

Along the Way

By Emily Killette

The Pink Hill fire department organized in 1952 when the first truck was purchased and the building constructed. Today the fire department is located in its original building and has six fire vehicles and two rescue units.

The first Pink Hill fire department vehicle was purchased in 1952, a new two-

Virginia came a company representative who trained fire department volunteers.

As the citizens of Pink Hill recognized the need for a fire department, the community joined together to raise the funds needed to purchase the truck. And, as the community raised money to pay for the truck, a building to house the truck was planned. The white block building was waiting when the truck arrived in November.

And, a fire department organization was formed with three companies of seven men each established. The companies delegated specific duties and each man was trained by the Oren Roanoke representative to carry out the job responsibilities. George M. Turner was elected as the first fire chief

and J.V. Caudill as assistant chief. The Pink Hill fire department captain was Jepsie Pickett, first lieutenant Burnie Malpass, and second lieutenant Levi Everett.

Drivers for the newly organized fire department were, Alton Taylor, the 1952 Mayor Chris Coombs, Herman Stroud, Johnnie Westbrook, A.B. Taylor, and Wilbur Tyndall. Trained to fill the jobs as nozzlemen were, J.F. Williamson, Clyde Hartman, Aaron Murphy and Johnny Bill Jenkins. And, working as hosemen were, Sam Davis, W. Graham Turner, Woodrow Smith, Horace Lee, Adolph Howard, Jr. and Ethro Hill.

Persons needing assistance from the fire department were instructed to call

the Chief. If no answer at the Chief's home or business, Pink Hill citizens were instructed to go to Chief Turner's home and set the alarm. The alarm was located on the porch of the Turner home. After sounding the fire alarm, the person was instructed to return to the fire station and give directions to the firemen answering the call.

Today the Pink Hill fire department is working to restore a 1948 pumper truck. The 1948 Prisch pumper truck was purchased by the department in 1960 and used until 1976 when the pumper would no longer meet state fire fighting regulations. Since, the department has decided to restore the pumper and use it as a show piece in parades and exhib-

its. The 1948 truck would pump up to 750 gallons per minute and contained a 500-gallon booster tank.

From the 1952 beginning with one truck, the Pink Hill fire department has grown into a six truck operation and a rescue unit of two vehicles has been established. The growth of the fire department over the years indicates the willingness of the people in the town of Pink Hill to work together in community service. And, under the

leadership of Fire Chief Graham Stroud, Assistant Chief Adolph Murphy, and Captain Luther Ledford, the Pink Hill fire department will continue to set new goals for the future and the 1981 year. Welcome to the new year.

Teacher Killed In Hit-And-Run

A young music teacher died Saturday from injuries received earlier in the day when she was struck by a hit-and-run driver on U.S. 70 near Kinston.

Debra Ann Vause, 24, of Route 6, Kinston, a teacher at Deep Run School, had pulled off the highway to aid a companion who had struck a car parked in the right lane of the road, said Trooper Charles T. Herring of the state Highway Patrol.

As Miss Vause walked from her car to the accident scene, another car crested a small hill and struck her, Herring said. The driver failed to stop.

The accident occurred about 1:40 a.m. Saturday. Miss Vause died at 9 a.m. at Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville after being transferred from Lenoir Memorial Hospital.

Her companion, Pamela Kaye Spence, 22, of Greensboro, was being treated at Lenoir Memorial late Saturday.

The driver of the parked car, B.T. Gwaltney, 17, of Goldsboro, was charged with improper parking.

A statewide alert was broadcast Saturday for unidentified car, believed to be

Wreck Leaves Two Dead

A Fuquay-Varina teenager was killed last Tuesday night in a two-car accident in downtown Seven Springs, and a second teen-ager died Wednesday morning from injuries received in the wreck.

Pamela Evelyn Wright, 16, of Fuquay-Varina was pronounced dead at the scene of the collision at a Main Street intersection.

Vanessa Smith, 15, of Route 2, Seven Springs, a passenger in Miss Wright's car, died at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville.

Two teen-age boys in the second car were injured in the accident, which occurred Tuesday at 9:15 p.m.

State Highway Patrol Trooper W.B. Young said a car driven by Bob Ivey Smith, 17, of Seven Springs was traveling at "an excessive speed" when it rammmed into the Wright car. The intersection has a stop sign but no stoplight. The speed limit is 35 mph. Young said.

Smith and a passenger in the car, William Barwick, 16, of Seven Springs, were treated and released from Wayne Memorial Hospital.

No charges had been filed late last Wednesday, but Young said his investigation was continuing.



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