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## Magazine awards grand prize to Patriot VFD turkey shoot winner

Clyde Carter of 5th Street in Patriot, IN, was chosen the Grand Prize winner in a National drawing by *Field and Stream Magazine*. Clyde and a guest are recipients of a one week all expense paid Marlin fishing vacation at Cabo San Lucas, Baja California, Mexico.

Last September, the Patriot Volunteer Fire Department began their 4th Annual Turkey Shoot fundraiser. More shooter interest was gained by utilizing *Field and Stream's* "Turkey Sweepstakes" advertising package. The turkey shoots were held for seven consecutive Sundays just outside of Patriot.

Each shoot winner was recorded and turned in to *Field and Stream* after the last shoot. These winners' names were included among the nationwide shoot winners in the Sweepstakes for prizes donated by corporate sponsors. Clyde Carter, who won several

shoots, was officially notified on Feb. 11, 1988, that he had won the Grand Prize. His only expenses will be meals and mounting of his Marlin. Knowing Clyde, he'll probably catch a world record Marlin.

*Field and Stream Magazine* along with other corporate sponsors offered the "shooting packages" and Sweepstakes to all interested volunteer fire departments in the United States. Their "package" contains items to promote the shoots and discount coupons for merchandise.

A result of Patriot Volunteer Fire Department's shooter winning the sweepstakes Grand Prize was a check for \$1,000.00 to the department, matching their profit from the several shoots. A representative of *Field and Stream Magazine*, Merrie Shinder, presented a check for \$1,000.00 to George Miller, Chief, on April 9,

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Merrie Shinder, of *Field and Stream Magazine* presents the Patriot Volunteer Fire Department with a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 on April 9, 1988, matching the profit the department made during their 4th Annual Turkey Shoot. Clyde Carter of Patriot was a participant in the Turkey Shoot and the Grand Prize winner in the national drawing.

## Deluge system saves Central Soya



Smoke can be seen as it billowed from Decatur's Central Soya plant during the March 5 fire. Story on page 2

## 1988 IVFA PROPOSED CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Welcome To The Third District

### Wednesday, June 8

2:00 PM to 8:00 PM Registration Howard Johnsons  
7:00 PM Miss Flame Mixer Howard Johnsons

### Thursday, June 9

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8:00 AM to 8:00 PM Displays Howard Johnsons  
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8:30 AM to 12:00 PM Task Force Tours H.J. & H.I.  
1:00 PM to 2:45 PM St. Officers Meeting (Men) Holiday Inn  
1:00 PM to 2:45 PM St. Officers Meeting (Aux.) Holiday Inn  
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Task Force Tours H.J. & H.I.  
1:00 PM to 2:30 PM Miss Flame Luncheon Holiday Inn  
4:30 PM to 6:00 PM Beer Bust - Midwest Howard Johnsons  
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Joint Meeting Orak  
9:30 PM to 10:00 PM Fireworks Howard Johnsons  
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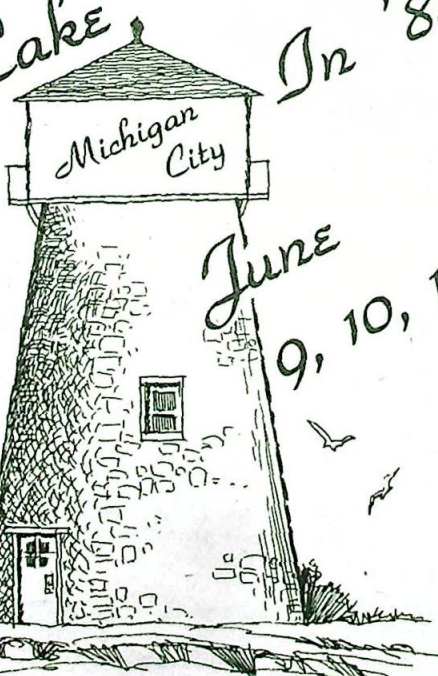
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9:00 AM to 10:45 AM Ladies' Meeting Holiday Inn  
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM Memorial Service Orak  
12:00 PM to 1:00 PM Lunch  
1:15 PM to CLOSE Men's Meeting Orak  
1:15 PM to CLOSE Ladies' Meeting Holiday Inn  
6:00 PM to 10:00 PM Teen Party Howard Johnsons Pool  
6:30 PM to 9:00 PM Banquet Orak  
9:30 PM to 1:00 AM Dance Orak

### Saturday, June 11

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2:00 PM to 3:00 PM Parade Franklin Street

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# Central Soya plant fire contained

Adams County - In 30 to 45 minutes Decatur and Monroe firefighters extinguished a fire in the solvent extraction plant at the Decatur Central Soya plant on March 5, 1988.

There were no injuries and no evacuations, authorities said.

Some 40 to 50 firefighters battled the blaze.

The fire was reported to the Decatur Fire Department at 9:02 a.m. Firefighters, police and other emergency personnel rushed to the huge complex on Decatur's northwest side as huge clouds of smoke - some of which (the white smoke) was steam - billowed from the area.

The fire, according to a Soya spokesman on the scene, broke out in the dust cycle of the solvent extraction plant.

Since hexane gas is used by Soya, there were anxieties over the possibility of explosions and/or evacuations. There were no explosions or evacuations, however.

A Soya spokesman said the plant's deluge system was used to help extinguish the fire. No water reached the basement of the solvent plant, which apparently could have caused loss of power to the extraction plant.

There was no immediate word on damages.

Decatur Fire Chief Garry Sheets said his department and Soya officials would investigate this weekend in an attempt to determine the cause of the fire, damages, etc.

3/5/88

Thanks to a well-designed firefighting system at the Decatur Central Soya Co. plant and a swift, coordinated response by several area fire departments, what could have been a major fire disaster at the plant Saturday morning was handled expertly and contained quickly.

There were no injuries. Doyle Smith, manager of the large Soya complex, today estimated that 500,000 to one million gallons of water was poured on the fire by the plant's specially-

designed deluge system.

The fire started in a soybean meal dryer, but was contained and did not spread into another part of the plant in which supply lines containing explosive gas are located.

For a few minutes, authorities at the scene considered the possibility of evacuating some residents of the north side of the city if the fire worsened.

However, massive amounts of water and the efforts of 40-50 firefighters from the Decatur and Monroe fire departments, plus work by Soya employees, prevented the fire from becoming much worse.

Smith said today that only half of the solvent extraction plant suffered damage from fire and heat. The undamaged half of the plant was back in operation by late Saturday morning and he expects the half of the solvent extraction plant damaged in the fire to be back in full operation later today.

Exact monetary damages have not yet been estimated; Soya's insurance experts are checking that now, he said.

The call came in at 9:02 a.m. and Decatur Fire Chief Garry

Sheets said firefighters were at the scene until 1:30 p.m.

While Decatur and Monroe firefighters went to the Soya plant, Preble firefighters manned the Decatur fire station to provide backup protection and, in turn, Poe firefighters covered the Preble district.

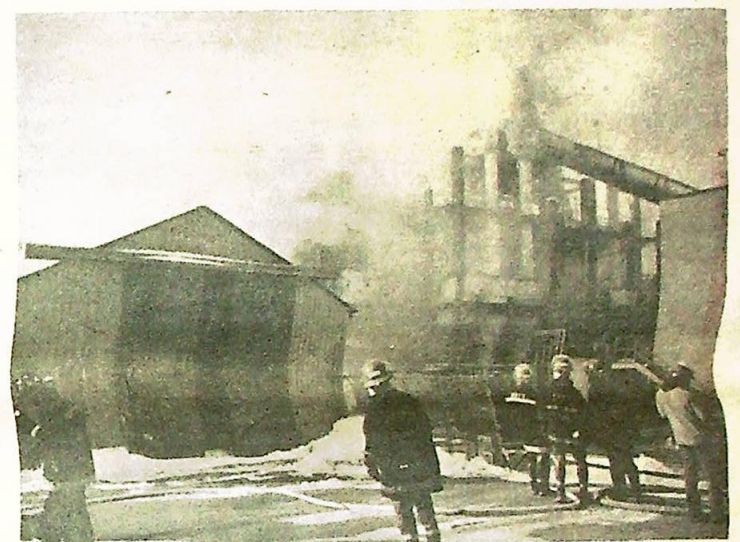
Sheets and Mayor Fred Isch said they were very pleased with the coordination and cooperation of all emergency services during the fire.

Sheets said several fire trucks were brought to the scene, but only one was used, since the Soya company's firefighting system designed for just such an emergency, operated so well.

Smith noted today that the massive amount of water, which briefly flooded some low-lying land around the extraction plant, was all gone by Saturday afternoon. Such a rapid flow of water is designed to be taken away quickly, he said.

Sheets said only a small amount of fire was seen by firefighters at the scene, apparently as insulation burned.

by Eric Mann  
-Decatur Daily Democrat  
3/6/88

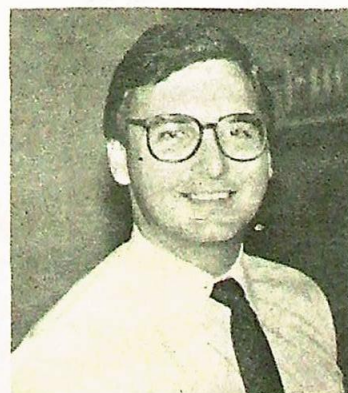


Several firefighters are shown shortly after arrival at the scene of the Central Soya plant fire on March 5. Details on the blaze were sketchy at press time.  
Photos by Eric Mann

# H.B. 1152 passed by General Assembly

The 1988 Indiana General Assembly took a major step in insuring that Hoosier Volunteer Firefighters will have financial protection if injured while on duty. The legislature passed H.B. 1152 which allows worker's compensation coverage to be purchased to cover the medical costs of injured volunteer firefighters.

As chairman of the labor committee of the House of Representatives it is my duty to decide which bills filed in the committee will be eligible for a hearing and vote. Those decisions become particularly difficult in a 'short' session of the legislature when there is a very limited time for consideration of bills by the House



Rep. (R) Mitch V. Harper

and Senate. This bill deserved a high priority for several reasons.

The first is that it was becoming increasingly expensive for volunteer fire units or township trustees to purchase medical coverage for firefighters. Units were barred from obtaining lower cost worker's compensation insurance because volunteer firefighters were not considered 'employees' under the terms of the worker's compensation act. It was also difficult to obtain regular medical insurance coverage that could be limited to fire or rescue service related injuries.

The second is that insurance coverage for injured firefighters is no luxury for a job that is as hazardous as fire and rescue service. A fall from a ladder or a plunge through a collapsing floor are only as far away as the next run. Medical coverage is not too much to provide those people who willingly respond on those runs for little or no remuneration. Indeed, the task of recruiting new volunteers will not be easy unless there is assurance that medical care cost will be covered.

The third is personal. Having grown up a block from the New Haven Volunteer Fire Department and having worked alongside many volunteer firefighters as an emergency medical technician, I

know the value of volunteer fire service. Whether it is serving on the legislature's interim study committee on volunteer fire laws or chairing the house labor committee, I think it important that volunteer fire concerns be advanced.

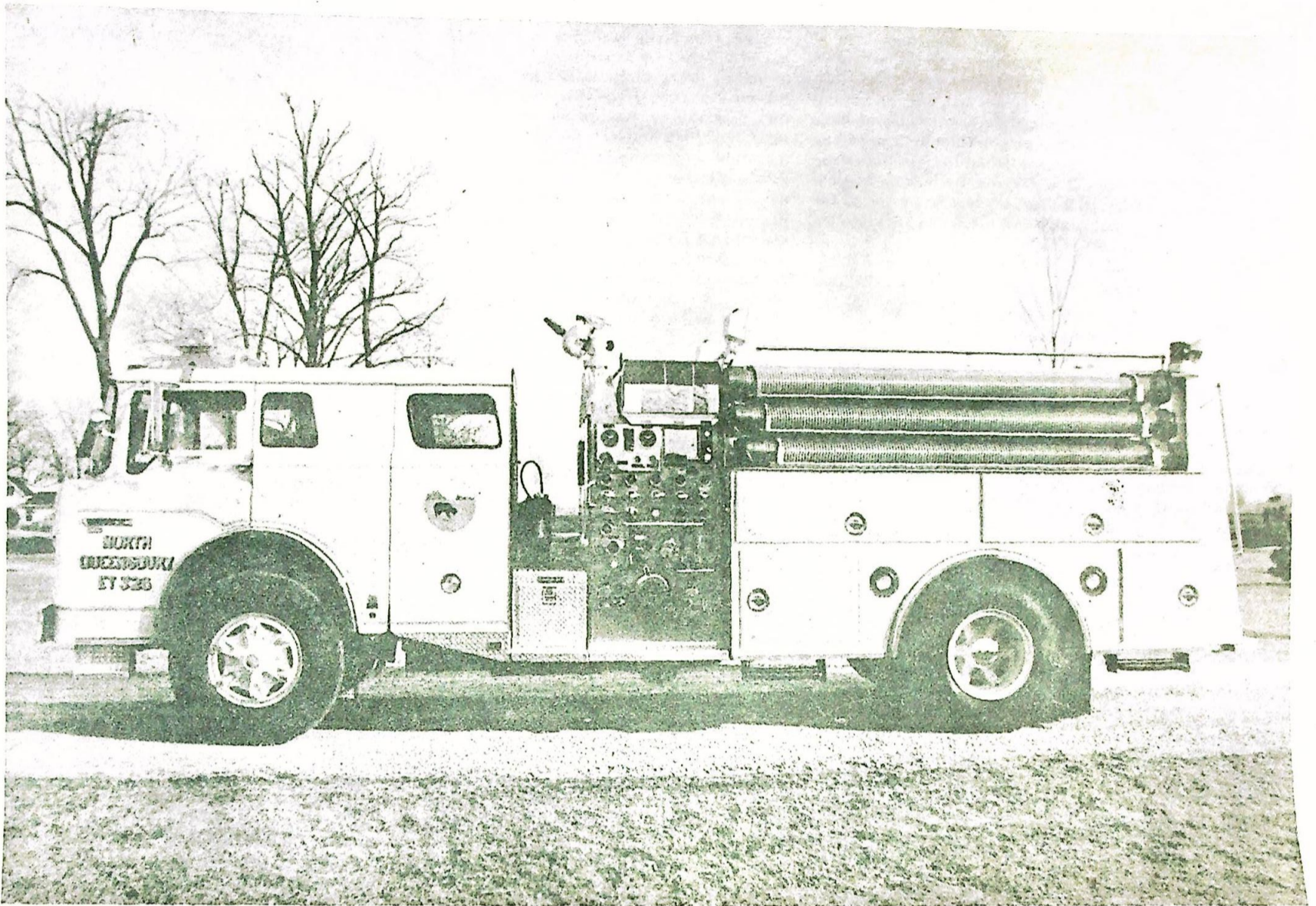
H.B. 1152 does that. It guarantees that 100% of the medical care costs of an on-the-job injury can be more reasonably afforded.

This session of the General Assembly made many changes in Indiana's Worker's Compensation Act. The news media gave significant coverage to many of the changes. However, this bill was not prominently featured but deserved to be. It will serve as a key component in preserving the nature of Indiana Volunteer Fire Service.

The author of the bill, Representative Larry Buell (R-Indianapolis) and the sponsor, Senator Joe Harrison (R-Attica) deserve appreciation for the hard work on your behalf.

-Rep. (R) Mitch V. Harper  
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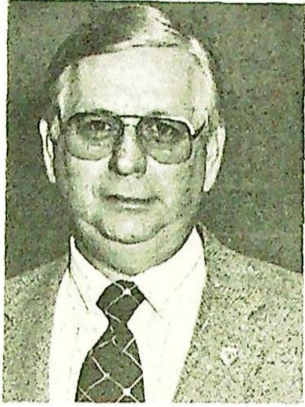
Dear Fellow Firefighters,

Spring is now in the beginning stages as we are by now aware of. With the fresh air, the spring rains and the green grass comes the extra item of grass and brush fires of which the fire service experiences many trying moments. I caution all of you to work these with care, keeping in mind the possibility of over exertion, heat prostration and other firefighter physical impairments that would have been induced by a relaxing winter with not much exercise. It would be an excellent time to promote a fire prevention program for outdoor properties.

The legislative session has now concluded and even though it was a short session the job of getting commitments was very difficult. We did succeed in getting one of our major goals, that of coverage for volunteer firefighters medical expenses to be under workmen's compensation. This, as we have indicated to you, will give the firefighter unlimited medical benefits instead of the \$25,000 currently in place with

our accident and health insurance. The implementation of this insurance is up to you people, as it is a *may* not a *shall*. So keep in mind it is your responsibility if you want greater medical coverage. I want to extend my sincere thanks to Gene Stofer and Tim Downey for leading this bill through the legislature and all the others who have called, testified or helped in any way.

We have now endured the first three months of the new 24 hour



mandatory training, and I feel it is being accepted very well. Speaking on behalf of our department, it is one of the greatest things to happen to the fire service in a long time. Now our new people are an asset on the fire ground instead of a liability. It appears some departments are making this a tough item to comply with, but with a little extra effort it should run smoothly. I also urge you not to take too long to complete the training, as perhaps the new recruit could lose interest. Remember, he wants a piece of the action - that is one of the reasons he volunteered.

The convention people in Michigan City are working very hard to assure us of a great convention "By The Lake in '88". Final plans and arrangements are the order of the day. As always, we urge you to get your reservation and registrations in now. All of the necessary forms are in the paper, including the parade entry form. So come join us in Michigan City on June 9, 10, and 11.

## January fire destroys Elkin family home

A Floyd's Knobs family was burned out Saturday afternoon when a fire destroyed their large, newly constructed home on the Balmer Fenwick Road. Jerry and Becky Elkin and their two sons ages 15 and 8 lost everything in the fire which erupted just shortly after noon Saturday.

Mrs. Elkin said that she was at work in Louisville at the United Way Offices when she received a call from her neighbor stating that her home was on fire. Her husband Jerry, who manages M.T. Deering Carpet at Pearl and Market streets, was in Atlanta, Ga. with his father Wendell, who is owner of M.T. Deering, at a carpet show.

"We don't know what happened, no one was home at the time. We just moved into the house the last of August and everything we have is in the house. I don't think they were able to get anything out. The firemen said the State Fire Marshal was on his way down here to help

them go through the house and try to find out what caused the fire", Mrs. Elkin said.

Lafayette Township Fire Chief Mark Huth stated that he called Greenville, Georgetown and New Albany Township right away for their tanker trucks to bring in water. They were able to keep a steady flow of water going which helped them get the fire under control quickly and to keep the house from being leveled.

Vic Shuman, a retired New Albany firefighter, was one of the first persons on the scene. He said he was hunting on the property next to the Elkin land when he spotted the fire and hurried to see if anyone was inside. Shuman said he found that a neighbor woman had just called the fire department. He said when he looked in a window of the burning house, all he could see were flames, with fire burning up the banister of the stairway. He said the neighbor told him that no one was in the house and that the two boys were

up the road playing ball.

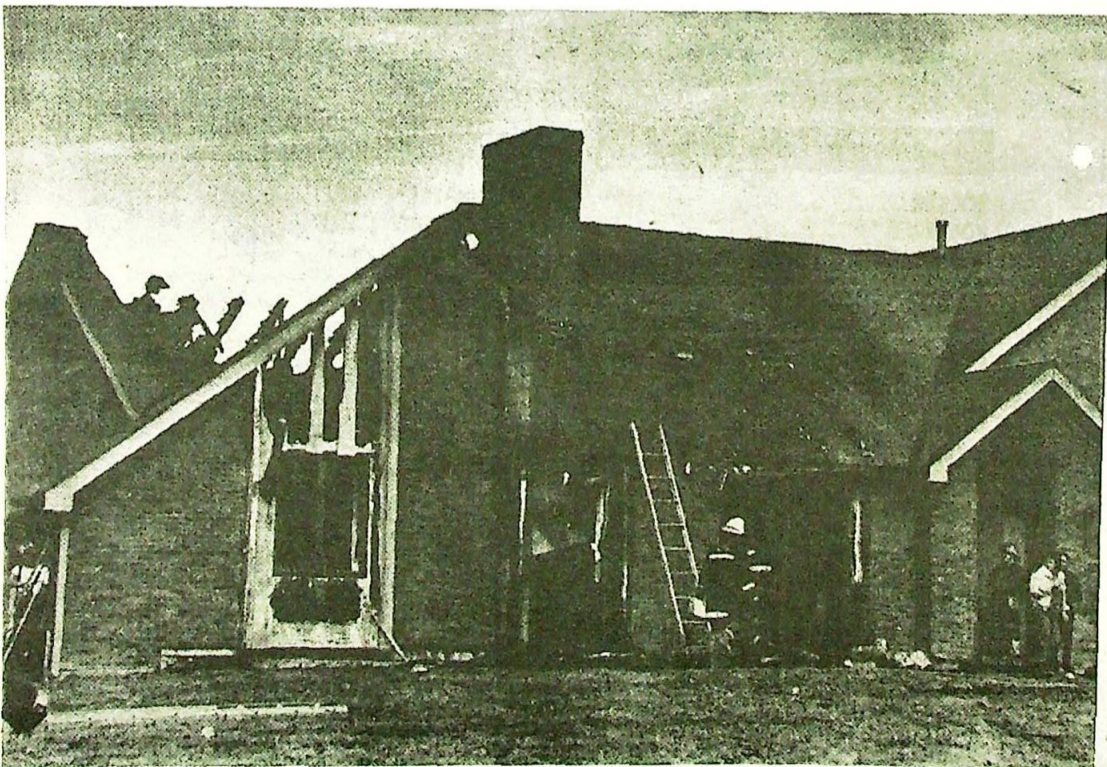
### BRUSH FIRES

With the warm-up and brisk winds Saturday, area firemen didn't get much rest. About the time that firemen from the other townships were gathering up their hoses at the Elkins' fire, alarms were starting to come in from various areas reporting brush and field fires.

Georgetown Township had to cover for Lafayette on a large field and woods fire off Old Vincennes Road just west of Highlander Point which was being fanned by a brisk wind. The fire spread through the woods and fields toward some of the homes and barns off Luther Road.

New Albany Township was called to a woods fire on Chapel Lane and found it burning into Sellersburg's territory. Sellersburg firemen were called in to assist.

—New Albany Tribune  
1/17/88



Firemen from four volunteer fire departments battled a blaze that gutted this large, newly constructed house on Balmer Fenwick Road early Saturday afternoon (January 16). Lafayette Fire Chief Mark Huth said that flames were roaring out through the roof when he arrived, but with all the tanker trucks from the mutual aid departments they were able to keep a steady flow of water on the fire, knocking it down and keeping it from leveling the large home. The owners, Jerry and Rebecca Elkin were not home at the time. Their two sons were playing ball at a neighbor's when the fire broke out.

New Albany Tribune Photo by Don Beck

## NOTICE HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR I.V.F.A. CONVENTION WILL NOT BE GUARANTEED AFTER MAY 20

— Convention Committee

## VFD Audit Requirements

Indiana Law (I.C. 5-11-1-9) requires the audit of all financial assistance provided to non-governmental organizations from governmental sources.

Prior to September 1, 1986, entities receiving governmental assistance were not subject to independent audits unless required by the provider of the funds or internal policy. In addition to the audit requirement, an annual report (form E-1) is required. The annual report must be filed within 30 days after the end of the fiscal year and on the report form prescribed by the State Board of Accounts (SBA). If the 1987 annual report has not been filed, contact the SBA for form E-1 and file this report as soon as possible.

The engagement of independent auditors must be coordinated with the SBA. The SBA will assist in the selection and hiring process by approving auditors. The SBA will also review audit reports and workpapers of audits performed. It is unlikely that the SBA will perform many audits of VFD's. Of course, there will be exceptions, especially where there is evidence of fraud, abuse or other instances of wrongdoing.

The SBA has published guidelines for examination of entities receiving financial assistance from governmental sources. These guidelines are available upon request from the SBA.

The SBA guidelines describe procedures and contract requirements for engaging independent accountants. Specifically contracts and or engagement agreements include the following wording:

1. The audit will be conducted in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards.
2. The audit will be performed in accordance with guidelines issued by the State Board of Accounts and OMB circular A-110 (if applicable).
3. The State Board of Accounts will be notified immediately if suspected instances of fraud or abuse are discovered during the course of the audit.
4. The State Board of Accounts will be notified in writing of the date, time and place of the exit conference.
5. The State Board of Accounts will receive one copy of the audit report.
6. Workpapers supporting the audit report will be available for review by the State Board of Accounts.

In addition to the guidelines developed above, the SBA has developed a special audit guide for VFD's.

The special guidelines are aimed at small VFD's with limited resources. The use of these guidelines will satisfy the SBA contract requirements for audits of such entities. The special guidelines include an audit program, a sample audit report and certain sample workpaper sections. These special guidelines are available upon request from the SBA.

The state law requiring audits of entities receiving public funds also allows for these audits to be conducted biennially. VFD's having limited funds should consider biennial audits rather than annual since the cost of a two year audit in most instances would be less than the cost of two annual audits. In addition to the audit fee charged by the IPA, VFD's will be charged for the time required by the SBA to review the independent public accountants workpapers of the audit and for typing the report of examination. In most instances, the SBA charges will be minimal. Audit fees can be paid by the governmental unit funding the VFD's operation.

VFD's that have contracts with local governmental units to furnish fire protection on a fee per run basis and with no other grants or contract amounts received to provide such service, are not subject to the audit and reporting requirements of the state law. If you think you qualify for this exemption, please contact the SBA and request an opinion about your financial arrangement with the local governmental unit. A word of caution however, a per run arrangement could result in little or no financial support in a given year.

The following steps should help to minimize audit costs to VFD's.

1. Maintain good financial records.
2. Provide for governing board approval of financial activity.
3. Prepare annual financial statements.
4. Reconcile bank accounts routinely, especially at year end.
5. Provide for an internal audit committee to review the treasurer's records.
6. Maintain a well organized file system.
7. Study the SBA special guidelines for audits of VFD's and make these guidelines available to the auditors during contract and or engagement negotiations.

This article is intended to familiarize VFD's with the requirements of the SBA. Further by following the suggestions offered here, audit costs can be minimized while at the same time meeting the audit requirements of the state law.

If there are any questions about the audit requirements or annual reporting, please call or write Ron McLaughlin, Supervisor State Board of Accounts, phone (317) 232-2521.

**FROM YOUR  
CHAPLAIN  
Duane Lantz**



**SCRIPTURE: St. Mark 4 Verses 26-34**

And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground;

And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.

For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.

But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

And he said, whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it?

It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth is less than all the seeds that be in the earth:

But when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches; so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.

And with many such parables spake he the word unto them, as they were able to hear it.

But without a parable spake he not unto them: and when they were alone, he expounded all things to his disciples.

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Our illustrious President set the twentieth of March for the deadline of our articles for the paper. I know he did this on purpose because this is the first day of spring. Easter will have passed by the time you receive your paper. Let us never forget the Old Rugged Cross.

On a hill far away,  
Stood an Old Rugged Cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame,  
And I love that old Cross,  
Where the dearest and best,  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Our scripture talks of spring, the sowing of the seeds, the growing up and we knoweth not how, and the grain of mustard seed. Spring is the time of the year when life begins again in nature. In many countries the people have festivals celebrating spring.

Spring also brings along the birds and the new start of life, their new nests. Then comes the time for the babies to fly. This nest had three baby birds who had to learn to fly. With encouraging chirps from the parents, the first two raised onto the edge of the nest and shakily took off on their first flight. Not so with the third. Numerous times it retreated to the comfort of the nest in spite of the parent's urging. This continued for most of the afternoon, with the reluctant baby bird finally dropping from limb to limb to reach the ground. It hopped about for some time until the parents did a strange and beautiful thing. They came up on each side, stretched their wings under the baby bird's wings and lifted it into the air. It then flew to safety in the tree.

Is this not the way God gently and patiently encourages us to live at our best. When we are bewildered, frightened, and unsure of our capabilities, God is always near to lift us up and move us on toward the joys of life.

As spring comes, we too need the newness of life. As the third district put on our convention in June we Welcome You, but we also ask God for the Newness of Life to make this convention the best ever.

Never mind yesterday, life is today.  
Never mind yesterday, lay it away.  
Never mind anything over and done,  
Here is a new, lit with new sun. (By the Lake in '88)

Keep up the Good work, fellows and gals. (Convention Committee)

Spring means flowers, the handy work of God to see the crocus come thru with their bright colors. The rose, one of the most beautiful of all flowers, is a symbol of fragrance and loveliness. A rosebush laden with flowers lends color and charm to a simple home, and perfumes the air with its fragrance. The rose family is one of the most important of the plant kingdom. There are about 2,000 species of trees, shrubs, and herbs in the rose family. The rose has become a symbol of fragrance and beauty, no other flower has had so many poetic tributes paid to it.

THAT FLOWER.....  
SO SIMPLE  
TALL AND ELEGANT  
AMONG ALL RICHES  
IT COST SO LITTLE.  
YET WHAT VALUE.....  
IT POSSESSES THE AROMA OF  
THE MOST SENSUOUS PERFUME  
THE COLOR OF TOP FASHIONS  
THE TOUCH OF THE SOFTEST VELVET  
THE GRACE OF A PRINCESS  
AND THE KISS OF SUNSHINE

**PRAYER**

Thank you, God, for the many wonderful lessons You make clear to us in nature, Help us to do your will each day. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Go to the church of your choice this Sunday - you'll like it.  
Your Chaplain

P.S. Spring has not really sprung yet; as I am finishing this article there are six inches of snow on my crocus.

**Donations made to Porter Co. department**

PORTER COUNTY - Paul Robert Strange, Post 502 of the American Legion presented the South Haven Volunteer Fire Department (Portage Township) with sixteen (16) P.A.L. III. It is a personal alert safety system that can be attached to the breathing apparatus. It will sound off an alarm of 95 decibels automatically if a fireman is motionless for twenty-five (25) seconds or it can be activated manually if you are trapped or disabled in a burning or smoke-filled structure. The cost of the units was \$1,300.00. They also donated a portable 5000 watt generator used on the rescue unit at a cost of \$500.00.

The Ladies Auxiliary donated \$500.00. The money donated was used to replace personal fire gear boots, coats and face shields.

The South Haven Homeowners Association also donated \$500.00 that was spent for couplings and valves for our tanker. Included were the purchases of

twenty-four (24) pair of suspenders for the bunker pants.

The men were very pleased to receive the donations from the

organization as all Volunteer Fire Departments are always in need of new equipment to operate efficiently.



P.A.L. III devices were presented to Porter County's South Haven fire department.

**1988 IVFA CONVENTION  
Pre-Registration and Reservation Form**

June 9, 10, 11

BY THE LAKE IN '88

EARLY REGISTRATION FEE - \$15.00 PER PERSON  
EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE MAY 4, 1988  
REGISTRATION AT CONVENTION - \$25.00 PER PERSON

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRE DEPARTMENT OR COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_ TOWNSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
IVFA DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
SPOUSE'S NAME IF REGISTERING: \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPE OF REGISTRATION**

<b>YOURS</b>	<b>SPOUSE'S</b>
STATE OFFICER: _____	STATE OFFICER: _____
STATE OFFICER AUX.: _____	STATE OFFICER AUX.: _____
DELEGATE: _____	DELEGATE: _____
DELEGATE AUX.: _____	DELEGATE AUX.: _____
I.V.F.A. MEMBER: _____	I.V.F.A. MEMBER: _____
I.V.F.A. AUX. MEMBER: _____	I.V.F.A. AUX. MEMBER: _____
GUEST: _____	GUEST: _____

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS**

ARRIVAL DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTURE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
PLEASE RESERVE \_\_\_\_\_ ROOM(S)  
ROOM PREFERENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

1 BED	2 DOUBLE BEDS
___ 1 PERSON	___ 2 PERSONS
___ 2 PERSONS	___ 3 PERSONS
	___ 4 PERSONS

HOTEL PREFERENCE: PICK AT LEAST THREE CHOICES 1 THRU 3

RATES FOR:	SINGLE	DOUBLE
___ HOLIDAY INN	\$ 53.00	\$ 59.00
___ KNIGHTS INN	\$ 27.50	\$ 34.00
___ RED ROOF INN	\$ 31.95	\$ 31.95
___ SUPER 8 MOTEL	\$ 28.88	\$ 36.88

PLEASE DO NOT SEND

**RESERVATION OR REGISTRATION TO MOTELS**

Guarantee Information: Rooms must be guaranteed by major credit card number, or advance deposit of \$50.00. Reservations will not be accepted unless information is shown below. If you cannot honor your reservation, please call the hotel before 6 p.m. on day of scheduled arrival; otherwise you will be billed for one night's room rate plus tax, and all remaining nights will be cancelled.

CREDIT CARD: \_\_\_\_\_  
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219-393-3480

If You Have Any Questions  
Please Call  
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# Hope's Hauser High damaged by arson

Hope - Firefighting is many things: it's preplanning, training, drilling, teamwork, cooperation. And sometimes, it's also good luck.

All of these elements were essential in a spectacular stop on what could have become a disastrous arson fire at Hauser High School in Hope on February 27.

According to Bartholomew County Sheriff Rick Hill, the fire was set by two Hope teenagers, thirteen and fifteen, who told authorities that they had broken into the 21-year-old steel and brick school looking for candy. The two also vandalized several rooms in the building before setting a fire in the school office to cover their tracks.

The fire was discovered by Hope Town Marshal before it had spread from the office complex, but not before it caused extensive smoke damage to much of the school.

The marshal's call to the Hope Volunteer Fire Department of a fire at the school triggered an automatic second and third alarm to nearby Hartsville and Clifford Fire Departments. Columbus Township department was called later to supply additional air bottles.

After initial size up and secur-

ing entry, firefighters were able to secure a quick knock-down of the fire, that had produced temperatures in excess of 1,800 degrees. The fire was out thirty minutes after the first alarm was struck. Firefighters from the three departments used about 1,000 gallons of water in extinguishing the fire, according to Hope Captain, Patrick McQueen, who was the first officer in. The officer-in-charge was Hope's Acting Chief, Bruce Neal.

Neal later said that firefighters had used 42 bottles of air before clearing the building of the toxic smoke which filled the halls and classrooms of the 8 million dollar structure.

Neal and other officers credited the fact that calls to structures like the school trigger automatic multiple alarms for quick response times. "Sure it was mutual aid," Neal said, "but really it was more like three companies from the same department coming in because we had preplanned the fire and we have all trained so much together. It all pays off on a fire like this one."

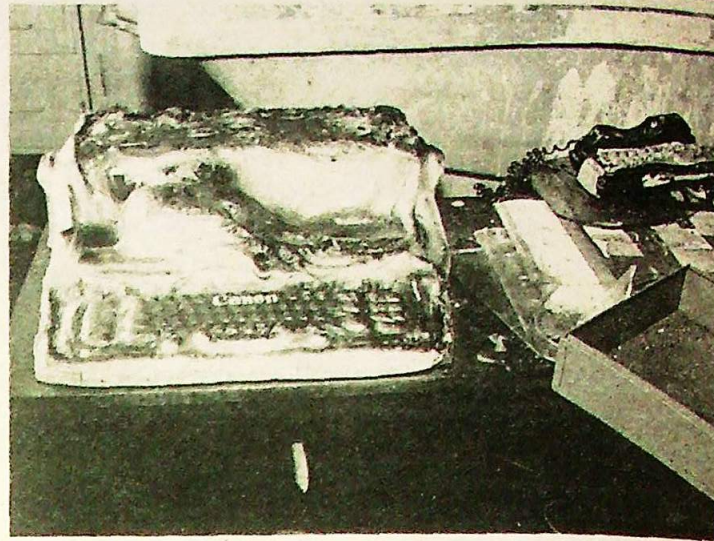
The two arsonists were apprehended on Monday afternoon following an intensive investigation headed by James Skaggs of the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Skaggs was assisted by Sheriff's Deputy James Tindall and Hope police. The usual state reward was matched within hours by \$1,000 from Hope business and community leaders. The two boys have been charged with juvenile delinquency, according to county Prosecutor, Joseph Koenig.

How did school officials feel about the way that the loss was confined to an estimated \$300,000-500,000? In an open letter from the school board and Superintendent Glen S. Keller, himself a former member of the Clifford Department, the school people told the firefighters, "Your coordinated, well organized efforts kept the fire and damage to minimum. Your response time, ability to immediately organize and your genuine concern for property and personnel is an indicator of your outstanding training and preparation."

As for the community reaction, the school was flooded the next day with volunteers, including students, parents, grandparents and just plain patrons, who were there to help clean up the mess. The net result: school was back in session before the end of the week.

—Hope Star-Journal  
Charles T. Biggs



An electronic typewriter and nearby telephone show the effects of the heat in the Hauser High School office during the fire February 27. (Hope) Star-Journal Photos by Donna Robertson



Computers are just not made to stand up under extreme heat. The Apple II-e in the principal's office was fifteen feet from the seat of the fire, and behind a closed door.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS SOUTHWEST



CARL O. DAVIS

Hope you all are getting ready for the convention at Michigan City on June 9, 10 and 11th. They are planning a good time for all. Will have several resolutions to come before the delegates this year. At your department meetings read the resolutions over and give your delegates instructions on how you want them to vote.

In our area there have been several grass and woods fires during the dry weather. One house was lost due to a large woods fire. When spring gets here every one wants to do the annual clean up and trash burning. When I started the fire there was no wind but look what happened in two minutes. So let's don't burn.

Have been making all the meetings that I can. Sometimes I have three on the same night and just flip a coin as to where I go:

The '89 convention committee is working on next year's program and all looks good. They are trying to come up with some new programs for their convention. They are planning on having a hospitality room at the '88 convention.

The 15th district fire school had over 250 firemen and guests at the two day event. On Sunday, a hose class with instructor John Lewis from Fort Branch department drafted water from a lake and pumped it 5750 through 5" hose and had a flow of 905 gallons at the receiving pumper. The pumpers were from German and

Perry departments. The hose was laid by German, Perry, Scott, and Knight departments.

I am going to a meeting on dry hydrants tomorrow night. Hope to have more on this at our next

meetings. From what I have read looks good for outlying water supplies.

That's it for now. CU all at the '88 convention in Michigan City.  
Carl O.



This is the drafting set up for the pumper with 2-6" hard suction hose for the Perry Department's truck.



Instructor John Lewis and his Howe class starting to pump water to the 5750 feet of 5" hose that they layed in their class. Perry Department's pumper is in the background.

## Junior firefighters receive award

On December 31, 1987, the Delphi Tri-Township Junior Fire Department of Carroll County in District 9A received an "Honorable Mention Award" from the Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services, Inc., for its outstanding Junior Firefighters Program.

These are young boys and girls from the age of 14 to 18 years old who are interested in the fire

service and are eager to learn about fire fighting. These Juniors are trained and educated the same as regular firefighters, they respond to fires and are very helpful to our department.

We really are proud of our Juniors. Their Chief is Bill Schock and they are trained by Ed Sholty, the Junior Trainer.

## Mutual aid call answered

In Huntington County in 1986 our only way of obtaining State Certification was State Fire Schools and you can imagine the difficulty, let alone the cost.

Because of this I began a call for "Mutual Aid" which started at a District Seven Meeting. There I was given Gary Teeple's name and address. I wrote him explaining our situation. He called in a fast "response time" and was more than willing to help me find an instructor or instructors. He sent me a list of names which were probably close to me at Bippus. I in turn sent letters to these gentlemen, again explaining the situation in our county.

Once again, to my surprise, a fast and encouraging response came from Stan Bagley of Laketon, Wabash County, he answered the call of a fellow firefighter in need. We agreed to meet at a later date to set up a class schedule.

I did receive one other call, but this gentleman was wanting to charge more than our department could afford. So, the first of 1987, Stan Bagley started teaching a Second Class class. At the end of this class we met NFRA qualifications and became certified in August. The ending roster included the following names:

From Andrews: K. Barton, S.

Blackstone, S. Gray, and N. Brooks.

From Bippus: D. Eltzroth, B. Inderlied, R. Johnson, T. Johnson, K. Paterson, J. Rittenhouse, P. Smith, D. Strobel, R. Warner.

From Mt. Etna: J. Brown, R. Buckner, M. Sale, J. Tyner, L. Cross, M. Mooberry, J. Sprowl, J. Paul.

From Roanoke: B. Augspurger, S. Bassett, S. Berkey, C. Farris, W. Hile, J. Hoch, D. Ritenour, S. Thomas, J. Willett, D. Smart

We are now in the middle of a First Class Certification class with firefighters from the same areas attending. As you can see we are on the right track now and we hope to have at least two of our own instructors out of this class, and start a county-wide training program.

I would like to thank those who helped to get Gary Teeple's name at the District Meeting. Thanks to Gary Teeple for all of his assistance. I can't tell you how much we appreciate the knowledge, time and dedication of Stan Bagley. A big thank you from Andrews, Bippus, Mt. Etna, and Roanoke Fire Departments.

Sincerely,  
Keith Patersen, IVFA member

## INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION CONVENTION 1988

By the Lake in '88

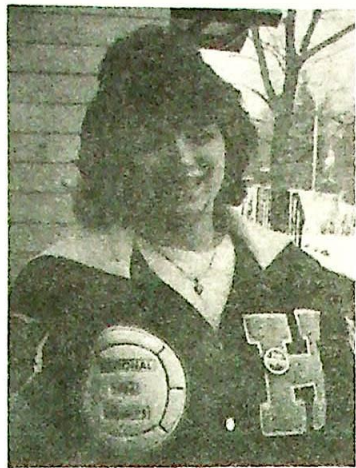
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Ham	Roast Beef	Swedish Meatballs
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Pasta Salad	7 Layer Salad	Macaroni Salad
	Mashed Potatoes	Gravy
		Rolls
Assorted Relish Trays	Fresh Fruit Display	Hawaiian Salad
Coffee		Punch

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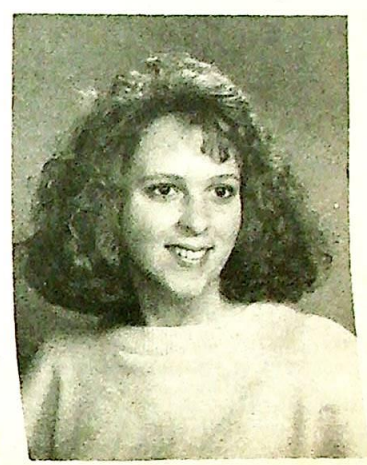
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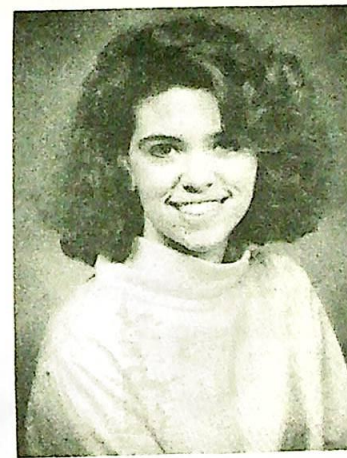
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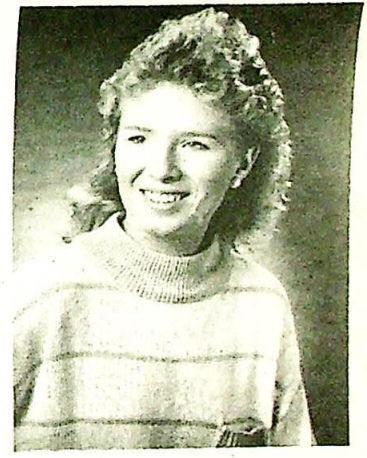
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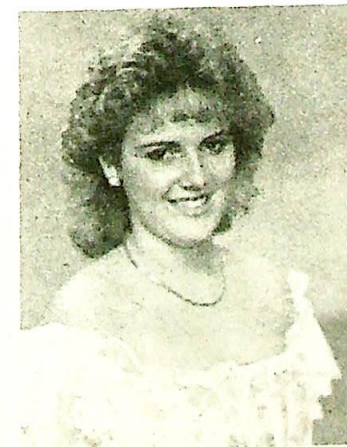
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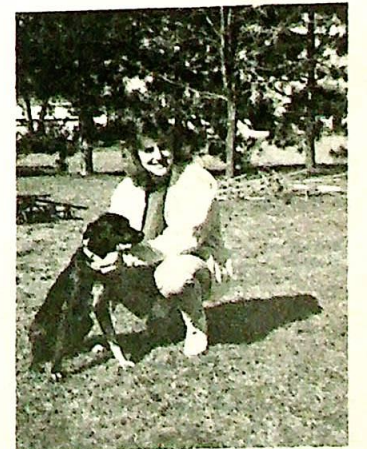
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**Notes from Morristown -**  
 Spring has arrived - well almost. In my part of Indiana it has been doubtful for the past six weeks.

The trip to Michigan City in June is getting closer and closer. If you have not made your reservations and or paid your registration, better do it today. You don't want to miss the annual fun.

Have you purchased your Lucky Doe Doll tickets yet? Why not? See your District Chairman, she has them. This is the only project the I.V.F.A.A. sponsors.

When you pay your 1988-1989 dues, send them to the Recording Secretary. Her address is listed in the paper. After convention, the minutes sent to your Auxiliary will list the name and address of the Recording Secretary elected for the 1988-1989 year. Be sure to send all forms and \$2.00 per member to her. If you don't send them to the proper person, don't send proper forms or money, your dues are delayed and there is a greater chance of them being lost.

I would like to extend an invitation to all wives, girl friends, etc., of firemen and guests at convention to join the Auxiliary Friday morning for the Koffee Klutch. This is a time when we meet old friends and make new ones that will last a lifetime.

As my term as your President is drawing to a close, I would like to thank all the people who have helped me and made it very enjoyable. I have met new friends and renewed old friendships.

See you in Michigan City.  
 Loretta J. Nulliner  
 I.V.F.A.A. President

## DISTRICT 1 & 2

The March meeting of district 1 & 2 was called to order by Phyllis Vargo. The pledge to the flag and prayer was given.

A resume of the host department was read by the Munster Aux. President.

Roll call was answered by 51 members and 3 guests.

The minutes for the November meeting were read and approved.

Departments were asked to encourage more girls to participate in the Miss Flame contest. Everyone was reminded to get their state dues paid. It was suggested that forms for dues be made more clear as to when dues are supposed to be paid.

Doe Doll tickets were passed out for everyone to sell.

Newsletters were discussed and it was suggested that we add to the contents of the men's newsletter. We could also have one paper mailed to each Aux. with each Aux. paying the fee. If individual Aux. would like to contribute information to the paper, they can send it to the Indiana Vol. Fireman to have it published.

Everyone was reminded to get their Lois Boaz applicants' names in by April 10th.

No additional information on the scholarship was available. The majority of the time the money will go to the family member of a deceased fireman. Some schools already have the forms available. \$1,500 will be given to one boy and one girl.

If anyone has had a death of an Aux. member, they can send the information in to be read at the Memorial Service at the State Convention.

The State Convention will be at Michigan City. May 4th is the deadline for registration. Early

registration is \$15.00 and late registration is \$25.00.

LaPorte is having a dance March 12th to help raise money for the State Convention. Tickets are \$5.00 and the dance will be from 9:00 to 1:00.

Chesterton Aux. reported having a very successful paper drive. Papers are kept in an old truck. Papers can be dropped off or picked up. They usually make \$400 every 4 to 6 weeks.

Next district meeting will be May 5th at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Nancy Shearer, Dist. 1 Sec.

## DISTRICT 7

I.V.F.A.A. District 7 met on Nov. 16 at the Geneva Fire Station. There were 14 ladies from 6 departments present.

A discussion on late memberships was held.

A motion was made and seconded to propose a By-Law change of Article VI Sec. 2. Passed.

We then had our gift exchange.

We joined the men in their meeting, welcoming our Miss Flame for 1988 - Amy Reiter of Decatur Fire Department, 16-year-old daughter of Walter and Dorothy Reiter.

Our next meeting was held on Jan. 18, 1988, at the Hoagland Fire Station. There were 11 ladies from 4 departments present.

The By-Laws change is typed up and ready to be sent.

A few announcements were made, and we talked about Convention and the past.

Next meeting is March 21, at Liberty Center with our annual Miss Flame Bake Sale.

Dorothy Reiter  
 District 7 Chairman

## DISTRICT 10

The 10th District Auxiliary met at the Marietta Fire Department. We had 27 members, 24 guests, representing 7 auxiliaries.

Introductions included Marietta's honorary Chief Irvin Muldoon and his wife Joyce, Loretta Nulliner, I.V.F.A.A. President, Past Presidents Mary Stafford and Barb Parker, and Recording Secretary Nance Neal. Everyone was reminded of the upcoming convention and all the activities that correspond with that.

We have an afghan raffle going on as a money-making project for our Miss Flame expenses.

Everyone was also reminded of our state money-making project - the Lucky Doe Doll.

At the May meeting we will be

giving our 10th District Award - The Inez Jeffries Award.

The nominating committee will meet at the May meeting.

The highlight of the evening was when the men from Marietta's Fire Department put on a show - certainly befitting the occasion - it was a Valentine Sweetheart Style Show. A few of the ladies included a cheerleader, prom queen, dance hall flapper, Nurse Good Body, Nancy Sinatra, Aunt Jemima, French Maid, Bathing Beauties, school marm, and to top it all off - we even got to be guests at a wedding - sorry to say the groom wasn't the most willing (of course his new Father-In-Law helped him to the altar) and the bride was certainly blessed or is that waiting for the blessed event - anyway it was a nice (?) wedding.

Our next meeting is at Acton, May 16th with a hidden auction for the entertainment. Hope to see you there!

Debbie Nulliner  
 District 10 Chairman

## DISTRICT 11B

Gosh, I think spring is really going to happen. Every winter I always doubt it but it does happen. Anyway, it is my favorite time of the year. Nature wakes up and begins a new life. Another good thing is that fire departments start planning and having activities. Which reminds me, if any departments would like to have our District 11-B Miss Flame attend your activities, give us a call or drop us a card. We will get her to as many as we can. The address and phone number is in another part of the paper.

I would like to thank everyone who helped get the District Miss Flame dance together. With people working together things get done successfully. You have probably learned by looking at the pictures in this paper, that our daughter Becky received the honor of being selected District 11-B Miss Flame. Cassie Conder of Covington was selected runner-up. Thanks to all of the girls and their sponsoring fire departments for participating.

We held our March meeting at Russellville. We hold our meetings jointly with the men and then separate and have our own meetings. At the joint meeting, some gentlemen from the National Air Guard gave a presentation concerning rescue in the event of a plane crash. Very interesting and very dangerous. In January, the Dept. of Natural Resources Conservation Officer gave a presentation on water rescue. We need to encourage our firemen to attend the District meetings so they can acquire knowledge from these

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types of presentations. Ladies, it could be helpful to you too. Just understanding the situations that your firemen can be faced with can be very enlightening.

This is the time of year when plans need to be made to attend the annual meeting. Advanced registrations must be in by May 4, 1988. Registration and reservation forms have been in the IVFA paper all year. Dig one out, fill it out and send it in. We will have a fine time in Michigan City.

Please attend your district meetings and support fire department functions in your area. Don't just be a member - BE AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT. Have a nice spring and summer.

-Eula Bush

### DISTRICT 14

The New Washington Ladies Auxiliary held their annual Chili Supper on March 12, 1988, for the benefit of the Crusade for Children. WHAS-TV in Louisville, Kentucky, holds the Crusade for Children annually to benefit hand-

icapped children. Most of the Ladies Auxiliaries in Southern Indiana hold some type of Chili Supper, Fish Fry or other kind of benefit for the Crusade each year. All monies collected in Southern Indiana are returned to benefit the children of Southern Indiana.

The 14th District Auxiliary meeting was held on Wednesday, March 16, 1988, at the McCulloch V.F.D. Station 2. The meeting was attended by 4 auxiliaries. The 1988 Convention charm was passed around and the Doe Doll tickets were distributed for the auxiliaries to sell. After the meeting the ladies enjoyed Bingo. Delicious refreshments were served by the McCulloch auxiliary ladies. Charlestown auxiliary will hold a Bake Sale on April 9, 1988, on the Square at Charlestown.

The next 14th District meeting will be on May 18, 1988, at the Charlestown Fire Dept.

I want to remind all auxiliaries to pay their dues (\$2.00 per person) if they have not paid. Thank you.

I am looking forward to seeing all the old faces at Convention and I also hope to see a lot of new

ones. Hope to see you there.

Nancy Richardson  
14th District Chairman

### DISTRICT 19

Tuesday, February 9, 1988, at the Aurora #2 Fire House, the 19th District I.V.F.A.A. meeting was held. In the absence of our District Chaplain, Alma Schutte who was sick, Joyce Huffman led us in prayer and pledge.

We all enjoyed a Valentine Buffet. Thirty-three people answered roll call with two guests and seven auxiliaries present. Secretary's Report, Treasurer's Report, Chaplain Report, and Lois Boaz Committee Report were given. The State Newspaper was read. A report was given on the State Officers' Meeting. Doe Doll tickets were passed out to sell. We also enjoyed the presence of Miss Flame, Lisa Craig. Auxiliary Functions and Dates were given. Manchester will be the host of our next District meeting Tuesday May 10, 1988, 7:00 p.m.

Judy Hildebrand  
District 19 Chairman

### Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association AUXILIARY STATE OFFICERS MEETING Sunday, February 7, 1988 Best Western Airport Inn, Indianapolis, IN

President Loretta called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Prayer was offered by Bette Sellmer and Miriam Schaeckel led the Pledge to the Flag.

Secretary's report was approved as read. Mary Brooks made a motion that District Reports not be read. Seconded by Carolyn McCarty. Carried.

Roll Call was answered by 11 guests and 29 officers. Bette Sellmer gave the Chaplain's report. Two auxiliary deaths have been reported this year. Two sympathy cards have been mailed and she has ordered 25 protestant Bibles. It was reported that District 19's chaplain is ill.

Membership currently stands at 1,487 members representing 112 auxiliaries and 52 individuals.

Treasurer's Report - Betsy Howe:

Balance Forward October 30, 1987		\$6,122.62
Income:		
Dues	\$ 393.00	
Interest	75.07	
Jewelry	151.35	
Total Income		619.42
Disbursements:		
Mileage	235.80	
Phone & Postage	56.86	
Overpaid Dues	23.00	
Jewelry*	345.27	
Raffle	55.00	
Misc.	104.20	
Total Disbursements		820.13
Balance on hand Feb. 3, 1988		\$5,921.91

\* Jewelry expense represents the cost of die & Convention '88 charms.

Treasurer's report will stand for audit.

Correspondence: A note was read from Mary Boyd giving her new address as follows: 138 Rader Street, Rolling Hills Estate, Lewisburg, West Virginia 24901 (Telephone: 304-645-3438). Also at this time, Katie Mason said her address was wrong on our mailing list and in the newspapers. (Secretary's note: I apologize, Katie, I had changed it one time and in the new list somehow I picked up the old address again. Sorry.) Girls, Katie's correct address is: 7533 Beaty Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN 46809.

Committee Reports: Doe Doll - Toni Sorg. Tickets are now available for distribution and the doll was displayed. Tickets are again donated by George Walda.

Miss Flame - Barbara Surber: Forms are starting to come in. A letter is being sent to each state candidate as the form is received.

Jewelry - Rosie Johnson: Now has the 1988 charm and it will sell for \$3.00.

Lois Boaz - Loretta Nulliner: Some letters of recommendation have been received but would like to receive several more. Also, the I.V.F.A. are preparing packets for new departments joining the I.V.F.A. and would like to include information on the Lois Boaz award. They need fifty copies of the rules governing this award. Miss Flame rules are also needed.

Loretta had copies of the President's letter for all officers. They are being mailed to auxiliaries and individual members.

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## Foul play ruled out in fatal Columbus fire

Bartholomew County - Investigators have ruled out foul play in the Saturday morning fire deaths of a Columbus, IN, couple and two small children.

Less than an hour before the fire, Bartholomew County deputies had been called to the couple's mobile home to investigate complaints of a loud party.

Authorities identified the victims as Tony Brown, 24, Darlene "Missy" LaMaster, 26, and her two children, Erica, 4, and Andy, 3, Bartholomew County Coroner Larry S. Fisher said the four died from carbon monoxide poisoning caused by smoke inhalation.

Firefighters who responded to the 7 a.m. fire found the bodies of Brown and LaMaster on the living

room floor. The children were in a front bedroom.

The fire apparently had been burning for some time before it was reported by a neighbor in Goldie Ann Mobile Home Park, two miles south of Columbus.

"Nobody saw it until it was really burning. When we left the station about a half a mile away we could see the smoke," said Tom Finke, chief of the Clay Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Finke said firefighters from three departments brought the blaze under control in 15 minutes, but when they arrived, they could not safely attempt a rescue.

Finke said it appeared the victims had been asleep and were un-

aware of the fire.

"The children were in the room. The two adults were on the floor with blankets and pillows at their heads. It appeared as if they had been watching television and drifted to sleep," Fisher said.

Brown may have been impaired by alcohol. His blood-alcohol level was .27 percent, Fisher said. In Indiana, intoxication is defined as a blood-alcohol level of .10 percent.

The mobile home, which the couple had rented for several months, had been the site of a party Friday night and early Saturday morning, authorities said.

At 6:10 a.m., sheriff's deputies

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The Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association's 1988 Parade Committee takes pleasure in inviting you to join us in putting on the best convention parade ever held. We would be honored if your unit would participate in our parade.

An entry form has been attached for your completion. Please fill it out at your earliest convenience and return it to the IVFA Convention Parade Committee, c/o The Michiana Shores Volunteer Fire Department, 501 ElPortal Drive, Michiana Shores, Michigan City, Indiana 46360.

The big parade will be held on Saturday June 11, 1988 at 2:00 p.m. Line up will begin around 11:00 a.m. with the starting point beginning at Ripley and Franklin Streets. The parade will proceed south down Franklin Street towards Ames Field. No stopping will be allowed along the parade route or in front of the reviewing stand. Also, no handouts along the parade route.

#### PARADE AWARDS:

- Best Fire Department Unit
- Best Antique Fire Unit
- Best Color Guard Unit
- Best Marching Band Unit
- Best Float
- Best Antique Auto Unit
- Best Clown Unit
- Best Novelty Unit

If your category is judged during the parade, your awards will be immediately following the end of the parade at the reviewing stand. Please send one representative from your unit for the presentation.

We are looking forward to your participation in this year's parade. If you have any questions, please call (219) 872-1788 or (219) 872-3666.

Andrew G. Bjornberg  
Parade Chairman

#### 1988 IVFA CONVENTION OFFICIAL PARADE ENTRY FORM

I/We wish to enter a unit in the 1988 parade to be held on Saturday, June 11, 1988, starting time, 2:00 p.m.

All participating units must be lined up at least one hour prior to parade starting time.

We understand and agree that there will be nothing (such as candy or favors) thrown from our unit into the crowd along the parade routes. We further guarantee that we are fully covered by insurance in an adequate amount to cover all possible public liability and property damage due to accident or negligence on our part and do hereby absolve the City of Michigan City and the IVFA Convention Committees of all responsibility.

We wish the following to be entered:

#### TYPE OF UNIT

Name of Unit _____	_____ Fire Department Unit
Description of Unit _____	_____ Antique Fire Unit
_____	_____ Color Guard Unit
_____	_____ Marching Band Unit
_____	_____ Float
_____	_____ Antique Auto Unit
_____	_____ Clown Unit
_____	_____ Novelty Unit

Number of Separate Units \_\_\_\_\_

There will be no stopping of forward progress during the parade. We will have spotters throughout the parade route. NO EXCEPTIONS

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature and Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number of Responsible Party \_\_\_\_\_

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT



LEE KISSELL

Convention time is near and so is the 1988/89 dues billing. The work load in my office will increase tremendously in the next five months, beginning with the task of the annual mailing to every department. If you would all help out by sending in your dues payments correctly, maybe I will have time to make a few fire runs this summer!

By the time you read this article, your department should have received its dues billing. Please see that it gets to the proper person in your department. If you do not receive it by the middle of May, something is wrong. Check with members of the department to see if it got into the wrong hands. Call me immediately if you can't locate it.

The mailing is being done in a large envelope this year so you can't lose it so easily! Inside you will find information on the July 31 deadline. This means "in my office" by July 31, not postmarked July 31. There is a difference. If you want to be eligible for the Bridgeport Trust Fund benefits, see that I have your dues by July 31.

A two-part carbonless printout lists your current paid members in the IVFA. There have been a few changes to the printout. The "MEMBER STATUS:" shows Active, Inactive, etc. The "NEWSPAPER HOLD:" should be empty. If an "H" appears, the address is no good and newspapers will not be mailed out.

I need the "YR JOINED FIRE SERVICE:" filled in, if possible. With this information, the computer will be able to determine every member that is eligible for a Life Membership when 50 years of service is completed. I am certain that there are some others that are eligible but we don't know it without this date.

Review the entire form and mark all corrections on the printout. It is extremely important that you return one copy to me with your payment. If you don't do so, the processing time increases from 10 minutes up to as much as an hour per department! At 700 departments, that can add up to many needless hours of extra work.

Please follow the Instruction sheet carefully and fill out the back side of this sheet with department information. Please add up your membership accurately and fill in the correct amount due. Adding up the total members incorrectly causes both you and I additional work. Return this sheet

**Editor's Note:** When sending newspaper clippings, please bear in mind that the pictures reprinted directly from a newspaper do not reproduce as well as the original photographs but in most cases they can be used (color photos reproduce poorly). PLEASE avoid folding the printed photos.

If the story continues on a second page, be sure to send the ENTIRE article.

It is imperative that you include the NAME OF THE NEWSPAPER and THE DATE the article appeared. It would also be helpful if you include the city/county of publication. Thank you.

## IVFA DUES INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING

1. MEMBERSHIP FORMS:

- a. Fill out NEW FORMS for:
  - NEW MEMBERS
  - BENEFICIARY changes
  - ALL MEMBERS if you are a new department
- b. Return the top white copy of the form. The yellow copy is for your records. I will not send the yellow copy back to you.
- c. If you run out of forms, copy a blank form and use the copies to send to me. This will save both you and the IVFA extra time and postage.
- d. PLEASE PRINT SO I CAN READ IT !
- e. Your Social Security number is needed. This is now your membership number.
- f. If you live on a rural route, please include your Route and Box Number. The postal service may not deliver mail without both route and box number.

2. OLD - STYLE MEMBERSHIP FORMSPLEASE! DO NOT USE THE OLD HANDWRITTEN FORMS!!!3. COMPUTER PRINTOUTS - IMPORTANT - READ CAREFULLY !!!

- a. You received a two-part carbonless computer form if you paid dues in the past. I MUST HAVE ONE COPY OF THE COMPUTER FORM RETURNED WITH YOUR DUES PAYMENT. If you do not include this with your payment, it causes a tremendous increase in processing time. This means much more work for me and slower turn-around time for your cards.
- b. PLEASE HELP !!
  - \* Cross out any member that has quit.
  - \* Look at MEMBER STATUS: (Be sure it is correct)
  - \* Look at NEWSPAPER HOLD: (If "H" is shown, address is no good and paper will not be delivered. Write in new address!!)
  - \* Look at YR JOINED FIRE SERVICE: (Enter this if you can.)
- c. RETURN 1 COPY OF THE PRINTOUT W/CORRECTIONS MARKED

4. MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Everyone will receive a new card every year when dues are paid. These cards are printed on the computer printer. This is one reason that I need your Social Security number.

5. CORRESPONDANCE FROM YOUR SECRETARY

I will correspond on 3-part carbonless memo forms. The original goes to you. The second copy goes in the file so I can refer back to the memo. The third copy goes to your District Chairman.

PLEASE WRITE YOUR REPLY ON YOUR COPY AND RETURN IT TO ME. I CAN NOT REMEMBER EVERY ONE OF THE HUNDREDS OF MEMOS THAT I SEND OUT DURING THE YEAR. YOUR REPLY ON THE MEMO WILL REMIND ME THAT I HAD WRITTEN THE MEMO TO YOU AND WHAT THE SUBJECT WAS.

Thank you. LEE KISSELL, IVFA SECRETARY

with your printout and check.

The Annual Convention Notice and Resolutions to be voted upon have been included in your dues billing. Please post the information at your station. I hope you can attend the Convention at Michigan City.

Finally, a return envelope has been provided for your convenience. This will insure that I receive your dues payment, so please use this envelope.

Please call or write if you have any problems with dues payments. My office number is 812-744-3779. If I am not at home, leave your message on my answering machine. Have a safe summer.

## Fifth Annual Turkey Shoot Sweepstakes announced

New York, NY - Once again, Field & Stream Magazine is teaming up with the National Volunteer Fire Council in the Fifth 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

## Moser retires

Decatur - Chief Gene Moser, 59, retired effective February 29, 1988, after 23 years of service.

He joined the Decatur Fire Department on September 1, 1964. Gene was assistant chief for four years and was the chief for the last eight years.

He had intended to continue working but he is reluctantly taking early retirement for health reasons.

Gene and his wife, Florence, are the parents of 5 children.

the local fire company a complete fund-raising program conceived of and paid for by Field & Stream and the corporate sponsors it recruits. There is no cost or obligation to the fire companies.

In 1987, the sweepstakes helped nearly 4,000 fire departments raise an estimated \$4,000,000 in much needed funds. The grand prize offered was a spectacular trip for two to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, the marlin fishing capital of the world. In addition, a host of other prizes were offered including valuable raffle items. Austin Nichols' Wild Turkey offered their "Action Series" porcelain decanters at sizeable discounts to be raffled off before, during, and after the Turkey Shoots. Purina offered, through local dealers, a 100 lb. bag of Purina Hi Pro or a discount on the 50 lb. bag size.

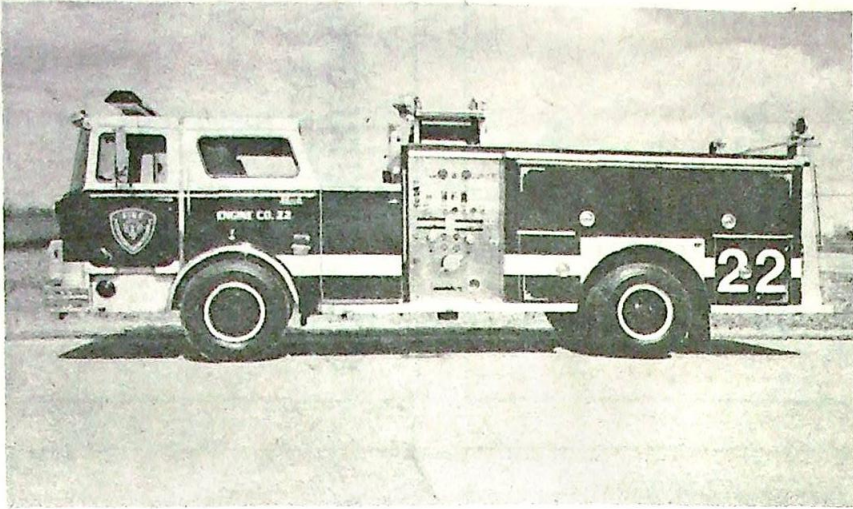
Like last year, every winner of the Turkey Shoot coordinated by a participating fire company will be entered in a sweepstakes fund-

ed by Field & Stream. The sweepstakes drawing will be held in January 1989. Prizes offered in the Turkey Shoot Sweepstakes will be announced in the next few months.

A special advertising section will appear in the November 1988 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 (see photo), 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: Mike Edison, Field & Stream, 1515 Broadway, New York, NY 10036 or call (212) 719-6689.



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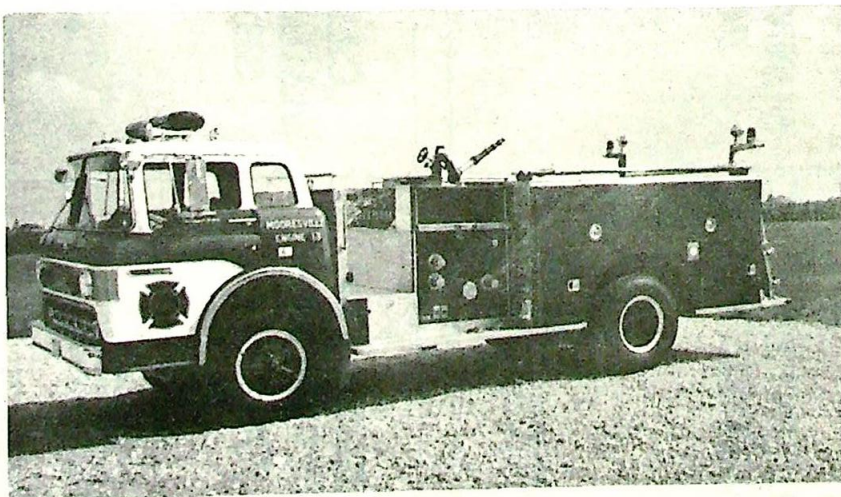
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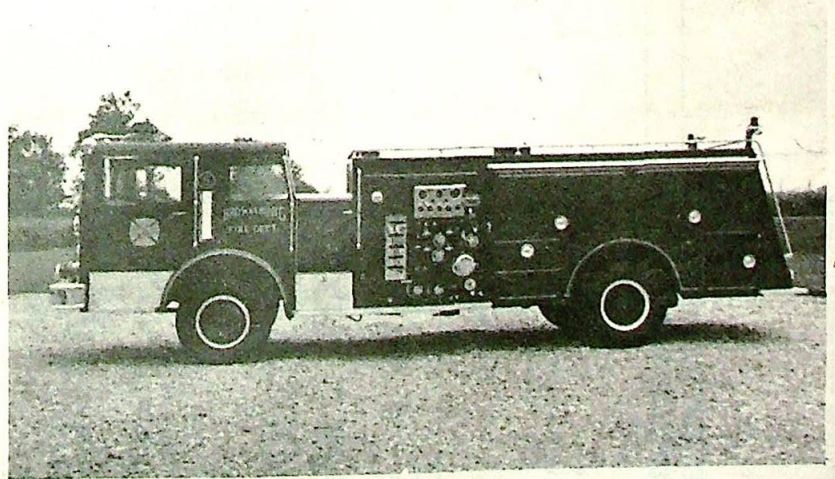
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Please complete the following survey and feel free to add all comments and special interests and needs of your department. It will help us make the school what the area wants and needs. Your cooperation will be most appreciated. Thank you.

1. Your Dept. name is \_\_\_\_\_

2. How many from your Dept. would possibly attend \_\_\_\_\_?

3. Which of the following dates would be best for your members? Please fill in the approx. number that could attend in the blank.

Calendar Year 1989

<b>May</b>	1st wkend 6 & 7 _____	<b>June</b>	1st wkend 3 & 4 _____
	2nd wkend 13 & 14 _____		3rd wkend 17 & 18 _____
			4th wkend 24 & 25 _____
<b>July</b>	2nd wkend 8 & 9 _____	<b>August</b>	1st wkend 5 & 6 _____
	3rd wkend 15 & 16 _____		2nd wkend 12 & 13 _____
	4th wkend 22 & 23 _____		3rd wkend 19 & 20 _____
			4th wkend 26 & 27 _____
<b>September</b>	2nd wkend 9 & 10 _____		
<b>October</b>	2nd wkend 7 & 8 _____	<b>November</b>	1st wkend 4 & 5 _____
	3rd wkend 14 & 15 _____		2nd wkend 11 & 12 _____
	4th wkend 21 & 22 _____		3rd wkend 18 & 19 _____
	5th wkend 28 & 29 _____		

4. Is more than one weekend better? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

5. What special topics would your members like to have available? (Aircraft Crash & Rescue, Haz-Mat, S.C.B.A., Codes & Code Enforcement, Heavy Rescue - Structural Collapse, etc.)

Please fill out very specifically and return as soon as possible. Thank you for your help.

Any questions contact Randy Strasser, (work) 317-564-2353 or (home) 317-564-2862 or Steve Mitchell, (work) 317-742-7820 or (home) 317-589-3919.

(COMMENTS WELCOME!!!!)

# Legislative report

- SB59** Craycraft \$1,000.00 Tax Deduction for Volunteers
- SB99** Thompson Died for lack of hearing
- M. Rogers** 911 Fee Monthly Charge
- Craycraft** Died for lack of hearing;
- SB114** Landske tied with HB1062
- Volunteer Emergency Ambulance Personnel** Requires a unit of local government to provide Ambulance Personnel with insurance
- SB159** Thompson Fire Protection Districts
- Passed first reading amended, passed second reading. Died for lack of action - too many problems
- SB237** Potesta Fire Building Safety Fee
- To allow fees set by statute on Fire Prevention be set by commission
- Richardson** Defeated in House (38 - 39)
- Avery** Arson Investigation Fund
- SB310** Mosby Appropriates \$200,000 to the state wide Arson Investigation Financial Assistance Fund.
- Warman** Died - no hearing
- SB380** Wolf Fire Protection Funding
- Hellman** Provides that 20% of the tax collected for the retail sale of electricity shall be deposited in Local Government Fire Protection Fund
- HB1062** Buell Emergency Telephone System
- Heeke** Allows a fee to be imposed on each telephone line and fees dedicated to special 911 System
- Bayliff** Passed and signed by Governor
- Keeler** Fire Fund Tax Levy
- HB1077** Heeke Permits a township that has not had a Fire Fund since 1973 to appeal for a levy of \$10,000 or less
- Fox** No hearing on this bill
- HB1089** Cottey Allows Firefighters and Policemen to create a Pension Plan
- Buell** (This is for State University employees) No hearing
- HB1098** Mishler Living Wills
- Permits EMT-EMTA-Paramedics to withhold Life Support from patient if qualified
- HB1152** Buell Firefighters Work Comp Medical
- Bischoff** Brings Volunteer Firefighters and EMTS under Workmen's Comp for medical only
- Cook** This allows unlimited coverage instead of \$25,000 max and at cheaper rates
- Gregg** Passed both Houses and signed by Governor
- HB1412** Harper Ft. Wayne Special Service District
- Allows Ft. Wayne to create a Police and Fire Service District
- HB1415** Bischoff Volunteer Firefighters Tax Deduction
- Goble** Allows \$3,000 tax deduction from State Tax
- Underwood** Died - no hearing
- Mauzy**

- Harold E. Stofer

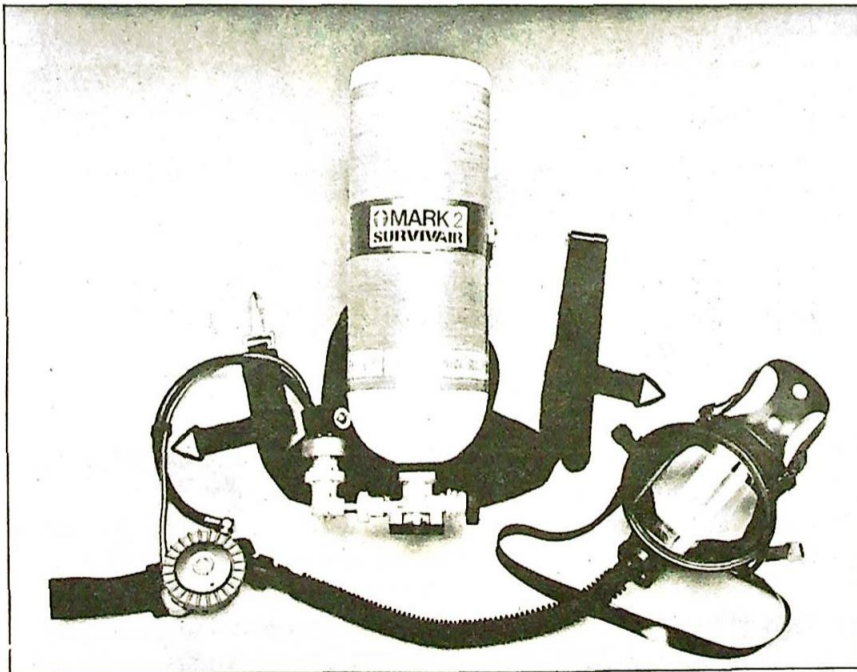
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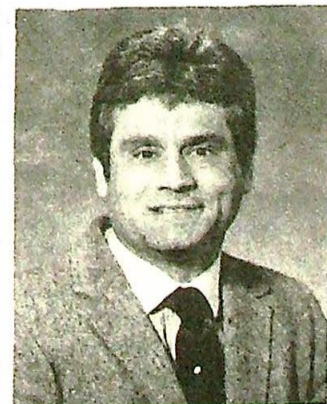
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### Orr makes January appointments to board

In January, Governor Orr made new appointments to the Board of Fire Fighting Personnel Standards and Education. They are: Michael Brooks, Newburgh, Fire Science Degree from Oklahoma; Thomas Miller, Indianapolis, President, Professional Fire Fighters Union of Indiana; and Roland Walls, Richmond, former training officer of Richmond Fire Department. The Board extends many thanks to Ron Callahan and Paul

Kraft for their unqualified help in the past. Ron served almost 14 years and was a guiding light for many of the innovations of the Board. His membership on the national committees for NFPA and IFSTA were of immeasurable assistance. Paul's knowledge of the fire service and government was of great benefit and guidance. Our sincere thanks to them, and know we have their continued support.



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# DISTRICT MEETINGS

## DISTRICT 9B

The regular bi-monthly meeting was called to order by Chairman Mitch Parish at 7:40 P.M. at the Idaville Fire Station in Idaville, IN.

Minutes were read and approved. There were 8 guests present. Total firemen present was 49 with 123 fire runs among the 14 departments answering roll call.

Cathy Francis, Inspector from the State Fire Marshal's Office, distributed 1987 D.O.T. Emergency Response Guidebooks and Computer Sheets with statistics from the Fire Incident Reporting System to departments present.

Items discussed were: Fire Marshal's Monthly Memos, Fire Ground Command School at Fort Wayne - Jan. 16-17, Workman's Compensation, possibility of a \$3000 Income Tax Deduction for firemen, Fire Inspectors Association Meeting at Rensselaer on Jan. 27, 24 hr. Mandatory Training, Indiana International Risk Management Pool, 1988 I.V.F.A. Convention and Raffle tickets for Convention, and State Fire School at Indianapolis, April 9, 10, 16 and 17.

Barb Soulgne, our 1988 Miss Flame Contestant was present and gave a short talk.

Motion was made by Bob Peck to donate \$100.00 to Barb Soulgne to assist in covering expenses during the Miss Flame Contest. Seconded by Keith Getz. Motion passed.

Program on Electrical Safety was presented by Jack Landrun of White Co. R.E.M.C.

Winners of the 50-50 Drawing were: Mike Hill - Chalmers, Jim Merdia - Wolcott, Steve Funk - Idaville. Haz./Mat. Book donated by Charlie Baker was won by Bob Peck of Rensselaer. Streamlight Jr. flashlight donated by George Walda was won by Mike Hill of Chalmers.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Next meeting is March 10, 1988 at 6:30 P.M. slow time/7:30 P.M. fast time at the Kentland Vol. Fire Dept.

Sec./Treas. Dennis J. Risner

The regular bi-monthly meeting was called to order by Chairman Mitch Parish at 8:20 P.M. at the Medaryville Fire Station in Medaryville, IN.

Minutes were read and approved. There were 11 guests pre-

sent. Total firemen present was 51 with 87 fire runs among the 13 departments answering roll call.

Items discussed were: 1988 Convention and Raffle tickets, I.V.F.A. Dues are due by July 31, Workman's Compensation, Billing Insurance Companies for fire runs, Insurance Coverage, State Fire School on April 9, 10, 16 and 17 at Indianapolis, news for I.V.F.A. paper due in by June 20, need for Trucks in convention Parade, possible Fire School at District 21 in 1989, I.A.A.I. Board Meeting 10:00 A.M. at State Fire Marshal's Office on March 19, and filing an Entity Annual Report Form E-1.

Program on the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (S.A.R.A.) was presented by Paul Spurlin - Haz./Mat. Specialist of the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office. Paul also showed a video tape of the Ramada Inn plane crash.

Winners of the 50-50 Drawing were John Handcock - Remington, Jim Merida - Wolcott, and Dick Lease - Buffalo. Haz./Mat. Book donated by Charlie Baker was won by Donald Tiede of Francesville. Streamlight Jr. donated by George Walda was won by Bill Howe P.R. Northwest. Plaque donated by Joe Komoscar was won by Dick Lease of Buffalo. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

Next meeting is May 12, 1988 at 7:30 P.M. - location not definite - watch for post card and letter.

Sec./Treas. Dennis J. Risner

## DISTRICT 12

12th District Meeting  
Wayne Township - Station #2  
January 18th, 1988

Meeting called to order at 7:10 P.M. by Chairman Johnson; opening prayer by our Chaplain Duane Lantz; pledge to the flag led by our Sgt.-at-Arms Dick Johnson. Meeting was temporarily suspended in order for the host department to serve food to members present.

Meeting called back to order at 8:00 P.M., with 53 members representing 10 departments present.

Introduction of guests was as follows: our I.V.F.A. State President Lawrence Swartz; Vice President Pete Lockhart; Treasurer Gene Stofer; Chaplain Duane Lantz; P.R.W.C. Toddy Michl and Helen Michl; guests Bob and

Joann Hayes from Honey Creek; and Lomoyare Kehler from Rensselaer Fire Department.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report was given, approved and accepted.

Communications - None.

Chairman Johnson asked for reports from Committees. James Bruner stated that as of this date he has not received any recommendations for the Midwest Award. A question was asked by newer members about the various awards. Vice President Pete Lockhart explained the procedure of each award.

Rosie Johnson gave the report regarding our recent 12th District Miss Flame Judging Contest. Cindy Curl will represent the 12th district at our annual convention.

Old Business - None.

New Business - Jack Winkler, treasurer of Wayne Twp. Fire Dept. Inc. read a resolution asking the name of Indiana Vol. Firemen Association be changed to read Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association because women are fighting fires, etc. Motion by Jack Winkler and seconded by Rosie Johnson to present this to the resolution committee at our next annual convention. Motion carried.

Good for the order.

Second Roll Call.

Lawrence Swartz I.V.F.A. State President gave some remarks regarding to their recent membership meeting of the I.V.F.A. He stated that if you have any problems call your state officers. Also he stated what your annual dues and the association do for you. Your dues must be in by July 1st.

Sec. Bogden presented to President Swartz two large I.V.F.A. plastic circular posters. Also it was stated please send in your news article for our paper.

Pete Lockhart, I.V.F.A. Vice President, gave out a few words of wisdom.

Chaplain Lantz, our Chaplain, gave out with some interesting remarks regarding a recent memorial service that he conducted.

Gene Stofer, our State Treasurer and Legislative Chairman, gave some remarks regard-

ing bills in the House and Senate pertaining to the firefighters of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen, especially the Volunteer Firemen Workmen's Compensation. Also he stated that if the association needs manpower, call Representatives and Senators. Be ready to contact them on a moment's notice.

Toddy Michl, our P.R.W.C., suggested to the members to get those names in for those awards and keep up the good work.

Wayne Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. #2 Ladies Auxiliary will be having a pizza bake Feb. 5th.

50/50 Drawing was won by Gene Stofer, who gave his winnings to the Miss Flame expense account.

Film presentation of the Ramada Inn airplane crash was shown.

Motion to adjourn at 9:00 P.M. Respectfully submitted,

Charles Bogden, Sec./Treas.

## DISTRICT 21

Our district meeting was held at the Rossville V.F.D. We had a

GREAT group. Sixty-one members and visitors representing 9 departments were present.

Jenny Lehman, daughter of Tom Lehman of the Battleground V.F.D. was elected to be our first-ever Miss Flame Candidate. Jenny is a student at Harrison High School in Tippecanoe County. We wish her every luck at the I.V.F.A. Convention.

We had a great program presented by Larry Curl who is Deputy Chief of the Wayne Township Fire Department. He talked about the aircraft fire at the Ramada Inn in Indianapolis. He had slides and a tape of the communications during the incident. Larry said that they were getting ready for their annual drill with the FCC, but it was decided that they "passed" the test and didn't have to go through the drill this year. Larry pointed out to us once again how important it is for preplanning and training.

Our next meeting will be May 31st at the Shadeland V.F.D. at 7:30 p.m. Let's have another great group, and keep district 21 on the move!

Sec. Rich Lofland

## OFFICERS MEETING

Indianapolis Airport Best Western  
February 5th and 6th, 1988

The meeting was called to order by President Swartz after which Chaplain Lantz gave the Invocation followed by the pledge to the flag led by V.P. Lockhart.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Kissell.

President Swartz called for the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. Parish made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Neal seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Guests introduced were Tim Downey, Larry Ketchum and Bob Bentley.

President Swartz gave the assignments for the 1988 Convention to the officers present.

### OFFICER REPORTS

President Swartz in his report stated that he had traveled over 2650 miles attending district meetings and functions as well as being in some of the legislative meetings. He stated that he had recently attended the National Fire Academy for a program on Firefighter Health and Safety.

A letter was read by the President from Bill Windsor, our PR Director in East Central, stating that due to his present work schedule it is necessary that he resign from his office effective February 1st. President Swartz stated that no effort will be made to replace him until the meeting in Michigan City in June. He encouraged the District Chairmen in the area to try and get some nominees for the election.

V.P. Lockhart in his report stated that he had also attended the program at the academy with President Swartz. He commented on

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Date: July 18, 1988

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- Big Parade
- Fish Fry
- Games
- Flea Market
- Drawing
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- 2nd - \$ 50.00
- 3rd - \$ 25.00

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some of the various meetings and functions he had attended since the last meeting.

Secretary Kissell in his report went over the membership print-outs that were handed out.

Jim Dawson, our representative on the Indiana Fire Prevention Code Committee was introduced by President Swartz. Jim spoke on how the new code for adoption by state is being handled and also where our concerns require the most attention.

Recording Secretary Nevil passed.

Chaplain Lantz reported on the traveling he has done attending meetings. He also gave a report on the Memorial Services he had given or been a part of. He also made some comments on legislative concerns from his area on matters that pertain to the firefighter.

Treasurer Stofer stated that the Federal Government still has all of his office books, and he has no idea when they will be returned. He gave his report with the facts and figures available since they took possession of the books.

Sgt.-at-Arms Bush said he did bring some extra supplies with him for the meeting.

Past President Sunday passed as did all other Past Presidents in attendance.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS**

W.C. Michl in his report stated that he had attended all meetings and spoke on some events coming in the districts.

S.W. Davis reported that attendance has been good at the meetings. He reminded all that the deadline for the Mr. I.V.F.A. award is April 1st and May 1st for the Sandburg Award.

N.E. Kinsey said he had been busy. He stated the meetings have been well attended and a lot of interest has been created in the 6th District.

N.W. Howe commented on some memorial services he had attended. He has also been present at the convention meetings and the meeting attendance has improved.

S.E. Richardson spoke briefly on fire schools and reported on some of the meetings held in the districts.

President Swartz introduced Mr. Tim Downey who spoke on the proposed coverage for firefighters under the medical aspect of the Workmen's Compensation Law. He estimated that this coverage would be approximately \$309 per year. He also stated that if and when it does become law that the policy be made in the name of the fire department and not the local governmental entity.

At 5:02 the meeting recessed for dinner to be reconvened at 7:30.

President Swartz called the meeting back to order at 7:28 and said that we would continue with the officer reports.

**DISTRICT REPORTS**

D21, Martin reported that attendance is up and everything has proved to be interesting at this time.

D19, Weigel spoke on the meetings and the deaths in the area. He also questioned a recent ruling concerning the operator of any vehicle over 26001 pounds must have a commercial operator's license. The law

is a national law from the Federal D.O.T. He wondered what impact this would have on all fire departments. A short discussion followed and it was stated that some research would have to be done as to what the intent really is.

D18, Winger thanked the officers for attending the meetings and that attendance has been increasing.

D17B, Zeeks was not here for the report.

D17A, Engle reported things are good in the district and thanked all who attended the recent sausage supper.

D16, Atkins gave a fire school report as well as other activities in the district.

D15, Seitz said that some work has started on the "89" Convention. He gave the fire school report and said that it is progressing very well.

D14, Sellmer commented on the district meetings and said that some problems in the area are being resolved.

D13A, Nullinger said that they have changed from a monthly meeting to a quarterly meeting. He said the fire school is being worked on.

D12, Johnson reported his displeasure on the way he has been reported being absent when he is asked to give the district report.

D11B, Osborne was absent but Larry Ketchum sitting in for him said the attendance has been increasing and the fire schools are being worked on.

D11A, Biggs reported on the deaths in the area as well as some of the activities going on in the area.

D10, Neal spoke on events that are being scheduled for the district.

D9B, Parish reported he has done a lot of traveling attending meetings in the district. Also attendance is improving.

D9A, Sutton thanked the officers that have attended the meetings and also spoke on some events as well as the deaths.

D8B, Daniels was absent.

D8A, Fleener stated the attendance has been about the same and he mentioned a few events that are being scheduled.

D7, Sorg thanked the officers who had attended his meetings and gave a list of scheduled events upcoming.

D6, Mackin reported that attendance has been up. He has also been in contact with several departments that have said they will probably come back to the association.

D5, Straws said he has spent a lot of time trying to get some departments back into the association as well as working on a couple of events in the district.

D4, Ferro gave the report on the recent Miss Flame contest in the district. He has spent a lot of time in trying to improve the attendance at the meetings.

D3, Sabie was absent, however, the report was given by Bob Bentley and he said the convention was falling together. Also several fund raising events have been held and all of them have done well.

D2, Reed was absent for his report.

D1, Esserman gave a listing of the programs that have been set

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**1988 I.F.C.A. Annual Conference is set for July 19-22**

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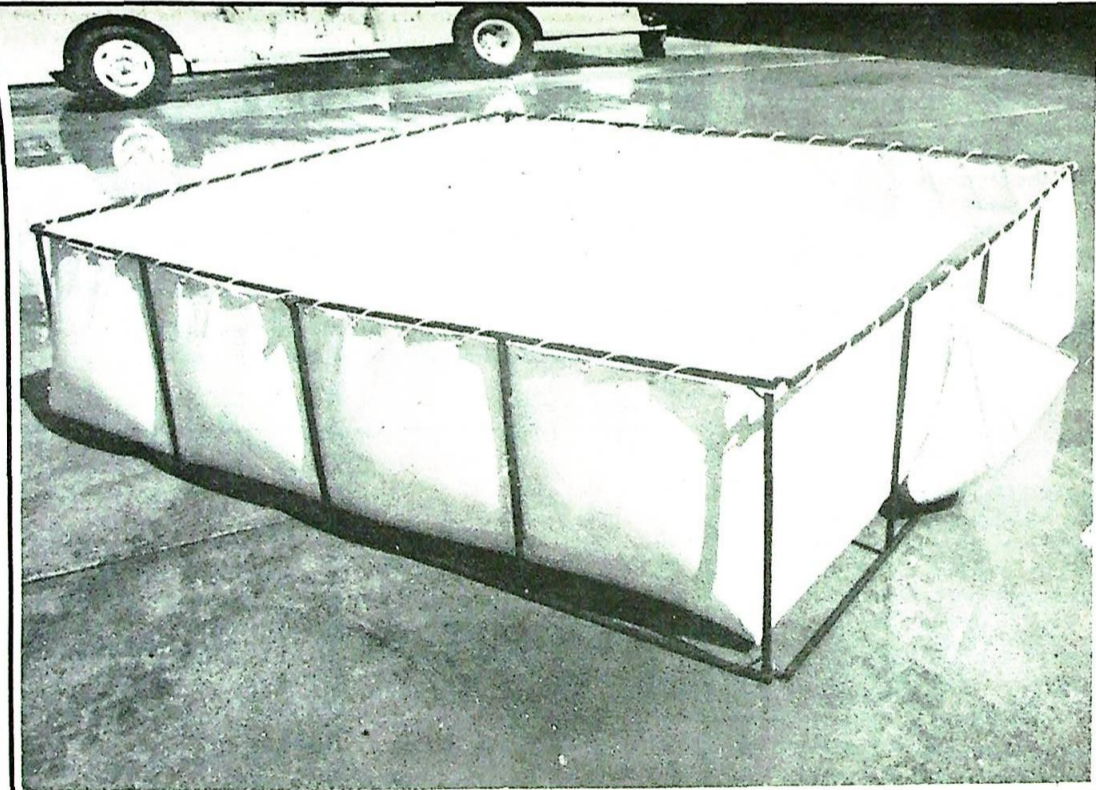
It is with great pleasure that I now can announce the dates for the 1988 I.F.C.A. Annual Conference, and extend my personal invitation to you and your wives to join us in what I hope to be the best Conference yet.

The conference will be held July 19-22, 1988, in the town of Speedway, IN, at the Speedway 500 Motel. The agenda is available and we urge each and every fire chief to join the Indiana Fire Chiefs Association, Inc., and attend the conference.

As you know, there is strength in numbers so let's join forces and make the I.F.C.A. the strongest ever. We are updating our mailing list so let us hear from you. If you are a new Chief or your address has changed please contact us. We also have a booklet designed to assist you in making your transition to chief officer of your department as smooth as possible. It has been designed to assist both Paid and Volunteer Fire Chiefs. And the best part of belonging to the I.F.C.A. is that if the answer to your questions aren't in the book, any one of the officers or members of the association would be happy to help with your problems.

The theme of the conference will be "Your Role as Fire Chief" and I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the conference.

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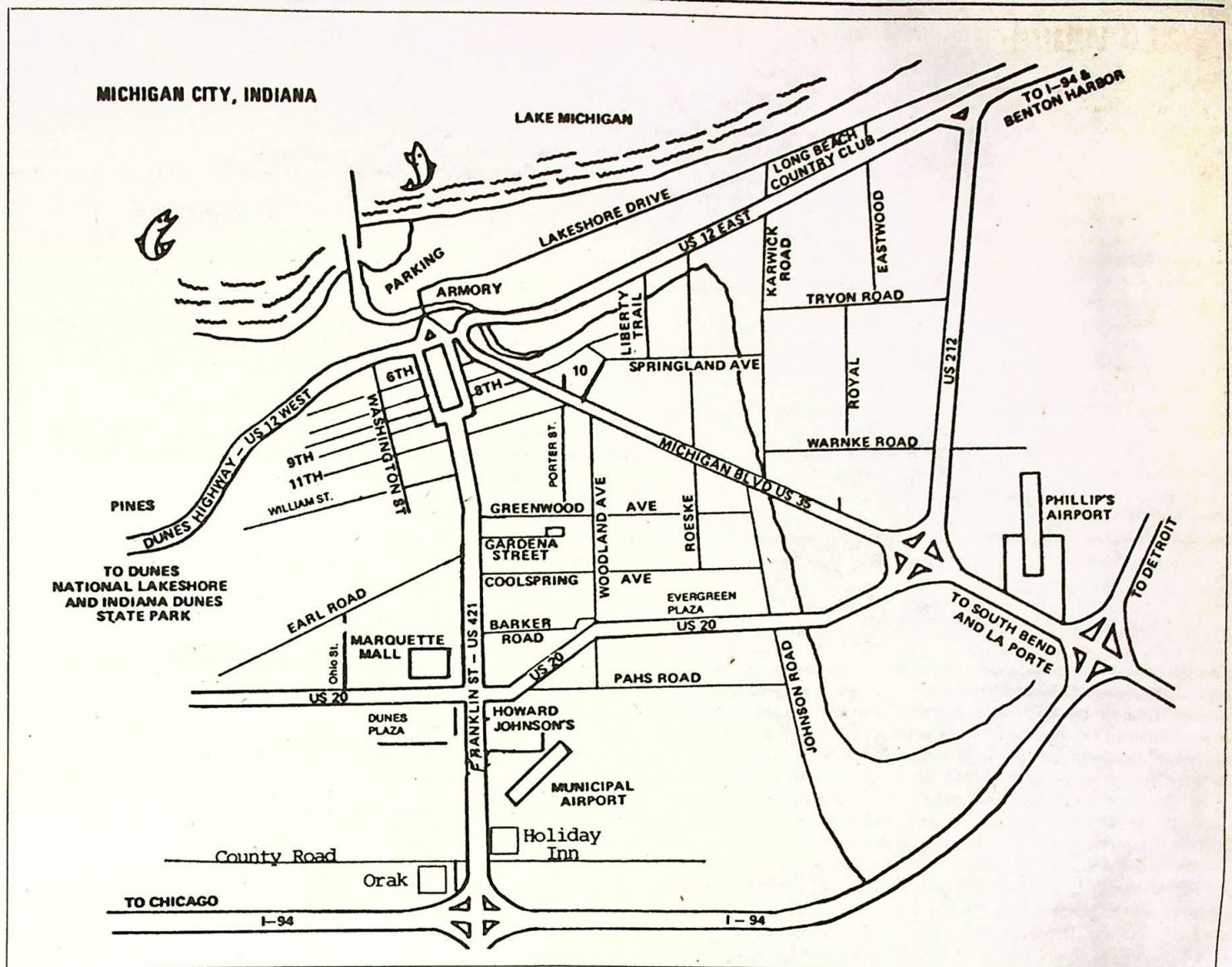
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## Car fire investigation reveals body in trunk

Kentland - Locating the owner of a vehicle found burned with another man's body in the trunk is the next step in an investigation here, according to state police detective William Krueger.

On Jan. 9, Lincoln Township firefighters responded to a report of a car fire in a farm field off Newton County Road 400E north of CR 200N. While extinguishing the fire, officials found a body burned beyond recognition in the trunk of the 1977 Chevrolet.

The car was registered to Joey Higgins, of 2847 County Line Road, Portage. But dental records revealed that the body was not Higgins.

Higgins was reported missing by his wife Jan. 8. He has not been seen or heard from since that date.

Newton County Coroner David Dennis and the state police Friday identified the charred remains of Francis C. Perrin, 19, of Sioux City, Iowa.

The identification was made by state police personnel matching items from the body to articles located in the victim's apartment, Krueger said. The location of the apartment was not revealed.

"At this point we have to find how the vehicle got there and our biggest priority right now is to locate Mr. Higgins," Krueger said Friday night. "The possibilities of what has occurred in this matter are numerous and they all have to be checked out," he said.

Dennis said the identification was made late Friday morning.

"I was notified at about 10:30 a.m. from the state police lab technicians that the identifications had been made," Dennis said Friday night. "The identification was made by matching clothing, personal belongings, and hair samples from the victim with articles from his apartment.

Authorities believe that Perrin either died from asphyxiation or carbon monoxide poisoning, but definite results of what specifically caused Perrin's death are pending from toxicology reports which

should be completed in the next four to five days, Dennis said.

"I think that we can rule out that he died as a result of gunshot wounds or something of that nature," Dennis said.

Dennis added that Perrin was probably alive when he was put into the trunk.

"I don't think he was dead prior to when he was placed in the trunk but the evidence indicates that he was dead before the fire ever touched him."

The investigation has revealed that Perrin last had contact with his father on Saturday, Jan. 9, from a truck stop at I-57 and U.S. 45 south of Kankakee, IL. Personnel there recall a young man

dressed similar to how Perrin was found. Perrin was last seen leaving the truck stop and headed towards I-57 between 8 and 8:30 a.m. Jan. 9.

Krueger said that there are some suspects, but he emphasized that the primary concern is to find Higgins.

"Our next major point is to check with Higgins," he said.

Agencies contributing to the investigation include the Indiana State Police, Newton County Sheriff's Department, Newton County Coroner's office, Sioux City Police Department and the Kankakee Sheriff's Department.

by Kevin Murphy  
—Rensselaer Republican



Investigators believe that the victim found in the trunk of this burning car was dead before the fire ever touched him.

### CONVENTION 1988-1989 - SLATE OF OFFICERS

The nominating committee consisting of Willie Parish, Chairman, Michael Seitz, Donald Weigel, Robert Esserman and Jerry Nulliner met on the 6th of February, 1988, at Indianapolis and the following slate of officers were selected.

- President ..... Lawrence Swartz
- Vice President ..... M.E. "Pete" Lockhart
- Recording Secretary ..... Ivan Nevil
- Secretary ..... Lee Kissell
- Treasurer ..... Harold "Gene" Stofor
- Chaplain ..... Duane Lantz
- Sergeant-at-Arms ..... Bill Bush
- P.R.N.W.I. .... Bill Howe
- P.R.N.E.I. .... William Kinsey
- P.R.W.C.I. .... Toddy Michl
- P.R.E.C.I. .... Larry Jackson
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Nominations will be accepted from the floor for all of the above offices.

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## Bremen volunteers announce festival schedule

We at the Bremen Volunteer Fire Department would like to announce the schedule for our 1988 Bremen Fireman's Festival, featuring Luer's Ideal Rides on the midway every evening.

On Wed., June 29th, our annual parade will kick off the festival at 6:30 p.m. sharp. It will be followed by the ever popular Dixieland Band providing free, exciting musical entertainment, in the arena, until 8:00 p.m., or longer. Afterwards will be the awarding of the trophies to the winning units from the parade.

Our special event for Thurs., June 30th, in the arena, will be announced at a later date.

Our Fri., July 1st, entertainment is the lightweight horse pull starting at 7:30 p.m., in the arena.

On Sat., July 2nd, it will be

kiddies day with reduced ride prices from 1:00 p.m. till 5:00 p.m. on the midway. There will also be kids games, in the arena, with cash and ride ticket prizes, everyone participating in the games will be a winner. Capping off Kiddies day will be the awarding of a brand new bicycle to one lucky winner. At 7:30 p.m., in the arena, we will have the heavyweight horse pull.

Sun., July 3rd, a garden tractor pull, in the arena, will begin at 2:00 p.m. sharp.

On Mon., July 4th, a waterball contest with several area departments participating, will begin at 10:00 a.m. All fire departments are invited to enter. Contact Tony Farrer at AC 219/546-4366 or 219/546-3660 for more information.

Then, a first at the festival will be presented in our arena. Professional Wrestling will start at 7:00 p.m. Some of the toughest professional wrestlers in the business will be here for your entertainment.

And again, one of the finest free fireworks displays in the area will start at 10:30 p.m., sharp. Don't miss this dazzling display.

TOPPING OFF the festival will be the drawing for our super raffle featuring a 13 ft. fishing boat, 9.9 horse power motor and trailer, and a host of fine prizes will be awarded at 10:00 p.m. Raffle tickets are available now from any Bremen Fireman and/or several local merchants.

SEE YOU AT THE FESTIVAL at Sunnyside Park.

## Volunteer pays tribute to "Doc" Howard E. Swihart

Silver Lake is a small town twelve miles south of Warsaw, in Kosciusko County, IN. One man was a member of the town's fire department for over 50 years. That man was Mr. Howard E. Swihart. Howard was born November 22, 1910, and passed away October 2, 1986.

As a member of the Silver Lake Fire Department, I feel that Howard should be honored for his contribution to the Department, as well as to the Town Board. Parts of the following are excerpts taken from an article written by Mr. Ron French, correspondent for the Warsaw Times-Union, July 13, 1982.

One night in June, 1932, the Silver Lake Town Board met to discuss updating the town's volunteer fire department. The next morning when Howard arrived at work, one of the Town Board members informed Howard that he was the truck driver for the Fire Department. That was the beginning of a long career of serving his community and the Fire Department.

Howard was still an active member of the department when he passed away. In 1948 Howard said, "They couldn't get two parties to run, so they scraped the bottom of the barrel and formed what they called the citizen's party... We needed twelve votes for it to be legal, and we just made it over the wire - I got stuck with it." He served on the Town Board for 32 years, and a lot of that time he served as president.

Howard was well known and respected in the County Firemen's Association. He attended the county meetings and was always ready and willing to assist wherever he could. He spent many hours at the Town Hall and Fire Station, making sure the equipment was ready when an emergency call came in. During spring storms or winter storms, he was downtown checking the streets. He was always concerned about the safety of the people in his community.

I feel very fortunate to have known Howard and having the privilege to work with him for over 20 years. Howard was one of a kind. He did the things for the community because he enjoyed helping his neighbors and friends. He could overhaul an engine, and you could see the pleasure and satisfaction in his face when the motor was running at full power again. He was like a doctor with a patient that was well again. In fact, his nickname was "Doc."

Howard liked to recall some of the experiences he had in his 50 years of service to the community. Howard said, "The Silver Lake

Business District has changed some. At one time there were two drug stores, at least three groceries, a couple of hardware stores, a doctor, a theater, and a bakery. There has never been a fire in the downtown buildings. Other parts of the town haven't been so lucky."

He always felt sympathetic for people that had misfortune, and he was always happy when he could assist someone, or if the Fire department could prevent any major losses for someone. He recalls the early department: "It used to be a bell would ring in the station and we'd run to the station to find out where the fire was. At the time we had a 1921 Model T

fire truck without a cab. If there was a fire very far from town, there wasn't anything we could do." Howard helped collect money for a new truck in 1935. He said people donated \$5.00 or \$10.00, or whatever they could afford. "Five or ten dollars was a lot of money back then during the Depression."

He talked of retirement, but felt he could help in some way. He had a vast knowledge of the town and surrounding communities.

Howard received the County Fireman of the Year award in 1968. In 1980, he was presented a plaque and gold badge for his years of service on the Silver Lake

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### TEEN POOL PIZZA PARTY

All teens between the ages of 11 to 18 are invited to the Pool Pizza Party on Friday, June 10, 1988, at the Howard Johnson's.

Hours of party are from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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# Burlington holds annual dinner and awards banquet

Burlington Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Service met for their Annual Dinner and Awards Banquet on Jan. 10.

Special guests included State Fire Marshal, Larry Bosell, I.V.F.A. President Lawrence Swartz, Past I.V.F.A. President and Treasurer Harold Stofer, Past I.V.F.A. President Bill Sunday, and Burlington Township Trustee Marion Huffer.

Richard (Dick) Davis, a member of the department for 42 years was presented the Governor's Award by Larry Bosell. Dick is the official photographer and an ar-

son investigator for the department.

Charles (Tug) Sutton was presented a plaque by Lawrence Swartz for 40 years service. Tug is also President of District 9A and a Department arson investigator.

Marion Huffer, Burlington Township Trustee, was given a Plaque of Appreciation for his un-failing support of the department.

Kenny Rinehart was named E.M.T. of the Year. He has been with the department for nine years as both fireman and E.M.T.

John Adams was named Fireman of the Year. John had done a

great job during the year in Fund Raising and Public Relations.

Businesses supporting the Department were also recognized. They include the following:

Neptune Funeral Home - Jim and Jan Neptune are the night time dispatchers. They man the phone from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. all year long.

Burlington Marathon - David Gilbert and his employees are the dispatchers from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. These men are all firemen and some are E.M.T.'s.

Stan Moore Construction - Stan is the current Deputy Chief of the department. All his employees are firemen. He allows his business to close during working hours if a fire should break out. Both he and his workers respond. They also respond to ambulance runs as drivers and assistants.

B.V.F.D. currently has 32 firemen and 16 E.M.T.'s.

1988 Fire Officers include the following: Chief, John Bogue; Deputy Chief, Stan Moore; Assistant Chief, Bob Dyer; Captain and Secretary, Byron Gilbert; Captain and Treasurer, Kenny Rinehart; Captain, John Adams; Captain, Brad Bray; Lieutenant, Chuck Beck; Lieutenant, Bob Zook; and Sergeant, Doug Atkisson.

1988 E.M.S. Officers are Head Tech, Kenny Rinehart; Assistant Head Tech Steve Popejoy; Secretary, Karyn Bogue; and Quartermaster, Doug Atkisson.



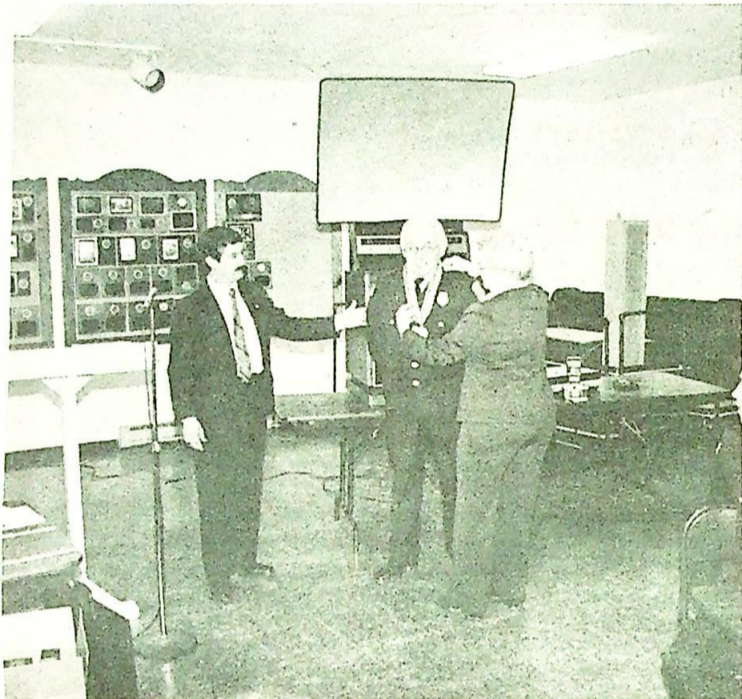
Chief Bogue presents an Appreciation Plaque to Marion Huffer.



Deputy Chief Moore (left) presents "Fireman of the Year" Award to John Adams.



Head Tech Byron Gilbert presents an "E.M.T. of the Year" Plaque to Kenny Rinehart.



Richard Davis receives the Governor's Award from wife, Edna, as State Fire Marshal Larry Bosell looks on.



Chief Bogue presents Business Appreciation Awards to (left to right) Stan Moore of Moore's Construction, David Gilbert of Burlington Marathon and Jan and Jim Neptune of Neptune Funeral Home.

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Fire Department. In 1982, he was honored by the County Firemen's Association for 50 years of service.

He didn't charge the town or township for the labor when he worked on the equipment. He made this comment: "Sometimes you get into a rut and you wonder if they appreciate what you're doing." Howard reflects, "That's worth more than money, their respect."

Howard is survived by his widow, Mrs. Beulah (Leininger) Swihart. When Mrs. Swihart talks about Howard, it is with respect. They were married New Year's Eve, 1935, and she said they had a good marriage, and Howard was a kind and good man.

Howard Swihart was a man who did so much for all of us and his endless efforts made our lives easier and safer.

—Charles Ed Slone  
Sec., Silver Lake Fire Dept.

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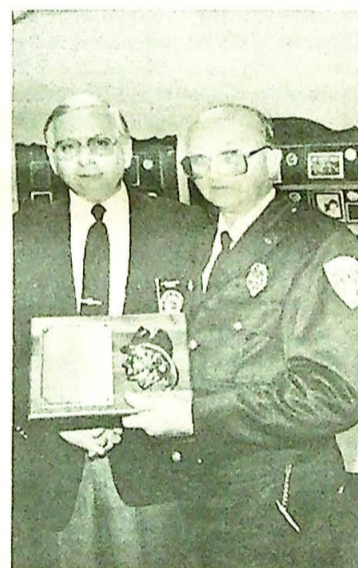
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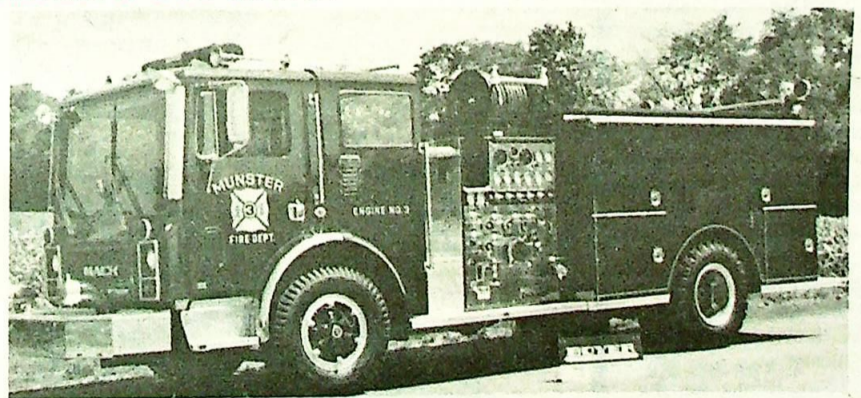
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## German Township department sponsors workshop

The age-old problems of recruiting, training and maintaining volunteer firefighters were addressed at a workshop sponsored by the German Township Fire Department (Evansville, IN) on January 23 and 24, 1988. The instruction was presented by Jack W. Snook and Dan C. Olsen, noted leaders in this field. The workshop, appropriately titled *Recruiting, Training and Maintaining Volunteer Firefighters*, was held in the newly constructed wing of Resurrection School.

Of the 33,000 fire departments across the country, 27,000 are all-volunteer. Under 1,000 are all-paid fire departments, and the remaining are combination fire

departments. Snook and Olsen have worked with 12,000 to 14,000 of the all-volunteer or combination departments helping solve problems with recruitment of members, training, management, funding, staffing and maintaining current membership on a limited budget. Their approach is fresh and informative. Both Snook and Olsen have "real" volunteer fire service experience which gives them the edge in understanding problems unique to volunteer fire departments.

Although the turn out for this widely publicized program was not as high as we hoped, everyone that attended left with new usefu' ideas on how to combat everyday

problems that volunteer fire departments face: problems that left unchecked can hinder the providing of optimum quality service to your residents.

This program and others instructed by Snook and Olsen or other members of the Management Development Institute are scheduled to be repeated in Indiana again. German Township Fire Department recommends that you attend one of these workshops when they are offered. Don't miss the opportunity to learn how to solve that problem you may be having in your department.



German Township recently sponsored a workshop in Evansville to help solve recruitment, training and maintenance problems.

## McCulloch VFD buys new pumper

In an effort to better serve its public, the McCulloch Volunteer Fire Department has purchased a new pumper for its Allison Lane station.

Chief David Pulliam said the \$103,000 truck will replace a 1962-model pumper which had become costly to repair. The new pumper also has some additional capabilities which will enable the firefighters to do their jobs even better.

Pulliam said the new engine has a carrying capacity of 1,000 gallons of water and has a pumping capacity of 1,250 gallons per minute from a hydrant. He said both figures are greater than what the older truck offered.

"Obviously we've increased our pumping capability," said Pulliam.

He said that at this time the new pumper has about 2,200 feet of hose on board and could carry more if necessary.

According to Pulliam, the department made a downpayment of \$20,500 from its operating budget and saved money for two years in anticipation of the need for a new truck. He said the

township will pay the remainder of the balance in installments. Pulliam said that at last word the payments would be made over a five-year period.

Pulliam said of the older truck, "It needed to be replaced. It's like a family car; after a while it's served its purpose and you have to move on."

The chief said the new truck arrived before Christmas and was put into service during the holidays. He said there is approximately \$25,000 of equipment which is needed for the fire engine and until it all comes in, some equipment from another truck is being used. "We do not have all the equipment in yet," said Pulliam.

The new truck is expected to have a fairly long life span with the department, said Pulliam. "I would say 20 years is what we would expect to get out of it," he said.

Pulliam said, "We're just happy to have it and we think it will help us provide the best possible fire protection at the lowest possible price."

## The Firemen and Auxiliary members of the Poe Volunteer Fire Department are proud to announce the 50th Annual Poe Fireman's Festival

Friday - August 26

Saturday - August 27

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## From your Chairman of the Board - Barry Winger

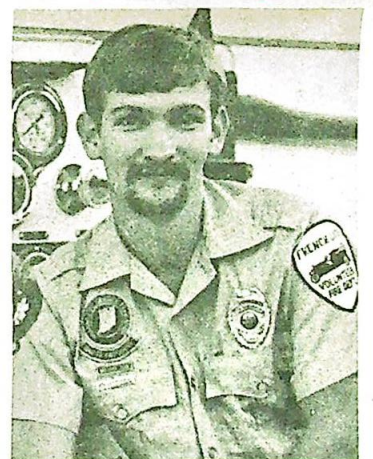
Greetings Fellow Firefighters,

With convention fast approaching, try to make plans to have your department represented in Michigan City on June 9, 10 and 11. Wouldn't it be nice to have a full delegate slate from every department who is a member of the I.V.F.A. Come and make your feelings known, you people are the I.V.F.A.

The Workmen's Compensation Bill has passed the House and the Senate, and has been signed by the Governor. This will take effect July 1. This bill gives you firefighters unlimited medical coverage on emergency runs. You

will be receiving a mailing in the next few weeks regarding changes, be sure and contact your insurance companies regarding this change in the law. We have fought long and hard for coverage of this manner, now let's make it work by being responsible for ourselves and see that the proper changes are made in our own departments. The Volunteer Fire Service must learn to be responsible for itself. If we do not learn to take care of ourselves, no one will do it for us.

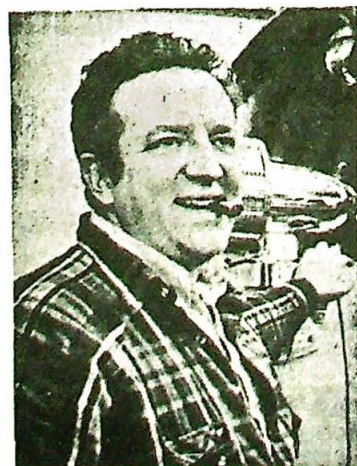
Looking forward to seeing you in Michigan City. Come and have a great time.



## Lapel names Bourke outstanding fireman

Lapel - Volunteer firefighter Kenneth Bourke of Lapel faces fires, horrible accident scenes and the aftermath of teenage suicides for one reason: He wants to serve the public.

Bourke's dedication to Lapel and its volunteer fire department made him one of two men named Outstanding Fireman for 1987.



Lapel volunteer firefighter Kenneth Bourke was one of two receiving honors for 1987.

Awards were presented at the unit's February meeting. The other recipient, 30-year veteran Dale Brinker, is on an extended vacation and has not received his award.

When Bourke started as a volunteer firefighter in 1971, he admits he had no idea what he was getting himself into. Drunk driving accidents and teen-age suicides are the things that trouble him the most.

"A teen-age suicide is a waste of a young life," Bourke said. "I'm all right until it's all over. Then you ask yourself, 'What could I have done?'" Bourke has spent many sleepless nights tossing and turning after a suicide run.

Bourke was particularly saddened by a fire he was called to July 5, 1975, at Casscadden Brothers Supermarket in Lapel. It happened to be his father's business of 35 years. Bourke was the first to arrive at the scene, but nothing could be done to save the building.

"I had worked there from sixth-grade on through high school. It was like losing one of

your own family members," said Bourke.

Bourke is serving as secretary-treasurer for the Lapel Fire Department, a job which tends to leave him bogged down with mounds of paperwork. Never complaining, he spends several hours during the week and on weekends fulfilling his duties.

Fire Chief Jim Bauer commends Bourke for the extra time he contributes to his 25-person department. He says his job as fire chief goes a lot smoother with Bourke around.

"If it wasn't for Kenny, I would be snowed under. He makes it a lot easier for everyone," Bauer said.

Even with his tight schedule, this 23-year Delco Remy employee still finds time for additional community work. He is secretary-treasurer for Mutual Aid of Madison County. This closely knit group, which includes the Anderson Fire Department, area volunteer fire departments, Madison County Police Department, AID and EMAS ambulance services

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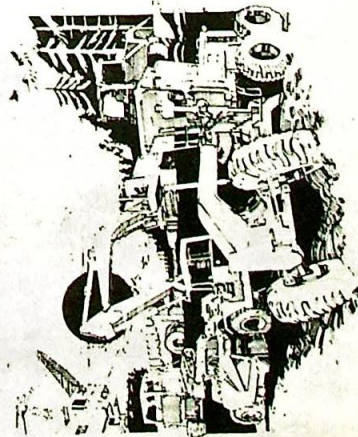
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2 FOLLOWS: Sec. 10. (a) A volunteer firefighter or an  
3 emergency medical technician working in a volunteer  
4 capacity for a volunteer fire company is not covered by the  
5 medical treatment provisions of the Indiana Workmen's  
6 Compensation Act of 1929 (IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-6) ~~or by~~  
7 and the Indiana Workmen's Occupational Diseases Act  
8 (IC 22-3-7).  
9 (b) If compensability of the injury is an issue, the  
10 administrative procedures of IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-6  
11 and IC 22-3-7 shall be used to determine the issue.

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Important: Instructions for completing this application can be found in the Indiana Workers Compensation Insurance Plan—Information and Procedures—Handbook. This Handbook is available from the Indiana Compensation Rating Bureau.

The undersigned employer hereby applies for workers compensation insurance in Indiana and expressly represents that such insurance is sought in good faith.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION EFFECTIVE 12:01 A.M. (DATE) 7-1-88
1. NAME OF EMPLOYER (Phone)
2. MAILING ADDRESS (Street) (City) (County) (State) (Zip)
3. PRINCIPAL LOCATION (Street) (City) (County) (State) (Zip)
4. OTHER INDIANA LOCATIONS (Street) (City) (County) (State) (Zip)
5. PAYROLL OFFICE ADDRESS (Street) (City) (County) (State) (Zip)
6. LEGAL STATUS Partnership Corporation Other (explain):
7. Has there been a name change during the past three years? Yes No. If yes, give previous name and date of change:
8. Are there operations in states other than Indiana? Yes No. Complete the following: (If self-insured or uninsured, indicate under Insurance Carrier)
State Location Insurance Carrier

NO
II. INSURANCE RECORD
1. Has there been previous workers compensation insurance coverage in Indiana? Yes No.
If "No," complete: New Business Self-insured Other (explain):
2. Insurance Record—Three Previous Years:
State Insurance Company Policy Period: From To Premiums
3. Are you in debt to any broker, agent or insurance company for any unpaid premiums for workers compensation coverage? Yes No.
If "Yes," explain:

III. INSURANCE COMPANIES WHO HAVE REFUSED INSURANCE (MUST LIST 3 INSURANCE CO'S)
List below name and representative of insurance companies who have refused coverage in the past sixty days. The representative named must be a full-time employee of the insurance company.
Table with columns: Insurance Company, Name of Representative, Date of Rejection
1. Grange Mutual Casualty, Rod Stapleton, 3-15-88
2. Statesman, Mike Hartley, 3-15-88
3. USF & G, Bill Kaiser, 3-15-88

IV. CORPORATE OFFICERS, SOLE PROPRIETORS OR PARTNERS
List below name, title, duties and approximate annual salary of officers. (Attach page if additional space is needed).
Table with columns: Name, Title, Duties, Approximate Annual Salary

- 1. If a corporation, the executive officers' payroll must be included in the premium calculations in Section VIII of the applications. Executive officers of a corporation are automatically covered under the Workers Compensation and Occupational Diseases Laws. The executive officers' payroll is subject to the payroll limitation found in the Miscellaneous Values Table located in the Indiana rate pages.
2. If a partnership or proprietorship, have the partners or proprietors elected coverage? Yes No. If yes, attach to this application in duplicate, a completed Notice For Workman's Compensation and Occupational Diseases Coverage (State Form 3609779). Partners and sole proprietors are not automatically covered under the Law. If they desire to be covered, then an election of coverage form has to be completed and filed in accordance with instructions found on Page X-1 of the Indiana Agents' Handbook. The payroll for partners or sole proprietors is not to be included in the premium calculations unless they have chosen to be covered under the policy.
3. Has the partner's or sole proprietor's payroll been included in determining the estimated annual premium? Yes No. If any partners or sole proprietors are to be covered under the policy, then this question should be answered "Yes." In this case, procedures pertaining to Section VIII on this application must be followed. These procedures are to be found on Pages P-7 and X-1 in the Indiana Agents' Handbook.
4. Is the premium financed? Yes No. If yes, attach a signed copy of the finance agreement. The procedures to follow when a premium or deposit is being financed are to be found on Page X-3 of the Indiana Agents' Handbook.

V. APPLICANT'S STATEMENT
The undersigned employer (sole proprietor, partner, or executive officer) hereby certifies that he has read and understands the statement in this application. Furthermore, in consideration of the issuance of the policy of insurance, he also certifies that the statements in this application are true and agrees:
1. To maintain a complete record of all payroll transactions in such form as the insurance company may reasonably require and that such record will be available to the company at the designated address.
2. To comply substantially with all laws, orders, rules and regulations in force and effect made by the public authorities relating to the welfare health and safety of employees.
3. To comply with all reasonable recommendations made by the insurance company relating to the welfare, health and safety of employees.
The undersigned employer also certifies he has had no difficulties with any agent or company in regard to: (a) payroll records; (b) the amount of premium charges; (c) the payment of premium; (d) the carrying out of any recommendation made for the purpose of safeguarding your employees; (e) the handling of any claim or accident report except the following: None
This insurance is being afforded through the Indiana Workers Compensation Insurance Plan and not through the private market.

Employer Name and Title Date Signature

VI. AGENCY AND PRODUCER
Agency Name T. R. Downey Ins., Inc. Phone No. 1-800-382-8835
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Producer Agency Name Signature Date
Producer's Fed. Emp. I.D. No./Soc. Sec. No. 35-1171996

**VII. PREMIUM PAYMENT**

Enclose certified check, cashier's check, or postal money order. Coverage will not be bound without payment of deposit premium. Enclosed is Check No. .... made payable to the INDIANA COMPENSATION RATING BUREAU in the amount of \$.....

**VIII. LOCATIONS, CLASSIFICATIONS AND PAYROLL IN INDIANA**

**1. General Description of Operations**

Volunteer Fire Department

**2. Calculation of Estimated Annual Premium:**

Describe by location the duties of employees or classification.	Class Code	Number of Employees	TOTAL PAYROLL BASIS		
			Total Payroll	Rate	Premium
Firefighters— Medical Only	7699	Less Than 90	X\$300 per member	80¢	Min. Prem. \$220.00
		More Than 90			
Total Premium					220.00
Experience Modification (If Applicable)					NIL
Standard Premium					220.00
					xxxxxxxxxxx
					xxxxxxxxxxx
Plus Expense Constant					NIL
Total Estimated Annual Premium					220.00
Percentage of Annual Estimated Premium used to determine Deposit Premium					
Deposit Premium					\$220.00 M.P.

3. Deposit Premium: Procedure to follow in determining the proper premium and audit basis are printed below. Failure to follow the deposit premium rule correctly may cause the Bureau to refuse to issue a binding of coverage form which would result in no coverage for the employer.

4. Deposit Premium—Based on the deposit premium rule, the following method of premium payment has been selected:  
 Annually—100%       Semiannually—75%       Quarterly—50%       Monthly—25%

**Deposit Premium:** This is determined by taking a percentage of the annual premium. This percentage varies with the amount of the estimated annual premium. Here is how it works:

Estimated Annual Premium	Audit Basis	Minimum Deposit Percentage	Additional Payments During Year
Under \$2,000	Annual	100% of annual	None
At least \$2,000	Semiannual	75% of annual	One
At least \$5,000	Quarterly	50% of annual	Three
At least \$25,000	Monthly	25% of annual	Eleven

This table shows the audit basis available which will produce the smallest deposit permitted. However, an employer may select any audit basis available to a smaller employer. For example, any employer may pay the estimated annual premium as a deposit. However, to select any audit basis, the employer must have an estimated annual premium of at least \$5,000. An employer with a \$40,000 estimate may select annual, semiannual, quarterly, or monthly.

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## Accidents can be prevented with care

Webster's Dictionary defines safety as: SAFETY: A being safe; security; any of certain device for preventing accident. ACCIDENT: A happening that is not expected, foreseen or intended, an unfortunate occurrence.

As a volunteer fireman, safety should be in the mind of a fireman when he gets up until he goes to bed. When called out at night, a volunteer should be especially careful. If he is not fully aware of the surroundings, he is susceptible to an accident. Training is a form of learning from experience.

During the past year, there have been several accidents in the fire service that might have been prevented. In the State of Michigan, three volunteer firefighters were killed in a training exercise that might have been prevented if safety had been more intent.

In the State of Indiana, there is a N.F.P.A. 1403 that pertains to the burning in the state. Every fire department in the State of Indiana should have a copy in its fire department. A fire truck should always be driven in a safe manner at all times. Stop signs and signals should be respected at all times in case someone doesn't stop, even when you are running Signal 10 with red lights and full siren. Somewhere and at sometime, someone will run a light or sign and be involved in an accident (unforeseen accident.) When driving a fire truck, one should be careful that the riders on the rear of the truck are being considered at all times. Firefighters should not ride on the rear of a fire truck if there is no safety harness or belts to be fastened around them. Lots of riders are thrown from

trucks at corners or at an accident. In a recent article in the paper, a firefighter was killed when a fire truck went to pass the vehicle and the truck ran off the side of the road and then crossed the road and the fire truck overturned. One firefighter was killed and the other was in fair condition. When these men left the station going to this car fire, they were probably thinking about getting to the fire and were also probably thinking safety. An accident just happened, the left front wheel dropped off the road and the driver lost control.

Safety in all of the above accidents was being exercised to a certain extent.

God gives us life. Accidents sometimes take away life.

-Willie M. Parish



District 10 Firefighters and Auxillary of the I.V.F.A. met together in November to share a meal and crown our Miss Flame. Participants in this year's competition were (l-r) Runner-up Paula Roller from Sugar Creek Township, our 1988 Miss Flame Lisa Cooper from Bunker Hill, the 1987 Miss Flame from St. Paul, Dawn Lemmons, Kimberly Sue Winters from Warren Township and from Waldron, Sandra Stagge.

## News from District #10



Warren Township firefighter William F. Sewell was honored February 22nd in a ceremony at his department meeting. (L-r) District 10 Chairman Bruce Neal, I.V.F.A. President, Lawrence Swartz and Warren Township Chief George Battles were on hand to honor the 50-year member with a gold membership card. Sewell is still very active on the department.

## Michiana Shores Jrs. reorganize

The Michiana Shores Vol. Fire Department Junior Members were reorganized in October, 1987, with 5 members. Since then they have had a Christmas basket drive for 5 families and a Chili Dinner in February.

Their future plans include holding a car wash and adopting a grandparent from one of the local nursing homes.

They have eleven members to date and nine of them have received their C.P.R. Certification through the Red Cross.

They have their own set of by-laws and their own checking account with a general and personal account.

Chief is Watt Smyers, Assistant Chief is Matt Braniger and Sec.-Treasurer is Jenny Harder

## Detector saves two

Clark County - A Monroe Township family is staying with relatives after their trailer on Bartle Knob Road caught fire this morning, authorities say.

Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Protection District Chief Willie Stoffregen said because of a sounding smoke detector, the mobile home of William and Margaret Dodd incurred minimum smoke and fire damage.

Stoffregen also credits the alarm with saving the lives of Mrs. Dodd and her daughter, who were at home when the blaze broke out.

"Chalk one up for the smoke detector," Stoffregen said.

William Dodd and his son were not at home when the fire broke out at about 4 this morning.

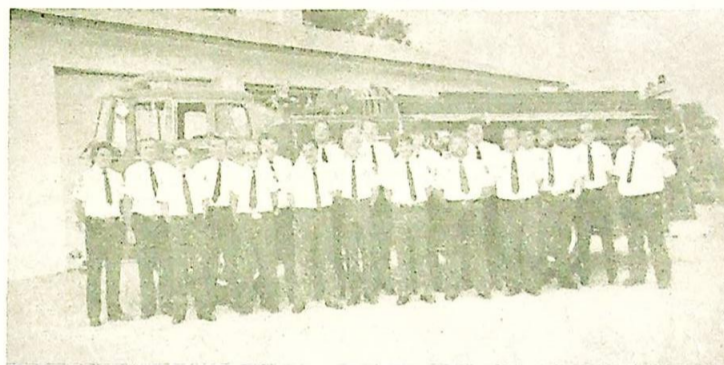
Stoffregen said flames were coming out of the windows, but never broke through the roof or walls. The living room and kitchen incurred the most fire damage, he said.

There were no injuries and Stoffregen said the Dodd family is staying with relatives.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

It took about 30 minutes for the Monroe Township volunteers, eight Sellersburg volunteers and three Underwood volunteers to extinguish the fire.

by Margaret Abby  
-The Evening News  
Jeffersonville  
1/16/88



It is very seldom that all of Farmland Fire Department's members are together. But at the chief's request they all turned out for this group picture. From left to right are Monte Wright, Steve Cleuenger, Dave Bertram, Roy Ludwig, Bill Savage, Mike Osgood, Danny Redmond, Troy Williamson, Joey Sunday, Butch Savage, Jeff Cleuenger, Glenn Main, Chief Billy Sunday, Tony Clark, Bill Redmond, Dave Gibson, Kirk Morris, Bill Klisavage, Rick Brown. Not pictured are Jack Bunner, Scott Bunner, Mike Manor, and Jerry Herndon.

## Farmland department keeps busy



Fire Prevention Day - Farmland style! "The Dance", the biggest event of the day was given a good look-over by State Fire Marshal, Larry Bosell (lower right corner). Kids of all ages turned out for the music and videos.

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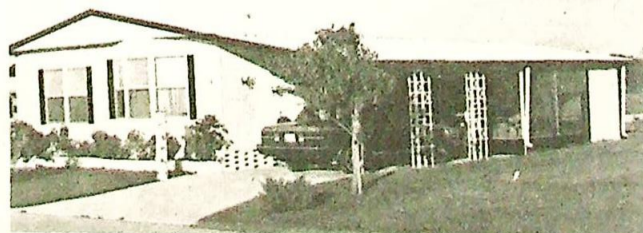
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for the meetings for the next few months.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Awards:** V.P. Lockhart said that only one letter has been received for the Sandburg Award. He also spoke briefly on the Mid West Awards.

**Editor:** Bob Laney expressed his pleasure on being here and he said the paper is in the mail. He asked if we were due for a change in the format of the paper. A short discussion followed with no decision being made.

**Resolutions:** Davis said that due to no resolutions before the committee, no meeting was held. However, he was handed some before the meeting tonight.

**Membership:** Bruns discussed work that was being done with the cooperation of the Secretary. He felt that it was beneficial already. A packet which was put together by Parish was shown and discussed. They are to be used by the chairman in a presentation explaining the benefits of our association. After a short discussion a motion was made by Engle that these packets be made available to all District Chairmen. Esserman seconded the motion and it carried by voice vote.

**Bridgeport:** Sunday said all mailings have been made to the high school systems in the state. Over 350 were sent. He spoke briefly on a new approach for processing the applications that is under consideration. Also no payments have been made under the death benefit fund as of this date.

**Safety:** Parish said that he is now working on the article for the next issue of the paper.

**Public Education:** Parker said that the next public service announcement will be on the E.D.I.T.H. drill. Several topics are being explored for future tapes. It was stated that the announcements are being sent to all radio stations.

**Ad Taker:** Ford was absent but President Swartz gave the report for him. There are 26 ads in this issue of the paper. A question was asked concerning the space for District 11B. A short discussion followed after which Winger made a motion that they not be charged for the space. Weigel seconded the motion and it carried by voice vote.

A letter was read from an advertiser in the paper in which he requested the mailing list from the Secretary's office of the association. A short discussion followed after which V.P. Lockhart made a motion that the list not be made available. Parish seconded the motion and it carried by voice vote.

**E.M.S.:** Nevil stated that the most emphasis at the present is being directed towards the certification of rotary and fixed wing aircraft for the transportation of the sick and injured.

**Fire School:** V.P. Lockhart said that all insurance forms for fire schools be sent to President Swartz for processing for the next three weeks.

**Editor's assistant:** Howe passed out extra copies of the paper and commented that we need to do a better job of getting information to the paper.

**Convention "88":** Chairman Myers said things are going well. The Howard Johnson is full and the Miss Flame contestants are to be housed at the Knights Inn.

**Clothing:** Reed had no report.

President Swartz read parts of the letter that had been sent to Mr. Ben Moore of Farm Bureau further explaining our position on their proposed award program. He said that he had invited Mr. Moore to be at the meeting on Sunday between 10 AM and 11 AM to speak to the officers.

At 9:26 PM the meeting was recessed until 9 AM the next day in the same room.

The meeting was reconvened on 2-7-88 at 9:04 AM by President Swartz. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Lantz. After the Invocation it was stated that we would continue with the committee reports.

**Past Presidents:** All in attendance passed.

**D2, Reed** in his report said that the attendance has been good at the meetings.

**D8B, Daniels** was absent but Sunday stated he has been very busy with meetings and functions.

**D17B, Zeeks** was absent.

**Convention "89":** no report.

**Personnel and Standards:** Kinsey said the 24 mandatory training law has been creating a lot of questions. The 1st Class guidelines are about ready to go, and he then opened the door for any questions and several questions were asked about the new 24 hour law and how it will affect a department.

**Mr. I.V.F.A.:** Davis asked for more letters to be sent.

**Insurance and Legislation:** Stofer spoke on what effect the passage of the Workman's Compensation law will have on a firefighter injured at a fire. He also addressed the problems that some departments are going to have when the State Board of Accounts requires an audit of their books.

A 10 minute recess was taken so President Swartz and Secretary Kissell could speak to the Auxiliary concerning a computer.

After the meeting was called to order it was stated that the next officers meeting will be held on April 30th and May 1st. A motion was made by Winger that the meeting be held in the central part of the state. Atkins seconded the motion. On a point of order the motion and second was withdrawn as it is the option of the President to set the time and place for the meetings.

**National Volunteer Fire Council:** Lamb stated that no meeting has been held since the last report. He did report that he has been asked to serve on a study group dealing with Wildland Fires. He also spoke on the S.A.R.A. program and what impact it will have on the fire service.

#### OLD BUSINESS

No old business was transacted.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Winger requested that the Mid West Awards be deleted from the convention agenda and that it be taken care of strictly on the district level. A short discussion followed but nothing was decided as it was felt that Mid West should be contacted for their thoughts on the issue.

President Swartz spoke briefly on the article in our paper from Wea Township and their situation.

Sgt.-at-Arms Bush requested that if an officer needs supplies to please order them prior to the meeting.

#### GOOD OF THE ORDER

President Swartz reminded all of the Leadership School coming soon and he also read a letter from the Ft. Wayne Fire Department inviting the association to have the 1990 Convention in Fort Wayne.

At 11:28 AM a motion was made by Howe to adjourn. Engle seconded the motion and it carried by voice vote.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman Winger called the meeting to order and asked for the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. Sellmer made a motion to delete the reading of the minutes. Engle seconded the motion and the motion carried by voice vote.

Chairman Winger had as the first item on the agenda an inventory of material and property of the association. During the discussion it was stated that Wayne Township, Marion County had offered space to house the inventories. Davis made a motion that we accept their offer for storage of the inventory which would enable the Board of Directors to keep better records. Esserman seconded the motion and it carried by voice vote. Chairman Winger requested that each officer bring a list of all IVFA owned equipment to the next meeting excluding the district chairman case.

The next item was a request from Wea Township asking for any monetary donations to help them in their legal situation that they are presently involved in. Bill Howe made a motion that we as an association do not offer any financial help. V.P. Lockhart seconded the motion. After a short discussion on the problem the motion passed by voice vote.

A letter from a firefighter was read in which she asked if the association would contribute to her financially in her quest for the Mrs. America title. Neal made a motion that we do not as an association offer any financial support. Selmer seconded the motion and it carried by voice vote.

It was noted that if the packets for use by the District Chairman were to be put together, money would need to be voted on as well as what fund it was to come from. Sellmer made a motion that we allow \$200 for the packets and the money be taken from the printing fund. Engle seconded the motion and it carried by voice vote.

Secretary Kissell requested money for the purchase of a postal scale in his office. He is of the opinion that it will save money after it is put to use. After a short discussion Fleener made a motion that he be

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## PUBLIC RELATIONS WEST CENTRAL



L. J. (TODDY) MICHL

Hi everyone:

Spring is here and warmer weather is on the way. We might get another snow yet but it shouldn't stay too long. Now we have to worry about grass fires in this dry windy weather. Some people just don't understand what Volunteer firemen go through just because of someone's carelessness.

Been getting to District meetings and have been surprised to see the good turnout at some.

District 21 met at Sheffield and had 60 some men and women attending. Had a good program from Wayne Twp. Fire Dept. on the Ramada Inn disaster. Attended 11B, 11A and District 12. District 11B had a good turnout too. They had films and slides on how to extricate a pilot from a downed plane and how to put the fire out if the plane is burning.

District 11A had a gentleman from Conrail show what to do and what not to do on a train derailment with toxic chemicals present. This was an informative presentation.

District 12 had a video on Old American Fire Fighting Equipment.

Now is the time to think about your dues for 88 and 89 if you want to qualify for the Bridgeport Scholarship fund. The sooner you get your dues in the safer you will be.

It's getting close to convention time so if you are planning to go, get your reservations and registration in early to help the convention committee. It always helps to know how many will be there for the banquet, games, and so on. See you at your next District meeting.

## Officers attend pilot training program

Indianapolis - A 57 man contingent of Hoosier fire service officers led by Indiana State Fire Marshal, Larry Bosell, attended a pilot training program on Firefighter Health and Safety: Program Implementation and Management at the National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, MD, January 30 and 31, 1988.

"Officials of the National Fire Academy were delighted at the outstanding cross section of the Indiana fire service who attended the course. The group, drawn from organizations statewide, included chiefs, firefighters, trainers, and fire association and union officials. Their response was overwhelmingly positive," said Bosell.

"This is the first time we were invited by the National Fire Academy to attend this type of program, and we're delighted to have had the opportunity. The health and safety issues addressed, such as firefighter physical fitness and health and emergency medical aid and AIDS, will be with us throughout the 1990s," Bosell emphasized.

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## Acton VFD holds annual dinner and installation

On January 9, the Acton Volunteer Fire Department held its annual dinner and installation of officers at the Arlington Elementary School. Over 100 guests and members were served a very delicious meal by Malone's Catering Service.

The officers installed for 1988 by Marion County Sheriff Joseph McAtee are as follows: Chief, Jim Parker; Assistant chiefs, Tom Payne and Bill Rector; Captains, Cindy Payne and Randy Young; Lieutenants, Dick Neibert and Steve Cooper; President, Dennis Slinkard; Vice President, Mary Rector; Secretary, Nancy Boaz; Treasurer, Milburn Thomas; Board of Directors, Kenny Shafer, Wayne Stantz, Bob Boaz, Bill Rector and Larry Clines; Fire Training Officer, Dennis Slinkard; and First Aid Training Officer, Tom Payne.

The department was also celebrating its 40th year anniversary with the first president, Dick Bates, present. Marvin Kolp, another 40-year member, was present also. The department was started in April of 1948 with a used G.M.C. fire truck costing \$350.00, with funds donated by the men of the department. The department now has two pumpers, two tankers, squad, ambulance, and a grass truck. After March we will be replacing our 1965 pumper

with a new one. This will make all of our equipment, except the ambulance, painted lime green instead of red.

Juanita Burkman baked a beautiful cake, decorated with fire trucks and the numerals 40 on top of the cake, for the special occasion.

Indiana State Fire Marshal, Larry Bosell, recognized Milburn Thomas for his dedicated years in the Volunteer Fire Service by presenting him with the Meritorious Service Award. Milburn's wife, Vivian, assisted the Fire Marshal by draping the ribbon and medallion on Milburn.

Other awards presented by

the department was a 15-year service award to Wayne Stantz and a 30-year service award to Milburn Thomas. Honorary membership was awarded to Bill Carman and Kevin Mattingly. Connie Swails of Midwest Fire and Safety was presented a plaque in appreciation for his dedicated service to the fire departments throughout the state of Indiana.

Entertainment was provided by Steve Jeffris, a member of the Acton Fire Department.

The department was kept busy in 1987 with 159 fire runs and 173 ambulance runs. This was an increase of 45 runs over the last year.



Vivian and Milburn Thomas

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### PUBLIC RELATIONS SOUTHEAST



**ROY E. RICHARDSON**

Well down South I thought Spring was here, but when I got up today there was a couple of inches of snow on the ground. At least it will stop all the field fires we have been having.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Robert L. Millimon, Safety and Security Director for the Muscatatuck State Development Center Volunteer Fire Department at Butlerville, Indiana, for inviting me to talk to their department about the I.V.F.A. They have a fine group of firefighters. The I.V.F.A. welcomes them to join the I.V.F.A.

We appreciate the Hanover Volunteer Fire Department for agreeing to host the 14th District Fire School this year. No date has been set.

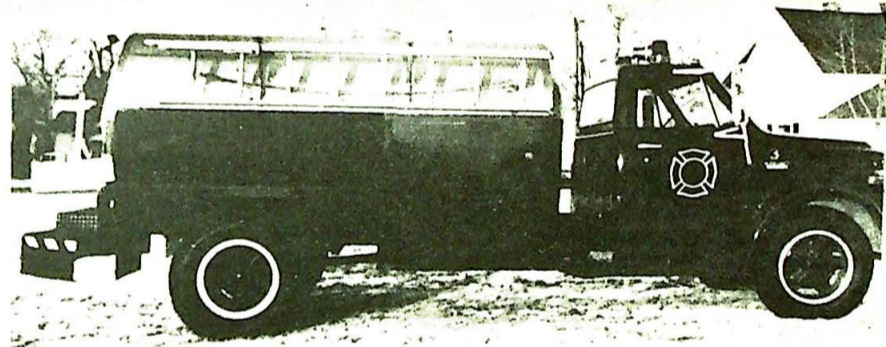
The 16th District Chairman, Carl Adkins, has had a heart attack but he is at home now recuperating.

I attended the 14th, 16th and 19th District meeting this quarter. Thanks to President Lawrence Swartz and two of his firemen for coming to our 14th District meeting at McCulloch Station 2 in Jeffersonville.

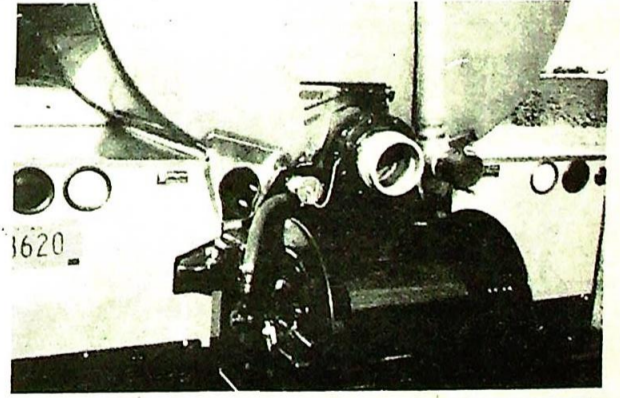
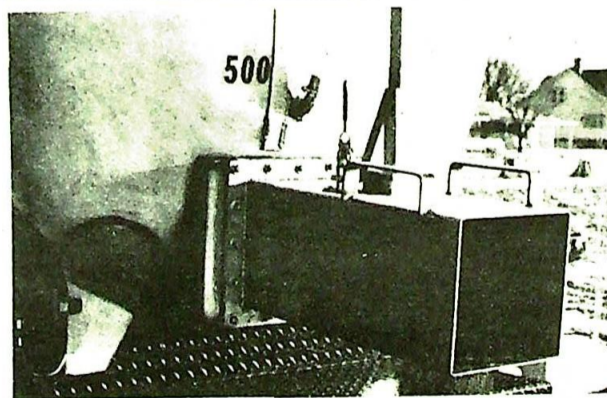
Thanks to Lee Kissell for the great job he is doing.

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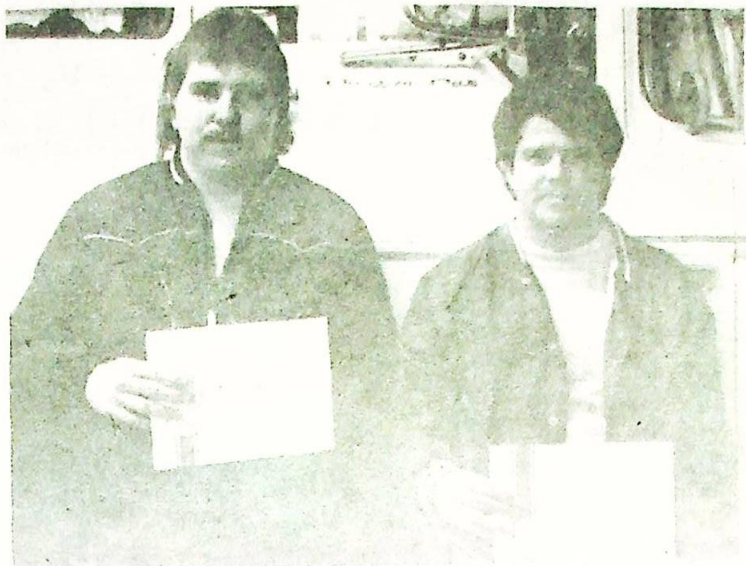
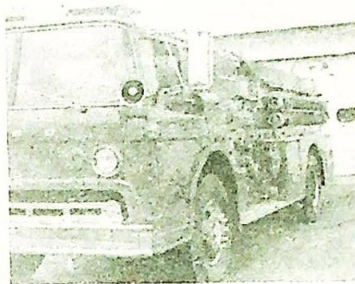
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Danny Redmond demonstrates how to don a S.C.B.A. to Farmland's pre-schoolers. Danny and several of the fire department personnel had many different sessions with the small people. They were shown what a firefighter looks like in full turn-out gear. This gives them an excellent idea of what to expect if they should have a fire, and we come to the rescue.

Engine 31, Farmland - This sounds strange to all the local people and the old firefighters. This 1970 pumper, previously known as Unit 1, was completely restored last year. It was totally re-wired with Cat's eyes on the front and a new Force 4 light bar. Underneath, on the business end, is a new 1000 gallon tank, which has replaced the old 650 gallon tank. Other renovations were a rebuilt pump, new tires, exhaust system, hose bed and cabinets.

Since Engine 31 has come into service, Farmland has re-numbered all trucks - Engine 32, Tanker 33, Rescue 34, Squad 35, and Utility 36. Wow, you would think Indianapolis moved east!



Mike Osgood and Monte Wright show proud honors of Farmland's newest Arson/Fire investigators. This brings the total of Farmland's investigators to seven.



Second Class honors go to Scott Bunner, Kirk Morris and Joey Sunday. These certificates were given late in 1987. They are working hard for First Class.

### Certification obtained

On December 22, 1987, eight firefighters were Certified Second Class from Delphi Tri-Township Volunteer Fire Department of Carroll County in District 9A. They were Doug Wilson, Pete Kuns, Jon Randle, Rob Oliver, Charles Hammond, Kevin Hammond and Hud Pressler.

-THANKS-

I would like to thank the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Auxilliary for the beautiful planter. I would also like to thank all the ladies for the cards and calls in the passing of my dad. The show of sympathy and caring was overwhelming.

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Debbie Nulliner

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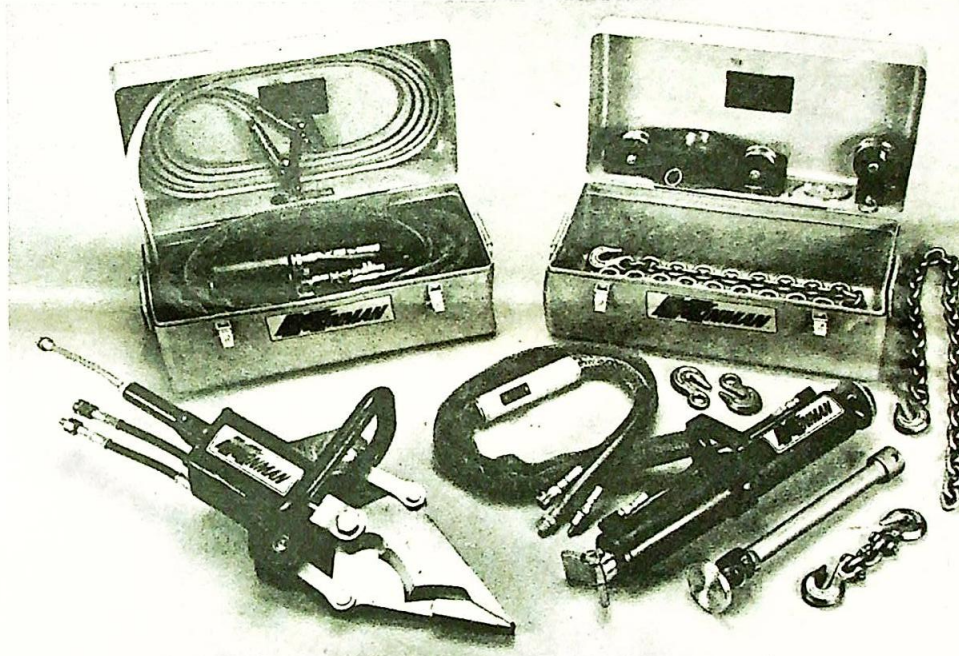
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## Decatur launches new award program

The Decatur Fire Department has launched a new award program which it hopes to use as infrequently as possible.

The program presents awards to people who deserve public recognition for taking fast, resourceful, and potentially lifesaving action during fires. Of course, the department hopes there are no fires, thereby making the program unneeded.

The first recipient of such an award is Brent Whitaker of Willshire, Ohio, a 13-year chemistry and physics teacher at Belmont High School. He received a certificate from Mayor Fred Isch and a medallion on a colorful neck ribbon from the fire department during a presentation Tuesday night.

The certificate honored Whitaker, 35, for "bravery on October 15, 1987, at Belmont High School by evacuating students and avoiding a potentially serious incident."

Mayor Isch called it "a very special award for very special occasions." He also said he hopes this creates more public involvement and interest plus increased city departmental involvement.

Longtime assistant chief of the Decatur Fire Department volunteers, Bob Gage, who attains 32 years of service later this year, said, "We should start acknowledging things people do." He said it could make them more aware and more active in emergencies.

The same idea was stressed by Mayor Isch and Fire Chief Garry Sheets, who suggested the idea of honoring citizens who perform well in fire emergencies.

The October 15 incident at Belmont involved a chemistry experiment with sulphur which got out of hand. Some sulphur was set on fire accidentally, causing a considerable amount of invisible fumes to be given off in the room. Whitaker alertly and quickly got all 24 students out of the room through an emergency door leading to the outside and also closed the lab door so the fumes would not enter a hallway.

Whitaker inhaled some of the fumes during his quick response to the emergency and spent that night at Adams County Memorial Hospital.

In all his years of teaching, says Whitaker, this is the only



**Brent Whitaker (second from right), veteran science teacher at Belmont High School, was honored Tuesday by the Decatur Fire Department for displaying bravery during a possibly dangerous incident in a chemistry laboratory last October at BHS. From left are DFD captain Gary Teeple; fireman Tim Bauman; veteran assistant volunteers chief Bob Gage; Whitaker; and fireman Jim Hitchcock. Whitaker is holding a certificate he received and wearing a medal he was presented.**  
*Daily Democrat Photo*

time something has gone wrong to such an extent that students had to be evacuated from a lab.

*-Decatur Daily Democrat  
by Eric Mann*

The Decatur Fire Department Saturday presented its second heroism award to a local resident: Roberto Rangel, Route 1.

Rangel, 42, was honored at

the fire station with presentation of a certificate and a medallion with ribbons, to be worn around his neck, for his actions last October 6 during a car fire at Decatur Plaza Shopping Center.

Rangel saw the fire spread from the engine of a late-model sports car to the passenger compartment and he ran to the car to see if anyone was inside, a fire department spokesman explained. The interior of the car, both doors of which were locked, was so full of smoke that Rangel could not see inside. Instead, he had to use his hands to feel if anyone was there.

The occupant of the car, Ronald E. Lantz, 36, Route 5, Van Wert, Ohio, had passed out behind the wheel after drinking alcohol and was unaware of the fire.

Rangel, a veteran mechanic at the Tom Kelley Buick dealership in Fort Wayne, had to break the car's door windows with a tire iron to unlock them and also had to unfasten Lantz's seatbelt to get him out.

He pulled Lantz 20-30 feet from the burning car, which wound up a total loss. Lantz was unhurt, but Rangel suffered some minor cuts on his hands.

While the car fire was increasing in intensity, Rangel, sitting in his pickup truck parked on the same lot, saw several cars drive by the Lantz auto without stopping.

Had Rangel not acted when he did, it is very likely that Lantz would have died from smoke inhalation, the fire department spokesman explained. Rangel said Lantz was completely "out of it" due to alcohol intoxication at the time.

Decatur Fire Chief Garry Sheets and Rangel noted that due to plastics and other modern materials used so much in cars now, fires are more deadly because the contents of smoke can cause asphyxiation.

The day after the fire, Rangel said Lantz and Lantz's parents, also from Ohio, called to thank him for his deed.

The thanks of the Decatur Fire Department have now been officially added to the list.

*-Decatur Daily Democrat*



**Roberto Rangel (lower left) of near Decatur is shown with Max Millholland (seated), second assistant chief of the volunteer firefighters, and firefighter Willie Dersch (left) and volunteer Jerry Cowans.**  
*Decatur Daily Democrat Photo*

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and other emergency agencies bands together to provide additional manpower, when needed, in any emergency situation.

Bourke also acts as an advisor for Pendleton DeMolay, a division of the Masonic Lodge for boys ages 13 to 22. Members are involved in contests, sports and meetings with other chapters.

Bourke finds his community work very enjoyable, despite the long hours involved.

"I like to help people," Bourke said. "I enjoy it or I wouldn't be doing it."

*-Herald-Bulletin  
Anderson  
2/29/88*

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Auditing - Nicky Sunday: All jewelry should be turned in to the Jewelry Chairman before the May meeting so the auditing can be done.

Games - Ruth Sanders: Would like to see many entries in the games.

By-laws (none have been received).

Historian - Katie Mason: Has the books but nothing received for '86 and only Miss Flame's for '87. If you have items or pictures for these two years, please give them to Katie.

President's Advisory - Lucy Stofer: No report.

Financial Study - Nicky Sunday: no report.

Nominating - Mary Brooks: Will be ready.

Installation - Ruth Fairchild: no report.

State Awards - Lucy Stofer: no report.

President Loretta reminded State Officers about getting their hats in for decorating if they have not already done so. She also needs any departments becoming eligible for 15-year membership awards this year.

Convention: Carolyn McCarty reported a photographer had been contacted. His price would be \$350 for 175 4 x 5 pictures. Bruce Neal has indicated that he would be willing to do this project once more. His costs last year were \$153 which included a lot more than 175 pictures. Barbara Surber made a motion that we use Bruce; seconded by Ruth Fairfield. Carried.

Debora Harris reported souvenirs would include hats, T-shirts, mugs and key chains. Hats and shirts are available for sale today. Carolyn McCarty said campground reservations should be arranged directly through KOA, not the Convention Committee. She will get this information to Maxine to mail with the minutes (see enclosed). Babysitting services will be available during the Banquet for children 5 years and up.

Howard Johnson's will be Convention headquarters and will include registration and displays. Women's meetings will be held at Holiday Inn (including Officer's meeting on Thursday.) Miss Flame judging will be at Knights Inn. The Men's meetings and the Banquet will be at Orak Shrine. These locations are all within 1/4 mile of each other. Tickets are available for a fund-raising Ball at LaPorte on March 12.

Katie Mason spoke about a problem in her area. The fire department in her area may be changing names. Does this mean that the auxiliary needs to change? It was the ruling of the group that the auxiliary may pay their dues under the same name they have in the past and carry this name as far as the State Auxiliary is concerned.

President Loretta mentioned a contact by Mrs. Janet House of North Vernon who is running for the Mrs. America contest and looking for sponsorship. Since she is a paid firefighter, Bette Sellmer made a motion that we turn this over to the men. Seconded by Debora Harris. Carried.

Jane Ferro questioned the black and white pictures of Miss Flames requested for the Convention book. These pictures in black and white are hard to get. The printing company has stated the quality of the pictures in the book may not be good if it is sent in color. These thoughts will be passed on to the men.

Nancy Neal apologized for the late mailing of dues cards in October and November. She had some hand surgery during this time. Also, again, she stressed that dues are \$2 per person and should be mailed to the Recording Secretary.

Miriam Schaekel took up a collection for the flower fund.

Announcements: Betsy Howe pleaded with District Chairmen to send their news reports to the Newspaper. Gals, turning them in at the State Meeting is not sending them to the Newspaper. This is for the secretary's records, only. Every district chairman is responsible for sending in a report to the paper. This is due for the next paper by March 20. Let's have more than 2 reports!!!

Toni Sorg reported their department had sold 8,200 pounds of peanut brittle and cleared \$10,000. Also, her mail should be addressed to Mrs. Mort Sorg as there is a mail problem in her area.

At this point guests President Lawrence Swartz, President of I.V.F.A., and Lee Kissell, Secretary, were introduced. The men had unanimously agreed that our donation of funds is not needed this year and they feel we should use the money for ourselves. Lee Kissell told of their great use of the computer system and thought this might be a useful item for us. After a great deal of discussion, President Loretta appointed a committee of Nickie Sunday, Chairman, other members of the Financial Study Committee, Mary Kissell, Nancy Neal, and Maxine Davies to study this area and make recommendations.

Also, Nickie was appointed to get prices (and a sample, if possible) on new brief cases and bring to the May meeting. There we will determine who needs new cases.

Several commented they enjoyed the tour of Union Station on Saturday as well as the evening games. Jane Ferro will plan something for the May meeting and we will tell you about it in our meeting notice.

Meeting adjourned.

Maxine Davies  
Corresponding Secretary

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were called to investigate complaints of a loud party.

Bartholomew County Sheriff Rick Hill said seven adults and three children were in the mobile home during the party.

Several altercations, shouts and threats had been exchanged among those present, he said.

Because of the threats, authorities checked the mobile home carefully for signs of arson, but investigators believe the blaze was accidental - started by a cigarette that smoldered in a recliner, Hill said.

Family members described Brown and LaMaster as childhood

sweethearts who had dated since their teens.

After being separated recently, they had reconciled and had become engaged, said Brown's aunt, Jolene Wilson.

She said Brown was planning to return to his job at Arvin Industries in Columbus on Monday after an injury. LaMaster was a qualified medical assistant.

Brown had recently applied to be a firefighter at the East Columbus Volunteer Fire Department.

by George Stuteville  
-The Indianapolis Star  
2/20/88

## Eleven from Dupont-Lancaster VFD receive certification

Eleven members of the Dupont-Lancaster Volunteer Fire Department recently received certification as second class firemen.

The certification required 80 hours of classroom and practical exercises. Instructors for the course were three other Dupont firemen, Mike Leach, Kenneth Meek and Scott Read, an assistant fire chief.

New second class firefighters are Bennett Adams, Larry Andres, Bobby Bear, Gary Brooks, Lee Carlisle, Jeff Meek, Kenneth "Eddie" Meek, Jr., Bernie Parmley, Curtis Read, Joe Schwab and Jim Speer.

The course included orientation, personal safety, fire behavior, extinguishers and agents, fire streams, hose and nozzles, ladders, breathing apparatus, forcible entry, ventilation, ropes and knots, salvage and overhaul, rescue, and alarm and communications.

On-hands training included practicing with burning buildings. These were structures owners wanted destroyed. A house was set afire and extinguished several times. One of the demolitions was at Walnut Ridge in Vernon Township. The student firemen set up ladders on the tall IOOF (Corner Grocery) Building at Dupont for rescue drills. Instructors, were

carried down the ladders from the rooftop, by each student. Not an easy task, but performed with precision.

The Dupont-Lancaster organization has 28 active firemen and 22 of these are equipped with pagers. When a fire alarm is sounded, the first vehicle to leave the station is a van loaded with all volunteers' firefighting equipment. Dupont also has two tankers and a truck equipped to fight brush fires.

Responding to a fire is not the volunteer's only duty. Each is required to attend 50 percent of all the department's functions. Regular activities include a meeting at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month. Also, each fireman is required to do his share of work on the fire department's monthly fish fry. This is on the last Saturday night of the month from 5-8 p.m.

Money raised by the fish fries and received from private donations goes into a truck fund to replace one of the old pumpers, which will cost around \$50,000.

Areas in southern Jennings County and Jefferson County are served by the Dupont-Lancaster volunteers. "We go where we're called," a volunteer reported. They made 31 fire runs in 1987.

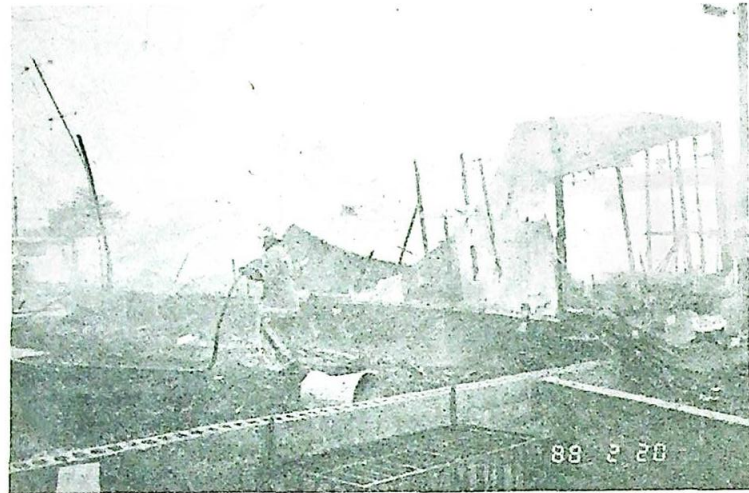
The Dupont-Lancaster Fire Department takes fire calls on two

phones. For the Jennings County area and those served by North Vernon or San Jacinto telephone lines, the number is 873-6111. Other residents may call the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department at 265-2648.

## M.C. Exchange Club presents radios to Coolspring Twp. FD



Paul Kline, President of the Michigan City Exchange Club, presents two radios to Coolspring Township Volunteer Fire Department Chief Paul Laux. The Michigan City Exchange Club donated the two radios, one a two-way portable unit and the other a monitor II pager. Two members of the Fire Department, Tony Pavlak Jr. and Steve Galinowski, are also Exchange Club members.



Investigation revealed that the fatal fire had been started by a smoldering cigarette.

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allowed to spend up to the amount of \$150 for the purchase, and the money be taken from the petty cash in his office. Parish seconded the motion and it carried by voice vote.

Bill Kinsey spoke on some type of assistance for Chaplain Lantz in his duties as Chaplain when required for Memorial Services. Following the discussion a committee was appointed to research the situation and report back at the next meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS

None.

### GOOD OF THE ORDER

Dick Lamb spoke on the auditing procedure used by the State Board of Accounts. He offered to host a meeting with the proper personnel present to set out what is really needed. Stofer said he felt that it should be available for anyone who cares to participate and it should in-

clude someone from the State Board of Accounts, a C.P.A. as well as an attorney.

V.P. Lockhart said the Training Committee would help with the meeting. Chairman Winger appointed Lockhart, Stofer and Lamb to set up the program.

Treasurer Stofer spoke on the cost of the rooms for the meetings and what the by-laws say the officers shall receive and he felt that it is time that something be done to offset the difference in cost. He stated that a resolution would be in order to get this accomplished.

With no further business to transact a motion by Atkins, and seconded by Neal to adjourn after the Benediction by Chaplain Lantz was made. The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ivan Nevil  
Recording Secretary

## Sheets is new Decatur fire chief

Decatur - Mayor Fred Isch appointed Garry E. Sheets as Fire Chief of Decatur Fire Department. Jan Smith is Assistant Chief.

Chief Sheets selected Gary Teeple as Captain of Fire Prevention & Instructor and Walt Reiter as Captain of Building Code Inspector.

To the Gentleman at the bar at the Best Western during the Officers Meeting:

Thank you for vouching for us on our age. We had no better ID than you!

Thanks Bill Kinsey!  
Debbie Nulliner, age 19  
Donna Winninger, age 19

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1988 at a meeting of the Patriot Volunteer Fire Department. Pictures were taken of Clyde and the fire department for use of Field and Stream Magazine in their Nov. 1988 issue, and for other advertising.

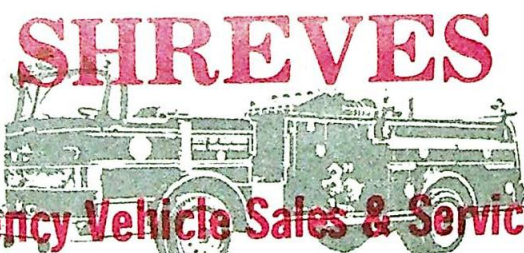
Patriot's shoot was a big success, with many happy turkey and ham winners from this Southern Indiana area.

Patriot Volunteer Fire Department (District 19) thanks the workers and shooters who made this past season so successful. Hope to see you again this September.

The money received will go to the fund for our new fire department building. Congratulations to Clyde and the Patriot volunteer Fire Department. Thank you, Field and Stream.

- George Miller, Chief

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