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Kenansville FD Has 25th Anniversary

Fire confusion, names swapped

KENANSVILLE — The month of March marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Kenansville Volunteer Fire Department.

On the first Monday night in March of the year 1953, the Kenansville Board of Commissioners approved a motion to make plans for the creation of a fire department. Mayor Robert (Bob) Grady appointed Commissioners Ralph T. Brown and Leo Jackson to serve on that committee and contacted Rev. Lauren Sharpe, who had been reared in the fire service, to ask him to serve with them.

The Kenansville Fire Committee began meeting immediately to plan for a fire department. After many meetings with competent advisors, traveling to look at equipment, and conversations with apparatus manufacturers, the Fire Committee made its report. The report was adopted and the Town Board put the first fire truck in the 1953-54 budget. After receiving bids from several firms, the truck was purchased from Sheffield Motor Company of Warsaw and built by American-LaFrance Corporation of Elmira, New



Kenansville Duplin Times - Progress Sentinel Photo

York. The contract was signed the first Monday in August of 1953.

The Board of Commissioners appointed Rev. Sharpe to the office of Fire Chief and gave him full authority to organize and manage the Kenansville Fire Department. This action occurred in June of 1953. Sharpe appointed the following officers and men to be the charter mem-

bers of the volunteer department: Chief Lauren Sharpe; Asst. Chief Ralph T. Brown; Captains Willard Brinson and Harry W. Murphy; Lieutenants Jack Brinson and Donald Murphy; Sec.-Treas. Phil Kretsch; and Firemen Ivey Bowden, Woodrow Brinson, Sammy Daughtry, Charles Guthrie, Charles Nicholson, Timmy Outlaw, Billy Stephens, and

Steve Williamson.

No money was, or ever has been paid to any of these men, nor to those who followed them, for their faithful service to their friends and neighbors. In a very real sense, they have lived by the Golden Rule. Upon their appointment, these firemen undertook an intensive training program prior to the arrival of

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SCOTLAND COUNTY — In an effort to prevent confusion about names and service areas, two new Scotland County fire departments have agreed to exchange names.

For several months now, the two volunteer groups, both of which are located in the southern part of the county, have been involved in a confusing predicament. However, Terry Hutchins announced that the group presently calling itself the South Scotland fire department will become the Stewartville VFD and the group located in the Montclair and Camellia Acres area will change its name from the Stewartville to South Scotland Fire Protection Association.

The problem came about as a result of several of events. First, the group south of Laurinburg incorporated and took the name of the township of Stewartville. The next group to organize was in the same township and in the community known as Stewartville, but since the name was already taken, it chose to be called South Scotland after the elementary school in that area.

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Gary M. Moss Named County Fire Marshal

KANNAPOLIS — Gary M. Moss, captain of the Fire Prevention Bureau of the Kannapolis Sanitary District Fire Department, has been named Randolph County's first fire marshal. He assumed new duties April 10.

Moss was chosen by the Randolph County Fire Commission and Fireman's Association from among 20 applicants for the \$10,000-a-year post. He will coordinate the activities of the 16 fire departments, conduct a

public fire safety campaign and help law enforcement agencies with fire investigations.

Moss has an extensive background in fire training. He received a degree in fire technology in March from Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte and will receive a four-year degree at the North Carolina Fire Prevention School in April.

He has also completed numerous technical institutes where he took courses and seminars in fire prevention techniques and fire related courses. In February he completed a 90-hour course in arson investigation at the North Carolina Justice Academy.

Moss has been a member of the sanitary district fire department since 1968 and has been employed by the N.C. National Guard since 1974.

He received the U. S. Army Outstanding Service Award in 1971; was named Fireman-of-the-Year in 1974; and Kannapolis Jaycee Outstanding Young-Man-of-the-Year in 1976.

He and Mrs. Moss are the parents of two children — Michael and Chris — and live at 2203 Englewood St.

Tripp Elected Fire Chief

AYDEN — Elmer Tripp was elected Fire Chief of the Ayden Volunteer Fire Department in an election held by Commissioner Carl Speight recently.

The meeting, held in the Fire and Rescue meeting room, also saw Fred "Buddy" Bulow elected Assistant Fire Chief, and Ed Skinner re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Tripp, a long-time member of the department succeeds Melvin Fussell as Chief.

Smoke Detectors Seminar Conducted In Rocky Mount



FIRE DETECTOR SEMINAR HELD — Firemen, building inspectors and persons involved in house construction and related fields attended a fire detector seminar held recently in Rocky Mount and sponsored by the Rocky Mount Fire Department and the Fire and Rescue Division of the N.C. Department of Insurance. Attending the seminar were (left to right) Elwood Inscoe, deputy insurance commissioner of the fire and rescue division of the N.C. Insurance Department; Deputy Insurance Commissioner Buck Lattimer, Rocky Mount Fire Chief John Sykes; and Carlton Coleman, Rocky Mount fireman.

Rocky Mount Telegram Photo

ROCKY MOUNT — Firemen, building inspectors and construction industry officials attended a smoke detectors

seminar held in March at Braswell School.

The smoke detector seminar project was sponsored by the

Fire and Rescue Division of North Carolina Department of

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From NFPA

In the first full public report on the Beverly Hills Supper Club Fire, "Reconstruction of a Tragedy" traces the events of the disastrous fire that claimed 164 lives in May 1977.

The amply illustrated report, published by the National Fire Protection Association, documents the tragedy of the fire that raged through the sprawling supper club in Southgate, Kentucky.

Eye-witness accounts, on-the-scene photographs and investigative conclusions combine to reconstruct the cause and results of the fire. The report features an analysis of human behavior during the fire, based on interviews of employees and patrons of the club.

A summary of the major factors that contributed to the large loss of life includes: delay in discovery and reporting of the fire; lack of evacuation plans; inadequate means of egress; interior finishes that contributed to flame spread; and lack of automatic sprinkler protection. All factors support the need for enforcement of fire safety and life safety codes.

The 100-page, easily read book includes floorplans, charts, tables and the investigative questionnaire used by fire survivors and fire fighters.

The report should prove especially interesting to state and local officials, building engineers and architects, and fire service personnel. It is a result of a five-month study of NFPA fire analysis specialist Richard Best in cooperation with the National Fire Prevention and Control Administration and the National Bureau of Standards.

Copies of "Reconstruction of a Tragedy: The Beverly Hills Supper Club Fire" (NFPA Catalog No. LS-2) are available for \$5.75 each; a schedule of discounts begins with orders for 25 copies. Address orders to the NFPA Publications Sales Department at 470 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, MA 02210.

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This new publication devotes considerable attention to the uniqueness of campus fire safety — the problems of false alarms, campus social events, and laboratories.

Fire safety officers, building and grounds managers and university officials will find this an invaluable publication in suggesting several "common denominator" recommendations.

"Campus Fire Safety" (NFPA Catalog N. SPP-46) is priced at \$8.50. Address orders to the NFPA Publications Sales Department, 470 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, MA 02210.

The "Industrial Fire Brigades Training Manual" (5th Edition) presents managers of all kinds of plants with comprehensive information on how to organize an effective fire-safety program.

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NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

- 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

Chief Bullard Announces Three FD Promotions

WINSTON-SALEM — Winston-Salem Fire Chief A.B. Bullard has announced the promotion of three members of the Fire Department that became effective Mar. 20.

Glenn D. O'Ferrell was promoted from lieutenant to captain. He is now assigned to Engine Company No. 5 at 771 Palmer Lane. Fred E. (Pete) Harless moved from engineer to lieutenant and is assigned to Engine Company No. 12 at 3620 New Walkertown Rd. Thomas G. (Gary) Puryear was promoted from assistant fire marshal to driver/engineer of Engine Company No. 6 at 1717 W. Academy St.

"All three of these people have proven themselves highly capable professionals who have carried out their duties and responsibilities fully," Bullard said.

"Each has an excellent grasp of what the new duties will involve because each has

benefited from wide experience within the department.

"Each was chosen on the basis of performance, written exams and evaluation of supervisors," he said.

O'Ferrell is a 32-year old native of Winston-Salem. He graduated from Gray High School and joined the Fire Department in 1968 as firefighter. He became assistant fire marshal in 1973 and lieutenant in 1974.

He and his wife, Anna, and two children live at 104 Capistrano Dr.

Harless is a 35-year old native of Bluefield, W. Va. he started to work with the Fire Depart-

ment in 1963 as firefighter, became firepolice patrolman in 1964 and driver/engineer in 1973. In 1974 he served on the Public Safety administrative staff and in 1973 was reassigned as driver/engineer.

Harless is single and resides at Box 92, Clemmons.

Puryear is a 29-year old native of East Bend. He graduated from Yadkin High School and attended Johnson C. Smith University. He started with the Fire Department in 1971 as firefighters and became fire marshal last year.

He and his wife, Sarah, and two children live at 3612 Denver St.

Equipment Needed

CHARLOTTE — Operation Handclasp, sponsored by the U.S. Navy, is sending surplus supplies and equipment to needy countries in cooperation with the Rotary Club. They are in search of three firetrucks for gifts. The Rotary Club has the mechanics to deliver the firetrucks to the point of debarkation and the Navy has the mechanics to ship it to the country designated.

Anyone wishing to be of assistance in this project should contact Capt. Barry G. Miller, U.S. Naval Reserve, 1927 Brunswick Ave., Charlotte, N.C. 28207. The office phone number is (704) 334-1635 and his home number is (704) 333-4880.

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Special fire set in Cary

From the
Raleigh Times
 By TREVA JONES
 Times staff writer

RALEIGH — The Cary Fire Department had a good time at a fire on March 7 — one the department set intentionally.

It was part of a training course for Cary's 26 firemen, 11 auxiliary firemen and 15 Raleigh Fire Department rookies.

The site, an old house located off Chatham Street near the Maynard Road intersection, was donated by Lowe's Inc. on land where a new store will be built.

The fire department set several fires at the house. For the final exercise the building was burned to the ground.

The last fire gave firefighters a chance to get training on a "Code 3" fire, with flames and smoke engulfing the structure.

Using a house slated for demolition is ideal training ground for firemen, Fire Chief Ned K. Perry said. Training starts with smoke drills in which instructors build fires in old oil drums inside the house and firemen practice going in and dousing them. Firemen also learn the best methods of forcible entry into locked homes. "So we break a \$1 glass

instead of a \$50 door," Perry said.

Firemen learn the proper handling of the portable air supply packs they must use inside a

burning building. Instructors fill rooms with old furniture so firemen can learn to maneuver around obstacles to the source of a fire.

The training progresses through several more steps, involving larger fires and more intense heat, before getting to the point of having the whole house in flames.

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Seminar held on disasters

SHELBY — The Shelby Fire Department sponsored a seminar for all law enforcement officers in Cleveland County on emergency operations during a disaster involving hazardous materials.

The seminar was held March 30 at 7 p.m. at Shelby Fire Station No. 1. It was repeated on April 4 at the same time and location.

Tom Hardin, Fire Department training officer, instructed the three hour seminar.

This is the first time the Fire Department has sponsored such a session, Hardin said, noting that previously, "all our energies" were directed toward "training ourselves and other firemen."

National Department of Transportation figures show some 1,400 hazardous materials are transported in the U.S. on high-

ways, by rail or air, Hardin said.

At a railroad seminar he attended recently, Hardin said he asked the railroad representative how officers might know what hazardous materials were coming through Cleveland County on rail at any give time. Hardin said the representative replied it would be difficult to determine and that any of the 1,400 hazardous materials could be passing through.

Experience, Hardin said, has shown that often law enforcement officers are killed at the scene of some rail or truck wreck when they are trying to find out what materials the containers hold. He cited the recent rail disaster in Waverly, Tenn. when the "fire chief and police chief" were both killed.

Hardin said the seminar sought to educate local officers on "what to do and especially what not to do in the first few minutes before the arrival of a fire department" at a disaster scene.

Emphasis was placed on evacuation of an area, Hardin said. New firefighting tactics keep in mind no fire department

is equipped to handle many of the hazardous materials that could catch on fire during a disaster, and stress evacuation and retreating from the area to "let the fire burn". It is a tactic that sacrifices property for lives, Hardin said.

"And we want to make the officers aware of it."

Movies were shown during the seminar including two that dealt with disasters involving liquid propane gas and a corrosive material.

Fire Damages Sunset Circle Residence

CANTON — A house at 57 Sunset Circle in Canton was heavily damaged on a recent morning by fire. Canton firemen fought the blaze which was reported at 2:45 a.m. and remained on the scene until around 7 p.m.

The house, belonging to a Mrs. Clontz, was damaged throughout including the roof. Mrs. Clontz told firemen she had fallen asleep after watching TV and awakened to find the house full of extreme heat and heavy smoke. She was able to leave the house unhurt.

A spokesman at the fire department said no estimate of the damage had been set. The probably cause being faulty wiring leading to the furnace.

NFPA now offer reference collection

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) now offers an easy-to-reference collection of 16 standards that apply to those key occupancies requiring fire alarm systems. The new desk-file package, titled "Library of Standards for Fire Alarm Manufacturers and Distributors," includes the signaling standards for the National Electrical Code.

The time-saving library carries the full texts of these standards:

NFPA 12A, Halogenated Extinguishing Agent Systems, Halon 1301; NFPA 70-78, National Electrical Code; NFPA 72A, Local Protective Signaling Systems; NFPA 72B, Auxiliary Protective Signaling Systems; NFPA 72C, Remote Station Protective Signaling Systems; NFPA 72D, Proprietary Protective Signaling Systems; and NFPA 72E, Automatic Fire Detectors.

Also, NFPA 75, Protection of Electronic Computer/Data

Processing Equipment; NFPA 88A, Parking Structures; NFPA 90A, Air Conditioning and Ventilating Systems; NFPA 101, Life Safety Code; NFPA 232, Protection of Records, NFPA 232AM, Archives and Record Centers; NFPA 802, Fire Protection Practice for Nuclear Reactors; NFPA 910, Protection of Library Collections; and NFPA 911, Protection of Museum Collections.

If purchased separately, the 16 standards in this new library would cost \$58.75. Bound as a "Library," in an attractive, durable desk case, the price is \$49.95.

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Courtesy NFPA

Fire Hits WQDR

From the Raleigh Times
By ROBIN CLARK
Times staff writer

RALEIGH — A transmitter fire that apparently began as an electrical short about 10:15 a.m. recently knocked out transmissions on WQDR radio (94 FM) for almost an hour.

Engineers for the station said the fire, which destroyed WQDR's main FM transmitter at the WPTF radio tower on the Western Boulevard extension, would mean reduced power and some program changes for WQDR.

But spokesmen said the fire would not affect WPTF, the company's sister station, which transmits from the same tower on the AM band.

John Cable, transmitter supervisor at the tower, said WQDR would stay on the air by using an auxiliary transmitter at half the normal power until a new transmitter could be installed.

That meant a reduction of the station's range by about one-third, or from a range of 80 miles to about 60 miles, he said.

The fire also means that rock music fans of WQDR had to forego their usual fare and listen to the Atlantic Coast Conference basketball tournament or tune to another station for music, according to chief engineer Donald Massey.

Massey said the FM transmitter allowed WQDR to serve as a relay network for about 35 stations across the state that carry the basketball tournament. But the fire had forced the station to cancel its stereo music in order to relay the games over the main WQDR channel.

Cable said he first learned of the fire when a WPTF employee called him at home and told him that WQDR was off the air.

Cable said when he arrived at the transmitting tower between Raleigh and Cary, he could see smoke billowing from the windows of the building where the transmitter is stored.

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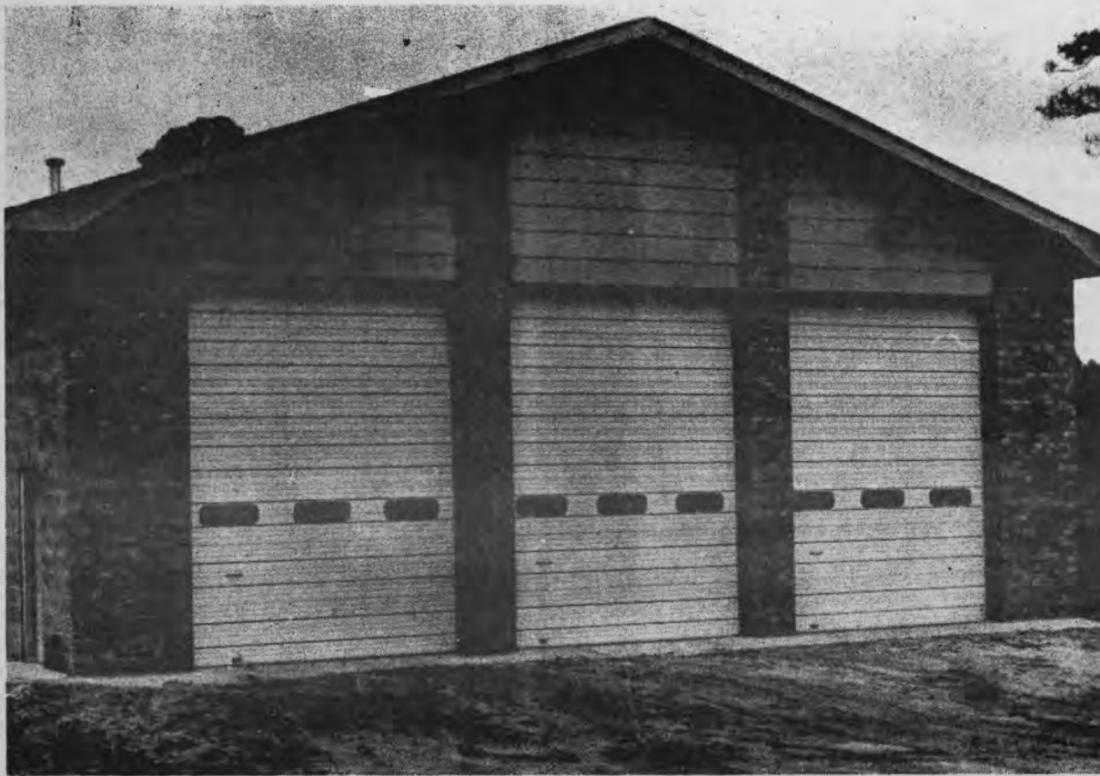
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Autryville Has New Fire Station



The new Autryville Fire Station
Clinton Sampson Independent Photo

AUTRYVILLE — The Autryville Volunteer Fire Department saw the results of hard work pay off this year with the completion of their new fire station. The triple bay, brick and cinderblock building is the culmination of a long-standing fund-raising effort by the 30 member squad, led by chief Jake Faircloth.

The collection of garbage is another service now being offered to city residents. Plans are also underway for the construction of a container site to centralize collection. The county will provide the funds in the 1979 budget and the site is expected to be built as soon as the money is made available.

Autryville voters elected two new officers last November. Leslie "Tink" Bullard and I.L. Vinson Jr. join William H. Tyndall and George Tyndall as town commissioners. Major John F. Cooper was returned to office and with the commissioners, Harvey Sutton, Town Manager, and Jean Cooper, Town Clerk, make up the town's government.

Autryville enjoys the distinction of having all of its city streets paved. Manpower workers last year undertook a complete street sign program and the street lighting system was upgraded several years ago.

Several, long-range

programs are in the planning stage. The community involvement in outdoor recreation has led to a need for a new park which will be located near the town hall. Presently, sports activities are held at a well-maintained little park "across the river". Upgrading of waste treatment and municipal water and sewer lines are also major town improvements being studied.

Residential construction continued at a steady pace during the year. There are no immediate plans for any major commercial or industrial development projects in the area, but agricultural activities, the areas main industry, continue to expand.

Gardner Store Guttered By Fire

JAMESVILLE — Fire struck the Morris Gardner store west of Jamesville on U. S. 64 recently causing rather heavy damage to the structure despite a quick response by the Jamesville Fire Department.

Most of the building was reported to be on fire at 10:47 a.m. when firemen arrived on the scene, but with a strong effort fire fighters were able to bring the blaze under control in a rather short time. No one was reported to be inside the building at the time of the blaze and the fire call was made after a passer-by alerted a nearby resident of the fire.

Two fire trucks from the Jamesville Fire Department and a tanker from the Williamston Fire Department were called to the scene in addition to a large turnout of Jamesville Fire Department members.

Damage was reported to be rather heavy on the interior of the structure although firemen were able to save most of the framework. Several portions of the building are gutted rather heavily on the interior but no official estimate of damage was available immediately.

Fire destroys Oak Grove home

MOUNT AIRY — Fire destroyed the home of Frank Woodruff on Kirkman Road in the Oak Grove community on a recent Sunday morning. There were no injuries.

Chief Junior Snow of the Bannertown Volunteer Fire Department said the call was received at approximately 4:30 a.m. Snow said 15 men battled the blaze for about three hours.

Chief Snow described the six-room frame house off N.C. 89 east as "a total loss." Cause of the fire had not yet been determined.

Firemen from the Four Way Volunteer Fire Department in Flat Rock brought an extra tank of water to the scene.

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Chief's home done in by smoke detector

From the Monroe Enquirer-Journal
By MARK DURHAM
Staff Writer

WEDDINGTON — The fire that destroyed the home of Gary Whipple on Weddington Road just west of here recently is almost enough to shake your confidence in fire prevention.

Not only is Whipple the fire chief of Providence Volunteer Fire Department, but it was determined the next day by Union County Fire Marshall Hampton Funderburk that the fire was caused — by all things — a smoke detector.

The circumstances were so ironic that even Whipple, whose family of four lost all of its possessions to the blaze, had to grin about it in the morning. "People around here are saying, 'Hey, the fire chief's house shouldn't burn down,'" he laughed. "But it sure did.

"After this lesson, I'm going to have only battery operated smoke detectors," he added.

According to Funderburk, who sifted through the remains of what used to be an eight-room, single-story brick house, a plug-in type smoke alarm that attached to the ceiling was the probable culprit.

Whipple said he did not know the brand name since the unit was bought and installed by two independent electricians whom he had hired three years ago to rewire part of his home while he was having it renovated. But Funderburk said the unit ran off a transformer that plugged into a common 110-volt house circuit.

"There was probably something wrong with the transformer," Funderburk said. "It probably let the whole 110 volts come on through to the alarm and caused the fire that way." Funderburk said he knew of only one other fire in Union County caused by a fire alarm. "But they put it out before the house caught fire," he said.

Whipple learned his house was on fire as he sat at his desk at Nunn Food Equipment Co. in Charlotte. "The dispatcher called and announced there was a house fire on Weddington Road," he said. "Then they reported it was believed to be the residence of Gary Whipple.

"I jumped straight up out of my chair. The drive home was the longest I've ever had. It was only 25 minutes, but it seemed like 25 years."

Whipple, 44, who has been the Providence fire chief for almost two years, says the incident has not dimmed his faith in alarm systems. He says his new house, which he plans to build on the same site as the old with insurance money, will have to have detectors.

"It's the state code," he said. While Whipple's house is being built, he and his family are living next door with his mother. "People have been great to us," he said. "I think we have all the clothes and stuff we need."

Small fire doused at Dillard Paper

GREENSBORO — Greensboro firemen rushed to Dillard Paper Co. at 2751 Patterson St. on a recent afternoon when smoke was reported in a warehouse. But Dillard employees had doused the small fire with an extinguisher by the time firemen arrived.

A fire department spokesman said the 3:15 p.m. fire and the smoke it created did no appreciable damage to the warehouse. Some paper products were burned, however, and fans were used to clear smoke from the building.

There was no disruption of Dillard's operations, the spokesman said. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Car puts fireman back on the job

RALEIGH — When fire Captain Maylon Frazier finished his shift on a recent morning at Fire Station No. 4 on Six Forks Road, he thought he was through for the day.

But when he hopped in his car to leave for home and a few hours of much-needed sleep, his car backfired and caught fire. Frazier scampered out and it was back to work — this time putting out his car.

Frazier and his fellow

firemen put out the fire but not before it had damaged the car's engine and blackened the body under the hood.

"We were standing around and we heard (the car) pop," fireman N. E. Conyers said. "(Frazier) got out to put the fire out, and we took some dry chemical to it."

Frazier hitched a ride home with another fireman to begin hunting for a mechanic, Conyers said.

Firemen save mobile home

LOUISBURG — A passing motorist, alerted to smoke rising from a mobile home on U.S. 401 south of Louisburg, turned in an immediate alarm to volunteer firemen which possibly saved the structure from total destruction on a recent afternoon around 2:30 p.m.

Firemen arriving at the scene of a mobile home just below D & J Pontiac found smoke emitting from all sides of the two bedroom home occupied by William Oakley and Keith Game. Firefighters gained entry through windows in the front

fire originated from an electric blanket in the center bedroom of the home, with most of the fire damage contained to the single bedroom. Much of the remainder of the home received heavy smoke and heat damage.

However, the Louisburg Chief stated, "It's very unusual to save a mobile home" due to the minimal time it takes for the fire to spread throughout the structure.

and rear of the home and within minutes had the blaze under control. Both Game and Oakley were absent when the fire started.

Fire Chief Karl T. Pernell stated that it appeared that the

Oakley's father reported that his son had left early that morning for Fort Bragg and the other resident of the home was at work when the fire was reported. The mobile home was owned by Darrell Collier, a member of the Louisburg Fire Department.

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Grass, brush fires plague firemen

WAYNE COUNTY — Summer-like weather brought on an increase in outdoor burning and a rash of grass and brush fires on a March Friday, as Wayne County fire departments answered 12 calls.

The Mar Mac, Seven Springs, Belfast, Dudley, Pinewood, Arrington, Fork and Patetown fire departments all responded to grass, brush or woods fire during the afternoon and evening.

Most of the fires were attributed to burning trash, controlled burning and other outdoor burning, however a train is thought to have caused a grass fire on State road 1313.

The Dudley fire department responded to a grass, house and storage building fire at the

home of Willard Anderson on State road 1120. The fire, thought to have been caused by trash burning, resulted in \$200 damage.

Damage went unestimated in the other grass and brush fires.

The Hopeville fire department responded to a mobile home fire at New Hope Trailer Park that day which resulted in \$9,500 damage being done to a trailer owner by William Murphy. The cause of the fire was undetermined.

The Belfast fire department responded to an automobile fire at the Salem Church Road Food Stamp Building. The fire, thought to have been caused by a flooded carburetor, caused \$75 damage to a car owned by Ms. Sandra L. Hope.

Fire Department Saves More Than \$2 Million In Property

CLAYTON — Fire Chief James Norris announced recently that the total property damage incurred in 57 fires attended by the Clayton Fire Department in 1977 totaled \$54,000, or an average of less than \$1,000 per fire.

The total value of the property involved in these fire totals approximately \$2.1 million. The

total property saved at fires attended by the Fire Department is valued at \$2,040,000.

These announcements came as part of the Fire Department's annual report.

Clayton volunteer firemen fought 29 fires inside the city limits. Property loss at these fires totaled \$16,400. Only seven of these fires were in occupied

dwellings.

The firemen also helped extinguish 28 fires outside the city limits. Property damage totaling \$37,600 was incurred in these fires.

Aside from the 57 fires in which the Clayton volunteers were involved, the department received 102 calls in which assistance was not needed in extinguishing fires.

"This is where people saw smoke or smelled smoke and wanted it checked out — or small grass fires that one fireman could handle," Norris explained.

Fire Does Major Damage To 10-Room Frame House

KANNAPOLIS — Extensive damage was done to the structure of a 10-room frame house on Cold Springs Rd. at U. S. 601 recently and a fireman was overcome by smoke after a fire erupted at 6:50 p.m.

John Campbell, a member of the Allen Fire Department, was treated in the emergency department of Cabarrus Memorial Hospital and released.

Fire Marshal Jim Pharr attributed the cause of the fire to an electrical short in the one-story structure behind the two-story structure. He said that many of the contents were removed, but that they were damaged by heat, smoke and water.

Owner and occupant of the house was Robert B. Rice. Rice's mother was also taken to Cabarrus Hospital after she collapsed about 30 minutes after the fire started.

Four fire departments — Allen, Georgeville, Jackson Park and Locust — responded to the alarm and remained on the scene three hours and 40 minutes.

Fire burns along railroad

HENDERSON — A brush fire burned along about seven miles of railroad track between Henderson and Middleburg on a March afternoon, requiring three and a half hours of firefighters' efforts before it could be extinguished.

The fire burned along the tracks from Bickett Street to the other side of Middleburg, a spokesman for the Vance County Fire and Ambulance Service said later. Seven telegraph poles were damaged, he said.

Assisting the Vance County unit were the Henderson Fire Department; departments from Townsville, Bearpond, and Drewry; and the N.C. Forest Service, which also provided an airplane.

The firemen fought the blaze from 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the spokesman said. No one was injured, he said.

The county unit assisted the Townsville department in fighting a house fire in Townsville on another morning. The house, valued at \$4,000, and its contents, valued at \$3,000, were a total loss.

The house was owned by the R.B. Taylor estate, and the tenant was James Parham. No one was injured, the county unit's spokesman said.

Firemen battled the fire, which was of undetermined origin, from about 10:40 to 11:30 a.m.

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Mobile home lost to fire

YOUNGSVILLE — Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones escaped injury but lost their mobile home by fire on a recent morning. The couple was awakened after midnight by the smoke and fire alarm system in their trailer home, located on U. S. 1 south of Youngsville.

Sixteen Youngsville firemen responded to the fire call with two firefighting vehicles. Firemen from the Wake Forest Fire Department were also at the scene. All the water in the Youngsville pumper and tanker was used, as well as water from the Wake Forest units.

The trailer was located a short distance behind a service station on U. S. 1, and was close to another trailer. A car belonging to Mr. Jones, which was parked near their mobile home, was damaged by heat from the fire.

RAEFORD — A blaze that was discovered early on a recent Sunday morning by a newspaper delivery man totally destroyed a home belonging to Doris Floyd, Rt. 1, Raeford, according to George Baker, North Raeford fire chief.

Intense heat from the fire probably caused the brick structure to explode, Baker said. Although this is an unusual occurrence, the house, built about 1975, was well-constructed and being "tight" could have created the right atmosphere for an explosion, Baker said. He described it as the same principal as cold air meeting hot and causing thunder.

Baker explained that the living room section of the house exploded after the fire department arrived. Pennies that were kept in a jar in the kitchen were found scattered several hundred feet from the dwelling, causing firemen to believe that part of the home may have blown up before firemen arrived.

The fire may have been the result of grass burning in the yard around the dwelling the previous day, Baker said. A plastic septic tank drain caught fire the previous day and efforts were made by residents to extinguish the small blaze. Baker explained that if the yard fire,

which had spread into the crawl space under the home, had not been completely extinguished, it could have flared up during the night igniting the house.

Due to heavy smoke inside the dwelling after the Saturday fire, Mrs. Floyd spent the night with relatives. "That probably

saved her life," Baker said.

A newspaper delivery man discovered the fire while making his rounds Sunday morning, according to Baker. The alarm was turned in at 3:56 a.m. When North Raeford firemen arrived, they discovered that the fire had en-

veloped the home and attempts to save it were unsuccessful.

Value was set at approximately \$35,000 for the relatively new structure and firemen stayed on the scene until 8 a.m. Mrs. Floyd's car, parked in the driveway, was also damaged in the blaze.

Early morning blaze destroys rural home



FIRE — A blaze that was reported early on a recent Sunday morning totally destroyed the home of Doris Floyd at Route 1, Raeford. No one was injured in the fire. North Raeford firemen said the house apparently exploded.

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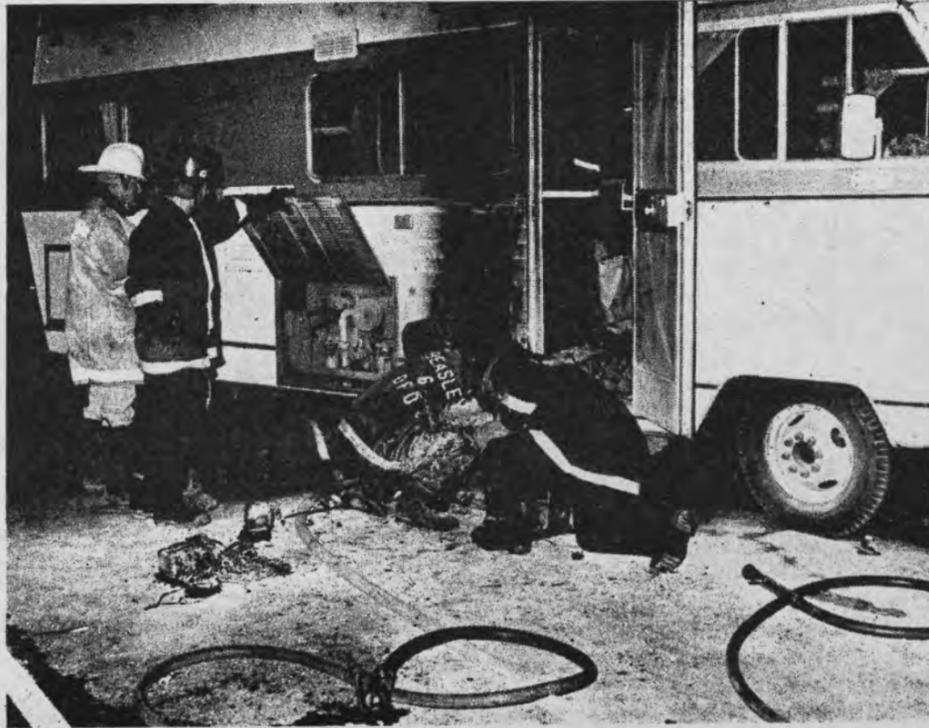
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RADIO TO THE RESCUE — A call on his citizens band radio by the owner-driver of this motor home, Henry Maness of New York State, brought Dunn firemen to the scene in time to avoid extensive and costly damage when a fire started from a faulty muffler recently on Highway 95.

Dunn Dispatch Photo

DUNN — A citizens band radio call and quick response by the Dunn Fire Department was credited with saving a motor home from destruction on a recent Wednesday night.

The owner of the home, Henry S. Maness of Voorheesville, N.Y. was heading north on Highway 95 at the Long Branch Exit when he smelled smoke.

He radioed for assistance, stopped the vehicle and he, Mrs. Maness and their two young sons got out of range of the flames.

Assistant Dunn Fire Chief Boyd Barefoot said that sparks from a hole in the muffler ignited wooden framing under the body, and when the firemen arrived flames were pouring from underneath the vehicle.

Only about five minutes were required to extinguish the blaze and damage was confined to the area where it broke out.

Damage to the 1972 Dodge Open Road Motor Home was

limited to an estimated \$300 to \$400.

Barefoot said that Maness and his family continued on the way to their home in Voorheesville the following morning and that the only repair necessary was to install a new muffler.

He said that there was no damage to the interior or the mechanism of the home.

Barefoot said that fortunately the fire was not close to the

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Hospital damaged

RALEIGH — One wing of the new Mary Elizabeth Hospital, scheduled to open June 4, was damaged by smoke recently when tar at the construction site spilled and caught fire, Dist. Chief Drewery H. Williams said recently.

But David Driggs, a hospital administrator, said damage to the facility was light and will not delay the proposed opening date.

The hospital, which is located on the 3300 block of Wake Forest Road, will be a 400-bed general hospital that will replace the old Mary Elizabeth Hospital.

Chief Williams said the fire started about 9:40 a.m. while construction crews used tar to work on the roof of the building.

A barrel of tar was being moved when it spilled and ignited in the flame that was used to keep it hot, Williams said. The fire blackened one outside wall and three or four rooms inside with thick tar smoke. The accident occurred in a parking lot outside the north wing of the hospital.

Williams estimated the damage to the building at about \$7,000.

Driggs said the smoke-stained walls would not have to

be replaced and that workers began cleaning the building with chemical solvents the next day.

Firefighters put out blaze

HIGH POINT — Firefighters extinguished a fire at a house on Ragan Street recently which resulted from a defective chimney flue, a spokesman for the department said.

The residence of Lena Mae Chavis of 1218 Ragan St. caught fire around 4 p.m. The fire was contained to the wall area of the fireplace, the spokesman said. There was a degree of building damage. No one was hurt.

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One important element missing

STATESVILLE — Only one thing was missing.

The old storage shed on the Bowles Farm on Signal Hill Drive was engulfed in flames, and the smoke was visible for over a mile. Two fire trucks were on the scene, and firemen were poised with their fire hoses.

Someone had forgotten to bring the water.

For about 20 frustrating minutes, firemen watched the fire burn, waiting for one of the trucks to travel the winding route back to Signal Hill Mall, attach a hose to a hydrant behind Woolworths, and run 1,400 feet of line back to the farm.

The first fire truck arrived first after 2:10 p.m. with a small tank of water that firemen used to knock down the flames, but

the water was exhausted before the fire could be put out.

The flames sprang up again, and to protect the hoses, firemen dragged them back away from the shed.

Meanwhile, Eugenia Bowles and two children carried tap water from the house in buckets, pots and even jars and tossed it on the small grass fires burning between the shed and the big white house. Louis Bowles sprinkled the fires with a garden hose.

"I'm just grateful it wasn't that new barn or the house," Mrs. Bowles said. "That shed was in bad shape. I'm just glad the horses got out. All three were down in the pasture when I came out."

When the second fire truck arrived back with a line from a hydrant, firemen quenched the flames in a matter of minutes.

The shed's wooden supports were so completely burned that the force of the spray from the hoses was enough to bring the shed's corrugated steel siding tumbling down.

After the flames were quenched, firemen began the slower job of picking through the fallen siding and spraying underneath to make sure the fire was dead.



STORAGE SHED DESTROYED — A trash fire set a storage shed ablaze at the Louis Bowles farm behind Signal Hill Mall. Firemen battled the blaze and then began pulling hose back from the fire (as shown in photo) while awaiting a line to be run from Signal Hill Mall some 1,400 feet to the scene.

Statesville Record & Landmark Photo

The last firemen did not return to the station until 6:18 p.m.

Bowles said he was in town when the fire started. He discovered it when he returned home and called the fire department. According to a department spokesman, Bowles reported a grass fire.

Mrs. Bowles said she was upstairs in the house reading a book. "I didn't hear one thing," she said.

Mrs. Bowles said she was burning trash in a 55-gallon drum the previous afternoon, the same place where she says she has burned trash for 30 years without any problems. She said she poured water in the drum before going into the house.

According to the fire department report, sparks from the drum must have caught on nearby grass and spread quickly to the storage shed. A brisk breeze was blowing in the warm air.

The old shed, which contained two tractors, some farm machinery, and 50 bags of straw was completely destroyed.

"I planned to come down here (the shed) with my paints and fix an art room," Mrs. Bowles said, adding that plans would have to be changed.

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Workers drop everything in response to fire calls

From The Monroe Enquirer-Journal by Bill Edwards

MONROE — Machinist Tim Quick adjusted a lathe, rolling the tallpiece up to the steel bar he was preparing to shape. To his right lay a stack of work orders, which he could, if he were lucky, squeeze into his regular eight-hour work day.

But as Quick pulled down his safety glasses and started the tool, a piercing blast came over the plant's intercom system. In seconds, Quick had thrown his work coat across a table and was headed out the door to his car, carrying heavy boots, a canvas coat and a wide-brimmed plastic fireman's helmet.

No explanations to the personnel. No need to find someone to take up the slack in the plant's machine shop. It was routine. A home in the Baker's fire district was burning, and Quick was leaving his job to put it out, no questions asked.

It is called "industrial cooperation," and county fire inspector Hampton Funderburk says it is the best thing that has ever happened to daytime volunteer firefighting.

Eaton Corporation, Charlotte Plastics, Kendrick Brick, and soon, Decotone, all in the Baker's fire district, are cooperating in the program. Fire monitors are placed in each of the plants, and when a call comes for Station 19 (Baker's), these major Union County employers release, with a pat on the back, a predetermined number of volunteer firemen from their jobs to answer.

VITAL RELIEF

Funderburk, who in 1955 helped organize the Baker's Volunteer Fire Department, said such cooperation from industry was vital relief for self-employed members of such fire-fighting units. Those men, the fire inspector says, in the past had to answer the majority of fire calls during the day. Other members could not leave their jobs.

"But now, support from industries has made us able to provide decent daytime firefighting," Funderburk said, "because we have enough men available to handle it."

Funderburk said industrial cooperation in the volunteer firefighting programs is also good for industry. Volunteers are trained to handle the industrial fires in their district as well; fires which present special hazards and which sometimes require special equipment.

Eaton and Charlotte Plastics each employ six volunteer firemen from the Baker's district. Kendrick employs two. And when the alarm sounds, each company releases a specified number of those men. If the fire is large, or difficult to handle, the remaining employees may be released to assist.

And, says Funderburk, the employers pay the firemen as if they were still on the job.

ENTHUSIASM BRED

According to Warren Nichol, Baker's Volunteer fire chief, and fire and safety director for Charlotte Plastics, the arrangement has bred an enthusiasm among the some 35 members of the fire department. Membership has grown from 17 in 1956, when the organization was chartered. The 1956 Ford pumper purchased then has been joined in its stall by a brush fire unit, two larger pumpers, a mini-pumper, and a utility van, all paid for by contributions from citizens and industry.

In March, the Baker's Volunteer Fire Department received checks from both Eaton and Charlotte Plastics toward the purchase of a \$64,000 pumper which will pour as much as a thousand gallons a minute of water on fires in the Baker's district.

"The new tanker will enable us to fight the large industrial fires which are possible in the district," Nichol said.

PROFESSIONAL QUALITY

All of these factors — industrial cooperation, enthusiasm, and training sessions which involve men in at least 36 grueling hours of classes a year — have brought about a quality of service in the volunteer fire departments in the county which compares favorably with professional firefighting, says Funderburk.

"The volunteer departments in the county, and the

cooperation from the professional fire department in Monroe, has given the people of Union County the finest fire service in the state," Funderburk said.

The Baker's Volunteer Fire Department has seven members who are emergency medical technicians, and most other members are trained in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

"It may look like a routine operation," Baker chief Nichol said. "The men hear the alarm, drop their work, and run to their cars. They put on their firefighting clothes while they are driving to the station. It seems simple.

NECESSARY SUPPORT

"But without the support of the industries in the Baker's district, we never could have had the operation we have today."

The red BVFD pumpers roll out of the station to the homes and businesses in the district, and if need be, to homes all over the county. They are manned by everyday working men, men who have families and homes like everyone else, and men who risk their lives gladly, for no tangible gain, in the country's most dangerous profession.

Guide to fire protection products is available

A comprehensive guide to fire protection products and who makes them is in the 1978 edition of the "Annual Fire Protection Reference Directory," now available from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

This 194 page book, in 8½ by 11-inch format, softbound with a color cover, is a timely, practical reference for engineers, architects, purchasing agents, fire chiefs and all others who buy fire protection apparatus and equipment.

Four major sections comprise the new edition. The Product Index lists more than 1100 items — from "Acetylene Equipment" to "Wood (lumber and plywood, fire retardant treated)" — in alphabetical order with page references. In the Director of Fire Protection Equipment are names of more than 900 manufacturers in alphabetical sequence by product. In the Directory of Manufacturers is the mailing address and telephone number for each firm. The Index to Advertisers is a necessary guide to more than 100 full-page illustrated advertisements.

The Directory's design provides for quick location of product information and cross-checking of other references.

Copies of the 1978 edition of the "Annual Fire Protection Reference Directory" (NFPA Catalog N. FSPD-3) are \$5 each, with a schedule of discounts applying to orders of 25 copies or more. Address orders to the NFPA Publications Sales Department, 470 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, MA 02210. Courtesy NFPA

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To add to the confusion, the area south of Laurinburg was designated the South Scotland Fire District by county consultant Sherman Pickard when he drew up the recent county fire plan. As a result, Scotland County had the South Scotland fire department stationed in the community of Stewartville and the Stewartville fire department being organized in the South Scotland fire district.

As a result of this change, residents of Stewartville and Johns Station will be served by the Stewartville department and the South Scotland area will be served by the South Scotland association.

Kenansville FD Has 25th Anniversary

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the fire truck. The truck arrived the 16th of March, 1953, and the citizens of the community began receiving creditable service and an insurance reduction on fire premiums.

In order to improve fire protection for Kenansville, and to be able to participate in the Duplin County Fire Service, a second truck was purchased in August 1961. The county then began financing fire protection for the county by contracting with the departments which met state standards for rural fire districts.

The Town of Kenansville had no fire station. A shelter had been provided by Asst. Chief Ralph Brown from 1954 until 1962. The Fire Department organized as a contracting agency within itself in early 1962 by receiving a state charter as Kenansville Fire Department, Inc. As a chartered group

it could contract for indebtedness without an obligation on the part of the Town. The Kenansville Fire Department, Inc. secured a loan from Home Federal Savings and Loan of Kinston to build a fire house. Godwin Contractors of Warsaw was awarded the contract, and the building was constructed. It, along with an ambulance and a tanker, was dedicated in January of 1963. The indebtedness was retired in 1974 by funds from the county contracts, the town maintenance support and private donations.

In the fall of 1970, the water and sewer program of the Town was well underway. The Town Board was informed that the Town must own a pumper of large capacity to meet the requirements for a Class "8" rating. The Town of Kenansville contracted with American-LaFrance Corporation of Elmira, N.Y., under a lease-purchase agreement, to purchase the 1,250 gpm diesel pumper which fulfills that requirement by which the citizens received a substantial reduction in the fire insurance rate. As soon as we can finish some additional water lines, we hope to move into a Class "7" rating. The Liberty Hall Fire District is an approved 4-mile area outside of Kenansville and provides an insurance reduction for citizens in that area.

The year 1975 saw the advent of assistance to rural fire depar-

tments by Farmers' Home Administration. The Kenansville Fire Department, Inc. secured a low-interest loan to purchase a better tanker (a quick-dump and portable tank), and an equipment truck.

Ambulance service was provided by the Kenansville Fire Department from 1955-1965, at which time the ambulance service became a part of the Duplin County Emergency Service System. The ambulance and its upkeep are handled by Duplin County and no Town funds have been used in it. Members of the Fire Department train and give their time without cost.

The services of this great organization should have been enough. But the Fire Department added to the pride of the community by being named by the N.C. Independent Insurance Agents Assn. as the Number 1 Municipal Volunteer Fire Department in North Carolina in 1964. The pledge of the department is that they will continue "to work, train, plan, and improve to render an outstanding service to our friends and

Greensboro home damaged in blaze

GREENSBORO — A blaze which spread from a fireplace heavily damaged the home of R.P. Ralph at 1012 Bradbury Drive at about 5:40 p.m. on a recent Thursday, the Greensboro Fire Department reported.

Officials said the occupants had built a fire in a fireplace which previously had been equipped with a gas burning heating unit. A hole for a gas line had not been plugged, firemen said, and the fire spread into a wooden wall and on to the attic and roof.

Firemen said the family was not aware the house was afire until a neighbor saw it and alerted them. The occupants escaped without injury.

In addition to the fire damage, heat and smoke damaged other parts of the one-story brick dwelling, reports said.

Smoke Detectors Seminar

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Insurance and Rocky Mount Fire Department. It was presented by the National Fire Prevention and Control Administration.

In North Carolina, both county and city fire services are being besieged with questions about the function, use and cost of smoke detectors. The goal of this seminar was to train participants from the fire services so that they can take the lead in their own communities' smoke detector programs and answer the public's questions and needs to these early warning devices.

A goal of the National Fire Administration is to see at least one smoke detector in every

home. However, according to Howard D. Tipton, Administrator of this U.S. Department of Commerce agency, "Providing a smoke detector for every floor level of a home gives added life safety at a reasonable cost."

Dennis Ozment, NFPCA smoke detector specialist, conducted the Rocky Mount seminar and slide show.

Ozment noted that the Home Smoke Detector Seminar "covers smoke detector do's and don'ts in detail." Ozment said that there is also detailed information offered to enable the participants to solve installation and maintenance requirements. He added that the three-hour seminar is also open to others in the community seeking knowledge on smoke detectors.

Tipton added that "smoke detectors can cut fire death loss in homes by 40 percent.

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