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NFPA votes on Board

Members of the Fire Service Section of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) have chosen one new member of their Board of Directors and re-elected two others. Balloting was conducted by mail among the Section's 4,600 members.

Chosen as the new member of the Fire Service Section's Board is Chief John W. Dries of the Morris Twp. (N.J.) Fire Department. He will serve a one-year term.

Re-elected for terms of three years each are Lieut. Vincent J. Bollon of the New York (N.Y.) Fire Department and Capt. James M. Turner of the Los Angeles County (Calif.) Fire Department.

Members of the Section's Nominating Committee for 1977-78 are: Fire Fighter Dennis Dunham of the Pasadena (Texas) Fire Department; Deputy Chief Harold Mitchell of the Twp. of Union (N.J.) Fire Department; and Chief Ernest

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Robeson County Firemen's Ladies Auxiliaries Meet

ROBESON COUNTY — The women behind the men of Robeson County Volunteer Fire Departments heard a report on fire service afforded by the rural departments when members of the Firemen's Ladies Auxiliaries met for a supper meeting in the Parkton school cafeteria recently. Guests included members of the Board of County Commissioners, Chairman Sam Nobles and Mrs. Nobles, H.T. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor, Bobby Dean Locklear and Mrs. Locklear, Bill Herndon and Mrs. Herndon, and County Manager Paul Graham and Mrs. Graham.

Mutt McNeill, County Fire Marshal, served as Master of Ceremonies. Invocation was said by Rose McMillan, past president, and welcoming remarks were made by Dot Lawing, current president of the local auxiliary. In their remarks, each of the County Commissioners and County



Pictured left to right — Dorothy Taylor, Allenton; Elise Wyatt, Lumber Bridge; Janice Jones, Pembroke; Catherine Byrd, Lumberton; Linda Floyd, Smyrna; Laura Barnes, Fairmont Rural; Josephine Patterson, East Howellsville; Dot Lawing, Parkton.

Manager Graham paid tribute to the 125 auxiliary members for their work in support of the departments.

Commissioner Taylor, Chairman of the Fire Committee and

principal speaker, cited many interesting facts about the status and condition of fire service. Of the 23 fire departments in Robeson County, only three do not answer rural calls other

than through mutual aid. Good working relations exist among all departments.

Ten fire departments have been organized in the past seven years: Lumber Bridge, East Howellsville, Saddletree, Deep Branch, Raft Swamp, Shannon, Prospect, Evans Cross Roads, Smyrna, and Orrum. All of the rural departments in the county have been rated 9A by the State Rating Bureau with the exception of one which was just recently organized. Also, a number of departments are in the process of receiving 9 AA rating. In competition with 99 other counties, one of the Robeson County departments has won first place in the N.C. Rural Safety Council Awards contest for four consecutive years, with several first place winners in individual competition; there have been two individual National Safety Council Award winners.

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Hominy Volunteers — rare combination of fire, rescue, ambulance services

CANTON — To be absolutely descriptive, the Upper Hominy Volunteer Fire Department ought to be called the Upper Hominy Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department and Ambulance Service.

For a four-mile radius from the station on Pisgah Highway, Upper Hominy volunteers are the official firefighters. And about half of their total budget of \$31,000 this year is financed by the fire tax on residents in that area — \$15,000 total estimated.

In ambulance service, the volunteers have gone up on the mountain (Mt. Pisgah) and out on the parkway on calls, as well as covered the entire Enka-Candler area.

In rescue, "we go wherever we're needed," commented Otis Thompson, Upper Hominy fire chief. Ed Allen, rescue chief, has taken his unit to Tennessee, to Clingman's Dome, to Macon County 12 miles north of Franklin recently, down the French Broad River to Hot Springs, and "quite often to Lake James for search and drag operations," explained Thompson.

In fact, "we're one of the few in the area that has all three services," he added.

There are 46 men who volunteer — for no pay and for work at any hour. "All work as a whole unit and we all can do anything that needs to be done," said Thompson. There is

an A squad and a B squad — the As working on even months and the Bs working the odd months. Of course, anyone can be called out for out-of-area work or special details.

Officers Elected

SWEPSONVILLE — The Swepsonville Volunteer Fire Department elected officers to serve for 1977-78. The new officers are as follows: Darrell Newton, Chief; Roy Newton, Assistant Chief; Joe Covington, Donald Lee and Drew Sharp, Captains; and Keith Dodson, C.L. Stout and Philip (Butch) Farrell, Lieutenants.

Also elected were: Glenn Farrell, President; Cecil Stout, Vice President; Steve Woody, Secretary; Jackie Curasi, Treasurer; Ervin Mebane, Chaplain; Clayton Bradshaw, Station Captain; and Kenneth Qualls, Public Relations. The Board of Directors consists of Glenn Farrell, Darrell Newton, Cecil Stout, Steve Woody, Jackie Curasi, Cal Snipes, Roy Newton and Aaron Day.

Submitted by Kenneth D. Qualls Public Relations Swepsonville VFD

A board of directors handles the decision-making for the department. Wayne Gallamore is chairman with Kay Crowder, James Hall, Estus O'Kelly, Bill Carter, Ruby Green, Paul Austin, Paul O'Kelly, and Glenn Warren as directors. There are two assistant fire chiefs, Bill Carter and C.S. Long, and one assistant rescue chief, Harold Warren.

WOMEN TOO

Was that a woman's name on the board of directors?

You betcha! Ruby Green, Archie Warren, Hazel Crowder and Joyce Warren are members and trained in emergency care.

"They're real good ambulance drivers," said Thompson. "I'd just as soon ride with one of them as ride with a man."

Ruby and Archie are both EMT's, emergency medical technicians. Ruby sometimes gets in on extra duty. She minds the store — Green's Grocery which she and husband Henry own — while her husband is on public works. When a call comes in and Ruby is tied up and can't go, she goes across to the station, unlocks the doors, pulls out the equipment and has them standing ready with motor running when the volunteers arrive.

In addition to the volunteers, there is a Ladies Auxiliary which was organized shortly after the rescuers organized. The

group concentrates on raising funds for all needs not supplied by fire taxes or similar funding.

And "when we go out on fire or rescue missions, the ladies prepare food and drinks and bring them to us. They're a great asset to the department," praised Thompson. Mrs. Jeanette Swann is president of the auxiliary.

Already this year, Jan. 1 through Sept. 13, the Upper Hominy Department has an-

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Mayor Burns Ribbon

From the Durham Herald By BARBARA FREIDMAN Herald Staff Writer

DURHAM — Durham Public Safety officers set a match to a pool of fuel, then watched the flames grow and the black smoke plume in the clear, blue sky.

When the flames were over four-stories high, the officers quickly put the fire out. The occasion for this demonstration and a wide range of exhibits was the dedication of the \$1.5-million Public Safety Academy on East Club Boulevard.

The 12-acre campus has a combination gym-classroom building, a four-story drill tower for fire-fighting exercises and a building that looks like a two-story house from one end

and a two-story office building from the other.

This office-house structure has a slew of different windows and can withstand temperatures up to 2,000 degrees fahrenheit. It's used to train officers in fire fighting and rescue work. Norman L. Leathers, head of the training academy said, "Any formal emergencies that might occur we can simulate in that building."

The campus, also has a garage and two pits for flammable liquids. The pits can be used for exercises like the aforementioned demonstration.

An academy class of 40 have been using the campus since April, although the facilities were officially dedicated at Mayor Wade Cavin's "ribbon-

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Editorial



EMILY H. KING

The Dudley Volunteer Fire Department in Wayne County really went "all out" for Fire Prevention Week on Saturday, October 15 in downtown Dudley. They extended me an invitation and I was very honored to be asked as their guest. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the Department and citizens, not only for the invitation, but for their interest and attention to National Fire Prevention Week.

The parade was sponsored by the Dudley Volunteer Fire Department and the merchants of the Dudley and Mount Olive area. It was the largest in the County. They had 2 hours of parade and 5 hours of activities, displays, demonstrations, music and fun for all following the parade.

This parade featured over 150 units: 65 trucks representing 45 departments from throughout Eastern North Carolina; 6

Rescue Squads; 1 Ambulance Service; 4 Forestry Units and Smokey the Bear; Beauty Queens; the famous Dunn, N.C. Clowns (and other clowns); the Shriners Motorcycle Unit; State, Federal and County Officials; several high school and military bands; old cars, trucks and farm tractors; horses and buggies; 40 floats; girls on unicycles; fire engines from 4 manufacturers; and the Parade Grand Marshall.

Feature Attractions in the afternoon were the Singing Gardner Family of Dudley, a Country & Western Band, the Mount Olive Parachute Club (putting on jumps at 3 PM and 5 PM), fire department and rescue squad demonstrations, plus the awarding of trophies to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention Winners of the floats. A mini-fire engine and a ham were given away. Hot dog stands were operated by the fire department all day on the grounds of Brogden Primary School, which was the location of the afternoon activities. For those who wanted a hot Barbecue dinner at noon, this, too, was available.

Needless to say, after all this, it was a fantastic way to spend a Saturday.

Emily H. King

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R.B. Smith New NFPA Representative

New Washington Representative of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is Robert B. ("Skip") Smith of Silver Spring, Md., president of the Joint Council of National Fire Service Organizations and immediate past president of the Fire Marshals Association of North America.

Effective June 6, Smith's appointment to the important NFPA post has been announced by Charles S. Morgan, President of the independent Boston-based non-profit organization. NFPA has been the nation's center of technical and educational information on all phases of the fire problem since its founding in 1896.

Smith has moved to NFPA after 10 years as Chief of the Division of Fire Prevention — and holder of the title of Fire Marshall — of Montgomery County, Md. There he spearheaded complete revision and modernization of the county fire code, which incorporates

many portions of the official Fire Prevention Code (NFPA 1) and is regarded as a national model.

Another landmark achieved under Smith's leadership was enactment of legislation requiring smoke detectors in every house and apartment in Montgomery County. The 1976 ordinance applies to existing as well as to new housing.

Widely known throughout the fire service, Smith also was a member of the faculty of the University of Maryland Fire Service Extension Department for 10 years.

His career in the fire service began in 1946 when he became a volunteer fire fighter with the Williamsburg (Va.) Fire Department, where he rose through the ranks to the position of Assistant Chief.

NFPA's new Washington Representative attended Cornell University and graduated from the College of William and

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National Fire Protection Association CALENDAR

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.

Alarms covered:

No adverse effect seen in reduction of firemen

WINDSOR — There is no longer a fireman on duty around the clock all day in the Town of Windsor but the town does not expect this to have any adverse effect on its insurance rating, according to Town Administrator David Overton.

Mr. Overton said when one of the three paid firemen, George Cobb, resigned, it was decided not to replace him. Additionally some time was cut from the hours worked by the other two firemen, thus the town is saving an estimated \$10,000.

Information from the North Carolina Fire Insurance Rating Bureau indicates the main concerns are communications and

The town administrator said there is no way the town's officials are going to jeopardize the number seven insurance rating which the town attained after adding a truck and hiring an adequate water supply.

Overton said the Town of Windsor was able to change the arrangement because there is round the clock protection through the countywide communications system. There is no difference in the alarm being covered and he said he has been insured the Fire Insurance Rating Bureau is not as concerned with personnel as with the time involved in answering calls.

the third paid fireman. If after an inspection, which may be some time in coming, it is found that the rating is jeopardized, another man will be hired.

Overton said the town's 36 volunteers and two remaining paid firemen, P.N. Waters and Frank Cowan, are doing a good job and he does not feel that response to calls will be hampered.

The paid firemen are on duty three days per week, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and round the clock on weekends. Each man works 48 hours each week. Truck maintenance is continuing to be carried out and the trucks will be started each morning with the man going off duty responsible for that on the days that no one is working.

The county's dispatcher at the central communications office can answer the telephone either day or night and can set off the alarm from the Courthouse or the alarm can be activated within the Town Hall. The Town of Windsor has participated in the communications system budget since the system became operational and last year paid over \$8,000 for a salary there.

Water can be ineffective, sometimes dangerous to use

Water, the time-tried enemy of fire, is ineffective — and sometimes dangerous to use — on certain fires. These so-called "special" fires involve hazardous materials, such as flammable liquids.

"Special" fires break out in locations such as on ships and aircraft, in storage tanks and refineries. Foam is one of the most effective ways of extinguishing these fires.

"Fire-Fighting Foams and Foam Systems" is a compilation of articles from Fire Journal, Fire Command and Fire Technology. The soft-cover book presents a wide view of various types of fire-fighting foams, their nature, application, test results and controversial aspects.

There also are reports of fires at which foams were used effectively.

The book is of interest to fire protection engineers, students, plant supervisors, fire departments, and safety personnel responsible for fuel storage and refinery facilities.

"Fire Officer's Guide to Extinguishings Systems" (fourth printing, 1977 revision) was written by Charles W. Bahme, retired Deputy Chief of the Los Angeles Fire Department. He has drawn on his many years of fire fighting experience to illustrate situations where extinguishing systems have proven their worth and give convincing arguments to show that fixed systems and the fire service complement each other.

He points out that fire officers today can look for help from fire extinguishing systems employing water and chemical agents in more than a dozen different combinations and methods of application and these systems are continually

undergoing change as improvements in fire protection technology are developed.

The first three chapters of the book concern the need for systems, NFPA standards on systems and fixed systems in general. The remaining nine chapters are devoted to the kin-

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Doug Oakley tells his story

When two young teenagers decided to clean their bicycles with gasoline in a basement, neither of them knew much about flammable vapors. One of them died in the almost inevitable explosion and fire that resulted, but the other — Doug Oakley — survived to tell his tale of eight operations and painful periods of physical therapy. Few viewers will ever

forget the story he tells in a new audio-visual program entitled "Fire: It Could Happen to You."

The program is part of the National Fire Protection Association's continuing effort to reduce the number of fire deaths and injuries. Each year in America thousands of people die and hundreds of thousands are injured; it is the worst fire record of any modern industrial nation.

"Fire: It Could Happen to You" is designed to guide Americans from teenagers to senior citizens in the basics of fire prevention and fire safety. It emphasizes that fire can happen to anyone, but it also presents many simple steps to avoid fire and increase the chance of survival.

The program concentrates on the elimination of hazardous situations, active planning for the possibility of fire, development of escape plans, and correct action in the event of a fire.

Designed to hold viewers' attention, the fast-paced program presents 80 frames in just over 12 minutes. A discussion manual is included to help any group derive the maximum benefit from the program.

"Fire: It Could Happen to You" is available in a slide/tape format with 80 slides and a standard cassette tape with 1000Hz advance for \$29.50 (PA-SL-2); an alternative format uses 35mm filmstrip and a cassette with 50Hz inaudible pulses on one side and audible pulses on the other for \$29.00 (PA-FS-2). Both formats include a discussion manual; either can be ordered now from the NFPA Publications Sales Department, 470 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, MA 02210.

The filmstrip and slides are also available with a cassette and discussion manual in Spanish. The slide version with Spanish cassette and manual costs \$29.50 (PA-SL-2-SP) while the filmstrip version can be purchased for \$29.00 (PA-FS-2-SP).

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Fire Destroys Historic Burke House

From the Hickory Daily Record

By WAKE BRIDGES

MORGANTON—One of Burke County's oldest landmark rural homes lay in smoldering ruins recently.

Fire of as yet undetermined origin destroyed the old Perkins farm home, a brick structure on Johns River.

The historic home was erected in 1829 by Alfred Perkins, a grandson of Gentleman John Perkins for whom the river was named.

The home was about three miles above the bridge that crosses Johns River on Highway 18 between Morganton and Lenoir.

The Perkins farm was the site earlier this year of a controversial country music festival.

The fire that destroyed the old plantation home was observed between 9 and 10 p.m. by Tommy Lowdermilk as he was driving on Piedmont Road.

Driving to the burning house, Lowdermilk found no one at home and the notified the Oak Hill Fire Department.

Assisted by the Chesterfield Fire Department, Oak Hill firemen battled the fire for several hours but were unable to save the historic structure.

Also destroyed by the fire was a Ford Mustang convertible owned by Marshall Walker of Rt. 6, Morganton. A Chevrolet owned by Lester Hildebran of Oak Hill was scorched.

The Perkins farm is now owned by Melvin W. Webb and Ernest Briggs of Burnsville. Briggs, an attorney, has been trying to sell the farm and thousands of other acres of land he owns in western North Carolina.

Reportedly, no insurance was carried by Webb and Briggs on the house.

When firemen arrived the roof and two floors already had burned and collapsed into the basement.

Because of the two cars parked beside the home, it was at first feared someone might be inside the burning structure, but a check disclosed no one had been trapped in the fire, which is under investigation by the Burke County Sheriff's Department.

Gentleman John, a Virginian, came to what is now Catawba County at the age of 19 and sometime after 1735 served as a guide to August Gottlieb Spangenberg, founder and bishop of the Moravian Church in America, in search for a suitable site for a permanent Moravian settlement in North Carolina.

Spangenberg, after a search through the mountain areas, chose what is now Winston-Salem as the site for his permanent Moravian settlement in North Carolina.

A deed dated March 5, 1780, and signed by Gov. Richard Caswell, conveyed to Elisha Perkins, a son of Gentleman John Perkins and the father of Alfred Perkins, 400 acres of land lying on Johns River. Perkins paid 50 shillings for each 100 acres.

Elisha Perkins built a modest home on his broad acres, which

served as the family home for nearly four decades. Then, his son, Alfred, erected a two-story brick home with full basement which until recent years had been used by some members of the Perkins family.

The last Perkins to occupy the historic home was the late Miss Susie Perkins, a great-granddaughter of Gentleman John.

The home had broad verandas facing Johns River, solid wooden blinds and spacious rooms with wide fireplaces.

Until the death of Miss Perkins the home contained the old family piano, mahogany chairs, pewter candlesticks and oil paintings representing nearly 200 years of continuous Perkins family history.

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Results on fire detectors

Results of the second phase of the "Indiana Dunes Tests" on residential fire detectors have been published in a book recently released by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

"Detector Sensitivity and Siting Requirements for Dwellings (Phase 2)" is the final technical report on the second part of a test program sponsored by the federal government's Center for Fire Research at the National Bureau of Standards.

Research was conducted under the continuation of a joint contract with the IIT Research Institute and Underwriters Laboratories Inc.

The primary purpose of the study is to determine how to properly site detectors and to evaluate their sensitivity requirements in various dwellings. Experimentation in this phase of the project involves 36 test fires under summer and fall conditions, and in two-story structures without air conditioning.

Contained in an 8½ by 11 inch, soft cover, the report includes 386 pages with 214 drawings and charts.

"Detector Sensitivity and Siting Requirements for Dwellings (Phase 2)" (NFPA Catalog No. SPP-43A) is priced at \$10 a copy with a schedule of discounts beginning with the purchase of 25 copies. The final technical report of the first phase of the program (NFPA Catalog No. SPP-43) also is available from NFPA for \$10 a copy.

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NEW BERN — TWO NEWS — A new fire truck and station are the pride of the Rhems Volunteer Fire Department. Craven County Fire Marshal Henry Sermons, white shirt, conducts a recent tour of the facility. A \$70,000 Farmers Home

Administration loan helped finance purchase of the truck and construction of the station.

New Bern Sun-Journal Photo

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FAIR BLUFF — An abandoned fertilizer plant which was in the process of being demolished caught fire recently behind Stone Manufacturing Co. near Fair Bluff.

According to Fair Bluff Fire Chief Butch Meares, the plant was about 80 percent demolished and most of the usable materials had been

moved from the site. The building was owned by Stone Manufacturing.

Meares said his department answered the call around 3 p.m. and stayed on the scene until 7 p.m. He said firemen made no attempt to extinguish the flaming building, but stood by in order to prevent the flames from reaching the woods and other buildings in the vicinity.

"The only water we put on the plant was to cool ourselves," Meares said. "The fire jumped the railroad track once, and we stood by to prevent the fire from spreading to other buildings."

Meares said the cause of the fire is undetermined. However, persons demolishing the abandoned building had been burning debris on the site and a spark possibly started the fire.

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Program produced for children

Taught the basics of fire safety in his elementary school class, Hector was able to rescue his younger brother from a fire in their apartment.

Hector's dramatic story is told in "Sparky's Friends Learn Not to Burn," a new audio-visual program produced by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

The program is necessary because children are too frequently the victims of fire in America. Many are never taught what to do to prevent fires, nor are they instructed in what action to take if a fire should occur.

The product of specialists in fire safety and in public education, "Sparky's Friends Learn Not to Burn" is aimed at alleviating this ignorance among young school children. It shows them step-by-step simple actions they can take to help ensure that fire does not happen in their homes, such as helping to throw out the trash and checking extension cords.

It also teaches the basics of escaping a fire, including the "Stop, Drop, and Roll" technique of extinguishing clothing fires.

Designed to hold the attention of young children, the program presents 80 frames in 10 minutes, and the sound track includes a specially written song. The program comes with an instructor's manual so the teacher or adult leader can increase the learning potential of a showing.

"Sparky's Friends Learn Not to Burn" is available in slide/tape format with a standard cassette tape and 1000Hz advance for \$29.50 (PA-SL-1); an alternative format uses 35mm filmstrip and a cassette with inaudible 50Hz advance on one side and audible pulses on the other for \$29.00 (PA-FS-1). Both formats include a discussion manual and handsome display box; either can be ordered now from the NFPA Publications Sales Department, 470 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, MA 02210.

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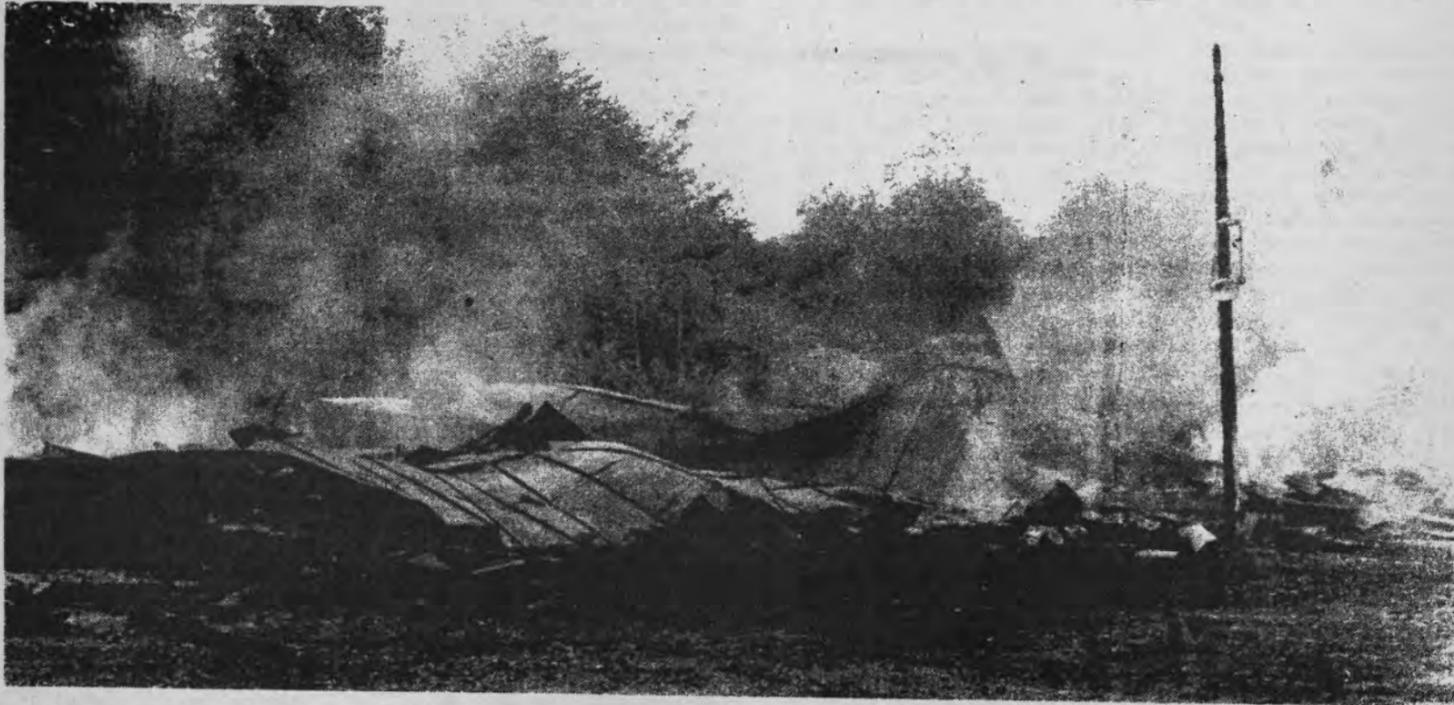
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Fire destroys old Price Depot

Fire hits two barns



The Old Price Train Depot Still Smolders The Day After Flames Destroyed The Station.
Rockingham County Messenger Photo

ROCKINGHAM — The Price train depot, which was more than 100 years old, was destroyed by fire on Sept. 21.

Three fire units—Stoneville, northwest Rockingham and Shiloh—responded to the call at 10:50 p.m. The Madison and Ridgeway units arrived later. Four Stoneville firemen were treated at the scene for first and second degree burns following a moderate explosion.

Rockingham County Fire Marshall Jerry Wallace said the fire probably was caused by bad wiring underneath the building. The upper part of the depot had been rewired, but contained drink and recreational machines that also may have sparked the fire, he said.

The fire started underneath the depot, where witnesses said

they first spotted flames. An explosion followed shortly after the Stoneville department arrived, damaging its No. 2 truck. Madison and Ridgeway units responded after the explosion.

Mrs. Guy Dunlap of Walnut Cove owned the building, which had been an antique shop. She

had leased it to Bobby Manuel of Rt. 1, Martinsville, Va., who was converting the depot into a lounge and recreation room.

The building and its contents, valued at \$14,000, were uninsured. Manuel also lost about

\$5,000 worth of tools in the fire.

Wallace said he did not suspect arson at the present time because there was no supporting evidence and no one was seen leaving the scene of the fire.

ROXBORO — Damages were heavy in two tobacco barn fires that occurred recently.

The first, answered by the Roxboro Fire Department at 2:05 a.m., occurred on N.C. 158 west, below Shorty Westbrook's store.

A total of 550 sticks of tobacco and the barn were completely destroyed in the blaze. T.O. Pass was the owner, and Willie Walker was the tenant.

The second barn fire occurred at 5:28 p.m. on Leasburg Road. A total of 500 sticks of tobacco belonging to Hubert Lee were destroyed, and the barn sustained heavy fire damages.

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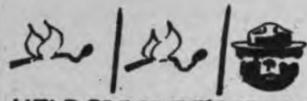
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Dr. John L. Bryan, founder, Professor and current Chairman of the Fire Protection Engineering Curriculum at the University of Maryland is the 1977 Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE) "Fire Protection Man of the Year". The award was presented at the 27th Annual Meeting of the Society, May 19, in Washington, D.C.

In presenting the award, SFPE President William H. McClarran cited Dr. Bryan for his contribution toward reducing life and property loss due to fire through the education of fire protection engineers dedicated to improving fire safety. "What finer legacy can a man have than to have provided a cadre of individuals to carry on the work of the profession", said McClarran.

The fire protection engineering curriculum at Maryland developed by Dr. Bryan graduated its first engineers in 1961. Graduates have become leaders in industry, government and education. Many have achieved masters degrees and several are doctoral candidates. In July, 1976, the curriculum was officially accredited by Engineers Council for Professional Development (ECPD).

Dr. Bryan earned his bachelors and masters degrees from Oklahoma State University and his PhD from American University. He is a member of Tau Beta Pi (national engineering honorary society), Salamander (honorary fire protection engineering society), Phi Kappa Phi (University of Maryland honorary society), Psi Chi, Kappa Delta Pi and Tota Lambda Sigma; as well as the National Association for the Advancement of Science, American Society for Engineering Education and the American Association of University Professors.

Active in a multitude of fire safety organizations, he currently serves as first Vice Chairman of the National Fire Protection Association.

The Society of Fire Protection Engineers, founded in 1950, is the multinational technical society of engineers specializing in the protection of life and property from the ravages of unwanted fire. Its world-wide members include engineers in private practice, in industry and in local, regional and national government. Chapters of SFPE are located in Australia, England, Europe and throughout North America.

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NFPA warns consumers

Consumers were warned recently that salesmen of a few fire equipment companies that market smoke and fire detection alarms are posing as representatives of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), a nationally recognized non-profit fire safety organization.

"We've never endorsed any equipment or device," said Charles S. Morgan, President of NFPA, "but our name is falsely invoked because we are the leading public advocate of fire safety and some companies try to capitalize on that to make sales. Lately, home fire equipment is soaring in popularity, so we hear more and more about people who try to use NFPA's name or logotype as a direct or implied endorsement of their products and systems. Some of these systems are more than a homeowner needs and are expensive, so the prestige of NFPA, which writes fire safety standards that are adopted and used nationally, is used as a sales booster."

From its founding, NFPA has had a firm policy against allowing the use of its name or logotype in connection with product promotion. "However," added Morgan, "we have 33,000 members and a firm is permitted to state that they hold membership in the Association."

The 80 year old organization mails letters from its staff and from attorneys to curb the practice, but, Morgan said, "it's hard to stay ahead of the combination of scare tactics and misleading endorsement used by a few companies. I would emphasize that almost without exception, companies that sell to most of the market are very scrupulous, relying on advertising and the merit of their products. Of course, all smoke and fire detection devices that have won testing laboratory approval use the UL or other label to show that their devices have passed the standards of a nationally respected testing organization."

NFPA does publish a standard for installation of fire detection devices for the home. The standard, No. 74, recommends levels of protection for

the home, Morgan said. "We advise consumers that they can find a number of reliable smoke and fire detection devices in department, building material and hardware stores."

Morgan gave these tips to homeowners:

Purchase as many detection units as are needed.

Follow the installation instructions. Carry out the simple test to be sure it's working.

Pay attention to the battery replacement and/or maintenance information.

Make an escape plan for the family. Lives have been lost when detectors worked but people then became confused in a fire.

In many cases, your fire department can be helpful advisor on fire safety equipment and procedures.

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'Basic Libraries' Now Available

New "Basic Libraries" of related standards now available from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) are a set for industrial fire inspectors and the "Chemistry Laboratory Safety Library."

Each set, complete with an attractive adjustable binder, is priced at 10 per cent less than the cost when the same documents are purchased individually.

In the "Basic Library for Industrial Fire Inspectors" are 13 NFPA documents as essential for OSHA compliance officers and insurance property loss engineers as for fire inspectors in industry. (NFPA Catalog No. BL-IFI; price \$38.50).

Thirteen documents also comprise the "Chemistry Laboratory Safety Library," invaluable to safety administrators of industrial research and development facilities as well as directors of labs in educational and health care institutions. (NFPA Catalog No. RL-CLS; price \$39.)

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From 'Slimey Corner' and back again

The following is a portion of an article appearing in The Thomasville Times

By WINT CAPEL
TIMES Editor

THOMASVILLE — The address of Thomasville's new Central Fire Station — as any Chair Citian of vintage will affirm — is Slimey Corner.

This is where E. Main and National Highway meet today. At one time, a mess in wet weather. Both pedestrians and vehicles passing that way were apt to slip and slide and wind up in a heap in a ditch nearby. The slip-ups subsided with the paving of the intersection, but the name Slimey Corner lives on.

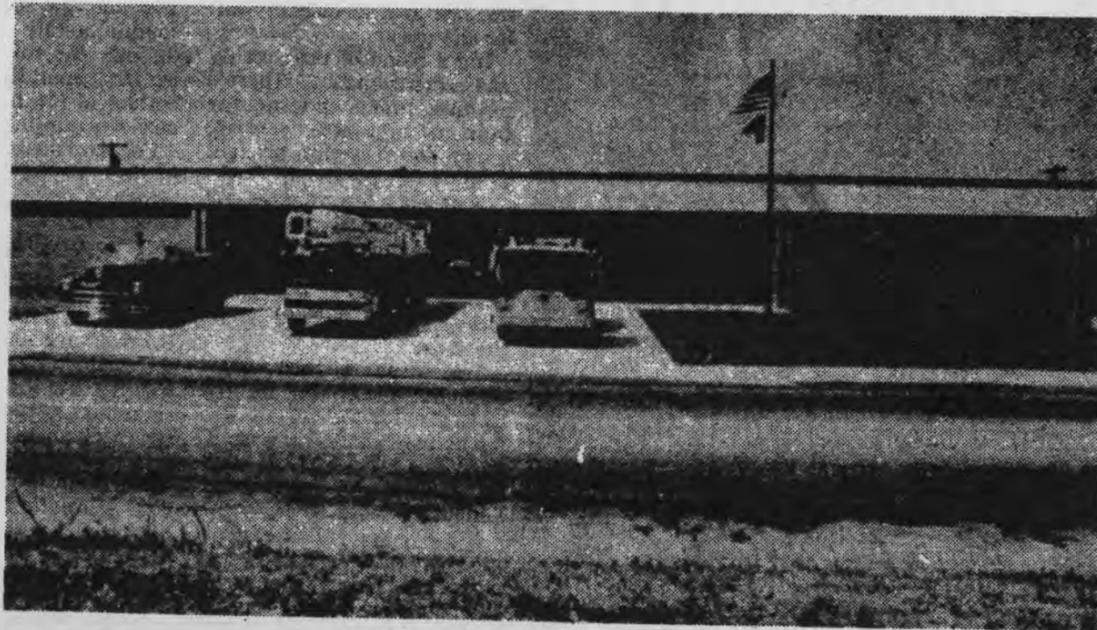
As borne out by the accumulation of notes here and there on the history of the City of Thomasville Fire Department, the connection between the department and Slimey Corner is not altogether new. Fires here used to be fought with hose reels and pumps powered by hand. Before that, the small ones were extinguished with sand, brooms or buckets of water, depending on the number of neighbors and passers-by assembling. In the case of big fires, the crowd that gathered simply watched while whatever was aflame burned to the ground.

In 1907 and 1908, not long after a string of devastating conflagrations and when Thomasville, a half century old, was gaining rapidly in population, the athletic young men of the community were organized as fire-fighters under direction of businessman A. H. Ragan. They were divided into four companies of 10 men each and each company was furnished with one of the pump-hose reel rigs. One reel was placed in each of Thomasville's four wards. Although no one has recorded precisely where, the little building for the reel assigned to the East End ward was near Slimey Corner.

When word of a fire was spread, some or all of the 10 volunteers would run for the reelhouse, grab the reel and pull it to the scene. If lucky, they would find a well, cistern or creek in which to drop one end of the hose. A strong stream of water was then available to combat the blaze.

The Thomasville TIMES had this to say about the volunteers in an editorial dated July 3, 1914: "... These men brave dangers which are uncalled for save for the protection of their neighbors property. Often they expose themselves to the extent that they are liable to their deaths diseases.

"They pull those heavy reels through the streets until they become overheated, and then are drenched with cold water which is enough to give them pneumonia and this is done without any hope of pay or reward, and yet instead of even thanks, often they received har-



New Central Fire Station

Thomasville's fire department has come a long way from a shelter at Slimey Corner used to store reels of firehoses. The station was dedicated in September.

Thomasville Times Photo

sh criticise (sic). We suggest that those who are disposed to criticise these men take their places at the next fire and attempt to extinguish the flames of a stubborn fire."

With the formation of the reel companies, Thomasville got its first fire chief, C.C. Hooks, a popular insurance salesman later on and until his death in 1961. But far superior methods of dealing with fires were adopted in 1912, the year Thomasville constructed a municipal water distribution system, complete with fire hydrants. Reels were replaced with a Ford Model-T truck adapted to fire-fighting use. The truck bed overflowed with hose that was retrieved from the reels.

Hysteria among the smoke-eaters present was averted when one came up with an idea. They took a count of men standing about and, sure enough, it looked like enough. So they picked up the truck and carried it to the fire.

Fire defenses were improved significantly again in 1922. (Thomasville's population had increased from 750 in 1900 to 5,600 in 1920.) The first fire

station was built at the corner of Commerce and E. Guilford and the best of fire engines was purchased — a new 1922 model American La France that could pump 750 gallons of water a minute. It was a sturdy building, one that stood for many years and was used as a city public works building until the site was appropriated for construction of the city parking lot at that location today. It had two stories, with provision upstairs for sleeping four firemen, and there was an old pole the men could slide down if upstairs and the fire bell rang. The station was a brick structure.

All the brick used had been salvaged from the fire that destroyed the old Thomasville Graded School on Good Friday in 1922.

For years a fire bell, the official warning device, hung behind the station and in the event of a fire was tolled in a

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fashion to inform volunteers of a fire's location. The practice was abandoned once the townspeople knew the codes so well that crowds were forming at fires before the volunteers arrived and impeded their getting down to the business of extinguishing the flames.

With a heavy investment in a truck and station, City Fathers

saw it was time to employ a fireman full-time. After two or three had tried out for the job and had failed to stay on, the city hired Carl Jackson, who was to remain with the department for many years. Others were employed part-time to oversee the station when Jackson was not on duty. Remainder of the firemen — perhaps a dozen or more — were volunteers. By 1923, they were feeling entitled to some pay, too, so the city agreed to give a fireman \$2 each time he helped to put out a fire.

In 1926, the first fire alarm boxes in a Gamewell Fire Alarm System were attached to posts around town. Some 31 were installed in the beginning and these have been added to many times since.

Not being one to buck the tradition that a fire department should have a mascot, Jackson acquired a bulldog from a fireman employed in High Point. Bozo had soon mastered

catching and climbing aboard the truck as it headed out for a fire, and he was a familiar sight at fire scenes until he became so mean nobody could stand him. One day, somehow, he just disappeared.

The American La France was not alone for long. It was joined by a 1929 model Seagraves with the capacity to pump a thousand gallons of water a minute.

Volunteers were not content for long with the pay of \$2 per fire. They felt better after the city agreed to pay something even if the alarm answered proved false — but only \$1.

The real reward, however, was the excitement, the feeling of pride that comes from a good performance with a practiced team, the glow after helping friend or neighbor. More pay would not have bought greater dedication.

After he was accepted as a volunteer in 1942 and while employed at Thomasville Chair Co., Jeff Hartman had an arrangement that, for one thing, allowed him to leave his work when a fire alarm sounded. He would meet a taxi at the plant gate that took him to and from the fire. A difficult way to make two bucks.

But after more than 30 years, the few volunteers remaining still receive only \$2 for responding to a fire alarm here.

Hartman later became a paid fireman and rose to the position of assistant chief before retirement in June of 1976.

The fire department got a new home in 1938. That's the year the present City Hall was completed with federal WPA (Works Progress Administration) funds. The east end of the building had been designed as a fire station, with dormitory on the second floor and two brass poles for ready access to trucks below. While the City Hall was being built, a construction worker stepped through one of the openings for a brass pole and died of injuries from his fall to the floor below.

The move to the new facilities — the ones in use until occupation of the Central Fire Station — took place on Friday the 13th in April. Other city departments moved in at the same time. City Manager R.M. Cooksey thought No. 13 was lucky. He always set up the big moves in city government for the 13th of the month.

The relocation cloaked the department with some sophistication. The volunteers now, if not before, were being notified of fire alarms by means of bells, or tappers, in their homes. Over wires between the bells and the fire station came the tap-tapping that gave the location of a fire. Major equipment, however, still consisted of the 1922 and 1929 pumpers, and while there were about a half dozen paid firemen, the volunteers were still the main source of manpower.

It was not until 12 years later that the department could boast of having a full-time paid fire chief — or in April of 1948. That was the year the city council had begun preparations for constructing a fire station No. 2 on Randolph Street. The first paid chief was Howard Sullivan, who died within about a month of his

appointment. His successor — officially, in August of that year, was Lindsay Loftin, who had joined the department in June of 1924 on part-pay and went full-time in 1936. He served as chief (as well as city electrical inspector) until his retirement Aug. 31, 1967. He was replaced by the present chief, Howard Matthews, a full-time fireman since July 9, 1950, when he was age 29. Up until the appointment of Sullivan, the fire chiefs had been:

C.C. Hooks until about 1912; Robert T. Ritchie until 1922; C.L. White Sr. for a few months; George B. Wimberly until late in 1923; Robert J. Tomlinson until November of 1941; C. L. White Sr. until Sullivan's appointment became effective.

In October of 1948, when the department had 10 paid members, Station No. 2 had been completed and a new, 1948-model, 750-gallon pumper had been purchased and delivered. Until then, the firemen and others had lived with the fear that a major fire would break out on the southside of town and the fire trucks would not be able to reach it because of a freight train blocking the crossings on the Southern's mainline.

In 1951, the paid firemen number 13, the same as the volunteers, and for the first time there were as many paid men as non-paid (or almost payless).

On Jan. 10, 1952, Fire Capt. Jack Beasley snatched an unconscious child from a house on fire and saved its life. Later he was to receive various commendations. The heroism influenced the decision of the state Jaycees to declare him North Carolina's "Outstanding Young Fireman" for the year 1958-59.

Another 1,000-gallon pumper was delivered in 1956, and nine years later, in 1965, the department became the owner of yet another thousand-galloner, the latter having been purchased with \$25,000 from a city bond issue. Upon its delivery, and not without at moist eye here and there, the 1922 American La France was retired. At age 28 it had become a curiosity. The rear wheels were chain-driven, much the same as the back wheel on a bike. Now there would be no repetition of the mishap in

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which less-than-agile fireman caught his pant's cuff in the chain as the truck was leaving on a fire call and barely saved his leg, if not his pride.

An aerial truck of considerable beauty and versatility showed up in 1967 to become the department's most prized piece of equipment. It cost \$70,000 and was a gift from Thomasville Furniture Industries, which was willing to spend that kind of money in return for assurance there would be a fire truck around capable of reaching the top floor of its tallest factories, some of which are highly susceptible to combustion problems.

The next year, at a cost of \$25,000, the size of station No. 2 was doubled, thereby making room for housing the aerial truck (better known as the snorkel).

Along came another 1,000-gallon pumper in 1973. By now the price tag on such equipment had soared to \$46,000. Its addition brought on the sale, as surplus, of the 1929 pumper and assignment of reserve status to the 1948 model.

The newest piece of major equipment is a service or bucket truck. It cost \$13,500 and arrived in May of 1976. It is especially useful in the maintenance of the 35 miles of wire overhead that connects Central Fire Station and the 85 alarm boxes on posts throughout the city.

Since March of 1975, the department has been staffed with a chief and 44 paid firemen. The number had taken a jump at this point so the city would not be in conflict with federal wage and hour regulations. The old work schedule of 24 hours on duty and 24 off was ditched.

Today, personnel are organized into one ladder company (snorkel) and three pumper companies. The men work 24 hours on, 24 off, 24 on and then they take four days off. One pumper company is located at station No. 2, also home of the 1948 truck on stand-by. Everything else and everybody else is luxuriating at the Central firehouse.

On Feb. 18, 1971, the N.C. Fire Insurance Rating Bureau dropped Thomasville from Class 6 to Class 5, the result being a savings on fire insurance premiums for some property owners (mainly business buildings). It was the first change in the rating here in at least 30 years. The acquisition of the snorkel heavily influenced the reclassification.

The time when a building near Slimey Corner sheltered a hand reel for use in fighting fires here does not seem so distant. It did not take long, after all, to pave the intersection, tear down the old Dave Yow house, use up and tear down its replacement — an auto sales-service building, and erect possibly North Carolina's finest small city fire department headquarters building.

In this period, when the fire department is fully staffed and fully equipped, when firemen undergo training almost continuously, when the department promotes fire prevention around the calendar, and when fire-proofing of structures is commonplace, Thomasville never slept better at night.



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Hominy Volunteers

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swered 307 ambulance calls, 46 fire calls, 11 rescue calls, three search missions, and seven drag operations. Last spring "during all that cold weather," said Thompson, the department brought water to 217 different families, making runs as many as eight and 10 times to some homes.

There 23 homes inspected for fire safety and a total of 3,766 man hours involved. Last year (1976) a little over 7,000 hours volunteer work was tallied by the department — that's about one man working for three years and two months, Thompson put it in individual terms.

GOOD NEIGHBOR CALLS

And then, said Thompson, Upper Hominy handles some distress calls that do not exactly fit into the emergency category by some rescue or fire departments.

"We have a lot of calls to pump out basements, especially in this wet weather," he said. And there was no charge for the service.

When Pole Creek flooded earlier in the spring, the Upper Hominy volunteers pumped out several businesses expending six or seven hours at some and washing down the lots, to boot. They washed the Candler Post Office down three times.

And maybe the most unusual was a trip to Orchid Street on Pole Creek to wash mud off one man's lawn.

Besides general community service, the Upper Hominy volunteers make their ambulances available for some good neighbor calls.

"There are a lot of bed patients in Hominy Valley," related Thompson and volunteers often take individuals to the doctor's office or to a hospital for treatment, then bring the patient home and put him to bed.

There is one young lady on Queen Road who has been paralyzed and bedfast for five or six years. So the Upper Hominy Volunteers take her to church occasionally, sit with her during the service and return her to home.

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For one V.A. Hospital patient, they provided a hospital bed for three years. The department has three such beds that are available to loan out. One particular man at the V. A. Hospital is picked up by volunteers and brought home every two or three weekends to spend Sunday with his family.

STANDING BY

They are glad to stand by in case of emergency for anyone taking down an old building or burning brush and each home football game will find them standing-by at Enka High School Stadium.

All emergency calls must be called into the Asheville transmitter 253-3224 before then being referred to the appropriate departments.

"It's usually not over four or five minutes before we're on our way," even for night calls at home. Generally a scheduled ambulance run draws five or six volunteers while a major automobile accident may require the services of 20 to 30 volunteers.

The Upper Hominy volunteers meet for business sessions each first and third Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at the station. Each second, fourth and any fifth Mondays, the volunteers have a 2.5 hour training session, which adds up to about 60 man-hours of training per month.

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NFPA solves dilemma

Translating a series of mathematical equations into clear, visual images has long been a problem for instructors attempting to explain the chemistry and physics of fire.

"Fire: Concepts and Behavior," a new, full-color film produced by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), provides a simple solution to this dilemma presenting the basic properties of fire in a concise, easy-to-understand manner.

The film emphasizes neither the good nor the evil potentials of fire, but rather relies on a discussion of the phenomenon itself.

Produced under the direction of top fire-science specialists, "Fire: Concepts and Behavior" combines clear, authoritative narrative with colorful yet simple experiments to teach fundamental principles of fire research. Areas covered include flammable range, flash point, heat balance, and heat transfer among others.

The film is designed to be compatible with the teaching of fire science at almost any level through either the fire triangle or the fire tetrahedron. It is divided into four parts — fuel, heat, oxygen, and the chemical chain reaction — to allow for a simple presentation of very complex material potentially useful at the beginning, middle, and end of fire-science courses.

Available in 16 mm, "Fire: Concepts and Behavior" runs about 20 minutes and can be ordered for \$295 (FL-46) from the NFPA Publications Sales Department, 470 Atlantic Ave., Boston, MA 02210.

The film also can be rented for \$45 a day plus \$2.25 to cover

handling and insurance. Rental orders should include the film title, the catalog number, the rental fee, the shipping destination, the primary show date, and an alternate show date. They should be addressed to the NFPA Film Library, 470 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10016. Rental orders also may be phoned in by calling 212-684-5910.

Reference tool produced

A reference tool for accurate, uniform classification of fire incidents data has been produced by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

The "Fire Incident Data Coding Guide" provides the classification numbers and descriptions needed by those responsible for classifying data entered on the Basic Incident Report (NFPA 902A) and the Basic Casualty Report (NFPA 902G).

The Guide references in alphabetical sequence the lines on the two reports that contain data elements requiring classification. Thus the users may flip easily through the Guide as the reports are being completed.

Those utilizing the spiral-bound, 31-page booklet should be knowledgeable of the procedures for completing the reports because the Guide is not an instruction manual. All the classifications and descriptions contained in it are taken from NFPA 901 — 76, "Uniform Coding for Fire Protection." The Guide complements this Standard.

Fire incident and casualty data classified according to the Guide can be used in the National Fire Incident Reporting System of the National Fire Prevention and Control Administration (NFPCA).

"Fire Incident Data Coding Guide" (NFPA SPP-42) is priced at \$3.50 a copy. A schedule of discounts begins with purchase of 25 copies. Address orders to the NFPA Publications Sales Department, 470 Atlantic Ave., Boston, MA 02210.

Courtesy NFPA

Fire destroys tobacco barn

JONESVILLE — A tobacco barn owned by Carl Adams of the Clingman Road community was destroyed by fire about 8 p.m. recently.

Members of the Arlington Fire Department said they thought the barn was hit by lightning during a thunderstorm in the Jonesville area.

The loss was estimated at about \$3,000.

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MOUNT OLIVE — A LOT OF HARD WORK — It may look like an easy chore to spectators, but Mount Olive firemen will tell you that battling a fire at a practice session is just as tiring as putting out the real thing. Shown here are scenes of local fire fighters during a recent training session: on left, firemen Doug

Kelly, with helmet, and T.J. Sutton rest on a bale of hay used to start the blazes; to right, firemen Bruce Dudley, Raymond Brock and Jimmy Green pack up the hoses.
Mount Olive Tribune Photo

Water Can Be

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ds of systems - water sprinkler, water spray, foam-water, foam extinguishing, high expansion foam, dry chemical, carbon dioxide, halogenated agent, and explosion suppression.

"Fire-Fighting Foams and Foam Systems" (NFPA SPP-44) is priced at \$6 a copy; "Fire Officer's Guide to Extinguishing Systems" (NFPA FSP-30A) is priced at \$7.50 a copy. The schedule of discounts for either begins with purchase of 25 copies. Address orders to the NFPA Publications Sales Department, 470 Atlantic Ave., Boston, MA 02210.

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Mayor Burns Ribbon

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burning" ceremony in September.

Public Safety Director Barry Del Castilho said the academy is "the only facility of its kind south of Baltimore." Describing the dedication activities, Del Castilho said "the most disappointing part of the day was the small size of the crowd." One official estimated 500 to 600 people showed up, which was far short of the hoped-for 1,000.

There were plenty of public safety officers at the

dedication. They covered the area, sometimes in fire-fighting gear, sometimes manning the demonstration display. The displays ranged from safe locks for your home to a new computer system that is being tested.

The area was liberally spotted with light-blue public safety cars and there were also some fire trucks. Next to the fire-drill building, people were waiting in line for a slow ride up and down a long ladder called "the bucket."

**R. B. Smith
New NFPA**

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Mary, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in business administration. An Army veteran, he was a first lieutenant in the artillery during the Korean War, serving in Germany.

Smith is married and is the father of three children. The family home is at 14220 Ansted Road in Silver Spring.

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Smith of the Lake Havasu City (Ariz.) Volunteer Fire Department.

Continuing as officers of the NFPA Fire Service Section are Assistant Chief Alan V. Brunacini of the Phoenix (Ariz.) Fire Department, chairman; Btn. Chief William Hunter of the New City (N.Y.) Fire

Department, vice-chairman; and Capt. Richard Moncur of the Westfield (N.J.) Fire Department, secretary. Executive Secretary of the Section is Joseph M. Redden, Chief Fire Service Specialist on the staff of the NFPA Public Protection Division, Boston. He is former Chief of the Newark (N.J.) Fire Department.

Organized in 1973, the NFPA Fire Service Section is open to members of public fire departments and of fire departments connected with airfields and military bases, as well as to persons engaged in the training and education of fire department members. Section headquarters are at the NFPA Executive Office, 470 Atlantic Ave., Boston, MA 02210.



Wash day at the fire station

SALISBURY — Salisbury firemen spend every Saturday afternoon scrubbing and polishing their equipment. The trucks are also wiped down twice a day at shift changes and after every fire call.

Salisbury Post Photo

Fire Destroys Graham Firm

GRAHAM — A building in downtown Graham was destroyed by fire recently. There were no injuries.

Graham firemen worked for three hours to bring the flames under control at Edwards Flooring Company, located in the 100 block of North Main Street.

Late that night, firemen were still trying to determine the cause of the fire.

Fire Chief Don Bulla described the building as a total loss.

An estimate of the amount of damage to the building was unavailable.

Two adjoining buildings suffered from smoke and water damage. Two firemen suffered minor injuries.

Garbage Truck Damaged By Fire

HENDERSON — A county garbage truck was damaged when it caught fire while traveling on U.S. 1 just north of Kittrell.

Fire Damages Dellinger Home

LANDIS — A fire of unknown origin caused moderate damage to David Dellinger's home of 513 Dial St. on a recent night. The fire broke out in the attic while the Dellinger family was at the Rowan County Fair.

The Bostian Heights Fire Department answered the call at 9:25 p.m. and were there until 10:56 p.m. The Rowan County Rescue Squad was also at the scene, assisting with lighting. Most of the damage to the house was in the attic area.

Damages were estimated at a maximum of \$500 by Howard A. Gall, supervisor of the Vance County Grounds and Maintenance Department.

"It appears that some wires underneath the chassis caught fire," he said. "We were lucky we didn't lose the truck."

Gall commended the speedy efforts of the Kittrell Fire Department, whom he said "got there in a hurry."

The Bearpond Fire Department and the Vance County Fire and Ambulance Service also assisted in extinguishing the blaze and keeping it from spreading to the truck's engine.

Morris T. Ball of Route 4, Henderson was driving the truck when the incident occurred.

Robeson County Firemen's Ladies Auxiliaries Meet

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Robeson County believes in various types of specialized training and lots of it. The average value of the rural departments is over \$100,000.00.

Following a drawing for the cash prize donated by First Union National Bank of Red Springs, won by the host

auxiliary, presidents of the auxiliaries represented made brief remarks on the status of their organizations and their activities in support of the departments. Speakers included Elise Wyatt, Lumber Bridge; Mrs. H.T. Taylor, Allenton; Josephine Patterson, East Howellsville; Linda Floyd; Smyrna; Laura Barnes, Fairmont Rural; Catherine Byrd, Lumberton; Janice Jones, Pembroke; and Dot Lawing, Parkton. A number of door prizes donated by county business firms were awarded to lucky ticket holders.

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