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Captain Haywood Quinn Retires

KINSTON — Captain Haywood Quinn was honored by members of the Kinston Fire Department on May 9, 1979 prior to his retirement effective June 1, 1979. After almost 28 years with the fire service, he is finally calling it quits.

Captain Quinn started his career in the fire service at Stallings Air Base in May of 1951. He worked his way to the position of Engineer while working at Stallings Field. He came to work with the Kinston Fire Department on November

1, 1956, after Stallings Air Base closed down. He was promoted to the rank of Engineer on July 1, 1957 and to the rank of Lieutenant on April 1, 1962. He was promoted to Shift Captain on November 1, 1972.

Captain Quinn and his wife, Katie, reside at 2906 Graham Drive. He has two lovely daughters who are happily married.

Captain Quinn, who has worked a number of part time jobs trying to find one that would fit his needs, will now go

on full time with Allied Security Forces. He, by the way, also holds the rank of Captain with Allied Security Forces.

Haywood has many friends who know him as "Bud", but the members of the Kinston Fire Department know him better as "Slick", a name he earned playing cards.

The members of the Kinston Fire Department would like to wish Captain Quinn and family a long and healthy life, and may God always bless him.



Captain Quinn and Friends

Robersonville Fire Damages MCCA Building

ROBERSONVILLE — Fire did rather extensive damage to the central portion of the Martin County Community Action building early Monday morning, May 7, burning a large hole in the central portion of the building's roof and destroying a record storage area and much of a central hallway in the building.

The fire was located at 2:24 a.m. by officers of the Williamston Police Department while on patrol, and was reported to have been well underway at that time.

Firemen stated that the fire was jumping from the roof of the structure upon their arrival and was located in the center of the building down a long hallway which can be entered from east and west doorways. Firefighters made a forcible entry into the building and were able to bring the flames under

control in approximately one half hour but units remained at the scene, however, until after dawn.

Units of the State Bureau of Investigation joined local police and fire officials investigating the blaze Monday and arson was noted as being suspected as the cause of the blaze. A window was reported to have been found open in the building by police officers at the scene and one office in the fire area was also found to have been ransacked. The fire itself was contained basically to the hallway and to a record storage area, enclosed with access from the hallway in the center portion of the building. Officers of the Williamston Police Department reported that they had smelled smoke in the downtown portion of Williamston nearly an hour before the fire was sighted and had begun a search

of the area to locate the smoke's source.

Officers patrolled by the building several times before the blaze was actually spotted but the fire was not seen until it broke from the enclosed area through the building's roof.

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The Raft Swamp Vol. Fire Dept. Is Making Progress And Proud!

LUMBERTON — In August of 1978 we dedicated our new building, a 70'x80' brick and metal structure with three bays, having an estimated value of \$100,000.

In November 1978 we purchased a new pumper with a 750 gallon tank and pump capacity of 750 gpm. This gave us a total of five (5) trucks.

The Raft Swamp Volunteer Fire Department was chartered April 27, 1972 and had headquarters in an old wooden school building. Now it is a 9A rated department with a four (4) mile approved district and 30 well

trained firemen including three (3) Emergency Medical Technicians and six (6) qualified Radiological Monitors.

Answering over 500 calls since beginning, we have had a variety of most anything from manufacturing plants to getting cats out of trees or dumpster fires to aircraft crashes. We answered 144 calls in 1978 alone, involving property valued at \$715,600.00, showing a loss of only \$137,650.00, and saved of \$577,950.00.

Yes, this is almost a story of "Rags to Riches" in six years and we are proud of the Raft Swamp Volunteer Fire Department and supporters for their hard work and dedication to such a great cause as the fire service. We are glad we can be one of the 24 fire departments making progress in this great COUNTY of ROBESON. Respectfully Submitted, Chief Judson Melvin Raft Swamp Volunteer Fire Department

Fire chief lists new promotions

RALEIGH — Raleigh Fire Chief Rufus E. Keith announced the promotion of 68 persons from firefighter I to the recently created position of first-class firefighter, effective May 9. They were the first to be promoted to that position.

In addition, Keith said:

—Three firefighters II (drivers) were promoted April 25 to captain. They are Reginald L. Poole, Donald R. Price and W. Samuel Griffin. Two firefighters II were promoted to captain. They are Thomas W. Best and Jerry K. Hodges.

—Three firefighters I were promoted April 25 to firefighters II: Russell E.

Singer, Michael E. Murray and Stephen D. Hamilton. Two firefighters I, George S. Godwin and James R. Radford, were also promoted to firefighters II.

—Captains Hubert Y. Altman and Jack T. Wall were transferred from the fire prevention division to the fire suppression division, while Captains Richmond Davis and Richard H. Gilbert went from fire suppression to fire prevention. Capt. Lewis Y. Bartholomew went from fire suppression to fire training.

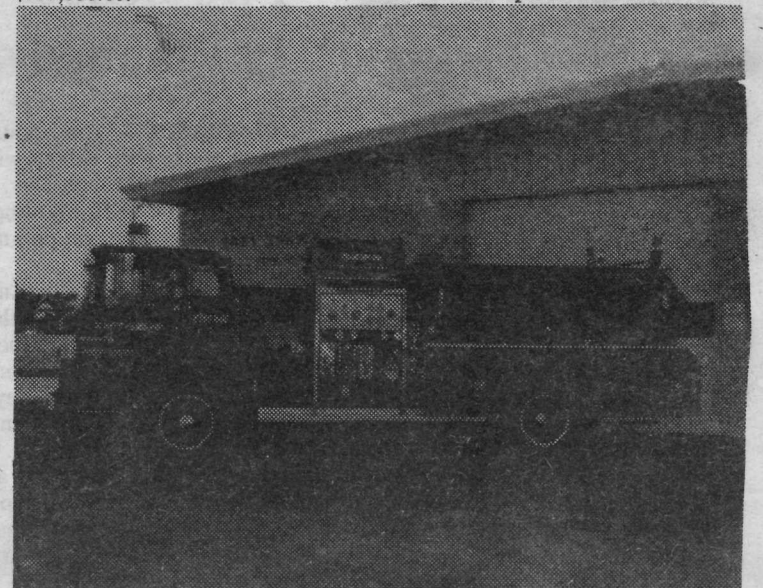
—Fire Training Chief James T. Owens was named acting fire marshal, and Capt. Harold D. Jones was named acting fire training chief.

Fire Destroys Mobile Home

ROBBINS — Fire destroyed a mobile home at Wilkes Trailer Park along Dover Church road west of Robbins in mid-April.

Robbins Fire Chief James Stewart said no one was at home at the time of the fire. The unit is listed as owned by Ellen Childers.

Stewart said cause of the fire had not been determined at the time of this writing and he had to talk to Ms. Childers about losses, but it was estimated at least \$8,000 would be the figure.



Shird Oxendine is pictured in one of the Raft Swamp Volunteer Department's five trucks.

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Editorial

The "Curriculum", a new fire-safety system for schools, is now available from the NFPA. Nearly four years in testing and development went into this program and it should be brought to the heads of schools in your district immediately. This research and development program brought to you by the NFPA could play a vital role in the lives of our children should there be a school fire in your area.



EMILY H. KING

This system features an innovative "delivery system" for fire information which specifically emphasizes behavioral change in students, and field testing of 5,000 students in more than 200 classrooms around the country showed significant gains in fire-safety knowledge. This was developed for use in grades from Kindergarten through eighth grade, designed to save lives in this especially vulnerable group. Because of its innovative, self-contained design, teachers are easily able to integrate fire-safety levels into regularly taught subject areas, such as a study of the importance of the fire department to the community during Social Studies — have the kids draw posters concerning fire prevention in Art — and use the "Drop and Roll" method for practice in Physical Education.

Ninety-nine per cent of the teachers who were involved in the 4-year study stated they would recommend the "Curriculum" to be purchased for use in their school districts.

The Curriculum release was made in February and thousands of inquiries have come in to NFPA from all over the world: There are 6 states already moving towards the adoption of

it and many cities and towns are also moving individually towards its use. Let's all get together and push this program for North Carolina — maybe, with your help, we can be the 7th state to get on the bandwagon and feature the use of this vital help in our schools.

It has been a tradition in the Fire Service to help in teaching fire protection in the schools and it has been very helpful in the NFPA's campaign to get this into the schools, implemented into their regular studies. I don't know how many of our departments are familiar or aware of this campaign, but I feel you should be informed and the availability of getting it started in your area be made to you. Get your Chief to, or write yourself, for this information, now. Who knows how many young lives may be spared from the devastation of fire with this new aid. School fires are particularly terrifying to me and to most parents and people I'm sure.

An information kit is free for the asking on this new program. Simply write and ask for the "Curriculum" kit. Send all letters to: National Fire Protection Association, Curriculum Coordinator, 470 Atlantic Ave., Boston, Ma. 02210.

Emily H. King

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Fire School Is Planned

GOLDSBORO — The annual Wayne County Fire School will be held Oct. 29 through Nov. 1 with instruction in firefighting, flammable liquids, pumps and advanced techniques.

Instructors from the Fire and Rescue Training Division of the N. C. Department of Insurance will be Mike Shelton, Earl Denney, Joe Summerlin, Phil Riley, Claude Shaw, Bill Allred and Tom Lander.

The school was discussed at the May meeting of the Wayne County Firemen's Association on May 15 at Wayne County Courthouse.

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NFPA 1979 Grand Award Presented

BOSTON — An innovative, highly successful program to prevent fire in a California forest area is the winner of the 1979 Grand Award in the Learn Not to Burn Competition sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

The Grand Award-winning fire prevention program was a joint effort of the El Cajon (Calif.) Junior Women's Club and the Discanso (Calif.) District of the United States Forest Service. The winning entry was prepared by Thomas E. Buckley, U.S. Forest Service Fire Prevention Officer for the Cleveland National Forest, located in San Diego County.

Selection of the top Competition entry was announced here today by NFPA President Charles S. Morgan. The Grand Award consists of a cash prize of \$2,000 to be used to further the winning organizations' fire prevention efforts; an expense-paid trip for one person to the 1979 NFPA Annual Meeting May 14-18 in St. Louis, Mo.; and a handsome plaque to be presented during the Annual Meeting.

Judges for the 1979 Grand Award were three elected officers of the NFPA Board of Directors: Board Chairman Dr. John L. Bryan, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Fire Protection Engineering at the University of Maryland; Second Vice Chairman Jack C. Sanders, the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal; and Alan Stevens, the Board's Secretary and Assistant Treasurer who is an Assistant Vice President and the Manager of Property Services, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, Boston.

Competing for the current Grand Award were the eight top Competition winners of 1978 — two from each quarterly phase of the contest. In addition to the California winners, the Grand Award finalists were: Assistant Chief Jack M. Gregg of the East Lansing (Mich.) Fire Department; Fire Marshal Don E. Christian of the Columbia (Mo.) Fire Department; Frederick M. Jameson, Fire Education Officer, Las Vegas (Nev.) Fire Department; Frank F. Shropshire, Director of Safety and Occupational Health, Ap-

palachian State University, Boone, N.C.; Inspector James V. Ray of the Fire Prevention Bureau, Charlotte (N.C.) Fire Department; Chief Robert G. McDonald of the North Vancouver Fire Department in British Columbia, Canada; and Donald F. MacGowan, Fire, Safety and Pollution Control Officer for the National Harbours Board in Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada.

The winning campaign was directed at users of a 250,000-acre forest area "which experiences some of the worst burning conditions in California," wrote Buckley in the official entry. The intensive fire prevention effort was designed to counteract the 142 per cent rise in the number of fires in the forest area from 1971 to 1975.

Between 1975 and the end of the peak forest fire danger

period late in 1976, the campaign in the Discanso District resulted in these achievements: number of fires caused by adults — down 36 per cent; number of fires started by children handling matches — down 94 per cent; and number of campfires that burned out of control — down 41 per cent.

This greatly improved fire record was attained through a wide range of activities including school and public programs, fairs, exhibits, parades, extensive use of the media, poster contests, and many inter-agency efforts. Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl, appearing in public and on TV, and the California Department of Forestry's Team Teach Program all helped to make the project a success.

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Let Us Hear From You

Please feel free to submit any story or pictures to us for publication in this paper. We may not receive information on your department that you feel would be of interest to others, so we ask that you send items of interest to us.

We reserve the right to edit any material submitted to us. Please note that when submitting a newspaper clipping we need to know the name of the newspaper, the town it is located in and the date of the article. We also need to know who wrote it if it has a byline. If you submit original photographs, please make a note on the back of each photo if you want them returned.

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The fire association members worked all day on the donor belt line and assisted in setting up the operation and loading the trucks to return to Charlotte. They were Alton Phillips, Wayne Pardue, Harold Brown, Mrs. Charles Williams, Kenneth S. Walters, Mrs. Frank Denny, Thomas Michael, Dean Porter, Dennis Riddle, Bud Molnar, and Richard Watkins. Clay Blackburn fire marshal provided lunch for the volunteers.

New gallon club members are Edith Bowlin three gallons; Linda Watson four gallons; Barbara Molnar one gallon; Max Bumgarner three gallons; Jerry L. Wyatt two gallons; Ralph Beaver seven gallons; Larry Pyles one gallon, Howell Nelson one gallon; James W. Myers one gallon; Dan Little one gallon; Steven Rainey one gallon.

Miss Verna Bean, Mrs. Kay Steele, Mrs. Debbie Buchan and Mrs. Ellie Griffin, local nurses assisted the center staff in the medical operation.

Members of the health occupations students with their teacher, Mrs. Janice Hamby assisted two hours in the morning. Members working were Brenda Cleary, Evelyn Welborn, Kim Elledge, Kelly Dickey, Cathy Canter, Betty Smith, Barbara Sparks, Deanna Anderson, Glenda Johnson, Gloria Caudill, Tammy Welborn.

Mrs. James Z. Daniel, Mrs. Clate Bumgarner, Mrs. Louis Kenny, Mrs. George Sale, Mrs. Claude Mathis Sr., Mrs. Millard Mathis, Mrs. O. B. Smith, Mrs. Eutha Hix, Janet Johnston, Miss Alice Cassell, Jim Mason, Bill Thomas, Aldean Blevins, Mrs. Lucy Price, Mrs. Robert Morrow, Mrs. Lewis Broyhill, Mrs. James Anderson Jr., worked in all areas of the operation.

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Fire Damages Winterville Residence

GREENVILLE — Fire caused heavy damage to a Winterville residence early Saturday evening, May 12.

According to the occupant of the home, Mrs. Mattie Smith, she discovered the blaze when she returned home.

Mrs. Smith said the fire started in the middle bedroom of the wood frame dwelling. She was unable to extinguish the blaze.

Five children reportedly in the house when the fire started, escaped without injury.

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Arson suspected in house fire

MOUNT OLIVE — Arson is suspected in a fire which gutted the J. W. Hall residence on Maple Street, according to Asst. Police Chief G. W. Swinson, Jr.

The interior of the brick veneer house was engulfed in flames when Mount Olive fire fighters arrived on the scene about 3 a.m. Firemen brought the blaze under control within 30 minutes, but the structure had been gutted.

The volunteers managed to keep the flames from spreading to the adjacent Hall's supermarket on South Center street.

One police source said there was a report of a loud explosion shortly before the blaze was discovered.

Capt. Swinson said the fire apparently started in a rear bedroom of the house. He said no one was at home when the blaze broke out.

Swinson said his department is investigating arson as the cause of the fire.

The \$40,000 house sustained some \$10,000 in damage, while the \$2,000 contents were destroyed, according to a fire report.

Twenty-four Mount Olive firemen with four trucks answered the alarm. They were assisted by members of the Mount Olive Rescue Service.



HOUSE GUTTED — Mount Olive fire officials and Asst. Police Chief G. W. Swinson (in light suit) investigate a fire which gutted the home of J.W. Hall on Maple street

recently. Swinson said arson is being investigated in the case. The \$40,000 house sustained \$10,000 in damages, and the \$2,000 contents were totally destroyed.

Mount Olive Tribune Photo

Rolling Fireman Visits Apex Fire Departments

APEX — A Guilford County man who bills himself as the North Carolina Rolling Fireman bicycled into Apex Sunday afternoon, May 6, on a good-will visit.

William E. Routh, himself a volunteer fireman for 21 years,

has set out to visit every fire department in North Carolina, using his bike exclusively for transportation.

Arriving in Apex he reported that he has visited over 600 departments thus far. In the state there are about 1200 fire departments. From his log book Routh determined that the Fuquay-Varina fire station is the 214th in which he has spent a night while on his tour.

Routh collects patches from the various departments as he travels and he carries his entire patch collection with him for display. The patches are sewn to police and fire department

uniform shirts and pants.

Routh, who was a chemist with a tobacco company for 22 years, calls himself semi-retired now. Six years ago he took up bicycling seriously and since that time he has ridden through every county in North Carolina, through the 48 continental United States and into Canada and Mexico. He has logged over 53,000 miles.

His patch collection — he has over 1,300 — has come from police and sheriff's departments as well as fire departments all over the U. S. and Canada. He carries all the uniform pieces, covered with patches, carefully rolled and stored in saddle bags on his bike. He said the bicycle plus the collection probably weighs about 100 pounds.

Asked if he gets tired on his long peddling jaunts, Routh said he does at times, particularly when he doesn't get much sleep . . . as was the case

in Williamston one night recently. He spent several hours during the night helping fight a fire.

While he was in Fuquay-Varina, Routh met Fire Chief Ed Schmelzer and Assistant Chief Johnny Jones.

He departed early Monday morning, May 7, expecting to make a few more calls in Wake County during the day and hoping to make it home to Guilford County by night. On this particular trip Routh had been out 12 days and covered 890 miles.

His home fire department is the Pincroft-Sedgefield Fire Department between Greensboro and High Point. The department has seven paid employees. The rest are volunteers.

As Routh pedaled out of Fuquay-Varina, he carried one more patch in his collection and one more station checked off in his log book.

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Firemen Called To Chemical Spill

LAURINBURG — Quick action by the Laurinburg Fire Department prevented injuries in what could have been a potentially hazardous chemical leak near Scotland High School.

Firemen received a 2:35 p.m. call that a truck had stopped on the U.S. 401 Bypass with a chemical leaking from the side and underneath.

Four firemen discovered the chemical was leaking from one broken container on the back of a truck, operated for Industrial Chemicals of Charlotte. The chemical was identified as "Aqua Ammonia."

Fumes from the ammonia were so strong that firemen had to wear masks while hosing down the truck and the roadside. The ammonia container is believed to have been broken while being loaded with a hand-truck.

Firemen also attended two car fires on May 7, one of which resulted in a total loss.

A 1975 Ford, owned by Tony McCoy of Corona Avenue, burned completely on Carver Street around 3 p.m. The fire originated under the dash and spread through the inside and

the engine.

Six firemen attempted to save the car, but to no avail. Damages were estimated at \$3,000.

Another fire was reported at 8 p.m. on West Church Street near the 401 Bypass. The fire originated under the hood of a 1974 Ford, owned by Bernice Graham of Bennettsville.

Nine firemen were able to confine the fire under the hood. The fire, which caused estimated damages of \$200, is believed to have been caused by a wiring problem.



Laurinburg Fireman Surveys Car Fire Damage . . . Automobile Was Declared Total Loss
Laurinburg Exchange Photo

Man discovered dead in burning home

SANFORD — A 41-year-old Sanford man died in late April as fire spread through a large frame house at 516 S. Moore St.

The body of Ernest Freeman Gilmore, who lived in the rear portion of the house, was found on the floor of a back room by Sanford firemen 20 minutes after they arrived on the scene, according to Capt. Odell Powers of the Sanford Fire Department.

The body was sent to the state medical examiner in Chapel Hill for an autopsy. Dr. John Blue, Lee County medical examiner, said that Gilmore suffered "some severe burns" but that he believed Gilmore died from smoke inhalation.

"The burns didn't appear to be fatal," he said. Gilmore's body was found a few feet from a large window.

The fire broke out in the home shortly after 9 p.m., and a couple living in the front of the house, Alice and William Johnson, awoke from the smell of smoke and pulled a fire alarm across the street.

Sanford firemen were able to extinguish most of the flames less than 10 minutes after arriving on the scene, Powers said.

The room in which Gilmore's body was found was not heavily damaged, according to statements by Blue, Powers and C. B. Cummings, police administrative assistant.

Police and firedepartment officials are continuing their investigation to determine the point of origin of the fire. Powers described the damage as "considerable, a lot of smoke damage."

Fireman of Year



STATESVILLE — Ed Carriker, route 4, Mooresville, won the Fireman of the Year Award on May 11 from the Iredell County Volunteer Firemen's Association. Pictured behind Carriker as he looks at his plaque are County Commission Chairman Joe Troutman at far left, Commissioner Frances Murdock, County Manager Chuck Wooten and Commissioner Sam Ostwalt at right.

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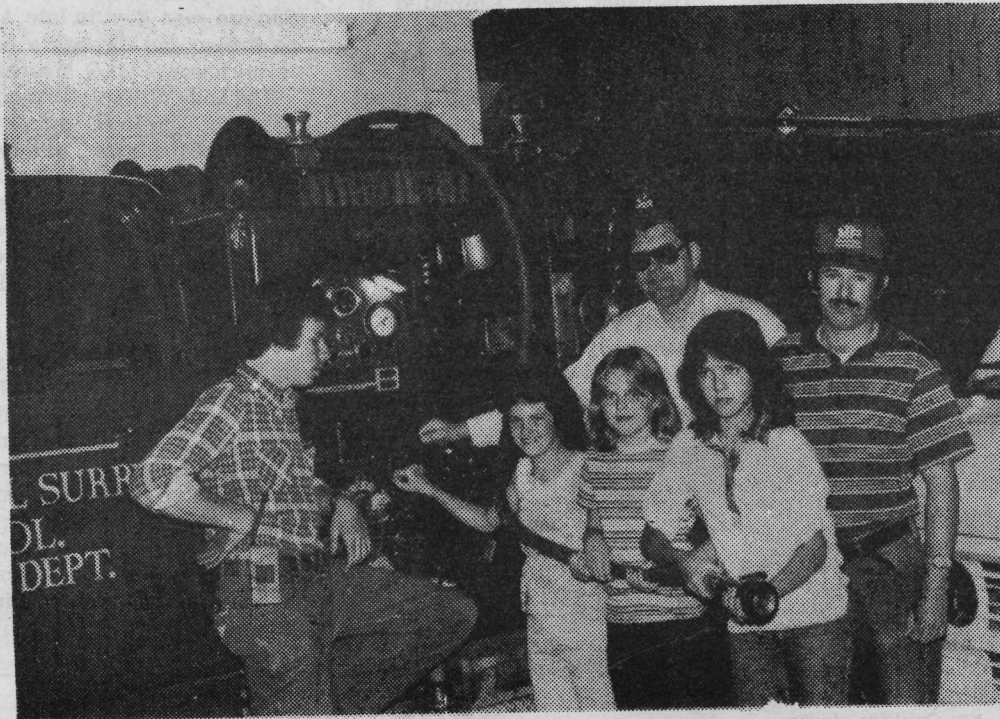
Firemen conduct fire safety classes for students

MOUNT AIRY — During the month of April, volunteer firemen from several Surry County fire departments were busy conducting fire safety classes for 5th and 6th grade students.

The classes, sponsored by Surry County 4-H and the local fire departments, concerned such topics as the chemistry of fire and how a fire burns, fire hazards, types and uses of fire extinguishers, and development of home fire escape plans.

Firemen teaching these classes used experiments and safety films to help the students learn more about fire safety. Certificates were presented to students attending three out of four of the safety sessions.

Fire departments participating in the classes were Dobson and Central Surry, Elkin, Franklin, Mountain Park, Skull Camp and State Road.



Central Surry firemen show participants in fire safety classes the parts of a fire truck and how they prepare to put out a fire. Micket Haynes, left, discusses fire safety with Gina Barker, Lee Ann Rosendahl and Christi Stanley. Behind the students are Carl Martin and Bill Hardy, assistant fire chief.

Mount Airy News Photo

Funeral Home Fire Probed In Goldsboro

GOLDSBORO — A fire May 6 which caused \$1,000 damage to a local funeral home has been under investigation by Goldsboro police.

Firemen were called to the Ulmer Funeral Home, 2206 N. William St., at 6:30 p.m. after someone placed bottles containing a flammable liquid and paper wicks inside two front windows of the home.

Police said one of the bottles was ignited, burning the curtains and one window. The other bottle was not ignited.

Leroy Ulmer told police no one was at the establishment at the time of the fire. He said he discovered the fire when he returned home and ran across the street to alert the fire department.

In the meantime, police said, Wayne County PRAC (Pre-Release and After Care) Officer John Bell was passing the funeral home and spotted the fire. He stopped and was able to extinguish the blaze with a water hose.

\$10,000 Damage In Fire

GOLDSBORO — Pleasant Grove firemen said a fire which started in a tractor did \$10,000 damage to property on the J. D. Tyndall farm on state road 1318 in their district around 5:45 p.m. Sunday, May 6.

Firemen said the blaze in a garage was out on their arrival. They said \$150,000 worth of property had been exposed.

In other weekend fires (May 5 and 6) in rural Wayne County, a \$1,000 car owned by Donnie Singleton was destroyed by a fire of unknown origin around 1 a.m. Sunday, in the Belfast fire district.

Mar Mac firemen reported no damage in checking a grass fire at C and M Grill on Arrington Bridge Road south of Goldsboro Friday afternoon, May 4. The origin of the fire was undetermined.

Mount Olive firemen reported no damage in checking a faulty fluorescent light in the \$10,000 home of Percy Rogers at 504 E. Hillsboro St. around 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Jordans Chapel firemen extinguished a fire in a wood pile on the property of Carol Keen on state road 1101 in their district at 5:40 p.m. Sunday. No damage was reported in that fire of undetermined origin.

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Over 300 Attend Area Fire School

BURNSVILLE — The Western North Carolina Firemen's Association and the McDowell County Fireman's Association sponsored one of the finest fire schools in the state at McDowell Technical Institute May 5 and 6. The school was attended by over three hundred firemen from various parts of North Carolina and even some from South Carolina. The school offered ten different classes of instruction ranging from Basic Fire Fighting to Basic Life Saving.

Attending from the Burnsville Fire Department were Jerry Laws and Randy Ollis. Jerry took the "Explosives" class taught by Mr. Haywood Weddle, a Federal Agent from the Dept. of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). Mr. Weddle discussed such things as bombs, bomb threats, bomb searches, explosive devices, plus many others. He also discussed a bomb search team and the proper way to handle a bomb threat. The bomb team leader is in charge and he instructs the other members on what to do if a bomb is found. After it has been found, then the bomb team leader contacts authorities and

has the area secure **May 5** one can enter — then they team from the U.S. Army by helicopter and dis the bomb. Mr. Weddle c ad a very interesting and well prepared class.

Randy Ollis, also from the Burnsville VFD, took the class on Fire Ground Tactics, which covered such things as salvage, taught by Mr. Lee Cate from the Marion Fire Dept. He also attended courses in Ventilation, taught by Mr. Kent Brown from Catawba County; and Fire Pumps, taught by Tim Milligan, Assistant Chief, Marion Fire Dept.

Also attending this school were Jerry Layell, David Howell and Bobby Phillips from the Yancey County Rescue Squad, who took the class on Basic Life Saving. This class was taught by Captain Jesse Glenn and Captain Richard Piratzky, both paramedics with the McDowell County Emergency Medical Service.

This was a well-prepared Area Fire School, and was of great benefit to those who attended.



Fire fighting school at Broyhill

(See Related Photo Above)

Greensboro City Hires 20 To Fight Fires

GREENSBORO — The Greensboro Fire Department has hired 20 persons, including three women, to fill firefighting vacancies, Fire Chief R. L. Powell said in mid-May.

The 20 will undergo 14 weeks of training, including 138 hours of emergency technical education, before they assume duties as firefighters in August.

The new hirings will bring the number of women in the department to five. Currently two women firefighters are assigned to Station 8 on Chapman Street.

The new women employees are Kathy A. Smith of Greensboro; Doris W. Wall, also of Greensboro, and Anita Y. Strong, a student at Rockingham Community College.

Also hired were David R. Bur-

ch, James W. Dunn, Michael R. Ferree, Donald E. Hayes III, Christopher M. Herbin, Terry D. Hohn, Gary D. Houglan, Roderick A. James, Melvin A. Manning, Tyson F. Minor, Milton L. Moore, Bobby W. Nugent, Timothy M. Patterson, Richard A. Scholobohm, Jeffrey D. Souther, Sanford P. Stafford and Charles A. Stockard.

The 20 were selected from 258 applications, including 30 applications from women. Nine of the newly hired are black, including one of the women.

The 20 replace 17 retirees, two who resigned and one firefighter who was fired, Powell said.

FOREST CITY — A firefighting school was taught by instructors from the Department of Community Colleges at Broyhill in Rutherfordton on May 10. Instructors George Walker and Don Clapp demonstrated methods of extinguishing various types of fires to representatives from each of the departments at the local plant. Plans for the school were almost complete when a fire broke out in the plant two weeks earlier which resulted in over \$250,000 worth of damages, according to Dean Conner, Foreman of the Maintenance Department, who coordinated the effort to bring the class to Broyhill.

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Man charged for woods fire

BLACK MOUNTAIN — A fugitive from a mental hospital has been charged with felonious arson in connection with a woods fire that burned three-quarters of an acre April 17.

Christopher Robin Ryan, 20, of Adams, Mass., was charged that evening with arson, carrying a possible sentence of four months to 10 years, after he was seen setting fire to a wooded section on Rainbow Terrace by Bud Russell, who lives in a house adjoining the woods, according to police.

Ryan was picked up over eight hours after the incident by Fire Chief Gary Bartlett, having apparently hidden in the woods all that time. Ryan had walked away from Boston (Mass.) Mental Health Center three months ago while under treatment there, according to Black Mountain Det. Myron Fineberg.

Fineberg said he is hoping to arrange to have Ryan committed to Dorthea Dix Hospital for psychiatric evaluation. Ryan was being held on \$5000 secured bond.

Three engines and 19 men brought that fire under control in 25 minutes.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Gregg at 200 Pearl St. was totally destroyed by fire April 20.

The Greggs awoke at 3:46 a.m. to find the roof of their home engulfed in flames, and escaped through the back door, Bartlett said.

The house, valued at \$1000, was totally engulfed in flames

when firemen arrived two minutes later, according to Bartlett. Poor construction materials and a stack of scrap lumber next to the house aided the rapid spreading of fire, he said. Two LP gas cylinders also blew up in the fire, he added.

In addition to the house, \$4000 worth of contents were destroyed. There was no insurance on the home or its contents. Three churches and ABC-CM-east are taking donations for the couple.

One truck from Swannanoa Volunteer Fire Department assisted Black Mountain firemen in fighting the blaze.

Five acres of woods that are part of a planned housing development on Lynch Cove Road burned April 19 as mutual aid from Reynolds, Riceville, Broad River and the U.S. Forest Service assisted Black Mountain firemen in fighting flames spread by high winds.

The fire, apparently started when wind blew sparks from a controlled burning, was stopped when firemen dug fire lines and back-burned brush. Trees, for the most part, were not damaged as leaf matter and brush burned.

Two engines and 19 men remained at the scene three hours.

Seven members of the Mountain Rescue Team took part in a bizarre four-hour search for a crashed plane and fire on top of Middle Mountain during the early hours of April 19. No plane or fire was found.

Two engines and 16 men responded to a false alarm at MA-Hall Dorm at Montreat-Anderson College April 19. No person has yet been charged for turning in the alarm.



Black Mountain firemen tend a backfire to hinder flames fed by gusts of wind at a woods fire on Lynch Cove Road.

Black Mountain News Photo

Also on April 19, three engines and 12 men fought a brush fire that burned 1½ acres on High Top Colony Road.

One engine and three men responded to a mutual aid call from Swannanoa to fight a brush fire on Patton Cove Road April 22.

Also that day, one engine and nine men put out a fire on a light pole in High Rock Acres on NC 9.

The Buncombe County ambulance made three emergency, 15 routine and one unneeded run the first of May.

Fire Kills Child

GOLDSBORO — A nine-month-old child died in a fire which gutted a wood frame home a half-mile north of the Wayne-Wilson County line on May 10.

The child was identified as William Roger Smith, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith.

Allen Aycock, the chief of Polly Watson Fire Department, quoted the child's mother, Mrs. Rita Faye Smith, as saying she had put kerosene into a heater in the house and gone outside to check on her dog barking.

When she returned she said the house was filled with fire and she could not get back in. She ran across the road to Ray Barnes' Farm Market to call the fire service, Aycock said.

Polly Watson and Nahunta fire departments from Wayne County and the Lucama Fire Department from Wilson County responded to the alarm on state road 1654 about 2:15 p.m.

Aycock said \$11,000 damage

was done to the \$16,000 wood frame house and its contents. He said the baby's crib was about two feet from the heater where the blaze may have started. However, he said the exact cause of the fire was not determined.

An older child at home at the time was outside when the fire started, the fire chief said. Smith was at work.

A drive for household goods and clothing for the family has been started by the Polly Watson Fire Department and the Fremont Jaycees.

Smith is tall and slender, but his exact size could not be learned. Mrs. Smith wears size 10-12 pant suit and narrow size eight and one-half shoes. Their son wears toddler size two.

Items may be taken to the fire station or will be picked up by calling Chief Allen Aycock at 242-4921 or Jerry Wells at 242-5213.

Fire Doused, Then Occupant Is Awakened

SOUTHERN PINES — Winston Oxendine was sleeping serenely on a mid-April morning when he was awakened by two sheriff's officers who had just saved his home from fire.

Sgt. Sam Kelly and Deputy Albert Burr of the Moore County Sheriff's Department were on routine patrol on N.C. 22 at 2:35 a.m. when they spotted fire in the Wedgewood area. They found the woods and grass in flames near the Oxendine home.

Kelly and Burr didn't wait to call Oxendine. They grabbed a nearby water house, turned the water on and briskly extinguished the blaze. Then they knocked on the door, awoke the sleepy occupant and told him all about it.

Oxendine told the officers that he had burned trash several hours earlier and apparently the fire had started up again, this time inching its way toward his home. The fire was extinguished before there was damage to the building.

7 Firemen Promoted

ASHEVILLE — Five Asheville firemen have been promoted to the rank of fire company commander. The five are among seven firemen recently promoted by Chief P. N. Ball.

Three men were promoted from fire driver to the company commander positions. They are Ross Melvin Peterson, who joined the department in April, 1966; Harold S. Waites, who joined the department in May, 1957; and Kenneth Eugene Bishop, who joined the department in June, 1965.

Promoted from firefighter to company commander were Steve Randy Bryant, who has been with the department since August, 1971, and John Raymond Young, who joined the department in December, 1969.

Ball said the company commander positions had opened up due to the retirement of several senior firemen in the past five months.

Also promoted by the chief were two firefighters, Tony Frank Ballard and Bobbie Gene Lovin, both to the position of fire driver.

Both Ballard and Lorin joined the department in August, 1973.

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Fireman sticker is adopted by Cary Fire Department

CARY — The number one concern of a fire company arriving at the site of a structural fire is the saving of lives. And, there are some things that citizens can do to help firefighters with that all important responsibility. The Cary Fire Department is endorsing the use of a new universal rescue sticker provided by a national insurance company. "Use it to help a firefighter save someone you love," the slogan announces.

"Firemen don't just barge in the front door of a burning home," explains Fire Educator Joyce Finnerty. The initial observation of the captain in charge encompasses many factors that dictate an attack approach — including determining if there are people within. Red ball window stickers have been used in the area to denote the rooms where children sleep, while an I superimposed on a red circle warns the firefighter that an invalid resides there and will need special assistance.

There have been many other window stickers used in other parts of the country, but the local department personnel will adopt the new Metropolitan Life Insurance sponsored national program because of its universal recognition. The new symbol is the outline of a fireman over a red rectangle and is used to mark the rooms of a child, an elderly person, a blind person or an invalid to alert the firefighter and help get to that person quickly.

The Cary Fire Department will have a supply on hand for residents interested in joining the movement now, but point out their personnel will still be on the lookout for the red balls or I in bedroom windows.

The firefighter sticker is easy to apply, but there are some suggestions as to placement. They may be applied in almost any position on first floor bedroom windows. But for upper floors, it is suggested that they be placed on the upper pane for easy visibility from ground level.

Chief Ned Perry and Ms. Finnerty also strongly urge placing a sticker on the outside of closed bedroom doors facing the hallway. "The firefighters may get disoriented inside a dark smoke filled house, so a rescue sticker on the doors will help him determine bedrooms from hallways or bathrooms," Perry says. It is also important to



Fire Educator Joyce Finnerty demonstrates the correct placement of the new universal fire rescue sticker to Erin Finnerty, Julie Wilson, Julie Finnerty, Annette Wilson and Allison Tevepaugh at the Wilson girls' Oakwood Heights home.

Allison Tevepaugh at the Wilson girls' Oakwood Heights home.

Cary News Photo

place the sticker below the doorknob since firefighters enter smoke filled buildings in a crouched position.

Chief Perry sees this universal sticker as an extension of the universal 911 emergency system that Cary will switch on to this summer. "Metropolitan Life has taken on the campaign as a public service, and it fits well into our new education program here," he said. The department has had to pay for the red ball stickers used in the past, but the new sticker will be funded by the insurance company. Metropolitan has launched a nationwide advertising campaign of public awareness.

The Cary Department has already made inroads in that direction through the work of Ms. Finnerty in the schools.

Another major push will come in the fall during Fire Prevention Week when displays will be set up in Cary Village Mall and the department makes a concerted effort to reach every resident.

Perry said the new stickers will also be given to residents as part of its home inspection service. Public education has been an expanded effort of the department since the hiring of a full time educator, the chief said.

And the department keeps a supply of fire safety material on hand. There are also booklets available especially for handicapped people, and families with these special needs are urged to contact the department.

Ms. Finnerty points out that information regarding these handicapped citizens is recorded with fire, police and rescue departments and can be dispatched even while the emergency vehicle is enroute to the scene.

Special information on smoke detectors for the deaf or hearing impaired is available through the Cary department, and there are booklets printed in Braille that explain emergency exit drills.

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Firemen Burn Sunset Lodge For Training Exercise

LOUISBURG — While the Louisburg Fire Department prepared to burn an old home on North Main Street in late April for training purposes and to rid the town of a future fire hazard, a protest was initiated against the burning in the form of a sign posted in the front yard of a neighboring home. The home being burned, the old V. L. Parker home on 408 N. Main, formerly the Sunset Lodge, had been vacant for nearly a year and its demolition by fire had been requested by Mrs. Marie Allen, who plans to build a smaller residence on the lot.

The Louisburg Fire Department has conducted controlled burnings of homes which have been scheduled for demolition, providing weather conditions permit and the home has not been rendered useless as a training structure. Normal procedure in burning homes such as the Parker home



Old Parker Home Burned To Make Way For New Home
Louisburg Franklin Times Photo

requires firemen to set fire to the house in specified areas and as soon as the fire is at a stage which could simulate actual conditions, the firemen enter the structure under a protective spray of water and extinguish the flame. Under varying cir-

cumstances, firemen may be required to don air packs in order to move in close enough to the blaze to allow fogging to be effective.

The "fogging", or spraying action of the hose when adjusted to create a fine mist, not only serves as a protective shield to attacking fire-fighters, but also starves oxygen from the blaze and is more effective than large volumes of water. One requirement for this procedure, of course, is to get close enough to the flames in order to be effective.

Fire fighters find controlled

burnings most effective in training, since they are able to plan strategy without the immediacy caused by an actual emergency. They are instructed on fire fighting techniques, enter the building after an intentional fire is started, extinguish the blaze and retreat for an oral critique of the conditions. Normally, such simulated conditions can be initiated in a structure five, six or more times before the remains of the building is allowed to burn.

Throughout the burning procedure, firemen are stationed on all sides of the structure in order to cool the structure when the flames get too hot. Firemen also use hoses to create a screen to cool burning particles which may rise in the air and could otherwise threaten nearby structures. Basically, the same techniques would be utilized in an actual emergency.

Firemen also were alerted to the dangers associated with at-

tacking a blaze from a ladder to second and third floor levels. Although unplanned and strictly unintentional, fireman M. E. "Mack" Joyner, Jr. was whipped from the top of a ladder at the second story level of the home when he lost his footing on the ladder and the hose spun the firemen from the ladder, causing him to fall to the ground. Joyner escaped serious injury and within minutes was back on the ladder attacking the blaze from an open window.

The protest sign was posted in the yard of Rev. H. Arthur Phillips, whose residence is just south of the old Sunset Lodge. The sign read, "We protest the burning of the house next door because: 1. It's a waste 2. Smoke is hard to breathe 3. We hate rats 4. We were given no prior notice of definite burning time (although we requested on 3 occasions to be informed)." The poster was signed by Phillips and his wife.

Fire Chief Karl T. Pernel said that an announcement had been made three weeks earlier that the house would be burned, but he had delayed the training session until weather conditions were suitable and would pose the least danger to neighboring homes or to college structures on the nearby campus.

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\$10,000 Damage Reported In Fire At Holly Farms

NORTH WILKESBORO — Approximately \$10,000 in damage was reported at the Holly Farms Poultry Industries "Convenience Foods" division plant in Wilkesboro as the result of an early morning fire recently.

Wilkesboro firemen responded to the 2 a.m. alarm and ex-

tinguished a fire in one of the plant's coolers. Fire chief Edgar Harris listed spontaneous combustion as the cause. Damaged was a cooler, fiberglas insulation, and several cases of chicken.

Harris stated that workers clean out the cookers in the precooked chicken section on

Friday night and store the chicken in coolers until Monday before disposing of it. It was believed that the heat build-up caused the fire.

Wilkesboro responded with two trucks and "a good turnout of men," according to the chief. The firemen were on the scene 45 minutes.



EXTINGUISH BLAZE — Wilkesboro firemen work to extinguish fire in Holly Farms new convenient foods building. The fire was early this morning. Damage was extensive to the cooler.

North Wilkesboro Journal - Patriot Photo

Fire Damages Building

NFPA 1979

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Begun in October 1976, the NFPA Learn Not to Burn Competition is designed to recognize effective fire prevention education programs in all phases of modern life. Thus far, the Competition has drawn 629 entries from the United States, Canada, and several countries overseas, and has awarded \$24,300 in quarterly prizes to 123 winners. The previous Grand Award winner, in 1978, was the Hayward (Calif.) Fire Department for its campaign to reduce the number of fires caused by children playing with matches and fireworks.

Complete information on the Competition is available from the Competition Coordinator, NFPA Public Affairs Division, 470 Atlantic Ave., Boston, MA 02210.

LEXINGTON — Fire heavily damaged a two-story storage building at the estate of A. N. Sink of 418 Glenwood Drive on May 11, according to reports.

Firemen from the city and from the West Lexington volunteers battled the blaze for more than an hour and a half, according to reports.

The cause of the fire was undetermined, but firemen battled the flames in the midst of a sometimes violent electrical storm. Lightning could have touched off the fire, reports indicate.

The building was engulfed in flames when the firemen arrived. Damage to the buildings and its contents was heavy, but no estimate of the loss was made by the fire department.

The fire broke out just before 7 P.M.

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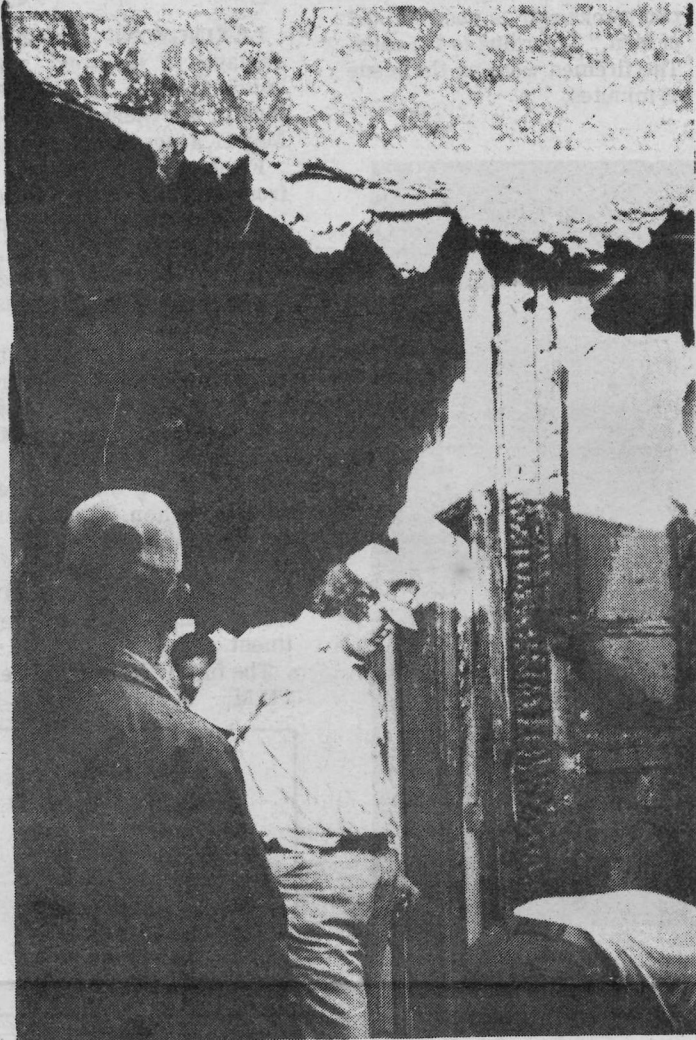
Robersonville Fire Damages

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Thirty members of the Williamston Fire Department answered the call and four trucks were used to fight the blaze. Water problems severely hindered the firefighters' efforts as two fire hydrants in the area were reported to be broken and a third was found to have only a small amount of water pressure. Firemen were eventually forced to pump water from Main and Harrell streets, several blocks away, to the fire scene.

Damage to the building, which was formerly occupied by the Martin County Health Department, was estimated to run between \$65,000 and \$75,000. Most of the records in the storage area were also noted to have been destroyed in the blaze.

The fire is the fourth in the town in the past seven months and was the second major fire of that weekend. On March 16, the Williamston Packing Company burned, on April 13, the Holiday Inn burned and on Friday, May 4, Whites Heating and Sheet Metal Works was destroyed by fire. Damage estimates for the fire have totalled more than \$1.25 million. All of the fires are reported to be under an investigation with the MCCA building fire drawing strong attention from law enforcement agencies.



ARSON SUSPECTED IN MCCA FIRE — Police and fire officials noted that arson is suspected in the fire that severely damaged the Martin County Community Action building. Firemen are shown in the above picture looking into the storage and records area of the building where the fire is believed to have been set. The large hole burned in the roof can be noticed at the top of the picture. The fire was contained to the central portion of the building by members of the Williamston Fire Department but the blaze was not located until it broke through the roof due to the fire's location in the building.

Robersonville Weekly Herald Photo

Fire Hits Poplar Grove House

BOONE — A fire damaged an old house on Poplar Grove Road early Saturday morning, May 5. The fire caused an estimated \$1,000 in damages to the house occupied by Jim Ward and owned by Harold Henson. No injuries were reported.

The fire started about 8 a.m. and was caused by an electrical short, according to Jach Roark,

chief of the Boone Volunteer Fire Department.

Most of the damage was caused by the heavy smoke, Roark said, while the fire itself caused only partial damage inside the house.

Some 18 firemen and three fire trucks responded to the fire, which was completely extinguished in less than an hour.



Poplar Grove Fire

George Dula of the Boone Volunteer Fire Department hoses down some ceiling panels after a fire had damaged the interior of a house on Poplar Grove Road.

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