

1974 Brevard Fire Loss Held To Under \$10,000

The Brevard Fire Department, considered one of the best volunteer units in North Carolina and the south, has ended another year with a fine record, Chief Joe Picklesimer says, in submitting his annual report to the City Board of Aldermen and the county commissioners.

Mr. Picklesimer said that the department answered 105 calls during 1974, almost equally divided between the city and the county with 52 calls in Brevard and 53 outside.

The total loss on both structures and contents on these 105 calls was held to a figure less than \$10,000. That's an average of less than \$100 a fire, according to the chief.

Fire losses in 1972 and 1973 were some higher when the chief reported fire damages at \$20,000 and \$15,000 respectively.

The Brevard Fire Department is composed of 36 volunteer members who range from company presidents and store managers to industrial maintenance personnel and even a milkman.

"These men," Chief Picklesimer said, "respond from all walks of life at a given moment, day or night, hot or cold, rain or shine, giving of their time and

energy to serve the public."

And he added a warning "A brief reminder, the best fire protection is good fire prevention practices. As man made materials become more and more prevalent in today's building construction and as plastic materials are used more and more around the home, don't attempt to be a hero in case of fire. Call the fire department. Many combustible manmade products emit toxic fumes.

"We feel, that as far as fire protection goes in Transylvania County, the taxpayers are getting their money's worth."

Following is the breakdown of the calls reported to the county and city officials:

Business, 9; schools, 3; houses, 31; autos, 36; brush and leaves, 19; woods inside the city limits, 2; garages, 1; storage buildings, 1; bridges, 1; assisting Rosman Fire Department, 1; assisting Forest Service, 1; false alarms, 1.

The department laid 1,200 feet of three-inch hose, 700 feet of two and one half-inch hose and 14,400 feet of one and one half-inch hose during the year.

The chief's report also in-

cluded: The value of buildings and residences inside the city limits was \$1,964,500.00, contents \$225,200.00. Loss inside the city limits on buildings and residences totaled \$5,850.00, contents \$700.00.

Two calls were made to the fire zone: county jail, mattress on second floor, Cambridge Square, boxes on fire next to plate glass windows, combined loss of \$300.00. The fire department made 48 inspections of the buildings in the fire zone.

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FEWER BERRIES North Carolina farmers grew 5.7 million pounds of blueberries last year, which was 22 percent less than in 1973.

LOOK AT THAT - Dr. Robert Davis, center, president of Brevard College receives check for \$2,500 from Charles Russell, a donation by Olin Corp. to the annual Tri-County Fund Drive for the educational institution. The campaign will be officially launched on February 4. At left is Ray Simmons, chairman of the college fund campaign.

Are Visits To Dentist Completely Aggravating?

Someone who has never had any cavities probably doesn't mind going to the dentist. But for the rest of us, it can be an aggravation.

Visits to the dentist can be a little more enjoyable - and rewarding - the Better Business Bureau says, if you choose the right one. A good dentist can save you aggravation, money, and most importantly, your teeth.

Look for a dentist who is prevention-oriented. Of course, you have to work with him to prevent dental disease, but a prevention-oriented dentist will show you how to do your part.

This dentist will explain how to brush your teeth, how to use dental floss and how to remove plaque.

A good dentist views the removal of a tooth as a major disaster and will do everything possible to help you save all your teeth. It might seem more economical to remove a tooth than to go to the expense of saving it, as with root canal work. But the consequences of removing a tooth can be great and unless removal is really necessary, it's best to save the tooth.

DENTAL EXAM

A new pamphlet prepared with the cooperation of the Connecticut State Dental Association states that when you go to a dentist, you should expect a full exam. If you are a new patient, the dentist should get a thorough medical history from you and then take a full-mouth set of x-rays. The dentist, and not the hygienist, should make a complete oral examination.

Finally, you should be given a complete treatment plan, including a discussion of the examination and x-ray findings. Make sure you understand the explanation. If the work is going to be extensive, and extend over a long period, you might want to ask the dentist for a written summary of the work to be done and the fees to be charged.

You should go to a dentist who explains what he or she is doing and why. A good dentist will explain alternative treatments to your specific dental condition and possible benefits and complications. Don't be afraid to ask questions; your mouth shouldn't be a mystery to you.

In addition, says the Better Business Bureau, a good dentist:

- participates in continuing education programs to keep up with new developments;

- has a clean, well-organized office (be wary if the office is always crowded and the dentist consistently spends little time with you);

- will give you emergency treatment when it's necessary.

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Ask at the outset what your dentist will charge. You should get an itemized bill with a description of services and a breakdown of costs. If he or she won't discuss fees or give you an estimate in advance, find another dentist.

Today's modern dentist doesn't just "fix teeth." He is concerned with your complete oral health - gums, bone and palate as well as teeth. So,

Local Governments Offered Art Funds

A special grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to the North Carolina Arts Council will enable the council to provide \$50,000 for local government units to use for arts programming during the coming year.

The program, which requires matching funds from the local governments, is a national pilot project.

The North Carolina Arts Council was chosen because the state's municipal and county governments already had a demonstrable record of support for the arts.

W. Bruce Teachey Jr., mayor of Jacksonville and president of the North Carolina League of Municipalities, has come out strongly in favor of the project.

He sees the program as an opportunity for smaller communities to fill what he termed "a void" in the opportunities they are able to offer their children and young people.

He noted the cultural lacks in the small community of Rose Hill where he grew up, pointing to "the schools, the glee clubs, the choruses and the bands" in small towns as unable to offer the same challenges and fulfillment as those in larger areas.

"Is it fair," he asked, "that children and young adults in these small communities be deprived of the same cultural and recreational programs as those living in large cities?"

The U.S. Conference of Mayors last summer adopted a resolution asking the nation's cities to recognize the arts as an essential service to the people.

Under the guidelines of the project, the Arts Council will match money, up to \$5,000 what local governments spend for programs, personnel and operating expenses of community arts council, symphonies, ballets, community theaters, art leagues, craft guilds, galleries, museums and other community-based non-profit arts organizations.

Where towns have arts councils, local governments should work with them in

what you eat and drink - and whether you smoke - is of concern to him, and should be to you if you want a healthy mouth and sound, lasting teeth.

The BBB issues this reminder: 25 million Americans have lost all of their teeth and another 25 million lost half their teeth by middle age. Don't become part of these statistics—your teeth deserve all the care you can give them.

applying for the money.

In other communities grants may be awarded to local governments to begin arts programming by establishing art classes, drama workshops, choral societies, art competitions and exhibitions, and multi-arts festivals, for example.

The money will not be given for capital improvements and the local government money must be "new" money, meaning a grant will not be given for a program already being supported unless the amount of the support is increased.

Mary Regan of the Arts Council staff in Raleigh will work with communities seeking funds.

The deadline for applying for grants is April 1. The money may be spent during the fiscal year 1975-76 (July 1, 1975 - June 30, 1976). Application forms are available from the Arts Council office, Raleigh, 27611.

Little River Community Meet Jan. 16
By KAY C. HUNTER

The Little River Community Club will meet Thursday night, January 16th at 7:30 p.m. After the business meeting the club will be entertained by "The Foggy Mountain" Boys. Everyone please come out and start our new year with a big crowd.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lindsley and Jeff to our community. They have moved into Mrs. Blythe's house.

Mrs. Seva Mackey is spending the winter in Fort Myers, Florida with her daughter.

We extend our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. John Bradley on the death of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Noah Bradley.

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