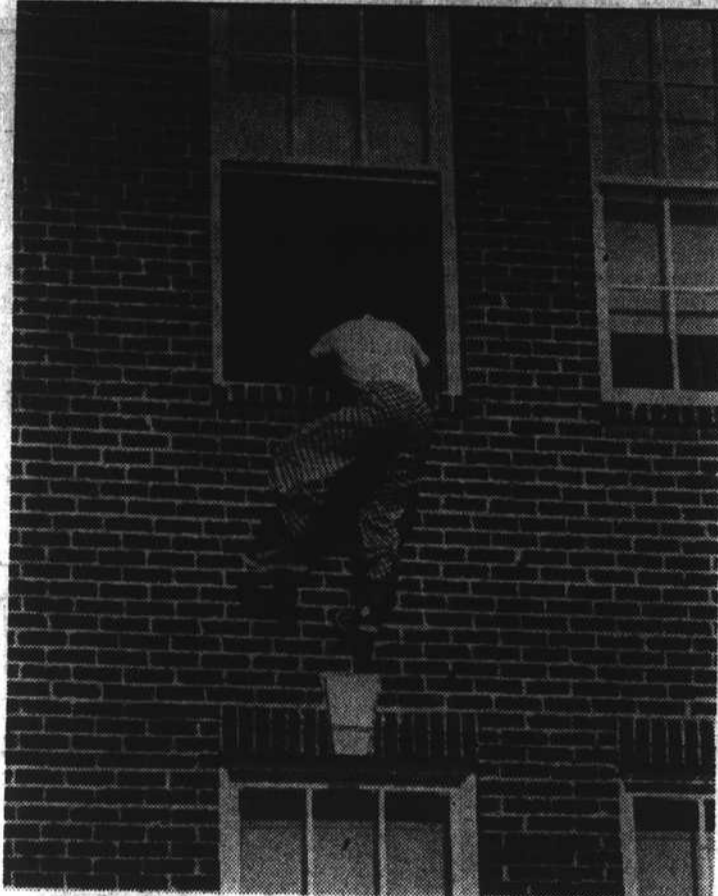


Next Week's Fair Week..October 23rd Through 28th

Fire Prevention Week Program Of Firemen And Jaycees Called Success From Every Standpoint

FIREMAN TROTT THRILLS STUDENTS



Above Kinston Fireman Buren Trott is seen going through one of the rather risky parts of his fire prevention week act that was seen in all of Lenoir County's larger schools. Trott, a former trapeze "catcher" with a circus, gives the school boys and girls a really professional act, which is followed by a brief talk or two on some of the more obvious but often over looked points on fire protection. (Photo by Jack Rider)

Last week was National Fire Prevention Week and although the nation's firemen and cooperating civic clubs over the nation did not assert that this was the only week in the year to practice fire prevention a lot of emphasis was put on day by day attention to the small things that often cause fires — and deaths — when overlooked.

In Lenoir County the Kinston Fire Department and the Junior Chamber of Commerce teamed up to give a bang-up program that caught the eye and possibly the mind of a big percentage of the county's 50,000 people. Heaviest emphasis during this week was placed on giving school-age children of the county a 30 minute period of entertainment and education built around the frightening dangers and costliness of fire out of control.

Although many individuals teamed together to make the week a most successful one, even better than the 1949 event, which won the local Jaycees first place in a national competition, a major part of the credit must go to Fireman Buren Trott.

Trott literally threw himself into this job. He fell out of windows in every large school in the county, ran about the business district "setting fires" until apprehended, dressed like the devil. His clown act from the second floor window in the schools was really a professional performance. At Wheat Swamp the act became so real to one little girl that she burst into tears and began crying, "Get that man out! He's going to burn up!"

When the week of "second story work" ended Trott had an accumulation of bruises to last him well into the winter. Before Trott settled down as a family man and fireman he followed the sawdust trail of the circus for several seasons as a "catcher" for a trapeze act, where he developed the ability to "fall" out of windows and come down ladders every way but the right way.

Assistant Chief Rudolph Nobles played "straight man" to Trott's comic antics. Captain Joe Hailey accompanied the troupe and offered some words of advice and Jaycee M. S. Van Hecke gave a brief talk impressing on the students the importance of care in the handling of fire and fire-making materials.

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