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Manchester Fire Department Marks 20 Years of Service

The headlines in a scrapbook read something like this: Manchester Realizes a Dream...Fire House, Auction Slated by Fledgling Firemen, Grass Fire is First Call For Manchester VFD. That first call was July 6, 1970, which department members will mark with an open house this month.

The public is invited to share a trip down memory lane with charter members and to meet the present members of the Manchester Volunteer Fire Department from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 24, at the firehouse on Ind. 48 in downtown Manchester, said Ada Mae Yelton, Vice President of the Manchester Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

"Door prizes will be awarded and refreshments served. Any donations will be accepted", she said.

The Manchester Department serves the largest township, geographically, in Indiana. Manchester encompasses nearly 50 miles, running west from Lawrenceburg Township to Ripley County. Compare that to Sparta Township which, as the county's second largest township, covers about 30 square miles.

The headlines, such as the one in an August 1981 issue of the Journal-Press, tell a story of a progressive department. It heralds the formation of the Manchester Life Squad. A third bay was added about 15 years ago, and a training room in 1984.

Over the years, the fire department has found unique ways to cover its large area. One of the most innovative additions has been a "dump tanker" reservoir-like structure that is carried to the scene of the fire, and filled from the company tanker, which can then return to the station or some other location for refills.

Some things change, but some don't. "One of the main fire-fighting problems in Manchester Township today is the same as 20 years ago. There are very few fire hydrants," said Noel.

Another addition is the first alert truck, which can speed to the scene with 250 gallons of water as the other trucks follow, he said.

"You can drive it as fast as you can drive a normal pick-up truck," said Noel, adding that the tanker supplies 1,800 gallons of water.

"We have to relay the water. If you are not set up with it you can lose a house in a minute," he



Fire Chief Glenn Brandt on the scene of a blaze.



Members of the Manchester Volunteer Fire Department put in 341 emergency hours and 884.5 training hours in 1989. Six of the 25 members are, from left: Eric Hambrick, Assistant Chief; Louis Yelton, Treasurer; Brian Terrill, Ways and Means Committee; Ike Ellinghausen; Steven Noel, President and Ken Acra, Captain.

said.

In the old days, some homes were lost at the last minute. A blaze would be nearly "knocked down" when the tankers ran out of water with no other supply around.

"When you ran out, that was it," said Yelton.

The scrapbook also tells a story of community support. There are numerous accounts thanking residents for contributions, and scores of ads informing folks of turkey shoots, dances, chicken dinners and other functions to raise money for the department.

The turkey shoots have been dropped, but the department still relies on contributions and other functions for funds. Bingo is held each Thursday night at the firehouse, with half the proceeds going to the department and the other half to the life squad.

A chicken dinner is slated for July 14, the annual picnic is in August, a fish dinner is a possibil-

ity for September, a Halloween dance is planned for October, a dinner for November and another dance in December.

"A lot of people depend on us, you can see that in the number of people who come to the dinners and other functions," said Noel.

"These days, the Manchester Department is a highly versatile and trained organization," said Captain Ken Acra. He points out that 15 of about 25 firefighters are state certified or first or second class, and that may have taken extra training in other emergency procedures such as accidents victim extrication.

The department boasts a pumper, tactical unit, brush truck, first alert truck and tanker truck, he said.

In all, the department made 45 runs in 1989, responding to everything from automobile accidents to grass fires. Volunteers put in 341 emergency hours and 884.5 training hours, said 11



Volunteer Willis Chalk, left, and Chief Glenn Brandt have a good time at a chicken dinner.

year Fire Chief Glenn Brandt. The charter members of the fire department are Tom Ahaus, Ed Bales, Jerry Bessler (deceased), Arnold Boyd, David Chalk, Willis Chalk, Thelmer Craft, Stanley Davis, Eugene Levi, Dan Dell, Charles Bills, Keith Bills, Arthur Dudgeon, Hugh Edwards, Walter Haubrock, George H. Kaiser, Elmer Kaiser, Cornelius Knigga, Gene LaFollette, M.E. Martin, Leroy Middleton, Ed Nelson, John New, Leslie Ross, Louis Yelton, and William F. Yelton, Sr.

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Charter members were on hand for 20-year celebration, marking the formation of the department. Members are, from left: Louis Yelton, Willis Chalk and William F. Yelton.

A Look At What The New Law Says About Bingo And Other Games

Bingo and other games of chance will be legal on July 1, for organizations that are primarily religious, charitable, fraternal, educational, civic, political or patriotic in nature.

This means they may be advertised as long as sponsors are qualified to conduct the games or raffles.

The new rules for operating bingo, raffles, door prizes or games of chance are spelled out in Section 13, Article 32 of the Indiana Code, which was passed in the 1990 legislative session.

The purpose of the new rules is to allow the Non-profit organizations to raise funds for the organization. However, there are some restrictions which the not-for-profit groups must follow. They may not contact for pay with any other individual or group to conduct a bingo game, contest, raffle, or other game of chance. Net proceeds from the contest raffle may only be used for the lawful activities of the organization.

Once a year, an organization may conduct a card game, dice game, roulette wheel or spindle.

Any organization that conducts a bingo game shall register annually with the Secretary of State. Any organization conducting bingo games at least 10 days in a calendar year is subject to audit by the State Board of Accounts of Records related to the bingo games.

The prize for any one bingo game may not have a value of more than \$1500 with total prizes for any day not to exceed a value of \$10,000.

The organization that awards a monetary prize is responsible for withholding state adjusted gross income tax from the prize awarded to a winner and report the prize awarded to the Department of the State Revenue. When awarding a prize of merchandise or other goods, the organization is responsible for giving with the prize, appropriate forms for reporting the prize to the Internal Revenue Service and Department of State Revenue, if reporting the receipt of the prize is required. The organization shall withhold state adjusted gross income tax and report prizes awarded under this section to the Department of State Revenue in the same manner as required under Federal Law.

The Secretary of State shall begin to register organizations conducting bingo games July 1, and may collect a fee of \$10 to cover the cost of registration.

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From Your Chaplain Duane Lantz



SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians, Chapter 1 Verses 3 thru 6
What a wonderful God we have-He is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of every mercy, and the one who so wonderfully comforts and strengthens us in our hardships and trials. And why does he do this? So that when others are troubled, needing our sympathy and encouragement, we can pass on to them this same help and comfort God has given us. You can be sure that the more we undergo sufferings for Christ, the more He will shower us with His comfort and encouragement.

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The year 1990 and 1991 is well on it's way for the IVFA. We are even getting a new Fire Marshal. Before getting into all that is happening, I am proud of the Fort Wayne Convention, especially the beautiful Cathedral for our Memorial Service. I was in this church for two hours, and as I was walking out I was still awed at the beauty of this church. A big Thank You to everyone who made this a special part of the convention, the beautiful music provided by Mark and Cindy McKay, with Linda Baker at the organ. Also to the Gallmeyers who did a fine job of reading the names, and to Father Dale for his part. Also the ushers, who helped a lot.

We got home from the convention on Saturday night and had a Memorial Service in Chesterton on Sunday. Then Tuesday night we were in Fort Wayne again for another Memorial. After the service, I had the opportunity to visit with the Wife of the Deceased and she pointed to her son and said that when she was about to give birth to him and was walking toward the door to go to the hospital, a fire alarm came in and her husband left her standing there and went to the fire. That is what I call a dedicated fireman.

June 29th, we were called down South to a little town called Wadesville. The fireman who passed away would have been 100 years old in 17 days. What a wonderfully dedicated man this was. His whole life revolved around the fire department. He paid 80% of the total cost of a new station, and also bought them a truck. This town was very fortunate to have a man who loved his department that much. I am sure he must have a very special place in heaven. We stayed at a town called New Harmony that had a lot of historical background. Our room was at a small inn that was planted with wild flowers and an assortment of vegetables. As we were down that way, we decided to cross over to the other side of the state and go to the ice cream social in Moorefield. Can you imagine making well over 125 gallons of ice cream, and cranking it by hand? It was delicious. That night we stayed in Madison and the next morning we went to visit Clarence Hoffman, who is still a member of the Fair Play Volunteer Fire Department, which is the oldest department in Indiana. This man, his son, and his grandson are all Volunteer Firemen, and if you will look further in this paper, you will find an article about them.

On July 15th, we were at Farmland for their 100th Anniversary. Bill Sunday was presented the Merit Award for 25 years of service by Mr. Bill Goodwin, the retired State Fire Marshal. Bill is also retiring.

On July 18th, I went to the District 1 and 2 meeting at Lake Eliza. They have refurbished their department and it looks very nice. Robert Esserman, District 1 Chairman, is retiring with 21 years of service. I am sure there are many more retirees in the IVFA.

Just a few thoughts on retirement. The importance of BEING YOU. More than a third of our lives are leisure time. Time we are free to use as we will. A happy and satisfying retirement is just another way of saying a happy and satisfying life, for the former is nothing more than the continuation of the latter. For proof, take a good look at the happy retirees you know. They are not hard to find. They are exceptions to the rule. They have too much individuality to be lost in the crowd. They stand above the crowd. They use their talents well. They have never lost sight of their own worth. They know all about the importance of the BEING YOU theory. They have, in fact, lived by that rule all of their lives. A habit of such long standing is nearly impossible to dislodge. It has sustained them through their early years, and it will sustain them through their retirement.

NEVER MIND

*Never mind yesterday, life is today
Never mind yesterday, lay it away!!
Never mind anything over and done,
Here is a new moment, lit with new sun.*

The theme of my message at Convention was, "Where is the Cross in Your Life?" Many of our Volunteer Firemen are concerned with the new training and extra hours required. This puts an added load on the Cross we bear. The Scripture tells us that God and his Son, Jesus, can comfort and strengthen us in our hardships and trials. Keep up the good work as a Volunteer Fireman. You can never fail, the Scripture tells us so.

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ESSENTIALS

Give me work to do;	A sympathy that understands;
Give me health;	Give me neither malice nor envy,
Give me joy in simple things,	But a true kindness
Give me an eye for beauty,	And a noble common sense.
A tongue for truth,	At the close of each day,
A heart that loves,	Give me a book
A mind that reasons,	And a friend with whom
I can be silent.	

Thank you, Bette Sellmar, for your help and support during your time as the Auxiliary Chaplain-we will miss you. Congratulations to you, Judy Hildebrand, as the new Chaplain-I am sure you will be an inspiration to all, and will give guidance and help where needed. Next Sunday, go to the Church of your choice-you'll like it.

Your Chaplain,

Official Audited Financial Statements

AUDITED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 1990

PREPARED FOR:

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.
718 SOUTH INGOMAR STREET
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46241

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 1990

PREPARED BY:

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JUNE 8, 1990

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AUDITORS' REPORT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.
718 SOUTH INGOMAR STREET
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46241

WE HAVE AUDITED THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (MODIFIED CASH BASIS) OF THE INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC., AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 1990, AS LISTED IN THE TABLE OF CONTENTS. THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS TO EXPRESS AN OPINION ON THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BASED ON OUR AUDITS.

WE CONDUCTED OUR AUDITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED AUDITING STANDARDS. THESE STANDARDS REQUIRE THAT WE PLAN AND PERFORM THE AUDIT TO OBTAIN REASONABLE ASSURANCE ABOUT WHETHER THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE FREE OF MATERIAL MISSTATEMENT. AN AUDIT INCLUDES EXAMINING, ON A TEST BASIS, EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE AMOUNTS AND DISCLOSURES IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. AN AUDIT ALSO INCLUDES ASSESSING THE ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES USED AND SIGNIFICANT ESTIMATES MADE BY MANAGEMENT, AS WELL AS EVALUATING THE OVERALL FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION. WE BELIEVE THAT OUR AUDITS PROVIDE A REASONABLE BASIS FOR OUR OPINION.

AS DESCRIBED IN NOTE 1, THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WERE PREPARED ON THE BASIS OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, WHICH IS A COMPREHENSIVE BASIS OF ACCOUNTING OTHER THAN GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES.

IN OUR OPINION, THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REFERRED TO ABOVE PRESENT FAIRLY, IN ALL MATERIAL RESPECTS, THE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS OF INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC. AS OF MAY 31, 1990, AND ITS STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES AND STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR THEN ENDED, ON THE BASIS OF ACCOUNTING DESCRIBED IN NOTE 1.

Robert L. Stewart CPA
ROBERT L. STEWART
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INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND FUND BALANCE
AS OF MAY 31, 1990

ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS:	
CASH IN BANK-GENERAL OPERATING CHECKING (NONRESTRICTED FUND)	\$ 91,633.60
CASH IN SAVINGS-CAPITAL PLUS SAVINGS & LOAN (NONRESTRICTED FUND)	57,140.93
CASH IN SAVINGS-CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT-1NB (NONRESTRICTED FUND)	75,000.00
CASH IN BANK BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIP FUND (RESTRICTED FUND)	80,000.00
CASH IN SAVINGS-BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIP FUND (RESTRICTED FUND)	1,167.44
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS:	\$304,941.97
FIXED ASSETS:	
FURNITURE	\$ 9,813.21
EQUIPMENT	10,710.43
LESS: ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	<20,523.64>
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS:	\$ 0.00
TOTAL ASSETS:	\$304,941.97
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
LIABILITIES:	
TOTAL LIABILITIES:	\$ 0.00
FUND BALANCE:	
UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE	223,782.70
RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE	81,159.27
TOTAL FUND BALANCE:	\$304,941.97
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE:	\$304,941.97

THE ACCOMPANYING "NOTE TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS" ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

REVENUES:	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED
DUES	\$ 119,899.00	
FIRE SCHOOL	3,280.00	
DONATIONS	2,000.00	
PROGRAM BOOKS	11,706.72	
PAPER ADVERTISING	9,432.50	
OTHER INCOME	5,005.20	
INSURANCE	28,416.04	
INTEREST FROM SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	11,832.04	274.24
INTEREST FROM CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSITS	6,733.67	6,307.82
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$ 198,305.17	6,582.06

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EXPENDITURES:	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED
NEWSPAPER AD SALESMAN	\$ 2,500.07	
ADVERTISING INSURANCE	2,500.00	
CLOTHING REIMBURSEMENT	1,012.35	
CONVENTION EXPENSE	4,251.51	
COPIER EXPENSE	579.86	
DELEGATES EXPENSE	10,105.80	
DISTRICT EXPENSE	5,491.89	
DISTRICT SECRETARY EXPENSE	345.00	
FIRE SCHOOL EXPENSE	10,430.81	
FUNERAL FUND EXPENSE	9,331.53	
GENERAL INSURANCE EXPENSE	8,017.05	
LEGAL EXPENSE	3,421.70	
LEGISLATIVE EXPENSE	32,702.23	
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	2,208.60	
OFFICER ALLOWANCE	6,246.80	
OFFICERS MEETINGS	25,109.52	
OTHER COMMITTEE EXPENSE	2,678.33	
NEWSPAPER EXPENSE	15,017.07	
NEWSPAPER POSTAGE	6,800.00	
PRINTING EXPENSE	3,409.55	
PUBLIC EDUCATION	7,145.43	
PUBLIC RELATIONS	3,073.14	
OFFICE EXPENSE	4,217.14	35.57
OFFICER'S EXPENSES	14,828.25	
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS & DEATH BENEFITS		12,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	181,224.63	12,035.57
REVENUES IN EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES	\$ 17,080.54	<\$5,453.51>

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FUND BALANCE:	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE AS OF MAY 31, 1989	\$ 227,225.80	\$ 86,612.78
REVENUES IN EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES	17,080.54	
EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF REVENUES		5,453.51
DEPRECIATION OF ASSETS NOT PREVIOUSLY DEPRECIATED	< 20,523.64>	
FUND BALANCE AS OF MAY 31, 1990	\$ 223,782.70	\$ 81,159.27

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INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 1990

	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
REVENUES IN EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES	\$ 17,080.54	<\$ 5,453.51>
ADJUSTMENTS TO RECONCILE REVENUES IN EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS: EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF REVENUES	0.00	0.00
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	17,080.54	< 5,453.51>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING	0.00	0.00
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
NET CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	0.00	0.00
NET INCREASE <DECREASE> IN CASH	17,080.54	< 5,453.51>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT CASH EQUIVALENTS:	206,602.16	86,612.78
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT AT END OF YEAR	\$ 223,782.70	\$ 81,159.27

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LAWRENCEBURG FD VETERAN RETIRES



Left to Right: Chief Mike Kennedy, George Hizer, Alline Hizer

by Lee Kissell, Sate Secretary
George Hizer, a forty year veteran of the Lawrenceburg Fire Department in Dearborn County, retired in July prior to moving to his new home in Panama City, Florida.

After serving in the Army in World War II, George began his firefighting duties while helping at a grass fire in 1947. He had not yet been sworn in by the mayor, but George apparently convinced the Mayor of his abilities at this fire. The mayor gave him the oath at the fire scene as soon as the fire was extinguished.

George was a member of Company 1 until Company 3 was erected next to the new Dearborn County Hospital in 1961. He lived close to Company 3 so he transferred there. Their first truck was a 1940 Seagrave which George was already familiar with, so he was very helpful in training the members of the new station. He was also active in the Lawrenceburg Emergency Rescue Unit.

Having many skills and always being ready to help the department in any way, George remained active until leaving for Florida. George retired from his factory job 1989. After doing some traveling, George and his wife Alline decided to move to Panama City.

After reading his letter of resignation at the July meeting of Company 3, the members decided to pay a surprise visit to George at his home. He was leaving the next day. He was quite surprised to see everyone pull up in the Company 3 fire trucks. Chief Mike Kennedy presented George with a license plate, plaque and his company jacket.

Refreshments were served and a few old stories were told. George and his wife were obviously saddened by the move and loss of many friends in the department, but after a few tears they told everyone they would be happy in their new home.

The Hizer name will still be on the Company 3 roster. Wayne Hizer, George's grandson, joined the department this spring after serving in the US Navy. Wayne is now taking his basic fire training at Company 3.

WHAT IS A FIREFIGHTER?

...A heart pulsating mercy
...Hands calloused by caring
...Arms reaching in kindness
...Shoulders lifting the weary
...A smile beaming reassurance
...Eyes wet with compassion
...Strength exercised in servitude
...Dedication not eclipsed by glory
...Brotherhood truly tested
...Sacrifice unspoken
...Hope haloed in a helmet

Rebekah Marshall Taylor



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For those of you who attended either the IVFA convention in Fort Wayne or our Gala Open House on August 25, in Fairmount, Indiana you saw first hand a variety of our high quality all stainless tankers and pumpers on display and the proprietary construction techniques which gives you the quality edge in protecting your communities.


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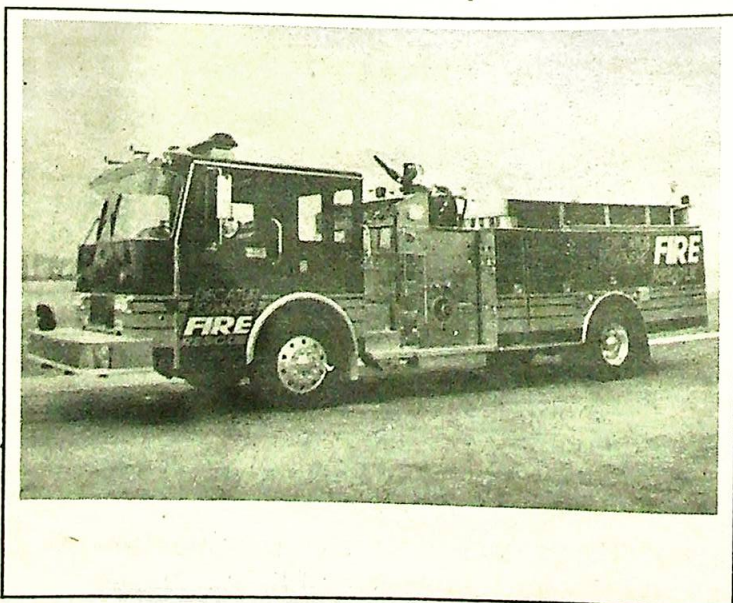
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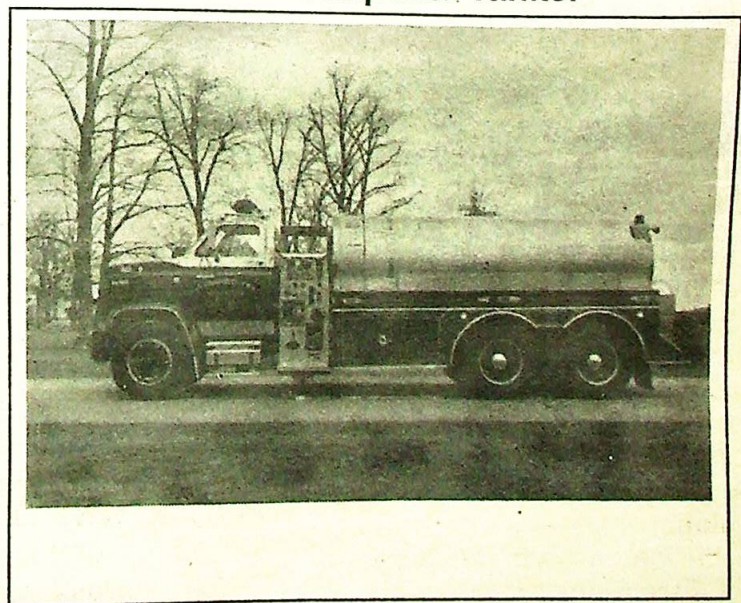
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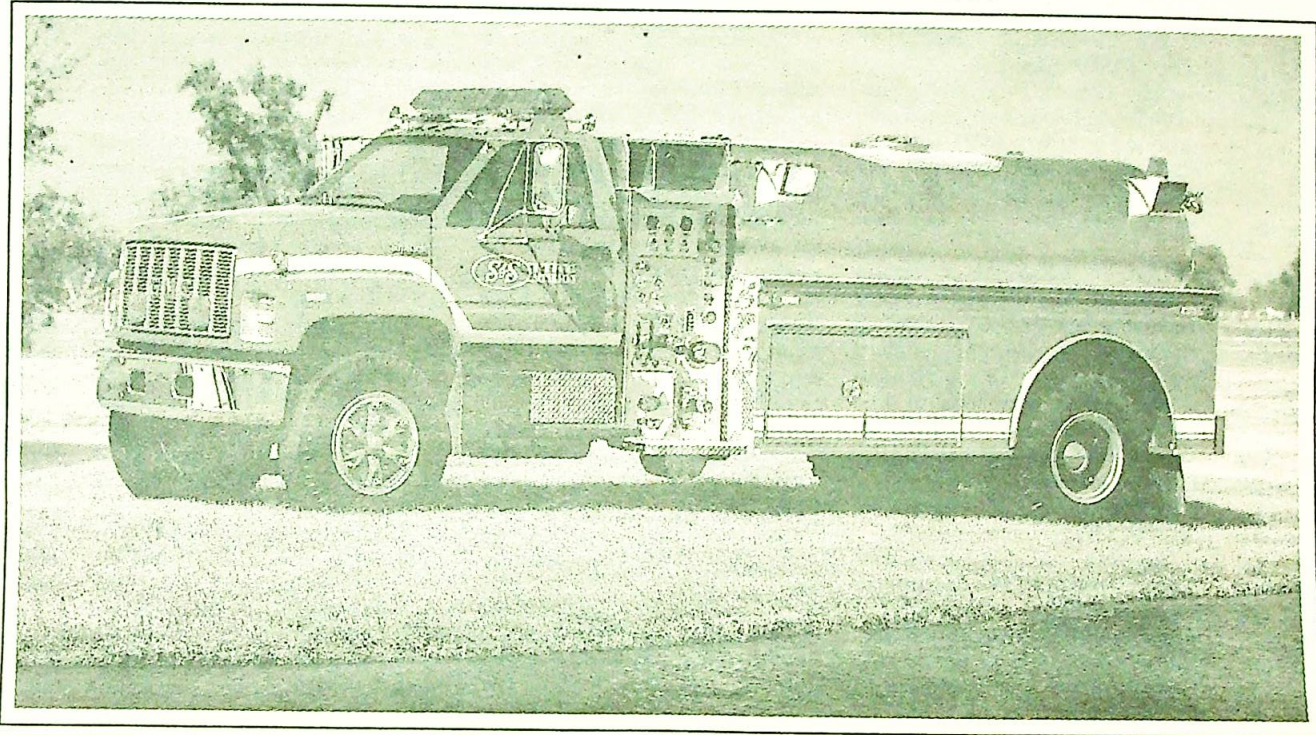
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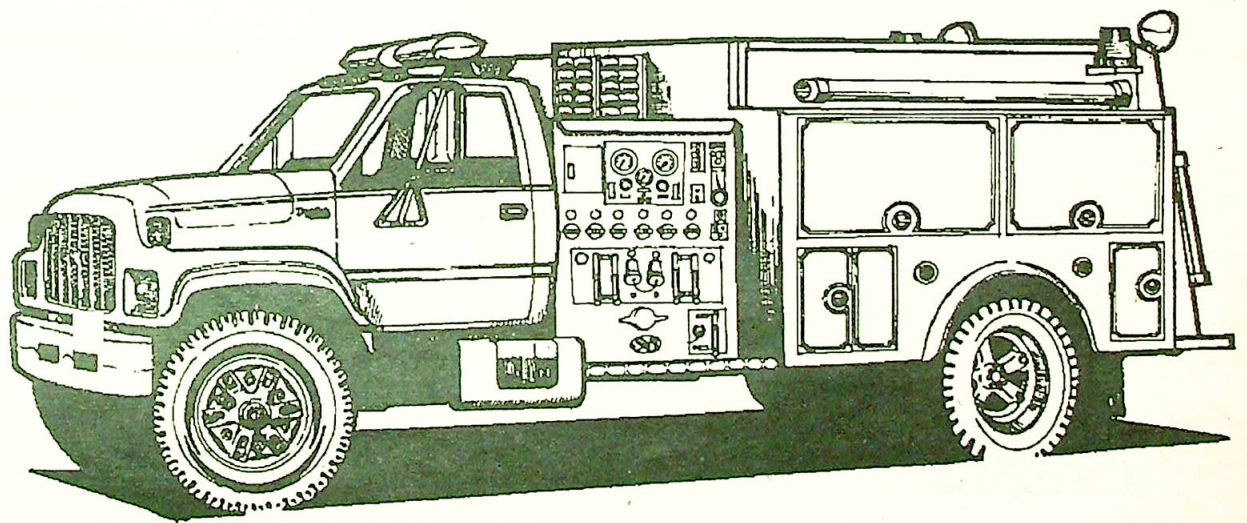
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District Meetings

District 1 and 2

District 1 and 2 held a Business Meeting on March 21, 1990 at the Griffith Volunteer Fire Department Station #1. The meeting was called to order by District #1 Chairman Esserman at 7:19.

Pledge to the flag - P.R. Northwest Bill Howe

Guests included: District 1 and 2 Officers, Duane Lantz - IVFA Chaplain, Robert Laney - IVFA Newspaper Publisher, Chris Downey - Downey Insurance, Mike Somers - TM Somers Fire Equipment, Bill Davis - Pro Uniforms, Bob Hamady and Joe Kuitko - K and H Uniforms, Bob Mauck - Fire Research and Education.

Chief George Thiel gave a history of the Griffith Fire Department and introduced his personnel and several members of the Griffith Town Board.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved without correction.

A program was presented by Chris Downey of Downey Insurance on coverage for Vol. firefighters and departments. He also spoke briefly on legislation.

Father Lantz spoke about the IVFA in general.

Publisher Laney spoke about the upcoming edition of the paper and the need for more articles.

Bob Mauck spoke about Haz-Mat training compliance.

P.R. Northwest Howe spoke on legislation on the state level in general.

Treasurer Esserman reported \$1,498.01 in the 50/50 fund.

Old business: none.

New business: Lt. Kephshire of the Union Fire Department requested interest on a district fire school to be held sometime in late July or early August at Wheeler High School. Bill Howe will check on insurance and funding for the same. A motion by Bill Howe to contribute \$200.00 to each Miss Flame candidate to help defray expenses as has been past practice. The motion was received, seconded, and carried by a majority vote.

Many prizes were awarded in the 50/50 drawing. \$87.50 was won by Fred Wellman of the St. John Department.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8:17.

Respectfully submitted,
John E. Kephshire, Secretary
District #1

District 1 and 2

District 1 and 2 held a meeting on April 18, 1990 at the Kouts Volunteer Fire Department. The meeting was called to order at 7:56 by Dist. 1 Chairman Bob Davis. The pledge to the flag was led by PR Northwest Bill Howe.

Guests introduced included: George Walda, Premier Fire Equipment; Joe Komschar, The Fireman's Store; Bob Hamady, K and H Uniforms; Joe Kuitko, K and H Uniforms.

Lt. Schoon gave a history of the Kouts Vol. Fire Dept. and in-

troducted members.

Thanks for a fine meal given to Kouts Ladies Auxiliary by Chairman Davis.

Roll call of both districts was taken.

Minutes of the March meeting were read by Dist. 2 Secretary Pat McKague and approved with one correction.

PR Northwest Bill Howe spoke briefly on resolutions to be acted on during the annual convention of the IVFA. Bill also mentioned that IOSHA had begun conducting inspections of all fire stations in Indiana and this would continue until late 1991 when all stations had been inspected. Bill also mentioned that the deadline for the next IVFA paper was June 1.

Dist. 1 Chairman Esserman mentioned that the law enabling Township trustees to establish a cumulative equipment fund had passed into law. This legislation would enable townships to levy 10 cents on each \$100.00 assessed valuation for new equipment purchases.

Old Business: none came before the body.

New Business: Chairman Davis mentioned that the paperwork for the dues would be out sometime in May and had to be in the Secretary's office by midnight on July 31 to continue the members in the Bridgeport Fund. Dist. 1 Chairman Esserman spoke briefly about the benefits of the Bridgeport Fund. Dist. 1 Chairman Esserman announced that due to other commitments, he would reluctantly not run for reelection in July. He also spoke briefly of the wonderful time and the opportunities offered as District Chairman over the years.

Good of the Order: Chairman Davis noted that the attendance at the NFPA 1500 seminar held recently at Rensselaer was poor. He mentioned that if attendance did not improve, further seminars would probably cost each member in attendance.

50/50 drawings were held with numerous prizes given. \$50.50 was won by Tom Orell.

Attendance Trophies: Dist. 1 - Ross Twp. #4; Dist. 2 - Lake Eliza.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Davis at 8:33 to program presented by Greg Phillips, Porter County Environmental Coordinator for underground tanks.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat McKaseo
District 2 Secretary

District 9-B

The regular meeting of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association, Inc. was called to order by Chairman Mitch Parish at 8:15 P.M. at the Burnettsville Community Room in Burnettsville, IN.

There were 6 guests present. Total Firefighters present numbered 28 with 46 alarms among the 10 departments answering roll call.

Items discussed were: Pictures of Memorial at Convention, need for news for paper by July 20, 1990 convention, looking for Miss Flame contestants for 1991, 1989 IVFA membership of 16,538, scholarship forms will be available at next meeting, 1991

convention at Vincennes, chauffeur's license, possible Haz./Mat. class as district class, \$60,000 Federal Death Benefit, workman's comp., legislation and State legislators, annual meeting resolution was a raise for IVFA secretary and treasurer, need to register to vote, National Volunteer Fire Council, State Fire Caucus, Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Master Tactics Class in Covington, thank you from Darrell Houser Memorial, physicals and Hepatitis-B shots, legal case against a fire dept., train car fire, District 1 and 2 meeting July 18 at Lake Eliza at 7:30 P.M., District 9-A meeting July 26 at Lucerne at 7:30 P.M., officers of the IVFA for 1990-91 year, House Resolution #2700, possible \$25 charge per person to go to National Fire Academy, E.M.S. and Civil Defense Board, Certification of Rescue Squads, and the finances of the IVFA.

Daune Lantz and Mitch Parish presented the District 9-B Midwest Award to Murl Bennett of Earl Park.

Bill Howe held Election of Officers for District 9-B. Chairman Parish, Secretary/Treasurer Risner, and Chaplain Getz were re-elected for the year 1990-91.

Program on Emergency Management and Emergency Preparedness was presented by Bob Bleicher, White County Civil Defense Director.

Winners of the 50-50 Drawing were Ross Goble of Monon, David Laper of Remington, and Brad Hon of Monon.

Good of the Order: 90 yard sales July 14 in Francesville.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Next meeting Sept. 13 at Chalmers Volunteer Fire Department at 7:30 P.M.

Sec./Treas.
Dennis J. Risner

District 1 and 2

The May meeting of the 1st and 2nd Districts was held on May 16, and hosted by Pine Township. The meeting was called to order at 7:47 p.m. by District #1 Chairman Bob Esserman. The Pledge to the Flag was led by PR Northwest Bill Howe. All guests were introduced by Chairman Esserman and Chief Chuck Smith gave a history of the Pine Township department and introduced his personnel. A word of thank you was given to the Pine Township Ladies for the fine meal that had been prepared.

Roll call was answered by 20 members representing 7 departments in District #2 and 51 members representing 13 departments in District #1. Minutes of the April meeting were read and approved without corrections. Treasurers report showed a total of \$1,630.48 to date.

Under communications, Chairman Esserman spoke briefly on several laws that had recently been signed by the Governor. He also spoke on the question of fire apparatus drivers needing chauffeurs licenses. Bob reported that he had contacted Gene Stoffer on the matter, and that Gene reported that the attorney for the

Bureau of Motor Vehicles would follow with a letter but the opinion was that as long as a volunteer did not make over \$10,000 per year, the volunteer was exempt.

PR Northwest Howe spoke briefly on the Bridgeport Fund, and the National Volunteer Fire Council. Howe also mentioned that the IVFA newspaper would be published one month later than usual from now on. Deadline for the August edition is July 28. He also mentioned that the IVFA was working with several pharmaceutical companies to acquire the mandated Hepatitis B vaccine at a more reasonable price to the departments.

Chairman Esserman mentioned the fact that a zero tolerance of both alcohol and drugs is required for the federal death benefit to be paid out. Members should think twice prior to responding to calls after indulging. Bob also mentioned that the Midwest Award nominees for both districts had been submitted and the winners would be announced at the July meeting. He also reported that vanity license plates would become available in the beginning of 1991 at a slight cost.

Due to several "mini-disasters" that have recently happened, the South Haven Fire Department will be unable to host the July meeting. The July meeting has been changed to Lake Eliza, with South Haven taking Lake Eliza's spot in 1992.

Chesterton Asst. Chief Skip Highwood, who is also president of the Porter County Fire Association spoke briefly on the proposed E-911 dispatching system and the progress made to date. Skip also talked on the House Numbering Ordinance currently in force within the county.

Attendance trophies were awarded with Beverly Shores winning in District #1 and Lake Eliza winning in District #2. Several door prizes donated by vendors present were raffled off and the 50/50 raffle was won by John Wilson.

Mrs. Phyllis Vargo, District #1 Auxiliary Chairperson introduced Miss Wendy Phillips of Independence Hill as the District #1 Miss Flame contestant. Mrs. Ann Moss, District #2 Auxiliary Chairperson introduced Miss Jennifer Schlundt of Lake Hills as the District #2 Miss Flame contestant. Both young ladies told a little about themselves and Chairman Esserman presented each a check from the district to help defray expenses. Bob also wished each contestant the best of luck.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. to a program presented by Mr. Keith Latta, of the Porter County Health Department who presented a program concerning burning laws, open trash pits and dumps, and a general overview of the county Haz-Mat team.

Respectfully submitted,
John E. Kephshire, Secretary
District #1, Union Vol. Fire Department

District 20

The regular meeting of District 20 was called to order on May 16, 1990. It was held at Perry Township Volunteer Fire Department in Fayette, IN. Seven fire departments were present with two guests, Toddy Michl (Dist. 20 PR), and Bob Hayes (Honey Creek). The pledge and prayer was given.

There was a discussion on the various training classes that are taking place within the departments. Items to be accomplished by the District 20 were discussed, but nothing was

voted on. Training, programs, and social events were also discussed. These events were tabled until the next regular meeting hoping that there would be more departments represented for more input.

It was voted to have four meetings per year - February, May, August, and November.

A 50 year award was presented to George Yount.

The meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be August 15, 1990, at the Cicero Fire Department in Cicero.

There were four District 20 departments represented at the IVFA convention - Atlanta Vol. Fire Dept., Cicero Vol. Fire Dept., Lawrence Vol. Fire Dept., and Zionsville Vol. Fire Dept.

We need to have more representation and voices at our regular meetings. Please send 1-2 individuals to this meeting. We will try to finalize training and programs that the district is to undertake.

Jerry Liston, Secretary
Tony Palmiero, Chairman

The next meeting will be at Bluffton on July 16.

District 9-B

The regular meeting of District 9-B of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association, Inc. was called to order by Chairman Mitch Parish at 7:40 P.M. at the Buffalo Volunteer Fire Department in Buffalo, IN.

There were 10 guests present. Total firemen present numbered 31 with 79 alarms among the 10 departments answering roll call.

Items discussed were: Treasurers Report for the I.V.F.A., 1990 I.V.F.A. Convention-raffle tickets, 1 or 2 Resolutions being withdrawn, Beer & Pop Stamp \$8.00, and Bowling Tournament.

Other items discussed were: License plates for the volunteer, Dues due in by July 31, Bridgeport Scholarship Fund and Death Benefit, News for paper due in at a new date, Federal Death Benefit raised to \$60,000 starting July 1st, Workmans Comp. Insurance, No Miss Flame Contestant for District 9-B, Bill passed for State Training Academy and representative from I.V.F.A. to sit on Advisory Committee, possible Stress Management Class, Insurance on Firemen over 65, the Houser Memorial, N.F.P.A. Class at St. Joe College, Lee Kissel's new address and phone number, Article 15 - Volunteer Fire Company, letter from F.E.M.A. about infectious diseases, Congressional Fire Caucus and an attempt to form a State Fire Caucus, Bill to allow Trustee to levee a tax increase, Haz./Mat. Operation & Awareness Classes, Updating Chief's mailing lists and the National Volunteer Fire Council.

Program on Anhydros Ammonia was presented by Steve Salomon of White Co. Coop. and Bob Wyse of Indiana Farm Bureau Coop.

Winners of the 50-50 drawing were Mike Hively of Wolcott, Mitch Parish of Francesville and Jim Minkert of Francesville. Haz./Mat. book donated by Charlie Baker was won by Jim Merida of Wolcott. Tie clasp & key chain donated by Dale Smith was won by Robert Hunt of Monon.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M. Next meeting is July 12, at the Burnettsville Community Room at 7:30 p.m.

Sec./Treas.
Dennis J. Risner

District 3

District 3 held a regular meeting on Thursday, May 17, 1990 at the Scipio Township Fire Station. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by chairman Bob Bentley. There were 26 members present representing 9 departments in attendance along with 6 guests. The pledge was led by host Chief Pete Sass.

Guests present were: Bill Howe, PR Northwest; Bruce Yonkers, Secretary, IAAI; Ivan Nevil, State Vice President; Duane Lantz, State Chaplain; Robert Esserman, District 1 Chairman; George Walda, Premier Fire Equipment.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved as amended. The Treasurer's report stands at \$1640.51 in the EDITH fund, \$149.50 in the savings account and approx. \$3,500.00 left from convention money.

Communications: Chairman Bob advises us that he has IVFA patches on hand if anyone would like them. The resolution that had been presented in regards to changing the name of the association will be withdrawn on the convention floor. The organization would have to disband and then re-organize to be able to do so per federal law. The convention hotels are filling up. Hilton is full and the Holiday Inn is filling. The cheap pre-registration ends on May 31st.

Committee Reports: Prevention, Gary Eckert did 3 programs in his area. Two were on safety and a class for State Highway personnel on extinguishers. Promotion, Tim Sandy-absent. Edith House, Pete Sass-it appears as if the trailer is not sound. Will investigate to see if it is repairable or if we are back at the drawing board in need of a trailer frame.

Old Business: none.

New Business: none.

Guests: State Chaplain, Duane Lantz, has been very busy. He has been to Lowell, Indianapolis, French Lyck, and others in past weeks. He notes deaths to a 38 year old from a heart attack and cancer to a 36 year old. He also traveled to Washington D.C. for a program on National Fire and Emergency Services. Duane states that VP Quayle was corrected on the volunteer vs. professional status.

State Vice President Ivan Nevil says the convention is doing well. He relates some of the very expensive prices paid for the convenience of everything being done in the same building. He also went over the convention schedule. OSHA has now mandated a Hep-B vaccination for all Emergency Service workers. We will send out the notice with the next set of minutes. IVFA is working to get an agreement with one of the IN drug companies to be able to provide the vaccine to all Emergency Service workers for free!! The scholarship committee did pick 2 winners. There will be Midwest awards in all but one district. You have to come to the convention to find out who won. Ivan also went to Washington D.C. with Duane. He also reports the trip to be very interesting. Ann Delaney submitted her resignation. Trying to set up a Fire Service Caucus in the State of IN. This should help our cause greatly. Probably will have to set up a banquet to start with. The first Bridgeport death benefit was paid and there have been 2 other applications submitted since then. If any death

occurs in the line of duty, someone must contact any State Officer and they should follow through. Firefighters should have an IVFA logo license plate as of 1-1-91. It should cost \$10 additional. The seminars on NFPA 1500 and 1501 went well. There is a push to set up a statewide CISD team. More later. The fire academy was added to another law for funding. \$175,000.00 was appropriated to start program and set up a board to oversee. The IVFA paper will change its publication dates. It will now print in February, May, August, and November. Info to get in must be to Laney by the 20th of the month prior. Only 13 departments in IN belong to the National Volunteer Fire Council. The associate dues are not bad and the benefits are good. IDEM has a program to present which will allow a fire department to clean up a 100-150 gallon diesel fuel spill. This sounds like a liability catch. More as it is available.

Bill Howe, PR Northwest, gave us a copy of the state assoc. financial report which is attached.

Reports the blue light law did change to allow bumper level lights, however, you still must have the roof mounted light. The Fire Marshall set rates for state and federal roadways.

Bob Esserman, Chairman, District 1, gave us copies of the new open dumping laws. Confirmed that a Chauffer's license is not required for firefighters.

Bruce Yonkers, Secretary IAAI, was glad to be there. He has applications for state and national organization membership.

George Walda, Premier Fire Equip., was just glad to be there. Recommends all to partake of the GM plant tours, if you can.

Good of the Order: There were no deaths or injuries to note in our district. Second Class Fire Schools around the district as follows-Westville 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m., contact Dave Osika.

First Class School on 2nd and 4th Mondays 6:30 p.m. at Scipio Twp., contact Dave Kaufman or Pete Sass. Haz-Mat training is completed. We trained 558 people in our district.

The next meeting will be held at the Lincoln Township Fire Station on Thursday, July 19, 1990 and will begin at 7:30 p.m. This will be the annual election of officers for 1990-91. Please plan to attend.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion at 9:18 p.m. to a meal of barbeques and the trimmings.

A program on Critical Incident Stress Debriefings was then presented by Dave Kaufman of the LaPorte County EMS CISD Team.

Mr. VanDemon won the 50/50 and we added \$13.00 to the treasury. Orphy Loomis won a flashlight set which had been donated by Premier.

Respectfully submitted,
David G. Kaufman, Secretary

District 12

May 21st, 1990

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Johnson, with 13 departments represented by 45 members and guests present.

The opening prayer was led by Chaplain James Brunes, and the Pledge was led by Chairman Johnson.

District Secretary Bogden presented to Mrs. Johnson, the mother of our 12th District Miss Flame Stormy Johnson, expense money totalling \$125.00 for her convention expenses.

The meeting was temporarily

suspended at 7:10 p.m. so that the host department could serve refreshments to the members and guests present. The meeting was called back to order at 7:30 p.m.

1st roll call: guests present were: IVFA President Pete Lockhart, IVFA Recording Secretary John and Maxim Davis, PRWC Toddy Michl, Bob Hayes from Honey Creek, and Clyde Gottachi from Van Buren Twp. Clay County.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and were approved.

The treasurer's report was given and accepted.

Chairman Johnson stated that our recent 12th District Training School was a disappointment because of the large amount of time spent getting prepared with a small turnout.

The Midwest Award will be presented to a member of Danville Volunteer Fire Dept. at our Annual Convention.

Unfinished Business: none.

New Business: Chairman

Johnson stated at our recent resolution to change the wording of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association to read Indiana Firefighters Association will be rescinded at the convention.

The Federal Government will refuse death benefits to any firefighter killed in action whose blood contains .01 or more alcohol.

The deadline for submitting news to our paper was announced. The dates are Jan. 20, Apr. 20, July 20, and Oct. 20 for the Feb., May, Aug., and Nov. issues.

Chairman Johnson stated that our recent General Assembly passed a bill that the Volunteer Fire Depts. will get a break from the tax freeze 10 cents per \$100 assessed evaluation over five years. This must be spent in the 5 year period for major purchases such as trucks, buildings, and new equipment.

IVFA President Pete Lockhart gave a few words regarding the annual convention June 13-16 in Fort Wayne. He also spoke on the regulations for Chauffeur's licenses to drive trucks or ambulances.

Toddy Michl PRWC stated that the Association is working on the heart attack clause for the firemen over 65 years of age.

Host department Jim Tharpe introduced our guest speaker from Heritage Remediation/Engineering Inc., Doug Fozier and C.L. Spears. Their presentation regarded Haz-Mat and what should be done when there is a spill-procedure in clean up and protection equipment to be used. Several questions were asked and the meeting turned out to be very informative.

Next district meeting will be on July 16th at the Decatur Twp. #4 (Marion County). This will be election night.

Captain S. Shaver introduced his firefighters present.

Jim Brunes of Hazelwood was our 50/50 winner.

It was stated that the Washington Twp. Avon Hendricks Co. has been changed to their new corporate name-Avon Fire and Rescue Dept. Inc.

The motion to adjourn was made at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Bogden
12th District Sec.

District 8B

A party was held Sunday July 15, 1990 at Farmland Volunteer Fire Department. The Farmland Vol. Fire Dept. has been serving

New Fire Truck Delivered



Lakes of the Four Seasons Fire Dept. has taken delivery of a new 1990 Boardman aerial/pumper in June.

It was custom built, on a Spartan Diamond chassis. Housing an enclosed 6 man crew cab, with a Cummins 240HP diesel and Allison 4 speed transmission. The ladder tower reaches 56 feet, with an automatic hydraulically controlled 1000 GPM nozzle fed by two water ways, from the waterous 1250 GPM 2 stage pump.

The front bumper is extended and has siren and air horns inside. Lighting includes 2 banks of 12 volt lights, cabinet lights, and a front mounted double cross fire quartz light. All window glass is tinted, which keeps the cab much cooler in hot weather.

Other new equipment includes a 1000 foot 5 inch hose, a 400 foot 3 inch hose, and 10 PAL 5 P.A.S.S. devices with both motion and heat detection.

"The quality of workmanship and refinements are superb. This truck rates with the best," states Fire Chief Don Blume.

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their community for the past 100 years, and are still going strong.

Bill Sunday of the Farmland Vol. Fire Dept. retired at the 100 year party. Thank you, Bill, for all the years of service. Good luck and have fun during your retirement.

I would like to thank all the departments who attended the convention. We had a great time at the convention and hope to see more of our members at the next one.

The district meeting was held at Montpiler and the election of officers was held. Our District Chairman is Larry D. Petro, and our District Secretary is Tony D. Petro. You may contact either Larry or Tony by mail: 1215 Mill-

er Ave., Portland, IN, 47371. Or by phone-Larry, (219) 726-4500 or (219) 726-6233. Tony may be phoned at (219) 726-6233.

Membership is down in District 8B. The reason is that several departments have not paid their dues as of August 4, 1990. The dues were due by July 31, 1990. The following departments have not paid: Albany, Blountsville, Eaton, Hamilton Twp., Modoc, Redkey, White River Twp., and Yorktown-Mt. Pleasant. Please pay your dues!!

On the lighter side, our young lady in the Miss Flame contest for 1990 was first runner-up. Thanks, Dawn, for a job well done.

The next meeting will be in September at Parker.

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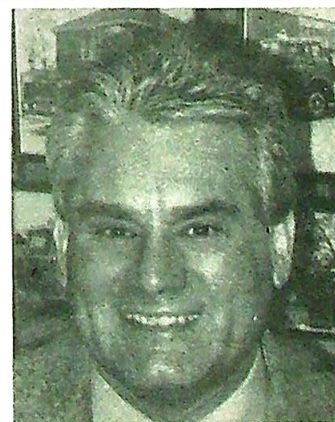
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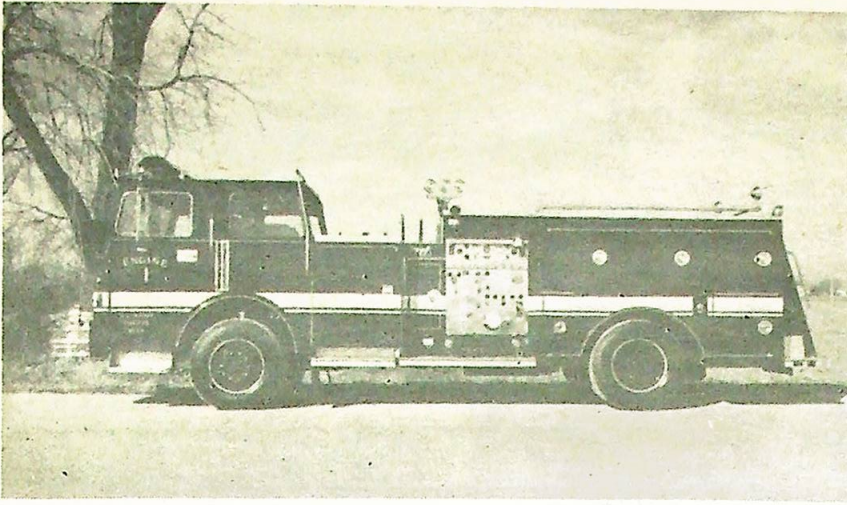
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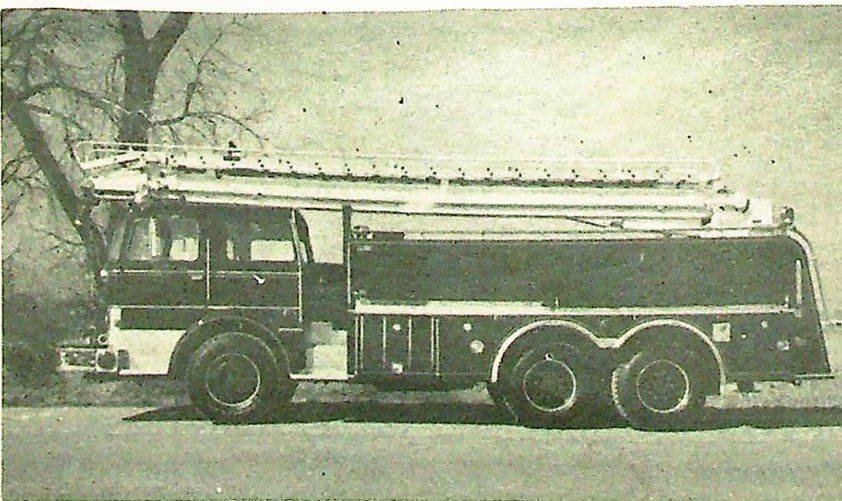
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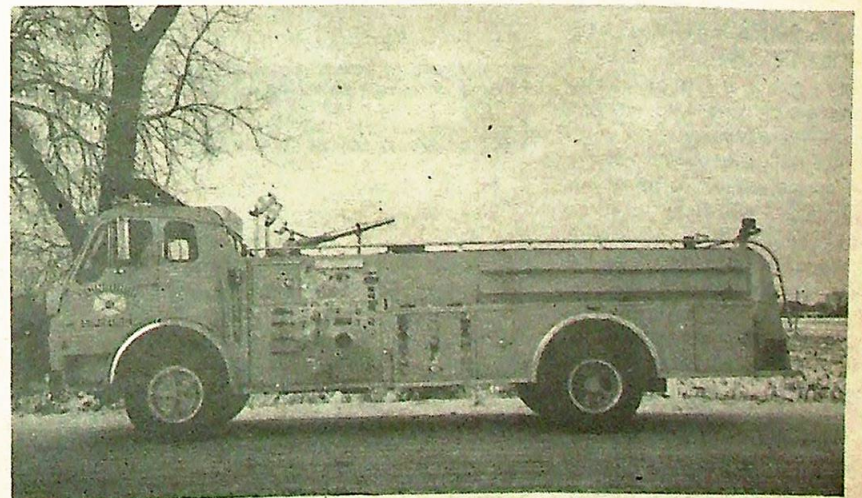
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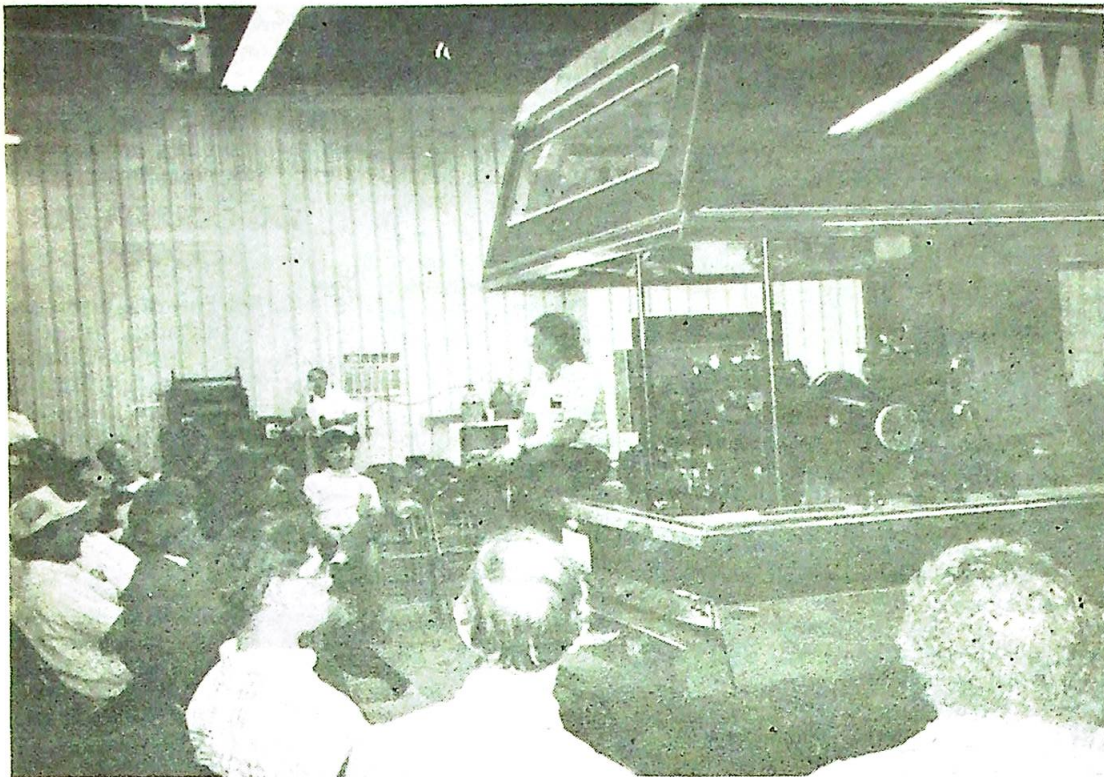


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EAST CENTRAL INDIANA - WEST CENTRAL OHIO TRAINING



--submitted by Jack L. Cox, Fire Chief, Centerville Fire Department

On May 23, the Waterous Fire Pump Co. gave a presentation at the Centerville, IN Fire Department. The company provides a training trailer and instructor at no cost to further the knowledge of fire pump construction and operation. The trailer travels all over the U.S. on a pre-determined schedule.

The instructor, Dave Anderson of South St. Paul, MN, presented a very informative and interesting training session that lasted about 3 hours.

There were 102 members representing several fire departments from Indiana and Ohio in attendance. The departments representing Wayne County, Ind., were: Centerville, Richmond, Clay Township, Abington Township, Williamsburg, Dublin, Fountain City, Perry Township, Boston, and Webster.

Ohio departments represented were: Hollansburg, New Madison, Bradford, West Alexandria, Camden, New Paris, Jefferson Township (Dayton), and Harrison Township (Dayton.)

Other Departments present were; Butler Township, Lynn, Liberty, and New Castle.

There were 10 fire chiefs, 8 ass't. fire chiefs, 1 batt. chief, 3 captains, 11 lieutenants, 2 second lieutenants, and 2 training officers in attendance.

A special thanks goes to the Centerville Fire Department Auxiliary for providing the food and drinks for the occasion.

A suggestion to other fire organizations: If offered, take advantage of this opportunity for excellent training!

It was a pleasure for the Centerville Fire Department to be the host and we thank the Wayne County Fireman's Association for sponsoring the evening.

NEW DUMP TANKER FOR HETH TOWNSHIP

TWO VIDEO CONFERENCES WILL EXPLORE ALTERNATE HEATER FIRE PROBLEM



Pictured above: Heth Township Volunteer Fire Department's new dump tanker.

submitted by David Rhodes, Asst. Chief, Heth Township Fire Dept.

Heth Township Volunteer Fire Department has recently put their first dump tanker into service. The new tanker replaces a 1964 model Ford tanker. The fire dept. serves both Heth and Washington townships in southern Harrison County. The cab and chassis was purchased in December, 1988, and members of the department built the rest of the unit. The truck is a 1982 F-700 Ford and has a 1750 gallon steel tank with a 100 square inch opening Jake Valve Dump Valve and two 168 gallon/minute gas powered pumps.

REVISED SATELLITE INFORMATION

Washington, D.C. -- Two video conferences addressing a major cause of residential fires in the United States - unsafe use of alternate heaters - will be conducted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) and the Wood Heating Education and Research Foundation (WHEREF) on September 19, 1990 and October 3, 1990. Both events will be aired over FEMA's Emergency Education Network (EENET).

The first video conference will focus on effective public education, highlighting USFA's "Check Your Hot Spots!" and other successful national and local programs that teach the proper and safe use of wood stoves, fireplaces, kerosene heaters, and electric space heaters. This show will air September 19, 1990, from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (EDT).

The second video conference, developed by WHEREF, will focus on the proper technical installation and maintenance of wood stoves and fireplaces. The show is aimed at fire and emergency managers, industry installers and chimney sweeps. Unsafe use of fireplaces and woodstoves, resulting from improper installation or maintenance, is responsible for the majority of alternate heater fires,

particularly in rural areas. This program will be telecast October 3, 1990, from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (EDT).

Viewers are encouraged to call in questions to program participants during all interactive segments using a special toll free number. EENET telecasts can be received at no charge with a C-band antenna or satellite dish.

Satellite information for the September 19, 1990 program is as follows: Spacenet 1, Transponder 3, Channel 5, downlink frequency 3760 MHZ, audio frequency 6.2/6.8 MHZ. The October 3, 1990 show satellite coordinates are: Spacenet 1, Transponder 3, Channel 3, downlink frequency 3760 MHZ, audio frequency 6.2/6.8 MHZ. The Spacenet 1 satellite is located over the equator at 120 degrees west.

For more program details, write to:

EENET, National Emergency Training Center
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(301) 447-1068

TO: Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association

DATE: June 7, 1990

SUBJECT: 1990 Legislative Review

This is a summary description, by bill number and Indiana Code Section, of the bills passed by the 1990 Session of the Indiana General Assembly affecting Indiana's Volunteer Fire Service.

The following bills were signed in to law by Governor Evan Bayh or they became law without his signature as prescribed by law:

SEA 228 (IC 5-10-8) (P.L. 39-1990)

Gives a local unit of government the option to provide group insurance coverage to the unit's part-time employees and to persons who provide services to a unit under a contractual arrangement. Effective upon passage. (Effective March 20, 1990.)

SEA 290 (IC 22-12-6-1, IC 22-12-6-4, IC 22-14-2-8, IC 5-2-10.5) (P.L. 38-1990)

Combines the State Fire Marshall Fund and the State Building Commission Fund to form the "Fire and Building Services Fund." Also, establishes Indiana Public Safety Institute and Training Board, but prohibits it from teaching basic fire courses. (Effective July 2, 1990.)

SEA 369 (IC 36-8-15) (P.L. 173-1990)

Provides that in Marion County the public safety communications system may be combined or shared with the public service radio system. Specifies the powers of the board governing the public safety system in relation to the shared or combined system. Provides that operational funds of the public safety system may be sued for the shared or combined system. (Effective March 20, 1990.)

HEA 1098 (IC 36-8-12-10) (P.L. 172-1990)

Provides that volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians working for a volunteer ambulance company are

covered by the worker's compensation law (in addition to those working for a volunteer fire company, as currently provided); Increases death benefit from \$40,00 to \$60,000. (Effective July 1, 1990.)

HEA 1188 (IC 16-1-39, IC 16-1-47) (P.L. 72-1990)

Allows persons certified to provide emergency medical care to use defibrillators. Allows a person certified to provide emergency medical services to renew an expired certificate by completing continuing education requirements. (Effective July 1, 1990.)

HEA 1189 (IC 6-6-10) (P.L. 61-1990)

Raises the annual fee collected for each facility for which an emergency and hazardous chemical inventory form must be submitted. Changes the provisions governing the distribution of money from the emergency planning and right to know fund. Restricts a county's use of money distributed from the emergency planning and right to know fund; more. (Effective Jan. 1, 1991.)

HEA 1261 (formerly H.B. 1412) (IC 6-1.1-18.5-10.3) (P.L. 35-1990)

Provides an exemption from the property tax controls for townships for their cumulative fire-fighting building and equipment fund. (Effective January 1, 1989 [retroactive]; March 26, 1990, April 1, 1990, July 1, 1990, January 1, 1991 by Section)

HEA 1262 (formerly S.B. 17) (IC 16-1-39-13.5, IC 9-8-6, IC 36-8-12-11) (P.L. 88-1990)

Allows persons who are certified emergency medical service drivers, emergency medical technicians and emergency medical first responders to display a green light on a vehicle. Further, it allows volunteer firemen to place blue lights on the front of their vehicle upon or at bumper level in addition to a rotating blue light on top of their vehicle.

HEA 1288 (IC 4-26-3-19.2, IC 10-3-3-1, IC 10-4-1, IC 10-8, IC 16-1) (P.L. 93-1990)

Merges the Department of Civil Defense with the Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission. Abolishes the State Civil Defense Advisory Council. Reduces the membership of the Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission from 15 members to 11 members. (Effective in parts March 16, 1990 and July 1, 1990.)

The following bills were unsuccessful and may be re-filed for the 1991 Session:

SEA 46 (IC 6-3-2-16)

Entitles qualified and active volunteer firefighters to an adjusted gross income tax deduction of \$1000. Requires the State Fire Marshal to adopt rules concerning eligibility for the deduction. Applies to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1990.

S.B. 164 (IC 5-2-10)

Prohibits the state, a state educational institution, or a political subdivision from ordering or requesting an employee who is a police officer or firefighter to submit to a drug test except under certain procedures. Prohibits discipline of an employee for a first confirmed incident of drug use. Specified that the employer must provide drug abuse evaluation and treatment after a first confirmed

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SHIRLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Delbert Reason, Sec. and Treas.

Shirley Volunteer Fire Department

Shirley Volunteer Fire Department, along with the Town of Shirley, is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 1990.

While the exact date of establishing a fire department in the town has not been determined, it is assumed that early residents organized some of type of fire protection in the very beginning of the town even if that protection was nothing more than a bucket brigade.

The December 20, 1901 issue of The Shirley-Wilkinson News stated that "Shirley has the best fire apparatus and facilities for fighting fire of any little city in the state."

With four fire pumps, a tanker, and well trained firefighters, the town still has an excellent fire department.

Since its incorporation was approved on June 1, 1961, by the Indiana Department of State, the department has had both operating and administrative officers.

Operating officers in 1990 are: Kyle Austin, chief; Steve Wolski, assistant chief; Kerry

Grass, captain; Paul Adkins, lieutenant; and Gary Vaughn, training officer.

Administrative officers are: Gary Vaughn, president; Scott Hardy, vice president; Delbert Reason, secretary and treasurer; Vaughn Sutton, Steve Wolski, Kerry Grass, Paul Adkins and Mark Grass, members of the board of directors.

Other members of the department are: Charles Sorrell, Ronald Stewart, Tony Turner, Martin Ebbert, Ronald Willis, William Haviland, Steve Lackey, Ted Tompkins, Robert Florea, Jeffrey Ellison, Herbert Hanke, Brian Froman, and Ronald Love.

Reserve members are: Jack Robertson, Chris Ellison, Jack Richter, and Steve Smith. The department also has two inactive members; Lamoine Harrell and Randy Tompkins.

Life members of the department are: Omer Jessup, 1928-1979; Ralph Kaufman, 1954-1984; and Delbert Reason, 1956-1987, who continues to serve as secretary and treasurer.

Under the by-laws of the department, members must serve at least 30 years of active service to be eligible for life membership. Jessup, with 51 years of active service, is also a life member of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association.

While members of the department have not yet decided what activities to sponsor during the town of Shirley's Centennial Celebration, September 21-30, suggestions discussed have included waterball and bucket brigade contests and an open house each night of the event.

Shirley is located at the Henry-Hancock county line in District 13A.

CONVENTION BANQUET

Friday June 15, 1990 Convention Banquet, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

After the dinner meal was served, President Lockhart asked Auxiliary Chaplain Judy Hilderbrand to give the blessing.

President Lockhart welcomed all and thanked them for attending. He gave a special thanks to the organist, Linda Baker, for the evening, and introduced the following people at the head table: his wife, Annie; Charles Baker, 1st VP, IFIA; Vice President Ivan Nevil and his wife, Joyce; Maynard Masters, President, IFIA; Auxiliary President Toni Sorg and her husband, Mort; Convention Chairman Mike Mackin; John Shanks, our Legislative Representative. After their intro-

duction, Charles Baker, Maynard Masters and John Shanks spoke to the group. Auxiliary President Toni Sorg introduced the Auxiliary Officers for the coming year as well as the new Miss Flame and her Court.

President Lockhart introduced Mr. IVFA this year, Toddy Michl. He then turned the meeting over to Vice President Nevil. Vice President Nevil read the list of winners for the Midwest Awards. The Bert Ketchum Awards were presented by Larry Ketchum to Kelly Dwyer, Miss Flame and Dawn Ragland, Runner-up.

The Presidents Award was given to Vice President, Ivan Nevil. He also announced that the winners of the Bridgeport Scholarship Awards are Tina Fuhrman and Nancy Ward. Each was awarded \$1500.

Mike Mackin introduced all committee members that helped with the convention. A plaque was given to Mike by the President of the Allen County Firefighters Association, Phil Martin.

President Lockhart introduced the officers for the coming year and they were given the oath of office by Past President and Past State Fire Marshal Bill Goodwin.

President Lockhart gave the times for events yet tonight as well as the following day and stated that he hoped to see everyone

in Vincennes next year.

The winners of the bowling tournament were announced by Bill Kinsey after which the meeting and banquet were dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies, Recording Secretary

TRI COUNTY FIRE SCHOOL

The first annual Tri-County Fire School will be held at Lincoln High School in Vincennes on Saturday, August 25th, and Sunday, August 26th. This is a joint venture with the Vincennes Township (Knox County), Petersburg (Pike County), Lawrence/Allison (Lawrence County, IL), and the Indiana Fire Instructors Association.

Thirteen six hour classes, and seven twelve hour classes have been scheduled. All material will meet present second or first class firefighter training standards. Pre-registration is required, with full payment accompanying registration. Fees: 6 hours \$20.00 (one day) or 12 hours \$36.00 (two days). A \$5.00 late fee will be charged for all registration after August 18th.

All school participants are invited to free entertainment Saturday evening. We hope to see you all there. For additional information, contact:

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A resource kit for use by volunteer fire departments and others to promote the acceptance and use of home fire sprinkler systems is available from the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) Resource Center.

Called "Don't Give Fire a Home," the kit is part of a NVFC campaign to get life-saving sprinklers into more one-and two-family dwellings, where most fire deaths occur.

"The primary goal of our campaign is to research the public directly and build an awareness of the value of residential sprinklers," says NVFC Chairman E. James Monihan. "Just as importantly, we want to be sure that developers, builders, and realtors who deal with the public at the point-of-sale, also are knowledgeable about residential

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State Fair Queen Named

Kelly Deen Dwyer, 17, the Allen County Fair queen, was named the Indiana State Fair Queen Saturday. She is a junior at Bishop Luers High School and is the daughter of Charles and Georgia Dwyer. The queen was chosen after three days of competition, including interviews, formalwear and sportswear appearances.

Kelly is "Miss Flame" 1990-91. It would appear the IVFA'S judges made an excellent choice.

Bill Kinsey
PRNE

ALL PORTER FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS ACHIEVE MASTER FIREFIGHTER CERTIFICATION



Porter Fire Department officers achieve certifications. Seated left to right are: Chief Ray Wesley, Asst. Chief Lewis Craig, and Captain Larry Williams. Standing are: Safety Officer Keith Simmons, 1st Lieutenant Tom Bernth, 2nd Lieutenant Lee Lane, and Safety Officer Mary Wesley.

All seven Porter Fire Officers have earned a Master Firefighter Certification from the Indiana Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education.

Ray Wesley is a Master in Strategy and Tactics, and Instructor; Lewis Craig, Instructor; Larry Williams, Instructor, Strategy and Tactics, Investigation, Prevention; Tom Bernth, Strategy and Tactics; Lee Lane, Strategy and Tactics; Mary Wesley, Instructor, Investigation, Strategy and Tactics; and Keith Simmons, Strategy and Tactics.

Also, recent certifications received by Porter Firefighters include: Steve Davis and Jason Bogue, 2nd Class Firefighters; Michael Copollo, Indiana Emergency Medical Technician; Robert Wesley, Tony Coslet, and Dean Hultman, Indiana First Responders.

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INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 1990

NOTE 1:

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NOTE 2:

THE CORPORATION IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ENTITY AND AS SUCH IS NOT REQUIRED TO PAY FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAXES ON NOT-FOR-PROFIT ACTIVITIES; THEREFORE NO PROVISION FOR TAXES IS REQUIRED.

NOTE 3:

THE CORPORATE BANK OF RECORD IS BANK ONE OF INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, FOR THE GENERAL ACCOUNT.

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT CONT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 1990

NOTE 4:

CASH IN SAVINGS-CAPITAL PLUS SAVINGS & LOAN. REPRESENTS NONRESTRICTED FUNDS IN THE FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 AND PASSBOOK SAVINGS ACCOUNT OF \$7,140.93 WITH CAPITAL PLUS SAVINGS & LOAN OF INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

NOTE 5:

CASH IN SAVINGS-CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT-INT. REPRESENTS NONRESTRICTED FUNDS ON DEPOSIT WITH INDIANA NATIONAL BANK OF INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

NOTE 6:

CASH IN BANK-BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIP FUND. REPRESENTS RESTRICTED FUNDS ON DEPOSIT WITH BANK ONE OF INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA IN THE FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS.

NOTE 7:

CASH IN SAVINGS-BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIP FUND. REPRESENTS RESTRICTED FUNDS MAINTAINED IN AN INTEREST BEARING CHECKING ACCOUNT WITH BANK ONE OF INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT CONT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 1990

NOTE 8:

THE INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC. IS ACTING AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BRIDGEPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND. THE FUND IS A RESTRICTIVE FUND FOR EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND VOLUNTEER FIREMEN FUNERAL FUNDS.

NOTE 9:

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NEW USFA REPORT ON FIRE INVESTIGATION UNIT MANAGEMENT

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's U.S. Fire Administration recently released a new report, "A View of Management in Fire Investigation Units - Issues and Trends for the '90s," which details the findings of a year-long project on fire investigation unit organization and management.

Profiles from specific sites that participated in the study are included and seven problem areas frequently encountered across the county are discussed and analyzed.

The report is written especially for fire investigation unit managers (fire or law enforcement managers), fire investigators, and others with an interest in improving their efforts to control arson.

The publication number for this report is FA-93.

For a copy of the report, please send your written request to:

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Hymera Hosting Seafood Festival

submitted by Mark A. McAnally

The town of Hymera will be hosting a Seafood Festival on September 15th, beginning around 8:00 and lasting all day long. The fire department will be serving soup and sandwiches throughout the day.

There will be a flea market going on and also some entertainment.

We have also contacted Life-Line, and they will be bringing down a helicopter for people to see. We will be demonstrating and practicing "hot and cold" loading of patients.

New Membership Open In Old Fire Company

The Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association, organized in 1774 with President George Washington as a charter member, continues its fire service tradition at the original fire house in Alexandria, VA. Located at 107 S. Alfred St., the fire company today serves as a philanthropic organization dedicated to preserving the fire service of the colonial era and fostering increased effectiveness of today's fire fighter through a series of educational scholarships.

George Washington's first piece of fire apparatus, bought specifically for the Friendship Company, is housed at the station in the historic old town. Many other artifacts are also on display, and continuing efforts to obtain additional equipment and furnishings of the 18th and 19th centuries are underway.

The Association sponsors an annual educational scholarship competition with winners announced at the annual George Washington birthday celebration (National Presidents Day Holiday). Scholarships are awarded to individuals pursuing basic or advanced fire service educational courses. Details for next year's scholarship entrees will be announced September 15.

Membership in the Association is open to anyone interested in preserving the fire service traditions of the past, and exploring

fire service educational technology of tomorrow.

Applications for individual or corporate membership may be obtained by contacting:

Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association c/o Asst. Secretary, 7202 Bertram Alexandria, VA 22306

Union Volunteers Receiving EMS Certification

Four members of the Union Volunteer Fire Department of Porter County recently completed training and received certification from the Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission.

Firefighter Michael Mantz completed the Emergency Medical Technical course held at Southlake Methodist Hospital in Merrillville, and is now certified as an EMT by the Commission.

Firefighters Carol Linzy, Karl Naggatz, and Jerry Webb completed the First Responder course held at Porter Memorial Hospital in Valparaiso and sponsored by Porter Memorial E.M.S. and are now certified by the Commission as First Responders. Firefighter Naggatz, who is a cadet with the department, is a senior at Wheeler High School and completed a full day at school in addition to completing the First Responder training.

Of the thirty-two members of the department, seven have now been certified as Emergency Medical Technicians, and eleven are certified at the First Responder level. The department is currently certified by the EMS Commission as a Rescue Squad provider and the addition of the newly certified personnel are expected to increase the level of patient care provided to residents of Union Township.

Congratulations!

Announcements

From Porter County

Two members of the Union Volunteer Fire Department of Porter County recently completed training and received certification from the Commission on Fire Fighting Personnel Standards and Education as Master Firefighters.

Lt. John Kepshire and Firefighter William Stowers completed the 64 hour Inspector Master class held in cooperation with the State Fire Marshal's Office and hosted by the Hobart Fire Department. Both men hold Master certification in Tactics and are Instructor 1st class.

Lt. Kepshire is a five year member of the department, having served on the Lake Station Fire Department for eight years prior to moving to Union Township in 1985. Firefighter Stowers is an eighteen year veteran of the Union department. Bill also serves as a Safety Officer for the department.

Plans are being formulated to add an Inspection Bureau to the department in the near future. Congratulations!

Two Porter County Departments Battle Mobile Home Fire

A rapidly spreading fire in a mobile home park was brought under control through the efforts of two local fire departments on Mother's Day morning in unincorporated Portage Township.

A call was received by the Porter County Fire Dispatcher over the Union Volunteer Fire Department emergency line at 9:05 a.m. reporting smoke coming from a mobile home in the Sunrise Mobile Home Park.

The park, located at 751 West, State Road 130 was just across the township line between Union and Portage townships.

The Union department was dispatched, as was the South Haven Volunteer Fire De-

partment, which actually provides fire protection for unincorporated Portage Township.

The trailers in the park are in a single line with only the road in front of the trailers for access.

The first arriving Union engine found heavy fire coming from trailer #11 with impingement on the adjoining trailer #10, a vehicle parked in front of the fire building, and a storage building on the opposite side from trailer #10. Hand lines were placed between the fire building and the two other exposure buildings to limit further damage until additional equipment arrived.

Upon the arrival of the South Haven Department (travel distance was approximately 2 1/2 miles further than the Union Department) supply lines were hand laid by the South Haven Firefighters back to State Road 130.

Due to the limited access into the park, there was no room for a tanker shuttle and a South Haven engine pumped down the street approximately 900 feet to the Union tanker that was nursing the attack pumper.

The fire was brought under control in approximately 15 minutes after arrival of the first engine. Both Union and South Haven Firefighters participated in the overhaul stage of the fire so as not to fatigue any personnel.

Trailer #11, which was owned by Mr. Brooks Culpepper and rented by Mr. John Lukowski was completely destroyed by the blaze, as were all of the possessions of Mr. Lukowski.

Damage to this building was approximated at \$7,500.00.

Damage to trailer #10, also owned by Mr. Culpepper and rented to his daughter Kelly has been estimated at \$2,000.00.

The storage shed suffered approximately \$500.00 damage, and a 1981 Ford Mustang owned by Mr. Lukowski and parked in front of the fire building sustained \$1,000.00 damage.

There was no insurance reported on any of the structures, vehicle, or contents.

The fire is believed to have started under the floor in the bathroom of trailer #11.

Evidence of heat in excess of 2000 degrees fahrenheit was found under the floor in this area, and the bathroom floor was the only area of the trailer that had been burned away.

Evidence also suggests that the fire flashed over the entire trailer prior to the fire department arrival when a well meaning neighbor opened the front door to yell for anyone still inside. It is believed that a short in a heat tape type unit under the bathroom started the blaze.

There were no injuries reported to the residents of the trailer park, and due to the cooperative effort of the two responding fire departments, no firefighter injuries as well.

Notes From Auxiliary President

Notes from the President:

Well, the 1990 Convention is over and a fine convention it was. Our special thanks to all of the Allen County firefighters and auxiliaries for all of their hard work to bring about this year's convention. Our congratulations go out to Toddy Michls, 1990 Mr. IFVA; Betsy Howe, 1990 Lois Boaz winner; Kelly Dwyer, 1990 Miss Flame; Ivan Nevil, recipient of the President's Award; to all game and parade winners, and our two scholarship recipients.

Your new officers elected at the Friday afternoon meeting for 1990-91 are: President, Nancy Neal-Hope; Vice President, Betsy Howe-Griffith; Recording Secretary, Maxine Davies-Fillmore; Corresponding Secretary, Lou Bantlow-Montezuma; Treasurer, Dorothy Reiter-Decatur; Chaplain, Judy Hildebrand-Versailles; Sgt. of Arms, Miriam Schaeckel-Greenfield; and Immediate Past President, Toni Sorg-Fort Wayne.

Your new officers are ready to help you and we are there for you and your auxiliary. So please contact any one of us if you need our help in any way.

Don't forget that your dues are payable now and are delinquent after September 30th. So don't miss out, send your check and form to: Maxine Davies, Recording Secretary, R.R. #1 3E1, Fillmore IN, 46128.

Please, don't forget to send your officers notifications of your district meetings so we can plan to attend as many as possible.

Well, with summer upon us and we plan our summer vacations, may we all have safe and fun-filled days.

Take care and may God bless YOU,
Nancy Neal
IVFAA President

Yost Declines FEMA Offer

Washington, White House sources today advised the Congressional Fire Services Institute that Admiral Paul A. Yost, Jr. has declined the Bush Administration's offer to head the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for personal reasons.

"While I am concerned with this delay in naming a FEMA Director, I am satisfied that the White House is working to keep us informed," said Congressman Curt Weldon, Honorary Chairman of the Congressional Fire Services Institute.

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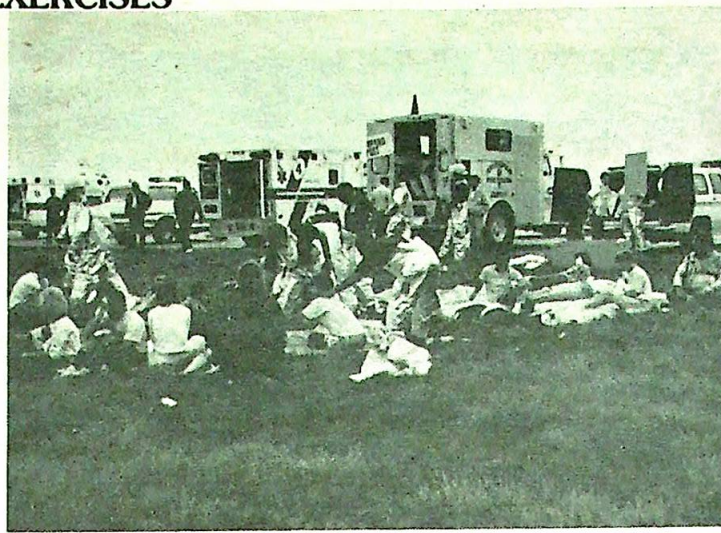
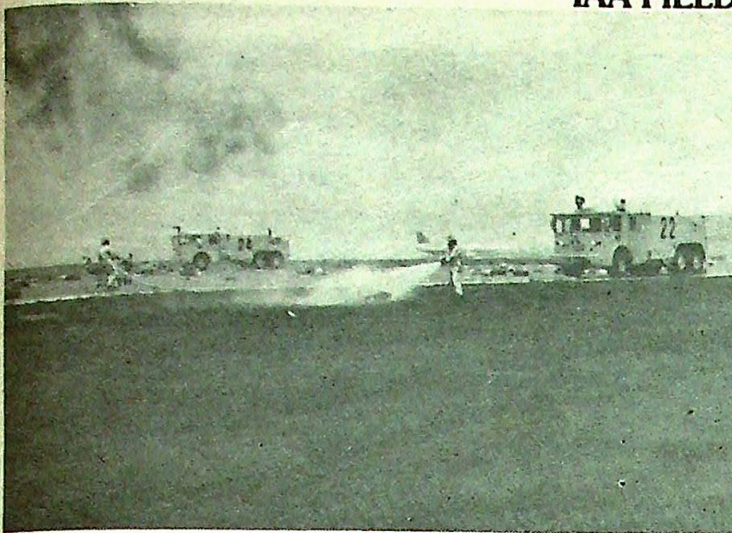
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IAA FIELD EXERCISES



Photos and article submitted by James Tharp

Indianapolis International Airport Authority (IAA) field exercise was July 14. The Federal Aviation Administration requires airports to conduct drills and set standards which relate to the development of an aircraft accident response plan, and the practicing of that plan through tabletop and full scale emergency exercises held on an annual basis. An inter-agency training drill focused on improving various emergency response functions involved with any crash of an aircraft, regardless of the location. IAA has its own fire department, with primary responsibility for handling aircraft accidents on the property. Due to special needs posed by aircraft accidents, this department does provide mutual assistance to surrounding suburban and city services. Structural fire protection and calls for emergency medical services lies between the Indianapolis Fire Department, Indianapolis International Airport Fire Department, Wayne Township Fire Department, and the Decatur Township Fire Department.

FROM THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL

Dear Firefighters, I am writing to you to let you know I have accepted a new position in state government and will be leaving the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Governor Evan Bayh has asked me to open a new office that will address workplace safety in existing and planned state-owned and operated facilities. This carries out the governor's commitment to safety in the workplace, and I am pleased to be asked to take on this responsibility. Beginning August 1, I will be Deputy Director of the Public Works Division of the Department of Administration. In this new position, I will be traveling statewide, and I look forward to seeing you.

I leave the Office of the State Fire Marshal with a sense of accomplishment. With the help of many throughout the state, I have been able to carry out many aspects of the Governor's program, including stricter enforcements of the Fire Safety Code, changes in the fee structure, and the successful passage in the recent General Assembly of the bill establishing the Public Safety Institute.

In my new position, I will continue to be in contact with you. I hope that you will extend a spirit of cooperation to my successor and continue to work toward making Indiana a safer place for all to live, work, and play.

Enclosed is a copy of the press release written by the Governor's Office. It has been my pleasure to have served as your State Fire Marshal, and to have had the privilege of personally meeting many of you.

Sincerely, John C. Dugan State Fire Marshal

District 11-A

First of all, I would like to congratulate 2 people in our district for the awards received at convention. Toddy Michl, who received the Mr. IVFA award, and Pete Taylor, who received the Midwest award. Both of these people work very hard for their respective departments and the district. Toddy has been a great help to me during my first year as district chairman.

Our thanks go to April Mullins, who represented the district in the Miss Flame contest. I believe she had a good time at convention

and will long remember her experiences and friends.

Our May meeting was held at Jackson Township (Clay County). Public Service Indiana presented a live power line demonstration which was very informative.

Hymera hosted the July meeting: thanks to both of these departments, and especially to chief Wayne Smith of the Plymouth Fire Department for his fine presentation.

Our September meeting will be at Dobbs Park, which will be our annual picnic and short business meeting. This is a day to relax and have fun, however, I am a bit concerned since the ladies have elected to handle the games this year... could be very interesting!

Bob Meyers

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Continued from page 10 sprinklers and are not discouraging their use."

He said the new kit contains resources to help volunteer fire departments and others get actively involved in promoting home fire sprinkler use. In addition to two camera-ready public service ads to educate the general public, the kit includes fact sheets and other material to assist fire department personnel prepare themselves to respond accurately to the public's questions about residential sprinkler systems. Also included is information tailored for use in discussion with developers, builders and realtors.

One of the most important parts of the kit, according to Monihan, is a Resource List that contains information on how local fire departments can obtain technical assistance, publications, and audiovisual materials from a variety of sources to support their efforts to promote residential sprinkler use in their communities.

"Don't Give Fire a Home" is available at a cost of \$18.95 per copy for non-NVFC members. ALL ORDERS MUST BE PREPAID. The kit is free of charge for NVFC members.

To order a copy, send a letter on fire department or business stationery to:

"Don't Give Fire a Home," NVFC Resource Center P.O. Box 25215 Alexandria, VA 22313-5215 Make checks or money orders payable to the NVFC Resource Center.

For questions or other information, contact Carolyn Peroni at the NVFC Resource Center. (703) 823-1593.

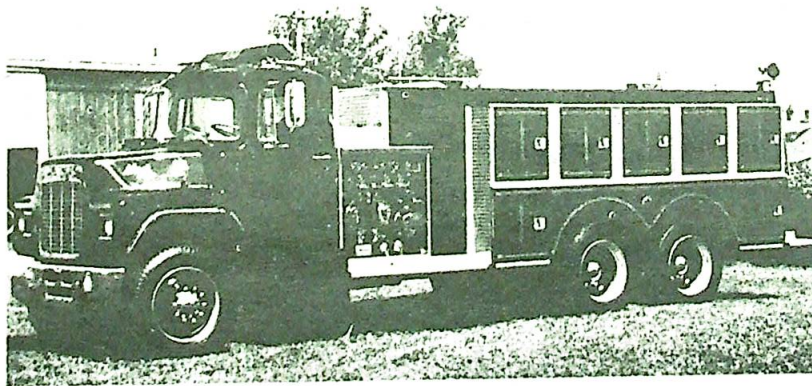


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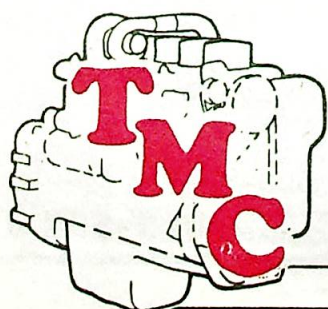
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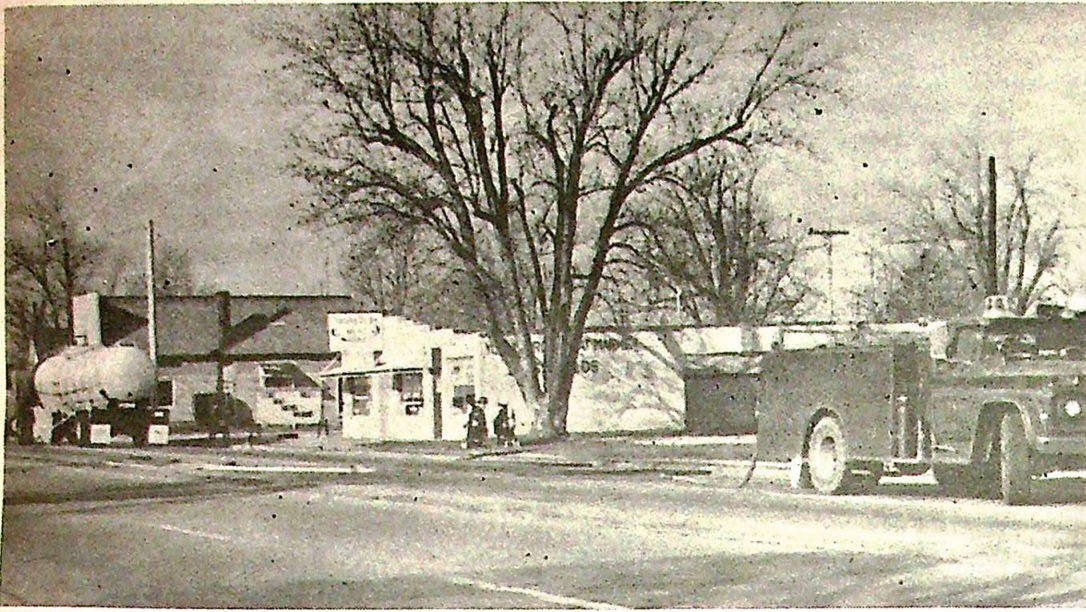
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Submitted by David Kelly, District 12

Three Hendricks County Fire Departments responded to a hazardous materials incident this past winter. Following the run, all agreed the importance in meeting the basic training requirements of SARA Title III, First Responder Operations Level.

Belleville, Cartersburg, and Clayton Fire Departments are located in rural Hendricks County, 20 miles west of Indianapolis. Faced with a possible curtailment of services to their primary response areas, a reorganization in response procedures resulted in a mutual aid initial dispatch of all three departments on all incidents. This reorganization allowed for a greater response of manpower and equipment automatically. On February 17, 1990, this response was fully tested.

U.S. 40 bisects Liberty Township. A transport truck owned by Heritage Transport of Indianapolis was hauling a solution of flammable solvents (UN 1993) and came to an abrupt halt at the automatic signal at U.S. 40 and S.R. 39 in Belleville. The front loading hatch popped open and approximately 50 gallons of its contents spilled on the roadway. The initial dispatch resulted in the response of 8 pieces of apparatus. The contents of the truck were identified as a flammable liquid, DOT Class 3. Shipping papers further identified the contents as an oil based solvent containing 25 different flammable liquids. The area was secured with a strict perimeter established. A call for mutual aid to Plainfield Fire Department resulted in one additional piece of apparatus. A precautionary attack line of AFFF/ATC foam and a backup line were established. No additional attempt was made to absorb or remove the spill. Heritage Transport was contacted and a spill response team was dispatched and cleanup procedures were turned over to them. Oil absorbent was applied to the ground spill and absorbent pads were used to remove the residue from the sides of the transport. During the cleanup procedures, fire units maintained the perimeter and exposure control. Beginning at 8:30 a.m., all units were released from the duties at 11:15 a.m.

A week following the spill incident, a critique was held reviewing the correct procedures followed and areas for improvement. As a result of that critique, a hazardous materials class was conducted for all non-qualified SARA Title III firefighters resulting in 21 personnel completing the First Responder Operations Level Class.

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL EMERGENCY RESPONSE AGENCIES

Firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and other emergency response personnel face numerous unique circumstances where they are at risk for exposure to blood, body fluids, and other potentially infectious materials. Their awareness and active protection against infectious diseases are vital to the health of these public servants and to the communities they serve.

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), caused by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), is perhaps the most widely publicized disease affecting emergency response personnel. Hepatitis-B, however, poses a much greater occupational health risk, as each year 20,000 health care workers become infected and at least 200 health care workers die of work-related Hepatitis-B infections.

The United States Fire Administration (USFA) feels strongly that all health care workers, particularly firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics and other emergency response personnel, be offered immunization against vaccine-preventable diseases, such as Hepatitis-B. The U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) agrees and has mandated this for all employees covered by OSHA regulations.

Hepatitis-B is only one of the vaccine-preventable diseases that emergency response personnel need to be concerned with. According to the current Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices Guidelines

published by the Centers for Disease Control, "All persons providing health care to older adolescents and adults in private offices, clinics, hospitals, HMOs, and other health care settings should be provided with immunization against influenza; with pneumococcal, Hepatitis-B, measles, and rubella vaccines; and with tetanus and diphtheria toxoids, when indicated." Firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and other emergency response personnel fall into this group and should be afforded this protection.

The USFA Office of Firefighter Health and Safety is actively responding to the impact of infectious diseases on the fire service and other emergency response professionals. In August, we held a "Second Forum on Communicable Diseases" with emergency medical and infection control experts, fire service professionals, physicians, attorneys, and allied Federal agency representatives. We spent three days discussing infection control curriculum development, vaccination, related legal issues, pending Federal legislation regarding occupational exposure to infectious diseases, employee rights, and models of fire department record-keeping of exposures. We reviewed the progress of the 1988 Forum recommendations, and developed new recommendations for the coming year. Detailed findings and recommendations have been published in the USFA Report on the Second Forum on Communicable Diseases, which is available from:

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It is up to each emergency response agency to ensure that all emergency responders have the training, equipment, and protection to do their job safely. When they are saving lives, they must first protect their own. Make certain that your professionals can do just that.

Sincerely, Edward M. Wall
Deputy Administrator,
U.S. Fire Administration

District 11-A

Gee whiz, after all the planning and preparing, convention has come and gone. Hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did.

School will soon be back in session and everyone will be back in their old routines. Hope more members will now have time to participate in their district meetings.

District 11-A met last Sunday at Hymera V.F.D. We had as guest speaker, Chief Wayne Smith from Plymouth, who showed a video and slides of the tragic firetruck accident that claimed the lives of five Plymouth volunteer firefighters a few years ago. In viewing this terrible accident, I only hope and pray that our men will stress even more safety for firefighters. District 11-A had election of officers and they will remain the same as last year. Also, plans for our Sept. 16th picnic at Dobbs park are being finalized.

In closing, I want to say how proud Bob and I are to be a part of this organization. Although I've been an Auxiliary member for 18 years, I still stand in awe of these dedicated men and women in the fire service. The

more I see and hear of their dedication and heroics, the more humble I feel. Let's keep them uppermost in our prayers.

Janet Meyers
District 11-A Chairman

District 7

District 7 of the IVFAA met on May 21, at the Bippus Community Building.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag.

Roll call was answered by nine ladies representing six departments and one guest, our Miss Flame contestant, Bev Sorg.

The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

We presented a check to Mr. and Mrs. Mort Sorg for their Daughter's convention expenses.

Mort Sorg, the men's chairman, spoke to us about the possibility of the District 7 joining the National Volunteer Fire Council. He told us the advantages of the program. A motion was made and seconded to donate the \$25.00 to the men to become an associate member. Motion carried.

Tony spoke to us about Convention '90 and explained a lot about the IVFAA to the ladies from Bippus.

We held our 50/50 drawing, Toni Sorg won.

We joined the men for a program on headlight testing for investigation purposes.

After the program and during our delicious lunch, our Miss Flame sold Doe Doll tickets.

The next meeting will be at Bluffton on July 16.

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We discussed Convention '90, and how things went there are still some loose ends to be finished. The games were discussed-lack of women's participation. President Reiter gave highlights of the meetings and announced the new State Officers.

Judy Sheets, our secretary, asked for permission to send a letter to each auxiliary in the district to obtain information on the proper person to send our meeting notices to. We approved it.

We discussed the donation for our Miss Flame. With the prices of everything going up, a motion was made and seconded to raise it to \$200.00. The motion was carried.

Election of Officers was held, with the following results: President, Virginia Wilson; Secretary and Treasurer, Judy Sheets.

Several announcements were made from various departments.

We joined the men for refreshments and our 50/50 drawing.

The next meeting will be held at Decatur on September 17.

Dorothy Reiter, Chrm. Dist. 7

Communicable Disease Infection Control

Issues and Answers for Fire and Emergency Service Personnel

Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services, Inc. (VFIS), in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) and the National Fire Academy (NFA), American Ambulance Association and National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians will present a teleconference entitled, "Communicable Disease Infection Control: Issues and Answers for Fire and Emergency Service Personnel," on November 7, 1990, from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Officials of the sponsoring organizations said the presentation will include both pre-taped segments and live panel discussions. An important feature, they report, will be a question and answer period using a call-in, toll free system.

Experts from the legal, medical, fire and EMS services working with USFA and NFA will discuss the communicable disease issues facing all emergency responders today, as well as how to deal with these issues. They will discuss current and proposed Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations, Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards, and USFA/NFA initiatives in infection control.

Speakers for the program will include, but not limited to, Olin Greene, USFA Administrator; H. Lee Bainbridge, President, VFIS; Dr. David Barillo, M.D., Fire Department Surgeon; Paul Marniscalco, Vice President, NEMT; Bn. Chief Edward McDonald, NYFD Safety Division; Bn. Chief Dennis Rubin, Chesterfield, VA Training Officer; Katherine West, RN, BSN, Infection Control Consultant; Eric Bernstein, Esquire; Louis Klein, Vice President, VFIS; William F. Jacobs, NFA; and Gordon M. Sachs, USFA.

The facilities at the Public Broadcasting Station WITF of Harrisburg, PA, will be used to make the satellite program available through Westar 5 System, Transponder 12 Cross, Channel 24 and audio frequency 6.2-6.8 MHz.

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by Lee Kissell, Secretary

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Most of this information goes into the IVFA computer, which then provides us with quick access to you and your department's membership records. From this information in the computer, we generate the newspaper address labels that (hopefully) the post office uses to deliver your quarterly newspaper.

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I receive many forms that are filled out but not signed or dated. Both a signature and a date are required on your form if it is to serve as a legal beneficiary form. I also have received many dues payments with beneficiary changes simply written in on the computer printout. Please note that I WILL NOT change your beneficiaries unless you fill out a NEW FORM and sign and date it. Only the signed form serves as the legal document for the IVFA to use when making the payment.

If you need to make a beneficiary change, send in a new form and be certain to FILL IN ALL THE BLANKS because it will replace your old form. DO NOT just write in the beneficiary's name and sign the form.

Your cooperation is needed to help us avoid any future problem with this. If you have any questions, please call me at (812)537-5500.

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Six volunteer fire departments; Scott Twp., McCutchanville, Knight Twp., German Twp., Perry Twp., and Marris Twp. contributed money to purchase 435 T-shirts from a small volunteer fire department in Pittman Center, Tennessee, for the tornado victims in Petersburg, IN. Les Lantaff of the Scott Twp. Volunteer Fire Department took care of having them flown into Evansville by Trans World Express free of charge. He delivered them to the Catholic Church Relief Center on June 14th for distribution to the tornado victims. They were kind of different because they all had logos of the 1982 World's Fair on them. Thanks to all who made this possible.

I also think it would be very nice if all of the volunteer fire departments in Indiana would organize a small fund raising project in their areas and donate the money to help the Petersburg Fire Department rebuild their fire station that was destroyed by the tornado.

I will be glad to receive these donations and forward them on to the Petersburg Fire Department. Please make checks payable to "E.A.F.L.E.," and mail them to:

Les Lantaff, S.F.D.
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incident of drug use.

S.B. 384 (IC 8-2.1-22-2, IC 16-1-39-2)

Exempts vehicles certified as ambulances by the Indiana IC Emergency Medical Services Commission from certification requirements for common carriers. Adds definition of "emergency patient" to definitions used in Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission chapter. **S.B. 418** (IC 13-3-3-81, IC 20-14-3-7, IC 36)

Requires the fiscal body of a county, township, or municipality to review and make recommendations on any aspects of proposed bond issues of conservancy districts, library districts, redevelopment commissions, fire protection districts, sanitary districts, drainage boards, and flood control districts. Requires the fiscal body to hold a public hearing on the proposed bond issue before making recommendations to the issuing body.

S.B. 480 (IC 6-3-2-16)

Allows an individual who is a qualifying volunteer firefighter to deduct \$2000 from the individual's adjusted gross income in determining adjusted gross income tax. Provides that the deduction is allowed to firefighters who have completed certain training requirements. Effective Jan. 1, 1991.

S.B. 528 (IC 9-7-15)

Requires the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to design and issue a special registration plate to identify the applicant as a volunteer firefighter. Effective Jan. 1, 1991.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As always, I look forward to going to the IVFA convention. This year was no different. But this year's will long be one with the greatest memories along with 1983. Being named the winner of the Lois Boaz Memorial Award was the greatest thing to happen to me in a long time.

I would not have been involved had not Bill been a firefighter. Without his love, support and help, I could not have done what I have done in my volunteer efforts for the local fire department, district, and state association. I would like to thank our four children, Robin, Bill, Sue, and Bobbi Jo for all the hours they have given up with mom for mom's extra activities. It was great that they all could be there to help me celebrate.

I owe a special thank you to

Phyllis Ann. We have worked together on our local departments auxiliary, district, and state. I'm told she had something to do with the letter writing. To the District 1 and 2 ladies, I have many fond memories of a lot of you and the years we have spent together. Thank you for submitting my name for this award.

I feel very proud to join the other ladies who have previously received this award, for I have long admired all of them for their accomplishments. To Carolyn McCarthy, you installed me first time I was a district chairman. For you to present this award to me meant so much. I will remember your help, when I first got involved in the fire service.

Thanks to all who wrote-God Bless and keep you.

Betsy Howe
Lois Boaz Memorial Award 1990

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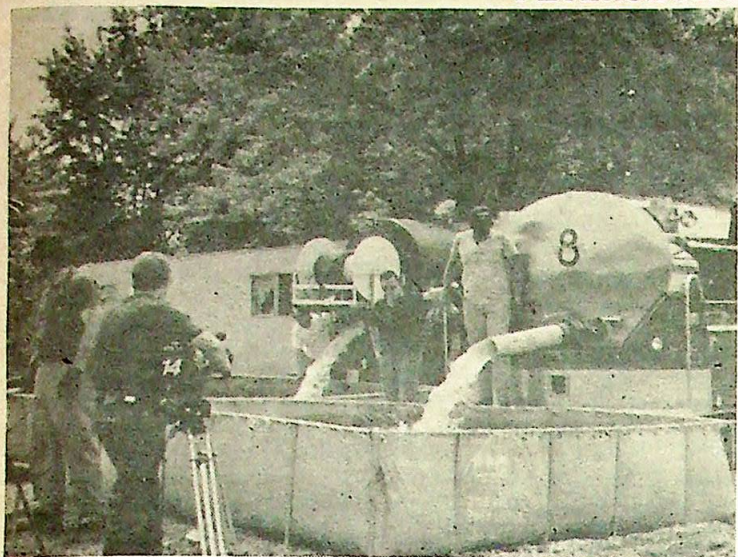
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PETERSBURG, IN-May 1990. Vincennes Township (#8) and unidentified tanker off loading water at the base of the Water Storage tank. TV Station (Ch 14) cameraman looks on.

by Bill J. Wheat

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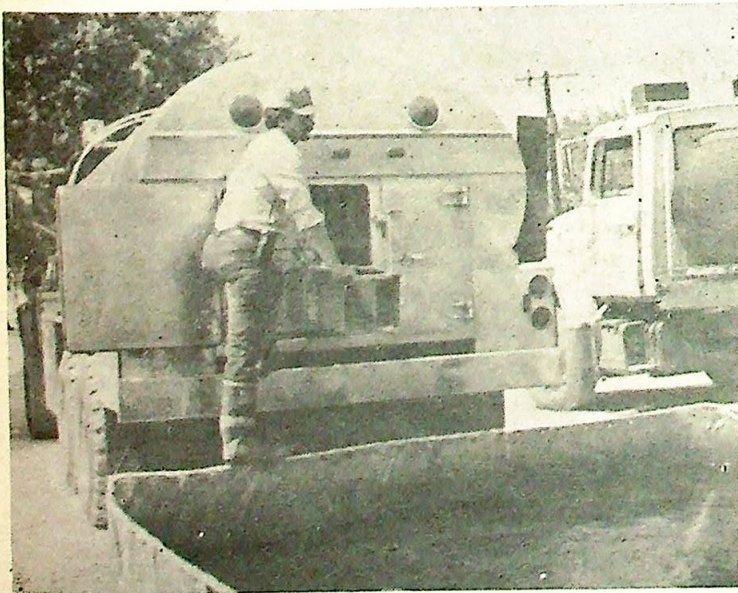
PETERSBURG, INDIANA, MAY 1990. Communities situated along rivers and streams have grown used to flooding problems. Over the years, methods have been used to help reduce risk during times of high water. The construction of levees has done much to tame flooding, and keep water within its channels. Days of torrential rains brought about the worst flooding in thirty years along the White and Pakota rivers in Pike County, Southwestern IN. The White river crested at nearly twenty feet, or about ten feet above flood stage.

The county seat community of Petersburg, located on Indiana Highway 57 found itself nearly surrounded by the flooding rivers. On Saturday afternoon, May 19th, the levee paralleling White river broke, eroding the ground around the pipe between the city water wells and treatment plant. In short order the line was swept away by the current. No well water was reaching the community, and in a short time on Saturday evening the community water system was running dry. In addition to the city, the Petersburg water system also supplies water to the Pike/Gison rural water system, with pipes running south to the area of Interstate Highway 64.

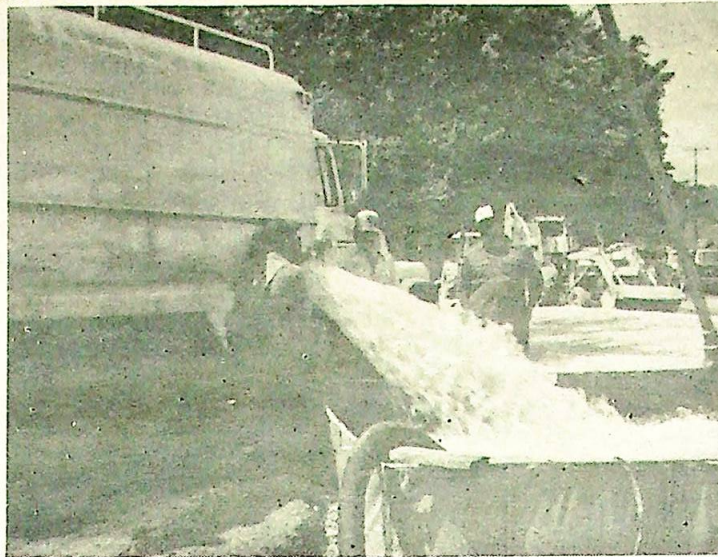
In almost any emergency, most people call their fire department for help. By early on Sunday morning a fleet of mutual aid tanker trucks from surrounding area fire departments began an eight day task of hauling water from the Hoosier Energy Generating Plant, to the base of the Petersburg city water storage tank, a distance of nearly two and a half miles. Two standard folding tanks were set up, with a reserve Petersburg Fire Department pumper relaying the water to the top of the storage tank. By late afternoon, some reserve water was slowly accumulating, and although the quality of water was not drinkable, fire protection was assured, and adequate water for sanitary purposes was being maintained. Hours later, an electric pump replaced the fire department pumper, allowing it to return to reserve duty.

Tim Smith of the Vincennes Township Volunteer Fire Department quickly organized all of the fire departments in his area, as far away as Bridgeport, IL, in addition to the Pike County units. Commercial tankers were added to the growing list of units, which assembled in shifts, maintaining from six to ten vehicles in the shuttle most times. As the tankers reached the fill site, some chlorine was added and crews quickly filled the tanks with water from Hoosier Energy's Fire Protection System, at nearly one hundred fifty pounds pressure.

At times traffic congestion among the tankers and normal vehicles movement along Highway 57 allowed the portable tanks below the water storage tank to fall too low, and pumping was temporarily shut down. Round trip time for the tankers averaged around twenty minutes when all ran smoothly. There seemed to always be plenty of extra help at both ends of the relay, however, no Incident Commander or Water Supply Officer was apparent. Each tanker and its driver did his own thing in his own way. The same vehicle, driven by different volunteers, operated somewhat differently. From the finest parade ready tanker to the rusty tank mounted on the old farm chassis, each unit did its part. Most efficient fill and dump time was by the simplest trucks, while some took nearly twice as long to deliver the same amount of wa-



PETERSBURG, IN-May 1990. Unidentified milk truck conversion tanker off loading at the base of the municipal water storage tank. Such units with inside valves and detachable chutes loose valuable time in preparation to offload their cargo.



PETERSBURG, IN-May 1990. Indianapolis Power and Light tanker with twelve inch quarter turn side mounted valve, installed for use during the Petersburg water crisis.

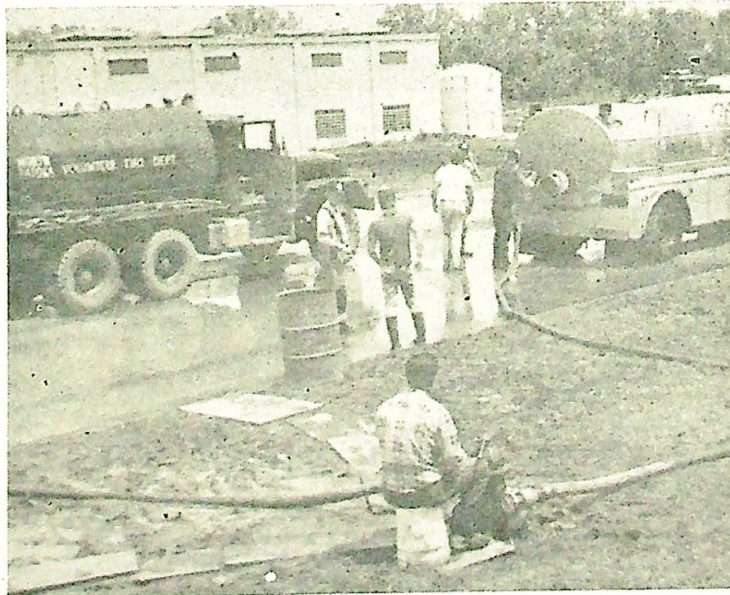
ter. A tanker provided by the Indianapolis Power and Light Company found its dump time too slow, so a twelve inch side mounted valve was quickly installed, like the most efficient vehicle in service.

Not only was there a fill site for the water tanks, but the community quickly arranged for motor fuel, and the Moose Lodge opened its dining room to provide nourishing meals for the volunteers. Other individuals and organizations assisted the Moose with donated labor and food supplies. Fuel and food was provided free to all volunteers.

As soon as the problem with the city water pumps was discovered, plans began to take corrective measures. The broken pipe could not be mended, as it was well below the floodwaters. The city quickly passed an ordinance limiting water use to twenty-five percent of normal, and all nonessential water use was cut off. The State Department of Commerce and the Federal Emergency Management Agency quickly provided plastic pipes to install a temporary above ground water line from Hoosier Energy to the base of the storage tank. Late on Saturday evening, eight days after the original crisis, water began to flow through the new plastic line. To prevent rupturing the plastic pipe from excess pressure, it flowed directly into the same two folding tanks originally set up by the fire department. Chlorine was now added at the base of the storage tank, however, too much risk of contamination in the open system remained, and the order to boil all drinking water remained in effect for several more weeks.

A tanker shuttle operation of this magnitude would have been impossible four of five years ago, as a two and a half inch dump valve was common on many area fire department water wagons. As we said earlier, this was not the most efficient operation possible, for a variety of reasons. One example, a beautiful factory built tanker required the opening of rear doors and attaching of an extension before the unit could be backed into discharge position. Low volume flow, from some tankers, and overall movement got out of hand at times, with nearly all vehicles at the dump or fill site at the same time. Thousands of hours and hundreds of miles were wasted in backing up the vehicles. From twenty seconds upwards of three minutes were noted as men and machines maneuvered backwards into position. Adding up the positive, nearly six and a half million gallons of water was carried by thirty-nine fire departments which drove about thirteen thousand miles in the shuttle operation. Some tankers traveled more than fifty miles from their home stations just to take part in the heroic operation. Someone counted more than two thousand round trips these fire department units made up and down hills, around curves, across the railroad, and on the highway. I never heard of a single accident, and one driver off work from an injury, continued his volunteer duties at the wheel of his tank truck. Phil Taylor, Chief of the Petersburg Fire Department provided these figures, so if a few drops of water sloshed out without being counted, don't blame him. Phil and members of his volunteer fire department seemed to remain on duty all of the time, as was their equipment.

Our guesstimate would place the average water flow from the tanker shuttle at under six hundred gallons per minute. All things considered, this operation should shoot down any future firefighter who utters the phrase, "we didn't have enough water to fight the fire." If you have a



PETERSBURG, IN-May 1990. North Pakota (Pike County) and Petersburg City Volunteer F.D. Tankers at one of two fill stations at the Ratz Generating Station of Hoosier Energy, Petersburg.

photos by Bill Wheat

fire reported to your department, and water may be a problem, call for mutual aid before you take any other action. If your area fire departments cannot provide the water you need, just call the southwestern group, they have the men, equipment, and experience to move millions of gallons.

In another ten years or less, as all fire departments move up to modern capabilities, a couple of miles of LARGE DIAMETER HOSE, say five inch, and three or four good pumps will easily flow well over a million gallons in any twenty-four hour period. Some parts of our country find fire departments with this capability already on line. Over twenty years ago, I discovered a volunteer fire department that would guarantee to deliver up to one thousand gallons of water per minute, as far as two miles. Special design allowed their vehicles to carry and lay two thousand feet of large diameter hose, then fall into position to supply water from a static source, or position themselves as booster pumps in the long relay.

Often a fire department is called upon to save a town by using the municipal water system. In Petersburg, the fire department saved the town by providing water to all its residents. Our congratulations to everyone who participated in any way. Once again it was proven that if you give volunteers a job to do, they will complete the task. I ask one resident of a mobile home next to the water storage tank how the tanker shuttle affected his life? His reply, "I only had to give up a little sleep, those fellows gave up a lot of their private time."

Before the mud had dried from this water emergency, a much greater tragedy in the form of a tornado ripped through the town on June 2nd, also a Saturday evening. Mutual aid in every form quickly assembled to do whatever they could to help the stricken community. This is another story for another time, however, rest assured the volunteer firefighters were there to do their part.

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STATE OFFICERS MEETING

June 14, 1990
Fort Wayne Hilton, Fort Wayne

The meeting was called to order by President Lockhart. The Invocation was given by Father Lantz followed by the Pledge to the Flag led by Vice President Nevil. The roll call was taken by Secretary Lee Kissell with a quorum present. A motion by Bob Esserman and seconded by Carl Bruns was made to suspend with the reading of the min-

Convention 1990 Contest Winners

Mens Waterball

1. Penn 1
2. Adams Twp. Co. 2
3. Poe
4. Butler

Womens Waterball

1. Reruns
2. Bugalaburn

Mens Cart Race

1. Penn South 43sec.
2. St. Joe 50sec.
3. Lacrosse 51sec.
4. Wayne Twp. Co. 52sec.

Womens Cart Race

1. Wayne and Kingsford Union 62sec.
2. Ashley 69sec.

Mens Hose Replacement

1. Lacrosse 30.9sec.
2. Wayne Twp. Co. 4 33.86sec.
3. St. Joe Twp. Co. 2 39.17sec.
4. Laotto 40.13sec.

Huntertown won the Siren Head donated by Midwest Fire and Safety.

The State Games Committee would like to thank all those that helped with the games on Saturday. The local committee did a good job in getting things lined up and to the site on time so we could get started on time. The timers, starters, judges, announcer, and ladies that worked in the trailer did a fine job. Again thanks to all that helped. Hope to see all of you next year at Vincennes.

Al Mendel
Chairman Games Committee

utes of the previous meeting. Motion carried by voice vote. President Lockhart introduced the guests present at this meeting.

OFFICERS REPORTS

President Lockhart reported that he had attended some district meetings.

Vice President Nevil thanked the association membership for letting him be the vice president during the past year.

Secretary Kissell thanked the association membership for letting him be the secretary the past year.

Recording Secretary Davies thanked the association membership for letting him be the recording secretary for the past year.

Chaplain Lantz reported that he had held a memorial service in Columbia City recently and announce that everything is in readiness for the memorial service program tomorrow.

Sgt-at-Arms Bush passed.

Treasurer Stofer gave his financial report as of May 31, 1990.

All Immediate Past Presidents in attendance passed.

Ad taker Ford announced that there had been no changes since the last officers meeting.

1991 Convention Chairman Engle explained the '91 Conven-

tion Pre-registration Forms that were passed out.

Treasurer Stofer announced that the telephone credit cards had arrived. He reported that half of them read IVFA, and other half read Wayne Township Trustee. Because of this error, he wants all of the credit cards reflecting Wayne Twp. Trustee returned to him.

President Lockhart announced that Bernie Jostus and Carlos Jeffries had passed away during the past two months. An open discussion was held concerning the deaths of these two past presidents and being notified of same. A breakdown in notification through the calling list seems to be the current problem.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTORS

EC Jackson passed.

WC Michl passed.

NE Kinsey passed.

Bill Kinsey, Standards Commission Board Chairman reported at this time that the finalizing of the master categories is now in progress. Also that improvement is being made in the processing of applications in training.

NW Howe passed.

Bill Howe, Editor's Assistant reported that the dates for news to be printed in the paper had changed. The deadline is now July 20th.

SE Richardson reported that after being out of circulation due to surgery, he is back now.

SW Davis, Kent Davis reported that Carl is back in the hospital.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN

D1 Esserman reported that there had been two deaths in the district. It was announced that a former district secretary had passed away and he did not know this.

D2 Davis passed.

D3 Bently passed.

D4 Ferro passed.

D5 Glant passed.

D6 Mackin passed.

D7 Sorg passed.

D8A Fleenor passed.

D8B Petro reported on his last district meeting.

D9A Sutton passed.

D9B Parrish thanked those officers who attended his district meeting.

D10 Neal passed.

D11A Meyer passed.

D11B Osborne passed.

D12 Johnson passed.

D13A Nulliner passed.

D13B Cox passed.

D14 Nelson passed.

D15 Seitz asked that his district wants to use the EDITH house and that he had been informed that it was in bad shape.

D16 Adkins absent.

D17A Engle passed.

D17B Zeeks passed.

D18 Heneisen reported on the events of his last district meeting.

D19 Hildebrand passed.

D20 Palmiero passed.

D21 Martin passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Gene Stofer, Legislative, announced that the bill review was passed out.

Gene Stofer, Nat'l. Vol. Fire Council, reported that they are still having problems getting the Bill of Rights bill passed. He urged everyone to write their Congressmen. He announced there is a bill wanting to add a \$25.00 fee to those attending the National Fire Academy. He also urged sending letters to your Congressmen opposing the passage of this bill.

Ivan Nevil, EMS, reported that effective June 30th, the present EMS Commission will be gone, and that changes were forthcoming.

Carl Bruns, membership, passed.

Bill Howe, resolutions, announced that there will be two resolutions to be read on the convention floor.

Ivan Nevil, fire schools and training, reported that all schools were finished. He thanked the Public Relations Directors for the seminars that were held.

Willis Parrish, historical, passed.

Gene Stofer, insurance, passed.

Ivan Nevil, awards, announced that all were complete.

John Ferro, clothing, passed.

Jerry Nullinger, safety, passed.

Gene Stofer, convention, passed.

President Lockhart reported that he had received a letter from Clarksville and their bid for the 1992 convention.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bill Howe and seconded by Carl Bruns. Motion carried by voice vote.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman Mitch Parrish called the meeting to order. A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Bill Howe and seconded by Dick Glant. Carried by voice vote.

Chairman Parrish announced that the Audit Committee had approved the financial report from the office of the treasurer.

Chairman Parrish commented that he needs input for the extension of the maintenance contract on the association's commuter. Gene Stofer remarked that there could be possible hard drive problems and that the replacement of same would be expensive. A motion not to renew the maintenance agreement if the hard drive goes out and to look into replacing the computer if it cannot be repaired by Lee Kissell was made by Bob Esserman, seconded by Roy Richardson. Motion carried by voice vote.

Problems concerning the program book were brought up at this time. Gene Stofer announced that all cases in the courts have been settled. He has been unable to make contact with Mr. Dale. He also reported that all of our monies from the sale of the program books have not been received.

A motion to adjourn after the Benediction by Chaplain Lantz was made by Pete Lockhart, seconded by Bill Engle. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies
Recording Secretary

IVFA Gold Card Presentation

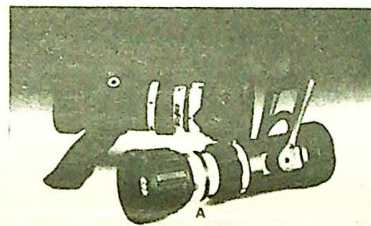
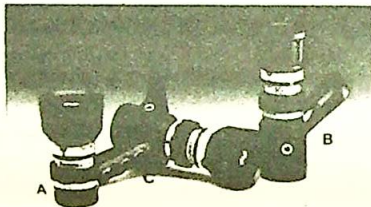


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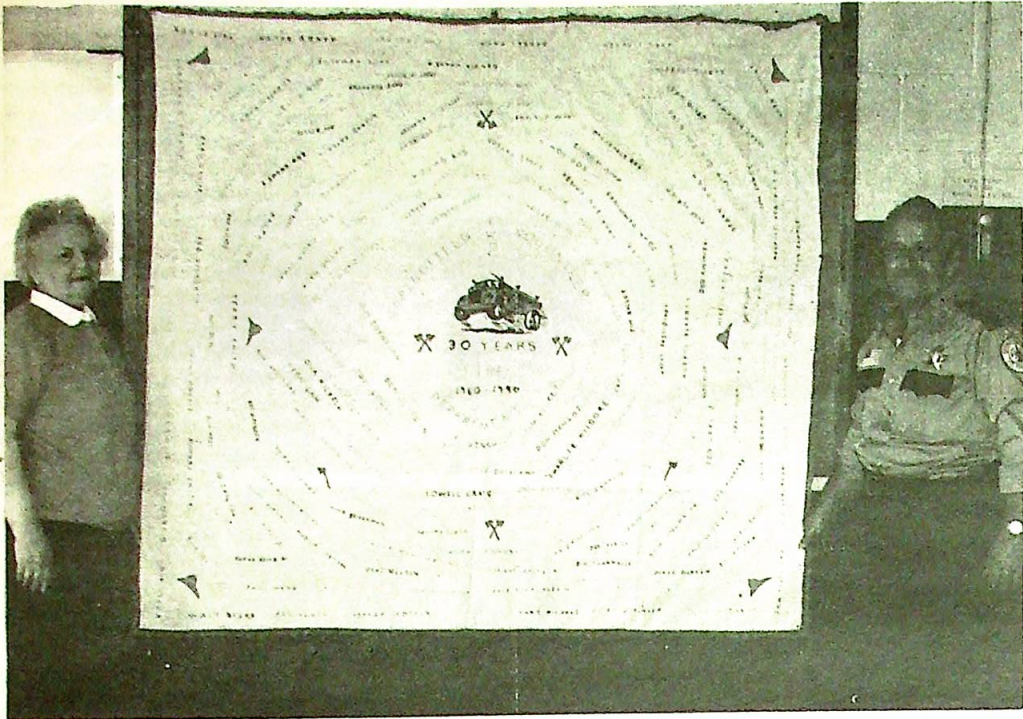
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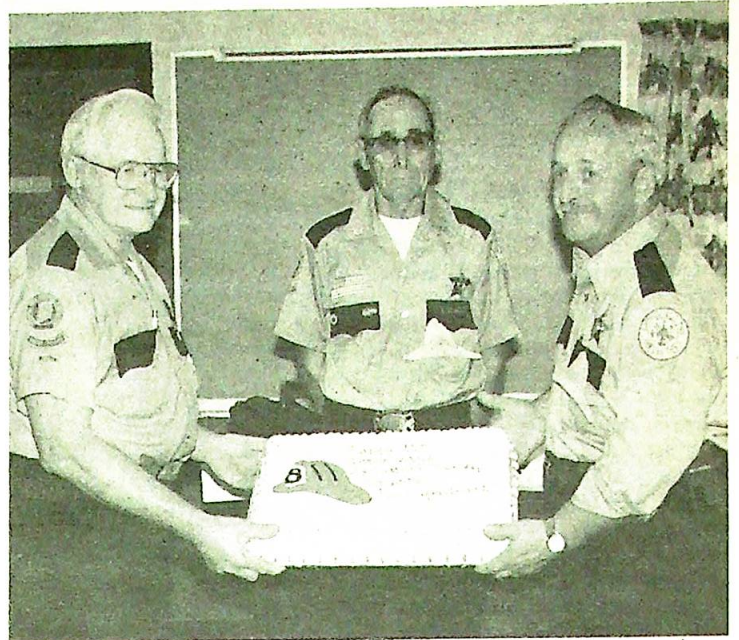
HOMEMADE TABLE CLOTH



A table cloth made by Mrs. Jake Bingman, with the names of the 216 members, past and present, was on display. The department now has 9 pieces of equipment, from a 1966 Dodge pumper-tanker to a 1990 G.M.C. tandem 3,000 gal. tanker, with a roster of 32 firefighters to man them.

Jacob M. Bingman

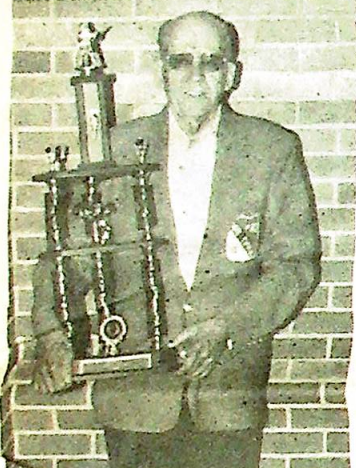
CHARTER MEMBERS



The Springfield Twp. Volunteer Fire Department had our 30th Anniversary party on April 29, 1990 at the fire station. All past and present officers of the Fire Department were present, Ben Johnson, Jim Kelsey and Jake Bingman, pictured above.

Jacob M. Bingman

Mister I.V.F.A Winner



West Central Public Relations Director, Toddy Michl was the Mister I.V.F.A Winner.

Miss Flame Winner



Kelly Dwyer from district #6 was crowned Miss Flame and Dawn Angel Ragland from district #8B was her runner up.

Lois Boaz Award



I.V.F.A.A Treasurer Betsy Howe won the Lois Boaz Award.

Convention 90' Games



Atlanta Fire Department Hosting "New Earth Festival"

Atlanta Volunteer Fire Department is hosting the 17th annual "New Earth Festival" crafts and flea market. This event is Sept. 22 and 23 and will have over 100,000 people attending. This event is a Major fund raiser for the Atlanta Volunteer Fire Department. All firefighters are welcome to come and support the AVFD.

From District 20

scheduled meetings, except no meeting the month of July.

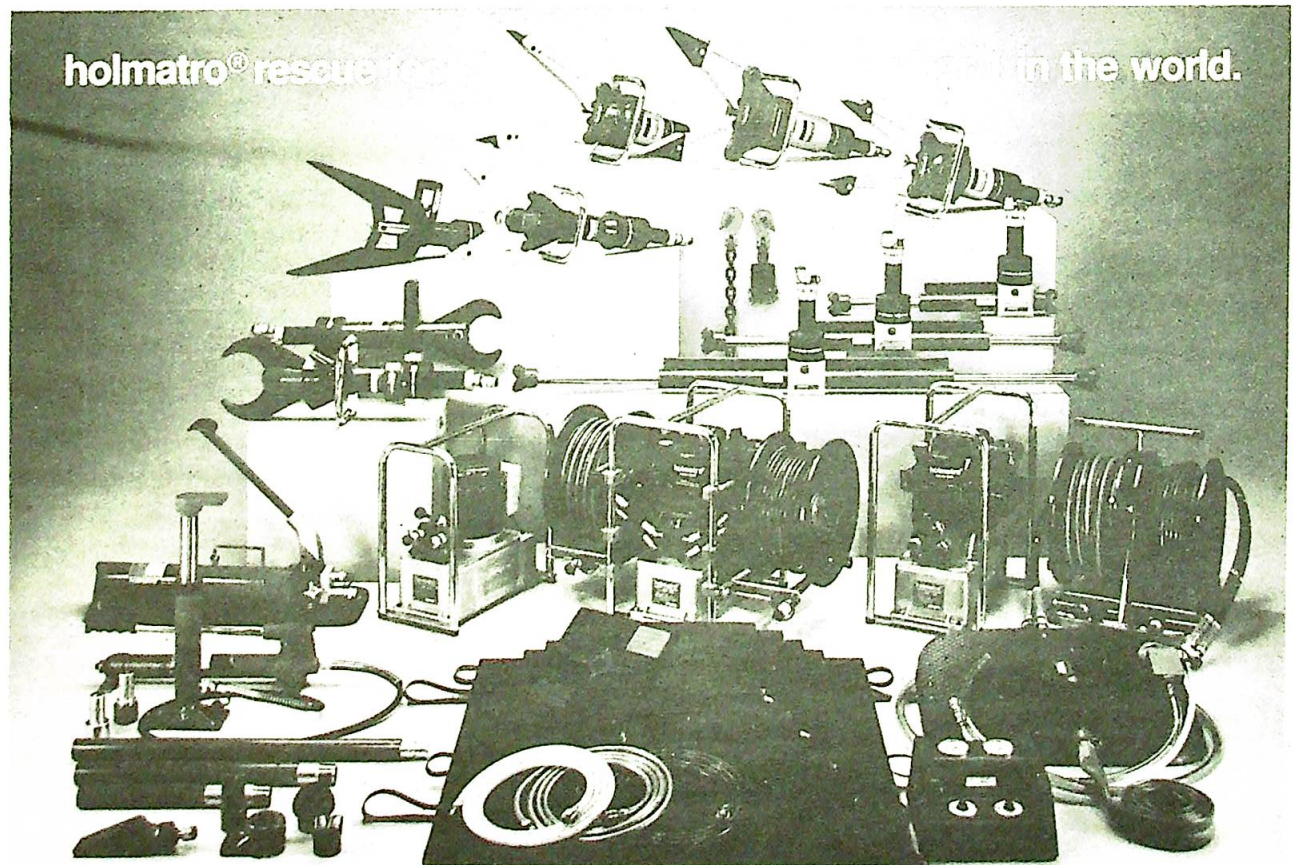
The plans for a new fire auxiliary cookbook are proceeding as scheduled-look for them to go on sale in the fall.

The auxiliary's most gala event of the year will be held Oct. 21st, the Annual Style Show and Luncheon which will take place at the clubhouse. Tickets for the Style Show, Luncheon and raffle are on sale now and can be purchased from auxiliary members. Come and enjoy a Sunday afternoon with friends and neighbors.

Call Ann Moss, District #2 Chairman for more information. (219) 988-2834

Fire Auxiliary Plans Events

The ladies of the Lakes of the Four Seasons Volunteer Fire Department met the second Wednesday of the month at the clubhouse. That's their regularly



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MILLER-YORK VOLUNTEERS CELEBRATE 30 YEARS

by Lee Kissell, IVFA

The names of Wally Boyles and Art Brandt always come to mind when the Miller-York Volunteer Fire Department is mentioned. They celebrated thirty years of community service at a dinner held on Saturday, June 6, along with most of the other members, their families, and past members of the department.

Most of the twenty charter members were present for the dinner. Seven of these twenty original members are still active members. Some have moved away and four are deceased.

The department was formed in 1960 and was first housed at the Lodge Hall in Guilford. Their first truck was an Ahems-Fox, purchased from the Greendale Fire Department. The first Fire Chief was Guy "Skeeter" Woods. The current Fire Chief is Pete Schweback, having served in that position for the past ten years.

The department was housed in the Lodge Hall until 1979. The members obtained the old Guilford School House and after many, many hours of hard work, they moved into their new station. This gave the department much more room for their growing fleet of fire apparatus as well as a meeting room and kitchen facilities.

The department currently has one Class A pumper, two water tankers, and one brush truck. The four-wheel drive brush truck was added in 1987. It is equipped to serve as a fast-attack truck as well as for off-the-road use for brush fires. Another four-wheel drive Jeep is also equipped with brush fire equipment.

The department obtained a used diesel tractor truck from the Schenley distillery in 1983. The truck chassis was rebuilt and repainted and a 1900 gallon aluminum tank and compartments



FRONT ROW: Loren Huddleston, George Hostetter, Louis Landrum, George Taylor, Louis Taylor, Eldon Andrews, Art Brandt, Wally Boyles. 2ND ROW: Richard Stutz; Bob Taylor; Pete Schweback, Chief; Earl Dawson, Tom Taylor, Vicki Stephens, Peggy Oliver. 3RD ROW: Richard Lewis, John Huddleston, Greg Ritz, Bob Billups, John Taylor, Bill Taylor, Terry Stephens, Robert Oliver. 4TH ROW: Bill Lindsey, Paul VanDyke, Jeff Hoffmeier, Dave Chapman.

for equipment storage were added. This is a rather unique tanker truck that was built by the department members.

During 1987 the department received a Class 8 rating from the Insurance Services Office, which lowered insurance premiums for the area served by the department. The department serves 566 homes in Miller and York Townships in Dearborn County.

The members and the Auxiliary are very active with fundraising projects, including an annual carnival to be held on June 29 and 30 at the fire house. The event, held since 1983, is well known in the area for the turtle racing competition.

The department members have plenty of praise for the Auxiliary members who support their efforts with additional fund-

raising projects and serving food and refreshments at fires. The Auxiliary consists primarily of family members, making the department a true family-oriented organization. This fact is evident when looking at the years of service that many of the members have put into the organization.

Following the delicious dinner, prepared by Auxiliary members, a brief history of the department and its achievements was read by President Jeff Hoffmeier. Plaques and membership pins were presented to all members and the Auxiliary for their years of service.

Ironically, the tornadoes that struck the area also severely damaged some homes in their area, including the home of Louie Landrum, one of their members. The department went into action that same evening, helping their

neighbors after the storm had passed.

STATE SECRETARY REPORT

FROM LEE KISSELL
AUGUST 1990

THE MANAGEMENT CRISIS

That's what I call it. Simply put, we are headed for tough times in the fire service and many of us are not prepared to manage in the 90's. I have previously written about the many things we are facing and stated that we may not be having fun anymore. I also know that most of you are not going to just give up, so what is the answer to all this?

I had the pleasure of meeting an old acquaintance at the Fort Wayne Convention. I attended a

class called Falling Walls in 1977 while he was still working for the Fire Marshal. That was my first firefighting class. I was impressed then with his obvious knowledge of the fire service and his sincere desire to help anyone do a better job of firefighting. By now, many of you know that I am speaking of Cooney Tucker, a fire gentleman and respected friend of the fire service.

Cooney and I talked about the fire service of today for a few minutes. He commented on a previous article that I had written in which I had said "it isn't fun anymore." He also spoke of this on the convention floor, almost as a challenge to all of us to find some answers. When we parted, we both knew we would be talking together on this subject in the future.

Many firefighters that I have met seem to be wondering what will happen next. I noticed a trend in the Fire Chief position when processing the IVFA dues this year. Many more Chiefs are resigning the post they have held for many years. This is alarming in one way, but the fire service does need the "new blood."

The Fire Chief of today, in even the smallest of towns and rural areas, have many of the same problems that face the large city departments. Volunteer or paid, these are new things we face together.

I suppose that I am now having a little more "fun" because I am no longer wearing a white hat.

I had one of those for ten years. Now I feel a great sense of relief when I know that I don't have to deal with all of the management issues that I am so familiar with. Perhaps I will now have more time to study what I call the "Management Crisis" that the fire service is facing.

Management is one of those subjects that firefighters are just not interested in. Most of you would rather fight fires, make rescues, or run the squad calls. That leaves the task to a few or in some cases to no one at all. As pressures increase, fewer firefighters are willing to tackle the management issues and the necessary office work that goes along with it. Things get behind, the revenue supply starts to drop, and the crisis begins.

I do believe that some of you would tackle the job if you could find the necessary management training that was both informative and interesting. We all hesitate to get into something that we know very little about.

My article this time is intended to be a challenge to every firefighter, volunteer or paid. The challenge is for YOU to personally become involved in solving the "Management Crisis." Yes, YOU!

Consider a management class instead of a rescue class at one of our State Fire Schools. Take some business and computer classes at IVY Tech or other local college. You may also earn a two or four year degree through the Open Learning Fire Service Program at the University of Cincinnati. Dr. William Kramer, a Cincinnati Firefighter, heads up the program at UC. I have information about the program if you are interested.

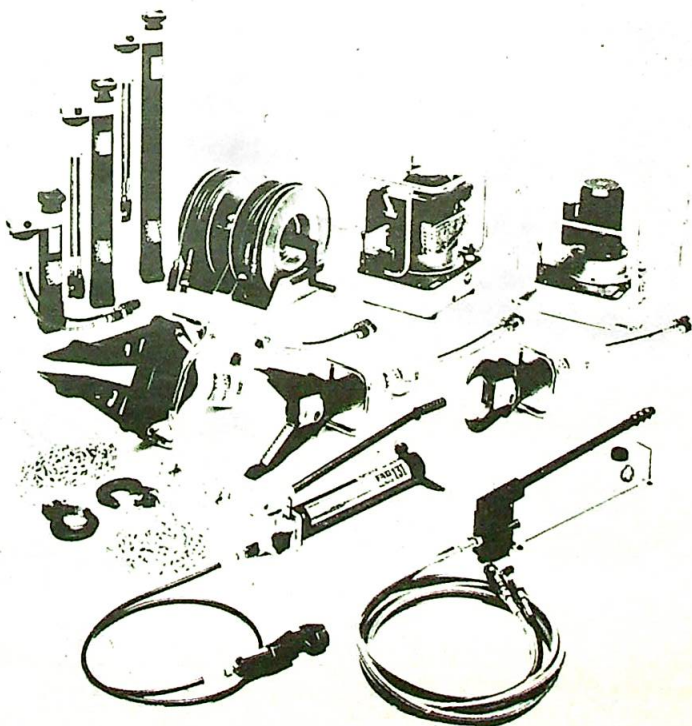
Cooney, if you read this, I hope you approve. I firmly believe that we in the fire service are generally not from management backgrounds, but that does not mean we can't learn how. Education is the key. Try some; you might like it. The fire service must develop new managers so us old ones can step down and start having a little more FUN!

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EAST CENTRAL



Larry Jackson

Greetings fellow firefighters: Well people, another convention has come and gone. Did everyone have a good time? I hope so. For those that could not attend, you really missed it. I know that we had a good time. We met some old friends, as well as meeting new ones. I would like to thank Mike Mackin and the Convention Committee and everyone who helped out in making this convention one to remember. You people did a great job. To the firefighters that didn't get to attend, make plans now to attend the next one. It will be held at Vincennes, IN., June 19-21, 1991, and the host department will be Vincennes Township Volunteer Fire Department. It was great to see Cooney Tucker at the convention. He spoke the best words I have ever heard at the end of the meeting. Thanks again Cooney, we will always remember what you said to us. Congratulations to the Miss Flame, Kelly Deen Dwyer from Dist. 6 and to the Lois Boaz Recipient, Betsy Howe. Also to Mr. IVFA recipient, Toddy Michl. Got to go for now, please attend your district meetings. To: Larry Petro 8-B, Bob Fleener 8-A, Bruce Neal Dist.-10, Jack Cox 13-B, and Jerry Nulliner 13-A, THANKS FOR A GREAT JOB. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. Bye for now.

District 10

The 10th District IVFAA meeting was held Monday, May 21, 1990, at the Adams Fire Station. There were 16 members - five guests - from five auxiliaries present. Vivian Thomas led us in prayer and we ate a delicious pitch-in dinner. Chairman Barbara Parker called the meeting to order. She welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the meeting. Barbara reported on the State Officers meeting and talked about activities of upcoming events. 10th District Miss Flame, Chastity Morris, thanked everyone for their support. Baskets of flowers were given as door prizes. A circle was formed by the joining of hands and The Lords Prayer was said. The next meeting will be at the Southwest Fire Station, Monday, August 20, 1990, at 6:30 P.M. There will be an election of officers at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Martha Dinsmore, Secretary

Chief Walt Pliske Retires After 52 Years

A young looking 76 year old Walt Pliske retired from the Chesterton Fire Dept. as of July 1, 1990. Walt said that he had pondered the idea of retirement for quite some time and decided to do it quickly before someone could talk him out of it. Walt joined the dept. in 1938 and served in every position. He was named Chief in 1982 on the retirement of Ralph Brooks. Walt still stops at the station occasionally for a cup of coffee and says he really is enjoying his second retirement-no more worries, missed meals, or being called out at 2:00 a.m.

A lifelong resident and retired carpenter, Walt spends his time working in his shop making all sorts of beautiful wooden bowls, candleholders, and anything else that he might set his mind to. Walt and his wife Kathleen also can now spend more time with their three children, 11 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Warren L. "skip" Highwood Named Chief At Chesterton

On Friday, July 13, 1990, in a special session, the Chesterton Town Council named Skip Highwood as Chief of the Fire Department. Skip will be the first paid Chief in the department's history. He replaces Walt Pliske who retired July 1 after 52 years of service.

Skip's father, Offley Highwood, was a Charter member of the IVFA and a firefighter for many years in Chesterton. Skip joined the Chesterton FD in August, 1962, and was assigned his

father's IVFA membership number. In 1973 Skip was hired as Chesterton's first paid firefighter. In 1982 Skip was appointed Asst. Chief while also serving as the department's Inspector.

Currently Chief Highwood holds memberships with the IVFA, Indiana Chief's Assn., Northern Indiana Chief's Assn., International Chief's Assn., Indiana Firefighter's Assn., the Indiana and International Arson Assns., Kiwanis International, and Duneland Underwater Rescue and Recovery. Skip is also a member of the Porter County Local Emergency Planning Committee and is President of the Porter County Fire Assn.

In an interview with Ray Larson, the Dept.'s PIO, Skip noted some projects that some of his personnel will be assigned to. One of the projects will be a Fire Prevention Program that will target the youth of the community. Updating the Dept.'s Fire Pre-plans and upgrading some of the Dept.'s equipment are among other plans.

Atlanta Fire Department Hosting "New Earth Festival"

Atlanta Volunteer Fire Department is hosting the 17th annual "New Earth Festival" crafts and flea market. This event is Sept. 22 and 23 will have over 100,000 people attending. This event is a major fund raiser for the Atlanta Volunteer Fire Department. All firefighters are welcome to come and support the AVFD.

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Public Relations Northeast



Bill Kinsey

Northeast Indiana is returning to normal after the invasion by a thousand volunteer firefighters in June. The Grand Wayne Center and downtown Hilton may never be the same, but they know we were there. My congratulations to the convention hosts for their efforts. I believe most would agree that it went as smoothly as any convention in recent years.

I believe the earlybirds who came to bowl had a lot of fun. T.R. Downey presented beautiful plaques to winners. Dreyfus Pro Shop and Bill Kinsey Insurance provided two bowling balls and two bags. Prize money was awarded, too. While I didn't see anyone that I expect to be on the Pro Tour this fall, the comments were all favorable. Everyone had fun! That was the entire reason for the tournament. The people I talked to are looking forward to an earlybird bowling tournament next year. Listen up, Vincennes!

Phil Brown won 1st place in men's singles; Jane Ferro, 1st place in ladies' singles; Jeff and Linda Girardot, 1st place in doubles. Scott Gray with a 207 and Linda Girardot with a 237 each won a bowling ball and bag for high actual score.

The 6th district has a beautiful and extremely personable young lady who is Miss Flame 1990. Kelly Dwyer of Aboite Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept. will do a fine job representing our association. Her parents and fire department should be very proud of this young lady. Congratulations, Kel-

Honored Firefighters



Fair Play Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 has begun the celebration of its 150th anniversary. Last night, the company's oldest members, who have a combined 584 years of experience, were honored. Pictured (from left) are: front-William Kasper, 44 years; John Burkhardt, 59 years; Clarence "Bookus" Hoffman, 73 years; John Thacker, 46 years; James Crozier, 45 years; back- John Hoffman, Sr., 41 years; Ed Perkinson, 40 years; Carl Morgan, 36 years; John Knoebel, 34 years; Ford Connolly, 32 years; and Earl Davis, 29 years. Absent for the picture were; Bob Kalb, 43 years; Don Vaughn, 34 years; and Joe Knoebel, 29 years.

ly!!!
Last Tuesday, I walked into the State Fire Marshal's office for a board meeting and was greeted by a room full of smiling faces. The atmosphere was so different from a month ago, I thought I was in the wrong office. The morale of the people was definitely up. While the new Fire Marshal has not been appointed at this writing, I am optimistic that we can look forward to a return to open door communications from the Marshal's Office.

Congratulations to John Ferro, District 4; Dick Glandt, District 5; Dick Mackin, District 6; and Mort Sorg, District 7 upon being re-elected to office as District Chairmen. They all did a good job in the past and I'm looking forward to working with them another year.

For those departments who are insured with Volunteer Firemen's Insurance for their Accident and Health insurance, the com-

pany has announced that they will pay for Aids testing when exposure comes from fire department emergency service. See your agent for complete details.

I know I don't show enough appreciation for the support and understanding of my wife Jean for over forty years of volunteer fire service and I believe I could find a few other volunteer firefighters in the same boat. I intend to go home tonight and give her a big hug and kiss. You do the same. If you haven't, the next time I see your wife, I'll give her a kiss for you.

District 8A

The July meeting was held at Washington Twp. in Grant County on Wednesday, July 11, at 7:30 p.m.

There were 19 members who represented 10 fire departments. A report on the last leg-

islature and the laws which affect the fire service was given. There was some discussion and a few questions on the laws.

Vice President Ivan Nevil answered the questions and reported some areas were still under consideration.

There is still a question on the burning variance from Indiana EPA and the possible charge to fire departments for applying for a permit to burn a building for training.

The election of officers for the district was held. The present chairman, Robert Fleener, was re-elected for another year. The present secretary and treasurer, Bill Pape was re-elected for another year. Bill and I will continue until we get it right.

The Sept. meeting of 8A will be at Amboy on Sept. 12 (The second Wednesday night in Sept.) The Nov. 14 meeting will be in Cicero Township Department in the town of Tipton. Going into Tipton from the east on State Road #28, cross the railroad in downtown and turn right, or North, at the first street and Cicero Twp. Station is on the right or East Side.

I would like to see you all at Amboy on Sept. 12. Thank you all for allowing me to represent district 8A again and all I need is your help and participation to get it right this time.

Robert E. Fleener

Public Relations West Central



L.J. "Toddy" Michl

Hi everyone! Another good convention is over and we must get ready for the next legislative year.

Before I get into that, I want to thank everyone who wrote in nominating me for Mr. IVFA for 1990. It's a great honor to get this award. I hope to be worthy of the honor that goes with it. This was something I never thought I could receive. Thank you all.

Congratulations to Betsy Howe, Lois Boaz award winner, Larry Metcalf for the Ollie Sandberg award, Miss Flame, I'm sorry I didn't get her name, and to all the men who received the Midwest awards. Pete Taylor, from my District 11A, received this award. He is a deserving recipient. It's nice to receive these awards so start early to get those names in. I'm sure you all know of someone.

Now for the legislative year. Gene Stofer will be checking on everything going on and will possibly need some assistance with some calling to get a bill passed or rejected. If you get a call from your District Chairman or Public Relations man to get in touch with your Representative, please call them. This is to get bills to help our organization. We need all your help.

Made my district meetings and in most cases attendance has been low; please see that someone represents your department at these district meetings. Dues need to get paid right away, too.

Went to see Carl Davis, PR Southwest. He isn't doing to good with his knee. If you get a chance, send him a card. He misses getting to all his meetings.

He especially misses seeing his friends in the fire service. We all miss him, get well soon Carl!

That's it for now, see you at our meetings.

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Carl O. Davis

Just a few lines to let you all know that I am still in my chair. I sure missed getting to go to the convention. It was the first one I have missed since I've been an officer in the IFVA, but I hope to get back in the groove soon.

Congratulations to all of the awards winners. Since I do not know who they all were, I can't name them.

I have been calling several departments that do not have their dues in. As you know, there has been a change in the rules for the Bridgeport Fund, so please see that your dues are in the hands of the secretary by July 31.

From all reports the convention was a success. I have heard nothing but good reports.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Vincennes in 1991. We will be working to make this the best one yet. Convention meetings will be starting soon. If you have any recommendations to make our convention better, let the committee know.

When you don't get to make the district meetings, there is not much to write about, so I guess this will be all for now. Thanks to all who sent cards while I was in the hospital and after I returned home.

IRS To Tax Medicals

Reprints from Ohio Fire Chief A new IRS regulation requires firefighters and similar employees to pay income taxes on the value of the mandatory physical examinations they take as a condition of employment. The IRS says the dollar value of required medical examinations and other tests, which can cost thousands of dollars, should be added to firefighters' W-2 forms as taxable income.

The new income tax rule-a six line paragraph buried in the fine print among hundreds of pages of recently issued IRS regulations-eliminates the tax exclusion for mandatory employer-paid physical exams. It is retroactive to January 1, 1989, so the new regulation affects income tax returns for 1989.

IRS wrote the new regulations to comply with the Technical and Miscellaneous Revenue Act of 1988 passed by Congress. The intent of Congress was to close loopholes which grant exemptions to employees who receive extensive free-of-charge physical examinations and other expensive fringe benefits as luxury perks from their employer, but the IRS went overboard in its interpretation of the new law, cutting out the tax exclusion for all employer-paid physicals.

The IAFF has asked the IRS to clarify the regulation, noting that besides annual job maintenance physical examinations, firefighters also take employer-paid medical exams for retirement,

mandatory physical fitness programs, line-of-duty injuries, exposures to hazardous materials and infectious diseases, smoke inhalation, pre-employment procedures, stress counseling, and employee assistance programs. Members of Congress have also been contacted to explore a legislative remedy for the issue.

**ATTORNEY SAYS
VERDICT PUTS
VOLUNTEER FIRE
DEPTS. ON NOTICE**

Reprinted from the Pennsylvania Fireman, June 1990

The attorney for a couple who won an award from the Elmwood Area Fire Department concerning a blaze that destroyed their home says the verdict puts volunteer fire departments on notice they will be held to a standard of performance.

A Dunn County Circuit Court jury brought in a \$45,000 award against the Elmwood Department Friday in favor of Walter and Lucille Webinger, whose town of Weston home was struck by fire Dec. 9, 1986.

The jury found the department 90 percent negligent in the case

and the award, which is to reduced by the 10 percent assessed as Webingers' share of fault, is expected to total about \$50,000 after interest and penalties are attached.

Lucy Peterson Bjork, the Webinger's attorney, said that those involved in quasijudicial or quasi legislative functions are protected from prosecution. But she said such immunity doesn't apply to firefighting.

Firefighters are expected to have a certain level of technical skill, she said, adding that someone performing a quasijudicial function would be required to have sufficient technical skills to do the work.

Ms. Bjork said there are no minimum qualifications for fire departments.

"This sends a message to the community that, if you are going to set yourself up as a volunteer fire department that you have to have the necessary skills, training and judgement to efficiently save property and lives," she said of the verdict.

Ms. Bjork contended that the firefighters didn't "size up" the fire properly.

The jury foreman, Avis Ranney, said the jury's message in its verdict was "that volunteer fire departments need good, continual

training. And they also need good operational descriptions and experienced persons in command.

"I certainly hope this doesn't put the fear of God into volunteer fire departments. But in this case a majority of the jury felt it was the fault of poor training and poor judgement on the fire department's part," she said.

Nolan De Marce, chief of the Elmwood Fire Department for the last 32 years, said a girl had jumped from a window of the home due to the heat of the fire.

De Marce said the fire commander at the scene of the blaze did not believe it was safe for firefighters to enter the structure, risking someone's life.

poster contest in an effort to encourage children to practice home fire safety. The grand prize winner will receive a \$20,000 savings bond, with additional savings bonds and First Alert products to be awarded to runners-up. In addition to providing free fire safety brochures, McDonald's will promote the contest in its trayliners. Entry forms and other "Plan to Get Out Alive" materials will be available from local First Alert retailers from October 1990 until February 1991.

Also available at nominal cost is the compelling "Plan to Get Out Alive" video, hosted by Dr. Frank Field of WCBS-TV, which dramatically illustrates the realities of fire along with vital safety tips on how to "Get Out Alive." This video has been acknowledged by fire safety experts as a remarkable film and has already been credited with saving more than 70 lives. The video is available directly from Family Safety Video, P.O. Box 8515, Young America, MN 55351-8515.

Congressman Curt Weldon
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Prevention Week**

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As in the past, free admission is given to those personnel and one guest that present their badge. Also, you must be 21 years of age to attend the ball.

Public Relations South East Paul Hildebrand

Greetings Members,

We from the Southeastern part of the State are getting busy planning your 1992 convention. It is quite obvious that District 14 will have its hands full pulling this one off. I am sure that we will get it done and make Convention '92 an enjoyable one for everyone.

We also have our work cut out for us to get our membership from the southeast back up to what it could be. The District Chairman and I will be contacting some of you for help with some Departments. I am not real sure what has happened to some of our Departments in this area, but I am sure that it is time to make contact with them and find out why they don't belong to our Association. We have the potential to have one of the largest lobbying groups in the State of Indiana. We carry quite a bit of clout. We could improve this by getting every department in the State to join the IVFA. So if you, as a member of this Association, see someone from a department that is not a member, ask them to get on the bandwagon and give us their support.

I would like to encourage anyone who has a gripe or complaint about what the IVFA is doing or not doing for them to give me a call. If I am not around I will be more than happy to call you back and listen to your side. I am also willing to come and visit your department or a group of departments about the problems you are facing in the Fire Service today. I do not claim to have all of the answers for you. I do, however, have access to several people within the Fire Service who may be able to help. That is what I am here for.

One final thing I would ask you to do. I would like to see each and every one of you get registered to vote in the November election. Once you are registered, go to the polls in November and vote. Regardless of your political affiliation it is important to get out and express your opinion for the people who represent you in government. The only way to express that opinion is by going to the polls and voting. Standing on the street corner and telling someone about it doesn't change anything. It's your right, so take advantage of it and vote.

District 19

Greetings from District 19,

Summer is upon us and we do hope it will be a safe one for everyone. We do hope that every department has a successful Festival, or Chicken Fry, or Ice Cream Social, or whatever type of celebration is held.

Our last district Auxiliary meeting was hosted by the Brookville Firettes and what a GRAND time was had by all.

Eighteen members were present, representing 3 of our 9 auxiliaries. The program was on diet, exercise, & good health. Reports were given and approved. We discussed election of officers in August and gave a brief description of each office. We are trying to get more participation of officers from different areas of our district. We also discussed more participation for our Miss Flame Contest. Meeting was adjourned. A super luncheon was enjoyed by all.

Election and Installation will be held at our next meeting Tuesday, August 14, 1990, hosted by Morris Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary.

Have a grand summer.

Judy Hildebrand
Dist. 19 Chrm.

IVFAA Chaplain

Hello to All!

I am very proud to have been elected IVFAA State Chaplain at convention. I do send Bette best wishes now that she has stepped down from her position as Chaplain.

As State Chaplain, some of my duties are as follows: #1-to open and close all sessions with prayer. #2-send flowers in case of death of an IVFA officer or his wife, or and IVFAA Auxiliary officer or her husband. #3-cards to all other members in case of illness or death upon notification. #4- Officiate at Memorial Services. I will try my best to attend as many Memorials as I can when called upon to do so, but I cannot do the job unless you let me know what is needed. I must warn you, though, that sick children and bad weather may keep me home.

As I said before, I cannot do my job properly unless you contact me. My number is (812) 689-6024.

Best wishes to all and remember-there is power in prayer.
Judy Hildebrand

Retired Firefighter



Jerry McCan retires from Plymouth Fire Department

Jerry McCan began his thirty-seven year fire career with the Plymouth Volunteer Fire Department on the eighth day of July, 1953. The owner-operator of a gas service station, Jerry made himself available to both day and night fire calls and responded to many on a bicycle with a revolving blue light mounted upon it.

Through the years, Jerry was elected to all of the volunteer offices. He served as Secretary-Treasurer, and in 1964 was elected to Foreman of the Volunteers.

Years of dedicated service and experience prompted his appointment in 1968 and 1969 to Assistant Fire Chief, and when three full time fire positions were added to the Department in 1970, Jerry was one of the successful appointees.

Due to the almost complete separation (at that time) of the full-time firemen and volunteers, there were no training records kept detailing the hours of training for the full-time men so it was not until October, 1981 that Jerry completed the State Certification requirements for Second

Class Firefighter, followed in May, 1984 by First Class.

In 1982, after a fatal traffic accident took the lives of five of our fellow firefighters, including Jerry's partner of twelve years, he was elected President of the Fire Pension Board and served in this capacity until February, 1990.

A two week class at the National Fire Academy in September, 1983 provided the qualifications for the State Master rating in Fire Prevention that he received in May, 1984. Jerry fulfilled his inspection responsibilities until he was appointed Chief Mechanic in 1984 and retired in that capacity May 28, 1990.

A dedicated family man with three daughters, Jerry is into anything pertaining to children. Years of playing Santa Claus for the Fire Department and other organizations, the Fire Department Food Bank Program, Christmas toy delivery to the needy throughout the City of Plymouth, and Center and West Townships, money and food collection programs for the Red Cross Food Pantry, and the Fire Boot Collection for (Jerry's Kids) Muscular Dystrophy Association are but a few of the community projects that Jerry spearheaded and/or contributed his time, money, and heart to.

Jerry, thanks for a job very well done.

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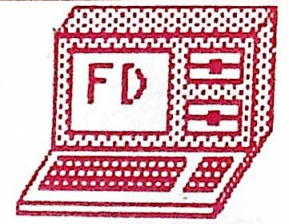
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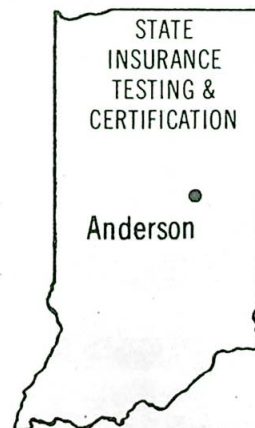
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