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Fire Ravages Building Second Time

Kemp Blaze Adds Heat To Hot July

By BRIAN RAY

The sign in the window said "Fire Sale," and for a while it looked like they were giving it away.

Thick, black smoke belched from behind the old, blue-grey, two-story building last Monday afternoon. Within moments students and citizens swarmed onto E. Franklin St. Kemp's was on fire again, and it promise to be exciting.

A bright red fire truck moved through the scattered people and stopped abruptly in front of the blazing structure. A tall, white-haired old man leaped from the truck and began pointing and shouting. Two hoses snaked from the truck—men tugging at their ends. Another fire engine was right behind.

Like iron filings to a magnet the people walked and ran to the scene. Some of them ran to the aid of the firemen, grasping the hoses, gritting their teeth, and yanking. Others stood back pointing here and there, their eyes shining with discovery, talking quickly and brokenly.

"How did it start," one student asked another rapidly?

"Spontaneous combustion," the other responded. "That place is a fire trap—already condemned."

"I heard it had just gotten a ten-day extension from being torn down," the first said. It was a 30-day extension.

A few people ran down the side street to the back of the building. A student tried vainly to block the back alley's entrance.

"Stay back! Don't nobody go back there!" he whined.

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Kemp's, afire for the second time—Photo by Brian Ray

Coupon Plan To Be Studied

UNC Food Services Director George Prillaman said yesterday that he will "seriously study" a meal coupon book plan to be used next fall.

Prillaman said that under the plan the student would

buy a \$10 coupon book for \$9. This book could be used at Chase Hall, Lenoir Hall, the Pine Room or the Monogram Club at any time.

"This plan would give the student a 10 per cent savings," Prillaman said. "The student could use it to purchase the 60-cent-special, bringing its price down to 54 cents."

Summer School Board Representative Don Wilson suggested the coupon plan in a 45-minute meeting with Prillaman last Friday.

Prillaman and Wilson agreed that the possibility of a 50-cent, limited-selection special would not be "popular with the students."

Prillaman felt "Students would rather have a selection in the buying of the student special."

Prillaman said that he and Wilson also discussed the installing of non-carbonated cold drink machines in Lenoir Hall.

"We hope to have them ready for next fall semester," Prillaman said.

Prillaman showed Don Wilson the results of a poll, taken in the form of a questionnaire, that was taken during spring semester exams.

Week's Second Fire Starts In Debris Of Old School

By ED FREAKLEY
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Monday's fire, which gutted the H. H. Patterson Building for the second time in 10 weeks, brought a promise that the remains of the building would be torn down by this weekend.

Following the first fire the building was condemned and was supposed to have been torn down before Tuesday. But an extension had been granted until Aug. 10.

Another fire started last night about 9:30 in the ruins of the old Chapel Hill Elementary School. The flames were just getting started when fire-fighting equipment arrived.

The building is being torn down and the lot cleared.

People gathered quickly, but the excitement only lasted a few minutes. One fireman muttered, "This one sure didn't start by itself."

Town Manager Robert Peck said earlier this week that either the building's owner or the town would tear down and remove what is left of this "dangerous hazard."

Investigation into the cause of the fire is continuing. Officials have speculated that the blaze was started by spontaneous combustion or by an arsonist.

Police are looking for two 12 or 13-year-old boys, who were reportedly seen in the back of the building shortly before the fire began at 4:30 p.m.

The amount of damage is undetermined. The fire blistered the paint on the front of the Presbyterian Church, cracked the east wall of the Dairy Bar, destroyed an air-conditioning unit on the Dairy Bar roof, singed power lines and the basement of the Dairy Bar suffered water damage.

The May 6, fire which caused an estimated damage of several hundred thousand dollars is also still undetermined. That blaze gutted the rear of Chez Kemp Ltd. and Courts Drug Company which were located in the Patterson Building owned by Milton Abernethy of New York City.

Chapel Hill Fire Chief G. S. Baldwin praised University students and townspeople who aided his department in bringing the fire under control. He estimated that 20 to 25 persons took an active part in fighting the blaze for the hour and a half it took to bring it under control.

"We want to thank all the people who helped us," Baldwin said. "Many of them stayed the whole time and worked at close range with no protection."

Police officials also praised students. Patrolman Harold Smith, who spotted the fire and turned in the alarm, said William Deans, a pharmacy student from Wilson, directed traffic on Rosemary Street for more than an hour during the fire.

Baldwin said one of his men had his arm blistered from the heat and another hurt his leg. "I've been fighting fires for 28 years," he said, "and that was one of the hottest."

A ladder truck and three pumpers were at the scene. The tin roof on top of the old building handicapped firemen. Baldwin said the man atop the aerial ladder could not shoot through to the flames until the roof finally fell through.

After the first fire Abernethy was given 60 days, until July 10, to demolish the building. Through his Chapel Hill representative Kemp Nye he was granted a 30-day extension—until Aug. 10—to remove the building.

Peck said the extension had been revoked and the building would come down immediately.

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