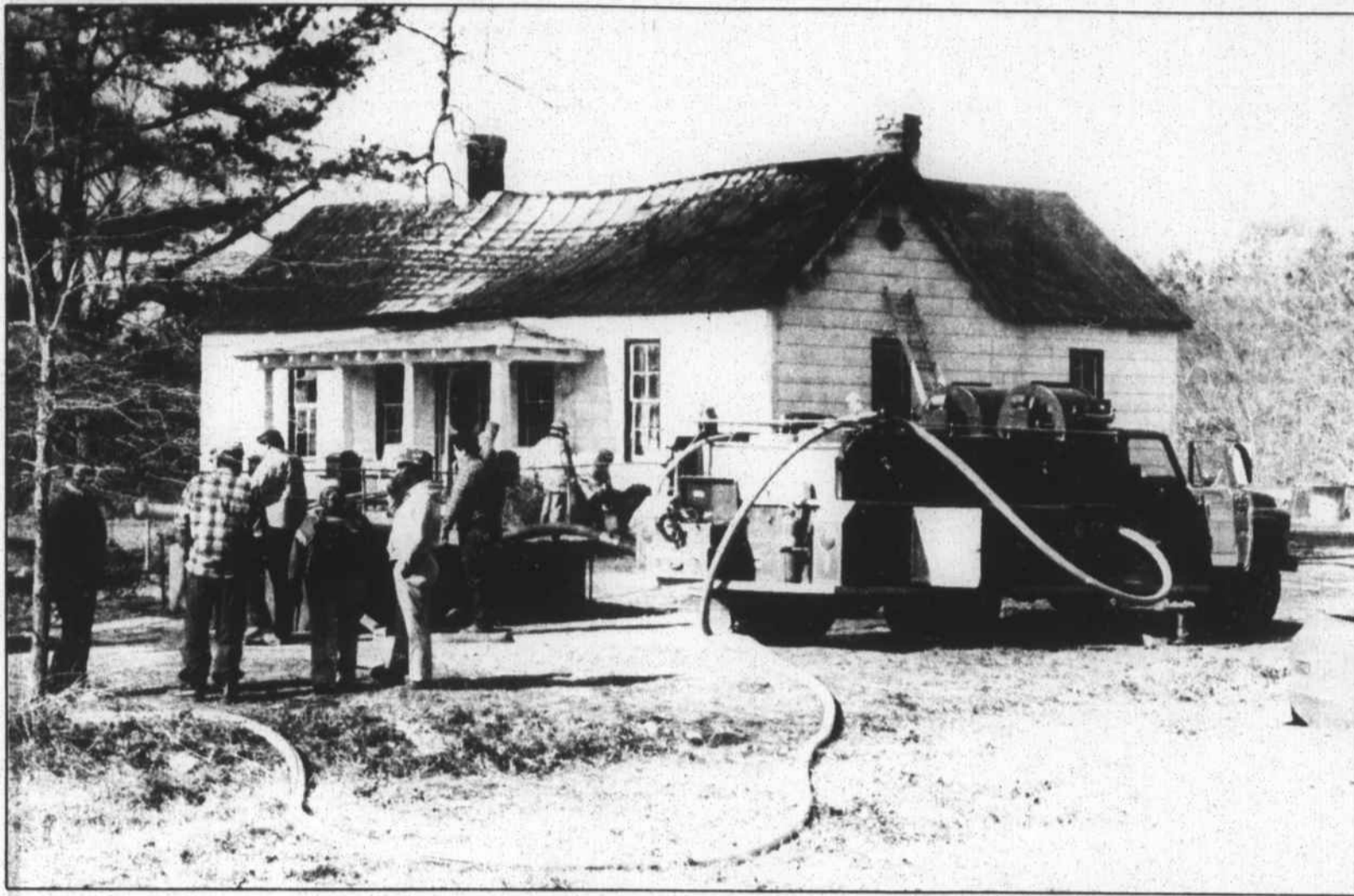


Firefighters Join Forces To Battle Home Blaze



Warrenton fireman Mark Gault (third from left) and Brent Dillard (sixth from left) of the Inez Volunteer Fire Department oversee the procedure whereby water is hosed from a tanker into a pool and then

drafted from the pool for use in extinguishing the fire. Bystanders are pictured observing in the foreground.



Rich Knisely is followed up the ladder and assisted by Michael Norwood as water is applied to the blaze in the attic area of a frame dwelling at Rt. 2, Warrenton.



A pumper belonging to the Afton-Elberon Fire Department drafts water from a creek to fill tankers at the scene of a recent fire at the home

of William Caudle. Pictured beside the pumper is Jay Haynes, Afton-Elberon fireman.



Norlina fireman Charles Medlin takes a short break from fire-fighting while a colleague refills the air tank of Medlin's breathing apparatus.



After knocking a hole in the foundation of the burning dwelling, Fireman George Alston (standing) of the Inez department and Rich Knisely of the Warrenton Rural department prepare to attack the blaze from underneath the house.



A crucial piece of equipment to the firefighter is this breathing apparatus, valued at \$1,000, which

can provide approximately 30 minutes of air to the user. The air tanks can be refilled on the fire scene.



Michael Norwood, member of the Cokesbury Volunteer Fire Department, aids local volunteers when his schedule permits, as it did during a recent house fire in the Inez area.



Getting everything in place on this tanker which hauls water from the pumper at the creek to the dump tank at the fire scene are, counterclockwise

from top: Bob Neal, Walter Gardner, Mark Gault, Lynn Henry and Michael Norwood.

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