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Haywood Co. Firemen's Ass'n Formed

HAYWOOD COUNTY — A Haywood County Fireman's Association was organized in a meeting at Haywood Tech and two Canton men took top offices in the new organization.

Officers were elected after three or four organizational meetings over the last six months, according to Leo Cayton, Canton fire chief and safety officer who is also president of the newly-formed association.

Such a fire association was first under discussion about three or four years ago, according to Haywood County fire marshal Noland Palmer, chairman of the board of directors of the Firemen's Association and member of the Junaluska Fire Department.

The association was organized with the intent of "coordinating training for all firemen in Haywood County," said Cayton. "We are hoping to bring a school to Haywood County, most likely to Haywood Tech, to provide maybe a week of classes involving eight to 10 courses taught by state teachers."

Size has been a real consideration in bringing the expertise of the State Department of Insurance to the mountain area for training. A single fire department which needed training for perhaps 17 to 20 men could not draw the highly qualified instructors the way a large group of perhaps 300 firemen could.

The Haywood Firemen's Association will represent some



HAYWOOD COUNTY Firemen's Association elected its first slate of officers: Leo Cayton, Canton fire chief, as president; Noland Farmer, Haywood fire marshal and Junaluska fireman, chairman of the board of directors; and Jerry Ledbetter, Canton fireman and secretary of the association, among others.

Canton Enterprise Photo

300-plus firemen in the county plus an open invitation to county rescue squadsmen to participate.

"Better fire protection through better training and knowing what fire fighting equipment is available in each area of the county" are big pluses offered by the association, said Palmer.

New officers include Cayton, president; John W. Jaynes of Junaluska, vice president; Jerry Ledbetter of Canton, secretary-treasurer; James

Medford of Saunook, chaplain; and Grover Pressley of Center Pigeon, assistant chaplain.

The board of directors headed by Palmer includes Russell Buchner of Chamoion Fire

Brigade, assistant chief, serving as vice chairman; John Summerow of Hazelwood; Charles Rathbone of Maggie Valley as fire chief; and Ronald Dean of Center Pigeon.

Faison Officers Elected

FAISON — Officers of the Faison Fire Department and Faison Rescue Service were elected at the regular business meeting of the organizations recently.

Glenn Jernigan was reelected as chief of the town and rural divisions of the fire department and as chief of the rescue service. Henry Brown was elected as secretary-treasurer of the fire and rescue services; and Ray Vernon was elected as assistant chief of the rescue squad.

Officers elected to the town division of the fire department were Clement Shine, assistant chief; Robbie Kennedy, captain; Danny Kennedy, first lieutenant; and Sprunt Hall, second lieutenant.

Elected to the rural fire department were O. E. "Pig" Bradshaw; Hampton Hobbs, captain; Tommy Taylor, first lieutenant; and Delmas Hobbs, second lieutenant.

Moore Firefighters Hold Meeting At Eastwood

MOORE COUNTY — The Moore County Firefighters Association recently held its second meeting at the Eastwood fire station, and, with 98 members representing 13 of the county's 17 fire departments present, continued the organization which had started at Pinehurst last May.

At that first meeting only 30 had been present, but that had been enough to get the organization going, to elect officers and decide to hold regular meetings twice a year, in the spring and in the fall.

Mike Smithson, of the Southern Pines department, president, introduced himself and his fellow officers, Charlie Davis, of the Pinebluff department, vice-president, and Harry Graham, of the Pinehurst department, secretary-treasurer.

This was necessary because, as Smithson said, "we all need to get to know each other and that is one of the main reasons for having an organization like this. It will be helpful to know each other when we go out on mutual aid. In a close-knit

organization, we can hold competitive drills, have more input in operation of our departments, meet in the different communities and learn to know each other as friends."

Smithson presided over the meeting which followed a roast beef supper, served by ladies of the host department at the snack bar, buffet style, and carried to the tables which nearly filled the huge truck room of Eastwood's new and modern station house.

The rolling equipment had been moved outside for the occasion, and was displayed under the lights along with "quick-dump" equipment items brought by the Pinehurst department, including a 2,000 gallon portable tank.

Fred Whitesell, of the host department, asked a blessing, and Max Whitesell, Eastwood's fire chief, welcomed the crowd, which included 94 men and four women firefighters.

The initial meeting, in May, had been held on a Saturday afternoon, with some outdoor contests providing the entertainment. Noting that the

second meeting had more than three times the attendance. Smithson solicited opinions as to whether afternoon or night meetings would be best, and a general agreement was reached to leave it up to the host department, but with the spring meeting generally outdoor-oriented, and the fall meeting generally at night.

Smithson proposed that a steering committee be set up, to meet more frequently and provide some direction, and he asked that each department select two members and let him know their names within a month or two.

He asked for nominations for chaplain, received none and it was decided this would be left up to the host department each time, to provide a member or members to "do chaplain duties."

While they didn't think they could need much money, they decided some sort of membership fee would be needed, and, on motion of Capt. John Lobby of the Eastwood department, approved by a

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Firemen Honor Harvell

BUIES CREEK — The Buies Creek Volunteer Fire Department held its annual Christmas party and banquet Saturday night, December 17 and named Tommy Harwell "Fireman of the Year."

Tommy had been with the squad for three years. He is employed with the Board of Education. He and his wife, Billie Jean, live between Coats and Buies Creek.

Tommy is the son of Mr. Arnold Harwell of Lillington. His wife is the daughter of Madeline Wiggs of Route 1, Coats.

More than 175 people were on hand to witness Tommy's award. Guest speaker for the program was Dick Ellis of WRAL radio in Raleigh.

He was introduced by the Chief of the fire squad, J.W. Wallace, Courtesy of the firemen, the squad enjoyed the meal of barbeque chicken, beef,

and pork with all the trimmings.

An AM-FM radio door prize was donated by Womack's Electronics of Buies Creek. Bingo was played and fruitcake was given away as prizes.

Mr. and Mrs. Lance Lackey were presented a plaque for selling the most tickets to chicken barbeque dinner in the summer.

The senior citizens were special guests at the banquet.

Directors Named

GOLDSBORO — New directors of the Oakland Volunteer Fire Department have been named. They are Lenly Wilkins, Oscar Evans and Thomas Talton.

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Editorial

You may remember that I wrote an editorial several months ago in reference to the Supper Club Fire in Kentucky where 164 persons died. Just in case you did not see the article I did about the resultant investigation, I thought I would bring it to you again, for a fire of that magnitude should be of interest to everyone, not just those in the Fire Industry.

A Kentucky state report says that the supper club was an "electrician's nightmare" stating that numerous building code violations were covered up. The Governor of the State, Gov. Julian Carroll, released the report and stated that a reading of the report showed a shocking and total disregard for human life by the owners of the club. It seems to me he should have added the building inspectors to the list. The club could not have operated if the building inspectors had been doing their job properly. The Governor suspended, with pay, three top state fire investigators for what he called "ineffective enforcement, generally, of the law." It seems to me that suspension with pay was a small price to pay for what, to me, was criminal negligence, to say the least.

The supper club was constructed in clear violation of the law, then operated in violation of the law and failed to use reasonable care in the evacuation of the premises. It was estimated that at least 1,300 persons were in the Cabaret Room alone, while the fire marshal's estimation of its capacity was about 536. The number of exits in the entire structure was sufficient to accommodate 1,511 persons, and this many may have been in the Cabaret Room alone.

There were numerous electrical violations including the installation of improper wiring without approval or proper



EMILY H. KING

inspections, and no sprinkler system, as approved by the building code. In the Cabaret Room, aisles and ramps were jammed with tables and chairs. How in the world could they have gotten out?

The governor announced suspension of the state's highest fire official, Warren Southworth, and two of his subordinates, Stanley Boyd (head of the Division of New Construction) and John Bramlage (a northern Kentucky field representative). I wonder whether they had a local Building Fire Inspector. I also wonder if suspension with pay (just a paid vacation) is perper punishment for men who were directly, or indirectly, responsible for the deaths of 164 persons. I know if a member of my family had been a fatality in that fire, I certainly wouldn't think so. I assume that most of the blame is on the owners of the club, but those men who hold an important job in seeing that these precautions are taken, in my mind were fully to blame, maybe more so than the owners, because they betrayed a trust they had been given.

Emily H. King

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Baker Is Voted JFD Fireman Of The Year

JONESVILLE— Eleven local firemen received awards recently, as the Jonesville Volunteer Fire Dept. held its annual Christmas party at High Meadows Inn, Dec. 10; and Fireman Ernest Baker was voted "Outstanding Fireman of the Year."

Thirty-five attended the dinner-local Firemen and their wives.

It was voted that the volunteers will receive a plaque for service every 10 years; and every 20 years.

Special awards were presented the JFD Firemen at the dinner, for Outstanding Service to their Community.

They were: Chief Lindburg Swaim, P.J. Barr, Ernest Baker, C.J. Holcomb, Wesley

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National Fire Protection Association

CALENDAR

- Feb. 28, 1978 Deadline for Entries - Industrial, Health Care and Education Institutions Division - **LEARN NOT TO BURN COMPETITION** sponsored by **NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**
- May 15-18, 1978 **82nd ANNUAL MEETING** of **NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**, Disneyland Hotel and Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, Calif.
- May 31, 1978 Deadline for Entries - Municipal Division - **LEARN NOT TO BURN COMPETITION** sponsored by **NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**
- Aug. 31, 1978 Deadline for Entries - Government and Military Division - **LEARN NOT TO BURN COMPETITION** sponsored by **NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**
- Oct. 8-14, 1978 **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**, internationally sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association
- Nov. 13-16, 1978 **FALL MEETING** of **NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**, Hyatt Regency, Montreal, Que., Canada
- Nov. 30, 1978 Deadline for Entries - Municipal Division - **LEARN NOT TO BURN COMPETITION** sponsored by **NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**

Fireman Of The Year Named During Christmas Banquet

GRANITE FALLS — Carl Richard Jenkins of Granite Falls was named Fireman of the Year in December during the annual Granite Falls Fire Department Christmas banquet.

The event, which was held at the First United Methodist Church in Granite Falls, was attended by about 30 firemen and their wives and several special guests.

Fireman Tim Bumgarner was named Rookie of the Year but was unable to attend.

A new award this year, the Sweetheart Award went to Mrs. Melvin Jones of Granite Falls who has helped the fire department so diligently.

Outstanding Service awards went to Captain Bill Reid, Captain Dale Reid, Lt. Bill Burns, Herbert Jones, Larry Carpenter and Lee Yount. Yount was also not present. He is serving a term in the US Army and has a leave of absence from the fire service.

Special guests included three Granite Falls Town councilmen

Jerry Chatman, Paul Williams and Mike Bowman, and their wives.

Also attending was Sawmills Fire Chief Ray Wilson and wife; Rhodhiss Fire Chief Larry

Nichols and wife; Dr. Jack Church of Lenoir and his wife and Gaither Williams, the fire department's neighbor, who is 87 years old.

Mrs. Jones was a special guest along with the oldest member of the Granite Falls Fire Department, a charter member, Tom McWaters of Lakeside Avenue.

Granite Falls town department heads and their wives also attended the banquet.

County Firemen Take Nuclear Waste Class

MARTIN COUNTY — While the effects of radioactivity are well known throughout the United States, the average citizen would probably know little about how to handle radioactive material or how to prevent others from being exposed to radioactive leakage. Members of the Griffin's Township and Bear Grass Fire departments recently completed a course conducted through the Division of Continuing Education at Martin Community College to help change this situation.

What could be done if some radioactive material were to be leaked out in Martin County? Before that question creates a great deal of humor, the reader should be reminded that nuclear wastes are being transported on the highways and an accident involving just such a vehicle occurred only about 50 miles from Martin County during the month of November.

The Radiological Emergency Response, which was taught by Dale Lilley who has worked with nuclear materials for a number of years in the military, was intended to make firemen qualified to handle just such an emergency. By understanding how to handle and react to

radioactive material, the
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Pictured on the front row are: Gary Weaver, Jack Lancaster, Mason Allen, Henry Heath, Robie Laws, Larry Kerley, W.B. Ashley, Butch Huntley, Ralph Riggs, Frankie Solomon, Doug Carroll. Second row; Sam Hupman, Curtis Clark, Belton Joyner, Otis Perkins, Tim Bradley, Bobby Knight, W.B. Ashley, Jr., Bill Davis, Danny Morton, Drewery Crawford, Jimmy Jobe, Johnnie Parker and George Sykes.

Absent when the picture was made was Bennie O' Briant and Jon Wolfe.
Alamance — Orange Enterprise Photo

Fire Safety Is Program Topic

MARTIN COUNTY — Several homes have been reported damaged by fire in Martin County recently but fortunately no lives have been lost in any of the blazes. A program co-sponsored by the Martin County 4-H Club, the Robersonville Fire Department and East End School is working to keep just such a record intact.

The fire safety program was completed at the Robersonville school in December with students in grades one through five, plus those attending kindergarten having their fourth session led by Robersonville Fire Chief Mike Roberson.

The program itself has been divided into age groups with kindergarten and first grade students hearing a slightly modified version of the lessons presented to the older students. Not only were the students instructed but each was also given a test booklet to fill out and awards will later be given for the best work.

Fire safety is more than just another part of the schoolwork, East End School Principal Milton Harris noted, adding

that quite a bit of interest had been shown in the program, especially by the students in the higher grades. The students were shown films on fire safety and instructed what to do in case of a fire in their own home or school. Not only was valuable information learned about what to do in case of a fire in one's home, but Roberson also emphasized the dangers of Christmas tree lights and the fire hazards of such holiday ornaments if not handled properly. Quite a few questions were raised by the students about holiday ornaments and their safety.

Perhaps the strongest points noted during the four lessons

were to teach a respect for fire by explaining exactly what it is, its uses, the destruction it can cause and also to stress the points that, in case of fire, students should not panic but react to the situation in an orderly manner. This type of lesson could be useful to everyone in Martin County, not only elementary school students.

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Grassy Creek Fire Department Holds Elections

GRASSY CREEK — In accordance with the by-laws of the Grassy Creek Department the following members were nominated and elected by unanimous vote to serve in the following designated offices for the year 1978:

Eugene Shuford, Chief; Jack Broadway, Asst. Chief; Marvin Buchanan, Captain; Wayne Harrison, Lieutenant; John Christman, Secretary; Arval Woody, Treasurer; Richard Hollifield, Chaplain; Bill

Haberneck, Jr., Fire Rescue; John Christman, Asst. Fire Rescue; Reid Duncan, Training Officer; Bill Haberneck, Sr., Traffic Officer; Donald Shuford, Industrial Specialist; and Charles Wiseman, Asst. Industrial Specialist. Building and Grounds Committee consists of: Bill Haberneck, Sr., Jack Broadway and Sue Wiseman.

Board of Trustees: Eugene Shuford, Richard Riddle, Earl Shuford, Arval Woody, Reid Duncan, Bill Haberneck, Sr., John Christman and Douglas Wiseman.

Completes Fire Fighting Course

BRYSON CITY — On November 18, 1977 the Charlotte Fire Department graduated 12 men from a 14 week Recruit Class consisting of 25 different subjects.

Among the new men graduating was James Michael Clampitt of Bryson City. He joined the fire department on June 22, 1977 and is assigned to Engine Company 21 as a Firefighter.

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Paving company's loss about \$10,000 from fire

ARLINGTON — A noon fire caused approximately \$10,000 damage to the Dan Wilkins Paving Company in Arlington recently.

No one was hurt in the blaze, which apparently started when an oil stove exploded in the company's office.

All of the office space was destroyed but most of the garage area for the company's

paving equipment was almost untouched by the flames.

Mr. Wilkins had been in the office but had just stepped out to look at some equipment when the explosion and fire occurred.

Arlington Fire Chief Sonny Burch said, "The building was completely involved in fire when we arrived." He said the fire department was on the scene for nearly two hours and received help from the Jonesville Fire Department in the form of a tanker truck.

In addition to the office, its equipment and records, a 1952 Ford, an asphalt spreader and several lawn mowers were lost to the fire.

The lawn mowers' engines were made of magnesium, a substance which burns brilliantly but cannot be extinguished with water.

"We just let it burn itself out," said Mr. Burch. "It did not cause us any problems."

A spokeswoman for the company said they would not shut down because of the blaze.

"There will be quite a cleanup," said Evon Wilkins, "but business will continue." She said a lot of equipment and several trucks were saved when neighbors moved them away from the fire.

Life Safety Seminars

Life Safety Code Seminars covering requirements of NFPA 101 for specific occupancy categories will take place in seven regions of the United States this Spring, sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

This seminar series is the latest in the training project begun by NFPA in 1976. Following a year of seminars on the opening eight chapters of the Life Safety Code, which are general in nature, seminars pertaining to Code chapters 8-17 were initiated in September 1977 and are now being extended into May of this year.

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Feb. 27-Mar. 1 — Philadelphia, Pa. (Philadelphia Sheraton Hotel)

Mar. 15-17 — Kansas City, Mo. (Radisson Muehlebach Hotel)

Mar. 28-30 — San Diego, Calif. (Vacation Village Hotel)

Apr. 3-5 — Washington, D.C. (Shoreham Americana Hotel)

Apr. 11-13 — Boston, Mass. (Howard Johnson's 57 Park Plaza Motor Hotel)

May 8-10 — New Orleans, La. (Fairmont Hotel)

The "sample three-day curriculum" for each seminar reads: Day 1 — introduction, new health care occupancies, existing health care and penal occupancies; Day 2 — introduction, residential occupancies, business and mercantile occupancies, and industrial occupancies; and Day 3 — places of assembly, educational occupancies, review, and close of seminar.

Each intensive, performance-oriented seminar will have three instructors from among the faculty group of five highly-qualified men, each of whom has taught previous Code training sessions.

Instructors will be John F. Behrens, Director of Building and Community Development, City of Huntington Beach, Calif.; Donald W. Belles of Madison, Tenn., a Fire Protection Consultant; Dr. John L. Bryan of College Park, Md., Professor and Chairman of the Department of Fire Protection Engineering at the University of Maryland; John A. Sharry, Assistant Director of the NFPA Engineering Services Division and the Association's Life Safety Code Specialist; and Michael J. Slifka, Chief of the Safety, Occupational Health and Fire Protection Division, Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C.

Through the combination of authoritative teaching, in-depth media presentations, and problem-solving sessions, Seminar members will learn to use the Life Safety Code to determine the occupancy of any structure, to identify NFPA 101-

related codes and standards, to apply provisions of the opening seven general chapters of the Code to the specific occupancies covered in chapters 8-17, and to evaluate compliance of any structure with requirements of the entire 200-page document.

A firm knowledge of the fundamentals contained in Chapters 1-7 of the Life Safety Code is essential for all who enroll in the seminars, in order to achieve the instructional objectives of the course.

Because of their emphasis on practical solutions to everyday problems of Code application, compliance, interpretation and enforcement, the NFPA Life Safety Code Seminars are of special interest to fire marshals and building inspectors; architects and engineers; administrators of health care, educational and other institutions and facilities; safety directors of plants, stores, offices and warehouses; and all others concerned with life safety in buildings.

For each seminar, the fee is \$215 if payment is received by NFPA at least 30 days in advance of the session selected; after that time, the charge will be \$235 per person. Fees cover registration and materials only; they do not include food, lodging or travel expense.

Life Safety Code Seminars are produced by the NFPA Educational Technology Unit of which Austin R. Sennett is Manager. For complete information and registration forms for the Spring 1978 series, write to Caroline Mazur, Seminar Coordinator, National Fire Protection Association, 470 Atlantic Ave., Boston, MA 02210.

Level Cross Firemen Avert Tragedy

LEVEL CROSS — Quick action on the part of Level Cross firemen averted a New Year's Day tragedy recently by putting out a mobile home fire while blazes were still in early stages.

Firemen rushed to the home of Jim Robb at Colonial estates at 10:32 a.m. and found floor joists involved in fire that had apparently originated at the base of the chimney in the unit.

The fire was confined to the one room. Amount of damage was not listed.

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Retiring chief honored

GASTONIA — Retiring Lucia-Riverbend VFD Chief J. Hollis Barker received a plaque Dec. 22 honoring him for 22 years of service as chief. The award was given at the department's annual Christmas party, held at Mom and Pop's Ham House on Cox Road. Barker, who retired Dec. 31, commented, "I hate to get out, but it's time for young people to take over. I'll be around to help, if they ask me." Barker, 55, is succeeded as chief by George Hart Jr. Barker noted the department acquired about \$80,000 worth of equipment during his 22-year tenure.

Gastonia Gazette Photo

Fireman Of Year Named: HVFD Holds Annual Banquet



RETIRING FIREMAN — John Danchise (right) was recognized at the firemen's annual banquet as a retiring member of the department having served in a volunteer capacity for 20 years. Shown presenting him his retirement certificate is Fire Chief Charles Skinner Jr.

service to the town and county as a member of the Hertford Fire Department."

Also recognized at this year's dinner was John Danchise, retiring fireman. Hertford Fire Chief Charles Skinner Jr. presented Danchise with a retirement certificate which read, "In recognition of faithful and valuable service for successful completion of 20 years with the department."

Recognized for their past service to the department were retired firemen in attendance, some from out of town. Chief Skinner praised each for their past efforts and pointed out that a request has been made to have each retired fireman made a lifetime member of the N.C. Firemen's Association, an honor he called "deserving."

Closing the program area of the evening was the installation of officers for the coming year. Joining Chief Skinner this year in leading the department will be: Assistant Chief Loyd "Pete" Riddick, Captains Edgar Roberson and Thomas Hurdle, Lieutenants Sid Eley and Parker Newbern, Secretary Keith Haskett, and Board members George Fields and Emmett Landing.

New Fire District

Established

YOUNGSVILLE — At a meeting of the Youngsville Fire Department held recently at the Fire Station, Fire Chief L. A. Woodlief announced that a new Western Franklin Fire District has been established and that effective December 15, 1977, the fire protection classification of the district class was 9A.

A map of the Fire District for the Youngsville area is on file. People within the district as shown on the map, who have fire insurance, will be benefitted as their insurance rates will be lower.

The Youngsville Fire Department is fully equipped and prepared to continue fire fighting services the same as in the past. The present membership is forty-two firemen.

"Appreciation is expressed for outstanding cooperation," says Fire Chief L. A. Woodlief.

HERTFORD — The annual Christmas dinner for the volunteer members of the Hertford Fire Department was held in December at the Hertford First United Methodist Church.

A highlight of the annual gathering is the award presentation for the Fireman of the Year.

Hertford Mayor Bill Cox was on hand to present the award which is voted on by the department members. This year's recipient was A. Marvin Hunter. The prestigious plaque

honoring Hunter read, "for dependable and dedicated

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Jerry Eason Is Named Man of Year

DENTON — Jerry Eason was named fireman of the year recently for Healing Springs Fire Department.

The volunteer fireman was commended for his service to the department. Sonja Grubb, who served as secretary-treasurer for the past ten years was also awarded a plaque for her service.

The awards were presented at the fire district annual Christmas party. Following a covered dish supper, residents of the district were entertained by singing groups and a visit by Santa Claus.



NASHVILLE — RETIRING FIREMEN HONORED — Congressman L. H. Fountain (right) was on hand recently at the West Mount Fire Department's annual ladies' night festivities as guest speaker and to help honor retiring firemen (left to right) Willis Joyner, John Letchworth and Leroy Campbell. All three have served as officers in the department since it was organized in 1957.

Nashville Graphic Photo

Fire Destroys Mobile Home

ALBEMARLE — A mobile home belonging to Glendon Coley, Route 4, Albemarle, was destroyed by fire shortly before midnight recently.

The Millingport Fire Department received the call at 11:20 p.m. and found the trailer, located two miles south of N. C. 73 on Fink Road, engulfed in flames. The firemen concentrated on saving the mobile home about 25 feet away occupied by Mrs. Doris Russell.

The burned trailer was a one-bedroom, 36 foot mobile home. All contents were lost.

Firemen reported that no one was at the mobile home at the time it caught fire. It was occupied part time by the owner.

Millingport firemen were called at 5:35 the same evening to a car fire one mile north of 73. The car, property of Herb Baumgardner, was damaged an estimated \$250, most of the damage being confined to the area under the hood.

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Firemen Honor Hollifield

MARION — For the past three years, members of the Marion Fire Department have honored one fireman as Outstanding Fireman of the Year. Willard Hollifield Jr. was selected from the 43-member department as the 1977 Fireman of the Year by his fellow firemen.

Hollifield was selected by secret ballot and was presented a plaque during the Annual Ladies Night Banquet held at the Marion Community Building recently.

According to Fire Chief Arthur Edwards, the award is based on perseverance, special achievement and dedication to the fire service.



Fireman Of The Year

Marion Fire Chief Arthur Edwards (left) is shown as he presents a plaque to Willard Hollifield Jr. who was selected recently as the department's Fireman of the Year. Hollifield was selected by secret ballot, and according to Chief Edwards, the award is based on perseverance, special achievement and dedication to fire service.

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Fire Prevention Programs Sponsored

BOSTON, Jan. 3 — Fire prevention programs sponsored by two community organizations — a Citizens Fire Safety Association and a Chamber of Commerce — are top winners in the current Municipal Division phase of the Learn Not to Burn Competition sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

Quarterly awards were announced here today by NFPA President Charles S. Morgan. The 15 new Competition winners will share \$2,500 in prizes, and their entries will be published in the NFPA "Competition Winning Reports" series of magazine-format booklets.

Winners of highest honors of \$500 each are the Montgomery (Ala.) Citizens Fire Safety Association and the Fire Prevention Committee of the Greater Watertown (N.Y.) Chamber of Commerce. Assistant Fire Marshal W. P. Partridge of the Montgomery Fire Department is Executive Administrator of his city's new citizens' group. The Watertown entry was submitted for the Chamber of Commerce by Chief George W. Lachenauer of the Watertown Fire Department.

These two major winners automatically are eligible for the NFPA Competition's first Grand Award of \$2,000 plus an expense-paid trip to Anaheim, Calif. — location of Disneyland — for the Association's 1978 Annual Meeting May 15-18.

Second-highest awards of \$250 each go to: the Kimberley Fire Department in the Canadian province of British Columbia, where the Fire Chief is L. R. Keiver; the Lee's Summit (Mo.) Fire Department, Division of Fire Prevention, for the entry by Deputy Chief George R. Melling; and the Philadelphia (Pa.) Fire Department headed by Commissioner Joseph R. Rizzo.

Receiving awards of \$100 each are: the Monterey (Calif.) Fire Department, under Chief Herbert O. Scales; the District of Columbia Fire Department, headed by Chief Burton Johnson, for the entry prepared by Btn. Chief Francis Flaherty and Brendan T. Burke; the Fire Prevention Bureau of the Lansing (Mich.) Fire Department, for the entry by Fire

Marshal Gordan E. Adsit; the Multnomah County (Ore.) Fire District No. 10, whose entry was prepared by Neil Heesacker, Public Information Officer; and the Levittown (Pa.) Fire Company No. 2, Bristol Twp. 5th Fire District, headed by Chief Daniel Bogan.

Competition awards of \$50 each go to: the Covina (Calif.) Fire Department, for the entry by Capt. Albert C. Grams, Fire Prevention Division; and Larkspur (Calif.) Fire Department, entry by Assistant Chief William F. Allison of the Fire Prevention Division; Mary H. Webb, a third-year teacher in Baltimore, Md., whose fire safety education program was conducted in cooperation with the Mars Estates Elementary School and P.T.A.; and the Salem (Ore.) Fire Department, headed by Chief John Degrin Jr., for the entry by James J. Hill, Fire Prevention Officer.

Judges for this phase of the NFPA Competition were Fire Marshal Howard Boyd of Nashville, Tenn., President of the Fire Marshals Association of North America; Chief E. A. Johnston of Kitchener, Ontario, President of the Canadian Fire Chiefs Association; and Chief John L. Swindle of Birmingham, Ala., President of the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

This quarterly Competition phase attracted 47 entries from 21 states, the District of Columbia, and the Canadian provinces of British Columbia and Ontario.

The current winning entries range from a campaign to reduce grass and brush fires set by children in a drought-stricken area to promotion of the value of household smoke detectors; and from an intensive inspection program of places of public assembly, to help ensure public safety, to a six-hour series of fire safety lessons involving language arts, creative writing, art, research and reporting classes.

Complete information on the NFPA Learn Not to Burn Competition is available from the Competition Coordinator, NFPA Public Affairs Division, 470 Atlantic Ave., Boston, MA 02210.

Emergency Care For Burns And Smoke Inhalation

What a layman does for Burns and Smoke Inhalation victims has now been spelled out in a forceful and clear manner by one of America's premier authorities on the subjects, Dr. Anne W. Phillips, M.D., Executive Director of the National Smoke, Fire and Burn Institute (NSFBI) and the Massachusetts General Hospital.

A 12 page booklet on "Emergency Care for Burns and Smoke Inhalation... for Laymen" is now available to the general public through the Institute, 53 State Street, Boston, MA 02109 and the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE), 60 Battery Street, Boston, MA 02110 at 50 cents per single copy (discounts for quantity orders over 1).

It covers management of smoke inhalation injury, how to prevent infection, surface treatment of large burns, surface treatment of small burns, treatment of special

burn problems, and above all, it dispels some of the old myths and actually harmful practices of yesteryear.

Published now as a public service by NSFBI and SFPE, the pamphlet was originally commissioned by the Allendale Insurance Company for distribution to its employees and insureds. It was so popular that it quickly went out of print. Realizing the extent of the need, it has now been reprinted for general public use by the two cooperating bodies — one dedicated to public education, the other to solving fire protection engineering problems.

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Mayodan Firemen Honored

MAYODAN — The Mayodan Fire Department had its Christmas party Dec. 17 in the department club room. The meal was catered by Priddy's Restaurant of Mayodan. Eighty-eight persons attended.

Silver dollars and Christmas socks were given to the children. Door prizes were won by William Wall, Lewis Bottoms, Joy Joyce Martin, Tommy William and James Collins.

Roy Thacker was voted Fireman of the Year and was awarded a trophy. Presents were given to Chief Lester Pulliam, Asst. Chief Weldon

Throckmorton, Asst. Chief Tommy Williams and Capt. Ray Thacker.

Jason Firemen Honor Families

LaGRANGE — The Jason Volunteer Firemen honored their families with a barbecue supper on Saturday night, December 3 at the Fire Department. The delicious meal and the fellowship was enjoyed by all who attended.

Wayne Sullivan was voted "Fireman Of The Year" by members of the department. Fire Chief Frank Oliver announced that Blue Bell has given the department a donation of \$100, which is greatly appreciated. The donation will go toward the completion of the new addition to the Fire Department.

New officers for the 1978 year were elected. They are: Chief — Frank Oliver; Assistant Chief — Ossie Kearney; Captains — Edwin Hardy and Wayne Sullivan; and Secretary and Treasurer — Gary Mewborn.

Wilkes County Firemen Train In Fighting LP Gas Fires

WILKESBORO — City Sales Company at Wilkesboro wasn't on fire recently.

Wilkes County Firemen were completing a nine hour Wilkes Community College course on liquid propane gas fire control under the direction of John Baker, Morganton, instructor for the Department of Community Colleges.

The firemen were trained on two consecutive nights in 'live' situations. Propane gas was ignited on training apparatus (pipes with holes cut in them and valves to control the flow of gas) and firemen moved in using hoses with the nozzles set on fog. There was an element of danger in the exercises because the gas has a tendency to swirl in the wind. Two firemen were singed, but no one was seriously hurt, Baker said.

The gas generates terrific heat, and firemen have to stay behind the fog screen to control the fires.

Baker said that the firemen have two options. The first is to move in and push back the flames so that the gas can be cut off at the source, and the second is to apply water to keep the tank cool and to prevent exploding if the gas can't be cut off. Firemen jokingly said that the third option is to run like heck.

Seventy-five firemen participated in the course. Departments represented were Wilkesboro, Broadway, Cricket, Millers Creek, Champion, Pleasant Hill, Shepherd's Crossroads, Knotville, Ferguson, Mulberry-Fairplains, Goshen and two departments from Rowan County.

Assistant instructors for the course were Alan Stoker, Clayton Porter, Alton Phillips, Kenneth Walters, and Steve Faw.

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the exercise on the first night. Because of a lack of community college funds for the second night exercise, firemen paid for the gas used out of their own pockets.

Restaurant damaged by fire

GRANITE FALLS — Foxwood Restaurant was damaged by fire on a recent afternoon at 2:43 pm. The restaurant, located on US 321 and the Mission Road, was closed for few days in order to make repairs to the kitchen area.

According to Jack Clark, fire began as the fryer shorted out in the kitchen, causing grease to ignite and spread to a wall.

Sawmills Firemen were dispatched to the scene and quickly had the fire under control and extinguished. Clark said he wished to express his appreciation to the Sawmills

Fire Department for their efficient and clean fire fighting procedures.

Smoke lightly damaged the interior of the building, but firemen quickly used exhaust fans to rid the building of the greasy smoke.

Woodrow Fox is owner of the building and the restaurant is operated by Rodney Clark.

No figure in money was released as to the damages to the establishment.

Sawmills firemen remained on the scene until 3:40 pm. Lovelady Rescue Squad was also on the scene for stand-by.

Fire Loss High, Shop Owner Says

An inventory worth \$20,000 to \$30,000 was completely destroyed in a fire at the Hanging Basket, 101 Tunnel Road, store owner Joseph Link said. The store was also extensively damaged by the fire, which smoldered between a double ceiling and the roof for hours after the blaze was extinguished.

Link and store employees had gone for breakfast when the blaze broke out. According to Assistant Fire Chief Lloyd Williams, the fire was first noticed by Assistant Police Chief Gene Jarvis, who was in the neighborhood and saw smoke.

Two engine companies and a snorkel unit responded to the call placed at 11:29 a.m.. Twelve firefighters worked for some 45 minutes before bringing the flames under control, and

others returned later in the afternoon to put out embers smoking in hidden portions of the building.

Cause of the fire was thought to be a hot plate left on in the kitchen portion of the shop, Williams said.

Woodfin VFD Picks Officers

ASHEVILLE — Jim Angle and Garland Fox were elected assistant chiefs of the Woodfin Volunteer Fire Department recently.

Also elected were Adrain Ellis and Terry Prater, captains; Willie Littrell and Larry Bradley, lieutenants; Russell Rhodes, secretary; and Preston Massey, chaplain.

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Supper Club Fire Claims 164 Lives

A major conclusion has emerged from the tragic Beverly Hills Supper Club fire that claimed 164 lives last May in Southgate, Kentucky: proper enforcement of fire safety codes could have prevented such large loss of life.

An article in the January issue of *Fire Journal* covers the background of the fire — where it started, how it spread — and includes detailed floor plans of the Club and on-the-scene photographs. The account closely follows the investigative report of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

Two accompanying articles describe the reactions of employees and patrons during the fire and compare the Club's construction with requirements of NFPA's Life Safety Code.

"Tragedy in Kentucky," drawn from the NFPA investigation report, cites the major factors that contributed to the large loss of life. These include:

Overcrowded building — double the number of occupants that the building could safely accommodate.

Inadequate means of egress — capacity for exit, based on required square feet per occupant, was not sufficient.

Combustible interior finish — corridor and ceiling materials helped fire to spread.

Delay in notification — employees tried to extinguish the fire before alerting occupants and before calling the fire department.

Lack of protection — the building had no automatic sprinkler system.

Fire Journal is a membership publication of the National Fire Protection Association, a private, non-profit organization dedicated to protecting lives and property from destruction by fire.

Fire Destroys Chapel In Rowan

SALISBURY — Smith's Chapel Penecostal Church on Mt. Tabor Church Rd. was destroyed by fire on a recent morning. Also destroyed were the furnishings, including pews, and an outbuilding used for barbecues and church picnics.

Responding to the 1:44 a.m. alarm were the Mt. Ulla and Cleveland firemen. The Rowan Rescue Squad was called to the scene shortly afterwards to aid in lighting the fire vehicles.

Firemen at the scene said the walls of the church were blown out instead of caved in, which raised the possibility of an explosion.

Rowan County Fire Marshal Robert Gunn said the cause was still undetermined. He said the fire apparently started around the flue and heating ducts of the gas-fired furnace in the church.

Officers And Directors Elected

Two officers and five directors have just been elected by members of the Fire Science and Technology Educators Section, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Chairman of the group is Professor Larry Borgelt of Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

Chosen by mail ballot to serve one-year terms, during the 1978 calendar year, are James E. Rouse of Salisbury, N.C., Section vice chairman, and Dr. Larry G. McDougle of Kokomo, Ind., secretary. Rouse heads the Fire and Safety Department at Rowan Technical Institute in Salisbury. Dr. McDougle is an Associate Professor and Director of the General and Technical Studies Division at Indiana University's Kokomo campus.

New members of the Section's Board of Directors are John A. Campbell, Adjunct Instructor of Fire Science, College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, Ill.; Lawrence F. Rice, Coordinator and Head of the Fire Science Department, Middlesex Community College, Bedford, Mass.; and Dr. James Suski, Dean for Career and Program Development, College of Lake County, Grayslake, Ill.

Re-elected to the Board of the Section are Charles J. Wright, Assistant Professor and Coordinator of the Fire Technology Program at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, and Lou Zucarelli, Assistant Professor, Fire Science Program, Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale.

This NFPA Section also has a new Executive Secretary: Douglas P. Forsman, Senior

Fire Service Specialist in the Association's Public Protection Division. He came to NFPA in November 1977 from Lafayette, Ind., where he was Chairman and Instructor in the Fire Tactics and Management Curriculum at Indiana Vocational-Technical College. He also was affiliated with Purdue University, as Supervisor of the University Fire Department and of the Fire Safety and Equipment Service Department, and has been Chief of the Wabash Twp. (Ind.) Volunteer Fire Department.

Organized late in 1976, the NFPA Fire Science and Technology Educators Section is for administrators and faculty of fire-related educational programs at the college level. Section goals include nationwide coordination of fire science education programs as well as broader recognition of the need for formal instruction in fire science.

Further information on the Section is available from Forsman at the NFPA headquarters address, 470 Atlantic Ave., Boston, MA 02210.

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Fire guts supermarket

BURGAW — More than 60 men from surrounding fire departments fought a fire which swept through Wilson's Supermarket on Highway 53 here recently.

Richard Collins of the Burgaw Fire Department said about 15 people were inside of the supermarket when the blaze began at 5:30 p.m. All escaped without injury. Collins termed the damage to the business "a large loss" and said the cause of the fire is still unknown.

Units from the Burgaw, Atkinson and Long Creek fire departments helped to bring the fire under control by 8:30 p.m. Collins said the State Bureau of Investigation will be asked to investigate the cause of the fire.

That same evening the firefighters were still conducting spot fire clean-ups. Collins said the manager of the store, Randy Wilson, was not present when the fire began. No estimate of the amount of damage was immediately available.

Fire Destroys House, Shed

HENDERSON — A fire of undetermined origin swept through a three-room frame house and adjoining shed on the Warrenton Road recently, destroying the structure and its contents.

The dwelling and its contents, valued at \$3,000, were fully in flames when firemen from the Vance County Fire and Ambulance Service and the assisting Bearpond Fire Department arrived on the scene.

The home was owned by F.H. Ellington and occupied by Oba Z. Evans.

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County Line VFD Elects Officers

MOCKSVILLE — The County Line Fire Department met Tuesday, December 13th for their regular monthly meeting.

During the business session officers for 1978 were elected. Jack Koontz, chief for the third year lists the committees as follows:

Equipment Committee: Jack Koontz, Bill West, Harvey Williams and Jack Cartner.

Finance Committee; Mark Thorne, John Davis, S.B. Allen, Fred Swisher and Jim Dwiggins.

Social Committee; S.B. Allen, Bill Cartner and Troy Winfrey.

Traffic Committee: S.B. Allen, O.L. Stroud, Jack Cartner, Bill Cartner and J.C. Griffin.

Building Committee: O.L. Stroud, J.C. Seamon, Ken Stroud, Jim Hendrix and Bill West.

Grievance Committee: Steve Brown, David Johnson, Jack Gaither, Fred Swisher and S.B. Allen.

S.B. Allen will serve as assistant chief, Steve Brown, captain for the second year, Mark Thorne, Treasurer for second year, John Davis, Chaplain for the first year and Jim Dwiggins, secretary for fifth year.



\$500 Donation
GLENWOOD — Glenwood Volunteer Fire Department Chief Charles England (left) is shown here as he accepts a \$500 check from David Morgan, vice president of the Glenwood Ruritan Club. The money will be applied toward the cost of a new \$40,000 fire truck.

Marion McDowell News Photo

Cardinal Apt. Fire

KERNERSVILLE — The Kernersville Fire Department responded to a blaze at the Cardinal Apartment complex on Salisbury St. (Union Cross Road) recently.

At 10:30 a.m. a fireman on the scene reported that the fire was then confined to two apartments with expected heavy smoke damage to the entire upper level of the building. No apparent cause of the fire had yet been determined at this reporting and no injuries had been sustained.

HENDERSONVILLE — The Laurel Park home of Kermit Edney, well-known Hendersonville radio personality and civic leader, was destroyed by fire early on a December morning.

Edney and his family escaped unharmed, but they were unable to save any of their possessions.

Firemen from three county departments battled the blaze in the pre-dawn darkness for over four hours, hampered by high winds and the sub-freezing temperature.

Edney, who is president of Radio Hendersonville Inc., and who was recently named acting chairman of the board of The Northwestern Bank, told fire officials that he and his wife, his daughter Katina and her husband, and some guests were playing cards in the upstairs den when he smelled smoke.

Edney said that he went down the stairs to the basement,

which was full of smoke. The stairway ignited after he got downstairs, Edney said, and he escaped by going out through the garage after calling to the others to get out.

Edney told fire officials that he got one car from the garage and drove to several neighboring houses, seeking to arouse someone to call in the alarm.

Meanwhile another neighbor spotted the flames and reported the fire at 12:48 a.m., according to the sheriff's department dispatcher.

The first firemen on the scene found flames shooting through the roof in the middle portion of the house, a spokesman for the Valley Hill Volunteer Fire Department reported.

"We were licked before we got started," the spokesman said.

The entire 3,000-square-foot bi-level house, located off White Pine Drive near the entrance to

the Hendersonville Country Club, was soon involved in flames.

Firemen and units from the Blue Ridge and Etowah-Horse Shoe volunteer fire departments joined Valley Hill firemen at the scene and fought the fire until shortly after 5 a.m.

At 1:54 a.m. firemen requested that loads of sand be brought to provide traction for fire engines bringing water, which were slipping on the ice made by water running down the hill from the house. Many of the fire hoses froze in the extreme cold.

Firemen were called back to the scene shortly after 9 a.m. when flames flared up again.

Mountain Home volunteer firemen stood by throughout the early morning hours to back up the other departments if needed, the Valley Hill spokesman said.

The cause of the fire had not been determined early this morning. It is known to have started downstairs in the middle of the house, the spokesman said.

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'Tough Act To Follow' Facing New Fire Chief



COME A LONG WAY — Don Stewart, who moved up from assistant to chief of the Coats-Grove Fire Department soon, talks fire department affairs with his father, Eugene Stewart, a charter member and long-time chief who has retired.

Dunn Dispatch Photo

From the
Dunn Dispatch
By TOM WEAVER

COATS — When Don Stewart took over as chief of the Coats-Grove Fire Department he had what is known in show business as "a tough act to follow."

That's because his father, Eugene Stewart, recently retired after ten years as chief of the Coats Department, preceded by 13 years as assistant chief, and the only chief in the four-year history of the Grove District rural department.

Under the merger of the two organizations, a single chief is in complete charge. The companies share facilities, equipment and expenses, with the town unit under the commissioners and the rural group under a board elected from the district.

The building, which also houses the Coats Rescue Squad, was built in 1973 with a Farmers Home Administration loan, also shared by the two organizations.

According to Chief Stewart, one word accounts for a big part of the excellent record compiled by the department — cooperation.

"Cooperation between the two boards involved in the Coats-

Grove departments is wonderful," he said, "and we have great cooperation between all of the Harnett County departments."

There hasn't been a serious fire in Coats for a few months, and the chief credits a combination of preventative measures by the people working with the fire department.

"What we've tried to do through the years," Stewart explains, "is educate our people in the ways of eliminating fire hazards. This has led to a drastic reduction in the amount of calls."

Then he smiled and said, "There is one disadvantage in not having many fires. We drill regularly and after a while it gets to be sort of like an actor rehearsing for a play that is never staged."

Seriously he said, "But it really is amazing, and I certainly hope it will continue this way."

The veteran firefighter couldn't say enough about his neighbors, fire departments in Dunn, Erwin, Angier and throughout the area.

"I don't believe I've ever seen a group as cooperative as the fire departments in Harnett County," he says.

To be a volunteer firemen, he

points out, takes a special breed, civic minded and dedicated, not afraid of hard work for no pay and willing to face danger.

"It's a genuine pleasure to work with such people," he said.

When Don, now completing his first year as assistant chief and eighth year as a fireman, takes over as chief, he will become, as far as can be determined, the youngest man ever to hold such a position in Harnett County.

Losing that distinction will be Erwin's Chief Louis Joseph, who was 32 years of age (one year older than Don) when he was installed.

Eugene's father, Charles Guy (C.G.) Stewart, never actually was a fire chief, but he certainly took the lead in establishing a system of fire protection for his town.

Like his son he operated the Coats Motor Company, and like his son he was conscious of the importance of this service.

He had no department as such and no trucks, but he came up with what proved to be a most effective method back during the forties.

The elder Stewart learned that a number of government surplus fire extinguishers were available at 50 cents each, and sent an employee, Melvin Daniels, to Jacksonville to purchase 200 of them.

He filled the two and a half gallon soda and acid extinguishers and sold them at cost, about \$2 each to cover the extinguisher, refill and trip to bring them to Coats.

But there was a string attached.

Everybody who bought an extinguisher had to agree to respond, with his extinguisher, when the alarm went off.

"Two hundred 2½ gallon tanks held just about as much as some fire engines carried," Eugene said, "and a lot of buildings were saved this way."

There had been a fire department of sorts before Eugene's time, but the first recognized unit was the existing Coats department, organized in 1954 with 15 charter members, including the present chief, and surplus tanker.

The first chief, Haywood Roberts, and assistant chief Stewart were appointed by the town board but the following year were elected by the members.

"I'm very proud of our fire department," says Eugene, "we now have modern trucks and well trained men."

"But," he hastened to add, "we can't just rest on that, we have to constantly keep up with new methods and new equipment. It's a never-ending training and modernizing program."

"There was a time," he said, "when we stood where it was cooler, out in the street, and played the hose on the fire. With the modern nozzles the man is inches from the actual blaze."

Among the people Stewart says are especially valuable to the fire department is his right-hand in both the automobile agency and the fire department. Miss Peggy Senter, who he calls "Miss Fire Lady."

"You just couldn't believe what she has done," the chief said, "she is a constant help."

Among Miss Senter's contributions has been contacting members, either when for some reason the alarm was not functioning or they were out of the siren's range.

"She carries a complete list of members and their telephone numbers in her pocketbook and is ready to contact them at any time," he says, and calls her "almost a charter member-as far as interest in the fire department goes she is a charter member."

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Moore Firefighters Hold Meeting At Eastwood

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show of hands a flat fee from each department, of \$10 per year.

A roll call of departments, with "head count" given for each, resulted in the attendance award, a handsome plaque, going to the Southern Pines department with 14 members present.

The full membership, however, then approved a motion providing that, in the future, the attendance prize will be awarded on the basis of percentage of members present, rather than the largest number. This was seen as more equitable for the smaller departments.

The host department, with a full complement of 25 present, was not eligible to win and it appeared that Southern Pines with nearly 50 per cent of its 30 firefighters on hand, would have won on the percentage basis too.

The Pinebluff department's invitation to meet with them

next May was enthusiastically accepted, and the Southern Pines department also invited all the others to participate in the 1978 meeting of the Sandhills Firemen's association, which it will host in June.

Joe W. Adams, Moore County fire marshal, as guest speaker for the evening congratulated the firefighters on their new organization, which he said would be very important in fire activities both at home and in the county as a whole.

He said it would make "all the difference in the world" when they go out on mutual aid calls, "to see familiar faces, and find you are working with friends, instead of a bunch of people you don't even know." After all, we are all working for the same thing, and we have a lot to learn together."

He asked the group to consider carefully, "Where are we going? What do you want to do? If what they want to do is to do the same old things in the same old way, they could do it, and it would probably be the easiest

way, but if they look around they will see a changing world and they will have to change right along with it."

He bade them to "look at the typical fire department as it was just a few years ago, with maybe one truck, with capacity of 100 to 200 gallons of water, one booster hose and some two and a half inch hose and that was about all. What happened then in the rural areas? The buildings burned down, that's what. There were no communications, lots of times not even any phones, and the only fires outside of the hydrant areas that could be put out were just the real small ones.

"But lots more houses are being built outside of town now, and where are the industries and the big new schools? Out in the country. The tanker trucks went up to 500 gallons, and no you can move 1,500 gallons by truck. There have been new developments such as the quick-dump method by which thousands of gallons can be drawn by firefighters working together from ponds or streams, and stored in portable fold-a-tanks. Moore county is one of only about six in the state taking the lead in this new method, he said.

"You have taken on new responsibility along with the tax assessments being paid by the rural people and businesses, and it is up to you to learn to handle it right." He urged that they all go to the fire schools available to them, and keep right up with the times.

Their new associations, he said, would help them develop new attitudes, a new sense of values and of responsibility, "to help give them the best fire service to your communities and neighbors." With Adams as commentator, a series of slides showing activities at two recent fire schools — including the "right way and the wrong way" to do a lot of things — were shown by Griffin Craven, of Asheboro, a fire equipment supervisor.

Adding spice to the meeting was the drawing of names for prizes contributed by individuals and businesses of the various communities. With 62 prizes nearly two-thirds of those present were winners.

The attendance roll: Aberdeen, seven; Cameron, one; Cranes Creek, seven; Crestline, one; Eastwood 25; High Falls, eight; Pinebluff, seven; Pinehurst, six; Seven Lakes, eight; Southern Pines 14; Vass, seven; West End, six; Whispering Pines, one. Absent were members from Carthage, Eagle Springs, Robbins, and Stanley Furniture Co., which runs its own department to protect the big plant at West End.

Nuclear Waste Class

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firemen will be able to prevent possible contamination of large numbers of people in addition to being able to handle accidents where nuclear material is involved, and minimize danger to people and property until radiation experts can reach the scene.

Several members of the Jamesville and Williamston Fire Departments also attended various phases of the course. Those who completed the course are now certified as radiological monitors through the office of Civil Preparedness.

Reynolds VFD elects slate

ASHEVILLE — The Reynolds Volunteer Fire Department was elected J.L. Sales Jr. as its chief for 1978.

Other officers chosen were Glen Worley and Ralph Roberts, assistant chiefs and training officers; Jerry R. Miller and Thomas L. Haworth, captains and training officers; and Buster Brown, Mark Laughter, Dick Hillary and Buddy Thompson, lieutenants.

Also chosen by the department were Harry Wilson, secretary; Larry Dotson, assistant secretary; Ralph Roberts, chaplain; and Jesse Messer, assistant chaplain.

Rickey Earley, Jack Laughter and Harry Wilson were chosen traffic officers and driver training officers are Jesse Messer and Thomas Haworth. Charles Messer is public relations officer.

Rural Fire Group Selected

WAYNE COUNTY — Wayne County Commissioners have named 13 trustees to Firemen's Relief Fund commissions for area rural fire departments.

Appointed for two-year terms are Billy Vancy Grady of route 2, Dudley, Arrington; Selby Beamon of route 1, Dudley, Dudley; Joe Sanderson, of route 1, Four Oaks, Jordan's Chapel; Rudolph Peedin of route 1, Dudley, Mar Mac; David Stevens of route 1, Goldsboro, Grantham; and Donald Smith of route 5, Mount Olive, Indian Springs.

Appointed to one-year terms were Beverly Whitfield of route 4, Mount Olive, Indian Springs; and James Hood of route 1, Goldsboro, Grantham.

Fireman of the Year

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Holcomb, Richard Spencer, David Woodruff, Ray Vanhoy, Harold Welborn, Flake Gilliam, and Jimmy Mickey.

Ernest Baker, recipient of this year's Fireman of the Year, is a charter member of the department.

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