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Havelock names new fire chief

HAVELOCK — For the third time in less than a year, Havelock Volunteer Fire Department has a new chief.

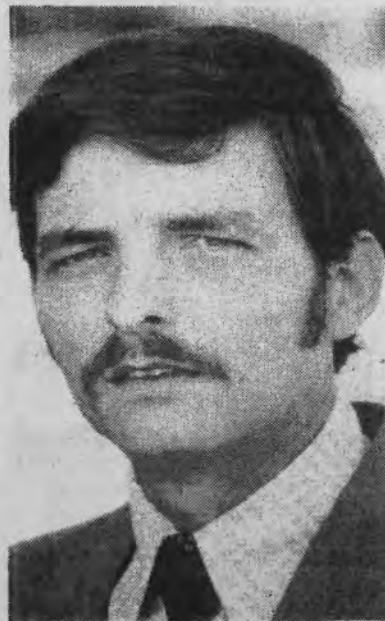
Elected in June to head the 28-member fire and rescue team was Jimmy A. Sanders, 30, of 210 Pinedale St.

Sanders replaces former Chief Bill Creed, who assumed the top spot November 9, 1976, after the resignation of Cecil Moore. Creed, a retired professional firefighter, resigned that post in a letter stating he wished to devote more time to fishing and shrimping.

Sanders, a Naval Air Rework Facility employe, has been an active and vocal member of the department for the past three years. He was an unsuccessful candidate for a Havelock Board of Commissioners seat in 1975, running on a platform that included better salaries and equipment for Havelock firemen.

An Air Force veteran with 7½ years service, Sanders has called Havelock home since 1954.

His credentials for the chief's post include graduation from



JIMMY SANDERS
New Havelock Chief
New Bern
Sun-Journal Photo

Wilson fire school and the state rescue college and being instructor and state examiner for the 81-hour ambulance course required for certification.

Conway Fire Department In Action 27 Years

CONWAY — Members of the Conway Volunteer Fire Department have proven to be a dedicated group over the years.

A brief biography of the members of the department follows.

JOE BARRETT, has served for three years; employed as vocational division chairman at Roanoke Chowan Technical Institute. He is married to Ellen Long Barrett and they have one daughter, Marianna.

JOHN DOUGLAS BLOWE, has served for 13 years and has been on the finance committee and nominations and is presently treasurer. He is employed as a warehouse superintendent and is married to Loretta Blowe. They have two children, Sharon and Doug.

BOBBY BRIDGERS, has served for 19 years and has been chief for eight years, assistant chief for three years and Captain for one year. He is employed as embalmer and funeral director and as water and sewage superintendent for Town of Conway. He is married to the former Helen Matthews and they have two sons.

JULIAN D. BRIDGERS, has served for 27 years and was a

charter member. He is now an inactive member. He is employed as funeral director. He is married to Helen Bennett Bridgers and they have three children.

JOHN ALTON BROWN, has served for four years. He is a fertilizer dealer. He is married to the former Sandra L. Bryant and they have four children.

LINWOOD J. COGGINS, has served for 13 years and is presently assistant fire chief; he has also been a Lt., Capt., and secretary. He is employed

by Georgia pacific, chemical div. He is married to the former Lucile Keeter and they have two daughters.

CLIFTON A. DAVIS JR., has served for 18 years; he is presently on the radio committee and has been engineer, secretary and on membership committee. He is a merchant and is married to Faye B. Davis. They have two children.

WILLIAM GARRIS, has served for nine years and is presently Fire Chief; he has

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Roland Kaylor Succeeds Pittman As Fire Chief

From the
Hickory Daily Record
By MARK G. RODIN

CONOVER — Calvin J. Pittman, chief of Conover's fire department for the last four years, has resigned to devote more time to his new business as a trucker.

But Pittman said he would remain as a member of the fire department.

Pittman submitted his letter of resignation as chief June 21 to City Manager J. Ed Robinette, who said he accepted it "with deep regret."

Fire department members then elected Roland Kaylor to succeed Pittman as chief.

Pittman has served as a fireman in Conover for 18 years.

Conover firemen are volunteers who are paid \$6 for every fire call and \$6 for a monthly training session. There are 26 members in the department, the former chief said.

Pittman said he entered the trucking business a few months ago "because there's more money in it."

He resigned from his job as a deputy with the Catawba County Sheriff's Department in April and started the trucking business.

He leases his truck to W & L Motor Lines in Hickory.

"I'll be gone a good bit, sometimes three to five days," he said.

Pittman added he was leaving on a trip to North Dakota.

Pittman, 35, served four years as a deputy sheriff and was a patrolman for Conover's police force for 10 years.

Conover's fire chief serves as a department head under Robinette, but is elected by the membership of the fire department subject to approval by the city's governing board.

Awareness program started

NEWTON — Chief William (Bill) Russell of the Newton Fire Department has inaugurated an ongoing Public Awareness Program.

A feature of the program is a new, informative and dramatically entertaining half-hour movie with a cast of hun-

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Retiring firemen give 161 years service



F.B. H. Price

GREENSBORO — Five persons who have amassed 161 years of service retired from the Greensboro Fire Department recently.

Assistant Chief F. B. H. Price joined the department in 1940 and nine years later was promoted to captain. In 1961, he was named assistant chief.

Price has attended the New York Fire College, the New York Probationary Firemen's School and Inspectors Hazard and Pump schools. He assisted the training division in developing the Greensboro fire training program.

The captain, currently attached to Battalion II, retired with 38 years of service.

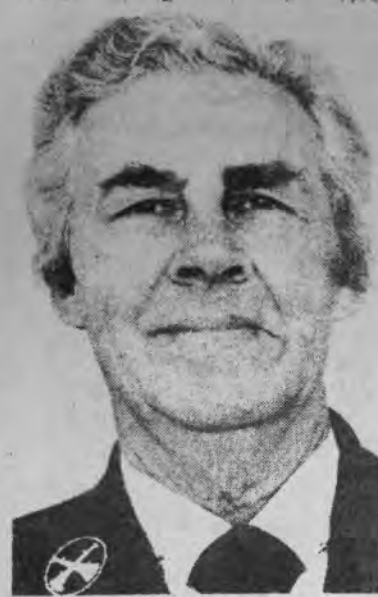


C.E. Marsh

Assistant Chief C. E. Marsh retired with 37 years of service. He was named captain in 1950 and has served as assistant chief since Dec. 16, 1961.

He also attended the New York Fire College, New York Probationary Firemen's School, Inspectors and Pump schools, and the New Haven Fire School. He assisted in organizing the local department's training program.

Battalion Chief W. L. Watson joined the department in 1943 following a stint as a chemist for a Burlington firm. He was promoted to assistant supervisor of the Fire Prevention Bureau with the rank of battalion chief in 1966.



W.L. Watson

The retiree has completed courses from Guilford Technical Institute, Purdue University, the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill, the University of Florida, and the University of Maryland. At present, he is an instructor at the North Carolina Fire Prevention School. He retires with 34 years of service.

Capt. Marvin B. Jones, retiring with 32 years of service, is assigned to Engine Company 12. He joined the department in 1948 and was promoted to captain in 1965. He did not wish his picture used.

Firefighter II T. M. Wagoner joined the department in 1957 and is assigned to Ladder Truck



T.M. Wagoner
Greensboro Record

Photos
Company No. 2 based at Station 10.

He was promoted to his present position in 1969, and retires with 20 years of service.

The five will now find time to pursue numerous hobbies, including fishing, golf, leathercraft, stock car racing, photography, hunting, and playing banjo with a country-western band.

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Editorial

The Memorial Day Weekend Fire in Kentucky certainly should have brought home to us that enough precautionary measures are still not being taken in a great number of public places. As I write this, the cause of the fire has not yet been determined. I was shocked



EMILY H. KING

to learn that a building accommodating that capacity of people did not have a sprinkler system. It was stated, however, that it was not known if it would have helped in this case. Surely it would have helped a little, possibly minimizing the fatalities, serious burns or something.

True, everyone panicked and, had I been caught in the same situation, I wonder how calmly I would have conducted myself. With the electricity off and the ensuing darkness, escape at any cost would be anyone's first reaction. Having a vivid imagination, I can visualize the scene with the horror of scrambling, panic-stricken people, screaming and struggling to get to safety.

The terrible thing about that fire, aside from the tragedy, is that it evidently could have happened at any time, and no one was aware of it. Perhaps it was one of those freak accidents that could not have been avoided.

Volunteer Firemen

From the
Asheville Times

A newspaper filler often carries valuable information, and since learning for learning's sake is one of the most rewarding pursuits, a filler can provide a great deal of inspiration as well.

For instance, we have just learned from six short and inconspicuous lines that there are an estimated two million volunteer fire fighters in the United States.

And that of the nation's 25,000 fire departments, all but 5,000 are volunteer groups.

We put the paper down with a deeper appreciation of the role

played by all those who man the battle stations of public safety, good servants who are likely to face danger daily.

Be that as it may, some of the tragedies might not have occurred if the people who were caught in it had been taught what to do in case of fire—and it they had had someone to lead them to safety. That is only supposition on my part. It may have been that even with escape education and someone guiding them, more would not have been saved. It might have been impossible for anyone to do much of anything about guidance in the noise and confusion—we will never know.

I don't know what rating this fire will have in the disasters of 1977, but it will clearly be in a major category in the Fire Annals. Certainly Fire Inspectors in every city, everywhere, should redouble their efforts to see that public accommodations are made more safe, and new attempts or provisions should be passed concerning pre-1970 buildings that escaped the regulations passed for constructing new buildings. Just because new buildings are being made more fire-safe doesn't eliminate the dangers of the many that were constructed before the new regulations were passed.

I sincerely hope that something will be done immediately to help insure our citizens lives in this type of structure. A lot of those in Kentucky who did escape death will carry permanent scars, both physically and mentally, from that terrible disaster. Truly, Memorial Day will be just that, but not in the way it was meant to be.

Firematically yours,

Emily H. King

We are especially impressed by the vast extent of the volunteer fire departments, although aware that North Carolinians are becoming more and more conscious of the value and contribution of these citizen organizations. When traveling around, take note of the attractive structures in which many of them are housed.

Their presence adds much to the peace of mind and quality of life in the Tar Heel state's rural communities and very small towns.

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.

Volunteer Fire Departments Seek Help From Citizens

WALNUT COVE — Two volunteer fire departments are seeking help from the citizens in their community. The Walnut

New slate elected for Rheasville

RHEASVILLE — A new slate of officers has been elected for the Rheasville Volunteer Fire District.

Walter Hux will serve as chief. Serving with him will be assistant chief Doug Brown, captain Bob Lyons, first lieutenant Wade Smith, second lieutenant Willard Smith, third lieutenant Joe Jolly and traffic officer Burt Butts.

Other officers include assistant traffic officer Red Gay, secretary Hilton Peel, treasurer Elmo Faison, fireman's fund treasurer Burt Butts and assistant fireman's fund treasurer Walter Hux.

Directors of the volunteer fire department will be Red Gay, George Harrison, Elmo Faison, Dr. C. L. Shoffner, Buddy Powell, Hilton Peel and Mac Rhea.

Practice Evacuation

LEXINGTON — On Tuesday, July 19, 1977 the Tyro Rural Fire Department held a practice evacuation of the Golden Age Nursing Home. Along with the complete evacuation, all trucks were set up as though under actual emergency conditions. Other fire units participating were from the Reeds, Linwood, and Churchland Fire Departments.

The weather was extremely hot, but all operations went very smoothly and as planned. Everyone was well pleased with the success of the exercise.

Submitted by
Steve Carter
Lexington

Byers awarded

IREDELL COUNTY — Johnny Vance Byers of route 6, Statesville, has been named Fireman of the Year by the Iredell County Fireman's Association.

Byers has been a member of the West Iredell volunteer Fire Department for the past 14 years.

Cove Fire and Rescue Departments are having problems with false alarms. The Lawsonville Fire Department is responding to calls to open field burnings where firemen are not needed.

False alarm calls in Walnut Cove are being placed by adults as well as children, according to firemen there. The calls are not only a waste of time and unnecessary expense to the department, but could prevent someone with a real need from reaching the department.

In the Lawsonville area, three calls were received recently to open field burnings which were under control by the people

doing the burning. Motorists or neighbors spotted what they thought were uncontrolled fires and reported them to the department.

Lawsonville firemen request that people who plan to do burning notify some member of the fire department so firemen will be aware that the burning is under control and can check out such fire calls before sending men and machinery where they are not needed.

Persons serving fire departments in Stokes are volunteers and are either taking off from work or spending their off-work hours answering these calls.

Goldsboro removes boxes

GOLDSBORO — The removal of 55 fire alarm boxes from residential areas in Goldsboro has been completed by the Department of General Services, City Manager Kenneth Kyle said.

The removal of the boxes was prompted by a recent study of the fire alarm system that found over the past five years, 735 of the 831 alarms reported over the system were false.

Kyle said responding to false alarms not only adds undue danger to fire personnel, but

also is costly to the City.

The City is investigating as an alternative voice type emergency reporting systems that could reach the fire and police departments as well as the rescue squad.

Goldsboro's fire defense is scheduled to be reevaluated in 1978. At that time a determination will be made if the removal of fire alarm boxes in commercial areas is feasible and would not jeopardize Goldsboro's overall fire rating.

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Dedication And Open House Held For New Fire Station



FIRE STATION DEDICATED — Dedication of the addition to the Pinehurst Fire Department was held in July, followed by an open house. The Rev. Robert F. Field gave the opening invocation.

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PINEHURST — A dedication ceremony for a \$30,915 addition to the Pinehurst Fire Station was attended by County Fire Marshal Joe Adams of Carthage and other dignitaries from Moore County in July.

The dedication of the 50 x 52 foot metal building, constructed in back of the original structure to house three trucks the Fire Department has acquired during the past year, was followed by an open house and a tour of old and new facilities.

Fire Chief William Yoder opened the ceremony and introduced the Rev. Robert F. Field, pastor of the Community Presbyterian Church, who gave the invocation.

The dedication was then turned over to William E. Parfitt, president of the Pinehurst Village Council, who acted as Master of Ceremonies for the occasion, introducing the other dignitaries present.

Fire Marshal Adams gave a short talk as did W. H. Hill, head of the Federal Housing Administration of Carthage. Retired volunteer fireman Ralph L. Horner presented the Department with a flag from

the American Legion Post 350.

About 50 persons were present for the dedication, toured the building and new addition afterwards and were served refreshments.

Other members of the Village Council attended as well as members of the Moore County Commissioners. Chairman W. Sydney Taylor, unable to be present because of a meeting he was attending at Wrightsville Beach, told Chief Yoder the vice chairman Lee Williams, would be there to represent the Board of County Commissioners.

Deputy Commissioner of Insurance Elwood Inscoe was invited as he has been here several times and has met with the Village Council in connection with the new building. He also was unable to be here because of a previous commitment.

Jerry Slade, president of Pinehurst, Inc., and an ex-officio member of the Pinehurst Village Council, was among dignitaries asked to attend the ceremony as were mayors and fire chiefs of all the towns in Moore County.

The addition to the original Fire Station has been under construction since late November, and in the planning stages for a little over a year since before the Pinehurst Fire Department was incorporated in the spring of 1976.

Following its incorporation, the Fire Department borrowed and spent almost \$75,000 for improvements, including the purchase of a \$26,000 tanker. A \$37,000 pumper bought in January, was paid for by Moore County for use in fighting fires outside the village of Pinehurst.

In May, a brush fire truck to be used fighting grass and woods fires was bought for about \$6,000 for the Department by the Village Council; the Council also purchased the tank, pump and hose reel to

complete the truck's equipment at a price of about \$3,000.

The Pinehurst Fire Department building was originally used as a community church. In the mid 1930s, the building was transferred to Moore County which was necessary to enable federal funds to be obtained for remodeling the building into a fire station.

The building, which faced in the opposite direction from the street, was then turned around, remodeled and brich veneered.

Chief Yoder heads the Department which comprises eight paid and 21 volunteer firemen. First assistant chief is Robert S. Viall and French Hall is second assistant to the chief.

Fire Department personnel undergo training twice a month in town. The Department spends about \$1,500 to \$1,800 a year for training outside the village. Three members attended the annual State Fire College and Pump School in Wilson, June 20-23.

Chief Yoder and his assistant went to Arson School in Greensboro recently and French Hall attended Fire Prevention

School in Chapel Hill for the second year.

The Pinehurst Village Council finances the Fire Department with funds needed for fire fighting inside the village limits.

The residents living outside the Pinehurst Fire District pay a special fire tax (assessed following a public hearing) of 15 cents per \$100 valuation. This amount is included in their yearly tax statement and paid back to the Fire Department to cover expenses for rural operation.

After the dedication and open house, Fire Chief Yoder said he and his wife, who is from North Dakota, planned to take off for that state for a leisurely three week vacation, his first in three years.

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SN fire chief honored

SCOTLAND NECK — Alton Cobb has received a plaque acknowledging "appreciation for sincere and devoted effort in protecting the lives and property of the citizens of Scotland Neck" for 31 years as fire chief here.

Cobb was given the award at a dinner meeting of the Scotland Neck Kiwanis Club. Harold Cutler, club president, and Brent Fleming presented the plaque.

Cobb became affiliated with the volunteer fire department in 1947 and has been with it since that time. Cobb stated that he considers himself "on call 24 hours a day. That is just the

way volunteer work is," he said.

J. I. Walston, spokesman for the Kiwanis Club, said Cobb has "saved the town a lot of money by getting to fires when they happen and putting them out with fire extinguishers" before they have time to cause extensive damage. "He is one of the most dedicated firemen around," Walston said.

Approximately 25 people attended the dinner meeting honoring the fire chief.

Fire Chief Resigns

BOONE — Phil Vance, 50, has retired as chief of the Boone Fire Department but will remain active in the department until he reaches the mandatory age of 55.

Vance started with the Boone Fire Department in the late 1940s and watched the department grow from 12 to 30 men.

Chief Delighted With Response

ERWIN — "I am delighted with response to this latest course," said Louis Joseph, chief of the Erwin Fire Department-Rescue Squad, "and this is especially good since the classes were held during the week the mill was on vacation."

Joseph said that some Burlington employes had even foregone their plans to go out of town in order to be on hand for the three-night, 12 hour course in the essentials of firemanship, with special emphasis on major fires, taught by Bill Alred of the Fire and Rescue Training Division, North Carolina Department of Insurance in Raleigh.

This was the latest of a number of such courses, sponsored by the insurance department for area fireman.

All but three participating were from the Erwin Unit, two from the Dunn department, and one not presently a member of any fire department.

From Erwin, completing the entire 12 hours, were Jesse Davis, Rex Barefoot, Jimmy Davis, Gary Pope, E. M. Barefoot, Leon Hawks, Tony

Riddle, Leonard Humbert, Joseph, Eugene Pope, Larry Smith, Billy Hobbs and Jerry Smith.

Also from Erwin, Sammy Davis, Thad Hardin, Willis Messer, Ray Wood, Frankie Ballard, Phil White, Terry Faircloth, Donald Faircloth and Henry Thompson.

From the Dunn Fire Department were Glenn Cox Sr. and Phil Godwin, and also from Dunn, Glenn Cox Jr.

Erwin members who took part in the course but did not complete the entire program were Hilton Pope, Bill Guy and Billy Capps.

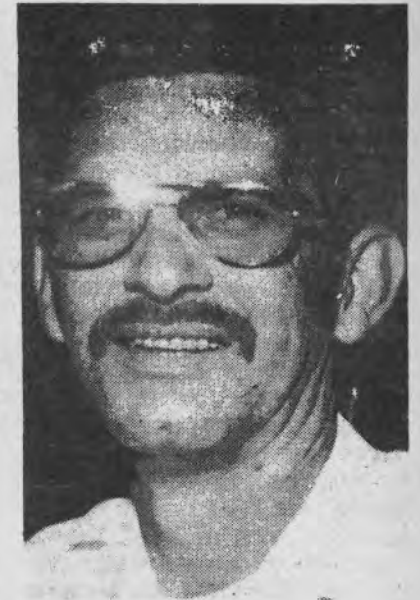
Fire Destroys Lillington Club

LILLINGTON — The Buccaneer Cub north of Lillington was destroyed by fire sometime before 8:30 a.m. recently, representing about a \$100,000 loss, according to its owner.

A.J. Stephenson, owner of the club, said the fire at the crossroads of U.S. 401 and U.S. 421 in Harnett County was apparently undetected.

Stephenson said he discovered what had happened when he went to the club to open at about 8:30 a.m. He immediately called the Lillington Fire Department, he said.

Rogers Named Asst. Chief



JAMES S. ROGERS
Hendersonville
Times-News Photo

HENDERSONVILLE — James S. Rogers was named assistant chief of the Hendersonville Fire Department recently by the city commissioners.

Rogers was nominated by R.B. Shealy, fire commissioner, to fill the vacancy created by the promotion of F.C. (Bud) Hendrix to chief early this year.

Rogers has been with the Hendersonville Fire Department since 1956 and has held the rank of captain since 1965. Prior to joining the fire department he was employed for four years with Thos. Shepherd and Son.

"I'm proud to have Jim Rogers as assistant chief," Hendrix said yesterday. "He'll do a good job for the department."

Rogers is married to the former Peggy Peeler, of Hendersonville.

They live on Chimney Rock Highway with their seven-year-old son, Jim Jr. They have two married daughters.

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Hickory Fire Codes Adequate

From the Hickory Daily Record
By DAVID NIVENS

HICKORY — Two Hickory fire department officials agree with others in North Carolina that frequent inspections of lounges and restaurants are adequate measures to prevent fire disasters like the recent one in Southgate, Ky.

That fire killed 162 persons.

"Our men and policemen both check the lounges," said Fire Chief Earl G. Moser. "We check twice a year and the police are in there about twice a night."

Other North Carolina cities perform similar inspections.

Moser said firemen often get help from concerned citizens as well as police.

"If they (citizens) find the exits blocked or locked they tell us about it," he said. "All here are up to standards and they all have properly lighted exit signs and seating capacities are posted."

If firemen find locked exit doors in a lounge or restaurant, they can prosecute the owner for violation of the state fire code, said Capt. Larson Moore, fire prevention officer for the Hickory Fire Department.

Kern Church, head of the building code division of the N. C. Department of Insurance, said that few social establishments in the state are large enough to require automatic sprinkler systems and most are "mostly safe" without them.

Moser and Moore agree. Few restaurants or lounges in Hickory are large enough to require sprinklers, they said, but the ones which are large enough have them.

Church said his chief concern was that authorities in some towns and counties — including Raleigh — do not inspect buildings for compliance with state standards.

"We have a lot of special investigations," Moser said. "And sometimes two or three regular ones a year."

In most areas, local fire departments are responsible for inspection.

Moore said some chain restaurants have received surprises from the fire department when they came to Hickory.

"Our codes do seem to be more strict than some and the chains coming here had to comply with our codes," Moore said.

Restaurants especially must comply with standards requiring flame retardant wall paneling and drapes, he added.

Fire department officials in other states perform similar inspections.

Greensboro Fire Chief Ed Smith said the city's 11-person fire-prevention unit "has issued warnings time and time again" to nightclubs and other public places regarding violations of fire codes.

"We go out quite a bit at night, and if we find a fire door locked, we get it unlocked right then and there," Smith said.

Fire officials in Fayetteville, often make informal inspections during evening hours in addition to regular inspections, according to fire marshal Leon Lancaster.

"We go into these places constantly, because you don't get the same picture at 4 p.m. on a Wednesday as you would at 11 p.m. on a Friday," he said.

Although Lancaster thought the state fire-safety standards were adequate, he said it was possible nonetheless that "we could have something like (the Kentucky night club fire) on a smaller scale."

"I can't guarantee that you won't go into a place and find the fire doors locked and barred," he said. "Sometimes when an owner gets to seeing dollar signs, he may see more dollar signs than common sense. But if they're wrong, we'll put them right."



CHIEF EARL G. MOSER
Frequent Inspections
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Firemen finish training course

WARRENTON — A 12-hour course on structural firefighting tactics was given to the Warrenton Fire Department here recently under the direction of Earl Denny, instructor for the N. C. Department of Insurance, sponsors of the course.

During the course, local firefighters were shown films on proper techniques of extinguishing all types of structural fires.

Denny, a veteran firefighter who served with the Burlington Fire Department for 12 years, also briefed the men on the importance of wearing protective clothing when fighting fires.

Following the last class, cards for completing the course in its entirety were presented to Chief McCarroll Alston, Capt. Leon Cheek, Lt. Walter Barnes, Don Stith, James Alston, James T. Arrington, Bobby Davis, Earlie Garner, John Harris, Frank Jones, Joe Reed and Eugene Reed.

Bill Davis, town manager, attended classes on two nights.

Outbuilding Destroyed By Blaze

EDEN — Possible careless smoking by an occupant of a one-room combination residence-storage-outbuilding at 833 Pitcher avenue resulted in destruction of the building and its contents.

Eden firemen who answered the alarm at 2:35 p.m. recently, at the residence of Doris Wimbish, could not save the building, which was consumed with its contents in the blaze. The occupant was Marvin R. Price.

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Fire Destroys Duncan Home

MOUNT AIRY — Firemen from the Four Way Fire Department were unable to put out a fire when they responded to a call about one and a half miles east of Mount Airy on N. C. 103.

The home of Charles Duncan and another partially demolished house nearby, also owned by Duncan, were engulfed in flames when the firemen arrived at the scene.

Both structures were destroyed by the fire.

Chief Dan Pardue said the cause of fire may be impossible to determine since the buildings both burned to the ground.

Firemen first thought Duncan, who lives alone, may have still been in the house. Later they learned that he was out of town at the time. Duncan is an employee of Regan Roofing Co., Mount Airy.

Fireman injured fighting blaze

GREENSBORO — Fireman Craig Lewis, 26, of Fire Station 7 sustained lacerations to his right hand and a finger during a fire recently at the home of Mrs. Helen Wilson at 2715-C Patio Place, fire officials reported.

According to reports, Lewis was attempting to open an upstairs window to let heat out of the apartment when glass cut his hand. He was treated at Moses Cone Hospital, where eight stitches were required to close his wounds, and later released.

Deputy Fire Chief Neese Kent said an upstairs bedroom in the apartment was "heavily involved in flames" when firemen arrived. The blaze was confined to the bedroom, which fire officials said was destroyed.

Heat and smoke damaged other parts of the apartment, which is owned by the Greensboro Housing Authority, Kent said.

A preliminary investigation indicated the fire was started by a child playing with a cigarette lighter. Kent said investigation is continuing.

Fire drill held at jail

ELIZABETH CITY — Personnel at the Albemarle District Jail Facility recently underwent training on what to do should a fire occur at the jail.

Elizabeth City Fire Chief Al Poole and Assistant Fire Chief Wilton Gard instructed per-

sonnel on proper exit routes for prisoners, fire safety precautions and methods for extinguishing blazes.

The drill included some practical experience as jail employes used fire extinguishers on contained

blazes outside.

And the afternoon's experience provided a break for

the occupants of the facility, although they did not get to exit the structure.



PROFESSIONAL TRAINING — Elizabeth City Fire Chief Al Poole, far left, and Assistant Fire Chief Wilton Guard are shown briefing jail employes on procedures to be followed in the event of a fire at that facility. Employes shown are Jailer George Jones, Matrons Gregory, Hurdle, Williams and Dill and, third from right, Chief Jailer Banks. Elizabeth City Advance Photo

Fire destroys mobile home

REIDSVILLE — An overheated electrical cord is believed to have been responsible for a fire recently which swept through a mobile home at the Dogwood Trailer Park outside Reidsville.

County Fire Marshal Jerry Wallace said that the home of Mrs. Martha Cromer and her three daughters was totally destroyed, including all of their belongings. The family was not at the home when the blaze broke out about 7 p.m., he noted. Damage estimates totalled about \$8,000 for the mobile home, Wallace said.

The Williamsburg Volunteer Fire Department responded to the fire call, but the 1970 mobile home had already been engulfed in flame when firefighters arrived, said Wallace.

A burn pattern on the carpet near the air conditioner indicated that the electrical cord probably overheated, starting the fire, Wallace said.

He noted that air conditioner cords on hot days or electrical heater cords can get hot enough at times to ignite surrounding flammable materials with which they are in contact, such as carpets, mats, or newspapers.

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Harris elected to second term

LOUISBURG — Freddie L. Harris was elected to his second term as president of the North Carolina Volunteer Firemen's Association at their 88th Annual Session, held in Louisburg, July 4-8. Other local firemen attending were Oscar C. Smith, Matthew Williams, and Joe L. Dunn.

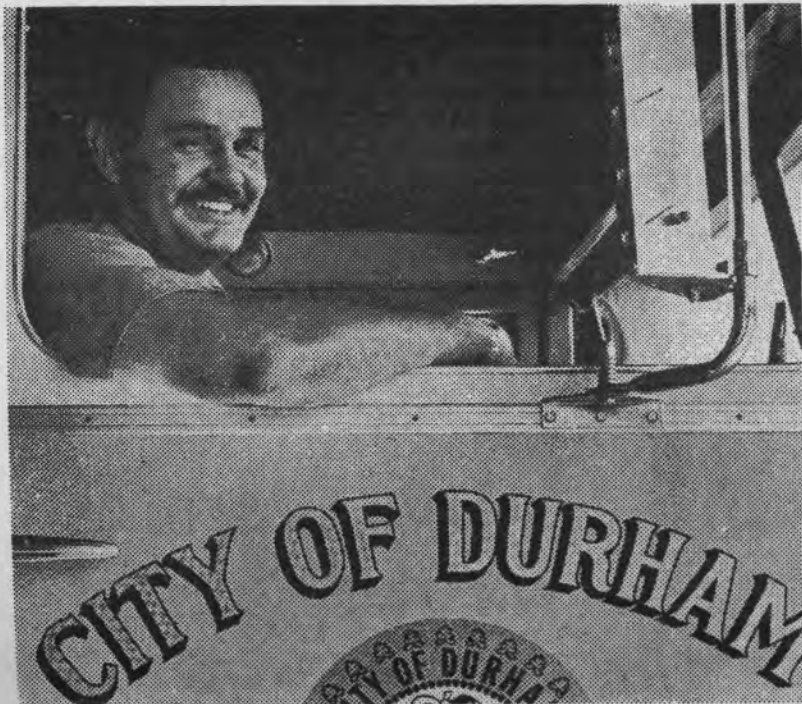
They were welcomed to the city by Mayor V. A. Peoples and given a brief history of the Louisburg Fire Dept. by Fire Chief Carl Pernell.

Other highlights and activities of the session were tours of the Louisburg Fire Station, and of local plants around

Louisburg, and to the Museum of Natural History, in Raleigh, social programs, given by the Ladies Auxillary of the N. C. V. F. A., and the Annual

Firemen's Ball, held at the Louisburg Elementary School. The 89th annual session will be held in Warrenton, July, 1978.

2 Durham Firemen Promoted



Lemons Relaxes Between Calls
Durham Sun Photo

DURHAM — The promotions of two veteran firefighters in the Durham Fire Department have been announced by Fire Chief J. A. Letzing.

William T. Lemons, a 14-year veteran of the department, was promoted to fire captain. Lemons, 33, is a graduate of Durham High School and has done additional study at Durham Technical Institute.

The captain joined the department as a fireman in 1963 and was promoted to fire driver in 1973.

Promoted to fire driver was Robert M. Crutchfield, 32, an eight-year veteran of the department.

Crutchfield also is a graduate of Durham High School and has done additional study at Person Technical Institute, Durham Technical Institute, Wilson County Technical Institute, Randolph Technical Institute and the Technical Institute of Alamance.

His studies have included a number of courses in arson detection and investigation and emergency medical training.

He is certified as an emergency medical technician by the State of North Carolina.

Awareness Program Started

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dreds of fire fighters, exciting fire and rescue scenes and a heartwarming storyline. In color and sound, the fastpaced movie entitled, "Portrait of Destruction" combines all the ingredients of surprise, suspense and drama into an exciting account of the duties performed and hazards faced daily by dedicated fire fighters. The viewer, for the first time in any movie, gets a close-up insight of how the fire department copes with the horror of a destructive fire.

Because young and old alike should see the movie, Chief Russell said it will be made available for free showings by schools, churches, civic clubs and other public and private organizations throughout the Newton area served by the fire department.

Chief Russell advises any group, or institution interested in booking the movie to contact him at the fire department (464-0141) or Mrs. Faye Mull, fire prevention officer, giving the date, place and time of the desired playing time.

Following the movie a representative of the fire department will answer questions from the audience.

Pinewood Getting New Station

GOLDSBORO — Construction of a new \$35,000 facility to house the Pinewood Fire Department was announced by its president, Karl Best.

The 40-foot by 70-foot building will contain three bays and a classroom. Construction is being handled by Jackson Builders of Goldsboro.

The new fire station is being built next to the existing one at the intersection on U. S. 13 and New Hope Road.

The Pinewood Fire Department was chartered in 1959 and an old tobacco barn was used as a fire station until the existing station was built in 1960.

Monies used to construct the new facility have been derived from collection of the Pinewood Fire District Tax.

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Conway Fire Dept. in Action

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been captain and assistant chief. He is a fertilizer and chemical dealer. He is married to Mary Lewter Garris and they have one son, Neil.

LYNMORE S. GAY, has served for nine years and is a Lt.; he has been president, vice president and treasurer. He is employed as superintendent, Georgia Pacific chemical division. He is married to Shirley Martin Gay and they have three children.

WILLIAM D. JOHNSON, has served for 27 years and has been secretary and treasurer. He is employed as a salesman and is married to Willie Mae Carver Johnson. They have two children.

EDDIE L. JOYNER, has served for five years and is secretary. He is employed as telephone installer and repairman. He is married to Alicia Griffin and they have two children.

WILLIAM R. JOYNER, has served for nine years; and has

been president and vice president. He is employed with Camp's Div., Union Bag and Camp Paper Corp. in Franklin. He is married to Marjorie Davis Joyner and they have a daughter.

STEWART LANE, has served for 16 years; he has been assistant chief, captain, second assistant chief, president, vice president and 2nd assist. chief. He is employed with Georgia-Pacific hardboard plant in Conway. He is married to Brenda B. Lane and they have two children.

ELBERT J. LONG, has served for seven years. He is employed as seed manager, Severn Peanut Co. He is married to Marianna Warren Long and they have one child.

F. ENNIS MARTIN, has served for 27 years and was a charter member; he is presently president. He has served as president three times and three times as secretary. He is store manager and buyer for Davis and Co., Inc. He is married to the former Violet Hundley and they have two children.

JOHNNY MARTIN, has served four years; he has been assistant secretary and on the social committee. He is employed with Davis and Com-

pany. He is married to Rebecca S. Martin.

BOBBY TAYLOR, has served four years; he is vice president and has served as secretary. He is employed as saw filer with W. P. Morris Lumber Co. in Jackson. He is married to Wanda Ricks Taylor and they have two children.

LINWOOD E. WARD, has served for 27 years; he has been president, vice president and secretary and is now engineer. He is employed as farmer and grain dealer. He is married to Eloise T. Ward and they have three children.

SHIRLEY W. WOODARD, has served for 27 years; he has been president. He is self employed and is married to Essie Braswell Woodard and they have five children.

AUBREY L. WHITLEY, has served for 11 years and is engineer. He is owner of Whitley's Garage and is married to Jean Taylor Whitley. They have one son.

WALLACE D. WHITLEY, has served for 14 years and has been secretary and engineer. He is employed with Union Camp. He is married to Rebecca F. Whitley and they have two sons.

WILLIAM W. WHITLEY, has served for seven years; has been secretary. He is owner of the Whitley's Carpenter and Maint. Service. He is married to Bettie An Whitehurst Whitley and they have three children.

Associate members of the department include R. C. Barrett, C. A. Davis Sr., Sidney Edwards, Wingate Martin, Medford Taylor, J.D. Liverman and J. D. Bridgers.

Fire Chief Michael Retires From Reeds

LEXINGTON — Forrest Michael, a 24-year veteran of the Reeds Volunteer Fire Department and its chief for the last four years, is retiring.

"Everything is going real smooth in the department. That's why I thought it would be a good time," Michael said.

"Within the past year, we've bought new equipment for all firemen. And last month (May) we put a new '77 model 1200-gallon tanker-pumper into service.

"All of this is paid for, and I thought it would be a good time for me to slip aside," Michael said.

J. Odell Miller, a lieutenant in the department for nine years, is the new chief. He was elected at a special call meeting of the department held recently.

"He's very capable. He can handle it. All the boys like him," Michael said.

Michael has reached 55, and he has put in more than 20 years' work in the department, so he is eligible for early retirement payments from the state.

Michael lives on R. 15 in Reeds. He is married and has a son and a daughter. His son has been a fireman for two years, as has Michael's son-in-law.

"I'm letting the next generation take over," Michael said.

Miller, the new chief, lives on Happy Hill Road.

The emergency number of the Reeds Fire Department is 787-5402. The business phone number is 787-5565.

Mitchiner's firemen celebrate note-burning

WAKE FOREST — Mitchiner's Crossroads Fire Department celebrated the paying off of its debt with a note-burning and a fish fry recently.

"We did it in three years. We paid for it completely," Fire Chief R. W. Pace Jr. said about the accomplishment.

The department was organized just four years ago. Three years ago, \$15,000 was borrowed and now the department is debt-free. The department owns two pumps, one

tanker and a fire house.

"Everybody just rejoiced," Pace said, noting that it had been a long, hard effort but that the community, being so small, had done a good job and had a lot to be proud of.

Attending the fish fry held at the fire house were firemen, their wives and guests from the county.

Mitchiner's Crossroads has 32 firemen and a four-mile fire district.



Retiring Firemen

HICKORY — Two charter members of the St. Stephens Volunteer Fire Department recently retired after 20 years of service each, including 10 years apiece on the group's board of directors. Assistant Chief Bob Raby presented plaques to Harry Drum, center, and Cloyd Propst, right.

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