

Trailer Fire Caused By Hot Stove

A double-wide mobile home north of Shallotte was destroyed by fire Monday night after a hot stove was left unattended.

Civietown Fire Chief Al Nord said the Amelia Milligan residence on U.S. 17 across from MAC Construction Company was a total loss.

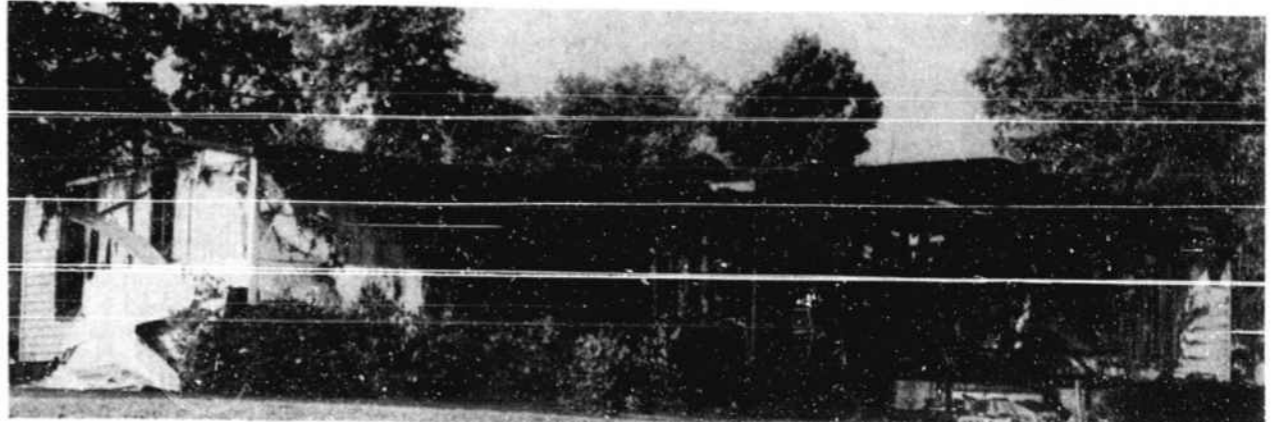
Firefighters were called around 8:20 p.m. Monday and remained on the scene until 2:30 a.m. Tuesday. "We were at the station having training so we were

there in three or four minutes," he said. "The house was too far gone when we got there to save it."

Nobody was injured in the blaze. Nord said Mrs. Milligan's daughter and grandchild were the only people home when the fire started.

In addition to Civietown, firefighters also responded from Shallotte, Supply and Tri-Beach VFDs.

Nord didn't have an estimated value of the structure and its contents. He said the family did have some insurance coverage.



STAFF PHOTO BY DOUG BUTTER
THE AMELIA MILLIGAN residence on U.S. 17 north of Shallotte was destroyed by fire Monday night.

Northern Mayors Set Hearing On School

BY MARJORIE MEGIVERN

Hoping to confront Brunswick County school officials with their constituents' discontent, the Northern Mayors Council will hold a public hearing on the school system, to be held in the North Brunswick High School gym at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Mayor Kenneth Messer Sr. of Belville said 5,000 letters of invitation have been sent to all boxholders in the north end of the county. Special invitations went to school board members and educators. He drafted the message to the public on behalf of Mayors Bobby Brown of Navassa, S.L. Doty of Leland, and Ernest Grainger of Sandy Creek, as well as Jean Speight, representing Leland Sanitary District, and District 5 Commissioner Donald Shaw, who are also on the Mayors Council.

"Is anyone listening?" the letter asks, a question parents from the north end have been wondering for several months, as they have tried to get the ear of the school board. Presentations have been made at its meetings to inform board members of the needs perceived in Leland Middle School, Lincoln Primary and North Brunswick High School. Special small meetings have been held with Superintendent P.R. Hankins and Associate Superintendent William Turner in regard to maintenance issues. Among other things, parent groups have pleaded for a preschool program and a new elementary school to relieve overcrowding.

"We mayors had a tour of the northern schools and we saw a lot of inequities," Messer said. "As the SAT and CAT scores came out, we saw that Brunswick County's school system has problems. Our children are getting cheated out of their education and we need to bring this to the attention of the board and all the citizens. People need to know their tax dollars are not being well spent."

Messer said the towns of Belville and Leland have made donations to their area schools, which he said were not as well equipped as others in the county.

"We hear horror stories about our kids ready to go to college not really being well prepared for it," he said. "We want to send a strong message to the board that it isn't doing its job."

The letter rallying people to the hearing poses the further questions, "Are monies being distributed to all areas or districts equally?" and "Are our buildings and grounds up to par?"

It notes the lack of sufficient preschool and federal Head Start programs to help prepare children for school and calls attention to the county's ranking of 77th among 100 in the state in money allocated by county commissioners.

"Does politics come before the needs and concerns of our children?" it asks.

School board Chairman Donna Baxter reacted with some indignation to news of the hearing.

"What in the world will that accomplish?" she asked. "And those people accusing the school board of

not doing its job, have everyone of them helped their children with their homework and sent them to school with a good breakfast? Parents have to do their jobs, too."

Board member Polly Russ said parents in the north end have done some very positive things in their schools and have had a changed attitude in recent years.

"When they have come before us, they've been very positive and realized we couldn't do everything overnight. They have taken responsibility for working toward some of the things they need," she said.

The difficulty, Mrs. Russ observed, is when a hearing turns into a gripe session, dealing with personal problems a parent may have with one child.

As for alleged inequities, she said, "Every school probably thinks they get the short end of the stick. I don't think there is any difference in the allocation of supplies or equipment among schools, but those schools had some money they just didn't spend."

Hankins could not be reached for comment, but Mrs. Russ predicted he and other administrators would attend the hearing.

Convict Treated After Lightning Strike

A convict from Shallotte, another inmate and a prison guard were taken to the hospital last Wednesday after lightning struck close to a recreation yard at Odom Correctional Institution near Jackson, according to prison officials.

David Bullard, 42, of Shallotte, who is serving a life sentence for first-degree sexual offense, was treated at Halifax Memorial Hospital and returned to custody Wednesday evening, according to the N.C. Department of Corrections.

As a thunderstorm passed through

the area, lightning struck near the yard of the close security prison at about 5:50 p.m.

After the strike, Correction Officer R.A. Powell and inmates Bullard, Danny White and Derrick Jones complained of tingling sensations in their arms.

Prison officials said that as a precaution, Powell, Bullard and White were taken to the hospital by the Jackson Rescue Squad. Jones was seen by a nurse at the prison.

Bullard was sent to prison Nov. 7, 1991, after being convicted in Brunswick County Superior Court.

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