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Fire Destroys Store At Pensacola

Fire broke out in T. J. Wilson's store at Pensacola Saturday afternoon and destroyed the inside of the rock building.

It was not known how the fire started. However, the blaze was first seen by Mr. Wilson in a side room where oil was stored. He attempted to stop the blaze before it spread to other parts of the building, but the opening of the store-room door or an explosion caused the flames to spread in a burst.

Mr. Wilson received burns on his hands and face, but his injuries from the flames were not serious, according to reports.

The Burnsville Fire Department reached the scene in time to save other buildings nearby from catching fire.

Betty Cooper In WCU Production

CULLOWHEE — The Western Carolina University Little Theater has announced the forthcoming production of Tennessee Williams' "Orpheus Descending" Nov. 6-9.

The play, one of Williams' lesser known dramatic works, is the story of a young man who enters a small Southern town, becomes involved with three women and eventually is destroyed by the townspeople.

It will be presented at 8 p. m. in the University Little Theater on each of the production dates. Stephen L. Guimond, a WCU junior from Glen Alpine, will direct the production.

Leading roles will be played by Wayland H. Winstead of Sanford, Betty H. Cooper of Burnsville, Elizabeth Bundy of Monroe and Susan Magness of Hendersonville.

David Hirt of Cullowhee is in charge of lighting and special effects. Dave Brown Jr. of Roanoke Rapids is stage manager.

Other students taking part in the production are George Marshall of Hendersonville, Pamela Eileen Zoidis of Bangor, Me.; Andy Carlson of Sarasota, Fla.; Bob Hollister of Cullowhee, Kay Collins of Gastonia, Christine Montagnino of Charlotte, Gail Whitlock of Hendersonville, Vernon C. Smith of North Wilkesboro, Steve Carlisle of Hendersonville, Eugenia Alice Jennings of Thomasville, Caroline Whaley Batson of Winston-Salem, Donald Carlyle Brown of Kannapolis.

er with the initial documentation, as well as providing assistance in and counseling employees.

Kentucky's Technical Assistance Office has not applied for such a statewide OJT contract because several of the community action agencies have prime contracts of their own. In fact,

HENREDON PLANT AT SPRUCE PINE DEDICATED

The new multi-million dollar Henredon Furniture Industries, Inc., facility, located in Mitchell County, about five miles from Spruce Pine, was dedicated Saturday, Sept. 30, with Gov. Dan Moore as principal speaker. The ceremony took place in the parking lot in front of the 300,000 square foot building.

Gov. Moore was introduced by Senator B. Everett Jordan. Also present for the occasion were Basil L. Whitener, Representative from the 10th Congressional District, and Rep. Roy A. Taylor of the 11th District, where Spruce Pine is located.

The name of the company, HENREDON, comes from the names or initials of three of the company's four founders — Henry Wilson, Ralph Edwards, and Donnell Van Noppen. The late Henry Wilson was president of Henredon until his death in February of this year. The present President is Sterling Collett, the fourth co-founder of the company. Donnell Van Noppen is Honorary Chairman of the Board and Vice President of the company. The firm has plants in Morganton, High Point, Grand Rapids, Mich., and now Spruce Pine.

Donnell Van Noppen, Chairman of the Board, served as master of ceremonies.

Gov. Moore said he was greatly impressed with the initiative and leadership of the business men of Mitchell County in the development of resources in the area, and that approval by the voters of the bond issue to extend water lines to the furniture factory site was a good investment.

Three new industries have been located in Mitchell County during Moore's administration, as well as the expansion of two existing industries, representing an investment of more than six million dollars, and providing

E.Y. Little League Wins

The East Yancey Little League football team ran over the Clearmont Little league yesterday afternoon with a score of 42-6.

The East Yancey league, with three full teams, have lost only one game since the league was formed earlier this year.

Clearmont was not able to bring two full teams for the game.

Kentucky has been the forerunner in this use of CAAs for job development and OJT.

Of particular interest is the fact that recent changes in BAT regulations requires that 65% of the positions shall be filled by the disadvantaged.

Mr. Sanchez said, "OEO will assist BAT and the Employment Services to meet their goals because the community action agencies' relationship with the disadvantaged enables them to quickly recruit and process potential employees."

jobs for 685 persons, resulting in an increase in the annual payroll of more than \$2,000,000.

The ceremonies were held up for half an hour awaiting the arrival of Gov. Moore, whose flight from New York to the Hickory airport was delayed, causing him to miss a five-mile ride from Spruce Pine to the plant in a Clinchfield Railroad car.

Mrs. Moore and Dan Moore, Jr., and his wife accompanied the Governor. The Governor and Mrs. Moore left Spruce Pine for Morganton to spend the weekend with their son and daughter-in-law.

After touring the plant the official party and guests wound up in the cafeteria where refreshments were served, and Gov. Moore was kept busy autographing programs and paper napkins when programs were not available.

Plans Underway For Open House At N.C. State

Plans are being made for delegations from Yancey County to attend an annual Open House program Oct. 21 at North Carolina State University at Raleigh.

A special county committee is coordinating the plans. Jim Covington of Burnsville is committee chairman. He said the Open House will be presented by the university's School of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the School of Forest Resources.

The committee, Covington explained, will assist people who would like to attend the event.

Open House is held for high school students and their school advisors who would like to learn more about career opportunities in the agricultural and biological sciences, forestry and related fields. Also invited are adults who are interested in the statewide activities of N. C. State through its research and extension programs.

Visitors will tour special exhibits located in Reynolds Coliseum beginning at 10 a. m. Opportunities will be provided for students to talk with university students, faculty members and administrators about campus life, curricula, career opportunities and admission requirements.

In the afternoon departments in the two schools sponsoring the Open House will be open and staffed to provide additional information about specific courses of study and career fields.

An opportunity to attend the night football game between N. C. State and Wake Forest will be provided for those who register for the program Saturday morning and can stay over for the 7:30 p. m. athletic event.

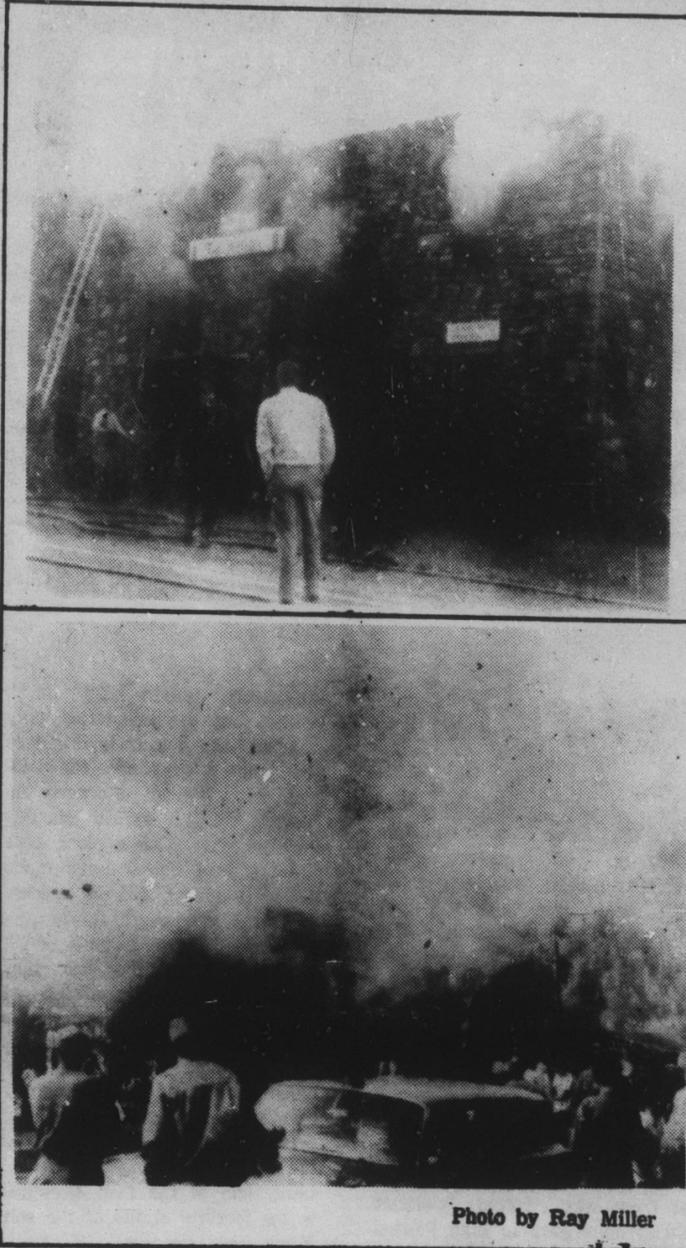


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NORTH CAROLINA GIVEN MORE OEO FUNDS

Within the past two months, five state technical assistance offices in the seven-state Middle Atlantic Region of the Office of Economic Opportunity, have been granted \$1,048,000 in Federal funds to administer statewide on-the-job training (OJT) programs. The grants were made by the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training (BAT) of the U. S. Department of Labor.

The five states involved are North Carolina with 500 job positions, Maryland with 1,000, West Virginia with 450, Virginia with 500, and Delaware with 100 positions. Virginia and Delaware began operating their programs in July, with the remaining three having been funded recently.

In making the announcement, Leven V. Sanchez, Director of OEO's Mid-Atlantic Region, said, "Such a unique program is indicative of the progress that can be made when three organizations such as the Department of Labor, the Office of Education and the OEO work in concert with state and local agencies to achieve a common goal."

The idea of a project that would bring the benefits of OJT to the rural areas and to smaller towns and cities, that otherwise could not avail themselves of

this type of training, was originated by William L. Batt, consultant to OEO's Mid-Atlantic Region and developed with the assistance of Harold M. Bailin, OEO Regional Manpower Coordinator, and J. B. Archer, the Labor Department's Regional Director for BAT.

In each of the five states presently involved the Technical Assistance Office will utilize the various community action agencies throughout the State to promote training opportunities, locate potential trainees, and provide the necessary follow-through services to insure the trainee's successful participation under the program.

On-the-job training programs, which mesh the needs of employers for trained employees with the need of the unemployed for jobs, generally benefit the larger urban areas and employers. It is usually uneconomic for small firms to handle OJT contracts. However, with this innovative program, local community action agencies will be able to write subcontracts with small businesses for as few as one or two positions.

The Technical Assistance Office in each State provides trained people to help write the subcontracts and to assist the employ-