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Pinecroft-Sedgefield Fire Dept. Celebrates 25 Years Of Service

GREENSBORO — On Sunday, May 22 the Pinecroft-Sedgefield Fire Department celebrated its twenty-fifth year of serving the public. The department's very active Ladies Auxiliary held an open house and presented a program of speakers at the departments' headquarters station on Bishop Road in Southern Guilford County.

The program was attended by approximately 250 to 300 people. Featured speakers include Gaston Faison, Chairman of the Guilford County Commissioners; John Witherspoon, Guilford County Manager; Jim Rickers, Assistant County Manager; Charles Porter, Guilford County Fire Marshal; John Spivey, Guilford County Forester; Gene Carter, Lieutenant, Pinecroft-Sedgefield Fire Department; Past

Department Chiefs, A.E. Lundy and Allen Pinnix; and the department's current Chief, Simon W. Bryant. After the program, refreshments were served and the audience was invited to watch some home movies of the department when it was first organized in 1952.

The Pinecroft-Sedgefield Fire Department was organized in March of 1952 at a time when rural Guilford County was virtually without any form of Fire Protection. The department used a garage behind a Truckstop as its first station. The first truck was a 1952 American LaFrance, 500 GPM on a Ford chassis. This truck is still in service today as a backup engine in one of the county's other departments. Pinecroft-Sedgefield's Fire District in 1952 was approximately 25 square miles

with a population of approximately 5,000 people.

When first organized, Pinecroft-Sedgefield Fire Department had no radio dispatch. The only alert system was a siren that blew from on top of a service station. The owner of the station would receive the call on his telephone and set off the siren. The ladies would respond to the siren by calling the firemen on the phone and advising them of the call and the location. Radios came into the operation in 1956 and big improvements were added in the mid '60s when the county provided Central Dispatchers for the entire county.

The department was first financed by subscriptions. Then

in the mid '50s the citizens of the fire district voted to support a Fire Tax of 10¢ per \$100.00 valuation to finance the department.

Due to the lack of man-power and slow response, the department hired their first paid man (a Chief) in 1954 at a salary of \$70.00 per week. Today, the department has six paid men in addition to the paid, full-time Chief.

As previously stated, the first station was a converted garage. This station was relocated in 1956 and again in 1973, which now is the departments' Headquarters Station. Due to the annexations by the City of Greensboro, and the actions of

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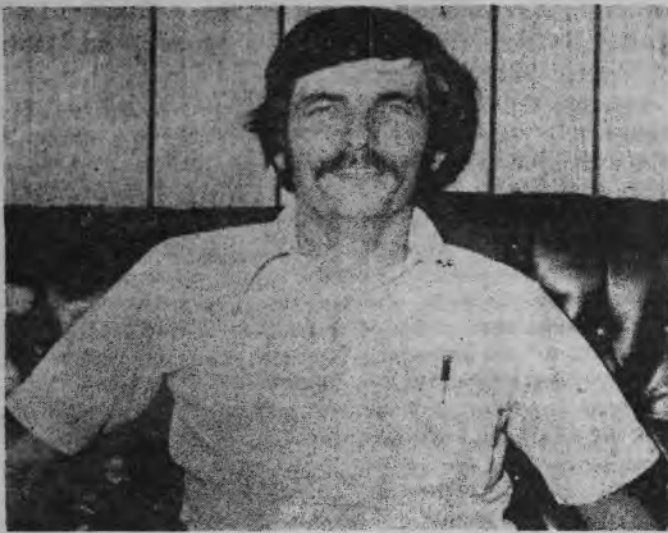
Bayboro F.D. Completes Course

BAYBORO — The Bayboro Triangle Fire Department announces that it has recently completed a Basic Fire Fighting Course. The course was held at Pamlico Technical Institute and six members of the fire department completed the course. These were Chief Earl Spencer, Assistant Chief, Coy Warren, Secretary Kenneth Smith, Tommy Spencer, Eddie Norfleet and Florentine Martinez.

All of these men and others in their department are volunteers, giving of their time to serve their community when the need arises. Six new members have joined Triangle Fire Department this year. A department spokesman says that any others interested in joining the fire department should contact Earl Spencer or any of the other firemen. The age requirement for a fireman is 18 years or over. The Triangle Fire Department needs everyone's support.

Members of the department expressed their desire to give recognition and thanks to Pamlico Home Builders and Supplies, especially to Julius Tyndall, for donating paint with which they recently painted the fire house.

Sanders elected chief



Havelock Progress Photo

HAVELOCK — The town of Havelock got a new fire chief in June when the 28 volunteer members elected 30-year-old Jimmy Sanders to fill the position that was vacated recently when Bill Creed resigned the post to devote more time to fishing and shrimping.

Sanders, elected to the position at the regular monthly meeting, has been a member of the department for the last three years and a resident of

Havelock off and on since 1954.

A seven and a half year Air Force veteran, Sanders assumes the position as a graduate of the Wilson fire school and the state Rescue College. He is also an emergency medical technician instructor and state examiner for the 81 hour ambulance course required for certification.

Sanders lives, with his wife and son, at 210 Pinedale St. in Havelock.

SANFORD — Sanford area firemen hosted between 200 and 250 representatives of fire departments throughout the Sandhills area on a recent Saturday at the annual Sandhills Firemen's Association Convention at the Lions club fairgrounds.

Abner Harrington presented a dog and magic show to entertain the wives while the firemen started their day with an hour-long business meeting.

After lunch, the firemen spent the afternoon competing against one another in five events designed to test their fire-fighting expertise. The first event required the contestants to put out a gasoline fire with hand extinguishers.

In the water barrel fight, the participants had to use their firehoses to move a barrel suspended on wire between two poles to the other side.

A women's water barrel fight was held to entice the wives to participate, with the women have the same task as the men in their water barrel event.

The breathing equipment competition had firemen try to dress in their firefighting suits and hook up their air packs in the least amount of time.

The ladder climb required a competing team to tie ropes to a ladder, raise it, and have

Firemen test skills in Sanford



Capt. Odell Powers of the Sanford Fire Department explains the ladder competition for Sandhills area firemen at their convention in the Lee County fairgrounds.

Sanford Herald Photo

another fireman climb the ladder on one side and climb down on the other side in the fastest amount of time.

A hose-laying event featured fire teams seeing who could hook the hose to the truck and

get the water out in the least amount of time.

A street dance was held that Saturday night on Steele Street to conclude the firemen's day of fun and competition.

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Editorial

For the past three years, I feel like all I've done is sell, buy, pack and move — I'm beginning to feel like a Jumpin' Jack or a Whirling Dervish, or whatever! Now that you have gotten used to sending my personal mail to 207 Jackson Street, I'm going to have to ask you to return to using my old address of P.O. Box 643, again. Fortunately we kept our P.O. Box due to so much printed



EMILY H. KING

material for mailing purposes, so now you will be using it again for my address also, almost like I have never been away. By the way, the Jackson Street address was for Roanoke Rapids, the P.O. Box is again New Bern, N.C. 28560.

I'm back at "home" as to locality in general, but my, how New Bern has grown in such a short time! It was impossible for us to find anything anywhere near like we wanted any closer than 12 miles from town, and we are located just off Hwy. 17 N. at a little place called Ernul, but New Bern having been home for so long, that's where I am when I'm not at home or running back and forth to Roanoke Rapids to bring more of our things down.

We are not yet really settled, but well underway. It took us two months to keep this place, spending most of our time here. Although I was in Roanoke Rapids more than here, my husband stayed down here, working and looking, when I wasn't here.

One thing New Bern hasn't changed about — the heat and dry spells, and then, too much rain! Our first couple of weeks it was hot and dry. Then for two weeks, a lot of thundershowers. Too many, in fact, for the farmers. Some tobacco has drowned, I understand. And all burning was cancelled in May!

I guess you all have become used to my surprises by now, but I hope this move will be our last. Of course I didn't let you know I had moved to Roanoke Rapids until I had been there for a long time, waiting, I thought, to make sure it was going to be a permanent move. But it didn't take my husband long to find out he just wasn't cut out to try to combine construction work with a small farm, although he had always wanted a place like that. Me, I try to make myself content with whatever he wants, since I have always been able to adjust better than he has, after getting transplanted to North Carolina from Georgia over 20 years ago.

I hope I'm welcome back again and that you all will be pleased and don't forget, same mailing address for me again: P.O. Box 643, New Bern, N.C. 28560.

Emily H. King

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Fire Prevention Suggestions Given

GOLDSBORO — Last year 12,000 persons died in fires in this country and an additional 300,000 were injured or maimed. In Goldsboro and Wayne County alone fire damage totalled \$1,128,284 compared to \$3 billion nationwide.

To prevent such tragedies, each spring a Fire Prevention program is sponsored by the Underwood-Dawson Insurance Agency in cooperation with the Goldsboro Fire Department and Goldsboro City Schools.

Some 3,000 Junior Fire Marshals in seven local elementary schools have participated by studying fire prevention literature in school and will now put this to use in their homes.

Suggestions for making homes safer include:

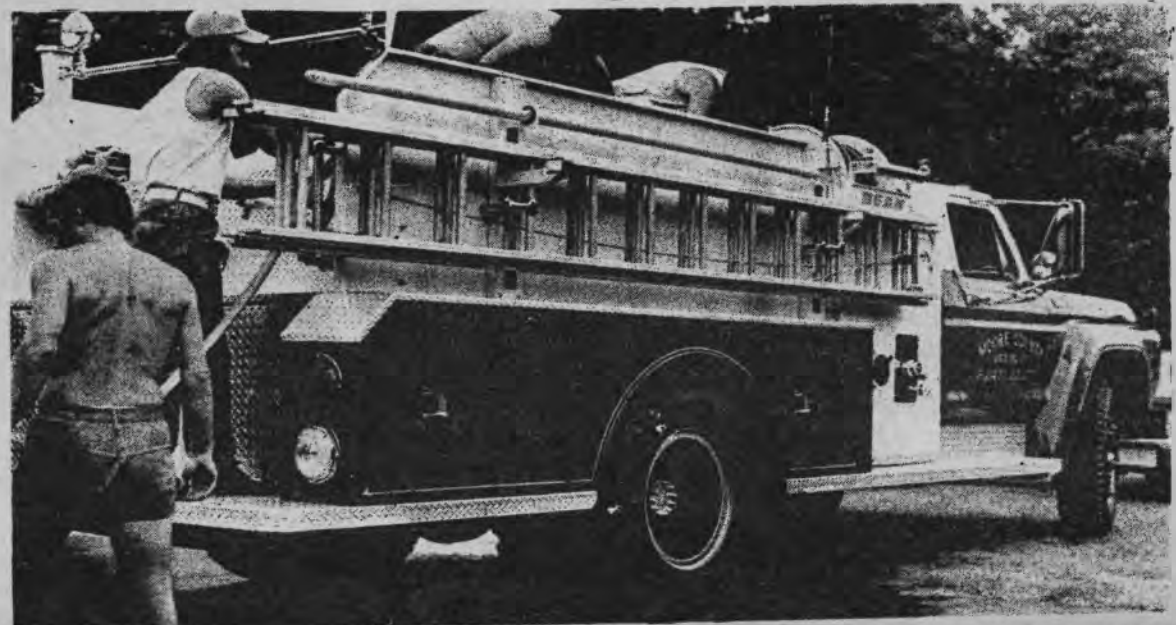
- Installation of a UL-approved type smoke detector in the home near each sleeping area, placed between the sleepers and the rest of the house to warn them of the presence of smoke. (Fire officials note that flames rank last in the ways fire can kill. When a home burns, especially at night, most victims die from asphyxiation, smoke inhalation or superheated gases; they never wake up.)
- Let plenty of fresh air into the house when painting.
- Get rid of junk piled around the house during the winter.

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**National Fire Protection Association
CALENDAR**

- 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.

Highfalls Fire Dept. Busy With Training Programs



The Highfalls Fire Department works at pulling the 1½ inch water hose back onto their truck. They have been participating in various training programs lately.

HIGHFALLS — The Highfalls fire department attended two training sessions on a recent week. On Tuesday, June 14, they participated in a quick-dump exercise by the Bennett and Siler City departments.

The quick-dump is the system utilized in fighting fires in rural areas where water must be handed for some distance.

It consists of a portable tank which hold about 1,200 gallons of water, a drafter tank and many quick-dump trucks. The drafter truck, which is a regular fire truck, is set up beside the portable tank from which it drafts water to where it is needed. The water can be transferred to either another firefighting truck, or placed directly on the fire. The quick-dump trucks haul their water to the portable tank, and empty their load into it, thus keeping it

The Robbins Record Photo full. Each quick-dump truck can empty roughly 1,200 gallons in about one minute and fifteen seconds.

The demonstration was held at Bennett School. The Highfalls fire truck was used for the drafting while a Siler City bush truck was employed to dispense the water on a make-believe

fire. Siler City, Bonlee, Bennet; and Coleridge departments hauled water to the site from a pond one mile away. In forty-five minutes, 18,000 gallons of water were hauled and emptied. That comes to roughly 400 gallons per minute.

Members of the Highfall
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Toll-Free Number For Thelma VFD

LITTLETON — Residents of the Littleton area may now contact the Thelma Volunteer fire Department at a toll-free number.

The Thelma VFD has been assigned Zenith Number 141.

Those in and around Littleton who wish to call the department should dial "operator" and ask for "Zenith 141." The connection is automatic and no long-distance charge will be made.

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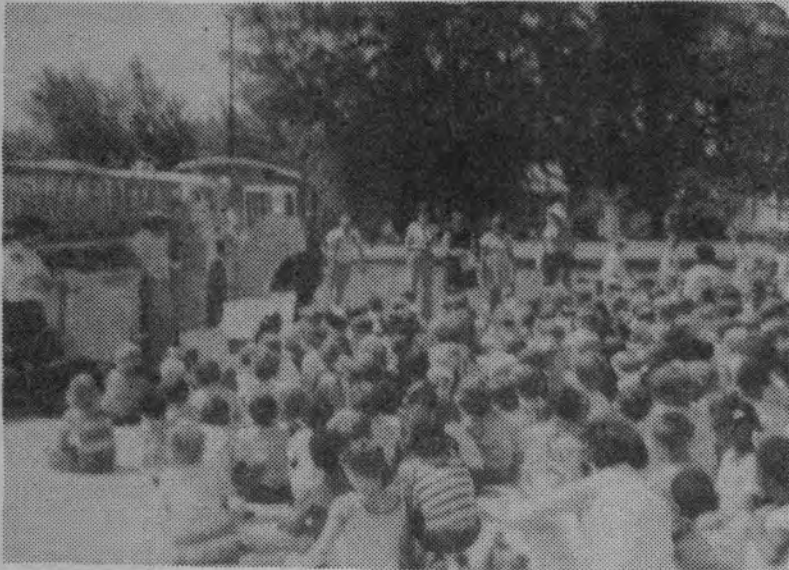
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Claremont VFD Talks To Elementary School



CLAREMONT — On June 5, 1977 the Claremont Volunteer Fire Department gave a Fire Prevention Program to 600 children at the Claremont

Elementary School in Claremont, N.C. The program consisted of talks about fire prevention and fire safety, and also included two films. Then

the children were given literature that was donated by the Catawba County Fire Marshal's office. The literature given consisted of coloring books of fire equipment, fire prevention questions for the home and emergency telephone numbers that stick on the phone.

After the talks and films, the children were taken outside and shown the fire trucks and various equipment. The fire department puts on two programs a year.

The firemen who gave the program were Chief Charles Baker, Assistant Chief Gene Scruggs, Deputy Fire Marshal Rupert Little, Captain Marshall Butler and Lt. Terry Butler.

Submitted by
Capt. Marshall N. Butler
Claremont Vol. Fire Dept.



FARMVILLE — The A.C. Turnage home on 264 east of Farmville near Lang's crossroads was struck by lightning and burned. Jim Craft of the Farmville department mans the hose. Other departments assisted in an attempt to save the dwelling, occupied by the Perry Beaman family.

Farmville Enterprise Photo

Whiteville Business Is Destroyed By Fire

WHITEVILLE — Whiteville had its worst fire since 1965 on a recent Monday morning when Scott's of Whiteville Inc., an electrical wholesale-retail supply firm, had its retail department destroyed.

A passerby reported the blaze to the fire department at 12:40 a.m. and when the firemen and two trucks arrived at the site the fire had broken through the roof.

No estimate on the loss had been given immediately, but it is expected to run into the thousands of dollars. The firm's wholesale warehouse was not burned, but the heat from the nearby retail department fire gave off such intense heat that much of the steel supporting the brick building will have to be replaced.

Eight fulltime Whiteville fireman and nine volunteers

fought the blaze inside the retail building and, though no injury was reported, three narrowly escaped the collapsing girders and roof.

Chief Kimble Best said no statement was ready on the origin of the fire although he admitted "it looked a bit suspicious," but delayed a judgment until a report is made by a requested Insurance Department engineer.

It was Whiteville's worst such fire since 1965 when Simmons' downtown drugstore was devastated.

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Firemen practice fast dumping system



Jesse Parks Empties Water Into "Vat"
LaGrange Weekly Gazette Photo

LaGRANGE — Every fire department, whether it be volunteer or paid, has to take time out to become familiarized

with new fire fighting equipment.

And recently volunteer members of the LaGrange Volunteer

Fire Department got their first "test" with a new \$1,500 system recently employed by the local department and every department in the county.

Known as the "Fast Dump System", the new fire fighting system broadens the local department's efforts in serving the immediate rural areas outside LaGrange, and within neighboring Wayne County and parts of Lenoir County.

According to Fire Chief E.B. Walters and Assistant Chief Milton Jones, the new system will be used particularly where a ready-source of water is some distance from the actual location of the fire.

Under the system, three pieces of equipment are necessary: (1) a tanker (2) a "vat" (3) and a pumper.

For example: When firemen arrive to a rural chicken farm which is quickly being destroyed by fire, the "fast dump system" becomes vastly essential.

First a nearby water supply, such as irrigation ponds or a creek, must be located.

While this is being done, firemen hose down the chicken house by use of water from the pumper.

Next, the vat, a 12' x 12' x 30" collapsible vinyl water basin is assembled beside the pumper.

During this time, the tanker withdraws water from the creek or irrigation pond, and eventually transports it to the fire scene where the water is emptied into the vat, which incidentally holds 2,000 gallons and takes 1½ minutes to fill.

This process, tanker to vat to pumper is repeated as much as needed until the fire is extinguished.

Actually the fast dump system, primarily the vat, gives firefighters that essential ingredient — a steady flow of water to fight the fire.

Old House Destroyed

STATESVILLE — Local firemen got some practice on extinguishing house fires recently as the city fire department burned a house on Salisbury Road to practice techniques.

Fire Chief Frank Crowson said that volunteer firemen from county fire departments joined the city firemen at the scene to brush up on their skills, too.

Crowson said the abandoned house on Salisbury Road near the Ramada Inn and I-77 was set on fire about 7:30 p.m., and the firemen stayed at the scene for several hours, alternately extinguishing and igniting the blaze until the structure was completely burned.

City firemen visited the scene again the following morning at 5 a.m. when the embers burst into flames again, after the training session was over.

Fire Damages Skyland Home

SKYLAND — A television started a fire that caused an estimated \$25,000 damage to a Skyland home in June.

The television apparently short-circuited, causing the fire, Skyland Volunteer Fire Department members said.

The fire destroyed the den, kitchen, sewing room and attic of the home, owned by Charles Flowers of 3 S. Wick Place.

The firemen said Flowers' 13-year-old daughter turned in the alarm before fleeing the house. The alarm was received by the department at 1:31 p.m.

Firemen said the living room, bathroom and bedrooms of the house were saved from the fire, but were damaged by smoke and water.

The Fletcher Volunteer Fire Department assisted in extinguishing the blaze while the Henderson County Fire Department acted as a reserve unit.

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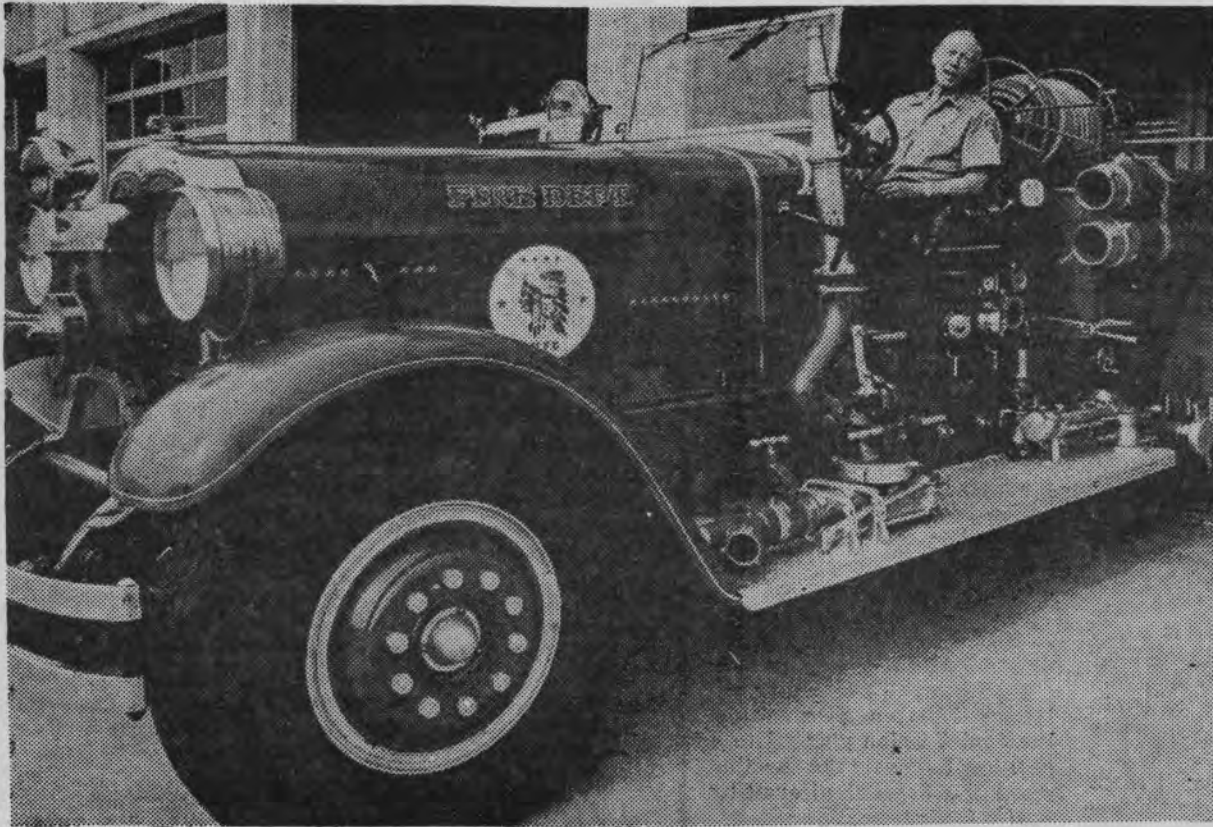
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One Last Ride —
DURHAM — Capt. Thurmond Ellis of the Durham Fire Department retired in mid-June after 36 years. To celebrate, his fellow firemen borrowed an old 1934 fire engine the city auctioned and put Ellis aboard for one last run in high style. The engine now is owned by Don Hill of Durham.

Durham Sun Photo

Fire hits office

RALEIGH — A fire charred one room in a state office building on June 25.

The fire was in the Womack Building, which houses offices for the State Department of Natural and Economic Resources. District Chief C.E. Kelley said the fire, reported at 5:30 a.m., took 30 minutes to bring under control.

The building is located at the end of Salisbury Street in the State Government complex.

The fire was confined to a single room, but the entire structure "suffered heavy smoke damage," Kelley said.

Because there are no windows in the structure and "nowhere for the air and heat to go," the heat just kept "building up" in the building, making it difficult for the firemen to enter and fight the blaze.

Neither the cause of the fire nor the damage had been determined immediately.

State property officials at the scene had not determined damage to the contents of the charred room.

Fire Destroys Motor Boat

TAYLORSVILLE — The Wittenburg Fire Department responded to the scene of a boat fire at Taylorsville Beach on a recent evening around seven o'clock. There were no serious injuries reported.

A spokesman for the fire department said he understood that the boat had "just been gassed up" at Taylorsville Beach, drove a little ways, then caught fire. He said it was a total loss, that it burned the whole inside out and burned a hole through the wall.

Additional information on the incident was not immediately available.

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Fire Damages Odom's House

RED SPRINGS — A small fire occurred at the home of James E. Odom, of 104 Coppedge Street on Wednesday, June 15 at 4 p.m.

Volunteer fireman Jake Grantham said that eight firemen responded to the call and about \$2,000 worth of damage was done to the house.

The fire had the Red Springs firemen wondering for several minutes when they rode down Coppedge Street and saw no smoke.

Whoever called the fire department gave only the street, Coppedge Street, where the blaze was located. The firemen rode by James Odom's house once and did not see any smoke.

Thinking that the caller could have said College Street, the firemen rode over to that street to investigate. After riding down College Street they learned that the fire really was over on Coppedge Street.

When the firemen spotted Odom's house for the second

time smoke had filled the house and a small blaze was growing in the corner of a front room of the wood frame house.

Fireman Bill Johnson strapped on an oxygen mask and doused the fire while other firemen opened windows and doors to clear the smoke.

The firemen speculate that the fire was caused by a lighted cigarette or match which was left unattended.

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Barn Is Destroyed



JOHNSTON COUNTY — FLAMES DESTROY FIRM: The Kenly Tire Co., located on U.S. 301 in Johnston County, was destroyed by fire when flames started in a tire recapping room. The loss was estimated at some \$200,000. More than 50 firemen from Kenly, Micro and Selma fought the blaze. Smoke could be seen 15 miles away. Several vehicles parked around the building were damaged. Firemen were able to keep flames away from two 3,000-gallon gasoline storage tanks located near the firm. Traffic was tied up, especially in the southbound lane, for several hours.

Wilson Daily Times Photo

NEW FIRE EQUIPMENT? — Mount Olive fireman Raymond Brock is not trying out a new type of fire hose. He's using a garden hose to douse sparks at a fire which destroyed a \$1,000 barn and \$150 contents on the James Francis farm near Mt. Gilead church in Duplin county. Firemen Stan Ricker and Dough Gwaltney, background, keep an eye on the smoldering remains. Cause of the fire was not determined. Tenant of the farm is Shelton Swinson of Mount Olive.

Mount Olive Tribune Photo

DUPLIN COUNTY — A fire on the farm of James Francis near Mt. Gilead church in Duplin County recently destroyed a farm building and its contents, Mount Olive firemen said.

The packhouse building had fallen when firemen arrived on the scene. The \$1,000 structure and the \$150 contents were declared a total loss. Cause of the blaze was not determined. Tenant of the farm is Shelton Swinson, firemen said.

In other calls during the same weekend, the volunteers checked on a fire near Price's Subdivision, but found it was controlled burning of a wheat field.

The firemen stood by at the scene of a wreck on rural paved road 1934 near Bass Lake Estates another night.

Early on a Sunday morning at 2:30, the volunteers were called to the mobile home residence of Garland King on highway US 117 Business south, where some hot grease caught fire. Damage to the \$4,000 trailer and \$1,000 contents was estimated at \$200.

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Sherrills Ford-Terrell Fire Dept. Gets Rating

SHERRILLS FORD — The Sherrills Ford-Terrell Fire Department received a 9AA insurance rating June 1, a goal the department has been striving for since it was organized six years ago.

"This means that the people who live in a four mile radius will get a reduction on insurance premiums," said Mason Sherill, fire chief.

"This is something every fire department works for," said Neil Gabriel, secretary. "The rating means we have equipment that is up to or above the

requirements and that our training is of at least minimum acceptance levels, meaning that each of our men has had at least 36 hours of training."

The department of 24 volunteers and 22 backups has two

pumpers, two tankers, a brush buggy, and utility tank, according to Gabriel.

"We knew the rating was in sight when we received a new pumper last July."

Highfalls Fire Dept. Busy

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department attending the session were Chief Frank Kennedy, Assistant Chief Larry Upchurch, Darrell Upchurch, Farrell Kidd, Farrell Brewer, Luther Green, Charlie Sessoms and Ernest Green.

On Saturday, June 18, the department attended another quick-dump demonstration at Seven Lakes.

Their truck was used for the drafting and dispensing with three two and one-half inch output lines and one four inch hard suction line in the portable tank.

Quick-dump trucks from Robbins, Carthage, Vass, Pinebluff, Aberdeen, Cameron, Pinehurst, Seven Lakes and Eastwood were used.

The exercise lasted for fifty-three minutes with 35,600 gallons of water hauled and pumped. That is about 680 gallons per minute.

Firemen from Highfalls attending the event were training officer Billy Joe Brady, Luther Green, Farrell Brewer, Donald Garner and Ernest Green.

Fire Suggestions Given

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Cans of dried-up paint, rags and cleaner, and unused newspapers take up space and can cause a fire.

— Be sure windows aren't painted shut, so they can be opened for escape.

— Should your clothing catch on fire, stop where you are and drop to the ground or floor, then roll back and forth until the fire is out.

— If the attic is filled with old clothes which don't fit, give them away; this will help others and make your home safer.

— Don't use gasoline, benzene or naphtha to clean things; they are very flammable.

— Plan escape routes in advance with at least two ways out so all family members will be prepared.

— Keep paint rags in tightly-closed metal containers and keep paint cans hammered shut when they are not being used.

Two Hickory Firemen Graduate

HICKORY — Two members of the Hickory Fire Department were honored during commencement ceremonies at Western Piedmont Community College (WPCC) at Morganton.

Thomas R. Mull, a seven-year veteran and driver-engineer at Hickory's central fire station, maintained a quality point ratio of better than 3.25 on a 4.0 grading schedule.



LARRY H. STORY
3.60 Average

Hickory Daily Record
Photos

The courses included such topics as fire fighting and strategy, hydraulics, fire alarm and extinguishing systems, hazardous materials and training programs.

Mull and his wife, Linda, and three children reside on the Fairgrove Church Road, Hickory. Story and his wife, Paula, and son reside at Hudson.

Firemen Feted At Cookout

LEXINGTON — The North Lexington Triangle Firemen and Woman's Auxiliary honored retiring firemen at a cookout supper on a recent evening at the fire station.

Plaques were presented by Chief Roger Gregory to Adam Everhart, Meade Everhart, Clyde Story, John Grubb, Alvin Everhart and Clyde Everhart (who also served as chief from 1963 through 1976). All these men served 20 years.

Murphy Everhart, the department's first chief (1956-62), was also present and was presented with a plaque for his service.

The department was organized in March 1956, and the first group of volunteer firemen was assembled May 22, 1956.



THOMAS R. MULL
Averages 3.25

Larry H. Story, a nozzleman with Engine Company 2, achieved a quality point ratio in excess at 3.60.

Both men were awarded associate in applied science degrees for completing a minimum of 103 quarter hours in fire science technology.

Western Piedmont began its fire science curriculum in December 1974, the first of its kind in the Unifour.

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Pinecroft-Sedgefield Celebrates

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concerned citizens of nearby communities wanting fire protection, Pinecroft-Sedgefield expanded to a second station in 1959, relocated in 1968. A third station was established in 1965 and a fourth one in 1967.

Today Pinecroft-Sedgefield serves a 9AA rated area of approximately 70 square miles, and a population of approximately 20,000 people. Pinecroft-Sedgefield has four

modern stations housing 4 engines, 4 tankers, 2 multi-purpose squad trucks, 1 service truck and 1 Chief Car.

The paid force of seven men insures that each station is manned during the daytime, with volunteers manning the stations at night. In addition to the paid men and eighty volunteers, three of the stations house Resident Firemen which guarantees manned stations 24 hours a day.

Pinecroft-Sedgefield is part of the Guilford County Firemen's Association and will respond with Mutual Aid to any department in Guilford County. Pinecroft-Sedgefield, along with Guilford County's other 36 stations, continues to offer its citizens the best possible protection from the ravages of fire.

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SFPE Adopts Resolution

The Board of Directors of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE) adopted on May 15, 1977 a resolution urging that Senate Bill 825, "The Voluntary Standards and Accreditation Act of 1977" be withdrawn. The Board in its resolution further recommended that Society members and chapters in the United States likewise urge withdrawal of S. 825 by direct contact with their elected representatives.

In taking this position, the Board confirmed its belief in the voluntary consensus system for the development of codes and standards are practiced by private sector organizations which has brought to the United States of America the most technologically advanced standards in the world. "Those shortcomings which do exist are in the form of technological gaps in the state-of-the-art rather than shortcomings in the standards development process", the resolution stated.

Addressing the impact of the bill on the consumer, the Board

commented that the American consuming public would automatically bear the significant cost of federal accreditation, record-keeping, judicial redress of grievance and complaint processing. Such cost would be an unnecessary burden on an already overburdened consumer and taxpayer.

SFPE is the multi-national technical organization of engineers who are applying their engineering expertise and discipline to the safety of life and property from unwanted fire. Chapters of the Society are located in major cities of the United States and in Australia, Canada, England and Europe.

Blaze destroys mobile home

SUMMERFIELD — A fire of undetermined origin destroyed a mobile home near Summerfield on N.C. 150 recently.

The structure, valued at \$6,000, was a total loss.

A spokesman said five firefighting teams and a rescue squad from the Summerfield Fire Department responded to the alarm.

The mobile home was owned by Myrle P. White, Rt. 3, Summerfield. White's son Ray lived in the structure.

Four teen-agers were asleep in the mobile home when the fire began. They were awakened by smoke and called the fire department.

One occupant of the trailer suffered minor injuries but was not hospitalized.

A fire department spokesman said the blaze began in the living room. The cause of the fire was not known. Firemen responded to the alarm at 4:38 a.m.

Fire Hits Henderson Warehouse

HENDERSON — A warehouse near Henderson was swept by fire in June, damaging 200 or more bales of an acrylic insulating material that is used under mats in automobiles and under rugs.

The cause of the fire at the Burkhart-Randall plant is undetermined.

The bales were damaged by smoke and water, firemen said. The warehouse of the company, which is a division of Textron Inc., houses about 400 bales of the material, which weigh about 600 pounds each.

There was little damage to the building itself, firemen said.

Volunteer firemen from Vance County, Henderson and Bear Pond were at the scene of the fire for about three hours after receiving the call about 5 p.m.

One fireman, Ray Null, 32, a member of the Henderson volunteer fire department, was overcome by smoke while fighting the fire. He was taken to Maria Parham Hospital where his condition was described as "not serious."

Acrid smoke from the burning bales hampered firemen in their attempts to put out the blaze. Also, water had to be piped from the building to fire trucks because hoses could not be fitted to the hydrants in the area.

Fire damages apartment house

HENDERSONVILLE — A small apartment house at 1509 Willow Road was heavily damaged by a fire which was discovered shortly after 9 a.m. recently.

A spokesman for the Valley Hill Volunteer Fire Department, which responded to the call, said that the fire extensively damaged the ground floor storage area of the two-apartment structure and burned through the floor to the apartment above.

There was heavy smoke damage throughout the building, he said.

The apartments, owned by the estate of Mrs. Ed Anders, were being prepared for summer guests, the spokesman said, but no one was in the building when the fire broke out.

Mrs. Thelma Tart, administrator of the estate, was quoted as saying that a water heater had leaked as the apartments were being prepared for occupancy. It is believed that leaking water might have shorted the wiring to the elements of the water heater and caused the fire, the spokesman said.

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