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Steiger Elected President of IVFA "It's A Go Year"

1965-66 Officers Elected at Rensselaer Convention



WALT STEIGER

with the State Secretary, Jack Ford. Jack has a job. I never doubted but that the secretary has a full part time job. We can make his job easier. First make out your list of members properly, second enclose the check with the list. Now, there are a lot of questions you want answers for. You have a Chairman, you have the other officers, Vice President and Public Relations men. Then feel free to write or call me at any time. I promise to attend all meetings possible.

The 18th District is now a reality. Edgar Nigg of Hayesville was appointed Chairman and Oscar L. Hoffman of St. Anthony, secretary. These men are ready to call the first meeting and the 19th District is a reality.

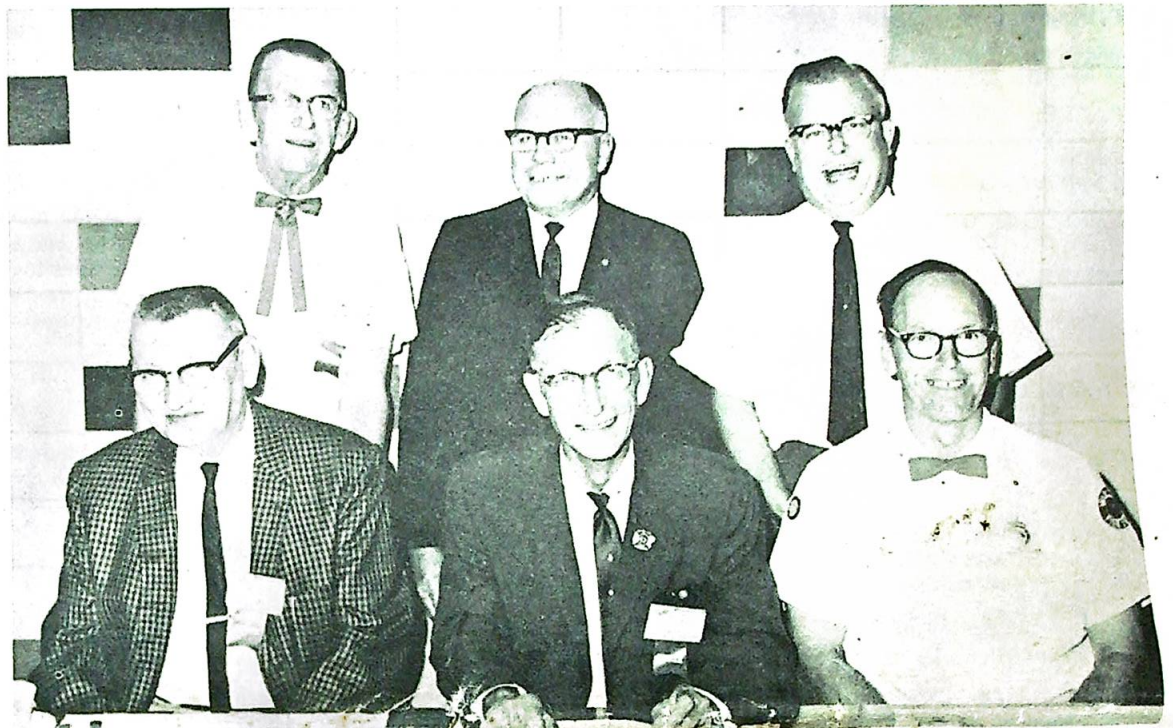
I saw five new members sign up for IVFA membership, and I was told that we have 250 new members since our convention. Now if we can carry this average per month, we will approach our 100%.

I can not close this message without giving thought to our last Convention. With very few exceptions, this was the greatest ever. Those Rensselaer Firemen deserve the biggest hand yet. I'm proud to be a member of an organization like ours that has men like them.

Secretary's Report

It is with great pleasure that again I have the chance to serve those, to paraphrase a great American, "Who ask not what their community can do for them but what they can do for their community".

The IVFA is going ahead with



Seated, Verne Konopasek, Treasurer, Griffith; Walter Steiger, President, Benton; John Ford, Secretary, Fort Wayne. Standing, Ray Lester, Sargeant-at-Arms, Raleigh; Carlos Jeffries, Vice-President, Morris-town and Duane Lantz, Chaplain, Scipio Township.

Fellow Firemen. I want to borrow the words from a notice of a meeting sent out by Richard Werle, Chairman of the 14th District. "Indeed we have everything to make it a GO YEAR". We have had a most successful Convention; an excellent legislative experience, battling a perfect record; we have the chairman with all the enthusiasm necessary to make this the "GO YEAR".

Personally I want to thank each and every one of you for the trust that you have placed in me. With the help of God, I will make every possible effort to make this the "GO YEAR".

No doubt you want to know where we are going. There is so much to accomplish. Our membership has not passed the half-way mark. I do have the promise of Everett McCullum that this is going to be accomplished in his area. (This part of the letter is being typed in Georgetown the morning after the 16th District meeting.) I was impressed with the zeal of the officers at this meeting. Today I plan to meet with Jack Osborn at Grand View. We are considering the formation of a new district.

Getting new members, however, is not the work of the officers alone. Let's go back to the old chain's strength being in the weakest link. If you members are enthused, you are going to assist in increasing the membership. After all, where could you get so much for so little?

Next year each volunteer firemen in the state will be entitled to the first \$500.00 free tax county wide. This will be approximately \$25.00. Since our organization obtained this benefit, there is no doubt in my mind but that the non-members will become members.

On Friday, July 2nd, I visited



JOHN FORD

great strides. President Steiger wants this year to be known as a "GO YEAR". After his visit to the extreme southern part of

the state he instituted the 18th District. The imaginary rubberized boundaries are Newburg North to Petersburg, East to Paoli, South to Magnet, West along the Ohio River. This area has great possibilities. Edgar Nigg is Chairman and we welcome him to our ranks. He has established himself as a great worker for the Association.

Several of the District Chairmen and Public Relations men are already saying the "South will rise again". They are right as activity in that section is greatly expanding and catching hold.

At present the total membership is as follows: Active, 4565; Inactive, 263; Associate, 4; Armed Forces, 3; this being a grand total of 4835. Along with this an increase in benefits for the IVFA Accident Injury Insurance with Nationwide. You now have \$1,000 instead of \$500.00 protection for contagious disease, heart and circulatory malfunctions; and five percent of the premiums paid for an administrative fee. These went into effect as of July 1, 1965.

Our grand slam of legislation has been achieved in the last Legislative session. Increased membership and further planning by this year's elected officers will give a great push for this—the GO YEAR.

As for the Secretary's office it is loaded with work and there was some delay in getting dues

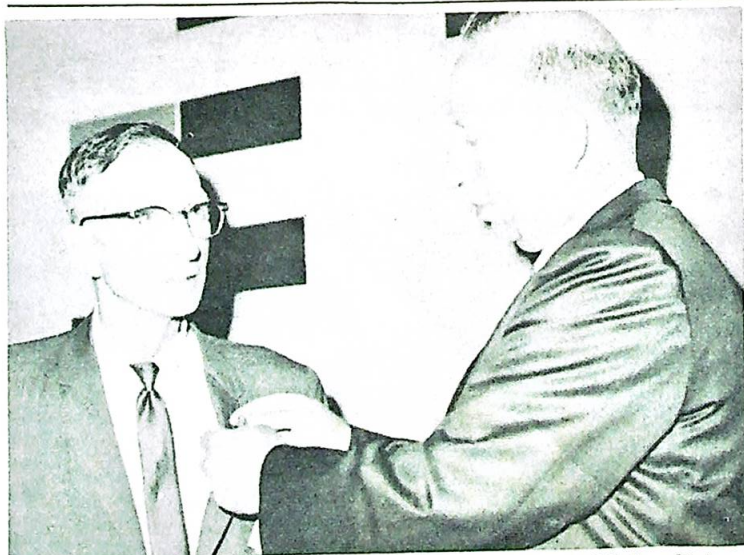
cards out. This has been overcome but some of the other duties are still strange and are slowly being accomplished. Please feel free to call, write or ask for anything of which I can be of help or service to you. I will do my best to meet your approval. It is with great satisfaction that in going through the membership lists many names and departments of my past travels are among the volunteers. However, it is with deep humility and respect that I receive the notices to send funeral fund vouchers for any of these members but more so, those whom I remember from the past and have treated me so good.

I wish to thank a great number of people that since July first have given me valuable assistance to get caught up on such a brand new job. Also a big "thank you" for your confidence in me and I shall do my best not to let you down. Remember to please feel free to call upon me at any time.

Our Thanks

It was with the greatest of pleasure and pride that we, the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary, accepted the privilege of receiving the fine representatives of the Volunteer Firemen from over this great State of Indiana.

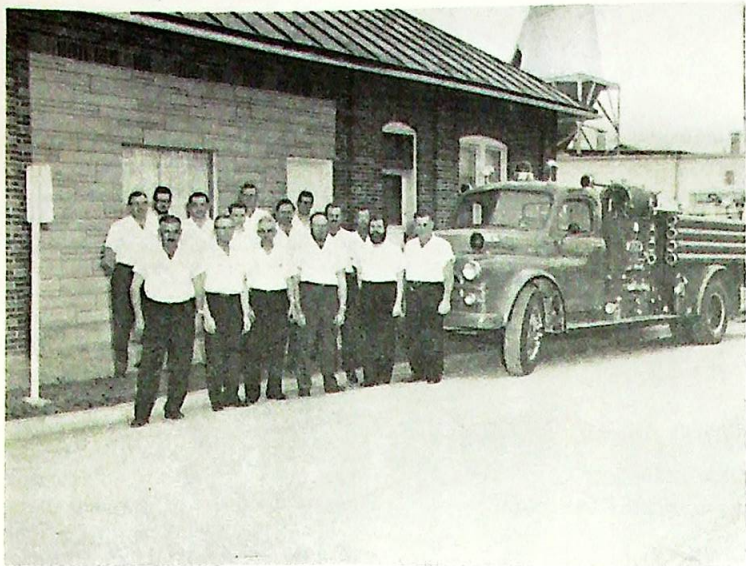
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Past President Jim Glaub presenting President's Pin to Walter Steiger newly elected President of the IVFA.

Historical Old, Progressively New - Vincennes Welcomes You June 16th - 17th - 18th, 1966

Ferdinand Completes Fire Training School



The Ferdinand Volunteer Fire Department has just completed its basic Fire Training School. The training school was very educational and all attending learned very much. The instructor was Mr. Jack Osborn and he did a terrific job. We really liked him as our instructor and I do believe he liked this area very much himself. Our training

school was held on June 17 and 24 and also on July 1 and 8. The Ferdinand Community is celebrating its Quasqui-Centennial "125 years" this year and the Fire Department will have an active role in this celebration. On Saturday, July 31 there was a huge parade which lasted about 3 hours and in this parade we had our 1875 hand pumper and

also our other Fire Equipment. On Sunday, September 5 the Ferdinand Parish will have a huge picnic. Chicken and Beef dinners will be served. 100 Hand made quilts will be for sale. 2500 gallons of the Special Ferdinand Turtle Soup will be sold. About \$4500.00 worth of prizes will be given away that day, including a 1965 Plymouth Fury 1 and also a Color TV set plus 2 complete Bedroom suites. Everyone is welcome to attend. Note: Mr. Walter Steiger, President of the IVFA was present at our last training session and gave a nice talk.

News Deadline
November 1st, 1965
Send in your copy
EARLY

Acton State Winners in Ladies' Water Ball Contest



Left to right, Audrey Surber, Natalie Slinkard, Barbara Surber, Virginia Parker and Coach Jim Parker.

Ladies Second Place in Water Ball Contest

Ward Township, Randolph County.



Standing, left to right, Barbara Kessler, Joyce Lindsey, Joan Warren, Inez Jeffries, Ayleen Bousman and Louise Heston. Kneeling, Coaches Raymond Heston and Robert Warren.

1965 Treasurer's Report Presented at Convention

Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association - Non-Profit Organization

5-21-64	299	Herbert C. Otte	12- 8-64	332	Herbert E. Wolfe
Otter Creek 2 #11		5003	Columbia Twp. #6		7307
6- 5-64	300	Floyd Troyer	12- 8-64	333	Sam Howell
Elkhart Twp. #4		14458	Scipio Twp. #3		3345
6-13-64	301	Iris Lehman	12-17-64	334	William E. Hunter
Berne #7		962	Cool Springs Twp. #3		4506
6-13-64	302	Elmer Peterson	11- 8-64	335	Homer Richards
Bass Lake #3		1680	Lakeville #4		15761
6-22-64	303	Charles Hause	1- 7-65	336	George Poock
Swayzee #8		5469	Wolcottville #6		
6- 6-64	304	Glen Lawler	1- 6-65	337	Wilfred Terry
New Market #11		8842	Dyer #1		
7- 1-64	305	Harold Nichols	2-10-65	338	Arthur W. Werling
Crown Point #2		247	Preble #7		
6-29-64	306	Wilber Spencer	2-12-65	339	Richard Stevens
Kirklin #9-A		1961	Kankakee Twp. #3		
7- 5-64	307	Frank Dziubla	2- 9-65	340	Geo. A. Lucas
New Chicago #1		2243	Jackson Twp. #16		
7- 7-64	308	Frank Karsten	2-22-65	341	Ernest Walters
Lake Hills #2		373	Griffith #1		
6-19-64	309	Robert Cool	2-13-65	342	Jesse B. Garver
Scottsburg		7667	Wash. Twp. # 13		
6-20-64	310	Roy Ruble	3-27-65	343	Roy Steele
Williamsburg #13		4816	Decatur #7		
6-12-64	311	Dale Longohr	3-31-65	344	Herbert Clark
Big Lake #6		4169	Montpelier #8		
6- 3-64	312	Steve Bechina	4- 1-65	345	George Bryan
Mich. Shores #3		13823	Mooresville #12		
7-25-64	313	Anton Fenoglio	4- 5-65	346	Carl Redford
Clinton City #11		2627	Portland		
7-18-64	314	Elmer Danner	4- 1-65	347	Lee Amick
Mulberry		2251	Scottsburg #14		
8- 4-64	315	Peter G. Redar	4-18-65	348	Donald Hollowell
Schererville		73	Mickleyvilles #12		
7-23-64	316	Lowell Sellers	4-23-65	349	Fred Gibson
German Twp. #4		14007	Greenville #16		
8- 1-64	317	Howard Conner	5-28-65	350	Ralph Cantrell
Knightstown #13		2202	Farmland #8		
8-18-64	318	Frank Wagner	2-18-65	351	Harold Gehring
Center Twp.-Grant-#8		11091	Ligonier		
8-22-64	319	Donal Miller	Year - Fiscal - 22 Markers purchased Balch Bros. and West Co.		\$159.26
Forrest #9-A		14480	New Checks, Gary National Bank		6.07
9- 4-64	320	Offley Highwood			
Chesterton #1		36			
8-12-64	321	Arthur Haas			
McCulloch # 16		15110			
9-16-64	322	Jacob DeMik			
Munster #1		46			
9-19-65	323	John Shipley			
Fair P Madison #14		2981			
9-10-64	324	John Manifold			
Mooreland #13		6856			
10-14-64	325	Norman Darby			
Fairland #10		9793			
6-26-64	326	Dale Seims			
Madison Twp. #17		12891			
11- 5-64	327	Clarence James			
Wash. Twp. #6		3118			
11- 8-64	328	Russell Wing, Sr.			
Pleasant Twp. #3		981			
11-15-64	329	Donald T. Haase			
Burnett #11		11879			
10-22-64	330	Albert Ohmit			
Cambridge City #13		4005			
11-22-64	331	Elvin Long			
Denver #5		10487			

Verne Konopasek, Treasurer IVFA

Is Harvey Ludwig a "Tightwad"?



DISTRICT FOUR MEETING AND ELECTION

The 4th district held a picnic at the Penn South Fire Dept. station on July 25. Guests in attendance were President Walt Steiger and John Kustron, Public Relations Director North West. After a very delicious pot luck lunch the 4th district held election of officers for 1965-66.

Those elected were District Chairmen, Harvey Ludwig, Penn Twp. North, Vice Chairman, Duane Thompson, Warren Twp., and Secretary, Loyal Smeltzer, Concord Twp.

The waterball contest was won by Penn South, Center Twp. second, Penn North, third and Warren Twp. fourth.

At the IVFA Convention this sign was displayed on Lakeville's old fire truck (HARVEY LUDWIG is a ---?;*-- Tightwad!). Now the story can be told. Back in February of this year Harvey signed Chief Charles Shaffer and Asst. Chief Larry Clady in the IVFA. They liked the lapel IVFA pin that Harvey was wearing and asked him to give them each one for joining the IVFA; when Harvey asked for \$1.50 each they

called him a tightwad and had the sign made. This sign has been all over the North West part of the state. After Harvey saw the sign, he told Shaffer and Clady that if they could sign up the Lakeville Department 100% he would give them each a pin. At the picnic in front of the President, Walt Steiger and members, Chief Shaffer and Clady presented a check for 100% of the department and asked for the pins. After, much kidding Harvey paid the \$3.00 and Shaffer and Clady retracted the Tightwad statement.

BRIEF NOTES ABOUT FOURTH DISTRICT DEPARTS.

Harris Twp. St. Joe County has a new Chief, John Stockbridge.

Warren Twp. held a picnic on August the eighth.

Penn Twp. North held a picnic August the fifteenth.

Penn South has added four more trophies to their collection. These being won at contests at Columbia City, Lake James, Cassopolis, and Warsaw. Ralph that case is to small, better buy a bigger one or quit winning so many trophies.

District Meetings

DOINGS OF THE THIRD DISTRICT

The meetings have once again started. Since we did not have a meeting in June our first meeting was held at Springfield Twp., July 15th. Donald Mason was re-elected District Chairman, Harold L. King was re-elected the District Secretary. We now have our meetings and dates for the following months: August 19, Hamlet; Sept. 16, Kinsbury; Oct. 21, Koontz Lake, and Nov. 18, Washington Twp., Stark County.

The Kingsbury Dept. has a new pumper. Pleasant Twp. expects delivery on a new piece of equipment soon. Long Beach is also sporting a new shiny pumper.

On Aug. the 3rd the Kingsbury Dept. had their Installation of new Officers and I as Secretary of the district was asked to be the installing officer. Westville has a new Chief who is John Rudolph. Beatty Hospital re-elected Marshal Goens as their Chief, and Kenneth Peting Chief at Union Twp. I have written to most of the officers giving them the dates of our meetings and hope that we may see their faces at least some of our meetings.

The Float that the 3rd district entered in the Convention parade won a trophy. We also entered it in the J. C. Parade in LaPorte on the 4th of July. Michiana Shores entered it in the Michigan City Parade on July 11th where it won a prize. Then Lincoln Twp. entered it in their parade on July 18th and Cass Clinton Dept. had it in the Wanatah Centennial parade July 24th. We will wait and see how everything comes out in the entries.

Come on you other Districts. Don't let our new paper down. Let's get the news in so we can make a real big go of the paper. How about a contest between the districts to see who can write the most eventful article for the month of November.

Most of our fires have been of the small nature and we hope we can keep them that way. We hope by the next issue of the paper we of Scipio Twp., which is Chaplain Lantz's territory, will be able to tell about some new equipment. So guess that will be all till then.

Harold L. King
3rd District Secretary

DISTRICT 14 NEWS

District 14 held a waterball contest at the Charlestown VFD on May 23. The winning team was Henryville and participating members of the team were Calvin Bishop, Jack Mull, Bill Hughes, Allen King, and Larry Ogan.

Re-elected district chairman at the monthly meeting held on July 21 at Morefield was Richard Werle. The meeting was well attended and Richard Werle indicates there is a great amount of enthusiasm in his district.

Listed below is a schedule of activities of local fire departments.

Morefield—Ice Cream Supper, July 3.

New Washington—Held a fair which was hampered by rain but did not dampen the spirits of the fine people who attended.

Charleston—Festival, July 3.

Lexington—Old Settlers' Day, July 9-10.

Henryville — Annual picnic, July 23-24.

Sellersburg—Street Fair, August 21.

DISTRICT 6 MEETING AND ELECTION

The 6th district held its annual meeting at Columbia City on Thursday, July 15th. Approximately 60 members were on hand to greet the new state President, Walter Steiger. Also in attendance were Jack Ford new State Secretary and Ray Lester Sargeant-at-Arms.

Mr. Steiger gave a very interesting talk on his experiences so far this year and his goals for the coming months. He then conducted the election of new officers for 1965-66. Re-elected district chairman was Bill Goodman and secretary Pete Pratt.

Discussion was held on the instructors school to be held in November and December at Purdue Center in Fort Wayne.

A fine fire truck driving rodeo was presented by the Columbia City Fire Department under the leadership of 6th district educational director Cooney Tucker.

Refreshments were served by the host department.

The August meeting was a family picnic held at the Chain-O-Lakes State Park near Albion on Sunday, August 8th.

DISTRICT 9-A ELECTION HELD

District 9-A election was held and the following men elected to office. Chairman, Charles "Tug" Sutton, Burlington; Secretary, Joe Lybrook, Galveston.

The September meeting will be held in the new Flora Fire Station.

District 9-A doings.
Kirklin — Ice Cream Social, July 24.

Forest—Fish Fry, Sept. 18.
Flora—Watermelon Stand,
Carol Co. Fair, Aug. 2-7.
Burlington—Fair Stand
Carrol Co. Fair, Aug. 2-7.

KINGSBURY F. D. HOLDS INSTALLATION

On Tuesday, evening, August third, the Kingsbury Fire Department held installation of their newly elected officers. Mr. and Mrs. Harold King, 3rd District Chairman and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Lantz, State Chaplain were guests. Mr. King administered the oath of office to the following new officers: President, Fred Moser; Vice President Harry Starkey; Secretary, Laddie Elliot; Treasurer, Oliver Cooley; Board Members Richard McGugin, John Siebenhauer, Kenneth Freeland, John Williams, and Hugh Milan. Donald Shamp is the Chief and Ronald Masteron the Assistant Chief of the Kingsbury Department.

This was a very impressive ceremony and we are of the opinion that every department should do some thing of this sort, the fellowship is one of the things we all enjoy. Mr. Lantz gave the Blessing before we ate. I think that some times we do not take the serious side of the Fire Service such as the above too much at heart. In the future lets give it some thought. I am sure that those who attended this program enjoyed it and we all learned something new for the future of the Fire Service. Our Association needs new ideas on how to gain membership; the biggest thing we have to offer is the prime things laid down by our present ideas, but such things as we do may well help us in the future.

Chaplain of the State
Duane Lantz
Harold King
3rd District Secretary

Tentative Program

2nd Annual East Central Indiana Fire Conference

October 2-3, 1965 — Richmond, Indiana

Robert Hamm — Indiana Rating Bureau.

S. J. Douglas — Bureau of Mines.
"Magic of Fire".

R. V. Fitzpatrick — Mine Safety Appliance Co.
"Mask Mayhem".

Harold Strain — Akron Brass Co.
Demonstration of New Equipment.

George Schlotterbeck — 1st Asst., Ohio State Fire Marshal's Office.
"Train Wreck and Fire Involving Ethylene Oxide".

Emmett Cox — Western Acturial Bureau.
"Fire Problems Involving Truck Transportation".

Indiana Fire Marshal's Office

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base - Chief Payne.

Telephone Company Fire in Richmond

Ralph Ellenwood — Fort Wayne.
Fire Service and Industry.

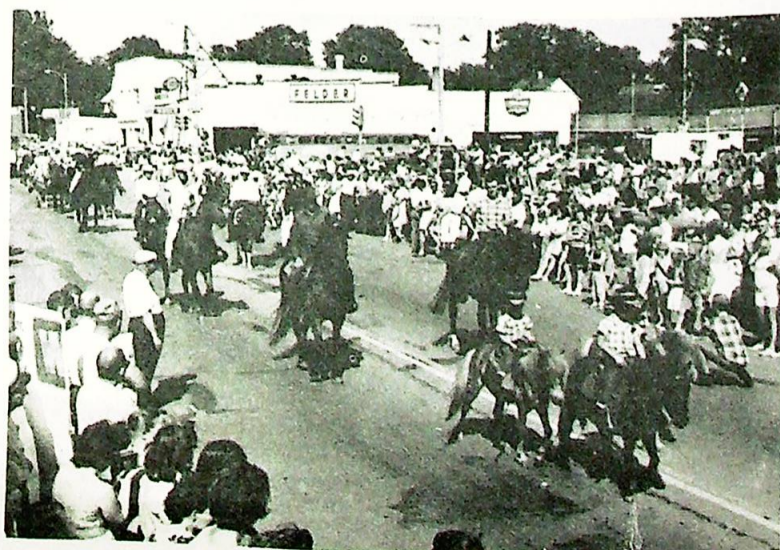
IVFA Insurance Committee Meets

The insurance committee headed by chairman Ed Weaver met at Francisville on Tuesday evening, August 17. Those present were Walt Steiger, Benton, President of the IVFA, Don Mason, Chairman of the 3rd District, and John Kustron, public relations Director Northwest.

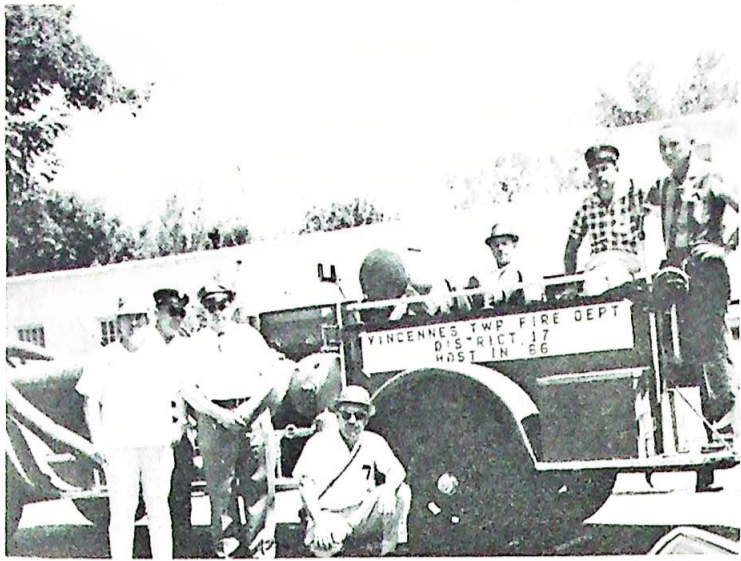
An insurance plan on Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment was presented by The Mutual Security Life Insurance Company of Fort Wayne. Darrell Snyder, agent from the home office, presented the plan to the committee. Also attending were representatives of the company, Edison Gutwein and Herman Wuethrich agents from Francisville. The proposal, which includes up to \$10,000 Life, was approved by the committee and will be presented to the officers and board of directors at Kokomo on August 22.

More information and particulars will be included in the November issue of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman.

Candid Shots Of The Convention



1966 Convention Host



From left to right, Maurice Mack, Bill Engle, Asst. Chief Ernest Waldrop, George Bailey, John Nesbitt and Bob Warren. Kneeling, Frank Shoptaw, Bloomfield, Indiana. The truck belongs to the firemen of Bloomfield.

LaCrosse Wins Hose Replacement Contest



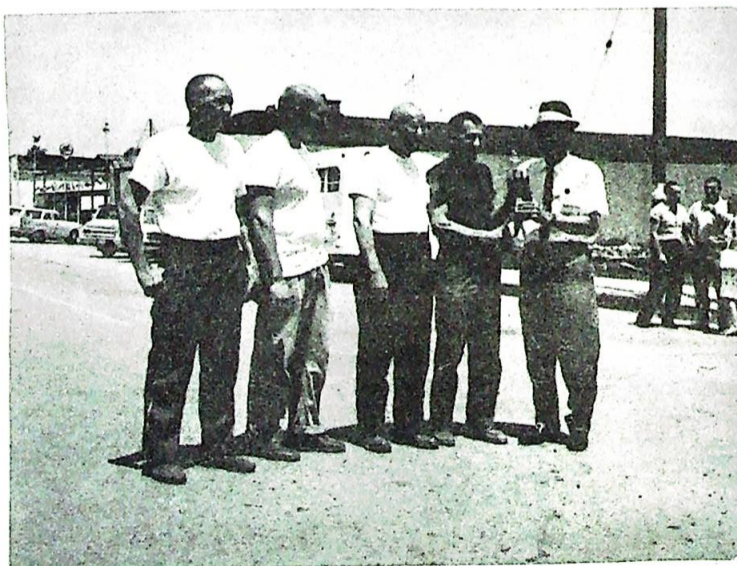
Left to right, Ralph Fritz, Les Earle, Don Mason, Ralph Yergle and Walt Steiger.

PRACTICE PAYS OFF

The members of the LaCrosse Volunteer Fire Department, who have been state hose replacement champions for three years in a row have a "chalk talk" prior to the Rensselaer convention in the picture on the left. Methods of hose splicing that would cut down the required time were studied and practiced. Apparently, all the effort paid off as the department won the event for the 4th consecutive year.



Bluffton Second Place Winner



President Steiger presenting second place trophy to the Bluffton Department in the Hose Replacement Contest.

Left to right, Virgil Zoll, Kenneth Moser, Marion Osborn, Ray Steffen and Steiger.

GASTON RECEIVES NEW FIRST AID UNIT

A 1961 travel-all has recently replaced an earlier model as Gaston's first aid truck. It includes a patient cot, oxygen masks,

tools, first aid equipment, resuscitator and radio dispatch. Funds for the wagon were obtained from burning buildings and by donations received during rainy seasons by pumping water from basements.

Letters - - -

To The Editor

August 4, 1965

The Indiana Volunteer Fireman
P. O. Box 437
Crown Point, Indiana

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a number of articles on Fire Safety that I sent to our local newspaper, The Goshen News, for publication.

I am a 16 year old 4-H club member and this was one of the requirements that I must fulfill so that I might enter The State 4-H Fire Safety Contest.

After Mr. Steiger read my articles in the paper, he wrote to me and suggested that I send them in to the State Volunteer Fireman's paper.

I appreciated his letter very much and I am sending them to you.

I feel that his letter and a copy of your newspaper, that he sent to me, made a very nice addition to my Scrapbook which I had to send to Purdue by July 29.

Thank you so much.

Yours for Fire Safety
Bonnie Mishler

(Editor's Note: Miss Mishler's articles appear on Page 13 and 14.)

June 1, 1965

Robert E. Laney
The Indiana Volunteer Fireman
P. O. Box 437
Crown Point, Indiana

Dear Mr. Laney:

I wanted to write this brief note to let you know what a fine job you are doing with the Firemen's paper.

My husband always reads the paper but I just more or less skipped through it. But now I too, read and enjoy it very much. We both feel that the paper is important to the Volunteer Fireman and that it should be printed with care and skill, not just haphazardly.

You are doing a **great job!** We look forward to receiving the paper.

Sincerely,
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Shanabarger
Churubusco Fire Dept.
6th District IVFA

June 16, 1965

The Ind Vol. Firemen
P. O. Box 437
Crown Point, Indiana

Dear Bob:

I had a meeting this A. M. with the Vincennes Chamber of Commerce Convention Committee. To set the date and make plans for a successful convention in 1966.

We had a very interesting meeting and everyone wants to make this the biggest and best State convention yet.

Here is a slogan I came up with.

Historical Old, Progressively New Vincennes Welcomes You.

June 16-17-18, 1966.

Convention Chairman
Ernest Waldrop

July 15, 1965

Hello Buddies:

Since Firemen (especially Volunteer Firemen) are so eager and willing to help, I am asking for your help! I goofed and accidentally discarded our May 19, 1965 issue of The Indiana Volunteer Firemen. Since the photo page 6 of the Russiaville Fire Station (crushed) was one our son had contributed, I am in the doghouse with him—and I'm in the doghouse with Chief Milligan because every time he starts to read anything he falls asleep and he had not got to read that issue.

And, I'm in the doghouse with Mrs. Chief Milligan because she

Penn Twp. South IVFA State Waterball Champions



Standing left to right, Ira McKesson, Monty Smee, Ralph Parcell, Ed Bolin and Jim Glaub. Kneeling Joe Blount.

Centre Township Runner-up in State IVFA Water Ball Contest



Left to right, Eden Hoy, Richard Pyclik, Harry Casad, Bob Crocker, Joe Mancowski and Walter Steiger.

WATERBALL CONTEST WON BY PENN SOUTH

On Sunday, July 18th, the 6th district held a waterball contest in conjunction with radio station WOWO at Bledsoe Beach. The following teams participated: Penn South, Butler, Poe, South Milford 2, Bryan, Bluffton, Columbia City, Avilla, Winona Lake, South Milford, Decatur, St. Joe Twp., Allen Co.

Penn South was the winning team and was presented a very nice trophy by Radio Station WOWO. Bluffton took home the runner-up trophy. Angola, Fremont and Pleasant Lake had trucks at the lake to furnish water and the hose. Wayne Twp., Allen Co. furnished the waterball equipment.

CEDAR LAKE FIRE DEPT. ANNUAL BALL

The Cedar Lake Volunteer Fire Department held its annual Ball at the Lake County Fairgrounds on July 31st. The music was by Buddy Pressner and his 10 piece band. There were approximately 700 in attendance.

We wish to thank the firemen from our neighboring departments who sat at our station while we worked at the ball.

wants all the copy she can dig up about the storm for their Forest Volunteer Siren (scrapbook),

So, for the enclosed buck, can you bribe someone for an issue and mail it to me?

If it is not available I will understand.

Thanks so very much for an excellent publication and for your time and trouble to read this!

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Paul E. Milligan

ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP CIVIL DEFENSE FIRST AID TRAINING

Lowell Fire Department, at the conclusion of their monthly business meeting, received First Aid Training on Mouth-to-Mouth resuscitation using a life sized manikin for proper procedure in giving this type of resuscitation.

By observing, and taking part in this demonstration they learned that proper procedure must be followed, to obtain free air transfer from operator to patient, otherwise their efforts would be ineffective.

Following individual application of this method, the department then pressed into service their Inhalator/Resuscitator equipment, to demonstrate proper use in life saving attempts, using the manikin as a patient, which proved very effective training, in the use of their equipment.

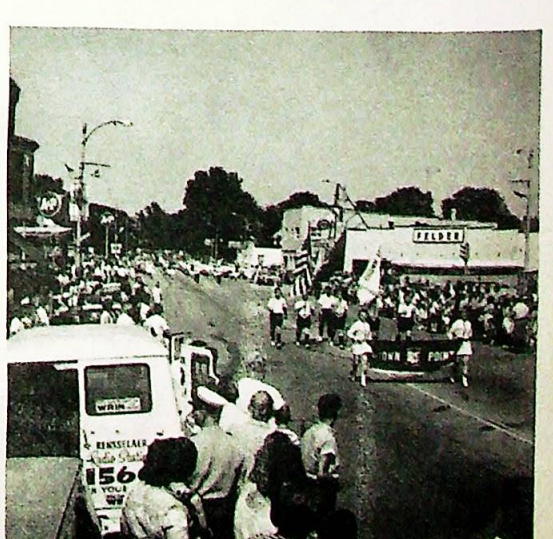
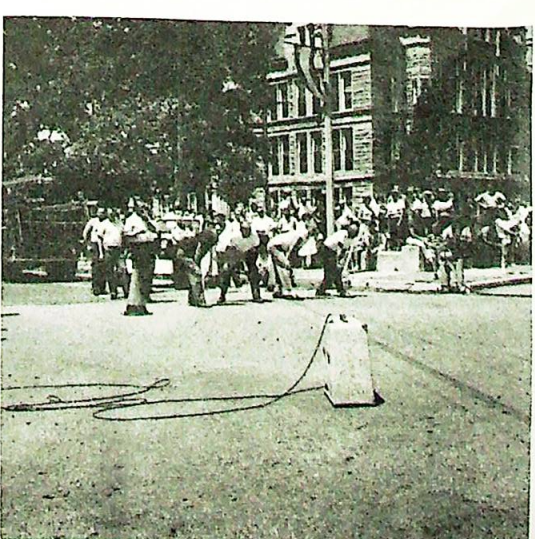
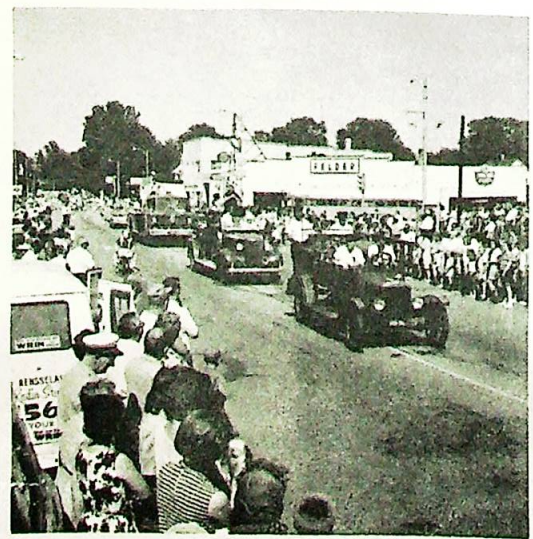
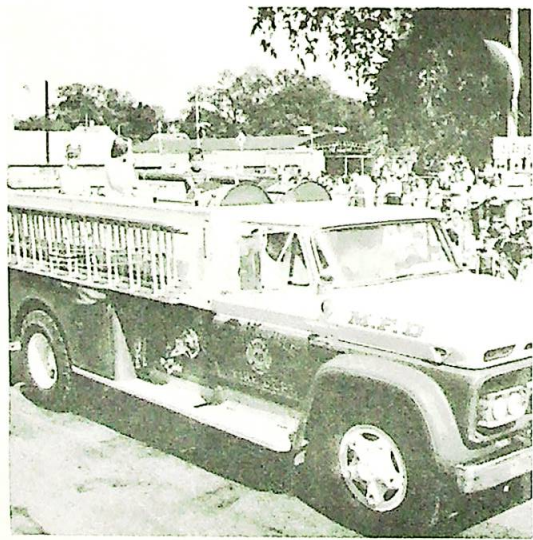
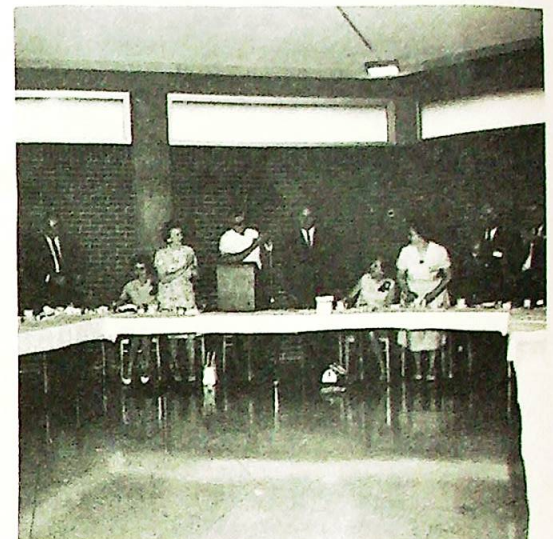
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DISTRICT 8 MEETING AND ELECTION

The 8th District members held officers election at the meeting at Amboy, Indiana Saturday, July 10, 1965, for the year 1966.

Officers elected are: Chairman, Ralph Hertle, Gaston, Indiana, 8th year; Secretary, Robert Hines, Gaston, Indiana, 2nd year; Vice Chairman, Ivan Bouseman, Ward Twp., Saratoga, Indiana; Chaplain, Ori Meyers, Amboy, Ind.



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MR. OSBORN: I think he has done as much or more than any of the men. I think he should have applause.

MR. McCULLEM: I didn't want to get up before you guys. I guess we will have everybody in the team at Vincennes. And there is a spirited team down there. And I want to do my very best to help. (Applause)

MR. JOSTES: Thank you, Everett. I wish to add this. He was a bit afraid to get into the departments. He was a little scared to get up here. Maybe it is because of the microphone.

I think we should call on the district chairmen, or the Board of Directors. Garland Kiefer, District 5.

MR. KIEFER: We may be here for another year, so, "Hello". (Applause)

MR. JOSTES: District 1, Stanley Konefsky.

MR. KONEFSKY: Stanley Konefsky is happy to be here. We have had a good year. Thank you, fellows. (Applause)

MR. JOSTES: District 2, Ray Wade.

MR. WADE: District 2 is rather small but we are going to give them a good fight.

MR. JOSTES: Gilmer Boaz, Chairman of the 16th District.

MR. BOAZ: I move that we dispense with the District Chairmen report.

MR. EMORY CURL: I second the motion.

MR. JOSTES: We have a motion to dispense with the chairmen's report. Are there any questions? (None) Those in favor signify by saying "Aye", contrary, "No". The "Ayes" have it. You fellows put me on a spot.

VOICE FROM AUDIENCE: Sing something.

MR. JOSTES: I don't believe the next part of the program is quite ready, but, Jim, we have to turn it back to you.

CHAIRMAN: I have something to do that I didn't do awhile ago. I would like to introduce Past Presidents. We have one standing back here, Bert Moser, Past President of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association. (Applause) Jack Ford, not here. Bernie Jostes. (Applause) Francis McBane was unable to be here today and sent his regards to all you volunteer firemen of the State.

Let's start down the line here. It looks like we may be out of here in a hurry, boys.

VOICE FROM AUDIENCE: That won't hurt nothing.

CHAIRMAN: I would like to make an announcement on a tentative program, 2nd Annual East Central Indiana Fire Conference, to be held in Richmond, Indiana, on October 2nd and 3rd, 1965. On the program will be Robert Hamm, Indiana Rating Bureau; S. J. Douglas, Bureau of Mines, "Magic of Fire"; Harold Strain, Akron Brass Co., Demonstration of New Equipment; R. V. Fitzpatrick, Mine Safety Appliance Co., "Mask Mayhem"; George Schlotterbeck, 1st Assistant, Ohio State Fire Marshal's office, "Train Wreck and Fire Involving Ethylene-Oxide"; Emmett Cox, Western Actuarial Bureau, "Fire Problems Involving Truck Transportation"; Indiana Fire Marshal's Office; Wright-Patterson Air Force Base—Chief Payne; Telephone Company Fire in Richmond; Ralph Ellenwood, Fort Wayne, Fire Service and Industry.

I hope some of you fellows can attend this fire school or attend this fire conference in Richmond on October 2nd and 3rd, 1965. A reporter left me the information sheet, Harold E. Wentz, Hartford City, Indiana. Harvey Ludwig, are you here?

(Mr. Ludwig rises) At this time would you give us an audit report? Jim Mason, are you here? (Mr. Mason rises) L. C. Edmonson. (Rises) These three men were here until 4:00 o'clock yesterday afternoon auditing the books.

MR. LUDWIG: Right, we were—the other two members and myself, as chairman. We went over the books yesterday. We met in this room for about an hour and a half and, fellows, I thank Verne for the wonderful job he has done on these books. He should get a big hand. He deals with various accounts and keeps them up. He had this long table completely filled with voucher checks which he has broken down into various accounts and, along with that, he has four savings accounts, and it was a grand education, and I would like to thank Jim for putting me on this committee. I think Verne deserves a big hand for the job he has done. Thank you. (Applause)

CHAIRMAN: On committee reports last night, Bert Moser. Will you come up here a minute, Bert? (No answer)

We have the new editor of the paper, and I know that you firemen all over the State have enjoyed this paper. We have the news editor here today, and I would like to introduce Robert Laney. Would you like to say a few words, Bob?

MR. LANEY: Thank you, Jim. It is indeed a pleasure to be here. I am kind of embarrassed as to what to say except we are attempting to put out a fine paper that I know you will be happy and proud to read.

I would like to introduce the fellow that is my assistant, Emil Zula.

And be sure and get your copy in so we can have it in the paper. One of the big problems we are having is getting information to fill the paper so we can print it, and we are doing our very best to do a good job. Thank you. (Applause)

CHAIRMAN: I would like to thank Mr. Laney for the fine job he has done printing this paper. It was on very quick notice.

I believe we did find this time Bert Moser. Where are you, Bert?

MR. MOSER: I am not lost. Jim Blough is lost. I just got here in the corridor and find out you are waiting on our water ball contest report.

There will be 16 teams in the water ball contest and a bulletin will be out in the corridor right after lunch so there won't have to be any asking as to what position you are playing. Tomorrow morning at 9:00 o'clock is when we are going to start and, if you are asked to help, please don't refuse because we want quite a bit of help to get it set up so you will have a little time between the contests. Thank you. (Applause)

CHAIRMAN: Duane Lantz, do you have a report from the Memorial Committee?

(Mr. Lantz hands Chairman his report)

Jack Ford, do you have a report from the Insurance Committee?

MR. FORD: It was taken care of last night.

CHAIRMAN: Be over in the Memorial Chapel at 11:30, and we will meet back here at 12:00 o'clock for lunch downstairs and be back here at 1:00 P. M. Let's adjourn.

(The time being 11:15 A. M., the convention adjourned and reconvened at 1:30 P. M.) (Gavel)

CHAIRMAN: Fellows, stay here now. Does Midwest have a resuscitator?

Each district chairman will poll his delegates, and he will read the

number of the department present and the delegates and then he will bring his slip forward and give it to the Secretary right now. Poll your district. Bring your receipts up here. District 1.

I would like to announce at this time that I am going to recognize this afternoon— (Gavel)

I would like to announce that this afternoon I am only going to recognize delegates to this convention. You guests that are sitting in here, I wish you would be quiet because you are not going to be recognized; just the elected officers and delegates—each delegate to each fire department.

Also, I would like to announce again to watch for firecrackers in town. You fellows all know that it is against the law to use these firecrackers. So let's stay within the law. I think people would appreciate it more. At this time John Kustron will call the roll.

(Roll Call by Mr. John Kustron, Secretary)

Did we miss anybody?

MR. KUSTRON: That's it.

CHAIRMAN: That's the roll call, fellows. Don't let anybody in the doors or out because, if you go out, you are going to be cancelled as a delegate.

It has been a privilege and an honor for me to have been your President for the past two years. I have enjoyed the friendship of all you firemen all over the State that I have met. I shall always have the volunteer firemen at heart and I will be glad to help any department in the State that wants or needs my help.

I hope to see this association grow in size and in service. During my term I have tried to gain recognition for our association in other organizations in the State. I think we have succeeded to the point of being asked by many of these organizations to serve on committees or for our planning help. The volunteer fireman deserves recognition for his unselfish service.

I again want to thank Fire Marshal Ira Anderson and his staff for all the help and information they have given me whenever I have asked them.

I want to thank each and every one of you for your support, especially my officers and hard working directors. To each and every fireman sitting out here my special thanks. Without you this would never have been possible. (Applause)

So at this time I am going to turn you over to the Resolutions Committee. Would our committee come forward, please? (Gavel) Chester Wintin, Ed Weaver, Bob Crocker.

MR. STEIGER: Let's get this straight. We have to have quiet so everybody else can hear.

MR. WINTIN: President of the corporation and Vice President and all other elected officers and fellow delegates: We have had our allotted two gatherings of the Resolutions Committee and rendered our decisions to the best of our ability. We will take each resolution as they were numbered.

Resolution Number 1 would increase the total death benefits in the Funeral Fund as much as 1st and 2nd year consecutive membership 45 to 50, 3rd and 4th year consecutive membership, 75 to 100, 5th and 6th year consecutive membership, 110 to 150.

We audited data on here for the fiscal year ending June 1st and found the greatest death rate in the history of the association. However, our membership is also growing, and we recommend that this Resolution Number 1 be adopted.

MR. STEIGER: Fellow fire-

men, you have heard the report of the Resolutions Committee chairman. Now we will vote on the resolution and on what they have reported. Do I have a motion here to accept Resolution Number 1 or to reject Resolution Number 1?

GIBSON, District 11: I make a motion that the resolution be adopted.

EMORY SWANDER: I second the motion.

MR. STEIGER: You heard the motion. What is your pleasure?

MR. KONEFSKY: I have a question. I think this is a good resolution but I think you are going to get out of hand by raising because, when this was first passed, a lot of men that belonged to the association were very young and, if you will just notice, years ago you had four, five, and six deaths. Today you have a lot of them and you are going to break this funeral fund if you raise the death benefit, and I would like to see this resolution not be passed.

BALDAUF, from Liverpool: I would like to ask our Treasurer what he thinks about it—whether he thinks we may be able to do this or not.

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Treasurer, we are asking for some information. We want to know whether the Association can afford the increase in benefits.

MR. KONOPASEK: I'll tell you fellows the year report will show existing \$1222.00 above what you paid out the last fiscal year. In other words, 75c a member for 8715 members is what you paid in. The report shows that what you paid out for 53 deaths was \$5313.73, leaving a balance of \$1222.00.

Now, you couldn't go wrong with this resolution because this is a lot more benefits than any insurance company will ever pay because there is no overhead or commissions involved in this thing. Of course I like what was done about this thing because this money all comes back to you.

Maybe you go along three or four years; maybe every year you won't have funeral benefits.

But, anyway, that's the situation. You've had about 50 deaths so you can figure you don't have too many. 75c goes in the fund.

CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Jack Ford.

MR. FORD: In the light of the close proximity of my friend and the recommendation that we keep a good, sound funeral fund, I move to table this motion for further consideration.

MR. KONEFSKY: I second the motion. (Gavel)

DELEGATE: You have a motion on the floor first.

CHAIRMAN: Jack Ford made a motion seconded by Stanley Konefsky.

MR. FORD: I make a motion is that either cash or a funeral donation?

CHAIRMAN: It is cash. It is called a donation benefit instead of a funeral offer. It could be a cash donation. We have a motion before the house and seconded that the previous motion be tabled.

DELEGATE FROM RICHMOND: Mr. Chairman.


CHAIRMAN: For information we will refer to Mr. Weaver first.

MR. WEAVER: Fellow delegates, I would like to say a word here. I am not a delegate. I am not a district chairman. But this resolution originated in our District 9B.

If you recall, last year we had a resolution before the floor to increase the benefit \$50.00 from the 4th to the 5th year and, after the 7th year, to increase it \$100. We felt at that time that our association could not double the benefits, so we come up with this idea or we suggested a resolution pretty much in line as written.

I would like to further add here that you've got to stop and consider that our association last year had \$46,500.00 out on interest. We collected—the associa-

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GREETINGS FROM YOUR NEWLY ELECTED AUXILIARY PRESIDENT MRS. RUTH FAIRFIELD

It is with mixed feelings of emotions that I take over the job as your Auxiliary President. Needless to say, this is a responsible position, and it makes me very proud to have been elected to this top spot. My predecessors have done such excellent jobs of building and organizing, and keeping things running so smoothly, I sincerely hope I can do half as well. If I can be of help to any of our volunteer department auxiliaries, please do not hesitate to contact me. It is my fondest hope that I shall be able to visit with each district within the state, during my term of office. Since convention there has been one new auxiliary which is already pretty well organized, and one other that is very much interested in forming a group. This is indeed good news, and very encouraging to me. Let's keep them coming.

As you know, for the past two years, I served as your Vice President, and in this position I was responsible for our "Lucky Doe Doll" project. This article to you, also affords me the opportunity to thank each and every one of you who helped make this project the success it was. Your fine cooperation, and your willingness to help when called upon, gave me the confidence and the boost I needed to accept the Presidency which I now hold.

Since thanks are in order, Rensselaer gave us a wonderful convention. Each and everyone of us, I'm sure, enjoyed the fine facilities for meetings, the wonderful banquet, and all the other things planned for our enjoyment. We owe all who worked so hard on this convention, a round of applause.

I will close this little message for now. I am confident of the future . . . there may be times when I will have to call on you . . . and you . . . and you, and I know you will respond. Here's to a successful year with the climax next convention time at our Southern sister city . . . Vincennes.

All IVFA auxiliaries please send your dues to the Recording Secretary, Mrs. Catherine Van Arsdale, 637 S. Whitcomb, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Thank you.

Mrs. Ruth Fairfield
IVFA Aux., Inc., Pres.

MESSAGE FROM PAST PRESIDENT INEZ JEFFRIES

I wish to thank all of the ladies who attended the meetings and our Coffee Clutch at the convention in Rensselaer. It was just wonderful to have more ladies registered than ever before. I was so pleased to see so many at the business meetings. This is an organization where all of the members have a voice and when you attend these business meetings at convention you have the privilege of voicing your opinion. I sincerely hope that next year there will be many more of you members attending. The ladies who worked so diligently toward our Coffee Clutch made it one of the most remembered ones we have ever attended.

The town of Rensselaer certainly did their best to make us feel welcome.

The two years I served as president were memorable ones. I am now in the ranks of a past president and only hope I can still be active and do my best for the good of the auxiliary. There is still lots to be done.

Members of the IVFA Auxiliary, Inc. if you are not attending your district meetings, you are really missing a very informative meeting as well as a lot of fun. If you don't have a district, feel free to contact any IVFA auxiliary officer and she will be glad to help you try to organize your district or she will direct you to one nearest you.

Thanks again to anyone who helped me in any way during my term of president.

I'm hoping to see all you next year in Vincennes.

Immediate Past President
Inez Jeffries

DISTRICT 3 AUXILIARY MEETS AT SCIPIO TWP.

The District 3 meeting was held at Scipio Twp. on June 28. Twenty-four ladies representing five departments were present.

A report on the recent state convention was given by Chairman Cohen. She also reminded the ladies that it is time to pay state membership dues. Election of officers was held and the following ladies were elected to office: Mrs. Richard Van Kosky, Scipio Twp., Chairman; Mrs. Duane Babcock, Noble, Secretary; Mrs. Duane Lantz installed the new officers.

Awards were presented to Mrs. Bee Bush, Springfield Twp., attendance award and to Scipio Twp. the traveling Doll award.

Refreshments were served by the host department.

Auxiliary Officers For 1965-66



Standing left to right: Carolyn McCarty, Past Treasurer, Catherine Mason, Past President, Thelma Lester, Chaplain, Catherine Van Arsdale, Recording Secretary and Mary Stafford, Vice President. Seated left to right: Elizabeth Thompson, Past Recording Secretary, Inez Jeffries, Immediate Past President and Ruth Fairfield President.

Editor's Note: When this picture was taken we thought we included all new officers but since have found we excluded some. Our apologies.

DISTRICT 6 AUXILIARY MEETING AND ELECTION

The 6th District Auxiliary held its July meeting at Columbia City. Among the guests present were State Chaplain Thelma Lester, also attending, Ruth Fairfield, a member of the 6th District and President of the IVFA Auxiliary.

Election of officers were held. Wanda Stuerzenberger of New Haven was elected as our new Chairman. Joan Shanabarger of Churubusco will again hold the office of Secretary.

After the meeting everyone enjoyed the fire truck rodeo performed by a driver of the Columbia City Department at the direction of Cooney Tucker.

The 6th District held the annual family picnic on August 8th at Chain-of-Lakes State Park. There was swimming, horse shoe, badmitten, and just about any kind of sport. Everyone had a good time.

The 6th District would like to take this opportunity to thank the City of Rensselaer for the wonderful Convention. It was a huge success. Everyone had a good time and hope to return again to the fine city of Rensselaer.

Joan Shanabarger, Secretary
6th District Auxiliary

DISTRICT 8 AUXILIARY MEETING AND ELECTION

District 8 Auxiliary held their District meeting July 10, at the Amboy Fire Station. The meeting was opened with a word of prayer. Five departments were present with a total of 12 women. The minutes of the State Officers meeting of April 25, and of the Convention were read by the Chairman.

Election of Officers was held. They are as follows: Chairman Doris Osborne of Amboy, Vice Chairman Kate Myers of Amboy, Secretary-Treasurer Alberta Crowell of Frankton, Chaplain Manetta Herfle of Gaston.

The rest of the evening was spent playing Bingo. Refreshments were served.

INDEPENDENCE HILL AUXILIARY PARADE WINNER

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Independence Hill Fire Department won a 2nd Place Trophy in Best Out of Town Entries at the East Gary Fourth of July Parade. The auxiliary's theme "OUR MAN—THE FIREMAN" depicted a fireman rushing out of bed to a fire while his wife

Congratulations to Mrs. Verne Konopasek.

The "Lucky Doe Doll" which was raffled off at the Rensselaer convention was won by Mrs. Verne Konopasek, 145 W. Elm Street, Griffith, Indiana.

and family assisted him with his equipment. The theme was thought up by the auxiliary members and the float was built entirely by them.

FOUNTAIN TOWN VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S AUXILIARY

Here in Fountaintown it's been hot and we haven't been doing too much, in May we served the concessions at the annual spring horse show at the Faut farm. We are having our Card parties the third Saturday night of each month, starting at 8 P. M. This year we decided to drop our annual picnic, usually held the 3rd Sunday in July, in favor of a weiner roast to be held sometime in the early fall.

July 10 our fire station was the scene of the annual fish fry. We had a nice crowd. There was plenty of work for all those who helped.

August 7 and 8 the firemen will be serving the concessions at an all Appaloosa horse show, with a little help from the auxiliary.

Those of us who attended the convention in Rensselaer, Indiana had a wonderful time, thanks to those people who put so much effort in planning it.

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DISTRICT 1 AND 2 SCORES AT STATE CONVENTION

The recent state convention at Rensselaer brought a variety of honors to Districts 1 and 2. District awards were as follows:

- Most Modern Fire Equipment—
- 1st Place - Independence Hill
- 2nd Place - Griffith
- 3rd Place - Merrillville
- Firemen's Float —
- 1st Place - Independence Hill
- Parachute Jump —
- 1st Place - Merrillville
- Best Marching Unit —
- 1st Place - Merrillville
- Best Band —
- 1st Place - Crown Point
- 2nd Place - Merrillville
- Best Junior Band —
- 1st Place - Cedar Lake

Auxiliary Planning For 1966 Convention



Front seat, driver, Gloria Mack, Violet Waldrop. Back seated, Ruth Warren and Lucille Bailey. Back, Maxine Nesbitt and Verta Engle.

Convention Banquet



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Sincerely,
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Membership Com. Chrm.

HOW SAFE'S YOUR HOME?

(Following is one of a series of fire safety articles submitted to The News by Miss Bonnie Mishler, New Paris High School senior this fall and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manford Mishler, Route 1, Syracuse. Bonnie has entered a 4-H fire safety contest.)

By BONNIE MISHLER

Everyday on the average of 1,000 American homes are struck by fire, taking approximately 30 lives. Most home fires are caused by a few well known hazards. These hazards can be easily eliminated by following the ABC's of good housekeeping — Always Be Careful.

Turn off stove.

If frying pan catches on fire, cover the pan with a tight metal lid.

Don't use candles near curtains or draperies.

Don't use plastics near stove.

Be sure there are ashtrays throughout the home.

Never throw rags near fire.

Dispose of combustible wastes promptly.

Turn off iron if you leave.

Take good care of all electrical appliances.

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What is a fire? To have a fire, you must have three things.

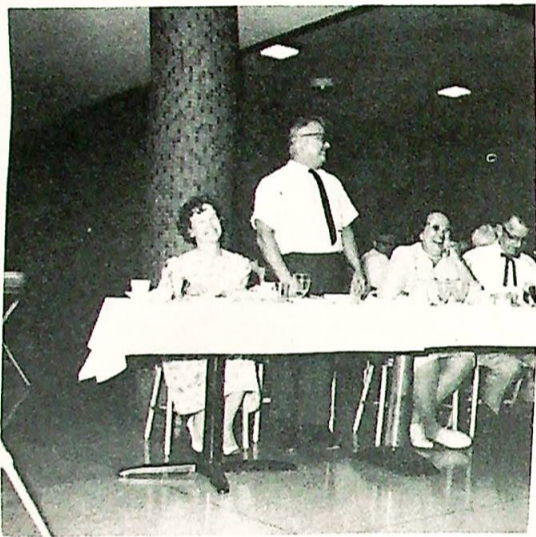
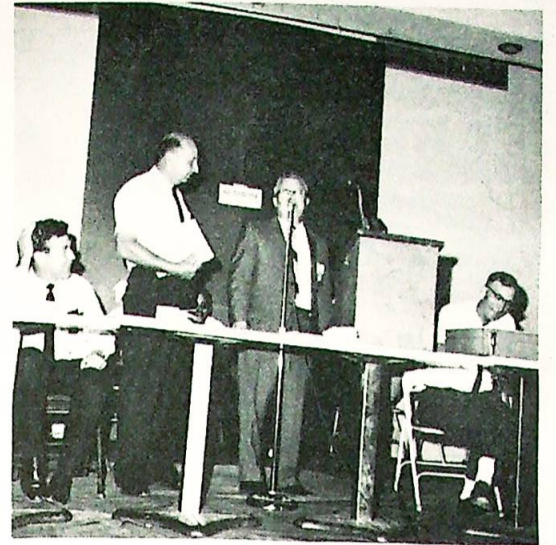
1. Fuel — something to burn such as wood, paper, etc.

2. Oxygen—this is found in the air around us.

3. Heat — something to ignite the fuel. This could be a match, electrical spark or many other things.

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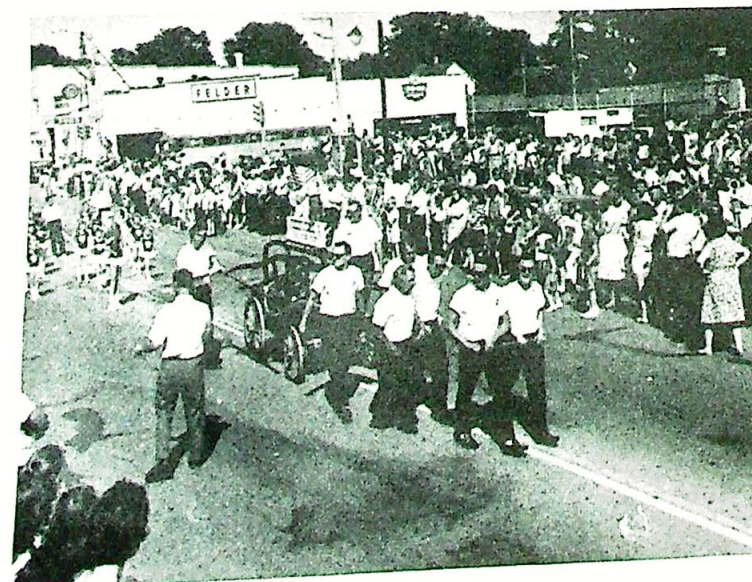
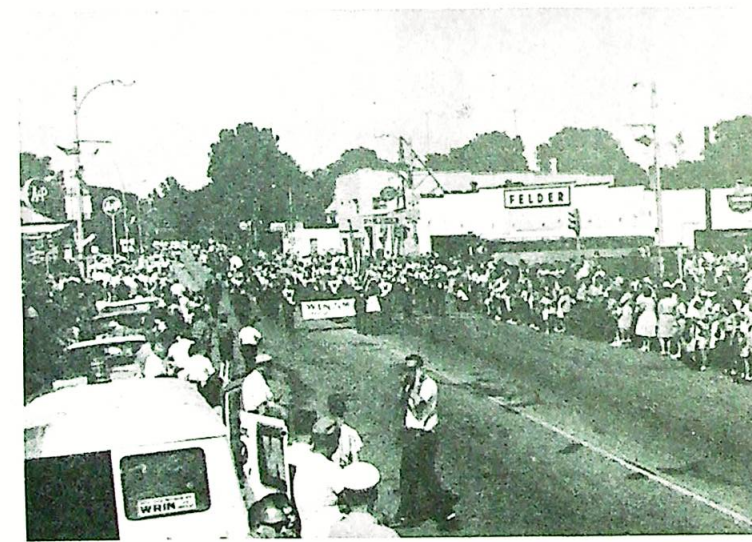
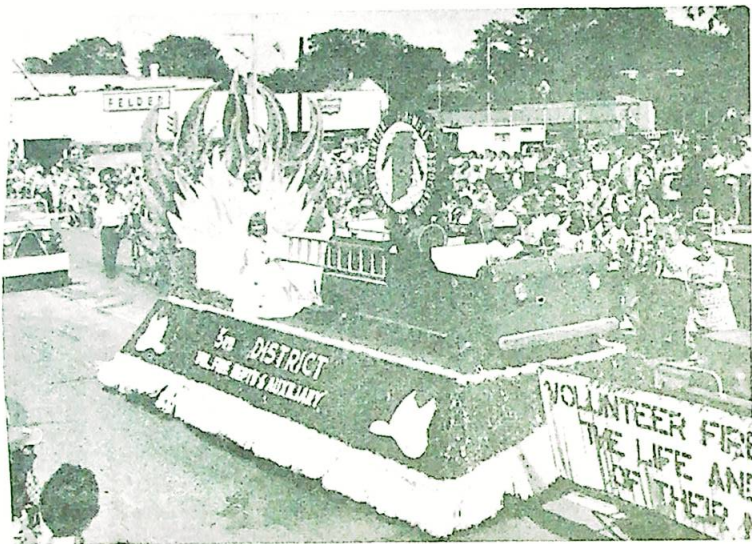
Convention Meetings



Trophy Winners at Convention Parade

- Class A Band—Crown Point
- Class B Band—Winamac
- Class C Band—Lincoln Junior High, Cedar Lake
- Novelty Car 1st—10th District
- Novelty Car 2nd—"Yogi" Allen County
- Antique Car 1st—1923 Ford (Mr. and Mrs. Baker)
- Antique Car 2nd—1908 Buick
- Marching Unit 1st—Kokomo Legionette
- Marching Unit 2nd—Lindettes
- Marching Unit 3rd—Medaryville Boy Scouts
- Firemen's Float 1st—Independence Hill Fire Dept.
- Firemen's Float 2nd—District 9-B
- Firemen's Float 3rd—3rd District
- Horse Unit 1st—4-H Group
- Horse Unit 2nd—Saddle Club
- Old Fire Equipment 1st—Hamilton Fire Dept.
- Old Fire Equipment 2nd—Scotsville Fire Dept.
- Old Fire Equipment 3rd—Brook Fire Dept.
- Car Decoration—Washington Twp.
- Marching Fire Unit—Merrillville Fire Dept.
- Novelty Float 1st—Mountain Men Special
- Novelty Float 2nd—Churubusco
- Novelty Float 3rd—Daisy Mae Group
- Modern Fire Equipment 1st—Independence Hill Fire Dept.
- Modern Fire Equipment 2nd—Griffith Fire Dept.
- Modern Fire Equipment 3rd—Merrillville Fire Dept.
- Comedy Unit—Dana, Indiana, Charles McGill
- Parachute Jump—Lt. Marvin Mager, Merrillville Fire Dept.

Convention Parade



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As you can see, if one of these three things are missing there can be no fire.

If there is no fuel, there is nothing to burn. If there is no oxygen the fuel won't burn, for it needs oxygen to burn. And if there is no heat, there is no reason for the fuel to ignite.

To put out a fire, you must take away one or more of these three things.

Flameproofing materials!

Take one pound of borax (chrystalling) and 13 ounces of boric acid dissolved thoroughly in two gallons of water, cooled to room temperature.

Place your dry fabric in the solution until it's thoroughly wet. Take it out and wring it by hand. This solution is approved by the National Bureau of Standards. Always use a warm, not hot, iron when ironing fabrics that have been flameproofed.

Flameproofing does not prevent fires, but it does reduce the hazard of fires. Fabrics which have been treated with flameproofing solutions will not ignite readily or burn rapidly. Thus, you have a longer time to fight the fire before it becomes serious and the danger of severe burns is lessened.

Always be prepared for even the smallest fires. The following equipment is very useful and often times necessary when a fire breaks out.

1. Plenty of water. A water pressure system is desirable. Keep enough hose to reach any place it might be needed. Orchard spray rigs can be used.
2. Sand buckets. Many fires can be put out by smothering them. In the kitchen a lid may be used to smother a burning skillet. Baking soda is also good for smothering kitchen fires.
3. Ladders, one which is tall enough to reach the highest building on your place.
4. Fire extinguishers. Keep them inspected and filled at all times.

DISTRICT 1 AND 2 MEETING AND ELECTION

District 1 and 2 of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association held their election of officers at Merrillville, July 21, 1965.

Election results were as follows:

- Chairman, District 1, Bernie Jostes.
- Secretary, District 2, Robert Blimm.
- Chairman, District 2, Emil Zula.
- Secretary, District 2, Ralph Knapp.

Mr. Jostes is presently Chief of the New Elliott Fire Department. He is a past President of the IVFA and has been Chairman of both Districts 1 and 2. Bernie is also chairman of the State IVFA Legislative Committee.

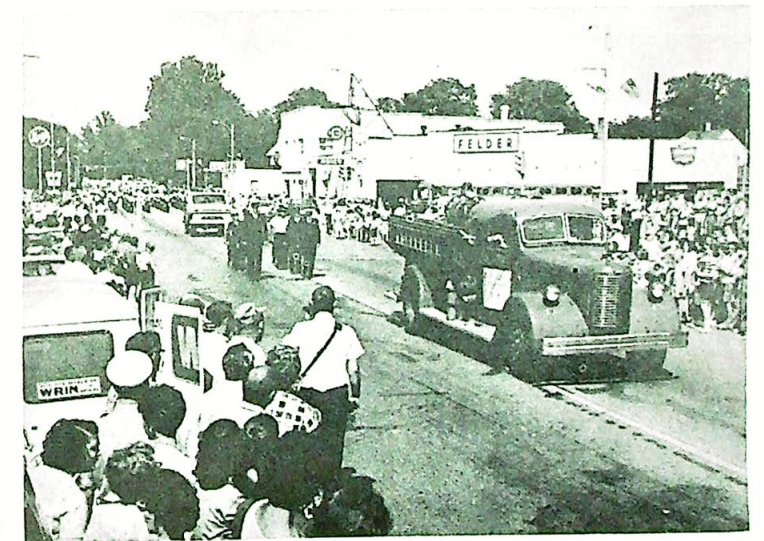
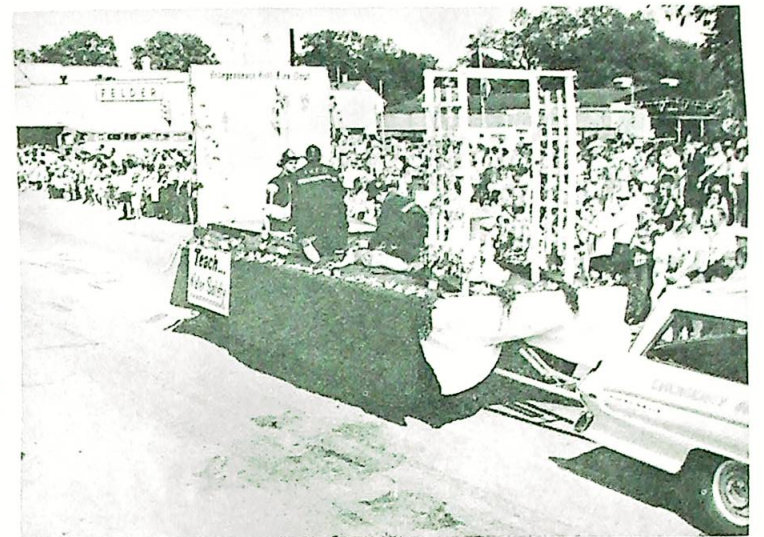
Bob Blimm is the President of the Independence Hill Fire Department. He has been secretary of District 1 for the past two years.

Emil Zula is the Secretary-Treasurer of the Crown Point Fire Dept. and the Fireman's Insurance Program. He is also Secretary to the Lake County Fire Service and is the Assistant Editor of the IVFA Newspaper.

Ralph Knapp is the Chief of the Lincoln Township fire department in Thayer.

The members of District 1 and 2 wish to express their thanks to Stanley Konefsky, Merrillville, Past Chairman District 1; Ray Wade, Cedar Lake, Past Chairman District 2; and Bill Klahn, Lake Hills, Past Secretary, District 2, for a job well done while in office.

Convention Parade



Random Notes of a Rambling Reporter in Southern Indiana

A very fine convention at Rensselaer. If you weren't there, we missed you, but you missed the best IVFA Convention yet. Seems that it is reported in this column every year "the best convention yet," but doggone it, its true, every one who was there says so. Our hosts knock themselves out, but they get results, they put on an annual wing ding that must satisfy every one (personally, we did not hear that first gripe) unless you want to count the one complaint of "not enough hours in the day" for an affair of this kind. A very big "tip of the hat" to Rensselaer Fire Chief Anderson and his hard working efficient Convention Committee. If you could stand it, we would like to come back! Next year Vincennes, June 16, 17, 18, see you there. Acton came in on "Cloud Nine" with a new fire truck direct from the factory, loaded it up with the Ladies' Water Ball Championship Trophy, after attending all the regular sessions and some not scheduled, and continued onward home to Marion County, never getting off "Cloud Nine". Congratulations to Penn South, who again took home the Men's Water Ball Championship Trophy. The competition gets keener, but seems Penn South gets better. Keep trying, some day those Penn South guys are going to get too old for this water ball bit, then we'll see.

Officers of the association should come in for some compliments too. Seemed to this reporter, that the schedule ran pretty smooth. The delegates did their part to help the officers get the serious business of the convention on the road and bring it to a laudable completion. A minimum of bickering, good thinking, solid consideration of convention business and a sound conclusion with elected officers experienced and qualified to carry on and surpass the enviable efforts of their predecessors.

Things are getting better every day in the IVFA. At this point your reporter is going to "break the rules" and interject in these notes his personal feelings. A resounding and thunderous YEAH for the selection of the FIREMAN OF THE YEAR, MR. IVFA the hard working Chief Andy Van Winkle of Greenville. Congratulations Andy (Rip) and very well deserved recognition it was.

And now back to southern Indiana . . . in addition to Acton, . . . WALDRON has a new tanker, in fact two . . . Fairland has a new tanker . . . Owensville has a new 750 GPM pumper . . . Elberfeld in the process of taking bids . . . According to EVERETT McCULLUM, newly elected Coordinator, a new District No. 18 has been formed with Chief Edgar Nigg of Haysville as District Chairman.

JACK KNOLL, Chief of Waldron, unanimously elected as 10th District Chairman, filling a spot previously held by Chief CARLOS JEFFRIES, who was elected Vice President of the IVFA . . . RICHARD WERLE of Sellersburg, re-elected Chairman of the 14th District . . . GIL BOAZ re-elected Chairman of the 16th District. Congratulations all of you . . . All of you know what has to be done and all of us know you can get it done, WITH THE COOPERATION OF YOUR DISTRICT DEPARTMENTS . . . since you members of these various Districts elected these Chairmen and promised to support their program, it sure looks like a big year in Southern Indiana for the Volunteers . . . President elect WALT STEIGER and other members of his staff attended 16th District meeting . . . Vice President CARLOS JEFFRIES and EVERETT McCULLUM attended 14th District meeting at MOOREFIELD where MONROE TWP. of Henryville was awarded a trophy (to be held until next competition) as champions of 14th

District Water Ball . . . JACK OSBORN of State Fire Marshal Staff, reports Ass't Chief CHICK CARSON of Huntingburg, now at home, after brief stay at hospital . . . CLAUDE SANDERS, Princeton Chief and Chief VIC STUNKEL of Patoka Twp. Fire Dept. at the test of OWENSVILLE'S new fire truck, joined by Chief FRANK J. MEYER and DON SEIFFERT of Ferdinand . . . Sellersburg Fair August 21 . . . Annual Fish Fry and Chicken Dinner Carnival at Cedar Grove August 27 and 28 . . . Marion County Fireman's Demonstration, Marion County Fairgrounds, Sept. 25 and 26 . . . Wayne County Fire School, Richmond, October 2 and 3 . . . DICK WERLE scheduled to "Walk down the aisle" Sellersburg Methodist Church October 15 . . . CROTHERSVILLE new fire station progressing well under construction . . . Don't forget Zip Code numbers on all mail addresses, particularly IVFA members, pleads Secretary Elect JACK FORD.

Four farm buildings are destroyed by fire every hour according to the National Fire Protection Association.

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The Convention involved much work, but as the programs formulated this became a labor to be enjoyed as we went along in anticipation of your visit.

We, the auxiliary and firemen,



Andy VanWinkle receiving "IVFA Fireman of The Year" trophy

MONON HOSTS DISTRICT 9-B MEETING

Election of officers was held at the district meeting of 9-B on Thursday, July 1. Re-elected to district chairman was Ed Weaver of Francisville and his new secretary-treasurer is Tom Padgett of Rensselaer. Rosy Rosenbaum of

Monon was elected Public Relations man for the district.

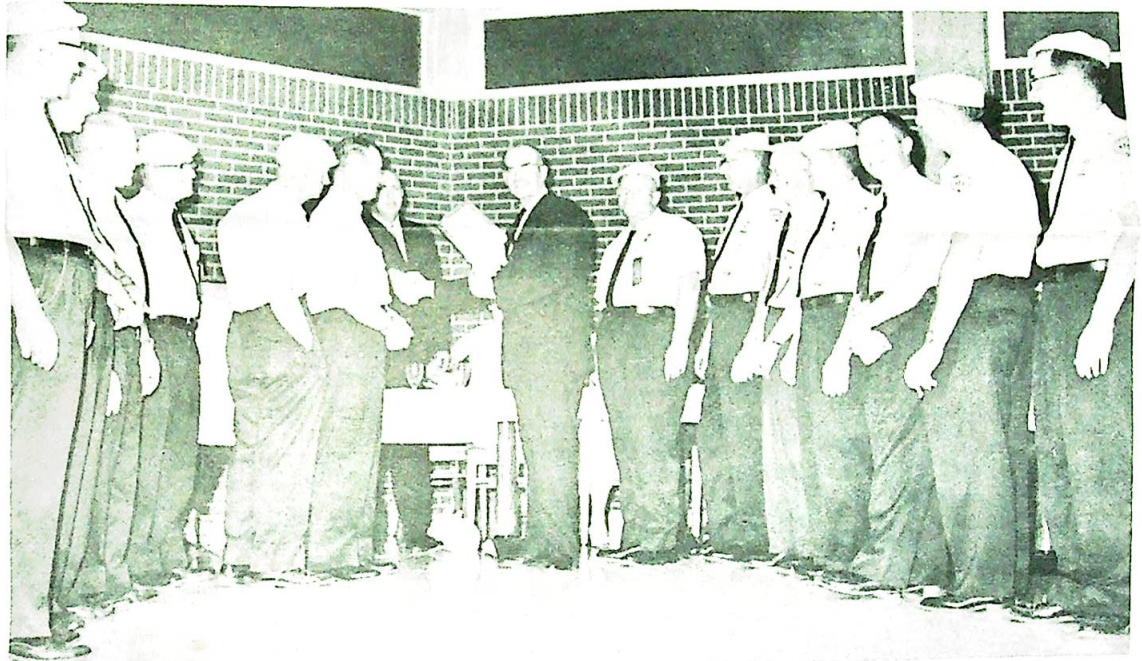
Walt Steiger, state IVFA president, gave a brief talk to the 35 men in attendance. A movie of the "500 mile race" rounded out the program and was followed by refreshments served by the Monon Fire Department.

want you to know it was well worth all the anxiety in arranging programs, schedules, lodging and many other details that must be taken care of in such a venture. Please accept our thanks for

coming; we hope you enjoyed the Convention as much as we did. We'll see you next year at Vincennes.

Rensselaer Firemen & Auxiliary

Congratulations Rensselaer



Chief Anderson of the Rensselaer Fire Department receiving plaque from Past President Jim Glaub in appreciation for a job well done for the fine convention put on by the Rensselaer Fire Department.

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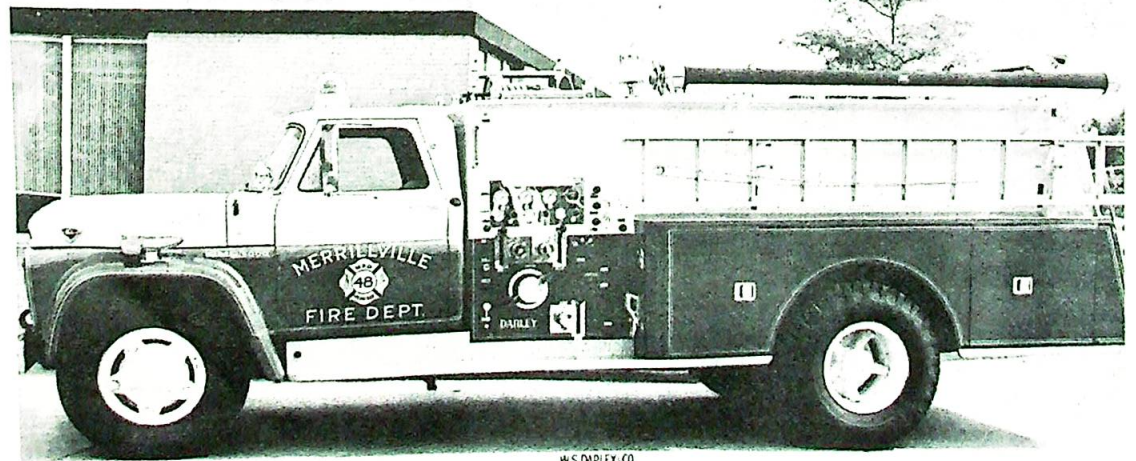


Riley Schoolhouse, south of Crown Point on Nine-Mile stretch was completely gutted by fire early Tuesday morning, August 9th. A passing shift worker on the state road about 1:15 o'clock saw flames in the lower right side of the building and awakened a neighbor across the road to call the Crown Point Fire Department. Vandals were blamed for the destructive fire when it was discovered by firemen that the front door was found standing open. This door had been nailed

shut for some time by Center Township Trustee Glen Corbin. The building had been abandoned and the windows boarded up for several years. The school had been advertised for sale at a public auction on August 26.

Cedar Lake, Lake Dalecarlia, and Independence Hill departments sent units that helped Crown Point Firemen control the blaze. Riley School was one of the last few of the two classroom school buildings left in Lake County.

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Vincennes Accepts Chassis For New Fire Truck



Left to Right front row; John Nesbitt, Treasurer; Leo Gartner, Don Gartner, Vice President; Ernest Waldrop, President, accepting the keys from Jimmy Risp of Elson Sims Ford; Charles Halter.

Left to Right second row; Charles Flynn, Don Reynolds, Secretary; Paul Kahn and Paul Onkin, Sr., Chief.

Pictured above are the Board of Directors, Vincennes Twp. Fire Department accepting the delivery of a new F-700 Ford Chassis from the local Ford Dealer Elson G. Sims. This truck will replace a 1952 Dodge.

The department will mount a low volume high pressure John Bean pump with a 750 gallon tank on the truck. This will make two such trucks in service now, the other being a 1964 GMC with a 1250 gallon tank. Additional equipment is a 1952 Chevrolet with a volume pump and a 500 gallon tank.

10th DISTRICT MEETS AT TAYLORSVILLE

On May 13th the 10th district met at Taylorsville Fire Station with approximately 45 men in attendance. The twelve departments represented reported that their departments responded to 21 calls involving fires, mutual aid and emergency runs since the April meeting. Guests included Public Relations Director for Southeastern Indiana, Ralph Israel of Burney, Raymond Shook of Clarksburg, and Paul Becker and Don Gates, FESCO representatives from Dayton, Ohio and Columbus, Indiana.

Two color films were shown by Lee Everroad of the host department. One film entitled "Partners in Freedom" from the

Department of Defense pertained to airlifting of troops and supplies to Europe and the other entitled "Breaking the Language Barrier" from the Department of the Air Force pertained to the demonstrations in foreign countries of the famed Four Thunderbird Jets.

Volunteer Fire departments represented at the meeting were from Acton, Burney, Clarksburg, Flat Rock, Fountaintown, Hope, Hartsville, Manilla, Marietta, St. Paul, Taylorsville, and Waldron.

The next meeting was held at the Waldron Fire Station on Wednesday night, June 23rd.

Allen Blades
10th District Secretary

RENSELAER TO SPONSOR STOCK CAR RACE

The Rensselaer Fire Department is sponsoring a stock car race on Labor Day, September 6 at the Jasper County Fair Grounds. Location of the fairgrounds is one mile west of Rensselaer. Gates will open at 4:00 P. M. for picnic lunchers and the time trials will begin at 6:30. There will be a 50 lap championship race starting at 8:00 p. m. Admission charges will be \$1.25 for adults and children under 12 free.

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMENS ASSN., A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION 35-6026503

From Convention at New Albany to Convention at Rensselaer - General Fund

	6-1-64 to 12-31-64	1-1-65 to 6-1-65	TOTALS
RECEIPTS:			
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 1, 1964			\$8432.10
Individual memberships	14484.00	486.25	14970.25
Deposits & Overpayments	194.00	1.00	195.00
ADS - Donations - IVFA paper	247.50	445.40	692.90
Donations - Nation Wide Ins.	406.04	189.53	595.57
" - Officers meeting		12.50	12.50
" - For Decals	1.00		1.00
" - Conv. Program Bk.	1835.00		1835.00
" - Registrations	3480.00		3480.00
Interest on reserves	1943.75		1943.75
Gary National Bank RI-25672	78.00		78.00
TOTALS	\$22669.29	\$1134.68	\$23803.97
DISBURSEMENTS:			
General Convention Expense	8395.65		8395.65
Convention Printing Expense	911.58	168.85	1080.43
Officer & Comm. Meeting Exp.	1229.60	1398.69	2628.29
Regular Printing Expense	431.07	962.02	1393.09
IVFA Newspaper Printing Exp.	446.69	1913.97	2360.66
Postage & Telephone Expense	957.91	627.53	1585.44
District Expense	379.01	173.95	552.96
Refunds - Deposits & Overpayments	187.00	4.00	191.00
Office Supplies & Equipment	330.38	38.17	368.55
Secretary's Expense	686.80	246.50	933.30
Treasurer's Expense	369.50	136.80	506.30
President's Expense	326.05	252.80	578.85
Public Relation's Expense	43.82	59.50	103.32
Vice-President Expense	14.50	65.95	80.45
Chairman of Board Expense	10.20		10.20
Past President Expense		27.50	27.50
50-Year Member Expense		30.10	30.10
Bond Premium Insurance	483.00		483.00
Marsh & McLennan Ins. Prem.	485.00		485.00
Editor's Expense	300.00		300.00
Legislative Comm. Expenses		1674.60	1674.60
Gary National Bank RI-25672	78.00		78.00
Advance Dues Transferred to Clothing Fund	3.50		3.50
State of Indiana - File Report		1.00	1.00
TOTALS	\$16069.26	\$7781.93	\$23851.19
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 1, 1965			\$8384.88
CLOTHING FUND ACCOUNT:			
RECEIPTS: Balance on hand June 1, 1964			
J. Kustron reports 1 thru 10 (7905)	3952.50		\$3092.05
J. Kustron reports 11 & 12 (362)		181.00	
TOTAL to account for			\$7225.55
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Claims 360 thru 408		737.81	
Claims 302 thru 359	697.91		
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 1, 1965			\$5789.83

Respectfully submitted,
Verne Konopasek, Treasurer, June 10, 1965

Rensselaer Fire Dept. HARVEST DANCE

Saturday, November 27

At Halleck Student Center

9:00 to 1:00

\$1.25 Each

\$2.50 Per Couple

Lake County Fire Service To Stage 4th Annual Fire Show at Lake County Fair

The Lake County Fire Service will again be host for the 4th annual fire show to be held at the Lake County Fair in Crown Point, on Saturday, August 28. Various evolutions have been planned for the show. Man walking through fire with protective clothing, hand extinguisher demonstration, car fires put out with water and foam, and extinguishing grass fires, First Aid Squads performing various types of rescue and inhalator uses, extinguishing house fires and smoke rescue work and ending with trucks pumping at capacity from the lake through deluge sets,

snorkels and ladder pipes.

Fire departments that have tentatively planned to be at the show are: Lake Hills, Merrillville, Griffith, Crown Point, Sheriff's Office Water Rescue Duck, Lake Dalecarlia, Cedar Lake, Shelby, Dyer, Independence Hill, New Elliott, Lowell, Ainsworth-Deep River, Gary, St. John, Munster, East Gary, Valparaiso, South Port, and Steger, Sauk Village also Sunnycrest departments from Illinois.

Last year there was approximately \$450,000.00 worth of fire equipment at the show. All firemen will be admitted free at the Southeast gate if they present any type of identification pertaining to the fire service, department identification, association memberships or badges.

Officers of the Lake County Fire Service, Inc. are: Charles Kitchel, Independence Hill; Lyle Thomas, Merrillville; Irvin Becker, Lake Dalecarlia and Emil Zula, Crown Point. The officials for the show are:

Superintendent of Show, Charles Kitchel, Ind. Hill.
Track Marshal, Mel McMahon, Cedar Lake.

Demolition Crew, Jerry Miller of Merrillville and Denny Roushelange of Independence Hill.

Lighting, Bill Austgen, St. John. Assistants to P. A. Announcer Patt Patterson, Stanley Konefsky, Merrillville and Emil Zula, Crown Point.

Communications, Bill Flanagan, Cedar Lake.

Building Superintendent, Bill Klahn of Lake Hills.

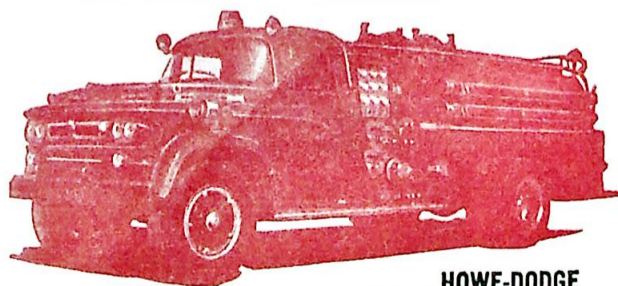
Treasurer, Irvin Becker of Lake Dale.



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