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Jones and Crocker to Head I.V.F.A. in '77-'78

President's Part:



Charles Jones

HOW CAN WE HELP EACH OTHER? We are now over 16,000 strong, but no one man in the association is more important than you! If you have an idea you think might be useful to another fireman or fire department, it is your duty to share this idea with them. It just might be the knowledge that would save a life or prevent property loss. Let us all make this the year that the IVFA establishes the motto: To Protect Life and Property in Our Community.

We have organized a committee to aid the EMT's among us. This committee consists of: C. "Tug" Sutton, Ivan Nevil, Don Weigel, Jim Dillon, Les Bannon, Wm. Spicer, Jr. and John E. Wright. Whether you have ideas to share or complaints to voice concerning the EMT operation this committee wants and needs to know about it.

Milan Pece will head a Training Committee this year. Serving with him will be: Milan Pece, Leonard Grizzle, Carl Bruns, Bob Esserman, Paul Fairfield, Steve Ritter, Billy Sunday, Carl Davis, Paul Kraft and Jim Watkins.

This committee will be assisted by our favorite volunteer fireman, Bill Goodwin. These people have to know how they can help you with any aspect of training. Whether you or your department needs training or has training to offer others, these people need your help. This committee will function in addition to the regular area fire schools provided annually.

The other committees are listed elsewhere in the paper. Please

look them up and keep the list handy for your reference. We have tried to select committee members from over the entire state in order to assimilate different sets of circumstances within each committee because, obviously, the needs in Fort Wayne will be quite different from the needs in Floyds Knobs. However, the need to share information is the same in all communities. None of the committees or officers can function properly without your active participation in the business of the IVFA.

I want to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the 1977 Convention Committee. The yearly Convention Committee deserves a big thanks from all of us.

Please accept my appreciation for your confidence in allowing me to be President. I will not list individually all the departments Jan, the kids and I have visited since becoming president but I do want to share some thoughts about these departments. Every fireman has made us feel welcome whether it has been a business meeting or a district get-together for the entire family. The wives have extended their welcome to Jan and your kids have made our kids feel right at home. There can be no greater group of people than volunteer firemen and their families. This helpful, friendly attitude is what has made the IVFA the envy of a lot of larger organizations and businesses. United cooperation is the key to success for the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Secretary's Report

Officers and Members of the IVFA,

The dues for this year are coming in very nicely and I wish to report that all that have been in this office by August 5th, 1977, have been duly processed and returned to the respective departments. If your dues have not been sent in, remind yourself that you have only until September 30th to get them in for continuous membership. That sounds like a long time away but we are all alike and time just keeps going on and on and the first



Charles Jones (left), newly elected President of The Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, congratulating Norman Crocker on his election to the Vice-President's position.

thing we know it has passed us by. Let me give you some thoughts

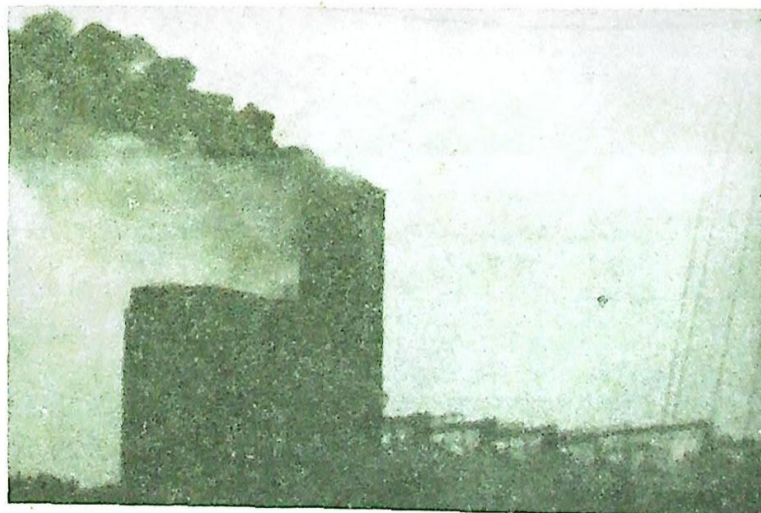
Explosion and Fire Rip Thru Clymers Grain Plant - Four Die in Rescue Effort



Jack Ford
I.V.F.A. Secretary

on what conversations go on by phone from time to time and this time it is fire truck colors. A couple of calls have mentioned this and here goes some of my opinions that you can take with your salt shaker.

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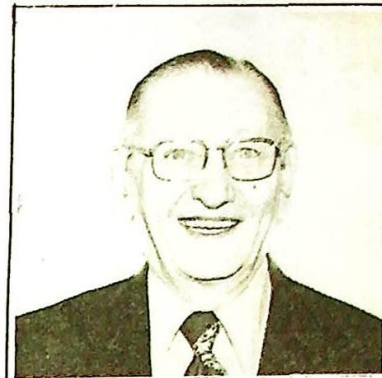
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"Remember
When?"

VERNE KONOPASEK
GRIFFITH, INDIANA
PAST TREASURER - HISTORIAN

Purpose — To present some interesting past events of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association.

As a reminder to many of you old-timers and a recording of what, when & who "The IVFA Legislative Committee" was working on twenty four (24) years ago (Namely in January & February of 1953) - the following is a reproduction of House bills 37, - 87, - 115 - of interest to our association at that time and the action taken thereon as compared to what has transpired now and since. We thought that this would be interesting and in line with the title of this column.

**I.V.F.A. Sponsors 3 Bills
Passed in Assembly 1953
HOUSE BILL NO. 37**

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend sections 1 and 2 of Blue Light Law, passed in 1951.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of the above entitled act is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. Privately owned vehicles belonging to members of regularly organized volunteer fire-fighting companies or associations, while enroute to the scenes of fires or other emergencies, in the line of duty as members of such firefighting organizations, may display blue lights on the front of such vehicles, subject to the following restrictions and conditions:

1. Such lights may not have a light source greater than thirty-two candle power.
2. Only one such blue light, visible in front of such vehicle, may be displayed, and such light shall be of the flasher type.
3. Such blue lights shall consist of a lamp with a blue lens and shall not consist of an uncolored lens with a blue bulb.
4. Such blue lights shall not be a part of the regular head lamps displayed on such vehicles.
5. No inscription of any kind shall appear across the face of the lens of the blue lights.
6. The lenses of such blue lights shall be not less than three inches nor more than six inches in diameter.
7. In order for a volunteer fireman to display such blue light on his vehicle, he must first secure a written permit from the chief executive officer of the fire-fighting organization to use such blue light, and this permit shall be carried by him at all times while such blue light is displayed.

It shall be unlawful for any person who is not a member of a regularly organized volunteer fire-fighting company or association to display on the front end of any motor vehicle owned by him, at any time, blue lights as described above.

SECTION 2: Section 2 of the above entitled act is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. Any volunteer fireman, or any other person who violates any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof may be fined in any sum not less than one dollar and no more than ten dollars, and he shall be dismissed from membership in the fire fighting organization by the chief executive thereof.

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Smoke Detectors Recalled

The Consumer Product Safety Commission yesterday issued a second recall notice for defective smoke detectors that could fail to warn of fire and smoke danger.

The second notice was issued jointly by the agency and BRK Electronics, the manufacturer, because more than 80,000 of the detectors were not located following the first recall notice in January.

The detectors were marketed by BRK, American Machine & Foundry, AMF, I-T-E Imperial Corporation and Sears, Roebuck and Co.

The detectors being recalled were manufactured with resistors that could fail, BRK said.

The smoke detectors are being replaced free of charge by the electronics firm, of Aurora, Illinois.

The units subject to recall are 110-volt detectors that sold for a suggested retail price of \$39.95.

The model numbers of the detectors are BRK: SS749AC, SS 749ACS, SS749L, SS749SL; AMF: 2000AC, 2000 ACL; I-T-E: IT01-AC; Sears: 9-57049, 9-57047, 9-57048.

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- Paul Homburg — Clinton Township
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- Robert Jones — Liberty Township, Liberty Center
- Robert Sykes — Bright
- Harry Abbott — New Washington
- Floyd Wagoner — Waldron
- George Brooks — Aurora No. 1

NORTHWEST I.V.F.A. FIRE SCHOOL

LaPorte County Fairgrounds
State Highway 2 - West of LaPorte

Saturday and Sunday
September 17 and 18, 1977

Tentative Program

7:30 A.M. — Registration
8:30 A.M. — Announcements
Saturday - State Fire Marshal,
William C. Goodwin
Sunday - Chaplain Duane Lantz
9:00 to 12:00 — Classes
12:00 to 1:00 — Lunch -
Restaurants in LaPorte
1:00 to 4:00 — Classes

Each Class - 3 hours

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Auxiliary District 3

The July 20, 1977, meeting of District 3 I.V.F.A. Auxiliary was held at Noble Township Fire Station with same acting as host.

Carolyn McCarty, President, called the meeting to order. Mildred Nolchief, Chaplain led the group in prayer. Pledge to the Flag was said.

Roll Call was answered by 24 members present. Kingsbury won the traveling attendance plaque.

Secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer reported as previous balance of \$20.92. 50-50 Club last time was \$9.74. Current balance \$30.66.

There were no deaths reported. One illness of Mrs. Ethel Hibner, Scipio Twp.

Carolyn then gave a report of happenings at convention "77". A Thank You was read from Miss Brenda Becker, Miss Flame candidate from District 3.

Old Business-None.

New Business - Election of Officers. Lucille Lewis nominated Carolyn McCarty for President, seconded by Mary Deering. The secretary recorded a unanimous vote cast for Carolyn McCarty President of District 3.

Selma Pry nominated Marilyn Kessler for Secretary-Treasurer, seconded by Donna Kessler. The secretary recorded a unanimous vote cast for Marilyn Kessler as a Secretary-Treasurer of District 3. Sandra Cook nominated Mildred Nolchief as Chaplain, seconded by Donna Kessler. The secretary recorded a unanimous vote cast for Mildred Nolchief as Chaplain of District 3.

Meeting places for next year was discussed. Schedule will be announced later by Carolyn.

The treasury was audited by Lucille Moser and Dorothy Moffitt and found to be correct.

Members were reminded that dues are due by September 30, 1977, Coolspring Twp. was awarded a trophy for high Doe Doll sales in District 3.

Kingsbury Sirenettes was awarded the attendance plaque for the previous year as having highest attendance most number of times at district meetings.

Coming events: Kingsbury will

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SECTION 3. Whereas an emergency exists for the immediate taking effect of this act, the same shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

(Amends Acts 1951, p 294; Burns 48-6143a)

HOUSE BILL 87 DIGEST

This bill amends the act providing insurance protection to volunteer firemen in the following respects:

1. Raises immediate disability payments for \$3000 to \$5000.
2. Raises the benefits for dependents in the event of death from \$5000 to \$7500.
3. In the event of total disability benefits from \$3000 to \$5000.

HOUSEBILL NO. 87

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend section 1 of an act providing insurance benefits for volunteer firemen.

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

SECTION 1. Section of the above entitled act is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Section 4 of the above entitled act is amended to read as follows: Section 1, Sec. 4. Each policy of insurance shall provide for the payment to any member of any such volunteer fire company who shall meet with an accident causing disability which shall prevent such member from pursuing his usual vocation, provided such accident and injury was caused by and arose out of the duties of such member as a volunteer fireman, a weekly indemnity of not less than thirty dollars and that, during such injury or disability, such fireman shall be furnished free of charge, an attending physician and such surgical, hospital and nurse services and supplies as may be necessary. Such weekly payments shall continue as long as such disability shall continue, but to or on behalf of any such member on account of any one injury or disability, the aggregate amount to be paid shall not exceed five thousand dollars. (\$5000).

Every such policy of insurance shall also provide for the payment of a sum of not less than seven thousand five hundred dollars to the dependents of any such volunteer fireman in the event of the death of such volunteer fireman caused by an accident, injury or injuries received by such volunteer fireman while engaged in the performances of his duties as such. Every such policy of insurance shall also provide for the payment of a sum of not less than five thousand dollars to such volunteer fireman in the event he becomes totally and permanently disabled by accident arising out of the performance of his duties as such volunteer fireman.

SECTION 2. Whereas an emergency exists for the immediate taking into effect of this act, the same shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

(Amends Acts 1951, p 148; Burns 48-6139.)

HOUSE BILL NO. 115

A BILL FOR AN ACT Authorizing counties to prepare charts or maps designating thereon either a name or a number of all county roads. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. The county planning commission of any county, or in the event the county does not have a county planning commission, the board of commissioners of any county, may authorize the preparation of charts or maps on which the county roads shall be designated either by name or number — and the Board of County Commissioners may authorize the purchase and the installation of signs showing the number or name of said County road as designated on the maps or charts so prepared.

SECTION 2. The county planning commission, or board of county commissioners, in the preparation of such charts or maps shall solicit the services of the county engineer and - or county surveyor who shall prepare such charts of maps. For such services the county engineer and- or county surveyor may be allowed a compensation in addition to the compensation he now receives as fixed by law, in an amount to be determined by the county planning commission or by the board of county commissioners-subject to the approval of the county council. All expenses incidental to the preparation of such charts or maps, including the compensation of the county engineer and- or county surveyor, shall be out of the general fund of the county.

SECTION 3. Such charts or maps shall be available to all units of government free of charge. Such maps of charts shall be available to the general public at a charge to be determined by the county planning commission or board of county commissioners. Any money received from the sale of such charts or maps shall be deposited in the general fund of the county.

SECTION 4. Whereas an emergency exists for the immediate taking effect of this act, the same shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Here we are — The August 1977 issue of "The Indiana Volunteer Fireman" having just lived thru at least the past thirty days of ninety degrees weather. Elsewhere in this issue you can read all about the wonderful Honey Creek — Terre Haute — convention enjoyed by a great number of us in June of 1977. Each issue of our paper records events that will become a part of historical happenings as time marches on and it is therefore my wish to encourage you all to write up what you think are important events and send same in to your very good editor for recording in our newspaper so that all the rest of us can read and enjoy with you what is going on in each neck of the woods of our great state. — Thank You.

Our new President "Charlie Jones" who has served the association well during the past several years as our legislative chairman; has named "Robert Esserman" public relations Director North West as Assistant Historian. As a matter of fact all six of our public relations directors are and have been contributing to the historical background of this association thru their recordings sent in for each issue of our quarterly publication "The Indiana Volunteer Fireman" Newspaper. Keep up these write-ups and thank you very much. As most of you know by this time, I have resigned as the official ads-taker for the paper with this issue, and I want to take this occasion to thank all of the people in this field who so generously co-operated with Mr. Laney and myself for each of their contributions in the past. There is no question about it — you have helped make the paper what it is. The ads-taker duties will now be handled by Frank Murphy, 8703 Lima Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana - Phone 219-489-6997; Frank will do you a good job in this field in future issues.



CHAPLAIN DUANE LANTZ

St. John Chapter 14, Verse 1 to 8

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions: If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

I have enjoyed many of the comforts of life, none of which I wish to esteem lightly; yet I confess I know not any Joy that is so dear to me, that so satisfies my inmost desires, as that which I derive from religion—from faith in God. May this God be thy God, thy refuge and comfort, as he has been mine.

Your Chaplain and The Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association wish to extend their deepest sympathy to the families, and friends, of the deceased members.



Bentonville Auxiliary Officers Installed



Officers of the Bentonville Volunteer Firemen's Auxiliary were recently installed at the Open Hearth Restaurant at Connersville. Those installed were Phyllis Ripberger, President; Katherine Fry, Vice-President; Pat Summan, Secretary; Sharon Cox, Treasurer; Harriett Gwinnup, Chaplain; Alma Ripberger, Historian and Opal Lamberson, Director.

During the past year ways and means projects have included the following: Country store at fish fries, meal for fire school, breakfast and appreciation

supper for local farm elevator, sale dinners, sale of newspapers and computer cards, sale of craft items, sale of baby comforts, raffling of comfort and a garage sale. Profits from these projects made it possible to provide the fire department with more than \$2,700.00 worth of equipment.

The auxiliary has two socials during the year — one being the installation of officers and dinner and Christmas party with members of the fire department and their families. The auxiliary now has 27 members.

Auxiliary Officers Meeting

RAMADA INN, LAFAYETTE, INDIANA
August 6-7, 1977

The Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Auxiliary Officers met at the Ramada Inn, Lafayette, Indiana on Sunday, August 7, 1977. Meeting was called to order by President Vica McGill at 9:20 A.M. She welcomed all officers and guests to the meeting. The group was led in prayer by Chaplain Thelma Lester, followed with the Pledge to the Flag led by Sergeant-at-Arms, Bonnie Crocker.

Vica introduced the temporary chairmen for Districts 11A and 11B - Sue Biggs and Eula Bush, and then had all of our guests introduce themselves.

Roll call showed 19 officers present.

Minutes of the Officers Meeting and Convention Meeting held at Honey Creek were read by Barbara Surber and Lucy Stofer. Minutes were approved as read.

Motion by Miriam Schaeckel, seconded by Catherine VanArsdale that we dispense reading of the District Reports contained in the minutes. Motion carried.

Barbara Surber reported in the absence of Barbara Parker, Recording Secretary, that as of July 1 we had 1245 members - 83 auxiliaries - including five new auxiliaries: Utica No. 1 - Jeffersonville, Indiana - District No. 16; Jeffersonville - Jeffersonville, Indiana - District No. 16; Jennings Township - Austin - District No. 14; Hanover Township - Hanover - District No. 14; and Morgan Township - Valparaiso, Indiana - District No. 2.

Nickie Sunday, Treasurer reported as follows: Balance forwarded \$1,391.10; Receipts \$3,246.70; Disbursements \$849.38; Balance 8-6-77 \$3,788.42.

Chaplain, Thelma Lester, reported she had sent seven get well cards, three birth congratulations and 12 sympathy cards since convention. We have had two deaths - Carol Bartlett of District 4 and Genevieve Whitlock of District 11. Thelma and Mary Brooks read letters they had received from Vida Baer, Past President of the Auxiliary.

Vica read a note of thanks from Joann Hays, Ladies Convention Chairman from Honey Creek.

No report on State Officer pins from the committee.

Lucy Stofer reported \$1,272.00 had been made on the Doe Doll - less expenses - profit of \$1,165.12. She presented a plaque and \$25.00 to Districts 1 and 2 as winners for selling the most Doe Doll tickets. Betsy Howe accepted for Districts 1 and 2. Bertie Lawrence was the winner of 1st and 3rd prizes - Inez Waggoner winner of the 2nd prize.

Motion by Connie Pierce, seconded by Joyce Nevil that the Doe Doll be our money making project for Convention '78. Motion carried.

Loretta Nulliner reported we had sold over \$1,000 worth of jewelry at convention; last year's sales were approximately \$2,141.70 with disbursements of \$1,498.07 - profit of \$643.63, and all jewelry on hand is paid for.

Loretta stated that we do not own the die for the I.V.F.A. Auxiliary pin - Mr. Laughman owns this die. She has contacted our jewelry supplier who stated a new die could be made for \$290.20 - one-half of which the supplier would absorb (\$145.10). A discussion was held on purchasing a new die - Loretta to check further to determine if we would purchase a die - pay the full price - would it be ours - to give to another jewelry supplier should we decide to change suppliers in the future. Loretta to report her findings on this at the November meeting.

Joan Shanabarger turned the Convention film over to Vica - stating that she wouldn't be available at all times. Anyone wishing to use the Convention film should contact Vica McGill, Box 167, Dana, Indiana - Telephone: 317-665-3046.

Loretta suggested that District Chairmen take their auxiliary jewelry to fire schools - quite a bit can be sold there.

Mary Brooks reported \$104.90 had been spent for the Miss Flame expenses at Convention this year - \$45.10 was returned to the auxiliary. Expenses included flowers, charms, ribbons, etc.

Next Officers Meeting will be held at Bloomington, Indiana - November 5-6 at the Best Western Motel - Fireside Inn. You can make your reservations by calling 812-332-2141. Be sure you state you are with the I.V.F.A.

District reports were read.

The Miss Flame Contest is to stay with the Auxiliary.

Motion by Vi Cambron, seconded by Connie Pierce that the meeting be adjourned. We were dismissed with prayer by Chaplain, Thelma Lester. Respectfully submitted, Mary Brooks, Corresponding Secretary

DISTRICT REPORTS

Districts 1 and 2 - Meeting held at Munster August 4, 1977 - 75 members from 13 departments present. Picnic to be August 14, 1977 at Oak Lake Campgrounds - Roselawn at 12 noon. New Chicago won the traveling trophy for District 1 - Lake Hills for District 2.

District 3 - Meeting held July 20, 1977 at Noble Township Fire Station with 24 members present. Election of officers was held - Carolyn McCarty, District Chairman; Marilyn Kessler, Secretary-Treasurer; Mildred Nolchief, Chaplain.

District 4 - Next meeting October 1, 1977 during fall camp-out.

District 6 - Meeting held in July at St. Joe. Election of officers was held Janet Yoder, District Chairman; Toni Grogg, Secretary. August meeting will be held in Angola. Picnic in September at Kendallville.

District 7 - Met at Liberty Township with eight members present and one guest. Election of officers - Joyce Nevil, District Chairman; Toni Sorg, Secretary. Next meeting at Markel, September 19th.

District 8B - Meeting held July 13 at Dunkirk Fire Station - 15 members from eight departments and one guest present. Election of officers - Almeda Brown, District Chairman; Martha Midlam, Secretary; Alice Weaver, Vice Chairman; Rosemary Sears, Treasurer; Rosella Bousman, Reporter. Installation to be held at September 14th meeting at Eaton.

District 11 - July meeting held at National Guard Armory in Terre Haute with carry-in dinner. Jo Morris, District Chairman, informed members Red had been transferred to Denver, Colorado and this would be her last meeting. Election of officers will be held at the September meeting. District 11 has been divided into two districts - 11-A, Sue Biggs and 11-B, Eula Bush.

District 16 - July 14th meeting held at Liviona. Election of officers held. Vi Cambron, District Chairman; Sally Houghton, Vice Chairman; Janice Smith, Secretary; Barbara Fuller, Treasurer; Jean Doan, Chaplain; Sergeant-at-Arms, Betty Patton.

District 3

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have a quilt raffle in September. Tickets are available from any member.

Scipio Twp. Auxiliary will assist the men with a Sweet Corn and Sausage supper at the station on July 30th from 4-8.

Coolspring will have a bazaar this fall.

Koontz Lake will also have a bazaar this fall.

50-50 Club of \$5.03 each was won by Agnes Kesler and Jean Ann Hicks. \$10.06 went to the treasury.

Donna Kessler made motion to adjourn, seconded by Opal Thorpe. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Marilyn Kessler, Secretary

Auxiliary District 10

St. Paul was hostess for the 10th District meeting of the I.V.F.A.A. at their firestation. There were 63 members and 1 guest attending, representing 14 departments.

Opening prayer and grace was given by the Chaplain, Janet Coffey, she also read a poem.

The meeting opened with Connie Pierce, president, leading the group in the pledge to the flag.

Minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's report was read and approved.

Batesville was introduced as a new Auxiliary and they have 26 members.

The announcement was made that Mary Stafford won the Lois Boaz award at the convention and that Carlos Jefferies won the Mr. I.V.F.A. award.

The meetings for the 1978 year was announced and they are as follows:

Warren Twp. Feb. 20; Batesville, May 15; Manilla, Aug. 21; and Clifford Nov. 20. The November meeting of this year will be held at Waldron.

The nominating committee report was given and the following officers were elected for the year of 77 - 78.

Pres. Nancy Neal, Hope; Secretary & Treasurer, Marian Hickman, Marietta; and Chaplain Carolyn McClure of Flat Rock.

The meeting was closed with the group repeating the Lord's prayer and bingo was enjoyed as the entertainment for the evening.

Marian Hickman, Secretary
10th District

Auxiliary District 11A

Well Convention has come and gone and I trust each one of you had as good a time as we of District 11 had having you here.

Our District 11 Meeting was held on July 17th at the Air National Guard based at Hulman Field in Terre Haute. At this meeting Jo Morris announced that she was resigning because her husband, "Red" had been transferred to Denver, Colorado by his employer. We are sorry to see them go and wish them happiness in their new home.

Our District officially split at the district meeting and we are now District 11A and 11B.

District 11B is being chaired by Eula Bush of the Dana Auxiliary. I am sure she will be a good chairman and will make the new District 11B a strong district.

Our next District 11A meeting will be held at North Terre Haute, Otter Creek No. 1 fire house on Sept. 18th at 1:00 P.M. I hope to see you there.

Sue Biggs
District 11A Chairman

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Auxiliary History No. 3

Convention time again June 3rd and 4th, 1955 at Rushville, a city of approximately 7500 persons southeast of Indianapolis. Friday morning a social hour was served by the Women's Professional Business Club of Rushville with 26 members and 4 guests present from the I.V.F.A. Auxiliary. It was very nice and friends were made.

Mrs. William Winship, the Rushville mayor's wife, gave a welcoming address. After roll call, the treasurer, Mrs. Clayton from Centre Township, South Bend, reported a balance of \$147.56.

During the business meeting it was voted to give \$10.00 to the President and \$5.00 to all other officers. Mrs. Bare recently recalled the Auxiliary gave the men's state secretary, state president and state treasurer all attache cases. Only one was given a year but she was sure the secretary, Harry Fries, got the first one.

In the afternoon election for the 1955-56 officers was held. Officers elected were Loretta Kustron from Independence Hill as president; 1st Vice-President was Mrs. Eugene Davis from Clinton; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Glen (Vida) Bare from Centre Township, South Bend; Secretary, Mrs. Oscar (Eva) Passmore from Manilla; Treasurer as Mrs. John (Ruth) Ford from Washington Township, Fort Wayne; and Mrs. Pren (Ruby) Probst from Union Mills elected chaplain.

Before the election of the Board of Directors got underway, Mrs. Carl Harbit of Independence Hill asked to submit a resolution to amend a By-Law bill, which previously read in Article I, Section 1: The Board of Directors shall be elected as follows:

One (1) member for a term of one (1) year, one (1) member for a term of two (2) years, one (1) member for a term of three (3) years, or until their successors are elected. Motion made, seconded and carried to read: The Past President automatically becomes member of the Board and one (1) member for a term of one (1) year; one (1) member for term of two years; one (1) member for a term of three (3) years or until their successors are so elected. Amendment accepted and passed. Mrs. Wanza Harbit from Independence Hill elected for term of three (3) years; Mrs. Dayton (Marjean) Williams from Montpelier elected for a two (2) year term; and Mrs. Robert (Viola) Rose from Cedar Lake for a one (1) year term.

Installing officer Catherine Fries gave a pretty installation ceremony coming to a close with Mrs. Fries pinning the first Past-president's pin on Vida Bare, the outgoing president. The President's pin was gold with writing I.V.F.A. Auxiliary President written on it with a mallet attached. The first past-president's pin was same with a bar attached having date of service.

Waterball and hose replacing contests were enjoyed by the convention people and several local persons, who saw their first waterball contest for fun on Saturday morning. In the afternoon streets were filled along Main Street with three or four rows of spectators through the business section.

I remember very well the float Manilla had. On the truck bed was a baby play pen displayed showing how they had grown that first year and the auxiliary members sitting around a large imitation of a birthday cake with one candle.

Also another unit in the parade was six or eight firemen portraying the year 1800 dress apparel with red suspenders and wearing moustaches pulling their first Fair Play Fire Company No. 1 old "Neptune" hose wagon drawn by hand.

Officers' meetings were held at Logansport in September 1955, New Haven in January 1956 and April 1956. I.V.F.A. President Bert Moser (now deceased) visited our meeting and assured us we had the Association's cooperation, which certainly made us feel we were not quite a step-child we had been up to this time.

The I.V.F.A. President gave our association information that our tickets could be sold anywhere as long as tickets have Donation printed on them. So it was decided to raffle the doll with \$25.00 on it again this year. Mrs. Glen Packard from Centre Township, South Bend made the motion to call the doll "Lucky Doe Doll." Motion was seconded by Mrs. Eugene Davis from Clinton and carried.

I.V.F.A. President Moser also told our President Kustron that they would like to have the auxiliary have a joint opening session together and Memorial Services together on Friday morning of the convention. After much discussion Mrs. Ford made motion and Mrs. Harbit seconded it that we would be very pleased to have joint session from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. and then back again at 11:30 a.m. for memorial services. Motion carried. Also Mr. Moser announced our officers would have badges for the convention the same as the men.

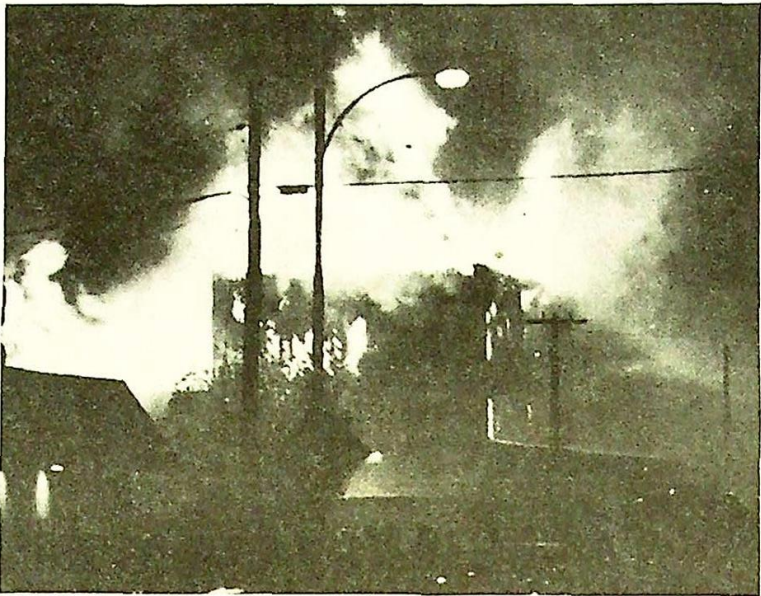
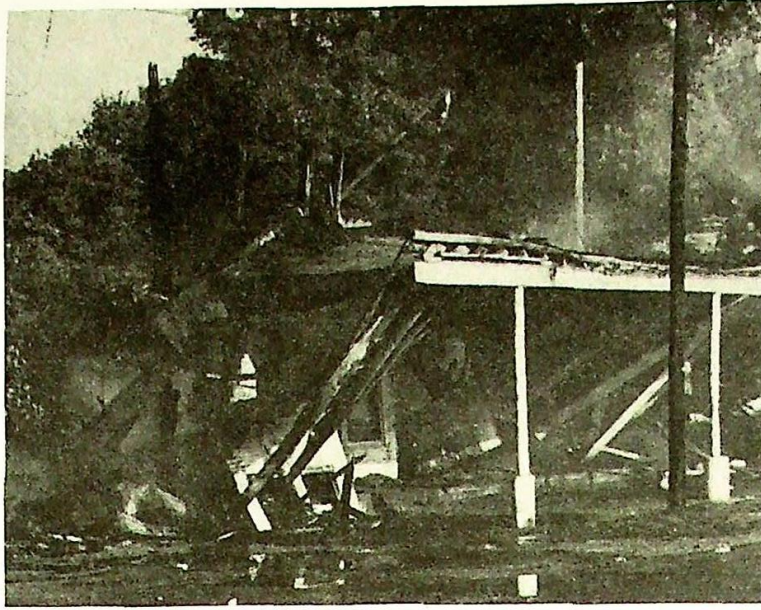
Our gift for the men's organization was decided to buy a large American flag with fringe, stand and the eagle at a cost of \$40.77 and presented to the men at the joint meeting Friday morning at the New Haven Convention. Also decided to have the drawing of our "Lucky Doe Doll" ticket in our Friday afternoon session.

President Kustron appointed Vida Bare as Installing officer; Mrs. Onan (Opal) Laughman from Thorncreek Township near Columbia City as Installing Marshal; and Mrs. Glen Packard as Marshal of the day during convention.

With New Haven displaying banners everywhere, the June 1st and 2nd 1956 Convention was underway with firemen and their wives arriving early. Joint meeting was opened by I.V.F.A. President Bert Moser from Bluffton at 9:00 A.M. Mrs. Glen Packard, South Bend, auxiliary Marshal and Glen Bare, I.V.F.A. Sergeant-at-Arms, presented the American flag and I.V.F.A. emblem flag, gifts from the state auxiliary at this convention and Rushville convention respectfully. President Moser also displayed a brief case presented to the Auxiliary President. It also was announced in the joint meeting that all firemen's wives attending convention were invited to sit in our meetings.

After a very nice Social hour by the local, an interesting welcoming address was given by Mrs. Robert Hoey from New Haven. Fifty-five

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Fire Destroys Iroquois Roller Mill

The Fourth of July holiday weekend started off a great deal hotter than expected for the members of the Rensselaer Fire Department. On Friday night, July 1, a spectacular blaze destroyed the Iroquois Roller Mill, an 80-year old landmark just north of the downtown area in Rensselaer. The old four-story structure was of wood construction and housed feed grinding and grain storage facilities, making the fire load extremely great.

Upon receiving the alarm the Rensselaer Fire Department responded with two pumpers. Members of the first arriving engine reported heavy smoke coming from the upper story windows and subsequently found the first floor to be heavily involved in fire. At this time Rensselaer Assistant Chief Don Walter elected to call for assistance from the Francesville Volunteer Fire Department and Remington Volunteer Fire Department, thereby putting the area's mutual aid plan into effect.

Rensselaer fire fighters began the initial attack and concentrated their efforts on advancing 2½" handlines into the heavily involved first floor. Their efforts

were shortlived, however, as the fire gained rapid headway in the top floor and vented itself through the roof. The firefighters were ordered out of the building and then took up positions around the outside of the structure. The primary objective now was to cool the fire down as much as possible and protect nearby exposures. Firemen were very fortunate in the fact that there was almost no wind this particular night and the danger from flying fire-brands was not nearly as great as it could have been.

As the mutual aid companies arrived they were placed into position. Remington's 750 GPM pumper took a hydrant and supplied 2½" handlines and Francesville set their 750 GPM pumper in at the nearby Iroquois River and drafted to supply 2½" handlines. The additional manpower that the mutual aid departments provided was invaluable as the intense heat quickly sapped the firefighters' strength. At one point the leaping flames cast a glow in the sky that was visible for 15 miles.

At 10:30 p.m., Rensselaer Fire Chief Lawrence Swartz declared the fire under control and released the mutual aid companies. The Rensselaer Fire Department took Engine 3 off of the line and returned it to quarters. Engine 1, a 1250 GPM rig, was moved to the Iroquois River and Rensselaer's reserve engine, a 1940 American La France, was put in service at a hydrant. Both engines pumped continuously for an additional 14 hours, pouring water on the smouldering ruins. At noon, on Saturday, July 2, Chief Swartz ordered all hose lines taken up and the pumpers were returned to quarters. At the height of the fire 5 pumpers were in service supplying water to some 4000' of hose lines manned by over 40 firemen. It was estimated that nearly one million gallons of water was poured on the blaze.

PUBLIC RELATIONS WEST CENTRAL

Steve Ritter

The short time since Convention has brought many changes in the West Central Public Relations Area. In District 11 changes include the splitting into District 11A and 11B. The new District 11B chairman is Bill Bush from Dana and Cecil Barnett of Bellemore, Vice Chairman. John Davies, Fillmore is Secretary. These men have taken a large task on but I'm sure they can handle the job. I am looking forward to attending their first meeting. Red Morris was re-elected but due to his job moving to Denver, he had to resign, moving Larry Biggs into the Chairmanship. District 11A will elect a vice chairman at their next meeting.

District 12 re-elected Al Mendel of Bridgeport as Chairman and new vice chairman is Dave Fishell of White River Township.

With Convention "77" history, I think everyone will agree it ranks as one of the best ever. A large "well done" to all who worked so hard to make it a success.

Convention "78" is well into the planning stages. The Park Fletcher area is where everything will be centered. A new Sheraton Hotel is scheduled to be open by May "78" as it stands now, this will be more than likely the headquarters. By using this motel there are 3 large motels within walking distance in the complex and plenty of room for fire trucks, blue lights, sirens and all the things that make convention fun.

West Central Fire School will be Sept. 24 - 25 in Green Castle at the Putnam County Fair Grounds. The program will be set up a little different than in the past. You can either attend 2 - 3 hour classes or 3 - 2 hour classes or attend both days and receive a diploma for each day.

Classes will be:

1. Bombs and Incendiary Devices
2. Pumps Use - Care and Maintenance
3. Fire Strategy and Tactics
4. Auto Extrication Demonstration
5. Electrical Fires or Air Masks

I'll close for this issue by congratulating the Bridgeport Department on winning their 3rd straight hose replacement championship.

Convention Suggestions

At State Officers meeting in August at Lafayette, suggestions were given to Wayne Twp. Members (district 12) regarding upcoming convention. If anyone has suggestions, drop us a line to:

Mary Brooks — 2929 Porter Rd, Indpls. 46231

Barbara Ritter, 1924 Hartford Ave, Indpls. 46231

Catherine Van Arsdale, 637 S. Whitcomb, Indpls. 46241 - (or) send to Control Center.

Public Relations Northwest



Bob Esserman

Thanks to Jim Bell and his committees for a job well done at Convention 77. Also to the delegates from the NWPR area for giving me the opportunity to serve you for another year.

Went to District 9B at Goodland where Edmund Weaver and Mitch Parish were re-elected Chairman and Secretary for next year, then to District 1 and 2 at Hebron which had a good turnout. Re-elected from District 1 were Bill Howe and Vernon Jones, Chairman and Secretary. Leon Lump declined the Chairman's position for District 2 and Dale Smith from Lowell who has served as District Secretary was picked the new District 2 Chairman. William

Holajter, Lakes of the Four Seasons is the new Secretary. Emil Zula was retained for 1 and 2's Treasurer.

The next evening District 3 meeting at San Pierre and re-elected Chairman and Secretary were Ralph Yergler and Orphie Loomis. Galveston hosted the 9A meeting with Charles 'Tug' Sutton and Lynn Conn re-elected Chairman and Secretary.

Leon Lump from Lowell has served as District 2 Secretary and Chairman for the past 8 years and on several committees for the Association during this time. Leon deserves a heartfelt thanks for a job well done.

While attending these meetings I have noted during the roll call that many departments are not represented. If your department was one of these — WHY — ? These meetings are for your benefit to help you and the fire service. At your next district meeting be sure your department is represented.

Don't forget the IVFA NW Fire School Saturday and Sunday, September 17 and 18 at the LaPorte County Fairgrounds Highway 2 just west of LaPorte. Each of the 4 classes will be 3 hours long. If you can attend only 1 day pick out the classes you need the most. Lunches each day will be at restaurants in LaPorte.

The LP Gas programs have been going well with over 350 participating so far this year. If your department wishes to host an LP Gas Program contact me for the arrangements and the date I

am available.

As Chairman of the committee (P R Directors) to assist the Editor of this newspaper, a meeting was held at the recent State Officers meeting. Due to the delay in publishing of the last few issues of this newspaper because of slowness of material to put in the paper, a deadline of the first of the month the paper is to be published was set. If the news articles and pictures are not in by that time the paper will go to press without them. If you or other members of your department have not been receiving the paper don't blame the Editor. The paper is mailed to the address on the membership list that is sent with your dues, if your secretary does not include the complete address and zip code along with the members proper name, chances are you won't receive the paper. Some membership lists have no addresses given, many are scribbled in with a pen or pencil and even the name of the department can not be determined on the copy the Editor gets. PLEASE TYPE ALL MEMBERSHIP LISTS AND BE SURE IT GOES THRU ALL COPIES. Several hundred copies of the newspaper for each issue are returned because of incorrect addresses.

Bob Esserman

Public Relations East Central

The agenda for the P.R. territory has been a busy one

since convention and we have just begun to move around in the districts. Gentlemen I appreciate the support at the convention and I hope that I can count on your support for the remainder for the year. The East Central Fire School was a success and was very well attended by 40 departments in the East Central Area.

I want to thank Dave Nulliner who has spent the last year as P.R.E.C. and done a lot of work on the school.

Also the men who put the program together, Carl Bruns, John Paul, Jim Parker, Calvin Schakel, Bud Seers, and the Batesville Fire Department for a super job they did helping make this fire school a success.

Gentlemen we have a lot of departments in East Central that should be members of the I.V.F.A. and we would like to have the chance to talk to them, contact your district chairman or myself and we will boost our membership in the East Central, Indiana.

I believe everyone who has turned in their certifications have received them back. Gentlemen lets get on the bandwagon and continue the education in the fire service and make the best fire service your communities could have.

Billy Sunday

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Angela Cambron Says Thanks

Dear I.V.F.A. Members and Auxiliary,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you from the very bottom of my heart for the joy I've felt during the past year.

Being a part of the I.V.F.A. has meant a lot to me and has made quite an impression on me also. Everywhere I visited I felt so welcome. It was such an honorable pleasure serving as your 'Miss Flame', I love all of you deeply. But my involvement with your fabulous organization will not stop with the end of my reign — it has only just begun. Again thank you.

Angela Cambron

"I.V.F.A. Miss Flame 1976"

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Film of this year's convention may be obtained for viewing by contacting Vica McGill at 317-665-3046 or writing Box 167, Dana, IN 47847. Vica also has last years film.

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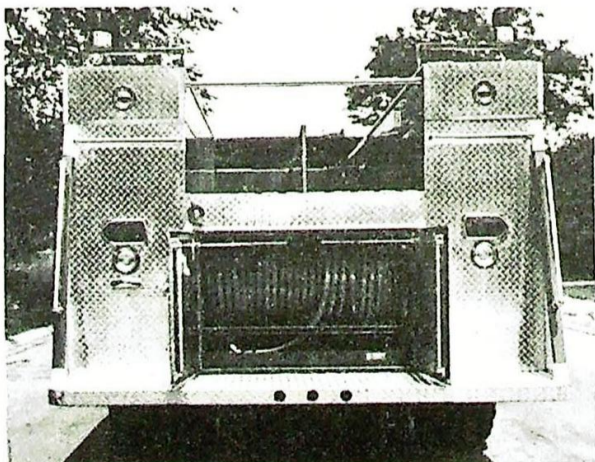
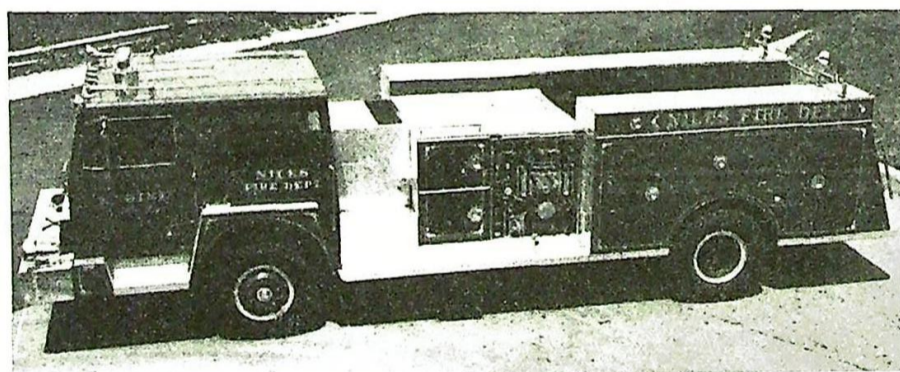
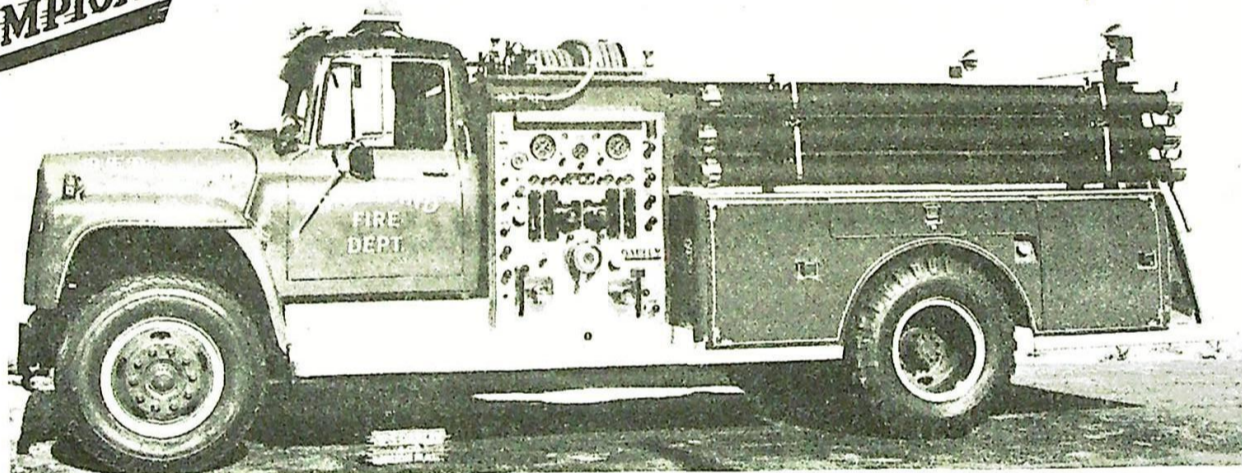
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District Meetings

District 1 - 2

With summer almost over and another annual meeting being history, it is time to look forward to another year with the I.V.F.A. and the new officers. The officers that were elected cannot do a good job for this association without your help. If you have a suggestion, complaints or just something to say, let them hear it. I'm sure they will listen and strive to satisfy.

July 20 the meeting of District 1 and 2 was called at Hebron with 80 members from 20 departments attending. There were also 6 guests including the new Vice President Norm Crocker and P.R. Northwest Paul Fairfield, who also put on the evening program. This program was very informative to all departments in that it was about hazardous materials being moved by rail and what happens when the train derails.

At this meeting the districts elections were held. Those elected were as follows: Chairman District 1 - William Howe from New Elliott Secretary District 1 - Vern Jones from Pine Township. Chairman District 2 - Dale Smith from Lowell, Secretary District 2 - Bill Holajter from Lake of Four Seasons. If you have any ideas or criticism or we can be of any help contact one of us and we will try to help.

With August upon us it brings near the district picnic which will be held at Roselawn on August 14. If you want to have a good time for the whole family, attend. There will be swimming, volleyball, and horseshoes, plus hayrides for the children, maybe even the adults.

The next meeting of District 1 and 2 will be at Merrillville on August 17 at 8:00 P.M. ATTEND YOUR DISTRICT MEETING.

Wm. Howe
Chairman District 1

District 5

On July 24th, District 5 Meeting at Silver Lake with seven departments present. Election of officers was held John Huff of Burket re-elected District Chairman. Tom Krom of Roann re-elected Secretary.

Ronald Callahan presented certifications from the commission on Firefighting.

Our Instructors Course lead by "Cooney" Tucker has been a great success, with a good attendance.

Our next Instructors Course will be held August 10th at Milford.

John Huff

District 8B

The I.V.F.A.'s District 8B met at Dunkirk, July 13, 1977 at their fire station. The auxiliary's meeting opened with the President Almeda Brown welcoming all the ladies.

The pledge was given and the department roll call was taken with 20 ladies present from 10 departments, one guest, Mrs. Bonnie Crocker and 1 child.

Minutes were read by Nicky Sunday in the absence of the Secretary Debbie Henissey

Old Business was taken care of and new business included a report that the State Dues are due now until Sept. 30.

Announcements were made as follows: Ward Twp. Vol. Firemen's open house on July 17 - celebrating their 20th year of service to the community.

A parade at Parker on July 20.
A parade at Portland on July 30.

A parade at Dunkirk Glass Days on July 30.

Suggestions were made on how to get more locals to attend their District meeting. These are to be taken back and discussed at the locals and brought back to the next District meeting.

Election of officers were held, they are as follows:

President - Almeda Brown of Monplier; Vice President - Alice Weaver, Redkey; Secretary - Martha Midlam, White River; Treasurer - Rosemary Sears, White River; Reporter - Rosella Bausman, Ward Township; Jewelry - Nicky Sunday, Farmland.

The meeting was dismissed and the ladies joined the men for home made ice cream and cake. The next meeting will be on Sept. 14 at the Eaton Fire Station.

Ward Twp. Firemen
Have Open House

The Ward Township Volunteer Firemen and Auxiliary held their open house Sunday, July 17 at their fire station celebrating their 20th year of service to the community. The day started off at around 11:00 a.m. with the Bozodunk set up ready for some free throwing. This was a high light as the day was a hot one. Mr. Max Kalp of Lynn sent us some kiddie rides and these were kept busy all day.

Around 200 people came to see the equipment, visit, and enjoy a snack with the department.

At 2:00 most of the crowd went to the old canning factory where the water ball was set up. This really was a cooling place as the majority of the people got wet.

As the day drew to a close with a bunch of tired firemen and wives to clean up, put away, getting ready to get back in the groove in case of an emergency.

All the firemen and auxiliary want to thank all those who helped and attended to make this a day to remember.

District 9A

Galveston Volunteer Fire Department was host for the July 28th meeting of District 9A. 57 members representing 13 departments were present.

State Officers in attendance were President Charlie Jones, Steve Ritter Public Relations West Central, Bob Esserman Public Relations Northwest and District Chairman Bill Howe and Ralph Yergler.

Charlie Jones conducted the elections of officers. Charles Sutton was re-elected Chairman and Lynn Conn, Secretary.

Mr. Bill Goodwin, State Fire Marshal, presented state certifications to 9A departments.

Burlington Volunteer Fire Department will host the September meeting.

Lynn Conn
9A District Secretary

District 9B

Firemen in District 9-B, held their regular bi-monthly meeting July 14th, with the Goodland Volunteer Firemen as the host department.

Lefty Foster, Chief Arson Investigator from the State Fire Marshal's Office, Robert Esserman, Public Relations North West and his wife Bernice, were guests at the meeting.

While speaking on the subject of arson, Mr. Foster commented that the number of fires caused by

arson seem to increase annually, the number of arrests and convictions of arson, show a much greater percentage of increase. This is due in part, Mr. Foster continued, to the many firemen attending the fire schools and arson seminars conducted throughout the state, and the cooperation of the fire departments with the fire marshal's office.

Mr. Esserman gave a detailed report of his office and commented on some of the programs to be implemented by our new President, Charlie Jones.



One of the highlights of the meeting, was the presentation of the "Certification of Firemen" by Mr. Foster, to the various fire departments in District 9-B.

The Annual Election of District Officers was conducted by Mr. Esserman with the following results: Chairman, Edmund H. Weaver; Secretary, Mitch Parish. Chairman Weaver appointed Keith M. Getz, Chaplain for the District and Don Fairchild, Publicity Chairman.

A drawing for the 50-50 club was held, followed with the serving of refreshments by the host department.

District 11 A

Well Convention is over and we hope you all had a great time. Our convention chairman, Jim Bell tells me he has received quite a few letters of praise. I would like to express my appreciation to all those who took the time to write.

At our May District meeting a proposal was made to ask State I.V.F.A. if District 11 could be allowed to split. This was granted at the May officers meeting. After a meeting with the member departments of the Northern half of the district on June 29th, temporary officers were elected. They are Bill Bush of The Dana Volunteer Fire Department as Chairman, Cecil Barnett of J.U.G.A. Volunteer Fire Department as Vice-Chairman, and John Davies of Fillmore Volunteer Fire Department as Sec.-Treas.

They were only temporary officers until our July 17th Meeting, where the official split was made, creating a new District 11B.

We wish them all the best and offer them all the assistance that is needed to get their District going strong.

About one and a half weeks before our July District 11 meeting, "Red" Morris was notified by his employer that he was being transferred to Denver, Colorado. We would like to wish Red and Jo the best of luck in their new home.

He turned the job of District 11A Chairman over to his Vice Chairman Larry Biggs at the July Meeting. I Hope I Can serve you well.

I would like to thank Sgt. Tony Morris and the Air National Guard at Hulman Field, Terre Haute, for hosting our July Meeting. Sgt. Morris and his fire crew put on quite a show for us. They showed us some crash rescue and fire fighting capability of his trucks. All had a good time despite the 90 plus temperature and high humidity.

Our West-Central Fire School will be September 24-25 this year. It should be one of the best ones we have had in a while. Plan to attend.

District Meeting for 11A will be Sept. 18th at North Terre Haute, Otter Creek No. 1 at 1:00 P.M. Hope to see you there.

Larry Biggs
11A District Chairman

District 11 B

As of July 17, District 11 was officially divided into two districts. Our portion (the north) is now known as District 11 B. We, Bill and Eula Bush of Dana, are honored to have been elected the acting chairmen. Other temporary officers elected were Cecil and Glenda Barnett of Bainbridge-vice chairmen, John Davis of Fillmore, Secretary-treasurer for the firemen, and Thelma Mankin-Montezuma auxiliary, secretary treasurer. We have thirty five fire departments and ten auxiliaries in our new district and hope to increase this IVFA membership by the end of the year. At this time we have not set up the meeting schedule. We do know, however, that the Cayuga Fire Department has volunteered to host our first meeting. We would be very pleased to have every department in the district represented at the first meeting and every one thereafter.

At the July 17 meeting, Red and Jo Morris announced that he had received a job transfer to Denver, Colorado and would be resigning as chairmen. We extend our best wishes to them in their new adventure. We also want to wish Sue and Larry Biggs best of luck as the new chairmen of District 11 A.

District 12

The 12th District I.V.F.A. Oak Park Volunteer Fire Department Co. 14 (Wayne Township) meeting was called to order by chairman Alfred Mendel, with 52 members representing 15 departments present.

Opening prayer by our Chaplain Jim Bruner with the pledge to the flag led by Sgt.-at-arms, Art Kinney.

First Roll Call.

Introduction of guests, State Fire Marshal Bill Goodwin, I.V.F.A. State Treasurer, Gene Stofer; West Central Public Relations, Steve Ritter; 12th District Miss Flame, Mindy Tharpe; Chief Dean Brandt and Larry Pace from Center Township (Lebanon, Indiana).

Minutes and Financial report were given and both were approved.

Communication Report - Secretary gave a report regarding to the resolutions to be presented at the convention.

Committee Report - Miss Flame Committee presented \$75.00 to Mindy Tharpe's parents for their expenses to the Convention "77".

Harry Fisher, our training committee chairman stated that there will be a Tri County truck rodeo of different classes to be held at Greenwood, June 26th. Time will be 8:00 A.M. till??

Robert Ashley, gave a report regarding instructor school. Chairman Mendel asked for those who are in question regarding the training program to ask Harry Fish, Robert Ashby or Jim Bruner.

Game Committee - Steve Ritter, gave the report of our recent district games and stated that the cadets from Mars Hill Co. No. 8, wiped out the State Champ Co. 7 and what a game.

Indiana Instructor School will be held sometime in June at Clarksville, Indiana.

State Fire Marshal Bill Goodwin gave a short talk about the certification and then after a few questions and answers regarding re-certification Bill stated we would know about this in 30 days or more.

Unfinished Business - Bob Ashby stated that he is trying to pick up a set of standards about Modular and Mobile Homes, also smoke and heat hatch in mobile home. He will be giving this to the State Legislature.

New Business - Robert Ashby, stated that he would like to have an annual meeting such as sausage fry and etc. like other district are sponsoring and that Bridgeport Co. 7 would sponsor this each year sometime in March, Motion by Ashby and 2nd by John Knight, that Co. 7 sponsor this annual event. Motion carried.

Gene Stofer, gave a report regarding bill H.B. 1344. This bill is for career firemen's pensions and since volunteers smoke cigarettes that our share should come to the township trustee fire fighting fund....he said to contact your legislator.

Chairman Mendel gave his report regarding delegates at the convention and also that we should get together on voting matters.

Subject of the newspaper was brought up and it was stated that in the August issue a change of address insert will be in the paper. Please use this to make sure the mailing list is updated.

Steve Ritter gave a report in regards to convention "77" and that all information regarding the convention and etc. will be in your packet when you register.

Steve also gave the report about Convention "78" to be held in Wayne Township and also a report about redistricting program now in progress.

Chairman Mendel, appointed the picnic committee for the 12th district annual picnic to be held August 21st at 1:00 p.m. The place will be Danville Park, Danville Indiana. The committee is as follows: Robert Sutton, Don Boyles, Jim Bruner (Hazelwood) Steve Ritter and Bob Ashby.

2nd Roll Call.

Chairman Mendel, introduced President Dan Synder, and the ladies auxiliary of Co. 14. Their fish fry will be July 28-29-30.

Next 12th district meeting will be at White River Township (Greenwood) July 18th.

There being no further business - motion to adjourn; with plenty of food, no one went home hungry.

Charles Bogden
12th District Secretary

12th District I.V.F.A., White River Township (Greenwood, Indiana) - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Alfred Mendel, with 32 members representing 15 departments present.

The pledge to the flag was led by our assistant chairman Darrell Jenkinson. Chairman Mendel dispensed with the regular business meeting and in turn introduced Chief Robert Weherman, of White River Township Fire Department. Chief Weherman introduced our speaker of the evening from Bloomington, Indiana, the Chief of Police Mr. Kennedy of Indiana University. His topic was arson and police work. He also stated that an arson investigation is joint teamwork of firemen and police because of arresting power and etc. Chief Kennedy's program was very interesting and informative.

The regular business meeting was called back to order with a prayer by our Chaplain Jim Bruner.

Introduction of officers and guests. They were as follows:

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From The Desk of Your President



Vica McGill

As we start this new fiscal year. I would like to thank everyone for the confidence shown in me by re-electing me your president for another year. With all the great help I have had with the elected officers, District Chairmen and committees, I feel like it will be another good year.

I would like to thank Honey Creek, the Convention host department, and all the other departments for helping to make it the best Convention ever. Our meeting room was set up and decorated real pretty and the coffee klutch with its home made goodies just hit the spot. It was really nice to have such a nice crowd. I think it was the most we have ever had at our meetings. It was an honor to have Vida Bare, our first elected president 25 years ago, with us.

We are sorry to lose Jo Morris as District 11 Chairman but we wish her and Red lots of success in their new home. And, if there is a Volunteer Fire Department around, we hope they will find it for they are great workers for the fire organizations. Sue Biggs is taking over District 11 A as District 11 is split and Eula Mae Bush (my daughter) is Chairman for District 11 B. I want to congratulate them and wish them both success.

I have attended some of your District meetings and hope to attend more this coming year so keep your meeting notice cards coming. Also, don't neglect to let me know if I can be of any help to your Auxiliaries, I will do my best.

Mary Stafford Receives Lois Boaz Award



What an honor and what a great feeling to receive the Lois Boaz award. I would like to take this time to thank the Boaz family and the 16th district for making this award possible. Also the people that nominated me for the award I want to thank very much.

I will have a lot of living to do, to live up to this award. I love all of you.

Mary Stafford

In Memoriam

Carol Bartlett, Harris Twp. Granger, Dist. 4
Geneva Whitlock, Linton Twp., Pimento, Dist. 11



Thelma Lester, Chaplain

One of the most priceless things in the world is a word of encouragement to someone and also gifts from ones, who consider you as a friend. Friends mean so much and I certainly pray that I will forever show my friendship and love to everyone as I have received friendship abundantly from all others over this state.

I get much encouragement each time I read the poems in the booklet, "Bright Horizons," someone of our association sent me during my last illness, and then this year when I received the gift of a stole that everyone saw at convention from a friend through the thoughtfulness of her son. Thanks so much for everything and a wonderful convention and the Praying Hands Award from Dist. 11.

I know I shall never become famous like I have read about a word of encouragement given in the early Nineteenth Century in Paris of a young man who believed he had talent, painted his first picture for exhibit in the Paris Salon. On the opening day he mingled with the crowds listening for comments about his work. All he heard was ridicule and criticism.

The next day the young man eagerly read the newspapers. Critic after critic confirmed the opinions he had heard at the Salon — all the critics except one. That one man thought his work beautiful and said it showed "a burst of talent" here and there. Seizing upon that one word of encouragement, Eugene Delacroix, the young artist, went back to work.

He became one of the great French artists of his day. Probably one of his best known paintings is that of "Liberty Leading the People," which now hangs in the Louvre in Paris.

Whether he would have had the will to go on in the face of so much ridicule and criticism, no one knows. But we do know what one friendly word of encouragement did for him.

Let us apply that to our everyday living and to our service with firemen and auxiliaries everywhere. There is always something that we can do to help our neighbors and friends with deeds and in fire service and also to extend the help statewide. We must try and do our best effort, then it will be of encouragement to someone else — even if it may be just a small favor.

David received much encouragement and confidence from God's grace as he tells us in Psalm 23 —

"The Lord is my Shephard; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me. Thy rod and Thy staff will comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

AUXILIARY ANTICS

by Gloria Laney
Auxiliary Reporter

GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP — Fish Fry 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month.

HOPE — Bingo 2nd and 4th Friday of each month, 8:00 p.m. at Fire House.

CONCORD TOWNSHIP, Elkhart — September 10, Fish Fry. **SANFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, District 11A** — Fish Fry September 10.

GERMAN TOWNSHIP, South Bend — September 23, Fish Fry.

ROANOKE, INDIANA — "Roanoke Days" September 8-9-10.

HOPE — Homemade Bread Booth at Heritage Day, September 25.

CONCORD TOWNSHIP, Elkhart, (Dunlap) — 25th Anniversary

Open House, 2:00 - 6:00, October 16.

HOPE — Halloween Weekend - Haunted House at Fire Station 7:30

p.m.

Send Entries In Early

Entries for 1978 Convention Games must be sent in either by registered or certified mail. The team captain or a team member should bring the postal receipt to the games as proof in case of a lost letter.

Bob Surber, 11053 McGregor Rd., Acton, Ind. 46259
Your Games Committee

District 12

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State President, Charles Jones; State Treasurer, Gene Stofer; Chief George Melton of Greenwood Volunteer Fire Department; Chief Robert Copeland of Speedway.

Roll Call.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read also the financial report was given, both were approved.

President Charles Jones, gave a few remarks about the various committees for the coming year. He also said that August 7th is the cut-off date for news or pictures for our August edition of the newspaper.

Gene Stofer made a few remarks about the state financial situation, also in making up membership lists please print or type name of member clearly. It is costing us money for returned newspapers.

Game Committee - No Report.
Training Committee - Dave Fishel, gave a report on the Aircraft Crash Rescuing School that will be held October 17th. This will be for 80 hours. Chief Todd will be the instructor. Classes will be three nights, Monday, Wednesday and Friday of 4 hours each and Saturday and Sunday, 10 hours. Cost will be \$40.00 for each person. This will be held in Franklin, Indiana. For more information contact Dave Fishel of White River Township Volunteer Fire Department (Greenwood, Indiana).

Picnic Committee - Chairman Mendel stated that he contacted Bob Sutton who is chairman of this committee regarding catering prices. After checking with the officers, it was decided the price is too high. Mendel suggested that we ask the ladies of the district to bake a ham and make several meat loafs as per our agreement in furnishing the meat and drinks. There will not be any booze on the park grounds. Mendel ask each family to bring a covered dish, dessert and table service. The picnic will be at Danville Park on August 21st at 1:00 P.M.

Old Business - Chairman Mendel gave this report on Convention "77". He said our resolution from the 12th district passed and Convention "79" will be at Madison, Indiana. He also gave names of winners of the game contest.

New Business - Gene Stofer gave the report about Convention "78", everything is going according to plans and that our motel headquarters might be the new Sheraton, if completed by convention time, if not Holiday Inn Airport will be our command post.

Don Lippincott - Miss Flame Chairman stated that it was a shame that our 12th district Miss Flame Mindy Tharpe, was not invited to any of the district fish fries and etc. and that in the future, let's be more considerate.

Chairman Mendel gave a report on past year host departments for district meetings and that our new schedule for the coming year is now in order. After drawing names of the departments, our hosts will be:

- September 19th - Plainfield.
 - November - 21, Cartersburg.
 - January 16 - Wayne Township (Durbin), Hamilton Co.
 - March - 20 Bridgeport Co. 7, Wayne Township.
 - May 15 - Avon Fire Department, Hendricks Co.
 - July 17 - Clayton Fire Department, Hendricks Co.
- We also drew two alternates, they are Danville Volunteer Fire Department and Wayne Township No. 10.

Nomination and election of 12th District Officers for the year of 1977 - 1978 is now opened. Chairman Mendel, appointed our

State President Charles Jones to conduct this election. Names of Al Mendel and Leonard Grizzle for Chairman. A secret vote was held and Al Mendel was re-elected.

Vice Chairman - Darrell Jenkinson and Dave Fishel were nominated. Dave Fishel was elected.

Secretary - Charles Bogden starts his 24th year as 12th district secretary.

Sgt.-at-Arms - Art Kinney
Chaplain - James Robert Bruner

2nd Roll Call

Chief Robert Weherman was asked to introduce his crew and in turn stated that there is plenty of food for everyone.

Good of the order -
Fish Fry - Madison Twp, July 21-22-23.

Fish Fry - Oak Park Co. 14, July 28-29-30.

12th District Picnic - Danville Park, August 21.

West Central Fire School - Greencastle, September 24-25.

Richmond Fire Conference - Richmond, Indiana, October 8 - 9.

Motion to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

Charles Bogden
12th District Secretary

District 16

The July 16th District meeting was hosted by the Livonia Volunteer Fire Department. Attendance was good and we saw some new faces and some that we had been missing.

Elections were held for District Officers. Re-elected were Dick Doan, Hardinsburg V.F.D., Chairman; Chester (Butch) Richardson, Greenville Twp. V.F.D., Vice-Chairman; Hank Taliaferro, Georgetown Twp., V.F.D., Secretary - Treasurer; and Donald Dennis, Livonia V.F.D., Chaplain. Newly elected was Ronnie Clements, Hardinsburg V.F.D. Sergeant-at-Arms.

Our annual picnic was held at Greenville Township Volunteer Fire Department on July 10 along with waterball games. Thunderstorms forced the picnic inside where we enjoyed a tremendous feast. A special thanks to the cooks.

We would like to thank the State Fire Marshal, Bill Goodwin for having the Fire Instructors Course at Clarksville in June. Also Chief Kester of Clarksville for hosting and Indiana Fire Instructor's Association's Larry

Bosell and Curly Gilbert for instructing.

Our next meeting will be held on September 8th hosted by Lanesville V.F.D.

Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Department will host the S.E. Fire School on Oct 2nd.

Hank Taliaferro
16th District Secretary

A Word From Sgt.-At-Arms

Now that our new year has started, I want to thank you all for re-electing me as your Sgt.-At-Arms. I will do the job to the best of my ability and help you all I can.

I want to say thanks to the Convention Committee, the host department (Honey Creek), and all that helped. It was a good Convention. By having the meetings all in one building, it made my job much easier.

I want to thank Jan Jones, AUXILIARY Agt.-At-Arms, for her help the past year; it was a pleasure working with her.

District Chairmen, keep your meeting cards coming. I'm going to try to attend more meetings this year. The wife and I attended a meeting at District 7 a few weeks ago and had a wonderful time.

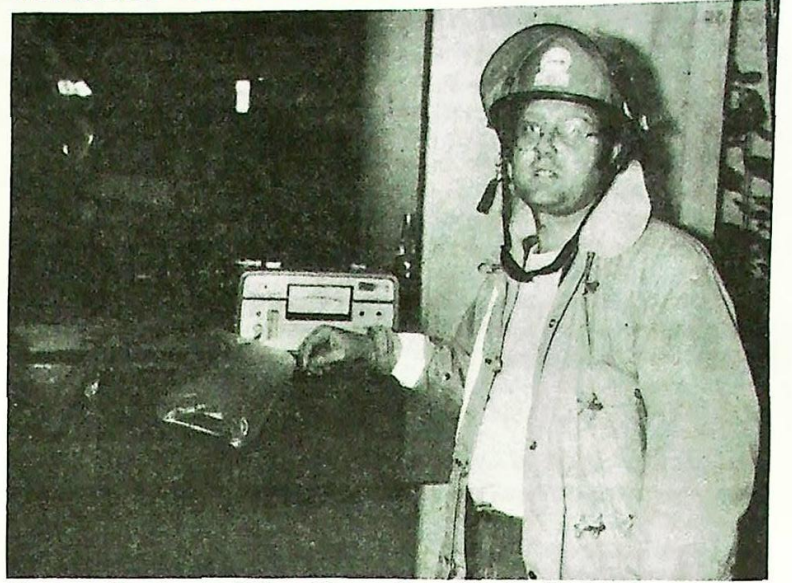
Charles "Butch" McGill
Sgt.-At-Arms

Monroe County Firefighters Sponsor Field Day

The Monroe County Firefighters Association will be sponsoring a fire fighters Field Day Sunday, Sept., 4, 1977; starting at 11:00 A.M. There will be five events: waterball, hose replacement, bucket brigade, church ladder raise, and an obstacle course. Trophies symbolic of each event will be presented to the respective winners. The entry fee will be \$10.00 per department. Advance registration may be sent to: Monroe County Fire Fighters Assoc. c/o Milan Pece 513 San Juan Dr. Bloomington, Ind. 47401

The field day will be held at the Monroe County Airport, Bloomington, Ind. Refreshments will be available at the site.

Dr. James Dillon, Wayne Township Medical Officer Shows New Ecolyzer



Shown is Dr. James Dillon, Wayne Township Medical Officer and the new ECOLYZER that can measure Carbon Monoxide levels. With this piece of equipment at the scene of a fire, many cases of smoke inhalation can be stopped by pulling the person involved away from the fire scene before the level becomes too high. -- Photo by Clyde Briston, I.F.P.A.

I.V.F.A. Officer's Meeting

OFFICERS MEETING
August 6 & 7, 1977

The regular officers meeting was called to order by President Jones at 8 p.m. at the Ramada Inn in Lafayette Indiana.

The meeting was opened by a stirring invocation by Chaplain Lantz and the pledge to the flag led by vice president Crocker.

The roll was called and recorded by secretary Ford.

President Jones called for all vouchers to be turned into Sgt.-at-Arms as soon as possible.

Charlie gave a report on the executive committee's meeting on June 18 at Windfall. He told of having set up dates and areas for all the officers meetings and how the place will be determined. He also gave a rundown of all committees appointed at that meeting.

At this time Charlie turned the floor over to Cooney Tucker. Cooney apologized for having spread himself so thin. He explained this by saying he has put himself into five different positions with possibly conflicting interests at anytime. He belongs to the fire marshal's office, the standards commission and the IVFA, as well as being a fireman for 37 years and having an obligation to himself and his family.

Cooney said we have now completed most of the certification under the "grandfather clause" and now we must progress on to the training of those volunteers who have not had the past experience. He went on to give specific instances and examples of methods and types of fire training needed to upgrade all fire fighters. He told of the plans for the northeast school to present just one such type of training that he felt is needed to provide adequate knowledge for proper upgrade.

At this time the following guests were introduced: John Wright and Les Bannon of the EMS committee and Leon Lump who introduced the new second district chairman.

Secretary Ford took the roll call. Wm. Howe made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes, seconded by Ivan Nevil, motion carried by voice vote.

Vice President Crocker said he had been busy covering most meetings in the northwest and had been set down for a while by an accident.

President Jones stated his and the association position regarding the forthcoming strike by the Terre Haute fire department. He was speaking

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Explosion and Fire Rip Thru Clymers Grain Plant

- Four Die in Rescue Effort

The cause of the blast that ripped through the Indiana Grain Plant at Clymerson May 25th still is unknown.

"It appeared to be a dust explosion," stated Indiana State Fire Marshal William Goodwin. "The exact cause of the ignition is unknown. It may have been a malfunction of a piece of equipment or a piece of metal in the grain, but we probably will never know exactly what caused the blast."

Plant Superintendent Larry Inskeep said it is believed the head house will have to be ruled a total loss, since the bottom half was blown away and the top half is cracked all the way to the top. The two silos at the south end of the plant had the sides blown out of them by the blast. The Clinton Township Volunteer Fire Department used approximately 423,000 gallons of water and 750 gallons of wetting agent. The estimate of damage to the structure has been set at 5 to 7 million dollars with approximately 2½ million to repair for temporary business. A great percentage of the inventory was salvaged.

The tragic part of this holocaust

was the injury of three men at the time of the explosion and the death of four men who were killed when a crane removing a sick workman from a grain storage silo flipped over on them.

Four other persons standing near the crane were injured, but the sick man and four companions bringing him down in a construction bucket escaped harm.

Cause of the accident was not known.

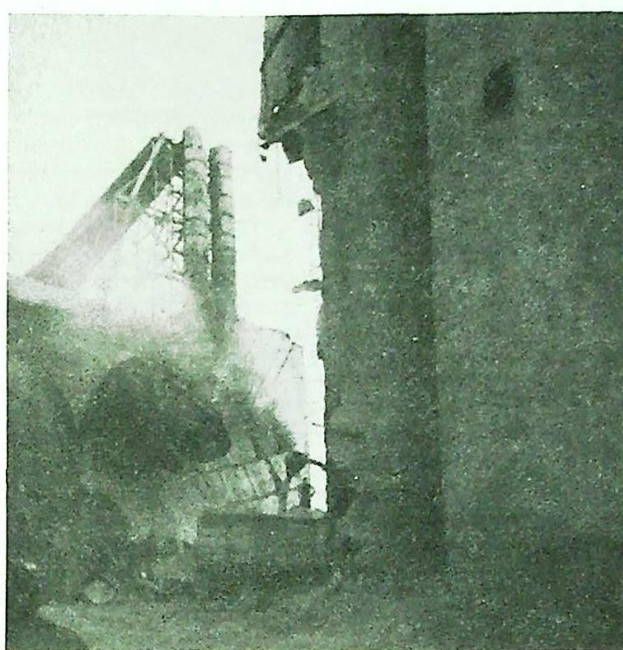
The crane, with a 60 foot boom, had been brought in to salvage grain threatened by a fire that had smoldered since May 25.

The complex remained closed since May 25 as the fire smoldered in eight contiguous silos.

The dead were identified as Paul Homburg, 37, Rt. 2, Logansport; David C. Schoeff, 36, Warren; Van L. Sage, 19, Bluffton, and Sidney C. Hudgings, 54, Memphis, Tenn.

Homburg was assistant chief of the Clinton Township Volunteer Fire Department. He and other volunteers were assigned to keep the fire under surveillance.

The other victims worked for firms salvaging grain and clearing debris.



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Secretary's Report

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Tradition has it that trucks must be red in color and some say it must have a bell. Well that's tradition and it has been for so many years. For many years before that it was red with a bell and drawn by hand or horses. My what a task that must have been to change to motorized equipment. I am sure that someone mentioned that those trucks with motors would never be dependable to get to every fire when the horse or man could make it every time. Oh yes, I bet the arguments were hot and heavy, but change finally took over.

They call it progress. Now we have fire trucks just about every color. We even have some two tone jobs on the road. Now we are faced with, is tradition right or is it time to take another look at progress. Now we still have the same old hot argument to go thru with and I am sure that before it is all over each of us will have a fling at it. Who started red trucks? I have no idea, but now with information being written about visibility; psychological colors are taking on a new meaning.

I have read that the color red is bad for our eyes. It is said that red is weak during the day and red will blind at night. Well, let's not start another discussion over this. The color that first attracts attention is yellow and has been proven by tests that it shows up both day and night over red with great clarity. I have read that cars on the road have all kinds of colors but none come close, or may very few, to the lime green that has proven the most visible to the eye at day time or night. Thus is it said we have a one of a kind color for fire equipment.

The doctors and the scientists have come up with all the answers about the colors and now the fire service can argue about them for as long as they wish. Again, we are breaking tradition as they did many years ago and that is always a hard way to go, but it will in time iron itself out to the satisfaction of all.

It's for sure that the past is for Red fire trucks and the future will ring the safety bell for lime green and thru it all will be the idea of protection of life and property of your community, but firemen have an even greater tradition

and that is staying alive and using the age old tradition of horse sense and training to accomplish it.

Thanks for letting me bend your ear and an even greater thanks for your vote of confidence in re-electing me to another term as your Secretary. I shall be at your service with as prompt and correct information as I have at hand. The pleasure of serving you has been one of my greatest moments.

I.F.S.T.A. Validation Conference Held in Stillwater, Oklahoma

Indiana Fire Instructors Association sends four members to Stillwater, Oklahoma, for the 1977 I.F.S.T.A. validation conference. Donald Strahl, Raymond Linville, Ron Hamm, and Donald Davis attended the 5-day conference which is held each year for the purpose of revising training manuals for the fire service, to validate new techniques for publication, as well as to delete obsolete methods and equipment that appear in existing publications.

Over 150 representatives of various international agencies attended this conference, these included members from Educational Institutions, Firefighters and Fire Chiefs Associations, Fire Instructors, Insurance Organizations and Governmental Agencies.

I.F.S.T.A. Manuals and training materials have been officially adopted by 44 states, 6 Canadian Provinces, all major branches of the United States military, as well as various governmental agencies throughout the world.

The Indiana Fire Instructors Association took over the sales of the I.F.S.T.A. Manuals 3 years ago. Since that time sales have increased until Indiana is now in 9th place in world wide sales and 5th place in distributor sales. All manuals may be purchased through the Indiana Instructors Association. For more information write Chief Ron Hamm; Indiana Fire Instructors Association; Fort Wayne Fire Training Academy; 2700 Dwenger Avenue; Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46803.

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members answered roll call and several guests introduced. The treasurer's report gave \$137.73 with Mrs. Probst reporting the Lucky Doe Doll collecting \$271.00 to date. A Bible and a large American flag were presented to the state auxiliary by Ruby Probst and Wanza Harbit for which we were very appreciative.

New officers for 1956-1957 elected were Mrs. James (Pauline) Glaub of Manilla (now deceased) as president; 1st Vice President, Mrs. Eugene Davis from Clinton; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Pren (Ruby) Probst from Union Mills (also now deceased); secretary, Mrs. Robert (Jo Ann) Crocker from Centre Township, South Bend; Treasurer, Mrs. Jack (Ruth) Ford, Washington Township, Fort Wayne; Chaplain, Mrs. Guy Misner also from Washington Township, Fort Wayne; and Loretta Kustron from Independence Hill automatically chairman of the Board of Directors.

The drawing of the Lucky Doe Doll ticket was won by a little girl, Penny Nelson from Hamlet. Lovely installation of officers was held by Mrs. Bare and Opal Laughman. Meeting was dismissed with prayer by Chaplain Ruby Probst.

Wonder what became of the old car with the back seat removed and replaced with a tank cooler and filled with cold drinks. I think LaCrosse boys had it.

Friday night over 500 attended the banquet with entertainment by the Shrine Backhouse Ensemble from Fort Wayne, which all enjoyed very much. Fireworks also were enjoyed and a dance at Goeglein's Barn afterwards.

Saturday morning water ball and hose replacement contests were played.

Next officer's meetings held at Logansport September 9th and at Munster 1957 and Kokomo in April 1957. Treasurer Mrs. Ford reported a bank balance of \$540.83 and suggested the books be audited.

President Glaub suggested we have an additional appointive officer for Sergeant-at-Arms and she also appointed Dorothy Wintin from Manilla as the News Editor for the Auxiliary for the Firemen's paper. Motion made to do so, seconded and carried. Also after the men's officer's would not accept our pay for the rent of our meeting room, or for our meals (Sunday dinner), the pay for our convention badges, the auxiliary officers decided to present at convention joint meeting a gift of flag carriers for organization and tie clasps for a personal gift to each officer of the I.V.F.A.

June 7th and 8th 1957 Munster became a crowded town in northwest part of Indiana with so many firemen and wives arriving for their enjoyable and business convention. Early Friday morning in the joint session the auxiliary officers were introduced by Mrs. Neil Tanis, President of the Munster Auxiliary.

Then we left to our room for a very tasty Koffee Klutch and social hour to get acquainted. President Pauline Glaub opened the meeting with prayer by chaplain. Mrs. Scurlock, chairman of Munster Welcome Wagon, gave the welcoming address. Forty-nine ladies were in attendance from fifteen auxiliaries. The new auxiliaries during the year present for convention were from Hoagland, Cambridge City, and Wayne No. 1 from Fort Wayne has started a second auxiliary. Resolutions and amendment of officers' expenses were read in the morning and afternoon sessions. They were passed and by-laws committee were to bring the present by-laws up to date.

Election held made Pauline Glaub from Manilla re-elected; Ruth Ford as 1st Vice President; Ruby Probst, Union Mills as 2nd Vice-President; secretary, JoAnn Crocker; Joyce Hutson from St. Joe Township Fort Wayne as treasurer; chaplain, Mrs. Guy (Ruth) Misner from Washington Township Fort Wayne; and 3-year director was Opal Laughman from Thorncreek Township, Columbia City.

Friday evening fish and ham were on the menu at the banquet. I remember at our table there was a ham platter left over from someone who left before all were served. That year was the first time the priest had given permission to eat ham on this special occasion on Friday. After this fellow had eaten his delicious fish meal, the ham platter looked too appetizing and so he ate it. Also still have my little orchid pressed, which were given each lady. Fireworks were later seen.

Mrs. Eckstein of Lansing, Illinois was awarded the Lucky Doe Doll.

Next day the waterball and hose replacement contests were enjoyed partially because the sun came out hot after the rain on Friday. No circus was known to be close by but a real elephant came along in the parade.

Oh, yes, I mustn't forget although some enjoyed shopping in Munster, they also walked from Munster, Indiana to the adjoining town of Lansing, Illinois. Yes, some even enjoyed driving down the streets Thursday night after officer's meetings in Calumet City. I wonder why? Ray and I were with another couple (who both are deceased now) and we didn't go until Friday morning early and so all I know were rumors. Some rumors!

At officer's meeting in Kokomo, the treasurer report showed a balance of \$791.78 with \$327.75 being cleared on the Lucky Doe Doll raffle. The auxiliary decided to purchase letterhead stationery, envelopes and post cards to remind the ones that have not paid their dues. Also suggested to have some sort of registration at our individual convention meeting. Gift for the men were discussed. Suggested we buy a Past President's pin for them as a yearly project as they do not do it themselves. We bought the die and suggested the auxiliary would like to change their Past president's pin to match the men's. It was a gold pin with red circle and blue state of Indiana with a red ruby in the state with an axe and hat engraved on it and a mallet attached with chain and the dates of their service on the back of the pin.

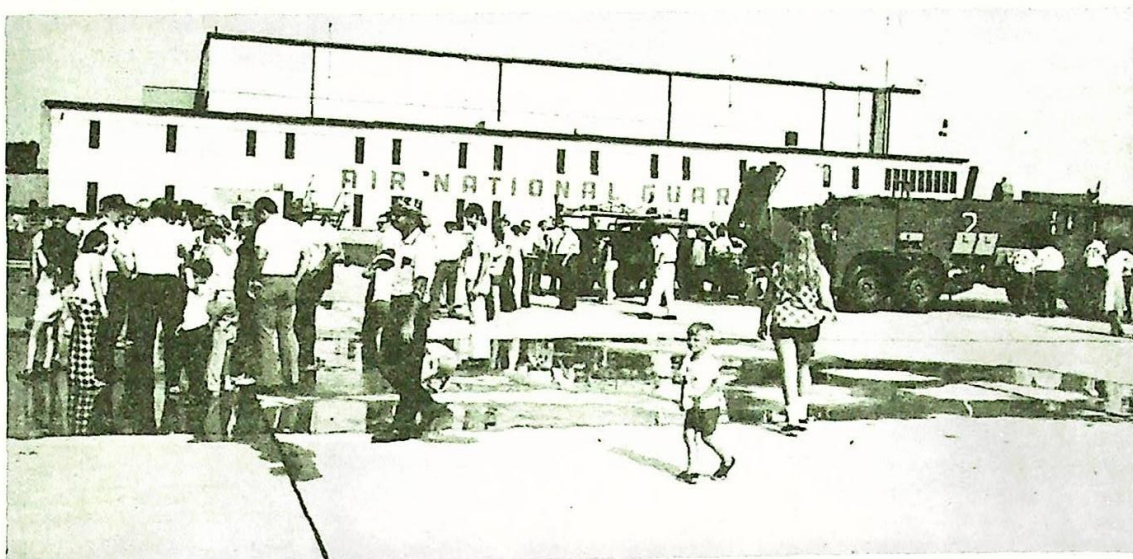
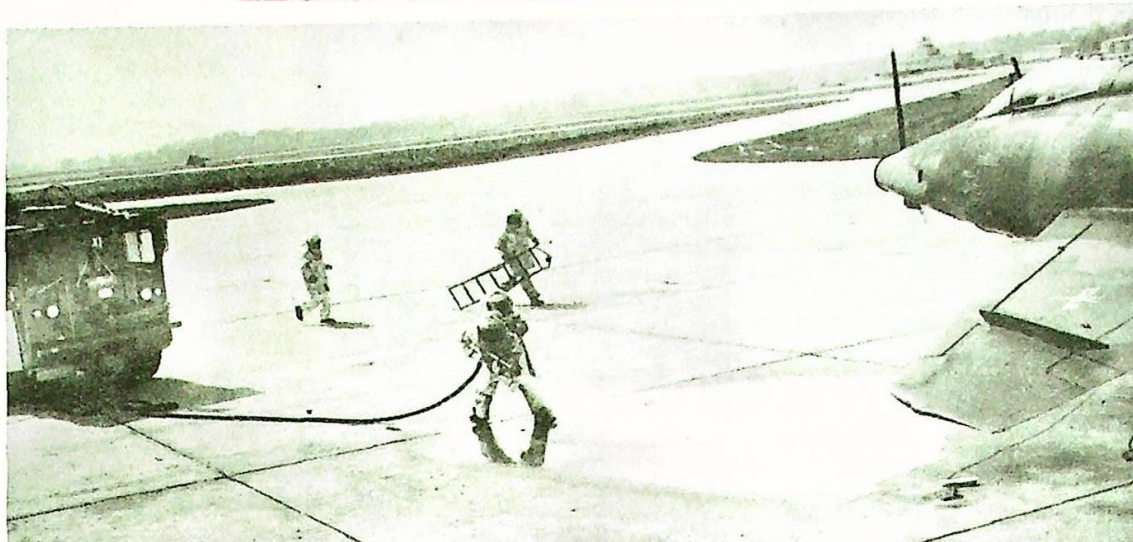
The next officer's meeting was at Gaston, where a very delicious rabbit dinner was served by the Gaston ladies and all enjoyed it very much.

In the meeting Ruth Ford offered to buy a small American flag to use in the officer's meetings.

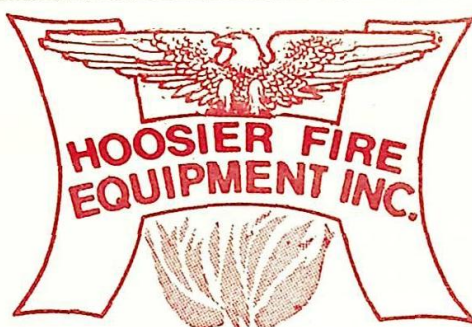
At the meeting in Madison, April 27, 1958, it was announced that the new Auxiliary emblem flag had arrived and it was lovely. It is one which we very proudly display and is a replica of the I.V.F.A. emblem state flag only ours has 'Auxiliary' written on the emblem.

In the meeting it also was suggested to have a corresponding secretary but nothing was done. Meeting closed hoping that Madison will be able to have everything well in hand when we all merge in there for a wonderful convention. Were you there then? If not, come and join us in next issue and join our good times related then.

District 11 Meeting Held at Hulman Field



The recent District 11 meeting was held at the Hulman Field. The Air Guard put on a very fine program on crash rescue work. As shown in the pictures, they also provided a tour of their facilities. - Photo by Clyde and Kaye Bristow, I.F.P.A.



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at the IFA convention on the other side of Lafayette this morning and told the assembly that they as volunteers would have to work with the paid department for sometime and that if they would put themselves in between the paid firefighters and the administration they might create some very sticky problems. On the other hand they were also dedicated to the protection and preservation of life and property.

Steve Lockhart, Dusty Miller and Al Pierce were introduced as guests. Secretary Ford reported he still had no reports of district chairmen changes so all the literature he handed out will have to be sorted out so every new district chairman or PR director will get his own. All correspondence sent to the secretary's office has been taken care of and where necessary, returned to the proper people.

The names of the departments that are still delinquent in their dues when Jack goes on vacation the last two weeks in August, will be made known to the district chairman for their disposition in the proper manner.

(NOTE) No copy of the secretary report was put into the records. The balance of the state elected officers and the district chairmen gave their reports off tape and were not recorded. As was reported by Secretary Ford all the new district chairmen were introduced. Most of the district chairmen were very busy since convention and told of several upcoming events.

None of the past presidents had any reports at this time. Having trouble competing with a band in the building, President Jones recessed the meeting at 9:50 p.m. to reconvene in the morning.

The Sunday morning session was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by President Jones. Chaplain Lantz gave the invocation for the day followed by Butch McGill leading the group in the pledge to the flag.

Recording Secretary Poling handed out recently revised call lists to all the state officers.

The president's advisory committee had no report as did the convention committee at this time.

Bob Surber of the sports committee said all entries for the convention games will be sent in by certified or registered mail. Too many have said they send in their entry only to find out it hadn't been received. This way each team or entrant will have a receipt stating the entry along with the fee has been received.

Tug Sutton had nothing special to report for EMS Committee. The training committee had not had a chance to meet since being appointed.

Norm Crocker had no report on the fire school committee since they couldn't do anything until the board gives the okay to have the schools.

Norm also said the "redistricting committee" (name to be changed when a better title is found) has not had time nor opportunity to meet, but will before the next meeting of the officers. Their aim is to find out which districts are in need of some help or are not being covered adequately and to make recommendations on how to reach every department adequately. They may offer suggestions of some boundry changes to ease the work load on some district chairmen.

Bob Esserman of the editors aid committee said too many membership forms are coming in with no addresses. Help would be appreciated.

The deadline for news in the paper will be on the first of the month of printing.

Marion Bush asked if we could ask some of the law enforcement organizations to put safety and or related articles into our paper. Bob will get with Marion and any other person to get all the suggestions that they can think of.

Gene Stofer requested that the fire marshal members be put in the paper along with the state officers list. Bob Esserman will see to this also.

At this time the treasurer offered the following report: Gene stated this is absolutely the last time he will sit up half the night separating the different expenses of the officers. From now on there will be no paychecks at the meetings for those who refuse to split up the vouchers properly. He gave the following financial status of the association: \$17,874.49 in the general fund; \$7,775.61 in the death benefit fund; \$5,708.82 in the clothing fund; \$4,094.57 in the reserve/donation fund for a total of \$35,453.49 cash available in the bank. Also there are certificate of deposit notes in several local banks totaling \$96,000.00. The total net worth is \$131,453.49.

Deaths have amounted to ten with a cash outlay of \$1,410.00. The clothing claims have amounted to \$93.75 for a total of only seven claims. Gene went on to give a rundown on the income since convention.

Jack read a list of departments that haven't paid dues for two years and asked for a clarification of the status of each. This was given by the district chairman involved for each department.

The procedure for clothing claims was reiterated for the benefit of all, especially the new district chairmen. It was decided that unless there were some question concerning eligibility of claimant the claim would be checked by the district chairman and sent directly to the treasurer for payment. Also, this procedure would be placed in the paper by the editors advisory committee.

It was again brought up about the widows of the firefighters continuing to receive the paper. The decision was that the widow must request the paper through Bob Laney and the paper will be sent.

The problem of returned papers was again brought up. It was pointed out the change of address form will be in the paper and it will be up to the PR men and district chairmen to follow up on each returned paper. Bob Esserman will check with Laney to see if any other suggestions are forth coming.

Jim Parker asked if anything had been done by the safety committee in respect to the recommendation of any certain types of gear or protective clothing for the firefighters. Norm pointed out that the safety committee of past had decided not to get into that phase of safety in that we as an association were not prepared at this time to judge on brand name over another. However, his committee on safety will look into the situation again and see if there should be a change of thinking.

Parker also asked if the association were to recommend a certain type of smoke-heat detector. Again Norm Crocker pointed out that we would not as an association recommend a name brand or get into the selling or sponsoring end of smoke-fire detectors. However, that wouldn't prevent each individual from telling the public to read the specifications thoroughly, decide which of the name brands they liked better, be sure the device is U.L. or F.M. approved and will do the job he wants done.

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Meet Your New District 2 Chairman



DALE SMITH

Dale Smith's firefighting career dates back to 1958 when he joined the Munster Fire Department. His father presently serves as their chief. In 1970 Dale moved to Lowell and joined their department where he was elected Captain and Training Officer. Under his direction a formal Training program was developed.

Dale has served the past 3 years as District 2 secretary until his recent election as District 2 Chairman.

He is a Certified Master Firefighter in Tactics and is a first class instructor.

Dale and his wife Ella have four children, Julie, Jay and twin boys David and Daniel.

APPLICATIONS PROCESSED

With great satisfaction and a sigh of relief, the Commission on Fire-fighting Personnel Standards and Education has announced that all of the applications for Certification of firefighters received under the Grandfather Clause of giving credit for past experience have been processed and, by the end of July, the Indiana State Fire Marshal, William C. Goodwin, said that 98 per cent of the Certificates and Arm Patches will have been delivered to the fire departments in the state. Arrangements for delivery of the remaining departments will be made through the State Fire Marshal.

Extra sets of arm patches will be available toward the end of August through the Commission staff in the State Fire Marshal's office. Cost of these extra patches will be: Round Emblem, \$1.00 each; 2nd Class, 1st Class, or Master, Chevrons, 75 cents each; and Rate Bars, 50 cents each. When reordering, please include the name and certification number for each person ordering so that eligibility can be checked, along with the money order or check to cover the cost of the order.

The interest in the Certification program through training and education is continuing to grow and many departments who did not apply through the Grandfather Clause are expressing their desire to do so by fulfilling the training and education requirements as listed in the Redbook. Classes, schools, and seminars are being requested and attended

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THE INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMAN

Officer's Meeting Continued from Page 12**NEW BUSINESS**

Charlie gave a summary report on his meeting with the IFA convention. They have 23 officers and 95 delegates at convention. Their total membership is 5,219 which is down more than one hundred from the previous year.

In the affairs for volunteers meeting there were only 38 in attendance and there had been absolutely nothing accomplished for or by the volunteers during the past year. After talking with the group for a while and finding out some of them would like to join the IVFA, Charlie said he would get with his district chairmen and have these persons contacted so they could join our organization.

Charlie Jones said he had been contacted several times about the Miss Flame contest at state level. The suggestion was that the men and women make it a joint affair.

Gene Stofer who was president when the contest was turned over to the ladies, said he felt that the men just didn't have time to get involved again with this event and we should not try to take back something we had asked the ladies to take, especially since they wanted to do it.

Jim Parker said that this was only one small way to let the ladies feel that they were part of the convention and we would be fools to now try to take it back.

Jim Bell said he felt that we should let the ladies have continued control of the contest, but to give them a list of criteria we would like to see followed. But in all cases let them handle the complete pageant.

It was the general consensus of the group that we not put our fingers back into this matter and we should not try to change that which was going along fine. Therefore no further action was taken on the state Miss Flame pageant operation.

Milan Pece asked for a clarification on the policy of the use of the games equipment. Bob Surber stated that we had purchased this equipment with state donations of funds, materials and man power and we had noted previously to use this equipment at state authorized events only. This meaning convention only at this time.

There was a request for some games rules. It was pointed out that anyone wanting such copies should contact Robert Surber or Gene Yoder and they will furnish them.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Jack Ford stated that it has bothered him for some time the way some of the awards had been handled and after a lengthy explanation of his feelings, Jack asked that a set of guide lines be set up for all awards we give out.

Charlie Jones appointed the following men to this committee: Chairman Jim Bell along with Carlos Jeffries, Robert Esserman and Jack Ford. This committee will set up guide lines for all awards.

Steve Ritter read a letter from "Fire House Magazine" assistant publisher Howard Teich who requested the mailing list of all firefighters as he could send literature to them regarding the magazine. Bub Holscher made a motion to not release the list to this man, seconded by Dick Doan, motion carried by voice vote.

Bill Engle made a request for the list at the same time and was turned down by the same motion.

Norm Crocker asked for comments from the group on the possibility of having a seminar at convention on some phase of fire fighting or fire safety. Possibly this could be held on Thursday afternoon in place of the officers meeting, which could be held on Thursday morning.

Jack Ford suggested the possibility of obtaining someone of national prominence to hold this seminar.

After much discussion on the subject of having a seminar, the type of seminar and how the addition of such a program would be accepted, Doug Bechtel made a motion that we pursue the matter further, seconded by Steve Ritter and carried by a show of hands.

Motion by Jim Parker seconded by William Howe to adjourn, motion carried by voice vote. Charlie Jones adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Norm Crocker called the board meeting to order at 11:03 in the same room as the officers meeting.

Wm. Howe made a motion to dispense with all preliminaries, seconded by Sam Bower, carried by voice vote.

Roll was called by the recording secretary with the results on file.

Norm presented the new crime surety bond for the state officers. The premium is \$375.00. Marion Bush made a motion to pay this to Leon Lump, seconded by Jim Parker, carried by voice vote.

Norm presented a request for a replacement grave marker. As this procedure was voted on by the board in a past meeting, the matter was turned over to the district chairmen involved, who will notify the writer how to purchase replacement markers.

A letter for the renewal of our travel insurance policy was read to the board. Jim Parker made a motion to have the insurance committee investigate different carriers for this insurance and to empower this committee to pick and pay for the one they feel is the best for the association, seconded by Wm. Howe. A rider was added by Jim that this be for a one year, one time only action, seconded by Wm. Howe and carried by voice vote.

Norm turned the meeting over to Jim Bell who made a preliminary report on the convention '77. The specifics will not be put into the minutes until they are final. His report was at great length and his praise was tremendous for those who did the actual work and those that attended.

He will draw up at length a report on how to run a convention which will or can be used by future hosts. The hosts of the future can add to this report as their experiences occur.

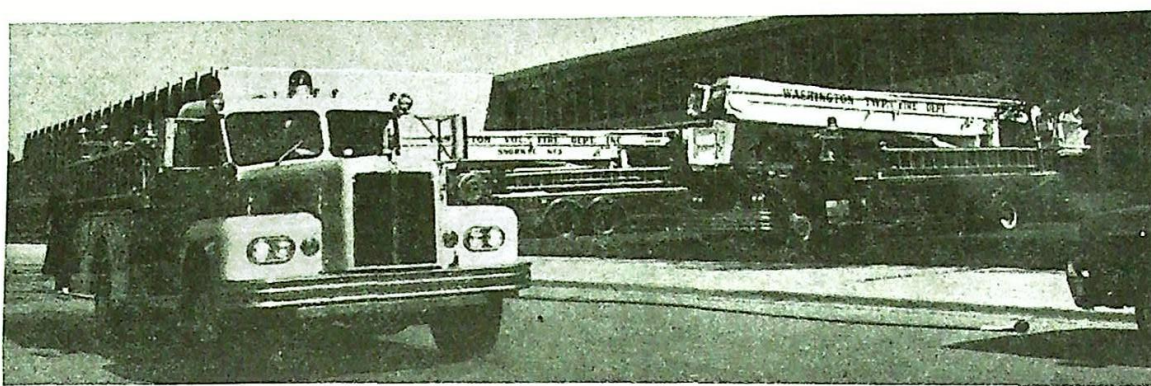
Jim Bell made a suggestion for the use of the balance of the money left over from convention. He suggested the IVFA set up a training library and to use this money as seed for a start and to budget some state money each year to continue the venture in the future.

Jim Parker made a motion to accept Jim Bell's suggestion to use the convention surplus money for a training library with the association to add \$2,000.00 per year thereafter, subject to alteration as needed, seconded by Marion Bush.

After much discussion both pro and con on the aspects of such a library, Bub Holscher made a motion to table further action on this suggestion until after the training committee has a chance to investigate further into the venture, seconded by Ralph Yergler, carried by voice vote.

Following the original motion and during the discussion on the proposal, Chairman Crocker recessed the board meeting for lunch at 11:45. The meeting was reconvened at 1:20 p.m. after which the motion to table was presented.

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BUSY MONTH FOR WASHINGTON TWP. FIRE DEPT.

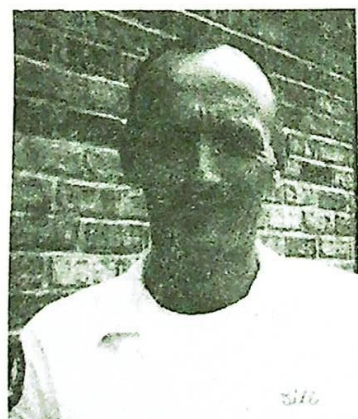
May was a busy month for the Washington Township Fire Department (Marion County). On May 6, Squad 6 was responding to a reported accident at 52nd and Allisonville Road. It had been raining all morning. As the squad approached the intersection of Ruth Drive and Keystone, it was unable to stop at the intersection, because of the weather conditions, and hit a Washington Township School Bus. The driver of the bus stated that he did not see or hear the squad.

Chauffeur Larry Frey and Lt. Chuck Berry were sent to the hospital for a checkup. One boy from the school bus was also sent in for a checkup.

The accident that they were enroute to turned out to be a property damage only. -- Photos Courtesy of B & L Photographers, Indianapolis.

On Sunday, May 7, Washington Township Fire Department responded to a fire at North Central High School. After arriving at the scene, it was a working fire. Approximately 50 men fought the fire with the assistance of the Castleton Snorkel. They were there about two hours.

Not too much damage was done, only to a language lab. The fire was all the way to the roof by the time the firemen got there. -- Photos Courtesy B & L Photographers, Indianapolis.

Meet Your New District 11B Chairman**BILL BUSH**

Bill and his wife Eula of Dana, Indiana have three children, Brent, Brenda, and Becky. Bill joined the Dana Volunteer Community Fire Department in 1961. He has been an active member continuously with the exception of two years when he transferred membership to the Fillmore Volunteer Fire Department. He served as President of the Fillmore Department for both years.

Bill is presently Assistant Chief of the Dana Department and serves on the Executive Board. He was recently elected Acting Chairman of District 11B (north) when the original District 11 was divided into two. He also served on the Steering Committee for the very successful 1977 Buzz'n with 11 in 77 Convention and is also on the Hercules Fire Brigade where he is employed and is a National, Indiana, and Illinois Registered Emergency Medical Technician.

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Gentlemen:

We have examined the statement of cash receipts and disbursements of the General Fund, Clothing Fund, Death Fund and Donation-Emergency Fund of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Inc. for the period beginning June 1, 1976 and ending May 31, 1977. Our examination was made in accordance with the generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and statement of cash receipts and disbursements presents fairly the cash transactions of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Inc. for the period beginning June 1, 1976 and ending May 31, 1977.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert O. Stewart
Certified Public Accountant

L. Norman Crocker, Chairman of Board
Robert Shanabarger, District 6
Russel Reinhart, District 18

Ralph W. Yergler, District 3
Alfred Mendel, District 12

Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association, Inc.
738 S. Ingomar Street
Indianapolis, Indiana
BALANCE SHEET
(Cash Basis)

	May 31, 1977
ASSETS	
Current Assets:	
Cash in Bank-General Fund	\$ 1,690.38
Clothing Fund	4,899.45
Death-Funeral Fund	7,610.52
Emergency-Donation Fund	2,706.75
Cash in Savings	86,000.00
Total Current Assets	\$102,907.10
Other Assets: At Cost	
Furniture and Fixtures (Cost)	2,174.00
Total Assets	\$105,081.10
FUND EQUITIES	
Fund Balances:	
General Fund	3,864.38
Clothing Fund	4,899.45
Death-Funeral Fund	7,610.52
Emergency-Donation Fund	2,706.75
Savings Account	86,000.00
Total Fund Equities	\$105,081.10

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS (Cash Basis)

Cash in Bank as of June 1, 1976	
General Fund	\$ 13,752.74
Clothing Fund	5,651.05
Death-Funeral Fund	11,146.77
Donation-Emergency Fund	780.86
certificate of Deposits	70,000.00
Total Cash Available - June 1, 1976	\$101,331.42
Receipts: Schedule A	117,426.42
Total Funds Available	\$218,757.84
Less Cash Disbursements (Schedule A)	115,850.74
Excess Funds Ending May 31, 1977	\$102,907.10

STATEMENT OF CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Cash Receipts:	
Membership Dues	\$ 75,998.75
Advertising	3,906.75
Registration Fees	10,185.00
Game Fees	165.00
Program Book	9,118.38
Fire School Registration	608.68
Donations and Gifts	49.54
Insurance Donations	11,621.94
Interest	4,880.60
Miscellaneous	891.78
Total Receipts	\$117,426.42

CASH DISBURSEMENTS:

General Fund:	
Advertising	\$ 705.11
District Meetings	4,043.69
Fire School Expense	2,322.06
Insurance-Bonds	370.00
Insurance-District	476.72
Insurance-General	4,004.00
Legal Fees	90.00
Meeting Expense-Annual	34,913.56
Mr. IVFA Committee	220.60
Officers and Committees	9,364.94
Miscellaneous	1,476.57
Officers Expense-President	1,888.77
Vice President	746.46
Secretary	2,747.86
Recording Secretary	281.40
Sergeant-at-Arms	514.93
Chaplain	1,074.13
Past President	94.00

Office Supplies	976.79
Printing Expense -Decals	882.92
Newspaper	14,882.82
Regular	1,509.90
Postage Expense	2,964.59
Professional Fees	600.00
Refunds Overpayments	401.00
Office Expense-Treasurer	1,925.70
Staff Expenses-Ad Takers	\$ 664.44
Editor	740.20
Public Relations	1,260.05
Telephone	89.58
Total Disbursement General Fund	\$ 92,232.79
Clothing Fund	
Claim Vouchers Approved	\$ 3,864.60
Death-Funeral Fund	
Claim Vouchers Approved	\$ 15,495.00
Memorials and Bibles	3,088.25
Miscellaneous	75.00
Total Disbursements-Death-Funeral Fund	\$ 18,658.25
Emergency-Donation Fund	
Legislative Committee-Chairman	\$ 642.64
Members	207.46
Miscellaneous	245.00
Total Disbursements-Emergency-Donation Fund	\$ 1,095.10
Total Disbursements All Funds	\$115,850.74

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSITS:

The Following are the certificate numbers and amounts in banks in Indianapolis, Indiana:

M 38525 - American Fletcher National Bank	\$48,000.00
M 38256 - American Fletcher National Bank	12,000.00
M 38527 - American Fletcher National Bank	10,000.00
15648 - First Bank and Trust Company	16,000.00
TOTAL	\$86,000.00

Interest is paid quarterly and distributed to various funds as needed.

2. OTHER ASSETS:

Items are carried at cost according to municipal accounting theory and application since this organization is considered to be a pseudo-governmental facility and authority.

3. The association maintains its accounts on a cash basis. Under this method of accounting, income receivable (earned) is not recorded on books until received in cash. Also expenses incurred (payable) in the conduct of activities of the association are not recorded until time of payment.

Applications Processed

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enthusiastically.

The State Fire Marshal and the Commission are proud of the fire departments in the State of Indiana for taking this step forward and welcome inquiries about the Certification program.

New applications for entering the certification program or for attaining a higher rank, will be ready also by the end of August along with the Instructor's class sheets.

For the benefit of those departments who do not have a Certified 1st Class Instructor, a file of Instructors throughout the state will be kept who are willing to travel to other departments to teach classes required in the Redbook. For any help in obtaining an Instructor, please contact the State Fire Marshal's office, 502 State Office Building, 100 North Senate Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46204, or phone 317-633-4778.

Through the cooperation and suggestions of all the fire departments, paid, volunteer and industrial brigades, the fire service in Indiana should truly become the finest possible in protecting lives and property from fire.

TROPHY WINNERS

CONVENTION SPORTS

Men's Waterball
Poe No. 1 - 1st; Grabill - 2nd; Adams No. 2 - 3rd; and LaCrosse - 4th.

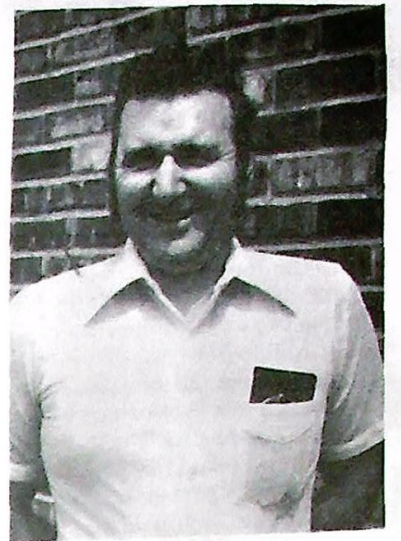
Women's Waterball
Adams No. 2 - 1st; Poe No. 1 - 2nd; Posey No. 1 - 3rd; and Hope - 4th.

Men's Bucket Brigade
Poe No. 1 - 77.5 sec.; Poe No. 2 - 83.5 sec.; Burkett - 84.5 sec.; and Bridgeport - 94.5 sec.

Women's Bucket Brigade
Poe No. 1 - 108.8 sec.; Poe No. 2 - 124.3 sec.; and Hope - 130 sec.

Men's Hose Replacement
Bridgeport No. 1 - 23.5 sec.; LaCrosse - 29.2 sec.; Poe No. 2 - 29.6 sec.; and St. Joe - 30.5 sec.

Meet Your New District 8B Chairman



GAIL "Bud" SEARS

Gail (Bud) Sears has been a White River Twp. Volunteer Fireman for seven years. He has held the office of secretary and President. Presently he is secretary and Training Officer.

Bud has been President of Randolph County Volunteer Firemen's Association for three years. These men provide the fire protection for the famous Winchester Speedway.

Bud joined the I.V.F.A. in 1971 and has served as District Secretary for three years. In July, he was elected District Chairman.

Bud and his wife Rosemary have three children — Jeff 14, Gayle Anne 12, and Doug 11.

He is a member of The First United Methodist Church of Winchester and is concluding his third year as President of the Randolph County 4-H Horse & Pony Project. For sixteen years, he has been employed at Muncie's Delco Battery as an electrician.

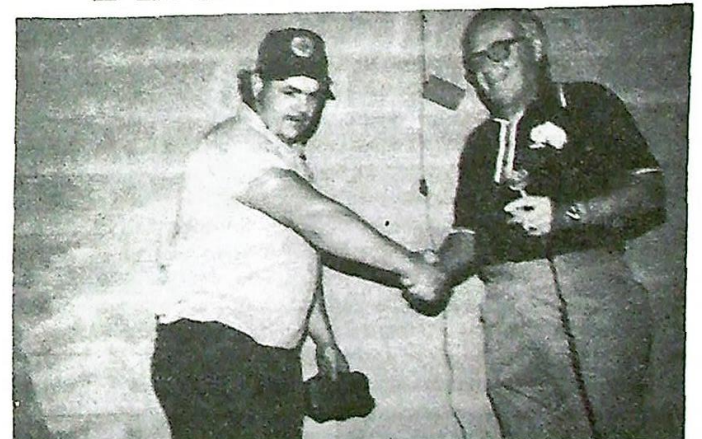
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Lincoln Fireman Honored



A surprised Steve Wendelburg shakes hands with State Fire Marshal Bill Goodwin after receiving the "Most Outstanding Fireman of the Year" award, Lincoln Township, Thayer.

Dist. 11 Bids Farewell to Red and Jo



Pictured, Red and Jo Morris and their farewell cake baked by Joan Hayes and presented to Red and Jo at District 11 meeting. Red has been transferred to Denver, Colorado. Both of them will be missed by the organization. -- Photo by Clyde Bristow and Kaye.

Officer's Meeting Continued from Page 13

Norm charged the training committee with presenting a full report on this proposal at the November '77 officers meeting.

Marion Bush of the insurance committee reported on a proposal to institute an insurance lodge made up of IVFA members. This is a proposal from the Ben Hur Co. through TRD inc.

Charlie Bogden, temporary chairman of district 12, made a motion we accept the insurance committee recommendation to form a Ben Hur court along the lines suggested by the insurance committee, seconded by Jim Parker, after more discussion on procedural matters a call for the question was heard. By a show of hands the motion was carried. The insurance committee will continue with the formation of this court through, for an by the members of the IVFA officers as recommended by the committee.

Marion Bush asked that any complaints on or relating to TRD Inc. or any of his agents be investigated thoroughly by the officers, who will acquire all the information on the complaint and then turn all information over to the insurance committee who will take the matter up with T.R.D. Inc. for disposition.

Norm Crocker announced that since Red Morris had moved from the area and was no longer a member of the insurance committee he (Norm) was appointing Jim Parker to fill that vacancy.

Norm asked Carl Davis if the damages at the southwest fire school had been taken care of. Carl stated he was not sure, but would get with the people who could know and would report the findings back to the board.

Gene Stofer reported that he had placed \$10,000.00 more in C.D. notes because a certain bank had offered elevated rates only up to a certain time. This had been done only after he had contacted other officers for their opinion. He asked for board approval of this action.

There was some discussion on the recently enacted police-fireman pension law. Discussion was on whether we as an association wanted to pursue a case through the courts to declare this law unconstitutional by being discriminatory.

Charlie Jones said that while talking to several legislators he was informed that legislation was already in the hopper to amend this bill to include all firefighters down to a township level. The recommendation of the legislators was that we do not instigate a class action suit at this time until we see what will develop through normal channels.

Marion Bush made a suggestion we find a firm to research the problem of the value of the volunteer firemen to the state of Indiana. In other words, how many there are, how much property is protected by them, how much by paid firemen, the annual budget of each, the losses of each type of protection and any other comparison necessary for statistics so we can better present our case to the state legislators. He said the only thing the legislative committee now has is a handful of surmises and a lot of questimates.

Marion Bush made a motion to have the matter turned over to the legislative committee as part of their regular duties to allow them to resolve the problem through normal channels if possible, seconded by Charlie Bogden, motion carried by voice vote.

Marion Bush made a motion to have all reference to legislative procedures stricken from the minutes, seconded by Sam Bower, carried by voice vote.

Steve Ritter gave a short rundown on convention '78. They hope the Sheraton motel will be open and if so it will be convention center. Several commitments have been made and some are in the formulative stage. There is a Saturday night program being planned. Mugs are ordered and should be in before November.

Butch McGill gave an explanation of what happened to the supplies at state convention. Butch was instructed to not put anything out for general pick up. He will bring only those supplies which are prerequested and nothing else.

Doug Bechtel made a motion that all officers who want supplies will send the Sgt-at-Arms a request for same and the supplies will be brought to the next meeting, seconded by Doan and carried by voice vote. Butch asked that the request be made a week ahead of time and he will have them at the meeting.

It was pointed out that there was no expense committee to finish up the committee recommendations. Jim Parker reappointed all previous members of this committee until the work is completed. Doug Bechtel will replace Bob Shanabarger on the expense committee.

Bub Holscher made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Doug Bechtel, meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m. Max L. Poling

Meet Your New District 11A Chairman



LARRY BIGGS

Larry was born March 8, 1942 in Clinton, Indiana. He worked summers as a life guard until he graduated from Clinton High School

Larry attended John Hernon Art Institute in Indianapolis for a year before joining the U.S. Navy where he spent five years as a Hospital Corpsman.

On June 25, 1967, he married Carolyn Sue Vermillion of Sandford, Indiana and they have two children, a girl Leticia 8 years of age and a boy Wade 6 years of age.

Larry has been employed by the Pillsbury Company of Terre Haute for ten years and a member of the Sandford Volunteer Fire Department.

He has held several offices in that department during the nine years of membership.

Besides the fire service he has many hobbies which include painting and building muzzle loading Kentucky Rifles.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO WHEN DEATH STRIKES A MEMBER OF YOUR DEPARTMENT AND IVFA?

Call District Chairman; Give him name of member, date of birth, death, beneficiary and address, religion, if Memorial Bible is desired; if Memorial is desired, where, when (call Chaplain for arrangements); District Chairman to contact Secretary Ford.

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!!!!



Wayne Township Company 6 annual Company Party was held at the station. The entertainment included a hill billy band which included Gene "Little Brown Jug" Stofer, Charles "Wash Board" Bogden, and Wm "Tootie Flutie" Goodwin. - Photo by Clyde Bristow, I.F.P.A.

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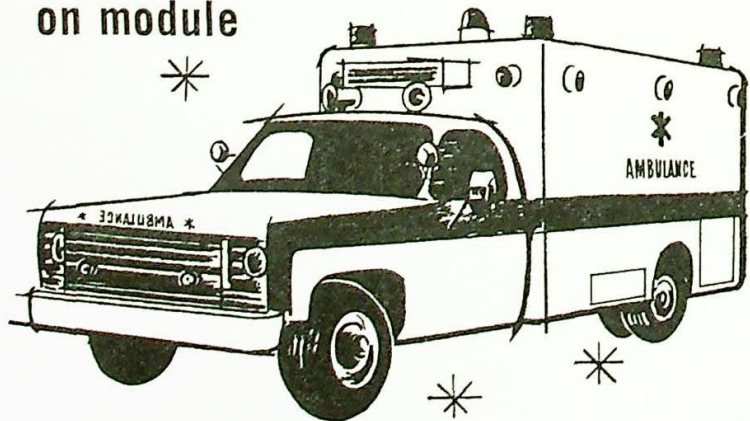
Fatal Accident in Wayne Township



Wayne Township Companies 9 and 10 responded to this fatality accident at 10th and Girls School Road. One of the cars had struck a fire hydrant which created a small lake at the accident scene which caused many problems getting to the injured people. - Photo by Clyde Bristow, I.F.P.A.

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Midwest Announces Annual Award

The Midwest Fire and Safety Equipment Co. has agreed to furnish a recognition plaque for each district, on a yearly basis.

Said plaque is to be presented, as the district sees fit, to any worthy person that has contributed in some outstanding manner to the benefit of a local department or to the fire service in general.

All Awards are to be presented at district meetings and if possible a member of Midwest Fire and Safety Equipment Co. shall be present and he shall be introduced, ONLY.

The responsibility of participating in this award is the choice of each individual district.

For this year ONLY the names of those selected for this award shall be given to the President not later than February first 1978. The President shall then see that the plaques are inscribed and delivered to each district involved for presentation.

For each year hereafter, all names must be turned in to the President no later than the first of January to be eligible for presentation that same year.

All plaques shall be presented in the three month period from March thru May.

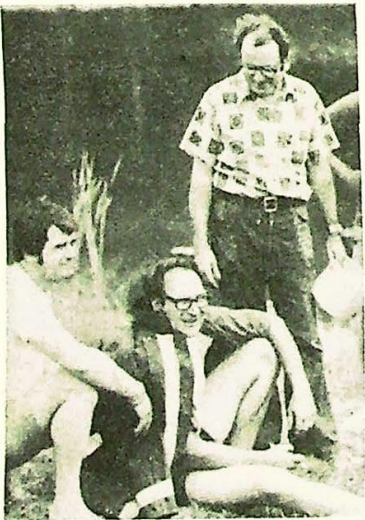
Each district shall choose the participant of this award as they see fit. This award does not have to be given each year. If no one would qualify for the current year then the following year another try would be made.

All plaques would bear the donors name in a small and inconspicuous manner in the lower portion of the plaque.

This being a truly local district award the donor is in no way responsible for the selecting or presenting of this award to anyone.

The above is a result of the instructions of the August officers meeting and consultation with Midwest Fire and Safety Equipment Co.

CROCKER INJURED AT 4th DISTRICT CAMP-OUT



Norman Crocker, I.V.F.A. Vice President, was injured at the recent 4th. District Camp-out held at Mini-Mountain, West of South Bend. The firemen were challenging the campers in a bucket brigade contest when Norm stepped into the pond to get a bucket of water. In the process, he came into contact with a broken bottle, and as a result of this, the bottom of his right foot was badly cut.

He was taken to the South Bend hospital in the New Carlisle EMS ambulance. It required nine stitches to sew up the wound. Norm was able to return once more to the camp grounds in time to attend the afternoon meeting with the help of crutches.

Otter Creek No. 1 Honors 34 Year Veteran



Mr. Joe Wellman was recently honored for his 34 years of continuous service to the Otter Creek Township No. 1 Volunteer Fire Department. He was presented a trophy by Fire Chief, Robert Meyers, at Otter Creek Annual Fish Fry. Mr. Wellman is the oldest living member of the department and they are very proud of his active participation, as a member and department trustee.

West Central Fire School

September 24-25 Putnam County Fairgrounds
Greencastle, Indiana

One Day School - Repeated Saturday and Sunday
State Fire Marshal Diplomas awarded each day upon completion.

Registration - 7:15 A.M. to 8:15 A.M. Classes start at 8:45 A.M.

Registration Fee - \$4.00 per day - LUNCH INCLUDED - Served by Madison Township Ladies Auxiliary - Host Department - Madison Township.

Attend the Two 3-hour classes or the three 2-hour classes and receive a diploma for each day of completion.

Class I - BOMBS AND INCENDIARY DEVICES
Three Hours - William Hillesy - Indiana State Police.

Class II - PUMPS - USE - CARE AND MAINTENANCE
Three Hours - Richard Lamb, Chief - Wayne Township Fire Department.

Class A - FIRE STRATEGY AND TACTICS
1:45 min - Cooney Tucker - Training Officer - State Fire Marshal's Office.

Class B - AUTO EXTRICATION DEMONSTRATION
1:45 min - Honey Creek Volunteer Fire Department

Class C - ELECTRICAL FIRES OR AIR MASKS
1:45 min.

District Chairmen:
11A - Larry Biggs 11B - Bill Bush 12 - Al Mendel

MASON'S CELEBRATE FIFTIETH



Jim and Kate Mason recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house held at the Wayne Township Community Building. Among

their many friends attending the affair was the President of the I.V.F.A. Auxiliary, Vica McGill, and her husband, Charles (Butch) Sergeant-at-Arms of the I.V.F.A. Past Presidents of the Auxiliary, Joan Shanabarger and Ruth Fairfield, Robert Shanabarger, District 6 Chairman, and Paul

Fairfield, N.E. Public Relations Director, were also in attendance.

Jim, who is recovering very well from serious surgery, is a retired fireman from Wayne Township. Kate has been one of the Past Presidents of the I.V.F.A. Auxiliary, and a continuing active member of the group.

The plaque that Kate is holding is one of the many gifts they received from their host of friends. We all wish them many more happy years. They both deserve the best.

DISTRICT 1 & 2 RECEIVES LUCKY DOE DOLL AWARD

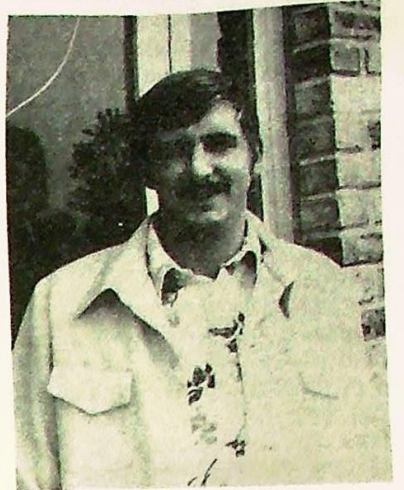
To help make the selling of our Doe Doll tickets more interesting the I.V.F.A. Auxiliary officers have been having a contest between the many districts. The district selling the most tickets being awarded a plaque. This year some wonderful person donated \$25.00 for the winning district.

At the Officers Meeting in August, Vice President Lucy Stofer presented to District One Chairman, Betsy Howe, the plaque and money for Districts 1 & 2.

Of course this wouldn't have been possible without the wonderful women of these districts who got out and sold the tickets. Thanks a million!

Come to district meeting at Lake Hills, October 6 and see our award.

Meet Your New District 4 Chairman



DOUG BECHTEL

Doug is a 6 year veteran of the Concord Fire Department and currently serves in the capacity of Lieutenant. He has served as secretary of District 4 for three years and education chairman of Elkhart County and Fire School Chairman. His father serves as Chief of the Concord Department and is a charter member so it is understandable that Doug's interest would follow along the same lines.

Doug is married to a great wife who is behind him 100 per cent in the fire service. She too has been active in the Ladies Auxiliary of Concord, holding many offices. She is serving as 4th District Chairman of the State Auxiliary.

They are the proud parents of a 4 year old daughter and are expecting a new addition to their family in September.

PUBLIC RELATIONS Southwest



Carl O. Davis

The 1977 convention is history and was one of the better organized meetings that I have attended. Let's all say thanks to District 11 and to the host department, Honey Creek, for a job well done. The convention was held without any cost to the IVFA and I think that is a job well done. So to District 11, thanks for a good time and a very fine convention.

District meetings were held in 17A, 17B, and 18 and in each district the chairmen were re-elected for another year. Let's keep up the good work and make this a banner year for your districts.

Attended a call meeting of State Officers at Windfall and received President Jones' outline for 1977-78. Think that the program will be well received.

Have asked at all district meetings for any department that has any news or pictures to send

them to our paper. At the last officers meeting Editor Laney was crying for something to print. Had plenty of paper but nothing to go on it. This is your paper and he needs your help in keeping it the best in the U.S.A.

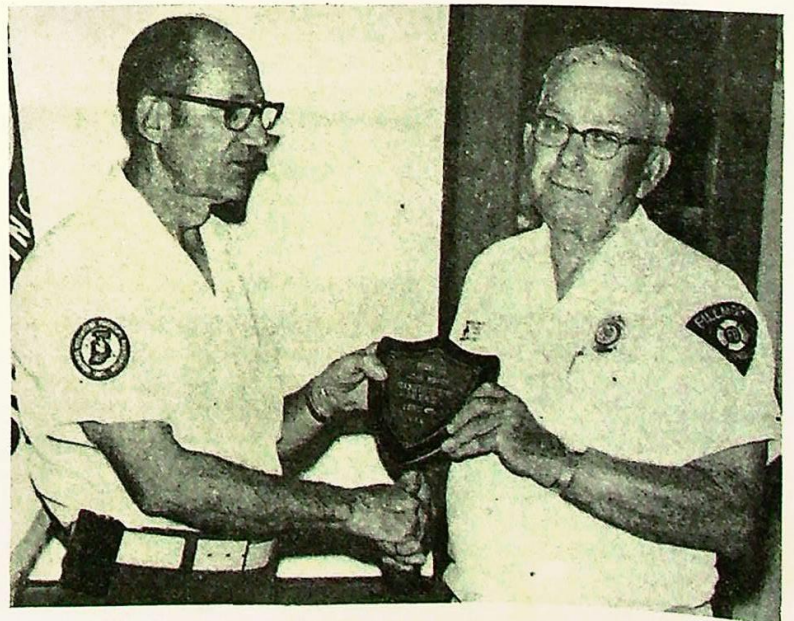
Our State Fire Marshal was down to District 17B and 18 to present the certification of firefighters. His office hopes to have 90 percent of the departments' certificates out by the end of September. To the No. 1 card holder and your office, a job well done.

From the talk around the Odon and Madison Township Departments, we will host another Turkey Barbecue on November 3, 1977 at the Odon Conservation Club. Hope you can make it.

Thanks to the departments in the Southwest for my re-election as your Public Relations Director for 77-78.

That's it for this time.

MIDWEST AWARD PRESENTED



John Roach, Chief of the Fillmore Fire Department, was presented the Midwest award from District 11 by District Secretary Tody Michel at the recent District 11 meeting. - Photos by Clyde and Kaye Bristow, I.F.P.A.

NEW PLACARDS WILL WARN OF HAZARDOUS CARGO ABOARD TRUCKS AND TRAINS

Squares-on-Point Replace Rectangular Placards On Highway Transportation Vehicles on July 1
By Dick Friend, Associate Editor

After ten years of haggling between industry, the government and representatives of the fire service, the Department of Transportation has formally adopted hazardous material regulations which will change the placarding on all trucks and many train cargo shipments.

The final formulations of designs and wording were announced in the Federal Register a year ago, but as of three weeks ago, regional Federal DOT offices—who will be responsible for enforcement—didn't have charts showing the new markings.

There also is a move afoot to extend the mandatory starting period—and to permit existing placards under a "grandfather clause."

A significant change is that many train loads which were placarded "DANGEROUS" now will have specific placards more properly identifying the hazard.

New placards will be required which give the fireman and rescue worker a better chance to know what he's getting into at the scene of an incident.

Certain highway and rail vehicles also must be placarded with "Empty" markers. Tank trucks used exclusively for transportation of chlorine, oxidizers, or some other materials, must display the special "Empty" label over their regular placarding. Gasoline tankers or those with clearly identifiable trade names indicating their normal commodity, are exempt.

Also, trucks which often are used for other materials need not be placarded with "empty."

The amount carried in highway vehicles before placarding is required was not substantially changed. This means that many trucks can carry up to 1000 pounds of Class C explosives, or chlorine, or organic peroxide, or other hazardous materials, and not be labeled.

Mixed loads take on another regulation, as explained in the charts with this article.

Containers on parcels and containers also now generally correspond to the vehicle placards, for the first time.

FOR THE TRUCKER

Under new regulations, the motor carrier is subject to civil penalties of \$10,000 which can multiply daily for violations of the new placarding and handling regulations. Frankly, the DOT admits it doesn't have all the personnel it needs to properly inspect and enforce loads, but it will attempt its job with earnest.

Truckers get a break in that they can now refuse shipments of improperly placarded packages—and point to the \$10,000 fine as the cost of non-compliance.

Haulers also must notify the Department of Transportation when an accident occurs in the transportation of hazardous materials. This means during loading, unloading, and temporary storage, as well as movement.

A hot line is available for making these reports to DOT. It's (202) 426-1830. Required reports are when someone is killed or requires hospitalization, damage exceeds \$50,000, any incident involving radioactive contamination.

PRE-DETERMINED ROUTES

Certain members of the trucking industry have proposed to the government that routes be selected for shipment of hazardous materials, and they only be used. Fire agencies would be involved in the selection and planning for accidents.

Interstate highways would be used for long hauls, and other highways designated for short hauls. Two lane highways would be avoided when possible, or escorts provided when unavailable.

A warning system could be established which would require haulers to file route plans. A teletype system would link the nation. Automatic sensing systems would keep track of the vehicle as it passed along the highway, and if an accident occurs, the reporting stations would provide firemen with full details of the type of hazard involved.

The DOT's San Francisco office said proposals to permit an extension of the new placarding regulations have been made, but not as yet acted upon in Washington.



IMPORTANT

1. All four sides of the vehicle must be placarded. Placement of the front placard may occur on either the cab or the cargo body.
2. Placard must be placed at least 3 inches away from any other marking or sign. Double placarding should be adjacent to each other.
3. Combinations of vehicles, each of which contains hazardous materials, shall each be placarded in accordance with the above chart.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PLACARDING REQUIREMENTS (ANY QUANTITY MUST BE PLACARDED)

HAZARD	NEW PLACARD
Class A Explosives	EXPLOSIVES A
Class B Explosives	EXPLOSIVES B
Poisons—Class A	POISON GAS
Flammable Solids (With Dangerous When Wet Label on Container only)	FLAMMABLE SOLID W
Radioactive Materials (Radioactive III yellow container label)	RADIOACTIVE
Radioactive Materials (Uranium hexafluoride, fissile)	RADIOACTIVE & CORROSIVE

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Color Scheme For New Placards

Placard	Colors
DANGEROUS	Upper and lower triangles in red; inscription in black on white
EXPLOSIVES A and EXPLOSIVES B	Orange background; symbol and inscription in black
NON-FLAMMABLE GAS	Green background; symbol and inscription in white
OXYGEN, OXIDIZER and ORGANIC PEROXIDE	Yellow background; symbol and inscription in black
POISON GAS, POISON and CHLORINE	White background; symbol, borderline, and inscription in black
FLAMMABLE and COMBUSTIBLE	Red background; symbol and inscription in white
FLAMMABLE SOLID	White background with seven vertical red stripes; symbol and inscription in black
FLAMMABLE SOLID W	Triangle at top blue with white symbol; rest of placard white with seven vertical red stripes and inscription in black
RADIOACTIVE	Top portion yellow with black symbol; lower portion white with black inscription
CORROSIVE	Center and lower areas black; inscription in white; symbol in black and white

NOTE: The word "Gasoline" may be used in place of "Flammable" for highway transportation of gasoline. The words "Fuel Oil" may be used in place of "Combustible" for highway transportation of fuel oil that is not classed as a "flammable liquid."

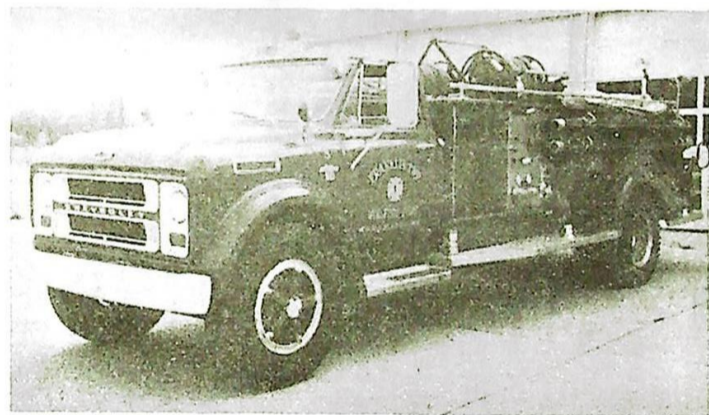
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if death occurs within	<u>26 weeks</u>	<u>26 weeks</u>	<u>26 weeks</u>
WEEKLY INCOME INDEMNITY	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00
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MEDICAL EXPENSE, maximum	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 25,000.00

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NEW AMBULANCES FOR FULTON COUNTY EMS



"Three Type II Ambulances were sold to the Fulton County Emergency Medical Service by Travel Equipment Corporation, Goshen, Indiana. Jerry Finnigan, TEC representative, hands the keys to Harrison R. Halterman, Fulton County Auditor, as Bob Keyott, Director of E.M.S. watches the proceedings."

PETERSBURG VETERAN FIREMAN KILLED

A 39-year-old Petersburg man was electrocuted Saturday afternoon while attempting to repair an air conditioner at his home.

Dead on arrival at Daviess County Hospital in Washington was Joseph "Bill" Lamb. He was pronounced dead at 1:45 p.m. Bill was a 15-year veteran of the Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department.

Survivors include his wife, Mabel; two sons, Kevin and Dale, both at home; a daughter, Cindy, at home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beauford Lamb of Petersburg; a brother, Jimmy of Petersburg; and two sisters, Mrs. Thelma Petritz, and Mrs. Helen Pickett, both of Indianapolis.

Funeral services were held at Harris Funeral Home, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery.

PUBLIC RELATIONS SOUTHEAST



Paul Kraft

Fellow Firefighters,

On May 12, I attended the 16th District meeting held at Hardinsburg, with the Hardinsburg Volunteer Fire Department as hosts. Fire Marshal Goodwin and State IVFA Treasurer Gene Stofer attended this meeting. Mr. Goodwin gave us an update on the Certification Program, and some very startling facts about arson investigation and a rise in convictions. Treasurer Stofer enlightened us on facts about our association's future needs and goals we hope to reach. Mr. Goodwin then awarded certificates to departments present. Chairman Doan and his home department of Hardinsburg are to be complimented for hosting a fine meeting.

On May 18, I attended the 14th

District Meeting, held at Blocher, Indiana, with the Blocher Volunteer Fire Department as hosts. Chairman Sam Bower held an informative business meeting, then introduced a representative of the Tim Downey Insurance Agency to explain the new IVFA sponsored Insurance Plan. He answered various questions about the program, and capped off his visit by signing up several departments in attendance. A fine meal was served after the meeting by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Blocher Department. Thanks, Blocher, for having us, and we hope to return soon.

I then attended Convention '77 on the 9th, 10th, and 11th of June at Honey Creek. I have been to many conventions, but I must say this had to be one of the most organized and well planned I have attended - not to mention that it was all paid for - a tremendous accomplishment in anyone's book! Thanks, Jim Bell and Honey Creek for a super convention.

I wish to thank my friends in the 14th and 16th Districts for re-electing me their Public Relations man for another year. Again, I will try to serve you to the best of my ability.

June 18, 19, 25, and 26 were the dates for the Fire Instructors School held at the Clarksville High School. A full class of 24 attended the four day school, and all were awarded the appropriate Fire Instructor's Certificate. I had the privilege of sitting in on a class for an hour or so on Sunday, the 19th. Let me say, I was completely impressed by both teachers, Mr. Larry Bosell and Curtis Gilmore. These gentlemen have the knack of being able to hold attention and get their points across without being demanding. Both paid and volunteer departments were in attendance, and we are very proud of their accomplishments. I

would recommend this school for any area of our state.

The July meeting of the 16th District was held at Livonia on the 14th. District Elections were held with these results: Chairman, Dick Doan, Hardinsburg; Vice Chairman, Butch Richardson, Greenville; Secretary, Hank Taliferro, Georgetown; Chaplain, Don Dennis, Hardinsburg; and Sergeant-at-Arms, Ron Clements, Livonia. After the business meeting was completed, the 16th District Ladies Auxiliary held a white elephant auction, with proceeds going to the 16th Ladies Auxiliary treasury. Much fun was had by all at this auction, and the ladies realized quite a few dollars in profit.

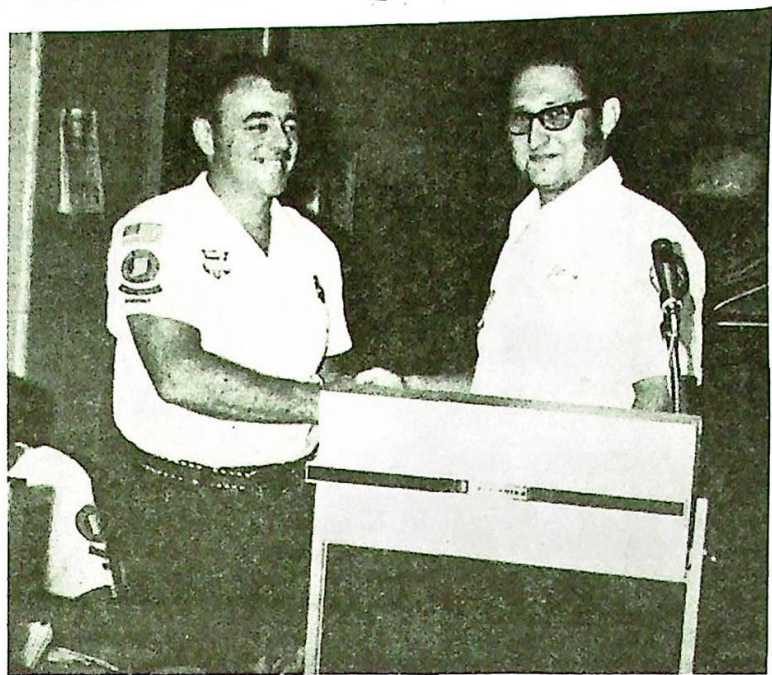
Everyone seemed satisfied with their purchases with one exception - The Old Polock, Lyskowynsky, from Lanesville, but that's another story -- be sure to ask him about it when you see him. The Livonia Volunteer Fire Department, a newer member of our association, were great hosts, and we hope they will invite us back in the future.

I have to apologize to Chairman Sam Bower and the 14th District, for not attending their meeting on July 20th. With my business partner and another employee on vacation in Florida, I found myself short of help, and on the night shift. I will, however, attend their next meeting, if at all possible.

The Southeast IVFA Fire School will be held on October 2, 1977, at Martinsburg, Indiana, with the Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Department as host department. We invite all of you to attend. This will be a one day school, with certificates awarded upon completion. Plan to be there!!

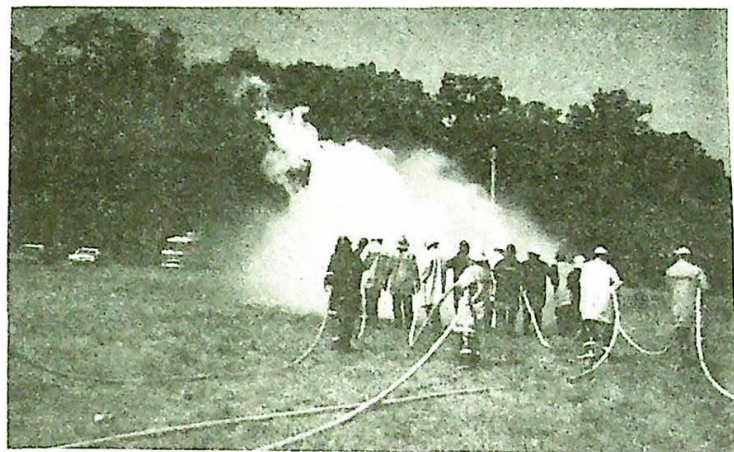
I think this catches us up on events in the Southeast so, NUF SED till next time.

"RED" RELINQUISHES GAVEL



Shown is Red Morris turning over the gavel to New District 11A Chairman, Larry Biggs. Larry served as Vice Chairman last year and with Red leaving he moved up to chairman.

Training Class at Lake Holiday



Motorists on I-65 might have wondered about a fire they sighted near the Roselawn exit. It was a fire department training class and was held at the Lake Holiday Campground. About 63 firemen from 12 fire departments participated in the LP gas fire fighting demonstration. The gas was provided by Hicks Gas of Thayer.

Lincoln Township Volunteer Fireman Jim Lindsay coordinated the class with the help of Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association

Vice-President Norm Crocker, IVFA Northwest District Public Relations Officer (and 1976 Mr. IVFA) Bob Esserman, District 1 Chairman Bill Howe of New Elliott and District 2 Chairman Leon Lump of Lowell. Participating in the demonstration were Morgan Township, New Elliott, Lincoln Township, Keener Township (DeMotte), Lake of the 4 Seasons, Lake Eliza, Lake Village, Lowell, Liberty Center, South Haven, Chesterton, Merrillville and Munster Fire Departments.

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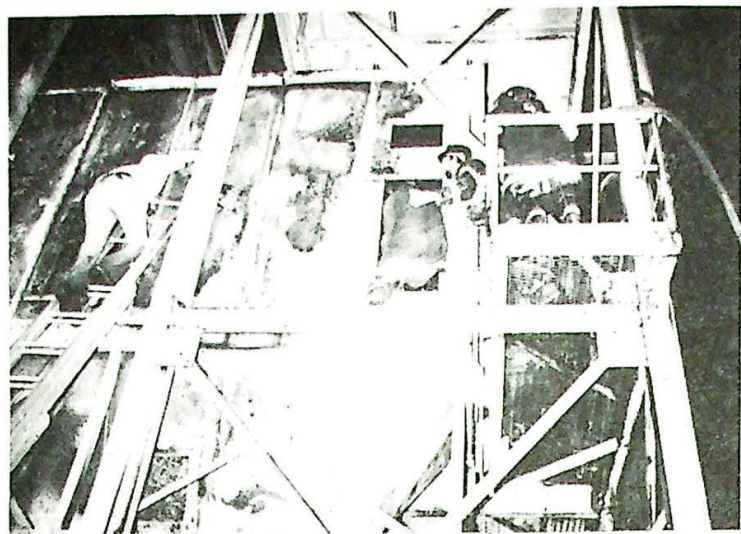
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Wayne Township, Marion County, responded to a fire at the Chrysler Foundry. The fire was in one of the overhead dust collectors which are on top of the building. Shown are members of the Chrysler Fire Department and Wayne Fire Fighters advancing hose lines to the fire area. -- Photo by Clyde and Kaye Bristow, I.F.P.A.

Public Relations Northeast



Paul W. Fairfield

It does not seem possible that another successful I.V.F.A. Convention has come and gone. Once again, we all had a tremendous time, and a standing round of applause goes to all the people who made this convention the success it was. We cannot name one specific person, because we know everyone worked at this job of putting together the 1977 convention, and the results...well, just ask anyone that was there.

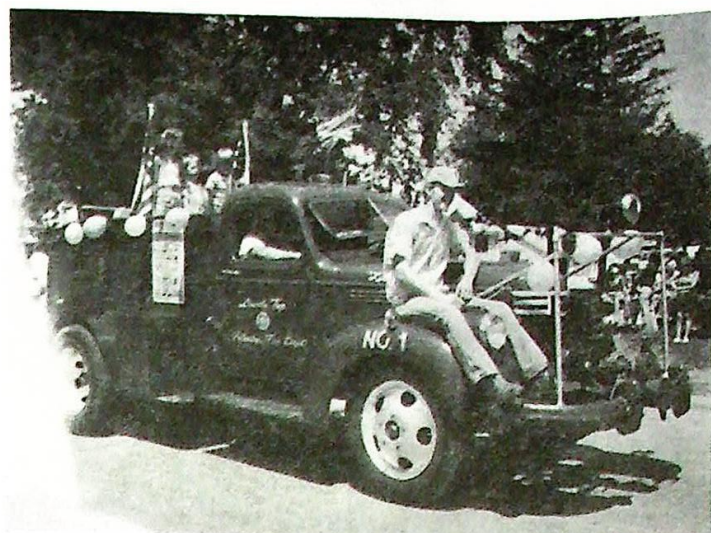
One of our main speakers at convention was the Fire Chief from the Long Island New York Fire Department. It was a real pleasure to meet him. I enjoyed also meeting Ronald C. Miller and Carl Svenson, officers from the Iowa Firemen's organization. It was a distinct honor to have these men attend our State convention, and learn from them, how their firemen function within their respective States.

I would like to wish all the new Association officers the best of success for the coming year. There is a lot of hard work ahead, but you have a great group of men who are more than willing to help.

May I take the opportunity at this time to thank you for, again, giving me the honor of serving as the Northeast Public Relations Director for the coming year. It has been a real pleasure working with you, and I look forward to the challenges that are ahead in this next year. I would like also to congratulate Bud Grogg who has been elected to serve as 6th District Chairman and Douglas Bechtel, the newly elected 4th District Chairman. They will work together with John Huff of our 5th District, and Ivan Nevil, District 7 Chairman.

The State Certification program of the Fire Marshal's office has been a terrific success, but don't forget to keep up on your fire

Lincoln V.F.D.'s Pride and Joy



This 1941 Chevrolet 500 gpm pumper was the pride and joy of the Department in 1962 when it was 21 years old and now, 15 years later, and after retirement, an overhaul and restoration, it is still their pride and joy.

When the Lincoln Township Volunteer Fire Department was formed in 1962 their first piece of equipment was a 1941 Chevrolet 500 gpm pumper which was purchased for \$500. The down payment was \$100.00 and was loaned to them by the Shelby Department.

Each year since then, as the community has grown, more equipment has been added, more calls were made, and the fire department has grown.

This year, members of the department, Dave Atkinson, "Mac" McIlvain, Steve Wendelburg and Rich Smith started the restoration project. They spent many hours on it, many times working 8 or 10 hours at a stretch after their regular 8 hour jobs, (needless to say, this after hour work was all volunteer). They wanted to have it

finished in time for the annual Kankakee Valley Homecoming at Shelby, and they did. Dave and Mac spent the night before the parade at the firehouse working on the truck, without any sleep. Actually, Mac did sleep, — for a few minutes — when he was under the truck draining the oil out and, dog tired, fell asleep. And once during the night they accidentally bumped the emergency button which sounds the fire whistle and brought the area firemen running to the station to see what the emergency was.

Steve's brother-in-law, Ron Harvey, provided it with a new paint job and by parade time, it was sparkling. (Interestingly enough, Steve's father-in-law, John Knapp, was a charter member of the department, and Dave is John's nephew.)

It wasn't the biggest fire truck in the parade that day, but it certainly was the most loved, and several weeks later Mac, accompanied by his family, entered it in the Cedar Lake American Legion Post 261 Parade where it took a 2nd place.

New Placards

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PLACARDING MIXED LOADS

The DANGEROUS placard must be used for mixed loads containing more than one kind of hazardous material requiring placards when the aggregate gross weight totals 1000 pounds or more, except the following which require their own specific placard FOR ANY QUANTITY.

EXCEPTION A

- Explosive A
- Explosive B
- Radioactive (Yellow III)

- Poison Gas (Class A)
- Flammable Solid (Dangerous When Wet)

EXCEPTION B

Specific placards are also required for each of the other classifications if 5000 pounds or more (gross aggregate weight) of one class of such material is loaded at one loading facility.

DOUBLE PLACARDING should be used when loads requiring DANGEROUS placards are mixed with any quantity of the classes shown in Exception A, and with 5000 pounds or more of all other classes as described in Exception B.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PLACARDING REQUIREMENTS—HIGHWAY—PLACARDS FOR MINIMUM REQUIRED QUANTITY ONLY (NORMALLY QUANTITIES OVER 1000 POUNDS) RAIL—PLACARD FOR ANY QUANTITY

HAZARD	NEW PLACARD
Class C Explosives	FLAMMABLE
Non-flammable Gas	NON-FLAMMABLE GAS
Non-Flammable Gas—Chlorine	CHLORINE
Non-Flammable Gas—Oxygen	OXYGEN
Combustible Liquids—Packages with rated capacity of 110 gallons or more, cargo tanks or tank cars	COMBUSTIBLE
Flammable Liquid	FLAMMABLE
Flammable Solid	FLAMMABLE SOLID
Oxidizer	OXIDIZER
Organic Peroxide	ORGANIC PEROXIDE
Class B Poison	POISON
Corrosive Material	CORROSIVES
Irritating Material	DANGEROUS

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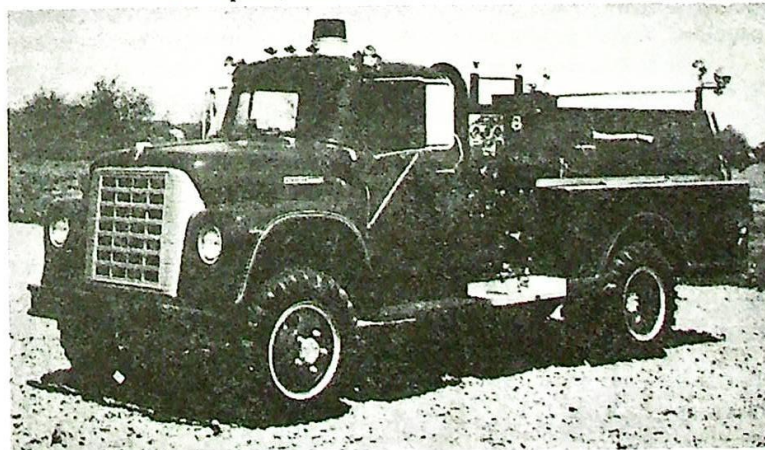
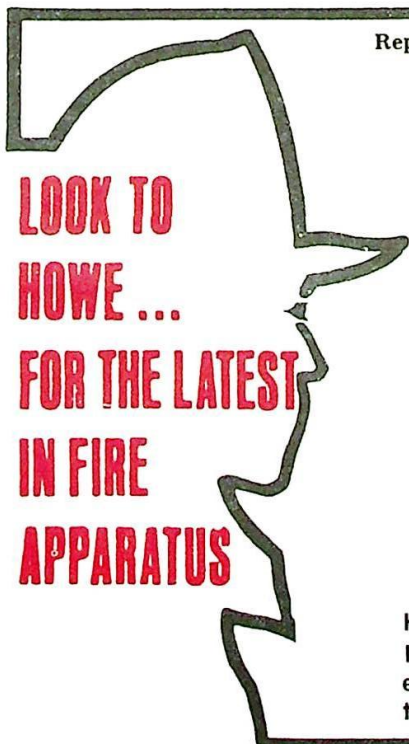
BLACK OAK HAS ANNUAL PICNIC AT SAUZER'S KIDDYLAND

The firemen and their families enjoyed their annual picnic at Sauzer's Kiddieland Sunday, July 3, sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary. As typical firemen, they especially enjoyed finding a water hose on hand. Needless to say, everyone went home wet.

Since we had an abundance of food on hand we continued the picnic after the parade at station No. 1, July 4, where all firemen got down to some serious water fighting with an inch and a half hose. Even firemen who happened by, including past-fire chief, Ralph Hall, did not leave dry.

A real good, wet time was had by all.

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