

Sheriff Toppin Expresses Dismay

By FLYNN SURRETT

Sheriff Troy Toppin recently expressed his concern in relating to the citizenry the laws on following fire fighting apparatus when a call is being answered.

He remarked that many vehicles have been observed following fire trucks too closely as well as following volunteer firemen who are answering fire alarms.

He emphasized that the existing laws are designed to allow firemen to respond as quickly and efficiently as possible and protect bystanders from injury and interference.

The laws state that vehicles should yield the right of way to fire fighting apparatus as well as police cars and ambulances that are answering emergency calls. Vehicles should pull to the right side of the road as close as is safely possible, and not block intersections. This law also states that this does not relieve drivers of these official vehicles from the responsibility of driving with due regard for other vehicles. It also says that these drivers are accountable for any arbitrary usages of the rights of way.

It is unlawful for a driver to follow fire apparatus within one block in corporate limits or within 400 feet outside of city limits.

Drivers may not park within one block or 400 feet of equipment on a call. It is also unlawful to run over a hose or equipment, or to block fire fighting apparatus regardless of its distance from the fire.

In regards to parking in front of fire hydrants, fire stations, and private driveways the law says: "No person shall park a vehicle or permit it to stand, whether attended or unattended, upon a highway in front of a private driveway or within 15 feet in either direction of a fire hydrant or the entrance to a fire station, nor within 25 feet of the intersection of curb lines or, if none, then within 15 feet of the intersection of property lines at an intersection of highways; provided, that local authorities may by ordinance decrease the distance within which a vehicle may park in either direction of a fire hydrant.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Centralized menus for cafeterias in Edenton-Chowan Schools for the next week include:

Friday: Fried Chicken, buttered corn, mixed greens, gelatin dessert, rolls, butter and milk.

Monday: Frankfurters, catsup, mustard, baked beans, cole slaw, peach cobbler, buns and milk.

Tuesday: Meat loaf with gravy, creamed potatoes, green peas, brownies, rolls, butter and milk.

Wednesday: Beef-vegetable soup, sandwiches, pineapple cake, crackers and milk.

Thursday: Barbecued chicken, green beans, potato salad, ice cream, rolls, butter and milk.

CRAFTY IDEAS GET THE HANG OF CHRISTMAS

Ever get hung-up about new ways to decorate your Christmas tree? This Christmas, be different: make your own tree ornaments from creative clay that hardens to a ceramic quality.



Make a batch of creative clay and then roll it out to 1/4-inch thickness on waxed paper. Cut out shapes with cookie cutters. With needle or pin, make a hole for string or yarn to hang on the Christmas tree. Trim each ornament with fragrant herbs or spices for long-lasting pungence. When dry, paint with water colors, poster paints or felt-tip pens and finish with a protective coating of clear plastic spray or nail polish.

Louther Stationed At Thailand

U.S. AIR FORCES, Thailand-U.S. Air Force Sgt. Larry W. Louther, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Louther, 200 N. Oakum Street, Edenton, N.C., is on duty at Ubon Royal Thai AFB, Thailand.

The sgt. was graduated in 1970 from John A. Holmes High School.

Sgt. Louther, an administrative specialist, is assigned to a unit of the Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) which provides tactical air power supporting the U.S. and its allies in Southeast Asia and Far East. Before his arrival in Thailand, he served at Dover AFB, Del.

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Be sure to join them at Moore Hall Sunday evening. Their presentation will be inspirational to young and old alike.

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A BETTER GASOLINE?—It may be lower in lead content and less polluting than gasoline, but even a staunch environmentalist must doubt its automotive performance. Still, though this drink machine at Bradshaw's Gulf Service provides an amusing thought.

Barge Floated; Towed To Plant

PLYMOUTH -- The last week while laden with a large load of Bunker C fuel oil, partially sunk in the Albemarle Sound early Monday morning of Plymouth Wednesday.

Salvage efforts during the night, transferring oil and pumping flooded ballast compartments, were successful and accomplished without major oil spill.

D. C. Nicholson, the company's Environmental Resources Director, established total loss at five to 10 gallons. The barge was carrying approximately 378,000 gallons of fuel oil when the sinking occurred at 4 A.M. Monday.

The most recent inspections indicate no rupture in the structure of the barge. Investigation into the cause of the sinking is continuing.

Upon notification of the U. S. Coast Guard and state water and air resources agencies, the company instituted emergency measures to contain and trap any possible seepage of oil.

Crews worked from early Monday to float the barge.

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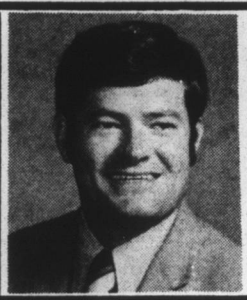
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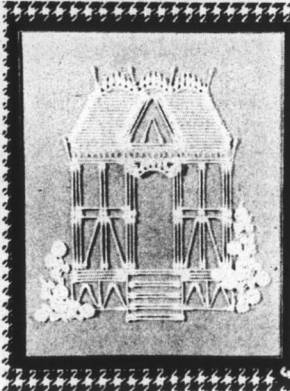
The Nittany Lion is the Penn State mascot. And, when James R. Schaudt, a 21-year old industrial engineering major, from Pittsburgh, dons the furry outfit, his teams somehow can't lose.

As "second string" lion last winter he was called off the bench to serve at three basketball games, and Penn State won them all.

When the football season opened, Jim was still the alternate. He took over as the head lion just before the Iowa game and five wins followed.

The soccer team has also benefited from his "magic paw." At the three soccer games Jim has attended in the Lion's garb, Penn State has won.

Be Safe—Buckle Up!



GIFT-MAKING IDEA—Ever think of using cotton swabs on the wall? Here's how: create a picture of a Victorian-styled house by gluing swabs against a bright-colored cotton fabric. Glue on cotton embroidery trim for shrubbery, and set the finished picture in a simple black frame. Created by 1,001 Fashion & Needlecraft Ideas magazine.

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Oil Painting	Jan. 8	March 13	Mon.	7 - 10 p. m.	Holmes High	\$2.00
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