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Neighbors help family rebuild after explosion

The Clyde Stoll family of six was left homeless after an explosion and ensuing fire destroyed their relatively new bungalow located on Hwy. 231 last Thursday evening.

They escaped with little more than the clothes they wore, visibly shaken by the experience as they huddled together watching firemen spray the last tank of water on the smoldering embers.

That was about 10:30 Thursday night. But word spread throughout the community and by Friday morning a crew arrived with trucks and equipment, plus plenty of manpower, to clean up the remaining mess. Plans were made, materials ordered, and by Saturday morning a crew of about 30 were on hand to begin rebuilding the home — to be bigger this time because of the needs of the growing family.

The family had no written insurance policy on the house or contents. They had an unwritten agreement among friends and neighbors who routinely share such losses. This is the way of the Amish and Mennonite Churches.

Collections were taken up at several churches Sunday morning and there were offers in many forms — household items, equipment, labor — each family gave what they could.

Women joined to prepare food at the site each day and there was

little wasted effort. Some of the men were professional carpenters — most from the Willis Eicher crew — but many were farmers with plenty of experience in construction. By mid-afternoon Monday the roof on the two-story house was completed and asphalt shingles were being nailed in place at an unbelievable pace as the end of the work day drew near.

Furniture and other necessities were moved into the basement

and the family spent the night Tuesday in the temporary quarters — but in their own home.

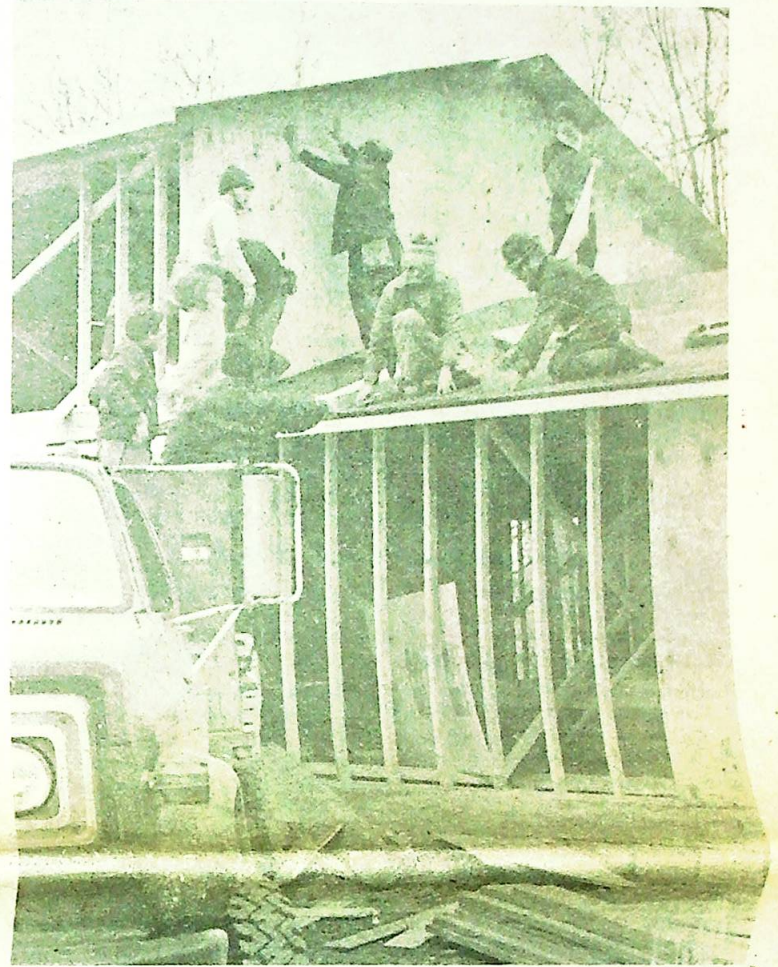
There wasn't much comment from the workers Monday afternoon — most were too busy to stop. "It's just something we do," one of the older men commented. "We have workers here from several churches, from several neighborhoods. Everyone will help when there is a need." With that

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There was no shortage of help for the Clyde Stoll family following a fire Thursday night which destroyed their home.

Photos Courtesy The Odom Journal



Members of Amish and Mennonite churches moved quickly to rebuild. The job had reached this stage by Tuesday, only 3½ working days after the fire.

Message from Lieutenant Governor John Muiz

Several volunteer firefighters have expressed concern to me that the new state fire marshal is not one of their own. For the first time in recent history, the new state fire marshal does not have a background as a volunteer firefighter.



Obviously, any group would want someone who is sensitive to its needs to be the head of an organization that sets rules and guidelines for it. Those who volunteer to fight fires have enjoyed this type of representation for several years and they still do. Larry Bosell's first 18 months as fire marshal have shown him to be a champion for every firefighter, paid and volunteer. He is concerned about education, code enforcement and fire prevention. He feels strongly about these issues because he has seen the effects of good, and poor, fire protection during his 20 years as a professional firefighter. Bosell first came to the attention of most volunteer firefighters through his years of service as an instructor, a period of time in which he taught thousands of volunteers. His

credentials were so sound that the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association was one of the groups that recommended that Bosell be appointed fire marshal by Governor Orr.

Volunteer firefighters continue to be an effective and important voice in determining state policy on important issues of public safety. Your role in economic development is becoming more important. I want you to know that our door is always open, and you are invited to discuss the issues in which you are involved. We need your ideas.

By the way, a lot of you had an interest in the small challenge grants I mentioned in my last column. The staff of the Community Economic Development Division of the Department of Commerce is beginning to evaluate nearly 50 applications for the current round of grants, including six from volunteer fire departments. The grants match local funds raised in a variety of ways. Some volunteer departments have held bake sales, breakfasts and car washes to raise money for new stations and equipment, and we want to help as many of those as possible with the funding we have available.

1987 IVFA CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, June 10	2:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Registration	Churchill Room
Thursday, June 11	8:00 AM to 8:00 PM	Registration	Churchill Room
	8:00 AM to 8:00 PM	Displays Open	York Room & Parking Lot
	8:00 AM to 12:30 PM	Miss Flame Judging	Dickens Room
	12:30 PM to 2:30 PM	Miss Flame Luncheon	Royal Ballroom
	1:00 PM to 2:00 PM	Hillerich & Bradsby Tour	Hotel Lobby
	2:00 PM to 3:30 PM	Men's Officers Meeting	Royal Ballroom
	2:00 PM to 3:30 PM	Ladies' Officers Meeting	Elliot Room
	4:00 PM to 5:30 PM	Beer Bust	Picadilly Room
	6:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Joint Meeting	Royal Ballroom
	8:30 PM to 8:45 PM	Board Bus to Belle	Parking Lot
	9:00 PM to 1:00 AM	Belle of Louisville Ride	Louisville
	9:00 PM to 1:00 AM	Firehouse Rhythm Band	Parking Lot
Friday, June 12	8:00 AM to 8:00 PM	Registration	Churchill Room
	8:00 AM to 9:00 PM	Displays Open	York Room & Parking Lot
	8:00 AM to 8:30 AM	Coffee Clutch	Elliot Room
	8:30 AM to 10:45 AM	Men's Meeting	Royal Ballroom
	8:30 AM to 10:45 AM	Ladies' Meeting	Elliot Room
	11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Memorial Service	Morton Memorial Church
	12:00 PM to 1:15 PM	Lunch	Your Choice
	1:15 PM to CLOSE	Men's Meeting	Royal Ballroom
	1:15 PM to CLOSE	Ladies' Meeting	Elliot Room
	6:30 PM to CLOSE	Banquet	Hotel
	6:30 PM to CLOSE	Children's Pizza Party	Wav-Tek
	9:00 PM to 1:00 AM	Firehouse Rhythm Band	Parking Lot
	9:00 PM to 1:00 AM	Beer Wagon	Parking Lot
Saturday, June 13	8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Games	Parking Lot
	3:00 PM to END	Parade	Clarksville

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Arson information rewards increased five-fold

Indianapolis - In 1985, incendiary and suspicious fires in structures accounted for \$1.67 billion, or one of every four dollars lost last year in structure fires. This arson problem, according to a report just released by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), constitutes the largest single cause of property damage due to fire in the U.S. Incendiary and suspicious structure fires and associated deaths and property losses all increased in 1985, ending at least temporarily the substantial recent declines in these numbers.

In an attempt to encourage greater citizen involvement in its ongoing war on arson, the Indiana Arson & Crime Association has announced that rewards of up to \$5,000 will now be available. In the past, the highest amount paid for HOTLINE information was \$1,000. But where ongoing patterns of arson activity are detected, the Association has authorized higher limits in an attempt to eliminate such patterns.

The ARSON HOTLINE (1-800-382-4628) was developed by the Indiana Arson & Crime Association with the cooperation of the Indiana State Fire Marshal and select property insurance companies operating throughout Indiana. The purpose of the HOTLINE is to encourage and reward anonymous, confidential information which may assist fire officials in

determining the identity of the arsonist.

The higher reward can be authorized where protracted activity has occurred or where fires are clearly the work of a particular arsonist and heightened public assistance is needed. An example of such long-term arson activity was recently reported by the *Indianapolis Star* where evidence indicated that at least 28 of 38 fires investigated in one county during the past two years were ruled arson. In particularly difficult cases, the Arson Reward Committee may authorize higher rewards to those who provide information leading to the arrest of person(s) responsible for setting the fire. Often those who call the HOTLINE decline the

reward, desiring only the satisfaction of seeing justice accomplished. For others, rewards generate the needed motivation to put vital information in the hands of law enforcement officials.

Since the identity of an arsonist is often difficult to determine, cooperation between citizens and investigators is crucial. The ARSON HOTLINE is a particularly effective means of placing information in the hands of fire officials - it can be used anonymously and can reward citizens for providing information regarding the cause of or responsibility for fires. All information is confidential. ARSON HOTLINE 1-800-382-4628.

Commission membership changes hands

The Commission on Fire Fighting Personnel Standards and Education welcomes a new member to their table. Jill Robertson, Mishawaka, assumes the appointment time of Charles Bigler, Superintendent of Schools, Crown Point, who reluctantly resigned from the commission in March 1985 due to his heavy responsibilities.

Jill Robertson is actively involved in the Survive Alive program and travels extensively nationwide for the State P.T.A. on business concerning child safety, including fire safety, latch key

children, child abuse, drug and alcohol abuse and excellence in education. The Commission is pleased to have this new commissioner.

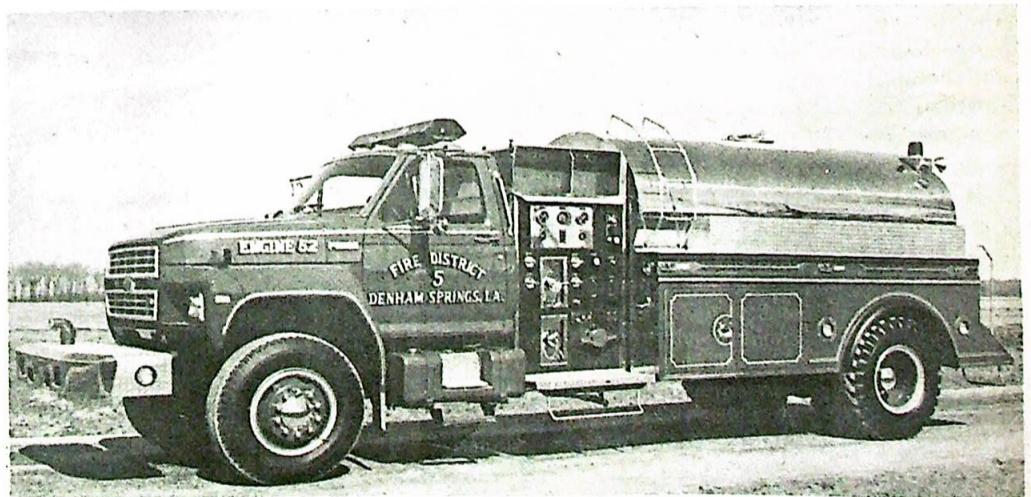
It was with reluctance, however, that the Commission accepted the resignation of Marion (Bud) Moore, who retired as the Fire Chief of Marion (Indiana) Fire Department. Bud Moore had been a strong driving force in the development of standardized minimum training for fire fighter certification and the Commission will miss his expertise, but wishes him well in his new career.

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CHAPLAIN
Duane Lantz**



Scripture Mark 4 Verses 14-21

"The farmer I talked about is anyone who brings God's message to others, trying to plant good seed within their lives. The hard pathway, where some of the seed fell, represents the hard hearts of some of those who hear God's message; Satan comes at once to try to make them forget it. The rocky soil represents the hearts of those who hear the message with joy, but, like young plants in such soil, their roots don't go very deep, and though at first they get along fine, as soon as persecution begins, they wilt.

"The thorny ground represents the hearts of people who listen to the Good News and receive it, but all too quickly the attractions of this world and the delights of wealth, and the search for success and lure of nice things come in and crowd out God's message from their hearts, so that no crop is produced.

"But the good soil represents the hearts of those who truly accept God's message and produce a plentiful harvest for God — thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as was planted in their hearts."

Then he asked them, "When someone lights a lamp, does he put a box over it to shut out the light? Of course not! The light couldn't be seen or used. A lamp is placed on a stand to shine and be useful.

The gloom of winter is about to leave us, and the newness of life is starting to show, the crocus are out and the tulips are breaking through. Many flowers are still covered just in case of a freeze.

Several Departments have lost firemen at a young age, our own, Churabusco, Culver, to name a few. These men under fifty years of age were called home for a newness of life. Our challenge is to pick up the pieces and make them proud of what we are doing, for our families, our Community, and most of all, our Fire Department.

The interruption of death does not remove the threads of life, but they continue with the Father's master pattern for the totality of our experience.

As we continue to pass the dayposts and and yearposts that mark off our lives, let us recognize that death is God's final benefit here, after a loving and fruitful life. Abundant living, inspired by the leadership of God's love, means the threads of life are woven into the faith of resurrection.

We are in the midst of the Lenten Season. As the scripture says, we are sure we are planting our seeds in the good soil representing the hearts of people who listen to the good news and receive it, and produce a plentiful crop for God.

I was at our Mall where there were many beautiful displays. A big display of huge, chrome plated motorcycles centered this area. But the biggest crowd was at none of these places, I tried to peer over the heads of the throng to see just what item could be drawing the most interest. I smiled in gentle amusement. There was a small glass incubator where baby chicks were just pecking their way free. Everything else takes second place to the Miracle of Birth, whether it be fish, fowl, or human.

Those tiny chicks, barely able to fight their way towards the warmth of the heat lamp, out-classed every sophisticated exhibit at the Mall. They were visible proof of God's greatest Gift — LIFE. Everywhere we go the code words are *Have A Good Day*. Why don't we change those code words to *Have A Happy Day*.

A SURE WAY TO HAVE A HAPPY DAY

*Happiness is something
we create in our mind,
It's not something you search for
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and beginning the day
By counting our blessings
and kneeling to pray —
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as a "gift heaven-sent" —
It's giving up wishing
for things we have not*

*And making the best of
whatever we've got —
It's knowing that life
is determined for us.
And pursuing our tasks
without fret, fume or fuss —
For it's by completing
what God gives us to do
That we find real contentment
and happiness, too.*

— Helen Steiner Rice

Prayer — Father, please strengthen us for the tasks ahead of us.
May we be instruments of Thy glory, in Jesus' name — Amen.
Go to the church of your choice — you will like it.

Monticello EMT invents 'Rite Rule'

This is a story that will make you clap yourself on the forehead and say, "Ridiculous! Why didn't I think of that?"

It's the story of how a 47-year-old optometrist's assistant from Monticello, Indiana, became the mother of invention.

Out of frustration, if not necessity, she took an idea so very simple (clap your forehead now), applied some creativity, some daring and determination, and turned it into a business. Ladies and gentlemen... we give you Donna Salomon and the Rite Rule... the one ruler that's always right!

The Rite Rule is... well, a million people may have had this idea but only one person appears to have done anything about it... a ruler (plastic or wood models) whose measurements (six-millimeter, six-inch, 12-inch, 18-inch, 36-inch, and 48-inch lengths are available) are printed so that no matter how the ruler is thrown down and subsequently picked up, it can be read from left to right like we're taught — no turning it around or turning it over is required.

A person shown the Rite Rule for the first time will usually look at it carefully, turn it over, study it some more. And then, like a light coming on, they look up and say something like, "It flips! You can read it either way." The simple "secret" is that each side of the ruler has measurements printed left to right across the top and upside down and right to left across the bottom. So, turned over, turned around, it always reads right. Or Rite, as Salomon prefers to say.

This simple invention has already caught on in the medical and optometric fields and has the promise of much wider use as well. Salomon has sold over 8,000 of the newly-trademarked rulers with only minimal advertising.

It was her own job that provided the problem and the Rite Rule solution. "In the optometric field," Salomon says, "nearly everyone uses a millimeter ruler called a 'PD Stick' (to measure pupillary distance and other factors) in fitting eyeglasses. I used one dozens of times a day in measuring a patient's bifocal height, verifying eyeglasses, and so on, and it seemed like every time I'd pick it up it would be wrong. I'd have to turn it around to read it. It was frustrating and embarrassing. I felt foolish and sometimes I think the patients wondered if I knew what I was doing. Finally I just said, 'There has to be a better way' and I did some drawings and designed one. I made it on paper and taped it over the old stick and it worked fine."

The idea almost went no further. Salomon, who took up art on a similar whim in 1983 and has already won a prize in statewide competition for her work in pastels, keeps busy juggling her job, her art hobby, her volunteer work as an Emergency Medical Technician for the Monticello Fire Department, her adult leader duties for her church youth group, and her family responsibilities. The Rite Rule idea sat for about a year.

A local man with whom she'd discussed her new ruler concept finally jostled and prodded



Donna Salomon

Salomon into action. "He told me," Salomon laughs in recollection, "that if I didn't get busy and do something with this idea then he was going to. He was trying to motivate me and he did."

Using common sense and the advice of a few friends, she set out. A Chicago marketing research company reported the idea was viable and there was a market for the product. They offered to take over the the idea, get the ruler made and marketed. Salomon declined. "They seemed to think I couldn't do it alone," she says. "My opinion was that I could."

She contacted a patent attorney in Indianapolis. Soon a trademark was obtained from the federal government. Salomon also had to go in and sit down and convince a banker to lend her money to finance the venture. She found
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Fire causes damage to Monroe township home

An early-morning fire Sunday in Monroe Township caused between \$40,000 and \$50,000 in damage to a house at 6340 E. 200 S., said Jefferson Township Fire Chief Mike Parker.

The department, which provides fire protection to Monroe Township, received the alarm about 6:30 a.m. Sunday.

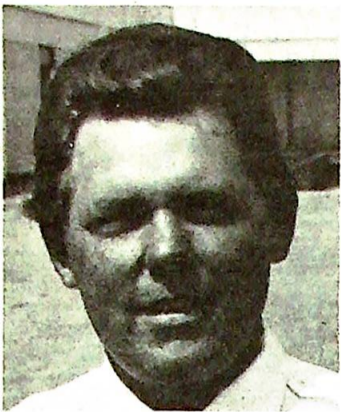
The Upland Volunteer Fire Department responded to the fire

and was aided by Matthews, Van Buren and Center Township firefighters, Parker said.

Nobody was home at the time of the fire, believed to have started around the furnace, he said. The fire is still under investigation. Papers inside the home identified the owner as Dave Kinzie, Parker said.

— Chronicle Tribune

NEWS FROM THE PREZ



BILL SUNDAY

Well people, this will be my last article as your president. I could write 25 pages and still wouldn't be able to explain the way I feel about the Volunteer Fire Service, all my friends and the many things that have happened over the past 16 years. Yes, 16 years ago, Nickie and I started out as District Chairman and have dedicated our lives to the fire service. We have traveled all over the world and will continue to work for the Fire Service. I would like to say to all you firefighters, auxiliary's kids families and just friends of the fire service, we love all of you and hope that in some small way as well as promoting the fire service we maybe have promoted some inspiration for other families to work together we will have accomplished our goal.

I don't know very many families that are as close as my family is in

the fire service in traveling, sports and just being good friends as well as family.

All the time I have been talking about my family all these things can include the entire fire service because we are all one big happy family. Please keep in touch because we may not always be the President and his family but we will always be family, and your friends.

Well we feel we have accomplished some things over the past two years. It's a lot harder than I thought when I was working to become the President. I probably tried as hard as I could to not say I when writing articles, but since this is my last one, you're going to see I a few times.

I think some people didn't like all the things I did for two years but a lot of things went for the betterment of the entire fire service, not just a few. I think the fire service has changed so much in the past 4 years that if you haven't been involved, about now you are starting to feel a little lost. This is a changing world we are living in, a fast world, and the fire service is

changing right along with it.

We have a great association and a very powerful association. Most of the people in our association don't realize just what we are involved in. Well if you start watching real close you might find out that all the things the Association is really doing for you it would cost you \$50.00 a year instead of \$7.50.

Well people, I have to stop writing someplace, so just stay Hoosiers, just stay as kind as you are and stay members of the IVFA. And you will not ever go wrong. Thank you for trusting me and helping me make this association the most respected association in the state.

The last thing I must do is apologize for not working in my own district like I should have. Also, I want to thank my department and all the gals in the Auxiliary for standing by me for the last two years. I couldn't have done it without their help. I want to wish all the newly elected officers the best of luck and offer all my service to them in the future.

Thank you for 2 super years.

OFFICERS MEETING

Holiday Inn, Plymouth, Indiana
February 7th and 8th

President Sunday called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Lantz followed by the pledge to the flag.

President Sunday called for the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. Bill Howe made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. The second was given by Parrish. Motion carried by voice vote. It was stated that due to illness, Secretary Bechtel would not be here this weekend.

Note: It was stated that the motion by Howe was out of order for the acceptance of the minutes due to a lack of quorum. President Sunday

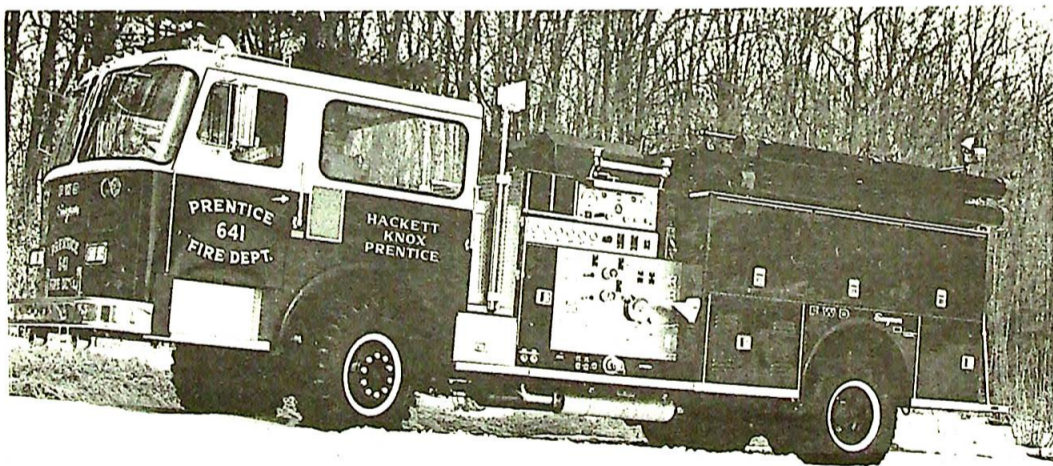
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stated that John Daviess would assume the duties in the absence of Doug.

Officer Reports:

In his report President Sunday stated that he has attended several meetings on legislation and the convention. He listed several other district and departmental functions he had attended.

Vice President Swartz was absent.

Treasurer Stofer asked for a later time.

Recording Secretary Nevil passed.

Chaplain Lantz gave a report on some of the memorial services that he had given and spoke on some other activities he was involved with.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bush passed.

Past President Bruns passed.

All other Past Presidents in attendance passed.

Public Relations Directors:

Bill Howe N.W., stated that he had attended all the meetings in the area and he feels that the attendance is improving.

N.E. Bill Kinsey reported some problems that he has been involved within his area and the steps he has taken to correct them. He too had attended all the meetings.

Toddy Michl reported on the meetings in the area.

Bill Windsor E.C., was absent.

Carl Davis S.W. reported on the traveling and meetings he had attended.

Roy Richardson W.E., was absent.

President Sunday introduced Bob Laney, the editor of our newspaper, who spoke briefly to the group.

Treasurer Stofer gave the financial report for the quarter and stated that some adjustments are going to have to be made before the end of the next quarter.

District Chairmen:

D1 Esserman reported that a lot of things are happening. He stated that a very interesting meeting was held recently. He stated that the members at the last meeting said that they supported some type of mandatory training for firefighters.

D2 Reed was absent.

D3 Sabie in his report stated that things are beginning to take shape for the convention next year.

D4 Ferro was absent.

D5 Smith stated that they have changed their meeting date and at the last meeting they had 115 in attendance.

D6 Sanders said that they had selected a Miss Flame for this year and he has been in contact with the departments that have not paid their dues.

D7 Sorg commented that all material given to him on the Bridgeport Fund was passed out at the last meeting. He stated that the district had one death the last quarter and that the Mt. Etna Fire Department will be hosting the Fire School on March 21st. The school will cover the new Fire Codes.

D8A Fleener was absent.

D8B Nickens was absent.

D9A Sutton was absent.

D9B Parrish reported two deaths in the district. He also stated that they had selected their first Miss Flame contestant.

D10 Neal stated that he has spent most of his time traveling and visiting departments trying to collect dues.

D11A Biggs thanked the officers for attending the meetings and said that their Miss Flame had been selected.

D11B Osborn was absent.

D12 Johnson was absent.

D13A Nullinger was absent.

D13B Kahal was absent.

D14 Sellmer gave a report on the recent death of a Fire Chief in his area and some interesting happenings afterwards. He had some questions on dues payments through the office of the Secretary.

D15 Seitz said that the upcoming fire school is all set. He asked what the requirements are for hosting a convention and he was directed by President Sunday to contact Treasurer Stofer and he would answer any questions he may have.

D17A Engle gave a report on the last two meetings and said that he was having trouble getting cards and stickers back from the Secretary's office.

D17B Lockhart stated that attendance has been moderate at the meetings. He reported on two deaths and some activities scheduled in the area.

D18 Winger was absent.

D19 Weigel commented on the recent selection of their Miss Flame contestant and some of the problems he was having, especially on the dues.

D20 no report.

D21 no report.

D22 Reed spoke on the meetings held recently and some events that are being proposed.

President Sunday spoke on the problems in the office of the Secretary and a lengthy discussion followed. No action was taken at this time. At 4:52 the meeting was recessed until 7:30 in the same room.

At 7:35 the meeting was reconvened by President Sunday. He said that the people from this year's convention had on display the money makers for the convention. He stated that they may be purchased after the meeting was recessed later this evening.

More discussion was held on the computer problems. Willie Parrish made a motion that President Sunday be allowed to take care of the problem. The motion was withdrawn as all further discussion and any action to be taken was deferred to the Board of Directors.

South East P.R. Director Richardson spoke on the meetings in his area and he felt that attendance has improved.

Committee Reports:

Games; Chairman Mendel asked all officers to go back home and encourage more people to participate in the games.

Safety; Parrish had no report.

I.N.C.E.R.T.; Biggs reported on the manpower requirements for the upcoming Pan Am Games and he said that if anyone was interested in giving some time to let him know.

Clothing; Lockhart had no report.

Membership; Bruns passed.

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Public Education; Parker stated that the TV spot announcement should be done shortly. Some work has already started on the next which will be on Fire Prevention and Fire Safety in the home.

E.M.S.; Weigel talked briefly on some pending legislative bills.

Historical Update; Sutton was absent.

D8A Fleener had no report.

Convention; Bob Masters reported things are coming together very well. He said that the only thing not being held at the motel was the boat ride and the Memorial Service.

Editor Assistant; Howe commented that the paper has been printed and he apologized for some of the pictures in the paper as they were of color to black and white.

President's Advisory; President Sunday gave some thoughts that the committee has. He turned the meeting over to Jack Ford to report on the Bridgeport Funds. Jack spoke on the Trust Fund, Scholarship and Benefit Funds. Afterwards President Sunday made a few comments on the funds.

New Membership; Carl Bruns listed some guidelines that have been set up and will be given to the officers to hand out to all departments in the Association new and old.

President Sunday stated that due to the time, he was going to recess the meeting until 9:00 a.m. the following morning. The time was 9:56 p.m.

At 9:02 a.m. the meeting was called to order by President Sunday. He asked Chaplain Lantz to give the Invocation, after which the committee reports continued.

D4 Ferro stated that they had selected their Miss Flame for this year.

D11B Osborne reported on the activities and problems that he has been made aware of in the area. They have also selected their Miss Flame for this year.

National Volunteer Fire Council; Jim Parker stated that the rules have been changed on the \$50,000 Federal Death Benefit as it pertains to the subscription fire departments. He spoke on the smoke detector program that F.E.M.A. is sponsoring as well as the Turkey Shoot program through Field and Stream.

President Sunday reported that Bruce Neal would be set up to take pictures for the convention book at lunch time.

Legislative; Ford gave the report on the bills that have been put before the legislators this year. Some are good bills and some of them stink. President Sunday joined the conversation on the bills also. Barbara Surber, Miss Flame Chairman, gave some deadlines for entries in the Miss Flame Contest this year.

V.P. Swartz in his report stated that the Training Committee did not meet. He gave a report on the schools that have been scheduled through the Fire Marshal's Office as well as reminding all of the deadlines for this year's awards to be presented at the convention.

Old Business:

It was stated that the deadline for this year's convention book is set for May 15th. President Sunday reported that plans are to have the complete report for the Bridgeport Fund finalized by the time the convention is here in June. He also reminded all that all the claims are to be in Pete Lockhart's possession two weeks prior to the next meeting.

Bill Kinsey, Chairman of the Standards and Education Commission said the 2nd Class lesson plan is out. He asked that some feedback be given on the plan as to whether you like it or you don't like it and the information given to Pat Babbs in the Fire Marshal's office. He also stated that the 1st Class plan is being worked on and it should be completed around the 1st of June.

Pete Lockhart, a member of the Fire Prevention and Building Safety, said that some consideration may be given to the rehabilitation of some old buildings. Under consideration is allowing some variances on the requirements in non-critical areas only.

New Business:

Gene Stofer reported that he had recently met with Tim Downey on the A&W Insurance that we sponsor. He said that the topic of discussion centered around the \$25,000 limit on the medical, which in case of

some traumatic injury would not be anywhere near enough coverage. Therefore he was proposing that we pursue the possibility of getting the volunteer firefighters covered under the Workman's Compensation law under the medical aspect only. A short discussion followed after which Wayne Smith made a motion that the legislative and insurance committees of our association attempt to get legislation submitted that will allow us to be included under the medical aspect of the program. Motion was seconded by Parrish and carried by voice vote.

President Sunday spoke on the matter of some other organizations that were misrepresenting the volunteer fire service in the state and offered some suggestions that should be passed on to other interested parties. He also read a letter from the American Retirees Trust in regards to a program they have. A short discussion followed and a motion was made by Stofer that the letter be given to Jack Ford and that Jack forward the letter to Mr. Harry Eakin, Chairman of the Indiana Insurance Commission for his opinion and any action before we take any type of action. Pete Lockhart seconded the motion and the motion was carried by voice vote.

Good of the Order:

Gene Stofer requested letters be gotten in for the Mr. I.V.F.A. award this year.

V.P. Swartz stated that most of the \$100,000 in the Fire Marshal's Arson Assistance Program is gone.

A letter concerning the Hoosiers for Seat Belt Organization was read by President Sunday. After a short discussion Lockhart made a motion to participate in the program. Richardson seconded the motion and it was passed by voice vote.

Bill Howe made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Richardson seconded the motion and it carried by voice vote. Quorum was present. Howe made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Parrish and carried by voice vote.

Board of Directors:

Immediately following the other meeting Board Chairman Lockhart called the meeting to order and asked for the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. Esserman made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Sabie seconded and the motion carried by voice vote.

Old Business:

Treasurer Stofer said that the name tags will be available for the May meeting.

New Business:

Chairman Lockhart opened the discussion on the problem in the Secretary's office and a possible solution to it. After a short discussion a motion was made by Howe that the President be allowed to work with the office of the Secretary and if any additional help is needed he be authorized to get it to get the work load on line. The motion was seconded by Esserman and the motion carried by voice vote.

Bill Bush stated that due to the fact he has no storage facilities for the association property and he has had it stored at the Vica McGill home, he asked if the association could make a contribution to her to help offset the cost of heating the area the material is in. When asked what dollar figure he had in mind he suggested \$100. A motion was made by Richardson that \$100 be given to Vica McGill for the purpose of storage. Carl Davis seconded the motion and the motion carried by voice vote.

Chairman Lockhart stated what were the desires of the Board in regards to sending someone to the N.V.F.C. meeting in Florida during the month of April sometime. President Sunday made some comments concerning the value of having somebody in attendance. Wayne Smith made a motion that the alternate and/or the President be allowed to attend and that the association will pay only the expenses of one person. Motion was seconded by Bob Fleener and carried by voice vote.

Chairman Lockhart said he had been approached and asked if it was possible for a person to obtain the Bible and grave marker before a death occurs. After a short discussion Carl Davis made a motion that no action be taken on this request at this time. Tom Sellmer seconded the motion. After a couple of questions were asked and discussed the motion passed by voice vote. Chairman Lockhart then appointed Chaplain Lantz, Bruce Neal and Tom Sellmer to study the problem and bring the findings back at a later date.

Willie Parrish made a motion to adjourn. Tom Sellmer seconded the motion. The Benediction was given by Chaplain Lantz and the meeting was then adjourned at 12:05.

Respectfully submitted,
Ivan Nevil, Recording Secretary

Earle appointed Chief of Arson Investigation

State Fire Marshal Larry H. Bosell announced the appointment of William G. Earle as Chief of the Arson Investigation Division. Earle, a 36-year veteran of the Indianapolis Fire Department, replaces James Skaggs who recently returned to arson investigation operations following 10 years of administration. Earle has extensive education, training and experience in all aspects of firefighting and fire investigation.

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a local banker who's backed her from the beginning.

She went to the library, found a list of manufacturers of similar products, contacted several. She initially chose a Boston company. "They were super to work with, but couldn't guarantee the close tolerance I needed - they told me that plastic shrinks and they couldn't guarantee better than a two or three-millimeter error on a six-inch ruler. I didn't realize this until I'd already had a batch printed. I had to throw those away."

Finally Salomon hooked up with Plastic Graphics, a Chicago company that's only a couple hours drive from her Monticello home. The first shipments of the Rite Rule have rolled in, accurate to within one two-thousandth of an inch on the six-inch span and Salomon is off and, well... measuring, scrambling, trying to be her own sales rep, bookkeeper, sign maker, booking agent, board of directors, maintenance woman and company president, all the while "trying very hard not to let any of this interfere with my job."

She has built her own electric sign, complete with flashing light bulbs, to use at trade shows and expositions, and found a local company to print brochures and business forms at far less cost than her first printing venture with a Chicago company. She has an inventory of 20,000 rulers. Orders are coming in, along with encouragement - a school corporation is going to use it, surgeons and others in the medical field think it's a neat idea - and, though she's had precious little previous business experience, she's already thinking about some other similar business ventures she can barely wait to try.

"If anyone would have told me, a year ago, that I'd be this far in debt on something like this, I'd have said they were just crazy," Salomon laughs. "But there's never been a point in all of this when I've been discouraged. A couple of times I've had to tell my husband, John, to 'just trust me,' and I've made a couple of mistakes, but people have been just great. This idea just came to me in a flash one day. And I've got some other ideas I think will work."

"One of the things I've really wanted to do throughout all this is to give others some encouragement to pursue their own ideas and dreams, to show them they can do it if they'll try. If they see that an ordinary person like me can do this, maybe that will give them the courage to go ahead themselves."

Salomon concludes this chapter - and she hopes it's just the first - on a note of providence, with a vignette she swears is true. In November of 1985, back when the Rite Rule was only an idea, she and her husband went to Chicago to meet with the staff at the market research company. Before that appointment, they went to a Chinese restaurant for lunch. "They brought us fortune cookies," Salomon remembers. "I opened mine and it said: You are about to make an investment that will provide you a sizable fortune."
by Jeff Smithburn

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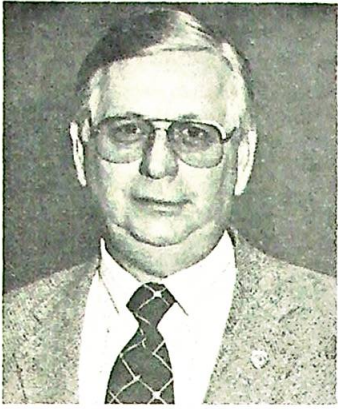
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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



LAWRENCE SWARTZ

Dear Firefighters and Auxiliary Members:

It appears that spring has arrived early this year and as always a most welcome sight.

As I travel the state this spring, my thoughts turn to fire prevention, and I wonder if it is all for naught as I see the many acres that have burned.

A point to consider: with revenue sharing gone, many departments will have an even greater financial hardship.

The legislature is in its final days of this session. As we are aware, there are many bills introduced that pertain to the fire service.

they will be in the best interest of everyone throughout the state.

I wish to make you aware of the mandatory training which will take effect on January 1, 1988.

Just stop and think about training as it will help relieve the chief and department of some of the liability incurred with new members.

If your department is interested in certification, I highly recommend the new second class certification lesson plans from the state fire marshal office.

The message is out and being used as far as scholarships are concerned. I understand we have seventy applications in for this year.

Of course, I want to remind you of our convention this year. There is an ample savings for early registration.

Regards to all and hope to see you either at your district meeting or at convention.

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.....squash indifference
.....squash criticism
.....squash negative thinking

FINALLY, plant four rows of turnips:

-turn up for meetings
.....turn up with a smile
.....turn up with new ideas
.....turn up with a determination to do the job.

Insurance company awarded \$15,500

Officials from the Indiana State Fire Marshal's office along with Acton Fire Department recently testified at a trial involving an insurance company's refusal to pay damages to a Greenwood couple for the destruction of their home which was destroyed by fire.

American States Insurance Company was awarded \$15,500 in damages against a Greenwood couple. The couple charged the insurer with breach of contract and of "acting in an intentional, willfull and wanton manner" for refusing to pay a claim for fire losses.

cover the loss plus \$150,000 in exemplary or punitive damages.

In a counterclaim, American States contended "That the facts substantiate that the home owners had the motivation, ability and opportunity to set the fire.

American States sought \$15,541, the amount paid to Union Federal Savings and Loan Association, mortgage holder on the property. Union Federal was paid because of a loss-payee provision in the policy.

The jury returned the verdict in Shelby Circuit Court. Judge Charles O'Connor presided. The case was venued to Shelby County from Johnson County.

Legislative report on House and Senate Bills

Any report at this time during the Legislative Session is subject to change and at the same time is fairly accurate.

Some of the bills that are of interest to the Volunteer have gone the whole route and others are still in the process.

Senate Bills

SB 46 Allows Volunteer Fire Departments to maintain the use of the Municipal Plate for their equipment.

STATUS - Has Passed both Houses and is now waiting Senate concurrence to be sent to the Governor for signature.

SB 379 Governmental Unit will not count borrowed money in totaling fire budget so they may get into the 20% excess levy sooner.

STATUS - Passed Senate floor vote and now is in Third Reading in the House.

SB 392 Requires 24 hour orientation instructions for all firefighters joining after January 1, 1988.

STATUS - Has Passed both Houses and now is waiting Senate Concurrence to be sent to Governor for signature.

SB 404 Included Volunteer EMTs same insurance coverage as Volunteer Firefighters.

STATUS - Had a tie vote in Committee Hearing thus Bill LOST.

SB 484 Makes solicitations for money etc. be registered with the Attorney General. IVFA Paper, local fire department solicitations have been exempted.

STATUS - Has passed both Houses and is waiting Governor's signature.

There is a companion bill that calls for telephone solicitors to do the same and all of above applies to this one also.

House Bills

HB 1061 The telephone solicitation people must register with Attorney General. IVFA exempted.

STATUS - Passed both Houses and is waiting Governor's signature.

HB 1076 Reporting of burns by Doctors and Hospitals.

STATUS - Passed by both Houses and has been signed by Governor.

HB 1321 Recodification of Fire Marshal and Building Commissioner in the Department of Fire Prevention & Building Safety.

STATUS - Passed both Houses and is waiting Governor's signature.

HB 1429 Allows emergency personnel to honor Living Will.

STATUS - Defeated on House floor vote. Bill lost.

HB 1505 Allows Fire Service Charge collected to be placed in firefighters fund.

STATUS - Passed House floor vote and now is on third senate reading and floor vote.

HB 1663 Cities annexing

Fire Districts will pay proportional indebtedness of annexed area, fire district has means to dissolve, all fire districts formed before June 15, 1987, are not affected by bill and those that are formed after June 15, 1987, are affected by the bill.

STATUS - Passed the House and is now waiting second reading in the Senate.

HB 1672 Allows Fire Departments etc. to collect extra costs involved working Haz Mat spills.

STATUS - Passes House but failed to get Senate Hearing - Bill lost.

HB 1770 Allow Fort Wayne to have fire and police districts - similar to unigov in Marion County.

STATUS - Passed House but had Senate Hearing and no vote taken at hearing so Bill Lost.

HB 1425 Allows Governmental Unit to purchase a retirement policy for Volunteers.

STATUS - Passed House and is now on Third reading in Senate.

SB 429 was a companion bill that said the same thing. HB 1425

ran it so it got lost in the shuffle on the House side as it passed the Senate floor vote.

HB 1111 Allows Volunteer to run for elective or appointive office and then serve.

STATUS - Passed both Houses and signed by Governor.

HB 1260 State Board of Education responsible to make someone responsible for fire drills in school.

STATUS - Passed both Houses and signed by Governor.

HB 1718 Governmental UNIT may pay for State Board of Accounts audit of Volunteer Fire Department.

STATUS - Passed both Houses and signed by Governor.

By the time this is in the paper some of all the above will be changed, but as of this writing that's the way it is.

J. T. Ford, Legislative Chairman

Dillsboro honors retired firemen

On April 6, 1987 at 6:30 p.m. the Dillsboro Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. held its annual dinner meeting honoring the retired firemen of the Department.

Those retired fireman who attended are: Reynold Lanvermeyer, a former Chief, Raymond Graver, Howard Bosse, W. L. Jewett, Earl Wafford, Delver Ohlmansiek, Charles E. Gerkepott, Donald C. Ulrich, Laurence Keininger and Harold Seamon.

Other honored guests were Clay Township Trustee, Mrs. Inez Calender, Advisory Board Members, Mrs. Londalea Murray and David Busse. President of the Town Board of Trustees of the Town of Dillsboro, Harold Seamon and Town Board Trustees, John Lewis and Daryl Fox.

A moment of silence was observed for all departed firemen, particularly those who passed away during the last year, Dale Long, James A. Heitmeyer and Hubert Steuver.

The guest speaker for the banquet was Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association President Billy Sunday, Chief of Farmland Fire Department, Farmland, Indiana, on his Firefighter Safety. He was

accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Nickie Sunday, Immediate Past President of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Auxiliary.

Dillsboro Firefighters in attendance were: President Tim Heitmeyer, Vice President Greg Beetz, Chief Robert Heitmeyer, Assistant Chief Norman Holtegel, Captains Steve Black, Wm. R. Schmaltz and David Benning, Lieutenants Paul Filter, James Vinup and Donald Schmaltz; also Firefighters Melvin Cleeter, Dale Wendelman, Ron Sullivan, Wilbur Disbro, Dan Gall, Daryl Fox, Paul Moore, Harry Tiemeyer, Vernon Elder, and Jay Scudder.

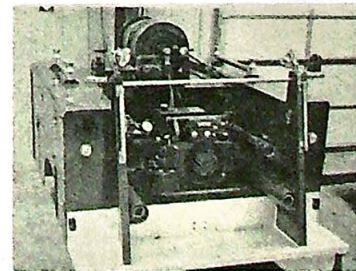
Blooming Grove Holds 2nd Annual Good Friday Dinner

The Blooming Grove Volunteer Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary served the Second Annual Good Friday fish dinner on April 17th, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., at the Blooming Grove Community Hall.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT



DOUGLAS BECHTEL

Dear Fellow Firefighters:

It has been one of the busiest years in the history of the Association. We have made some big changes in the Secretary's office. The biggest change was the purchase of the computer. We have had our troubles with it as with any new piece of equipment. The biggest problem was just trying to learn how to operate it and get the Indianapolis programs to work on our computer. The second, was trying to get the computer and the programs to do the things we wanted them to do which would give us good information.

Even as late as March 1st of this year 1987, we had some trouble with some of the programs. We should be getting your new printouts to you in about a month or so. With this new printout you will be able to pay your department's dues for the upcoming year.

Please try to help us with the trouble we have been having by getting new computer or membership forms from your District Chairman or you may write or call me and I will send them to you. I hope we can work with you again this next year.

I might add that much of the time we have spent doing this extra work has made a greater delay in getting your paperwork back to each department. The reason for looking at every file is that the computer company in Indianapolis had several errors in the data entries that were made. I have listed just a few of the problems that have made the job twice as difficult:

- Incorrect spellings of names.
- People that were supposed to be in the computer but could not be found under any name.
- People placed in the wrong departments.
- Changes in member's status sent in that were never corrected.
- We had some departments listed in the computer twice under different department numbers or did not show up at all.
- Some people were listed two or three times.
- People were listed on a department that had been requested to be dropped for 2 or 3 years.
- We found many people who had been put on "HOLD" which meant you would not receive the paper.

I am very sorry that these things happened to your people and to the departments. It must be very frustrating to all of you. It has been very frustrating for us also. This job could not be properly taken care of by me in the past, because the initial data entry was being done in Indianapolis.

I think you will see some of the changes very soon, if you have not already. I know it is not perfect, but if you work with me we can accomplish a great deal this next year. Any time you change responsibilities such as what we did last year, you are going to have down time. Think about these changes and what has had to take place. This can not be solved in one year as I had expected it to.

There were too many problems that had to be corrected before the initial data entry could be made. We are trying to correct almost 42 years of trouble and it has been virtually impossible to have this completed and corrected for each of you in less than one year. I think you will agree, we are trying hard to get it corrected for you on this printout.

I do feel we have to clean up our files which will eliminate a great deal of our problems. But in order to do this, each member's file will have to be checked and that takes time.

Some of the things you as a member or District Chairman can do to help correct some of the problems are the following:

- Send in ANY CHANGES IN ADDRESSES, BENEFICIARY, DEATHS, PHONE, etc. on the membership forms.
- Any new people coming onto

the department, send a check of \$7.50 per member along with the new MEMBERSHIP FORM completed in full to the Secretary.

The Scholarship is something new that we are working on. I received over 70 applications. Each and every application needed to be checked against the computer information to make sure all applications were in line for the scholarship.

We now have the capability to do a "DUES REPORT" which tells us how many people have paid dues each month, which ones have not and any shortages or overages that have been made. We have been very busy trying to get all of these things done in a very short time. I hope to see all of you in Jeffersonville this summer at the convention.

Best of luck to all of you, Doug, Casey and girls

Firemen voice concerns

Lowell - Volunteer firemen representing 24 area departments voiced their concern Wednesday over the annexation of fire districts.

Lawrence Swartz, vice president of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, told the gathering of 110 volunteer firemen from Lake, Porter and Newton counties, that House Bill 1663 is of special interest to firefighters because it could curtail the annexation of fire districts.

Swartz said many cities are opting to annex other areas to increase their tax base - leaving fire districts with lots of equipment and an area not large enough to serve.

The association is especially supportive of a grandfather clause included in the bill which would allow current fire districts to remain in place. No additional fire districts could be formed after the date specified, Swartz said.

He noted that many industrial complexes and shopping centers are located just outside corporate city limits. To accommodate these areas, Swartz said, fire districts were formed and capital outlays for equipment made to adequately serve the areas.

Swartz said despite being the largest firefighters organization in the state (more than 14,000 members), the group has had a problem getting the governor's ear.

He said that volunteers need better communication between their organization and the state-house.

Swartz said he met with Lt. Gov. John Mutz Tuesday and asked him to consider a form of financial assistance for volunteer firefighters.

"Revenue sharing is down the tube," Swartz said, indicating the group's interest in obtaining low-interest loans for the purchase of equipment.

Swartz also noted that there is a Senate bill up for consideration which would make specialized training mandatory for volunteer firemen.

"How many of us can afford one to two weeks at a grit and mortar academy?" Swartz asked. He said the association "has no problem with training," but would prefer intensive, 24-hour training, possibly done in-house.

In an unrelated matter, Lowell Volunteer Fireman Timothy Reed, chairman of District 2 of the association, presented Lowell resident Harold Brown with a certificate for "outstanding citizen participation at a fire scene."

On March 9, Lowell firefighters began their day at 4:30 a.m. with a fire at Globe Industries. Nine grass fires followed.

One of those grass fires was in a remote area at 159th Avenue and Chestnut Street.

Reed said fire units could not get in to the area. Brown volunteered his time and his four-wheel drive truck to take firefighters to the scene.

The trip to the scene meant cutting through a fence, chopping down sapplings and traversing a swampy area, Reed said. He added that, at one point, grass caked to Brown's truck's undercarriage caught on fire causing damage to some wiring.

"People like him are hard to find," Reed said.

- The Hammond TIMES
by Melanie Csepiga
3-19-87

Barn fire destroys antique cars

Twenty antique cars were destroyed in a fire Friday afternoon at 3899 S. Garthwaite Road.

The cars were valued at \$250,000 and were owned by Taft Gunter. The cars were inside a pole barn, which caught fire at 4:56 p.m.

Capt. Andy Weller, Center Township Fire Department, said the cause of the fire was being investigated by his department and the Grant County Fire Investigation Team. He would not say whether arson was suspected.

Black smoke was visible from several miles away. At the scene, firemen had to contend with the heavy smoke, flames and intense heat.

Two firemen suffered minor injuries and were treated at Marion General Hospital and later released. Both men are members of the Center Township Fire Department. Jack Grose suffered smoke inhalation and exhaustion. Bruce Ruch got debris in his eyes.

Weller said when firemen arrived the barn was fully engulfed in flames. Firemen had it under control in about 1½ hours and remained at the scene until 10 p.m. The fire was confined to the pole barn and did not reach the house.

Paul Gray, a friend of Gunter's said among the cars in the metal shed were a 1930 Cadillac, a Model A Ford, three 1947 Lincolns and several Chevrolets.

"I'd just collected them mostly," Gunter said. "I've been collecting for about 20 years."

Gunter, 60, stopped collecting the cars about two years ago, but

still worked to restore those he had. The cars lost in the fire were not insured, he said. He still has 10 antique cars that weren't lost in the fire.

Gunter said the oldest vehicle in the fire was a 1918 truck. The newest was a 1967 Oldsmobile Toronado.

Gray said Gunter and his wife were divorced. She lives at the house on Garthwaite and he lives in Marion.

People were at the house when the fire started, but said they were unaware of the fire.

Chip Patrick and Joe Marley, both of Hartford City, were driving home from work when they saw the smoke.

"We drove back here to see what it was and you could see smoke and fire," Patrick said.

Marley said the two then ran to the house and told the people about the fire.

"We were going to try and get the cars out, but the roof looked pretty weak."

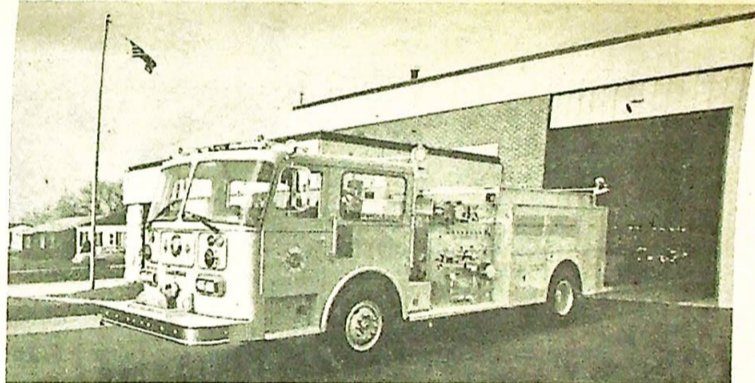
- Chronicle-Tribune
by Sherie Smith

NOTICE

The nominating committee for 1987 Annual Meeting is as follows: Barry Winingger - Chairman, Bruce Neal, Robert Sabie, Lewis Osborne and Robert Fleener.

If you have a person you would like to nominate for the offices of P.R. through the President, get the name to any of them soon. Their address and phone number is in the Officers Listing section of this paper.

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1986 - 1987

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Table listing District Chairmen for districts #1 through #19, including names like Phyllis Vargo, Pat Wisniewski, Carolyn McCarty, Jane Ferro, Ruth Sanders, Dorothy Reiter, Betty Nickens, Faye Salee, Debbie Nulliner, Sue Biggs, Eula Bush, Mary Brooks, Virginia Wilson, Nancy Richardson, Vi Cambron, Carolyn Wedgewood, Judy Hildebrand.

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1986 - 1987 COMMITTEES

Table listing committee members: Auditing (Nickie Sunday, Ch. Debbie Nulliner, Eula Bush), Games (Ruth Sanders, Ch. Barb Mason), Installation (Ruth Fairfield, Ch. Katie Mason), Financial Study (Nickie Sunday, Ch. Betsy Howe), Lois Boaz (Barbara Surber, Ch. Loretta Nulliner, Barbara Ketchem), By-Laws (Barbara Parker, Ch. Pat Wisniewski), Historian (Ruth Ford), Parliamentarian (Ruth Ford), President's Advisory (Lucy Stofer, Ch. Barbara Surber), Jewelry (Casey Bechtel, Ch. Phyllis Vargo), Nominating (Mary Brooks, Ch. Marilyn Kessler), State Awards (Lucy Stofer, Ch.), 1986 Miss Flame (DeAnna Robinson).

Notes from Morristown

Spring is here - at last. The winter was mild in our area. Fortunately, that means the fire runs weren't severe and our firefighters didn't have to work as hard.

Time to look ahead - summer - and the annual convention on June 11, 12, and 13 in Clarksville. The people of District 14 are working hard to make this year's convention a good one.

For the donation of a dollar (\$1.00) you may get a "Lucky Doe Doll" ticket. See your District Chairman or auxiliary members for your tickets. The drawing will be at convention on June 13 for the doll and \$75.00 or \$50.00 or \$25.00.

If you have not sent your registration (\$15.00) for convention, be sure to do so before the deadline. After May 4, the registration will be \$25.00 per person.

Do you have a waterball or cart race team? Need rules? Contact your District Chairman, Ruth Sanders or Al Mendel. Deadline is June 1, 1987 - \$8.00 per team per contest. Sugar Creek #1 Auxiliary has issued a challenge to all to compete in the cart race.

Congratulations to all the young ladies that have been chosen to represent their District at the state Miss Flame. Members come to the Thursday night opening meeting and support your Miss Flame.

I would like to invite all ladies attending convention to join us for the Friday Koffee Klutch and afternoon meeting. Come meet old friends and make new friends.

Hope to see all at convention in Clarksburg.

LORETTA NULLINER President I.V.F.A.A.

Hello Ladies,

Spring has finally arrived. I know all of you are busy with your annual spring cleaning. Why is it that we feel it all needs to be done in a few short weeks; every nook and cranny?

The crocus are blooming. I hope the I.V.F.A.A. will also bloom this spring. I hope everyone will help us bloom with the successful sales of Lucky Doe Doll tickets this year. We have a new sponsor for our tickets, George Walda, of Superior Extrication Systems. I hope everyone will stop by and thank George at his convention display.

I have set a goal, a goal I hope you will help me reach. One Lucky Doe Doll ticket sold for each I.V.F.A.A. member. If this is accomplished, it will make my spring bouquet bloom, to its fullest.

I hope to see many of you at your district meetings, but I'm sorry there are some I will not be able to make.

The Lucky Doe Doll is a Limited Edition from the Royal House of Dolls. She is dressed in a red velvet cape, red velvet hat and a striped formal. She is very elegant. She will grow in value for the lucky person who wins here at Convention.

May our spring bloom into a LITTLE BIT OF HEAVEN IN 87" at Clarksville.

See you at Convention. TONI SORG I.V.F.A.A. Vice President

PLEASE HAVE ALL COPY for the next issue of the I.V.F.A. Newspaper in the Editor's office no later than JUNE 20, 1987.

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY

STATE OFFICERS MEETING

Sunday, February 8, 1987 Holiday Inn, Plymouth, Indiana

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Loretta Nulliner. Opening prayer was given by Chaplain Bette Sellmer and Sergeant-at-Arms Miriam Schaeckel led the Pledge to the Flag.

Loretta announced that District 3 Chairman Marilyn Kessler had recently resigned as she has married and moved from the area. Carolyn McCarty will fill in that position for the remainder of the term.

Roll Call was answered by 29 officers and committee members and 12 guests. Nancy Neal read the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion was made and seconded to dispense with reading of district reports. Carried. Minutes were approved with one correction, the place of the Memorial Services for the Convention will be Morton Memorial Church, not Mark.

Treasurer's Report: Balance Forward October 31, 1986 \$5,847.67. Income: Dues \$584.00, Interest 74.48, Jewelry 50.00, Raffle 47.00. Total Income 755.48.

Disbursements: Mileage 197.10, Phone & Postage 110.93, Overpaid Dues 8.00, Misc. 102.49. Total Disbursements 418.52.

Balance on hand February 5, 1987 \$6,184.63

* Includes printing of by-law change labels Treasurer's report will stand for audit.

Membership: 1,538, representing 109 auxiliaries and 71 individuals. Chaplain Bette reported sending 20 sympathy cards and one get well.

Loretta read a list of those departments by District who had not paid their dues. District Chairmen are asked to check with these departments. Also, Perrysville (11-B) was sent a check for overpayment of dues which has not been cashed. Eula Bush will check on this. Two forms have been received without funds and these will also be checked on.

A report was given on a Chesterton fireman, Dick Miller, whose daughter, Megan, (six months old, weighs seven pounds) is having open heart surgery on Feb. 16. His wife, Linda, needs to have back surgery. Dick has lost his job at the steel mills and they are about to lose their house. There is no insurance. Anyone wanting to help this family may send donations to: Chesterton State Bank, 109 Broadway, Chesterton, IN 46304, in the name of Megan Miller.

Loretta received a letter from Virginia Wilson saying she would be in Florida during this meeting. Miriam Shaekel thanked everyone for the flowers and cards she received during her hospital stay. Mary Brooks' husband has suffered strokes and probably will spend considerable time in a nursing home. Katie Mason is recovering from cataract surgery.

Committee reports:

Doe Doll - Toni Sorg. Doe Doll tickets are available. New sponsor is George Walda of Superior Extrication System of Fort Wayne. A doll was received but not satisfactory and was returned. Some suggestions were offered and will be checked out.

Miss Flame - Barb Surber. All entries must be in by March 10 with a black and white photo. Free tickets for the boat ride are available for all Miss Flame candidates. However, they must be accompanied by a chaperone or they will not be allowed to make the trip. Chaperones will stay in the rooms with their candidates and accompany them whenever possible.

Jewelry - No report. However, the convention charm has been sent to the company for a quoted price. When they are received, 20 are to be sent to Nancy Richardson.

Lois Boaz - Barb Surber. Letters of nomination are needed. Please include as many details on the person as possible. Also include jacket size if known. Vica McGill made a motion and Ruth Ford seconded that the auxiliary pick up the costs for the corsage and necklace. Carried.

Audit - No report.

Games - Ruth Sanders. Entry form is in the paper. A new trophy category may be included this year for novelists but final eligibility rules are not available now.

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Advertisement for M & S Fire & Safety Equipment Co., Inc. featuring 24 hours service, contact information (670 E. Franklin Street, Evansville, Indiana 47711, PH. (812) 424-3863), and names Bob Rupprecht and Mark Pillow.

DISTRICT 7

The 7th District of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Auxiliary met at the Berne Fire Station on Monday, March 16, 1987. The meeting was opened by Chairman Dorothy Reiter. We had 19 Ladies from 6 auxiliaries and 3 guests, Theda Swartz, and District 7 Miss Flame, Karen Sorg and her cousin Debbie from Dallas, Texas.

We discussed Convention and the District 7 Fire school to be held on Saturday, March 21. We later adjourned to join the men for our annual Bake Sale Auction. Auctioneer Jerry Albertson auctioned off \$160.00 of baked goods. Thanks to Jerry.

Next meeting will be on May 18 at Bippus.

TONI SORG
Acting Secretary

DISTRICT 11A

Spring has arrived. It is again time to stop and take a look at things that have happened in the past year.

Larry and I have been awfully busy like everyone else. It is about time for many Fire Department activities to start. Many departments have Fish Fries, Spaghetti Suppers and many other projects throughout the year to help them make money for their expenses.

Our last district meeting was held at the North Terre Haute Fire Department. A very delicious meal was served. Even though our attendance was down we had a very enjoyable time.

If your department has an activity coming up let us know. We would very much like to come. Also please let our district Miss Flame Amy Taylor know so she can also attend.

Think about going to Convention in Clarksville. You would be surprised at the fun you will have.

Thank goodness it's spring!

Sue Biggs

DISTRICT 11B

Not such a bad winter! I'm glad we are heading toward spring. When the weather gets good, it seems like fire departments and auxiliaries get busier. I don't know if anyone ever did a study, but I'll bet 75% of all fire department fund raisers are held in warm weather.

District 11-B had a real nice Miss Flame Dance this year.

There were six lovely contestants. Congratulations go to Lynda Lee Burgner of Veedersburg Van Buren Volunteer Fire Department who will be representing us at the state Miss Flame contest at Clarksville in June. Also congratulations to 1st Runner-up, Rebecca Whitaker of Covington. Thanks to all the girls who participated in the contest and congratulations for a job well done. Thanks to everyone who came to support the girls and made it a memorable event for them.

Just a reminder, get your reservations in for the convention as well as your registration. Remember, registration after May 4, will go from \$15 to \$25 per person. Let's see if District 11-B can have a record attendance this year. Anyone who has never gone and would like to know more about it can give me a call and I'll tell all I know.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who remembered us with cards, flowers, phone calls and prayers during Bill's back surgery and recovery. He is doing fine now and is back to work with some lifting restrictions.

Please consider this my personal invitation to all ladies in District 11-B to attend your District meetings. It is a good place to make new friends and renew all acquaintances. It is also a good place to exchange ideas. You and your auxiliaries will benefit greatly. Try it, you'll like it!!

Eula Bush

DISTRICT 19

The 19th District of IVFA would like to congratulate Miss Lisa Craig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Craig, who was crowned 19th District Miss Flame for 1987. We would like to thank Miss Lori Cutter for helping with the ceremony in turning over her reign as 1986 Miss Flame. Miss Craig was sponsored by the Manchester Volunteer Fire Department. Special wishes go to her at State Convention.

We would also like to thank Marjorie Demaree, Susan Gindling, and Nancy Richardson for the help they gave us as judges. A special thanks goes to Mr. Robert Bradley of Ritzi Jewelers in Brookville, Indiana, who supplied the beautiful tiara for the new Miss Flame.

The ceremony took place on January 22, 1987 at the regular meeting of the 19th District IVFA.

The Osgood Volunteer Fire Department hosted the meeting and supplied a delicious meal after the meeting was adjourned.

On February 10, Dillsboro hosted the 19th District IVFAA meeting. All reports were given by officers. A report was given on District Chaplain Alma Schutte who is hospitalized. A Valentine decoration was signed by all who attended the meeting and it will be delivered to Alma with wishes of a speedy recovery.

Vi Bruns gave a summary of what to expect at convention, so new members who have never attended before would know a little more about it. Valentine Bingo and refreshments were enjoyed by seven auxiliaries represented, 25 members and 12 guests.

Judy Hildebrand

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Bylaws - Barb Parker. New bylaw recommendations must be received by Nancy Neal, Recording Secretary, by April 11. None received to date.

President's Advisory - Lucy Stofer. Committee plans to meet today after lunch if weather permits.

Financial Study - Nickie Sunday. Will meet at Convention.

State Awards - Lucy Stofer. No report.

Convention: Housing reservation cards are available, as well as registration. Convention novelties are now available. Bus service will be used for the boat trip and will be available for the memorial service.

Deadline for the next issue of the paper is March 20. The President's newsletter will be mailed within the next month.

Jack Ford spoke to the group and urged the auxiliary members to be sure dues are paid for the men by July 31. To be eligible for scholarship and other benefits due to the death of a fireman in the line of duty, that person's dues must have been paid by July 31 for the past three consecutive years.

Next meeting will be the first weekend in May, place to be announced.

Respectfully submitted,
Maxie Davies
Corresponding Secretary

Officers elected for Cicero Department

The Cicero Fire Department elected officers for 1987, at its December 1986 meeting.

Billie Scherer was elected Fire Chief; David Morris was elected President; Russell Bowman was elected Vice President; David Christenson was elected Secretary; and William Harvey was elected Treasurer.

Also elected to the department's five (5) member Board of Directors were William T. Uhrick and Rob Lovell.

The department operates seven (7) pieces of fire fighting equipment. The department also operates an ambulance in conjunction with Riverview Hospital in Noblesville.

The department provides fire protection to the Town of Cicero and mutual aid at request, to neighboring fire departments.

The department which was chartered in 1952 currently has twenty one members, seven of whom are certified as Emergency Medical Technicians. The EMS Coordinator is Bruce Scherer.

Chesterton is 100% state certified



As of February 28, 1987, the Chesterton Volunteer fire department is 100% state certified with the state of Indiana. Every member is at least a second class firefighter.

Master firefighters are: Walt Pliske, Chief; Skip Highwood, Assistant Chief; Scott Wynder, Lieutenant; Kurt Keiser, Lieuten-

ant; and Jim Bendt, Secretary-Treasurer.

Harold McCorkel, firefighter, has attained first class certification.

Second class firefighters are Captain Larry May and firefighters: Ray Lawson; Dave Shepard; Gerry Hicks; Tom Kaiser; Doug Shearer; Ted Pliske;

Mike Schulze; and Wayne Koziatek.

Additional firefighters receiving second class certification are: Robert Neely; Richard Miller; Merle Clayton; George Walsh; Tim Walsh; Manuel Martinez; Mike Orlich; Jim Stineback; Dan Galvin; Paul Neely; and Dennis Tucker.



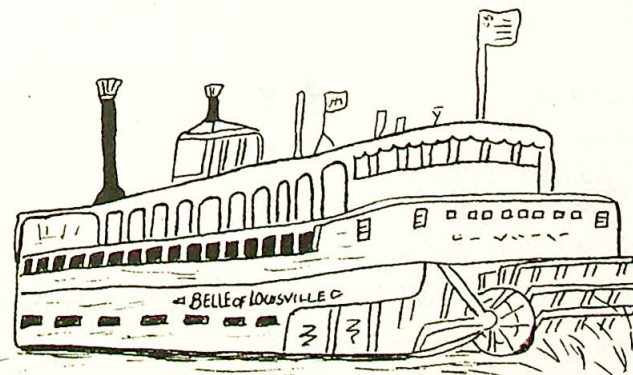
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Merlyn Lueken resigns as chief Ferdinand Volunteer Department

Ferdinand Volunteer Fire Department chief Merlyn Lueken resigned as chief of the department, effective Jan. 1, 1987. He will remain with the department as a fireman.

The 60-year-old fireman joined the department in January of 1965, and was one of 16 members who served on the department.

Fire fighting was not a side line for the Lueken family... it was a family affair! His son Tom joined the force in 1976 and is now also a First Responder. Another son Pat followed in 1982 and is also an EMT and has served as secretary-treasurer for the department for three years. A third son, Greg, is also a fireman, but is on the Newburgh Fire Department where he resides. Greg joined the firemen in 1981. Merlyn's wife Cyrilla is a member of the Firemen's Auxiliary and has served as president, secretary and treasurer at various times. His daughter Debbie (Blume) was elected as the 18th district Miss Flame Queen in 1967 after being selected by the Ferdinand firemen. The family is fire-fighting oriented and take their jobs very seriously.

When Merlyn joined the force, they had one truck, a 1955 Dodge pumper which was owned by the town and township and housed in the town hall building. A new fire station was built in 1966 and the department was moved to their new home.

In 1968 after fire chief Jerome Daunhauer died, Jackson Meyer was named fire chief and Merlyn was named chairman of the 18th district. He held this office until 1975, but in 1972 he was elected as fire chief by the volunteer firemen and he served in that capacity until his resignation.

Ferdinand Volunteer Fire Department grew as the town grew and they now have 23

firemen in the department. In addition to the 1955 Dodge fire truck, they have added a 1967 Chevrolet 750 gallon pumper, a 1976 Dodge 4wd Mini-Pumper and a 1977 Rescue Van. All of this equipment was purchased with tax money from the town and township.

In order to better equip the department, firemen conducted an annual Fireman's Ball to raise funds and the rescue van, generators, extrication equipment, etc. were all bought through these tax-free funds.

The extrication equipment was bought in 1983 and the department became a Level I Certified Extrication crew that serves the town, township, surrounding area and a segment of I-64. They have two certified EMT's and six first responders.

Under the guidance of Lueken, the department received a matching grant to purchase a radio pager system in 1979. In 1980 the local firemen hosted the 18th district parade which attracted 132 entries for the Fire Prevention Parade. They gave away 24 parade trophies.

Lueken said that a job he considered an honor was when the St. Henry community asked him to help them organize a department of their own. Since he has been a member of the department he estimates that they answered about 400 calls to fight fires. Some that were outstanding in his memory were the Ferdinand Furniture factory, the old machine shop, Ferdinand Auto Parts store, the Bender home fire, several fatalities on I-64 and some flash fires at the Aristokraft factory.

The greatest honor in his opinion is that "I worked with 23 of the best firemen in the county!"

There are still projects in various stages of completion



Standing from left: Fire Chief Merlyn Lueken and Tom Lueken. Kneeling: Greg Lueken and Pat Lueken.
Photo and story courtesy of Ferdinand News

which Lueken wants to see advance like the new fire station which is now on the drawing board; getting a better fire rating for Ferdinand Town and Township; and the purchase of a new fire truck, an aerial ladder to help fight industrial fires such as factories, schools, the convent,

etc. This will be determined by what the insurance rating calls for.

At the December meeting after Lueken stepped down as chief, the members held an election and named Ralph Hoppenjans as the new fire chief, effective January 1, and his brother Dan

Hoppenjans was selected as deputy fire chief. Both have been members of the department since 1974.

It is through dedication of such men as Merlyn Lueken that this town has developed, advanced and prospered. We owe him a lot, and wish him well.



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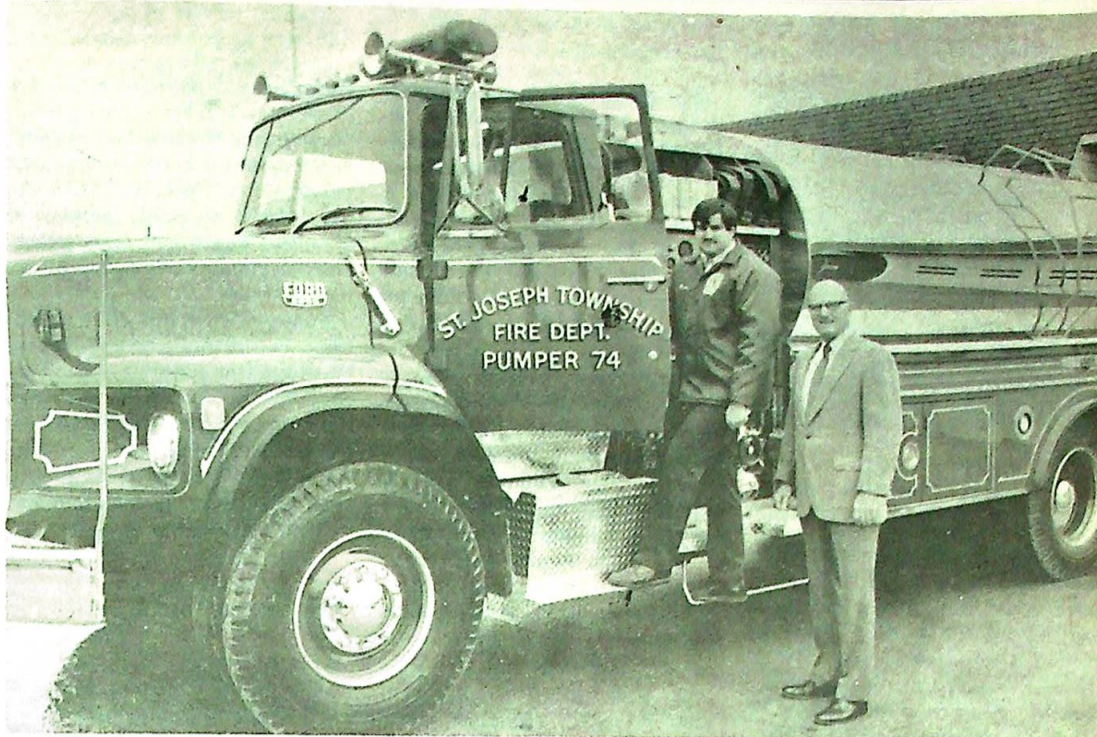
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St. Joseph Township Volunteer Fire Department Chief Mike Dosen, left, and township Trustee Dick Hollingsworth admire the township's new fire truck. Story and photo by Kevin Kilbane

St. Joseph township has new pumper-tanker ready

When the St. Joseph Township Volunteer Fire Department needs water, its new pumper-tanker truck is ready to come running.

The 1986 Ford truck equipped with a 3,500-gallon stainless-steel tank went into use Nov. 29, Chief Michael Dosen said. Township Trustee Dick Hollingsworth used federal revenue-sharing funds from 1985 and 1986 to pay for the \$130,000 truck.

"It's a lot more mobile," Hollingsworth said, adding that the new truck replaces a 1962 semi-tractor tanker truck.

Only a few department members know how to drive a semi-tractor truck, which meant those people had to be there to drive if the department needed the old tanker, Dosen said. Many more firefighters can drive the new truck because it handles more easily, he said.

The department plans to use the truck on fires in rural parts of the township or other areas lacking fire hydrants, he said. The truck also can use its 1,500-gallon-per-minute pump to fight fires or supply water to a fire sprinkler system

during a commercial building fire, he said.

Dosen said the truck also has a portable dump tank, allowing it to shuttle water to fires more quickly by dumping its load into the tank and going to refill rather than waiting to pump off water onto the fire.

He said the department began working to get the new truck in February 1985. The township awarded purchase bids in September 1985, but the manufacturers took more than a year to build the truck, he said.

St. Joseph Township now has eight fire trucks, including another pumper-tanker truck. It also has an ambulance and chief's car.

Dosen said the department's 50 firefighters and 20 emergency medical technicians serve an estimated 40,000 people and 250 businesses and non-residential buildings outside the Fort Wayne city limits.

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The tapes were provided to State Fire Marshal Larry Bosell, by the Indiana Petroleum Council as part of a continuing commitment to provide current hazardous materials information to emergency response personnel.

The State Fire Marshal will handle loaning the tapes to interested persons, free of charge, through his Education Division.

The video-tape films were produced by the National Fire Protection Association with technical and logistical support from the American Petroleum Committee on Safety and Fire Protection.

The films available are: "Fighting Petroleum Storage Fires." Includes a description of the design and construction of above-ground liquid petroleum storage tanks, with practical demonstrations of managing fire and spill emergencies at such facilities.

"Gasoline Tank Truck Emer-

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SERGEANT-AT-ARMS



BILL BUSH

Firemen of Indiana—

Things have progressed very well since last convention. I have been in the hospital and had back surgery. After a "boring" recovery period, I am now back to work. Thanks to everyone for the cards, flowers, phone calls and prayers.

In an attempt to improve the many aspects of fire service, training in "high gear" has progressed in "high gear". Many of our departments are nearly finished with their first class. A big thanks goes to the instructors, the host department (Montezuma) and all the firemen who are interested enough to spend the time to take the training. Also thanks to Larry Ketchum, Montezuma Fire Chief, for all of his time and effort. Keep up the good work, "Ketch".

It is time to get your registration and reservations in for the convention. I hear through the grape vine that it is going to be a good time in Clarksville.

During the early part of the year, we need to watch what is going on in Legislature. Contact your representatives and tell them how you feel especially those concerning the fire service.

To all state officers and district chairmen, if you need supplies, let me know.

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Beverly Shores VFD honors Andy Himan

For those who do not pay particular attention, Andrew P. Himan may not seem extraordinary. He works forty to fifty hours a week at his regular job as a Draftsman and puts in a night or two at his part-time job each week. Andy has a wife, Diane, and three young sons. He also donates some time to the local Cub Scouts pack.

In 1972 Andy joined the Beverly Shores Volunteer Fire Department. He quickly rose to the rank of Captain, then Assistant Chief. For several years now, he has been the Chief of our Department. Somewhere along the line, he be-

came State Certified as a "Master Firefighter," "Fire Instructor," "Emergency Medical Technician," and earned his certification as an Open Water Diver (P.A.D.I.). As Chief, he is an active member of all Fire Department Committees and is a member of our Fire Investigation team.

Some of what has gone unnoticed, is that Andy spends quite a bit of his free time (?) at the Fire Station. He checks the reports, the equipment, and shows up for most of the town's civic events. Andy is usually one of the first to respond to calls and one of the last to leave the scene.

At our last regular meeting, on Wednesday, April 1, 1987, the Beverly Shores Volunteer Firemen, Inc. honored Andy and thanked him for all that he has done for the Department and the town. We presented him with a gold, framed certificate which read: "Andrew P. Himan — in recognition and appreciation for many years of outstanding service, dedication, and leadership."

We also presented him with a personalized, gold and silver badge, lettered: "Andrew Himan — Beverly Shores Fire Dept. — Chief." We also had a cake with a Fire Engine and Andy's name on

it. (We made sure that a large portion of it went home with him, for Diane and the boys.)

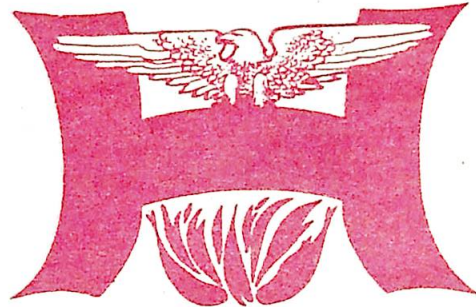
We are very proud of him and feel that he has earned the recognition.

By Thomas L. Orrell
Secretary
Beverly Shores Vol. Firemen

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said in the way of how friends take care of their own, he quietly went back to work.

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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 8A

The January meeting of District 8A was held at Center Township Station on the 14th; the Bridgeport scholarship and the death benefit programs were explained and discussed.

There was a discussion of articles for the paper and/or lack of them. This article is a direct result of that meeting.

The March meeting was held at Chesterfield Station on the 11th. Sorry there wasn't a better turnout. Bill Windsor was there to report on the East Central area.

The Chesterfield rescue squad reported on a hornet nest emergency. They claimed to have the nest in the station in a closed 55 gal. drum. No one would take

the lid off and look, so we still don't know for sure.

The meeting was adjourned for refreshments and a 27 minute video on grass and wild fires. The newspaper reports more than 70 grass fires in the Madison County area. The video pointed out some problems of grass fires as compared to structural fires.

The next 8A meeting will be at Converse on May 13, at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see everyone there. 8A Chairman Fleener

DISTRICT 9B

The regular bi-monthly meeting was called to order by Chairman Mitch Parish at 7:40 p.m. at the Burnettsville Community Building in Burnettsville, IN.

There were 2 guests present. Total firemen present 42 with 54 fire runs among the 13 departments answering roll call. Minutes were read and approved.

Chairman Mitch Parish updated the mailing list of Dist. 9B, adding names of new Chiefs and correcting addresses.

Items discussed were: Leadership; Conference - February 21-22 at Indianapolis; State Fire Schools - April 11, 12, 25, 26 at Indianapolis; State Fire School South at New Albany Sept. 19, 20; State Fire School North at Fort Wayne Sept. 26, 27; possibility of a 2nd Class School within District 9B; resolution to be presented at State Convention by District 1 and 2; purchasing of an Instructor's packet for 2nd Class certification from the Indiana Commission on Fire Fighting Personnel Standards and Education.

Winners of the 50-50 drawing were: Henry Risner, Medaryville; Ron Hill, Chalmers; Gale Edwards, Brookston. Haz./Mat. book donated by Charlie Baker was won by Vern Prat of Burnettsville. Streamline Jr. flashlight donated by George Walda was won by Richard Westerhouse of Buffalo.

Program which was to be presented by representatives of Grissom Air Force Base had to be

canceled. An attempt is going to be made to have presentation at next district meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Next meeting is at Chalmers Fire Department Fire Station - March 12, 1987.

Secretary/Treasurer
Dennis J. Risner

The regular bi-monthly meeting was called to order by order of Chairman Mitch Parish at 7:50 p.m. at the Chalmers American Legion Post in Chalmers, IN.

There were 9 guests present. Total number of firemen present, 72, with 94 fires among the 18 departments answering roll call. Minutes were read and approved.

Motion was made by Chick Webb to donate \$100.00 to Jennifer Hancock to help cover expenses during the Miss Flame contest at State Convention. Seconded by Keith Getz. Motion passed.

Items discussed: Haz./Mat. Class at Fort Wayne on March 28-29, Legislation, Bridge Port Scholarship Fund (Dues have to be in by July 31 to qualify), Arson Fund, T.D. Corp. of Ind. is collecting for Convention Book, Mr. I.V.F.A. Award, Ollie Sandberg

Award, Fire Marshal's Award, State Fire School at Indianapolis on April 11, 12, 25, 26; 30 hour Instructor Courses at Wayne Township in March and at Fort Wayne in August; Arson Reward raised to \$5,000.00; Terrorist Class at Lafayette, Hazardous Chemicals in the Workplace; "Right to know laws" Conference at Terre Haute on March 25; Midwest Award; Anhydrous Ammonia class in March sponsored by Luck Trucking.

Ron Hill, Chief of the Chalmers Fire Department, presented a plaque to retired fireman Dick Kelly.

Mike Bannon of Grissom Air Force Base presented a program on Aircraft Crash and Rescue.

Winners of the 50-50 drawing were Ray Hardesty of Idaville, Jim Merida of Wolcott, John Hale of Chalmers. Haz./Mat. book donated by Charlie Baker was won by Kevin Gross of Monticello. Streamlight Jr. donated by George Walda was won by Martin Szczepanski of Morocco.

Next meeting is at Earl Park on May 14, 1987 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 pm.

Sec./Treas.
Dennis J. Risner

DISTRICT 10

Greetings from District #10, I.V.F.A. Members.

The fire fighters of District #10 have met three times since our last paper.

Our January meeting was on the 21st at Morristown. Fifty-nine members from 19 departments reporting 566 runs from the last time we met answered the first roll call. Guest for the evening was Bob Buckley, Shelbyville Fire Chief.

District Chairman Bruce Neal reported three deaths in the district since we met last. Two Clarksburg members, Marion Vail and Frank Beall, also former Edinburgh Chief, Earl "Red" Lampier. Our deepest sympathy goes out to their families.

For the second roll call the Rushville Township Department was looking for the items needed to build a grass rig. The Amity Department also reported they had a FMC slide-in unit for sale. It's reported Rushville Township purchased Amity's unit, mounted it on a Dodge chassis and are keeping it busy with plenty of off-the-road blazes.

Our February meeting was the 18th and was hosted by our friends at Acton. Fifty-one members from 19 departments reporting 573 runs since the last meeting. Guests for the evening were John Maudlin from Midwest Fire and Safety, and Tim Swartz from Hoosier Fire Equipment.

The two \$1,500 scholarships to be given away by the I.V.F.A. and the current legislative session were discussed. John Ray and Ray Bentley gave the training for the evening.

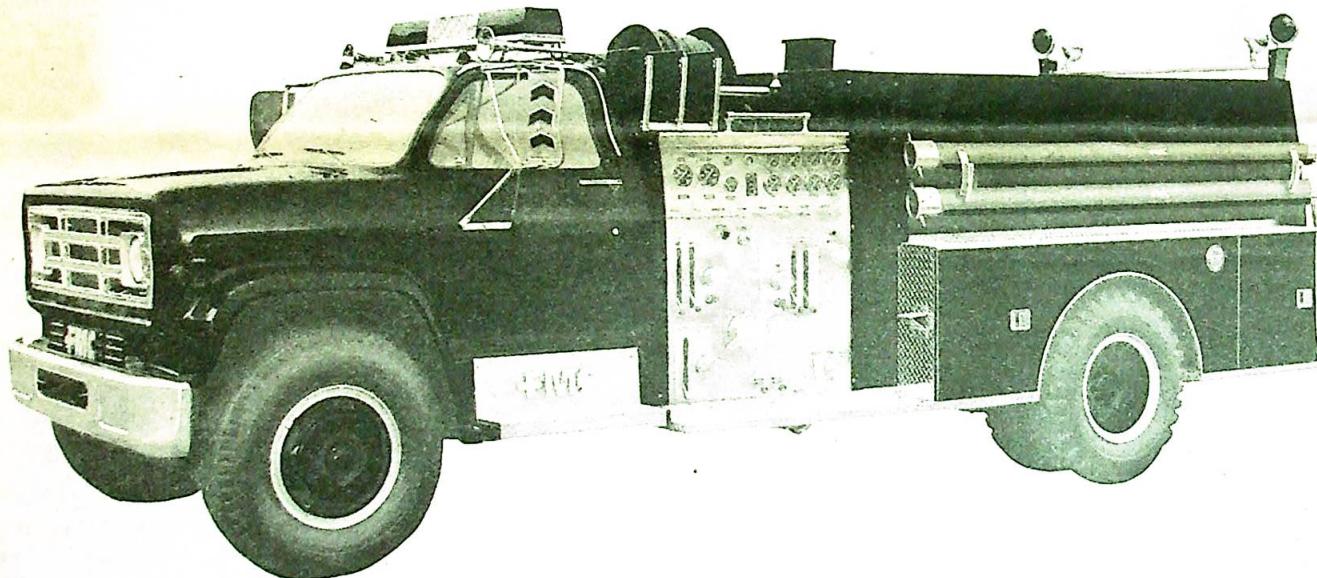
Our March meeting was the 18th at Manilla. Fifty-eight members from 20 departments reporting 673 runs for the last month. Guests for the evening were Jim Gilmore of Korsen Equipment Co., John Maudlin of Midwest Fire and Safety, and Tim Swartz of Hoosier Fire Equipment.

Chairman Neal reported Wayne Township Fire Department had been able to purchase workmen's compensation insurance for their fire fighters, something very unusual for a volunteer department.

Warren Township Fire Department training officer Don Abbot provided the evening's training, on

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agricultural chemical fires.

Thanks to the fire fighters and auxiliary members of all three of the departments for providing a place for us to meet, and for good food before our business session.

District #10 Chairman
Bruce Neal

DISTRICT 11A

Convention time is almost here again. It should be a lot of fun this year. The Belle of Louisville trip is always a good one and I urge everyone to go if they can get tickets.

We are holding a propane school on the first weekend of May. It will be hosted by Alcan Fire Department. The facilities are excellent and in past propane schools they have had some really good burns. Since this is the same weekend as state officers meeting, Bob Meyers, our Vice Chairman, will be handling all of the school arrangements and the school itself.

All departments should start thinking about 1987-88 dues. I know they are not due until after

convention, but in the past most of them come in after the 31st of July. Guys, to be eligible for any of the Bridgeport Fund benefits, dues must be in before July 31st.

Hope to see all of you at convention in June.

Larry Biggs

Twenty five attend District 7 Fire School hosted by Mount Etna

District 7 Fire School was held on March 21, 1987 at the River-view Junior High School, Huntington, Indiana. The school was hosted by the Mount Etna Volunteer Fire Department. The subject of the class was fire codes presented by Mark Riffey of the Indiana State Fire Marshal's office.

We had 25 men in attendance. I was very pleased with the turnout as the weather was a beautiful spring day and many farmers were in the fields trying to get the spring crops planted.

Thanks to Mount Etna Fire Department, Gary Couch and Mark Riffey, for a fine, well received fire school.

Mort Sorg
District 7 Chairman

Hoosiers warned to beware home improvement fraud

Indianapolis — According to the Council of Better Business Bureaus, complaints filed nationwide against home improvement contractors rank second only to those filed against mail order companies. In Indiana, complaints about home remodeling or repair ranked third in number of all complaints received by the Attorney General's office last year, and so far this year, are second only to complaints of unfair auto repair transactions.

In an effort to protect homeowners from fraudulent contractors, a recently adopted state law establishes more clearly the rules for home improvement contracts. House Bill 1328, signed into law on April 17, requires that a contract be signed for all projects over \$150 in value. Required licenses and permits must be in hand before the work is started. The contract must be in language the homeowner can understand and all terms must be agreed to before it is signed. This law should go far to protect consumers from the few unscrupulous builders who take advantage of uninformed Hoosiers,

and who often prey upon the elderly.

Although there is no statewide licensing of contractors, local, city, or county governments may require a contractor to pay for a local license and post a bond, in addition to obtaining a permit. All residential construction, whether new or remodeling, must conform to the current **Indiana One and Two Family Dwelling Code** — even in localities where no permit or licensure is required. Consumers should insist that the contractor demonstrate familiarity with this Code and attempt to obtain inspection by the local building official prior to accepting the work. It is strongly recommended that the contract with the builder include a provision that all construction be in conformance with the current edition of the **Indiana One and Two Family Dwelling Code**.

Here are some other steps homeowners should take to protect themselves:

REFERENCES - Before signing a contract, obtain more than one written estimate for the same job. Take the time to check

the references of any contractor you are considering for the project. The Better Business Bureau and the Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General's Office are good sources of information about local contractors.

CONTRACT - Make sure the home improvement contract is complete, and that it conforms to the recent requirements of state law for contracts. Never sign a contract with blank spaces or one containing language you don't understand.

WARRANTY - Consider buying a warranty or hiring a contractor who is backed by a reputable warranty program, such as the Home Owners Warranty Corporation.

There are a number of organizations which will provide information helpful to selecting a reputable contractor:

HOMEOWNER'S ADVISORY PROGRAM - the Indianapolis Urban Services, Inc., will visit your home and review written estimates with you before you sign a contract, to help you determine if the estimates for the work are reasonable and fair. Call 317-257-2941.

HOME IMPROVEMENT TASK FORCE - The Governor's Home Improvement Task Force has a speakers' bureau which can be called upon to give short presentations about the best way to go about selecting a contractor. Call Vicki Hermansen at 317-232-6351 for more information.

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF FIRE PREVENTION & BUILDING SAFETY - for more information concerning the code requirements for the construction or repair of homes in Indiana and the **Indiana One and Two Family Dwelling Code**, call the Division of Education and Information at 317-232-6225.

Eaton Firemen honor Darrel Chipman

On March 1, the Eaton Volunteer Fire Department, area departments, State Fire Marshal, family and friends (about 125 people) gathered at the fire station to honor a man for 25 years Volunteer Fire Service.

The man is Darrell Chipman. He has given a lot and learned a lot as a volunteer fireman. He is one of only two Master Firefighters and Arson Investigators on our department.

During his 25 years of service, he has held offices from Chief, Deputy Chief, Assistant Chief, Engineer, and Training Officer. He has also served our community as a first aid instructor, and emergency medical technician.

He has several certificates and plaques to vouch for his knowledge and education.

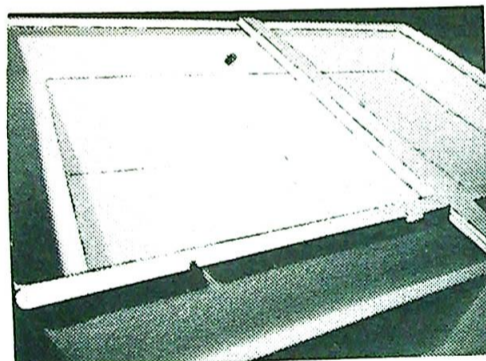
As well as being a volunteer fireman, Carrell is a family man, and works on a skilled trade at Hydro-Matic in Muncie. He does wood-working and belongs to a muzzle loading club as well.

Darrell has served his community well in several aspects the last 25 years, and we would like the I.V.F.A. to join us in congratulating him for 25 years of service well done.

Editor's Note: When submitting newspaper clippings for publication, please note the date and name of the newspaper. We would like to give them the credit they deserve. Also, it would save us a lot of trouble if you get their permission to reprint and include a note to that effect. Thanks.

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Batesville Volunteer Fire Department to celebrate 100 years of service with two-day celebration

The Batesville Volunteer Fire Department will celebrate 100 years of community service with a two-day celebration July 31 and August 1, 1987.

Friday night will start things off with an extraction demonstration by Rescue 10 tentatively set for 6:30.

The Eureka Band will provide entertainment with many music selections for all to enjoy and an

exhibition by the Starlight Square Dance group.

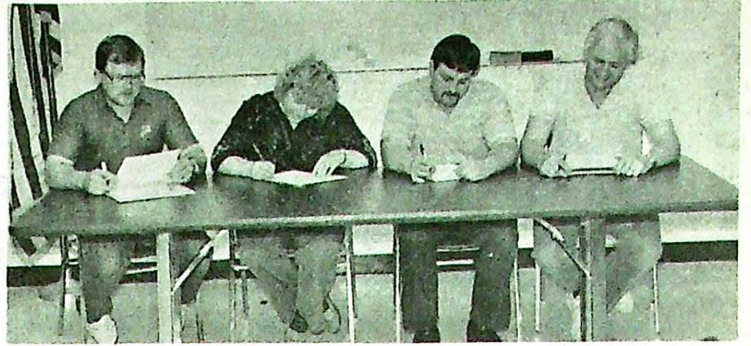
There will be a variety of foods being served: fish, barbecue, hot dogs, brats, meats, french fries, cole slaw, turtle soup and refreshing beverages for all.

Saturday will kick off with a huge parade through town at 1:00 p.m. There will be rides for the youngsters, a dance by the well known group Heartbeat from

8:30-12:30 and a grand finale of fireworks at 10:00 p.m.

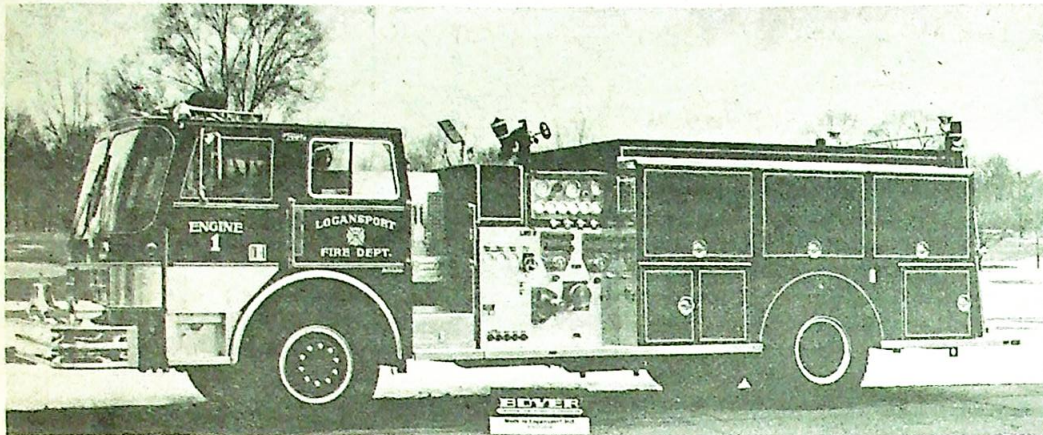
There will be many booths available for all ages. The fireman's auxiliary will have the kitchen open for roast beef dinners, barbecue sandwiches, hot dogs, turtle soup and various beverages.

We hope you will be able to join in the fun and help us celebrate our 100 years of service. Hope to see you in Batesville!



Left to right: Dan Fischmer, Pam Gerdowsky, Jay Pfeiffer, and Chairman Bill Wintz.

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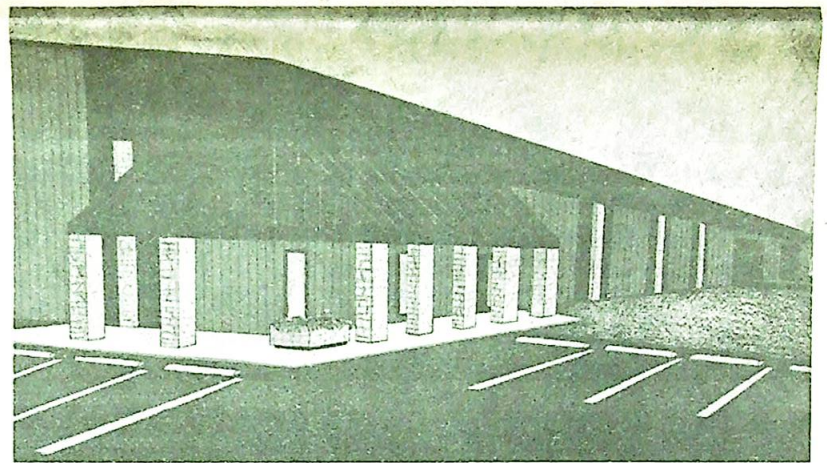
This truck, belonging to the Montezuma Fire Department, has been refurbished at Indiana Vocational Technical College through the Auto Body Repair Program. The chassis was obtained, without the aid of tax dollars, by members of the Fire Department and Auxiliary from Panhandle Eastern Pipeline which has a compressor station in the Montezuma Fire District. It is a 1981 chassis with a

1,400 gallon tank. It will be used to carry additional water to fire sites. Brent Bush of Dana, a 1985 graduate of South Vermillion High School now enrolled in the Ivy Tech Auto Body Repair program, is credited with a splendid job of refurbishing the truck. Jim Lawson provided the finishing touch by handpainting pinstripes on the apparatus. Anson Good is the instructor of the program.

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From the Southwest:

Sure is nice weather down here in the southwest. The sun is shining and the flowers are blooming. Hope that we get some rain so the grass fires will slow down.

Would like to thank the 15th district fire committee for a fine program. They had 190 registered for the two-day school. They are planning a propane gas school later in the year. Watch for the notice of it.

To all Department Chiefs and Secretaries: This year your dues for 1987-88 must be in the hands of the state secretary by July 31, 1987, for your department to be eligible for the Bridgeport Beneficiary Financial Assistance Fund. As you know, if you miss one year it takes three years to get your department back to eligibility for this fund and the scholarship fund.

It is time to start making plans for our convention that will be held in Clarksville on June 11, 12, and 13. From the committee report, all is ready for a good time. Last meeting they still had some boat tickets for sale. The Games Committee would like more teams in all sports for this year's games. So get a team and come down to Clarksville.

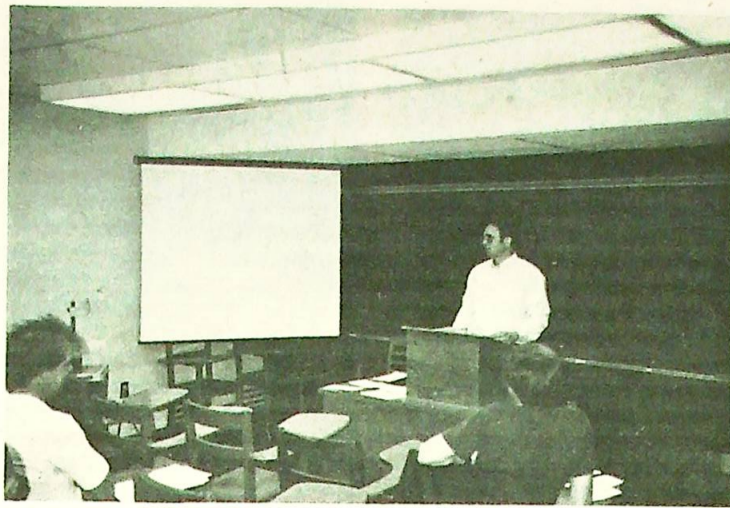
As of this writing we don't have very many resolutions for this year's convention.

Have heard of a few problems with the collecting of the insurance for fire runs from some companies. Was told the insurance committee was working on this and hoped to have it corrected soon.

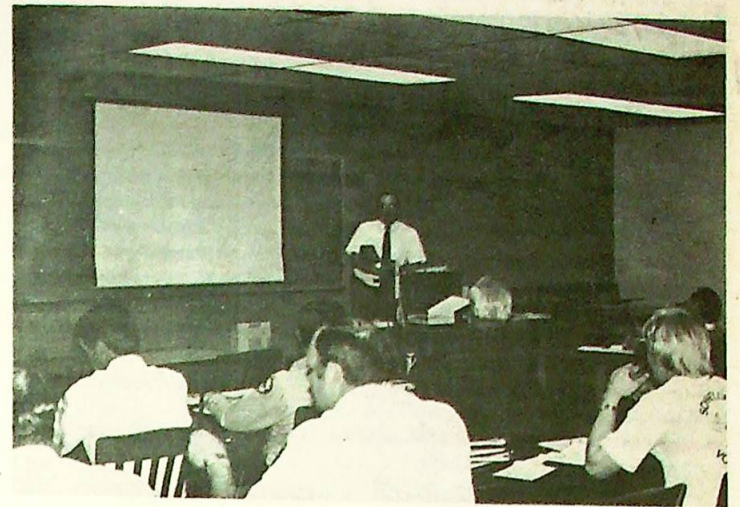
18th Fire School will be in French Lick on June 27-28. Barry has a good program lined up so plan to attend.

Attended 15, 17A, 17B and 18th District Meetings and all were well planned and had a very good attendance. Would like to thank vice president Swartz for coming to District 15 meeting. His report on the bills that were in the legislature that pertained to the volunteer firemen was very informative.

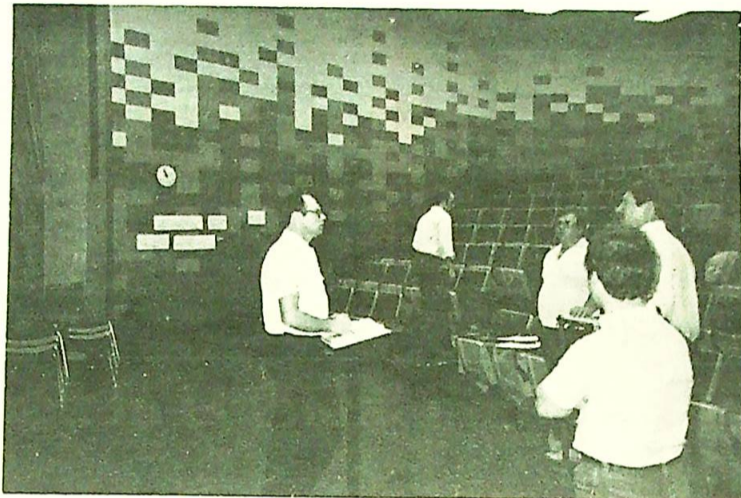
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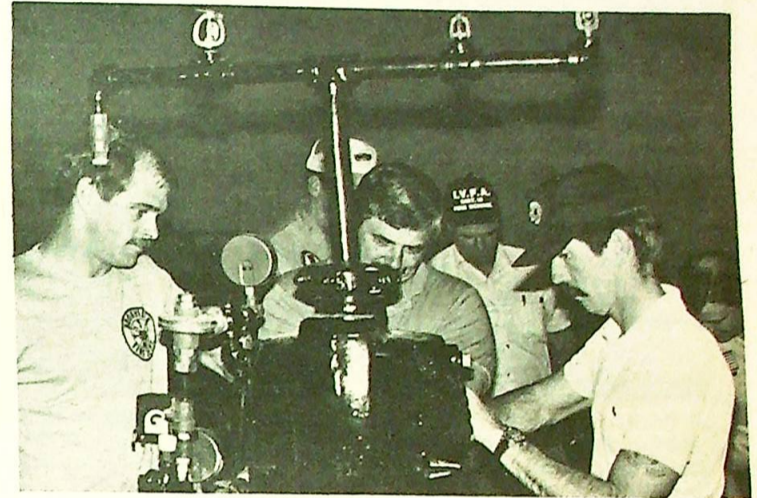
15th Fire School Hose Class Instructors were Andrew Paul and John Lewis.



Fire Department Officer Class, 15th District Fire School. John Buckman was the instructor.



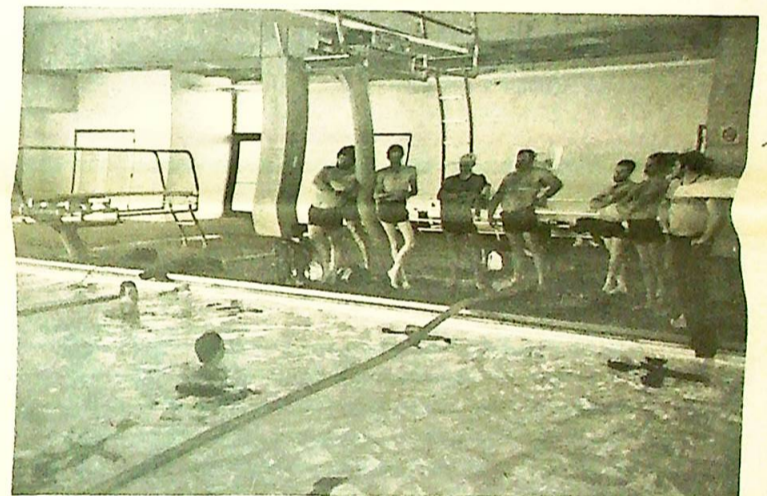
Fire/Arson Detection Class of the Fire School. The instructor was Roger Griffin.



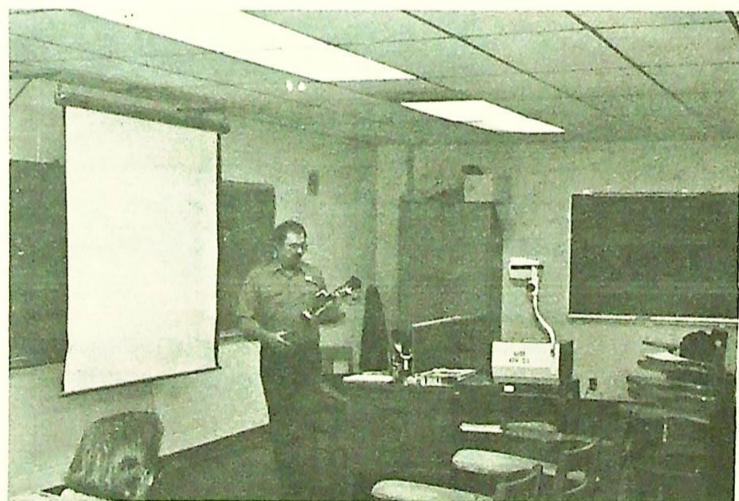
Mike Brooks taught the Fire School Sprinkler Class.



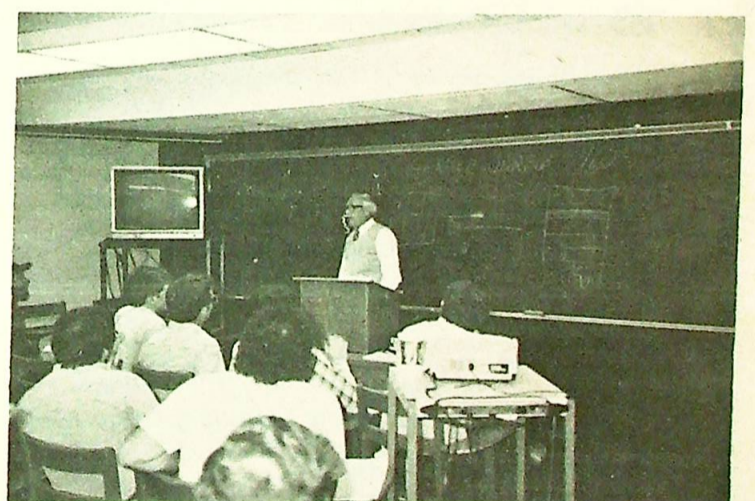
James Yaggi taught the Forcible Entry Class.



Larry Krack taught the Water Rescue Class.



The Engine Company Operations Class was taught by Gary Jarboe.



Instructor Gerald Jaboe is pictured teaching the Ventilation Class of the 15th Fire School.



Wildland Fire Control Class was taught by Bill Putt.

Hazardous materials presented

by Alan M. De Simone

In order to understand Hazardous Materials, the physical properties and definitions of these materials must be understood. In this article, the terms will be defined for Hazardous Materials, and several examples will be given.

The volatility of fuel is the ability of a substance to pass rapidly into the gaseous state. The flash point is the lowest

temperature at which a substance emits a flammable vapor. The vapor density is a measure of a substance in relation to air, which is rated at 1.0. A vapor density of less than 1.0 indicates the vapor is lighter than air and will rise (hydrogen). A vapor density greater than 1.0 indicates the vapor is heavier than air and will settle to the lowest level (gasoline). The specific gravity of a substance indicates the weight of it with respect to water (1.0):

gasoline (0.8) is lighter than water and floats to the surface when mixed with water; glycerine (1.3) is heavier than water and sinks beneath the water.

The ignition temperature is the temperature at which flammable and combustible liquids ignites without outside ignition sources and continues to burn freely. Flammable and combustible liquids have an upper explosive or flammable limit (UEL) and a

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- Water Ball Contest**
- Cart Race**

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On Saturday, June 13, 1987

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Signed _____
 Chief or Secretary

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All contest entry blanks must be in or postmarked on or before June 1, 1987 to be eligible. All departments that plan to enter should fill out entry blanks along with \$8.00 entry fee for each contest entered. Send entries to:

Al Mendel
2620 S. Bridgeport Rd.
Indianapolis, IN 46231
(317) 241-8794

Please bring your own rain gear for each event. Trophies for Water Ball, Hose Replacement and Cart Race. Safety measures to be enforced at contests. Drawing for position Thursday night, June 11 at Officers' Meeting.

Each participant in the contests must be registered at the Convention. Those coming on Saturday must also register at a fee of \$5.00 in order to participate. All team captains must be sure that team members are IVFA members. Any team not conforming to the rules and regulations shall be disqualified.

Delphi Auxiliary To Host Fund-Raiser

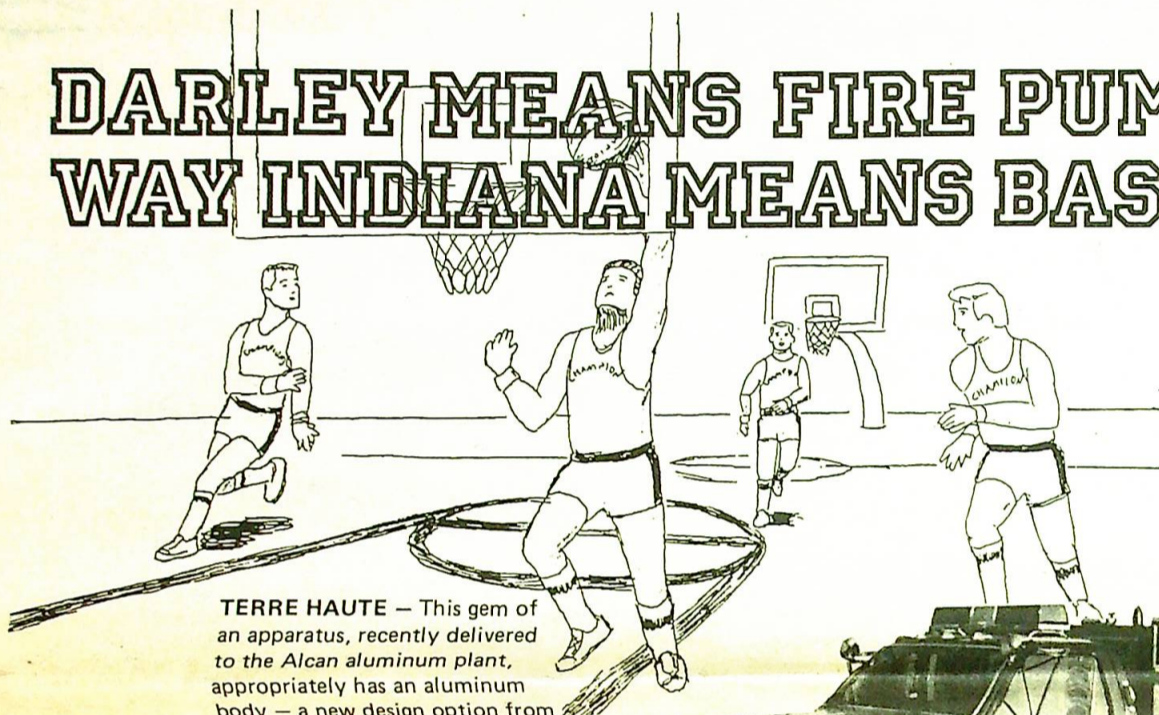
The Delphi Fire Department Women's Auxiliary is hosting a Fund-Raiser Fri., June 5, 1987. It is called the Fireman's Bash, and will be held on the Madam Carroll from 8:00 to 12:00, with boarding at 8:00 and 10:00. Donation of \$10.00.

There will be live entertainment, and profits will be used for fire and rescue equipment. It will be a cash bar, must be 21 years old to enter lounge, 18 years old to board.

For information, please call me at 317-564-2345 days, in the evenings after 3:00, 317-564-4642. **MARIE WILSON**
 Delphi Fire Dept.
 Woman's Auxiliary

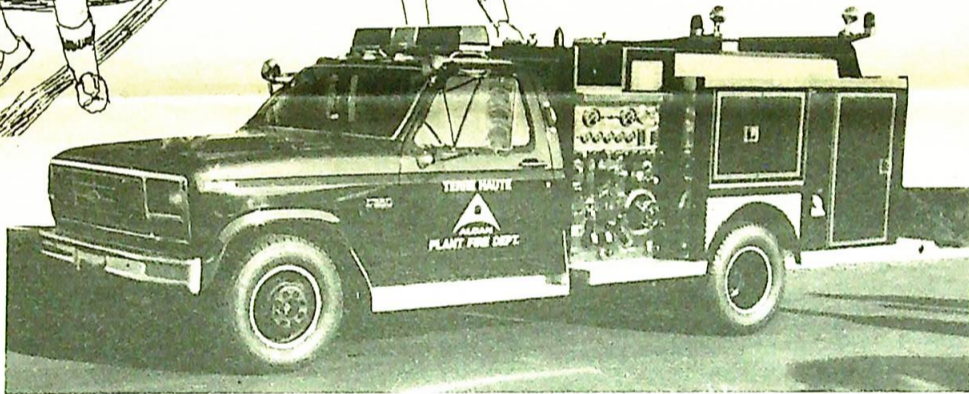
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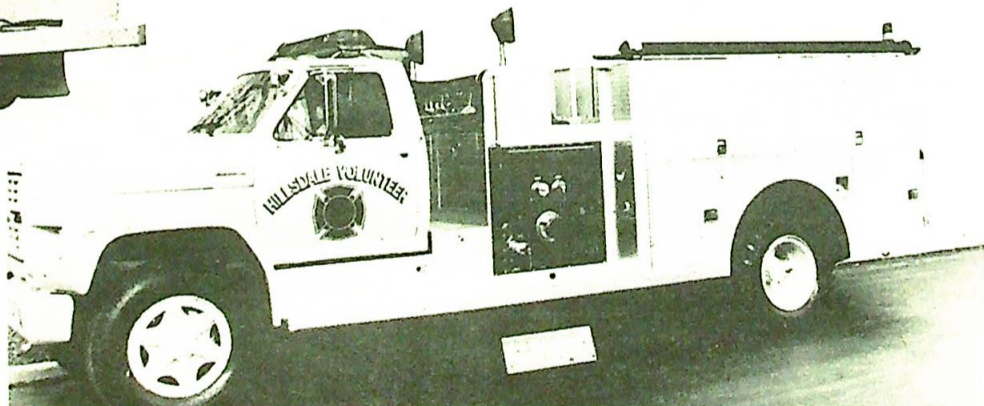
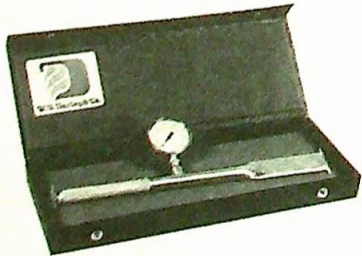
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Miss Flame is busy

On January 31st my family and I attended 11B Firemen's Dance at the Half Century Club in Clinton. We all had lots of fun. We especially enjoyed the company of our new found friends - the Bartlows, the Ketchems, and the Bushes. State Auxiliary President Loretta Nulliner, and her husband were present. Loretta always adds a happy smile to any event.

Also in January my father and I attended the Eagles' dinner in Shelbyville. The dinner was for Shelby County Volunteers. Several outstanding volunteers were recognized. I was recognized and able to speak as State I.V.F.A. Miss Flame.

On February 16th I attended our District 10 Auxiliary meeting with my Mom. Our new district 10 Miss Flame, Dawn Lemons, was recognized. The theme of the meeting was "The 50's". The Hope Auxiliary sponsored the pitch-in-

dinner. Fried chicken was the main course. All of the food was delicious. Lucky Doe Doll tickets were passed out to the different area auxiliaries who were present.

I've really enjoyed these beginning few months of 1987. I hope to enjoy and participate in many more until our new State I.V.F.A. Miss Flame is chosen. Out of all the many activities I am in, I cherish my State I.V.F.A. Miss Flame the most. I feel I am representing the most important and dedicated organization in Indiana. Volunteering to save lives is definitely a "labor of love."

Remember to purchase and sell your Lucky Doe Doll raffle tickets. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the convention. "May God bless and keep each of you."

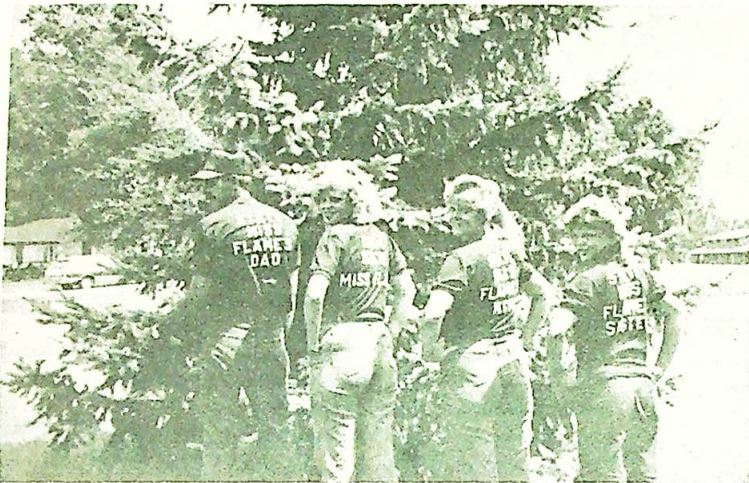
Respectfully submitted
Deanna Robinson
State Miss Flame.



At the District 11B dance, Linda Lee Burgner was announced as District 11B Miss Flame. She is from Veedersburg Van Buren Volunteer Fire Department.



At the District 10 pitch-in dinner Dawn Lemons was announced as District 10 Miss Flame. She is from the St. Paul Volunteer Fire Department.



My family! Where I go, they go. We travel as a family and dress as a family. I sometimes wonder who is more proud of the I.V.F.A. and I.V.F.A.A., them or me.



THE TRUTH IS OUT! Bill Bush was caught showing his Over 50 Club membership to several people at the Half Century Club dance in Clinton, Indiana.



During our visits to Montezuma we stay at our home away from home. Larry and Lou Bartlow are most gracious host and hostess. My sister, Danielle, and I think they are both great! Both of them are very active in the Firemen and Auxiliary organization.



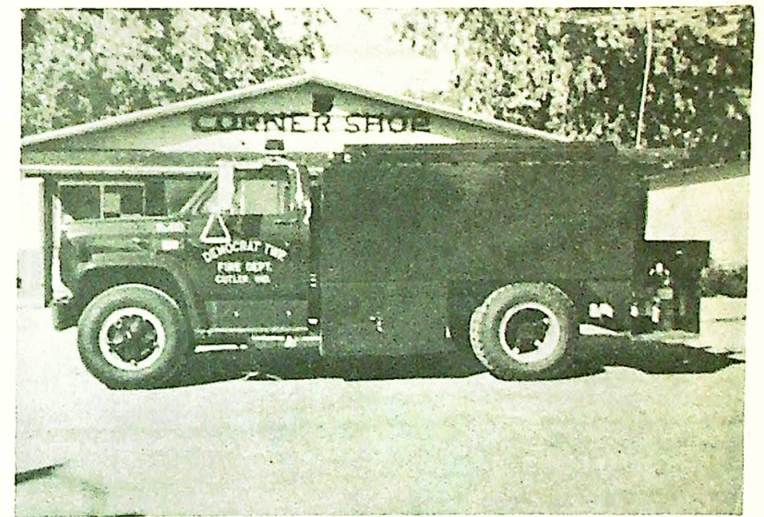
Don O'Neal of the Shelbyville Eagles organization hosted a dinner for Volunteers in Shelby County. Several outstanding Volunteers were recognized in the firemen, sheriff, and police areas. I was honored to be their special guest.

Democrat Township-Cutler receives new 2000 gallon tanker

A new tanker was purchased to replace a 32 year old tanker through the support, efforts and co-operation of Clayton Hutson, Township Trustee and Advisory Board members - William McCarty, Robert Dyer and Robert Draper.

The new chassis is a 70 series Chevrolet. Purchased from Mann Chevrolet of Flora and the tank was built and designed by William Shock of Delphi.

The tank is equipped with compartments both sides, pull down folding tank rack, ladder rack, 2 1/2 inch fill line, and a three way ten inch quick dump valve which enables it to empty in 2 1/2 minutes.



PUBLIC RELATIONS WEST CENTRAL



L. J. (TODDY) MICHL

Hi Everyone:
Spring is here and people are doing as usual, burning brush and grass in high winds. All fire departments are called to help put

the fires out. Why they do that nobody knows, but it happens every year.

District 11B had a fire school for 2nd class certification run by Larry Ketchem from Montezuma. Out of 35 that started, 33 has completed the program and were certified. They are now taking classes for 1st class. These are some of the largest classes receiving certification in the last 2 years. Robert J. Burns of Montezuma received a meritorious award from the State Fire Marshal's office for 61 years continuous service on the Montezuma Fire Department. he is still active.

District 11A had their meeting at Harmony, Ind. with our V.P. Larry Swartz and Chaplain Dwayne Lantz and their wives in attendance. Had a fair amount of people coming out on a cold day. Discussed several things, one being a trailer fire we had in our department. Seems the people tried to thaw water pipes under the

trailer with an oil space heater and caught it on fire. It may have worked with proper supervision, but they left it there unattended. We also talked about sensitive smoke alarms. One of ours is very sensitive, whenever my wife bakes it goes off. It has to have the batteries removed. Of course, they are put back as soon as baking is finished. I'm sure they would wake us up if we were sleeping.

Went to District 12 meeting last week. I found out why Don Johnson didn't make it to State meeting, he was pretty sick. Glad you're better, Don. He has been taping training films and has a video camera now, if the host department will provide a T.V. he will show them. I hope his departments appreciate what he is trying to do for them.

Don Boyle from District 20 was at this meeting and wanted to know what we are doing to get their district back in operation again. Larry Swartz has been

making contacts with departments in District 20 and 21. Hang on and we will let you know.

I spent two Sunday afternoons in March with Fillmore and Otter Creek hosting their District meetings. As usual, good food, good people and informative meetings.

Convention time is coming soon so make your plans now to attend.

See you at your next District meeting. Keep up the good work you already do. There are people who appreciate what we all do.

Thanks -

Brian and Lisa Dice, Marion, wish to thank the members of the Washington Twp. Volunteer Fire Department and the Van Buren Fire Department for the departments' quick response to their fire of Feb. 18.

Thanks to the departments and the help of neighbors, they were able to save almost everything.

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lower explosive limit (LEL). Using acetylene as an example, the flammable limits are 3% to 81%. Less than 3% acetylene in a container is too lean and it will not ignite; more than 81% acetylene is too rich and it will not ignite. It will only ignite between 3% and 81%

An organic chemical contains carbon or hydrogen compounds. Inorganic chemicals do not contain carbon or hydrogen. Stable materials are those that resist change in their chemical composition. Unstable materials are those which will vigorously polymerize, decompose, condense or will become self-reactive when exposed to air, water, heat or pressure. A flammable liquid is any liquid having a flash point below 100 degrees F (gasoline) and a combustible liquid is any liquid having a flashpoint at or above 100 degrees F (fuel oil No. 1 and 2).

**PUBLIC RELATIONS
SOUTHEAST**



ROY E. RICHARDSON

Time is getting close to the 1987 Convention in June. If you are planning on attending Convention and participating in the activities it is time to get your reservations, registrations, tickets to the Belle of Louisville on Thursday night. There will also be available a tour of the Louisville Slugger Bat Factory, dinner cruise on the Bonnie Belle on Wednesday night, Derby Dinner Playhouse on Wednesday or Thursday night. Contact me for any information.

I attended the 16th District meeting at Blue River. We had a good attendance. I attended the 19th District meeting at Osgood. Congratulations to the 19th District Miss Flame Contestant Lisa Craig, Manchester, and the runner up Krista Ferry, Sunman. I also attended the 19th District meeting at Patriot.

Jack Ford is to be commended on all the hard work he is doing in the State Legislature in our behalf.

There was a good turnout at the training exercise recently held in Floyd County.



Firefighters, above, from the Georgetown and Greenville fire departments manned a hose on Saturday, February 28, as they braved a set-up fire during a steady downpour. Volunteer fire departments from Floyd County participated in a training exercise in New Albany.

At right, a tired and wet Charles Grieder of the Georgetown department rested after an exercise.

*-The Courier-Journal, Louisville, KY
Photos by Bill Luster*



Church fires

by Alan M. De Simone

A Church fire is perhaps one of the most treacherous types of structural fires a firefighter must combat. The construction and architectural design of churches have many built-in inadequacies. Very few local codes or building ordinances require early detection or fire suppression systems.

The interiors of these buildings are usually designed with a large expanse of open area over the sanctuary section. This open area, two to three stories high, encompasses the whole width and depth of the structure. An attic is commonly found above this area for access to electrical fixtures. There are usually few or no built-in fire stops.

When a fire does occur, the composition and pitch of the roof can hinder firefighters. If the roof is covered with slate shingles and pitched steeply, ventilation by the truck company can be extremely difficult and hazardous, especially in inclement weather.

It is also difficult for the fire to vent itself through a slate roof. An unvented fire in the large open attic area can gain considerable headway before detection or arrival of first-in fire companies. If the fire has gained considerable headway near the steeple or attic area, the threat of structural damage exists.

Snake is cause of fire

Firemen are accustomed to wading through wet, charred, smoky debris to determine a fire's origin - often electrical wiring, furnace malfunctions or occasionally even arson - but an incident Wednesday was probably the first time county firefighters have found a reptile responsible for the damage.

A 6-foot snake has been cited as the cause of a residential fire Wednesday morning that resulted in several thousand dollars damage to a New Palestine home.

According to New Palestine Fire Department engineer Roger Scott, water and fire damage was minimal, but smoke damage was heavier in the blaze at the Brian Pike residence shortly after 10 a.m.

Firemen arrived at the scene to find a smoke-filled attic at the Sugar Creek Drive residence, but quickly extinguished the flames and began searching for the cause.

What they found was no doubt a first in New Palestine fire history.

Scott said the residents had been "baby-sitting" a large python for a friend and had kept the reptile downstairs until it repeatedly escaped its cage.

Another resident of the house feared the snake and it was moved into the attic and the attic door nailed shut at her request.

Because the creature was a tropical beast, a special heat lamp was attached to the cage roof and an old pair of coveralls was placed in the bottom to help keep the python warm.

Scott said the snake had apparently knocked the heat lamp loose from the cage and that it had fallen onto the coveralls, which eventually ignited from the heat.

The burning coveralls also ignited some surrounding papers and insulation.

Firemen reported no injuries in the blaze, except the snake, which did not survive the ordeal.

Scott estimated the damage at \$3,000-\$4,000.

*-Greenfield Reporter
12-11-86*

Lawrence Township Journal honors firemen with continuing series

George V. Bragdon, assistant chief, days, of the Lawrence Volunteer Fire Department, is the only active member remaining from the "old guard" that served under Francis Hartman, first chief. And, George is the only member of the Bragdon family now on the department rolls that at one time included five or six uncles, cousins, and their wives. His uncle, Kenneth Parris, joined the same year, 1937.

Granted, any official records of the Lawrence Volunteer Fire Department that date back to their beginning range from sketchy, at best, to non-existent.

George V. Bragdon's joining date of January 13, 1937, was set down in the 1971 booklet commemorating their 35th anniversary. But he is not resting on those laurels. If the actual half-century mark is passed on another day, George will still be there ready to serve. He said, "I intend to stay on as long as they will have me. I served a few years with the Lawrence Lions, but the Lawrence Fire Department has been my main interest." He is a past president of the LVFD Corporation.

At the department's 1986 awards banquet he was given a citation for the most emergency runs made during the preceding year. He is a prime contender for the same award this year, averaging 40 calls a month answered, working out of all three Lawrence stations. When the inevitable day arrives when he must go off the active roll to satisfy insurance requirements, he will continue on in the active-retired roll, where his services will still benefit the

department and community. (Who said retirees can't be useful?)

Bragdon retired in 1982 from his 38 years of employment with the Citizen's Gas Company. During all those years he and his wife, Carolyn, have lived on "their corner" at 47th and Richard Streets. Carolyn is a charter member and past president of the Lawrence Volunteer Fire Department, Ladies Auxiliary. She is retired from her employment with the Permanent Magnet Company in Lawrence. The Bragdons celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on January 24, but there was no local hoopla on the occasion because they were on a six-week trip through Florida at the time. George's mother, Mrs. Wilber (Verna) Bragdon, lives at Elwood with her daughter, Linda. George and Carolyn have one daughter, Cheryl Wilson, Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

The Bragdon family ancestors were early pioneers in Lawrence Township. George's great grandfather and namesake, George Washington Bragdon, grew up on the 160 acre family homestead east of Lawrence that his father, Zenus Bragdon, settled on in 1834. One of the Lawrence Township's earliest log school houses was located on the Bragdon farm in the 1830's, according to Sulgrove's History of Marion County. John Thomas, brother-in-law of Zenus, taught there for three years. Albert Ellis Bragdon, the son of Zenus, was a teacher at School No. 2 in 1883.

*-Lawrence Township Journal
by Henry Trittipa
2-11-87*



Carolyn and George V. Bragdon

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Thanks.

Baby daughter of Chesterton firefighter has open-heart surgery

By Carolyn Matthews Staff Writer
Valparaiso Vidette Messenger

A Chesterton couple is ready to give up their house and home, if necessary, to have open-heart surgery performed on their 6-month-old daughter.

Megan Miller weighed only 4½ pounds when she was born with holes in the lower and upper parts of her heart.

Doctors detected a slight heart murmur when Megan was born but told her parents the condition would most likely correct itself.

Six months later, the Millers were told their frail little girl needed open-heart surgery.

The news came at a time when the baby's mother, Linda Miller, was recovering from back surgery and her father, Richard Miller, was still paying medical bills from two seizures he suffered last year.

The Millers, Pennsylvania natives, moved to Indiana five years ago. Ricard was transferred to the Bethlehem Steel Burns Harbor plant. Linda got a job as a nurse at Porter Memorial Hospital. Their first daughter, Tracy, was 6 years old.

One year after their arrival, Richard was laid off from the mill. He was a Chesterton volunteer firefighter and was intrigued by emergency work.

In his free time he gained certification as an emergency medical technician and started work with the North Porter County Ambulance Commission.

He also worked for the Burns International security service at Bethlehem Steel and got a job in the housekeeping department at PMH.

"When we bought a house, we based it on the income from my being a nurse and his working in the mills," Linda said. "Then we went from an income coming from Bethlehem Steel to the house-

keeping department at PMH."

Linda injured her back on the job in 1985 and was told she needed surgery to correct the problem. Shortly before surgery, hospital staff members informed her the surgery was not feasible because she was pregnant.

"I didn't believe them. I thought they were just kidding. It had been 10 years since my last one," Linda said.

The back surgery was performed after Megan's birth. Complications forced Linda to remain on disability.

She receives about half her normal salary while she remains on disability.

The Millers were in the waiting room of a Chicago hospital while tests were performed on their daughter. Richard began thrashing.

Doctors said he suffered a grand mal seizure and attributed it to fatigue and caffeine overdose.

"He had been working 30 hours straight," Linda said.

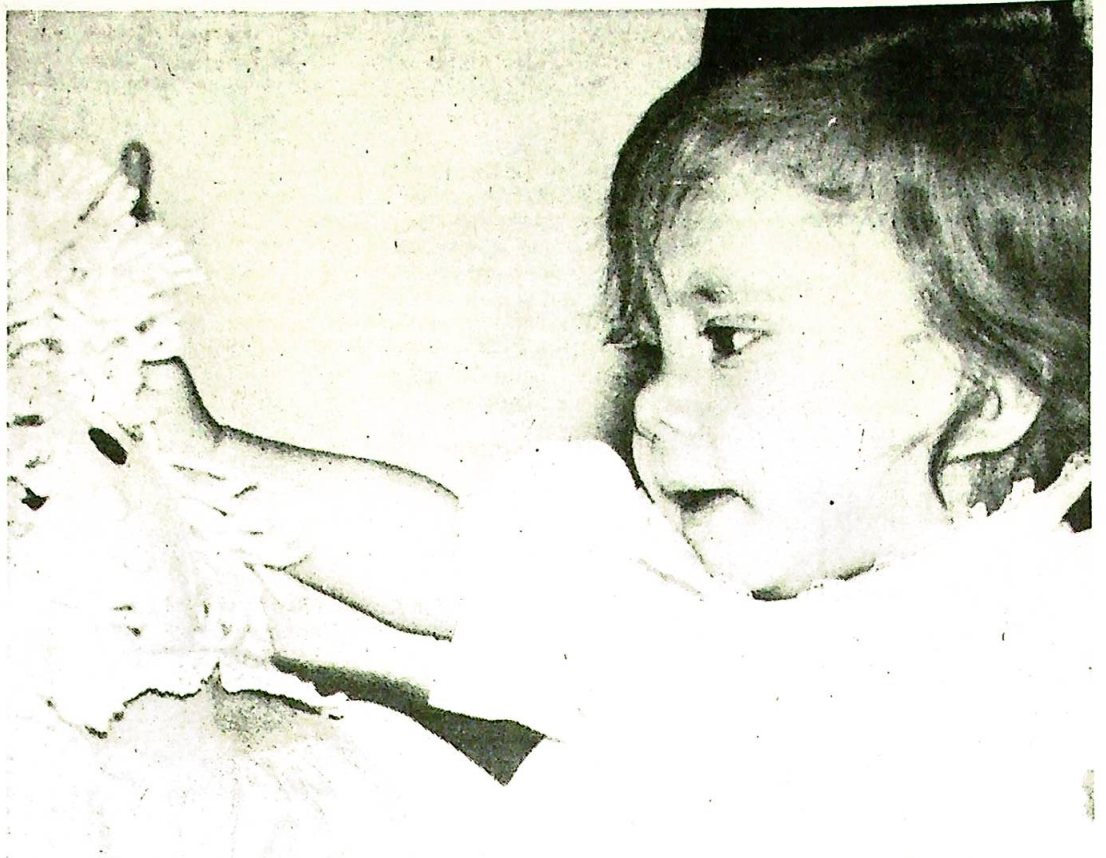
Richard suffered another seizure while working at Burns International and was told not to come back, Linda said.

Megan's condition worsened. Doctors detected a much louder heart murmur during her December 1986 checkup.

They recommended a specialist in Chicago. By the end of December, Megan was turning blue and was sweating profusely. A chest X-ray revealed that her heart had doubled in size.

Doctors found the two holes and recommended open-heart surgery. The surgery is scheduled for Feb. 16 at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

Friends and co-workers are holding benefits for the Miller family as their expenses continue to climb and their savings account hits rock bottom.



Megan Miller plays with her favorite doll, Katie. The 6-month-old child had open-heart surgery recently.
V-M Photo by Rick Taylor

PMH put up notices during a recent blood drive asking people to donate blood in Megan's name to be used during surgery.

"They called us about half an hour after the blood drive started and said they had all the blood Megan could possibly need," Linda said.

A Chesterton Fire Department car wash and donations netted over \$900 for the family last weekend. The fire department is also

planning a raffle and a dance to benefit Megan.

NOPAC has a bake sale scheduled for Feb. 14 at the Costas Foods Chesterton store.

A Megan Miller fund has been established at Chesterton State Bank and the Chesterton branch of Indiana Federal.

(Note: Since the article above appeared the baby has had the surgery, has been sent home from the hospital, then her heart rate

dropped and she had to return to the hospital. As of now she is home and improving. Her father estimates the bills to be around \$50,000. Insurance should pay some of this but the family still has a lot of money to pay out which they really cannot afford. Anyone wishing to contribute whatever amount of money they can, may do so by sending it to the fund set up at Indiana Federal, 302 Broadway, Chesterton, IN 46304.)

Standardized 2nd Class Lesson Plans Being Used

Standardization of training for certification of fire fighters now has the 2nd Class Firefighter lesson plans for use from the Commission on Fire Fighting Personnel Standards and Education. Sales are going briskly with over 300 sets in the hands of instructors and fire departments by mid-February since becoming available mid-November 1986.

These lesson plans represent the minimum training to be conducted for certification credit. Instructors may add further information as desired for their fire fighters. Instructors and chief officers are responsible for keeping the security and integrity of the written tests and answer keys. These lesson plans are not a training manual given to students, and instructors are obligated to honestly evaluate the practical skills as being performed safely, swiftly and competently.

During this short time of availability, one instructor has already attempted to by-pass the rules and regulations, which is mind-boggling, since the instructor and chief officers will ultimately be liable for the accuracy of training and performance skills.

Some errors slipped in during final revision, but these will be corrected and revised pages distributed. Instructors are asked to notify the Commission members in their area, or the commission's Program Coordinator, of any incorrect information found. This was a massive undertaking and the Commissioners feel a big advancement has been taken even though some errors slipped in, for which the proofreader apologizes.

The "Redbook" which was to accompany the lesson plans has not completed the promulgation steps. One of the promulgation steps calls for a public hearing on

the rules and regulations before becoming law and notice of such hearing will be done according to Attorney General's office.

Progress is being made on the 1st Class Firefighter lesson plans and will be prepared for field-testing in the coming months, follow-

ed by the various Master Firefighter categories. Consultants are being sought who would assist in developing the categories according to NFPA standards and complete the standardization of minimum training for certification in the State of Indiana.

PUBLIC RELATIONS EAST CENTRAL



BILL WINDSOR

Fire Marshall Bozell has done it again! The second annual Leadership Conference was a great success for the 200 plus Firefighters who were there, and for the rest of the 25,000 plus firefighters you missed a lot.

The third annual Leadership Conference will be February 20-21, 1988. Get it on your calendar now so you won't miss it.

President Sunday and Past

President Jack Ford plus many other I.V.F.A. members and officers have been working hard with the Legislature to get some of the bills passed that the I.V.F.A. were in favor of.

As I get around to several of the District meetings in the East Central Public Relations area I find that a lot of departments have questions about I.V.F.A., also a lot of these same departments don't attend the district meetings on a regular basis and no one from their department attends and takes the information back to the home department. What each department needs to do is have at least two people appointed to attend every district meeting. You never know when something will be mentioned that your department may need to know. You should make every effort to attend your district meetings.

Spring is upon us, start looking around, a lot of good training schools will be coming around in your area.

Don't forget the Convention in the Sunny South. Get your reservations in early. Also the Edith trailer and the I.V.F.A. trailer have a lot of good dates available. Call or write me for reservations.

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Burlington VFD members honored at annual dinner in January

The Burlington Volunteer fire department met for its annual dinner on Jan. 11.

Mark Riffy, Deputy State Fire Marshal presented Charles "Tug" Sutton with The Medallion for the Meritorious Service Award. District 9A and B.V.F.D. send their congratulations to him for a job well done. We appreciate all you have done for us in the fire service, Tug. Here's to many more years!

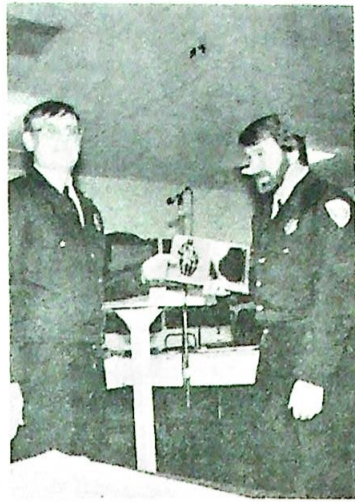
Chief John Bogue presented Bobby Dyer with the award for be-

ing chosen FIREMAN OF THE YEAR.

Richard Davis (Burlington's Fire Investigator and Past Chief) was recognized for 41 years of service to the Department.

EMS Coordinator Kenny Rinehart presented Karyn Bogue with the award for being chosen E.M.T. of the year.

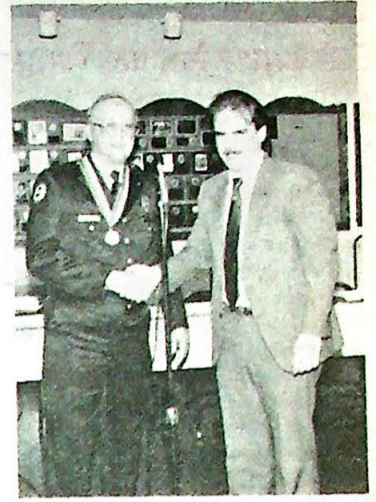
We would like to thank Mark Riffey and his wife for braving the winter storm to travel over 50 miles to personally present the coveted award to Tug.



Bobby Dyer receives his "Fireman of the Year" award from Chief John Bogue (left).



EMS Coordinator, Kenny Rinehart presented the "E.M.T. of the Year" Award to Karyn Bogue.



Mark Riffey presents "Tug" Sutton the Meritorious Service Award.



Richard Davis accepts the Plaque of Appreciation for 41 years of service from Chief Bogue.

Dan Foster is winner of Rookie Award

Danny Foster, 19, son of Gordon and Sherry Foster of Hillsboro, Indiana, has been selected the 1986 "Rookie" Fireman of the Year by the Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department. Foster began taking the 104-hour course to become a State Certified Firefighter during his junior year at Fountain Central High School. He passed the course with flying colors.

Dan became a member of the Department on October 28, 1985, his 18th birthday, thereby becoming the youngest Certified Firefighter in the history of the Hillsboro Department.

Qualifications for attaining the award are participation at working fires, attendance at monthly meetings, continuation of training,

and extra curricular activities such as work details, attendance at Tri-County Fire Association meetings, and working on special projects or committees. The award is based on participation in these areas during the first full year of membership with the Department.

Firefighting is a family affair as Danny's father, Gordon, is also a certified firefighter with the Department, giving them the distinction of being the first father and son team in the Department to be state certified.

Foster's son-in-law, Tom Fishero, also a Department member, won Fireman of the Year. He has won the award two previous years but had to share the award as a

"Co-Fireman." This year the honor is his solely as he was the only firefighter qualified. The criteria for the Fireman of the Year is the same as Rookie with the only exception being the length of service, one year must already be fulfilled to be eligible.

Tom and his wife Jody have two children, Jessica and Gary. He is engaged in farming with his father, Billy Gene Fishero. Bill is also a "grandfather" certified firefighter, having received his training during his years in the military. Tom's brother Jeff is also a department member.

Danny is a freshman at Ashland College in Ashland, Ohio, where he is majoring in Music Education.

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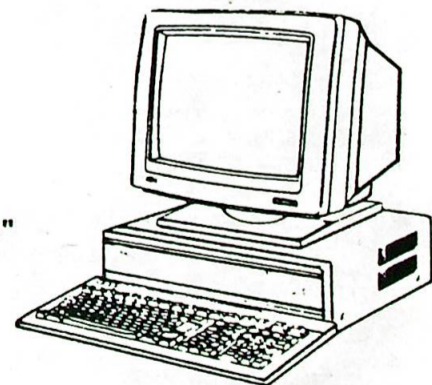
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FIELD & STREAM and National Fire Council Announce Annual Turkey Shoot Sweepstakes

NEW YORK, NY — Once again, Field & Stream Magazine is teaming up with the National Volunteer Fire Council in the fourth annual Turkey Shoot Sweepstakes to help raise money for volunteer fire departments across the U.S. The announcement was made by Mike Edison, Sales Development Manager of Field & Stream.

According to Edison, this promotion is unique because it offers the local fire company a complete fund-raising program conceived and paid for by Field & Stream and the corporate sponsors it recruits. There is no cost or obligation to fire companies.

Last year's sweepstakes helped nearly 4,000 fire departments raise an estimated \$4,000,000 in badly needed funds. Panasonic donated its Mr. Whisk Electric Shavers to the first 1,000 fire departments who sent in a form contained in their 1986 Turkey Shoot Sweepstakes Kit. The shaver was worth \$50, and fire departments raffled it off as an additional fund-raising item.

The continued growth of the Turkey Shoot Sweepstakes program is a testimony to its success. Since its inception, the number of participating fire departments has increased each year. In 1984, 1,500 fire departments participated. During its second year, 1985, the number doubled to 3,000. In 1986, the number jumped to 4,000, and this year Field & Stream expects over 4,500 fire departments to take part in the 1987 Turkey Shoot Sweepstakes program.

Like last year, every winner in the turkey shoot put on by a participating fire company will be entered in a Sweepstakes funded by Field & Stream. The sweepstakes drawing will be held in January 1988. Prizes offered in the Turkey Shoot Sweepstakes will be announced in the next few months.

A special advertising section will appear in the November 1987 issue of Field & Stream to announce the sweepstakes.

To promote the turkey shoots at the local level, Field & Stream will send every participating fire department a free kit, which includes instructions on setting up and running a turkey shoot and sweepstakes, posters announcing the time and place of the local Turkey Shoots, ad mats for local newspapers, publicity materials, sweepstakes entry forms, free raffle items and much more.

For more information, please contact:

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Electrical short results in fire in Pipe Creek Township

Five fire departments joined the Pipe Creek Township Fire Department in responding to a fire Wednesday morning at the home of Russell D. Best on Co. Rd. 750W, south of 700N at 9:20 a.m. When firefighters arrived, the fire was burning on the upper level of the two-story house. Firefighters had the fire under control within a

half hour, but remained on the scene for approximately three hours digging out hot spots.

Fire investigators have determined the fire was caused by an electrical short. Pipe Creek Fire Department spokesman Rick Flanagan estimated total damages to the home at \$35,000. No injuries were reported. The Pipe

Creek Volunteer Fire Department was assisted by fire departments from Frankton, Madison Township, Duck Creek Township, Monroe Township, and Orestes.

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Firefighters learn safe action is key to handling hazardous materials

Lowell - Volunteer firefighters learned Wednesday that safe action, rather than quick response, is the answer to effective handling of hazardous materials.

Mike Worolsz, a member of the Hammond Fire Department and its HazMat (hazardous materials) team, spoke to Lake, Porter and Newton counties volunteer firemen on the proper response to a hazardous materials situation.

A videotape message produced by the Chemical Manufacturers Association (CMA) provided a five-step method for ensuring safety and protection of the environment:

- Protect yourself.
- Identify the hazard.
- Secure the scene.
- Obtain help from manufacturer and relative agencies.
- Make sure site is safe before entry.

The tape emphasized that "hazardous materials change the rules of the game." Specifically, the quick action so necessary in a standard fire, could mean increasing the danger if all the facts are not known first.

The film pointed out that hazardous materials are not only found on cross-country trucks and trains, but in the normal environment of a community.

Pre-planning is a key to safe handling. The fire departments were urged to know their community, where the hazards are, and the resources needed to handle them. Hazardous materials can be found in the local school chemistry lab, hardware stores, drug stores and many other common businesses.

The CMA provides a 24-hour, seven days a week, toll-free hotline called ChemTrec which can provide easy accessed information on a particular chemical.

Elmer Kender, Lowell Volunteer Fire Department chief

and Lowell emergency management director, said the ChemTrec number is built into the Lowell Fire Department's speed dial system.

In addition, Kender said, the Lowell department has "HazMat" material in all units and uses the Lowell Police Department computer for fast information on chemicals and their identification numbers.

Worolsz said Hammond has a

"spiller pays" ordinance which has been successful in getting money returned to the city for hazardous material handling.

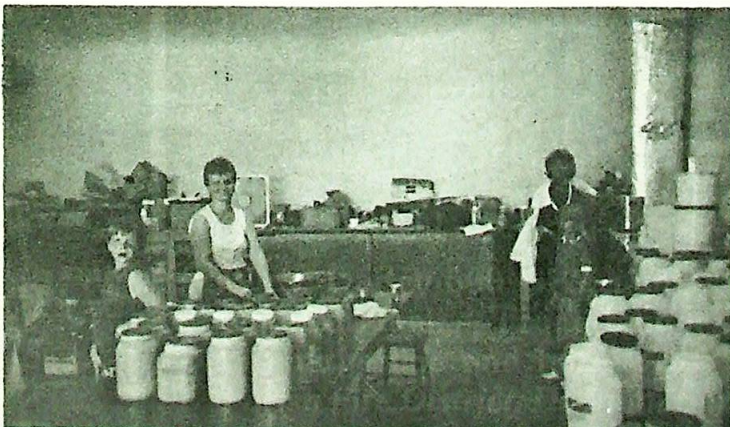
Kender said he has sent for copies of Hammond's ordinance as well as those of other cities as a first step towards introducing such an ordinance to the Lowell Town Board.

*- The Hammond TIMES
by Melanie Csepiga
3-19-87*

St. Henry holds fund raiser



The St. Henry Auxillary and Firemen baked numerous home made pies and made over 350 gallons of turtle soup — and sold all of it — as part of a fund raising project to help with department expenses.



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News from Schererville Fire Department and Auxiliary

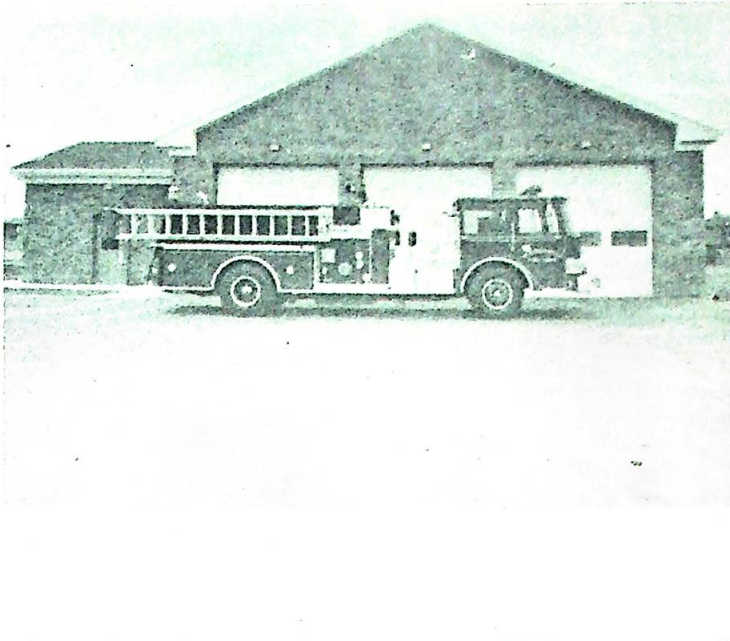
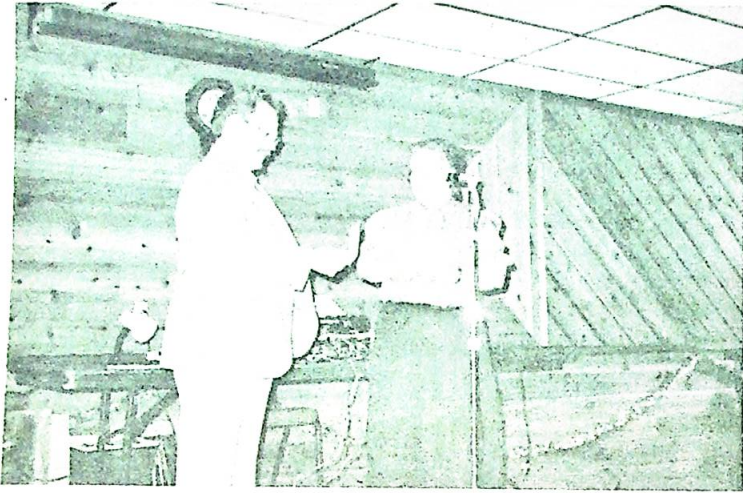
The Schererville Fire Department Auxiliary sponsored a party for the firemen and their wives or friends that was enjoyed by all. The ladies came in the Spirit of Giving and President Phillis Vargo presented Chief Kaeser with a check to help rehabilitate one of the grass trucks.

The second presentation by President Vargo was a department

portrait.

The ladies worked hard over the past year with two major projects. They sponsored a family photo session of which they cleared about \$9,000 and sponsored a "Hearts on Fire" dance which was enjoyed by all.

The Department would like to thank the ladies for all their help, and especially their financial aid.

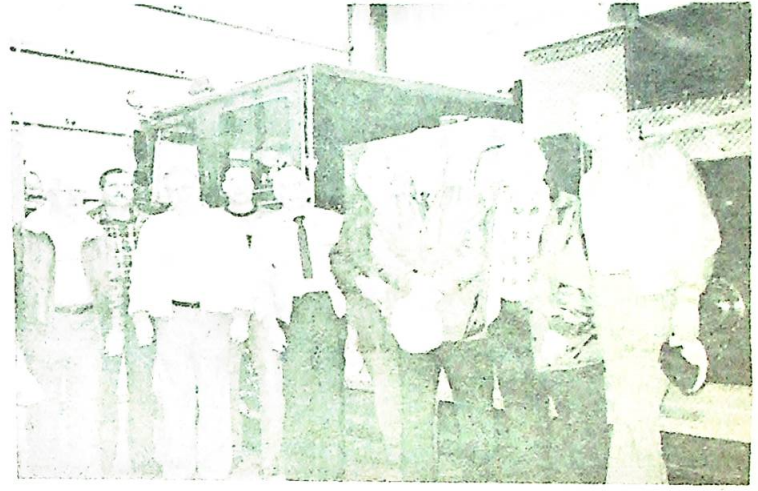


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Two generations of doctors have retired from the Schererville Fire Department with well over 40 years total service to the Department and community. The younger Gerry was one of the most recent retirees and, as usual, a small reception was held in his honor.

The reception for Gerry Doctors Retirement from the Schererville Fire Department brought out several of the past retirees. These fellows enjoy the social time with their past friends and neighbors.



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gencies." Reviews the safety features of gasoline tank trucks and explains the tactics for managing incidents involving these vehicles. The film emphasizes personnel safety and the use of firefighting foams.

"Petroleum Fire!" Explains

The Schererville Fire Department made some very needed improvements in 1986. The 1956 Ford with a Darley 500 GPM was replaced with a new Pierce Arrow 1250 GPM. This brought the Department fleet to three 1250 GPM and three 750 GPM pumpers. The Department also has 2 grass trucks, 2 ambulances and a squad truck for each of the four stations.

The town also awarded and construction was completed on a new 3-bay station at U.S. 30 and Burr Street. This location is on the southeast side of town and is seeing the fastest population growth rate in Lake County at present. This station replaced the New Elliott station and made the geographic placements so that the 16500 people in 16 square miles should be no farther than five minutes from the call until some unit is on the scene.

flammable and combustible liquid properties, including classifications and physical characteristics, with an emphasis on fundamentals of petroleum products in a fire. The film covers spill and fire scenarios, extinguishing agents and proper control measures.

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Continuing its role as a national leader in promoting fire and building safety, Indiana made its most ambitious and far-reaching efforts since establishing the first Building Safety Week observance. This year marked the first-ever use of satellite communication technology to provide a nation-wide teleconference on the design, construction, and maintenance of building exiting systems.

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