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Three Pictures of Costly La Grange Plant Fire



Above the Hardy Newsome Factory in LaGrange is seen as it went up in roaring flames last Thursday night between 11 and midnight. The fire, of un-

determined origin was not in evidence a few minutes before 11 when a LaGrange resident passed by it on the way home but by 11:30 the fire had spread

fast enough and fiercely enough to have caused the collapse of one wall and all of the roof. (Polaroid Photo-in-a-minute by Jack Rider.)



Above a quartet of LaGrange volunteer firemen sit astride a high-pressure line of hose and play water into the northern

side of the Hardy Newsome building as it burned last Thursday night with an estimated loss beyond \$100,000 that

also put LaGrange's payroll out of work, since some 50 men were employed in the plant. (Polaroid Photo-in-a-minute



Above at left LaGrange Fire Chief Earl W. Elzey cautions several of his firemen of the danger of a falling wall and tells them which direction to run

in case there is any sudden danger of the wall topping toward them. They are playing a stream of high-pressure water into the western end of the

Hardy Newsome building being pumped by the new LaGrange fire truck which did an excellent job of holding the fort in this costly fire until help ar-

Jones County Fair To Start on Tuesday 26th

Last minute touches are being put on the big event of the year in Jones County as folks primp and prime for the annual Jones County Agricultural Fair which will be held next week, October 26th through the 31st. And if detailed plans mean anything it is likely that the fair, again this year, will be bigger and better than ever.

Opening officially on Tuesday with 5 p. m. set as the deadline for placing all exhibits of any kind in place the fair will move into Wednesday with two big events on tap: During the day the judging of all exhibits of every kind will be conducted and at 7 o'clock Wednesday the "Chowan Ramblers, a string music 4-H Club group from Tyner up in Chowan County will present a program of popular and hillbilly music that features some of the fine singing that this group is noted for in every part of the state.

On Thursday for the first time the fair will conduct a "Tractor Operator's Contest" in which prizes will be given to the best tractor operators in the county. Efficient and safe use of the tractor and its equipment will be the prime points on which the entrants in this contest will be judged.

And since Thursday is School Children's Day a special series of contests for them is planned including "cat-eating" contests,

bubble gum blowing contests and a greased pig chase.

Then on Friday afternoon the annual 4-H Club poultry show and sale will be held and Friday night beginning at 7 o'clock under the direction of Mrs. J. K. Dixon, Jr., the annual Fashion Show will be held and this year for the first time men as well as women will take part in the show which is directed by Harveys of Kinston and show off what is new and fashionable for men and women.

The fair comes to its climax on Saturday when at 6 o'clock a series of prizes is to be passed out to the oldest, person, the youngest, the longest married, the newest newlyweds, the biggest family and immediately after these prizes are passed out the annual Jones County Beauty Contest will be held in which Miss Jones County of 1953 will be chosen. Already more than 15 of the prettiest girls in the county have been entered in this contest and at least 20 are expected before the closing time come around for this final formal event of the fair.

Again this year the "Mighty Page Shows" will provide rides and other midway attractions and their past record of performance guarantees plenty of all of this side of the fair to those who like the Merry-Go-Round and more exciting rides and shows.

Nick Nobles, Carlton Brown and Jack Dixon Jr. New PMA Board

In elections held last week over Jones County, G. N. "Nick" Nobles was named chairman, Carlton H. Brown, vice-chairman and J. K. Dixon, Jr., regular member of the Jones County Production and Marketing Administration Committee. Walton M. Daugherty and Wilson Lowery were named first and second alternates, respectively.

Community committeemen named included the following: White Oak Township, Guy N. Jones, William W. Simpson and Ernest W. Humphrey.

Pollocksville Township: Wal-

lace R. Banks, Milton W. Arthur and Harold C. Mallard.

Trent Township: Raymond Harrison, Herbert M. Quinn and Verder L. Pollock.

Cypress Creek Township: J. Ralph Jones, G. Bruce Foy and John C. Koonce.

Tuckahoe Township: William J. Jones, Alva B. Howard and Alonza Mills.

Beaver Creek Township: Thomas Hood, W. Thomas Faulkner and Earl Thomas.

Chinquapin Township: Walter E. Ives, David M. Civils and Ralph Scott.

The Past Week In Review

Pauline Grady, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Grady of Kinston was seriously injured at about 7 p. m. Saturday four miles north of Benson. Mr. and Mrs. "Blue" Jefferson, who were returning from the Carolina-Maryland game with Miss Grady, escaped serious injury—Jefferson suffered cuts and bruises about the face and head and Mrs. Jefferson suffered a broken toe. Miss Grady had both collar bones broken and six ribs were separated from her vertebrae. R. M. Hardy of Farmville, driver of the other car involved in the accident suffered a severe spinal injury and is also listed in critical condition at Rex Hospital in Raleigh where all of these involved were taken for treatment. Miss Grady has been indicted for failure to stop at

a stop sign in connection with the accident.

Henry Patrick, of 713 University Street, was wending his weary way homeward Saturday after a day's hunt and with an empty game bag. Jacob Koonce of 630 Carver Street inquired, "What did you kill?", Patrick said, "Nothing." Koonce cracked wise, "Why don't you shoot me?" Patrick did. Nine No. 4 shot lodged in the left arm, face and chest area of Koonce. Patrick is under \$500 bond charged with assault with a deadly weapon and discharging a firearm in the city limits. Koonce is broken of the habit of inviting potshots at himself.

ANNOUNCE ADOPTION

Mr. and Mrs. Wayland J. Reams of Roxboro, North Carolina, announce the adoption of a son, Phillip Harvey Reams, September 10th, who was born June 9, 1953.

rived from Goldsboro and Kinston. (Polaroid Photo in-a-minute by Jack Rider.)