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Fire Prevention Display Well Received

Capitol Report

From State Representative
Nelson J. Becker

State Fair Exhibit Visited by State Officials



Nelson J. Becker

"Interim activity is the homework of a legislature," wrote John Burns in *The Sometimes Governments*. "If a legislature does little or nothing during the interim, then it is able, during the session, to do little more than say 'yes,' or 'no' to whatever the government or some interest group proposes."

That quotation, in my opinion, sums up the intent behind Indiana's legislative work which is taking place right now. Indiana has used the time prior to the reconvening of the legislature (the interim) since 1959 for such studies. The subject areas are submitted during the session in the form of a resolution, and the Legislative Council, a policy-making body of leadership from both houses, narrows that down to a limited list of questions for in-depth research.

Because so much time is spent gathering evidence, obtaining testimony from experts, and debating alternate solutions to those designated problems, study committees often produce highly significant legislation. For example, in the 1978 session we enacted the landmark child protection bill, the details of which

were initially hammered out by two separate study committees.

Currently, legislators and lay appointees to the committees are researching such things as: the impact of a 1975 federal law which requires public school systems to provide special education for handicapped children in the classroom; possible ways for Indiana to reduce medicaid costs; procedures used in the utility-rate making process; the ramifications of substituting generic, chemically-equivalent drugs for higher priced brand name drugs; the need for a law to govern state agencies' information management and archival preservation, to assure public records are properly managed and preserved; care of chronic and the acute mentally ill in northwestern Indiana; residential services for the mentally retarded and developmentally disabled; eligibility standards for public welfare and federal food programs; licensing of nurseries and day care centers; funding of the opportunities and Industrialization Center Assistance Law; School Finance; long term highway finance; minimal competency testing and, fiscal management.

As a spin-off of the sunset legislation we enacted last session, a committee which I chair is also setting in motion the comprehensive law calling for evaluation of all state agencies. The 25 agencies with transportation-related functions are first on the agenda — putting to the test the model designed to eliminate duplication of effort and increase efficiency and accountability of state government.

Basically, our task is to monitor the process and to make legislative recommendations for termination, continuation or consolidation. We have broken down transportation agencies and programs into five survey areas

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President of the I.V.F.A., Charlie Jones, presents Governor Otis Bowen and Lieutenant Governor Orr with Fire Prevention Literature and fire hats at State Fair display as mannequin looks on. The Fire Prevention Display was a very big success. A more detailed report of the activities will be in the next issue of the paper.

President's Part



Charles Jones

Convention is over and as always it was a huge success. Naturally, there were the usual last minute problems and crises,

and just as naturally they were capably handled by Dick Lamb and his "Wayne Wonders". Thanks to Wayne Township for hosting the convention and thanks to all of you who attended and made it a success. We are not aware of the effort that goes into a convention until we are actually involved in the preparations.

The Madison Committee is already well on the way to having firm plans and commitments on many of the 1979 Convention functions. They, too, are experiencing the same doubts, questions and decisions that have plagued every host committee since our first convention. There probably will be some inconvenience in lodging, but they will do their best to provide adequate housing just like we will do our best to go along with what they

have available. It has been 20 years since our last convention at Madison so we are really looking forward to June 21, 22 and 23, 1979.

Our fine Ladies Auxiliary again supplied pictures of this year's annual meeting. This time, however, instead of movie film, they used 35mm slides. There are some real beauties!! Be sure to see them and let your ladies know you appreciate their efforts and expense.

The State Fair is rapidly approaching and Doug Bechtel's and Bud Sears' fair committee, (renamed the Public Education Committee) are really going all out to make our first big endeavor to educate the public about the volunteer fire service something they will remember. It is imperative that the general public

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VERNE KONOPASEK
GRIFFITH, INDIANA
PAST TREASURER - HISTORIAN

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

"Remember When?"

Verne Konopasek, 77, Past Treasurer, Historian, one of the Organizers of the I.V.F.A., and friend, passed away Friday, August 25, 1978.

After helping establish the volunteer fire department, Konopasek served as the organization's state treasurer. He also was a charter member of the Griffith Volunteer Fire Department and was voted "Indiana Volunteer Fireman of the Year" in 1969.

Konopasek is survived by his wife, Julia; four sons, including Town Board member Carl Konopasek; a brother and sister; 18 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was past president of the Griffith Lion's Club and was retired from the EJ&E Railroad where he worked for 38 years.

A memorial service was conducted August 26, by Duane Lantz, Chaplain of the I.V.F.A. In attendance were friends and their wives paying last respects to Verne.

Funeral Services were held at 9:30, Monday, August 27, in the Chapel and at 10:00 A.M. in St. Mary's Catholic Church. Burial was in Ridge Lawn Cemetery.

Firefighters Attend IUPUI Fire School

Terry Brace, David Fuchs, Bill Helms, Pat Johns, Les Lantaff, Warren Render, Jess Roberts-Fire Chief, Alan Trapp, and Terry Voegel, of the Scott Township Volunteer Fire Department attended the two-day Fire School April 22-23 at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis sponsored by the Indiana Fire Instructors' Association.

The annual school held in cooperation with the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office provides professional training for nearly 1200 volunteer firefighters across the state.

Workshops include such topics as Rural Firefighting, Community Disaster Planning, Handling Radioactive Incidents, Aircraft Fire and Rescue Procedures, and Life Hazards to Firefighters.

The following is reprinted from the forward and preface of the 1971 Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Anniversary Book of which Verne was the author-writer:

As author, I have discovered that there is much more to assembling in the proper order, facts and experiences since 1946, than meets the eye. At this date, the I.V.F.A. has developed an immense association, with a variety of programs, all of which could not possibly be recorded.

The average member, with only a few days or weeks to spend at district meetings or conventions, sees only a tiny portion of the workings of its more than 11,000 membership. Whatever the portion, however, it is likely to be memorable.

I can understand the dilemma and frustrations of would be book writers. I am very happy that it has been possible for me to contribute this small effort toward the formation and development of these recordings and therefore want to express my sincere thanks for the privilege of serving you, the membership, of this great group.

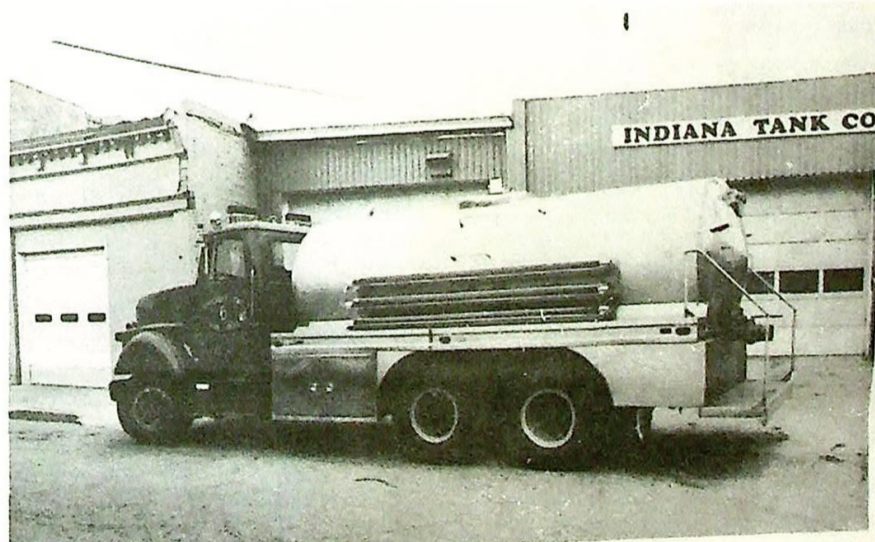
You have made it possible for me to have served as your treasurer under sixteen presidents and four secretaries up to 1971. The environmental 20th century dictionary of the twenties, thirties, forties, and fifties were the best years of my life. But, these years seemed so very slow as compared to the polluted and fast environmental world our youth will inherit.

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Your Chaplain
Duane D. Lantz



converse with our Father, — He is speaking to us by the descent of blessings, we to Him by the ascent of thanksgiving. And all our whole life is thereby drawn under the light of His countenance, and is filled with a gladness, serenity, and peace which only thankful hearts can know.

A DAILY THOUGHT FOR THE LADIES —
— HOUSEHOLD PRAYER —

Lord of all pots and pans and things, since I've no time to be a saint by doing lovely things in watching late with thee, Or dreaming in the twilight, or storming heaven's gates. Make me a saint by getting meals or washing up the plates.

Although I must have Martha's hands, I have a Mary mind; And when I black the boots and shoes, thy sandals, Lord, I find. I think of how they trod the earth each time I scrub the floor; Accept this meditation, Lord. I haven't time for more.

Warm all the kitchen with thy love and warm it with thy peace. Forgive me all my worrying, and make all grumbling cease. Thou who didst love to give men food, in room or by the sea, Accept this service that I do — I do it unto thee.

Your Chaplain,
Duane Lantz

P.S. — GO TO THE CHURCH OF YOUR OWN CHOICE . . . YOU'LL LIKE IT!

Sometimes we forget this love and operate as if buildings, organizations, and public worship were the essence of all they represent. They forget that "God is love" and that without it christianity can only be a sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. This, in fact, is what we all become if we show no love. We cannot lean upon love's everlasting arms if we have never known or shared it.

Paul talked about: a love that will reach forever out. But sometimes we are as cold as the stones that hold up our building. Why? Probably because we are, in some way, afraid. What do we fear Rejection, maybe?

But the irony is that love is the perfect way, the only way, to cast out fears.

Prayer — Father, teach us to love one another as You love us. Amen.

OUR DAILY GIFTS

Gratitude consists in a watchful, minute attention to the particulars of our state, and to the multitude of God's gifts, taken one by one. It fills us with a consciousness that God loves and cares for us, even to the least event and the smallest need of life. It is a blessed thought, that from our childhood God has been laying His fatherly hands upon us, and always in benediction; that even the strokes of His hands are blessings, and among the chiefest we have ever received. When this feeling is awakened, the heart beats with a pulse of thankfulness. Every gift has its return of praise. It awakens an unceasing daily

1 CORINTHIANS, Chapter 13

IF I HAD the gift of being able to speak in other languages without learning them, and could speak in every language there is in all of heaven and earth, but didn't love others, I would only be making noise.

If I had the gift of prophecy and knew all about what is going to happen in the future, knew everything about everything, but didn't love others, what good would it do? Even if I had the gift of faith so that I could speak to a mountain and make it move, I would still be worth nothing at all without love.

If I gave everything I have to poor people, and if I were burned alive for preaching the Gospel but didn't love others, it would be of no value whatever.

Love is very patient and kind, never jealous or envious, never boastful or proud, never haughty or selfish or rude. Love does not demand its own way. It is not irritable or touchy. It does not hold grudges and will hardly even notice when others do it wrong.

It is never glad about injustice, but rejoices whenever truth wins out. If you love someone you will be loyal to him no matter what the cost. You will always believe in him, always expect the best of him, and always stand your ground in defending him.

All the special gifts and powers from God will some day come to an end, but love goes on forever. Some day prophecy, and speaking in unknown languages, and special knowledge — these gifts will disappear. Now we know so little, even with our special gifts, and the preaching of those most gifted is still so poor. But when we have been made perfect and complete, then the need for these inadequate special gifts will come to an end, and they will disappear.

It's like this: when I was a child I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child does. But when I became a man my thoughts grew far beyond those of my childhood, and now I have put away the childish things. In the same way, we can see and understand only a little about God now, as if we were peering at his reflection in a poor mirror; but someday we are going to see him in his completeness, face to face. Now all that I know is hazy and blurred, but then I will see everything clearly, just as clearly as God sees into my heart right now.

There are three things that remain — faith, hope, and love — and the greatest of these is love.

Another convention has passed, a big thank you to Chief Lamb, and all of his gang from Wayne Township. The memorial service was well attended and thanks to all who helped with this service.

Christ's greatest gift to us is the gift of love. In His letter to the church at Ephesus, Paul emphasized his love at a fundamental in building our lives.

Capitol Report

(Continued from Page 1) including bonding, highways, mass transportation, traffic safety and licensing. In the coming months we intend to inspect, microscopically, each of those areas.

While the total evaluation will be tedious at times, it is one of the first instances of legislative oversight in Indiana of programs created by government, and exciting from that viewpoint.

It is a misperception of the sunset process to assume the close scrutiny is aimed at a wholesale elimination of vast numbers of programs. Rather, we are operating always with the aim of discovering any problems which need to be remedied to deliver services to Hoosiers more effectively.

Beyond the obvious information we will review, there are a number of abstract signals we should look for, such as whether there seems to be public discontent with an agency or program; to what extent it is under state control and independent of federal funds; how recently it was reorganized or had a new director appointed, and finally, what is the real potential for making substantive changes to save taxpayer money or increase service efficiency.

The beauty of the development of this process during the interim is that it allows greater opportunity for citizens to involve themselves by observing and participating in committee hearings. Many of the task forces conduct public meetings in locations other than Indianapolis to encourage citizen attention.

Contact your state senator or representative for progress about the committees, look for announcements of such meetings in your local news media, and take advantage of attending them. The legislature also has a public information office which disseminates the day, date and

location of all interim meetings. That Indianapolis telephone number is 269-3550. These are services designed for you, and I urge you to use them, to give you greater familiarity with our efforts on your behalf.

President Jimmy Carter of Georgia receives a salary of \$200,000 a year taxable, and in addition an expense allowance, also taxable, of \$50,000 to assist in defraying expenses resulting from official duties.

Public Relations West Central



Steve Ritter

Convention "78" has long since gone, but the memories are still on my mind. It seemed like seeing people enjoying themselves and knowing you were a part of it makes the whole two years worthwhile. I am looking forward to Madison next year, where I can unwind.

There are many people responsible for making Convention "78" a success, but the group I'm closest to was the Public Relations people who spent most of their time at the table in the lobby. Many thanks to you guys for the long, long hours. It was a pleasure to work with you.

The West Central Fire School has moved to Terre Haute this year and will be held September 23-24 at the Pfizer Plant south on U.S. 41. The school will be hosted by the Honey Creek Volunteer Fire Department with meals being cooked by District 11A and 11B auxiliaries. This school will be a working type school with field work in propane burning-air mask-hose advancement - tactics and investigation. Bring your gear for you will be in the field most of the day - rain or shine.

The classes will be taught by Cooney Tucker, Bill Engle, Ray Purcell, Wayne Township Fire Department, Honey Creek Fire Department, Carl Svenson from the Iowa State Firemen's Association and Richard Rohrkaste of the Terre Haute Gas Company.

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From the Desk of Your President



Lucy Stofer

Now convention is over and we are starting a new year, let us get together and sell the I.V.F.A. Auxiliary. As the officers and district chairmen travel the state we need to promote membership in the I.V.F.A. Auxiliary.

Gene and I attended District 11A and 11B Picnic, and enjoyed their hospitality. We traveled to Thayer, Indiana, where Janet Goodwin and I crowned the Prince and Princess of their Summer Festival. The next week found us in Ashley for the dedication of their new fire station and over to Poe for their dedication.

We enjoyed ourselves and wish to congratulate both Ashley and Poe for the time and energy expanded to acquire such fine fire stations. The Auxiliaries have beautiful kitchens and I am sure they will be put to good use.

The officers and I met with District 9A and we were introduced to several ladies that were interested in their district. I'm looking forward to the next meeting and I'm sure 9A will be an active district again. I hope to visit all districts during the year.

Gene and I wish to thank the firemen and the auxiliaries for the flowers, cards and sympathy we received on the death of his father.

District 7, Aux.

The 7th District met July 17 at Uniondale.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Joyce Nevil.

We had a roll call of seven members and two guests, Ruth Fairfield and Almeda Brown. District minutes were read and discussed. We adjourned for a while to watch the men's Extrication demonstration before it got dark.

The minutes of the state officers meeting and convention were read and discussed.

The women voted to pay DeWayne Meeker's expenses for him to come and put on a fire training program on Elevator fires, for the men in District 7. This was made possible by the bake sale of the 7th District women. Those of you that donated to our bake sale in March, a big Thank You.

Poe days — August 25 and 26 — auction Friday evening and Waterball on Saturday afternoon.

Geneva-Wabash Valley days — August 22 - 26.

Fireman's Stand has whole hog sausage and hamburgers.

Election of officers: Chairman, Joyce Nevil, and Secretary, Toni Sorg.

Joyce Nevil
 District 7 Chairman

The albatross is among the most spectacular gliders of all birds, able to stay aloft in windy weather for hours without ever flapping its extremely long, narrow wings.

In Memoriam

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 Opal Thorpe, Coolspring Township, LaPorte



Thelma Lester, Chaplain



"If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." John 14:23

Jesus loved us first. And in understanding this, we return our love to Him, not out of obligation but in appreciation for His saving love while we were unaware of Him.

Jesus said if we really loved Him, we would keep His commands, do the things He had asked us to follow and serve Him and refrain from the things that were contrary to His teachings. But if we do what Jesus teaches, that we not only receive the blessings He promised, but we also receive the love of the Father, and the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

When we have this love, we live for something. We must do good, and leave behind you a monument of virtue that the storm of time can never destroy. Write your name in kindness, love and mercy on the hearts of thousands you come in contact with year by year; you will never be forgotten. Good deeds will shine as the stars of heaven.

"Sometimes we must forego our hopes
 of fortune and success —
 Not all of us can triumph
 or rise to heights of fame,
 And many times What should be Ours,
 goes to another name —
 But he who makes a sacrifice,
 so another may succeed,
 Is indeed a true disciple
 of our blessed Saviour's creed —
 For when we "give ourselves away"
 in sacrifice and love,
 We are "laying up rich treasures"
 in God's kingdom up above —
 And hidden in gnarled, toilworn hands
 is the truest Art of Living,
 Achieved alone by those who've learned
 the "Victory of Giving" —
 For any sacrifice on earth,
 made in the dear Lord's name,
 Assures the Giver of a place
 in Heaven's Hall of Fame —
 And who can say with certainty
 Where the greatest Talent lies,
 Or Who Will Be the Greatest
 In our Heavenly Father's Eyes!"

By Helen Steiner Rice

Respectfully,
 Thelma Lester, Chaplain

Auxiliary Officers Meeting

August 6, 1978

The I.V.F.A. Auxiliary Officers' meeting was called to order at 9:15 A.M. by President Lucy Stofer. Prayer was given by Chaplain Thelma Lester, followed by the Pledge to the American Flag, led by Sergeant-at-Arms, Bonnie Crocker.

Jan Jones introduced Elaine McKay, Angie McKay, and Connie Dalglish from Madison, the 1979 State Convention Site. In turn each officer, District Chairman, and other guests introduced themselves.

Roll call was answered by 25 Officers. There were 14 guests.

The minutes were read and corrected. There was discussion on the correct way to report a death of a State member. When a death is reported to a District Chairman, she in turn notifies the State President, Chaplain, and District Chairman after her. The President then notifies the Vice-President and so on down the list. A card was signed by all for Mrs. Ketchum and Mrs. John Barrett of Portland.

Recording Secretary, Nicky Sunday reported as of August 1, 1978 the membership was 833, 51 auxiliaries, 21 singles, seven new auxiliaries.

District 10, Elizabethtown; 11A, Farmersburg; 11B, Rosedale; 17B, Vigo; 6 Salam Center; 8B, Blountville. There are more still coming in.

Chaplain's Report: Since convention Thelma has sent the following: 11 Get-well cards; four Baby Congratulations; one Wedding congratulation, and 13 Sympathy cards.

So far no State Auxiliary deaths.

Treasurer, Lorretta Nulliner, reported as of June 30, 1978 as follows: Balance \$2,612.81, Receipts \$1,712.90, total \$4,325.71, Disbursements \$1,056.60, Balance August 6, 1978 \$3,269.11.

Doe Doll Committee, Barbara Surber reported: \$1,478.00 taken in, \$100.00 prize, \$1,378.00 profit.

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District 10 won the Plaque and \$25.00 for selling the most Doe Doll tickets. Winners were: Mickleyville Auxiliary \$50.00 and the Doll; Cathy Moore of Bloomington \$25.00 cash, and Elma Sims of Clinton \$25.00 cash. Jewelry: Total sold at Convention was \$880.90. Out of 97 Pewter Belt Buckels, there are 66 to be sold.

Games: No report.

Winner of the Lois Boaz Award was Mrs. Virginia Wilson of Poe Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary.

Eula Bush reported on the Convention Slides. There are three cases of slides with 140 slides to a case. The bill for the slides was \$609.60. Additional slides and prints can be made at 25c a slide and \$2.25 - 5x7 color print; \$4.50 - 8x10 color print; \$10.00 - 11x14 color print.

Eula suggested we all view the slides, then decide if the State Auxiliary wants a duplicate set made. This was tabled until after lunch.

Mr. Bill Densy showed the Auxiliary a film from A.V.A.A., the Firemen's Life Insurance.

Joyce Nevil, District 7, made a motion to use the Lucky Doe Doll as the I.V.F.A.A. 1979 money making project. Thelma Lester seconded. Motion passed.

There was a discussion on raising the \$50.00 Convention Coffee Klutch fee because of the price of coffee. Motels will not let coffee be brought in or Auxiliary will have to pay for the meeting room. This was tabled until closer to Convention.

New Business: President Lucy named the Committees for 1978-1979: Doe Doll: Barbara Surber and Barbara Parker;

Games: Janet Yoder, Chairman, Nancy Neal, Ruth Sanders and Joyce Nevil;

Nomination: Betsy Howe, Chairman, Janet Goodwin, Rosella Bousman, and Genevieve Davis;

Jewelry: Barbara Ritter, Chairman, Bernice Esserman and Debbie Nulliner;

By-Laws: Anna Marie Baker, Chairman, Sue Biggs and Pat Wisniewski;

Installation: Ruth Fairfield, Chairman, Lillian Bower and Kris Bechtel;

President's Advisory Commission: Ruth Ford, Chairman, Inez Jeffries and Cathrine Mason;

Auditing: Vica McGill, Chairman, Carolyn McCarty and Eula Bush;

Parliamentarian: Joan Shanabarger;

Miss Flame: Verta Engle, Chairman, Miriam Schaeckel, Joan Hayes, Marlene Poling and Angela Doan.

Verta explained the new rules and will send each Officer, District Chairman, and the State Newspaper a copy.

President Lucy reported she and other State Auxiliary Officers had visited District 9A to encourage their reorganization.

The girls from Madison — 1979 Convention Site — reported they have no organized Auxiliary. They asked many questions about conventions. Jan Jones volunteered her help and State Officers are to visit Madison and help.

District reports were given.

Meeting then adjourned until after lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The I.V.F.A.A. meeting re-convened at 2:10 P.M. There was discussion and comments on slides that had been viewed after lunch by all. Barbara Ritter made a motion to have a duplicate set of slides made. Carolyn McCarty seconded. Motion carried. Vica McGill suggested District Chairman get comments and suggestions on slides from their locals and bring back before the next convention.

Recording Secretary, Nicky, stated to be sure check is enclosed with State Dues. Chaplain closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Sears

Corresponding Secretary

DISTRICT REPORTS:

District 1 and 2 — Met August 3 at New Chicago Fire Station. Roll call was answered by 50 members and six guests from nine departments. Traveling attendance trophies won by New Elliott and Lake Hills. Jean Camp, Past Chairman of District 1, installed officers for new year. Convention report was given. Time to pay state dues. Auction held for Miss Flame Fund of \$138.60. Next meeting October 5 at Lowell.

District 3 — Met at Coolspring Township Fire Station on July 12. Memorial given for Opal Thorpe; deceased member of the Host department. Plaque awarded to Coolspring Township for most Doe Doll tickets sold. Officers for next year are: Carolyn McCarty, Chairman; Marilyn Kessler, Secretary and Treasurer; Mildred Nulcheff, Chaplain. Next meeting at Kingsford-Union Fire Station on September 20.

District 4 — No meeting since Convention. Next meeting a camp-out at Elsy Pines camp grounds at Bristol on August 25, 26 and 27. Ladies meet Saturday at 7:00. A party for Mr. I.V.F.A. Norm Crocker. Men's meeting after a carry-in dinner Sunday at 1:00 P.M.

District 6 — Meeting on July 19 at Coreveea Fire Station. 20 members in attendance. Election of officers: Janet Yoder, Chairman and Toni Grogg as Secretary. Next meeting August 17 at Fremont.

District 8B — Met at Modoc in July. 12 members from 8 departments and 4 guests: Barbara Surber, Barbara Parker and Grandson, and Thelma Lester. Election of officers: Almeda Brown, Chairman; Betty Nickens as Vice; Rosemary Sears as Secretary, Vicky Crystal as Treasurer, and Rosella Bousman as Reporter. Brought in two new auxiliaries. Next meeting at Hartford City on September 13.

District 11A — Met jointly with 11B at Rockville Park. Held installation of officers and awards. Welcomed several State Officers. Next meeting at New Goshen on September 17. Chairman, Sue Biggs; Vice, Judy Eads; Secretary-Treasurer, Mary Jane Davidson; and Chaplain, Honor King.

District 11B — Met jointly with 11A at Rockville. Had 170 present. Next meeting at Montezuma Firehouse on September 10. Districts 11A and 11B sponsoring a Harvest Moon Dance on October 28, at Half Century Club in Clinton.

District 14 — Met July 19 at Crothersville Firehouse. 9 members

present from 4 departments. Ruth Holloway and Lillian Bower conducted the meeting. Next meeting on September 20 at Vienna with election of officers.

District 16 — Met in July at Livonia. Election of officers are: Chairman, Vi Cambron; Vice, Angela Doan; Secretary, Janice Smith; Treasurer, Barbara Fuller; Chaplain, Betty Sellmer; Sergeant-at-Arms, Betty Patton. Miss Flame contest and dance to be St. Patrick's Day. A District newspaper and hayride was discussed. Next meeting at Buffalo Trade Park on September 10.

District 8B, Aux.

District 8B held their July 19th meeting at the Madoc fire Station.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Almeda Brown of Montpelier. Roll call was taken, and the Secretary's report was read.

The high light of the evening was the election of officers. New ones are: Chairman, Almeda Brown; Vice Chairman, Betty Nickens of Selma; Treasurer, Vickie Christal of Blountsville; Secretary, Rosemary Sears; and Rosella Bousman, Reporter. No Chaplain as yet, but still working on it.

We were very happy to have State officers Barbara Surber, Barbara Parker and Thelma Lester at our meeting. There were 12 members from eight departments present. Four guests.

Our next meeting will be September 13 at Hartford City.

District 10, Aux.

Manilla was hostess to the 10th District IVFAA meeting on August 21 at their fire station.

A bountiful supper was enjoyed by all with the Chaplain of Manilla returning thanks.

Nancy Neal, President, opened the meeting leading the group in the pledge to the American flag.

State Officers present: President, Lucy Stofer; 1st Vice President, Barbara Surber; 2nd Vice President, Barbara Parker; Treasurer, Loretta Nulliner, and Past State President, Inez Jeffries.

Lucy Stofer, State President, presented Nancy Neal the plaque and \$25.00 for the 10th District selling the most Lucky Doe Doll tickets.

The following officers were installed by Barbara Parker, assisted by Loretta Nulliner:

President, Nancy Neal, Hope; Secretary-Treasurer, Marian Hickman, Marietta, and Chaplain, Thelma Miller, Waldron.

Next meeting to be at Clifford on November 20, 1978. This will be a \$2.00 gift exchange and Christmas party.

Martha Barton of Rushville provided the entertainment for the evening.

The meeting was closed with the group repeating the Lord's Prayer.

Marian Hickman
Secretary

District 11A, Aux.

Well, here it is August again. Summer seems to be going by so fast. We have been awfully busy this summer, with vacations and everything else that goes on in the summer time.

The convention this year was a good one. We had a very nice time. Our thanks go to Wayne Township for all the work that was put into it.

Our district meeting for July was a joint picnic with District 11B at Rockville Park in Rockville. We had enough food to feed an army and what a selection of food. We do have a lot of great cooks in the two districts.

We then had a short business meeting with the men. We had installation of officers for the two districts with both the men and women being installed for the new year. Our officers for the year are: Sue Biggs, Chairman; Judy Eads, vice Chairman; Mary Jane Davidson, Secretary-Treasurer;

Honore King, Chaplain. Also the Midwest awards were given. To both adults and children we gave some door prizes.

Everyone had a very good time and are ready for one again next year. Thanks to everyone that helped.

We have been trying to make as many departments and their functions that is possible. If any one has anything coming up, let us know and we will try to be there if at all possible.

We are very proud to have Peggy Cooperider, our District Miss Flame, to come in as Runner-Up in the State. She is a very outstanding girl. Also, Congratulations to Lois Wilber from District 11B for receiving Miss Flame for the State.

Our next District Meeting will be at New Goshen on September 17th. Hope to see you there.

District 11A Chairman
Sue Biggs

District 11B, Aux.

Gosh, it doesn't seem like it should be August already. Only seems like yesterday we were preparing to go to the convention.

Speaking of convention, Wayne Township really did a fine job as hosts. I'm going to have to boast a little about our own Lois Wilbur winning this year's Miss Flame contest. We are very proud and congratulate her. Also, congratulations to Peggy Cooperider of Farmersburg for being chosen first runner-up.

District 11B held a joint picnic with 11A at Beechwood Park at Rockville on July 16. About 170 people attended, including several state officers. Musical entertainment was presented by The Markets of Montizuma and a number of nice door prizes were given.

The officers elected for 1978-79 were installed by Immediate Past President, Vica McGill. Your officers for this year are:

Maxine Davies, Chaplain; Thelma Mankin, Secretary-Treasurer; Glenda Barnett, Vice Chairman; and Eula Bush, Chairman.

Our next District meeting will be at the Montizuma fire house on September 9. Please try to attend your District meetings. You might have a real good time and want to go again. One thing I am sure of, you will meet a lot of nice people.

On October 28, everyone should put on their dancing shoes and go to the Harvest Moon Dance sponsored by Districts 11A and 11B. It will be held at the Half Century Club at Clinton, Indiana. Advance tickets are being sold and will also be available at the door.

I want to remind all auxiliaries to send their membership dues for 1978-79 to the Recording Secretary, Nickie Sunday. They are due right now and are delinquent after September 30. Remember, our goal is 20 paid auxiliaries this year as opposed to 12 last year.

We still have plenty of I.V.F.A. Auxiliary patches for sale. Just send your order and money to me and they will be in the return mail. Eula Bush
Chairman, District 11B

District 16, Aux.

District 16 held its July meeting at Livonia. Election of officers for 1978-79 was held; they are as follows:

Chairman, Vi Cambron, P.O. Box 72, Fredericksburg, Indiana 47120, Phone 812-472-3368; Vice-Chairman, Angela Doan, P.O. Box 72, Hardinsburg, Indiana 47125, Phone 812-472-3433; Secretary, Janice Smith, 602 East Oak Street, New Albany, Indiana 47150, Phone 812-948-9836; Treasurer, Barbara Fuller, R.R. 2, Campbellsburg, Indiana 47108, Phone 812-755-4945; Chaplain, Betty Sellmer, 1311 Longfellow Dr., Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130, Phone 872-945-6272; and Sergeant-at-Arms, Betty Patten, R.R. 1, Campbellsburg, Indiana 47108, Phone 812-755-4651.

Discussion was held on next year's Miss Flame Contest and Dance to be held on St. Patrick's Day.

Also, the beginning of a District Newsletter was discussed, as well as having a District Hayride this fall.

Our next meeting will be at the Buffalo Trace Park on September 10, at Palmeyra, Indiana as a family outing; pitch-in dinner with the District furnishing the meat.

A Message From Vica

I wish to express my thanks to Dick Lamb (Convention Chairman) and his committee for the splendid job they did hosting the 1978 Convention. I have attended two Conventions at Wayne Township and they were both great.

I would like to thank Lucy and Barbara on their Doe Doll ticket sales and District 10 for selling the most tickets. District 11B was right behind with the second highest sales. Also, thanks to Loretta and Bernice for their great jewelry sales. Again, I want to say thanks to all who served on my committees. It was a pleasure working with everyone of you. I wouldn't have had such an enjoyable two years as President if it hadn't been for all of you nice firemen and auxiliary ladies in the State of Indiana. You always made Butch and I feel welcome wherever we went.

Congratulations to the new officers and I wish them much success in the coming year.

Also, congratulations to Virginia Wilson, Poe Auxiliary, for being chosen for the Lois Boaz Award.

Your Immediate Past President
Vica McGill

Letters To The Editor

Dear Mr. Laney,

As a resident of Wabash Township I was especially proud when the two members of the Wabash Township Volunteer Fire Department received an honored and distinguished award from the Lafayette Journal and Courier Newspaper. The award, the George Award, is given to various county residents who have taken it upon themselves to perform acts for the betterment of the community, rather than "letting George do it."

I felt as though your newspaper may be interested in publishing this information. We are very proud of these two men and would be pleased to know that others in the state could share in our appreciation and respect for these men.

Thank you very much!
Best wishes,
Kathy Badner

Editor's Note: The story of the George Award winners (Volunteers Cited for Work in Health, School, Field Fires) can be found on Page ...

Kissing gouramis do just that. The fish, aquarium favorites, kiss other fish, tank walls, even stones. Nobody knows why.

I.V.F.A. Officers Meeting

OFFICERS MEETING

May 6, 1978

The regular officers meeting was called to order at 2000 hours by President Jones in the Number two Room of Director's Row at the new Sheraton Inn near the Airport at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Following a stirring invocation by Chaplain Lantz, the group was led in the pledge to the flag by Vice President Crocker.

There were several guests present. Those introduced were: Lawrence Swartz, the acting 9B District Chairman; Bill Kowe and Steve McKaye, from Madison Convention Committee; Edward Brand, the District 13A Assistant Chairman; Don Elliott and Bill Kinsey of TRD, Inc. and Kinsey Insurance, Inc., and Bruce Neal and Steve Lawrence of Hope Fire Department.

The Secretary wasn't ready to take roll call or to read the past minutes, so the President said he would start the Officers report and would like to get as much completed on Saturday as possible as Sunday promised to be a very full schedule.

The President, as usual, had been very busy and had been to several meetings. One was at Poe in the 7th District. He reported it cost him \$15.50 to buy back the President's License Plate that had been "lost" off the front of his vehicle. Poe did thank him for the donation for their new fire station. He also had a lot of praise for the Southwest Fire School which he had attended.

Vice President Crocker had attended several other meetings and dances throughout the state that Jones couldn't attend. He, too, attended the Southwest Fire School and also the Indianapolis School.

Recording Secretary Poling told of finishing the list of practices as was requested by the board. A copy of the report, along with a copy of the minutes of the special meeting at Castleton, were handed out to all officers. The report would be discussed in the board meeting.

As usual, the Chaplain was very busy with Memorials and schools. He told of several individual incidents and a couple of special Memorials which he fondly remembers.

At this time roll was called with the results on file.

The President asked for the reading of minutes of all meetings since the last regular meeting. William Howe made a motion to dispense with the reading of the two sets of minutes, seconded by Douglas Bechtel. The Recording Secretary asked for a change to be made to the regular minutes. The change was made in the master and everyone changed his copy. The motion then was carried by voice vote.

The Sergeant-at-Arms had no report to make at this time, but he did point out that the new expense voucher is now being used and that it is very self-explanatory if each one will just try to fill it out correctly. Since the Treasurer is not here this evening, the vouchers will be taken up and delivered to the Treasurer who will have checks for the Sunday session.

At this time the meeting was turned over to the Insurance Committee who presented the Master Film of the AVAA that will be used to sell the AVAA and its policy to groups and individuals. Since this is a function of the AVAA and not one of the Officers, the presentation was deleted in its entirety from these minutes.

Jack Ford read a letter from Mrs. Dean Redmon of Lake of the Woods Fire Department near Bremen, Indiana. She expressed her deepest sincere appreciation for the Memorial and remembrance of Dean by the Association.

Jack read a letter from Mr. Highland who told of the action being taken on the application for copyright of the IVFA Logo. He stated the application had been filed properly and also provided a photostat of the receipt showing the date of application and the file number of the patent office for this application. He said in the letter he expected it to be several months before the application is examined for approval, but he would write just as soon as he has more information on action taken.

Mr. Highland went on to explain the advantages of filing for foreign applications also. These can be filed up to six months after the U.S. filing date and still use the U.S. filing date. The Serial Number on the application is 162430 Class 200.

Jack brought up the matter of \$50,000 federal money for the man from Linton who was killed in a fire. He has found out that if anyone wished to talk to someone in Washington, D.C. about this, they should call 1-202-376-2691. This number is in the U.S. Department of Justice and the man in this office will be happy to explain the function of this bill providing for this \$50,000.

Ford said he had some VIP's he would like to see invited to our State Convention, because they were sympathetic and beneficial to the cause of the Volunteer Fireman in the state legislature and at other times.

Secretary Ford read a letter from Robert McKean of Nationwide Insurance. It told of the final termination of the master policy to the association by Nationwide Insurance Company, also enclosed was the final administrative check to the association for \$5,060.73. This check, along with a check for \$1,900., more or less was turned over to the Treasurer and appears on this month's report.

Public Relations Directors Northwest and Northeast had no reports.

Public Relations Director West Central, Ritter, said they are ready for convention and gave a very brief rundown on where the different events will take place. The rate for a double room for convention and this meeting in the Sheraton Inn is \$27 a day. The regular rate is \$41 a day. Just mention you are from the IVFA.

A map of the area and a brief explanation of the area no-nos will be given out at registration desk.

Public Relations Director East Central, Sunday, stated their fire school will be on August 19 - 20 at New Castle. The Saturday session will be basically the same as was held at New Paris last year. Billy went on to briefly explain the program for the Sunday session.

Public Relations Directors, Southwest and Southeast were absent

Jim Baker was called to give a report as immediate Past President. He gave a report on the National Volunteer Fire Council, and all happenings of that body since the last meeting of our association. This the report: National Vol. Fire Council meeting held in Hempstead, N.Y. on March 11, 1978. There were 12 states represented, namely: Connecticut, New Jersey, Minnesota, Ohio, Massachusetts, New York, California, Indiana, Maryland, Delaware, Wisconsin, and Illinois.

Report by Treasurer, 11 states had paid their dues at that time, 15 have paid as of today.

106 individual departments had joined at that date, 118 have joined as of today. Three manufacturers have joined us. This is more than we had at this time last year, but, some of them do not join or pay their dues until

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President's Part

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be made aware of this service, not only to boost our own image as volunteers but to actually educate them in fire prevention, what action to take should a fire occur, and what services are available to them. We are also grateful to all you people for volunteering your help in this activity. Again, without your service and cooperation we could not reach the public like this.

Be sure to let your District Chairman have your thoughts or impression on the State Fair exhibit, specially your ideas for improvement. As I stated previously, this is going to be a learning situation for everybody concerned with this project.

The media has not always been kind to the volunteer fire departments in the state. Most of the time they report favorably about us saying that we are an asset to our communities and are capable firemen, but occasionally they misquote facts or misguide the public about our capabilities. Many times the volunteers are blamed for property loss when the original call went to the wrong department or wrong dispatch unit. Marion County, particularly, continues to be troubled by the mis-used 911.

Perhaps some changes are in order. As you will recall, the IVFA attempted to suggest possible changes for one of our small member departments whose operation, we all agreed, was somewhat archaic. Unfortunately, we were totally ignored and no improvements were made. None of us are too old to learn! Just because something has always been done a certain way, doesn't necessarily mean that that is the best way. Let's all be open to ways to improve service in our own departments so the media will report favorably in all cases, regardless of the size of the department.

The Legislative Committee is already preparing for the next legislative session. However, these people must know your needs and how you feel about previously proposed legislation, as well as new matters, if we are to make any gains this year. It behooves us all to know our own representatives and Senators and to have contact with them. After all, how can we possibly expect them to represent our best interests if we don't let them know how we feel. Even if we are not represented by our own favorite political party, it is essential to let them know how we would like for them to vote on issues involving not only the volunteers, but fire service in general.

We are currently involved with the Indiana State Police in establishing the INCERT program. Briefly this is a plan whereby volunteer firemen may be called on for service by the Indiana State Police in the event of a devastating emergency. This idea was conceived after our recent blizzard season. The State Police are aware of the vital services rendered by the volunteer firemen and the endless potential available for public service. We will keep you informed of the progress of this program.

Be sure to attend the fire schools in your area. The State Fire Marshal and the IVFA work together to bring this training to you. All you have to do is attend and learn.

The first president of the United States to be buried in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Va. was William Howard Taft, interred March 12, 1930.

Secretary's Report:



John T. Ford

Fellow Members of IVFA:

Hearty welcome to another year of IVFA. Once again you have seen fit to allow me to take care of your office, of which I am very grateful. As before, we shall do our best to keep the integrity of the IVFA at the highest level possible. As you may have heard by this time, I retired and wish to take the benefits and information of the IVFA to each and every department, so that all individual members can be given the opportunity to be refreshed with this knowledge and ask any questions that they may have. IVFA is not the smartest people in the world but they have been exposed to many questions and troubles and the subsequent answers that it might just be the case that some will work for you.

Dues are coming in in fine shape and they have, to this date, been all mailed back to the departments. If by chance you have mailed yours in and have not got them back, please contact me and I shall make every effort to correct this problem.

One question that has come across the desk in the past months is — What's this AVAA thing? In the many years past IVFA has been asked to provide some sort of life insurance program of good benefits and at a reasonable price. During the 18 months that the Insurance Committee of IVFA delved into the IVFA Insurance sponsored program many things were brought to light. For one thing, we changed the endorsement to Volunteer Firemen's Services, Timothy Downey Agency of Kokomo being the representative for Indiana. Reason being just a better deal in the overall picture. We feel that it is a program worth looking into before you buy. It does not cost a thing to look and as always before, IVFA does not want to force anything on anyone, the final decision is yours and it will never be looked at in any other manner. Our only point is that for Volunteers to give and give and give they should be given the best protection that the governmental unit can provide.

The AVAA also came out of this research. Ben Hur Life Insurance is a fraternal Order. As such they work only for the benefit of the members. Thus they can provide benefits that could, in other cases, eat up the profits and pass them on to the members. IVFA could not become a part of Ben Hur so a right arm group, of IVFA Officers, formed a Court 500 of Ben Hur and thus made this plan available to all. It is a plan of insurance that we feel has many merits and again this is a private thing for each individual. We shall inform you that it is available but the next step is entirely yours, and that's to ask for an explanation of it. I am sure that you will find the Company financially solvent to carry this program and that NO high pressure will be given you and, AGAIN, the decision is yours

— just look before you buy. Timothy Downey has provided a Toll Free Number for your use — use it — 800-382-8837.

Enough of that and on to the next, Convention. Those of you that did not make the scene — well, it's your loss — we had a BALL. Wayne Township did everything right and, of course, they had some things happen that was not planned, but don't we all. It was very nice and we do appreciate the efforts on our behalf. Also from what I hear, better plan on being in Madison next June or you will miss out on another Ball. Personally, I was very disappointed at the response to the excellent program provided by IVFA of Human Behavior, by Mrs. Martin and McKain. This was, again, a loss to those that were there and did not take advantage of this opportunity.

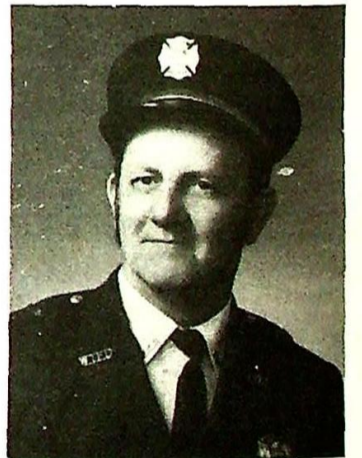
I suppose that one thing can be assumed from this effort that after being asked for many years to make some sort of education available along with the convention format it does not have the interest of enough to continue this expensive effort.

These men were tops in this field and I am sure that those in attendance would be very glad to say the same. However, all was not lost, as Ruth don't get all over me as she used to cause now she learned that I am not just perfect. Boy, should have gave her that course years ago, might have had some of my hair left yet.

Well fellows and gals, I will be seeing many of you, that before I did not have the time to get around, at the various doings and I look forward to seeing and visiting the many names that I have learned through the years and never did get a chance to meet. This pleasure I certainly look forward to and hope that in some way I can Make the IVFA come to life for each and every one.

Please keep me informed of your activities and I shall try to schedule them in.

Public Relations Northeast



Paul W. Fairfield

Always wonder each year how convention can be any better, but somehow convention city comes up with something new and exciting to just prove we had a "bigger and better" one. Thanks so much Wayne Township, and to all the people involved — Convention 1978 was terrific. I know the work involved to put this all together, and the help from those who did the little and big details, deserve a great big pat on the back for a job well done. Chief Dick Lamb — all I can say — "Thank you for a wonderful four days."

District meetings have gotten back into full swing after convention. Sixth District recently held their meeting at Corunna with a good group in attendance. Election results: Bud Grogg, District Chairman and Joe Robinson, Secretary.

Seventh District met at Uniondale where their election

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Officers Meeting

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after the yearly meetings.

There are 17 departments from Indiana so far this year.

We have received \$7,720.00 in the treasury today and have paid out \$2,156.35.

We have \$5,000.00 in Certificates of Deposit, drawing 7¼ per cent interest. We also have \$4,000.00 in Passbook Savings, drawing interest of 5 per cent daily.

During the meeting several things were discussed which a copy of the minutes will be in the next IVFA paper.

New officers elected: James Morgan of Wisconsin, Chairman, Paul Radenhiemer of Kentucky, Vice Chairman. I was elected as Treasurer, Bob Turner from Illinois was appointed Secretary by the officers.

On February 15 we found out that the President in his reorganization plan of the government agencies was wanting to put the NFPCA under the Civil Defense Department. We did not like this so after many letters back and forth to Washington and the Officers of the National Council we set up a tele conference between the members of the executive committee of the NVFC with a staff member of the white house, who turned out to be George Jett, White House Reorganization Staff.

We had a 1½ hour tele conference talk with Mr. Jett and here is a summary of the tele conference.

The October meeting of the NVFC will be right here.

The Wayne Township Fire Department has invited us to have our meeting here. Everyone is welcome to come and sit in on the meeting. If you come please get with me so that I can introduce everyone.

(The true copy of the minutes of the NVFC meeting and a copy of the telephone committee meeting are attached to this report.)

Jim stated he had a request from the NVFC for our association to furnish the names and addresses of approximately ten departments who would be written and asked to join the national association. Jim said he told them he felt he would be told "no". He was. Again it was explained to all those present the reason for the association's stand on not releasing the mailing lists of the association.

After much lengthy discussion on this same subject, Bub Holscher made a motion we do not give out the mailing list and stop hashing it out at every meeting, seconded by Ralph Yergler, motion carried by voice vote over the objections of two district chairmen.

The historian was absent.

The Editor said the advertising is all in and he is just waiting on the news for the paper. It appears the paper may be the largest ever in ads.

President Jones started from the bottom of the list of district chairmen and worked up. The following had reports to give.

Bub Holscher apologized for, in his estimation, falling down on his promise to roast a whole hog if they had a large enough attendance at the Southwest Fire School. Bub had some unexpected family medical problems, but would overcome them.

Nick Gossman has one new department and a promise of two or three more. They are planning a fire school for later in the year in the Evansville area.

Sam Bower said the attendance was good at a recent fire school in his area. Sam asked what happened to the lines of communication after the recent death of a state officer. Charlie will check into the snafu and make the necessary modifications to the call list.

John Paul lacks two departments of being 100 percent membership.

Bill Bush said the memberships are nearly up to the 100 percent figure. He told of one unfortunate incident in the lack of communication following the death of a fireman.

Larry Biggs told of two violent deaths along with two other fire related deaths. He, too, has been extremely busy in his district.

At this time Norm Crocker and Marion Bush made mention of a problem that is rising with the insurance company. That problem seems to be coming right back to the people who are supposed to be getting the insurance forms filled out and sent in on time. They realize that there are times when not all information is available immediately, but this one case of it being seven weeks before a claim is filed is just too long. They pointed out that the insurance company will look long and hard at any claims that seem to take that long to get the facts of a loss.

Jim Parker said the District 10 picnic will be held on August 10 at Columbus at the regular park. Everyone is invited and will be shown a good time. Jim said all other Miss Flame entrants might as well be resigned to the fact that the District 10 representative is going to win.

Swartz expressed his gratitude for the statewide attendance at the Memorial for Ed Weaver. The loss to district and state will be felt.

Ivan Nevil said they recently finished a fire school with Cooney Tucker and are in the middle of another. There will be a dedication of a new fire house at Poe some time this summer and everyone is welcome. Ivan said they are really planning a memorable time for this event.

Bud Grogg said there will be a dedication at Ashley also this summer. The time is not yet planned. Jack Ford will escort the Miss Flame from the 6th district.

Doug Bechtel said that with the enrollment of Middlebury fire department into the association his 4th District is now 100 percent with the IVFA. He also announced that up in his area there will be a county wide display of all emergency and safety services at the local mall. There were no dates given for this new concept display.

Ralph Yergler told of two deaths in his area, including that of McCarty. He went on to give a brief rundown on a serious fire they had in District 3. They were just finishing up the second day of a two day fire school on hazardous materials when they received a call for a fire at a local depot area. It turned out to be a manufacturing plant that used some 17 different hazardous chemicals and materials in the manufacture of their product.

Ralph said that there were approximately 48 pieces of equipment from 29 departments that fought that fire or helped in the overall for nearly four days.

Dale Smith asked how to get some of these delinquent departments to pay their dues. He has one he wrote to two or three times and called a couple of times with no response. They have no regular meeting couple of times with no response. They have no regular meeting couple of times with no response. Whenever someone wants a meeting they just call six or eight schedule. Whenever someone wants a meeting they just call six or eight schedule. The people and have their meeting whenever it is most convenient. The Northwest Fire School north end will be May 13. The south end school will be September 30.

At this time Charlie Jones introduced Ivan Bowsman and Carlos Jeffries who had just entered the meeting. Outside the fact that they were working on the Mr. IVFA entries, neither had anything to say.

Bob Esserman told of a hazardous material school they recently held. Directly related to this was the fact that there is a shipment of hazardous

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District Meetings

District 1 and 2

Now that the 1978 annual meeting is history, we of District 1 and 2 would like to take this opportunity to thank Wayne Township of Indianapolis for a good time and a well organized convention.

The July 19 meeting of District 1 and 2 was held at St. John with a very in depth discussion about the redistricting of the state that was proposed at the convention. After the lengthy discussion the consensus of the body was to try and get the committee to our August meeting and let them explain their theory of redistricting as it applies to this area.

Following this discussion there was election of officers for 1978-1979, elected was District 1, Bill Howe-Chairman, Vern Jones-Secretary. District 2, Dale Smith-Chairman, Bill Holstettler-Secretary.

If you or your department has any problem, that we can help you with, all it will take is a phone call and we will try to help get it resolved.

Attend your District Meetings.

District 4

The 4th District held a campout over the weekend of July 7, 8, and 9 at Mini Mountain Campgrounds. We had about 16 campers for a total of about 60 people. On Saturday night we had a real fine meal of stew. Everyone brought stew and we put it all together in one big pot of community stew. There were about 75 people in attendance.

On Sunday we had a potluck carry-in dinner with 85 people in attendance. We held our meeting for July at about 2:00 p.m.

The district was very happy and lucky to have the State Officers that attended. Vice-President Norman Crocker, Secretary John Ford, Chaplain Duane Lantz, Recording Secretary Max Poling and P.R. Northeast Paul Fairfield. Norm told of his many travels and meetings he has attended. Jack and Max told of the things that they have been doing. Duane told of the memorial services. Paul told of the N.E. Fire School and what would be going on at the school.

The District will be having its last campout of the year on August 25-27 at Eby Pines. On Saturday morning there will be a pancake breakfast. You're to bring the meat of your choice. On Saturday night there will be a big party for Mr. I.V.F.A. Norm Crocker at 8:00 p.m. There will be refreshments served.

The district then had a lot of discussion on holding an I.V.F.A. Convention in Elkhart or St. Joe County. There is a possibility we will try for 1980 or 1981.

Then the election of officers were held for the year 1978-79. Doug Bechtel was re-elected Chairman and Dennis Smith was elected Vice-Chairman. Carl Rohrbaugh was elected Secretary. Kenneth Schmucker was elected Chaplain.

The best of luck to all the officers elected in the 4th District and throughout the State Association.

We all should be proud to belong to an organization as large and as hard working as our I.V.F.A.

Doug Bechtel
4th District Chairman

Enroute to the sea, the Amazon River is fed by more than 200 tributaries, some of which are more than 1,000 miles long.

District 8B

On July 19 the District 8B met at the Modoc Fire Station. During their meeting one of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of the Mid-West Award, presented by Chairman Bud Sears, to Mr. John Barrett of the Volunteer Department of Portland.

This Award is given to a dedicated fireman in each district by Mid-West Fire Company. John has been an active fireman with his department for the past 30 years. During this time he served as Chief and Secretary. He also works as a fire investigator.

The White River Volunteer Fire Department of Winchester held their monthly training meeting. Training Captain Bud Sears presented this training on L.P. Gas, tank fires and flammables.

The Modoc Firemen held their annual Independence Day celebration on July 1 with a parade, waterball and Chicken Bar-B-Que.

Cowan Fire Department also had an Independence Day event on July 8.

Parker City firemen and Auxiliary held an all day affair on Saturday, July 29th.

District 10

June 21, 1978

The 10th District of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association met Wednesday evening June 21, 1978 at the Clifford Fire Dept. with 60 firefighters from 17 depts. reporting 110 fire, first aid or emergency runs from the previous month.

Guest for the evening was John Maudlin of Midwest Fire and Safety of Indianapolis.

Chairman Parker advised the membership of the resolutions changes and changes in state officers decided on at the convention. Jim also told membership Steve Ritter was given the President's Award and I.V.F.A. Vice-President Norm Crocker was named Mr. I.V.F.A. Another point of interest to many 10th district members was the resolution on redistricting was refused and the officers of the 10th District will remain the same thru 1978.

The chief of the Southwest, Barth Co. fire dept. of Ogilville, Ed Purvis was celebrating his birthday this evening. Southwest is one of the newer depts. in Barth Co. and also in the 10th District and they are a welcome addition to both units.

For the second roll call the Acton Dept. told of wreckage of a postal truck the first day of the convention in Sugar Creek. Waldron advised of Mutual Aid with the Shelbyville Fire Dept. where a man was trapped under a car and a truck.

July 19, 1978

The 10th Dist. of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association met Wednesday evening, July 19th at the Suhres Lake near Columbus with the Clay Twp. fire dept. hosting the meeting. There were 51 firefighters from 11 departments reporting 500 fires, first aid or emergency runs for the previous month.

Guests for the evening were John Maudlin of Midwest Fire & Safety of Indianapolis and the President of the I.V.F.A. Charlie Jones.

Chairman Jim Parker announced the next state officers meeting will be Aug. 5th and 6th at the Hospitality Inn, Ft. Wayne and

that our 10th Dist. picnic will be at Hope on the town square Aug. 27th starting at noon.

President Jones told those in attendance of a few days he spent at Madison, the site of our 1979 state convention, he spoke about Madison fire depts. and of their unusual apparatus.

The second roll call found that Acton will have their waterball contest August 13th. Chief Cordry of Taylorsville fire dept. told of the Anhydros Ammonia tanker on I-65 near Taylorsville, they made a run on Warren Twp. have just equipped the rescue unit No. 6 with the Hurst 'jaws of life'.

For entertainment Capt. Ken Greenlee of the Columbus Twp. fire department had many slides of antique apparatus taken at musters.

Next meeting will be August 16th at Glenwood fire department.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Neal, 10th Dist. Sec.

District 11A

Well, convention has come and gone and I had a great time. The Wayne Township Bunch deserve a big hand. We, that have been through the hosting of a convention, know just how many headaches there are.

On July 16th we had a joint meeting and picnic with District 11B. This was the first time we had gotten together since we divided the old District 11 back in July of 1977. We thought it would be best to hold it in the most central place of both districts, and that was at Rockville Park. I think everyone had a good time. If anyone went away hungry they had more will power than I did.

Officer Don Jackson of the Indiana State Police spoke to us on project INCERT and several signed up.

After that Norm Crocker installed District officers for both districts and we gave away several door prizes for both adults and the kids.

The Midwest award for this year was given to Don Vermillion of Sandford. Congratulations, Don.

I would like to thank all the state officers and everyone else that helped make the picnic a success.

Our next meeting will be at the New Goshen firehouse on September 17th, at 1:00 P.M. Hope to see you all there.

Don't forget the West Central Fire School on September 23 and 24 at the Pfizer Co. in Terre Haute. Larry Biggs

District 11A Chairman

District 11B

Well, the summer is about over and things have really happened. First, I was re-elected as chairman. Thanks for all of your support and confidence in me. Next, is that we have had new departments to join the association. The ones I haven't signed up, I will be there to see you.

We, in our district, are sure proud to have the State Miss Flame of the I.V.F.A. from our district, Lois Wilbur. I warned everyone to move over for District 11B was coming to town. (But, if I had been the judge, we would of had 13 winners because they were all beauties.)

Our District and 11A had a real fine picnic at Rockville on July 16. Thanks to everyone who helped in anyway.

We have been working on our fire school to be held at Terre Haute in September. I feel it will be a real good place to have a school.

I am very pleased to announce that Dwayne Osborn of Cayuga Department was the winner of the

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materials on I-80 - 94 approximately every sixty seconds and the potential of a severe tragedy exists constantly.

Bob told of the recent dedication of a new building in Washington Township, Stark County. This building was built mostly from HUD money since it will be used for civic functions as well as fire and emergency service. Bob cautioned that if someone should decide to make application for some funds for this purpose, first make sure that you have allowed enough for inflation by the time the approval is made.

Jack Ford went to great length to explain in his words some of the fine print of the federally sponsored assistance bill. He also read some opinions of other persons connected with this piece of legislation. Basically the explanation said that the bill pays upon the death of a public safety officer as the direct result of the performance of his primary duty. The death can be either accidental or due to some criminal act, but cannot be of the person's own misconduct or carelessness or any kind of occupational disease or as the result of a coronary malfunction unless it can be proven the coronary problem was the result of, rather than the cause of the fatal event.

A question arose asking whether all persons of a fire department were covered by this bill. It was explained that the primary duty of a firefighter must be the suppression of fires in order for him to be covered. A person whose primary function shall be rescue or ambulance driver or some other non-fire suppression function shall not be covered.

Charlie Jones read the letter which was taken to the Redding Township Fire Department. He went on to explain how he and his group were received by the department. There was a lengthy news article in one of the local papers that Charlie read to the group.

Jones said that everything had been done according to the directions of the State Officers and he would not pursue it any further at this time. Charlie said the incident is now in a state of limbo and he doesn't know what some of the news media or legal professions may do in the future. He also made reference to some letters he has received on this matter. Some of them requesting information and/or assistance in getting these people on the tax rolls for fire protection. He has in most cases sent the people information on how to get the procedure started and the different laws involved in these proceedings.

Butch McGill said the next day's meeting would be in another room and would begin at 0900. Butch was extremely thankful that those who wanted supplies had the foresight to drop him a line asking for supplies. It's much easier to bring what's needed rather than everything.

Meeting recessed at 2226 hours.

The Sunday morning session of the Officers Meeting was held in the "B" Ballroom of Directors Row and was called to order at 0900 by President Jones.

The Chaplain had all observe a moment of silent prayer which was followed by a reading and prayer by Chaplain Lantz.

Norm Crocker led the pledge to the flag.

Steve Ritter introduced the Deputy Chief of Wayne Township, who was a guest.

Gene Stofor gave the following financial report of the association: General Fund \$7,907.00; Clothing Fund \$6,875.25; Death Benefit Fund \$4,844.26; Reserve Fund \$2,875.31; C. D. Notes \$96,000.00; total cash on hand \$118,501.82.

Carl Davis reported they had a very successful fire school and in the process learned a little about how to present some of the programs. The Wolfe Technical services failed to show for their school so the school leaders held a general open discussion rap type session and probably learn as much or more than had the regular program been presented. He said they had a firm commitment from Wolfe but they just didn't show. No notice or excuse of any kind.

Carl said he had been very busy attending all the meetings and a turtle soup supper at Ferdinand.

Bud Sears of the State Fair Committee gave a very good description of the equipment that is now in hand. He expressed his feelings that this equipment will be very beneficial to the training committee in their work. Bud asked for help in locating two male mannequins. They are very hard to find used and extremely expensive new. Again Bud offered his thanks and compliments to the State Fair Committee for all the effort they have put into this venture.

Norm Crocker explained at great length the workings of our insurance policy for fire schools. He stated that we will need to know the correct legal name and address of the corporation or people that own the physical property to be used in the school. We will need to know the correct legal location of the property involved and the correct name and full address of the representative of the owner of this property who is dealing with us for its use. If the owner needs to have information about the association, or a written agreement, this request will be forwarded to the Vice President of the IVPA. Since he sits on the insurance board and is knowledgeable of insurance he will be the only officer of this association authorized to implement the association and the fire school to the use of any grounds and buildings. We will need to know the exact dates of the schools and the starting time and finishing time.

The exact program of the school will have to be known, whether it will have basically all classroom or whether there will be combustibles, flammables, hazardous materials or something else of unusual nature.

It is requested to know if food will be served and if so by whom will it be handed and who will prepare it and/or serve it.

Also we should have in writing any charge for the use of the property so no one can come up later and raise the price after there is no chance for change of plans.

After the full agreement has been reached it will be signed by the agent for the owner and the Vice President of the association and a copy will be sent to the public relations director of the school involved. Following the completion of the school and after all clean-up has been completed, the public relation director will secure a release from the agent releasing the association from any further claims for damages caused during the fire school.

Norm asked that the host department or any department furnishing equipment will give us a certificate showing they are insured against liability. After all the association shouldn't be held responsible for the carelessness of equipment operators. That should be up to the individual department.

Norm said we will definitely insure the association against that which we are legally liable but not for that which some good joe decides we should morally pay since we have insurance anyhow.

In the future there will be typewriters available at the registration desk so all entrants to a school will have the information typed onto a

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Midwest Award. Real nice, Blunder!

Eula and I were pleased to attend an award's banquet held by the Fillmore Fire Department. At that time they honored John Roach who was retiring as chief.

To the men at Wayne Township, thanks for such a fine convention. I know it is a very hard job, but you did a fine job.

My own department, Dana, has made a big improvement and expansion to their firehouse. Come see us August 24, 25, and 26 at our Fall Festival and enjoy the fun.

Here is a reminder to get your 78-79 dues paid and if I can be of any help, please let me know. Bill Bush

Chairman, District 11B

District 16

The July meeting of District 16 was hosted by the Livonia Volunteer Fire Department.

Annual elections were held and the following is a list of District Officers for 1978-79:

Chairman, Dick Doan, Hardinsburg; Vice-Chairman, Dick Kemp, Georgetown Township; Secretary-Treasurer, Gary Lowery, Georgetown Township; Chaplain, Jack DeMerit, Lafayette Township; and Sergeant-at-Arms, Randy DeNardi, Blue River.

Our September meeting will be held at the Buffalo Trace Park at Palmyra in Harrison County. It will be Sunday afternoon, September 10th, in the Shelter House. This will be a picnic meeting so bring the family, a covered dish and table service. The District will provide the meat. Everyone is invited to attend. Gary Lowery

District 16 Secretary

District 18

District 18 is comprised of thirty-two departments in scenic southern Indiana. District 18 holds its meetings in January, March, May, July, September, and November, on the third Thursday. A rotating meeting schedule is maintained and everyone knows which department will host a meeting three to four years in advance, subject to change.

For the past two years, meetings in January were postponed and rescheduled because of the inclement weather conditions.

Meeting attendance review for 1977. Five meetings were held. Three Hundred Sixty-five firemen attended for an average of seventy-three firemen per meeting. Total of three hundred seventy-seven calls answered. Seventeen departments answered roll call at each meeting for fifty-three per cent participating departments in the district.

Meeting of March 16, 1978 was hosted by the Tell City Fire Department at the V.F.W. Club. Lockhart Township Fire Department of Stendal and Soundesign Fire Department of Santa Claus were welcomed into District 18. Seventy-nine firemen representing eighteen Departments answered one-hundred and two calls.

Meeting on May 18, 1978 was hosted by the Jasper Fire Department at the American Legion Home. Huntingburg Fire Department will host District 18 Fire Prevention Parade.

News from the district for the INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMAN should be sent to the editor or to the district chairman or secretary and they will forward it to the editor.

Sixty firemen representing seventeen departments answered eighty-five calls.

Meeting of July 20, 1978 was hosted by the Grandview Fire Department at the Grandview Civic Center. Election of district officers was held during this meeting. The officers elected for 1978-79 are:

CHAIRMAN - Russell Eldo Reinhart, Huntingburg; SECRETARY-TREASURER - Kenneth Lau, Huntingburg; CHAPLAIN - Bro. Giles Mayhew, St. Meinrad; SERGEANT-AT-ARMS - Artie "Smitty" Smith, West Baden.

Midwest Award was presented to David M. Grose of Grandview. Congratulations David. IVFA Certificate was presented to Soundesign of Santa Claus. Huntingburg Fire Department has set October 15 as the day for the District 18 Fire Prevention Parade.

A demonstration was presented by the 'Air Ambulance Platoon', 326th Medical Battalion, 101st Airborne from Ft. Campbell Kentucky.

Special guests for the evening included Charlie Jones and Norman Crocker, our IVFA President and Vice President, respectively, and Carl Davis, IVFA Southwest Public Relations.

Charlie and Norman conducted the election of officers and Charlie administered the oath of office to the elected district officers. Thanks fellows for your help and attending our meeting.

One hundred-nineteen firemen representing twenty-three departments answered one hundred twenty-six calls.

The next District 18 meeting will be hosted by the Schnellville Fire Department at the Schnellville Conservation Club. Meeting time 7:30 p.m.

District 18 Secretary
Kenny Lau

Public Relations Northeast

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resulted in Ivan Nevil, again, returning as Chairman, and Mort Sorg, Secretary.

We enjoyed the Fourth District combined campout and meeting which was held at Mini Mountain just out of South Bend. The firemen and their families certainly turned out for this weekend of fun, and the Sunday potluck was enjoyed by more than 70 persons. We always look forward to attending these 4th District campout meetings. Doug. Bechtel was, again, elected Chairman, and Carl Rohrbaugh, Secretary.

I was especially pleased to attend the dedication ceremonies of two new fire station buildings within my area over this past weekend. Ashley, one of our Sixth District departments, held their program on Saturday, July 29, and Poe, in our Seventh District, had dedication on Sunday, the 30th. Both departments can be justly proud of their new quarters.

Much time, labor, donations and extensive effort was involved in the creation of these buildings. You can definitely see the results of those that care. I am sure the firemen from these departments have the welcome mat out to anyone who enters their neighborhood. They can be justly proud to show off their beautiful stations.

Incidentally, it would be interesting to see if any other department can match the line-up of trophies that Poe has on display. They are a terrific bunch of firemen — true volunteers. May I add my thanks, along with Ashley and Poe, to all our I.V.F.A. officers who came to help make the dedication days a lot greater.

Next order of business is our Northeast Fire School. This has

been set for Saturday, September 16, and Sunday, September 17, at the Tri-State College, Angola. Plan now to attend this school — there will be something for everyone.

Two houses donated by the college will be used for every evolution in fire fighting. Let me remind you to bring the name of your insurance company coverage and your certification numbers so that you will receive your certification rating for this training session. Finally, bring full turnout gear, as this will be a working school. I hope to see all of you at this school September 16 and 17 in Angola.

It is not too early to start thinking next year's convention. Don't forget Madison in 1979. Reservation blanks are out, and convention planning is in full swing.

SERGEANT-at-ARMS REPORT



Charles "Butch" McGill

Hi Brother Firemen and Auxiliary:

As we start this new year, I would like to express my appreciation to my brother firemen who elected me again as your Sergeant-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 Dick Lamb, Convention Chairman, and his committee for a job well done.

I'm sorry my wife and I could not attend all your summer District picnics or camp-outs. We do appreciate the invitations. We did attend the District 11A and District 11B joint picnic in Rockville and were very pleased with the large turnout. A good time was had by all.

I would like to encourage all of you to attend the fire schools. The men have spent a lot of hours and hard work putting these schools together.

Thanks to everyone for the support and help you have given me the past year.

Congratulations to Norman Crocker, our 1978 Mr. I.V.F.A.

Pine Twp. Holds

Election of Officers

The election of officers was held at the regular meeting of the Pine Township Volunteer Fire Department in June. The new officers took office the 1st of July.

They are as follows:

Chief, Vernon Jones; Assistant Chief, Charles Smith; Captains, Henry Schultz, Lawrence Beck; Chairman, Glen Nicholson; Treasurer, Roy Bailey; Secretary, Henry Schultz and Inspectors, Ted Grozek and Art Kriehbaum.

A dollar is needed in 1978 to purchase what 60 cents bought in 1970. The Conference Board observes. Prices shot up by 56 percent between 1970 and 1977 and are likely to rise by about 6 percent this year.

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three copy form. One copy will be returned to the registrant and the other will be retained by the association. There is a possibility of using a continuous roll type of form for this purpose.

Norm reminded everyone that if there is some problem with a claim they should call the carrier immediately and not let the situation carry on forever and get nothing accomplished.

The carrier is Lump Insurance Agency, P.O. Box 155, Lowell, Indiana 46356, telephone number is 219-696-8989. Leon Lump carries our general liability insurance only. Our accident and health insurance is carried by TRD, Inc.

Jim Parker said that if you do run across a claim that seems to be dormant and you can't seem to get anywhere just get someone from the insurance committee involved and they will pursue the problem to its conclusion.

Fire Marshal Goodwin told of a series of fire schools to be put on by the NFPCA. There is no tuition or charge for these schools. However, everyone is responsible for his own expenses. Bill passed out some pamphlets explaining these schools and the pertinent information on each. Also attached was a list of all fire schools and conventions for the state in '78.

Bob Esserman of the Editor's Advisory Committee, asked everyone to get the membership lists made out so they are readable.

Milan Pece of the Training Committee said the slide program is being handled by Cooney Tucker and anyone wanting to help him in the reproduction of these slides should go up to Huntertown and have at it.

Norm stated the fire schools have all been set and so far there are no problems.

Bob Surber of the Games Committee stated the entries are very slow. In fact they only have two in hand. Remember the deadline is June 1. The games will be played just adjacent to the Sheraton Inn at convention. Everything is ready.

No report from the Safety Committee.

Larry Biggs said the awards committee had met and due to the late date in the year they decided to defer any further action until after convention and then push the work till it is finished.

The redistricting committee had met and had come up with what they felt was a fairly equitable representation for each district. They were striving to make each district have a mythical number of 40 departments. Norm went to great length to explain how the committee changed the various boundaries. In conclusion to his presentation Norm stated that we would lose one district chairman by combining Districts 1 and 2, but would gain two more through the splitting of parts of two others in the middle of the state.

A question arose about how the new districts would be numbered. Norm said he felt that there should be a complete renumbering of all the new districts and do away with the A's and B's of some districts. This has not yet been worked out.

Jack Ford made a motion we accept the committee's report but delay final disposition on the implementation of it at this time. This will be given to the Public Relations Directors and District Chairmen who will research the feelings of the different areas and report back to the August meeting for final disposition. Motion seconded by Jim Parker; motion carried by voice vote.

Norm Crocker ended discussion on this subject by stating that it is going to be the responsibility of each and every officer to go back and sell these changes to the body. It is a program sorely needed so that the people who make up the association can better be served by the officers. After all, that's why we are here. A small map was made and passed out to each officer so he would have a reference when he went back to talk about the changes to his district.

In old business, Charlie said he had been in contact with the President of the IFA and after much checking they found out who had been selling for the IFA, using IVFA literature. Charlie stated that as far as can be determined at this time, there was only one person doing it and it won't happen again.

For new business, Charlie appointed the following convention committees. He explained that the auditing committee must consist of the district chairman named and all others may be the district chairman but don't necessarily need to be. The committees are: Auditing, committee chairman is chairman of the board with districts 14, 8B, and 3; Nominating committee chairman will be from district 9A with 15, 1, 19, and 5 assisting; Election committee chairman shall be from District 17B, assisted by a representative from 11B, 6, 2, and 13A; Roll Call chairman will be from 17A, assisted by 13B, 11A, 7, and 9B; and the mileage and credential chairman shall be from 4 with assistance from 8A, 16, 18, and 12. As had been announced earlier in the year, the resolution committee shall consist of six public relations directors, with Billy Sunday as chairman.

Following the completion of the past state legislative session, President Jones released all the legislative committee personnel and then announced he would appoint an interim committee to handle ongoing problems during the off session periods. At this time the interim legislative committee will consist of Charlie Jones, Steve Ritter, Marion Bush, Jr., Jack Ford, Charlie Bogden and will have a couple of open spots should Charlie decide someone else who can do us much good should be on this committee.

Nick Gossman asked the Fire Marshal if he knew of any way that the general membership could be informed of these schools and events that are taking place. He said that as so often happens the chief of a department receives the mail and just doesn't bother to open it or else just won't tell anyone of these events. The Fire Marshal had no answer to this question and continued by stating that it was just an impossibility to mail everything to every fireman. He did suggest that the problem will have to be handled at the department level because that's where it is.

For the good of the order, Jack read a letter he received from Eva Weaver. She expressed nothing but praise and appreciation for all the good will shown by the association as a whole and those individuals who attended the Memorial or wrote their condolences following Edmond Weaver's death.

Jack continued by going through and explaining some of the entries he had made in his printed report. He explained why some departments had been dropped and why others had not yet received their certification of payment of dues. It will be up to the individual district chairman at convention to make certain that each proposed delegate is a paid member and, therefore, can have a vote.

Ford stated that his typewriter is now approaching the point of non-

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Mr. I.V.F.A. for 1978



Norman Crocker

The highest award given by the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association was presented to L. Norman Crocker of Harris Township during the organization's annual meeting.

Norman was selected Mr. I.V.F.A. for 1978 from 22,000 volunteer firemen in the state. Norm was well qualified for the award. The judges said he has served as District Chairman for the I.V.F.A. for seven years and during that time has not missed a district or state officer's meeting. He has helped organize fire departments and has influenced them to join the I.V.F.A. He also has served as Chairman of the Board. Norm has served on the Legislative Committee for more than two years, and on the Games Committee for six years. He also served on the Safety Committee and the Insurance Committee. He is a member of the Intl. Assoc of Arson Investigators.

Norman has served in his community in many capacities. He has served as President of the St. Joe County Firefighters Association. He served as an Instructor for three years for Aircraft and Rescue and at the St. Joe County Fire Schools for eight years. He served as Chairman of the St. Joe County Fire Schools for two years. He has instructed at the Elkhart County Fire Schools for four years.

He was on the Board of Trustees for three years. He is an American Red Cross Advanced First Aid Instructor for more than eight years and was Safety Instructor of U.S.A. Power Squadron for more than two years. Norman has been an Instructor in L.P. Gas for over eight years and he has taught many Ivy Tech. classes in South

Bend, and Elkhart area in the field of Fire Science. He has been a certified EMT for over four years.

Norm's first fire department was Middlebury Fire Department in Elkhart County. In this last year, Norm helped to get Middlebury to join the State Association for the first time. He then joined the Harris Fire Department in St. Joe County. Norm has served there since 1960. He has been a big influence in shaping that department. He served as Chief for five years and Assistant Chief for three years. He was Captain for one year. Norman was training officer for eight years, rescue chairman for four years and inspector for the department for two years. Norm had a very large part in beginning the junior firemen's department in his department.

Norman is married and the father of two children. His son Phillip is on a military leave from the Harris Fire Department and a member of the I.V.F.A. Norman has four grandchildren and a very lovely wife by the name of Bonnie. Bonnie is a member of the Ladies Auxiliary on Harris Fire Department and served as the first Chairman of the Ladies Auxiliary in the 4th District. At the present time she is the Sergeant-At-Arms for the State Auxiliary.

So for all of these reasons it's pretty easy to see why Norman was selected Mr. I.V.F.A. It is also very plain to see his family is right behind him and is a very big reason Norm has done and will do the things he has. Keep up the good work Norm and family. Thank you from the 4th District for what you have done for us.

Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department Adds Grass Buggy

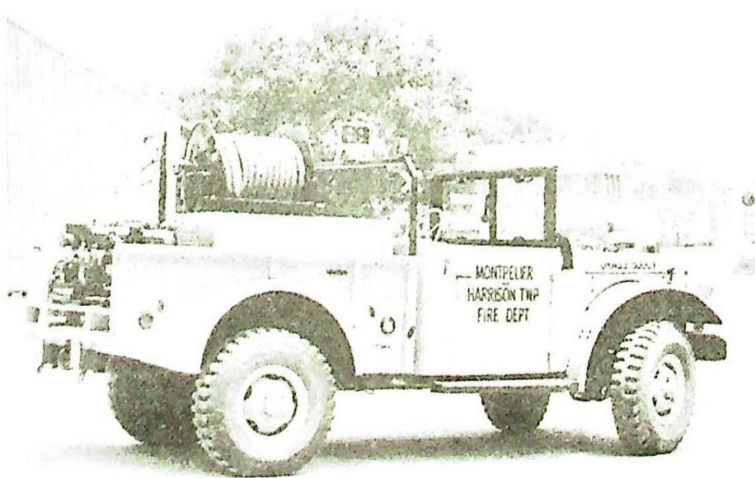


Photo by Arnold McCombs

A "grass buggy" is the latest addition to the firefighting equipment of the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department, and the brightly-painted buggy is housed in the new fire station at 300 West Huntington street.

The "grass buggy" will be used not only to fight grass fires, but also to reach fires in locations which would be difficult to reach with a large truck.

A 250-gallon tank with a pump, auxiliary generator and lights is located on the back of the re-built vehicle, and all necessary work was done by the firefighters. The new equipment will mean a savings in both gasoline and manpower. The original vehicle was one of the several received by the area from the Indiana National Guard.

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Wabash Twp. Men

Presented George Award

Township fire departments aren't new, but they were in 1952 when Jon Amy started working to establish a fire department for Wabash Township, pushing it to a 1964 referendum mandating a tax levy.

About that time, Doug Forsman moved into the township and concerned about fire protection, contacted the trustee, who steered him to Amy. That's when a notable partnership was born — Amy as the organizer and planner, the budget and grant writer, the man with organizational clout, and Forsman, a Purdue safety specialist from a long family line of firemen, as organizer and chief, building a department with six trucks and a professionally trained group of volunteer firefighters, many with more credentials than some full-time city firemen.

The Wabash department, as a result, was the first township department in Tippecanoe County to receive insurance ratings. The rescue squad which Forsman formed continues training as the first such rural unit in the county, and has been responsible for saving several lives.

Forsman recently left the department for Boston to develop further fire safety programs for the National Fire Protection Association, leaving two injunctions: (1) To be well-trained and always ready to serve, and (2) to have rescue squads always available. Amy remains, helping with the organizing, clout and paper work and serving as chief cook for the chicken barbecue fund-raiser and workhorse of the organization.

Countless folks say there would not be such an outstanding department — one that brings constant inquiries from all over the country about how to do it — without both Amy and Forsman, whose drive and expertise made it what it is. And what it is is a model township fire department from which others are borrowing ideas, and rural areas around West Lafayette are deriving first-class fire protection, as George Award committee judges concluded from files amassed in reviewing the nomination.

"Did You Know?"

Silver Anniversary 1952 - 1977

By Thelma Lester

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

Issue No. 7

After that hot and southern hospitality we all enjoyed so much the previous year in New Albany, we were asked to go back north to Rensselaer for a repeat of the '53 Convention.

In the August, 1964 Officers' Meeting in Rensselaer, a proposed Amendment, Article 2, Section 2, was written to be brought up on the convention floor which reads: "No person can hold two state offices in the I.V.F.A., Inc. during the same period of time, except at the President's discretion concerning the interest of the Auxiliary."

At November, 1964 Officers' Meeting held at Rensselaer, our Secretary reported 728 memberships as to date. The February meeting was held at Vincennes, the place for the 1966 Convention, and our May meeting was back to Rensselaer, 1965 Convention City. Remember the restaurant at Rensselaer serving all that good minnerature new-born pickled corn we ate? Also the air plane rides by the chief?

Registration began at noon Thursday, June 10, 1965 at Halleck Center, St. Joseph College in Rensselaer. In the evening, Officers' meeting was held to complete the end of the fiscal year ready for Convention proper. New attache cases were given to most Auxiliary elected officers and the old brief cases turned over to the others with less business correspondence. Reception for officers followed.

The opening convention began on Friday morning, June 11th, with joint session of men and women, all under the same roof at Halleck Center. After welcoming addresses were given, our State President, Inez Jeffries, presented a check to the I.V.F.A. President, James Glaub, to be used for the Convention film. The ladies then departed for their meeting and Koffee Klutch at a different room in Halleck Center.

Since no state auxiliaries in District 9B, Mrs. Edmund Weaver of Francisville, wife of District 9B Chairman, and Mrs. Don Anderson, wife of Rensselaer Fire Chief, acted as Convention Hostesses. Besides the good doughnuts and coffee, many gifts were drawn by the gals sitting in the lucky marked chairs. Thanks, gals for all your work.

140 ladies registered and a short business session was held before attending Memorial Services in the St. Joseph College Chapel. The Auxiliary had report of one death, who was Pearl Hartin of Charlestown.

Lunch was served with compliments of the Midwest Fire and Safety Equipment Company.

Four more ladies registered for the afternoon session.

Officers elected for the 1965-'66 year were: Ruth Fairfield, President; Mary Stafford, Vice-President; Catherine Van Arsdale, Recording Secretary; Mary Boyd, Corresponding Secretary; Rosella Bousman, Treasurer; Thelma Lester, Chaplain; Jo Lantz (now deceased) as Sergeant-at-Arms. Loretta Kustron, Past President, immediately installed the officers.

At the banquet 638 plates were served at Halleck Center with good entertainment following. The late Honorable Henry Schricker, former Governor and also a former volunteer fireman of Knox department was a guest.

After visiting several welcoming places in town, coffee and snacks were still enjoyed back at the motel rooms. The persons in adjoining rooms should have stayed up with the rest of us as they had to listen to that song "Hello Dolly" or at least parts of it. Do you know all the words to it yet, Thelma?

I heard the Cambridge City firemen asked the priest when the pool opened in front of the college. He told them it never closed. Did they enjoy the swim? That was at 5:00 A.M.

Saturday morning Waterball Contests were held with Acton Auxiliary first place winners and Ward Township Gals from Saratoga were the runner-ups. Parade was enjoyed in the afternoon. Julia Konopasek from Griffith won the Lucky Doe Doll and \$25.00. Profit from the doll project was \$477.93.

Those Rensselaer firemen with their pretty yellow caps really gave us all a wonderful convention. We remember the 'Friendly Undertaker' also.

In August, 1965, several State Officers enjoyed District 6 picnic held at Sand Lake north of Fort Wayne. It rained all day. President Jim Glaub got soaked playing a joke on the gals by removing the blankets and coats they were holding over their heads for shelter. His penalty was a bad case of hoarseness for a while. Jack Ford invited the men to eat and have their business meeting at their cottage on the lake and Catherine Mason invited the women to do the same at The Mason Cottage.

August, 1965 meeting of the officers held at Kokomo. Ruth Ford suggested we pay the Russiaville Firemen dues because they received such a great loss of all their equipment and station during the previous Palm Sunday tornado. At lunch a check and letter was given to the Men's Secretary, Jack Ford, for the Russiaville dues.

The idea just came to me that I have not been naming the Board of Directors, which do have the general supervision of the business. Sorry! The 1965-'66 Board of Directors were: District 1 and 2, Martha Thomas, Merrillville; District 3, Adeline Van Kosky, Scipio Township, LaPorte; District 6, Wanda Stuerzenberger, New Haven; District 7, Evelyn Gallmeyer, Poe, near Ossian; District 8, Doris Osborne, Amboy; District 10, Dorothy Wintin, Manilla; District 12, Ada Haines, Indianapolis; District 16, Lois Boaz, Greenville.

In the February 1966 Officers' meeting, Secretary reported 870 paid-up memberships; with Treasurer's report of \$1,280.75. District 8 was divided into two districts (8A and 8B).

Report in the May '66 meeting at Vincennes proved they were working hard for a good convention and all plans were running smoothly.

Registration for the 1966 Convention started at noon, Thursday, June 16th, at Robert E. Green Auditorium, Vincennes University. Officers met that night for their closing meeting of the fiscal year. Following the meeting the host and hostesses, Vincennes Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary, had a reception and dance for the men's and ladies' organizations combined at the 40 & 8 Club on South 41 Highway.

At Conventions there are always some kind of "fun time" between the

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Water, Not To Be Taken For Granted

Water, it is basic to firefighting but it cannot be taken for granted. Firefighters need to know the details about the water supply systems and about the parts making up the system. Questions arise: What difference does the size of a water main make? How do you calculate the available for fire flow from different hydrants? What happens if a water supply is put out of service? What are the relationships between fire officials and water officials?

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In 1900 when McKinley was President, there were 76 million people, 18 million horses, 4,000 autos and less than 10 miles of concrete highway in the United States.

On Sept. 29, 1972, Japan and mainland China agreed to resume diplomatic relations.

Lois May Wilber, New Miss Flame



Pictured from left to right: IVFA Miss Flame, Lois May Wilber - 11B; Mr. IVFA Norm Crocker; Lois Boaz, Virginia Wilson and Runner up to Miss Flame, Peggy Sue Cooperider, 11A.

Tricks of the Trade

by
"COONEY" TUCKER

I have wanted to write this column for the past four years but my "dead-lines" have been so numerous that I hesitated to add another one. Now that my work has been reorganized somewhat, I am more confident of keeping continuity.

I have frequently stated in my classes that: "Cooney Tucker isn't so smart. It's just that the fire fighters around the state are giving me a good education." So many of you have come up with better evaluation which in turn I pirate and pass on to the next group.

Sunday afternoon, April 30, I worked with the Henry County group. These people have a real training system working. The past winter they put more than fifty people through the classroom work for second-class certification. When the weather broke they put the same people through the practical work required in week-end schools and burnings.

Harold Reim; pump, hydraulics and math instructor, questioned if I had ever set up a siphon system between two DUMP tanks. I had never done this or even seen it done although I knew it was possible.

These boys set up two tanks side by side and filled one tank. A section of 4½" hard suction was laid across the adjoining frames of the tanks and both ends lowered — one end in each tank. A 1½" line, charged from a booster tank, was taken to the high side (tank filled with water) and the discharge was directed up the 4½". The water from the 1½" plus the additional water dragged along with the stream effectively filled the 4½" and completed the siphon.

The pumpers drafted from one tank and the tankers dumped in to the other. The water level was always changing but the level was equal in both tanks at any given

time. This spread out the operation and facilitated traffic around the tanks.

We worked the same evolution at a hydraulics class in DeKalb County. First with a section of 4½" suction which was submerged, air exhausted, then with my orange cap in hand I attempted to plug one end sufficiently to make the transfer of the other end to the other tank. It didn't work; lost too much water from that large a hose which let air up the hose and kills the siphon.

However, using a 2½" hard suction we were able to "cap" each end with a hand until we made the transfer and a siphon was established. Since we were pumping with a portable pump this 2½" siphon gave sufficient flow to maintain the level.

Barry Carroll, Chief at Waterloo, stated that they had recently used this system at a

barn fire. They placed the tanks further apart, used two sections of 4½" - flooded the hose and capped the male end - made the transfer with the capped end — keeping the other end submerged and got an immediate flow when the cap was removed.

There are a lot of these tanks being used around the state. Give this system a trial, it just might smooth out your operation.

Like any other evolution it should be practiced to work out the "kinks" before you need it at the fire scene.

Reference the Henry County group I used the term "the boys". There were at least a dozen of "the girls" who completed the training with high marks. I suppose I'll have to clean up my language, but I sure dislike the impersonal term "fire persons."

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repair. He asked the body to consider the possibility of a new one for his office.

Jack has a request in to the body for the consideration of invitation of some special guests to convention.

Jack also talked at great length on the possibilities of the advent of computerizing the membership and department mailing lists. He told of all the plus factors involved but had nothing detrimental to say about the plan of attack. He said they had talked for more than five hours on all the different ways the computers could be utilized but had taken no action yet except bring the report back to the officers. It was pointed out that this service would be at no cost to the association, but would be a direct benefit of membership in the Ben Hur program.

Jim Parker made a motion to have Jack Ford proceed with the proper agreements and contracts along these lines of discussion to impliment the use of this computerization program, seconded by Doug Bechtel; motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Charlie Jones said the invitation of special guests was taken care of by the list of do's and don'ts for state officers. If anyone has a person he feels merits special invitation, just bring it to the attention of the President and he will take care of it.

Charlie said the Midwest award recipients had been chosen. There were a total of 14 who would receive the award this year.

Carl Davis made a motion that starting with the 1979 convention and each convention thereafter any person who participates in the IVFA convention games must be a member of the IVFA, seconded by Ralph Yergler; after some discussion motion carried by voice vote.

Norm Crocker read of the passage of the good samaritan law pertaining to how it affects those responding as EMT's. This law is further defined in Public Law 183 of the Acts of 1977, Section IC 16-1-39, as amended.

There was a lot of discussion on problems that many of the areas are having with law enforcement officers. There were no decisions made on anything we should do nor any action taken.

Charlie announced the parliamentarian for convention will be Bill Engle.

Jack Ford made a motion that the President of the association for next year shall appoint a committee which will include the Editor to bring the ByLaws up to date, seconded by Milan Pece; motion carried by voice vote.

Jim Parker made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Al Mendel; motion carried by voice vote.

President Jones adjourned the officers meeting at 1046 hours after announcing the board of directors would convene at 1100.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The May Board of Directors' meeting was called to order at 1100 hours by Chairman Parker.

Bill Howe made a motion to dispense with the preliminaries, seconded by Bud Sears; motion carried by voice vote.

Roll was called with the results on file.

Recording Secretary Poling gave a lengthy description of the work accomplished on the list of procedures and practices as was asked by the chairman of the board. It was explained that this was only the

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Hartford Fire Dept. Sponsors Fire Prevention Booth



Several hundred people visited the booth sponsored by the Hartford City Fire Department at the recent Blackford County 4-H Fair. Pamphlets on fire prevention for all ages were available. Also action and evidence photos taken for the local department were on display. Don Mowery, a seventeen year veteran of the department, examines a two and three-quarter pound dry powder extinguisher, one of several kinds on display at the booth. A smoke alarm was awarded the final night of the fair. — Department photos by Arnold McCombs.

Photo Corner Good Idea

A portion of the bulletin board at the Zionsville Fire Department is devoted to the 'Photo Corner'. Selected photos taken at fire-emergency scenes and department activities are routinely posted in this section.

Pictures are usually put up a few days after being taken and left up about a month. This gives members, their families, and friends if they wish, a pictorial review of departmental happenings.

Church in Wayne Twp. Damaged



During a recent storm, this church in Wayne Township, Marion County was hit by lightning with these damaging results. Services were being held at the time but all escaped from the building.



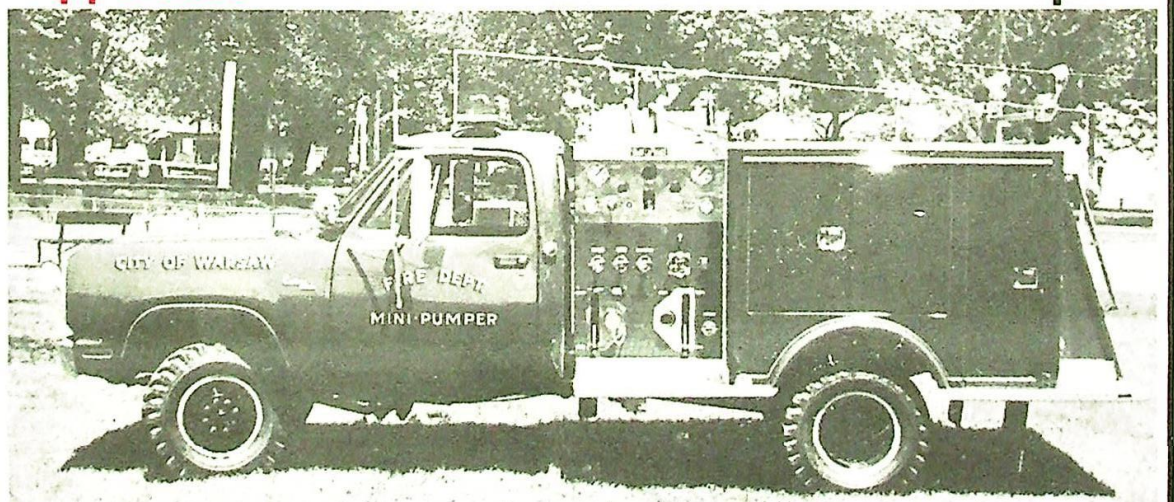
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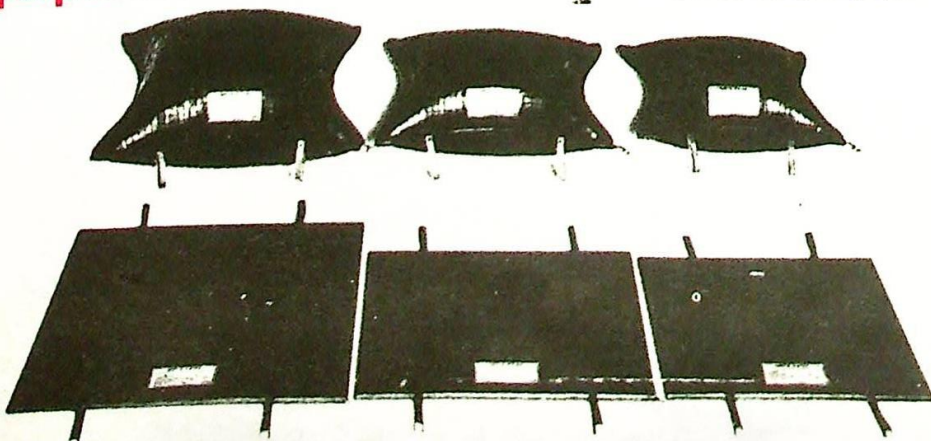
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Inmate Fire Brigade Being Developed at Indiana State Prison

In Mount Vernon at the South West tip of the state is a heavy industry on the banks of "The Beautiful Ohio" which as a large L.P. gas storage. They have a forty-two man plant brigade that is being trained by Coony Tucker to handle liquid L.P. fires.

There will be a story on this operation at a later date.

At the other end of the state at Michigan City is the Indiana State Prison, where there is being developed an inmate fire brigade.

The Chief, Al Colvin, has a fire background from some eighteen years ago at Monticello, but his real contribution is enthusiasm for the project and he has his sixteen man crew so "hyped up" that after a three hour training session, you hear; "time to quit already?"; "That three hours seems short" or "if we could practice all day, our time in here would go fast."

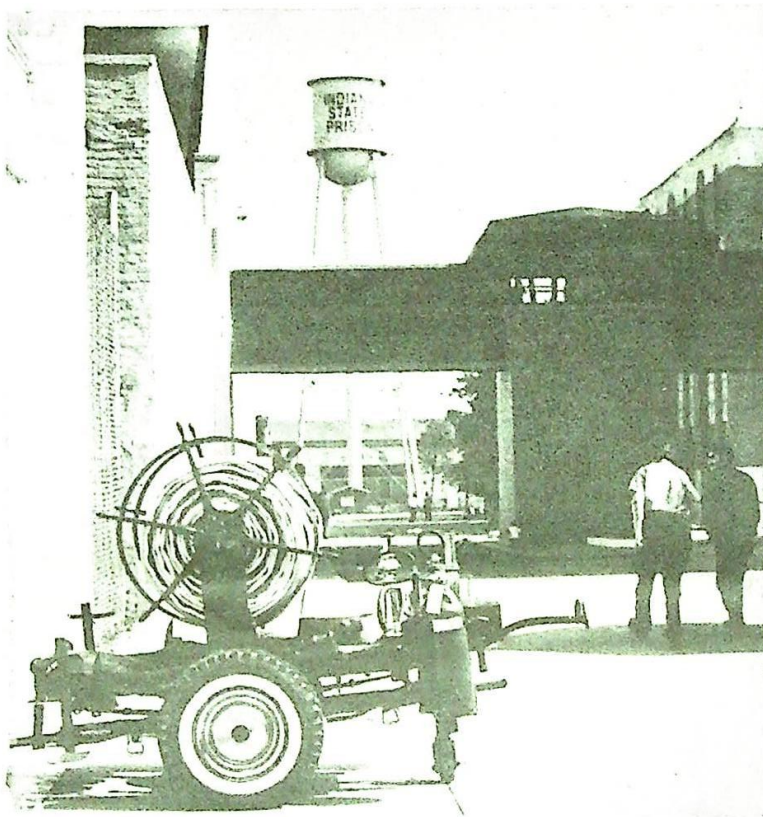
During the winter months work was done with extinguishers and the usual run of indoor programs. They have the training record forms and many would like to be certified. Coony Tucker has taken in magazines and I.F.S.T.A. manuals and they have disappeared. He will get them back - they are passing from hand to hand and being devoured. They have time to study and any kind of fire literature is welcome.

Like all volunteers, they really come to life when they get into action outside.

Also, like many volunteers, they are not wearing their bunker gear. They have a better reason than most, however, because they don't have any and no way of acquiring any. State funds for this kind of need are pretty skimpy.

There are enough "cast offs" laying around in the fire stations of this state to equip these men. These items do not have to be the same design, shape, make or color because the sidewalk fire chiefs that firemen like to impress are pretty thin inside the walls.

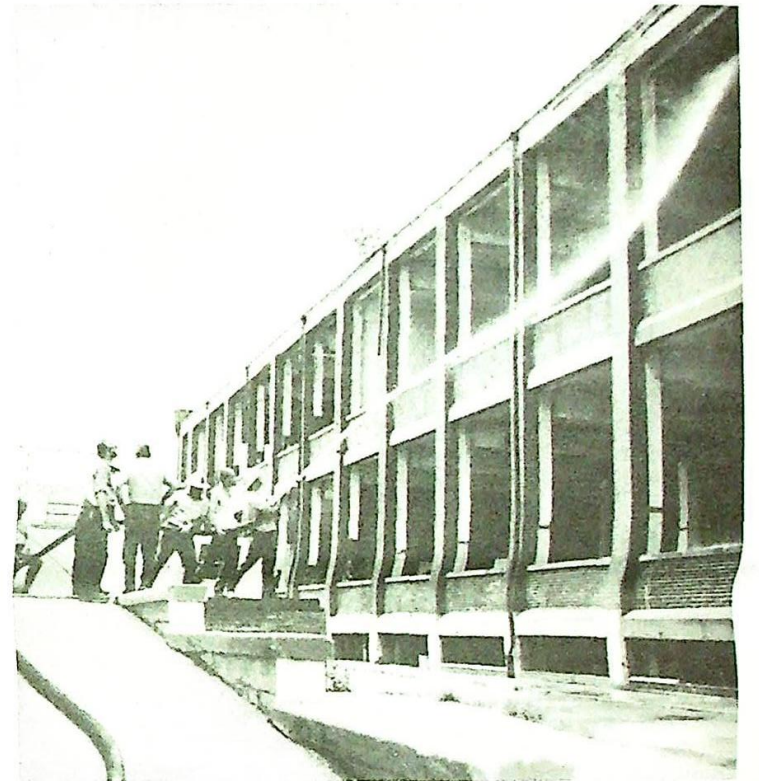
They are working off a good hydrant system, 65 lbs., with a stand-by pump to boost pressure up to 100 lbs. in an emergency. But they have some long lays to make to the back of the cell houses and in an effort to save as much pressure as possible for the nozzles, they are training in double line lays and last section reducers.



They have a fair supply of hose on a hose cart but could use more along with Wyes, Siamese and Fog nozzles. In fact, almost any kind of hardware.

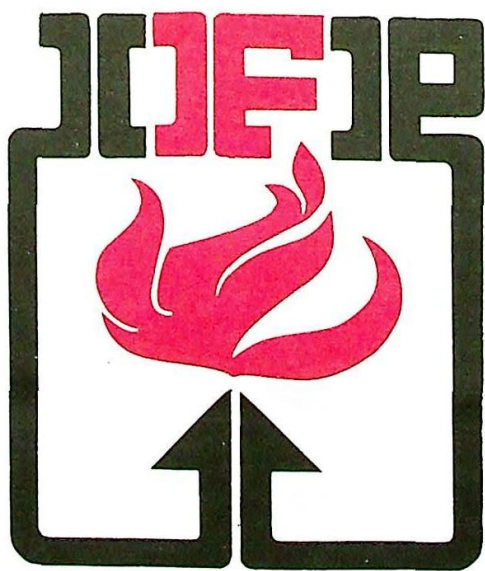
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preliminary listing of actions taken by the association officers and board of directors. Also pointed out was the fact that some of the practices we may want to change so he asked everyone to take the lists home and study them. If there should happen to be any changes to be made they could be handled in the August meeting of the Board of Directors.

Max also pointed out that these were designed to be used as an addendum to the ByLaws book or could be punched and inserted in a three-ring binder. He mentioned that there were some official lists of officers duties that should become a part of this file and also that there is an awards committee who will be providing a list of guide lines for all awards for the association. When these guide lines are completed they also will become a permanent part of this file.

Having no forthcoming discussion or questions from the body the chairman of the practices committee recommended acceptance of this report.

A motion to accept this report as is was made and seconded from the floor and carried by voice vote.

Chairman Parker said that the recording secretary would "volunteer" to keep this list updated as changes were made and would see to it that the new changes would be given to all officers as soon as they are prepared.

Parker said we might as well take care of the change in the postage advance to the Editor. Ralph Yergler made a motion we delete any reference to an amount in the postage advance and base it on the previous quarter's postage, seconded by Bill Howe; motion carried by voice vote.

Carl David suggested we not pay the return postage on the returned newspaper. Just let the Post Office go ahead and destroy them. Bob Laney pointed out that he does change his mailing list and make necessary purges by getting these papers back. Parker said it was his opinion we should allow the return of these undeliverable papers and thus make use of the change of addresses made possible and suggested we do nothing to change this procedure at this time. No action was taken to change anything. It was pointed out we do have a committee to assist the Editor and he should make use of this group to aid in this problem.

At this time Jim announced the release of the procedures and practices committee and appointed Max Poling to take care of the continuing update of these lists.

Gene Stofer used the next few minutes to explain the use of the new revised voucher forms that were implemented at this meeting. Gene asked that since these are rather expensive to print that each officer limit his possession of them to only a few sheets rather than by the tablet.

Chairman Parker recessed the meeting at 1140 for lunch. The meeting was reconvened at 1354 by Chairman Parker.

The Insurance Committee said they had been talking with a gentleman who presented a proposal to the association. He wished to purchase space in our paper for the advertisement of his savings policy. It was of the opinion of the insurance that we as an association by selling Ad space to an insurance company for a savings policy could in fact put them in direct competition with our own Ben Hur program through the AVAA.

Milan Pece made a motion to allow this insurance company to purchase Ad space in our paper for this retirement-savings plan. The motion was seconded from the floor. After some expression of doubts about this kind of business a voice vote was inconclusive. A roll call vote defeated the motion by a wide majority. The vote is on record.

Mr. Leon Lump was introduced to the body to present a liability policy offer to the association. He explained the workings of this policy as it is written in the contract. A copy of the policy is on file. After much discussion on where the liability for any particular situation may lie, Leon made several suggestions on just what kind of proof of insurance the association should have when engaged in the many fields of activities throughout the state. There were many questions directed to Leon on different hypothetical situations and to the best of his ability he answered all as they could be satisfied legally.

It was agreed that the key to the liability insurance lies in the words "IVFA sanctioned function" since there is now already authorization to hold fire schools down to the district level, it is agreed that all state officers down to the district can sanction a function. Marion Bush made a motion to have the President, Vice President or Chairman of the Board empowered to say whether a school shall be an IVFA sanctioned school. This does not authorize the spending of money, just to say if a function shall be IVFA sanctioned so it will be covered by our liability coverage. This motion was seconded by Al Mendel; carried by voice vote.

The new volunteer fireman booklet is not yet completed, but Bob Esserman said they should have received all the information and have the booklet ready after convention.

Bud Sears gave a comprehensive report on all the equipment they now have on hand to outfit the association's display trailer. The state fair committee went to great length to explain the operation and use of this equipment as it could apply to the association in its training programs. The association can even make its own tapes and films for the projectors. This is part of the design of the machine.

Nick Gossman made a motion to accept the committee's recommendation on the purchase of the projectors and P.A. System, seconded by Marion Bush; motion carried by voice vote.

After some discussion on who should have charge or custody of the equipment, it was pointed out that the state fair committee is still working on the project, and that when they are ready to turn the completed unit over to the board, they will probably have their recommendations on a custodial nomination.

Under old business Jim stated the seminar to be held on Thursday of convention is a commitment, however, we have failed to get full sponsorship for the cost of this seminar. He requested the authorization to spend \$1,200 on this seminar. Marion Bush made a motion to that effect which was seconded by Bud Grogg; motion carried by voice vote.

Jim Parker asked Charlie Jones to give a report on the findings of the expenses of the state elected officers. Charlie said there had been a meeting of the seven elected officers and the immediate past president. The recommendation of this committee is as follows: The Chaplain shall be paid his expenses to meetings and memorials as before. The immediate past president would have his expenses paid the same as any of the other seven elected officers. All other past presidents would be invited to all state officer meetings and have their expenses to those meetings paid at the same rate as all other officers. The seven elected officers would receive expenses and mileage to any function in which they represent the state association.

Bud Sears made a motion to accept the recommendations of this

committee, motion was seconded by Ralph Yergler; carried by voice vote.

Gene Stofer asked for permission to transfer the balance of the program booklet money to the Wayne Township Convention Fund to pay the rest of the bills. A motion was made by Marion Bush and seconded by Dick Doan; carried by voice vote.

Paul Fairfield asked for a clarification on the possibility of the association paying the motel bills and food bills and thus saving the tax money. Gene Stofer said he had checked with his corporate CPA and was advised that if he paid these bills then he would have to turn the money in as pay to the board of directors. If it is turned in as pay then the IRS will stick their hands into the individual's pocket for their cut. The CPA advised against it.

Jim asked the board if it wished to do anything about replacing the Secretary's typewriter. Sam Bower made a motion that the secretary be allowed to purchase a new typewriter for his office. It will be to his good judgment if he purchases a manual or electric and how much the association will spend for it. The motion was seconded by Dick Doan; motion carried by voice vote.

Charlie Jones stated that the President's Advisory Committee had met and talked over the proposed redistricting. It was the unanimous opinion of this committee that since we had been hashing this thing out for the past two years or longer and still hadn't come up with anything that everyone could agree on we should not let this thing lie any longer. Besides, it was pointed out that if this thing was implemented at this time the full program could be sold to the group at convention and then where it became necessary to elect some new district chairmen, it could be done right after convention at the regular July meetings.

Charlie pointed out that we will never satisfy everyone in the whole state because in each area there are some who want no part of change and others that know that a change is a dire necessity. Since it is the obligation of all the officers to serve the state to the betterment of fire service and to the best of our ability, Charlie and the whole committee made the strong recommendation that the board of directors implement this redistricting plan as presented previously and have it in force by convention time to take effect on July 1, 1978.

Ralph Yergler made a motion to accept the recommendation of the redistricting committee and implement the redistricting changes as of July 1, 1978. The motion was seconded by Ivan Nevil; motion carried by voice vote.

Marion Bush made a motion that a map with all the new boundaries be

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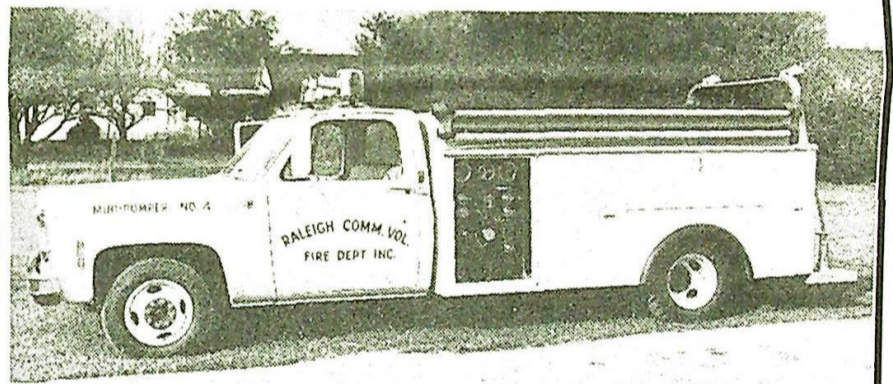
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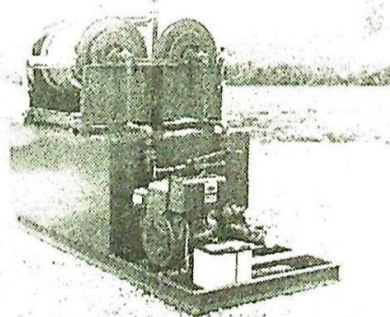
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4:00 P.M. - — Diplomas

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8:00 A.M. - 8:30 A.M. — Church Services - Pete King
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 - Natural and L.P. gas safety precautions
 - Richard Rohrkaste - Director of Safety - Terre Haute Gas Co.
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 - Cooney Tucker - Training Officer - Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office
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- Class B — Air Mask and Hose Advancement
 - Wayne Township Fire Department and Honey Creek Vol. Fire Dept.
 - Proper use of Air Mask and Proper Hose Advancement
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Committee Renamed

The State Fair Committee has been renamed. It is now known as the Public Education Committee. The committee has worked hard to get the things it has for the trailer and we ask all that use this trailer, please take care of it. If something is stolen or broken, the person checking it out will be responsible for it. The President states there should be no beer or alcoholic beverages to be served or stored or even consumed in the trailer. So please let's do as he asks.

For those firefighters or auxiliaries that wish to use the trailer, please start now to reserve the trailer because some dates are already taken for 1980. Please get your dates in early.

The committee has two co-chairmen - Bud Sears and Doug Bechtel. Please contact Doug Bechtel at 59086 County Road 13, Elkhart, Indiana 46514; 875'6471 or 875'5920 to reserve the trailer.

The dates the trailer has been reserved will be published in the paper. They are as follows:

- August 17-27 — State Fair, Indianapolis
- September 6-9 — Roanoke Fire Department
- September 15-17 — Northeast Fire School
- September 24-30 — District 6
- October 6-8 — St. Joe Twp. Fort Wayne

- October 13-15 — Hartford City Fire Department
- July 26-29, '79 — New Carlisle Fire Department
- July 30 - Aug. 5, '79 — District 5 - Kosciusko Fair
- 1980 — Bub Holscher - County Fair
- Douglas A. Bechtel, Co-Chairman Public Education Committee

Officers Meeting

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made small enough to fit in the rear of the instruction booklet. The map will have all the newly assigned numbers on for correct identification of each new district. Motion was seconded from the floor; motion carried by voice vote.

For the good of the order, Sam Bower made a motion we have 500 blue light cards printed up to be passed out by Jack Ford as a courtesy, seconded by Milan Pece. After a voice vote and then a show of hands, motion defeated. No cards to be made.

One district chairman stated that his P.R. fire school hadn't used all of the allocated money from the association so his district was going to put on a school of their own and wanted to use the balance of the money for this school. It was quickly pointed out that the motion was to allot up to \$600 for each of six fire schools for this year with one school to be held in each P.R. area. There was no further discussion on the request.

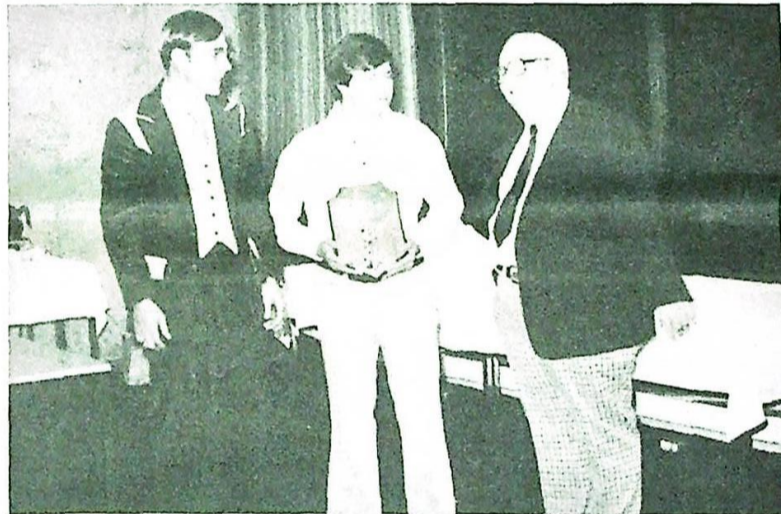
Meeting adjourned at 1553 hours.

Barbara Ritter Wayne Twp. Woman of Year



Barbara Ritter was presented the Wayne Township Woman of the Year Award. Shown is Mary Brooks presenting the award. Barbara is the 12th Dist. Ladies Chairman also. —Photo by Clyde Bristow

Perry Twp. Firefighter of the Year



Robert Doerr, center, Dale Floyd, President, left, John Barr, Chief, right.

Robert Doerr recently was presented the Perry Township, Evansville Firefighter of the year award for 1977, by President Dale Floyd and Chief, John Barr. The award is presented annually to a member of the Department for outstanding work during the year. Mr. Doerr who has been a member of the department for four years, was a leader in several projects over the past year. He was instrumental in designing and outfitting a new grass fire truck that was put in service during 1977 at a savings of over \$6,000 to the people of Perry Township. He was also promoted to Captain during the year.

Ivy Tech Offers 3 Credit Hour Course

This year the Elkhart County Education Committee will, in cooperation with Indiana Vocational Technical College, offer the course "Hazardous Material I". Participants will receive 3 credit hours through Ivy Tech.

The class will cost about \$36.75 for registration, plus the cost of the book at about \$3.00. This is a 33 hour course. This class will start the second week in September on the 13th and 14th, and will run 11 weeks.

The classes will be held at the Concord Township Fire Station on County Road 13 between the railroad and U.S. 33 in Dunlap.

To register, call Doug Bechtel at home at 875-6471, or at work at 875-5920 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to get a form; you may come to the fire station, or register at Ivy Tech.

Please call or write no later than August 8, 1978 because of the need to order books early.

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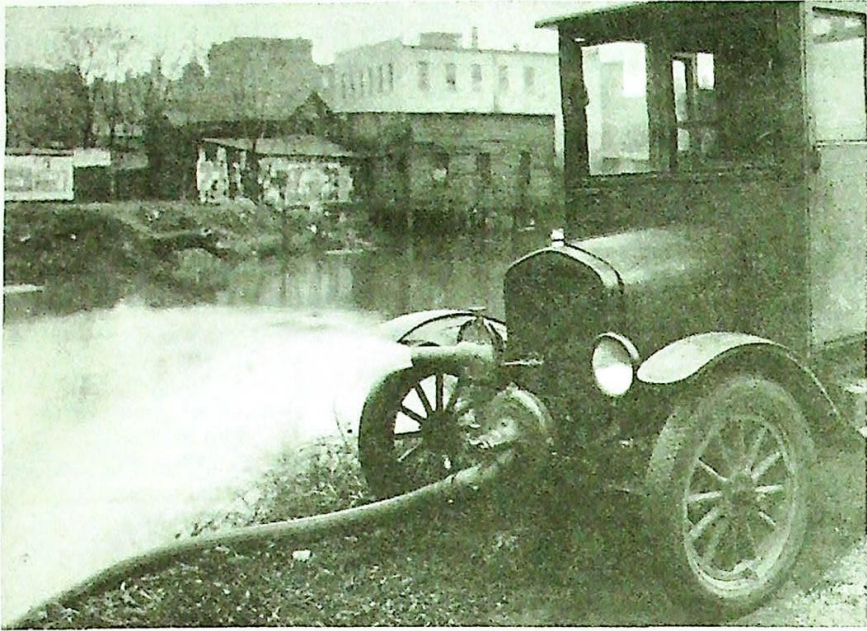
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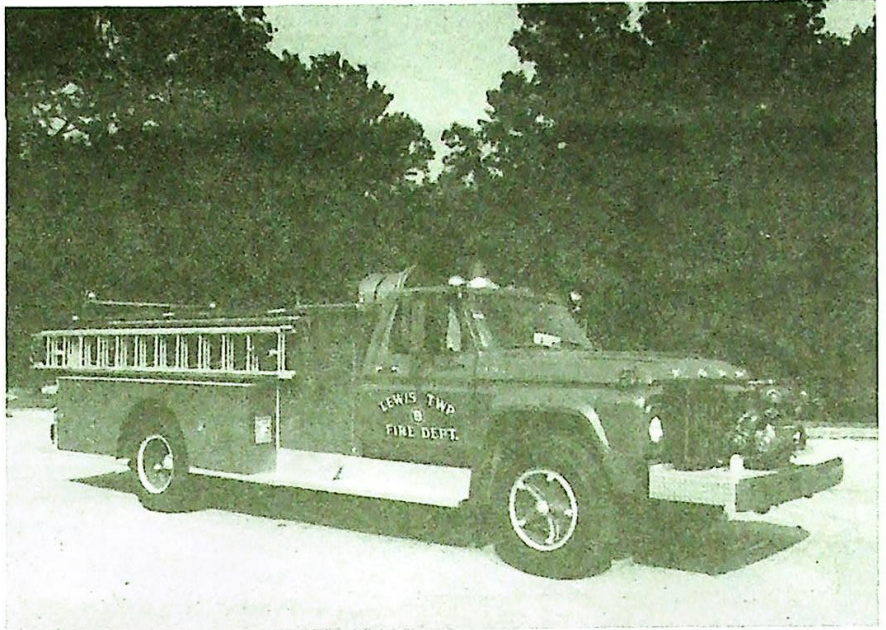
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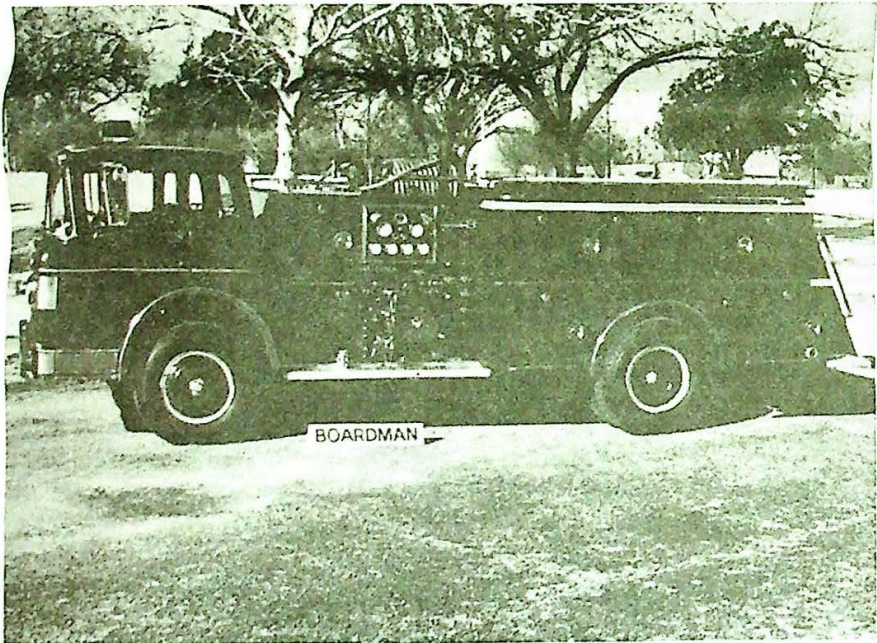


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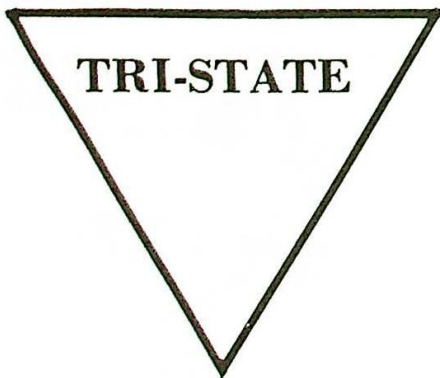
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Burlington Bucket Brigaders



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The judges for the event were Mr. Jack Ford (State Secretary) and Mr. Steve Ritter (P.R. West Central).

After starting, these fellows were very intent in their job.

With their good time, 8 seconds from state record, hopefully we'll see more of these fellows.

Members are: Duane Henry, Bob Shorfe, Richard Anderson, Sam Zook, Brad Bray and John Adams.

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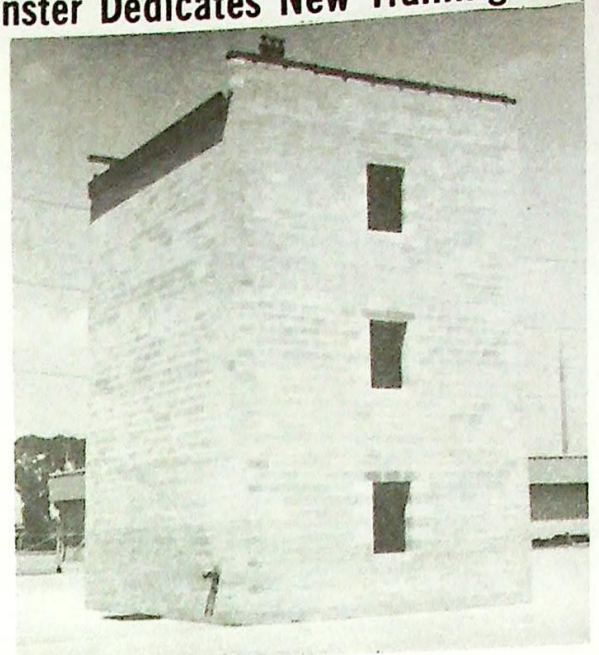
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The expanded edition contains 18 chapters covering aircraft types, engines and systems, apparatus and equipment airfield operations, planning and communications and aircraft fire fighting and rescue procedures, plus glossary of aviation terms and aircraft identification illustrations.

Munster Dedicates New Training Tower



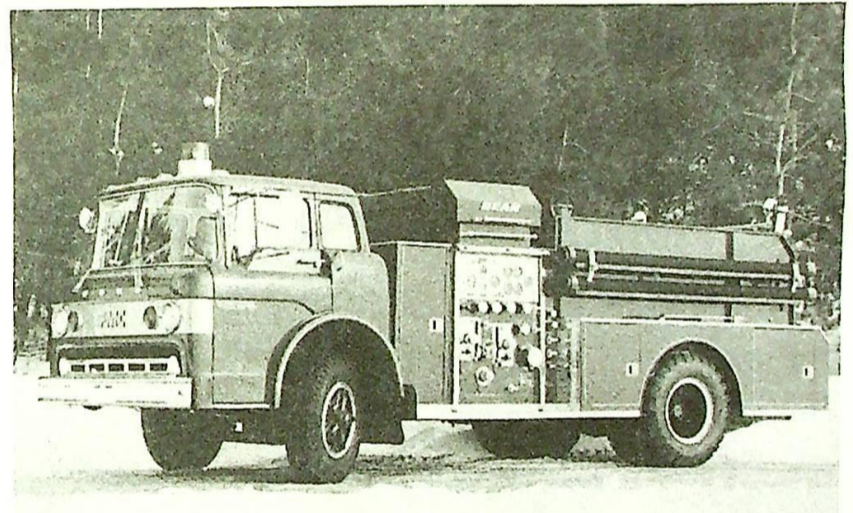
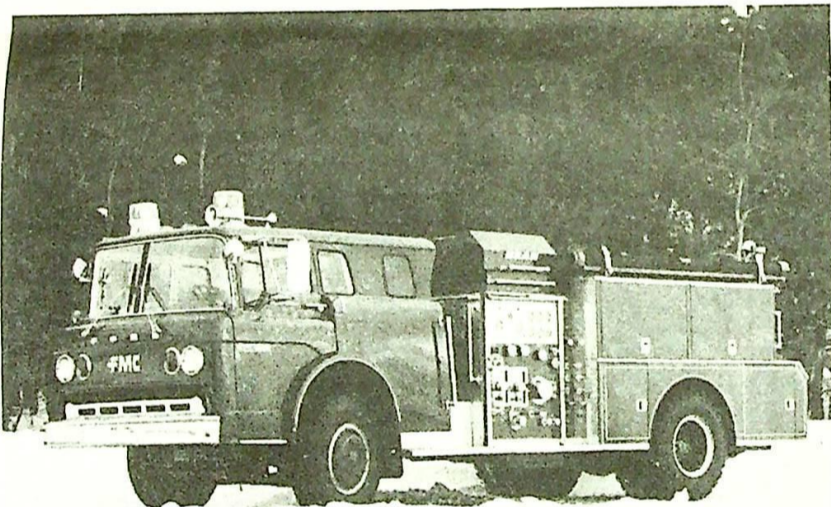
The dedication of the new Training Tower in the Town of Munster was held on Saturday, August 26th. Among the dignitaries in attendance were area chiefs and training officers, along with Fire Marshal William Goodwin and Harold Stofer, Treasurer of the I.V.F.A.

This facility will be available to

all fire departments in Lake County. The Lake County Commissioners, with the aid of the Munster Town Board, were instrumental in arranging the funding and construction of the Tower. Chief Smith has the pleasure of seeing a long time dream come true.

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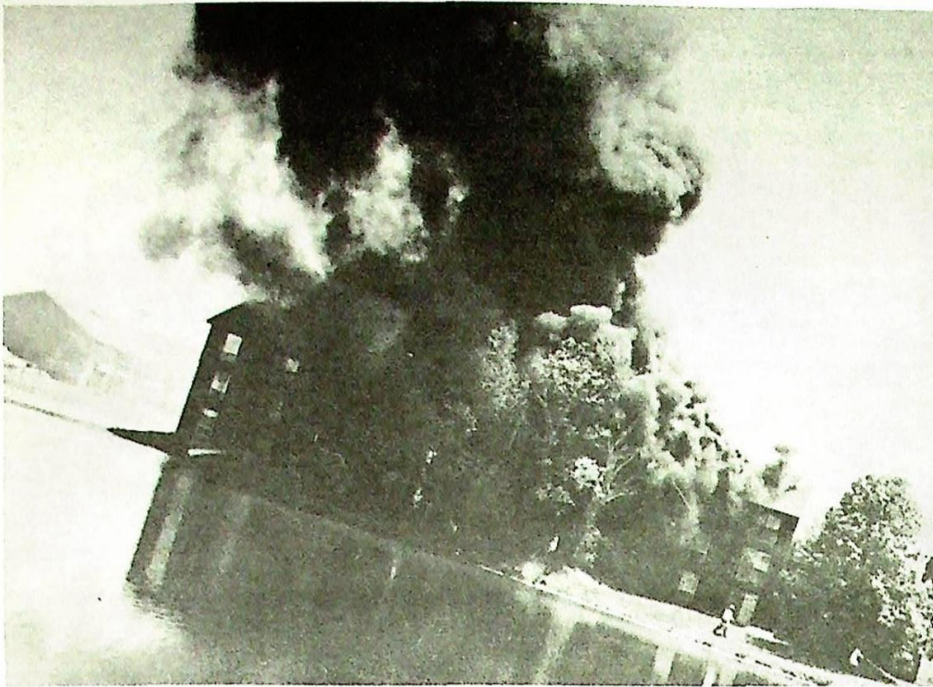
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Faulty Motor Deemed Cause of Apartment Fire



Fire officials have determined the cause of the three alarm fire that destroyed an 18-unit apartment in Chesapeake Landing complex was a faulty motor in a heating and air conditioning unit.

The recent fire, which caused damage estimated at \$425,000, raised questions concerning the safety regulations, inspections and materials that should be used in regard to apartment building and the efficiency of the 911 emergency number.

The fire gutted the three story wooden building, which included 7242 to 7254 Causeway Dr., and eight firemen were treated for heat exhaustion while fighting the blaze.

Ninety Wayne Township volunteer firemen, with 13 pieces of equipment, brought the fire under control in an hour, but remained on the scene for four hours before it was all over.

The fire was the second major blaze on the west side in four days. Earlier, fire struck Big Eagle Apartments, 21 Street and Cunningham Road in Speedway.

The two incidents induced State Fire Marshal William C. Goodwin to join a probe into safety codes for the apartments.

The fire marshal said that he saw no problem with the Chesapeake complex's construction and determined that the apartments exceeded the minimum building codes.

However, Wayne Township Fire Chief Richard Lamb, after pinpointing the Chesapeake fire's cause, said he would prefer that walls separating apartment units be constructed of masonry for safety purposes.

Agreeing with Lamb, Donald Wolf, president of the Indianapolis Professional Fire Fighters Union, said the dry wall commonly used in apartments is sufficient except

— Photo by Kaye & Clyde Bristow when holes are made for wiring and plumbing.

But builders contend that the current building codes are sufficient and protest that masonry walls would make apartment construction prohibitive.

The first alarm was received at the 911 emergency number at 1:16 p.m. and was passed on to the Indianapolis Fire Department, which in turn relayed it to Wayne Township, where the first alarm was sounded at 1:17 p.m.

Although firemen arrived within 11 minutes, one couple said fire fighters could have been there at least 10 minutes earlier if the 911 emergency number had been answered when they called. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ortner allegedly could not get an answer at the number for 20 minutes.

An investigation is currently underway to discover why the number was not answered.

Firemen Evacuate 50 Patients

The Washington Township Fire Department was dispatched to the Northside Health Care Center located at 2140 West 86th the night of the severe storm, June 25th. Water was rising in the basement at a rapid pace and Health Care officials were fearful that the water would cause damage to the

electrical boxes. Firemen evacuated some fifty patients to St. Vincents Hospital and the St. Augustine Home and returned the patients to the health Care Center an hour and a half later. Some twenty five firemen were on the scene three hours after, pumping out water in the basement.



Chief John Beyer of the Washington Township Fire Department, cleans out opening in suction hose while draining Health Care Center basement. Water at one time was knee deep and threatening to short circuit electrical equipment.



Steven Lyday of the Nora Security Patrol and Para-Medic Al Duby with the Washington Township Fire Department, evacuate patients from the west wing of the Northside Health Care Center after the storm Sunday, June 25th.

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Training Film Shows How To Control Liquefied Petroleum Gas Fires

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The film, *Because You Care*, is the result of the increasing number of requests the company has been receiving for its LP-Gas fire safety school.

Since Ranger set up its traveling school in 1971, nearly 50,000 firefighters have participated in the sessions. The self-contained mobile unit has traveled throughout 38 states.

In recent years, as the use of LP-Gas has grown, the company has received more and more requests to hold the school.

"The continued increase in the number of requests for the school caused us to seek another solution," Rex L. Davis, president of Ranger, said. "Through the film, we can reach many firefighters that we could not otherwise reach."

"It takes a great deal of time and a lot of manpower to move the truck unit from area to area and present the school," he explained. "And, of course, the school utilizes a lot of LP-Gas."

"We have reached the point where it is impossible for us to keep up with the requests," Davis said, "and yet we feel an obligation to those firefighters who come to us seeking help in learning more about LP-Gas fires."

"The ultimate solution that we arrived at was the production of *Because You Care*. The film will be loaned to volunteer and professional fire departments upon request."

Step-by-step the film follows the usual Ranger fire safety school routine, offering classroom instruction as well as "burning pit" experiences. Although the film eliminates the actual putting out of an LP-Gas blaze in a controlled demonstration, this aspect of the school is thoroughly covered so firefighters will know what to expect and how to handle it.

"We worked hard to ensure that the film covers as many aspects of an LP-Gas fire as possible," James F. Heeter, vice president of Engineering for Ranger, said. "Then we proceeded to explain what firefighters should look for and how to handle most situations."

"The sights and sounds of a liquefied petroleum gas fire are there," Heeter continued. "About the only thing missing is the actual heat of the blaze."

Archie Moore, chief instructor of the Ranger Fire Demonstration Unit, was in charge of the school for the filming, which was done at the Houston Fire Training Academy. Ranger Safety Representatives served as instructors for the film.

The film is available for free loan by writing Mr. James F. Heeter, vice president, Ranger Insurance Company, P.O. Box 2807, Houston, Texas 77001. Requests should include the dates the film will be shown and the name and approximate number of the group to whom it will be shown. Availability of the film will be on a first come, first serve basis.

A copy of the film can be purchased for \$75.00 by contacting Heeter. Proceeds from the film will be donated by Ranger to a volunteer fire department of the company's choice.

For additional information, contact Heeter at 713-622-6500.

Steve Ritter Receives President's Award



— Photo by Kaye & Clyde Bristow

Wm. Goodwin (left), State Fire Marshal, presents Stephen Ritter (center) with the President's Award, as Charles Jones, President of I.V.F.A. watches.

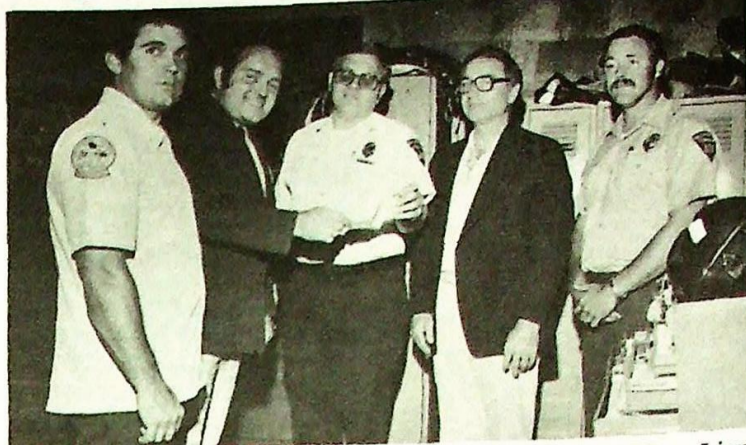
Steve Ritter has been a member of the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department, Wayne Township Company No. 7 since 1965 and has held ranks of Lieutenant, Inspector and Captain of Bridgeport Department. He has been Deputy Chief of Wayne Township since 1973.

He attended Richmond Conference, Wayne Township Training Schools, Cooney Tucker Strategy and Tactics, O.B. Streeper Rescue and Extrication, Memphis Conference, University of Maryland Staff and Command School, Manny Fried and Bill Clark Seminars, Martin and McCann Seminars, and is a Master Firefighter in Tactics and 1st Class Instructor. He is currently Public Relations West Central for the I.V.F.A.

Steve is the Assistant Distribution Manager for Standard Grocery Company in Indianapolis.

In community activities he is a Past Cub Master and Scout Master of Boy Scouts of America and is a member of the Bridgeport United Methodist Church. He lives with wife Barbara and five children, ages 16 to 21.

Nora Lions Club Presents \$800.00



Para-Medic, Mike Hornung, Dennis Shaul, President of Nora Lions Club, Chief John Beyer with the Washington Township Fire Department, John Kidd, past President of Nora Lions Club and fireman Mike Leggett except \$800.00 check from the Lions Club. The Lions Club members raised funds from their booth at the Indiana State Fair and the sale of Christmas Trees. Chief Beyer said that the funds would be used to improve the first aid equipment on the department. The department has eight Para-Medics.

AUXILIARY ANTICS

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- ALBANY — Rummage Sale August 26th at the Fire Station.
- HAMILTON TOWNSHIP — Annual Hog Roast, September 9th.
- MONTPELIER — Auxiliary to cook supper for the public Friday night, September 8th - 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- WARD TOWNSHIP — Serves Breakfast four mornings at the Jay County Fair Grounds for the Antique Engine and Tractor Show, August 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th.
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"Remember When" (Continued from Page 2)

It is therefore my wish that our youth of this association will keep the faith and continue the progress and beneficial service thru Volunteer Fire Departments. And, this great state association by the year 2000; by all potentials; will become a most influential group of at least 25,000 members.

The writer, Verne D. Konopasek was born a HOOSIER at Flora, Carroll County, Indiana on June 13, 1901 to Frank J. and Mary Dusek Konopasek. The Konopaseks moved to North Judson, Starke County, Indiana in 1906. Verne attended elementary school here until 1915. At this time, he moved to Griffith, Indiana where he attended Griffith High School.

Verne's father died in 1909 as a result of over-heating while acting as a volunteer fireman from North Judson assisting with a bad fire in Knox, Indiana.

The writer still resides at Griffith, Indiana with his wife, the former Julia Sophia Miller whom he married on June 8, 1921. They have been blessed with four (4) sons, Donald J., Robert G., Carl J., and Thomas H. Donald is presently a member of the Griffith Volunteer Fire Department.

The writer therefore became one of the charter members of the Griffith Volunteer Fire Department when such department was organized in 1920. Attended the second meeting of such organization which was in August of 1920 at which time the first roster membership listing of the volunteers was made; therefore because of this continuous relationship with the volunteer fire fighters becomes a 50-Year or Life time member during the fiscal year of 1970-1971.

BELOW IS VERNE'S LAST ARTICLE FOR THE I.V.F.A. PAPER.

In each of our last 13 issues of the "Indiana Volunteer Fireman" your Historian has recorded some past events and we are sure that Editor "Laney" has a copy of each of these immediate past 13 issues on file. These issues, therefore, could be assembled into a 13-Chapter Supplementary Historical Supplement to our previous 25-year history (Volume One Book) of 1971.

Editor "Laney" also accumulates many pictures which throughout his many past years as the IVFA'S Official Publisher; these pictures play a very important part in the History, past, present, and in the future of this great organization. Proper photos mean a great deal to any event. They explain much more — in many cases — than words. We were also very happy to note that in the past several issues "Thelma Lester" of the Ladies' Auxiliary has been recording historical events in the Auxiliary. These recordings also, along with the pictures, should become a part of Volume Two, IVFA History.

In line with our policy of presenting some interesting events of the past 30 years we ran across the Editor's version "The Madison Courier" Madison, Indiana, Saturday, June 7, 1958 (over 20 years ago) A Merry Firemen's Convention IVFA.

In June of 1979 we will again return for our annual meeting at Madison. We, therefore, feel that you would enjoy reading what the Editor of the Madison Courier wrote about us in June of 1958, to-wit:

MERRY FIREMEN'S CONVENTION IS NEAR CONCLUSION

Smoke-Eaters Re-Elect Officers And Then Return to Hi-Jinks.

After re-electing the same officers who served its association for the past year, the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association state convention whipped through a formal banquet last night, then turned its attention to having a riotous time for the rest of its two day conclave in this city.

The convention will come to a climax at 3 p.m. today when a parade is slated to move down Main street from the vicinity of St. Michael's avenue. It will march through the business district then turn south at Broadway to the Brown Gym where it will disband.

This morning, firemen from all over the state satisfied an urge which besets every smoke eater at one time or another — to play with hoses to heart's content. Waterball contests held in front of the courthouse on Main street featured eliminations for the state championship.

The winners, quite naturally, were as happy as they were wet, but no one seemed to care who actually won. The prime object seemed to be to have a good time.

Charles Hensler, of Hanover, said there were many entries for the contests from as far north as Gary and Fort Wayne. Surprisingly, few entries were present from the deep southern and southwestern parts of the state.

This afternoon's festivities opened with hose replacement contests for fire company crews desiring to wear the state championship crown in one of the technical phases of handling fire equipment and hoses.

The parade slated to come down Main street will feature at least six high school bands, the former national champion Bonnie Sloan Post drum and bugle corps from New Albany.

It will also feature fire equipment from the oldest to the most modern — including the Fair Play Fire Co. One's old "Neptune" hose wagon, first actual fire apparatus to be used in this city.

Floats, exhibits of various sorts, and other entries will make up the parade, expected to include over 100 units.

Officers re-elected at yesterday's business session were:

President, Francis McBane; vice-president, John T. Ford; secretary, Harry Fries; chaplain, Ivan LaFollette; sergeant-at-arms, Robert Crocker; treasurer, Verne Konopasek; organizers, A. N. Denton and Ralph Israel.

The Madison Parent-Teachers Association served what is termed the largest group it has ever served at the formal banquet of the IVFA convention last night at the Brown Gym.

PTA officials said over 600 were served in the upper auditorium of the Brown Gym. Glen Bonsett, basketball and track coach at Hanover College, was the speaker.

Several outings provided opportunities for the fire laddies to let off steam last night. There was a boat ride on the Ohio aboard the "Chaperon" that lasted from 10 p.m. till 2 a.m. There was a party and dance at the Madison Moose lodge. There were also parties at the various local firehouses and impromptu get-togethers all over the city.

One thing is for sure — the populace is becoming used to sounds of sirens. All the ancient equipment being driven by delegates and visitors — and many autos — are equipped with sirens and to say they're being used liberally would be an understatement.

Police reported that despite the merry-making and the fun aspects of the convention the visiting firemen have been quite orderly and almost no complaints have been received.

Madison is a good town for a convention. The boys from the Northwest part of Indiana like it because we do not have "The Beautiful Ohio River", etc.

Enjoy yourself and thank you very much.

Verne Konopasek, Historian

James Baker to Chair the Hancock County E.M.S. Commission



James Baker
Immediate Past President
Indiana Volunteer
Firemen's Association

James H. Baker has been elected to chair the Hancock County Emergency Medical Service Commission. He is the immediate Past President of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association.

The H.C.E.M.S.C. was organized on March 7, 1974 by a group of interested people connected with the Emergency Medical Service in Hancock County.

The organizations which represent the Medical Service Commission are as follows.

Emergency Room Physicians, Hospital, Private Ambulance Providers, Volunteer Fire Department Ambulance Providers, Greenfield Police Department, Hancock County Sheriff's Department, Hancock County Mutual Aid Assoc., Red Cross, Coroner's Office and Civil Defense.

One person was elected to the board from each of the above groups to represent their group on the Board.

The purpose for this board is to review and identify the emergency needs in the County and to make recommendations on how we could improve the service.

Recommendations to include:

1. Training for ambulance personnel, police and Sheriff officers' and firemen from Hancock County. This training is available to new members and to keep the present members current with new techniques and to keep their certifications current. The county is fortunate in having a person, Mr. Phil Pike, from the New Palestine Fire Department who is qualified in leading our training. He is certified as an instructor by the State E.M.S. Commission. We have a refresher course, according to the State E.M.S. Commission rules.

2. Review the emergency medical equipment needs for the county, and make recommendations to the Hancock County Comprehensive Medical Planning Commission.

3. Review and update the Disaster Plans for the county, and the Coordination of Manpower, Communications, and Equipment for the county representatives.

4. Aid in review and implementations of new regulations and laws, as they affect the Emergency Medical Services in Hancock County.

The meetings of this organizations are held at least once a month on the first Thursday of the month in the Hancock County Hospital to identify and make plans to meet

specific needs for the better operation of the services rendered.

Some of the functions which have already been performed are:
1. Developed, planned, and implemented Emergency Medical Technician Course for State and National Certification sponsored by Indiana Vocational Technical Institute.

We have eighty-two (82) Hancock County individuals that have received E.M.T. certification to date. We have also had two refresher courses of 20 hours and one course on the third year to maintain our certifications.

2. Instrumental in procuring a I.H.E.R.N. System with a base station in the Hospital and seven (7) radios in the ambulances within Hancock County.

3. We have developed a County Disaster Plan with Civil Defense and the hospital. This has been done for the last two years and will be held on September 16, 1978 for this year.

4. We have become a member of the Central Indiana E.M.S. council and will work very closely with them in the future.

Hancock County will have three (3) members or representatives on the council which will include the Chairman, the Secretary and a consumer who will be appointed by the County Commissioners.

This has been a very active commission and has helped to hold our E.M.S. program together to make it one of the strongest in the state.

New Public Relations Director for Southeast

Roy Richardson originally joined the fire service in 1958, serving on the fire department in Jefferson County McMann, Jeffersontown and Pleasure Ridge Park, Kentucky. During this time he was an instructor for Kentucky Fire School for twelve years. He has served as Fire Marshal and Building Inspector for the city of Jeffersontown, Kentucky. During this time, he was president and vice president of Jefferson County Fire Fighters Association which served twenty-one fire departments and also the city of Louisville, Kentucky.

After moving to Indiana, he joined Monroe Township Fire Department of Clark County, Indiana and served as secretary, president, assistant chief and chief of that department.

He is now serving as president at the present time of Clark County Association of Fire Chiefs.

About seven years ago he became involved in the Indiana Fire Training program and has served on the Board of Directors of the Indiana Fire Instructor's Association and is now serving as second vice president.

He was appointed by the president of the Fire Fighters Instructors Association to go to Stillwater, Oklahoma this year to serve on the International Fire Service Training Association which was held at the University of Oklahoma. During his week there he was involved in the rewriting of manuals for the fire service and was requested to serve on the 1979 Committee of rewriting fire training manuals for the International Committee.

Besides his involvement in the fire service, he has many duties in his community, as president of Civic Club, treasurer of American Legion Post and serving on the Church Board of Directors.

The I.V.F.A. welcomes its new P.R. Director for the Southeast.

Winners of Waterball Contest



The Selma Fire Department hosted a waterball contest June 24 during their fair days at Selma.

This is District 8B Waterball team, first place winners, Elaine Crouch and Alice Weaver. Not pictured are Rosemary Sears and Almeda Brown.

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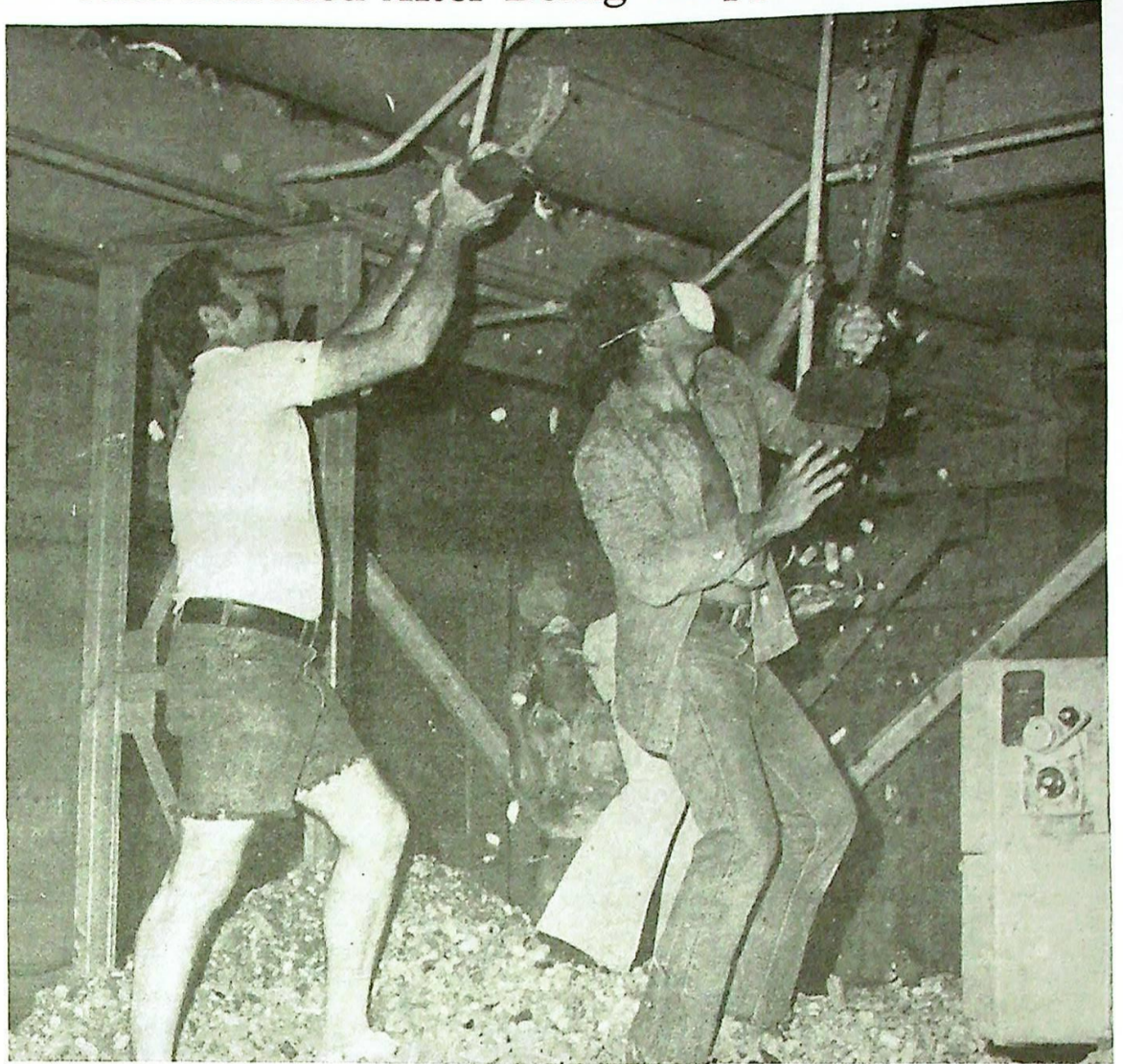
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Rules For Entering Miss FLAME Contest

1. Father or brother must be a volunteer fireman or belong to a department with volunteer firemen, who belong to the I.V.F.A., or a mother or sister who is a member of the I.V.F.A. Auxiliary.
2. Entrant must be single.
3. Age — must be 15 years old, but not more than 18 at the time of the I.V.F.A. State Convention, and a resident of the State of Indiana.
4. Not more than one entry from each department.
5. District Winner must have transportation to the State Convention and have a Chaperon.
6. Winner of a department to be entered in District-wide contest.
7. Winner of District to be entered in State-wide contest.
8. Winner of District to be decided by April 1 and name and picture to Miss Flame Convention Chairman no later than April 15.
9. Department winner decided by discretion of the department.
10. District winner decided by the discretion of the District membership or Judges selected.
11. Department and District may have an alternate in the event the winner is unable to fulfill the title.
12. I.V.F.A. Miss Flame to be chosen at State Convention.
13. Host department to pick judges to select the state winner prior to opening Convention meeting on Thursday evening.
14. Winner and Runner-Up to be announced at the ceremonies at the Opening Convention Meeting on Thursday evening.
15. I.V.F.A.A. to furnish appropriate District designation ribbon which is to be presented to the District winner prior to the judging on Thursday at Convention.
16. I.V.F.A.A. to furnish winner: I.V.F.A. "Miss Flame" ribbon, flowers, trophy and \$100 Savings Bond.
17. I.V.F.A.A. to furnish I.V.F.A. "Miss Flame" runner-up with flowers, and \$50 Savings Bond.
18. Districts can furnish registration for each District Miss Flame winner entering State Contest.
19. Formal attire to be worn at District and State judging.
20. Judging will be based on appearance, personality, poise, ability in conversation, community involvement and ability to express ideas.

Man Rescued After Being Trapped in Silo



Workers at The Anderson's Elevator north of Delphi attempt to free Ron Long from a corncob silo. The men are poking corncobs from the bottom of the silo in which Long was hanging suspended. They were attempting to lower the level of the corncobs in the silo so that he could be pulled out from the top. (Staff Photo by Paul Rakestraw)

Firemen Use Knowledge Gained in Fire School

Scott Township Volunteer Fire Department in northern Vanderburgh County was called upon to work a truck-car accident at the intersection of Hwy. 41 North and Boonville-New Harmony Rd. at 2:11 A.M. this date, which brought about the death of a 23 year old woman and her 3 year old son.

When the first units arrived the wreckage was totally engulfed in flames. After determining that the truck was carrying Liquid Chemical Cleaner, fire fighters had the blaze extinguished in 20 to 30 minutes using combination of foam, water and dry chemical.

Firemen and wrecker crews then pulled the semi off the car and removed the body of 23 year of Marie Elaine Olds of Evansville. The body of her 3 year old son, Ryan Anthony, was found later in another portion of the car. Mrs. Olds died of internal injuries and third degree burns. The child suffered a fractured skull, third degree burns, and smoke inhalation.

The driver of the semi, Henry G. Jones, 24 years old, of rural Fruitthrust, Ala., escaped injury although the cab was completely destroyed by fire.

State trooper, Harry Bedwell, investigator of the accident said

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Mrs. Olds was driving east on Boonville-New Harmony Road, failed to stop for a stop sign at U.S.

41; and drove directly into the path of the south bound tractor trailer. The semi rolled on top of the car and dragged it 364 feet through the median before the wreckage came to a rest in northbound lanes of Hwy. 41 and burst into flames.

Nine of the firemen had just attended the two day course at IUPUI Fire School in Indianapolis and used some of the skills and techniques that they had taken in classes.

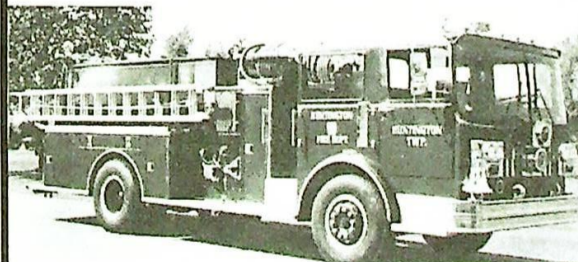


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Silver Anniversary (Continued from Page 10)

sessions of business. So Thursday afternoon in downtown Vincennes, on the campus and at the motel several enjoyed "Mamma and her little boy". Pat and Ray Wade (Ray then the District 13 Chairman) and now living in California) toured Mamma and her little boy around in their convertible with the top down. Mamma had an old-fashioned long dress and bonnet on with a baby bottle and rattle in her big purse. Little boys sometimes get hungry. The little boy wore short pants and blouse and had lots of curly black hair (a wig), rosy cheeks and ruby red lips. Who had the most fun? — Thelma and Ray Lester!

Friday morning the firemen and ladies combined for the opening of convention proper in the auditorium of the University. After a welcome from the Mayor and other dignitaries, President Ruth Fairfield gave President Walter Steiger a check for \$150 to be used for the Convention film. We then were dismissed to proceed to the Trail Blazer Room of the University for our Koffee Klutch. Upon entering each lady was given a corsage of her choice. Thanks for the loving thought.

134 women signed the register book. Reports showed 975 members and \$1,284.32 balance in treasury. A demonstration on flower arrangements was given which all enjoyed very much.

We were dismissed for Memorial Services held at 11:30 a.m. at the North Methodist Church, 102 East Locust Street. Auxiliary deaths during the fiscal year 1965-'66 were: Mrs. Josephine Bales from Waldron; Minnie Pugh from Montpelier; Mary Hewitt from Fountaintown; Jacqueline Cook of Wayne Township No. 1 of Fort Wayne; and Marjorie Morgan from Charlestown.

Meeting opened in the afternoon with another roll call and reports given and an open discussion was by all for local activities.

Election of officers gave us Ruth Fairfield, Wayne No. 2, Fort Wayne, as President; Mary Stafford, Waldron, as Vice-President; Catherine Van Arsdale, Wayne Township No. 5, Indianapolis, as Recording Secretary; Mary Boyd, Jeffersonville, as Corresponding Secretary; Rosella Bousman, Saratoga, as Treasurer; Thelma Lester, Raleigh, as Chaplain; Jo Lantz, Scipio Township, LaPorte, as Sergeant-at-Arms; and Inez Jeffries, Fountaintown, Immediate Past-President. Pauline Glaub (deceased) and Dorothy Wintin from Manilla, installed the officers.

The Board of Directors were: Martha Thomas, Crown Point; Adeline Vankosky, LaPorte; Wanda Stuerzenberger, New Haven; Evelyn Gallmeyer, Ossian; Shirley Knoll, Waldron; Ada Haines, Indianapolis; Doris Van Winkle (now deceased), Bordon.

Friday evening the annual banquet was held at the Eagles Lodge with 704 plates being served. A variety of entertainment with a dance following after dinner hour.

Harvey Ludwig sure did enjoy riding the Dana Clown's mini-bike, which he ended up with a burned leg.

Saturday morning Waterball Contests were held with the Acton Gals being the champs and Merrillville Girls the runner-ups.

A nice long parade followed in the afternoon with prizes being awarded.

The Lucky Doe doll with \$25.00 was won by Verta Engle from Vincennes.

Several State Officers attended District 6 picnic in August again at Sand Lake. No rain this time; just a good time and lots to eat.

Besides kids, firemen also enjoy picnics. Can you imagine that over 400 attended District 1 and 2 picnic held at Shelby, July 24, 1966? Games of all kinds were enjoyed, along with district business session.

Also District 4 picnic in 1966 had 119 hungry persons out for a good time and Waterball.

August, 1966 Officers' Meeting was held at Kokomo. The state balance showed \$1,435 in the treasury. It was decided for each officer to write up the duties which they had been doing and for suggestions of needed duties for that office which would be a betterment for the association.

October 16, 1966 the Angola Fire Department and Auxiliary were very proud to have over 500 persons attend the dedication of their new firehouse. The City officials, along with most of the elected officers of the I.V.F.A. and Auxiliary, were among the group. Refreshments were served and the kiddies enjoyed rides on two of their five major pieces of fire fighting equipment.

Some more fun and anything can be expected from some firemen. Surprises of all kinds.

For instance, in October, 1966 their police dog awakened Thelma and Ray Lester at 4:30 a.m. and could not make him stop barking. Finally they discovered two campers had pulled in their lot across the street from their house with more campers pulling in their driveway and even parked in their front yard. Signs of free juice (electricity) was put up in the yard, and demands for free rent, room and board by the campers. They then named the place Raleigh State Park.

After the Lesters got over their surprise, the intruders settled down to coffee and good breakfast. Besides all the eats during that weekend all enjoyed good fellowship and card playing. It reminded the Raleigh citizens of many years back when the small circuses would arrive in the little town of Raleigh for an afternoon and night show. Of course, no animals, except The Lesters' police dog, which was kept tied.

I'll ring off now hoping to think of more good times along with the growth of the Auxiliary in more issues later.

Thelma

P.S. Just received word of the passing away of a friend whom I served under in the Association for several years. Ivan LaFollette passed away at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, July 25, 1978. He worked diligently and served eight years (1954-1962) for the good of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association as Chaplain. I considered him a very dear and helpful friend. I and the I.V.F.A. Auxiliary extend their deepest sympathy to his loving wife, Esther.

Thelma Lester

Koontz Lake Auxiliary Plans Bazaar

The Koontz Lake Ladies Auxiliary is planning a Pre-Christmas Bazaar opens with a Brunch Bar. The Bazaar opens at 9: a.m. to 4 p.m. with brunch from 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.

It will be held October 28, 1978 at the Koontz Lake Fire Station on Highway 23 and Seneca Lane.

There will be a variety of items too numerous to mention here with everything being hand made.

Everybody is invited to come in, have Brunch, Browse and hopefully, Buy.

An earthquake sensor situated in an abandoned Colorado gold mine is so sensitive it can detect vibrations in the earth as faint as 20 trillionths of an inch in amplitude.

Public Relations Southwest



Carl O. Davis

Thanks to Wayne Township and Chief Lamb for a very fine convention. As always you had some problems but they were solved and I think everyone had a very good time. Now lets all get going and make plans to be in Madison next year. They are working very hard to make the 79 convention one of the best.

Have been traveling around to several district meetings and looks like all are working hard to get the departments to send in their membership dues. If you have any new departments in your districts that are thinking about joining now is the time for them to pay up and get a full year.

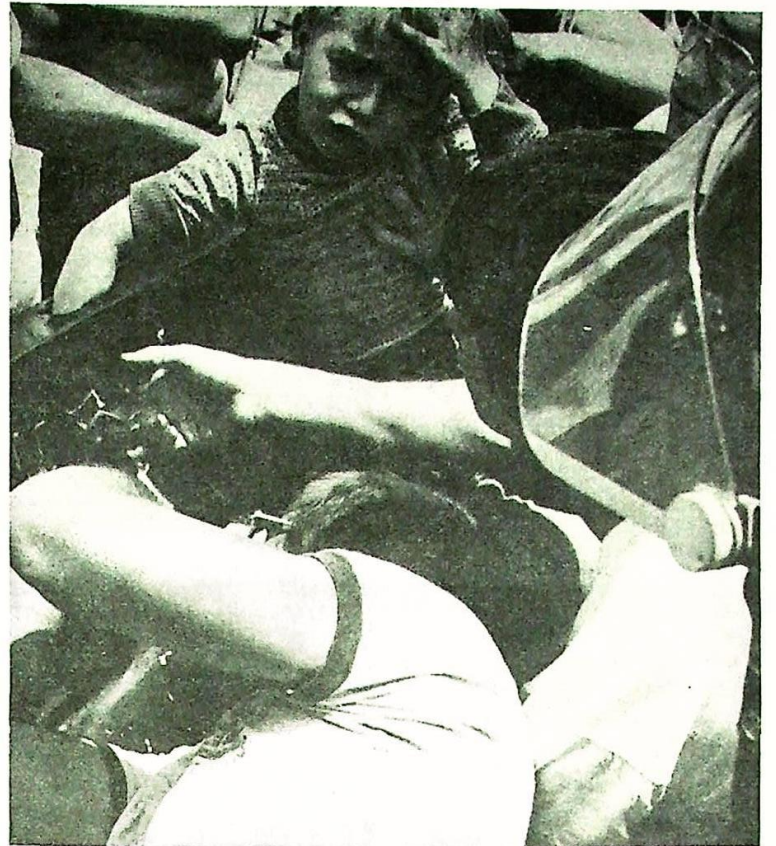
Was up to the call meeting at Kokomo for the committee appointments by the president. Looks like we will have a good working force for the coming year. Attended the 11A and 11B picnic at Rockville.

On July 20th attended the 18th District meeting at Grandview. They had 119 answer the first roll call. Pres. Jones and Vice Pres. Crocker were present. Thanks for making the trip fellows. They had a helicopter team from Fort Campbell, Ky. put on a program for their meeting. This is called "Mast"-Military assistance to safety and traffic. The 326th medical battalion will provide a quick response service to evacuate medical emergencies when time and distance means the difference between life and death. They provide round the clock air ambulance service at no cost to all civilian and military personnel, in its 100 nautical mile radius of operational area.

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Have talked with officer Don Jackson of the Indiana State Police who is area coordinator the southwest part of Indiana in the "Project INCERT." This unique project will organize and coordinate the efforts of many volunteer citizen organizations which have the capability of offering valuable services in the event of emergency situations developing such as severe weather problems, man-made and natural disasters, search and rescue operations, and other situations which might arise where their expertise, equipment, facilities, and other assets could prove very beneficial to the general good welfare of our citizenry. They would like to contact C.B. clubs, ham radio clubs, four-wheel drive clubs, snowmobile clubs, flying organizations, volunteer fire departments and any other clubs that could help in case of an emergency. Officer Jacksons Phone No. is 1-800-742-7475. Call him and tell him what you have and ask for a meeting with him and let him tell you what they are doing and what you can do to help.

Rescue Trapped Child



Wayne Township, Marion County responded to a child trapped. This is what they found, all turned out well though.

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History of Owensburg Vol. Fire Dept.

The town of Owensburg, located in the Eastern part of Jackson Township, Greene County is a very small place with around 400 residents who have shown their interest in the welfare of the community. Prior to 1955 the only means of fighting a fire was by a bucket brigade and many homes were destroyed by fire. A major fire broke out in Owensburg in April of 1955, burning two homes, threatening the Masonic Hall and other homes. A bucket brigade fought the flames but fire fighting equipment had to be called from Crane and Bedford to help extinguish the blaze. While the firemen were battling to save the town, interested citizens saw the need for their fire protection and begin collecting money from watching townsmen. In an hours time almost \$350.00 was collected to buy equipment.

The first piece of equipment bought was a portable pump, which was carried by two men to the town branch to pump water when needed. Then the citizens heard of a 1935 Dodge Firetruck which could be bought from the town of Oolitic for \$300.00 in 1957. This was a 500 gallon pumping capacity truck and would replace the portable pump which now was used as an extra pump. Money was borrowed from the Owensburg Booster Club to pay for the truck and later the money was paid back to the Club. The arrival of this fire truck was a joy to see.

In June of 1957 the residents met and formed the Owensburg Firefighters Inc., with a board of directors to govern it. Since the department began operations in the mid 1950's the 1935 Dodge Truck was the Department's only

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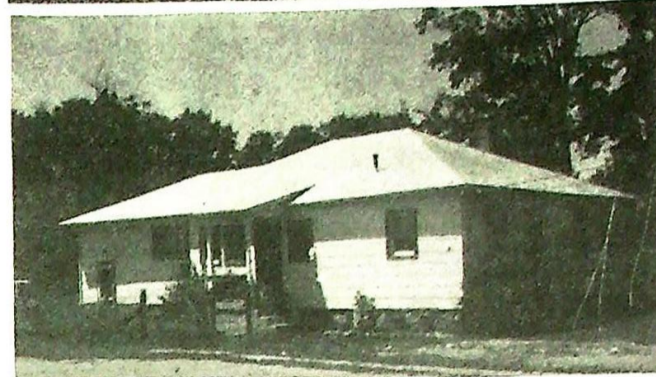
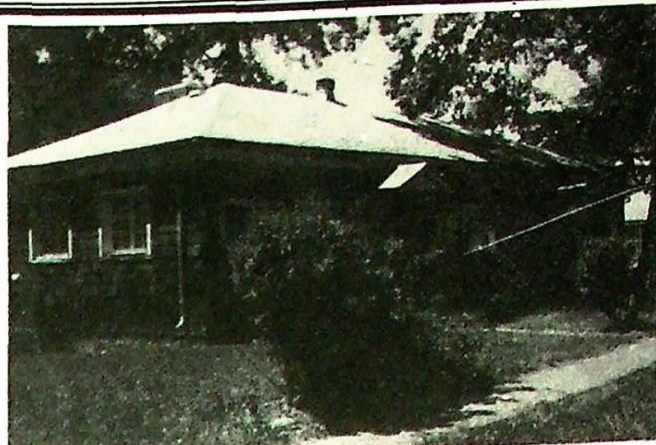
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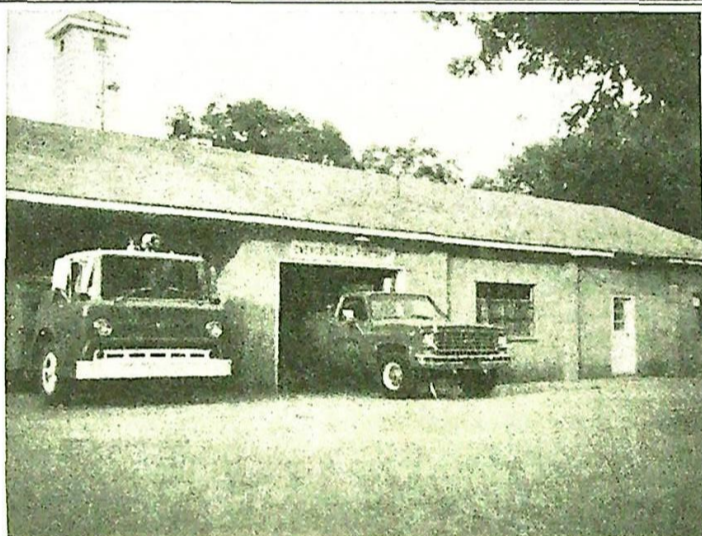
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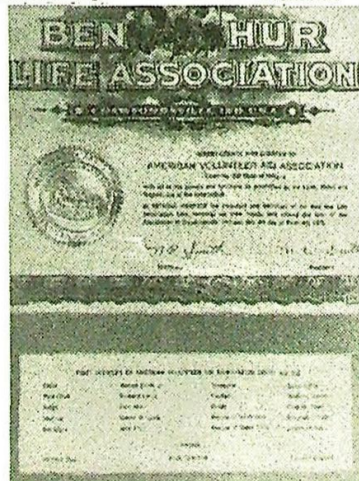
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FRATERNAL BENEFITS

As a member of Ben Hur Life Association, you will be entitled to all of the rights and privileges of membership. Furthermore, you may become eligible for certain non contractual fraternal benefits, for which no additional premium is charged. One benefit is . . .

TUBERCULOSIS BENEFIT

Once known as "consumption," this dread disease is no longer the killer it used to be, thanks to modern diagnosis and treatment. But it still strikes some, and a long stay in a sanatorium can be expensive. A Ben Hur grant of up to \$2,000 can be a big help.

MEDIC ALERT

Medic Alert is a life-saving system designed to protect anyone who has a medical condition that may be dangerously aggravated by "normal" treatment. A member of Medic Alert wears either a stainless steel bracelet or necklace to alert medical people to his/her condition. Any member of Ben Hur Life Association who has such a medical condition is eligible for this program.

POLIOMYELITIS BENEFIT

Most Americans have been inoculated against that once dreaded crippling, polio, but that occasional case usually requires a long period of expensive therapy. Ben Hur will pay up to \$2,000 to help defray the costs of treatment.

OTHER BENEFITS AVAILABLE

Additional non contractual fraternal benefits are made available to eligible members who own \$5,000 or more of Ben Hur permanent life insurance. Eligibility for these benefits, and the amount payable to any individual, will be determined by the Association's Board of Directors. These benefits include:

ORPHAN BENEFIT

Tragedy can strike if both parents die from accident or illness while their children are still young. If you and your family establish eligibility for the Orphan Benefit, you can have the peace of mind of knowing that financial help would be available to your children (natural or adopted) if you both should die prematurely. The benefit for each eligible orphan is an allowance of \$75 a month through age 5, then \$100 a month through age 14, and \$150 a month to age 18.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE BENEFIT

A grant of up to \$2,000 may be made to cover your out-of-pocket medical expenses if you contract any of 14 infectious diseases such as encephalitis, botulism, diphtheria, typhoid fever, etc. Also covers prophylactic rabies inoculations.

ORPHAN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

The orphaned children of Ben Hur members may also be eligible for college scholarships. Each eligible orphan may qualify for a scholarship of up to \$2,000 in any school year, or a total of up to \$8,000 to complete his/her undergraduate college work. Again, this offers great peace of mind to parents who want to make sure their children can go to college — no matter what happens.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS BENEFIT

Multiple sclerosis is a debilitating disease which can lead to disability — and large medical bills. Ben Hur will pay to \$2,000 to help you meet hospital and doctor bills.

Ben Hur Life Association has strict rules for determining who is eligible for any of the above benefits, with the exception of the Medic Alert Program where eligibility is established by the Medic Alert Foundation. If you are interested in the eligibility requirements for any of these benefits, and information on how to apply for them, contact the Association, or . . .

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Owensburg

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vehicle and chief source of power in providing protection for all of Jackson Township and sections of neighboring townships. This truck saw many hours of work.

This first fire truck needed a building to house it so plans were made for a fire-proof concrete-block building. The land for this building was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thomasson residents of Owensburg. The building was started in 1957 with the help of the entire community. The ladies pitched in to raise money by serving bean and chicken suppers, having public auctions and many other fun raising projects. Donations and membership fees in the organization helped to pay for the materials needed. All work on the building was volunteer work. The building was 60 feet by 32 feet wide, with one room to be used for housing the fire truck and equipment, and the large part to be used as community center.

With the building completed in 1958, a dedication service was held, with Congressman Bray, the Oolitic Band, the Boy Scouts, and others helping with the celebration. The building was named Thomasson Hall.

The department built another pumper truck in 1964. This was a 900 gallon tank built on a 1951 Ford Truck. The tank was an ordinary gasoline tank donated to the department. This truck was used with the 1935 Dodge as a back-up. Another truck bay was added to the building to house the second truck.

In 1971 another tank truck was built by the department. This was a tilt type cab, a 1963 Ford with

enough room to store fire equipment, also to carry 1000 gallons of water.

With the help of the Ladies Auxiliary a new kitchen and rest rooms have been added to the building.

In 1977 a Chev. three quarter ton, four wheel drive pick-up truck was purchased. The department built a 240 gallon tank & pumper truck, which can be on the scene in a few minutes after the alarm has sounded. This truck is now in use with the 1963 Ford.

The 1935 Dodge and the 1951 trucks have been sold. Over the years this department has had many dedicated members and officers who have given many hours of their time to make the department a dependable one. To these we say "Thank You". All labor on the building and most of the work on the trucks has been donated. Today there is a large percentage of the residents of the township who are members of the organization and there is help from the tax levy and revenue sharing funds.

Pine Twp. Auxiliary Elect New Officers

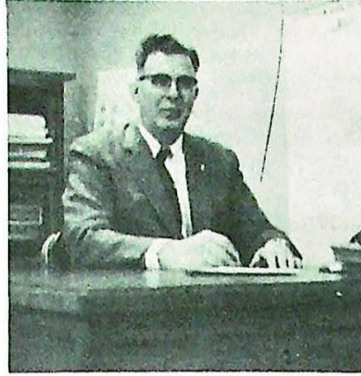
The Pine Township Ladies Auxiliary elected new officers at their June meeting.

They are as follows:

President, Pat Schultz; Vice President, Pat Holsapple; Secretary, Joan Bailey; Treasurer, Peggy Richardson; Chaplain, Lois Nicholson and Ruby Jones was appointed new representative.

Sale of sliced bread was prohibited in the United States from 1943 until the end of World War II.

Former Chaplain of I.V.F.A. Dies



Services were held for Ivan LaFollette, former I.V.F.A. Chaplain, on Friday, July 28, in the Lawndale Cemetery, Ridgeville. Ivan, 72 years of age, resided at 1522 Grove Drive, Fort Wayne, and had retired from General Telephone Company of Indiana in 1970 after 36 years.

Mr. LaFollette was a charter member of the Washington Township Fire Department and an active member of the I.V.F.A. He served as Chaplain of our organization for a period of eight years from 1957 through 1964.

He was a native of Ridgeville and a member of Wallen United Methodist Church, Doric Lodge 362, F&AM, Ridgeville, and Hometown Chapter 388, Order of Eastern Star.

Ivan also had been an active member of the Allen County Fire-fighter's Association where he served on the Board of Directors for a number of years. He was also a member of the Fire Prevention Committee of the Ft. Wayne Chamber of Commerce.

Survivors are his wife, Esther, and two brothers.

Orland Vol. Fire Dept. Expands



— Photo by Wilco Photographic Services

A 1978 lime yellow fire truck with 1500 gallon tank is the newest addition to the Orland Volunteer Fire Dept. Fleet. Displaying the new truck are Lincoln Booth, board chairperson; Gene German, assistant fire chief; Owen Norton, fire chief. The truck is equipped with a side mounted air mask; two way radio; attic, roof and extension ladder; inch hose rail and one and one half inch preconnected line. Completing the fire department mechanical resources are 1966 and 1969 pumper tanks, a 1966 equipment van, a 1952 Army 1500 gallon tanker, 1953 - 1,000 gallon pumper and a 14 foot boat with motor and trailer.

The department had its beginning in 1947. Three of the original firemen are still active. Lincoln Booth has served as fireman and on the board of directors for 31 years, Owen Norton, Fire Chief for 31 years, Alger Penix, fireman and secretary-treasurer. Gene German, assistant fire chief for 21 years.

The fire department serves by contract Gilead Township in Michigan, Jackson, Greenfield and Millgrove Townships in Indiana. There are 26 men in the department. Each fireman is on

week-end duty about three times a year.

May 1977 the Orland Firemen's Auxiliary was formed to help support the firemen. Each month an auxiliary member is on call to furnish refreshments to the firemen, should the men be at a fire for a period of time.

During the big snow storm in January the roof caved in on the grocery store. Firemen, Auxiliary members and town people who could walk thru the drifts all helped to carry groceries to an empty building. The drugstore opened their door to aid in feeding the workers, with the auxiliary members helping to serve chili, sandwiches and coffee. For three days firemen and wives were busy delivering on foot and snow mobile, groceries and medication to the surrounding area.

A four day garage sale this summer netted over \$600.00. A money tree was presented to the firemen at the Annual firemen's supper. This was used to help convert one oxygen mask to air.

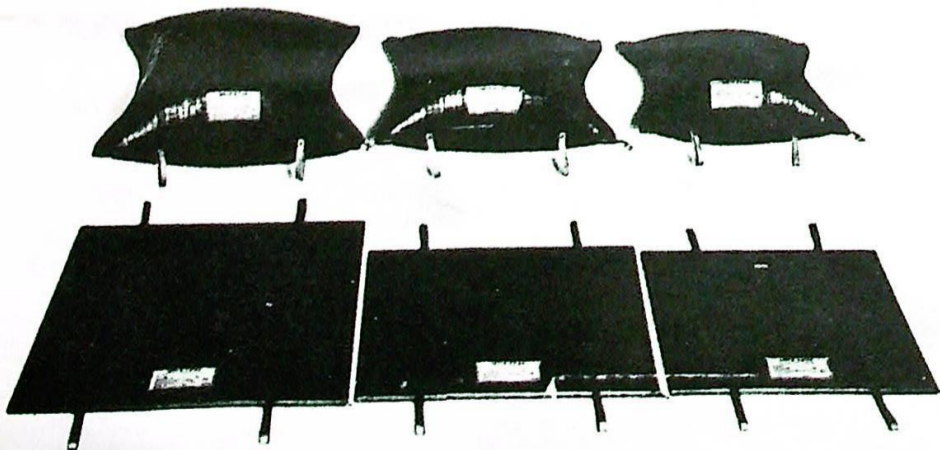
At the firemen's annual picnic, soft ball was played by the men, games with prizes for the children, lots of good food with home made ice cream and best of all was the fun the children had dressing up in dad's helmet, boots and coat for the water ball fight.



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September 30, 1978 — Saturday October 1, 1978 — Sunday
 7:30 A.M. — Check in at Registration Desk
 8:00 A.M. — Morning Session Begins
 12:00 P.M. — Lunch
 1:00 P.M. — Afternoon Session Begins
 5:00 P.M. — Dismissal

You may enroll for Two Classes. One meeting for eight hours Saturday and One class meeting Sunday.

Saturday, September 30, 1978
 Hose Loads and Layouts Jim Lindsay
 Forcible Entry J. Wozniak
 Ventilation Harry Corey
 Fireground Tactics (continued) George Shonske
 Sprinklers and Standpipes (4 hours) Mike Worosz
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ENROLLMENT FORM:

The enrollment fee for this Workshop is \$15.00. The fee should accompany the registration form to insure class assignment.

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 1440 East 35th Street
 Gary, Indiana 46409

Attention: Fire Science Department

Name
 Address
 City State Zip
 Department
 Courses you want to attend:
 Saturday
 Sunday

For Department wide registration, list names and courses individuals wish to attend on separate sheet of paper and enclose enrollment fee for all parties.

Upon completion of the courses a certification form will be mailed to your department. This will aid you in completing the requirements for State certification.

For any Additional Information contact: Fire Science Department at the above address, or Phone: 981-1111, Ext. 24.

Ivy Tech Offers Varied Program For Firemen

The Applied Fire Science program emphasizes skills in the acquisition of technical and general training, and the development of mature judgment necessary in firefighting as well as administration. The college offers a variety of courses and it is possible that only one course will meet a student's educational objective. If not, different combinations of these courses will lead to an Occupational Certificate, Technical Certificate, or Associate in Applied Science degree.

The program includes courses in the following areas: fire technology, fire apparatus, electricity, fire department hydraulics, chemistry, fire fighting, fire prevention and protection, hazardous materials, rescue practices and procedures, fire investigations, fire service inspection, communications, legal problems, and human relations. The courses are presented in various formats such as group or individual instruction and laboratory practice.

PROGRAM LEVELS

Occupational Certificate: a minimum of 15 credits
 Technical Certificate: a minimum of 45 credits
 Associate in Applied Science: a minimum of 92 credits.

PROGRAM COMPOSITION

8112	Technical Communications	Credits	3	
8203	Technical Mathematics I		4	
0913	Techniques of Supervision I		3	
5313	Introduction to Fire Technology		3	
5314	Fire Apparatus I		3	
8401	Human Relations		4	
5322	Electricity		3	
5323	Fire Apparatus II		3	
5324	Fire Department Hydraulics I		3	
8307	General Chemistry I		3	
5325	Fire Department Hydraulics II		2	
5393	Building Materials		3	
5332	Fire Fighting Strategy and Tactics I		3	
5333	Fire Alarm and Protection Equipment		3	
5350	Applied Chemistry II		2	
5334	Fire Fighting Strategy and Tactics II		2	
8402	Applied Psychology		4	
5342	Hazardous Materials I		3	
5343	Rescue Practices and Procedures		3	
5352	Hazardous Materials II		3	
5353	* Fire Investigations		4	
5361	* Fire Service Organizations and Management		4	
5362	Fire Department Specifications		4	
8114	Technical Reporting		3	
5363	Fire Prevention		4	
5360	Fire Service Inspection		4	
5364	Legal Problems in Fire Service		4	
			Total Credits:	92

* These courses offered in fall.

Lindy Betancourt
 Director of Instruction
 Indiana Vocational Technical College
 1440 East 35th Avenue
 Gary, Indiana 46409

Dear Mr. Betancourt:

Your letter of March 16, 1978 along with the brochure and pictures of the fire training facilities were presented to the Commission.

The schedule breakdown of classroom and practical drill satisfied the Commission requirements.

It appears that the Gary campus has accomplished a great deal toward the training of firefighters in your curriculum and training facilities, as well as gaining the cooperation of the fire departments in your area.

The interest of Ivy Tech — Gary Campus in the fire protection training is greatly appreciated and the Commission on Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education approves the courses offered.

Very truly yours,
 Pat Babbs

COMMISSION ON FIREFIGHTING PERSONNEL
 STANDARDS AND EDUCATION

Total Training Needed For Master Firefighters

Fire departments, county and district organizations are strongly encouraged by the Commission on Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education to establish a total training program for Master categories.

Obtaining Master category training has been a concern with many firefighters in the state in order to upgrade their Certification rank and education, since the Commission cannot recognize "bits and pieces" of training.

It is important that training be coordinated by one Instructor or one organization in order for the Commission to be assured that the full requirements of hours and subjects have been met for a particular category.

Fire schools often offer 2-6 hour classes in Arson Investigation for example. If a firefighter attends three or four of these schools, most likely that firefighter is receiving the same information three or four times without ever completing the total requirements as listed in the Commission "Redbook". These fire schools do, however, provide valuable information and should not be ignored by the "first in" firefighters. Obviously, these fire schools cannot go into the full depth of the 60 hours required for the Arson Investigator.

Since there is no coordination from one fire school to another, it is impossible for the Commission to count these hours toward the Master Firefighter - Arson Investigation category. This same problem would hold true for Fire Prevention, Tactics, Fire Protection Engineering Technology and Aircraft Crash Rescue.

It is imperative, therefore, that total training programs be established for those firefighters interested in being recognized by the State Certification program, as well as for their personal desire to be better trained and educated for the work they love.

Anyone wishing to attend a Commission meeting should contact the Program Coordinator in the State Fire Marshal office for the correct date.

The sacred city of Hardwar on the Ganges River in India prohibits the eating of meat, fish, even eggs, lest its sanctity be sullied by the killing of a living creature.

Rescue Man Buried For Four Hours

DELPHI — Rescue workers and family members crowded around Ron Long late Saturday night in a scene of jubilation following his rescue from a corncob silo at The Andersons grain elevator north of Delphi.

Long was buried under a cascade of corncobs for four hours recently as 20 rescuers worked in shifts to free him. The rescuers finally dug out the cobs down to his knees, and at 11:45 p.m. Long climbed out of the cobs with the help of a supporting harness.

Long, 21, of Rt. 2, Delphi, was conscious throughout the ordeal, and was able to climb down the 25-foot ladder outside the silo with only the aid of the harness.

Long, who has worked at The Andersons for about two years, and another employee were working in the silo cleaning out the corncobs.

Apparently the cobs were stuck to the sides of the silo and collapsed as the men worked. Long was covered, but the other man escaped.

When firemen first arrived at the scene shortly after 7:40 p.m., Long was covered by four feet of corncobs, according to Delphi Fire Chief Bill Schock.

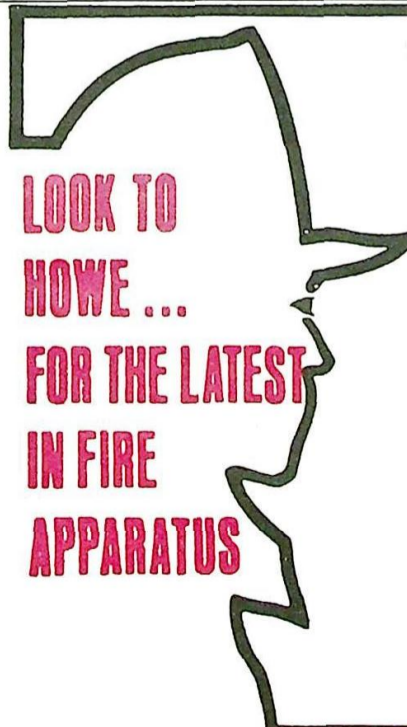
Firemen pushed an air hose through the cobs after they heard Long screaming. About 45 minutes later, rescuers had uncovered Long's head.

The corncob dust that filled the silo forced rescuers to work in shifts of five to seven men and

wear surgical masks.

An EMT at the scene said Long probably didn't have any serious injuries, but might suffer lung complications from the dust. He was taken to Lafayette Home Hospital. The biggest problem for rescuers was a cone-shaped mass of corncobs still sticking to the sides of the silo above the workers. Schock said plywood planks were used to shield Long from the falling cobs.

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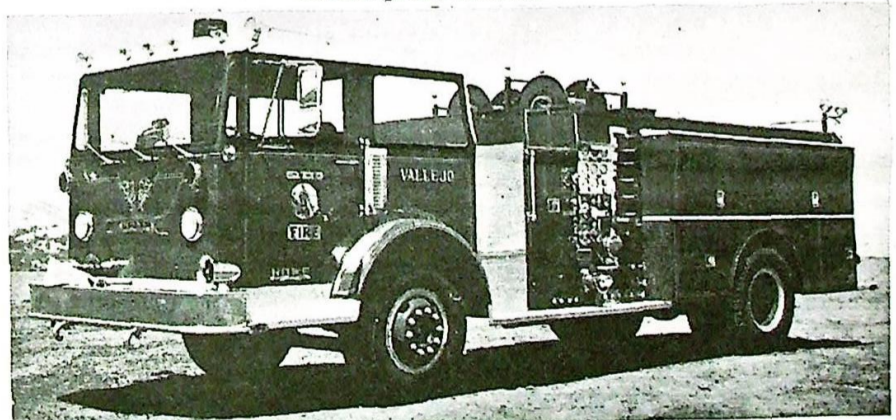


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