion was the presentation of the "Fireman of the Year" award to Jasper Weathers.

Weathers, who has been with the department for approximately two years, was selected for the honor by a committee composed of the past five winners of the same award.

Charles Sauls, who is president of the Firemen's Association, was also honored for his 10 years of service to the department.

The Firemen's Auxiliary welcomed three new members, Mrs. Stuart Hair, Mrs. Ricky Stuart, and Mrs. Jasper Weathers.

Speaker for the occasion was Bill Bickel of the State Bureau of Investigation. He talked about arson.

Bickel said arson could be considered North Carolina's most serious crime since damage caused by fire runs into millions of dollars.

He pointed to one month, July of 1976, when 611 fires caused damage totaling \$35 million to buildings and \$62 million to contents.

Bickel explained that arson is a "common law crime" not covered in the General Statutes. He said that in order to constitute arson, there has to be evidence of some burning; it must involve a house or related building and the house must belong to someone else.

The deliberate burning of a commercial building, a church or school is covered in the statutes and is known as "unlawful burning."

Bickel said arson or unlawful burning may have as its motive fraud, spite, or an effort to cover another crime. Arson is a difficult crime to prove, the officer said, noting that, nationwide, only 15 percent of the arson cases are solved.

He told the firemen that when the SBI goes to the scene of a

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Jasper Weathers (left) named "Fireman of the Year" is congratulated by Johnny Jones who made the award presentation.

Fuquay-Varina The Independent Photo

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# Warrenton Firemen Get New Signal Device

From the Warren Record  
By DON SMITH  
WARRENTON — One of the most advanced modes of modern firefighting communication arrived in Warrenton in February as a Motorola Pagecom system was installed by Piedmont Communications of Durham.

The system includes six pagers for firemen of the Warrenton Fire Department, a mobile unit mounted in the town fire truck and a base station installed in the dispatcher's office

of the Warrenton Police Department. The antenna for the unit was placed on top of Diamond's Discount Store on Main Street.

It's the latest and best communication system that I've seen," commented Town Manager Bill Davis. He added that he would like to see the system expanded so that all town firemen would have a pager.

Saving one house from fire destruction would pay for the entire system," Davis said.

Purchase of the Pagecom system was made possible

through federal revenue sharing funds and donations. Mrs. Anna Butler, fire commissioner, purchased one of the pagers and gave it to the company, Chief and Mrs. McCarroll Alston purchased two, while the Town of Warrenton bought three pagers and the mobile and base units. Firemen who received a pager signed forms accepting full responsibility for the care of the pagers.

A flasher system on Main Street that would change all traffic signals to amber (yellow) during an emergency and red to all incoming traffic on Main Street has been completed.

With the new flasher and Pagecom systems, response and departure to fire calls should be cut to under five minutes. Davis pointed out that the first five to ten minutes of a fire are the most critical, when a person's life or property is at stake.

The new system is on the same frequency as the Warrenton Rural Fire Department meaning that all fire calls can be monitored by the rural company and the police dispatcher.

If the town department needs assistance from the rural company, help can be obtained in just a matter of minutes, Davis said.



Workers install an antenna on top of Diamond's Discount Store that was included in Warrenton's recent purchase of a Pagecom System for the Warrenton Volunteer Fire Department.

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Chief Alston said that the recent purchase of the new pagers have greatly improved the fire company's response capability. He said that only key firemen in the unit would receive a pager. Capt. Leon Cheek, Lt. Walter Barnes, Earlie Garner and Don Stith were each given a pager. These men were chosen by the chief and approved by the town manager because they have met training requirements of at least 36 hours set by the fire chief and commissioners, and can operate the pumper.

At the present time the fire department is undergoing an intensive rebuilding and recruitment phase. Changes will be made in the town and company by-laws to meet certain requirements set by the local and state government.

Chief Alston and Manager Davis agreed that with the new communication system Warrenton will have a top-notch fire department.

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# Fire Bell Restored



**FIRE BELL RESTORED** — Unveiling of the old fire bell which summoned Rocky Mount firemen to the scene of fires during the early 1900's was held recently at the headquarters fire station on George Street in Rocky Mount. Pictured are Rocky Mount Fire Chief John Sykes and officials from Burlington Industries which financed restoration of the bell. From left to right are Olin Wilson, Jack Stuart, Chief Sykes, Don Williams and Bill Dix.

Nashville Graphic Photo

years ago as newer and more efficient alarms were acquired.

It was used as a symbol occasionally for funerals and

parades up until 10 years ago when it was stored away at the number two fire station on church Street.

But Burlington Industries recently took an interest in the relic and donated the brickwork to hang the bell outside the headquarters fire station. A special unveiling of the bell was held March 2 in the afternoon.

The bell cleaned, the brass shined and a special coating was placed on the bell by members of the fire department prior to the unveiling.

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**ROCKY MOUNT** — The old fire bell which was once used by the Rocky Mount Fire Department to call volunteer firemen to a fire, has been restored for display at the headquarters fire station on George Street.  
Use of the bell, which was originally placed into use in 1910, was discontinued some 40

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# 2-Generation-Old Fire Bell Moved

**GOLDSBORO** — The two-ton brass bell which served as fire alarm for two generations of Goldsboro residents was moved in February to the new Fire-Police Complex.

The bell, covered with the dirt and grime of two decades, was removed from the top of the fire training tower at Fire Station Number One where it had reposed silent since 1954.

It will be cleaned and displayed outside the complex in a brick housing, a gleaming memento of fifty years and two fire stations.

Former Fire Chief Wesley Howell remembers when the bell served anything but a decorative function.

"When the bell went off, everybody in Goldsboro would stop right in their tracks," Howell declared. "They'd stand right where they were and count the strokes."

The bell, electrically rung, was connected to 40 fire alarm boxes throughout the city. When a fire alarm was turned in the bell would code its location through a series of rings and pauses.

For instance, the fire box number for Goldsboro Hospital, now Wayne County Office Building, was 36. To designate

that general area, the bell would ring three times, pause and ring six more times.

The system allowed volunteer firemen to meet the city's professional firemen at the scene of the fire with a minimum of delay. At the time the bell was installed, Goldsboro had only eight full-time firemen, and relied on volunteers for manpower.

When the alarm system was in operation virtually everyone in Goldsboro understood the code and knew where the call boxes were located, at least in their own neighborhood, Howell said.

The efficiency of the alarm system eventually lead to its elimination.

"When we got a larger fulltime department, we didn't really need the bell to notify volunteers," Howell noted.

"However, there were a lot of fire buffs around town who understood the code of the bell. When it sounded, off they would go to the fire, often getting in the way of our trucks and men."

The alarm system to which the bell was connected was heavily damaged in 1954 by Hurricane Hazel, and was replaced by a modern system which did not require the bell.

## Firemen Receive Training

**WENTWORTH** — Four fire and civil preparedness training sessions were held in Wentworth recently for county firemen, County Fire Marshall Jerry Wallace said.

The training involved simulated accidents, in which one participant at a time would take charge of a film of a disaster, using pointers to show where he would station pumps and workers.

Three instructors from the

state Department of Insurance would then escalate or moderate the disaster, depending on whether the person in charge recommended the right action.

That person also communicated with his and other

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## Committees Appointed For

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Chapel, Mickey Waddell of Polly Watson, Sammy Parks of Pinewood, Joe Beaman of Dudley, and Russell Sauls of Fremont, president of the Wayne Rescue Squads Association.

Members of the standards committee under Grady are Denny Crawford of Thoroughfare, Bobby Outlaw of Dudley, and L.E. Thompson of Fork Township.

Awards and activities committee members under Britt are C.W. Turner of Patetown, Linwood Sauls of East Wayne, Herman Strickland of Pricetown, and James Holmes of Indian Springs.

Competition committee members under Bright include Douglas Courchene, Seymour Johnson AFB, Delma Jackson, Mar Mac, Glenn Hartman, Pikeville, Norman Pendergraph, Fork Township, Paul Herring, Pinewood, and Ralph Hollingsworth of Mount Olive.

Members of the nominations committee under Rose include Wayne Fire Marshal Carl Ray Coley and J.L. Rose of Grantham.

The program committee under Bridgers consists of Tim Moore of Elroy, Brooks Lee of Belfast, and Earl Lancaster of Faro.

Ways and Means committee members include Billy Grady, Dwight Rose, Gary Britt and Perry Bright, and chairman Sutton.

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**Firemen Receive**

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fire departments to arrange mutual aid, Wallace said.

"We had some fun when some buildings burned down," he said. "But that was part of the learning experience, too."

The course concentrated on large-scale emergencies such as overturned tankers, tall burning buildings and handling of tanks containing vinyl chloride, Wallace said.

The sessions were held at the Officer's Training Center Monday through Thursday, and were coordinated by the Rockingham Community College Continuing Adult Education program.

Firemen participating were from Madison, Mayodan, Northwest Rockingham, Huntsville, Bethany, Shiloh, Stoneville, Wentworth, Williamsburg, Oregon Hill, Reidsville and Eden.

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**Rural Fire District Meet Draws 63**

**THELMA** — Several weeks ago, several residents of this town fought a brush fire as best they could while waiting for the Davie Fire Department to arrive. After the fire was extinguished, one of the men said, "What we need is our own fire department."

In February, 63 people meeting in a garage near here agreed and elected a temporary board of directors to organize a volunteer fire department.

The action came after several members of the Davie Fire Department explained the procedure for starting a fire department and answered questions.

Marvin Faison said the temporary board of directors, or a representative from the board, must meet with the county commissioners and receive approval for the department. The State Highway Patrol must measure the mileage from the proposed fire station to the fire district lines, and the board must file incorporation papers with the state.

Faison said a special tax district may be set up later, but

certain equipment requirements must first be met.

The main thing, Faison said, is to start small and build.

Jimmy Johnson, who served as chairman for the meeting in Danny's Super Service Garage, agreed, adding that a fire truck parked under a shed would be an improvement.

"Right now, we don't have anything," he said.

Johnson said that although the Davie and Littleton fire departments answer alarms in the Thelma area, a house usually "burns slam to the ground" before they arrive, because of the distance.

Faison said that if Davie was already on a call when a fire broke out in the Thelma area, the department would have to fight the fire in its district and could not respond.

Passing trains on the Seaboard Coastline tracks often set brush fires, Johnson said, and a forest fire last summer required firefighters from the state.

"Summer's almost here," he said, "and it may be just as hot and dry as it was last summer."

Johnson said starting a fire department will not be easy, but solid community support will lessen the burden.

"If the people of this district will donate, and contribute, we could have a fire department in this district," he said. "There are a lot of people who will bend over backwards to help us if we help ourselves."

After they agreed a fire department is needed, the seven-man board of directors was elected. Several methods of election were discussed, and 15 men volunteered to serve on the board. The group decided that the seven men receiving the

highest number of votes would be elected, and those seven could pick a chairman and other officers.

The vote was counted, but one man elected said he thought he volunteered to help out, not to serve on the board. So the man with the next highest number of votes was named to the board, with the approval of those at the meeting.

Those elected were Danny Hudson, who owns the garage where the meeting was held, Jimmy Johnson, Nathaniel Price, Buck Wilcox, John Ashe, David Isles and David Johnson.

One man passed a hat and collected almost \$75.

"It's the best thing that ever happened," one man said and the people filed out, signing their names on a piece of paper at the door to volunteer their services.

**Havelock Fire Dept.**

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the Governor's Highway Safety Plan with 50-50 state-city funds, now has two ambulances and an extrication vehicle and covers the entire area served by the Havelock telephone exchange.

The squad, Creed said, is "equal to any in the state as far as the size and the length of time they've been in service." In 1976, rescue workers answered 335 calls for help.

A dedicated group, fire and rescue workers purchased the second ambulance in November with their own money and donated it to the city.

Fire fighting equipment has also improved during the ten years since its organization and the department now has two trucks purchased by the city, including a 1971 Howe pumper and a 1974 Beam pumper both capable of putting out 750 gallons of water per minute.

Still, the department "is looking for a lot more improvements," Chief Creed said. "We're more or less in a building stage. We have equipment now we didn't have when we started but we're building all the time," he added.

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# Body shop destroyed

**GOLDSBORO** — Harold's Body Shop, 1101 S. George St., was completely destroyed by a fire which quickly engulfed the wood frame and metal building recently.

Goldsboro firemen said the fire was apparently started by an overheated or defective fuel burner in the building. The building and contents were declared a total loss, with damage estimated at approximately \$5,000.

No injuries were reported, although two drive shafts exploded as a result of the heat, causing concussions which nearly sent several firemen sprawling outside the burning structure.

Auto parts, paint and tires were destroyed in the fire. No cars were in the building.

# Mobile home destroyed by fire

**MILLERS CREEK** — Fire destroyed a mobile home at Shady Rest mobile home park near Millers Creek recently.

Millers Creek Firemen responded quickly to the alarm but found the mobile home engulfed in flames. Firemen dispatched both trucks.

They were able to extinguish the fire, but the mobile home was considered a total loss. It was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Carr. They have one child, a baby.

No cause for the fire is known. Firemen said the fire started in the kitchen area. Shady Rest mobile home park has the mobile homes well spaced so the fire wasn't a threat to any of the other homes there.

Shady Rest mobile home park is located just off Old 60 highway about a mile west of Millers Creek.

Charles Dollinger, one of the Millers Creek firemen, injured an ankle when he stepped off one of the fire trucks at the scene. He was taken to Wilkes General Hospital for treatment.

# Conway VFD

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faithful service as fire chief of the Conway Volunteer Fire Department, January 1969-December 1976."

Bobby, receiving a standing ovation, responded with sincere appreciation and words of praise for the work of the department.

The floor was then opened for dancing, with music supplied by Clifton Davis, Jr. of Davis Appliance & TV in Conway.



**GOLDSBORO — TRAINING FOR FIREFIGHTERS** — County volunteer firemen hose down a tanker on fire at the city fire training area off US 117 Bypass South. The nighttime training nearly duplicates actual emergency conditions and is part of a comprehensive training program for county firemen. Unusable jet fuel was donated for the session by Seymour Johnson AFB.

Goldsboro News-Argus Photo

# Shelby Firemen To Offer CPR Training Sessions

**SHELBY** — Shelby firemen will begin offering cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) instruction to local families beginning in early April.

Assistant fire chief Glenn Barrett said the four-hour classes (two hours Monday and Thursday evenings) would be on a request basis for groups of 10.

Barrett, a certified instructor in the community college system and heart association for instructor's CPR training, along with other qualified firemen will conduct the courses, which will be held at fire station one.

Also, Barrett will conduct a four-week CPR course for Upper Cleveland rescue members beginning March 2. An eight-week refresher CPR course for emergency medical technicians also begins April 5.

Persons interested in taking the family CPR training are requested to call Barrett at the fire station.

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**MOORE COUNTY — NEW TRUCKS** — Four brand-new FMC Bean fire trucks, about \$130,000 worth — an unprecedented sight in Moore County — were gathered recently on the grounds of the School Administration Building to be driven off to their homes in four fire districts. The identical pumpers, of 750-gallon capacity — two yellow and two red — were destined for Seven Lakes, High Falls, Southern Pines and Pinehurst. Seen in photo, W.S. Taylor, chairman of county commissioners; Fire Marshal Joe W. Adams; and — ready to take their new trucks home — Bruce Yarrington, of the Seven Lakes department; Billy Joe Brady, of the High Falls department; Chief Pete Rapatas, Southern Pines, and Walker Oldham, chairman of the Pines District board; and Chief Bill Yoder and Board Chairman Bob Viall, of Pinehurst. The trucks were sold by Jack L. Slagle Fire Equipment & Supply Co., Inc. of South Boston, Va. (Photo by V. Nicholson).

## Second Annual Fire Seminar

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Commissioner of Public Safety from Shreveport, Louisiana. His talk concerned special hazards involving transportation incidents. The remaining programs were taught by both state instructors and those instructing in their specialized areas.

The theme for this year was, "What You Don't Know About Firefighting Won't Hurt You — It'll Just Kill You." This statement becomes more prevalent as our ever-

increasing problems become more complex due to new developments, modern building techniques, sophisticated chemical research and dangerous radioactive materials. The profession is no longer looked upon as a group of water-throwing, building-wrecking firefighters of years gone by. New problems must be met with new training techniques, new equipment and skillful employment of training skills which are being developed in the Piedmont Fire Seminar.

### J.D. Humphrey, Dianne Taylor

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flamable liquids. She has attended the Association's meetings insuring that our members are provided with the latest information of fire fighting equipment and techniques. She also attends the meetings of the Onslow County Commissioners and was one of the main benefactors in the department being awarded our 9A rating. Mrs. Taylor thoroughly emeliorates herself by being completely knowledgable on all of our fire fighting equipment and their functions. She attends all departmental training and with her extreme patience and enthusiasm, she can inspire even the most torpid of persons to become efficient and professional fire fighters.

"In summation, no woman has ever so completely, or unselfishly given of oneself, for so long as this eminent lady. When a fire vehicle was desperately needed by this department, she unhesitatingly signed for it. Her untiring dedication and devotion earned her the Association's award last year, and it is felt by our department, that no one more richly deserves this year's award than Dianne Taylor.

"Therefore, it is with extreme pride, that we of the Northeast-Onslow Volunteer Fire Department, enthusiastically nominate Dianne S. Taylor for the Fire Woman of the Year Award. Mrs. Taylor is our Finest and we feel that the Association will agree by selecting her as their finest."

J.D. Humphrey

"Our nominee for "Fireman of the Year" for 1976, is J.D.

Humphrey. J.D. Humphrey has been a member of the department since it was founded in 1962.

"J.D. is dedicated to the service of his community in a degree that is an inspiration to his fellow firemen. He has been injured on three occasions; once when some hot solvent splashed on his feet; once with a broken bone in one foot, and he suffered from skin irritation during the Onslow Hospital fire. But these injuries still did not deter him from being almost always the first fireman to the station to answer the sounding alarm.

"J.D. is always ready to help in any way he can to keep our equipment in top operating condition. Many times, he has given up time from his business so that a repair could be made to a truck, so that it would not be out of service any longer than one day if possible. He has also been instrumental in putting in many hours to help build several pieces of equipment, which helped our department furnish better fire fighting capabilities to the community.

"The people in our fire district admire and respect J.D. The firemen in our department think a lot of him and look to him for directions and orders, at fire scenes. He has been assistant chief for the past ten (10) years and strives to see that a fire is extinguished in the quickest and best way possible, with the least damage to the property involved.

"Although J.D. has been a volunteer fireman for fifteen (15) years, he faithfully attends all the training sessions that he possible can. J.D. realizes that no one ever learns all there is to know, and he is constantly trying to improve his knowledge of fire fighting and fire safety.

"We, the Members of Pumpkin Center Volunteer Fire Department, think J.D. Humphrey expresses the best a person can offer his fellowmen, by his dedication of time and talent to the protection and suppression of fire in their homes and community. Therefore it gives us great pleasure to submit his name as our nominee for the Onslow County Volunteer Fireman of the Year award."

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