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Nashville Firemen Praised By Board

NASHVILLE — Members of the Nashville Volunteer Fire Department were commended recently by the Nashville Town Board of Commissioners for a job well-done and for the efforts by volunteer firemen to continue to improve the town's fire service and facilities.

The fire department recently conducted a fund-raising drive. From that drive funds were obtained to make a final payment on a loan made to the department by the town. In addition, \$2,000 has been allocated from funds raised to make additional improvements inside the fire house on Washington Street.

"The fire department has done an excellent job," said Commissioner J.P. Woodard. "Our firemen scouted up the money and paid in full their loan from the town."

"They should be patted on the back for an excellent job. A lot of improvements have already been made at the department and more are planned."

Speaking on behalf of Nashville's firemen, Bill Kennedy, town clerk said, "Firemen have asked me to express their appreciation to Mayor Rex Paramore and this board for its cooperation."

Raleigh Firemen Promoted

RALEIGH — Two veteran firemen were named to high-level vacancies in the department on March 16.

Deputy Fire Marshal A.R. Woodlief, 47, had been ap-

pointed fire marshal, the rank held by Asst. Fire Chief John W. Holmes, who dies recently.

Woodlief, a 25-year-veteran of the department, has been in the

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Firemen Complete Courses

KERNERSVILLE — Members of the Kernersville Fire Department recently completed a 12-hour course in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and basic life support.

The course was given by the American Red Cross and was taught by E.T. Farley and J.W. Southard. The courses gives detailed instruction on artificial resuscitation and closed heart

massage.

Members completing the course were: Acting Chief R.R. Swaim, Asst. Chiefs Frank Clark and Don Berrier, Capts. Richard Wilson and Jackie Berrier, Lts. Billy Broadstreet and Larry Needham, Firemen Rick Grubbs, Terry Brown, Bill Ling, Charles Simpson, Kenny Albert and full-time Sgts. C.E. Clark and G.E. Derrah. Each member received a card of completion.

Three firemen completed an 81-hour Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course sponsored by the N.C. Dept. of Human Resources and Forsyth Technical Institute.

The course teaches in detail the ever changing methods of emergency medical problems and their treatment. Each member must pass both written and practical tests and be certified by the state of North Carolina.

Lt. Larry Needham, Firemen Danny Kiger and Bill Link were already added to present EMTS-Acting Chief R.R. Swaim and Equipment Sgt. G.E. Derrah bringing the total of 5 EMT's in the department.

Acting Chief R.R. Swaim has just completed an EMT refresher course certifying him for two more years. This consisted of 31 hours of classroom and practical training and testing.

Second Fire Prevention Parade Slated At Dudley



PLAN FIRE PARADE WEEK — Chairman Jesse Stanley, left, and Grady S. Williamson of the Dudley Fire Prevention Week Parade committee, discuss plans for this year's parade, which will include the famous Dunn Clowns, high school bands and a tv personality. Linwood Tillman, also a member of the parade committee, is not shown. Stanley said the 1977 event will be "bigger and better."

bands, church and civic clubs, fire departments, rescue squads, and businesses have been invited to enter the parade. And he added "If there's anyone we forgot, they can let us know if they want to enter a unit."

The parade will begin on O'Berry Road, behind Smith Brother's store in Dudley, proceed across highway US 117 onto the Sleepy Creek Road,

and turn northward on the old Mount Olive Highway and disband at Brogden Primary school.

This year's event is expected to be covered by a national television network. The parade was featured on regional tv stations last year.

In addition to the parade, the Dudley Fire department has planned a number of other

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Three Shelby Firemen Promoted



Kennedy



Anthony



Allen

Shelby Star Photos

SHELBY — Three lieutenants with the Shelby Fire Department were promoted to captains, effective on March 11.

They are Levon Kennedy, Boyd Anthony and Doug Allen. They have been acting as captains for over a year and recently received testing by the International Personnel Management Association proving them capable to hold the positions permanently.

Kennedy has been with the fire department for seven years. He is married to the for-

mer Sonda Sanders and they have two children, Connie, 12, and Ansley, 5.

Anthony has been employed by the city of Shelby for nine years, the past seven of which have been with the fire department. He is married to the former Barbara Humphries and they have two children, Lee Ann, 5, and Nicole, 3.

Allen has been with the fire department for five years. He is married to the former Jeri Ware and they have two children, Scott 7, and Allison, 2.

Barnes Promoted To Lieutenant

GOLDSBORO — Sidney Ray Barnes, a seven-year veteran with the Goldsboro Fire Department, has been promoted to fire lieutenant. He succeeds Lt. Ray Carter, who retired January.

Barnes, 38, lives at Rt. 14, Goldsboro. He is a graduate of Rosewood High School and has completed courses in standard and advanced first aid, ambulance training, fire officer training and pumper operation.

Prior to his promotion, Barnes was a fire driver. He was selected from a field of nine, by a review board consisting of Fire Chief Willard Herring, former Chief Wesley Howell, Elwood Croom, former fireman, and Calvin Dawson, city personnel director.

Barnes is married and has two children. He attends Spring Hill FWB Church.



SIDNEY RAY BARNES
Goldsboro
News-Argus Photo

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From NFPA

July 1 is the opening date for entries in the first Government and Military phase of the new Learn Not to Burn Competition, sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

Entries received at NFPA headquarters in Boston between July 1 and Aug. 31 will be eligible for 15 awards totalling \$2,500. In addition, the top two winners of this quarterly competition automatically will be in the running for the annual Grand Award of \$2,000 plus an expense-paid trip to the May 1978 NFPA Annual Meeting in California. Awards can be in the form of cash or NFPA publications and films.

Each Competition entry consists of a typewritten report, no longer than 750 words, of a current or recent fire prevention project or program. Anyone involved in government or military fire safety education activities (except municipal fire departments) — at any level, from local through federal — is welcome to enter this phase of the Competition. There is no entry fee.

Winners will be announced Oct. 1.

Complete information on the Competition, its entry specifications and its awards appears in the official Competition folder, available on request.

Also available without charge are publications containing the texts of winning entries from earlier phases of the Learn Not to Burn Competition. These were for the Municipal Division (request "Phase A Report," now in print) and for the Industrial — Health Care — Educational Institutions Division (request "Phase B Report," to be published by mid-May).

To obtain the Competition folder and/or the published reports, write to: Learn Not to Burn Competition, NFPA Public Affairs Division, 470 Atlantic Ave., Boston, MA 02210.

More than 800 titles appear in the 1977 edition of the NFPA Publications and Visual Aids Catalog, now available from the National Fire Protection Association.

Important additions to the NFPA Catalog — biggest in the Association's 81-year-history — are 16 new books, revised editions of 5 other volumes, 7 visual aid packages for fire service training programs, 2 major films for the general public (on clothing flammability and on use of portable fire extinguishers), and more than a dozen educational folders, posters and children's Sparky fire prevention materials.

The Catalog describes, and usually illustrates, all current NFPA books, pamphlets, films and audio-visual materials, including each of the 238 official standards, the 14th edition of the "Fire Protection Handbook," the 1977 National Fire Codes, and NFPA's new textbook series.

The 52-page, 8½ by 11-inch NFPA Catalog contains both a convenient topical index to the entire contents and a subject index to standards and codes. Membership information and an application blank are included.

The National Fire Protection Association is the non-profit international clearinghouse of technical and educational information covering the broad range of subjects within the fields of fire protection, fire prevention and fire suppression.

To obtain a free copy of the 1977 NFPA Catalog, send a request to the NFPA Publications Sales Department, 470 Atlantic Ave., Boston, MA 02210.

Two additions to the list of documents slated for action at its 1977 Fall Meeting have been announced by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

Inserted in the list released by NFPA late in February are these standards:

NFPA 105 — Smoke and Draft Control Door Assemblies; and
NFPA 701 — Fire Tests for Flame-Resistant Textiles and Films.

All documents upon which action will be taken at NFPA's 1977 Fall Meeting will comprise the volume of Technical Committee Reports to be published early in May. From that time until June 27, the documents will be subject to public review and comment. Voting will take place when the Association meets Nov. 14-17 at the Atlanta (Ga.) Marriott Hotel.

Reports will be available (shipped parcel post) free of charge for a single copy and at \$8 each for additional copies. If first class mail is requested, there is a postage charge of \$3 per copy, for which payment must accompany the order.

Address requests and orders for the 1977 NFPA Fall Meeting Technical Committee Reports to the NFPA Publications Sales Department, 470 Atlantic Ave., Boston, MA 02210.

National Fire Protection Association CALENDAR

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.

Rolesville Vol. Fire Dept. Holds Annual Meeting

WAKE FOREST — Members present at the March 21st Annual Meeting of the Rolesville VFD received good news in the financial statement. The balance brought forward March 8, 1976 of \$3,067.53, plus receipts of \$16,636.46 for the year, resulted in a balance of \$19,703.99. Disbursements totaled \$13,564.11 leaving a balance of \$6,139.88.

The department has submitted a request for two vehicles through the U.S. Government and Forestry Service. We have to equip these trucks within nine months of the time we receive them. The estimated cost for equipping the trucks is \$8,200.

A total of 85 fire calls were answered in the past year. Chairman of the Board, June Privette, praised the department for the good work done and quick response to calls. Two board members, Frank Pearce, Sr. and Alton Woodlief, were re-elected for second terms to the Board.

A pager, six-pound dry chemical extinguisher, and the quick response of a fireman

H. Dunn Awarded

MOUNT GILEAD — Harold Dunn has received the award as "Fireman of the Year for 1976" at the Mt. Gilead Fire Department.

The Award was one of three presented on Friday night, February 25 at the department's annual supper held at the fire station. The Fireman of the Year Award was started in 1973. Past recipients are: 1973, Jerry Maske; 1974, J.J. Russell; and 1975 B.W. Safrit.

Fire Chief John J. Russell received a Leadership Award. Jimmy Haithcock received a Distinguished Service Award for 17 years as secretary-treasurer.

Approximately 50 persons attended the affair including firemen, their wives and invited guests. Also in attendance were retired firemen Carmie Story and J.I. Phillips with their wives.



This is the truck that the department hopes to replace with one of the vehicles requested.

were direct factors in holding damage of a recent kitchen fire to a minimum. As a result of this, the Board of Directors voted to equip eleven daytime firemen, who drive their vehicles to fire calls, with one of these six-pound fire ex-

tinguishers to be carried in their vehicles.

Officers of the fire department as appointed by the Board of Directors are: Roy Ed Jones, Chief; Bill Mitchell and Frank Pearce, Jr., Assistant Chiefs;

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

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Old School Teaches Firemen

by WILLIAM MARCH
From The
Lexington Dispatch

ARCADIA — The biggest fire anyone has seen in Davidson County in a long time provided a valuable training exercise for the county's volunteer firemen and a sensational show for some others on a February Saturday morning.

The occasion was the destruction by fire of the old Arcadia School on Community Road in Arcadia. It began about 8 in the morning, and though most of the excitement was over before noon, it lasted all day.

Every volunteer fire company in the northern part of the county, plus companies from Davie, Forsyth and Guilford counties, showed up for training or to back up the learning firemen. There were about 15 volunteer companies in all, some of them there just to haul water while others trained by fighting the fire.

Some of them, notably the Guilford VFD and the Triangle VFD of Forsyth (not to be confused with Davidson County's Triangle VFD) showed up with heavy, sophisticated equipment of the kind most of Davidson volunteer companies cannot afford.

The equipment was necessary to insure that the huge fire did not damage houses and power lines as near as 30 feet to the building.

The old school was built in 1921 with additions in 1928. The gym was built in 1934. Classes were last held there on May 2, 1975. Then, over a weekend, classes moved to the new school on Welcome-Arcadia Road. In March, 1976, the school was sold to the Arcadia boosters club, to be used for ball fields.

The fire was touched off, with old motor oil and fuel oil, just after 9 A.M.

The object of the exercise was to practice containing the fire in parts of the building. Constructed with a brick shell, but with floors and ceilings of old, dry hardwood boards coated with shellac and paint and plasterboard walls, the building was ready to burn quickly.

Each end of the building was under the control of a separate fire-fighting team, each team operating independently. The scene was under the supervision of Chris Hooper of Reedy Creek, an official of the state community college system's fireman training program.

After ignition, the fire quickly began to spread through the aging tinderbox structure.

As one side began to get far ahead of the other in the burning, Arcadia-Reedy Creek-Hampton volunteers were assigned the task of slowing it down. They went inside the burning structure with a hose, then quickly backed out coughing.



Firemen practice hose techniques at Arcadia School.

Lexington Dispatch Photo

The ceiling of the structure had become involved. Smoke filled the narrow halls, and the firemen had learned a lesson — stay low to the floor and follow the hose when inside a burning building. "Once I got lost inside a house that was only four rooms and a hall, the smoke was so thick," said one experienced fireman. "That's scary, being lost in a burning building."

The firemen brought their wing under control, and a look inside the rooms not yet burning showed why people are told not to stand up, or even sit up in bed, in their house if they suspect it is on fire.

Beneath the 12-foot ceiling of the school's halls, another ceiling had formed, and was gradually lowering itself down the walls. It was a dense, flat ceiling of dark gray-brown smoke, deadly stuff that firemen said could render a man unconscious in less than a minute. "It'll kill you before the flames can get to you," said Hooper, "or it'll knock you out so you can't get away."

In the auditorium at the center of the school, only minutes after the fire was ignited in the end wings, the smoke had begun to seep ominously and quickly under tops of door frames, and a deadly ceiling of fumes was gradually lowering there.

The fire spread. The larger it got, the more quickly it spread. Firemen feared it would "flash," spread explosively as heat built up. They struggled to contain the fire away from the center of the building: it raced through the building above the ceilings, out of their reach. With hooks on long poles, they pulled down the ceiling boards, found them already burning, and sprayed water into the attic.

Suddenly, there was danger. Five men were on the roof of the central auditorium, and the fire from one wing had escaped control and moved to the building center. Flames leaped up under the eaves directly below the men on the roof. There was no way for them to get down; their feet stuck in the molten tar of the roof.

A big 2½ inch hose was brought to bear on the front center of the building, reinforcing the 1½-inch line that had failed to control the blaze. It was touch and go for a moment; "I was scared," said one chief who directed the rescue operation. But the men got down safely.

Soon, the firemen got instructions to let the blaze go, so as to destroy the building. A spectacular show started — huge towers of flame boiled 100 or more feet into the sky, alter-

nately shielded from view and then revealed by a 2,000-foot column of smoke. As flames surged from the windows, firemen would charge forward with hoses to prevent the fire from going far outside the building.

Ceilings and the roof collapsed with roars and whooshes of flame. Looking inside through doors and windows, one saw sky through flaming skeletons of walls. The fire then began to quiet, the floor and remaining walls burned steadily.

At about 11:30 A.M., the men began to retire in shifts to the schools' gym, where wives had set up a table laden with sandwiches, coffee and a dozen kinds of cake. Sweating in the 30-degree air from the heat of the blaze, they removed their wet, smoke-smelling canvas turnout gear to eat.

They talked about the fire. "Did you notice anything about that hosework?" said a paid

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Brooks Praises Fire Units

DURHAM — The Durham Fire Department has received praise from Dr. Ben T. Brooks, superintendent of the Durham city schools, for its response to a fire at Hillside High School recently.

"The Durham Fire Department is to be highly commended for its quick and efficient response to a fire at Hillside High School on the night of Feb. 8," Brooks stated in a news release.

"The fire was quickly extinguished and prevented from engulfing the main building," he stated.

"A major loss and severe disruption of the school program were averted," Brooks added, "due to the efforts of our fire department . . . a first class agency."

Fire Blamed On Turtles

GREENSBORO — A Sunday afternoon apartment fire recently in Greensboro left four large turtles to blame.

The turtle-caused fire, a first for local fire officials, struck the apartment of William Babcock, 115 E. Hendrix St. Babcock allows his pet turtles to roam within the dwelling, and firemen believe one or more of them knocked over an electric space heater, which ignited papers on the floor. Heavy damage was reported to the apartment's contents. The turtles escaped injury.

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Freak accident poses problems



Firemen work to extinguish the blaze which welded the two tractor-trailers together in an accident on I-95 near Enfield. Scotland Neck Halifax County This Week Photo

Drivers and a passenger in the tractor-trailer escaped without serious injuries. Stubblefield and his passenger, 67-year-old Don Stubblefield, were taken by the Enfield Rescue Squad to Halifax Memorial Hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

According to investigating highway patrol officer C.D. Gould, Stubblefield was charged with improper equipment.

Damages to the Spencer vehicle, a 1971 Ford tractor-trailer owned by Automobile Transport, Inc. of Baltimore, Md., were estimated to be \$65,000. The new cars on the carrier were severely damaged, many being burned and some having fallen off during the collision.

Damages to the Stubblefield vehicle, a 1970 GMC tractor-trailer owned by Wood Produce of Clenton, Tenn., were estimated to be \$20,000.

Fire departments from Enfield, Whitakers, Darlington and Salem battled the stubborn fire which was made especially difficult to extinguish because of the burning tires in the tractor-trailer.

The two vehicles became welded together in the intense heat, hampering highway patrol officers; sheriff's deputies and firemen from clearing the southbound lane of I-95 for traffic. Both lanes were completely blocked for about two hours, and southbound traffic was lined up for miles.

Law enforcement officials diverted much of the traffic onto Highway 301 at Weldon and directed it back onto I-95 through Enfield.

When the flames of the vehicles subsided, officers allowed the backed-up traffic to move past the wreck in the left lane. Because the trucks were welded together, however, wrecker crews were unable to remove them from the right lane until later.

ENFIELD — Four area fire departments worked nearly five hours recently to extinguish a fire caused by an unusual highway accident on Interstate 95.

The accident, involving an automobile carrier loaded with new cars and a tractor-trailer carrying tires, occurred 16 miles south of Weldon near the Enfield exit.

The tractor-trailer, driven by Vernon E. Stubblefield of Knoxville, Tenn., was traveling south at a slow rate of speed when the car carrier, operated by Karl E. Spencer of Shawanese, Pa., approached from the rear and collided with the tractor-trailer. Both vehicles caught fire as a result of the collision.

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LaGRANGE — "FIREMAN OF THE YEAR" — Assistant Chief, Milton Jones, right, was chosen as "Fireman Of The Year" of the LaGrange Volunteer Fire Department. Fire Chief Berkey Walters presented the plaque to Jones at the Firemen's Ladies Night, which was held on Wednesday, February 23rd. LaGrange Weekly Gazette Photo

Retired Fire Chief Talton Dies at 53



Talton
 Raleigh News & Observer Photo

RALEIGH — Stephen James Talton, 53, of 1404 Carolina Pines Ave., a retired district fire chief of Raleigh Fire Department, died in March.

He served on the department for 26 years.

The funeral was held at Mitchell Funeral Home chapel. Burial was at Mountlawn Memorial Park with Masonic Rites.

Talton is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lucille W. Talton; sons, Stephen J. Talton Jr. of Raleigh, Edward L. Talton of Chapel Hill, Richard S. Talton of Virginia Beach, Va.; mother, Mrs. Henry L. Talton of Smithfield; brothers, John K. Talton and Jim A. Talton of Wilmington; sisters, Mrs. Fay

T. Barnes of Smithfield, Mrs. Lula T. Stephenson of Raleigh, Mrs. Lola T. Price of Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. Gene T. Pittman of Goldsboro.

Fire destroys shed, 52 golf carts

MOREHEAD CITY — Fire destroyed a storage and maintenance shed and 52 golf carts at the Morehead City Country Club shortly after midnight recently. Cause of the fire is still under investigation, but is believed to be an electrical malfunction, according to Morehead City Fire Chief Edward E. Guthrie.

Damage was tentatively estimated at between \$60,000 and \$70,000, Chief Guthrie said.

The concrete block, cement-floored building was engulfed in

flames when fire trucks arrived. "It was demolished when we got the equipment there," Chief Guthrie said.

Firemen were on the scene for approximately two hours. Six golf carts were saved.

According to Chief Guthrie, "Many things could have started the fire." High voltage battery chargers were being used in the shed to charge the electric golf carts, gasoline was stored in the building, and one of the carts could have had a short circuit in its electrical wiring, the fire chief said. "I tend to think it was possibly electrical, coming from the battery chargers themselves," he said concerning the cause, but added the fire department has no conclusive proof yet.

The fire was discovered by a passerby, who turned in the alarm from a house near the country club.

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Raleigh Fireman — Sportsman Dies of Heart Attack

From the Raleigh Times
By CHRIS SHERMAN
Times staff writer

RALEIGH — A heart attack recently killed Raleigh Fire Marshal John W. Holmes, the fire department's unofficial public relations man and an active figure in local sports.

Holmes, 56, a star athlete at old Hugh Morson High School, became a goodwill ambassador for the Raleigh Fire Department in the nearly 25 years he spent enforcing the fire codes and lecturing on fire prevention.

His death came as a shock to fellow firemen who knew him as one of the friendliest and most active city officials.

"Just about everybody downtown knew him. He was a real good public relations man," said Fire Capt. C.L. Wall, who grew up playing sandlot ball with Holmes.

Holmes was a tall, forceful man with steel-gray hair and bushy eyebrows. He had remained active in sports as a timekeeper at N.C. State University and Enloe High.

He played high school sports and American Legion baseball with George Thompson, now Enloe football coach, and for many years after that refereed high school basketball games.

"He was a true sports fan," Thompson said of Holmes. "If

there was any athletics around, he'd be part of it."

Holmes would have received his 25-year pin from the city four days later, fire officials said. Twenty-four of those years were spent in the Fire Prevention Bureau, which he joined almost at its inception.

As fire marshal, a rank equal to assistant chief, he oversaw the enforcement of fire codes and fire investigations. "He was fair to the people. He used common sense and reasoning as well as the book," said District Chief A.R. Woodlief.

Holmes was the third high-ranking fire official in three years to succumb to heart trouble, which firemen say is a traditional hazard of their job.

At the death of Chief Clarence Puryear, Holmes was one of three firemen considered for the chief's post. District Chief L.T. Frazier died of a heart attack last year.

Funeral services for Holmes were at Temple Baptist Church. Burial was in Montlawn Memorial Park.

He was past president of the Raleigh Civitan Club, treasurer of the Raleigh Sports Club, past president of the Tobacco State Baseball League and a member of the Wolfpack Club. He also belonged to William G. Hill Masonic Lodge No. 218, Raleigh



John W. Holmes
fire marshal dies at 56
Raleigh Times Photo

Scottish Rite and Temple Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, McGartha Johnson Holmes; a son, John W. (Jackie) Holmes Jr. of Chattanooga, Tenn.; two brothers, Woodrow of Kensington, Md., and Willie Holmes of Fairfax, Va.; his mother, Mrs. Amanda B. Holmes of the home; and two grandchildren.

Fire guts home at Faison

FAISON — Fire caused by an electrical shortage in the kitchen nearly destroyed the Faison home of Blondie Holloman on rural road 1332, about two miles east of Faison recently, Faison Fire Chief Glenn Jernigan reported.

Chief Jernigan said the house caught fire while the family was away. He said the flames had broken through the roof of the

structure before anyone saw the blaze and called the fire department.

The entire house was engulfed in flames when the Faison firefighters arrived, the chief said.

Damage to the \$7,000 house was put at \$5,000. The \$5,000 contents were completely destroyed, Chief Jernigan said.

Fire damages 1-story home

CHARLOTTE — A fire recently caused extensive damage at a one-story brick home in southwest Charlotte.

H. Vonn Stokes, an employe of Springs Mills in Fort Mill, S.C., said he woke up about 4:15 a.m. and smelled smoke in his 1832 Emerywood Dr. home.

"I walked outside and saw fire coming out the roof so I went back inside and got my wife and four children (ages 6, 11, 13, and 19) out," Stokes said.

Three fire trucks plus one extra truck for manpower put out the fire at 5:06 a.m.

One fireman fighting the blaze fell through the roof and sprained his knee. No other injuries were reported.

Fire officials said the fire apparently started when a metal chimney ignited the wood framing around it in the attic and roof area. The attic and roof area were totally destroyed.

Stokes said he had lined up another place for his family to live.

Firemen classify extensive damage as more than \$5,000.

Old School Teaches Firemen

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fireman from one of the larger companies outside the county to his companion.

"It was twisted up like a maypole," was the reply. "Well, that's what they're here for. If you don't do it, you can't learn it."

"Part of our problem is we never get covered by the press unless we have a failure," said Hooper. "A failure is when a fire does a lot of damage. A success is when you keep a fire

down so it only does \$100 damage."

He pointed out the sophisticated equipment some of the outside companies had brought in for the occasion — a 1,000 gallon-per-minute snorkel truck, capable of quashing even this monstrous blaze at the will of the men operating it; a squad truck loaded with all kinds of rescue equipment.

"They've got that stuff in Guilford because of all the in-

dustry there. There's nothing like it in this county," he said.

"But think about it — what about Owens-Illinois, the pump station at Linwood, and apartments going up in Arcadia. We're going to have to have that stuff too, soon."

Sunbury business damaged by fire

SUNBURY — Rountree & Riddick, one of Sunbury's oldest and largest business, received extensive damage in a recent Saturday night fire which destroyed the interior of its second story.

Local firemen confined and extinguished the blaze before it could spread to the main floor which is heavily stocked with groceries, general merchandise and appliances.

Sunbury Fire Chief Williard Hofler reported that damage was extensive to the second

floor and included new general merchandise in storage there. Hofler said the fire could have started from a second story electrical fixture.

Sunbury firemen were summoned at 8:15 p.m. and had the fire under control at 8:45 p.m. Fireman and trucks from the Gatesville Department were called at 8:30 p.m. to assist.

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YANCEYVILLE — Approximately 70 firemen from seven of the county's eight fire departments joined together on a recent Friday night and Saturday for an L.P. Gas fire fighting school in Yanceyville promoted by Piedmont Technical Institute in Roxboro. Jack Elliott, director of Occupational and Extension Programs at PTI and Calvin Beck, area fire coordinator for the Department of Community Colleges, arranged the school and instructors were Johnny Baker, area fire coordinator, and Jerry Rowland, fire instructor at Western Piedmont Community College in Morganton. The firemen learned how to handle different problems involving L.P. Gas fires. The school covered four hours of classroom work and eight hours of field work.

Yanceyville Caswell Messenger

Firemen Attend Course

KERNERSVILLE — Fifteen members of the Kernersville Fire Department recently completed the Standard First Aid and Personal Safety Course. Each man attended a 21-hour class and received a card of completion. The course, sponsored by the American Red Cross, was taught by Capt. R. R. Swaim of the Kernersville Fire Department.

Members completing the course were Asst. Chiefs — Frank Clark and Don Berrier; Capts. — Jackie Berrier and Richard Wilson; Lts. — Billy Broadstreet and Larry Needham; Fulltime Sgts. — C. E. Clark and G.E. Derrah; Firemen — Rick Grubbs, Kenny Albert, Terry Brown, J. Max Coltrane, Charles Simpson, Bill Link, Keith Albert and Danny Kiger.

Hotplate blamed for blaze

WARRENTON — Fire, said to have originated from a hotplate, completely destroyed the mobile home and contents of Joe Alexander on the No Bottom Road, Rt. 1, Warrenton, 10:30 p.m. recently.

The Warrenton Rural Fire Department dispatched 12 men

and two trucks to the fire. Firemen extinguished the blaze with water but not before the building had been gutted and its contents destroyed.

The Norlina fire company also responded to the alarm but the fire was out of control when it arrived.



ERWIN — TRAINING SESSION — Erwin Fire Chief Louis Joseph was happy with the response to a training session he and his fellow officers conducted recently in rescuing persons from a burning building. Here is Erwin Police Sgt. Neil McLean assisting a squad member with his air pak. Participating were men from Dunn and Erwin and one from Godwin-Falcon.

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Mount Olive Tribune Photo



NEWLAND — THE ROAN MOUNTAIN FIRE DEPT. has obtained a Army surplus firetruck from the Army. This unit will be in use in the Roan Mountain area. Funds are needed to help in restoring this valuable piece of equipment.

Newland Avery Journal Photo

Fire Destroys Mobile Home

MONROE — Two women escaped unharmed from a burning mobile home recently, but the structure was a total loss.

Monroe Fire Chief Floyd Hill reported a neighbor in Brookhaven Mobile Home Park came out of his home, saw the fire and entered the mobile home. It was owned by John

McRorie. He said curtains were burning. He pulled them down, but the wall behind them had already caught fire.

He roused the occupants, Pam Boatright and Terry Land, and they got out.

The mobile home was a total loss, the fire chief reports.

Vance Fire Loss

Set At \$37,000

HENDERSON — Damages were estimated at \$37,000 in a fire at the Perry Lumber Co. south of Henderson.

Firemen said a burst water pipe was the cause. The pipe let loose a flood of water, which caused a short-circuit in an electric motor of a chipper machine.

The machinery, used in the initial processing of logs, was fully in flames when the Vance County Fire Department and the Bearpond Fire Department arrived shortly after 3:30 p.m.

Firemen put the damage to equipment at \$35,000 and at \$2,000 to the building that housed the machinery.

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Knightdale Firemen Battle Woods Fire for 3½ Hours

KNIGHTDALE — The Knightdale Volunteer Fire Department battled a woods fire for 3 and a half hours on a recent afternoon.

Chief Wall said he believed the fire began when a train threw sparks into dry underbrush, but he couldn't be sure.

He said the fire was across the river and firemen had a hard time getting to the fire. "It took us almost an hour to get to the fire. We got almost to the

fire and then we were cut off by the river and had to circle around the highway. It was down in the woods."

Knightsdale firemen called for assistance from the New Hope Volunteer Fire Department and forest rangers.

The forest rangers plowed around the fire so it couldn't spread any further.

"The fire was actually in New Hope's fire district, but they needed the help," said Wall.

Kernersville Chooses Fire Chief

KERNERSVILLE — Jerry W. Kerley takes over as Kernersville's new fire chief on May 9.

The appointment of Kerley, 37, a lieutenant in the Winston-Salem Fire Department, was announced in April by Town Manager Robert C. Smith.

He said Kerley was picked as the most qualified applicant from the nine who applied for the job as chief. He succeeds Wayne Porter, who resigned earlier this year.

Smith said that Kerley has served with the Winston-Salem Fire Department for 16 years.

Kerley holds an associate degree in fire science technology and has almost completed requirements for a degree in public administration from Winston-Salem State University.

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Ricky Swain, a captain in the Kernersville Fire Department, has been acting chief during the search for a new chief.

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ROSE HILL — FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND DEVOTION Rose Hill Fire Chief Clayton Herring was the recipient of a "New York style" leather cairns fire helmet. The helmet, which features a hand painted gold leaf gilt on front was presented to Herring by members of the Rose Hill Fire Department recently. Clayton Herring is a charter member of the Department which was established in 1939. He has been chief since 1960. Fireman William H. Hall (R) is shown presenting the helmet to Herring.

Wallace Enterprise Photo
Courtesy of The Duplin Times

Fire destroys auto carrier

WILBAR — A tractor was destroyed, and the automobile carrier trailer was heavily damaged by fire at Wilbar on N.C. 16 north early on a recent afternoon.

Driver Grady Robert Wall, 43, Route 1, East Bend, said he was going south when the fire started behind the cab.

He stopped the rig near Calloways' Store, about a half mile north of Wilbar.

Glendale Springs Fire Department in Ashe County dispatched two trucks and personnel to the scene.

However the fire was a quick

spreading one. Fire quickly consumed the tractor, a 1970 GMC, and caught the tires on fire. Trailer tires also burned, and the trailer was heavily damaged by the heat. No cars were being hauled.

Glendale Firemen extinguished a grass fire in a field caused by the burning tractor.

Firemen quickly cooled the fire using water from the trucks so that traffic could proceed on N.C. 16 north.

Patrolman G.D. Tucker, who investigated, said that damage to the tractor and trailer was estimated as \$13,000 or more.

Blaze destroys apartment

PITTSBORO — A three-room apartment was destroyed by fire recently but adjacent buildings were saved as Pittsboro volunteer firemen quickly extinguished the blaze.

Firemen think an electric heater caused the fire which gutted the apartment located off the Sanford Road and just two blocks south of the fire station.

It took firemen just minutes to reach the scene of the fire after it was reported at 9:45 p.m.

Two rooms were completely destroyed by the blaze and a kit-

chen was slightly damaged. It will cost about \$5,000 to repair the place, Fire Chief Burnice Griffin said.

A pool hall located adjacent to the apartment escaped damage as flames were quickly extinguished by firemen.

It was "just luck" the pool hall did not catch on fire, Griffin said.

The apartment is owned by Ms. Mary Reeves; however, she was not there when the fire started. Other persons occupying the apartment were not injured during the fire.

Fire destroys mobile home

CATAWBA COUNTY — Fire destroyed the mobile home of a Catawba County man recently as firemen were unable to stop the blaze after they arrived.

Members of the Fairbrook Volunteer Fire Department came to the home of Clayton Hefner just south of Highway 64-70 near Interstate 40 about 9:30 p.m. to find the home ablaze and Hefner alone out-

side.

Firemen think the blaze may have started from a lighted cigarette in the den and kitchen area. No injuries were reported and firemen, who responded with four trucks, estimated \$5,000 in damages.

About 28 men fought the blaze, Raymond Townsend, fire chief, said. They remained on the scene for two hours.

Fire sweeps home

RAEFORD — The home of Richard Monroe in the Pine Hill fire district was extensively damaged when a fire broke out about 3 a.m. recently.

According to Pine Hill Fire Chief Walter Purcell, the blaze began in a utility room near the carport of the home. The rest of the home suffered heavy damage before firemen could extinguish the blaze. The Pine Bluff and Aberdeen fire departments assisted.

Cause of the fire had not immediately been determined.

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LENOIR — LIFESAVING PRACTICE — Instructor Lt. Dale Coffey of the Lenoir Fire Department "rescues" Gamewell firemen Keith Owens during a practice drill held recently at the Gamewell Fire Department. This exercise was one of many included in the 42-hour firefighting procedures class sponsored by Caldwell Community College to assist fire departments in upgrading their skills.

Lenoir News Topic Photo

Mann Is Veteran Dunn Firefighter

DUNN — Assistant Chief Gerald Mann has donated more than 20 years of service to the Dunn Fire Department, rising through the ranks to his present position. In addition to being a regular line fireman, he has held the position of captain and lieutenant.

Mann and his wife, the former Edith Gray Bracey, live on North Park Avenue and have two children, Marsha, now married and living in Raleigh, and Mike, a student at Duke University. They attend First Presbyterian Church in Dunn.

A graduate of Albemarle grammar and high schools, he is a native of Stanley County. Mann also graduated from Kings Business College in Charlotte.

He is a veteran of the United States Army Air Force with three years service from 1943 to 1946, and among other civic endeavors serves as head of the Dunn Public Library board of trustees.

He is associated with C.J. Hanna and Associates, Inc. of Dunn.

Mann now serves as a pump

operator with the fire department.



GERALD S. MANN
Dunn Dispatch Photo

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GASTONIA — Gastonia firemen used a Boy Scout-style bucket brigade to fight a 10-acre wind-whipped grass and woods fire on a recent afternoon.

The two-alarm blaze began in a field behind Ashbrook High School shortly before 2:15 p.m. and burned for an hour and a half before firemen were able to put it out. Men and equipment from Fire Station No. 4 on New Hope Road and Station No. 1

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Bucket brigade attacks wind-whipped grass fire



THE BUCKET BRIGADE — City firemen Kermit Boone (left) and Mike Green find whatever water they can to fight a fire off Imperial Drive near Ashbrook High School. The fire involved a wooded area nearly a half-mile off paved streets where the city's equipment could not reach it, officials said.

Gastonia Gazette Photo

downtown fought the fire using hoses and buckets of water.

Capt. John Gilreath of Station 4 said firemen were able to use hoses on burning grass near Imperial Drive where the fire started. But the city fire equipment, designed for use on paved streets, was unable to get close enough to burning woods farther from the road, he said.

"It was too deep and swampy and we couldn't get our trucks (and hoses) up to it," he said. "So we did the next best thing to do, and that's carry the water in buckets in there."

Firemen formed a bucket brigade like a troop of Boy Scouts and after an hour and a half of bucket-by-bucket dousing, were able to extinguish the blaze.

High winds, which were gusting at recorded speeds as high as 52 miles per hour that day, whipped the fire into an extensive blaze before firemen arrived at the scene.

"The wind sure didn't do us no good but sure did the fire some good," Gilreath said.

Gilreath said witnesses told firemen they saw children in the field smoking cigarettes before the fire started.

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Firemen Have Training Session



Smoke 'Victim' Is Treated
Kernersville News Photo

KERNERSVILLE — A once stately home on N.C. 66 South went up in flames on a recent

Saturday, but the burning was planned to give firemen from three stations some valuable training in fire fighting and rescue work.

Weaver, fire safety instructor with Forsyth Technical Institute, explaining to the firemen how the operation was to be conducted.

Firemen (and firewoman, Mrs. Edna Tilley being the female firefighter) from Kernersville, Beeson's Cross Roads and Piney Grove began gathering at the scene at 8 a.m. The training session lasted most of the day with the last firemen departing about 6 p.m.

First, small fires were set which created more smoke than fire and when the house filled with smoke, rescue teams were sent in to look for occupants. Two firemen acted as victims and they were hauled outside where rescue personnel got some training in reviving smoke inhalation victims.

The session began with Larry

Following this exercise, the house was ignited and members from each unit got in some practice as to the best way to battle a fire.

After the session, Weaver had high praise for the three units, saying he thought they all carried out their assignments in a professional manner.



NEWPORT FIREMEN HONORED

NEWPORT — Newport Fire Chief Milton Gould, left, and Wallace Conner, also of Newport, open oysters during an oyster roast recently at the fire station, Howard Boulevard. Mr. Conner donated the oysters in appreciation of the fire department's service to the town. Firemen cooked the shellfish for themselves, families and a few guests.

Morehead City -Beaufort News - Times Photo

Stubborn Blaze Hits Egg Plant

ALBEMARLE — Albemarle firemen worked for close to six hours fighting fire and smoke in a storage room within the All-Star egg plant at the city limits on the Concord Road on a recent afternoon and evening.

Auxiliary breathing apparatus was necessary for firemen to spend much time in the area.

They used an estimated 15 air packs.

Damage was confined to the contents of the room, insulation in the walls, plus minor smoke damage elsewhere.

More air cylinders were brought to Albemarle by Rocky River and Locust Volunteer Fire Departments.

The room in question was an old cooling or freezer room no longer used for cooling purposes. Inside were bundles and stacks of pulp "flats" used between layers of eggs in crates.

Albemarle had approximately 25 firemen on the scene, including a few volunteers, plus five fire vehicles.

Firemen said the fire apparently started by some carelessly activated electrical switch for a compressor motor in the cold storage room. It possibly overheated and ignited the pulp material piled around it.

One fireman, Capt. Clarence Ridenhour, was overcome by smoke and taken to the hospital, treated and later released.

Firemen found it difficult to get to the insulation burning between the thick and solid walls of the old freezer room.

Other firemen sustained minor injuries from smoke and falling plaster.

Hampering all the efforts was the dense and toxic smoke caused by the burning flats and from the insulation.

Horace Lowder, All-Star manager, praised the work of the firefighters.

"They did a marvelous job even though they had a lot of problems to deal with," he said. "The fire in the walls was difficult to get to. Ventilation was a problem. There was a tremendous amount of smoke which made air packs necessary. These firemen worked under extremely difficult conditions and they did an efficient job of containing the fire to this one storage area. We appreciate their efforts very much."

"It was a difficult fire to fight," commented Fire Chief Tom Chandler. "But with the cooperation of management and personnel at the plant, we were able to control it."

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Standing, Capt. Dennis Waller, Capt. Stevie Jordan, Lt. Stevie Waller, Lt. Gene Wolfe, and Lt. June McClenny.
Mount Olive Tribune Photo

Second Fire Prevention

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events for the occasion, which will be held on Saturday, October 15.

Stanley said Dudley firemen will conduct fire prevention inspections at homes, businesses and schools which request them. Open house will be held at the fire station from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. during the day, and band concerts are planned between 11:45 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. at Brogden Primary school.

Prizes will be awarded this year to winners of a non-commercial float contest.

And several other new activities will be announced later, according to the parade committee.

Individuals, firms, clubs, etc. in the northern Duplin county or southern Wayne county areas interested in sponsoring a float or other entry in the parade should contact Chairman Stanley, Dudley Fire Department, Dudley, N.C., telephone 735-0320.

News from Cape Carteret Volunteer Fire & Rescue

SWANSBORO — The Cape Carteret Volunteer Fire & Rescue members met on Monday, March 7 at the fire station with President Walter Vinson calling the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The department voted to put an application in at the post office for the bulk rate mailing permit. Mike Yuhas said we could sell advertisements to pay for the cost. Several other members agreed.

The auction held at the fire station recently was a success and people have asked when the next one will be held.

Chief Schoonover reported there were three brush fires and one house fire in February. There was a fire training class March 18 at the fire station. The hearing for the tax district has been set for May 4 at 7:30 PM at the fire station.

Assistant Chief Campen reported there were 11 rescue calls with 607 miles traveled. Transports were 4 to Carteret General, 3 to Cherry Point, 2 to Camp Lejeune, 1 to New Bern and 1 no transport.

The Fund Raising and Publicity Committee made a report on the planned fund raising projects. The semi-annual fried chicken dinner will be held May 28. June Moreau is chairman. A bake sale will also be held May 28 at the fire station with Betty Reece as chairman.

A door-to-door campaign for funds is being conducted. Charles Granger is chairman.

There were four new members accepted for membership with the rescue squad. They are Frances Brooks, Victoria Buzzo, Larry Blais and Jacob Schaefer.

There were four members accepted in February as active firefighters. They are Elizabeth Campen, Ann Dowdy, Fay Vinson and Betty Reece.
Submitted by
Jean Schoonover

Rolesville Vol. Fire Dept.

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Jessie Gay, Captain; Duke Perry, Lieutenant; Louis Pearce, Jr., Training Officer; Herbert Holding, Secretary; Kirby Pearce, Assistant Secretary; R.L. Pearce, Chief of Traffic; and Neal Mitchell, Chaplain.
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GOODBYE, CHIEF SPARGO

GASTONIA — Gastonia firemen said their farewells to former Chief J.W. Spargo in March during a surprise party at Fire Station No. 1 on Second Avenue. Spargo resigned recently after 40 years of service with the city fire fighting force. Pictured here (l-r) are Ike Isenhour, the fire department's acting chief; Spargo, holding a plaque presented to him at the party; and Lt. P.S. Rucker, another fireman.

Gastonia Gazette Photo

First Called To Respond Three Fire Departments Agree On New Policy

MOUNT HOLLY — Three area fire departments have agreed on a procedure for dispatching trucks in answer to future fire calls or related emergencies.

The plan would prevent future misunderstandings and avoid recurrence of a situation which happened recently when a mix-up in communications resulted in the East Gaston Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) answering a call inside the Mount Holly Fire Department area.

The new policy, agreed to by the Mount Holly, East Gaston and Catawba Heights departments, would dispatch help from the first fire department called.

The policy states that "When the exact location of the emergency is not known and when the location is near the borderline of an area normally served by a Gaston County or

some other fire department, it is mutually agreed by the Mount Holly, East Gaston and Catawba Heights fire departments that when a call is received reporting a fire or related emergency and reported location is near the boundary of the service area of another fire department, the receiving department will advise the other department and

then respond. The other department will then report to the scene also. The two departments then will take appropriate action, taking into consideration the need for assistance at the scene or possibly other calls that could be received by either of the departments coming from their respective service areas."

Participating in the discussions were officials from the three fire departments and the Gaston County fire Marshal, Albert McGinnis.

The incident that brought about awareness of the need for a stated policy occurred February 13 when a mix-up in communications delayed an-

swer to a call to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Hollar on North Main Street at the city limits when the Mount Holly department dispatcher relayed the call to the East Gaston VFD which answered the call inside the city.

Mount Holly City Manager Wilson Coleman, who worded the policy, said it was bad that such a situation happen in the first place but it did call to the attention of fire officials that such could happen. The new policy should prevent a recurrence, he said.

Determination of county fire lines leaves an area to the north of Mount Holly city limits and south of the Lucia-Riverbend VFD area, which ends at the North Carolina Forestry Service, to be served by the East Gaston VFD.

To reach the area, the East Gaston VFD must travel through Mount Holly.

East Gaston and Lucia-Riverbend firemen fought a grass fire recently which burned several acres between Pinewood School and the home of Mrs. Clinton Keever across Highway 273 from Duke Power's storage yard.

Earlier this year, a woods and grass fire burned over more than a hundred acres behind the storage yard from the Catawba River to Highway 16. East Gaston, Lucia-Riverbend, Catawba Heights, Community and Alexis units fought that blaze.

Raleigh Firemen

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fire prevention bureau for the past 21 years. He was promoted from inspector to deputy marshal in 1971.

As fire marshal, Woodlief will earn an annual salary of \$18,564.

Capt. James T. Owens, 40, assistant training officer for the department, was named chief of training. Owens replaces James E. Warren who was appointed a district chief on Jan. 4.

Owens joined the department in 1962 and became a captain 11 years later. In his new position he will earn \$16,836 a year.

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