

Firefighters start fire to clear land

A house scheduled for razing, at 681 E. Bridge St., was burned as a training exercise by the Vernonia Volunteer Firefighters on October 23. In a "surround and burn" exercise the fire was started and contained by firefighters with water hoses.

Sometimes these events are learning experiences of what not to do in the future. This time, firefighters found out that vinyl siding can start to melt at lower than expected temperature. The siding on the house next door bubbled a bit but set-

led back down after it cooled off.

The property was recently purchased by new owners who are having two houses built on the site. The construction crew broke ground before the week was up.

In another recent exercise, the volunteers burned a donated car. They also have a donated single wide trailer they expect to be able to use for different training exercises and for a program for school kids.

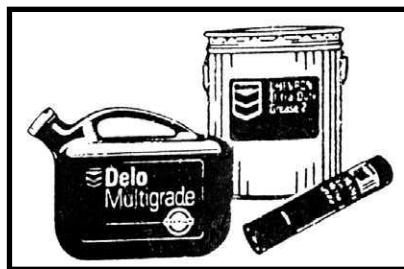
Two pictures on right show 681 E. Bridge being burned.



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