Wood Burning Stoves Can Cause **Health Problems**

Wood-burning stoves are fast becoming a popular way to heat homes in the Duplin County area, and abandoned scrap wood is often seen as a cheap fuel source. However, the burning of treated wood and playwood can cause serious health problems, according to Duplin County Health Director Joe Costin.

"Wood used for building is often treated with a preservative. These include creosote, pentachlorphenol and a mixture containing copper, chromium and arse-

nic. There are a number of documented cases of poisoning as a result of burning CCA treated wood in fireplaces," Costin said. "Toxic metals such as chromium, copper and arsenic can accumulate in fireplace dirt, dust and ash. Exposure to these toxic metals can result from breathing airborne particles or from direct contact with

In the case of wood treated with creosote and Penta. toxic gases can be emitted and inhaled. Burning wood that has been painted with a

lead-based paint is a po-tential source of lead poisoning, as is the burning of battery cases.

"In one case, every member of a family of eight had symptoms which in-cluded conjunctivitis, bronchitis, pneumonia, sensory hyperesthesia of the arms and legs, muscle cramps, dermatitis over the arms, legs and soles of the feet, nosebleeds, ear infections, blackouts and seizures, gastrointestinal disturbances, and loss of hair," Costin said. "An investigation determined that the father had been heating the kitchen and living area of the house by burning scraps of outdoorgrade wood and plywood in a small wood-burning stove."

The wood-treating industry is well aware of the dangers of burning treated wood and cautions against its use. The Duplin County health department is also urging against the burning of treated wood.

"The money you might save by using this readily available wood is not worth the risk to your family's health," Costin added.

Kenansville Chamber Officers Take Office At **Annual Banquet**

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will begin with a dinner Mattie Minshew. catered by The Graham House Inn. The cost will be made by Jan. 23.

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All Chamber members are will be held Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. urged to attend to meet the The meeting will be held in new officers for 1984. The the basement of Production board members for 1984 are: Credit/Federal Land Bank Amos Brinson, Charles Inuilding in Kenansville. gram, Chuck Hughes, Gray
The guest speaker will be Morgan, Paul Phillips, John Ed Walker, president of the Ramirez, Mattie Minshew state Chamber of Commerce and Charles Sharpe. The new and Pitt/Greenville Chamber officers to be sworn in are of Commerce. His topic is President Charles Sharpe, Vice President Grav The installation banquet Morgan and Treasurer

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