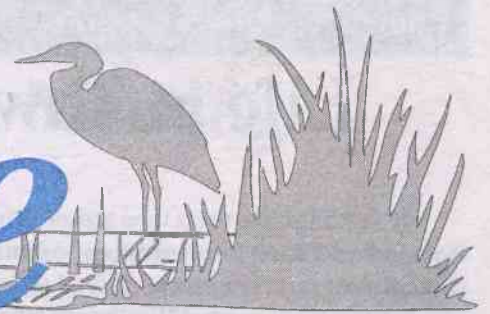


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## Fire Chiefs Honor Flynt With Life Membership

By Bill White

Bruce Flynt, our town's acting director of emergency services, has been honored with life membership in the North Carolina Assn. of Fire Chiefs (NCAFC) in recognition of his more than half century of service as a firefighter.

The Life Member Certificate was presented Feb. 6 during the association's Mid Winter Conference at the Sheraton in Atlantic Beach. The three-day event brought together scores of fire chiefs and other officials from around the state. The presentation to Flynt before a packed meeting room on the final day of the conference was made by Cathy Lohr, executive director of the association, and NCAFC President Alex Stanland, chief of the Winterhaven Fire Dept. in New Hanover County.

Flynt began his firefighting career in 1951 with the South Fork Fire Dept. in

Forsyth County. He served as chief of the department for eight years before retiring in 1987. He continued serving South Fork as a volunteer fireman until he and his wife moved to Pine Knoll Shores in 1992, whereupon he volunteered with the PKS Fire Dept. He became the town's fire inspector at that time and last year he took over as acting emergency services director when the position became vacant.

Flynt's wife, Barbara, and daughter, Mrs. Karen Allen, were on hand for the life membership presentation, as was his son-in-law, Michael Allen, who is following in Flynt's footsteps. Allen is fire chief in Davie County as well as chairman of that county's board of commissioners. Flynt's grandson, Brent Crotts, is also a fire fighter and paramedic in Davie County.

Joining in the celebration were the Flynt's friends and Pine Knoll Shores neighbors, Robert and Barbara Miner.



**LIFE MEMBER** – Cathy Lohr, executive director of the N.C. Assn. of Fire Chiefs, presents a Life Member Certificate to Acting PKS Emergency Services Director Bruce Flynt. Looking on is NCAFC President Alex Stanland.

See a proud moment of Bruce Flynt and his family on page 3



**Centenarian** ~ Pine Knoll Shores resident Hilda Poit marked her 100th birthday February 17. A story on the birthday party and another photo appear on page 9.

## Arbor Day Activities

By Yvette Bannen

The First Arbor Day took place in 1872 in Nebraska and it is a special day dedicated to planting trees and increasing awareness of the importance of trees. Because Pine Knoll Shores recognizes the value of trees, there will be two Arbor Day ceremonies.

The first will take place at Hall Haven on Friday, March 18 at 10 a.m. with a dedication ceremony by the Garden Club in memory of Betty Finefrock and Joan Dawson who were members of the Garden Club.

At 11 a.m. there will be another ceremony at the Public Safety Building where the Community Appearance Committee will plant a weeping yaupon holly.

Citizens are invited to attend both ceremonies and, in keeping with the spirit of the day, to also plant a tree in their own yard in honor of, or in memory of, someone special.

## Fifth Tree City Award Expected

By Dick Reeves and Bob Curry

This month the Community Appearance Commission expects to receive the fifth consecutive Tree City USA award from the N.C. Forestry Service acting for the Arbor Day Foundation. At the Board of Commissioners meeting March 8, Mayor Lamson is expected to accept a new plaque and flag signifying the award. As before, this flag will fly proudly at Town Hall below Old Glory and the state flag.

The presentation coincides with the celebration of Arbor Day March 18, which will be marked in Pine Knoll Shores with two ceremonies. See the accompanying story for details of the two observances.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service. To become a member, a city or town, regardless of size, must meet four requirements: (1) a tree board or department. (2) a tree care ordinance. (3) a community forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita (4) an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. To maintain our membership we must continue projects prescribed and accepted by the foundation.

The CAC has continuously safeguarded our town's appearance since its founding. What sets us apart are the trees and shrubs, many of which have been recognized and identified for historic significance (see previous issues delineating the pioneering work of Bill Schneider).

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