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FIRE DESTROYS TRAILER — Hertford fireman Sid Eley returns to the truck for equipment at a fire that destroyed a mobile home Tuesday afternoon belonging to Arthur Harrison of Hertford. Investigation as to the cause of the fire was continuing at press time.



OVERTURNED CAR INJURES DRIVER — A Bethel fireman hoses down the overturned car driven by John Jules Owens of Edenton. The driver was pinned in the car, removed by citizens stopping to assist, and was then taken to Chowan Hospital for emergency room treatment. (Staff photos by Kathy M. Newbern)

Tuesday afternoon incidents:

Fire destroys trailer; wreck injures one

By KATHY M. NEWBERN

A mobile home fire and an accident involving one vehicle kept Perquimans firemen, rescue personnel and law enforcement officials busy Tuesday afternoon.

The fire call was first received and minutes later the accident call came in.

The fire occurred at a trailer belonging to Arthur Harrison and located just off King Street in Hertford. While Hertford firemen were quick to arrive on the scene, the trailer was already engulfed and

was considered a total loss. It was first reported that the fire originated due to a gas tank explosion, however, information from firemen at the scene proved that account to be false. The investigation as to the cause was continuing at press time.

As Hertford firemen were surveying the inside of the trailer to be sure the fire was out, a call from the dispatcher's office came in over monitors alerting Bethel Fire Department of their need at a car accident.

The accident, around 2:15 p.m., involved one vehicle driven by John

Jules Owens, 83, of 914 Johnson Street, Edenton.

Investigating trooper Y.Z. Newberry reported that Owens was traveling north on U.S. 17 about five miles south of Hertford when he ran off the road on the right, struck a culvert causing the car to overturn landing on its top in a ditch across a side road.

Owens was trapped inside the overturned car, but was pulled out by individuals who stopped when seeing the accident. He received aid from members of the Perquimans

County Rescue Squad at the scene and was later taken by squad ambulance to Chowan Hospital where he was treated in the emergency room and then admitted. No information concerning his condition was available at press time.

An eyewitness reported that he

was traveling south when he met the car and saw it swerving on the highway just prior to the accident. He then saw the car overturn and come to a stop pinning the driver.

Owens' early model car received an estimated \$1,200 damages to the right front and top.

No fire resulted due to efforts of the Bethel Fire Department in hosing down the car which was leaking gas.

Also assisting on the scene were Patrolman M.J. McArthur and Perquimans County Sheriff Julian H. Broughton.

EIC initiates program

The Economic Improvement Council, Inc. has initiated a new project broadening the concept of self-help. By taping the resourcefulness and expertise of certified retired teachers, other elderly adults in the area are now able to enhance their skills in the areas of reading, writing and arithmetic. Twelve senior

citizens will now be provided an opportunity to learn to write their names, cash their own checks, read local newspapers, and acquire additional skills, according to EIC's spokesman.

The program, the Senior CETA Educational Project, is being sponsored by the North Carolina Senior

Citizen's Federation, Inc., and is funded under the Governor's Discretionary 4 percent CETA funds. Elderly participants will receive an allowance for their efforts, and instructors reimbursed for their time. Classes will be held twice weekly. The project will be operated for twenty two (22) weeks, as a demonstration effort. A retired teacher will serve as the instructor for the class.

The purpose of the project is to provide motivation and further documentation to the general community of the invaluable skills, and too often, untapped resources, of the retired teachers. It will also provide training to enable elderly participants to secure more functional skills that may protect them against crime or abuse. The project will also provide an opportunity to attain some knowledge many elderly were not afforded in their earlier years.

Three attend conference

Three Perquimans County school administrators attended the State Superintendent's Conference for Central Office Personnel July 12-15 at the Wilmington Hilton in Wilmington. Nearly 600 superintendents, assistant superintendents, and supervisors from across the state attended the four-day meeting.

The local representatives included Pat Harrell, Perquimans County School Superintendent, and Morris Kornegay and Rosa Talley, instructional supervisors.

Governor Jim Hunt addressed conference participants Friday afternoon in the hotel ballroom on current educational issues.

According to State Superintendent Craig Phillips, the annual conference provides an opportunity for the staff of the Department of Public Instruction to bring administrators up to date on the latest laws and policies affecting public schools, services available to local schools from the state education agency, and national and statewide issues and trends in education.

Educators attended their choice of a variety of sessions focused on such topics as community schools, vocational education, testing programs, status offenders, and program requirements for exceptional children. Approximately 20 different workshop topics were offered.

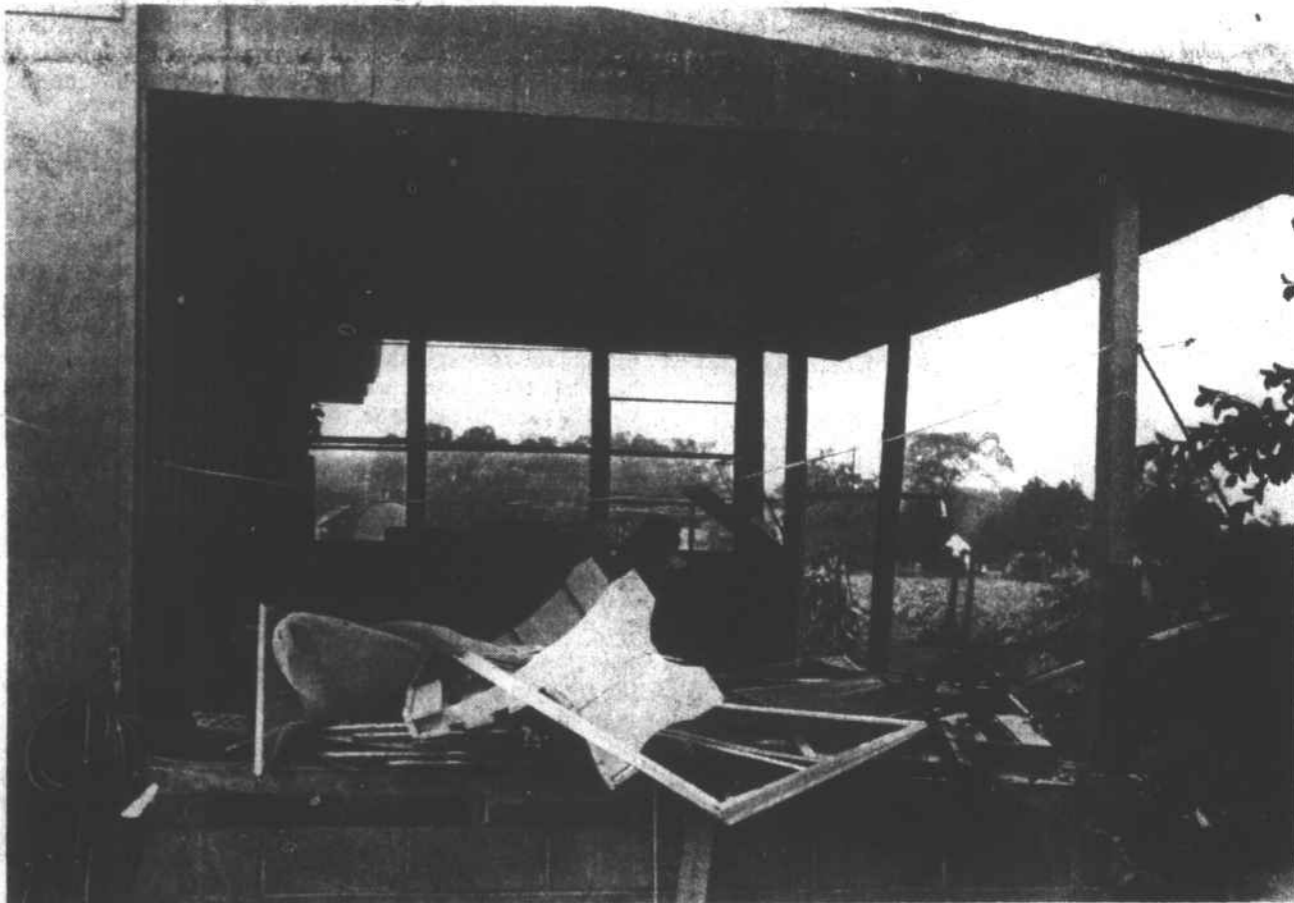
Approves schedule

The State Board of Education approved a salary schedule for teacher aides, maintenance supervisors, and school food service directors at their July meeting held recently in Raleigh.

The action was a result of a study by the Board and two legislative study committees. These groups have been studying the need for a uniform salary schedule for these employees during the past two years. Prior to this time there was no state-adopted salary schedule for these particular public school employees.

According to Gene Causby, assistant state superintendent for personnel relations and public affairs, "These employees have long deserved a systematic salary procedure and have sought this improvement responsibly and patiently."

Copies of the salary schedule will be distributed by the State Board of Education to local school units.



DAMAGE FROM TORNADO — While Hertford residents were fighting flooded streets from Sunday's downpour, the Carl Phillips family in Bethel had some different kind of weather troubles. A tornado left its mark on their home and the land surrounding it as can be seen in the pictures above including the leveling of several rows of corn. (Staff photos by Ray Ward)

Commissioners meet in brief session

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday night to discuss several matters with action taken on only a few items.

Prior to the meeting, a public hearing was held concerning the revisions of the subdivisions regulations. John Coston was elected Subdivision Review Officer by the Board.

In action taken, the Commis-

sioners adopted a Perquimans County Housing and Land Use Update for 1978.

A discussion on the by-laws of the countywide water system was also held.

A petition was received concerning work on state road 199 to be forwarded to state highway officials. The Commissioners approved the request to forward the information.