

HOLDEN BEACH town officials are being sued for more than \$40,000 to pay for this beach cottage that was destroyed by fire last February. The owner, Edith Chance of Fayetteville, claims a turned off fire hydrant hindered Tri-Beach Volunteer firemen from saving the home

hydrant was turned off and to state

the reason why it was not in opera-

tion at the time of the fire. It also

asks if an investigation or inquiry was made to determine why the

hydrant was not turned on so that

Williams is also asking the town to

supply any reports or written records

made regarding the fact that the

hydrant was turned off. A list of the

names and titles of town employees

to keep operational the hydrant" has

also been requested by the attorney's

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'whose duty and responsibility it was

water could be obtained.

office.

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## Dry Hydrant Leads To Holden Beach Lawsuit

had "no value."

around \$40,000, according to the suit

filed by Wilmington attorney Lonnie

B. Williams. After the fire, the home

Ms. Chance also incurred addi-

tional expenses of \$4,164 as a result of

clearing the debris and surveying

damages to the home. She is seeking

a total of \$44,146 from the town, plus

Williams' office has also sent

Holden Beach officials a list of inter-

rogatories that must be answered by

The questions ask the town if the

interest and court costs.

the town within 45 days.

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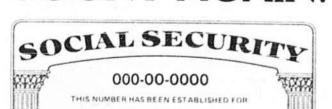
A Fayetteville woman whose Holden Beach cottage was destroyed by fire last year is suing the town for more than \$44,000, claiming fire fighters could not battle the blaze because an adjacent fire hydrant was turned off.

In the lawsuit filed Feb. 11 in Brunswick County Superior Court, Edith Chance charges the town with negligence in turning off the "water supply to the hydrant below ground level so that fire fighters could not obtain water.

When Tri-Beach Volunteer firemen arrived at the cottage at 707 Ocean Boulevard West on Feb. 28, 1984, the fire was "contained in a small area of the dwelling." However, the hydrant supplying water to the area of the plaintiff's dwelling was turned off, the suit states.

The blaze broke out around 1 p.m. while firemen from both Tri-Beach and Supply Volunteer Fire Departments responded to the call. Flames were fueled by wind gusts estimated at 25 to 30 mph, according to the report of the fire printed in March 1, 1984 issue of The Brunswick Beacon. One home adjacent to Ms. Chance's cottage also received scor-ched paint on one side, but no "damage inside the home. The fire was extinguished in about two hours. Before the fire, the value of Ms. Chance's home was estimated at





## S. Brunswick Honor Students Are Listed

The honor rolls for the third grading period have been announced as follows by South Brunswick High School:

## Straight A's Students making all A's are Tammy Benton and

Candace Somers, 12th grade; Dawn Borszich and Steven Russell, 10th grade; and Carolyn Busse

A-B Honor Roll Listed on the honor roll of those making all A's and B's are: 9th grade-Julie Allen, David Bean, Matthew Blake, Mark Butterfuss, Raymond Englerth,

Meshelle Hart, Luke Hunt, Karen Martin, Quinton McCracken, Jeannie Molek, Dawn Rohde, Robin Vititoe and Amy Yount.

Golden, Deborah FormyDuval, Christy Johnson, Victor Lee, Frances Maultsby, Chantal Wall, Karen Wells and Dee Wigal.

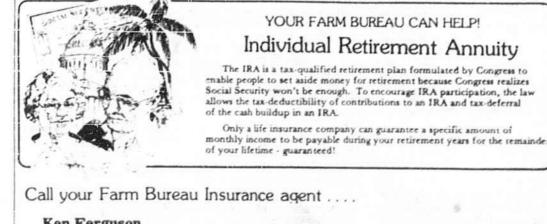
11th grade-Cheryl Borszich, Curtis Cowan, Dawn Hemby, Carol Ervin, Patricia Jones, Dawn James Karnes, Amy Kennedy, Bunyan McAfee, Sharon McNeill, Joy Phillips, Sandy Sellers, Ellen Sligh, Joseph Smith and Kathy Somers.

17th grade-Elizabeth Beery, David Blanton, eo Bohland, Lynette Brackins. Teresa Brown, Leo Be Renee Joyer, Richard LaBelle, Charles Trunnel and Lana White



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