



Nahunta volunteer firemen respond to a fire call

(Staff Photo by Bill Futrelle)

## In Fire, Rescue Techniques

# Mutual Aid System Biggest Development

By KEN PLUMMER

Modern fire fighting and rescue techniques have come a long way from the old horse and buggy days when kids still chased fire trucks and men lined up with buckets of water.

But one of the most significant developments in the field has occurred within the past eight years.

This was approval of an

unrestricted Mutual Aid system

which permits fire and rescue

agencies from any part of the

county or state to combine

forces through a single radio or

telephone request in case of a

severe fire or disaster.

In Wayne County, Mutual Aid makes the combined resources of more than 1,000 firemen and rescuemen and their equipment on land, water or in the air available at a moment's notice.

This includes all of the municipal and county fire and rescue agencies, Seymour Johnson AFB fire and rescue agencies and the N.C. Forest Service.

The story of modern firefighting and rescue work can scarcely be told, in fact, without recognizing the

significance of the Mutual Aid program.

For example, prior to this agreement, firemen in one district were restricted from crossing lines to help neighboring firemen with a blaze or disaster that was beyond their control. In the cities, firemen could go no further than two miles from their municipal lines.

Now, all firemen or rescuemen in the county can cross lines under an already-signed and legalized agreement to help each other out. They are covered by insurance, liability,

workmen's compensation and other benefits automatically, no matter how far they go.

This extends beyond county lines, and firemen and rescuemen from Wayne could go to Wilmington or Durham, if needed and requested officially.

Mutual Aid not only provides almost unlimited protection for citizens of the county and state, but offers many advantages to the fire and rescue program itself.

For example, no one fire department or rescue agency could conceivably afford to have all of the equipment it might need at any one time. This includes much specialized equipment, such as boats, planes or elaborate foam-generating units for difficult flammable liquids fires.

Through mutual aid, this deficit can quickly be overcome, and fire and rescue agencies can combine skills and equipment required for a particular fire, disaster or emergency.

An example of this might be a rural Wayne fire department calling in the N. C. Forest Service to assist with an air drop of materials to extinguish a difficult forest fire which cannot be reached on foot, or to use their special fireplow to halt the blaze.

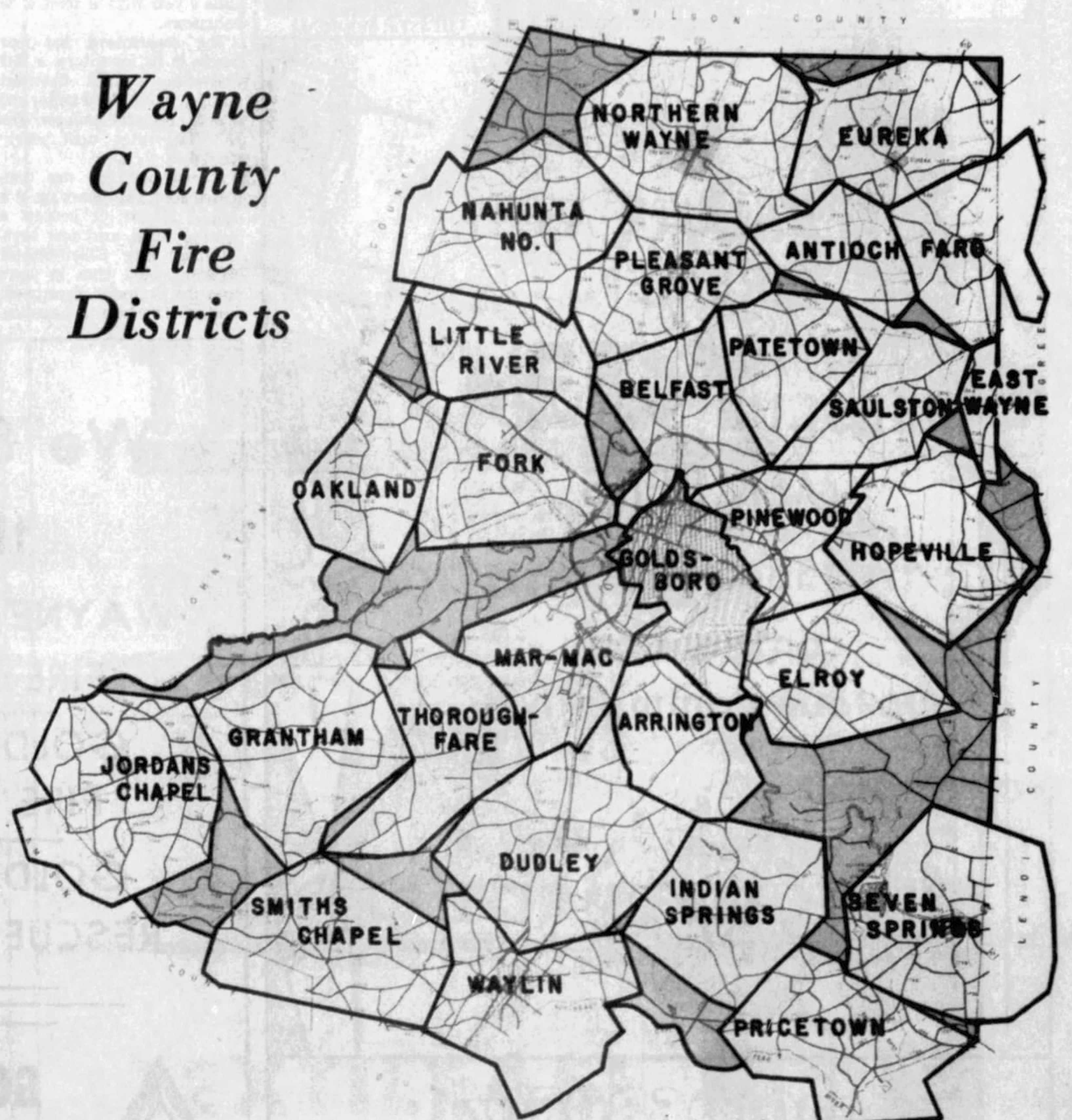
Or, the Goldsboro Rescue Squad is often called in by firemen to help in a fire or disaster with its highly-specialized skills and equipment.

Fire departments with the same basic types of equipment may even help one another. For example, the Seymour Johnson AFB Fire Department has foam-generating trucks which are good for general outside work but is not highly-adaptable for getting inside buildings.

Wayne Fire Departments, on the other hand, have portable Hi-X foam generating units

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## Wayne County Fire Districts





**FIRE PROTECTION FOR MOUNT OLIVE** — Modern equipment housed in a modern building provides Mount Olive with one of the best volunteer fire departments in the state. The department has four paid firemen and 36 volunteers who serve both Mount Olive and Waylin, the rural fire department. (Staff Photo)

## Mt. Olive Dept. Has Come Long Way Since 1904

**MOUNT OLIVE** — The Mount Olive Fire Department has come a long way since it was organized in 1904 through the efforts of M. T. Breazeale, L. A. Bird Sr., A. N. Martin and George Summerlin.

Original equipment was a two wheel cart with a hose wrapped around a third wheel. The cart was pulled by hand and the hose dropped into a well. There was a bell on the cart.

On Aug. 1, 1907, the town board approved the purchase of a hand-drawn Howe fire engine with a gasoline operated pump. A few days later the board

appointed a committee to make arrangements for wells, cisterns or other sources of a water supply. Another committee was named to make plans for a fire house.

Installation of shafts and purchase of a horse to pull the fire engine was approved on Sept. 1, 1907 and bonds were issued in 1911 to enlarge the water system and make the fire department more efficient.

M. T. Breazeale was the first fire chief and served for 18 years until his death in 1922. He was succeeded by George E. Summerlin who served for 30

years and was succeeded by his son, Edgar Summerlin Jr. who retired Jan. 1, 1969.

A third generation Mount Olive fireman was Eddie Summerlin, a former Wayne County fire marshal and now a state fire official.

Shelton Taylor was appointed to succeed Summerlin as chief and served one year. He was succeeded last year by Guy C. McKee Jr., who resigned last week and a new chief has not been named.

Present officials are B. J. Lee, Allen Dewar and Ralph Hollingsworth, captains; Avon Thompson, Lloyd Sutton and Dwight Sutton, lieutenants; Dr. W. H. Crumpler, chaplain and Dewar, secretary-treasurer.

Mount Olive now has one of the best volunteer fire departments in the state. Equipment includes a 1,250 gallon per minute pumper and a 750 gallon per minute pumper for the municipal department; a 750 gallon per minute pumper and a 1,500 gallon tanker for Waylin, the rural fire department which serves a portion of Duplin County.

For the past couple of years Mount Olive has had four paid firemen in addition to 36 volunteers. One of the paid firemen is on duty at all times.

Equipment now is housed in a modern fire station which was completed in 1969 to replace the small station which was a portion of the old town hall.



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# Goldsboro Fire Fighters Have 100-Year History

During its 100-year history, the Goldsboro Fire Department has grown from a few volunteers and one horse-drawn steam engine named "Mary Alice" to a modern, highly-trained organization manned by trained professionals.

The past has at times been colorful but present-day operations are a deadly serious business.

Fire Chief Willard Herring, appointed in January, 1969, today heads an organization with three facilities, 58 authorized personnel, an operating budget of more than \$400,000, and a vehicle inventory of nearly \$150,000.

Capital improvements totaling some \$138,000 are visualized for the immediate and near future to enable fire service to keep pace with Goldsboro's growth.

Projections include construction of a fourth fire station in 1975-76 to serve the southern sector of Goldsboro at an estimated cost of \$106,000.

Also recommended is the purchase around 1977 of two and a half acres in eastern Goldsboro as a site for a fifth fire station.

Present facilities include headquarters station on E. Ash St.; number two station on E. Beech, serving the eastern sector; and number three section on Patetown Rd., serving



WILLARD HERRING

ing the northern sector.

The fire department is organized into four pumper companies and one ladder company with one vehicle and from four to six men assigned to each.

Vehicles held in reserve include one pumper, one tanker and one high-pressure tanker.

The department has on order now a 1972 model pumper to replace a 1951 model, which will also be put on reserve status when the new model arrives.

### History

Shortly after his retirement from more than 40 years'

service with the department, former Fire Chief C. Wesley Howell compiled a history of fire service in Goldsboro for the professional publication "Tarheel Firefighter".

Following are excerpts from Chief Howell's history and the story that appeared in the publication:

—The first Goldsboro volunteer bucket brigade fire department on record was organized in 1869. Its formation resulted from a "disastrous" fire that destroyed the "Messenger" news office and other fires which "scoured" the town.

—Also at that time a law was passed prohibiting the building of any more wooden store buildings.

—Records show that Goldsboro Fire Company No. 1 was organized in May, 1881. However, "old-timers" report that the Eclipse Fire Engine Co. was organized and was fighting fires several years prior to this.

—On May 19, 1884, the fire engine company became official with appointment by the Board of Aldermen of Henry Lee as fire chief. Three months later the company received its first city appropriation of \$50.

—The city of Goldsboro installed its first telegraph alarm system in January, 1901, and in 1913 purchased its first piece of motorized fire equipment, a four-cylinder hose and chemical truck. But the truck was not equipped with a pump, so any pumping was still left to old "Mary Alice".

—Equipment and personnel continued to be added under the administrations of fire chiefs Leslie Yelverton, George Mabry (first full-time paid chief), Max Cohn, and A. W. Gurley, who preceded Howell.

—By 1930 the department had

expanded to the point of overcrowding its facilities in the 100 block of N. John St. But it was not until eight years later, on May 1, 1939, that the building which now serves as headquarters station was completed and occupied.



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## Pricetown Serves Wayne And Duplin

Portions of both Wayne and Duplin County are served by the Pricetown Fire Department located off N. C. 111 near the Duplin County line.

Originally Station No. 2 of the Seven Springs Fire Department which was organized in 1958, Pricetown became a separate

### Fremont Dates Way Back

Fremont's fire fighters have been doing their job in northern Wayne County since the days of the bucket brigade and since those early days of fire fighting the department has grown into a modern volunteer force.

Combined with the newly-organized Northern Wayne fire district in 1960, the departments cover the Fremont area with four trucks. A new truck will be purchased soon.

The Fremont department's area has decreased in size since the days before the fire district was formed but the current Northern Wayne-Fremont departments answer nearly as many calls today as in the past. Before the districts were formed, they covered an area from Belfast all the way into Wilcox County.

Today they average about 35 calls a year with a force of 35 volunteers.

The department has four trucks in its inventory, a 1949 Chevrolet, a 1952 Chevrolet pumper, a 1969 Ford tanker and a new Chevrolet pumper. The 1971 Chevrolet cost nearly \$20,000.

A new building was completed about two years ago at a cost of \$15,000. It includes a meeting room and four bays.

Current Fire Chief Chester Mooring noted that in years past the Fremont department was one of the best in the nation.

fire district early in the 1960s. Fire protection first was provided with a 1942 Chevrolet pumper which would be sent to the Seven Springs area if needed.

A 1951 International tanker truck was added later to supplement the pumper. A new pumper with an 800 gallon tank was purchased in 1969 and a new 1,200 gallon tanker was added last year to replace the original equipment.

Equipment is housed in a



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combination fire house and community building near Zion Church.

First Pricetown fire chief was Chester Smith and he was succeeded in the middle 1960s by Jake Price with Morrison Price as assistant chief. Bill Price was elected chief in 1971 and Jake Price was made assistant chief for the 23 firemen.

Other officials are David Vann Smith, captain; Morrison Barwick, lieutenant and Bill Sutton, secretary-treasurer. Directors are Dortch Price, chairman; A. G. Price and Allen Powell. Members of the finance committee are Morrison Barwick and McKinley Price.

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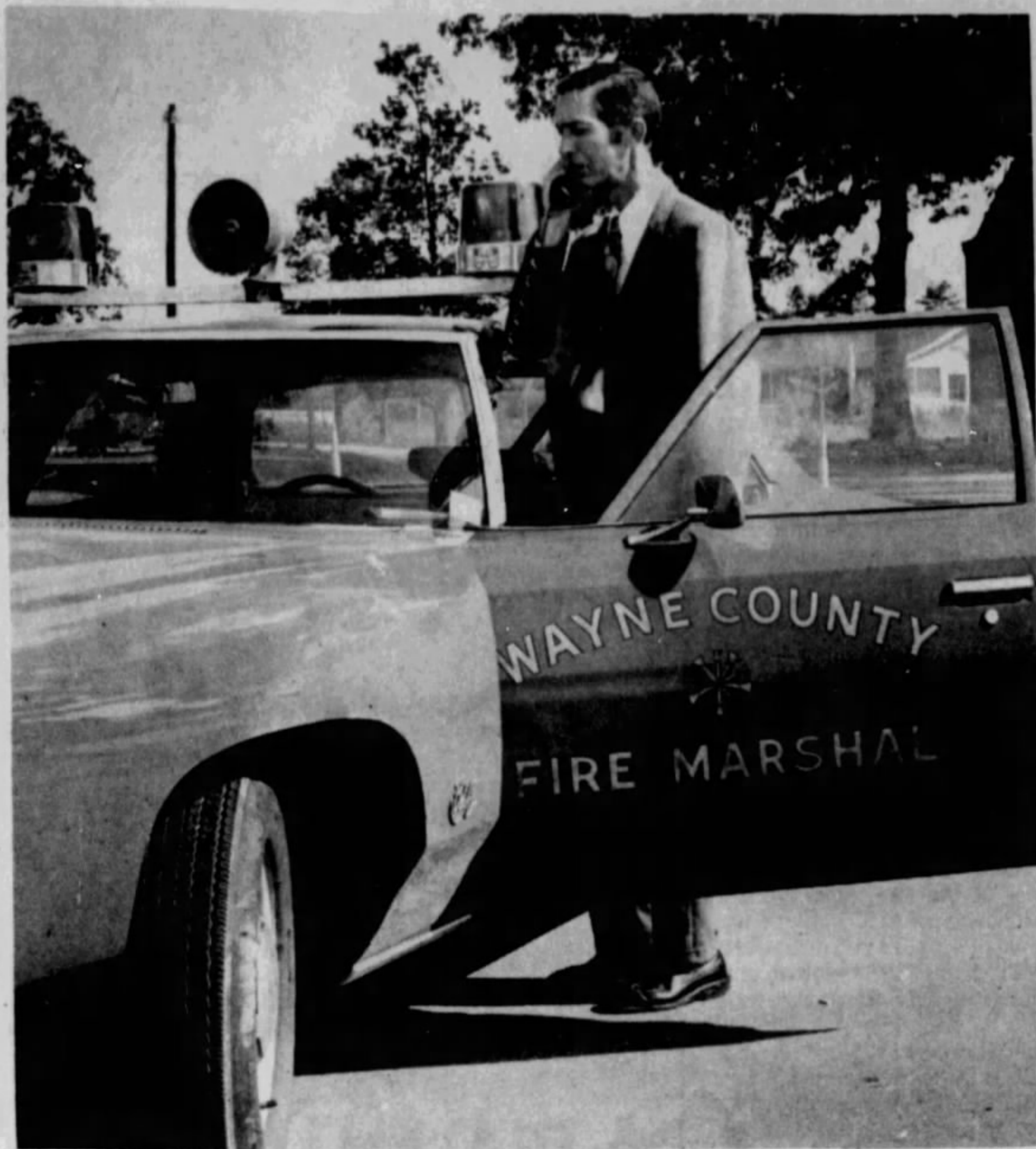
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Wayne County Fire Marshal Jerry Grimes

## Professional Fire Fighting Is Jerry Grimes' Business

Wayne County Fire Marshal Jerry Grimes was part of the jewelry and watchmaking business which has become a tradition in his family when he joined a volunteer fire department, a step that was to change his career in midstream.

Nowadays, professional fire fighting is his business and his job is the Wayne County Fire Service. And whether in office, home or car, he keeps in touch with it. On foot, he is armed with a powerful walkie-talkie with a range of more than 15 miles.

Working his way up through the ranks after joining the Siler City Fire Department as a volunteer in 1948, Grimes served as Chief there from 1961 until 1963 when he took a position with the N. C. Fire Insurance Rating Bureau.

In this capacity, he traveled around the state helping to organize fire departments and train firemen. He became a specialist in fighting flammable liquids fires which are becoming more prevalent in modern times.

Prior to taking the state job, Grimes had served many posts at Siler City, including training officer and assistant chief. His work as a volunteer proved valuable in later years, as

North Carolina has more than 900 volunteer fire departments.

However, the state job kept him away from his home and family too much of the time, and he accepted the post of Wayne Fire Marshal in January, 1967.

He soon declared that he found one of the state's best fire service organizations in Wayne County. He said, "I can base that judgment on working with county fire services throughout the state."

Grimes said Norwood Vinson, the county's first Fire Marshal, and former Fire Marshal Eddie Summerlin, deserved much of the credit for the caliber of the fire service he found here. "My job is to improve and carry on the service they began," he remarked.

And he has made this a fulltime task.

Grimes' job includes working with the individual volunteer fire departments, conducting inspections to help them maintain a good fire insurance rating, maintaining insurance and other records, and working with the Wayne Firemen's Association.

It goes on to include inspections of rest homes, public schools, foster homes and other institutions to make sure they

meet safety standards. Arson investigations are another part of his responsibility, as is command firefighting responsibility, when requested.

And he serves as Liaison Officer between county government, the fire service and Firemen's Association, and county communications officer.

Within this schedule, he attends an average of two or three meetings per week and participates in departmental programs when requested. He is active in promoting training on all levels and is himself a certified professional instructor through the Fire and Rescue Training Division of the N. C. Fire Insurance Bureau.

Grimes is highly complimentary not only of the individual volunteer fire departments in the county, but of the cooperative spirit between all fire and rescue agencies. These include the municipalities, Seymour Johnson AFB and the N. C. Forest Service.

"This is one of the things that makes our fire service great," he said.

Grimes, a native of Coats in Harnett County, graduated from Siler City Schools and attended Wake Forest College for two years before joining the family jewelry and watchmaking business which was started by his grandfather and is still operated by his father.

His father was a volunteer fireman and Grimes can recall riding with him on fire calls as a boy. But firefighting did not really get into his blood until he joined a department himself.

He says he enjoys the fire service. "I like to work directly with the men, getting to know them and watching the departments grow."

He says the main problems facing the volunteer fire service are the demands on a man's time, the increasing financial burden, the growing fire potential and the new kinds of fires involving farm chemicals or industrial radiation. "Good equipment and well-trained men are the keynote to success," he said.

## Belfast Has Big Growth

The Belfast Fire Department, organized on Feb. 6, 1958, serves a heavily populated area north of Goldsboro and is among the best equipped of the 27 rural fire departments in Wayne County.

With \$335 in pledges, the donation of a lot, materials and labor, a two-bay fire station was constructed on U.S. 117 just north of Belfast School. Labor also was donated by firemen and other citizens of the community to add an additional bay and a meeting room in 1963.

Funds have been raised during the past 14 years through a variety of projects to supplement an annual appropriation from the county. Most successful methods of fund raising have been an annual letter appeal and a semi-annual barbecue supper in March and October.

The suppers have increased in sales and last March 25 pigs were barbecued to serve 2,300 plates. Homemade cakes and pies are made and donated by wives of firemen and other women of the community and sold at each supper.

First piece of equipment, a 1948 International 500 gallon per minute pumper, was purchased through Civil Defense. It was equipped by the firemen with a tank and pump at a cost of \$2,500.

In 1960, a second piece of equipment was put into service. It was a 1949 Autocar which also was equipped by the fire department at a cost of \$1,000. Since it was one of the largest tankers in the county, capable of carrying 2,500 gallons of water, it was named "Big Mama."

A weapons carrier was purchased in 1963 and equipped at a cost of \$1,200 for use in fighting brush and grass fires. This was the first piece of equipment in Wayne County designed for this purpose and was appropriately named "Little Squirt."

County commissioners in 1964 approved the purchase of a foam generator for use in combating flammable liquid fires. It is towed and operated with the brush truck. Since Belfast is centrally located in the county, the foam unit was stationed there and placed under mutual aid for use anywhere in the county.

Also purchased in 1964 was additional protective clothing for every member of the fire department.

Belfast received its first piece of factory made equipment in 1968 with the purchase of a fully-equipped 750 gallon per minute pumper at a cost of \$20,000. This made it possible for Belfast to become the first rural fire department in Wayne County to achieve a 9AA fire insurance rating.

A second piece of factory made equipment was put into



JAMES T. ROWE

service this year at a cost of \$16,000. This is a combination pumper-tanker to be used primarily as a tanker in conjunction with the county's new fast-dump system. It carries 1,250 gallons of water and is capable of unloading into a portable reservoir at the rate of 1,000 gallons per minute.

From a start with nine members, Belfast now has 40 firemen. All are members of the Wayne County Volunteer Firemen's Benevolent Brotherhood Fund and the N. C. State Firemen's Association, the Eastern N. C. Firemen's Association and the N. C. Firemen's Pension Fund.

Each fireman receives a minimum of two hours of training each month. Since the annual training award was started in 1963, Belfast has won it five times.

Under the direction of Fire Chief James T. Rowe, the department is organized into four companies. Assistant chiefs are John H. Best and Arcie L. Hines. Captains, one for each company, are Dick Godwin, Alton Parnell, Lester Forehand and Lemuel Bartlett. There also is a traffic division headed by Captain Hayes Beamon with the Rev. Bill Lane as lieutenant.

Officers are Edwin Beamon, president; Roy Waddell, vice president; Julian Sauls, secretary; Eddie Godwin, assistant secretary; the Rev. Bill Dale, treasurer and chaplain; Charles Pope, assistant chaplain; Alton Parnell, publicity director; Arcie Hines, brotherhood fund director; and Lemuel Bartlett, pension fund director.

Directors are James T. Rowe, John H. Best, Arcie L. Hines, Dick Godwin, Lester Forehand, Alton Parnell, Lemuel Bartlett, Julian Sauls and Edwin Beamon. Firemen's relief fund directors are Parnell, Beamon, Herbert Edwards, O. J. Howell Jr. and M. D. Lane.

## Fire Service Shows Progress And Change

Wayne Fire Marshal Jerry Grimes says 1971 was a year of change and continued progress in many ways for the Wayne Fire Service.

There was a pattern of continued upgrading of fire protection equipment. Many departments which organized at the inception of the county fire program around 1956 were replacing or adding new pumps and tankers as their first units became less dependable for emergency work.

Another pattern was an accelerated recruiting program by many Wayne fire departments. Grimes said 1971 was the first year in which a noticeable turnover in personnel was noted. Many departments were bringing in groups of younger firemen who were doing a fine job and adding greatly to the program.

On the other side of the fire protection picture, Grimes said, there was fast growth in urban areas, new factories, and new

residential and mobile home developments.

This growth in valuation and population increases the importance of good fire protection and prevention. He noted that the Wayne fire service is attempting to keep its role in focus and make progress hand in hand with the county's growth.

A look at the year's progress report provides an insight into much of the growth and development within Wayne fire departments.

Fremont occupied a new station and received delivery of a new pumper. Mar Mac put a new "fast-dump" tanker and a brush truck into operation. Mount Olive got a new fast-dump tanker and a new diesel fire truck. Belfast and Seven Springs ordered fast-dump tankers.

(The fast-dump system allows firemen to maintain a constant water flow on a fire in rural areas where no hydrants

are available. This is done with tankers dumping 1,000 gallons of water per minute into a portable reservoir, then returning to reload while water is pumped onto the fire from the reservoir.)

The Arrington Fire Department last year put a new cement floor in its station, and Nahant completed an addition to its station.

Dudley converted a tanker to fast-dump capacity, and East Wayne purchased a new tanker. Fork Township got a new tanker and additional protective clothing for its firemen. Elroy purchased a new hose for hydrant use.

Indian Springs took delivery of a new pumper. Pinewood got a new brush truck, and Pricetown got a new tanker.

Smith Chapel Department got a new chassis for a tanker. Faro constructed a new pumper.




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# Mar Mac Fire Department Grown To Highest Rating

The Mar Mac Fire Department has grown steadily from a fledgling organization chartered in 1961 to a modern multi-unit firefighting operation with rigid training and membership standards and the county's highest attainable insurance rating.

Mar Mac was officially chartered on Aug. 23, 1961 when four departments organized out of the old Dudley Department. The first chief, Norwood Gainey, was one of the four charter members including W. L. Scott, Sr., Ruben Grant, Sr. and Rodney Scott.

Three chiefs have served since that time, including Rondall Johnson from 1962-1967, Cecil McLawhorn from 1967-69 and the present chief, Curtis Jackson who took office on Jan. 1, 1969.

The department has come a long way from the first days of operations when Mar Mac firemen used a 500 gallon-per-minute pumper and a tractor-trailer tanker unit which were housed in a shelter on the Gainey property.

Today, the department has the 9AA insurance rating classification, the highest it is



CURTIS JACKSON

possible to obtain in the county and one which greatly benefits many residents of the district in lower home fire insurance ratings.

The rating is based on a highly technical point system and requires a great deal of work and dedication on the part of firemen. Mar Mac is one of only three departments in the county with the 9AA rating, the

others being Belfast and Waylin.

Only a year after organizing, Mar Mac firemen purchased a lot and built their existing two-bay fire station on Old Grantham Road. The building is 3,000 square feet with bays which are 60 feet in depth, actually allowing four firefighting units to be parked inside. A 1,000 square foot meeting room was added onto the station in June of the following year.

The department now has 27 firemen and training and membership standards are rigid. Four firefighting units are maintained by Mar Mac.

They include a modern new 1,300-gallon capacity tanker for "fast-dump" operations, a 750 gallon-per-minute pumper, a brush truck purchased last year for grass and woods fires, and a 500 gallon-per-minute pumper.

The department also has one of the few smoke-ejector units in the county and portable reservoirs and related equipment used in the fast-dump operation.

Chief Jackson said the 1,300 gallons of water in the new tank can be "dumped" in about 65 seconds into a portable reservoir. Water from the reservoir is then continuously played on a fire while the tanker goes back for a refill.

Using this method, firemen can maintain a constant stream of water on a fire indefinitely in rural areas where no hydrants or water supplies are immediately accessible.

Jackson said trained manpower is one of the major factors in a successful firefighting operation and his department runs an outstanding training program.

He said, "We require that each of our men take a

minimum of 30 hours training and attend at least 12 regular meetings per year or they automatically drum themselves out of the fire department."

Jackson said the department conducts 24 training meetings per year with 12 business sessions.

Delma Jackson is assistant fire chief in charge of training and John Coty is assistant chief in charge of apparatus for Mar Mac. Other officers are Captains Dale Gainey, W. L. Scott, Jr. and Cecil McLawhorn.

Jackson said firemen from the department also take pains to get whatever training outside the department that is available. This includes the county schools, the four-year State Fire College and regional training sessions.

Jackson himself is a graduate of the four-year state college and Delma Jackson, who is current president of the Wayne Firemen's Association, graduated this year. Several other Mar Mac firemen are on their way to degrees.

Mar Mac is continually upgrading and updating its equipment, and communications, a vital aspect of firefighting, is no exception.

Jackson said 18 of the 27 members of his department now have monitors which they maintain in homes or offices to allow them to hear calls coming into the district, providing quick response and a higher percentage of firemen responding to any particular alarm.

There are three sirens in the district which spreads out four miles in any direction from the Mar Mac station. Jackson said by next fiscal year it is hoped that all firemen will be equipped with the monitors.

Mar Mac, an area typified by continuous growth in industry and residential areas, was the first, in July, 1968 to put into effect a special tax for fire protection which was approved by a vote of the people there. The levy can go as high as 15 cents per \$100 valuation, but has never been higher than 10 cents the first year. It is now six cents per hundred.

The Mar Mac Special Tax District has a high valuation, listed at \$19.2 million on the budget books and listing \$17.1 million on which tax can be levied.

Jackson said his department answers an average of 90-100 alarms per year. He said 60 per cent of these will involve grass and woods fires, with the remainder involving structural fires, vehicles or mutual aid calls.

The fact that the department has obtained the 9AA insurance rating means that homeowners living within 500 feet of a fire hydrant or accessible water supply can qualify for lower home fire insurance rates.



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## Grantham Has 32 Volunteers

GRANTHAM — Fire protection for the Grantham area is provided by modern equipment and 32 volunteer firemen of the Grantham Fire Department.

Organized in January of 1959, the department began fighting fires with a 1949 International truck with a 500 gallon per minute front mounted pump. A fire station was built across U. S. 13 from Grantham School the year that the department was organized.

A Chevrolet truck with a 500 gallon per minute front mounted pump was added later and in 1963 a new Ford truck with a 750 gallon per minute and a mid-ship pump was purchased. Newest piece of equipment is a Ford truck purchased in December of 1970 and equipped with a 1200 gallon tank and a 300 gallon per minute pump by a local builder. It was the first fast dump tanker in Wayne County.

First fire chief was James Grantham and he was followed by David Hood. First president was James Rose.

Present fire chief is J. L. Rose. Other officers are Claro Jackson, assistant chief; James H. Grantham and Floyd Hood, captains; Bourbon Ivey and Jimmy Thompson, lieutenants. Deloit Cotton now serves as president. Serving with him are David Jackson, vice president and James H. Grantham, secretary-treasurer. Directors are James L. Rose, Claro Jackson, Robert Grantham, Gurney Laws, George A. Warrick, James A. Bennett, Victor Cox and Arthur Britt Jr.

## Elroy Got Start In '55

Elroy Fire Department had its beginnings back in 1955 as part of the old New Hope fire district and in June 1957 it split off and has been serving people in the Elroy section since under the direction of Fire Chief Farrell Williams.

When the Elroy department first began its fire fighting operations it was with a 1941 Chevrolet surplus truck and without the benefit of a fire house.

A fire house was built in 1959 and the department purchased a second truck in 1960, a 1952 International tanker. A third truck was built virtually from the ground up on a 1966 Ford chassis in 1969. And in 1971 the department converted another truck into a fast dump truck.

Today the department uses the latter two vehicles in their fire fighting operations.

"The people of the Elroy community have been the backbone of the fire department," Williams pointed out. "They donated supplies and manpower to help build the fire station and they contribute donations every year to help pay the department's expenses."

Most of the department's fire calls, which average between 45 and 50 each year, are tobacco barns, brush, grass and woods fire.

Thirty-five volunteers, including several charter members of the department, are on call. Williams has been

fire chief since the inception of the department and Henry Thomas and Paul Keel serve as assistant chiefs.

Marion Wilson is president,

and Wilson and Williams are training officers. The board of directors is made up of Swift Grady, Leonard Rouse, Clarence Whitley, Jack



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## Pikeville Serves Area Since 1950

Pikeville's volunteer firemen have been serving their community and the surrounding area for more than 20 years. Since its inception back in 1950 as strictly a city fire department, the Pikeville department has displayed considerable growth. In 1950 the Pleasant Grove fire district was established which included the city of Pikeville. At that time a joint Pikeville and Pleasant Grove fire department was created to give complete coverage not only to the city but also to the surrounding area. Pikeville had operated with

one truck, purchased in 1950, until the fire district was organized in 1960. At that time a new Ford rural self-contained pumper truck and a used tanker truck were added to the department.

A two bay annex was constructed to the Pikeville city hall building in 1960 to house the new trucks and other fire equipment. At that time the Pikeville department was expanded from about 20 men to over 30. Today the combined Pleasant Grove-Pikeville department is served by 36 volunteers.

About four years ago the department added a fourth truck to its inventory. This truck, which was purchased for about \$3,000, is used mainly for fighting brush and grass fires. There is only one other truck like it presently in operation in the county.

The Pikeville firemen serve the city of Pikeville and an area about one mile north, two miles south and up to three miles on the east and west sides of the city.

"The majority of our calls are tobacco barn fires and grass or brush fires," Chief Glenn Hartman, Jr., said. "We've been lucky so far this year in the small number of calls we've had."

Hartman noted that in an average year the department will answer between 30 and 35 calls.

Hartman is one of five men that has served as chief of the department since it was combined. Elmer Rackley was chief in 1960 and served to 1967 when Charles Pender became chief. Woody Scott served in 1968-69 and Marvin Satterfield held the post in 1970-71.

The fire chief noted that the department holds two meetings a month at the school building in Pikeville and at least two hours a month are devoted to training.

Assistant fire chiefs are Tom Smith (Pikeville) and Leon Futrelle (Pleasant Grove). The board of directors are made of Guy Lancaster, Brodie Goodman, Ellis Outland, Marvin Satterfield, Luther Vail, Jr., and E. L. Roberts.



ROLAND M. GRAY

## New Hope First In Wayne

Rural fire protection in Wayne County began with the organization of the New Hope Fire Department in September of 1954. The name was changed to Hopeville in 1959 because there was another New Hope Fire Department in Wake County which already was incorporated.

Efforts to organize the department were started by Norwood Vinson who was elected first fire chief. Other original officers were Jacob Edwards, assistant chief; Arnold Smith, secretary-treasurer; Mark Edwards, Theodore Smith, Jacob Edwards, Arnold Smith and Norwood Vinson, directors.

Vinson also helped organize four departments in other sections of Wayne County. He served as chief until 1959 when he was appointed the first Wayne County fire marshal.

Elected in 1959 were Jacob Edwards, chief; William E. Edwards and Roland M. Gray, assistant chiefs; and Arnold Smith, secretary-treasurer. They served until 1968 when Roland Gray was elected chief with William E. Edwards and Jessie R. Gray as assistant chiefs and Jacob Edwards as secretary-treasurer.

The first fire truck was a 1948 Ford which was put into service in October of 1955. A 1953 Ford tanker was added in 1959 and in March of 1965 a factory made pumper was added and the old water tanker was replaced.

## Faro Begins With Surplus Truck

An area east and north of Eureka, including a small section of Greene County is served by the Faro Fire Department which was organized in November of 1959.

When started, the department had an old Army surplus truck which had a separate engine on the back for operating the pump. It had been in use since 1955 when the Eureka Fire Department was organized with substations at Faro and Antioch.

Equipment is housed in a modern fire department at the crossroads community of Faro about two miles east of Eureka. The station was built in 1960 a few months after the department was organized.



EARL LANCASTER

Equipment now includes a 1970 Chevrolet pumper with a 550-gallon tank, a 1954 GMC 1200-gallon tanker and a 1954 Dodge weapons carrier used to battle grass and woods fires.

There are 29 volunteer firemen headed by Earl Lancaster as chief. Other officials include Toby Grimes, assistant chief; Scott Lane, president; A. C. Bradshaw, vice president; Landis Davis, secretary and Jack Edmundson, treasurer.

Directors are Scott Lane, H. B. Bradshaw, William Edmundson, William Darden, Jimmy Winders, Bruce Thomas, Ervin Hill and Earl Lancaster.

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## Nahunta Dept. Is Community Effort

The Nahunta Volunteer Fire Department has represented a total community effort since its inception in 1958 and its charter in 1959 through today's operation with modern facilities and equipment.

The department began operations with a pumper built by the people of the community and a tanker, also home-built, was added some time later. In 1964 and 1969 new pumper and tanker units were put into service at Nahunta.

Meanwhile, land was donated for construction of the fire station which was built in stages. The building was closed in first, and later the interior finished and a heating system added. Last year, an addition was put on to the station.

George Wayne Aycock is chief of the Nahunta Department, and John Sullivan, Russell Corbitt, Jay Howell and Carroll Stone are assistant chiefs. President of the department is J. D. Howard. Other officers include John B. Hooks, vice-president and R. A. Sasser, Jr., secretary-treasurer.

Nahunta, like the other 26 volunteer fire departments in rural Wayne County, gets a \$1,500 budget allocation from the county. But the department also has many ventures for raising much-needed additional



GEORGE W. AYCOCK

funds for operations.

The department sends out brochures annually to each family in the fire district showing a financial report, expenditures and capital investments.

The people of the district continue to support the department with contributions and additional funds represent profits from barbecue suppers and turkey shoots.

The department is continuing to grow and modernize, and each fire truck is fully equipped with two-way radios.

## Patetown Station Completed In 1959

The Patetown Fire Department was organized on Feb. 14, 1958 and a modern fire station was completed in February of 1959. A kitchen and bathroom was added in 1965.

First piece of equipment was a used pumper truck purchased from a fire department in Virginia in February of 1959. A tanker was acquired in 1959 and improved in 1964.

A new pumper was purchased in 1967 and a small truck for fighting brush and grass fires was added last April. Two radio monitors were purchased last March to enable the men to respond faster to fire calls.

Original officers were Joseph Lancaster, president; Mack Sasser Jr., secretary-treasurer and Milton Best, fire chief.

C. W. Turner Jr. now serves as fire chief with Sam Pate and Eldridge Horne as assistant chiefs; Richard Sasser, traffic captain; Wesley Davis, president; Buck Sasser, secretary-treasurer; and Ar-



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nold Jones, chairman of the board. Other directors are Wesley Davis, Gordon Gardner, Buck Sasser, Carl Lancaster, James Gardner, W. J. Wilkins, Abby Forehand and Ralph Carraway.

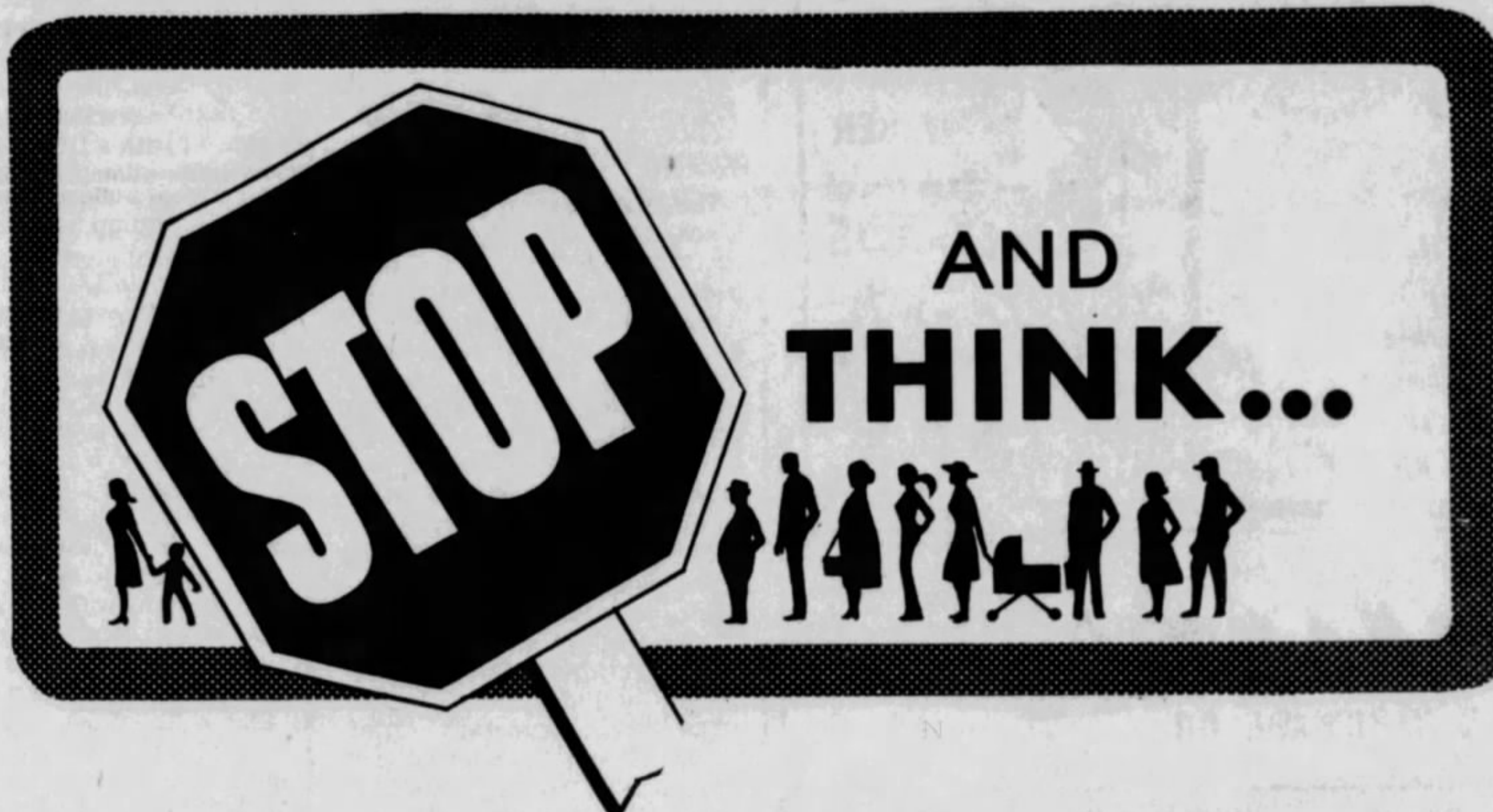
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## Oakland Once Part Of Fork Volunteer Dept.

Like several of the rural fire departments in Wayne County, the Oakland Fire Department is the outgrowth of an original larger department. Until organized in 1960, it was a part

of the Fork Township Fire Department which served Rosewood and surrounding areas. It is located about four miles west of Rosewood near Oakland Church.

Fire protection was first provided with an old government surplus International truck secured through Civil Defense. A new Ford truck was purchased in 1964 and equipped with the tank and pump from the original truck. The old truck was equipped with another tank for carrying water.

A new two-bay station with a kitchen and meeting room was built in 1970.

Lenly Wilkins is chief of the department which has 28 members. Other fire officials are Raymond Wilkins, assistant chief; Archie J. Gurley Jr., captain; Jack Howell, lieutenant and Kelvin Hines, training officer.

Officers are Leamon Howell, president; Melvin Hines, vice president; Alvin R. Ingram, secretary-treasurer; and J. B. Worley Sr., assistant secretary-treasurer and training officer. Directors are J. B. Worley Sr., chairman; Leamon Howell, Raymond Wilkins, Preston Ellis and Jack Howell.



LESLIE THOMPSON

## Fork Had Beginning In 1958

The Fork Township Fire Department was chartered in January, 1958 at a Rosewood citizens' meeting and has grown steadily, spawning another fire department to provide more efficient service to people of that area.

Two months after organizing at Rosewood School, the department purchased two Army surplus trucks and converted them into a tanker and pumper, using funds provided by membership suppers and donations.

In 1960 it was decided that a more efficient operation could be provided with two departments and what is now the Oakland Fire Department was formed. Existing equipment was split with the new department.

Fork Township, using the original tanker unit as a trade-in, acquired a newer truck for a tanker unit. Also in 1960, a tract of land was donated by Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Newsome as a site for the Fork Township fire station. A one-bay station was completed in 1961 and a second bay was added in 1963.

In 1964, the department purchased a new pumper unit from the Darley Company. This was paid for with proceeds from fund-raising suppers over a period of five years, donations, and a portion of the department's annual county financial appropriation.

In 1968, the department built a portable reservoir which is used in the new "fast-dump" system of providing a constant water supply to a fire in rural areas where there are no hydrants or available water supplies.

Fork Township became only the second county fire department to put fast dump into operation at that time.

In 1970, the department purchased a new chassis and installed a new tanker unit.

The department has a 9A insurance rating classification which permits residents of the district to enjoy an annual savings in their home fire insurance rates.

The slate of officers for the Fork Township Fire Department includes Chief Leslie Thompson; Assistant Chief Curtis Price; Training Officer Charles E. Sutton; President Newell Jackson; Vice-President Lee Brogden; Secretary James D. Smith; and Treasurer Larry Grady.

The board of directors includes Curtis Price, Ray Holmes, Marlin Bridgers, and Bunyan Newsome.

Established In 1956

## Base Has Big Operation

SEYMOUR JOHNSON AFB—The Seymour Johnson Air Force Base Fire Department was established in 1956 when the base was reactivated. The Department is composed of nine civilians and 71 military personnel. Chief William O. Shatterly has headed the department for the past three years with SMSgt. Homer Minshew serving as deputy fire chief.

There are three assistant chiefs assigned to Operations, Carl E. Vaughan, Walton K. Glover and Jesse N. Hobbs. Operations personnel are divided into two 24-hour shifts. The assistant chief supervises all fire suppression personnel on duty and carries out the job responsibilities of the fire chief as related to all matters assigned to operations. In the absence of the chief and his deputy he assumes their duties.

Mr. Douglas E. Courchene is the assistant chief of Technical Services. He supervises the fire prevention and engineering service provided by the fire protection organization. In addition to the many programs for the abatement of fire hazards and the promotion of the fire prevention practices, he supervises servicing of ground-type portable fire extinguishers and the operation, inspection and testing of installed fire protection systems.

The Base Fire Department provides fire protection for over 1,000 buildings located on the base plus the numerous aircraft of the 4th Tactical Fighter Wing and the 68th Bombardment Wing. The department responds to all aircraft accidents and supplies any assistance requested off the base, to fight fires or provide training, stressing aircraft accidents for which they have special equipment and use special methods.

In addition to their mandatory two-to-four hour daily training program, they coordinate some sessions with those held in the county. Some of the base personnel are volunteer members of the county rescue squads.

Using a structured fire warden and fire marshal set-up, the department conducts a continuing population training program for base military personnel and their families.

The base department has a written mutual assistance agreement with Goldsboro, Mount Olive, and Wayne County. This means that when requested, available units of the base fire department will respond to help fight a fire anywhere in Wayne County.

This mutual agreement paid

off in a spectacular 1959 Goldsboro fire when a loaded gasoline tanker and an automobile collided near the base. According to Assistant Chief Hobbs who was a military member of the base department at the time, "Burning gas from the truck ran through a storm drain under the street and blazed up some 200 yards away." Four big crash trucks from the base joined the efforts of all available Goldsboro units and the Rescue Squad. They assisted by throwing a blanket of foam over the stubborn gasoline fire and together brought it under control.

The most recent fire bringing assistance from local fire units was the on-base crash of a T-33 aircraft in January of 1969. The two pilots ejected from the aircraft thinking they had it turned away from populated areas. Roy Snider, crew chief of a 758 Pumper at the time, said "The aircraft clipped the top out of a pine tree, hit the roof of one of the housing units and crashed into the street, flipping over and hitting another unit before stopping". A call went out to Wayne County and

response was immediate from Goldsboro, Patetown and Mar Mac departments plus rescue squads.

Although the houses destroyed were being occupied at the time, no one was injured

except one of the pilots who sprained his leg on parachuting from the aircraft.

When the base fire department was first constructed it contained eight stalls for fire fighting vehicles.



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## A Goldsboro Rescue Squad Mission

# Boy Rescued From Frigid February Weather In 1971

By JOAN BROYLES

It was a frigid February afternoon when a young boy emerged on frost-bitten feet from a marshy wooded area near the Elroy community.

He headed for the nearest home to ask for help and to report that his eight-year-old companion remained lost deep in the woods.

The occupants of the home immediately notified the State Highway Patrol. State troopers in turn called out the Goldsboro Rescue Squad.

Nearly the full personnel complement, 21 volunteer rescuemen, responded to the call.

At 3:30 p.m., with less than an hour and a half of daylight left, the rescue workers, aided by eight volunteers from the community, lined up abreast 10 feet apart at the edge of the woods.

Armed with lighting and communications equipment, they moved into the woods. Searchers at some points waded through waist-high water and their progress was slow and tedious.

Only moments before darkness descended upon them, the searchers located the lost boy lying on an elevated mound of earth about three-fourths of a mile into the woods.

He was suffering from frostbite and exposure. The rescue workers called for a helicopter from Seymour Johnson AFB. When the chopper arrived, the boy was strapped to a cable lowered through the treetops and airlifted to safety.

The rescue mission took place this past February. Leon Bryan, a charter member of the Goldsboro Rescue Squad, Inc., says it is for him the most memorable mission in the squad's 20-year history.

The execution was perfect from start to finish and the mission's success was most gratifying to the volunteer rescuemen who dedicate so much of their time to preparing for just such emergencies.

Most missions are less dramatic, though. The majority involve transporting persons injured in wrecks or heart attack or stroke victims to the hospital.

Last year, volunteers answered a total of 686 rescue calls.

Whatever the case may be, the life-saving skills acquired by the rescuemen are often brought into play.

It was this reason more than any other—the need for people trained in emergency medical procedures—that led to the organization of the Goldsboro Rescue Squad in 1952.

The Goldsboro Lions Club was the first to recognize this need and in 1952 appointed a committee to look into the matter.

"At that time accident victims had to rely on ambulance service provided by local funeral homes and manned by untrained personnel," Bryan recalled.

Bryan, who this year is serving as first lieutenant and training officer for the squad, said an appeal for volunteers published in the News-Argus drew some 40

persons to a preliminary meeting in September of that year.

"Two weeks later we organized the squad with 26 volunteers," said Bryan.

The authorized personnel level has remained the same ever since, but of the original 26 members only Bryan and Wilbert Jackson remain.

The Lions Club also provided the squad with its first piece of equipment—a fully-equipped rescue truck.

From that one truck in 1952, the squad's inventory has multiplied many times over. The addition of equipment through the years has been made possible by fund-raising projects in the community.

Because of community response, the squad's inventory today totals some \$80,000 in value and includes five fully-equipped trucks; a four-wheel drive jeep used to tow boats and generators; three fully-equipped boats for dragging operations; five portable and two trailer-type generators for lighting.

Also due to community support, the rescue squad in 1962-63 was able to construct its own building through contributions of cash, labor and materials.

Located on Madison Ave., the facility contains a garage storage area, meeting room, bedroom, bathroom and kitchenette. The two rescuemen serving on the night shift usually spend the night at headquarters.

The rescue squad is on call 24 hours a day and members work in pairs on two daily shifts. The two men on day shift must be willing to drop their business duties, no matter how important, when an emergency calls them away.

Their calls are channeled through the dispatcher at Goldsboro Fire Station No. 1. Two professional firemen have for several years been assigned to a rescue truck donated to the fire department by the volunteer squad and they generally handle calls inside the city limits.

The territory covered by the volunteers extends from Dudley in the south to Pikeville in the north and from the eastern to the western boundary of Wayne County.

Goldsboro's was only the second volunteer rescue squad in the state and predates even the State Association of Rescue Squads, which was formed three or four years later.

The late Jim McDonald of Goldsboro was instrumental in the formation of the state organization, which grew out of a need for the rendering of mutual assistance during major operations.

McDonald and Howard (Buddy) Shaw of Goldsboro, have both served two terms as state commander.

With their own squad firmly established, Goldsboro rescuemen lent a helping hand in the organization of volunteer rescue squads in Mount Olive, Fremont, New Bern, Selma, Dunn, Washington, N.C., and Wilson.



**RESCUE FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT**—From one rescue truck in 1952, the inventory of the Goldsboro Rescue Squad today has grown to five fully-equipped trucks, one four-wheel drive jeep to pull boats and

generators, three fully-equipped boats for dragging operations, five portable and two trailer-type generators for lighting. Vehicles and equipment are displayed at the rescue squad building on Madison Ave. (Staff Photo)

In addition to its membership in the state organization, the local squad also belongs to the International Rescue and First

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Goldsboro rescuemen have brought home a number of honors in state and in-

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# Rescue Workers Tackle Problem

By GEORGE JOHNSON

Members of the Goldsboro Rescue Squad, particularly the less-experienced ones, learned this week that recovering an automobile from a river can present problems.

It took the men about four hours Monday night to recover two vehicles from Neuse River during a training exercise. Assistance was provided by wreckers and personnel from C and M Body Shop, C. L. Snipes Motor Co. and Bryan Auto Salvage.

The two cars, each containing a "victim," were pushed over the steep bank at the boat landing at the river on U. S. 117 south of Goldsboro Monday morning and only three or four people knew where they were located.

Locating the cars in the water proved to be no problem with each one being located after six minutes of dragging by rescue workers. Search for the first car began at 7:45 p.m. and it was located a short distance upstream under a fallen tree at 7:51 p.m.

While efforts were being made to pull the first car from the water, other workers began a search for the second vehicle at 8:30. It was located downstream from the boat landing at 8:36.

A cable was extended across the river from one of the wreckers, run through a block and tackle attached to a tree and back to the car. This was done in order to pull the vehicle across the shore from a crowd of about 200 people who had gathered to witness the training exercise.

When it was learned that the car was caught in the limbs of the fallen tree, an unsuccessful effort was made to pull the big

tree from the car, but roots were too deeply embedded in the river bank and it could not be moved. It was finally necessary to use another wrecker and pull the vehicle up the steep river bank near the point where it had "crashed" into the water.

As soon as the car was pulled to the shore, rescue workers began checking it inside finding a "victim" which they placed on a stretcher, covered with a sheet and brought up to the parking area to be identified.

Getting the car up the steep bank proved to be a problem when the wench on the wrecker broke just as the car reached the top of the bank. It was not until after the second car was recovered that the other wrecker was used to get the first car out of the river at 11:38 p.m.

Some of the rescue workers were getting their first experience in recovering a car and ran into problems. They attached grappling hooks to the second car and the hooks pulled off several times. It finally was necessary for some of the more experienced men to attach the hooks at 11:28 p.m. and the second car was pulled ashore at 11:35.

A "victim" was removed from the second vehicle at 11:40 p.m. and then they began gathering up their equipment to head home.

Actually, the men were supposed to find a pocketbook in the second car indicating there was a passenger and they were to drag the river to find the other "victim." However, this part of the exercise was cancelled and the "victim" was left in the river where it had been

placed during the morning.

Three boats with three or four men in each boat were used in the search and a fourth boat stood by as a safety boat. The original search party stayed in their boats on the river for three hours before being relieved by other rescue workers.

Most of the people watching the training exercise left long before the cars were recovered.



ROSCE EDMUNDSON

## Antioch Formed In 1958

Originally a substation of the Eureka Fire Department, the Antioch Fire Department was organized in 1958. This was three years after the Eureka Fire Department was organized and three trucks provided, one each for the Eureka, Faro and Antioch communities.

When Antioch was organized, the department purchased the fire truck from Eureka. It had only a 500 gallon tank and an outboard motor was used for a pump.

A short time later a surplus truck was purchased from the state and equipped with a 900-gallon tank and a regular pump to meet specifications for a 9A rating. A new truck was purchased in 1968 and the tank off the original truck was mounted on it. The department has 25 trained firemen.

The department purchased a pickup truck with four-wheel drive a few months ago and it will be equipped with a small tank for use in fighting grass and woods fires. Roscoe Edmundson is chief and president of the Antioch Fire Department. Other officers are Henry Garland Edmundson, assistant chief and vice president; George Edmundson, secretary; and Jimmy Lee Edmundson, treasurer.

Directors are Burrell Edmundson, W. E. Musgrave, A. C. Jackson and John Edmundson. The other director was L. Pete Musgrave, who died last week and a new director is expected to be named at the next meeting.

## Pinewood Chartered In 1959

It was in 1959 that the Pinewood Fire Department was organized with 25 charter members and 11 of them still are members. One was lost by death.

Growth of the area served by the department at the intersection of U. S. 13 and New Hope Road has been phenomenal and the fire district now is almost like a municipality.

For six months an old tobacco barn was used as a fire station to house the original Army surplus truck. The fire station was built to usable condition late in 1959 but was not completed until 1960. Firemen also made them a Chevrolet pumper that year.

Front of the fire station was refaced with brick in 1963 and the name lettered on the front. A parking lot adjacent to the fire station was purchased and a modern factory-built pumper



C. RAY SMITH

purchased in 1965. The original truck now is used for a tanker. A fully equipped brush and grass truck was put into service in 1971.

Funds for the fire station and equipment came from donations and various projects.

Raymond Smith was the first fire chief and was succeeded by George Peele. Ray Smith has been chief for the past six years. Bill Britt is assistant chief and William P. Smith is captain.

Officers are Shelton Smith, president; Bill Britt vice-president and Paul Herring, secretary-treasurer. Directors are Smith, Britt, Herring, Frank Jackson, George Peele, Silton Corbett, William P. Smith and Steve Burke.

## Insurance Rating

The Fire Insurance Rating Program involves a detailed system of evaluating and grading fire protection in a district or city to maintain minimum operating standards and to repay the taxpayers' support through lower insurance premiums.

In setting a classification, officials use a "deficiency point" system involving a large number of factors within the geographic area served by a fire department as well as the fire department itself.

These points range from 10, which is "unprotected", to Class One, which is the highest rating. A Class One city, for example, is the highest rated in the nation. There are only three.

In Wayne County, the highest possible fire insurance rating classification for a volunteer fire department is the 9AA.



CHARLES DAVIS

## Eureka Organized In 1955

EUREKA — The original Eureka Fire Department, organized about 1955, served an area now served by Eureka, Faro and Antioch Fire Departments.

It was organized by the Eureka Ruritan Club and the first chief was John Worthington, at the time a vocational agriculture teacher at Eureka High School.

Through donations and a barbecue supper, two used trucks were purchased and equipped for fire fighting. A surplus tanker truck was added in 1956 or 1957 when Scott Lane Jr. of Faro was elected chief to succeed Worthington. He served until 1958 when the Eureka Fire District was divided into three districts and departments organized at Faro and Antioch with one truck going to each department.

Equipment was housed in the old agricultural building at Eureka School until 1957 when the town of Eureka furnished the blocks to build a fire station next to the town hall.

Charles Davis was elected fire chief in 1958 and Roy Benton was elected assistant chief. They switched offices in 1964 with Benton named chief and Davis elected assistant chief. Benton retired at the end of 1971 and Davis again was elected chief with J. T. Bailey elected assistant chief.

In 1960 a 1953 Chevrolet truck was purchased from the state and made into a tanker and made it possible for the fire department to meet specifications for a 9A rating. The Town of Eureka purchased a new Chevrolet truck in 1961 and leased it to the fire department which had it equipped in 1962.

A surplus military weapons carrier was purchased by the fire department in 1964 and equipped for use in battling grass and woods fires.

New equipment and protective clothing has been added as needed over the years and an addition to the fire station was completed last year.

The department now has three trucks and 27 volunteer firemen. Officers are Eli T. Smith, president; Billy Bridgers, vice president; J. W. Brock, secretary and Gordon Davis, treasurer. Directors are A. J. Rose, Isaac Aldridge, Henry Sauls and J. T. Bailey.

## Indian Springs Dept. Young But Energetic



JAMES HOLMES

The Indian Springs Volunteer Fire Department has a young but energetic history signaled by the enthusiasm and dedication of its men and a steady trend of progress since its organization in 1966.

It is also a success story which owes much to the generosity of citizens and businessmen of the district and continuing hard work by many people.

The department was officially organized at a meeting at the Sleepy Creek clubhouse on June 15, 1966. Earlier in the month, Lyman Smith had sent out cards to members of the community concerning a volunteer fire department.

Smith reported at the organizational meeting that Tuscarora Boy Scout Council had a fire truck it would donate for use by the department as long as it was needed.

And, Woodward Jackson and Beverly Whitfield were appointed to a Building and Site Committee to look into possible locations for a fire station.

At the department's next meeting in July, Roland Kornegay and Lennie Creech offered plots for the station. After discussing the sites and measuring the district, it was decided to accept Kornegay's plot as it was more centrally located and would cover more people.

The plot was surveyed and plans initiated for the fire department building which was completed in January, 1967. It was patterned after the Smith Chapel station.

Around that time the Indian Springs Department drew up its first roster of firemen numbering 27. The department's slate of officers includes Chief James Holmes; Assistant Chiefs Perry Bright and Leon Barwick; Captains Donald Smith and George Lewis; 1st Lieutenants Perry Lewis and William Lane; 2nd Lieutenants Greg Smith and Nick Smith; Secretary-treasurer Woodward Jackson; and, Chaplain Beverly Whitfield.

In 1966, Morrison Smith donated a Ford dump truck to be used for a tanker and Dumas-Giddens Oil Company donated a used 1,000-gallon tank for unit.

Although their first alarm did not go off until February 9, 1967, Indian Springs firemen were active during the organizational year.

Money was raised through individual contributions and shotgun raffles and the department won the water-ball contest at the County Fair.

Official alarm was a grass fire on the D. M. Price farm located next to the fire station. It was followed by several grass fires in the Spring of 1967, none of which were serious. The first house fire was Oct. 27 of that year. It involved an unoccupied house owned by Thurston Wiggins.

The Department held open house and its first fund-raising supper in April of 1967. It was a highly successful event, with all pigs and materials donated.

Later that month, it was decided that a second fire siren was needed in the district, as some firemen were having trouble hearing the siren at Fred Lewis' Store. A drive was started to solicit \$300 toward the costs of the siren. It was later installed for \$763.

In May of that year, Indian Springs held its first training session on an old house across from Woodward Jackson's. In October, the department held its second fund-raising barbecue supper, clearing over \$1,000.

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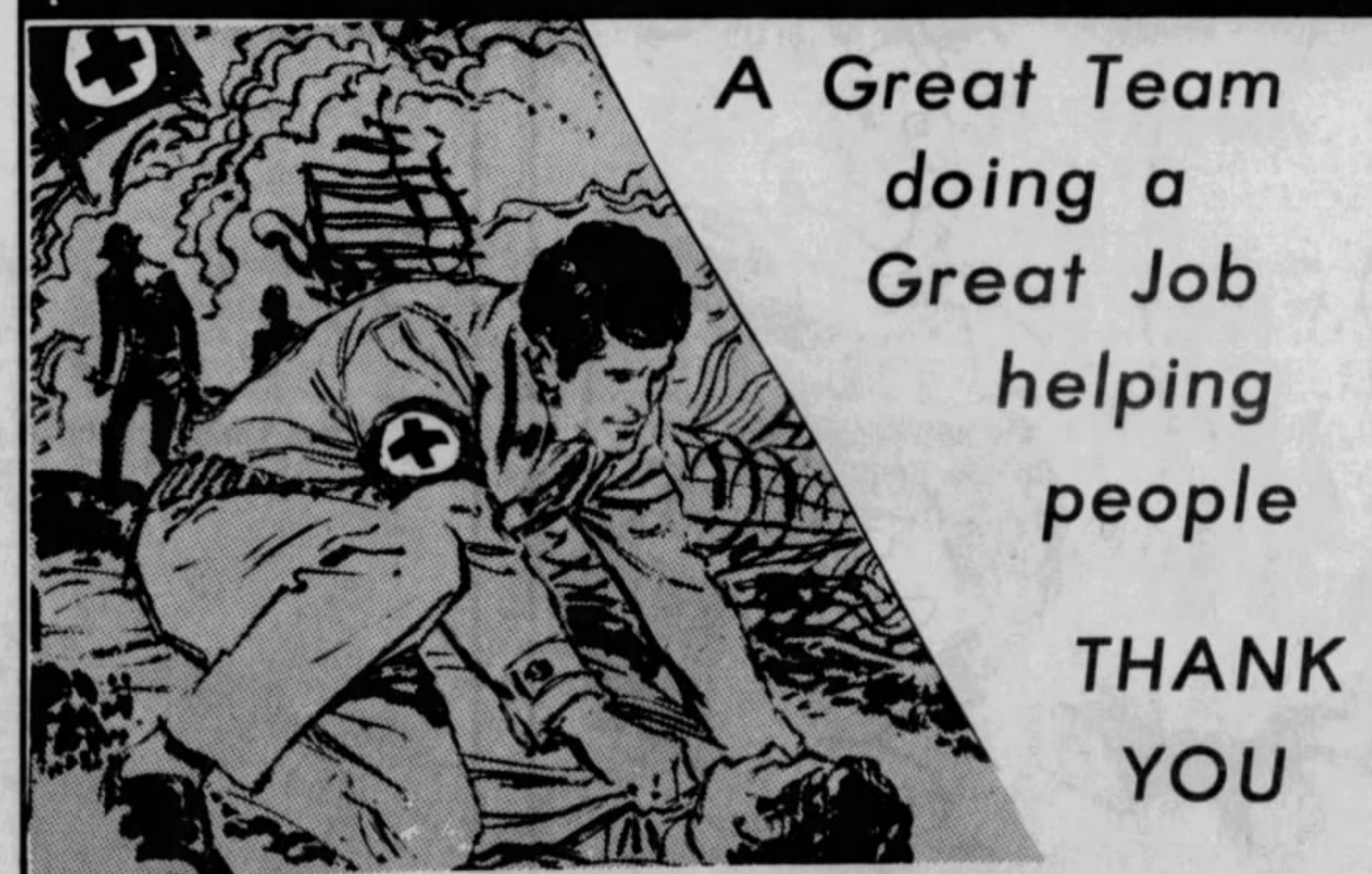
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DOWNTOWN AT THE TRAFFIC CIRCLE

# Fire Protection Saves Taxpayers Big Money

By KEN PLUMMER

Rural Wayne County taxpayers are putting out only \$45,000 per year for fire protection which actually saved them more than \$2,300,000 last year.

In addition to this tremendous savings in property, many residents of the county's 27 fire districts enjoy a substantial savings in home fire insurance premiums because of the protection and the insurance ratings their departments provide.

Wayne Fire Marshal Jerry Grimes said this all points up the fact that fire protection does not actually cost, but saves money in the long run.

And all of the county's 827 volunteer firemen serve without any pay or compensation other than the satisfaction of a job

well done.

The job they did last year is seen in figures compiled by the Wayne Fire Marshal's office. A total of \$2,935,505 worth of property was at risk to fire in 606 alarms. Firemen held actual loss down to \$569,076. Of this amount \$64,325 was lost during the high-risk tobacco curing season.

The story was similar in 1970, when \$2.7 million worth of property was exposed to fire and only \$443,995 lost.

In addition, residents of the 27 fire districts who live within 500 feet or more of a fire hydrant or accessible water supply enjoy a savings of around 30 per cent per year on their fire insurance premiums. Three of Wayne's departments have a 9AA fire insurance rating classification, the highest obtainable here, and the rest have the 9A rating.

The county provides each department with a \$1,500 appropriation while studies show it takes a bare minimum of \$2,500 per year to operate a volunteer fire department.

Grimes said this means that even the smallest county department needs at least \$1,000 more to operate in a year than is provided by the county budget.

And all of the county's departments are continually fighting the "battle of the budget" to keep equipment and communications updated and in good shape to provide the best possible protection for the people of their districts.

Grimes noted, for example, that a complete outfit of protective clothing for each fireman costs \$100 to \$150. The Scott air-packs which allow firemen to breathe up to 30 minutes in a hostile atmo-

sphere, cost \$285 each.

The original costs of firefighting units and continued maintenance of them is high and costs are rising annually. And he noted that modern firefighting techniques and increased training standards require more expenditures.

More and more rural Wayne firemen are equipping themselves with monitoring devices which they place in homes and offices to keep in touch with goings-on in their districts. These cost a great deal of money. The whole system of communications necessary to sustain a good firefighting operation is an extremely expensive proposition.

A new trend in providing the needed money here is the special fire taxing district. Mar Mac got a tax levy approved by the people of its district and it

first went into effect in 1968. The Paterson Fire Department won approval of a levy in referendum there last year and the tax goes into effect in the coming fiscal year.

The Dudley and Grantham Fire Departments have elections set in August on tax referendums there, and four other departments are working on referendums, including Arrington, Fork Township, Oakland and Hopeville.

Approval of a special fire taxing district by voters of that area authorizes commissioners to levy up to 15 cents per \$100 valuation there for fire protection. Traditionally, all of the levy is not needed in any given year.

Mar Mac's highest levy was 10 cents. It is now down to six cents per hundred. The levy is set according to the needs of the

district in a given budget year.

Many departments have elaborate fund-raising programs in their own communities. Belfast, for example, holds a detailed door-to-door campaign and a highly-successful annual barbecue supper which the firemen prepare themselves.

Suppers and sales are held in other districts, and turkey-shoots are a popular fundraiser. Contributions from the community are also important.

Actually, the county's appropriations for fire protection amount to \$49,500 for 33 departments. This includes \$1,500 each for the three Goldsboro City Fire Departments, and what amounts to two allocations each for dual districts around three rural

Wayne municipalities.

These are Mount Olive-Waylin, Pikeville-Pleasant Grove, and Fremont-Northern Wayne.

The Wayne County Fire Commission has overall responsibility for the Wayne Fire Service. This body was recently reduced in size from five to three members because of the loss of a Civil Defense seat. Its members now include Fire Marshal Grimes, Wayne County Commissioner Norwood Vinson, and Delma Jackson, current president of the Wayne Firemen's Association.

Duties of the board include annual inspections of each department to determine if minimum standards are being maintained, advising county commissioners on prospective

new fire departments requesting county aid, advising fire departments on equipment and training requirements, and preparing and submitting to commissioners an annual budget request.

Rules and regulations governing the fire service in rural Wayne were recently updated. They set forward requirements the various departments must meet to qualify for county financial aid. These encompass training, equipment, communications, safety, mutual aid, alarm systems and protective clothing.

But, under the new regulations, the term "volunteer" was deleted from the resolution because firemen at Goldsboro and Mount Olive are paid.



**MOUNT OLIVE RESCUE EQUIPMENT** — Equipment of the Mount Olive Rescue Squad is displayed in front of the squad headquarters adjacent to the Mount Olive Municipal

Building. The squad has won numerous awards at the annual conventions of the N. C. Association of Rescue Squads. (Staff Photo)

## Mount Olive Rescue Active

**MOUNT OLIVE** — Organized in August of 1958, the Mount Olive Rescue Squad has answered more than 5,100 calls during the past 14 years and now is one of the best equipped in the state.

In addition to answering calls to assist the injured and critically ill, the volunteers also assist the Mount Olive Fire Department with traffic and provide emergency lighting for fires which occur at night.

Equipment has been increased from a single emergency vehicle in 1958 to four ambulance type vehicles, two large rescue units with winches, four lighting units, two boats with trailers and a jeep.

While most of the calls are answered in and around Mount Olive, many calls are answered each year to neighboring Duplin County and a few are answered in Sampson County. Calls occasionally are answered to distant points, particularly to help search for drowning vic-

tims.

Purchased and put into service this year was a 1972 Pontiac Superior ambulance with special life-saving equipment not available on the other units.

Equipment is housed in a building adjacent to the Mount Olive Municipal Building. The squad has 18 members and is headed by Captain Charles Swinson. All members are well-trained in the handling of sick and injured persons and periodic training sessions are held to keep them abreast of latest techniques.

There has been an increase in the number of calls answered each year. For example, the squad answered 404 calls in 1969, 473 in 1970 and 513 last year. More than 225 calls were answered during the first five months of this year.

Volunteers spent 2,076 man hours answering calls in 1969, 2,876 hours in 1970 and 3,069 hours last year.

## Detachment 7 Aids Community

Detachment 7, 44th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron's primary mission is supporting Seymour Johnson AFB in crash and firefighting emergencies, however the unit has aided the civilian community many times in the past.

Since the unit was organized in 1961 as Detachment 49, Eastern Air Rescue and Recovery Center it has been credited with aiding or assisting in approximately 50 emergencies. During these emergencies approximately 24 lives were saved. . . evidence enough that Det. 7 lives up to the Air Rescue Service's motto of "That Others May Live."

The detachment made one of its first "saves" in 1961 when an F-105 Thunderchief crashed on the Seymour Johnson runway. Although the plane's fuselage broke into two pieces and caught fire, the pilot was rescued within seconds through the use of a helicopter which had been hovering nearby on a training mission.

Another of the unit's early saves was at an airshow during a Wilmington, N.C. Azalea Festival when a C-123 Provider crashed on take-off and started burning. One of Det. 7's HH-43 "Huskie" helicopters was on display and the crew responded to the crisis by moving it away from the surrounding crowd and taking off. They then used the helicopter's rotor wash to blow a path through the flames, making it possible for fire fighters and rescue people to get to the burning aircraft.

In 1963 the detachment's designation was changed from 49 to the present day 7. The unit was renamed Detachment 7, 44th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron in 1968. To meet Southeast Asia contingencies, the detachment



**PREFLIGHT** — Capt. Ron L. Carlton makes a check before takeoff. Captain Carlton pilots one of Detachment 7's HH-43BF helicopters. (Air Force Photo)



DONALD GIBBS

## '58 Start Of Seven Springs

**SEVEN SPRINGS** — It was not until 1958 that the town of Seven Springs and the surrounding area was provided with fire protection and the original fire department served a large area, including the present Pricetown Fire District.

First equipment included a 1951 Chevrolet truck with a 500 gallon tank and pump and a 1951 Chevrolet tanker.

A fire station was built adjacent to the community building in 1960. Fire protection received a big boost in 1962 when a 1961 Segraves pumper truck was purchased. It was used until 1968.

A factory made 1966 Ford pumper was put into service in 1967 and the department has just purchased a 12,000 gallon tanker with a 350 gallon per minute pump. The original tanker will be used for hauling water.

## Little River Has Growth

The Little River Fire Department, which serves a portion of Buck Swamp Township and Fork Township, was organized in 1961 as the No. 2 Station of the Nahantua Fire Department.

A fire station was built in the summer and fall of 1961 and a state surplus 1950 Chevrolet dump truck was purchased and equipped with a 500 gallon tank and a front mounted 500 gallon per minute pumper. A 1952



JAMES R. JOHNSON

Chevrolet oil tanker was purchased the next year with a 1,000 gallon tank and a front mounted pump was installed.

The name was changed to Little River in April of 1966 and a separate department organized. In April of 1969 a 1963 Chevrolet was purchased and a body built for it similar to a factory-built fire truck with an 800 gallon tank. The pump from the original pumper was installed on the new truck.

The original tanker was replaced last March with a 1963 International with a 1,250 gallon tank and the pump from the oil tanker was mounted on the side.

Labor and materials for the fire station and the trucks was donated and much of the work was done by the firemen. Original equipment was valued at about \$4,000 and value of present equipment is more than \$20,000. The department has 27 firemen.

James Ray Johnson is fire chief and assistants are Charles Aycock, J. D. Jones, George Ferrell and W. B. Johnson.

Officers are David Berry, president; Kenneth Edgerton, vice president; and Bill Crawford, secretary-treasurer. Directors are Charles Aycock, Alex Aycock, George Ferrell, Russell Gurley and Bobby Bunn.

## Fremont Rescue Squad Keeps Busy

At least two members of the highly-trained and capable Fremont Rescue Squad are called into duty everyday.

Theoretically at least the squad answers at least one call a day and more on some days because the yearly number of rescue calls to the northern Wayne County organization has risen to 400.

The rescue squad has grown in experience and equipment since its beginning in 1964 and it now claims to be the equal of any squad in the area. The squad is comprised of 14 full-time members and three members in training.

They cover an area that includes southern Wilson County, western Greene County, eastern Johnston County and northern Wayne County. The squad actually answers calls in about a 12-mile circle around the city of Fremont.

Since 1964 the squad has built a fine concrete and steel building and added numerous pieces of modern equipment. The building, completed in 1965, has a meeting room, bathroom, kitchen and two bays storing vehicles and equipment.

In addition to two ambulances, the squad owns two

boats and motors, a light van truck and a utility pickup truck. An order is in for a new \$10,000 truck with delivery expected in July.

Training is a big part of the squad's activities each month. Every member must take part in a three-hour training session and about half the squad is enrolled in or has completed a four-year state rescue training course and two of the members are certified Red Cross first aid instructors. All members must have a knowledge of standard and advanced fire aid procedures.

Officers of the squad are Verlon Taylor, captain; W. T. Smith and Russell Sauls, first lieutenants; Russell Newcomb, second lieutenant; George Ray Goodwin, Sgt.; Carl Winbon, secretary; and A. D. Davis, treasurer.

Past President C. T. Hooks, Jr., is currently the director of area four on the North Carolina Association of Rescue Squads.



MELVIN STRICKLAND

## Hydrants In Use At Saulston

Saulston is one of only two rural fire districts in Wayne County in which fire hydrants are available making it possible for portions of the district have a 9AA fire insurance rating.

The Saulston Fire Department was organized in 1957 and fire protection is provided with one pumper truck and one water tanker.

Heading the fire department are Melvin Strickland, chief; Willie Strickland, assistant chief; Merrill Strickland, captain; Wellon Pittman, president; Jesse Ray Gurley, secretary-treasurer; and Talmage Harrison, traffic director.

Members of the board of directors are Thomas Gurley, Britt Sullivan, Carl Mewborn, Orby Johnson and C. Brantley Strickland.

## Thoroughfare Has Start In 1961

Included in the Thoroughfare Fire District is a heavily populated area along U. S. 13 west of the Wayne County Fairgrounds. The Thoroughfare Fire Department, originally part of the Dudley Fire Department, was organized on Nov. 6, 1961.

Incorporators were David John Overman, Donald Herring, Keith Herring and W. E. Overman. First chief was Frank Denning and first chairman was Ralph Jinnette.

Denning served until the first of this year when George T. Parker was elected chief. Theodore Jones is assistant chief. Officers are Louis Herring, president; George Jones, vice president; Elton Aycock Jr., secretary-treasurer; Virgil Hollowell, W. R. Gainey, David John Overman, Paul Head and Ralph Jinnette.

When organized the depart-

## Arrington Serves Since Aug. 1961

The Arrington Fire Department was chartered on Aug. 22, 1961 to serve an area which had been served by the Dudley Fire Department.

Many new homes and several business firms have been added in the fire district since fire protection was first provided with an old government surplus Reo truck with a 1,200 gallon tank and front end pump. The department now has a 1966 Ford pickup with a 300 gallon tank and Wisconsin pump for quick response to fires, especially grass and brush fires. Equipment also includes an international truck which carries 2,000 gallons of water.

The fire station, adjacent to

Casey's Mill, was built in 1962. A meeting room was added in 1963 and a kitchen and third bay were added in 1968. The department has 30 firemen.

Richard Tyler, a former airman at Seymour Johnson AFB who decided to remain in Goldsboro after retirement, is serving his second term as fire chief. He first served as chief in 1968 and 1969 and was succeeded by L. J. Daniels. Chief in 1971 was Buddy Moody and Tyler was elected chief again for this year.

Serving with Tyler are Buddy Moody, assistant chief; Foy Daniels, captain and Billy Conley, lieutenant. Officers are Clarence Casey, president;



RICHARD TYLER

Jack Smith, vice president; L. J. Daniels, secretary-treasurer; Richard Tyler, Ed Conley, L. J. Daniels and Ray Jinnette, directors.

## Forest Service Plays Big Part In Fire Protection

By KEN PLUMMER

The N. C. Forest Service plays an integral role in Wayne County's overall fire fighting capability, particularly during the hazardous spring and fall seasons when conditions combine to make forest fires a constant threat.

But the County Ranger and his staff do not simply sit in the fire towers and wait for smoke to appear on the horizon, nor do they remain basically idle when forest fires are less likely to spring up.

Their duties are far-ranging and include a continuous year-round effort to put non-productive acres to use growing trees, assisting woodland owners with a variety of problems, and marking timber and providing forest management.

Wayne County's Forest Ranger is James Williams. Assistant Ranger is Marvin Gray. The firefighting staff is rounded out by Robert G. Thomas, smoke-chaser and

Linwood Tillman, equipment operator.

Also in the firefighting operation, Wayne County has two fire towers, the Dudley Tower operated by Frances Gray and the Aycock Tower near Fremont operated by Helen Uzzell.

The Forest Service now has a fireproof in Wayne County which is invaluable in digging firelines and combatting woods fires which are burning out of control.

The big Claridge State Forestry Nursery near Goldsboro is part of the Forest Service operation, also providing millions of tree seedlings annually for growth in the Coastal Plains and Piedmont sections.

The big thrust in Forest Service firefighting operations usually comes during the so-called Spring Season, the months of February through May, and the Fall Season, late October through mid-December. Much of their work involves mutual aid to county volunteer fire departments.

During these seasons an alert is constantly maintained to detect woods fires. Conditions are particularly hazardous at these times for a number of reasons including dry days, high winds and low humidity. One of the jobs of the Forest Service at this time is to keep the public informed of hazardous conditions and to make available information which can prevent costly or dangerous fires.

The responsibility of the County Ranger and his staff includes one of law enforcement pertaining to forestry laws. The Ranger must attempt to determine the cause or causes of a woods fire, and if a fire appears to have been intentionally set, he has one or more field investigators at his disposal. If a suspect is arrested, he can aid the Ranger all the way through court actions.

State officials say the biggest cause of woods fires in North Carolina is trash or field fires

burning out of control. The second biggest cause is intentionally-set blazes.

In the first case, the Ranger will usually talk to the person whose fire burned out of control, providing him with instruction on how to avoid such mishaps in the future. If a person should continue to cause problems through improper burning, court action could result.

Tom Hegele, Public Relations Officer for the N.C. Forest Service, said, "We feel it is better to prevent a fire than to fight one. Therefore, Rangers spend a great deal of time in this kind of effort. Along the firefighting line, the various volunteer fire departments are a lifesaver to us."

Hegele said the county ranger has widespread aid available to him outside his area if necessary. This can include district, regional and state forces. And it can include huge planes which drop specially-prepared chemicals on stubborn forest fires.

But he said, "The County Ranger is really the backbone of the Forest Service. He knows the people and situation best where he is, makes daily contact with the people and knows best how to go about accomplishing his job. He gets involved in all of it."



GEORGE T. PARKER

ment had an old government surplus truck which they equipped for fire fighting. They now have added a 1954 International tanker.

## SmithChapel Serves West Of Mt. Olive

**MOUNT OLIVE** — Organized on Nov. 22, 1961 the Smith Chapel Fire Department began providing fire protection for an area west of Mount Olive with two Army surplus trucks. Today the fire station and equipment is valued at \$50,000.

Volunteer firemen converted one of the surplus vehicles for use as a pumper and the other for a tanker.

June McClenny was the first fire chief and Milton Jordan was first assistant chief. Second assistant chief was the late D. R. Keene. Original directors were Norris Jordan, chairman; Keith Waller, vice chairman; Earl Warren, secretary-treasurer and K. S. Warren, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Land on which the fire station is located was donated by Milton Jordan. A concrete block structure with a brick front it was built by local labor and is large enough to house two trucks and a generator trailer, with a classroom, kitchen and two rest rooms.

Present equipment includes a 1964 GMC pumper and a 1971 Ford tanker, both purchased new, and a mobile generator. Trucks are fully equipped with breathing equipment, ladders, hose and other necessities.

In 1965 the firemen responded to a call to the crash of an F100 jet fighter from Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. They were praised by the base commander for their outstanding service.

The department has 28 firemen with Keith Waller as fire chief; Billy Cashwell as first assistant chief. Captains are Robert Brown, Craven Sutton and Norris Jordan. Lieutenants are Gene E. Wolfe, Leon Thornton and Currie Smith.

Present officers are M. R. Rose, chairman and chaplain; Wade Sasser, vice chairman; Gene E. Wolfe, secretary-treasurer and board members Robert Brown, J. E. Wolfe, Donald Odom, Carl Grantham, Victor Grimes, Norris Jordan and Keith Waller.

## Jordans Chapel Residents Respond

Back in November 1960 residents of the Jordans Chapel community donated over \$3,000 in the span of only three weeks to insure that their newly-organized volunteer fire department would be the type of operation that would truly benefit their community.

The response then was good and the department has thrived in the past dozen years under good leadership and active support from the community.

Under the leadership of its first fire chief, Shelton Jordan, the department built a fire station, purchased equipment and organized a group of 25 active firemen in its first year of existence.

Assets of the department today have climbed to over \$25,000.

Located in the extreme southwest corner of Wayne County, the department serves a largely rural area answering an average of 15 calls each year.

The first big project of the new department back in 1961 was the purchase of a pumper truck costing nearly \$10,000. In addition, a tanker truck was built by the department at a cost of about \$3,000. About five years ago an additional tanker truck was purchased.

Construction of the fire station at a location on Highway 13 about seven miles southwest of Grantham was completed in January 1961. By the end of its first year of operation assets were valued at more than \$14,000.

Jordan was forced to give up his duties as fire chief in 1964 shortly after he won election as



DWIGHT ROSE

Wayne County Clerk of Courts. Jordan is still listed as an officer on the fire department's roster, however.

Dwight Rose has served as chief of the department since 1964.

The department has an active training program with training sessions each month. It maintains a 9A fire insurance rating.

Several of the department's original firemen and five members of its board of directors are still serving today.

Members of the board of directors are D. O. Bryan, Jr. (chairman), Carrol Porter, Arnold Jernigan, Joe Cox, Lethel Britt, Johnnie Britt, C. B. Keen, Granger Westbrook and Joe Sanderson.

J. A. Jernigan is assistant chief.

## East Wayne Also Serves Greene

East Wayne's volunteer fire department has been serving people on the extreme edge of eastern Wayne County since 1962.

The department, which also serves a section of Greene County, actually purchased its first piece of equipment before it was organized to fight fires.

"The department had the opportunity to buy an older-model pumper truck before it was actually organized. They just couldn't pass up the deal," current fire chief Derald Smith said.

That first piece of equipment is no longer in service because of newer trucks purchased over the past several years. A 1954 International truck, used as a pumper, was put into service in 1964 and a 1965 Ford truck was built up as a tanker and put into use in 1971.

A two-bay fire house was completed shortly after the department was chartered in August 1962 through the use of volunteer manpower and many donations. The house is located just off Highway 13 near the Greene-Wayne line.

Smith, who took over as fire chief around the first of the year, said the department averages about 10 calls a year. Most are brush, grass and tobacco barn fires.

Smith noted that the depart-



DERALD SMITH

ment is in the process of creating a new training program but pointed out that firemen receive training now at the monthly meetings.

McGee Smith was the first chief and Donald Sutton was the second chief of the 32-man volunteer department before Smith took over.

James W. Smith is assistant chief, Linwood E. Sauls is treasurer, and Jimmy Lancaster, Leon Wells, David Tyndall, Linwood Sauls, Floyd Hill and Senas Davis are members of the board of directors.

## Mutual Aid

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system, although the Insurance Commissioner is still the State Fire Marshal. The old system was geared to provide protection for rural areas which then largely had none.

Later acts of the Legislature provided for formation of rural fire departments as well as finally eliminating all restrictions in the Mutual Aid program.

Some of the major requirements for a good mutual

aid system, which Wayne County has, are the ability to inter-communicate, a program of cross-training within various departments and agencies, and well-trained firemen and rescuemen.

City and county firemen here often train together, and Seymour Johnson AFB offers crash training programs from time to time. The Forest Service also provides various training programs on the local level.

## Dudley Fire Activity Increases

The need for a good rural fire department has increased dramatically over the past few years.

This fact is portrayed in the increased activity since the late 1950's of the Dudley Volunteer Fire Department.

Veteran Dudley Fire Chief Donald Hinson pointed out that there were only nine fires in the Dudley area in 1958 and only four fire calls in 1959 and six in 1960. Today the Dudley department answers an average of a call each week representing about 50 fire calls each year.

The Dudley department is one of four departments that were originally organized as the Brogden Fire district in

January 1958.

In 1961, with the rate of fires increasing each year with the rise in the area's population, officials decided to split the Brogden department into four fire districts which are now Dudley, Arrington, Mar-Mac and Thoroughfare.

The Dudley fire district is located in the southern part of Wayne County and includes the communities of Brogden and Dudley. Southern Wayne High School and Brogden School are located within the district.

The fire house, located on Highway 117 in Dudley, was completed in 1961.

The department started operation with a 1952 Reo two and one-half ton tanker truck

and a 1939 one and one-half ton International pumper. The old International was replaced in 1969 with a 1970 Chevrolet truck and the Reo will be replaced this month with a new Chevrolet tanker.

Lyman Smith and Jack Kornegay severed for a short time as the first and second chiefs respectively of the Dudley department before Hinson took over in 1961.

Under Hinson's direction the fire department conducts volunteer training sessions twice a month and many of the Dudley firemen attend county and state fire schools each year.

"Our training sessions are

strictly on a volunteer basis but we have excellent attendance," Hinson noted. The department has a 9A fire insurance rating.

The department continues to receive much of its operating funds through donations and activities such as "fellowship" suppers sponsored by the firemen.

Assistant fire chiefs are Selby Beamon, Thomas Kennedy, Bobby Outlaw and Lyman Smith. The board of directors are Selby Beamon (chairman), George Baker, Shelton Blanton, Thomas Kennedy and Emmet Swinson. The corporate officers are Thomas Smith, president; Donald Beamon, secretary and Bobby Outlaw, training officer.



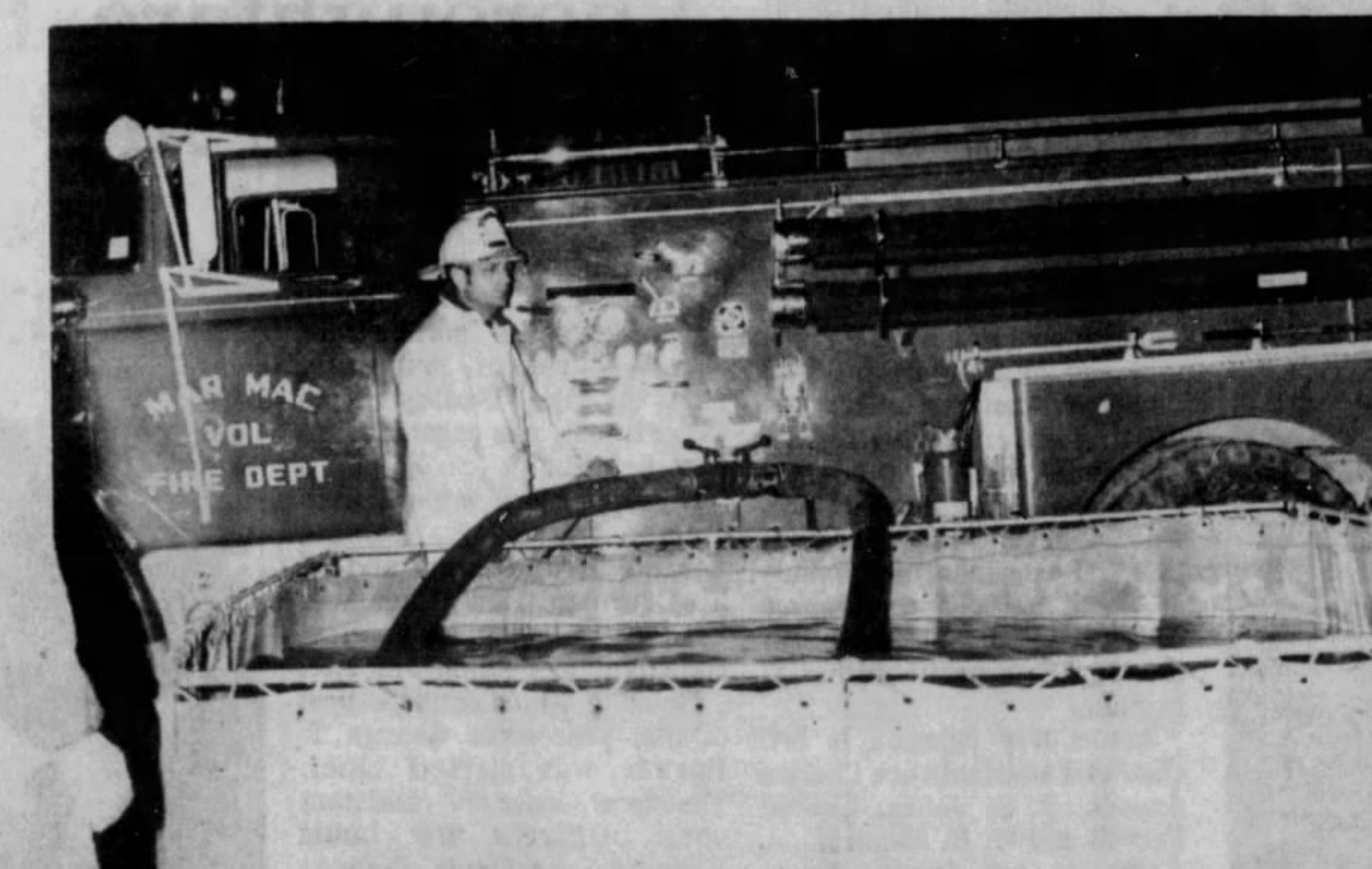
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*We're fortunate to live in neighborhoods protected by our efficient Firemen and Rescue Men.*



Wayne County has one of the finest networks of fire stations in North Carolina with almost the entire county being in a primary fire protection area served by municipal fire departments in Goldsboro, Mount Olive, Fremont and Pikeville and 28 rural fire departments.

With the exception of the Goldsboro firemen and four Mount Olive firemen, all the firefighters are volunteers giving of their time and energy from work when needed, day or night.

There also are volunteer rescue squads at Goldsboro, Mount Olive and Fremont with modern equipment and men on call 24 hours a day.

A proclamation has been issued by Goldsboro Mayor C. T. Gibson designating Monday as Goldsboro-Wayne Firemen and Rescue Squad Day and calling on citizens to pay tribute to "some of the most dedicated and most self-sacrificing men in our community." A similar proclamation has been issued by Wayne County Commissioners.

Citizens of Goldsboro and its municipalities can join in the tribute by attending an Appreciation Banquet Monday at 7 p.m. at the Wayne County Boys' Club. Speaker will be Walter Meagher, chief of the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

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