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CONVENTION SCHEDULE

June 12, 13, 14, 1986

TIME	EVENT	PLACE
Wednesday, June 11th		
Noon-8 p.m.	Registration	Holiday Inn
8:00-10:00 p.m.	Miss Flame Mixer (Get Acquainted)	Ramada Inn
Thursday, June 12th		
8 a.m.-6 p.m.	Registration	Holiday Inn
8 a.m.-9 p.m.	Inside & Outside Displays	Holiday Inn
8:00 a.m.-Noon	Miss Flame Judging	Ramada Inn
Noon-2:00 p.m.	Hog Roast (Sponsored by Indiana Fire Apparatus)	Holiday Inn Parking Lot
12:30-1:30 p.m.	Miss Flame Luncheon	Ramada Inn
2:00-3:30 p.m.	Men's & Ladies Officers Meeting	South Vigo High School
2:30-5:00 p.m.	Inside & Outside Displays	Holiday Inn
5:00-6:30 p.m.	Hot Dog & Beer Bust (Sponsored by Midwest Fire & Safety)	Holiday Inn Chestnut Ballroom
7:30-9:30 p.m.	Joint Meeting	South Vigo High School
9:30 p.m.- ?	Fire House Rhythm Band	Holiday Inn Parking Lot
Friday, June 13th		
7:30-8:30 a.m.	Koffee Klutch—Fireman & Auxiliary	South Vigo H.S. Cafeteria
8 a.m.-2 p.m.	Registration	South Vigo High School
8 a.m.-9 p.m.	Inside & Outside Displays	Holiday Inn
8:30-10:20 a.m.	Men's Meeting	South Vigo H.S. Auditorium
9:00-10:20 a.m.	Women's Meeting	South Vigo H.S. Cafeteria
11:00-12 Noon	Memorial Service	St. Benedict's Catholic Church
Noon-1:30 p.m.	Lunch	Your Choice
1:30 p.m.-Close	Men's Meeting	South Vigo H.S. Auditorium
1:30 p.m.-Close	Women's Meeting	South Vigo H.S. Auditorium
6:30-9:00 p.m.	Banquet	Hulman Civic Center
9:30 p.m.- ?	Fire House Rhythm Band	Holiday Inn Parking Lot
Saturday, June 14th		
7:00-8:00 a.m.	Registration for Games	South Vigo H.S. Parking Lot
8:00-12 Noon	Convention Games	South Vigo H.S. Parking Lot
1:00 p.m.	Parade Lineup	4th & Wabash — Will return to starting point.
2:00 p.m.	Parade will begin.	

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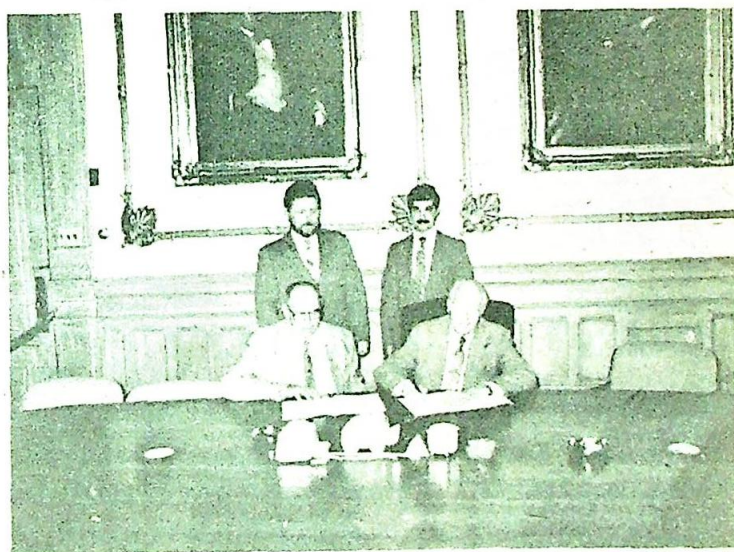
(From Noon June 11th to 5:00PM June 14th)

FIRE SERVICES Thank Governor



In appreciation for his help, the Fire Services recently presented Governor Orr with an award. Pictured above are: (left) Maynard Masters, President of Indiana Fire Instructors Association, Bill Sunday, President of Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Larry Bosell, Indiana State Fire Marshal and Steve Koutz, Vice President of Indiana Firefighters Association.

Governor Signs Fire Bills



The legislative effort this year for firefighters worked pretty well. Governor Orr is signing the Insurance Bill and the Weight/Length Bill. Standing (l.) President Sunday, (r.) State Fire Marshal Bosell, sitting (l.) Legislative Chairman Ford (r.) Governor Orr. There is a full legislative report in this issue. You need to read it so that you will be up-to-date with the new laws.

It "Otter" Be Good - Terre Haute - On June 12, 13, 14, 1986

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Galatians 6:4-10

⁴ But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

⁵ For every man shall bear his own burden.

⁶ Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in a good thing.

⁷ Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

⁸ For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

⁹ And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

¹⁰ As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

As of now we are in the midst of the Easter season. Spring is here, the crocus are out. My shop is full of plants waiting for warm weather. The seed catalogues have been laid back for another time.

Spring renews our faith after a long winter. It gives us a newness of life. Yes, it does take some money and material things to meet our needs, but we find the greatest riches of living are when we learn gratitude for the smallest things, and put ourselves to work in being a blessing to others. Troubles and winter time can be harsh, but they often serve to bring out beauties we might not notice, otherwise.

March 14th marked ten years since the passing of my wife, Jo. Death is a part of living, it cannot be ignored or shut away. For those whose faith is strong, it is the last mortal adventure. For Jo, it was an adventure that was met eagerly and without fear. Jo's faith, love, and death have changed my life.

In our scriptures every man shall bear his own burden. Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Christmas love is a disciplined, committed attitude of good will. How will people know Christmas love if we don't somehow reveal it to them?

Tell them that we appreciate the things they do for us and others.

Tell Them we are committed to helping them with their needs and problems.

Tell them we are sorry if we have done or said something we should not have said.

Tell them we are happy for them when good things happen in their lives.

Tell them we grieve with them when sorrow comes into their lives.

In other words, let them know that we love them.

Jesus found his satisfaction in forgetting self and thinking of others. He found food for his own soul by being the "bread of life" to those he came in contact with.

After The Winter God Sends The Spring

*Springtime is a season of Hope and Joy and Cheer
There's beauty all around us
to see and touch and hear . . .
So, no matter how downhearted
and discouraged we may be,
New Hope is born when we behold
leaves budding on a tree . . .
Or when we see a timid flower
push through the frozen sod
And open wide in glad surprise
its petaled eyes to God . . .
For this is just God saying —
"Lift up your eyes to Me,
And the bleakness of your spirit,
like the budding springtime tree,
Will lose its wintry darkness
And your heavy heart will sing" —
For God never sends The Winter
without the Joy of Spring.*

by Helen Steiner Rice

Prayer — My Father in heaven, forgive me when I have too little faith in your Love and care for me. Help me to look to you for the freedom and power to live and work for you and for the I.V.F.A.

Go to the church of your choice —
You'll like it.

NEWS FROM THE PREZ



BILL SUNDAY

We finally accomplished a few of our goals firefighters and I feel with a working relationship with all concerned, you will see lots of positive things happening in the near future.

The computer is in and we are in the process of updating the files so that the convention mailing might be a little more accurate than in the past. Give us a little time now that we are working our own keyboard and we should be able to iron out all of our problems.

We have traveled many miles since the last report. I feel we've accomplished a lot of different things. We were fortunate to be able to spend a lot of time in the legislature this year and believe me firefighters, it's not getting any easier down there. We started with five things in mind and I feel we accomplished four of those five. Jack will have a full report in this issue of the paper so be sure to read all of it. Thanks Jack, for all the many hours you spent on behalf of the firefighters in legislature and the many other projects you have helped me on.

We have traveled to a lot of District Meetings, training training programs, and to a lot of department functions. The same problems seem to exist throughout the state. For a long time we have just been good firefighters and let someone else take care of our many problems. But now who's doing it — we are. Just take revenue sharing for an example. As of March our Congressmen tell us they have only received some 30 letters or calls in reference to this fund. Firefighters in our state depend on revenue sharing money and many will have to close because this is their only income. Now I ask you, why hasn't someone from your department taken the time to write? If your reason is not knowing who to write to or the correct address, here is your solution. There is a list of all Indiana Representatives in this paper. So please help and let the people in Washington know how we feel.

We are also working with the State Insurance Commissioner on billing for fire runs. They want a formula to go by so that all departments will be billed the same and so the money will be accountable to someone. You will be hearing more on this later.

We will be announcing a new IVFA PROGRAM AT THE CONVENTION — a death benefit fund for members killed in the line of duty and two \$1,500 scholarships per year for children of members of the I.V.F.A.

Another problem we are currently facing is the fact that we have a large number of ladies

who are members now. Fellows, the ladies are not men and they are members of our association. So we will more than likely change some things to read firefighters rather than firemen. (Suggestion).

Several awards are presented each year and I for one do not want to take anything away from your state officers, but I would like to see these awards go to the rank and file. Here again, if you complain about this and the committee only gets in 4 names and all 4 are officers, your complaints are not really justified. Get involved and let us know about your firefighter that is deserving of these awards.

We are moving in a positive direction and I certainly appreciate all your support and help over the last 9 months. Keep the cards and letters coming and Nickie and I will make all that we can. If you have a problem let us know and we will do all that we can to help. If we get in the way - tell us to get the hell out of the way. This is your Association and if you don't get involved, we can only continue to do the best we can.

Hope everyone has a pretty spring with few grass fires and better than that, no storms.

REPORT OF BOARD CHAIRMAN



M. E. "PETE" LOCKHART

HOW GULLIBLE WE ARE

We firemen are a gullible lot. Many of us allow the people we serve to take advantage of us in too many ways. We fight their fires, transport their sick and injured, advise them on fire prevention and safety.

What do we ask for in return?

Insurance, to protect our families from loss of income in case we are injured or killed in the line of duty. We only ask for a limited amount for income protection for so many weeks, and if we are killed a policy which will provide for our families for a short period of time.

What we get may provide for the family for 2-3 years, if your spouse does not get sued for your hospital bills.

Why do I say we are gullible? Even with insurance required of local governments, many of them are not providing that protection, and we sit idly by and allow them to get away with it.

Don't forget, THEY are responsible for fire protection and they cannot provide it without us. We can force the issue and put those Trustees and Town Boards on notice that if proper insurance is not provided within a set amount of time (30 days, no more), you will not serve. If they cannot provide the required insurance, then we cannot and should not serve. Our families deserve us more than that. Each young fireman out there should

take the task of being a volunteer seriously. The State and the public demands it, and we need to tell them that they too should take it seriously. We should demand that they get serious and provide the needed insurance, not the required insurance, but the needed insurance.

Your picture on the mantel with your uniform on will be of little comfort to your wife and family if there is no food on the table after you're gone. We all say "It won't happen to me", but every year it happens to too many of us. If we are negligent about our own protection we are not being fair to our families and we are not being competent firemen.

Find out about your insurance protection. Next week may be too late. Ask questions. Put the officials on notice about what you expect. Yes, I know they will squirm and threaten. Stand firm. I'll bet they come around to our way of thinking when it comes right down to it.

Some will say that the insurance requirements set forth in the last few years are costing the fire departments too much. However, we should say it is costing the citizens very little, almost nothing. Hearing a Fire Chief say his area had 3,000 inhabitants and \$1,800 annual premium was too much to pay for insurance made me smile a little. That's only 60 cents per person per year to provide the minimum required insurance for the fire department members. I would also bet that each of those 3,000 people will waste more than 60 cents on a weekly basis, if not daily. Also don't forget those merchants you serve are the ones who receive those dollars which you are not getting.

This Association does not provide your insurance. Your local unit of government or fire department must do it.

Post notices of what you need on bulletin boards in your community. Try the church bulletin board where you're a member. Use the courthouse public notice board. Be honest with the public about your needs and let their consciences work on them. We've been gullible too long.

SECRETARY'S REPORT DOUGLAS A. BECHTEL

Hello Fellow Firefighters.

It has been a very busy year. As of March 17, 1986 the I.V.F.A. has its own computer in the secretary's office. I have been busy learning how to use the computer and how to create programs that will save time for everyone. My report to the treasurer will come out of the computer. The letters we write will come from the computer. The mailing labels will come from the computer.

Now, what you can do to help us.

1. If you change fire departments, let us know.
2. If you change your mailing address, let us know.
3. If you change beneficiaries, let us know.
4. If you drop a man, let us know.
5. If you have a man pass away, let us know.
6. Make very sure your information on the forms are right.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS NORTHEAST



BILL KINSEY

3rd Alarm Sounds in Northeast P.R. Area

Most of us have experienced the urgency, excitement, fear and anticipation of the challenge of a multiple alarm. Even the most experienced firefighter feels the blood pumping faster.

I am now sounding the third alarm. We all need to respond right now to help a fellow firefighter. Cooney Tucker needs our help. Cooney hasn't asked me or you for help and probably never will. Regardless, he needs all the financial help we can give him right now!

Cooney's wife Bev has a very serious disease that requires very expensive medical treatment. Cooney and Bev have used all of their resources and are heavily in debt with these past, present and future medical expenses. Cooney didn't tell me of his financial problems but I can verify the real seriousness of his problem. I owe him. I've learned from his teachings and I've picked his brain to better myself and my contribution to the fire service. I believe all volunteer firefighters in Indiana owe him our help now. Now is 3rd Alarm pay-back time.

A medical expense fund is being set up through the trust department of Anthony Wayne Bank in Ft. Wayne. The trust department of the bank, my attorney, a CPA firm are all cutting their costs and donating much of their fees and they never heard of Cooney Tucker until I talked to them about him. If they are willing to do this, I'm

sure the volunteer firefighters of Indiana will exceed my wildest hopes for giving financial help to Cooney and Bev.

When Cooney was younger, he was a Golden Gloves fighter and fought professionally. He never knew what it was to be beaten and he isn't beaten now.

Most of you knew him as Chief of Hometown Volunteer Fire Department for some thirty years and many years as instructor for the Fire Marshal's Department all over Indiana. He encouraged and helped start the first all volunteer arson task force, F.A.S.T. of Allen County. Cooney's presence is felt in all of the fire departments in Indiana. We all know how he represented the volunteers on the Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education Commission.

I'm sure Cooney will be mad as hell and have some personal words for me when he finds out about this but I hope he'll think about it and after he's able to pay some of those bills he'll realize how all of us volunteer firefighters just wanted to pay back something for what he willingly gave to us.

I hope the District Chairmen and departments in my P.R. area understand why this report is dedicated to help Cooney and some of the news from our area is slighted this time. See the Notice in this paper! Let's do it fellows!

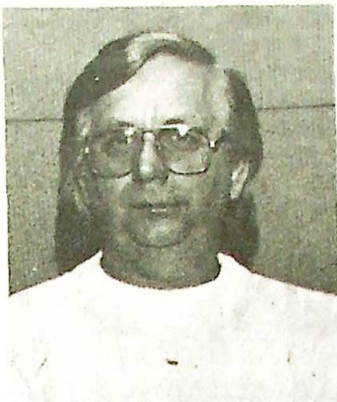
FRIDAY NIGHT PIZZA PARTY CHILDREN ONLY

On Friday night, while Mom and Dad are at the Convention Banquet, their children can go to a pizza party. It will be held at the Ramada Inn around the pool from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. In addition to the pizza, there will be a disc jockey to provide music. They may also swim.

To be eligible to attend this event, the children must be from 6 to 18 years of age and registered as a child of a registered fireman or auxiliary member.

The event will be chaperoned and is at no cost.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



LAWRENCE SWARTZ

It is now time to shake off the effects of the long winter and get ready for spring. Do your community PR and advise the people on fire prevention while they are doing their spring cleanup.

On one of the past weekend travels to southern Indiana, the cleanup people were busy and so were the fire departments. A 30-mile per hour wind and many trash fires gave the fire departments plenty of action. This does, however, give you firefighters a chance to get acquainted with the new incident reporting system. As I visit the various departments I find a lot of interest in the reports and many evenings devoted to schools on them. This is the direction we need to go to impress the people that we are capable of doing our job properly.

If you plan on using instructors from the Fire Marshal's office for your district schools, I must advise you to get your requests in early. There are many fine schools coming up and I urge you as firefighters to attend. Don't forget the State School in April at Indianapolis.

Just a reminder not to forget the Convention coming up in June. The time is getting shorter, only 71 days to liftoff time. Get your reservations and registrations in now and save a few bucks.

Hopefully by now the Association will have their computer in service and we will not experience the membership problems of past years.

We feel the legislative effort was a success and you can be assured we will promote the smoke detector bill again.

Keep the cards and letters coming and we will try to attend as many of your functions as possible. Have a fire safe spring and will see you all at Convention.

Legislative Report

By: Jack Ford

Governor Orr has created an Emergency Response Co-ordination Task Force by Proclamation. The appointed chairman is Bob Holt of the Ontario Corp. There are 13 different governmental department heads serving as members of the Task Force. The IVFA, among other fire service organizations, was named to make up an advisory committee to the Task Force.

At this time it seems this vehicle will be the means to get an Emergency Personnel Academy built in Indiana. At least that is the way things are going. President Sunday is taking care of the person to represent the IVFA on this Advisory Group and it is to him that we will turn for direction.

The Fuel Tax Deduction that was a directive of IVFA for this session became confused and involved before the session started. The Motor Fuel Tax Division has allowed a 48% deduction for fuel tax for fire apparatus. In other words 48% of total fuel used in fire trucks can be tax deductible. There was an article in the last issue of this paper on this. Just in case you do not understand something contact your area officers for assistance or you may call or write:

Terri L. Soult,
Administrative Assistant
Room 218 State Office Building
Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 232-1860

She will be happy to put you on the right track.

For those of you that have asked for Equipment Funding and how to get it — IC 36-8-13-4 and 5, 6, & 7 tell of purchasing procedures. IC 36-6-6-14 tells of borrowing procedures. These are for townships governmental use. IC 6-1-1-18-5-13 tells how to use excess levy of 20%, not to exceed \$10,000. Also somewhere in that area it tells how to use the bonding authority for equipment purchases by cities and towns. It seems that the procedures are there to be used — the

next question that seems to follow is "do you want to".

This concludes the activities for the 1986 Session and don't forget the old saw — "there is always a next year".

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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7. You must have the small membership form on file in the secretary's office to complete your file.
8. Please follow the guide lines that are sent to you in the mail with the dues.
9. Remember, your file is only as good as you want it to be.
10. I will do all I can to get the job done for you. Thank you. I am looking forward to working with all of you this next year. I hope to see a lot of you at the convention coming up. Please make sure your registrations are in before May 1st. Please help the convention people pay for the truck for the raffle. Be sure to get your room reserved for convention. The people in Terre Haute have worked hard to get the convention ready for this year. Now all it needs is people to make it a convention.

We do have some new things that will be started and announced at Convention '86 so please try to be there.

We still have about 100 departments that have not paid their dues. Remember, you will not be receiving the newspaper or be allowed to receive a bible or grave marker, or be allowed to vote at convention time if your dues are not paid so please try to get them in. Thank you.

This issue of the paper is being mailed using labels made on your computer. So if you know of someone not getting their paper after May 20th, please let us know and we will take care of it. See all of you at convention.

RVFD Honors Firemen Of '85

Taken From The
RENSSELAER REPUBLICAN

The officers of the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department announced the winners of the 1985 Fireman of the Year, and the 1985 Fireman of the Year Honorable Mention awards. These awards were given for the first time at the Firemen's Annual Sweetheart dinner and dance held at the K of C Hall in February.

The 1985 Fireman of the Year was Kenneth Haun. He was honored for his taking part in a dangerous rescue that involved a victim trapped up in a tree. Fireman Haun was decorated for his "heroism and bravery, as demonstrated by placing himself in a dangerous position, thereby compromising his own safety, to save the life of another person."

The 1985 Fireman of the Year Honorable Mention award was presented to Walt Crowder. Fireman Crowder was instrumental in preparing and participating in a Fire Safety program given to local school children. Also Fireman Crowder played an important role in staging the very successful open house at the fire station in October. It was later learned that because of Fireman Crowder's safety program, two local children knew the proper action to take when they were awakened by smoke in their home, only a few days after the safety presentation.

The Rensselaer Community and the area townships that are covered by the Rensselaer Fire Department, can be proud of these fine gentlemen.

COONEY & BEVERLY TUCKER MEDICAL EXPENSE FUND

Cooney devoted his life to bettering the Volunteer Fire Service in Indiana.
NOW COONEY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Cooney has incurred tremendous medical bills for treatment of his wife, Beverly's serious illness. He is not asking for help. Those of you who know him, also know he would never ask a friend for help, but I am asking you to help him overcome this debt. The size of these bills are more than any one man can overcome.

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Should the fire service in Jackson County, Indiana, decide to adopt a motto it would surely be: "Where there is a will, there is a way!"

Innovation and invention are not new ideas to Jackson County's 11 fire departments. Jackson County is a predominately rural area with a large farming interest. Crossed by major transportation routes the county is also home to growing industry and business. The diversity of lifestyles and variety of fire protection needs requires firefighters to be ready for any type of emergency.

Being ready for "anything" means that firefighters must be trained for anything and everything. In-house training has long been offered at Seymour City Fire Department and at most of the ten volunteer departments. Increasing training costs placed a serious financial disadvantage upon smaller fire units. Firefighters were often forced to leave the county to obtain needed training hours and frequently paid the expenses for their education themselves.

Always responsive to the needs of firefighters, the Jackson County Fire Chiefs Association took the lead in confronting the training problem. In 1984 the Association made plans for the establishment of the Jackson County Fire Training Academy. This Academy would meet the Indiana requirements for Second Class Firefighter Certification and be conducted free of charge to county firefighters.

Pershing Township Fire Chief, Richard Blaker drafted the original Academy proposal and co-ordinated the 1985 class program.

"We had no money to start a Fire Academy. We learned a lot from the folks at Decatur County Fire Academy, especially from John Tumilty. What we had in our favor was a BIG need and very determined people," Blaker recalled. Chiefs Association President, Bernard Ruddick (Chief Jackson Washington Township Fire Department) sent an appeal letter that outlined the need and plans for the Jackson County Fire Academy. This letter sent to business, industry, professional people, and civic groups netted the Association enough money to open classes.

"We had great response from the county!", remembers Dennis Goeble, Association Treasurer. "We are very pleased."

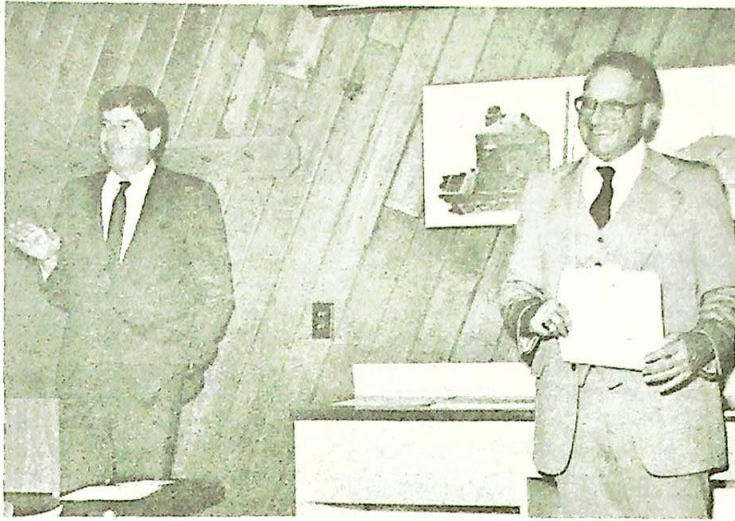
Contributions enabled the Chiefs Association to provide the needed hours plus purchase the textbooks. Copies of **Essentials of Firefighting** were given free to the students. Students in turn shared texts with other firefighters for individual reading who were unable to attend classes.

Classes began in February, 1985. Public Service Indiana supplied a meeting facility for Tuesday evening sessions and Seymour City Fire Department housed Saturday classes.

"You must appreciate the fact that these people spent every Tuesday and every Saturday in class for ten weeks," Blaker commented. "That is quite a sacrifice for family as well as for the firemen."

Academy co-ordinators agree that a major benefit from joint training is an improved working relationship on Mutual Aid calls. One paid firefighter stated, "I never fully understood the volunteer until now. I had no idea how good you have to be in rural firefighting... water supply activities just aren't the same from a pond as from a hydrant."

Grassy-Fork Fire Chief, Marvin Wischmeier explained, "We have a chance to learn so much



Seymour City Mayor William Bailey and Norman Crocker make student award presentations for the 1985 Jackson County Fire Academy. Mr. Crocker was the guest speaker at the ceremony. Photo by Dick Burrell



LeRoy Miller received a Commendation for his services as a Fire Instructor for the 1985 Jackson County Fire Academy. (Left to right) LeRoy Miller, Chief Rodney Hilderbrand (Vice President Jackson County Fire Chiefs), and Chief Richard Blaker, President. Photo by Dick Burrell



I.V.F.A. President Bill Sunday and I.V.F.A.A. President Nickie Sunday at the Jackson County Fire Academy Banquet. Photo by Dick Burrell

from one another. Even the teachers come away with new ideas."

Fifty-four students and twenty instructors were honored at a banquet in September. The dinner was well attended by firefighters, friends, family, government officials, and law enforcement personnel. Guest speaker was Norman Crocker of the Fire Marshal's office.

"We have left the days of the 'good ole boys' and have entered the age of accountability... the age of training," Crocker told the crowd. "You have made an important beginning in Jackson County."

Firefighters are building upon that important beginning. Currently thirty students are enrolled in the 1986 Second-Class Firefighter program at Grassy Fork. First Class Firefighter hopefuls have filled classes at Brownstown Township.

1986 Academy Secretary, Richard Burrell is pleased with the attendance. "Everyone is trying hard to learn... and that is what it is all about."

Now serving his second term as Jackson County Fire Chiefs Association President, Blaker remains optimistic about the Academy program.

"It is our job to train the next generation of firefighters to take our places. We want the advantages for them that we did not always have available. We don't want them to be as good as we are... we want them to be better."

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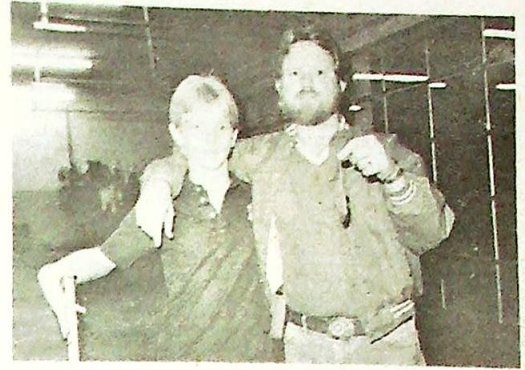
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THE "BIG" HUNT



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ROY E. RICHARDSON

Greetings from the sunny side of Louisville. We've been quite busy in this part of the state. I've visited a lot of departments in my area, talking to them about the upcoming convention and about joining the I.V.F.A.

We had a meeting with the 1987 I.V.F.A. Convention Committee and plans are underway for a great convention.

I attended the 16th District meeting January 9th at Lafayette, the 14th District meeting January 23rd at Osgood and the 16th District meeting March 13th at New Middletown. We appreciate Lawrence Swartz, Vice President visiting our meetings.

I attended a Red Cross Disaster meeting at Quality Inn with other fire departments and agencies in the area. I have been working with departments in Clark and Floyd counties establishing fire districts. Charlestown

has already become a fire district.

I attended the I.V.F.A. officers meeting in Indianapolis in February, and I.F.I.A. meeting in Bedford, F.D.I.C. Conference in Cincinnati and a funeral service for Robert Napier, a 16-year and charter member of the Underwood Vol. Fire Dept. and also a member of the I.V.F.A.

I hope to see everyone at the 1986 Convention at Terre Haute, Let's get behind our officers and convention committee and make the 1986 Convention a huge success.

Valient Efforts— But In Vain

Taken From
HAMMOND TIMES
By Mark Kiesling, Staff Writer

LAKE VILLAGE—Their efforts were valiant but in vain.

Three firefighters and an elementary school principal may be in line for awards for their efforts to pull Shirley Zagone, 54, from her burning rural Lake Village home.

Zagone died in the burn unit of University of Chicago-Billings Hospital. Her son, Joseph, 13, daughters in critical condition.

Daughters Michelle, 17, and Melissa, 9, were treated at St. Anthony Hospital in Crown Point and released.

State Fire Marshal Lawrence Bosell classified the fire as accidental and said it may have been started by a cigarette.

Deputy State Fire Marshal Brad Sandberg said Lake Village Volunteer Fire Department Capt.

Kenneth Turner, 29, Lt. Steven Whitt, 28 and EMT Robert Ramsey, 26, may be recommended for the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Valor Award and the Governor's Valor Award for pulling Zagone from the burning home.

Zagone's neighbor, Lake Village Elementary School Principal Steven Sharp, tried to rescue family members from the house before the arrival of the fire department, but was turned back by the flames, smoke and sub-zero temperatures.

Sharp was treated for frostbite and smoke inhalation at St. Anthony and released. School officials said the school corporation may recognize Sharp for his efforts.

"He tried to get in before we got there," Turner said. "He hurt his back, and wasn't able to get in. But he sure tried."

Ramsey was also treated for smoke inhalation at St. Anthony and released.

"When we got there, everything was totally involved," said Turner. "We knew someone was in there, but we didn't know where or who she was."

The air packs the firefighters were carrying ran out of oxygen before "we stumbled over a person," in the downstairs family room. Turner said, "Once we know her location, we had another firefighter with a hose direct water to keep the flames away from her."

"We put her on a backboard and hoisted her through a basement window," Turner said.

Sandberg said, "They went beyond the call of duty, and it is my feeling they are deserving of the award."

STATION GETS FACE LIFT



The Farmland Fire Department installed all new overhead doors to cut heat cost as well as dress up the look of the building. They suggest that if you have an all glass door that you look into this type of door. You won't believe the savings on heat bills next winter.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

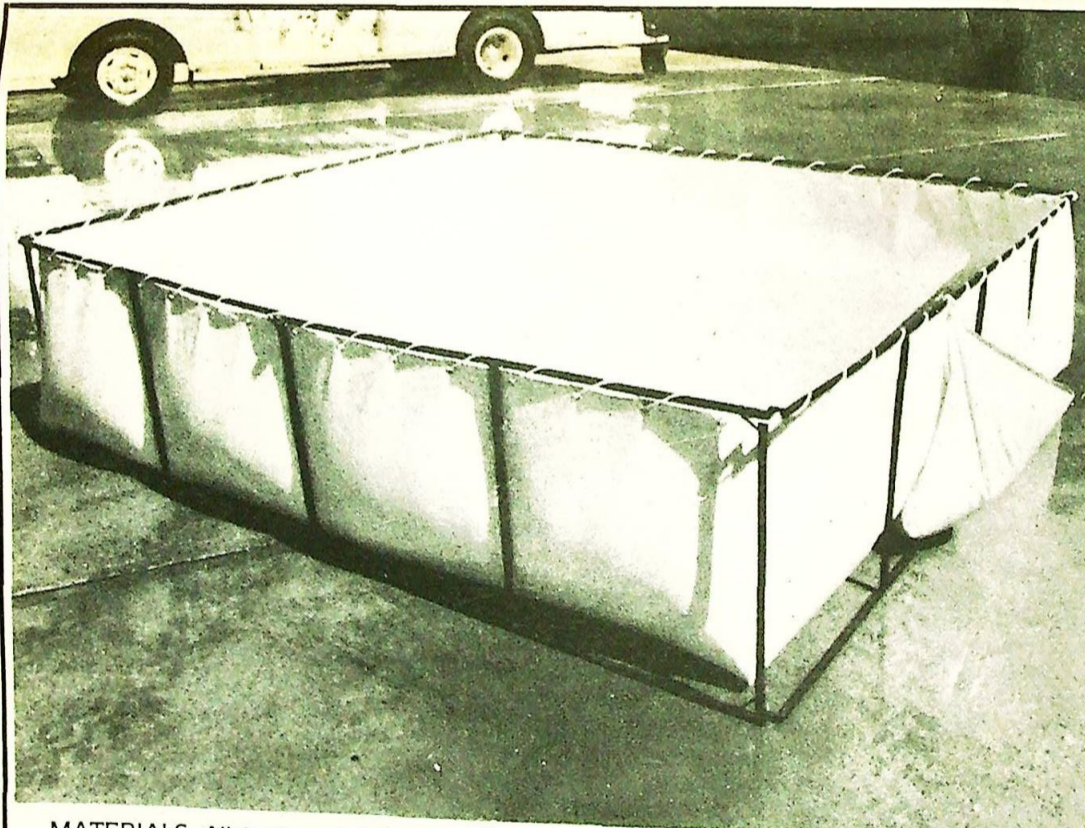


The Farmland Volunteer Fire Department hosted their annual Halloween Party for the local children. Every trick or treat character that you can imagine was there to show off the latest in costumes. The kids were rewarded with prize money in 12 categories as well as given treats.

EDITOR'S NOTE

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER!
We promised in the last issue that we would include articles

and pictures not used in the April issue so that is why we have stories covering events from Halloween, Christmas and Convention all in the same issue.



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CARL O. DAVIS

Just a few lines to let you know that we are going good in the southwest part of the state.

The fire schools in Evansville and Bloomington were well attended. Evansville had 150 on Saturday and 130 on Sunday. All reports from firemen attending the school were very good. Thanks to the committee for a job well done.

Bloomington had 30 for their school and a good program was put on from the fire marshal's office.

The 18th District fire school will be at the Jasper Fire Station on April 21st at 7:30 p.m. The fire marshal's office will put on a program telling how to fill out the new fire reports.

The fire marshal's office has several new film and training slides. So if you are wanting a program for your meetings give them a call and see what they have available for you.

Our convention is going to be here in a couple of months. There is a new award to be given at this year's meeting. Mr. Ollie Sandberg of the Prairieton Vol. Fire Dept. is giving the award. He is making 25 awards to be given away over the next 25 conventions. Your district chairmen and public relations officers have the rules so see them and have your letters in by May 1, 1986 to Lawrence Swartz the Awards Committee Chairman.

Our membership is down this year. Please let's start now getting all departments dues in so that we will be ready for 1986-87. Let's push for the largest membership in the history of the I.V.F.A. for 1986-87. This will again be a long session of the legislature and we want to get our program ready. A large membership for '87 will help get our program through.

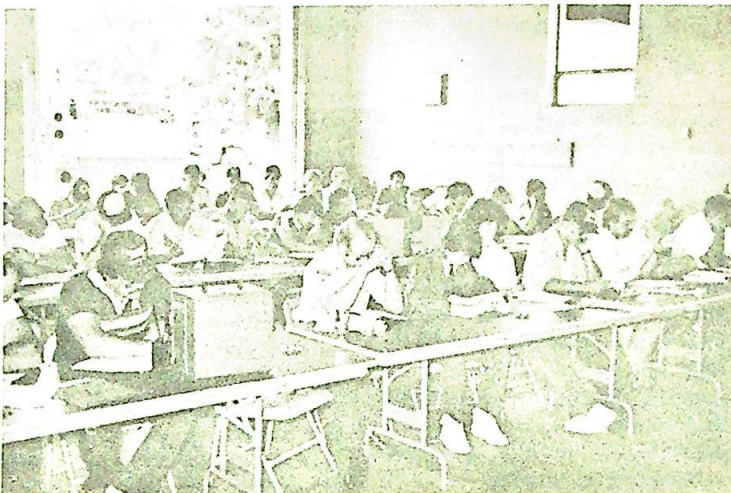
District 18 held their meeting at the St. Henry Fire Dept. on March 20th with a total of 120 firemen and guests present.

Have some new departments that are coming in for 1986-87. So get out and tell your neighboring departments the many benefits of belonging to the I.V.F.A.

That's it for this time. See you at the convention in June.



Knox Fire Chief, Robert Sims, is shown presenting a new video recorder to Paul Cole of the Bass Lake Fire Department. Knox firemen raffled off the VCR to raise money for some new rescue equipment.



Shown above are District 3 firefighters from Starke and LaPorte Counties attending a 2nd Class firefighter certification school sponsored by the Starke County Firefighters Association. About 75 firefighters attended the school.



Knox High School cheerleaders had their traditional ride on one of Knox's pumpers during the 1985 Homecoming Parade.

BRAND NEW EQUIPMENT



The Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department bought a 1985 pumper-tanker in December. The truck, which cost approximately \$86,000, is replacing a 20-year-old truck. The diesel-powered automatic transmission vehicle can hold 1,250 gallons of water and can pump 750 gallons of water per minute. Front row from left are Larry Brooks, Logan Houston, Mike Brooks, Tom Padgitt and Lawrence Swartz. Back row from left are Harold R. Lakin, Lemoyne Koehler and Bill Townsend.

1ST RESPONDERS GRADUATE



Hartford City Fire Department just graduated their first class of 1st Responders. Pictured above: kneeling (l. to r.) Chief Gene Henderson, Rick Sluder, Ernie Dubois. Standing (l. to r.) Mark Cooper, Ron Parrott, Ron Ridgeway, Rick Constable, Joe Ervin, Brett Murray, Kent Hoover, Dick Tarr.

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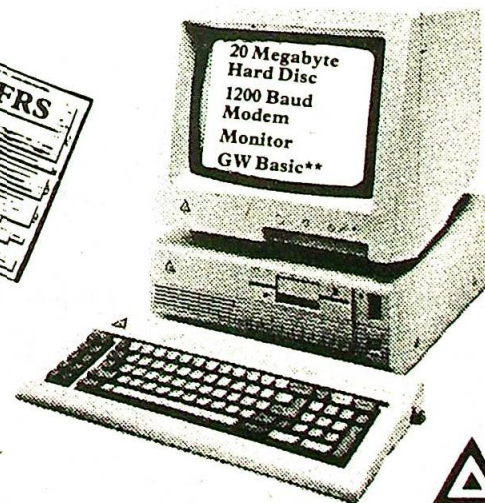
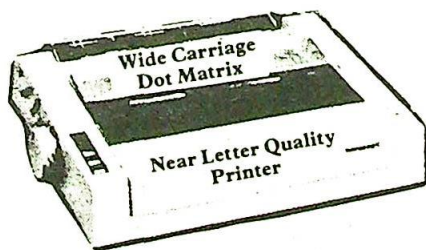
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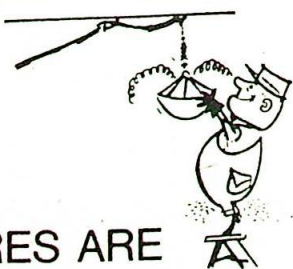
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I.V.F.A.A. PRESIDENT'S QUARTERLY REPORT



NICKIE SUNDAY

The past few weeks have been critical ones for the fire service due to the severe weather conditions we have been experiencing. Our town was not hit by the recent tornado, but one town in our county was destroyed. When any disaster strikes, as I'm sure you are all well aware, the volunteer fire service is one of the first to respond. I know I am proud to be connected with men and women who are always willing to give of their time and money to help others.

Our department helped in Lynn and I know the town of Acton was hit and volunteers from that area surely worked day and night to help out. These were not the only places having damage and I know our people were busy from east to west in the southern half of the state and I would just like to take this opportunity to say thanks for another job well done.

Can you believe convention is just three months away. We need to get our pre-registrations in immediately to the convention committee in order to beat the May 1st deadline. Also your motel reservations should be taken care of as soon as possible. Everyone knows what a good job the people from District 11A & B can do, so get your homework done now so you can come have a good time with us in Terre Haute.

Miss Flames should already be chosen by the time you receive the paper. I want to wish each girl good luck. Districts and departments - don't forget to support your representative.

The charm for convention is in and will be available at the May Officers meeting and convention. For those who do not know, the charm is one designed and made special just for the '86 Convention at Otter Creek in Terre Haute.

We are looking for men and women who like to have a lot of fun. The games at convention are not for professionals only, although we do have some very good teams. Put together a team and join us for waterball, the cart race, and lots of fun. It's been said over and over again - you only get out of something what you put into it - let's have a good convention with a lot of participation.

Vice President, Loretta Nulliner is in charge of the Lucky Doe Doll Raffle. This year we have a lovely porcelain doll with \$75.00 cash, second chance \$50.00, and third chance \$25.00. Again, we need each member to support our project. If each member would purchase or sell just one chance, we would reach our goal for 1986. Will you help? Sponsor for the tickets this year is Public Safety Products, Richmond, formerly

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Please read your paper carefully so you don't miss any of the important convention information.

Our membership search is still in progress. We have found 296 members from November to February, but that's still a long way from 3,000. Keep up the good work and let's find all our girls and a few men too.

Many are still asking "What do I get for my \$2.00?" Let me ask you, what would you like to have for your \$2.00? Before you answer that question, remember why an auxiliary is organized. Webster tells us an auxiliary is a person, group or thing that helps or aids, acting as extra help. Our volunteer firemen put their lives on the line of their own free will without the thought of personal or monetary gain to give help and support to others. We, as the "extra help", should lend support to those who are dedicated to helping others. At our last convention we were able to give the men \$2,000 to be used to support fire schools, education, and training that helps protect over 16,000 firemen. We know this will not finance all the programs available through the I.V.F.A.A., but our intentions are to help support them as we are able to do so. Maybe you can not see your \$2.00 as a direct gain to yourself, but if it helps to save one fireman's life it would be worth a million!

I'm asking all of our local auxiliary officers, district officers, and state officers to please not break the lines of communication with those who may want to help our efforts to support the greatest group of men and ladies who only want to help others. Remember, we still have a few months to go in 1986, share our association with others and watch us grow!

My family and I would like to thank everyone in the fire service for the hospitality shown to us as we have traveled over the state. Please remember to send meeting notices, dinner dates, parade dates, schools, and whatever activities you are having that you feel we should attend. We've not been to every town or city in our state, but we're still trying.

Please consider this your invitation to join us in Terre Haute. We hope to see all our friends there!

Anhydrous Ammonia Safety Meeting

An Anhydrous Ammonia Safety Meeting was held by the Van Buren Township Volunteer Fire Department on March 4th at the Star City Community Building at 7:30 p.m. Co-host of the meeting was Custom Farm Services, Farm Bureau, and Sohigro.

Larry Olson, Chief of Van Buren Volunteer Township Fire Department, opened the meeting by introducing the managers of the above suppliers.

Larry then introduced Mitch Parish, Dist. 9-B Chairman and a member of the Francesville Volunteer Fire Department. Mitch introduced his assistant, Kenny Burns, Chief of Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department.

A slide presentation was shown entitled, "Emergency Response Procedure and Agriculture Ammonia Release."

A safety talk was given on the operation of various types of valves, air masks, excess flow valves, hoses, quick couples, pressure gauges, and the use of water tanks. Safety valves were demonstrated showing the reaction of excess flow, how it functions, and reseats itself.

The flash point for anhydrous ammonia is 1200 degrees.

The importance of safety equipment was discussed with the wearing of goggles and gloves when handling anhydrous ammonia. A small bottle of water should be carried in your shirt pocket for your eyes in case you should get anhydrous ammonia in them. The bottle of water can be used until you can get to a larger quantity of water. Anhydrous ammonia is very affinitive to water. Water is the best way to remove it from your skin - LOTS OF WATER. A red rose was dipped into the ammonia and it froze in about three seconds. When hit on a table, the rose shattered into many pieces. This demonstrated the importance of wearing safety goggles because of the amount of water surrounding the eye.

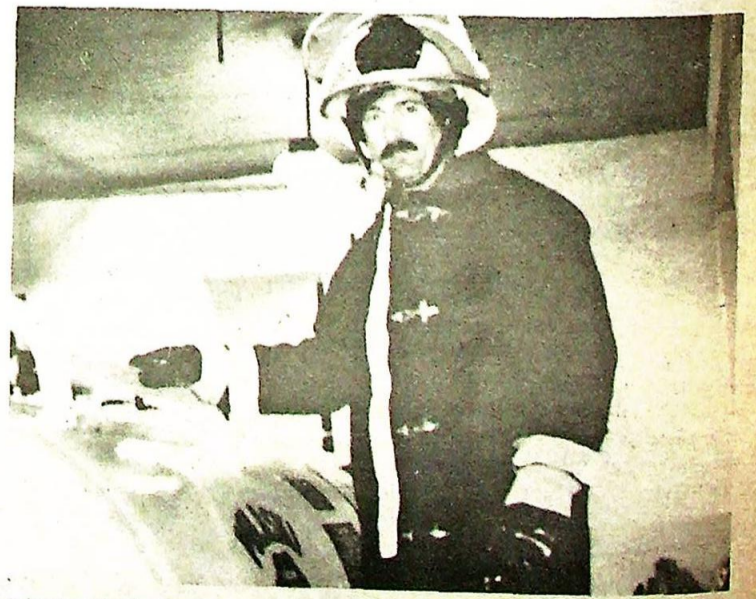
Mitch showed a film, "For The Rest Of Your Life", that seemed to impress the public.

After a question and answer period, coffee and doughnuts were served.

The meeting was attended by about 85 firemen, farmers, police, ReAct and Civil Defense members.

Meeting was then adjourned.

Larry Olson, Chief
Van Buren Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.



Ramsey Celebrating 25 Years



On July 10, 1961, the Articles of Incorporation setting up the Ramsey Volunteer Fire Fighters, Inc. were filed and approved. The Ramsey Volunteer Fire Department was a dream come true for many in the community, especially the charter members of the Department.

The road ahead was not yet paved and funds were in short supply. With the help of a very dedicated Ramsey Spencer Grange, the area to be served was canvassed door-to-door. Funds and donations were solicited. A used Reo truck chassis was purchased, a used tank was donated by a fuel delivery firm, a midship pump was salvaged from an old fire pumper and purchased for the Reo. Ramsey had its first fire truck.

Property within the town of Ramsey was made available to the Department for a minimal down payment with payments of \$30 per month. An old chicken house on the property was remodeled and became the first fire house. As funds were limited, most materials were donated and/or scavenged wherever available. All labor was accomplished by the members.

The Department has grown and improved during its 25-year history. An old house on the property was razed and a new 42' x 60' metal fire house was constructed in 1982. The original "Converted" fire house was recently remodeled to resemble the new building. The Department now owns a 1972 Ford 750 GPM pumper, a 1978 Ford 750 GPM pumper, a 1971 Mack 2,500 gallon tanker with a 1,000 GPM pump, a 1970 International 1,200 gallon tanker and a 1971 4-wheel drive Dodge 3/4 ton truck for fighting field and brush fires.

The 1978 Ford pumper is fully equipped with rescue equipment, including the Jaws of Life, and doubles as a rescue vehicle. The 1971 Mack is one of the prides of the Department. This unit was needed primarily for water supply. New tankers were too expensive. So the Department built its own tanker. A Mack tandem chassis was purchased as a base and a tanker/pumper was built. The truck hauls 2,500 gallons of water which can be dumped in 45 seconds. The pump has been certified at 1,000 GPM but will

pump in excess of 1,100 GPM. Completed cost to the Department, including engine overhaul, was just under \$38,000.

In addition to providing Fire Protection and Rescue, Ramsey provides Emergency Medical Services for the entire northern half of Harrison County. This service was begun in 1976. To provide this service, Ramsey owns, operates, and maintains two certified Type II EMS ambulances - a 1981 Ford and a 1976 Dodge.

In 1975, Ramsey installed its own base station and radio system. This system is operated solely by and for the Department. All members have pagers. All officers and emergency medical technicians carry 2-way radios. This allows for instant communications for all emergencies and EMS runs.

Ramsey's present Fire Protection District covers approximately 120 square miles, comprising three townships and one town in northern Harrison County. Our EMS area covers approximately 160 square miles comprising all of Harrison County north of Interstate 64. Value of equipment and property has grown from \$0.00 in 1961 to over \$500,000 in 1986. In 1984, Ramsey requested an ISO rating and received an 8. There are presently 30 firefighters on the rolls, sixteen are state certified. Ramsey has 8 Certified Emergency Medical Technicians. ALL members and EMT's are fully volunteer.

In addition to a lot of hard work and dedication, one of the fund raising mainstays of the Department over the years has been our Chicken Bar-B-Que Dinners. These are held twice a year - each spring and each fall.

In observance of Ramsey's 25th Anniversary, the Department will host an appreciation dinner and get-together for all present and past members and spouses on July 13th. Community benefactors are also invited.

Additionally, on July 20th, Ramsey will host an open house for everyone, our district, the community we serve, fire departments, EMS providers, anyone and everyone is invited. Come and join with us to celebrate 25 years of service and dedication to a community which has always supported its Fire Department.

MULTIPLE ARSON



In December the Moorefield Fire Dept. responded to a barn fire approximately 3 miles northwest of the station. Upon arrival at the scene, the roof had fallen in and all the department could salvage were some big round hay bales. This was accomplished by the use of a neighbor's dozer. A concrete stave silo remained standing although badly damaged by the heat of the fire.

In February the department was again called to a house fire on the same farm. The house was originally a 1½-story tile block, but additions had been built on three sides. Firemen were able to save a two-room addition but the rest of the house suffered heavy damage. After controlling the fire, firemen entering the structure were shocked at the spread of damage. The odor of kerosene or fuel oil was detectable and damage patterns suggested an accelerant. The Fire Marshal's office was called and the department held the house until Tom Hinkle, an investigator, arrived the next day. After a thorough investigation, he said it was a definite arson.

When the department was again called to the farm February 8th another barn was totally involved and collapsed within seconds of arrival. Firemen spotted another small blaze on a workbench in a nearby garage, which was quickly put out. Attention returned to the barn to try to save something to investigate. After controlling the barn, firemen returning to the garage discovered trailers and accelerants all over the structure and again the Fire Marshal was called. Inspection of the barn revealed that a destroyed combine fuel line had been tampered with allowing about 15 gallons of gasoline to spread on the floor. The combine belonged to a neighbor and was stored in the barn. Other cans were discovered which were not there 5 days earlier. The ruling was another arson and attempted arson.

On the morning of February 11th the department was again summoned to the farm. This time the pole construction/garage was ablaze and the roof caved in shortly after arrival. Firemen saved parts of three walls and again an investigator was called. Inspection suggested temperatures of 200 degrees on a concrete floor that had been washed by the fire department only 3 days earlier - another arson.

On February 12th an explosion shook the quiet rural neighborhood. Some thought it was a sonic boom, others thought maybe something at Jefferson Proving Ground which rattles local windows occasionally. About

45 minutes later the department was paged to another local farm, enroute to answer this alarm the trucks were flagged down by police, told to wait at a road junction and asked to maintain radio silence. The chief called the County Sheriff to find out what was going on. He was informed that the silo had been blown up and that a suspect was in custody, and that the truck he was driving was being held awaiting arrival of the State Police bomb unit. The truck contained a quantity of dynamite caps and fuses and police wanted to check for booby traps before moving it.

The next morning firemen surveyed the damage to the silo. A section about 2x6 feet had been blown away revealing silage inside. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, state and lo-

cal law agencies investigated the case which is still pending.

The Moorefield Fire Dept. spent 600 man hours battling fires on this farm and estimates \$122,695 damage to structures and contents. The farm had been repossessed by a local bank and the suspect is the former owner who by the way had another business burn in the past year.

Walter William Menchhofer



Walter William Menchhofer, 79, Rt. 2, Atlanta, died December 31st at Parkview Nursing Home after an illness of eight years.

He was born September 14, 1906 in Ripley County, the son of John George and Louise (Bosse) Menchhofer. On December 25, 1937 he married Sylvia Anna Marie Schwear, who survives.

A farmer, he was a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Arcadia and a charter member of the Madison Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Survivors include: two daughters, Judy Gasho of Atlanta and Joyce M. Bills of Tipton; a son, George Menchhofer of Tipton; four sisters, Esther Siebert, Hilda Dallman, Dorothy Kestler and Ruth Siebert, all of Batesville, and three grandchildren.

"Did You Know"

Formed 33 Years Ago; June 6th & 7th, 1952



Purpose: To inform new members how we humbly started and to reminisce with older members of our happy events.

Issue 25:

—by Thelma Lester

Tired but happy for all that attended the '84 Convention which they enjoyed very much in Indianapolis and at which they came away with higher ambitions to work harder for the good of the Association.

At the August '84 Officers Meeting, Toni Sorg, recording secretary, reported 646 members so far in 1984-1985. They represented 39 auxiliaries with one new - Heth Auxiliary, District 16. Betsy Howe, treasurer, reported as of August 1, 1984, a balance of \$3,932.70.

President Nickie asked everyone to please remind all members that dues are now increased to \$2.00 a year per member.

A new by-law was added to our new books stating that elected officers, district chairmen, past presidents and chairmen of appointed committees shall be allotted 10¢ a mile to and from called meetings. The exception to this is the above person whose spouse is already compensated for mileage for called meetings.

Catherine Mason is making I.V.F.A.A. flags and American flags with a stand at a cost of \$10.

President Nickie presented Beverly Trester, Bloomington, with her new brief case for District 17A Chairman.

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At the November '84 meeting, Secretary Toni Sorg reported membership for 1984-1985 as 1,786 members representing 123 auxiliaries and 49 individuals. New auxiliaries are Petersburg, District 17A; Hartford City, District 8B; and VanBuren, District 11A. The President presented charters to the district chairmen for the new auxiliaries.

Loretta Nulliner reported the new Doe Doll will be a porcelain Cabbage Patch doll — this not advertised but told only by word of mouth. Phil Cronk will again sponsor the printing of the doe doll tickets this year. Thanks, Phil.

The Convention Charm has been selected by the Convention host. It is a colorful charm, gold plated, 15/16" diameter disc with Monroe '85 on the back.

At the February '85 meeting our membership had passed the 2,000 mark. Membership number is 2,051 representing 142 auxiliaries and 61 individuals. The new auxiliary is Clay Township, District 11B.

Cars, vans, campers and fire trucks began to move into Bloomington as early as Wednesday, June 12, 1985. Some came early so they would not miss a thing and I don't believe they did. Everyone wanted to make their yearly acquaintances and hear about the ones left back home.

The next day, Thursday, in the afternoon, President Nickie Sunday met with the 1984-1985 officers to close out the past fiscal year's business. Bloomington gave everyone a hearty welcome to their college campus grounds and town.

Bette Selmer, chaplain, opened the meeting with prayer and Miriam Schaeckel, sergeant-at-arms, led us all in the pledge to the flag. Nickie presented corsages to our hostess, a past president, Barbara Parker and to Janet Goodwin, the State Fire Marshal's wife.

Treasurer Betsy Howe reported a balance of \$5,301.52 as of June 1, 1985. Recording Secretary, Toni Sorg, reported a membership of 2,190 representing 151 auxiliaries with 67 individuals. Also 1985-1986 membership already reported 114 members representing nine auxiliaries.

Toni Sorg presented Nickie Sunday with a new gavel and block donated to the Association by Marion-Kay Spices. The spices sure make tasty barbeque sauce for the Odon Fire Department's Turkey Barbeque each year.

District 10 reported that Mary Stafford received the Inez Jeffries Award at their May, 1985 meeting which was held at Waldron.

With all the 1984-1985 business approved, the meeting was adjourned and everything was ready for the 1985 Convention to open in the evening at the Indiana Memorial Union Building in Bloomington.

Thursday night the I.V.F.A. and I.V.F.A.A. combined in an open session for the Thirty-Third Annual Convention. The 1985 Lois Boaz Award was given to our honorable Loretta Nulliner from Fountaintown, District 10. Also from 19 beautiful and intelligent girls, the judges finally were able to pick Sandy Weber from Sunman, representing District 19 for the 1985 Miss Flame for the State of Indiana.

President Nickie presented I.V.F.A. President Carl Bruns with a gift of a check for \$2,000 from our Auxiliary.

Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. a very nice Koffee Klutch was enjoyed thanks to the newly formed District 17B Auxiliary of Monroe County.

Later President Nickie called the annual business meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

President Nickie presented our Miss Flame with a lovely clock donated by Marion-Kay Spices.

Department roll call was taken by Recording Secretary, Toni Sorg, with 136 members and 15 guests attending. Betsy Howe, I.V.F.A.A. treasurer reported a balance of \$4,159.66 on hand as of June 14, 1985.

President Nickie introduced I.V.F.A. President Carl Bruns and he thanked the Auxiliary for their gift. Carl thanked everyone for the hospitality and friendship that he and his wife, Vi, had received during their travels all over the state. He left us with these words, "You don't care how much we know, until you know how much we care".

President Nickie introduced Jack Ford, also a member of our organization. He spoke to us on the legislature and on the bills that were passed this past year. He said that 1,564 bills were submitted with only 316 bills passing. Jack spoke of the volunteer firemen and their recognition in front of the general assembly this year. Jack's final words were "The legislators are our servants and want to hear about our wants for their input". He left by paying his 1985-1986 dues.

Chaplain Bette Selmer reported that the Auxiliary had 11 deaths this year. The Memorial Services were conducted by Chaplain Duane Lantz and Chaplain Bette Selmer at St. John's Catholic Church. These services become more impressive and outstanding by having the Chaplains present and need to be attended by every member of the association.

The auxiliary members that passed away this past year will be greatly missed by their locals and our deepest sympathy is extended to each of their families. The deceased members were:

Theda Cutrell, Newport, District 11A
 Kathleen Fieldhouse, Michiana Shores, District 3
 Becky Gullian, Jefferson, District 4
 Martha Hiedle, Noble Township, District 3
 Edna Hood, Raleigh Community, District 13
 Bernice Hunter, Van Buren, District 11A
 Ora Owens, Underwood, District 14
 Lucinda Phillips, Indian Creek, District 17B
 Louise Poer, Raleigh Community, District 13
 Minnie Werking, Raleigh Community, District 13
 Lucille Wilson, Poe, District 7

The afternoon roll call was answered by 31 officers, 135 members and 19 guests. A discussion was held about the lack of participation in the contests. Cheryl Sicks stated that she had participated in the waterball contest for 12 years and that shaking hands with other team members after the game and making new friends means more to her than the trophies. Everyone agreed wholeheartedly.

Nominating Chairman, Janet Goodwin, read a list of the officers and their duties as she presented the slate for 1985-1986. They were: President Nickie Sunday, Vice President Loretta Nulliner, Recording Secretary Toni Sorg, Corresponding Secretary Nancy Neal, Treasurer Betsy Howe, Chaplain Bette Sellmer and Sergeant-at-Arms Miriam Schaeckel. Installation service was performed by Ruth Fairfield and Installing Marshal, Mary Boyd.

Charters were given to new auxiliaries — Van Buren, District 11A, Petersburg, District 17A and Union Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, District 1.

District 17B held the drawings for the door prizes and passed out "goodie bags" to everyone in attendance.

Meeting was adjourned with everyone ready to enjoy the banquet and good fellowship.

Saturday morning many were up early to enjoy playing or watching the contests. Poe Auxiliary won 1st place in the Ladies Waterball Contest with Adams Co. #3 placing second. Sugar Creek Co. #1 placed 1st in the Ladies Cart Race.

Bill Engle, 17A District Chairman was awarded the Mr. I.V.F.A. trophy and President Carl Bruns presented Carl O. Davis with the President's Award.

Almost everyone left for home after a wonderful parade. Of course, the presidents, Bill and Nickie, and their real and adopted family, did not leave until all things were completed Sunday morning. So, Sunday morning we were invited to the Pete Lockhart's for a very satisfactory and filling breakfast. Mrs. Lockhart served "Breakfast Before". It sure was good — none better. Thank you!

Looking forward to a happy reunion in June at Terre Haute.

Auxiliary District News

DISTRICT 10

February 17, 1986
 MARIETTA, INDIANA

The 10th District I.V.F.A.A. meeting was held February 17th at Marietta Volunteer Fire Department. The theme for the evening was "Be My Valentine".

After a delicious pitch-in dinner, Clara Trusty, humorist and story teller, entertained the group with her hilarious tales. Thank you, Marietta ladies and Clara Trusty for great entertainment.

The business meeting was called to order by Chairman Debbie Nulliner. Chaplain Vivian gave devotions, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

State Officers were introduced: Vice President Loretta Nulliner, Corresponding Secretary Nancy Neal, Immediate Past President Barbara Parker, Past Presidents Barbara Surber and Mary Stafford, 10th District Miss Flame, Deanna Robinson (Fairland).

Roll Call was answered by 32 members, 1 guest for a total of 33, representing 9 auxiliaries. The minutes of the November 18, 1985 meeting were approved after one correction.

The Treasurer's Report was given. The balance as of February 17, 1986 was \$468.69. A bill of \$15.75 for flowers was approved to be paid.

The Chaplain reported sending 5 Get Well, 1 Sympathy, 1 Baby, 1 Appreciation, and 1 Special card. Miriam Hickman thanked 10th District members for the appreciation card sent to her for her years of service as reporter.

Highlights of February 2, 1986 State Officers' Meeting:

• 1985-86 membership reported as 1,802 representing 123 auxiliaries and 55 individuals.

• Doe Doll Tickets: Phil Cronk and son are sponsoring the tickets. Loretta brought the Doe Doll for everyone to admire.

• Games: Barb Surber reported the entry forms are in the paper. The entry fee is \$8. Trophies and

patches are given for 1st place.
 • Miss Flame Contest: There are 4 contestants to date. 10th District Miss Flame is Deanna Robinson from Fairland.
 • By-law books: On page 10, please make the following change - "dues are \$2.00", not \$1.00 as printed.
 • Convention headquarters has been changed to the Holiday Inn, Terre Haute.
 • Reminder of importance regarding bookkeeping and retaining receipts in local auxiliaries; and to write checks for everything.

OLD BUSINESS

• Inez Jeffries Award: Mary Stafford talked about Inez Jeffries and the reason for this award. She then read the rules for the award. The deadline for nominations is April 10th. Send letters to Mary Stafford, Barb Surber, or Miriam Hickman. Their addresses were given.

• Lois Boaz Award: The deadline for nominations is April 1st. This award is presented to a special auxiliary member in the state during the opening meeting, Thursday night of convention.

• Future Meeting Dates and Host Auxiliaries:

May 1986 - Acton
 August 1986 - New Palestine
 November 1986 - St. Paul Joint Meeting
 February 1987 - ?
 May 1987 - Fountaintown
 August 1987 - Fairland
 November 1987 - Southwest
 November 1988 - Hope

There was some discussion regarding the Joint Meeting in November. Motion was made and passed to have Joint Meeting and 10th District Miss Flame Contest on the regular Monday night date.

NEW BUSINESS

• May Meeting at Acton Volunteer Fire Department: The theme has not been decided. A hidden auction will be held. Member/guests are to bring a gift/old or new in paper bag to be auctioned off.

• Miss Flame Expenses: Will be discussed in May.

• Nominating Committee: Mary Stafford will chair this committee. Each auxiliary should choose a representative to serve on this committee. The representative's name should be sent to

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Debbie prior to the May meeting.

• Silver Collection: \$5.07. Half/Half Pot: \$25.50 - \$12.75 was won by Vivian Thomas.

• 10th District Auxiliary Goal: 10th District Auxiliary has set a goal to sell 500 Doe Doll tickets this year. If each auxiliary sells 35 tickets, we will accomplish this goal.

• Raffle Tickets - 1986 Pick-up: Will be raffled off at convention. Debbie has tickets.

• Advisory Board to discuss problems: Debbie has asked each auxiliary to choose a representative to serve on this advisory board. This will be on a trial basis. This group will meet during our pitch-in dinner to discuss problems of local auxiliaries, example: membership, money-making ideas, etc. Summary discussion will be held during business meeting. Topics and the individual's name who will serve on this advisory board should be sent to Debbie prior to the May meeting.

Door prizes were given away by Marietta Auxiliary.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Lyn Marsh, Secretary

COMING EVENTS

Acton - Bingo 1st and 3rd Saturdays

Fountaintown - Euchre Party Hope - Street Fair May 29th-31st

Marietta - Card Party 1st Sat. of the month

New Palestine - Pancake Breakfast April 1986

St. Paul - Bake Sale, Rummage Sale, Dance

DISTRICT 11A

Winter has finally come and gone which makes all of us feel much better.

Our last district meeting was well attended and included much discussion on the convention. It will soon be here. The people working on the convention have been very busy making plans. Please plan on attending - you will have a very enjoyable time.

It soon will be time to be sending in your 1986-87 dues, so be thinking about that.

Our next meeting will be held on May 18th at Coalmont Vol. Fire Dept. The July meeting will be at Seelyville Vol. Fire Dept. and the September meeting will be a picnic at Dobbs Park. Please put these dates on your calendar.

Our district's Miss Flame is very willing to attend any of your fire department functions. Just let her know or contact Larry or I at the following addresses:

Tish Biggs
RR 14, Box 283
West Terre Haute, IN 47885

OR
Larry Biggs
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West Terre Haute, IN 47885

Please contact her for parades, fish fries, chicken suppers, etc.

Again, please plan on coming to the convention. Hope to see you there.

DISTRICT 11B

Bainbridge Fire Department hosted our March meeting. The luncheon served by the wives was certainly appreciated.

Congratulations to Dawn Mackey and Becky Bush, Miss Flame winner and runner-up respectively, of 11-B. All of the entrants were winners even though only one can carry the title.

Gals, most of you have your new state by-law books. There is one correction - on page 10 the dues should read \$2.00 instead of \$1.00 as printed. Please correct your books.

Convention is just around the corner. If you would like IVFAA patches for new (or old) blouses or jackets, our district is one of the two official "sellers" of the patches. They are \$1.50 each. You may send your order, along with your check payable to District 11-B, IVFAA, to me at Route 1, Box 3E1, Fillmore, IN 46128 and I will mail your patches to you immediately. Along with your return address please include your phone number in case there is a question on your order.

I'll leave you this time with some "Daffy"ntions:
Zoo: Where the deer and the antelope stay;
Nudist Camp: Where men and women air their differences.
SEE YOU IN TERRE HAUTE!!!

DISTRICT 14

We welcome the Madison Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliaries into the I.F.V.A.A. Mary He-

len Hoffman is President and Nancy Lee is secretary. We look forward to seeing these new members of the Madison auxiliaries at our district meetings.

The January 15th district meeting was held at Henryville. We had 6 auxiliaries represented and 3 guests. Thanks to the girls at Henryville the refreshments were great.

A 1987 Convention Meeting was held at McCulloch Fire Station in January to discuss plans for the convention at Clarksville.

McCulloch held a Chili Supper on March 8th, Sellersburg had a Fish Fry on March 15th, and New Washington had a Fish Fry on March 15th. These events all were held to benefit the annual WHAS Crusade for Children which will be held this year on June 7th and 8th.

We lost one of our faithful members, Goldia F. Gates from the Johnson Township Vol. Fire Dept. in Blocher. She passed away in February. She will be missed by all.

The March 19th district meeting was held at Austin Vol. Fire Dept.

It has been a busy time and I hope to see you all at the 1986 Convention at Terre Haute.

Chris's Prayer

Lord, thank you for the chance to save lives and property,
To be here to eat the food you have provided for us.
To work with these other men and women.
Who know the dangers but know you are with us.
To thank the ladies for bringing us food and support
When we need it most.
Take care of these firefighters and auxiliary ladies
In heaven who still serve us in spirit.
And please take care of a special person, my grandfather
Let him see me and instruct me on fire runs.
And my brother, who I would give my life for.

The above prayer was written by Chris Cameron in dedication of Pard Hoop, her grandfather who passed away five years ago February 19th.

Chris is a firefighter for Acton Vol. Fire Dept. as Pard was for many years.

KNOX TO HOLD FLEA MARKET

The Knox Center Township Fire Department's Ladies Auxiliary will be holding their 3rd Annual Flea Market on Saturday, August 9th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Flea Market will be held at the Knox Center Township South Fire Station located just south of the junction of U.S. 35 and State Road 8 in Knox, Indiana.

Come and spend some time browsing the many flea market booths containing such items as arts, crafts, collectables, new and used items and fresh farm produce. If looking is not for you, then maybe you would like to participate. Either way contact Cheryl Miller at (219) 772-4093 or write her at RR #2, Box 694, KNOX, IN 46534 or Denise Byer (219) 772-5911, 401 W. Adams St., KNOX, IN 46534 for more information or application.

RESCUE UNIT IN FATALITY

Taken From THE ELKHART TRUTH

OSCEOLA—An Illinois man is dead and three St. Joseph County people are in St. Joseph County hospitals following an accident involving a flatbed truck and a Penn Township Fire Department rescue truck.

At least two volunteer firefighters from Penn North Township were injured when their eastbound truck collided with a Midland Engineering Truck.

One of the injured was John Snyder, who was in the intensive care unit of St. Joseph Medical Center, South Bend. The other injured people were taken to St. Joseph Hospital, Mishawaka.



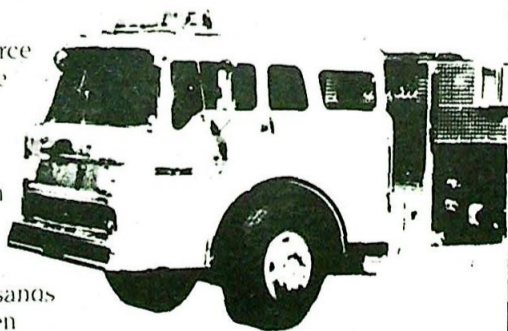
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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 9B

The meeting of District 9-B of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association was called to order by Chairman Willie M. Parish of the Francesville Volunteer Fire Department at 8:05 p.m., January 9, 1986, in the Star City Community Building. The Van Buren Township Fire Department was host for the meeting.

The Van Buren Township Fire Department served a chili supper prior to the meeting.

Invocation was given by District 9-B Chaplain Keith Getz. There were nine guests present. Minutes were read and approved.

Total firemen present — 47 with 62 fires and 9 departments answering roll call.

Arson Hot Line, Fire Schools, and New Fire Reporting Forms were discussed.

District 9-B membership is all paid.

Larry Olson, Chief of the Van Buren Township Fire Department, then introduced his men.

Northern Indiana Public Service Company showed a movie on natural gas.

50-50 drawing was won by Kenneth Burns, Wolcott, Joe Tiede, Francesville and Eugene Ralph, Star City.

Charlie Baker of Midwest Fire & Safety Equipment presented 4

1986 calendars. They were won by Dave Warren, Winamac, Bud Crone, Monon, Glen Tiede, Francesville, and Harold Ruff, Star City.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Willie M. Parish, Chairman

The bi-monthly meeting of District 9-B of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association was held at the Winamac Volunteer Fire Department on March 13th.

Chaplain Duane Lantz opened the meeting with prayer at 7:30 p.m.

Refreshments were served by the host department prior to the meeting.

The business meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by Chairman Willie "Mitch" Parish of the Francesville Volunteer Fire Department.

The following guests were introduced and each gave a response.

Larry Bosell, State Fire Marshal, Mark Riffey, Asst. State Fire Marshal, Stan Gibson, Director of Education, State Fire Marshal Office, Bill Howe, PR, Northwest, Bob Esserman Dist. 1 Chairman, Rob Sabie, Dist. 3 Chairman, Gary Eckert, Indiana State Police and Asst. Chief of Knox Fire Dept., Bruce Yonker, Sec. Chapter 14 IAAI, Charlie Baker, Midwest Fire & Safety Equipment, Sherry Gilmer, The

House of Uniforms, and Keith Hilton, Trustee of White Post Township.

Dave Barr, Chief of Winamac Vol. Fire Dept. then introduced his men.

Roll call was answered by 15 departments with a total of 49 firemen present and 41 alarms answered by the departments.

The meeting was then turned over to Mark Riffey, Larry Bosell, and Stan Gibson who went through the new reporting forms and showed us how to use the manual.

50-50 drawing was won by the following: \$14.50 Chuck Webb of Winamac F.D., \$7.25 Mitch Parish of Francesville F.D., \$7.25 Dennis Fleming of Earl Park F.D.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Willie M. Parish, Chairman

DISTRICT 10

Hello I.V.F.A. members, from District #10. The firefighters in our district have met three times since our last paper.

The Warren Twp. Fire Dept. opened their doors to us on January 15th. Sixty-five firefighters from 18 departments reporting 913 emergency runs answered the first roll call at Warren Twp.'s training facility on 10th & Post Rd. in Indianapolis. Guests for the evening were Karen Cookson, Bartholomew County Fire Dispatcher and John Maudlin from Midwest Fire & Safety.

Training for the evening covered elevator fires. After a slide presentation on this subject Columbus Twp. Asst. Chief, Ken Greenlee, discussed an elevator fire at Elizabethtown just days before. Nearly all the fire depart-

ments in Bartholomew County got involved in this blaze along with Reddington Fire Dept. from Jackson County.

Thanks to Warren Twp. Fire Dept. President Darrell Morris, his department and auxiliary for making us welcome.

Our friends at the Marietta Fire Dept. hosted our February meeting on the 19th. Seventy-six firefighters from 20 departments attended. Honored guests were Mike Newsom of the State Fire Marshal's office and 2 former I.V.F.A. presidents, Norm Crocker and Jim Parker. Mike's program on the new Incident Reporting Forms was our training for the evening.

New Business — Dates and locations of the upcoming fire schools were announced and firefighters were urged to attend. We discussed what was going on in the state legislative session and I asked everyone to write letters to their federal legislators about the possible loss of the Federal Revenue Sharing money.

Thanks to the Marietta Fire Dept., their Chief Martin Eberhart and the ladies auxiliary for all their hard work hosting this meeting.

On March 19th, Chief Steve Walston and the Fountaintown Fire Dept. welcomed the District's Smoke-eaters. Before the meeting started all in attendance spent some time looking over F.F.D.'s new FMC engine. The diesel powered unit, delivered the night before our meeting, has a 1000 gallon per minute pump and carries 1000 gallons of water. It's a super addition to Fountaintown's well maintained fleet of rolling stock.

Seventy-five firefighters from 22 departments answered the first roll call led by District Secretary-Treasurer Joyce Cookson. Guests for the evening were Bartholomew County Fire Dispatcher, Karen Cookson, John Maudlin, Midwest Fire & Safety and Jim Gilmore of Korsen Safety Equipment. Also, two former I.V.F.A. presidents and District #10 firefighters, Carlos Jefferies and Jim Parker.

After the usual business session Hartsville Fire Chief, John Ray, who is also on our training committee, showed a film on tornadoes. Carlos Jefferies and Jim Parker assisted John with

his program by telling of some of the fun and games their departments have had with tornadoes over the years.

Thanks to the Fountaintown Fire Dept. for hosting our March meeting and thanks to all of the District #10 firefighters who attended. The 75 members who attended this meeting only account for about 1/10th of our district membership, but it's a far cry from the 20 or so who were attending the meetings two or three years ago. THANKS AGAIN!!!

DISTRICT 11A

Well, spring has finally arrived and convention will soon be here. I would like to see as many of you there as possible. If you've never been to convention you've been missing a lot. As well as being very informative, convention is a lot of fun.

Our last district meeting at Posey Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. in Stanton was well attended. Guests were Bill Bush, State Sgt.-at-Arms and Mike Newsom from the Fire Marshal's office. Mike answered many questions about the new report system and about other things going on in the state. Our next district meeting will be at Louis Twp. V.F.D. in Coalmont on May 18th. The July meeting will be at Seelyville and the September picnic will be at Dobbs Park in Terre Haute. Hope you can make these meetings.

If your fire department is going to have any functions and would like to have our district Miss Flame attend, please let me know and we will try to get her there.

Remember, convention is June 12-13-14. Hope to see you there.

DISTRICT 11B

Hi Guys,

Our District Fire School was held at Clinton Twp. Fire Station on March 15th. Mr. Harold Stofer, Treasurer of the IVFA was the instructor. Gene has a very good program on laws and records.

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DISTRICT 11B

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The attendance was not as good as expected since there were several who promised to attend, but failed to show.

The past several weeks this area has been going wild with grass and brush fires, but the rains came and we now have some relief.

At our next District Meeting, April 27th, we will be dedicating a new fire house at Fairview Park complete with a Hog Roast, visiting officials and "the whole nine yards".

You are all invited to come and celebrate with us.

The convention plans are rapidly being finalized. We are hoping that this year will be the best one yet.

Get your truck tickets and money turned in as soon as possible. We want to have this paid off before convention.

See you at Terre Haute in June.

For a fire safe Indiana,

James Tagney, Chairman

DISTRICT 12

I.V.F.A. Meeting
January 20, 1986

Brooklyn Vol. Fire Dept.
(Morgan County)

Meeting called to order by Vice Chairman James Bruner at 7:30 p.m. with 37 members and guests representing 17 departments present.

Opening prayer by James Bruner, and pledge to the flag led by our Sgt.-at-Arms Bob Sutton.

Secretary read first roll call of departments.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and accepted.

Treasurer's report was given and approved.

Committee Reports — Rosie Johnson stated that there will be some changes made in the 12th District Miss Flame Contest for 1987.

Al Mendel, co-chairman of the Waterball and Games Committee, stated that he would work with any department interested in games for the coming convention. The state committee has dropped the water basket brigade and added cart races.

Unfinished Business — None.

New Business — David Mason from Brooklyn Vol. Fire Dept. discussed his department's fire insurance premiums. David stated that it has doubled since last year. After several pros and cons from departments present, Secretary Bogden stated that he would contact Tim Downey about attending a future meeting.

Vice Chairman Bruner asked members if they were receiving their newspapers — there were some complaints from members.

Vice Chairman Bruner discussed the significance of the Fire Code for all fire services. The ruling has emphasized the fact that the fire chief will act as an assistant to the State Fire Marshal and can use the Fire Code under the existing law.

2nd Roll Call.

Good Of The Order — There will be a Hazardous Materials Training class by the state police, Wednesday, January 28th from 7-10 a.m. at Brown Co. Jr. High School in Nashville, IN.

Leadership Seminar will be February 22nd and 23rd in Indianapolis.

Chuck Wilson of the host department introduced the members of his department.

Next 12th District meeting will be held at Decatur Twp. #4 (Marion County) on March 17th.

Refreshments were served by the host department.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Charles Bogden, Secretary

DISTRICT 19

District 19 once again has almost 100% membership paid up for this fiscal year of 1985-86. I am very happy with the departments' response again this year. We also welcome the Posey Township Vol. Fire Dept. from Switzerland County. Posey volunteers joined this past fall. There are still four departments that are not members, and I hope to see them join for 1986-1987. Remember, dues time is approaching again, and so is the convention!

The District Miss Flame judging took place at the November meeting, hosted by the Manchester Township Vol. Fire Dept. in Dearborn County. The girls entering the District contest were Amy Dawn Sloan from the Osgood VFD, Diana Lynn Schwaback from the Miller-York VFD, Rhea Dawn Johnston from the Dillsboro VFD, and Lori Ann Cutter from the Friendship VFD. Lori Ann Cutter was chosen by the 3 judges, to represent District 19 at the convention. She was crowned by our current Miss Flame, Sandy Weber.

The January District meeting was hosted by the Osgood VFD in Ripley County. The attendance was very good, with plenty of serious discussion about insurance for the fire service. Lawrence Swartz was present and told about some of the things going on in the IVFA. Lori Cutter also attended the meeting. Osgood was interrupted by a fire run, but nothing serious.

Midwest Award nominations were presented by the committee. Nominated were Bill Kerr from the Greendale FD, Clarence Batchelor from the Moores Hill-Sparta Township VFD, Dan Smith from the Sunman VFD, and Gene Ogden from the Osgood VFD. The committee selection for the award will be announced at the State Convention in June.

The March District meeting was held at the Cedar Grove VFD in Franklin County. Stan Gibson from the SFMO presented a program on the NFIRS.

The District 19 meeting for May is scheduled for the Rising Sun VFD in Ohio County. Hope to see you there and at the State Convention in June!

Lee Kissell, Chairman

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BILL BUSH

The Bush household is really looking forward to spring and the things that come with it. Fire departments are beginning to have fish fries, bean suppers, pancake breakfasts, etc. All of these things to earn much needed funds to support their department.

Bob Meyers and I have been working very hard on Convention '86. However, if it were not for all of the people on the Convention Committee really working hard, there would not be a 40th Annual Convention. We have all been working for nearly two years. I think everyone's efforts will all come together for a fantastically good time. Now is the time to send in for room reservations and registration. Forms are in another part of the paper.

There is a lot of information concerning the Convention in the rest of the paper, but I will also mention a few things. We have souvenirs of mugs, caps and T-Shirts on sale. Also a first this year, there will be a pizza party for the children on Friday night. This is being sponsored by the 10 Vermillion County Fire Departments. Arrangements can be made at the registration desk. All banquet plans are made. How does a sit down meal of prime rib sound? Cathy and Don Vermillion and Larry and Sue Biggs say it is going to be good!

Barbara Ketchem and her committee are working very hard making arrangements for the Miss Flame Contest and activities. I think the girls will have a fine time.

Reservations for exhibits/displays are coming in pretty good. We still have room for more. Jack McFarland is getting this together. Bob Meyers and his department are working on the parade and Harold Binskin and his committee are getting ready for the games. To mention a few more who are doing a great job — Clyde and Eva Gotche, Duane Osborne, Bob and Joan Hayes, and Max and Lois Harrab. These people are doing reservations, registrations, soliciting donations, making signs, etc.

Toddy Michl and his committee are working with St. Benedict's Church for the Memorial Service. Helen Michl, Vica McGill and Helen Young are working on the Koffee Klutch.

Lou and Larry Bartlow are taking care of the truck raffle. A lot of tickets are out but we need to get more money and ticket stubs returned. We thank Mike's Motors of Clinton for their cooperation and truck offer.

Please contact me if any supplies are needed or let me know if there are any fire department activities. I will try to attend as many as I can.

See you at Convention '86.

Decatur County Fire Academy Completes 8th Fire School



The Decatur County Fire Academy practical training exercise was held in March. The 28 Second Class, 22 First Class students and 5 Master Firefighters were assembled at the school's staging area to complete their final phase of training.

The daily schedule of responsibility was as follows:

The 5 Tactic students took over the operation. An Incident Commander, John Coulston, Shelbyville F.D., was chosen. The students were divided into 2 groups. Group A: Search & Rescue Operation, with Don Creech, Waldron F.D. and John Ray, Hartsville F.D. supervising. Group B: Forcible Entry, Ventilation, with Jon Cooper, Shelbyville F.D. were at a second location. At mid-morning the two groups were switched.

At noon a vacant building was used to feed the firefighters. The meal was prepared by the Burney Fire Department with Logistic Officer, Dallas Cook, co-ordinating.

After the noon meal, the second phase of the training commenced. With the students in groups of four and a senior firefighter in command of the group, spot fires were set in the

house and each group sent in to extinguish them.

The final phase of the day's operation was to burn the house. Water supply was provided by tankers from a source three miles from the fire ground. Water Supply Officer, was Steve Mathies, Shelbyville F.D.

With all the evolution in place, the house was set for the last time and allowed to burn after exterior fire stream practice.

A second burn for the classes was held later in March and a graduation banquet is planned for April.

I believe the past 8 years have been a giant step for the fire service in the state of Indiana; especially with the certification program and all the training being conducted throughout the state. It gives me, a Chief/Instructor a great feeling when we respond to a working fire and I have firefighters with less than a years experience, but second class trained in full turnout gear, air pack and charge line ready to make entry. To me this is what it is all about.

Ray Bentley, Co-Chairman
Decatur County Fire Academy

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ST. JOHN AWARDS MEMBERS

In December, at the annual St. John Fire Department Awards/Christmas banquet, service awards of engraved watches were presented to members who have served an excess of twenty years active duty on the department. A total of four watches were presented to the following people.

Ralph Kielman who joined the department on December 6, 1954. Ralph has held almost every office in the department including that of chief.

Clarence "Pete" Monix who joined the department on January 1, 1959. Pete also has held almost every office on the department and is currently the Assistant Chief.

Sam DeYoung who joined the department on March 6, 1961. Sam has also held almost every office on the department and is currently a line Captain.

Dewey Snow, who joined the department on May 1, 1966. Dewey has also served the department by holding almost every office and is currently the department chief.

This was the first year the department instituted an awards program. This program is now provided by the constitution and by-laws of the department and will be an ongoing activity in the years to come.

Service award of pocket badges were presented to members who have served an excess of ten years but less than 20 years active duty on the department. Members receiving these awards were: John Stabler, Richard Spring, Michael Muenich, Jerry Spohn, Charles Gorney, James Wozniowski, Robert Sulek, Jack Smith, Patrick Thornberry, John Geary and James Guess.

Service awards of framed certificates were presented to members who have served an excess of 5 years but less than 10 years active duty on the department. Members receiving these awards were: Kenneth Gembala, Vince Casboni, Mathew Casboni, Dennis Wilson, Randy Harmon, Richard Zaleski, Robert Jacobson, David Credille, Richard Millard, Anthony Casboni and John Hemphill.

Auxiliary Donates \$1,100



Pennville Fire Department received two checks from the Ladies Auxiliary totaling \$1,100. Pictured above are Fire Chief Bill Daniels and Ladies Auxiliary President Kathy Corwin. The Ladies Auxiliary presented one check for \$600 for hand-held radios and another for \$500 to be used to finish the new addition to the fire station.

Liberty Township V.F.D. Selma Gets Rescue Unit

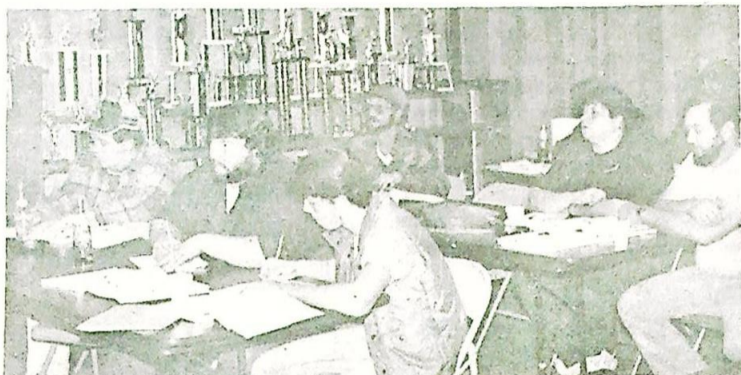
Thanks to a grant from the EMS Commission, Liberty Township will have a level one rescue unit. It will be going into service this summer.

During the months of December, January and February a first responder class was held at our fire station for those wanting to work the new unit.

We hope this will help our community by having trained personnel so close to home.

Firemen completing the course were: Fire Chief Bob Hirst, Capt. Steve Sewell, Lt. Carl Barber, Jr., former Fire Chief Rick Compton, Fireman Jerry Bennett, Fireman Russell Watcons, Fireman Eddie Norris and Fireman Tim Wilson.

We have three EMT's. They are: Jim Nickens, Betty Nickens and extrication instructor Gary Sharp.



Shown above are Liberty Township V.F.D. Selma 1st Responders and EMT's in class.

We want to thank our instructor, Sandy Weatherhead, training officer for Delaware County EMS. Sandy gave of herself and her time to teach this class.

We also need to thank the Liberty Township VFD auxiliary for purchasing the responder books and work books.

Hopefully this will be a rescue unit our whole community will be proud of.

NEW TRUCK DELIVERED

A new Ford fire engine was recently delivered, outfitted and placed into service at the East Goshen fire station by the Elkhart Township Volunteer Fire Department. The new diesel pumper truck was built in Wisconsin by 3-D Fire Apparatus and sold to the township by Michiana Mack, Mishawaka, at a cost of \$99,998. This fire engine is one of three engines stationed at the three township fire stations around Goshen, all with similar pump controls.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SEMINARS

May - November 1986: The National Fire Protection Association will conduct six Hazardous Materials Incidents seminars throughout the country. Well-known instructors, Gene Carlson and Warren Isman, will assist "first arriving" emergency personnel to sharpen their skills in identifying hazardous materials and to respond quickly with the right action.

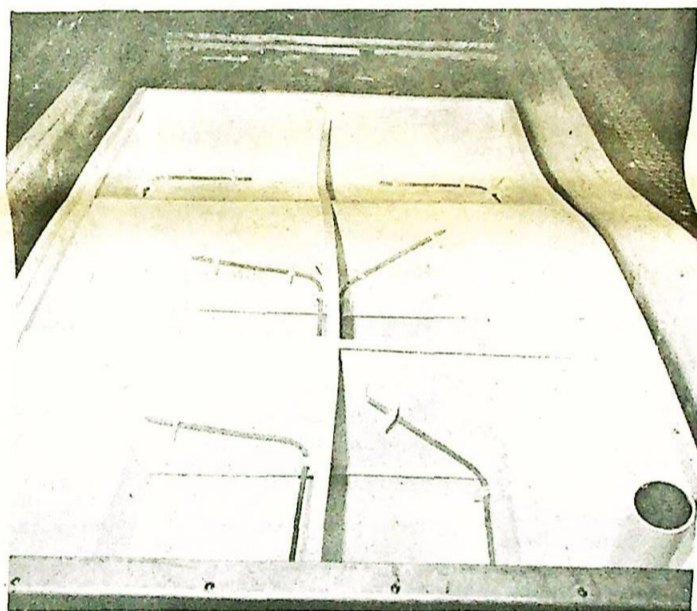
These two-day programs will be held in Cleveland, OH; Portland, ME; Sioux Falls, SD; Sterling Heights, MI; Halifax NS and Atlanta, GA. Seminar cost ranges from \$61.20 to \$85.00. Call NFPA at 1-800-344-3555 for seminar dates and details, or write: Seminar Registrar, NFPA, Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269.

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STANDARDIZED MINIMUM TRAINING LESSON PLANS BEING FIELD TESTED

After months of painstaking labor, the standardized minimum training lesson plans written for 2nd Class Firefighter by the Commission on Fire Fighting Personnel Standards and Education are in the hands of instructors in all areas of the state for field testing. Recommendations/suggestions from these instructors will determine final draft.

These 14 lesson plans in all the 2nd Class Firefighter subjects will then be printed and available for distribution approximately August 1 - September 1. No longer will the requirements have specific hours of training in each subject. The lesson plans cover all the material to meet NFPA 1001 Professional Fire Fighter Qualifications and they establish practical skills that are to be performed successfully for certification requirements. The length of classroom and practice time will depend upon the instructor and students in covering the material. The proof will be in performing the firefighting skills properly and passing the written test.

The 2nd Class Firefighter lesson plans for certification will be offered for sale by the Commission. Price may be approximately \$30-\$35 per set of 14 lessons. Each will include the instructor outline, with space for instructor additions, suggested visual aids and references, student hand-outs, NFPA objectives, written test, answer key, practical skills test, and glossary. Order blanks will be provided to all fire departments, or upon request, when the lesson plans are nearing printing completion.

Training begun under the present standards of specific hours of training in each subject can be continued for the 100 hours, if completed by the 36-month limit. Training begun after the availability of the lesson plans are to follow the new requirements. The 36-month rule will remain in effect for all training as it has since 1980. No training courses will be given credit for certification if it is older than 36-months when received by the Commission for processing. Firefighters with 1-1/2 years of fire service, who are taking Master Firefighter courses, must understand that these course credits will expire before they reach their 5 years of fire service, which is one of the requirements for any Master certification.

The Commission is in the process of writing the 1st Class Firefighter lessons and will proceed through all Master subjects in the months ahead. Any questions regarding the intent and purpose of the standardization and changes for fire fighter certification should be directed to the Commissioner in your area or the Program Coordinator. Commissioners will be pleased to attend your meetings to show and explain the lesson plans and hear your concerns. They are: Bill Kinsey, Chrmn., Fort Wayne, Bud Moore, V-Chrmn., Marion Fire Dept., Tony Johnson, Secy., Elkhart Fire Dept., Ronald Callahan, Indianapolis Fire Dept., Norman Crocker, SFM Educ., Indianapolis, Paul Kraft, Jeffersonville, Jess Roberts, Evansville, and John Tumilty, Greensburg Fire Dept.

SUGAR CREEK INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS



Pictured above are the new officers of the Sugar Creek Township Volunteer Fire Station #2 Auxiliary. The officers were installed by Virginia Wilson, Chairman of District 13.

The Sugar Creek Township Volunteer Fire Station #2 Auxiliary meets the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the fire station.

Virginia Wilson, Chairman of District 13 installed our officers in October as follows:

Clara Bundy, President
Bonnie Seibert, Vice President
Cheryl Harrison, Secretary-Treasurer

We open our meetings with the Pledge to the Flag, answer roll call with a different response each month and discuss old and new business.

Members supply snacks and we have a social hour for making crafts or playing bingo.

North Manchester Volunteer Fire Dept. Suffers Loss

Herbert "Bill" William Young, age 67, of North Manchester passed away January 31, 1986 at 7:30 p.m.

Bill was born December 11, 1918 in Terre Haute and married Elizabeth "Betty" Riley on June 26, 1949. He is survived by his wife Betty, six sons, six daughters, thirty-one grandchildren, and twenty great-grandchildren.

Bill was a valued member of the community for many years. He joined the North Manchester Volunteer Fire Department in March of 1960. He served as a fireman for 24 years. On January 1, 1962 he was elected Assistant Chief. Bill became Fire Chief on January 1, 1963 and he was Chief on and off for four one-year terms between 1963 and 1973.

Bill became full-time Fire Chief on January 1, 1973 and held the office until he retired on December 31, 1983. At the time of his retirement Bill held a Masters Certificate in Fire and Arson Investigations and a Masters in Tactics based on training and experience.

Bill was also a retired foreman of the Street Department of North Manchester for 30 years. He was a veteran of W.W. II, served in the U.S. Navy, and was past commander of the North Manchester V.F.W.

Bill contributed a lot to the town of North Manchester as fireman, while working on the street department, and just as a friend. He always had a wave and a smile when you passed him on the street and time to say "hello". For all of these things Bill will be long remembered in the community of North Manchester.

WHAT THE FIRE SERVICE HAS DONE TO ME

People become volunteer firefighters for a variety of reasons. Some just want something to do, some want to experience the occasional excitement we encounter, some just want to help their neighbors, and so on. I suppose that I joined for some of these same reasons.

It's already been nine years since I made that decision. It has also been over six years ago that the members elected me as fire chief. I didn't think I would last through the first year. Fires at 3 a.m., fires at mealtime, fires at 20 below zero, a train derailment, fires at 95 in the shade, fund raising, work details, and on and on.

But after that first year, I began to enjoy what I was doing. Thanks to the Greendale Fire Department, I received my 2nd and 1st Class certification training. By then, I decided there was hope for me as a firefighter, after all. Three Master categories have been added, and all were worth the effort.

Carl Bruns wanted someone to take the Chairman's job in District 19, when he became Vice President. He came to me to see if I was interested. That was in 1981. The chairman's job has been an excellent experience. I have made many new friends through the IVFA.

My wife Mary and daughter Amanda have put up with a lot of interruptions in the last nine years. Life at our house is planned around the fire service, but they seldom complain. Mary formed the District 19 Auxiliary, and has become involved too. Amanda knows a lot about the fire service and the IVFA, too. She hears plenty about both, all the time.

What has the fire service done to me? It has provided an education in many things, sometimes through the many classes I attend, but many other subjects have been learned by personal study in various subjects. Learning about machines, mathematics, science, hydraulics, physics, psychology, management, supervision, law, government, insurance, accounting and many other subjects came about due to my involvement in the fire service.

The fire service has given me the chance to be a teacher of other firefighters, many children,

and adults. It gave me a chance to learn how to be a manager, a supervisor, an accountant, and a paper pusher, all of which are now just routine for me.

Speaking in front of groups of firefighters gave me the confidence to speak in public. Nine years ago, I was afraid to talk to two people at once. Writing newspaper articles seemed impossible, but I soon found out how. Writing a book was out of the question, but one is now developing in the word-processor.

Other interests have developed from being in the fire service. Fires should be photographed, which I found out in my first month as chief. Through self-instruction, I now do photography and have a darkroom. Fire investigation came next, and the photography experience became even more important.

During the past year, a computer has added a new dimension to my work in the fire service. It has made the paperwork and management duties much easier. It made me more creative in everything I do. The department records and reports are now completely computerized. I wanted to learn more, so I am studying computer programming and writing some of my own small programs. A fire prevention program that I wrote is at our local school for students to use on their school computers.

All of this because I joined the volunteer fire department. If I had not joined and become involved, I would probably be just nine years older. I would not want to trade the past nine years for any other experience. In fact, making it full-time is my goal.

Why did you join? What has the fire service done to you? If you are a member, but not really involved, try it. Don't avoid responsibility. Instead, ask for it. You may find yourself forced to learn some new skills that will benefit the department. When something needs to be done, learn how! More important, it will benefit you by giving you an education that you might have missed out on, and may even change your life. That is what the fire service has done to me!

Lee Kissell, Chairman, Dist. 19 Chief, Moores Hill-Sparta Twp. VFD

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRAINING

"A HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT!" — The words alone can cause any firefighter or fire officer to start perspiring. With so many different materials, means of transportation, and types of problems, it's difficult to learn how to handle the large variety of situations that may occur. However, in Highland Park, IL, fire department personnel are training others to do just that. Hopefully, armed with a little more knowledge, firefighters will have less anxiety concerning such situations.

During 1985, Highland Park Fire Department training personnel trained over 600 firefighters and other emergency personnel from Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin in methods for handling nine hazardous materials scenarios which are most frequently encountered.

Classes were given at the Highland Park Fire Department's training facility, located in the north Chicago suburb. Each class is held from 0800 to 1630 with a one-hour break for lunch. The sessions involve the students rotating through eight stations, with each station describing a different technique or skill. During each offering of the session, identical classes are held for three consecutive days (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday) in order to accommodate different shifts and volunteer personnel.

The classes involve actual hands-on practice of the procedures described. Each group consists of a maximum of 7 students, and students remain together in their group as they rotate through the stations.

The eight stations consist of the following situations:

- Leaking chlorine cylinders
- Leaking transportation/storage drums
- Leaking pipes
- Diking a river
- Booming a river
- Using recovery drums
- Monitoring combustible atmospheres
- Decontamination Procedures
- Grounding/bonding tanker-trucks
- Leaking semi-tankers

Where appropriate, leaks are simulated, and students perform the necessary procedures using encapsulated suits and other appropriate equipment.

Response to the program has been outstanding. According to Highland Park Fire Chief Bart Moran, "The letters that we've received from chiefs of those departments that have sent members have been very complimentary. They've already asked us to sign them up if we decide to hold a second program. The comments indicate that the program's success is due to the fact that the scenarios depict situations which, realistically, are very possible; and that the firefighters learn much due to the actual hands-on experience. During a couple of the sessions, we had people who merely came to observe, and after watching for a short time, went to their home stations to get their firefighting gear so that they could actively participate."

A survey of firefighters who have participated has indicated that almost all of the students feel that the knowledge and ex-

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HOUSE BILL No. 1276

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning volunteer firefighters.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 36-8-12-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.204-1984, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 8. (e) The civil liability of a volunteer firefighter for:

- (1) an act that is within the scope of a volunteer firefighter's duties; or
- (2) the failure to take an act within the scope of a volunteer firefighter's duties;

while performing emergency services at the scene of a fire or other emergency and before leaving the scene is limited to the coverage provided by the insurance policy purchased under this subsection.

SECTION 2. Because an emergency exists, this act takes effect upon passage.



President Pro Tem
Sen. Robert D. Garton (Dist. 41; Bartholomew, Johnson), 606 Franklin St., Columbus 47201.



Speaker of the House, Rep. J. Roberts Dailey (Dist. 35; Delaware), 3410 Gatewood Ln., Muncie 47304.

HOUSE BILL No. 1210

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 9-8-1-19.9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Sec. 19.9 (a) The provisions of this chapter:

(1) Do not apply to:

- (A) machinery or equipment used in highway construction or maintenance by the state department of highways, counties, or municipalities;
- (B) farm drainage machinery;
- (C) implements of husbandry, when so constructed that they can be moved without material damage to the highways;
- (D) firefighting apparatus owned or operated by a political subdivision or a volunteer fire company as defined in IC 36-8-12-2; and

(2) do not limit the width or height of farm vehicles when loaded with farm products.

(b) Vehicles enumerated in this section shall be moved or operated as to avoid any material damage to the highway, or unreasonable interference with other highway traffic.



Rep. Mary Kay Budak (Dist. 9; LaPorte, Porter), 434 Hendricks St., Michigan City 46360.



Sen. Joseph W. Harrison (Dist. 23; Carroll, Clinton, Fountain, Howard, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Vermillion, Warren), P.O. Box 60, Attica 47918.



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Sen. John R. Sinks (Dist. 16; Allen), 13308 W. Hamilton Lane, Fort Wayne 46804.



Sen. Allie V. Craycraft, Jr. (Dist. 26; Delaware, Henry), R.R. 1, Box 287, Selma 47383

LEGISLATIVE REPORT '86

Once more, a special THANKS for those Legislators mentioned on these pages for the extra efforts they put forth on behalf of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters. We only hope that we did not miss someone and certainly did not intend to.

The largest problem facing the volunteer firefighter in this session was in the liability insurance area. This was addressed by the General Assembly with the passage of HB 1210 and HB 1276.

HB 1210 exempts fire apparatus from the weight and length limits of the Indiana Statutes. Thus one source of liability that the volunteer has been saddled with has been eliminated.

HB 1276 places a cap on the amount of liability for which each firefighter may be sued. The present IC 36-8-12-8 Statute states that a \$300,000 Liability Insurance Policy be purchased for each volunteer firefighter by a governmental unit. HB 1276 makes \$300,000 the liability limit.

Bills that affect the volunteer in some way or another that have passed are:

HB 1153 — Directs scope and activities of EMS certified people and directs fine money to be placed in the Education Fund.

HB 1284 — Allows immunity from liability for not-for-profit Board of Directors.

HB 1271 — Allows elevator inspectors to inspect amusement rides and places. Rule making authority of the Fire Marshal and Building Commissioner in the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Department.

SB 67 — Arson awareness funding as in the past for schools and fire departments, etc. This was cut down to a one-year program with \$32,000 for schools and \$100,000 for fire departments.

Bills that the volunteers followed, and wanted or did not want, were: HB 1180, SB 194, and SB 308. These were smoke detector bills that were promoted by all of the fire service organizations, but to no avail. They did not get the first hearing in any committee and thus were lost completely for this session.

SB 30 — Would not allow the Fire Marshal, Board of Health, Building Commissioner, etc. to charge a FEE for any instruction classes. The trouble was the definition of the word FEE. It passed in the Senate but did not get a House hearing and was thus lost.

SB 72 — This was another truck weight and length exemption bill. Due to the passage of HB 1210, this was dropped.

Other items covered that were lost for one reason or another included: \$1,000 tax deduction, performance schedule for EMT's and paramedics, no interest fire equipment fund, and delayed insurance payments if arson suspected. The biggest reason they were lost was because they received no hearing. When scheduling hearings Committee Chairmen must make priorities for all Bills along with the direction of the leadership goals.

Overall, it has been a very productive session and THANKS to the ENTIRE General Assembly of 1986.

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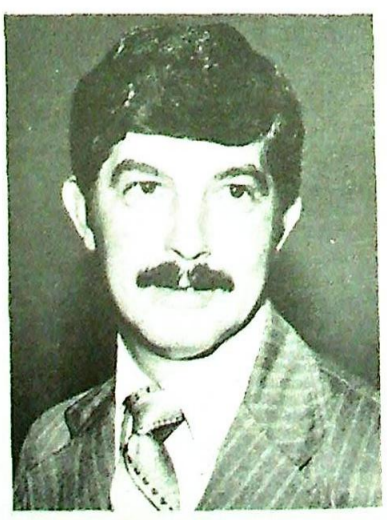
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The Indiana Volunteers wish to thank Fire Marshal Bosell for the special privileges, courtesies and help extended to us during our legislative efforts.

Your staff extended to us every courtesy and hospitality possible which does make the office of the State Fire Marshal the place to go for help and assistance.

LARRY BOSELL
Fire Marshal

Hazardous Materials
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perience gained was well worth the \$40 registration fee. In addition, most stated that the activities, while educational, were also fun.

Highland Park Fire Department officials have received many requests for this program, and sessions will continue throughout this spring, summer, and autumn at the Highland Park Fire Service Training Facility. Additionally, Highland Park instructors will be "on-the-road" in April, traveling to Pewaukee, Wisconsin and the Wisconsin

State Regional Training Facility to give 3 days of instruction to over 150 firefighters from south-east Wisconsin.

Anyone interested in obtaining information on the program should contact the Highland Park Fire Department by phone at (312) 433-3110 or by mail at 1677 Old Deerfield Road, Highland Park, IL 60035.

Students have indicated that because of attendance at these hazardous materials training sessions, they not only feel more competent in handling the given situations, but they also are more aware of whether or not

they have the capability to handle many other similar situations. Many have said that the class has created a desire to learn more about this new phase of the fire service. A higher compliment on the benefit of the classes could not be paid.

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I hope by the time you read this article the weather will be warm and will stay that way so we can do things we have been putting off all winter. Convention time is getting near and our committees are working hard to make this a good one. The pizza party planned for the children, while the adults are at the banquet, should be a fun thing.

Reservations and registrations are still coming in. If you haven't sent yours in yet, there is still time to save on registration. It will save time when you come to convention too. We plan on having your things ready for you when you arrive.

As yet I haven't received any names for the Farm Bureau Award. Also don't forget to send names of outstanding firemen in your department for the Ollie Sandburg Award.

There are several departments who haven't paid their dues for this year. If you have any questions concerning dues, fire schools, etc., go to your district

meetings. If you can't be there, write your district chairman or call and invite him to your department's meeting. This is one way you can learn what is going on in the state.

I made all my district's meetings except for District 20. Sorry, I didn't feel up to par. Now is the time to get your fire schools set up. The State Fire Marshal's office is sending out lists of fire schools throughout the state. You can pick what you need.

Hope Bert Ketchem is feeling better and will be getting out of the hospital soon. Happy Spring!

Practicing Ice Water Rescues

Taken From
THE VIDETTE MESSINGER
by Carol Max, Correspondent

Jumping into a frozen lake or pond in the middle of winter to save someone is what the men of the Aquatics Underwater Rescue and Recovery Unit from the Lake County Sheriff's Department do best.

Not only do these professionals dive into icy waters but so does everyone else who wants to pass the ice-rescue class the team sponsors.

Members of the Union Township Vol. Fire Dept. were students of the Lake County team recently. The class was conducted at the lake in Shorewood Forest.

The course, sanctioned by Dive Rescue, Inc. of Fort Collins, Colorado, is a first-hand program designed to instruct first responders such as fire de-

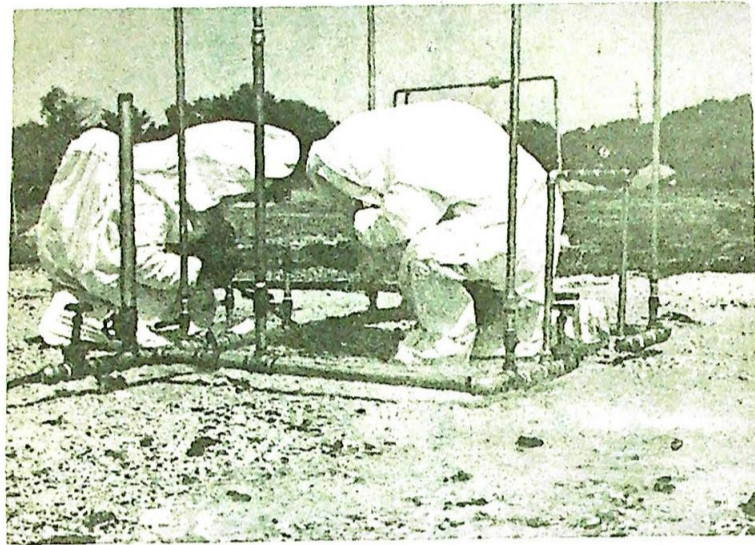
partments, police units and emergency personnel in ice rescue.

Using the traditional ladder or rope method of ice rescue, the rescuer oftentimes becomes a victim, according to Hank Woronka, an instructor of the course.

Ice-Rescue procedures have changed, just as technology has, in the past 15-20 years and the course is designed to use the knowledge of today. Because more is known about hypothermia and its effects on a victim, this knowledge has been incorporated into ice rescue.

Hypothermia, when unchecked, will cause death. When the body temperature reaches 85 degrees, most people are rendered unconscious and there is a 50-50 chance of death unless help is immediately available.

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David Pelc and Kenneth Keilman, two members of the Munster Fire Department, are trying their luck at stopping leaks on a training simulator used at the Highland Park Fire Department Training Center.

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Amount(s) of Liability Insurance Combined Single Limit Bodily Injury & Property Damage per occurrence OR Bodily Injury Liability per occurrence Property Damage Liability per occurrence	\$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____	OR \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____	
Is the General Liability insurance written on a comprehensive basis?			Yes
Is coverage included for activities both on and off your premises?			Yes
Is coverage included for Personal Injury as well as Bodily Injury?			Yes
Are all members (both paid and volunteer) included as additional insureds?			Yes
Would a member of your Emergency Service Organization be protected for a lawsuit brought against them by another employee or member, as a result of Bodily Injury arising out of emergency activities?			Optional
Are the following Liability coverages included? Products and Completed Operations Extended Bodily Injury Liability Personal Injury Resulting from Employment or Membership Contractual Liability (Both Oral and Written) Broad Form Property Damage Liability Host Liquor Law Liability Liquor Law Liability Non-Owned Watercraft Liability Watercraft Liability			Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Optional Yes Optional
PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY			
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE			
Is there a Medical Malpractice Policy issued (proposed) in the name of the emergency service organization? If not, is the organization an insured under another policy?			
Amount(s) of Liability Insurance	\$ _____		\$ _____
Is Medical Malpractice coverage afforded for each member (except Licensed Physicians) as well as the Emergency Service Organization?			Yes
Is Medical Malpractice coverage included for all active members (except Licensed Physicians), or just those who are certified paramedics, EMT's or individuals who have completed a course in first aid training?			All
Is Medical Malpractice coverage included for all active members (except Licensed Physicians), while they are at the scene of an emergency and acting as a "Good Samaritan" independent of your organization and any other organization?			Yes
Is Medical Malpractice coverage provided for the organization while your members are performing duties on your behalf in a hospital emergency room?			Yes
Is Medical Malpractice coverage included for nurses who are members of your organization and responding on behalf of your organization?			Yes
Are both the General Liability and Medical Malpractice coverages being provided by the same insurance company?			Yes
Is there a deductible?			No
Is there an annual aggregate limit?			No
Is Medical Malpractice coverage limited to acts that occur on the fire department's premises?			Coverage is provided for activities both on and off premises.
Are defense costs paid in addition to the total limit of liability?			Yes
ERRORS AND OMISSIONS LIABILITY			
Is there an Errors and Omissions Policy issued (proposed) in the name of the Emergency Service Organization? If not, is the organization an insured under another policy?			
Amount(s) of Liability Insurance	\$ _____		\$ _____
Are all members (both paid and volunteer) included as Additional Insureds?			Yes
Is a "Professional Act" defined by the policy in such a manner that it restricts coverage?			No (Coverage is not restricted by definition)
Is coverage included for intentional Bodily Injury or Property Damage in the course of emergency activities?			Yes
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Is there an annual aggregate limit?			Yes

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Ice Water Rescues

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The type of rescue used for victims who have fallen through ice is determined by the stage of hypothermia they may be in. If the accident has just occurred and the victim is still alert, a human chain may be used for rescue. The human chain, is known as the "reach" method, in which the rescuer lies flat on the ice to distribute his weight to prevent him from also becoming a victim. In the "throw" method, a ladder, branch, pole, rope or other object is thrown to the victim. When the victim grabs the object, he or she can be pulled to safety.

In more advanced stages of hypothermia, a victim will experience slurred speech, memory lapse, drowsiness and unconsciousness. When this occurs, the "go" method must be used because the victim is incapable of helping by reaching for a ladder or rope. All body senses cease and even if a rescue device is within reach, the victim cannot grasp or understand what he should do.

Wearing a suit made of quarter-inch thick neoprene and nylon, during the "go" method, the safely retrieve an ice victim without becoming a victim himself. Known as a Gumby Suit, the outfit is one piece with attached hood, gloves and hard sole boots. The suit, originally designed for military use and now made available to the public, retains body heat, thus keeping the rescuer from feeling the cold of the frozen waters. It also provides buoyancy. Wearing the Gumby Suit, designed to be worn over clothing, the rescuer will not sink.

Members of the Union Volunteer Fire Department used the Gumby Suit during the training class as they jumped into the icy lake at Shorewood Forest. Even non-swimmers were in no danger of becoming victims during their ice-rescue mission. The suit costs \$500 and the Union Fire Department has two of them on their wish list of future purchases.

The many lakes and ponds in the area, as well as the increase in popularity of winter sports such as ice skating, snowmobiling and ice fishing, make the training course and the Gumby Suit invaluable, according to members of the Union Township Department.

The Lake County Unit, formed 17 years ago, has \$125,000 worth of equipment and each of its 18 members had about \$2,000 of personal equipment. The unit is in the process of forming the Indiana Association of Dive Rescue Specialists. The new unit, a non-profit organization, will be a combination of the Lake County group, LaPorte County Sheriff's Department Dive Team, Marshall County Dive Team in Plymouth and the Duneland Underwater Rescue and Recovery Unit from Chesterton.

When the new combined unit is established, it will have 55 divers ready to respond to any major water-related disaster.

"Treat all ice with caution," said Woronka. "It's just like walking over a mine field."

EDITOR'S NOTE -

According to Fire Chief Charles "Bud" Stowers, the Union Township Department purchased two

of the "Gumby" Suits the week after the presentation by the Lake County Aquatic Unit was held. The department is now capable of assisting any surrounding area departments if the need for cold water rescue should occur.

Thank You

The members of the Nabb Volunteer Fire Department, Nabb, Indiana would like to take this opportunity to thank the Warren Township Volunteer Fire Department, Indianapolis, Indiana for their generous donation of their surplus equipment to our fire department.

Without donations such as this, our fire department would have a hard time staying in service since we are a community owned fire department and we are not tax supported. We have to struggle to get every piece of equipment we need. We are still in need of certain equipment so if anyone has surplus equipment, please contact us.

Nabb is a small farming community located in southern Indiana on highway 362 on the Scott and Clark county line.

MOORES HILL NEW OFFICERS



New officers for 1986 are: Front row (from left) Nick Sartin, lieutenant; Clarence Batchlor, assistant chief; John Davies, vice president and board of directors; and Mark McMullin, secretary and maintenance officer. Back Row: John Moody, training officer; John Black, president; Dave Montgomery, lieutenant and board of directors, and Lee Kissell, fire chief. Not pictured are Stanley Hill, captain, and Terry Albright, treasurer.

Taken From AURORA JOURNAL-PRESS

The Moors Hill-Sparta Township Vol. Fire Dept. answered 35 calls in 1985, according to Fire Chief Lee Kissell.

Sixteen calls were in Moors Hill, and 17 in Sparta Township.

Two were mutual aid calls, one from Milan and one from Hogan Township. The value of property protected is \$705,800 with losses totaling \$237,500 for a loss ratio of 33.6%, which is considerably higher than the past few years, said Kissell; 50% of the calls

were for house fires, also an increase after a two-year decline.

During 1985, the department changed dispatching from a local fire number manned by volunteers to the Dearborn County Sheriff's office, where a dispatcher is on duty at all times.

"The change had been considered for some time. Paying for higher telephone costs and keeping the fire telephone staffed 24 hours a day became difficult. The change has worked out very well," said Kissell.

Department records, reports, financial data, and all residential locations now are stored in a computer system, making information available in minutes instead of hours or days.

"This is the first department in the area to utilize a computer," said Kissell.

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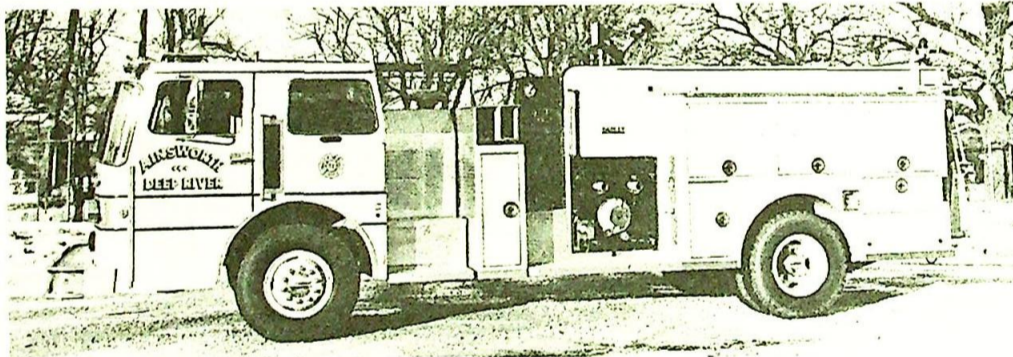
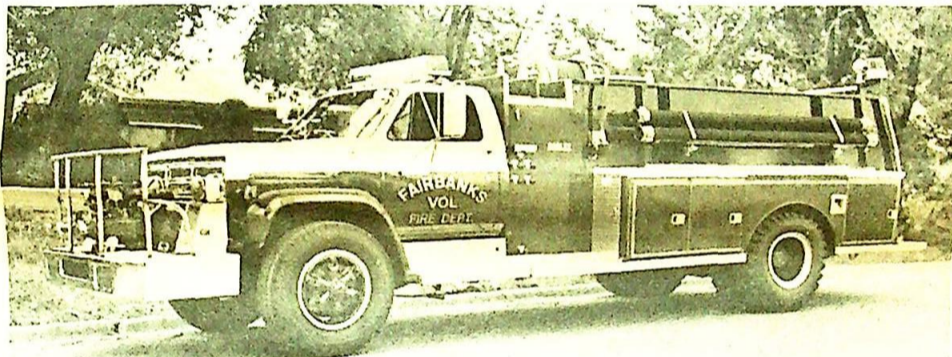
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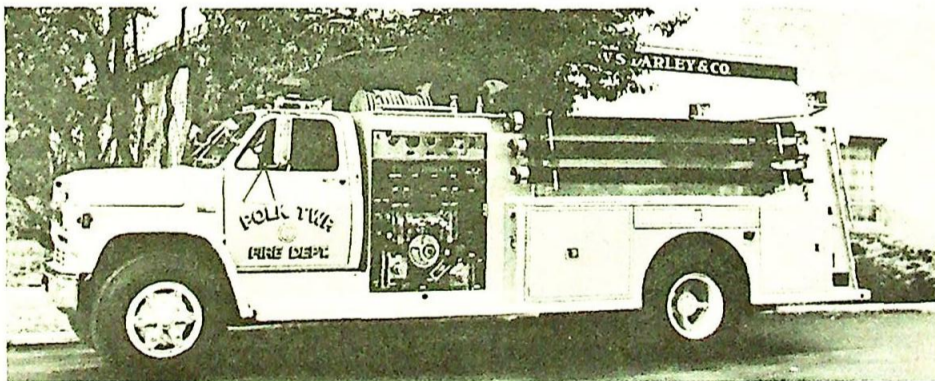
HOBART, INDIANA

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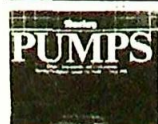


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Lowell Family Escapes Fire

From The LOWELL TRIBUNE

A house fire caused extensive damage to an older home in the downtown Lowell district.

Lowell and Lake Dalecarlia firefighters battled the blaze for about three hours.

The John Jonaitis family escaped the home without injury, according to the fire department. Mrs. Jonaitis and three children were home at the time the fire started, and Mr. Jonaitis reportedly was on his way home from work and arrived shortly after the fire started.

According to the fire department, the fire appears to have started in the laundry room, probably in a dryer that was in operation for about 10 minutes before the fire was discovered. An investigation is still underway.

The laundry room and the dining room of the house were reportedly gutted and the entire house suffered smoke damage, although a fire department spokesman refused to estimate the damage in financial terms.

Firefighters broke through the roof of the two-story stone residence and broke a number of windows to vent the fire.

Twenty-six firefighters fought the blaze, using air tanks to work inside the smoky building to minimize the damage.

Chicken Barbecue A Success

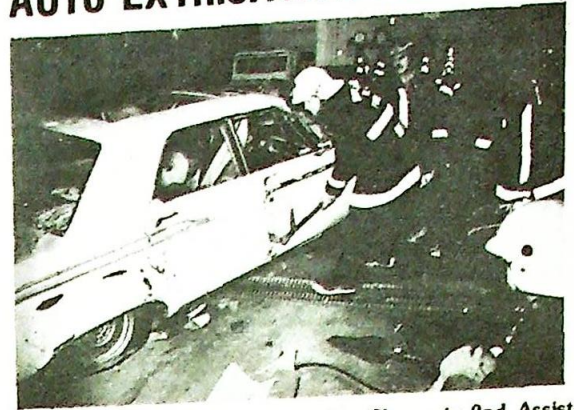


The English Fire Department held a Chicken Barbecue in November at the Sterhling Grade School in English.

The firemen and their wives combined efforts to make the Barbecue a success. Over 500 people were served and a profit of \$1,500 was made.

The money will be used to purchase additional papers for the department.

AUTO EXTRICATION PRACTICE



Farmland held an auto extrication practice. Shown is 2nd Assistant Chief, Troy Williamson (rescue officer) training officers and fellow firefighters in all rescue and auto extrication techniques. All basic extrication tools - from pry bars to spreaders, rams and different types of chisels were used. 1st Assistant Chief Roy Ludwig was the officer-in-charge.



Shown above is training victim being removed from under and behind the front seat and was then moved very carefully to a backboard.

New Films Available



Through the efforts of Bill Goodwin, the NFPA has donated 4 new films to the Fire Marshal's library. These films will be available upon request. Pictured above (left) Marshal Bosell, President Sunday and Director of Education Gibson.

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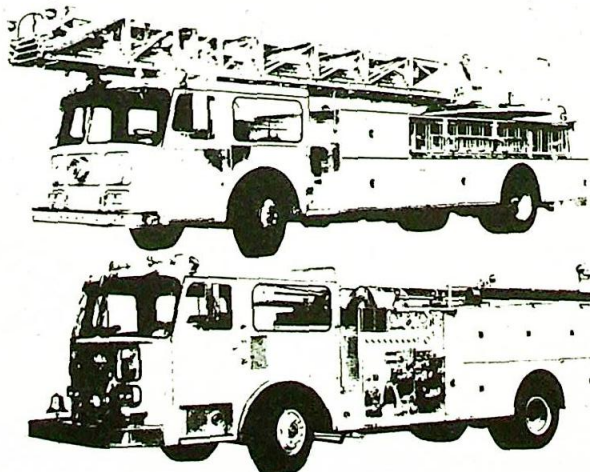
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Interested persons may view said pumper at the Waterford Station of the Elkhart Township Volunteer Fire Department, 308 Egbert Road, Waterford Mills, Indiana, on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday preceding the sale between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and on the Saturday of the sale from the hour of 8:00 a.m. to the hour of sale.

Direct inquiries to Chuck Mabie at the Waterford Station weekdays between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Telephone: (219) 533-4795.

Dated March 19, 1986.

JOE C. BLOCKER
Elkhart Township Trustee

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

We, the members of various fire departments of District 6 of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc., in a meeting duly assembled at Adams Township Fire Station #2, in Allen County, Indiana, on January 16, 1986, there being present firefighters from at least five (5) different fire departments from that district, all being in good standing, do present the following resolution to the annual meeting floor and urge the passage of this resolution by the delegates present at that meeting.

RESOLUTION:

Whereas: Volunteer firefighters are responsible for the protection of lives and property in the state of Indiana.

Whereas: For the volunteer firefighter to carry out his appointed duties, he/she must be able to respond in an expedient and safe manner to all emergencies to which called.

Whereas: Traffic on Indiana's roads is becoming increasingly congested.

Whereas: Multiple flashing lights gain motorists attention rapidly.

Whereas: Motorist's attention must be gained in order for them to grant the right of way to a volunteer firefighter responding to an emergency and expedite his/her response to that emergency.

Therefore be it resolved:

The Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc., through its legislative committee, pursues an amendment to Indiana Statutes which would allow the use of forward facing alternating flashing lights, (in addition to, but not in place of, one (1) or two (2) blue flashing lights at roof level on a vehicle, visible for 360 degrees, with no less than fifty (50) candle power.) These alternating flashing lights may be either clear or blue in color and may or may not be integrated with the vehicle's headlight system.

SIGNED: Max Poling, Chmn. Dist. 6
Joseph Robinson, Sec. Dist. 6

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

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RESOLUTION:

Whereas: Volunteer fire fighters have been charged with the responsibility for the protection of more than 80% of the lives and property of the State.

Whereas: For the volunteer firefighter to carry out his appointed duties, he/she must be able to respond to the emergency or the station in his personal vehicle in the safest and quickest way possible.

Whereas: Sometimes the saving of lives or prevention of added suffering or damage by the victims of accidents or other emergencies could depend on the prompt arrival of the volunteer.

Whereas: The sole aim of the volunteer is to be of best service to the general populace at all times.

Whereas: IC 36-8-12-11, through its restrictive wording, prohibits to some extent the quick response necessary in most emergency calls by restricting the "emergency flow" of traffic through "controlled" intersections and in so doing, prevents the volunteer from doing his/her duties in the best way possible.

Therefore be it resolved:

The Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc., through its legislative committee, shall pursue an amendment to the Indiana Statutes which would allow or permit a vehicle displaying an illuminated blue light, while on an emergency call to proceed through an automatic signal or any other type of traffic control after coming to a complete stop and after determining that the intersection is clear or that the right-of-way has been granted by all other traffic at that intersection, may then cautiously proceed through that intersection and on to the destination.

This request for change would be subject to the provisions of IC 9-4-1-25, the Indiana Code pertaining to Emergency Vehicle Operations.

SIGNED: Max Poling, Chmn. Dist. 6
Joseph Robinson, Sec. Dist. 6

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

This resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of District Fourteen at the Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department, Henryville, Indiana on January 15, 1986, at which nine departments were represented. Do hereby present the following resolution for consideration:

Whereas: Article III, Meetings Section I, and Article XI, Officers, District, and Annual Meetings, do not state the specific day or days that the annual meeting of the association will be held.

Whereas: Recent attendance, cost, and other factors have influenced the association's annual meeting.

Whereas: The 1987 convention committee's investigation has shown that attendance, cost, and other factors, can be greatly influenced by changing the days the association's annual meeting is held.

Be it resolved by the membership of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc.

That the 1987 annual meeting be held on Friday, June 11; Saturday, June 12; and Sunday, June 13, 1987.

SIGNED: Thomas E. Sellmer Sr. Dist. 14 Chairman
Stan Kaskie, Secretary

PREPARING FOR EMERGENCIES

INDIANAPOLIS—Gov. Bob Orr today announced the creation of the State Task Force for Emergency Response Coordination which will re-examine the state's current ability to coordinate and prepare for emergency responses, in particular those involving hazardous material.

"We need to make sure that emergency situations, like hazardous material spills, will be handled quickly and efficiently by state and local units of government.

"Increasing technological advances in the chemical industry make it necessary that we review our current emergency response capabilities," Orr said.

The task force, which was created by executive order, will develop detailed plans for the coordination of state agency and local government resources used during emergencies.

"State agencies have been examining their roles during emergencies, their coordination with counterparts at the local level, and their resources," the governor said. "It is now time to expand this effort to a comprehensive state-wide emergency response coordination plan."

The 13-member task force to be appointed by the governor will be comprised of 10 state agency directors, a state senator, a state representative, and a person from the private sector who will serve as chairman.

Bob Holt, Vice President of Communications and Governmental Affairs, Ontario Corp., has been named chairman. Holt served as chairman of the Stream Pollution Control Board and, most recently, the Environmental Policy Commission which studied the creation of a separate environmental agency.

"Bob Holt is extremely knowledgeable in this area. Hazardous material emergency response was an issue specifically identified by the Environmental Policy Commission as one needing further attention by the new Department of Environmental Management," Orr said.

A Technical Advisory Group representing many organizations throughout the state will assist the task force.

The task force will develop two state emergency response coordination plans—an interim plan and a long-range one.

The Interim State Emergency Response Coordination Plan, to be submitted to the governor by April 1, 1986, will:

—Identify state agencies having a role in emergency response and detail their emergency response responsibilities and resources.

—Identify the state agency and attendant communication system to be the lead agency responsible for the coordination of emergency responses.

—Establish the State Interim Operations Plan which will specify coordination duties of state agencies.

The Long-Range Emergency Response Coordination Plan, to be submitted to the governor by July 1, 1986, will establish a basis for the coordination of state emergency response with local units of government and other organizations' emergency response plans. Specifically, it will:

—Identify local agencies having a role in emergency response and detail their emergency response responsibilities and resources.

—Evaluate local preparedness, capabilities, and expertise for on-site emergency response coordination.

—Establish an Operations Plan which will specify coordination responsibilities between state and local agencies.

—Identify existing training and education programs for emergency responders and recommend any needed additional programs.

—Assess the state's emergency response needs and recommend to the governor any legislation necessary to meet those needs.

State agency directors serving on the task force will be: John Shettle, State Police Superintendent; William Patterson, Department of Civil Defense Director; Nancy Maloley, Department of Environmental Management Commissioner; Alfred Ahner, Indiana Adjutant General; Dr. Woodrow Myers, State Board of Health Commissioner; John Isenbarger, Department of Highways Director; Donald Moreau, Emergency Medical Services Director; Jim Ridenour, Department of Natural Resources Director; Charles Coffee, Department of Fire Prevention and Building Safety Director; and Roland Moss, Department of Transportation Director.

The legislators to serve on the task force are Sen. Joe Corcoran (R-Seymour) and Rep. Laverne Tincher (D-Riley).

100 Years
Of Progress

It is with pride and honor that I write this letter to all you firemen.

Eaton, Indiana is going to celebrate 100 years of progress June 20-22, 1986 by holding Eaton Gas Days Centennial. We would like to extend a special invitation to all Indiana Volunteer Firemen to join us. We did not want an occasion such as this to pass without sending our Association a "special welcome".

I am serving on the Task Force Committee and Fireman Randy Blair is the Eaton Gas Days Centennial President. Our department will sponsor a Tractor & Truck Pull and a Chicken Bar-B-Q.

All fire departments having antique fire trucks are invited to be in the parade on June 21st. Line up time is Noon with the parade starting at 1:00 p.m. Trophies will be given in the different categories. If your department is interested in entering the parade please write to the secretary of the Centennial.

Some of the activities planned for Eaton Gas Days Centennial are: Historical Displays, Food Booths, Ice Cream Social, Celebrities Auction, Kiddie, Teen and Adult Rides, Sr. Queen Contest, Arts & Crafts and Flea Market, Dime Pitch, Horse Shoe Pitch, Jail-a-thon, Tricycle Contest, Sky Divers, Antique Car and Engine Show, Gas Balloons, Bingo, Pony Drawn Rides and a Gospel Sing on Sunday afternoon.

If your department would like to send a contribution it would be greatly appreciated. All donations are tax deductible. Eaton Volunteer Fire Department was the first to present us with a generous check to help make our Centennial a success. Make checks out to Eaton Gas Days Centennial and mail to: Calista Davenport, Secretary, P.O. Box 302, Eaton, IN 47338.

Thank you kindly for your time and the great job you are doing in your association.

Mike Cartwright, Chief
Eaton Vol. Fire Dept., Inc.

FIRE BURNS
25 ACRES

Taken From
NEW ALBANY TRIBUNE

A large brush and field fire in Floyds Knobs kept three volunteer fire departments busy. Firemen from Lafayette Township sent two pumpers, two tankers and a brush truck to an area near Fairway Drive by the Valley View Golf Course on the Lawrence Banet Road where a large fire had started in the fields.

Lafayette called for assistance from Georgetown and Greenville firemen who sent a total of four brush trucks, two tankers and a pumper truck to assist. In all about 40 volunteer firemen were on the scene from the three departments battling the blaze which ended up burning over 25 acres of ground.

Firemen said that there were no injuries and no structures burned. However, the fire did get somewhat close to a couple of houses, but no damage was reported.

DO YOU NEED THEIR HELP?

For those of you who benefit from Revenue Sharing, following is a list of representatives and their addresses. We need to let these 12 men know that we need this money to operate our departments. Help us help you by writing to:

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Rep. Viscosky
1632 Longworth Building
Washington, D.C. 20515 | DISTRICT 6
Rep. Daniel Burton
120 Cannon Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515 |
| DISTRICT 2
Rep. Phillip R. Sharp
2452 Rayburn Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515 | DISTRICT 7
Rep. John Meyers
2336 Rayburn Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515 |
| DISTRICT 3
Rep. Hiner
316 Cannon Building
Washington, D.C. 20515 | DISTRICT 8
Rep. McClosky
116 Cannon Building
Washington, D.C. 20515 |
| DISTRICT 4
Rep. Dan Coates
1417 Longworth House
Washington, D.C. 20515 | DISTRICT 9
Rep. Lee Hamilton
2187 Rayburn Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515 |
| DISTRICT 5
Rep. Bud Hillis
2336 Rayburn Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515 | DISTRICT 10
Rep. Andrew Jacobs, Jr.
1533 Longworth Building
Washington, D.C. 20515 |

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Department _____ Phone _____

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Date Departing _____ Time _____

TYPE OF ROOM _____ CAMPING _____

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_____ No. Of Persons (Specify Special Hookups)

_____ State Officer _____ Delegate _____ Guest

CONFIRMATION WILL BE MAILED TO YOU.

Washington Township Names 1986 Officers

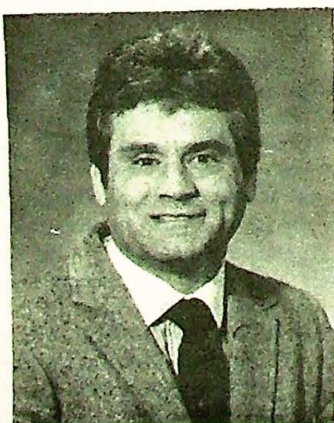
Taken from the
LaPorte Herald Argus

REELSVILLE — The Reelsville-Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department elected new officers for 1986 during a meeting in December.

According to fireman Larry Ellis, the slate includes: Dorman

Owen, fire chief; Rick Hassler, assistant chief; Bob Young, captain; Don Stevenson, first lieutenant; Don Blanton, second lieutenant; Steve Brattain, secretary, and Jim Proctor, treasurer.

"We would like to thank the people of Reelsville for supporting us this year," Ellis commented.



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CART RACE RULES

INTERNATIONAL WATERBALL ASSOCIATION
September 1985

1. A team consists of six (6) people.
2. There will be four (4) runners and two (2) riders.
3. All six (6) people must wear helmets at all times during the race.
4. All six (6) participants start from a pre-determined point away from the cart.
5. Time starts when the signal is given for the contest to begin.
6. **CONTEST:**
 - A. All contestants proceed to the cart from their pre-determined positions. (Four will pull the cart, one will ride on the front, and one will ride on the rear).
 - B. Runners pull the cart and riders (100 ft.) one hundred feet to a stand which contains (6) cups of beverage.
 - C. Front rider must ring bell and crank siren while cart is in motion (both ways).
 - D. None of the contestants may dismount the cart before reaching line which is 10 ft. from the stand. Also, all contestants must be back on the cart before it reaches the 10 ft. line from the stand.
 - E. Each of the contestants must drink one full cup of beverage completely. (Drinks will be previously poured.)
 - F. Each person returns to his position at or on the cart. The four runners pull the cart another one hundred feet (100 ft.) to a fire pumper.
 - G. The rider on the rear removes fifty (50) feet of 1½" hose from the reel on the cart and connects the hose to a discharge from the pumper.
 - H. The front rider removes a straight bore nozzle from the storage box on the cart, connects the nozzle to the previously laid hose, stretches it to its full length, and using pumper water pressure (preset at 70 psi) knocks a target ball off a stand twenty-five (25 ft.) feet from the nozzle.
7. Contest and time stops when the ball strikes the ground after being knocked off with the water pressure.
8. **PENALTIES:**
 - A. A five-second penalty will be added to the elapsed time if the front rider does not ring the bell or crank the siren while the cart is in motion.
 - B. A five-second penalty will be added to the elapsed time if all the beverage is not consumed from each of the six cups.
 - C. A five-second penalty will be added to the elapsed time for each contestant leaving the cart before the ten foot line or not back on before passing the ten foot line.
 - D. A five-second penalty will be added to the elapsed time for each helmet lost and **disqualification** will occur for not retrieving.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I was so surprised when the wife brought in the mail the other day when she handed me the Volunteer Fireman. I have not received the paper for so long that I almost went into cardiac arrest.

It brought back many good memories of the past when the organization had its start in the 40's. I remember Verne Konapasek, Roy Kittridge, Dan Kraft, Sam Ordean, Bus Brownell, Corny Vander Vaart and myself going to the area departments to get them to join the I.V.F.A. It was a long road, but I see that it is still doing good.

Looking over the list of officers, I see there have been big changes since I last saw the paper. I only recognize possibly 10 or 11 of the present officers.

If possible I would like to know who was kind enough to remember me and include me on the mailing list for the paper, so that I can thank that person.

The reason we moved to Arizona was on account of me having a valve replaced in my heart. We decided to get to a warmer climate so I would not have the cold weather to contend with. The heart surgery was in October and then in November I had to have prostate surgery, so we decided to get to a warmer climate.

The wife and I want to extend best wishes to all.

Emil G. Zula
8111 East Broadway
Apt. 215
Tucson, Arizona 85710

P.S. Have Father Lantz say a good word for me to the Man Upstairs.

All Volunteers Are Appreciated

Taken From
NEW ALBANY TRIBUNE

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Franciscan Friars and staff at Mount St. Francis to express our appreciation for all the people who serve in any capacity as volunteers, especially those who give their time as volunteer firemen in the Lafayette, Georgetown and Greenville township volunteer fire departments.

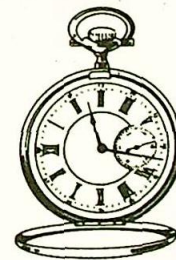
Recently, we had a small grease fire and their response and efficiency in handling it was admirable. We are very fortunate that we have never had a life-threatening situation here at the Mount, but we do rest better, knowing that there are emergency personnel ready to give of their time and talents whenever needed.

I want to publicly thank these people who we so often take for granted and to express our gratitude, which we sometimes forget to do.

Thanks and blessings to all members of the fire, police and sheriff's departments and to other emergency service personnel.

Brother Ambrose Eischens,
OFM Conv.,
Director of Retreats,
Mount St. Francis

WHAT TIME IS IT? REGISTRATION FORM



Early Registration — \$12 (DEADLINE MAY 1, 1986)
Registration at Convention — \$15

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Department _____

_____ State Officer

_____ Delegate

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40TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

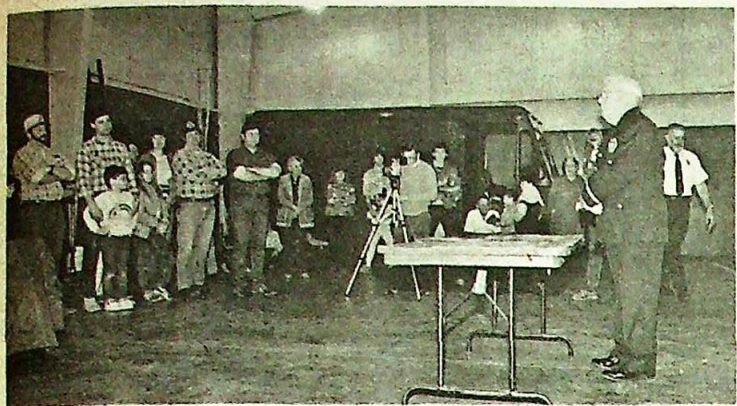
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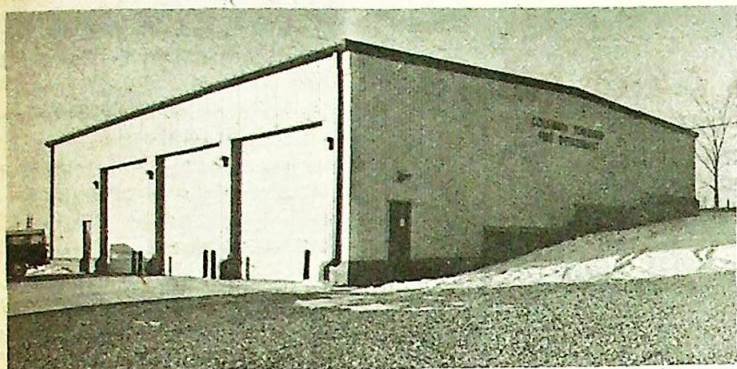
Honey Creek Square Mall
Terre Haute, IN 47802



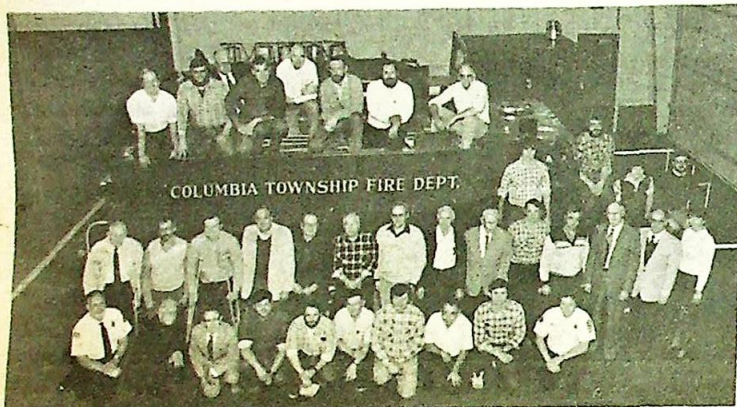
Columbia Dedication Ceremony



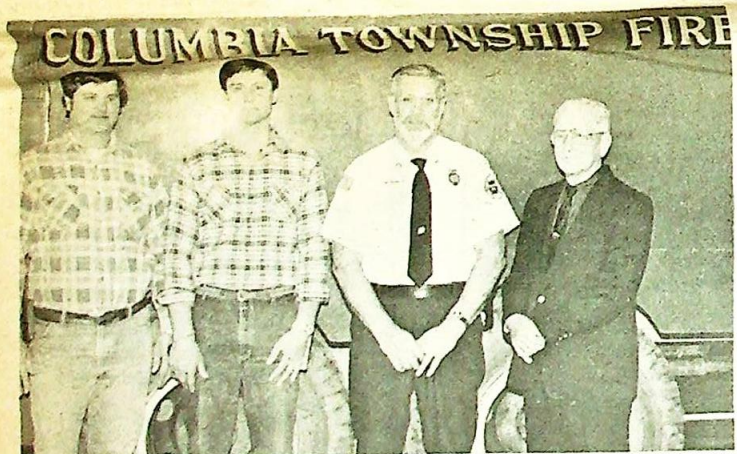
Shown above is Chaplain Duane Lantz during Columbia Township's Dedication Ceremony. Thanks again, Duane.



Columbia Township Fire Department's new 70' by 72' station. Built at a cost of \$250,000, it has 3 double bays, office space, restrooms, kitchen, and room for living quarters if ever needed.

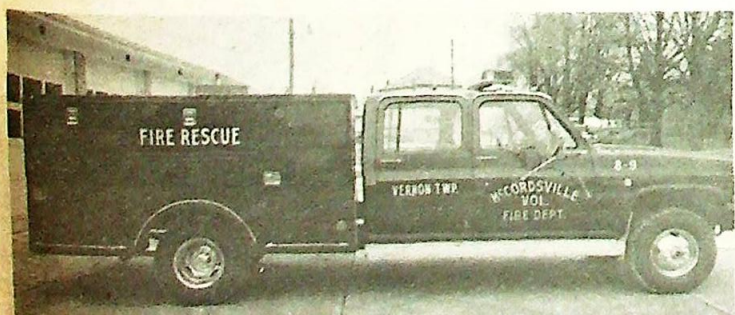


Shown above are all but 2 members of the Columbia Township Fire Department plus the Trustee and Advisory Board.



Three generations totaling 86 years of service — (left to right): Steve Harris, Gary Harris, Chief Keith Harris and Charter member Gale Harris.

McCordsville Gets New Truck



The McCordsville Fire Department purchased a 1986 GMC 1-ton, 4-wheel drive truck with dual wheels and a crew cab. The department designed their own utility bed with all the compartments going straight through from side to side.

The unit is equipped with all the extrication equipment and a 5000 watt generator. After the above picture was taken the department installed four 500 watt quartz lights. A lot of the work was done by the volunteers on the department.

FIRE IN 2-STORY HOME



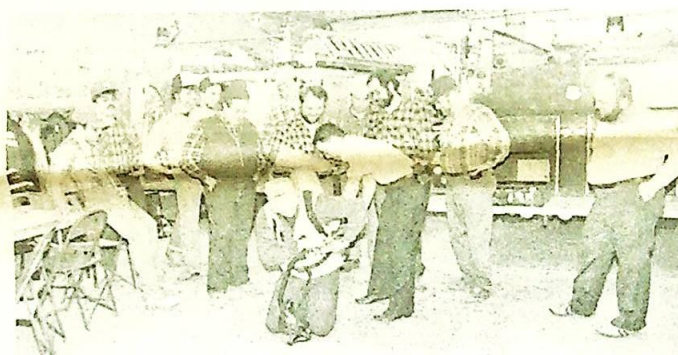
Rushville City Fire Department called on units from Rushville Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept. and a bucket truck from the Raleigh Vol. Fire Dept. to bring a 2-story house fire under control. A clothes dryer sparked the blaze that eventually did extensive damage to the home and sent 5 Rushville City firemen to Rush Memorial Hospital for treatment for smoke inhalation and frostbite.

ELKS CLUB DESTROYED



An early morning blaze at the Elks Club destroyed all but the front most portion of the building and kept Rushville City firemen and 10 volunteer fire departments on the scene for almost an entire day. The fire originated in the east corner of the kitchen area in the basement. Units from Rushville Twp., Raleigh, Glenwood, Milroy, Arlington, Carthage, Morristown, Manilla, Jackson Twp. and the snorkel from Connersville F.D. fought the stubborn fire.

1ST CLASS FIRE SCHOOL



Rushville Twp. Volunteer Fire Department hosted a 1st Class Fire School in January with 3 fire departments attending. Instructors volunteering their time were from Raleigh, Glenwood, Carthage, Milroy and Connersville.



Photograph by Chuck Finster

I.V.F.A. Firemen AND Auxiliary

INVITED FOR

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Friday, June 13, 1986

7:30 a.m.

SOUTH VIGO

HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Pershing Gets "Resusci-Baby"



Pershing Township Fire Chief Richard Blaker (left) accepts a check for the purchase of a Resusci-Baby from Duane Pray of Thousand Trails, Inc.

Pershing Township Fire Department, Freetown, IN has a new member. She is too young to wear turn-outs and too small for breathing apparatus. Yet Pershing Township Fire Chief Richard Blaker calls her "priceless".

She is a Resusci-Baby CPR training manikin recently purchased by the department for CPR training of firefighters and community groups. "This baby will be a big asset in our program for firefighter training because she is always available to our firemen for practice sessions" commented Captain Becky Scott, a Red Cross CPR Instructor.

Chief Blaker explained, "The initial funds for this manikin came from a family that had lost an infant. This baby will save lives as an on-going memorial to this little one who died."

Thousand Trails, Inc., a membership camping facility provided additional money to complete the amount needed for the purchase. Chief Blaker, Captain Scott, and Auxiliary President Patty Scott conduct the annual Thousand Trails Employee CPR training. "The folks of Thousand Trails are eager to learn and to help in whatever way they can to insure safety. We are very pleased to work with their staff and very thankful for the generosity", Captain Scott stated.

\$250,000 DAMAGE

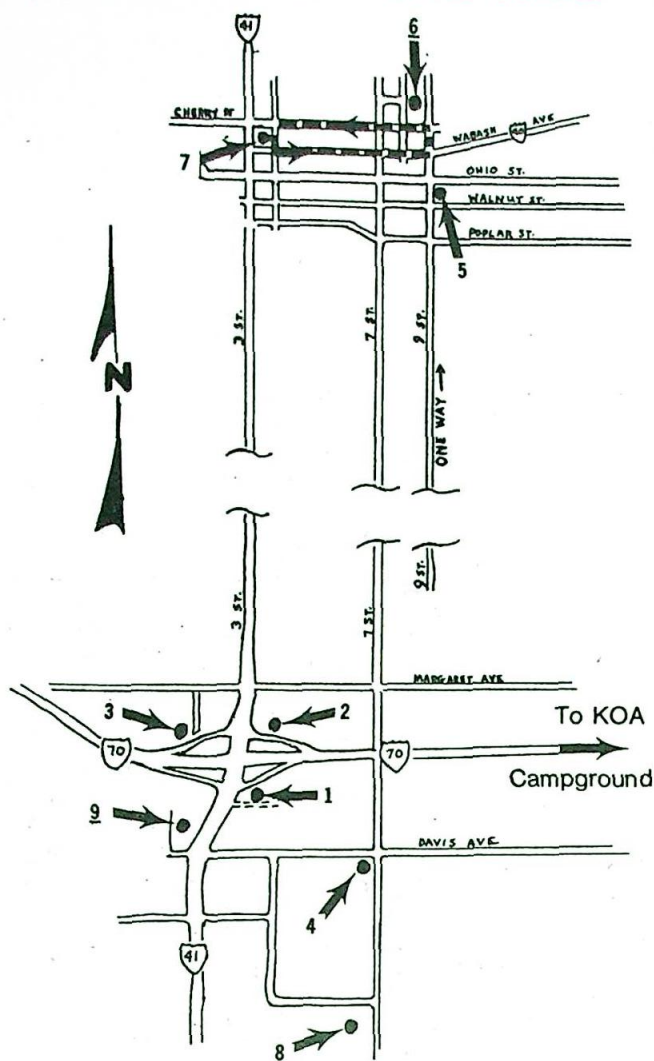
About 1,000 pigs were killed as fire raced through a farrowing barn and nursery owned by Steve Maple of Kokomo, in February.

Pipe Creek Township Volunteer firemen were called to the scene. Nearing the scene, Chief Dave Betzner immediately called for tanker support from nearby Grissom Air Force Base, Peru Fire Department and Onward Volunteer Fire Department. The actual fire scene was located three miles north of Bunker Hill.

Fire quickly consumed the 22 x 212 foot building and firemen concentrated their efforts on a similar barn also full of pigs just 20 feet away and being threatened by westerly winds. "We were lucky to save that," Betzner said.

The livestock killed included 45 sows, the rest pigs weighing up to 70 pounds. Firemen estimated the loss at \$250,000 and said the cause of the fire isn't known although a heater in the south end (nursery) of the barn may have malfunctioned.

Convention Site — Terre Haute



LEGEND

- 1) Holiday Inn
- 2) Ramada Inn
- 3) Super 8
- 4) South Vigo High School
- 5) St. Benedict's Catholic Church
- 6) Hulman Civic Center
- 7) Parade Start/Finish
- 8) Terre Haute Regional Hospital
- 9) Ambucare Clinic

"Burying The Razor"



Pennville Fire Department's Stutz is shown bringing up the rear of a funeral procession in

ceremonies to "Bury The Razor" kicking off sesquicentennial activities in Pennville and Jay County. Men will let their beards grow until the end of the celebration in August, 1986.

CENTER DEDICATED

Taken from Terre Haute Tribune Star
A newly constructed Prairie Creek Firehouse and community center was dedicated in a ceremony in October by the town's volunteer fire department.

"A lot of people don't even know it's there yet," said Dick Seaton, fire department spokesman.

The three-bay firehouse was built by volunteers last summer,

Seaton said. The community center building was purchased by the township from the American Legion Post, he added.

Valentine Victim

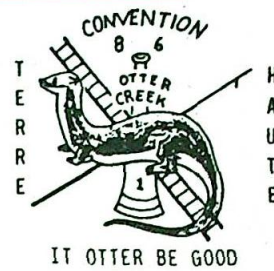
February 14, 1986 will remain in the minds of Mike and Kim Davies for many years to come. Not just because it was Valentine's Day, but it was on this date that Kim Davies was involved in a single vehicle accident on a county road just off of State Road 75 in Hendricks County south of Coatesville. She was leaving work and heading to pick up her daughter at the sitter's house when her car slid on an icy patch in the road and struck a culvert.

Since there were no witnesses to the accident the time element was not clear just how long Kim was in the vehicle until the first person appeared on the scene. Help was summoned in the form of the Stilesville Rescue Team. Responding to this call was ambulance driver/fireman Bob Russell, 1st Responder/EMT Cheryl Grigsby, EMT Teresa Wisehart, and 1st Responder/fireman Richard Grigsby. Their efforts in removing Kim and the results of their training to situations like this resulted in saving the life of Kim Davies. At the time she was transported to the Putnam County Hospital in Greencastle, the seriousness of her condition was not known. They did know that Kim had suffered a neck injury and was treated accordingly. Upon examination and from X-rays taken, it was decided that Kim had suffered a fracture of the C2 bone in her neck. Kim was then transported by Operation Life from Greencastle to Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis and placed in the intensive care unit. At this time, Kim Davies is recovering very well and in time will be 100% with no after effects. This is mainly due to the efforts of this fine team of volunteers of the Stilesville Vol. Fire Dept. Enough cannot be said of the volunteers throughout the state of Indiana who give their own time so that they may be trained to meet any emergency that might occur in their community. They did not know that Kim was the wife of a volunteer fireman; Mike is a member of the Fillmore Vol. Fire Dept. Their only thought at the time was to rescue and transport an injured person to the hospital as quickly as possible. Training is the name of the game and for everyone involved this training has paid off in more ways than one. Our personal thanks to the Stilesville Vol. Fire Dept. for all that they have done, and may God Bless each and everyone of them.

The family of Kim Davies

ATTENTION!

FIRE DEPARTMENTS:
Get your truck tickets and money turned in to the Raffle Chairman at once so she can proceed with the program.



Lou Bartlow

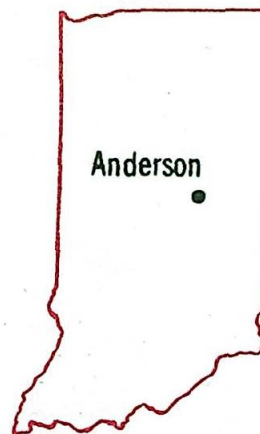
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