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SCRAP BOOK

LADIES AUXILLARY TO THE FARMVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

1959 New Officers 1959-60

New And Old Officers Refreshed

FARMVILLE FIREMEN'S AUXILIARY wound up an old year and started out with new officers in a most refreshing style Wednesday evening—a refreshment hour after the business session. Enjoying the affair are, standing left to right, Mrs. Eugene Forester, past chaplain; Mrs. Walter Southall, secretary; Mrs. B. F. Higgins, treasurer; and Mrs. C. L. Spurlock, Jr. Seated are Mrs. H. L. Brinkley, past president; Mrs. Lloyd B. McKay, new member, and Mrs. Eunice Redd.

1958 '59

Assisted By Farmville Unit

Ladies' Auxiliary For Cartersville Fire Department Now Organized

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Cartersville Voluntary Fire Department was organized February 2. Mrs. A. W. Covington, Mrs. H. L. Brinkley, Mrs. W. E. Johnson, Mrs. W. S. Hamilton and Mrs. C. L. Spurlock, Jr., of the Farmville Auxiliary assisted in the organization, and left their by-laws as a guide to be used in framing the by-laws of the new auxiliary.

Officers elected were Mrs. L. A. Martin, president; Mrs. Wilson Shores, vice president; Mrs. Marion L. Martin, secretary; Mrs. G. L. Blanton, Jr., treasurer; and Mrs. H. B. Pleasants, Jr., chaplain.

The auxiliary voted to join the Ladies Auxiliary of the Virginia State Firemen's Association.

A social hour followed the meeting, with the Cartersville firemen present.

On February 12 the officers met with Mrs. L. A. Martin and drew up a draft of the by-laws.

The first regular meeting was held February 1 in the basement of the Masonic Lodge Building.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by the chaplain, and the minutes of the meeting at which the auxiliary was organized were read by the secretary.

At this time the by-laws, with some amendments, were approved and adopted.

After the business meeting, coffee and home-made cookies were served by the hostesses, Mrs. F. T. Dabney, Mrs. L. A. Martin and Mrs. Marion L. Martin, with the firemen present for the social hour.

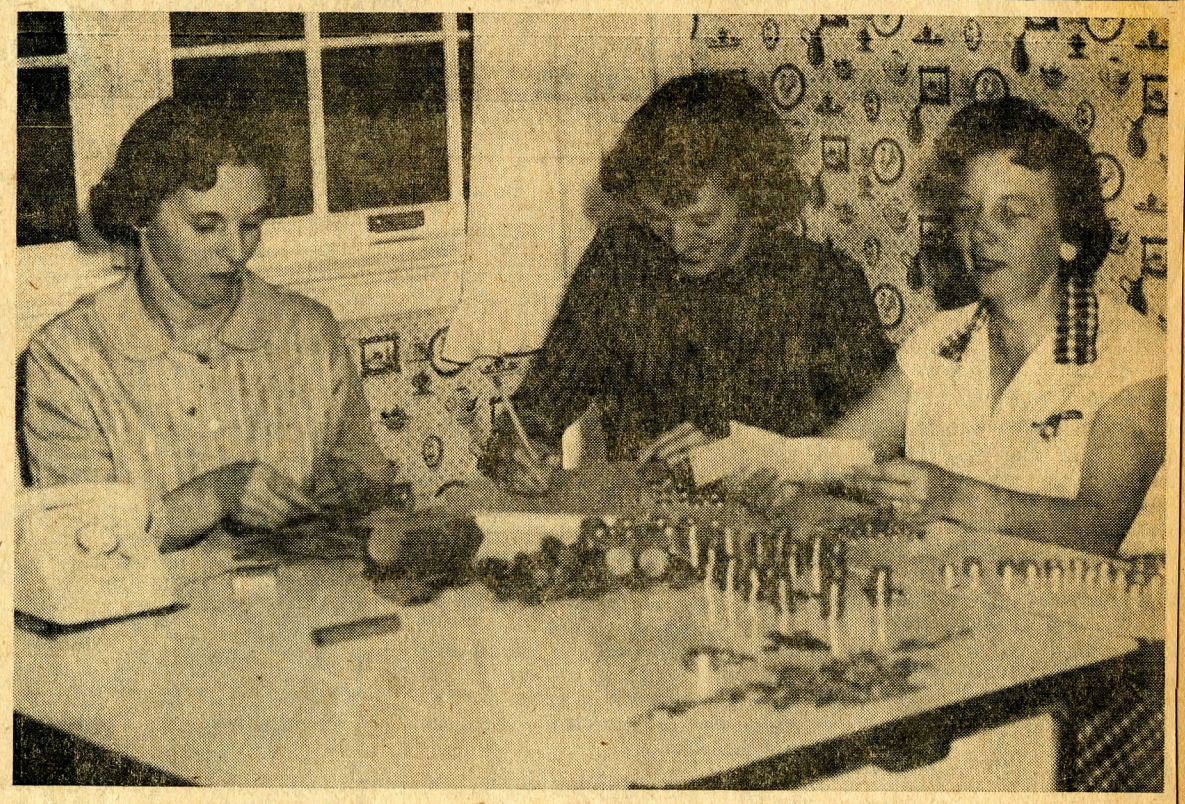
Quite a number of the Cartersville Auxiliary and firemen met with the Farmville Auxiliary February 25, and the Cartersville firemen visited the firehouse in Farmville. Some unusual excitement occurred, in that during the tour of the firehouse the alarm sounded and the firemen from both departments answered a call to a fire in Buckingham. Upon their return the entire group was served refreshments by the Farmville Auxiliary.

The Cartersville firemen and Auxiliary appreciate the helpfulness of the Farmvillians and feel that their help has been invaluable.

Auxiliary Here Will Hold Dogwood Button Benefit Sale Saturday

The annual free will Dogwood Button sale to support local and state firemen's benefit programs will be conducted here tomorrow (Saturday) by the Farmville Fire Department Auxiliary.

Members will conduct the sale from booths in the downtown area. A button solicitation is also being made in the county and among Farmville business houses this week.



TALLYING UP THE TOTAL in the 1959 Dogwood Button Sale is a pleasure for Ladies' Auxiliary to the Fire Department members, from left, Mrs. C. L. Spurlock, Jr., Mrs. Harold Wood and Mrs. A. W. Covington.

Fire Department Auxiliary—Wednesday, Oct. 28, 8 p.m., at the fire house.

Dogwood Button Sale Nets $216.94

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Fire Department scored a successful campaign with its annual free will Dogwood Button sale, Saturday, April 18.

In its largest sale since 1950, the year it was begun by the local organization, $216.94 was contributed. The money will be used to support local and state firemen's benefit programs.

Members conducted the sale from booths in the downtown area, and through extensive solicitations in the county and among Farmville business firms.

Mrs. C. L. Spurlock, Jr., chairman of the sale, said today, "I appreciate the fine cooperation given by everyone in making this the most successful sale ever staged by our organization."

FIRE DEPARTMENT Auxiliary officers recently elected are, from left, Mrs. Kitty Brinkley, president; Mrs. Elizabeth Hamilton, vice-president; Mrs. Elizabeth Blair, secretary; Mrs. Naomi Wood, treasurer, and Mrs. Thelma Forester, chaplain. The group was recognized for its "assistance, cooperation and encouragement" the past year during the annual banquet of the Farmville Fire Department Thursday night at Cedar Brook.

OFFICERS
1958-59

End Of $450 March of Dimes Benefit Trail

MOTHERS' MARCH solicitors, Mrs. Charles Carter, Junior Woman's Club, and Mrs. C. T. Fleenor and Mrs. Bess Whitaker, at left, Woman's Club, enjoy an after-march cup of coffee with the assistance of Fire Department Auxiliary hostesses, Mrs. John Noel and Mrs. H. L. Brinkley. The Thursday night March was one of the continuing National Foundation benefit projects for the annual Dimes campaign.

Picnic 1959

Firemen's Auxiliary Elects

THE AUXILIARY to the Farmville Fire Department enjoyed a pollyanna party at Cedar Brook Restaurant, Wednesday evening. New officers were elected. Mrs. P. F. Gay, (at right) gives her fellow officers the word on the coming year's program. The other new officers are: (left to right) Mrs. Marvin Wash, chaplain; Mrs. Floyd Shumaker, treasurer; Mrs. Lloyd McKay, secretary; and Mrs. Harold Word, vice-president. Mrs. W. S. Hamilton is the retiring president.

1960-61

Christmas Pollyanna Party 1960

ENJOYING A DINNER under sponsorship of the Cities Service Company are, left to right, G. F. Kerby, of Baltimore, Md.; J. H. Forbes, president of the Farmville Fire Department and a Cities Service jobber; A. V. Brisentine, Farmville area distributor; P. H. Killgore, of Richmond, and J. W. Wine, of Richmond.

Cities Service Has Dinner Meeting At The Fire House

On May 21, a meeting was held at Farmville Fire House in Farmville, to introduce the facts behind Cities Service's new 5D Multi-Range Koolmotor and Triple HD Premium Koolmotor Oils to dealers, local commercial consumers, and farmers.

These motor oils, which are the world's newest, are designed to keep engings 100 per cent cleaner as well as to increase gas mileage and oil mileage.

A. V. Brisentine, Cities Service distributor in this area, introduced the speakers. O. W. Wine, division manager, Richmond; G. F. Kerby, regional lubricants manager, Baltimore, and P. H. Killgore, distributor representative, Richmond, conducted the introductory program.

A southern fried chicken dinner was served by Ladies Auxiliary to Farmville Fire Department.

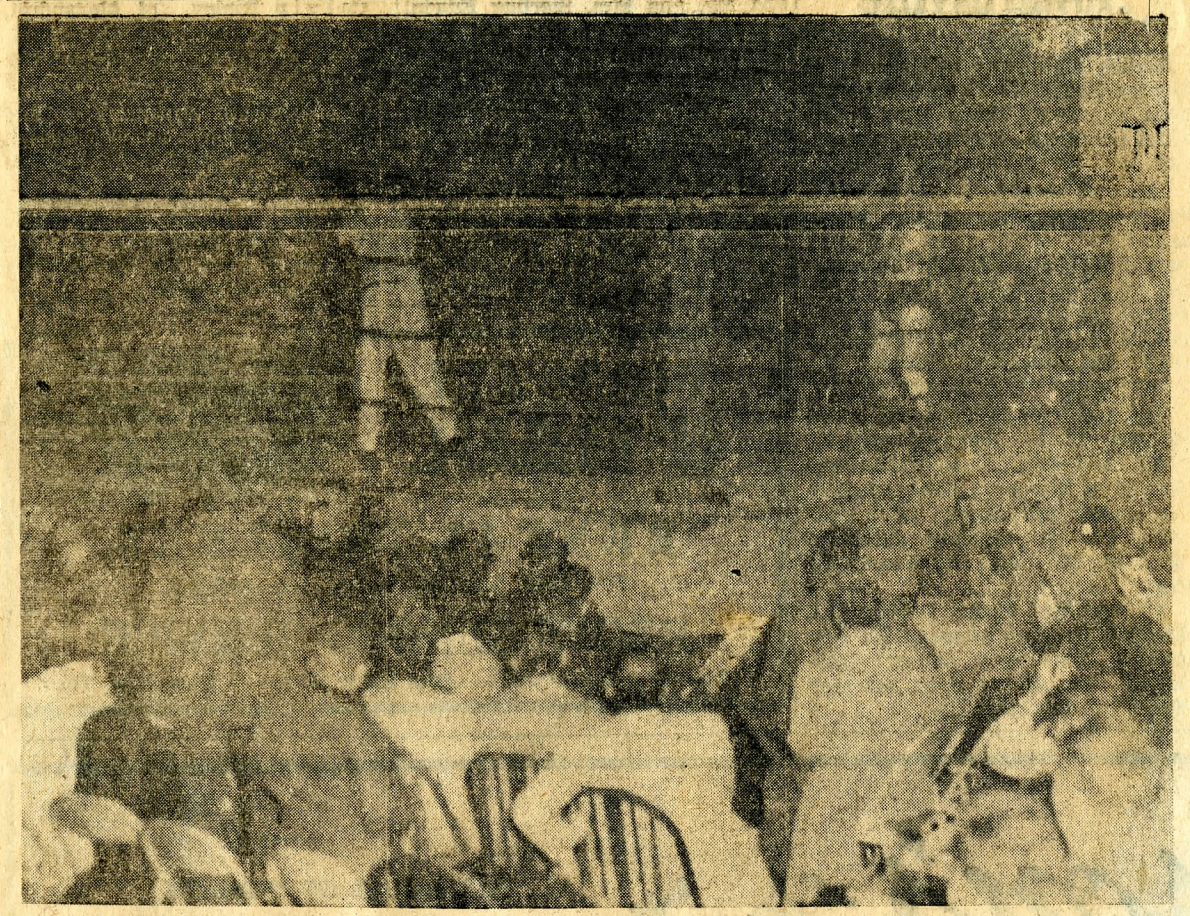
Faithful Service As Firem Recognized

Farmville Firemen are presented service pins by Fire Chief Phillip Gay, at right, during the annual Fire Department Christmas dinner party at Cedarbrook Saturday night. Recipients were, from left, John Porter Glenn, five years, Don Sequin, 10 years, and John Noel, 25 years. Ben Smith was not present but earned a 30-year pin. The guest speaker, Calvin Robinson, editor and publisher of the Appomattox "Times-Virginian," and Mrs. Robinson are seated in front of Chief Gay. The gathering of 150 included firemen, their families and town and county officials, the latter invited as special guests. A Christmas tree and gift exchange was also a feature of the steak and turkey banquet.

Auxiliary To Fire Department Holds Family Supper

The Fire Department Auxiliary held its family night supper Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the firehouse.

Mrs. O. B. Blair and Mrs. A. W. Covington, Jr., were in charge of arrangements.



WRESTLING SHOW. Farmville's first, brought this crowd to Farmville Memorial Armory Wednesday night. In this main bout, Steve Bolus, arm upraised, protests roughing tactics of his opponent, Ike Eakins.

1960

Firemen Sponsors Pleased

800 At Armory For Wrestling Show

A crowd of better than 800 persons attended the first professional wrestling matches staged in Farmville Monday night. The Fire Department sponsored the three-bout card.

In the opener, veteran Johnny Hiedman and lanky Bob Boyer, wrestling in the one-fall finish preliminary, fought to a no-decision verdict. Both were out of the ring after a roughhouse bout and not able to get back by the referee's county of '20'.

Newcomer Pat Lyda, of North Carolina, won the verdict over Rita Cortez in the second bout featuring women performers.

Steve Bolus, 214, took the main bout, on a referee's decision, over 240-pound Ike Eakins. Bolus won the first fall, Eakins the second, and the ring official gave Bolus, of Boston, the verdict after disqualifying Eakins for rough tactics.

Members of the sponsoring Fire Department who brought the show here as a fund-raising benefit said they were pleased with the result. A spokesman for the Roanoke Sports Club, co-sponsors, also expressed satisfaction over the turn out here.

Firemen are raising funds to purchase a station wagon to be furnished with rescue and emergency first aid equipment, as well as being used for transporting firemen to and from fires.

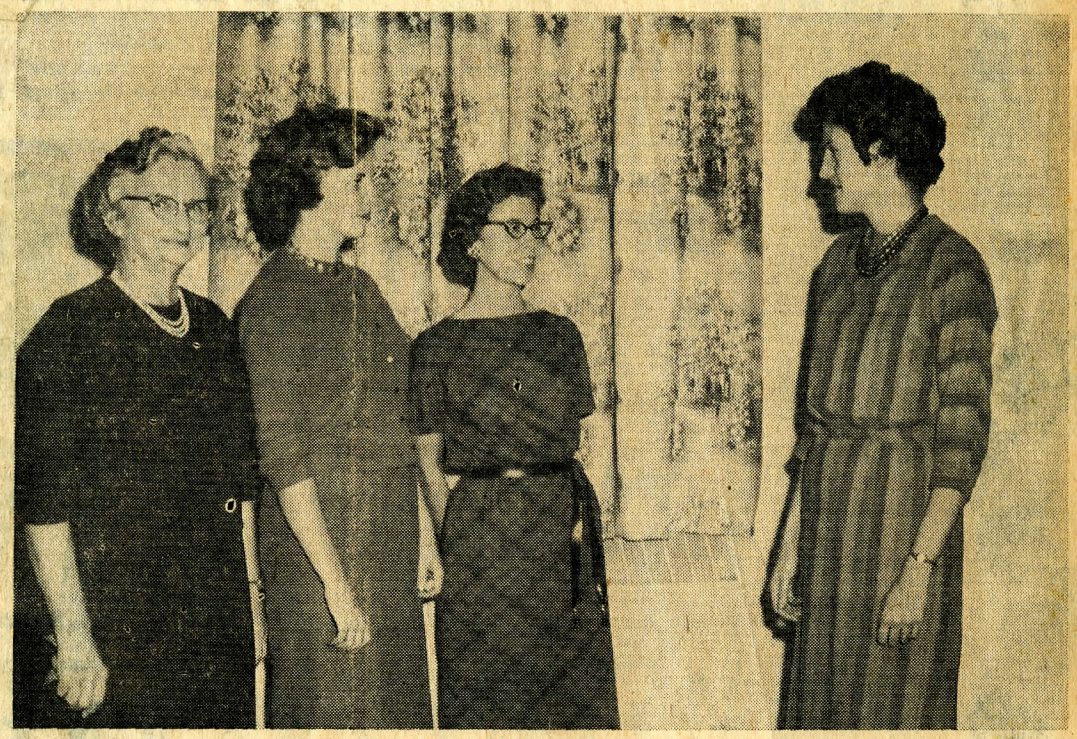
department spokesman said th another wrestling show probably will be tried after the new year.

An Evening For The Ladies Auxiliary To The Fire Department

Farmville Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 1961

We are happy to welcome to our service this morning the members of the Farmville Volunteer Firemen's Association and the Women of their Auxilliary. These fine people render an indispensable service to our community for which we wish to express our sincere appreciation; we rejoice in this opportunity of worship and fellowship with them.



New officers of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Farmville Fire Department took office at a meeting following the dinner Wednesday evening. They are: (left to right) Mrs. Harold Word, president; Mrs. Lloyd McKay, secretary; Mrs. Howard Morrissett, treasurer; and Mrs. Eunice Redd, chaplain. Not pictured is Mrs. Walter Southall, new vice president of the group, which takes its business as serious as the department of protection does.

OFFICERS 1961-62

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Farmville Fire Department put away the chores of a volunteer service organization Wednesday to enjoy an evening of fellowship at the recently redecorated firemen's hall located above the fire station. A buffet dinner was topped off with an exchange of gifts among members, a tradition inaugurated several years ago.

Ladies Auviliary Of Fire Department Plans Party

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Farmville Fire Department met at the fire house November 22.

A Thanksgiving prayer was given by Mrs. Eunice Redd, Chaplain, after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mrs. Irene Spurlock, Mrs. Jane Gay, and Mrs. Elizabeth Blair gave a report on the state zone meeting which they attended November 18 in Orange.

Plans were made for a Christmas pollyanna party to be held December 20 at the fire house.

Fire Department Auxiliary To Sponsor Dance

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Farmville Fire Department will sponsor a square and round dance Friday, December 1 at the armory.

Advance tickets are on sale at the firehouse. For table reservations. Call Mrs. John Noel after 5 p.m. at EXport 2-5097.

The Woodmenaires will furnish the music.

Square Dance Friday Night

There will be a square dance at the Farmville Armory Friday evening, Dec. 1, sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Farmville Volunteer Fire Department. Music will be furnished by the Woodmennaires.

Those attending the zone meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Virginia State Fireman's Association in Orange on Saturday were Mrs. C. L. Spurlock, Jr., Mrs. John Noel, Mrs. Philip Gay and Mrs. O. B. Blair.

Fire Department, Auxiliary Memorial Services Sunday

Members of the Farmville Fire Department and Firemen's Auxiliary will observe their annual memorial day Sunday to honor the memory of Virginia firemen who died in the past year.

Firemen, Auxiliary members and their families will attend the morning worship service in a body at Farmville Presbyterian Church at 11 o'clock.

An Auxiliary-sponsored memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday in Westview Cemetery in honor of the late Howard Morrisstee, a former member of the Farmville Fire Department.

Mrs. Helen Williams, of Alexandria, a past president of the State Firemen's Auxiliary, will be the afternoon guest speaker. Mrs. Williams presently is serving as chairman for the State Firemen's Relief Fund.

Auxiliary members invite the public to share in the cemetery memorial service.

Auxiliary To Sell Dogwood Buttons

Members of the Ladies Auiliary of the Farmville Fire Department will have a door-to-door sale of Dogwood Button Wednesday evening, April 11.

The week of April 8-14 has been designated Dogwood Week throughout Virginia. Citizens are given an opportunity to support the Firemen's Relief Fund

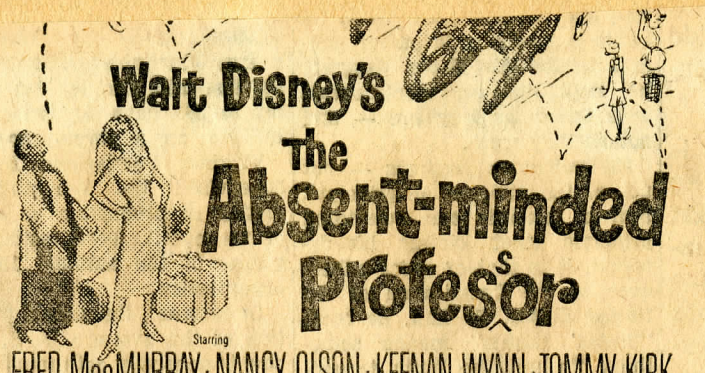
Sale Of Dogwood Buttons

Members of the Fire Department Auxiliary check the contributions Wednesday night from their house-to-house canvass selling Dogwood Buttons in support of the Fireman's Relief Fund. Standing is Mrs. Naomi Word, president of the Auxiliary. Seated, left to right, are Mrs. Alice Wash, co-chairman of the button sale, Mrs. Lucille Morrissett, chairman, and Mrs. Nan Higgins, publicity chairman. The Auxiliary will also sell Dogwood Buttons in front of Grants, in the shopping center, Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Turkey Supper

Approximately 200 tickets were sold by the Fire Department Auxiliary for the turkey supper which they served Saturday evening. Tables were decorated with paper turkeys, and orange and black paper balls hung from the ceiling. Proceeds will be used for fixing the kitchen at the fire house and for the benefit of the firemen in case of accident, or other trouble.

NOV. 29 & 30



FAMILY SHOW

Make arrangements now to see this fabulou fun-filled family motion picture . . . returned for your enjoyment and sponsored by The Farmville Volunteer Fire Department at the State Theatre, November 29 and 30.

It's all about a "Shaggy Dog" guy who will ta'e you through the laugh barrier with flubber (the goo that flew) . . . The faculty was dumb-founded, the co-eds cheered . . . His fliver went into orbit and the Pentagon went into a Panic!

Don't miss this laugh-filled movie . . . It's ab olutely FLUBBERgasting!

Born 91 years ago and baptized with fire, the Volunteer Fire Department has grown steadily in strength, public support and appreciation.

A volunteer organization, the local departm nt is manned by men who live in and near Farmville. These men bounce out of bed an time of night, and leave their jobs any time of the day to fight a fire that threatens you o anyone in the area.

The value of the fire department is best known to those who have had need of their services. You don't make an appointment with the fire department. When you need them, they will be there. In the last fiscal year the fire department had a good record. There was a reduced number of calls and the loss from fire was held to a minimum. This was due in part to the fine job of fire prevention sponsored by your fire department.

For those who were unfortunate enough to have a fire, they can appreciate the fact that the fire department saved approximately 65% of the value of the property involved in fires. There were some complete losses, but the property saved was twice as valuable as the loss involved.

There is considerable savings also to every p operty owner simply because we have a fire department. The savings on insurance prem ums alone is approximately $22,600 per year, because of a lower insurance rate earned by having the Farmville Volunteer Fire Department.

J. H. Forbes	President
T. W. Bloom ld	Town Manager
P. F. Gay	Fire Chief
J. F. Noel	Assistant Fire Chief
O. B. Blair	Captain
C. L. Spurlock, Jr.	First Lieutenant
H. L. Brinkley	Second Lieutenant
E. T. Forrester	First Fire Marshall
R. E. Fischer	Second Fire Marshall
Earl Johnson	Third Fire Marshall
L. B. Mckay	Secretary
L. C. Jones	Treasurer
H. W. Hancock	Property Sergeant
F. G. Lynn	First Fire Inspector
D. A. Bolick	Second Fire Inspector
E. E. Riddleberger	Chaplain

A. W. Covington
W. I. Kennedy, Jr.
W. D. Southall
Floyd Shumaker
K. L. Shanks
R. E. Phillips
W. B. Statzer
R. A. Ward
C. L. Fischer

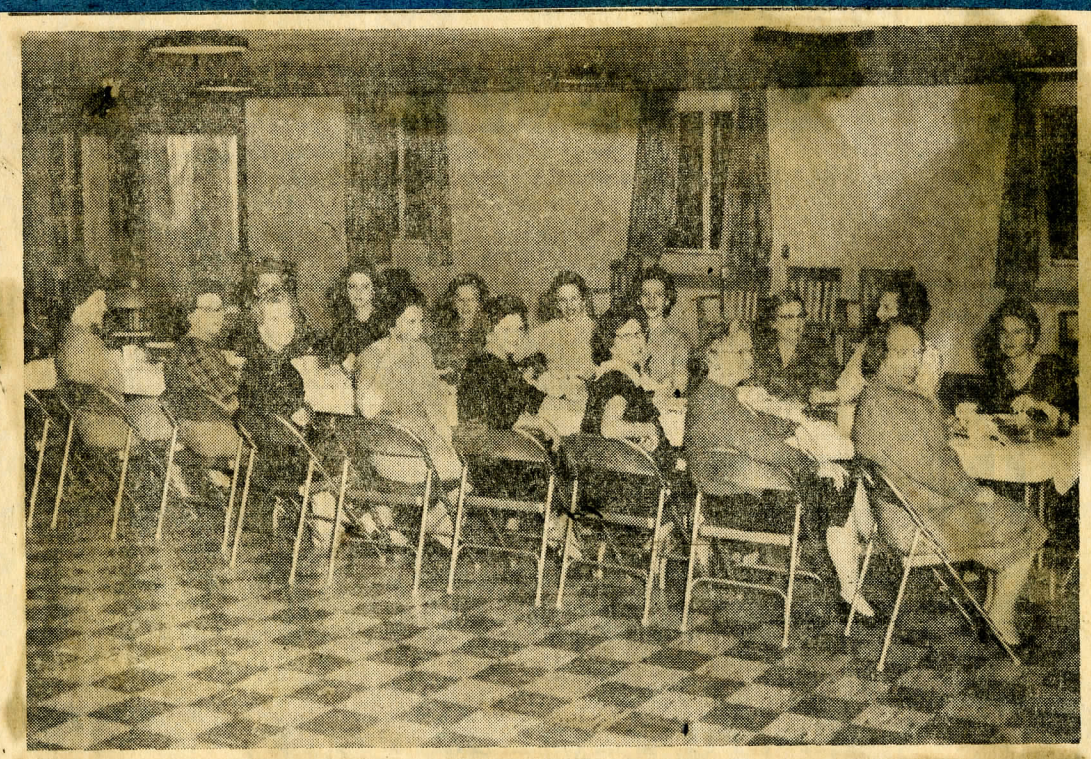
B. F. Higgins
T. J. Borum
J. P. Glenn
W. S. Hamilton
B. P. Smith
L. P. White
H. J. Word
T. P. Reynold, Jr.
G. N. Norman
H. K. Morrissette

AUXILIARY OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT is always on hand to provide a cup of coffee, and a bite to eat, just when the going gets the toughest. This is a tangible "Thank You" from the ladies, who realize what a fine job the Fire Department is doing.

1962-1963

Fire Department Auxiliary Officers

Officers for the Auxiliary of the Farmville Volunteer Fire Department were installed Wednesday evening at a banquet at the Weyanoke Hotel. On the front row are Mrs. Joan Shumaker, president, at left and Mrs. Naomi Word, outgoing president. Standing left to right are Mrs. Nan Higgins, secretary; Mrs. Thelma Forester, vice-president; Mrs. Ethel Southall, treasurer; and Mrs. Jane Gay, chaplain.



It's Their Turn To Be Served

The ladies' auxiliary to the Farmville Fire Department held a Pollyanna party and covered dish supper at the fire house Wednesday, Dec. 12. 1962

A Perfect Evening

The annual firemen's picnic was held at Trice's Lake on Saturday evening with approximately 150 persons attending. Guests were the police department, board of supervisors of Prince Edward county, the town council, their wives and children. The ladies' auxiliary of the fire department provided the supper.

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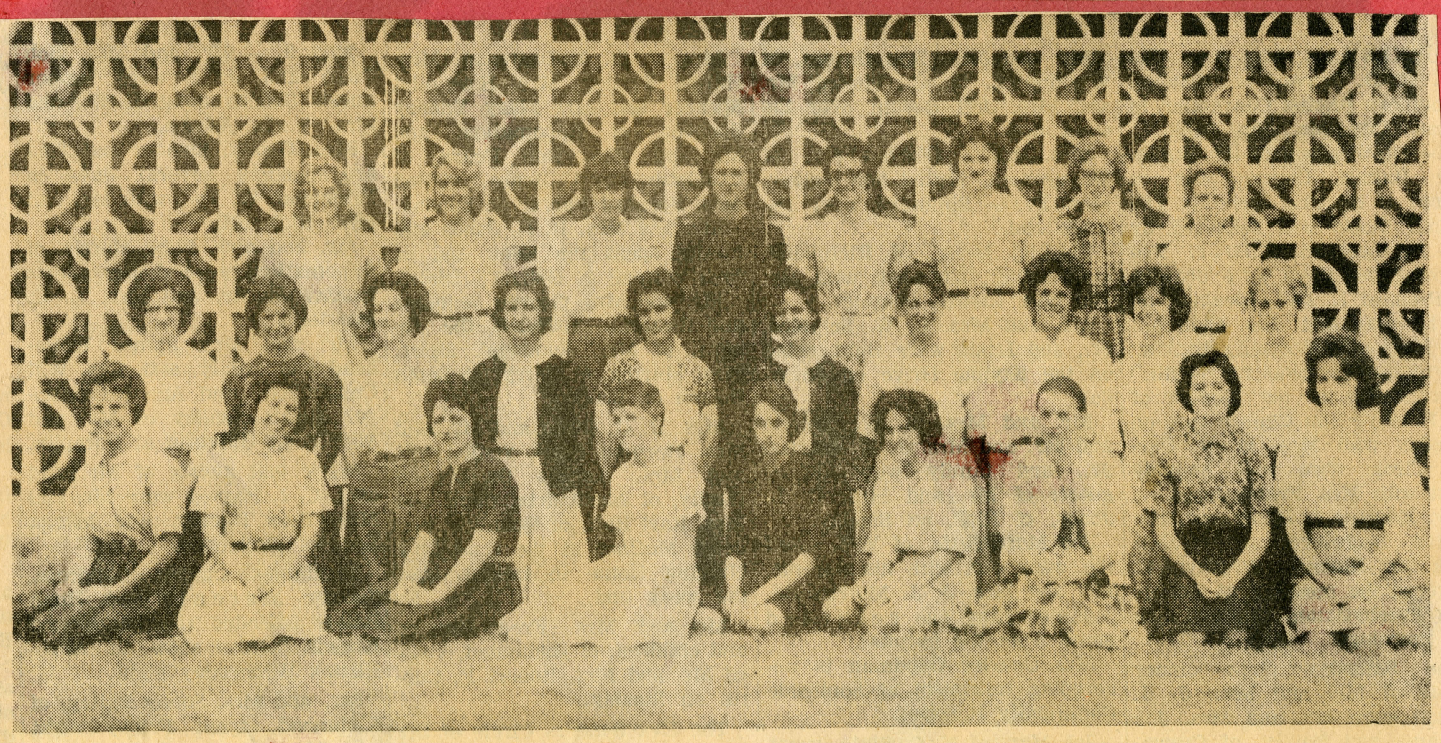
Cast Your Votes For "Miss Flame."

Seventeen of the 28 girls in the contest pose on the ladder truck this week, all hopeful of being chosen "Miss Flame" at the Fireman's Ball at the Armory on Saturday, June 8. Containers for the deposit of votes, at one cent each, are in the various stores sponsoring the different girls and proceeds will be used toward the purchase of a new call system for the firemen. The girl having the most money in her container will be crowned at the ball.



Who Will Be Crowned "Miss Flame?"

A contest to pick "Miss Flame" is being sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary for the Farmville Volunteer Fire Department. Your vote may determine the winner in the contest. Pictures and containers for each of the 29 girls in the contest are in the business establishments listed below. Votes are one cent each, and the girl having the most money in her container will be crowned "Miss Flame," at the Firemen's Ball at the Armory on Saturday, June 8, from 8:30 to 12. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of a new call system for firemen. Tickets are available from members of the auxiliary and the fire department. Girls in the contest and their sponsoring stores are, first row from left to right: Cheryl Noblin (Owen-Sanford), June Carol Ellington (Wash Bowl), Lou Swalley (Rose's 5 & 10), Karen Bailey (Gray's Drug Store), Andy Jones (Grant's), Avon Covington (Newman Chevrolet), Evelyn Hanna (Guinn's Restaurant), Shirley Cumpston (Leggett's), Dama Carol Dowdy (Collins Florist). Second row, from left, Shirley Yeatts (Harry's Barber Shop), Ann Frank (Chappell's). Sandra Eddins (Southside Sundry), Diana Walker (Martin's), Carolyn Gates (Baldwin's), Martha Sue Hamersly (Baldwins), Peggy Ghee (Baldwin's), Judy Baldwin (Baldwin's), Patsy Morton (Dorothy May), Linda King (Va. Tel & Tel.). Third row, from left, Ann Mull (Sear Roebuck), Celia Carter (Vanity Beauty Shop), Carolyn Fischer (College Shoppe), Ann Ellington (Newberry's), Edith Ann Carter (Farmers Supply), Linda Sheffield (Smitty Bros.), Sally Watkins (People's Nat. Bk.), Carolyn Wood (College Shoppe). Absent from pictures are Carolyn Loan (Safeway) and Katherine Yancey (Davidson's).

Firemen And Auxiliary To Attend Services

Members of the Farmville Volunteer Fire Department and the Ladies Auxiliary will attend the Farmville Baptist Church, Sunday night, March 31 at 8 p. m. as a group in commemoration of the deceased firemen in the State of Virginia. 1963

'Mother' Travers Dies; Founded State Auxiliary

Mrs. Mary E. (Mother) Travers, beloved organizer of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Virginia State Firemen's Association, died in Alexandria Hospital of a heart attack Oct. 18. 1962

Born in Denver, Col., Feb. 22, 1885, the daughter of Sarah and Charles Hackney, she married John W. Travers in Washington, D. C., Aug. 31, 1903. Mr. Travers, an Alexandria volunteer fireman, died Aug. 19, 1950, following attendance of his 50th State Convention in Norfolk.

Mother Travers organized the Alexandria Ladies Auxiliary in 1925 and the State Auxiliary at the State Convention held at Ocean View in 1928.

Mrs. Travers also was a past councilor of Mount Vernon Council, Daughters of America, and was a member of Martha Washington Council No. 4, Daughters of America.

Survivors are [illegible] two daughters, Mrs. [illegible] (Margaret) Tyler, and Mrs. Helen E. Williams, the latter a member of the

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MARY E. (MOTHER) TRAVERS

'Mother' Travers Dies, Founded State Auxiliary

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advertising staff of the Alexandria Gazette; three grandchildren, James B. Williams, III, Mrs. John W. Owen, Jr., and Mrs. Frank G. Schwall, Jr., and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at Demaine Memorial Chapel, 520 South Washington St., at 2:30 p.m., Oct. 20. Clergymen officiating were the Rev. Jack Coffey, pastor of the Downtown Baptist Church (Mother's Church) and the Rev. Frank C. Schwall, Jr., pastor of College Avenue Baptist Church, Bluefield, W. Va. (Mother's grandson-in-law).

Active pallbearers were: Capt. James Ross, William Lyons, Eugene White, Hugh Carson, Jerry Lewis and Robert Morris. The honor guard was Capt. Leonard Devers, Engine Co. No. 2 and Rescue Squad, and Noble Smith, president, Columbia Engine Co., No. 4. Honorary pallbearers were off-duty paid firemen and volunteer firemen in uniform.

Interment was in Ivy Hill Cemetery, Alexandria.

LADIES AUXILIARY
to the
FARMVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

April 1, 1963

Dear Mr. Dalh,

Each year the Governor of Virginia sets aside the month of April as state Dogwood Button sale to benefit Farmville and all volunteer firemen in the state of Virginia.

The Farmville Fire Department is a VOLUNTEER organization and its men devote many hours to the service to YOU and your community. No matter what time they are called, day and night, they are ready to render service for your protection and safety.

We urge you to make a contribution to the Ladies Auxiliary to the Farmville Fire Department showing your appreciation to these firemen who so loyally serve you. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convience.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Irene C. Spurlock

(Mrs.) Irene C. Spurlock,
Chairman Firemen Relief Fund
414 Watson Street
Farmville, Virginia

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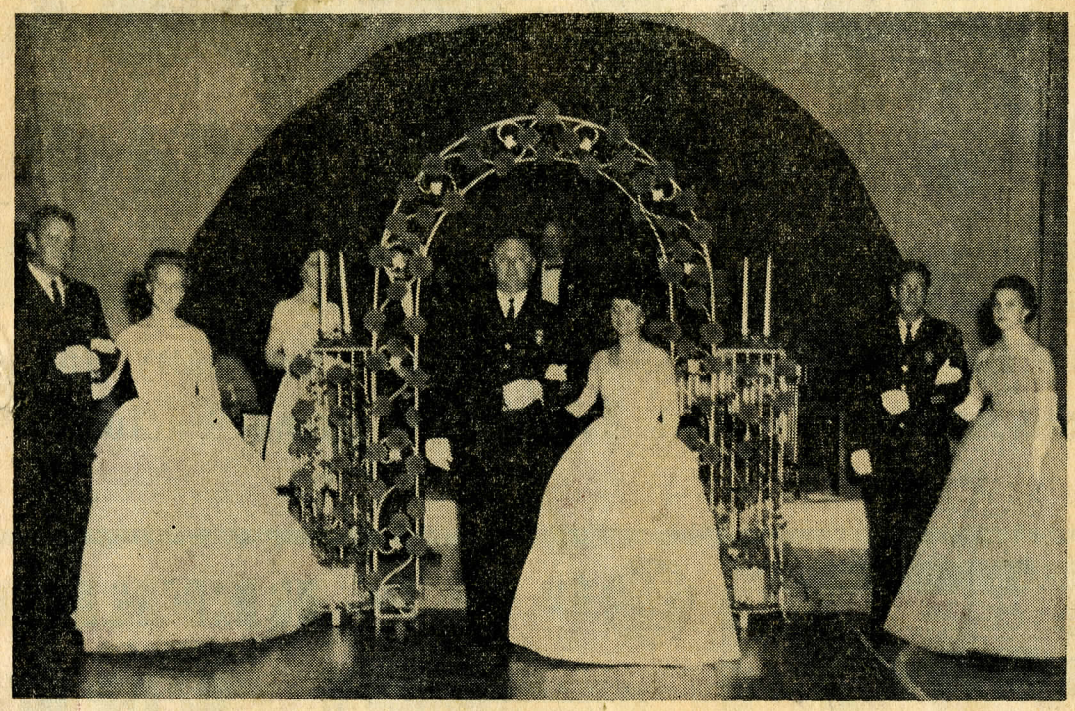

Lou Swalley, 'Miss Flame, 1963' is escorted by Fire Chief P. F. Gay, center, after winning her title Saturday night. First runner-up, Evelyn Hanna, is escorted by Assistant Chief John Noel at right, while Carolyn Wood, second runner-up, is escorted by Fireman Walter Southall.

Lou Swalley Wins

Miss Flame Contest Nets Farmville Firemen $700

The Farmville Fire Department's 'Miss Flame' contest, in which the title went to Miss Lou Swalley, of Throck, exceeded all expectations as more than $700 was realized, a Department announcement indicated today.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Swalley, Lou raised $143.50 in the coin-box competition where the rule was a vote for each penny contributed.

The first 'Miss Flame' was crowned by Mayor W. F. Watkins, Jr., during the benefit dance Saturday night at Farmville Armory. That event added more to the fund being raised by firemen toward the purchase of a new 'squawk box' calling system for alerting firemen when the fire alarm sounds.

Runners-Up

Evelyn Hanna who raised $141 was first runner-up and Carolyn Wood, with $108, was second runner-up. Evelyn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Hanna, of Farmville, and Carolyn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert N. Wood, also of Farmville.

So successful was the event that firemen announced today, they will continue it each year in May as one of their benefit fund events. A plan is now underway to have the first 'Miss Flame' and her annual successors reign for the intervening year. She will appear and hold a place of honor at events sponsored by, or participated in, by members of the Department.

Seek Funds

The calling system providing individual stations at the homes of firemen with alarm messages coming in from a central dispatch station is estimated to cost $4,000. Firemen have indicated they will ask $1,500 each from the Farmville Town Council and Prince Edward board of supervisors. They will raise the remaining $1,000.

Thanks to the first Miss Flame contest and an enterprising band of contestants, the firemen's goal is nearly reached.

Miss Flame To Be Crowned Saturday

"Miss Flame" will be crowned Saturday night at the Fireman's Ball in the Farmville Memorial Armory.

Containers for the deposit of votes, at one cent each are in the various stores sponsoring the 28 girls. Proceeds will be used toward the purchase of a new call system of the fire department. The girl having the most money in her container will be crowned at the ball.

(Pritchett Photo)

Girl, 16, Wins

Melinda Lou Swalley, 16, a Prince Edward Academy student, was crowned Miss Flame Saturday night by Mayor W. F. Watkins Jr. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Swalley. The contest was staged by the Farmville fireman's auxiliary.

"Miss Flame" And Delegates Leave For Convention

Five delegates have left for Phoebus to attend the State Firemen's Convention there Aug. 12-15. Representing the Farmville Fire Department and auxiliary are Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Higgins, Ralph Fischer, Earl Johnson, and Mrs. Phillip Gay.

Miss Lou Swalley, "Miss Flame," is leaving on Tuesday to attend the convention and will ride in the fireman's parade in Norfolk. She will also attend the Southside Fireman's Convention to be held one day, Aug. 21, in Alberta.

1963

Fireman's Auxiliary

The members of the auxiliary held a covered dish supper and Pollyanna party in the meeting room of the Farmville Fire Department last Wednesday night. New members taken in were Rockie Allen, Jean Arrington, Grace Gordon, Emma Henderson, Anne Parker, Cookie Seamster, and Barbara Womack.

Ladies Auxiliary Formed To Prospect Fire Department

PROSPECT, May 7 — An auxiliary to the Prospect Fire Department was organized at a meeting held Monday night in the Masonic Building.

Mrs. Nan Higgins of the Farmville Fire Department Auxiliary, installed Mrs. Jack Campbell as president, Mrs. Lewis Johnson, vice president; Mrs. Christine Toadvine as secretary; Mrs. Jack Bucknam, treasurer, and Mrs. Bertha Brisentine, chaplain.

Sallye Smith, former member of the Prospect 4-H Club, presented $21 to the new treasurer. This was the balance in the treasury of the 4-H club.

Queen

1963

Miss Lou Swalley, Farmville's "Miss Flame" is shown above at the Southside Virginia Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention at Alberta, Wednesday, Aug. 21.

New "Miss Flame" Will Be Crowned Saturday

A new "Miss Flame" will be crowned Saturday night at the Farmville Armory. The events get underway at 8 p.m. to be followed by a dance. The winner will be the official representative of the local fire company in a year full of activity.

From the time Miss Lou Swalley received her crown as "Miss Flame" last year, she has had a full year of activity.

After she was crowned, Miss Swalley attended the State Firemen's Convention in Phoebus, in August, representing the Farmville company in the parade and dances, together with other Miss Flames from all over the state.

She also attended the Southside Virginia Firemen's Convention and parade in Emporia in August. In September, she was in the tournament parade at Farmville.

"Miss Flame of Farmville" was kept quite busy during the Christmas season, as she participated in five parades ranging from Lynchburg to South Hill.

Miss Swalley was a special guest at the Farmville company's banquets both at Christmans and Valentine's Day.

Last Wednesday, she was the official representative at the Dogwood Festival in Charlottesville, and on Thursday went to Winchester to be in the Apple Blossom Festival, participating in the beauty contest and parade. She also helped judge the majorettes and attended the firemen's dance last Thursday night.

The climax of her year's reign will come Saturday night, as she crowns a new "Miss Flame" who will start a new year of representing the Farmville Fire Department.

Her major comment on the year's reign is summed up succinctly, "Had a marvelous time."

MISS LOU SWALLEY
To Crown New Miss Flame

Contestants In Second "Miss Flame" Contest

"MISS FLAME" is being sponored by the Farmville Volunteer Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary to the Fire Department. Pictures and containers have been placed in down town stores. Votes are one cent each, and the girl having the most money in her coin box will be crowned "Miss Flame" at the Firemen's Ball at the Armory on Saturday, May 9, from 8:30 to 12 midnight. Contestants, are, from left to right, Juanita Henderson, Vicki Martin, Dama Carole Dowdy, Cheryl Noblin, Anita Campbell, Shirley Lawrence, Marianna Tucker, Ruth Doyne, Shirley Yeatts, Anne Frank, Sandra Noble, Peggy Jo Johnson, Ann Mull, Penny Bain, Nancy Farley.

4 More "Miss Flame" Contestants

If you are voting for one of these girls, their ballot boxes will be found at the following stores: for Dama Dowdy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dowdy, Owen-Sanford; Jaunita Henderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Henderson, at Martin's; Shirley Lawrence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Lawrence, Wilson's Texaco Station; Maryanna Tucker, Southside Sundry. The winner of the "Miss Flame" contest will participate in all Firemen's activities during the year. One of the outstanding events for Miss Flame will be to attend the State Firemen's Association Convention as a contestant in the State Firemen's contest to be held in Staunton, Aug. 3-7.

Will One Of These Be "Miss Flame?"

RMVILLE (Va.) HERALD, TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 1964

More Entries In A Hot Contest

These four girls complete the sixteen entries in the "Miss Flame" contest now going on to raise money for the volunteer fire department. From left to right the girls are Ann Frank, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Frank; Penny Bain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Bain; Shirley Yeatts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert A. Yeatts, and Peggy Jo Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Johnson. Vote for Ann at the Dorothy Mae store; for Penny at Home Furniture; for Shirley at Vaughan's Grocery Store, and Peggy at Longwood Jewelers.

Four "Miss Flame" Contestants

Posing before the fire truck of the Farmville Volunteer Fire Department are Miss Sandra Noble, sponsored by the First National Bank; Miss Cheryl Noblin, one of two girls sponsored by Baldwin's; Miss Ruth Doyne, sponsored by the Peoples National Bank; and Miss Nancy Farley, the other girl sponsored by Baldwin's Store. Vote for the girl of your choice and help the local fire department. "Miss Flame" will be announced at the Fireman's Ball at the Armory on Saturday, May 9.

Queen - 1964

THE FARMVIILE (Va.) HERALD, TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1964

The 1964 "Miss Flame"

Miss Evelyn Carol Hanna, 18, daughter and only child of Mr. and Mrs. Russell H. Hanna, was crowned "Miss Flame" at the Firemen's Ball in the Farmville Armory, Saturday night. Her escort was Nason Arrington of the Farmville Volunteer Fire Department. The senior at Prince Edward Academy says her only hobby is dancing. A homebody, she has decided to get a job after graduation and stay at home. "Miss Flame" will participate in all firemen's activities during the year. One of the outstanding events will be to attend the Virginia State Firemen's Association convention as a contestant in their "Miss Flame" contest in Staunton, August 3-7. The queen will be selected on Wednesday, Aug. 5 and will be crowned at the Coronation Ball. On Friday she will have a featured spot in the parade.

"Miss Flame"

1963 - 1964

While Tommy Jenkins, member of the Farmville Volunteer Fire Department, holds the bucket of paint, "Miss Flame" decides some paint and weed cutting are needed around one of the town fireplugs, before she leaves for the state "Miss Flame" contest.

Miss Flame To Attend State Firemen's Covention, Aug. 3-7

Farmville's "Miss Flame" will attend the Virginia State Firemen's Convention in Staunton, August 3-7. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell R. Hanna, Miss Evelyn Carol Hanna, 18, will compete for the title, "State Miss Flame."

On the program for Monday is a swimming party and a concert by the Stonewall Brigade Band in Gypsy Hill Park. The dedication of a dogwood tree in the park in memory of the deceased firemen in the state will take place at 6 p.m.

Tuesday's entertainment includes tours of historic sites nearby, and a dance at Crafton's Park.

A chicken barbecue at the Gypsy Hill Park pool will take place on Wednesday and will be followed by a hootenanny, and the selection of "State Miss Flame" at 8 p.m. will build up into a shirt tail parade at 11 p.m.

A pancake supper will precede the grand ball and crowning of "Miss Flame" at 9 p.m. at the Armory in a mock Mardi Gras Thursday night.

On Friday, the activities will end with a parade at 10 a.m. in which the new "State Miss Flame" will have a featured part.

"Farmville's "Miss Flame" is a 1964 graduate of Prince Edward Academy whose only hobby is dancing. She does not plan to go to college but will get a job and stay at home, being a "homebody" and only child. Evelyn is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

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Mr. and Mrs. Russell R. Hanna and daughter, Evelyn Carol, who is "Miss Flame," are leaving today (Monday) for Staunton where they will attend the Virginia State Firemen's Association convention. Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gay will attend, and Ralph Fischer and Earl Johnson will attend as delegates from he Farmville Voluneer Fire Department.

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"Miss Flame"

Evelyn Carol Hanna rides in the Firemans' parade at Chase City on Wednesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Hanna and daughter, Miss Evelyn Hanna, "Miss Flame," have returned after attending the State Volunteer Firemen's Convention at Staunton. "Miss Flame" will go to Chase City on Wednesday to be in a fireman's parade there.

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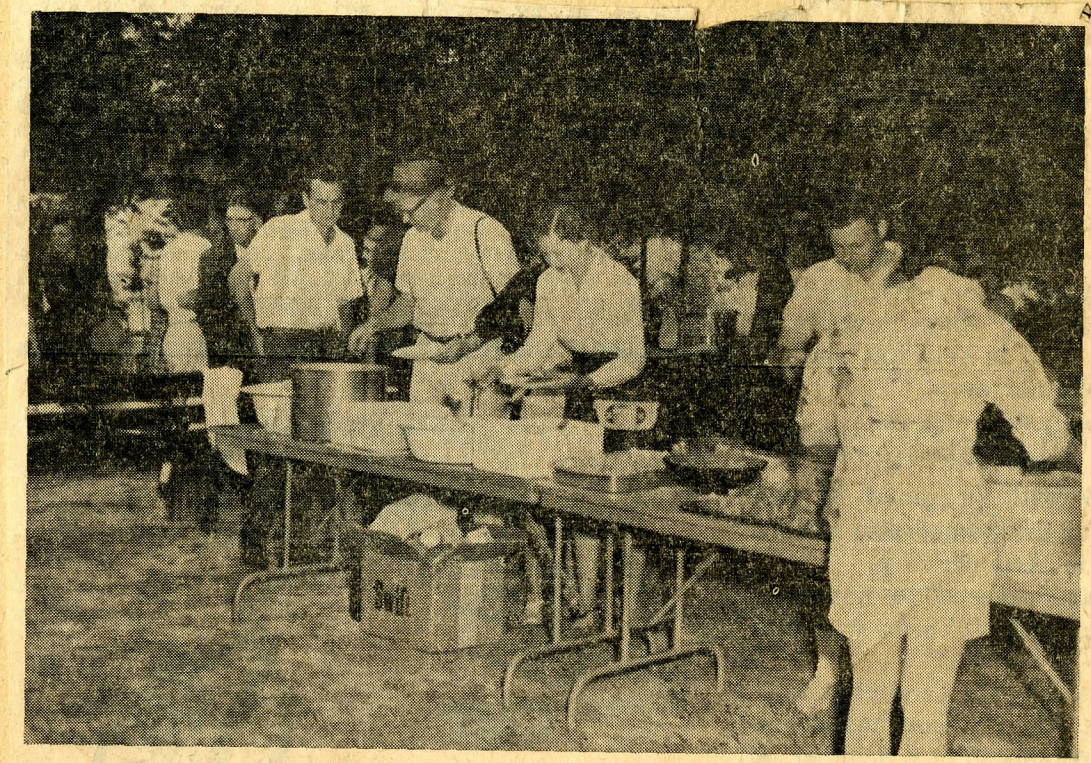

Firemen's Picnic Enjoyed

Members of the Farmville Volunteer Fire Department held a picnic at Landon Atkins' lake in Cumberland County on Saturday evening. Pictured in the foreground are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Womack, Mrs. Edward Parker, O. B. Blair and Bobby Ward.

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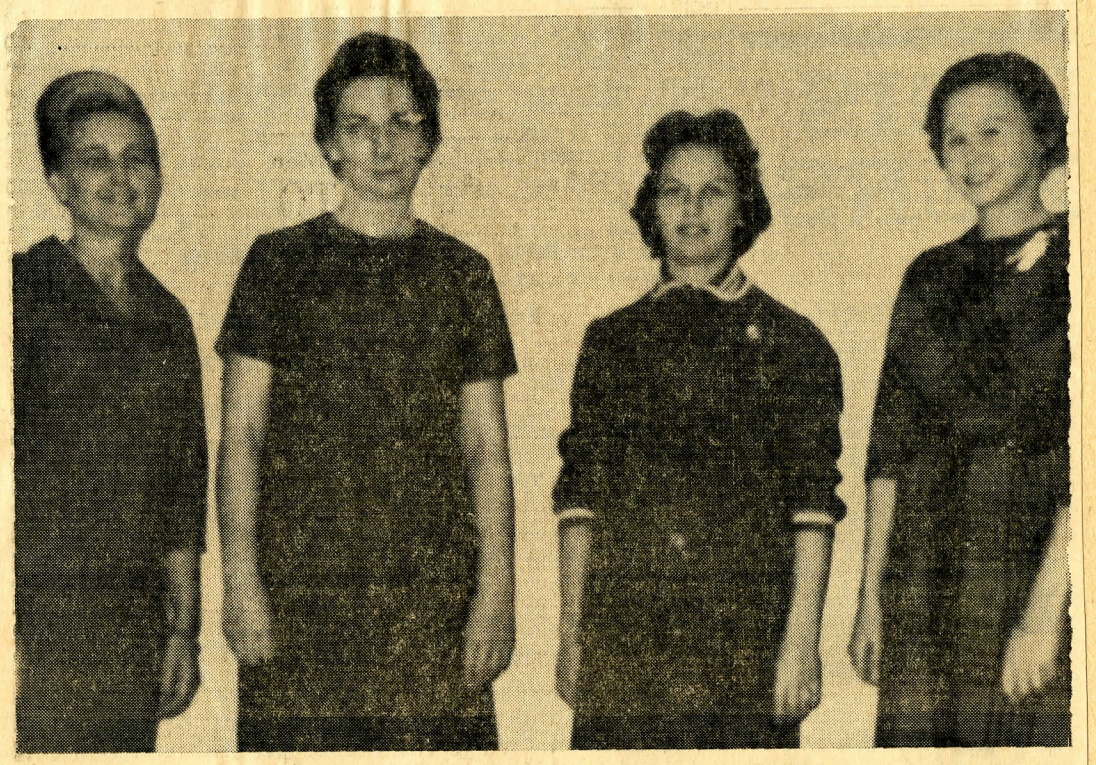

In Fire Department Auxiliary

New officers were elected at a banquet in the Hotel Weyanoke, Oct. 28, when the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Farmville Fire Department ended their organization year. New president is Mrs. Harry Brinkley, left; Mrs. Luther Henderson, vice president; Mrs. Earl Seamster, secretary, and Mrs. Edward Parker, chaplin. Mrs. Grace V. Gordon is the treasurer but was not present for the picture.

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27 Contestants, But Only One 'Miss Flame'

These young ladies, all Prince Edward Academy students, will vie, at a penny a vote, for the 1965 title of 'Miss Flame', who becomes the Farmville Fire Department's all-events princess for a year. Above are 22 of the 27 contestants, Nancy Covington, Jackie Tucker, Jackie Henderson, Juanita Henderson, Betty Franklin, Brenda Bailey, Mabelle Lynn, Patricia Slayton, Emily Yeatts, Carolyn Kelly, Alice Lindsey, Darlene Ferguson, Faye Hamilton, Jeanette Slayton, Ruth Doyne, Judy Womack, Katherine Reynolds, Carol Loar, Shirley Cumpston, Ann Mull, Nancy Hailey and Oris Smith. Not present for the picture were Brenda Roberts, Sherry Overton, Ann Reid, Donna Mahan, and Donna Dowdy.

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Five Aspirants To The Title "Miss Flame"

Among the contestants will be (from left to right) Carolyn Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Kelly; Darlene Ferguson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Ferguson; Nancy Hailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hailey; Brenda Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Bailey, and Betty Ann Franklin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Franklin. Mrs. Philip Gay of the Fire Department Auxiliary, is chairman for the contest which will be held Saturday, April 17.

THE FARMVILLE (Va.) HERALD, TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 1965

"Miss Flame Contest" Getting Hotter And Hotter

With the date of the Miss Flame contest drawing near, pennies are jingling in the voting boxes, as votes are cast at the rate of one cent each. Shown above, left to right, are Jackie Tucker, Nancy Covington, Ann Scott, Patricia Slayton and Faye Hamilton, who are among the contestants for this year's honor. Miss Flame of the Farmville Fire Department will be crowned at a dance to be held Saturday, April 17.

FARMVILLE, VIRGINIA, FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1965

Is The Winner Among These?

Five more entrants in the "Miss Flame" contest are shown today and each hopes that she will be the winner in the contest and be honored at the dance to be held in the Armory on Saturday, April 17. Shown are, from left to right, Gwenda Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Roberts; Jackie Henderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Henderson; Sherry Overton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Overton; Emily Yeatts, daughter of Mrs. C. N. Yeatts, and Alice Lindsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee C. Lindsey.

THE FARMVILLE (Va.) HERALD, FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 1965

Five More Entries In Contest

Things are warming up for these "Miss Flame" contest entries and the others preceding them in Herald pictures. In the front row, from left, are Jeanette Slayton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Slayton; Mary Charles Johnson, daughter of Mr. and C. L. Johnson, and Katherine Reynolds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Reyonlds. At rear, from left, are Ann Mull, daughter of Mrs. T. J. Mull; Shirley Cumpston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Cumpston, and Dama Carol Dowdy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dowdy. Winner of the contest will be crowned at the dance to be given at the Armory on Saturday, April 1.

Fireman's Ball Tickets Available

Tickets for the annual Firemen's Ball Saturday, April 17, and door prize, a 1965 Corvair, are available for purchase from any member of the Farmville Fire Department.

The crowning of 'Miss Flame' for 1965 will take place during the evening's program at Farmville Memorial Armory.

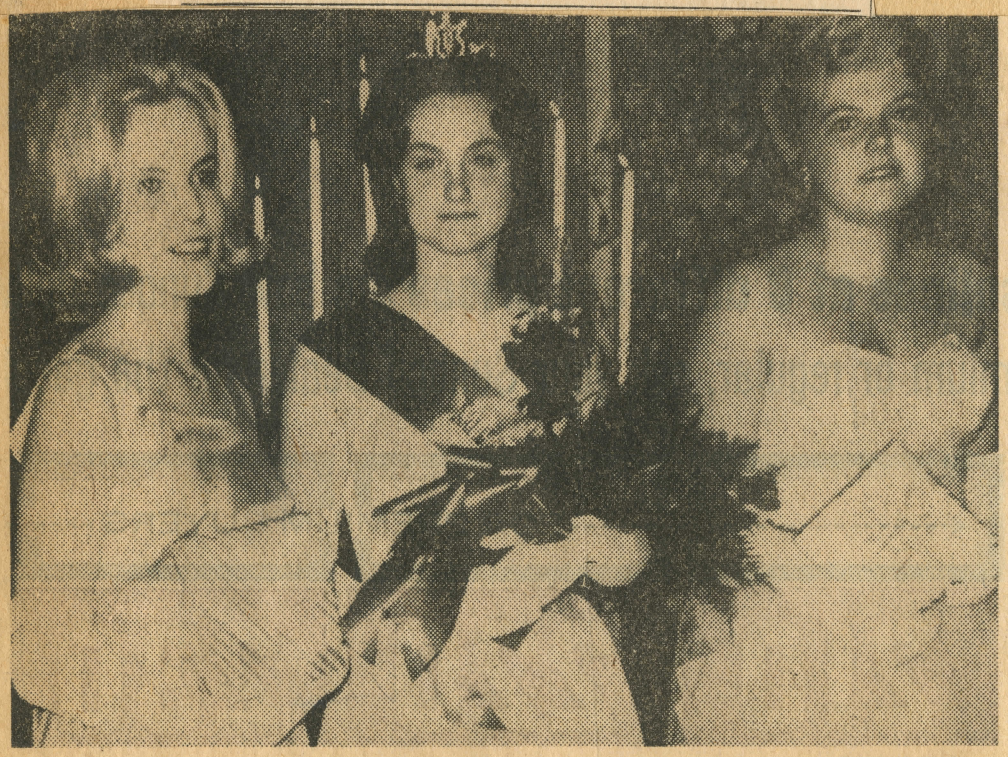
Proceeds from the event will be used for the Firemen's Sports Arena building fund. Voting for the various Miss Flame candidates is going on now through penny-a-vote containers at downtown stores.

"Vote For Me Say These 18 And 12 More!"

These 18 contestants in the "Miss Flame" contest line up in front of the hook and ladder truck of the Farmville Volunteer Fire Department which, together with its auxiliary, sponsors the contest and dance which will be held on Saturday night, April 17, from 9 p.m. until 12 midnight. The winner with the most votes will be crowned at the dance. Please vote now, the members of the auxiliary ask. The contestants and the location of their container are: Brenda Bailey, Leggett's; Nancy Covington, Newman's Chevrolet; Shirley Cumpston, Southside Sundry; Dama Carole Dowdy, Baldwin's; Ruth Doyne, Martin Jewelers; Darlene Ferguson, Ruth's Beauty Salon; Betty Franklin, Newberry's; Nancy Hailey, Bowling Alley; Kathy Hale, A & P Grocery; Faye Hamilton, Newman's Chevrolet; Jackie Henderson, Baldwin's; Jaunita Henderson, Dorothy May Store; Mari Charles Johnson, Gray's Drug Store; Carolyn Kelly, Leggett's; Alice Lindsey, Economy Grocery; Carol Loan, Virginia National Bank; Mabelle Lynn, DeLuxe Cleaners; Ann Mull, Sears-Roebuck; Sherry Overton, Grant's; Ann Reid, Hub Bootery; Katherine Reynolds, Craddock-Terry; Gwenda Roberts, College Shoppe; Ann Scott, Owen-Sanford; Jeannette Slayton, The Hub; Patricia Slayton, Leggett's; Iris Smith, Smitty Brothers; Jackie Tucker, First National Bank; Judy Womack, Cedar Brook; Emily Yeatts, Chappell's; Shirley Yeatts, Harry's Barber Shop.

Time Is Short But They Hope

These last seven girls to be pictured in the "Miss Flame" contest are each hoping to be the winner at the dance to be held in the Armory on Saturday night, April 17, when she will be crowned. It only cost one cent a vote and these will be piling up for the 30 contestants during the last week before the final event. From left to right, front row, Judy Womack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Womack; Carol Loan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Loan; and Mabelle Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Lynn. Back row from left, Kathy Hale, daughter of W. B. Hale, Jr.; Ruth Doyne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Doyne; Juanita Henderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Henderson; and Ann Reid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Reid.



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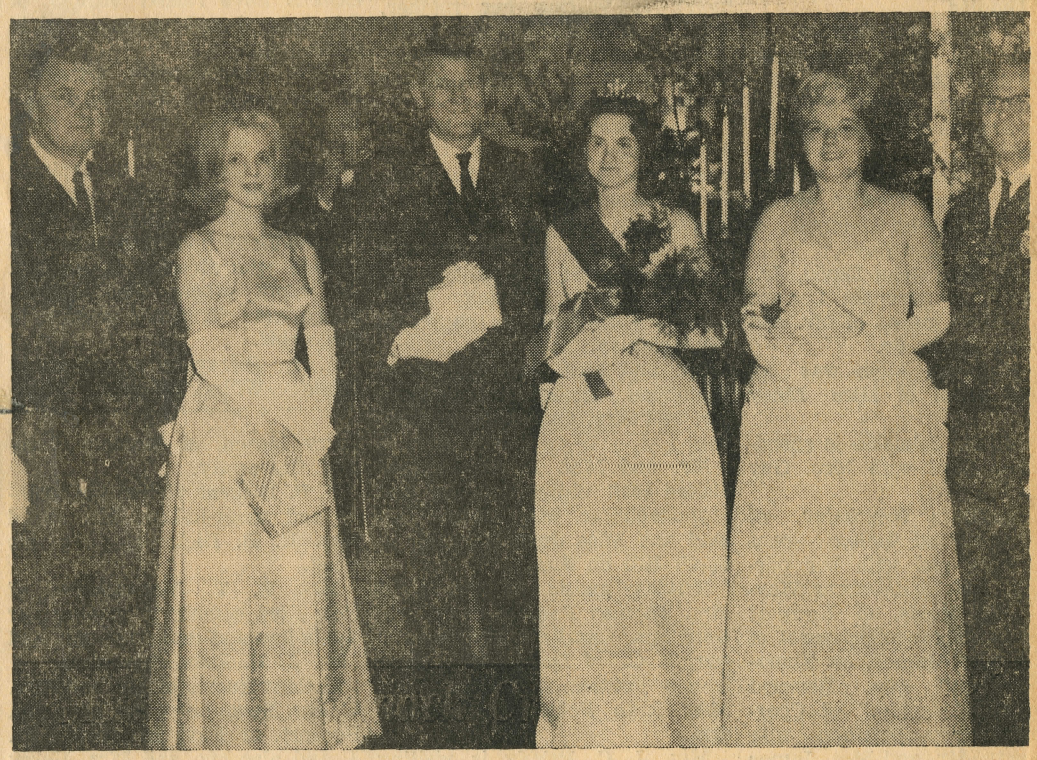
Farmville Finalists

Judy Womack, 18, center, a senior at Prince Edward Academy, is Farmville's new Miss Flame. She was selected from among 30 contestants at a week end pageant sponsored by the fire department auxiliary. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Womack. Faye Hamilton, 16, right, was first runner-up, and Dama Carol Dowdy, 17, left, second runner-up.



Miss Judy Womack Crowned 'Miss Flame"

Miss Judy Womack, center, was crowned "Miss Flame" of the Farmville Fire Department at the dance Saturday evening. The new "Miss Flame," an 18 year old senior at Prince Edward Academy, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Womack. Faye Hamilton, 16, at right, was first runner up, and Dama Carol Dowdy, at left, was second runner up. Members of the fire department left to right, are Walter Southall, John Glenn and William S. Hamilton. The contest, sponsored by the Fire Departm Auxiliary, was termed a "great success. new automobile, given away at the da was won by Dickie Fore, Rt. 6, Farmv Proceeds from the event will be used tov a new sports arena, to be constructed by local firemen.

Fire Department Auxiliary Officers

New officers were elected Wednesday night at the meeting of the Fire Department Auxiliary. From left to right they are Mrs. Earl Seamster, vice president; Mrs. C. M. Redd, chaplain; Mrs. C. L. Spurlock, Jr., president; Mrs. Harry Brinkley, retiring president; Mrs. O. V. Blair, secretary; Mrs. Harold Word, assistant treasurer, and Mrs. William S. Hamilton, treasurer.

Two Volunteer Firemen Bring New Skills To Fighting Here

Proficiency in firemanship, although it is welcomed with open arms by a public with property to protect, doesn't come on trees.

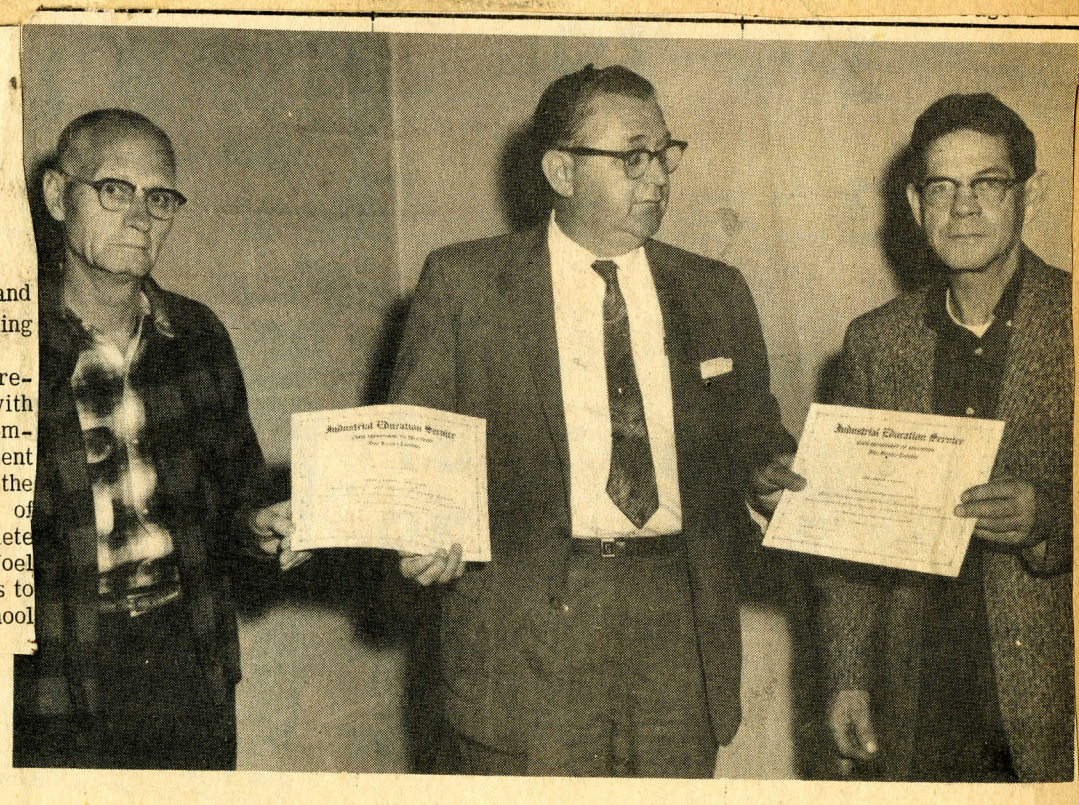
It comes hard as witness the certificates earned recently by two officers in the Farmville Volunteer Fire Company, John F. Noel, captain and training officer, and Earl Johnson, fire marshal and fire prevention inspector.

To win the certificates in 'Advanced' firemanship, the two devoted one week for each of the last three years to schooling at South Boston, plus the travel and time associated with the training.

In addition, Noel and Johnson had to complete the requisite basic and standard firemanship training prior to taking the advanced course. Work and study on the first two is accomplished at the home company with the assistance of State Department of Education instructors.

The advanced training was given at the South Boston Fire School, a regional training station used by the Industrial Education Service of the State Department of Education's Division of Vocational Education. It includes instruction in techniques for handling hose, ladders and pumps; understanding of ventilation and structural aspects of fire-fighting; fire prevention and fire rescue work, and handling liquid petroleum fires.

The training portion of fire-fighting is a serious matter with volunteers in the Farmville Company. For example, 70 per cent of the company has completed the basic and standard phases of firemanship. More will complete the advanced work, as have Noel and Johnson, as opportunities to attend the South Boston school arise.



ADVANCED FIREMENSHIP certificates are presented to John F. Noel, right, and Earl Johnson by Fire Chief P. F. Gay, center. The presentation climaxed three years' effort.

Escorts For The "Miss Flame" Contest

These volunteer firemen and an additional seven will escort the contestants in the "Miss Flame" contest at the dance and crowning to be held in the Farmville Armory on Saturday evening, May 21. Chief Philip Gay will escort last year's "Miss Flame," Miss Judy Womack. Pictured are, from left, front row: William Allen, Richard Wallace, Elbert Womack, Harry Brinkley, Ralph Fischer, and Lester Jones; second row, Lewis Spurlock, Edward Parker, Lloyd McKay, Walter Southall, and Chief Gay. Escorts not pictured are Philip Bailey, Earl Seamster, A. W. Covington, Bill Statzer, Howard Hancock, Jack Leatherwood, John P. Glenn, and Tommy Jenkins.

MISS FLAME CONTESTANTS 1966

Not To Be Outdone In Space

Five more contestants in the "Miss Flame" contest decided to take to the air, too, when they saw the first group on the aerial ladder at the fire house. Pictured from left to right are Shirley Scruggs for whom votes may be cast at Rose's Store; Sandra Claybrook, at the Vanity Beauty Shop; Faye Hamilton, at First National Bank; Alice Lindsey, at Farmville Cafe; and Gwenda Roberts, at Chappell's. They all hope to be "Miss Flame."

More "Miss Flame" Contestants

Not to be outdone by the other 10 contestants, these five decided they would try a climb on the aerial ladder on the fire truck, too. The contest will close with a dance on May 21, when the winning contestant will be crowned "Miss Flame." Votes for these girls may be deposited in canisters at the following places o business: from left, Edna Carwile, Leggetts; Connie Lindsey, Dorothy May; Ann Jacobs, Baldwins; Lucy Barksdale, Gray's Drug Store; and Ethel Statzer, Owen-Sanford.

Last Three "Miss Flame" Contestants

These three girls decided to try out the fire hose one day, deciding this one was small enough for them to handle Holding it, from left, is Carolyn Kelly whose canister for voting is at the Record Shop, Linda Hodges for whom votes may be cast at Baldwin's, and Ruth Doyne, whose canister is at Martin the Jeweler's.

"Miss Flame"
1966-1967
Mary Stuart Atkins
Escort
Earl Seamster