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Wall of fire overcomes firefighters funeral home destroyed; Ziemer plans to rebuild

By Herb Marynell
Courier staff writer

It was one of the scariest moments firefighters can face - a sudden wall of flames roaring toward them as they climb stairs through dense smoke in a burning building.

"It looked like a blow torch coming at us," Evansville fire Lt. Jimmy Wolf told other firefighters later. "It engulfed all of us. There was no way getting away from the flames. They went all the way down the stairs."

That fire destroyed Ziemer Funeral Home - Central Chapel at 626 First Avenue Wednesday. Funeral home owner Jerry Ziemer said the building was insured for the replacement cost, but said he has no idea what a new building will cost or the dollar amount of damage from the fire. He said the family plans to rebuild on the same site.

Wolf was among four Evansville firemen pulling two hoses up the stairs toward the burning third-floor attic area at the funeral home when he said there was a noise and the firefighters saw a rush of flames head toward them and then completely surround them.

The explosion sent a 50-foot ball of fire smashing through windows, spewing flames that quickly engulfed the second and third floors of the First Avenue side of the building.

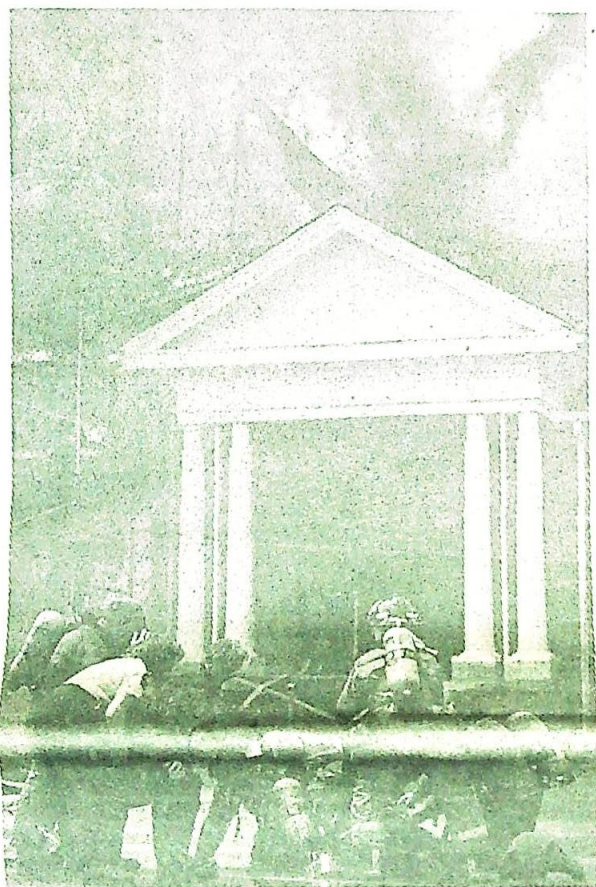
"It ignited everything. It came blowing out the door. The heat and flames, you couldn't get away," said Capt. Dan Grimm, another fire-fighter on the stairs. "I've never heard anybody in the department talk about this."

The four men stumbled and crawled down the stairs, trying to help one another reach the safety of the street, they said.

Once outside, other firefighters rushed to their aid, dousing them with water. Paramedics also raced to the injured men, applying medicine to their burns. The singed protective outer clothing was removed.

"My head feels like it's on fire," one of the injured firemen told paramedics.

Grimm said one of the lines the firemen were carrying already



Courier photo by Richard Hicks
Evansville firefighters are helped into the street and hosed off after struggling out of the fire Wednesday afternoon at Ziemer Funeral Home - Central Chapel at 626 First Ave.

was supplied with water and Capt. Ray Goff, the last of the four firemen going up the stairs, had just turned around to go downstairs to have water supplied to the second line when the ball of fire occurred.

Capt. Dwayne Wilcox was the first firefighter going up the stairs when the flames came through the doorway. It flat went through us. He (Wilcox) caught the brunt," said Grimm, 40, a 5 1/2 year veteran of the fire department.

The firefighters suffered burns around the ears, forehead and other areas not covered by protective masks and headgear. Wilcox, who was wearing boots over regular non protective pants, also received burns on his back and legs.

Wilcox, 40, brother of Evansville Fire Chief Doug Wilcox, was taken to Welborn Baptist Hospital and then transferred by helicopter to the University of Louisville

Hospital. He was admitted in serious condition but was upgraded to fair Wednesday night.

Grimm, Wolf and Goff, 38, were treated at Deaconess Hospital and released.

Fire inspector Jesse Storey said he thought the explosion was caused by a backdraft. "A backdraft is when a compartmentalized area reaches a very hot, smoky condition with a very low oxygen content. When oxygen is suddenly introduced, the backdraft, or smoke explosion, occurs," he said.

He said it was most likely the four firefighters had reached the third-floor attic area and opened a door there when the explosion occurred, but said he needed to talk to Wilcox before he could be sure.

"They were completely surrounded by fire," Storey said. "The fire followed them down the stairwell."

The two-alarm blaze was reported at 12:27 p.m., and there was heavy smoke from the third-floor attic area when fire trucks arrived two minutes later, Storey said.

Storey said the fire apparently resulted from heat building up inside a second-floor wall where a worker had been using a propane torch to remove paint from the

can see the roofing shingles, a torch, a fire extinguisher and a hose," Rine said. "So they tried to put it out, and I don't know for how long. They definitely did try to put it out."

Klenck said that "apparently something somehow got started inside a wall inside the building."

"We're very sorry for any kind of contribution we may have had to this problem," Klenck said. "If the fire was started by heat that, we were using, we're still really at a loss to know exactly how it got in there and got started."

Mark Andrews, Scott district chief, said his department's 10-minute response time was an average time because the volunteers must respond to their stations to get their trucks and equipment.

The first firefighters on the scene noticed smoke coming from the rear of the clubhouse, Kahre said.

Andrews said firefighters used water from their trucks and small hydrants on the Oak Meadow property. He said the water supply was inadequate until firefighters tapped a lake and pool on the property.

Kahre estimated that by 10:30 a.m., firefighters had "cut the fire off" so it couldn't go into the rest of the clubhouse. He said the fire was confined to the north end of the building.

"We were a little concerned there for a while," he said, since the lodge is less than 10 feet from the clubhouse to the north.

The main body of the building - including the kitchen, dining rooms and meeting and party rooms - was destroyed, Kahre said. The south end of the building, containing office space and other rooms, was spared.

Kahre said the golf club's insurance company put the preliminary estimate of damages at \$1 million. Club members say they plan to rebuild.

Andrews said the fire was under control within two hours, and the last truck left the scene at about 6:30 p.m.

Jess Roberts, Scott Township fire chief, said the heat and intensity made it difficult to fight the fire from inside. The firefighters' main offense was on the outside of the structure, but Roberts said there were a few people inside and that just being that close to the flames and wearing all the equipment made it hard for them.

"With all this stuff on, it's difficult to handle the heat," Roberts said.

Kahre said inside firefighters were rotated and "put a good stop on it from getting to the rest of the building. They did a magnificent job."

The firefighters from multiple

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Firefighters hindered by delayed call

By Dan Armstrong, Mark Cowling and Kyle Foster
Staff reporters

Heat from a propane torch is blamed for the blaze at Oak Meadow Golf Club that caused major damage to the clubhouse, summoned an army of firefighters—and sent five of them to the hospital.

Assistant Chief Keith Kahre of Scott Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. said the fire was caused by heat from a propane torch used by a crew from U.S. Industries Group Inc. He said firefighters estimated the fire smoldered for about one to 1 1/2 hours before being detected by the work crew.

Kahre said witnesses stated that at about 9:20 a.m., the crew asked for a water hose, which they took around to their work site at the club in McCutchanville.

The work crew caused a 20 minute delay by trying to put out the fire instead of calling for help, said Warren Render, the Scott Township Fire Department's Public Information Officer.

"That 20-minute delay could be very vital in saving a structure or having the structure destroy-

ed," Render said.

According to Central Dispatch, Scott Township volunteers were dispatched at 9:43 a.m. and the first unit arrived at 9:53 a.m.

But William Klenck, roofing division manager for U.S. Industries Group, said that to the best of his knowledge, his crew notified people in the building as soon as they "were aware that there was something there." He said the crew saw smoke but no flames.

"We did not attempt to put the fire out," Klenck said.

Jim Rine, golf club president, said the crew was repairing the roof on a back area of the clubhouse. But Klenck said his crew was using a propane torch to apply a roofing type material to the concrete floor of a porch area leading to a dining

room.

"If you go back and look, you



By Randy Greenwell
A firefighter douses hot spots in Oak Meadow clubhouse rubble.

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Evansville, "Come Alive In '95"

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From the President



Willie "Mitch" Parish

Convention is over and I would like to thank all that attended the convention in Elkhart. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves. I would like to thank District 4 for hosting the convention and all the people who worked so hard. Thanks to Jane Ferro again for all her work to see that everything went so smoothly.

For those who didn't get to attend the convention, the new By-Laws were passed. Therefore, I will remain your president till December 31, 1994. I will continue to visit your District meetings if you will send me a notice.

We need your support for the Indiana Fire Service Institute. I would like to see each District send one (1) member of the district to the dinner which will be held on the January 22, 1995. We need to get our legislators involved with the fire service. We need the membership to talk to our legislators.

It's not too early to start talking about the Bridgeport Scholarships. We need to get more people to apply. We have had several people apply, but out of our 18,000 membership we should get more students to apply. March is not far away.

Just a Reminder

The Deadline for the November Newspaper is October 10th, 1994.

Get those articles and ads in NOW!

Robert Laney, Editor

Chaplain's Corner



Charles J. Baker



Prayer for Today

O' Thou only wise God, in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge: We beseech Thee to illuminate all universities, colleges, and schools with the light that cometh from above, that those who teach may be taught of Thee, and those who learn may be led by the Spirit; and that by the increase of knowledge Thy truth may be confirmed, and Thy glory manifested; through Jesus Christ the Living Word.

Amen

The Treasures of Summer

As July turns into August, we begin to feel the heat of summer, yet know that autumn isn't far off. The land produces the bounty of our efforts and the Indiana State Fair displays much of that treasure. Then comes the beginning of a new school year and the start of the second round of Indiana Fire Schools. Those happen on September 10 & 11 at New Albany; September 24 & 25 at Fort Wayne; and October 15 & 16 at Lafayette. Your association helps to support these institutions of learning and encourages your attendance.

Minute Message

The Bible has much to say about learning and wisdom. From the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes, we read King Solomon's advice in Chapter 4:

Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding. I give you sound learning, so do not forsake my teaching. When I was a boy in my father's house, still tender, and an only child of my mother, he taught me and said, "Lay hold of my words with all your heart; keep my commands and you will live. Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or swerve from them. Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.

And from Proverbs, this little gem:

The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life, turning a man from the snares of death.

And again from Ecclesiastes we read:

Wisdom, like an inheritance, is a good thing and benefits those who see the sun. Wisdom is a shelter as money is a shelter, but the advantage of knowledge is this: that wisdom preserves the life of its possessor.

In the New Testament, James offers this advice:

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such "Wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

It becomes apparent, then, that throughout all our lives we should learn all we can about our jobs (Both vocational and avocational ones) and about living the good life; these, with proper spiritual teaching, lead us to true wisdom. We then, with sufficient seasonings, will be prepared to instruct others.

Jesus sums it up with these words from Matthew the Apostle: *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIP...

The Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association Officers were pleased to present two young men with \$1,500 scholarships each. This presentation was made at the IVFA Convention Banquet. David William Martin of Woodburn, Indiana was present to receive his scholarship. Joshua Ray Decoursey the other recipient was not able to attend the banquet as he is enrolled in school at this time and the distance from Edwardsport, Indiana was too far to allow his presence after classes for the day.

Now is the time to start getting your scholarship requests ready for next year. Contact your district chairman or any state elected officer for an application.

If you do not apply for this program, we can assure you the \$1,500 will not help you through any further educational desires.

Lawrence Swartz, Chairman, Bridgeport Scholarship Committee
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New Goshen Volunteer Fire Department



First Class training completed: Front Row kneeling: Wade Biggs (Sandford VFD), Jim Smith, Charlie Goodwin, Tony Morris (Instructor), Mike Leslie, Charlie Flowers (Otter Creek VFD), and Terry Meadlo. Back Row: Richard Livingston (Fayette Twp. Trustee), Mike Senzig (Sandford VFD), Ken Feckete, Debbie Goodwin, Darrell Dean, Brent Goodwin, Tom Harney, Marty Shortridge (Clinton Twp. VFD) and Mike Pickard.



1987 Ford Econoline 350 XL which was recently put in service as our Rescue Squad. This unit was purchased and equipped with money donated by the community during a three month long fundraising effort. The community's support for this project was tremendous. This vehicle was added to our current inventory, which includes a 1961 GMC Pumper, 1975 Dodge 4WD Mini-pumper, and a 1989 GMC 1500 Gallon Tanker. Currently our department has 1-Paramedic, 2-EMT's, and 10-First Responder's who respond for rescues.

Lightning hits church, burns barn

By Betsy Whitehead
Courier staff writer

Lightning struck the steeple of the Lynnville, Ind., United Methodist Church early Friday, setting it on fire. Another bolt sparked a blaze when it hit a pole barn in New Harmony, Ind.

Although thunderstorms rumbled through the area, rattling glass and dumping rain in heavy spurts, the National Weather Service in Evansville reported no severe weather Friday. And a spokeswoman for Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Co. said there were no widespread electrical failures from the weather.

But that wasn't much consolation for the Rev. Arthur Collins, pastor of the Lynnville church that was hit by lightning about 3 a.m.

"We have a big hole in the belfry where it was hit and burned," he said.

It was the second time the congregation had its place of worship hit by lightning. Their original church was destroyed when it was hit in 1916. The existing building was dedicated in 1919.

The damage to the church was confined to the steeple. The hole has been patched for the weekend, Collins said. He and an insurance agent will begin assessing the damage Monday.

Some wiring will have to be replaced, but Collins said the church is blessed with 169 members who would agree to help. Some are electricians, he said.

"They'll be crawling all over it (the church) this weekend," he said.

To the west in New Harmony, firefighters fought another blaze spawned by lightning a few hours later. A barn filled with hay caught fire after being struck, said volunteer firefighter, Phil Werry.

Firefighters from the New Harmony Volunteer Fire Department blocked a portion of Indiana 69 with large water hoses so they could extinguish the blaze.

Traffic was blocked for less than an hour, Werry said.

The storms that brought the lightning brought little rain. The National Weather Service said less than a half inch fell at Evansville Regional Airport.

Vanderburgh County officials were worried that heavy rains would cause flooding in Knight Township because three culverts on Waterworks Road near Inland Marina collapsed, blocking the drainage of Eagle Slough into the Ohio River. The slough drains water from Green River Road.

'95 CONVENTION NEWS "COME ALIVE IN '95"

We all had a good time at Elkhart. Thanks to all who took time to work on the committees to make the '94 Convention successful.

'95 Convention (Dist. 15) Committee has been at work for several months planning next year's convention. We have chosen as our theme, "Come Alive In '95". Activities will begin on Wed. and will finish with an "After Party" for Sat. night. Committee Chairmen are doing a lot of brainstorming and are hard at work to ensure that you have a great time in '95 at Evansville.

Some of you have already made your reservations. The sooner you make them, the more you will be assured of getting the type of accommodations you want. You will also find that the price of our beverage ticket is included in the price of our registration. Boat ride tickets will also be available.

If you were at the '89 convention, you will remember that

all displays were in the convention center. We are hoping to fill the center again. Make '95 a family affair - There will be activities for the entire family. Transportation will be provided for any activity outside the hotel. Reservation Forms in the August Issue of the IVFA Paper. See you in '95. Jack Kerney Convention Chrm.

1995 IVFA Convention Pre-Registration Form

June 14, 15, 16, 17 18, 1995

Evansville, IN

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(Deadline is June 1, 1995)

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IVFAA Member:	_____	_____	
Guest:	_____	_____	

Circle type of lodging needed.

Hotel _____ Camping _____ None _____

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District Meetings

DISTRICT 3

Thursday, March 17, 1994
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The meeting was called to order at 7:38 by Chairman Uryga. The Pledge was led by Chairman Uryga. There were 21 members present representing 9 departments. The secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer's report was given.

Guests present: Bill Howe, PR Northwest; Bruce Yonkers; and Jim Arnold, LaPorte County Prosecutor's Office.

Communications: Doug Miller talked about the upcoming Fire School this weekend. There have been several cancellations of classes. Classes start at 8:30 a.m. Chesterton FD will provide a lunch at the school. The cost will be \$5-\$5.50 both days. The vendors will be there from 4:00-8:00 p.m. They ask if you have any old usable fire equipment, please bring it to the school on Sunday or after class on Saturday. This is being sent to departments in the southern part of the country that need the help. The Indiana Instructor's Bookstore will also be open.

Old Business: The Chairmen talked about our present finances and the need to sponsor our Miss Flame Candidate. Her room will cost around \$170 and a she will have to buy a dress. We cannot do this with the money we currently have in the treasury. Gary Brown made a motion to ask each department for a \$10.00 donation to be used for Miss Flame. Ed Ritter seconded the motion. CARRIED.

New Business: Chairman Uryga suggested that we have a tool auction at each meeting to build up the treasury. He will check into this and report back at the next meeting.

Chairman Uryga then read the IVFA by-laws as they will be proposed at the Convention in Elkhart. There was some discussion as to some of the changes. Bill Howe told everyone that the changes could be approved as read or reject them. If

you do not like a change, then attend the convention and use your power to vote.

Guests: Bill Howe: There will be a Master Tactics course at Wabash County Hospital on March 19, 20, 26, 27, April 9, 6, 10, 1994. The cost is \$80 and can be paid to the Public Safety Training Institute.

There is a State Fire School at Indianapolis on April 23, 24, 30, May 1, 1994.

The 1995 Indiana Weekend at the National Fire Academy is April 1 & 2.

The rooms are getting scarce at the convention. The Weston is full and Signature and Red Roof still have some rooms left, so get your reservations in ASAP.

Ranger will have trainings in Lake County July 26, 1994. It will start at 6:00 and will last about 3 1/2 hours.

The new guidebook from the Standards and Education Committee states that the new member in-service training is now 42 hours.

You can still nominate for the Ollie Sandburg Award by getting your nomination to the State Vice-President by May 1, 1994. Mr. IVFA nominations must be in to one of the three previous winners by April 1, 1994.

The EMS Conference will be held September 16, 17, 18, 1994 at the Hoosier Dome.

If you plan on voting in this years election get out and register now.

Bruce Yonkers passed.
Jim Arnold: He talked to Senator Anita Bowser about this problem that we seem to be having with the interpretation of the Blue Light Law. She checked into it with the attorney for Legislative Services. On March 16, 1994 he got the OFFICIAL word from Legislative Services. A volunteer firefighter may use a blue light ANYWHERE in the state as long as the firefighter is responding to an emergency situation and obeys traffic laws. The State Fire Marshal's Office has no policy that differs from this interpretation. (The district secretary has provided each department with a copy of this

ruling with these minutes.) He then talked about his campaign for Sheriff of LaPorte County.

Good of the Order:
Washington Twp. (Starke Co.) will be the next IVFA District #3 meeting at 7:30 on April 23, 1994.

Michiana Shores will host a Pancake Breakfast on April 24 or the weekend before at their station.

Springfield will host a Pancake Breakfast on May 1 at their station.

There was a motion to adjourn at 9:25. The meal was sandwiches and pop. There was no program.

'94 Meeting Schedule

Aug. 18, 1994, Michiana Shores; Sept. 15, 1994, North Judson; Oct. 20, 1994, Scipio Twp.; Nov. 17, 1994, Bass Lake; Dec. 1994, Happy Holidays.

District Meetings start at 7:30 pm LaPorte time.

It is up to the host department to provide a program for the meeting held at their department. If you cannot, please contact the chairman one week prior to the meeting.

To schedule the Edith House at your fundraiser or event, contact Dennis Hill at 326-5317 or Keith Mc Surley at 393-3809.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Wiatrowski, Sec./Treas.

DISTRICT 9B

The regular meeting of District 9-B was called to order by Chairman Buz Koehler at 7:40 p.m. at the Earl Fire Station in Earl Park, IN.

There were 8 guests present. Total firefighters present numbered 33 with 113 alarms among the 7 departments answering roll call.

Program on Trunkline Gas Pipeline was presented by Michael Baehr.

Items discussed were National Volunteer Fire Council newsletter, 1994 Convention schedule and times for the Games, Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education to meet during

Convention, effective May 1st firefighters will receive a certification number from the state after completing Mandatory 24 hr. training, Car Fire training June 25 at Decatur Twp. Vol. F.D., I.V.F.A. license plates still available, Fire Prevention trailer will be available during Fire Prevention Week, get your reservations in now, possible changes in firefighters certification, legislation affecting the fire service, S.I.D.S. training is required in 1996, revision to Open Burning Law, Old Indiana special discount day in mailing, Marshal's Office is updating film list, Dues mailing, 4th Annual Fire and Emergency Services Dinner is being postponed until Jan. 22, Bridgeport Scholarship winners for 1994 have been selected, inquiries about getting an Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Auxiliary started in District 9-B.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m. Next meeting is July 14 at the Fowler Volunteer Fire Dept. at 7:30 with Election of Officers.

Dennis J. Risner, Sec./Treas.

DISTRICT 5

May 18, 1994

Atwood Vol. Fire Dept.

Attendance: 23 members from 10 departments.

Guests: Bill Ruppel, State Representative; Mitch Parish, IVFA President; Phil Martin, Nowak Supply.

Communications: Fireworks school in Indianapolis on June 1st. State Fire School at Vincennes, July 23 & 24.

Old Business: None.
New Business: It was reported that House bills 1076, 1182, 1252, 1330 and SEA 183 were all passed this year.

Good of the Order: Lenny Berkey remarked about the by-laws, S.O.P.s, and the convention. Indiana Fire Chief's golf outing May 26 south of Syracuse.

President Parish discussed the by-laws. He stated anything NOT covered in the by-laws is covered by Robert's rules of Order. Convention in Elkhart, June 8, 9, 10 & 11.

Atwood open house May 22, 2 to 4 p.m.

Discussed the license plate fees. Bill Ruppel discussed legislation on the license plate fees, fund raiser permit fees and S.I.D.S. training.

A duffel bag donated by Phil Martin of Nowak Supply was raffled off.

Next Meeting July 14 at Culver Fire Department, Culver Indiana. Respectfully submitted,
Paul W. Martin, Sec.

DISTRICT 8A

The last 8A meeting was at the Summitville Volunteer Fire Station on May 11. There were 24 members from 9 departments present.

The next meeting will be at the Swayzee Volunteer Fire Station in Swayzee on State Road #13. Two (2) miles north of State Road #22 and #35.

As most of you probably know, the annual meeting and convention was held earlier this month. I felt this was the quietest IVFA Convention I have ever attended. That's not to say most conventions have been too rowdy but there was a more somber atmosphere this year. The business of the organization was taken care of properly and promptly. The new by-laws were adopted without much argument and the operating procedures will be fine tuned later.

Everything that was in the old

by-laws should be, or is, in the new by-laws plus the operating procedures. In the whole convention I don't recall hearing one speaker tell one joke. Are we taking ourselves too seriously?

At the last District 8A meeting at Summitville, there were some questions asked about the Bridgeport death benefit. These questions have been addressed to the proper people and I expect to be better informed in the near future. I will answer those questions at the next 8A meeting or no later than the September meeting. We will be having a state officers meeting early in August. I will know something then for sure.

The July 13 (2nd Wed.) will be election officers. Bill and I will continue to do our best if all you members wish, but if someone would like to be elected chairman if could only be good for the organization.

See you at Swayzee, July 13 at 7:30 and find out who the 8A Midwest Award winner is.

Robert E. Fleener

DISTRICT 17B

April 20, 1994

The regular meeting of District 17-B was called to order by District Secretary Luke Kluender at 8:15 p.m. at Cordry, Sweetwater Lakes Fire Department, Nineveh, IN. Eight members from four departments were present. Guests included Jack Kerney and Ivan Nevil.

Old Business: The minutes of the previous meeting were read.

New Business: Jack Kerney discussed the 1994 IVFA convention which will be held in Elkhart, June 8-11, 1994. The host hotel is already full. The 1995 convention will be in Evansville.

Ivan Nevil discussed the new S.I.D.S. law. This requires training in SIDS by 1996. The Fire Marshal's Office is developing a training video to cover this topic.

Fire Chief Orientation classes are being held in various locations and are being well received.

Members discussed some of the problems they have had in getting 9-1-1 implemented correctly in their areas.

Jack Kerney discussed the amendments to the IVFA By-Laws. He also talked about the awards that will be presented at the convention. He gave a legislative report and reminded departments to make sure that they have the proper insurance coverage.

The group discussed the implications of the latest ruling involving the Fair Labor Act. Some members may not be able to volunteer their time as freely as before. Various fundraising and grant application options were also discussed.

Next meeting scheduled for June 15 at Perry Township, Lawrence County.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

June 15, 1994

The regular meeting of District 17-B was called to order by District Secretary Luke Kluender at 7:50 p.m. at Perry Township Volunteer Fire Department, Springville, IN. Eleven members from five departments were present. Guests included Jack Kerney and Marty Carmichael. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brian Cain.

Old Business: The minutes of the previous meeting were read.

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District 17B

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Motion by Don Trester to approve the minutes. Second by Don Wedgewood. Motion carried.

New Business: Jack Kerney gave a report about the results of the 1994 IVFA convention. Dues are still coming in and are due by July 31. The new Miss Flame is from Rockport (Dist. 18). Dick Glant was voted in as President and Jack Zeeks was voted in as Vice Pres. Also, the amendments to the By-Laws were passed.

Jack mentioned that the 1995 convention will be in Evansville, and the 1996 convention will be in Merrillville. Also, there will be an LP Gas School in Hanover on July 14.

District elections were conducted. Luke Kluender was nominated for Dist. Chairman by Don Wedgewood. Don Trester was nominated for Dist. Chairman by Roger Daniels. Motion to close nominations by Roger Daniels. Second by Don Wedgewood. Luke Kluender voted in as Dist. Chairman. Motion by Don Wedgewood to combine the Dist. Sec. and Treasurer positions. Second by Roger Daniels. Motion carried. Danny New nominated for Dist. Sec./Treasurer by Don Trester. Motion to close nominations by Don Trester. Second by Don Wedgewood. Motion carried. Mike Comman is Dist. Public Relations. Roger Daniels nominated Don Trester for Dist. Chaplain. Motion to close nominations by Don Wedgewood. Second by Luke Kluender. Motion carried. Don Trester is Dist. Chaplain.

Marty Carmichael described some of the specials from Hoosier Fire Equipment.

Vincennes Fire School is July 23/24 & 30/31.

Shawswick Township is having an Open House July 16.

Greene County got a grant to replace their damaged pumper.

Orange County firefighters may have a picnic later this summer.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 17 at Hamblen Township.

Motion to adjourn by Don Wedgewood. Second by Don Trester. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Luke Kluender

DISTRICTS 1,2

March 16, 1994

Meeting location: Pine Twp.

The meeting was called to order by District #1 Chairman B.A. Howe at 7:50 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was led by P.R.N.W. Howe.

Guests introduced: Included Past Pres. Lawrence Schwartz, Assist. Chaplain Duane Lantz, P.R.N.W. Bill Howe and Joe Komoscar of the Fireman's Store.

Department History: Given by Chief Charlie Smith.

Roll Call: Dist. #1-48 members from 12 depts. & District #2-19 members from 7 depts.

Program: Presented by Midwest Bankers Group Pres. Joe Brown who discussed equipment leasing for fire depts.

Minutes of Feb. meeting: were accepted as read.

Treasurer's report was given.

Communications: Past President Schwartz reported on the 1994 convention, the proposed new by-laws to be presented at the convention, and the Fire Institute Dinner.

P.R.N.W. Howe reported on

the 1996 convention, the 1994 convention awards, the upcoming Duneland Fire School, Indianapolis Fire School and Ranger Fire School, and the possibility of the 24 hour initial training being raised to 42 hours to cover the new requirements.

Assist. Chaplain Lantz held a moment of silence for departed members Preston Walters of Griffith and Dennis Busse of Independence Hill.

Old business: 1996 convention report given by B.A. Howe.

New business: discussed the proposed new by-laws and the fact that they will be voted on as one group of changes at the convention.

Good of the order: discussed the possibility of having a summer picnic for District 1 & 2 members.

Next month's meeting will be in Kouts on April 20th.

Announced that Washington Twp. is holding a raffle, and Lake of Four Seasons will be hosting a pancake breakfast on April 17th.

50/50 drawing winner: Tom Milne of Munster - \$52.00.

Attendance trophy winners: Dist. #1-Beverly Shores, Dist. #2-Lake Eliza.

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed at 9:05 p.m.

April 20, 1994

Meeting location: Kouts

The meeting was called to order by Dist. #2 Chairman Larry Stott at 8:05 p.m. Pledge of

Allegiance was led by P.R.N.W. Howe.

Guests introduced: included Pres. Mitch Parish, Past Pres. Lawrence Schwartz, Dist. 9B Chairman Buzz Koehler, P.R.N.W. Bill Howe and Tom & Jim Summers of Summers Fire Equipment.

Department History: Given by dept. Pres. Mike Smith.

Roll call: Dist. #1-28 members from 10 depts. & District #2-51 members from 10 depts.

Program: none.

Minutes of the March meeting: were accepted as read.

Treasurer's report was given.

Communications: Past Pres. Schwartz reported on this years Bridgeport Scholarship applications, the proposed new by-laws to be presented at the convention, and the 1996 convention vote that will be held at this year's convention.

P.R.N.W. Howe reported on the 1994 convention awards, the upcoming E.M.S. Conference, the new S.I.D.'s Bill that was passed and will require one additional hour of mandatory training for our members, and new membership totals of 18,177.

Pres. Parish reported on the upcoming convention and the proposed new by-laws.

Old business: 1996 convention report given by B.A. Howe who announced that the Radison Hotel and Lake County Tourism Bureau had taken an ad out in the May issue of our newspaper in

support of hosting the 1996 convention, and also that they will be having a hospitality room at this year's convention.

Discussed the differences between the current by-laws and the proposed new by-laws.

New business: held a moment of silence for departed member Eston Haskins of Lake Station.

Motion was made, seconded and passed that each district donate \$200 to their Miss Flame Candidate to help cover expenses of attending the convention.

Good of the order: Announced that Lake Eliza is hosting a spaghetti dinner, and Washington Township is hosting a pancake breakfast on April 24th.

Announced that next month's meeting will be held in Lake Ridge on May 18th.

Announced that Liberty Township will host a recognition day on April 23rd to honor some heroic actions that took place.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to have a district 1 & 2 picnic at the Liberty Township Fire Station on August 6th.

50/50 drawing winner: Nancy Webb of Lake Dale - \$63.50.

Attendance trophy winners: District #1 - Beverly Shores, District #2-Lake Eliza

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed at 9:30 p.m.

Jerome P. Schmitt
District #1 Secretary

DISTRICT 11A

Last district meeting was held at Coalmont VFD on May 15th with 6 departments attending.

Well I guess summer has finally got here. We have had a few days between 90° and 100°, but it has cooled off to around 80°.

At our last meeting we talked about the new by-law changes; and the Firefighters Certification Flow Chart. Since then we have had convention and the by-laws passed at the meeting.

It was a real nice convention this year with a lot of displays and nice weather.

We have had two deaths in our district. IVFA member Maurice Obarholtzer from Patricksburg. A Bible, grave maker and a rose was presented to his family. No memorial service was held.

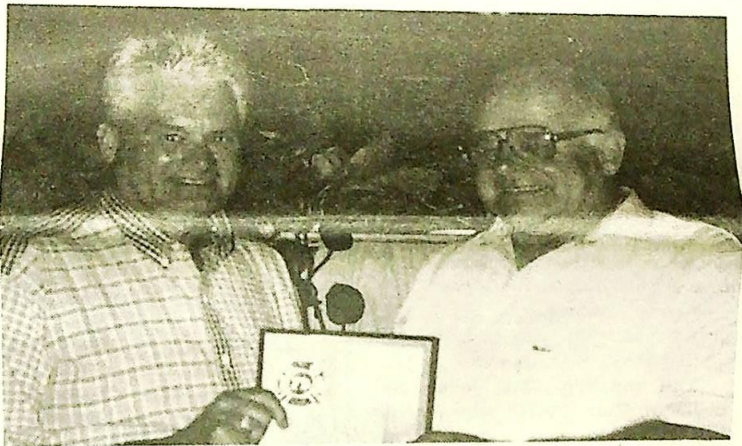
Dave Barder from West Terre Haute VFD lost his life while on a rescue run. Dave suffered a heart attack. The West Terre Haute VFD put on a very nice memorial service.

We extend our sympathy to both of these men's families, friends, community and their fire departments.

Prairieton will be celebrating their 50 years of firefighting on July 30th with a big celebration. Congratulations to all of them and their auxiliary.

Next meeting held on July 17th at the New Goshen Fire House with lunch served at 1:00 p.m.

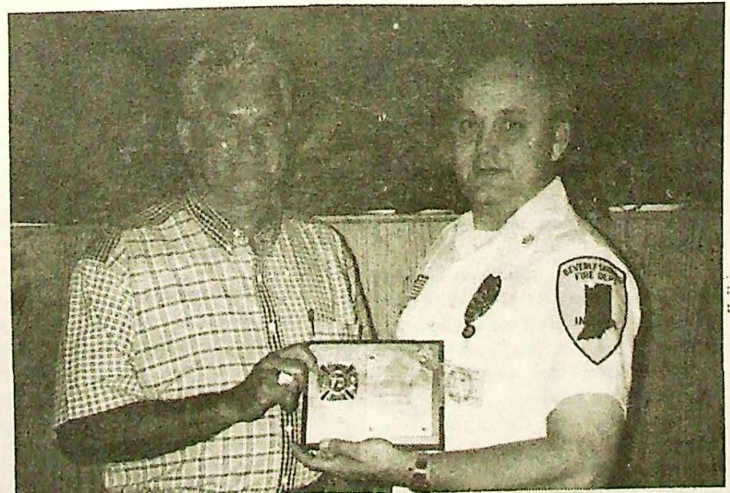
On September 11th at 1:00



Tom Frederick of Midwest Fire and Safety presenting the Dist. 2 Midwest Award to Clarence A. Moss of the Lakes of the Four Seasons Fire Dept.



Delores Armenth and daughter Andrea, Miss Flame for District 2 - 1994.



Tom Frederick of Midwest Fire & Safety presenting the Midwest Award to Fire Chief, Andrew "Andy" P. Himan of the Beverly Shores Vol. Fire Dept.

p.m. we will have our annual picnic. If you are in the area, stop by. We always cook a big pot of beans. Everyone else brings a dessert or salad.

Have a safe summer.
Bob Hays, Chairman

DISTRICT 17A

May 21, 1994.

The meeting of Dist. 17A was held at Elnora Fairgrounds, hosted by the Elnora - Elmore Twp. Fire Dept. The meeting was called to order by chairman Jack Harker at 7:07 p.m. In the absence of Dist. 17A Sec., Mrs. Barb Kerney read the minutes of the last meeting.

Roll call was answered by 5 depts. 8 men and 3 visitors, Pres. Mitch Parish; Jack Kerney, P.R. Southwest; and his wife Barb. Barb acted as secretary for the evening. Thank you Barb.

A reminder was given to all depts. that dues are due starting June the 1st, and the dues this year are \$13.00 for members, \$7.50 for non-active and \$20.00 for associate members.

Pres. Mitch Parish explained the benefits of belonging to the IVFA. He also explained why the dues had to be raised.

A discussion was held about the by-law changes coming up at the convention this year. Members were encouraged to attend the convention.

Vincennes Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. will host a fire school July 23rd and 24th. Registration should be in by June 1st.

Our next district meeting will be in Winslow on July 21st at 7:30 p.m. at the Winslow Fire Station.

A discussion was held about the National Fire Conference which will be held Jan. 22, 1995 at the Hyatt Regency in Indianapolis.

License plates-forms are still available.

Pres. Parish gave an update on Gene Stofer and Bill Bush's health.

A discussion was held on the new bills. Pres. Parish and Jack Kerney gave a report on the trip to Washington D.C.

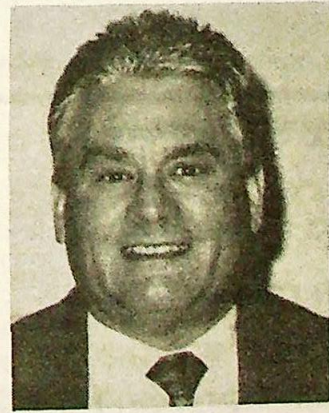
Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Dist.17A is proud to have John Johnson as Mr. IVFA for 1994. John is chief of the Richland - Taylor Twp. V.F.D.

Josh DeCoursey was awarded the Bridgeport Scholarship Award. Josh's father and mother are Ruth and Kenney DeCoursey. Mr. DeCoursey is a member of the Edwardport Volunteer Fire Dept. Josh will be attending Oakland City College, majoring in Auto Diesel Mechanics.

George Ockerman was awarded the Midwest Award for District 17A. He is a member of the Richland - Taylor Volunteer Fire Dept.

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State Officers Meeting

May 7, 1994, Ramada Inn, Indianapolis.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Parish with the Invocation given by Chaplain Baker. The Pledge to the flag was led by Vice Pres. Glant. Pres. Parish called on Jim Parker to give an updated report on Treasurer Gene Stofer who has had a pacemaker operation prior to his eye operation, which is coming up on May 18th at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

Pres. Parish then called on Brent Bush son of Bill Bush for his report on his father who is recovering from recent surgery. Pres. Parish introduced the guests present and called for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion was made by Don Cushman to accept the minutes as printed, seconded by Jack Cox. The motion carried by a hand vote.

OFFICER'S REPORT

Pres. Parish stated that he had travelled very heavily the past month, was down for medical reasons for a while, but has attended the convention and district meetings.

Vice Pres. Glant reported traveling over 2600 miles since the last officer's meeting.

Recording Sec. Davies reported attending four district meetings since the last officer's meeting.

Chaplain Baker attended several funerals and district meetings.

Assist. Chaplain Lantz reported having three memorials, a dedication at a new station in Greenfield and had attended several district meetings.

Sgt-at-Arms Bush's report was passed by Brent Bush on behalf of Bill.

Sec. Kissell reported that the dues mailing is out. He still has approximately 700 license plate forms left.

Treasurer's report was given by Jim Parker.

PUBLIC RELATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

NW Howe reported attending all district meetings but one, having travelled with the president to meetings around the state and also that the latest edition of the IVFA paper is out.

NE Kinsey reported he had attended district meetings, convention meetings and several memorial services.

EC Jackson reported on the fire school and that he had also attended dedications and district meetings.

WC Michl reported attending district meetings and the fire house dedication at Buck Creek.

SW Kerney reported attending the fire school in Indianapolis and that he had made all district meetings.

SE Hildebrand was absent.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN'S REPORT

D1 Howe reported 2 deaths in the district and the attendance at district meetings was good.

D2 Stott reported 1 death in the district; attendance was good.

D3 Uryga announced a department in his district wants to rejoin the association.

D4 Ferro reported attendance at district meetings was fair.

D5 Berkey announced that three memorial services had been held in his district.

D6 Engle reported 1 death in the district; attendance at meetings had been good.

D7 Sorg reported district attendance good, there had been 1 death and had 1 district fire school.

D8A Fleenor reported on a situation concerning membership problems.

D8B Petro reported having a new department to join the association and the new By-Laws had been discussed in his district.

D9A Cline reported he had attended the fire school in Indianapolis.

D9B Koehler reported most activities in the district were quiet.

D10 Neal was absent.

D11A Hays reported 1 death in the district; attendance at last meeting was down.

D11B Bartlow reported 1 death in the district. He had attended the training school.

D12 Johnson reported 2 deaths in the district. His district has an upcoming fire school on car fires.

D13A Cushman reported the attendance at the LP fire school was good. Attendance at district meetings was down.

D13B Cox reported the attendance at last meeting was normal.

D14 Hinkle reported 2 deaths in the district; attendance good at last meeting.

D15 Seitz announced the district was quiet, working on the 1995 convention.

D16 Hickman reported working on departments to join the association.

D17A Harker reported attending the school in Indianapolis and there will be a fire school at Vincennes in July.

D18 Royer was absent.

D19 Covington reported attendance was good.

D20 Palmiero reported 1 death in the district. His work schedule has been changed.

D21 Martin was absent.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT: All in attendance passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative - Parker handed out information on the bills that had

passed during the last session, also those bills that did not pass.

Pres. Parish then read a letter he had written to the legislators concerning HB 1076 and the training in SIDS.

Editor's Ass't - Howe brought copies of the latest edition of the meeting.

Ad Taker - Swartz announced there were 53 ads in the current issue. He had 1 account unpaid.

Public Education - Parker passed.

EMS - Johnson passed.

Membership - Bruns passed.

Bridgeport Scholarship - Swartz reported he had received 49 applications, 35 were accepted and the winners have been selected.

Fire Schools & Training - Glant announced that 72 people had attended the LP Fire School held in Fortville.

Historical Update - Parish reported on the issue of pictures in the new book, whether to print them or not.

Clothing - Bartlow passed.

Safety - Covington stated that articles will appear in the next issue.

Nat'l Vol Fire Council - Parker discussed the March '94 issue of the council paper on some of the articles currently appearing in this paper.

Awards - Glant announced the Ollie Sandburg Award winner and the Midwest winners had been taken care of.

D10 Neal passed

D21 Martin reported all was quiet in the district.

Photography - Neal reported everything has been handled.

Games - Mendel announced certain changes in the schedule for the games due to the location of the hydrants.

At this time, Pres. Parish announced the dates for the officer's meetings for the remainder of 1994 and for all of 1995. All meetings will be held at the Ramada Inn, Indianapolis.

Pres. Parish read a request from Ken Huffer of the Wayne Twp (Marion Co.) who will be running in the marathon in San Francisco and is asking for a copy of the membership mailing list. This request was tabled for board action on Sunday.

A request was made by Larry Curl for a hospitality room at the hotel in Washington, D.C. during the Congressional Fire Services Institute. This request too was tabled for board action on Sunday.

At this time, Pres. Parish introduced Jeff Brooks from Preferred Community Services for his presentation. This is a fund raising organization and he spoke on TeleMarketing to raise money for the association. Following his presentation, a question and answer session was held. Action was tabled for board action on Sunday.

Pres. Parish called on Charles Baker who spoke on the Ind. Fire Services Institute and their current projects. The Family Picnic date is on hold at the current time. The Institute & Caucus dinner date normally held in November has been changed to *January 22nd at the Hyatt Regency in Indianapolis.*

Pres. Parish called on Ivan Nevil to update on Pat Babbs' condition.

Pres. Parish called on Jim Parker who spoke on the new draft of the By-Laws of the association as presented by the committee. Following his presentation a lengthy question and answer session was held.

Meeting recessed at 9:09 pm until the following day at 9:00 am.

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 1994

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Parish who asked Bill Howe to give a committee report on their findings for a future publisher for the IVFA newspaper. The committee recommended staying with the current publisher.

Pres. Parish called on Paul Covington of the Standards and Education Commission for his report. He gave a presentation on the firefighter certification program both present and future. Following his presentation, a question and answer session was held.

Pres. Parish announced that the association needs to look at the possibility of having a new executive office as part of the organizational structure.

Editor's Assistant Bill Howe commented that all articles for the newspaper must be in to the editor by July 4th.

Pres. Parish called on Jim Parker who spoke about a meeting that was held last Sat. with Sec. Kissell and the nominating committee concerning the work load of the secretary's office during peak periods.

Pres. Parish called on John and Jane Ferro who spoke on the 1994 Convention and all of its activities.

Pres. Parish called on Ivan Nevil who gave an updated report from his office and its scheduled activities both current and future.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bill Howe, seconded by Don Cushman. The motion carried by a hand vote.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Zeeks who called for the reading of the

minutes of the last meeting. A motion was made by Larry Stott to accept the minutes as printed. Seconded by Don Cushman. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Chairman Zeeks brought up the request by Larry Curl for a hospitality room in Washington, D.C. A motion was made by Bill Howe that the association share the cost up to \$500.00. Seconded by Jack Kearney. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Chairman Zeeks brought up the request by Ken Huffer for a mailing list. A motion was made by Richard Glant to reject this request. Seconded by Charles Cline. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Chairman Zeeks brought up the request by Jeff Brooks of Preferred Community Services for his telemarketing project. A motion was made by Doug Engle to reject this request. Seconded by Jack Cox. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Chairman Zeeks brought up the proposed Fair Labor Act by Larry Curl. A motion was made to table this request until the June meeting. Seconded by Bill Howe. The motion carried by a hand vote.

A motion for \$3,200 for an assistant to the secretary's office was made by Doug Engle. Seconded by Bill Howe, Jr. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bruce Neal. Seconded by Doug Engle. The motion carried by a hand vote.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Baker.

John Davies, Recording Sec.

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IVFAA President



Phyllis Vargo

Dear Members & Friends,
I am very honored to serve as your president for the year 1994-95 and hope that many of you will call me to attend your meetings and functions, so I will get the chance to meet more of the members.

Just a little bit about myself for those of you who do not know me well. I live in Schererville, which is in the northern part of the state 10 miles from Illinois state line. My husband's name is Jim, I have two married children, one grandson, and another grandchild due in December.

I work at an elementary school as a playground supervisor and enjoy working with children and adults in my church and community. I joined the IVFAA in 1973 and I have been an active member ever since, serving as president of my local auxiliary, District 1 Chairman, Recording Sec., and Vice President IVFAA.

Please feel free to call upon me at any time, and I will try my best to answer your questions for you, or just call to say hi. I always enjoy hearing from all my friends in the fire service.
God Bless.

DISTRICTS 1,2

Meeting was called to order by Ann Moss, Dist. 2 Chairman hosted by Lakes of the Four Seasons, May 5th 1994.

Present were 46 members representing 8 depts. and 4 guests.

Doe Doll Ticket money was to be turned in.

Convention and reservations were discussed.

We reminded everyone that dues would be due by July 1st and they would be \$2.50.

We hope that letters were sent by Apr. 10th for the Lois Boaz Award.

Sold 10 IVFAA patches.

Moment of silence in prayer for Eleanor McGee LOFS Aux. member who passed away last month, also remembered was young fireman from Crown Point William Alder.

Elections were held with Chrm. Dollie Komoscar Dist. 1, Kathy Jen Sec., Ann Moss Dist. 2, Chrm. and Marge Baumgardner Sec.

Next meeting will be Sept. 1st, Munster.

A very lovely dinner was served and enjoyed by all.
Ann Moss, Dist. 2
Dollie Komoscar, Dist. 1

Winners of the Doe Doll Ticket Raffle

- 1st Prize \$100.00 and the Doll: Gale D. Fogle
- 2nd Prize \$50.00: Kay Capron
- 3rd Prize \$25.00: Spencer Walker

DISTRICT 11A

Summer is here, the heat and all. I think I was saying how cold it was just a few months ago. Guess time flies when you are having fun.

Well another convention is over. We had a real nice time. It was a nice convention. Hats off to John and Jane Ferro and their committee for a good job. Jane you deserved that plaque and flowers.

Would like to say thank you to Maxine Davies for being such a good president. Doesn't seem like her two years is up. Maxine you were patient, caring and understanding and yes Maxine your motto was "We are gonna have fun" and we did. Love you friend.

To all of the new IVFAA Officers. I wish them the best. They are President, Phyllis Vargo; Vice President, Lou Bartlow; Recording Secretary, Faye Sallee; Corresponding Secretary, Diana Gray; Treasurer, Dorothy Reiter; Sgt-at-Arms, Miriam Schaeckel; Chaplain, Joann Hays.

To all of the IVFA Officers, wish them the very best.

To all of the award winners, Congratulations.

As I write this, this will be my last time as Dist. 11-A chairman. I want to say thank you to all for standing beside me. I was so proud to represent you. I have been elected as the State Chaplain as Judy had to step down, I just pray I'm able to fill the job. Judy you did such a fantastic job. Thanks for your encouragement that I accepted the job.

Bob and I have attended several fish fries and last week we and our six grandchildren went to a spaghetti supper, sponsored by St. Mary's Aux. Great job gals, heard you did real well.

Our sympathy goes to West Terre Haute VFD. They lost a man last week while on a rescue run. Dave Barger lost his life in the line of duty. We also extend our sympathy to Jan and the family and friends.

The Volunteer Fire Department put on a memorial service and they did a nice job. I know it was hard on you all.

On Sunday, June 26th, we went to Fallen Hero's Service. Bob placed a wreath in memory of all the Vol. Firemen who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Also Congressman John Meyers presented to Jan Barger the medal of honor in memory of Dave.

We have several things coming up. If you're in our area, please feel free to stop by and join us.

Our district meeting will be held on Sunday, July 17, at 1:00 pm at the New Goshen Fire house. Dinner will be served.

On September 10th, Sandford will have their annual Fish Fry.

On September 11th, District 11A will have their annual picnic

at Fowler Park in the barn at 1:00 pm. A big pot of ham and beans is always served along with corn bread and beverage, everyone else brings salad or dessert.

We have lots of fun, games for both children and adults. Door prizes are also given out.

On September 17th, Van Buren will be having their Fish Fry.

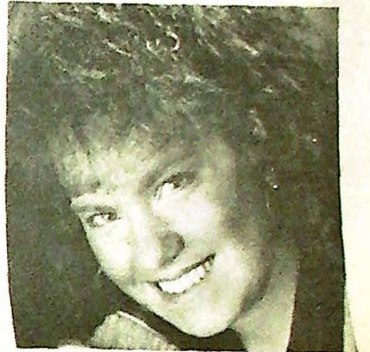
On July 30, Prarieeton will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of their department. Congratulations friends.

Also would like to tell our Miss Flame how proud we were of her. She is Amber Dawn Wells of Hymera. Thanks to her mom, dad and brother for their support. Don and Nancy you're great. We sure do enjoy your company.

In closing, I want to one more time say thank you to all of my Dist. 11A family. I love you all. Have a good safe summer.

Love and prayers,
Joann Hays, Chairman

1994 IVFA MISS FLAME



Erin Byam

Dear IVFA Members,
I would like to say thank you to all the people at Elkhart, who made my visit there wonderful. A special thank you to Barbara Parker, Miriam Schaeckel, Eula Bush, and all the hard workers who made this year's pageant memorable.

I want to take this time and say Hi to all the new friends I met in Elkhart. Girls, I hope to see all of you next year in Evansville.

On June 23rd, I participated in the Jonesville, Indiana parade and had a wonderful time. To the little boy who saluted me and asked me why I was Miss Flame, I want to say, so that I can represent the entire IVFA family, not to mention that it's fun.

Over the Fourth of July, I was in Waldron for their parade, Indianapolis on the 9th of July at the 4-H Fair, and at the Wayne Township Fire Department graduation on the 23rd of July.

Thank you for inviting me to your functions. Finally, thank you Anita, for all the helpful hints you gave me. They have come in handy.

Yours truly,
Erin Byam

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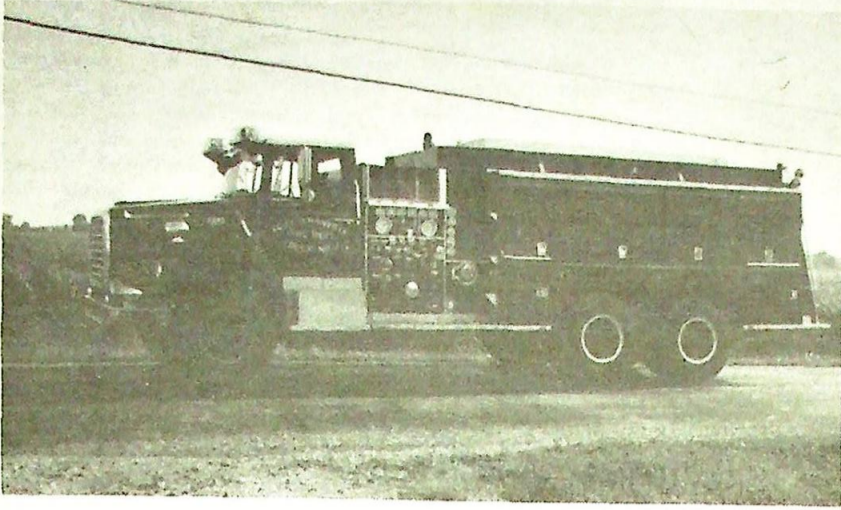
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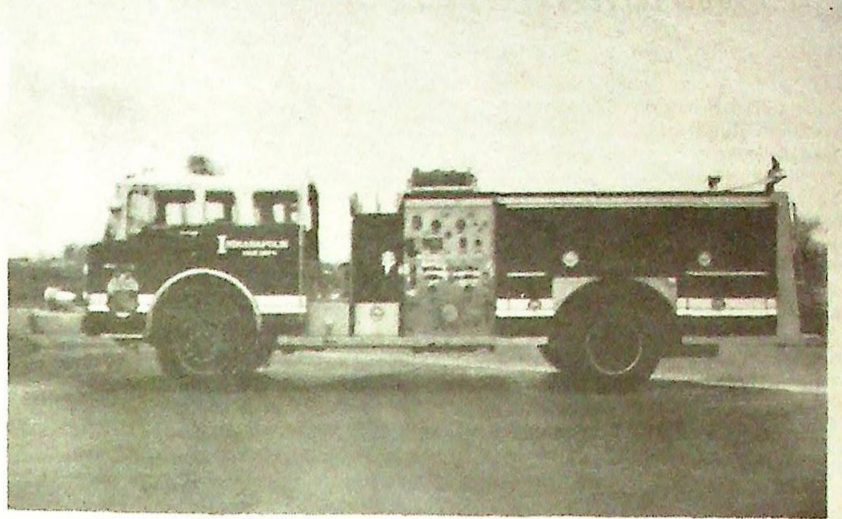
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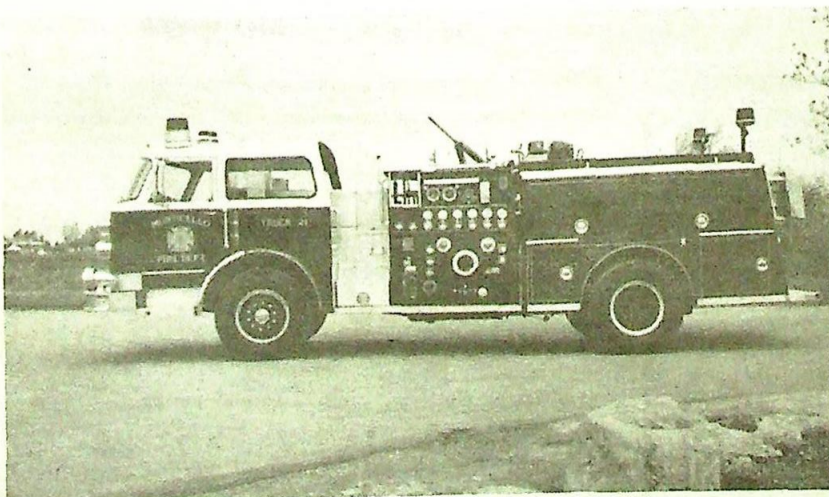


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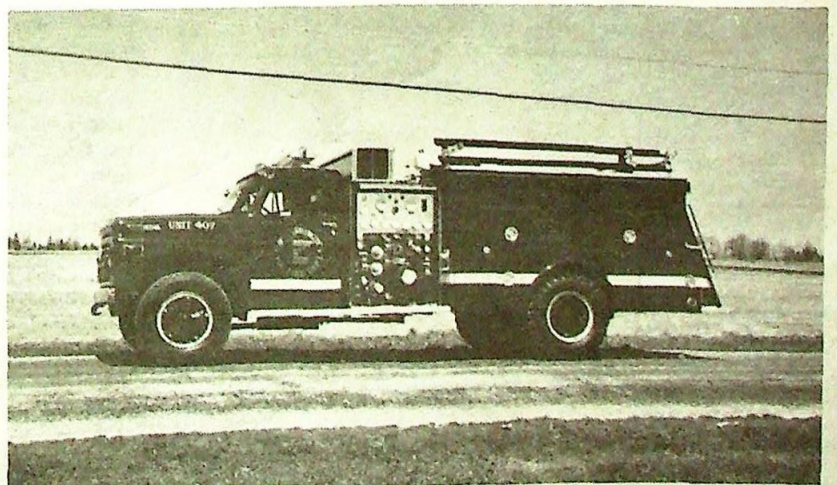
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AUXILIARY STATE OFFICERS MEETING

WESTON PLAZA, ELKHART, IN June 9, 1994

President Maxine Davies opened the meeting by asking Chaplain Judy Hildebrand to lead the group in prayer.

Sgt. at Arms Miriam Schaekel followed by asking the group to recite the Pledge to the Flag.

Maxine gave special Thanks to Judy Hildebrand for all she has done for us through the years.

Maxine invited Nancy Neal up to the podium and presented her with a corsage, for Convention Hostess. Nancy, in turn presented Maxine with a corsage for President. They were both very beautiful corsages and they wore them through-out the Convention.

Recording Secretary, Lou Bartlow, gave the roll call. We had a very good attendance. She then read the minutes of the last Meeting. Judy Hildebrand made a motion to refrain from reading the District reports, and Mary Mackin seconded it. Minutes were approved as read.

It was mentioned that those who had surgery and were ill wanted to thank everyone who sent cards and had prayer for them.

Membership, Lou Bartlow, said we have 115 Aux. and we gained 2 Individuals. We have a total of 125 members. Maxine mentioned that we really need to work on getting new auxiliaries and members. We had 29 Officers and Committee Members present along with 1 guest. Maybe next year, each District could work on getting a new Auxiliary.

Toni Sorg had Bette Sellmer's briefcase to turn in. She is giving up the District Chairman.

Treasurer Dorothy Reiter gave her report.

Auditing, Nancy Neal, said the treasurer's books were O.K. The Miss Flame and Doe Doll books will be audited in August.

Chaplain Judy Hildebrand said she has passed out 2 Protestant and 2 Catholic Bibles, as well as 1 Get well, 2 Thinking of You and 2 Sympathy cards.

Doe Doll, Phyllis Vargo, said she has taken in \$1387.00 so far.

Financial study, Nancy Neal, said since our balance is so low, there will be no money donated to the men.

Jewelry, Mary Mackin said she has \$365.00 in so far.

Maxine thanked everyone for a wonderful 2 years. She gave everyone a "DAMMIT DOLL." Hope you don't get so frustrated that you have to use it!!!

Barbara Parker made the motion to adjourn and Nancy Neal seconded it.

Judy closed the meeting with prayer.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

DISTRICT 3:

Meeting was opened by Leona Uryga with Pledge to the flag. Minutes were approved as read. Treasurer's report was given. Doe Doll tickets or money was turned in.

Springfield will host the July meeting as well as being on the auditing committee.

A bake sale and white elephant sale netted the District \$129.50. Charlotte Sly of Union Mills was the auctioneer.

Springfield Twp. won the Attendance Plaque.

DISTRICT 6:

They met at the Aboite Twp., Allen Co. Dept. with 16 members, 1 guest and 1 State Officer from 8 Depts.

By-law changes were discussed.

Trophies for Miss Flame participants were to be picked up.

Next meeting with election of officers to be at Corruna on July 21st.

DISTRICT 7:

The meeting was held at Hoagland, and was called to order by reciting the Pledge to the flag. Roll call was taken with 13 members from 4 depts. present.

Minutes were read and approved. Treasurer's report was given.

Convention was discussed. Doe Doll tickets were sold.

DISTRICT 12:

The meeting was held at the Steak and Ale on Shadeland in Indianapolis. The meeting was hosted by Lawrence Twp. Aux. After enjoying a wonderful meal our meeting was called to order with 6 members and 2 guests present. The Officer's reports were given and approved. Convention report was given and discussed. By-law changes to be voted on at convention were read and discussed. Barb Webb passed out kits to be made for the Riley Cancer Research, L.S. Ayres Christmas tree. These will need to be finished and turned in to Barb by the August 8th meeting to be held at Wayne Twp.

Respectfully Submitted, Diana Gray, Corresponding Secretary

New ladder fire truck first of kind in Warrick

By Betsy Whitehead
Courier staff writer

A new ladder truck purchased for the Newburgh Volunteer Fire Department is the first of its kind in Warrick County.

Ordered in 1992, the custom-made truck arrived in Newburgh on Wednesday.

It has a built-in ladder that extends 75 feet to reach housetops and windows. Many houses won't be that high but "you have to take into account the setback from the street," said Assistant Fire Chief Michael Brooks.

The new red truck is especially useful to fight fires at larger

homes like many of those in Ohio Township, said Township Trustee Velma Cox.

The township purchased the truck for \$436,000 in a lease-purchase agreement, which will be paid off in about six years, Ms. Cox said. It replaces a 1973 pumper truck.

The Newburgh department makes about 200 fire runs a year, about 80 percent of them in the township, Brooks estimated.

The aerial truck is also called a "quint" for its five functions - pumping water, holding hoses, holding water, ground ladders and aerial ladder, Brooks said.

The truck seats seven firefighters, including a driver and an officer. The firefighters will be wearing seat belts in an enclosed cab, in compliance with the updated National Fire Protection Association standards.

Firefighters quit riding on the

back of fire trucks three or four years ago and started following the trucks to the scene in other vehicles, Brooks said.

As firefighters take their seats in the new truck they will also be sliding into the harnesses that hold their air packs, saving them 20 to 40 seconds when they arrive at a fire scene. Tools are stored at the top, or "fly section," of the ladder in another time-saving measure.

Mrs. Cox said the truck would have been helpful in fighting the November fire that destroyed The Landing restaurant in a 153-year-old riverfront building. An aerial truck from Evansville was called in to help fight that blaze.

Brooks said the truck will be in service at the end of June after the firefighters are trained in operating the truck and its equipment.

"It's a great investment for the community," he said. "Planning ahead and investing in the fire department may save a life or reduce property damage."

A VERY CLEAN MACHINE

Jerry Bulger, Paradise Fire Department Chief, showed off a fire truck just back from being repaired in Florida.

The truck went for an unscheduled swim in the Ohio River a few months ago when the Scuffleton Saloon burned in Newburgh, Ind. Bulger said, "When we started over the Henderson bridge it (the fire truck) just started a-shakin."

Special Thanks to Wadesville Ladies Auxiliary

The Wadesville Center Township Volunteer Fire Department (W.C.T.V.F.D.) wishes to express their gratitude to their ladies auxiliary. Auxiliary President Joy Strickland and other auxiliary members presented a Christmas present at the fire department's December meeting. The present was a "Amkus

Alpha I". This is a hydraulic hand pump used to power the jaws of life, cutters, and rams used for extrication. This important tool can be used at incidents where there might be a danger from leaking fuel, underwater use or in the unlikely event that the primary power unit, which is gasoline operated, fails. This is a vital addition to W.C.T.V.F.D.'s arsenal of tools.

Joy Strickland said this gift was made possible by fund raisers such as their bingo held at the Wadesville Fire Station each 1st & 3rd Sundays monthly at 6:30.

Our most sincere thanks to our Ladies Auxiliary.

Haysville Ruritan Club Donates "Rudy Ruritan" Bears

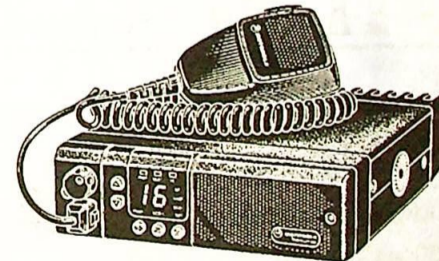


The Haysville Ruritan Club recently donated 5 "Rudy Ruritan" Bears to the Haysville Fire Department. These bears will be carried in the departments vehicles and given to children who are the victims of fire, automobile accidents, or any other traumatic situation to which the department may be called. Pictured are (left to right) Captain Steven Rottet, Dennis Neukam President of the Haysville Ruritan Club, Chief Richard Schmitt and Assistant Chief Lowell Dorsam.

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AUXILIARY STATE CONVENTION

WESTON PLAZA ELKHART, IN JUNE 10, 1994

President, Maxine Davies opened the morning session of the 42nd annual IVFAA Convention. She thanked District 4 for a very nice Koffee Klutch.

Chaplain Judy Hildebrand opened with prayer and Sgt.-at-Arms, Miriam Schaeckel lead the group with the Pledge to the flag.

Judy gave her Chaplain's report so she could be excused to leave when she felt necessary to get ready for the Memorial Service. She has on hand 4 Roses, 10 Candles, 35 Catholic and 24 Protestant Bibles. She also has 110 Sympathy cards, and 2 stamps. She also has sent 8 Sympathy, 2 Get Well and 4 Thinking of You cards since last State meeting. If any District chairman need Bibles, let Judy know now, so she can have them for you at the afternoon meeting.

Maxine presented Jean Parish, wife of IVFA Pres., with a corsage.

Recording Secretary, Lou Bartlow, gave the roll call. 83 members and 9 guests were present.

We had some guest speakers from Merrillville for the '96 Convention. Katy Holderry, Director of Sales and Marketing and Rachael Vila, Sales Manager for the Radisson Hotel. This will be the 50th anniversary for the men. They had their first convention in Merrillville. The host hotel has 347 rooms. All activities will be under one roof.

Eula Bush then introduced Miss Flame and her court. They were all very lovely girls and did a good job!! Our Miss Flame for this year is Erin Byam from Rockport, and her runner-up is Dina Klink from Kingsford Heights. Barbara Parker passed out gifts to each of the participants, donated by Barb and Jack Kerney.

Lou Bartlow, Rec. Sec., read the minutes of the last convention.

Financial report was given by Dorothy Reiter.

Virginia Wilson (7) gave the report of the drawing held last evening. We have 16 men and 2 Women waterball teams, 5 hose replacement and 3 cart teams for the games to be held tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m.

Phyllis Vargo, Doe Doll, said we have \$1550.00 in.

Barbara Parker, Miss Flame Committee, said she had a very lovely group of girls and the judges had a very difficult time determining which was most deserving of the title.

Faye Sallee, nominating, said they are ready when the time comes.

Barbara Parker, Lois Boaz, said we were pleased to announce the new recipient, Miriam Schaeckel. CONGRATULATIONS!!!! It is a great honor and makes one proud to be a winner. Get your letters in for next Year--make it difficult for the committee to decide.

Jewelry, Mary Mackin has 50 charms and 75 tie tacks left. They are selling well!!!

Installation, Lucy Stofer, said they are ready.

Financial study, Nancy Neal, said the treasurer's report does not allow us to donate to the men.

Auditing, Nancy Neal said everything is O.K.

Maxine said with only 15 min. left before we must adjourn for the Memorial Service, the District could pass out some of the door prizes. Be back here at 1:30 p.m.

1:30 P.M. Meeting:

President Maxine Davies called the afternoon session of the meeting to order.

Chaplain, Judy Hildebrand apologized for omitting a member of 11A, who had passed away. Judy also brought to our attention that today is Maxine and John's 38th anniversary. So we all sang Happy Anniversary to Maxine. Sorry that John didn't get the privilege of hearing our beautiful voices!!!

Phyllis said we have \$1574 in Doe Doll tickets so far. They will be on sale until the games tomorrow.

Maxine presented the President of Richland Taylor Aux. a certificate, for being a new auxiliary. This is also where this year's Mr. IVFA comes from. Congratulations! She also presented 2 certificates for 15 years of continuous service; one to Lawrence, District 12 and

Lake of Four Seasons. Congratulations to both of you!

Lou Bartlow, Recording Secretary, gave the roll call. We have 85 members and 8 guests present. It will take 57 votes to pass any by-law this afternoon.

Betsy Howe presented Judy Hildebrand with a yellow rose corsage. Judy will not be seeking re-election for Chaplain, because of the problem with her eyes. This was a little Thank You for all she has done and let her know we will all miss her. I am sure we will see her around when she is able to attend the meetings. If you would like to drop her a few lines, make sure you write in BIG, BOLD, BLACK lettering. She makes that out better.

Wanda Johnson, By-law Committee Chairman, passed out all the by-laws that are to be voted on today. Maxine read one at a time, they were discussed and then voted on. They are listed below.

Nominations, Faye Sallee, read the nominations. Your new Officers for 1994-95 are as follows:

Pre.-Phyllis Vargo, V-Pres.-Lou Bartlow, Rec. Sec. -Faye Sallee, Corresponding Sec.-Diana Gray, Treas.-Dorothy Reiter, Sgt.-at-Arms-Miriam Schaeckel, Chaplain-Joann Hayes.

Installation held by Lucy Stofer and Ruth Fairfield. Next Convention will be in Evansville, June 14-17. Door prizes were handed out.

We, the members of District 11-B of the IVFAA, submit the following by-law change to be considered at the annual convention.

ARTICLE II Election of Officers

Section 4. Election of Officers. In case of a vacancy in the office of the President, the 1st Vice-President shall immediately assume office for the remainder of the year. In case of a vacancy of the other elected officers an appointment shall immediately be made by the Board of Directors. Any person serving as a Officer Pro-tem shall assume the rights and privileges of that office.

CHANGED TO READ:

Section 4. Election of Officers. In case of a vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice-President shall immediately assume office for the remainder of the year. In case of a vacancy of the other elected officers an appointment shall immediately be made by the Board of Directors. Any person serving as an Officer Pro-tem shall assume the rights and privileges of that office.

Date 3-13-94, Dist. 11-B Chrm. Eula Bush, Dist. 11-B Sec. Lou Bartlow. (PASSED)

We, the members of District 11-B of the IVFAA, submit the following by-law change to be considered at the annual convention.

ARTICLE VI Finances

Section 2. An allotment of thirty dollars (30.00) to the President each year. An allotment of twenty dollars (\$20.00) to the Corresponding Secretary; an allotment of twenty dollars (\$20.00) to the Treasurer each year. An allotment of twenty dollars (\$20.00) to the 1st Vice President, Chaplain, Sgt.-at-Arms, Immediate Past President and all District Chairman each year.

a. These allotments shall be paid by the Treasurer at the annual convention.

b. An officer not attending at least two called meetings a year is ineligible to receive any remuneration.

CHANGED TO READ:

Section 2. An allotment of thirty dollars (30.00) to the President each year. An allotment of twenty dollars (\$20.00) to the Corresponding Secretary; an allotment of twenty dollars (\$20.00) to the Recording Secretary, and an allotment of twenty dollars (\$20.00) to the Treasurer each year. An allotment of twenty dollars (\$20.00) to the Vice President, Sgt.-at-Arms, Immediate Past President and all District Chairmen each year.

a. These allotments shall be paid by the Treasurer at the annual convention.

b. An officer not attending at least two called meetings a year is ineligible to receive any remuneration.

Date 3-13-94, Dist. 11-B Chrm. Eula Bush, Dist.11-B Sec. Lou Bartlow. (PASSED)

We, the members of District 11-B of the IVFAA, submit the following by-law change to be considered at the annual convention.

BY-LAWS ARTICLE I Officers and Duties

Section 3. The immediate Past President shall automatically be a member of the Board and shall be Chairman of same. She will assume the duties of Convention Hostess. In the absence of the President, 1st Vice-President, she shall also be the presiding officer.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the 1st Vice-President to preside and perform the duties of the President at all meetings when the President is absent. It shall be the duty of the 1st Vice-President to be in charge of Convention Projects.

CHANGED TO READ:

Section 3. The immediate Past President shall automatically be a member of the Board and shall be chairman of same. She will assume the duties of Convention Hostess. In the absence of the President, Vice-President, she shall also be the presiding officer.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to preside and perform the duties of the President at all meetings when the President is absent. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to be in charge of Convention Projects.

Dated 3-13-94, Dist. 11-B Chrm. Eula Bush, Dist. 11-B Sec. Lou Bartlow. (PASSED)

We, the members of District 11-B of the IVFAA, submit the following by-law change to be considered at the annual convention.

ARTICLE I OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 7. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all money paid into the Auxiliary from the hands of the Secretary to submit a report at each quarterly meeting and file a prepared statement at each annual meeting of the financial condition of the Auxiliary. A surety bond shall be furnished in the amount of \$2,000.00 or more, premiums to be paid by the Auxiliary. She shall pay all bills submitted to her and approved by the Auxiliary.

CHANGED TO READ:

Section 7. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all money paid into the Auxiliary from the hands of the Recording Secretary; to submit a report at each quarterly meeting and file a prepared statement at each annual meeting of the financial condition of the Auxiliary. A surety bond shall be furnished in the amount of \$2,000.00 or more, premiums to be paid by the Auxiliary. She shall pay all bills submitted to her and approved by the Auxiliary.

Dated 3-13-94, Dist. 11-B Chrm. Eula Bush, Dist. 11-B Sec. Lou Bartlow. (PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)

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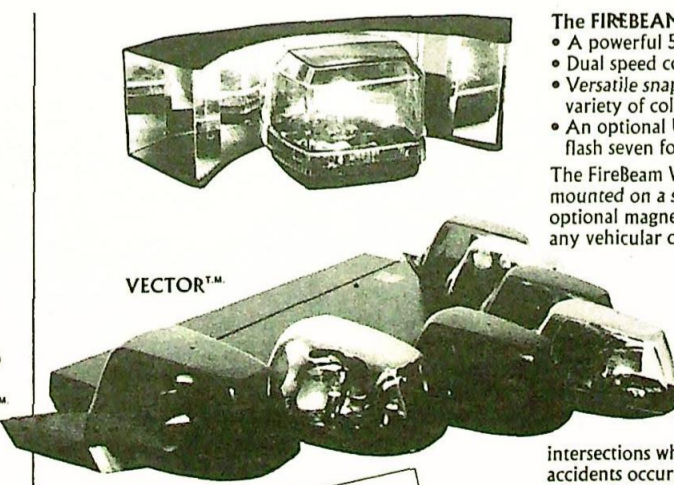
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Date 3-13-94, Dist. 11-B Chrm. Eula Bush, Dist. 11-B Sec. Lou Bartlow. (DID NOT PASS)

We, the members of District 7 of the IVFAA, submit the following by-law change to be considered at annual convention.

**CONSTITUTIONS AND LAWS
NAME AND OBJECT**

SECTION 2. The membership of the organization shall consist of: ACTIVE MEMBERS, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS AND HONORARY MEMBERS.

**CHANGED TO READ:
CONSTITUTION AND LAWS
NAME AND OBJECT**

SECTION 2. The membership of the organization shall consist of: ACTIVE MEMBERS, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, HONORARY MEMBERS AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS.

Dated Oct. 18, 1993, Dist. 7 Chrm. Marjorie Brames, Dist. 7 Sec. Alice Sanders. (PASSED)

We the members of District 7 of the IVFAA, submit the following by-law change to be considered at annual convention.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. The membership of this organization shall consist of:

a. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

1. Wife of an IVFA member
2. Mother of an IVFA member
3. Wife of a retired IVFA member
4. Widow of any IVFA member who at the time of his death was a member in good standing of same organization
5. Daughter of an IVFA member

b. ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Any members of any local Auxiliary. Member is entitled to vote but not hold office.

c. HONORARY MEMBERS

Wives of the members of the State Fire Marshal's office, and the wives of Fire Equipment salesmen who will be entitled to vote but not hold office.

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d. INDIVIDUAL MEMBER: An Individual member is a member that qualifies under Active membership, but does not belong to an Auxiliary Unit, and as such, is entitled to vote and to hold office the same as an Active member.

Dated Oct. 18, 1993, Dist. 7 Chrm. Majorie Brames, Dist. 7 Sec. Alice Sanders. (PASSED)

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Thank you, Elkhart, for a GREAT CONVENTION! To all the Miss Flame contestants, it was a pleasure working with you.

A special thank you to Brandy Jackson and Kay Capron for the beautiful flowers they gave me at the banquet.

Again, congratulations to Erin Byam (Dist. 18) IVFA Miss Flame, Dina Klink (Dist. 3) IVFA Miss Flame Runner-up, and Kay Capron (Dist. 5) who again was awarded the Miss Congeniality Award chosen by the Miss Flame contestants.

Start planning your 1995 District Miss Flame Contestants today!

It has been an honor and a great pleasure being Miss Flame

Chairman for the past six years - so, a big THANK YOU to all the Miss Flames in those six years.

Love you all,
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Miss Flame Chairman

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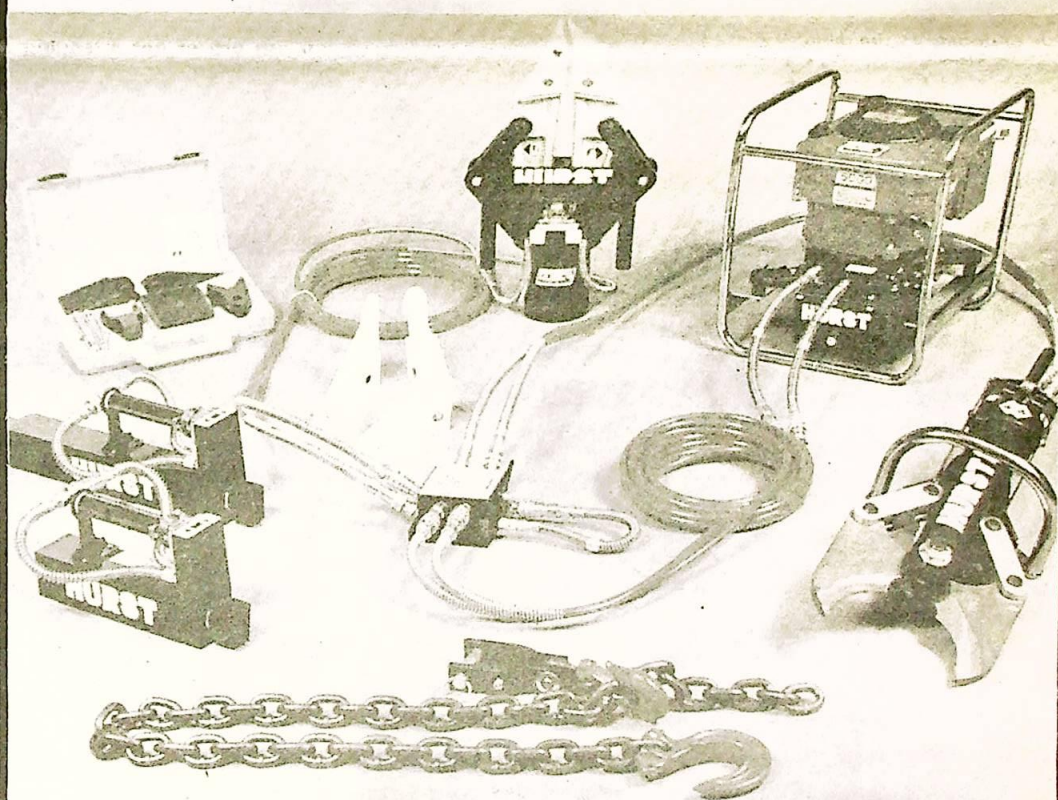
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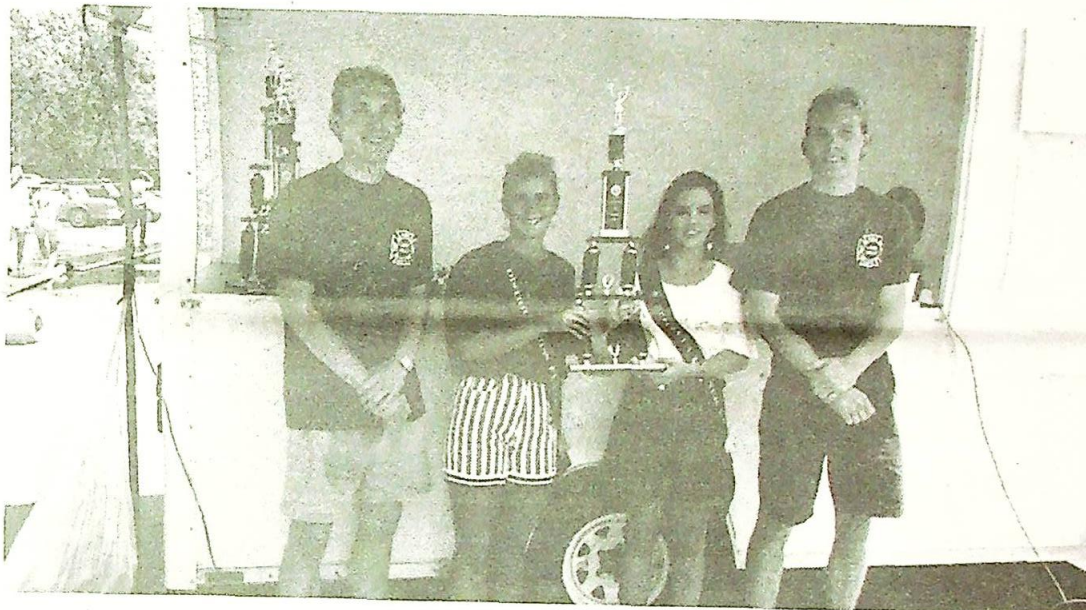
Erin Byam, Miss Flame Winner. Dina Klink, Runner Up.

Men's Waterball First Place



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Lake Hills

Women's Waterball First Place



Lake Hills



Last years Miss Flame pinning banner on Erin Byam.

Congratulations to all the winners of the 1994 Convention. See you next year at Convention '95!!

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'94 Convention Winners...

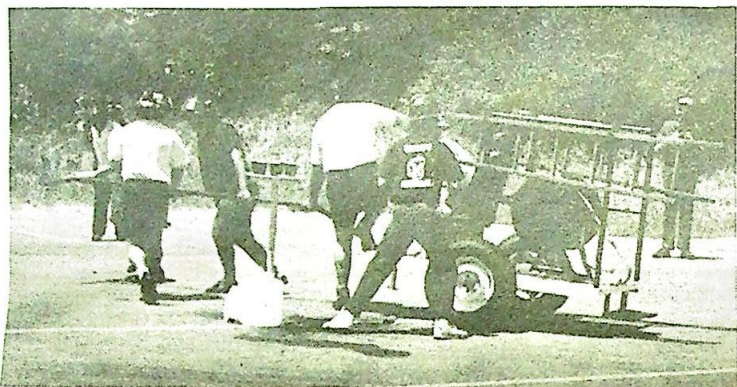
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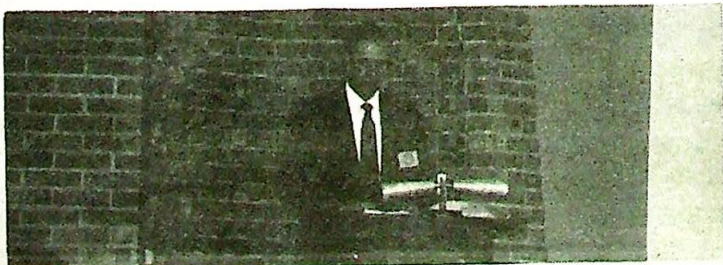
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Bill Kinsey

Hi from the NEPR Area.

The deadline for getting information into the Indiana Volunteer Fireman is getting like the mandates from Federal and State government. The Deadline keeps getting earlier. At least the deadline for the IVFA paper does not have a financial penalty for not meeting the deadline.

Have you ever wondered why Newscasters are called anchors? Maybe it's because they're always going overboard, or possibly because they sink so low.

On a more positive note; No one can predict to what heights you can soar. Even you will not know until you spread your wings. Everyone who attended the

recent IVFA convention in Elkhart had an opportunity to attend the meeting of the Board of Fire Fighting Standards & Education. Pat Babbs was present and if you missed the chance to say Hi! and visit with her, and offer your encouragement, shame on you! Pat has been the program coordinator since the inception of firefighter standards in Indiana and has weathered the Van Sagnts, Tuckers, Kinseys and others as Chairmen & the Goodwins, Bosells, Dugans, Goddards, and Boatrights who have been State Fire Marshal. This alone should earn her an award of merit or a purple heart for the times she's had her --chewed on. She's still on the job but almost all of the rest of us are gone. Good Luck, Pat and for a job well done.

No one has developed a computer with empathy and human understanding so GOD help us when you're gone and we have to depend on the absolute black & white of whoever programed the computer. Thanks again to you for your dedication and long hours devoted to certification of firefighter training in Indiana from one who knows firsthand how important you have been to firefighter certification in Indiana. Thanks again, Pat.

By the way Pat, my female partner in our insurance agency posted on the wall of our office a sign that said: Do you want to talk

to the man in charge or the woman who knows what's going on? Do you want a copy?

Congratulations on a job well done to John & Jane Ferro and John Hardy along with the many people who helped make the convention a success. No one can satisfy everyone but you can take pride in knowing you kept most of the attendees satisfied.

The delegates to the convention voted to change the association by-laws to bring our association into this century by adopting new By-Laws and separating them from the standard operating guides so our association can function but the new By-Laws put a new responsibility on the general membership. It is now critical that your department have regular representation at all District meetings. All operations are under control of the Board of Directors who will vote on changes at the direction of their District. If your department doesn't have representatives present to vote, the members in attendance will direct the direction and future of the IVFA so attendance at your district meetings become more important than ever before.

One last thought: God I love the fire service. Please be patient. I only stay active as a volunteer firefighter because I'm too old for a paper route, too young for social security and too tired to have an affair. ???? Stay cool.

**Volunteers
not easy to
find
for fire
departments**

Auburn, Ind. (AP) - Wanted: Volunteers to perform potentially dangerous work. Can require up to 65 hours of initial training before participation can begin. Must be willing to serve at any time, day or night, summer or winter. Grace under pressure a must. Pay may be available at up to 72 cents per hours. Interested candidates should apply at their local fire departments.

The advertisement is not real, but the job it describes is. And fewer and fewer people are willing to do it.

In rural and small towns fire departments don't have the number of volunteer firefighters they'd like or used to have. They are increasingly finding themselves short on volunteer firefighters.

Fire chiefs and training officers say greater training requirements, an increasing number of calls for emergency responses, the inability of employers to let vol-

unteers off to fight fires and a busier pace of life all can be blamed for the drop in volunteers.

Future looks bleak:

They don't see much hope for improving the picture.

"The days of wanting to be a firefighter, putting on the boots and hat and jumping on a truck are gone," said Auburn Fire Chief Jerry Bauermeister.

Auburn has 14 volunteers, but Bauermeister would like 20.

Would be volunteers must fill out an application, pass an agility test, begin training as a first responder and since the early 1980s, complete 24 hours of training before stepping onto a fire truck, he said.

Some departments even require volunteers to meet the more stringent requirements of career firefighters.

"As soon as you tell people this, they run for the door," said Maynard Masters, president of the Indiana Fire Instructors Association and Kendallville deputy fire chief.

Kevin Crowl, chief of the Spencerville Volunteer Fire Department, had five people interested in volunteering. After explaining the requirements, he says he had none.

Auburn Training officer Mike Good said of 15 volunteer firefighter applicants, eight showed up after hearing what the agility test involved. Five passed.

"But once applicants get there, they're usually OK," Good said.

Training is difficult:

In the initial training stage, volunteers are given a brief overview of fire procedures, including some hazardous-materials instruction. Then they begin training to become second-class firefighters learning about such things as fire behavior, hoses and nozzles, salvage and overhaul.

Auburn and some other departments, such as Angola and Allen County's Hometown/Perry Township department, also require their volunteers to be certified first responders. That process alone takes 65 hours.

"We're an emergency services department, not just a fire department," said Bud Grogg, Angola's public information officer.

Angola has 31 volunteers, but it would like 35.

Requirements needed:

Though the increasing requirements scare off volunteers, reducing requirements is not a workable solution, fire officials say.

"When fighting a fire, it's only fair that everyone complete required number hours of training," Bauermeister said.

Since requirements were imposed, fire officials have seen loss records drop and "we are much more professional," Masters said.

But with the decline in volunteers, fire officials predict that more municipalities and townships will hire full-time career firefighters.

"Angola had 514 runs in 1993. That's a lot to ask of volunteers. As urban America grows, we'll need more and more paid firefighters," Grogg said.

"I don't know how cities can't move that way - to more full-time staffing," Good said, echoing Grogg's comment's.

Another factor fueling the trend is that fewer and fewer volunteers can leave their employment to respond to a fire.

"I think one of the reasons we have fewer volunteers is employers won't let people off work like they used to," Grogg said.

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Pershing Twp. VFD adds to Roster

Pershing Township Volunteer Fire Department in Freetown has announced recent additions to its firefighter roster. President Greg Sutton has accepted applications from David Shelton to become an active firefighter and Jamie Bradford and Robert Williams, Jr to enter the Junior Firefighter Program. Chief Richard Blaker has placed Shane Loper on full active firefighter status transferring him from the Junior level.

David Shelton is a graduate of Nazarene Bible College in Colorado Springs, CO with an Associates of Arts in Biblical Studies. He is presently serving as Pastor of the Freetown Nazarene Church. He lives in

Freetown with his wife Camilla and daughter. Amy Shelton will enter the department's mandatory 24 hour training program and 2nd class firefighter certification training.

Jamie Bradford is the son of Larry and Sharon Bradford and lives near Freetown. Bobby Williams is the son of Robert and Linda Williams and attends Brownstown Central High School. Williams is awaiting certification as an Indiana State Certified Emergency Medical First Responder and has been active in assisting in department projects for several months. He is a member of Freetown Church of Christ. Both Bradford and Williams will begin mandatory 24 hour fire training. The Junior Firefighter Program is open to any Pershing Township Resident aged 16-18 years. Any Pershing Township resident age 18 years or older is eligible for firefighter candidacy.

a 1982 Pierce 2000 gal/1250 GPM pumper-tanker, Squad 7 - a 1987 Ford 4WD rescue unit, Engine 4 - a 1987 FMC 1000 gal/1500 GPM pumper, and Brush 3 - a 1989 Toyota 4WD pickup converted into a 90 gal brush truck.

Just recently, the department added two more trucks. Rescue 8 is a 1993 Ford Explorer that doubles as a quick response rescue vehicle and a command vehicle. Engine 9 is a 1980 FMC 750 gal/750 GPM pumper. It was purchased to cover Union Twp., and is the only truck presently operating out of Station #3.

The Department covers 51.6 square miles of Perry and Union Twp., in the southwest corner of Vanderburgh County. This fast developing area includes Burdette Park, the University of Southern Indiana campus, and University Shopping Center. The department and its divers also cover 22 miles of the Ohio River along Union Twp. The department averages 400 runs a year to its 3985 homes and businesses.

The current membership totals 40 active and 12 Lifetime members. This includes: 11 Master Firefighters, 18 First Responders, 11 E.M.T.'s, 1 Paramedic, and 11 Divers.

On Sat., Sept. 24, from 10 AM - 2 PM, the department will celebrate its 35th anniversary with an Open House at Station #2. All apparatus and equipment will be on display as well as photos and memorabilia from the past 35 years. Other agencies anticipated to participate include Mercy Ambulance, Vand. Co. Sheriff Dept., Ind. State Police, Welborn Hospital's Life Flight helicopter staff, and the Vand. Co. E.M.A.

The members invite all firefighters to our Open House to see our equipment, discuss today's fire service, and swap firefighting stories.

Steve Anderson,
Perry Twp. VFD

From the Vice President



Richard Glant

I must start out by saying thank you District 4 for a very well organized and well run 1994 convention. Hats off to John and Jane Ferro, and to Chief John Hardy and Host Department Cleveland Township Fire Department. Everyone who had a part in this did very well. The hotel and staff were also very accommodating.

I also would like to thank everyone for your support and confidence in me the past 2 years. And as incoming president, I will do the best job I can possibly do. I also plan to keep traveling as much as I possibly can.

Just a quick note, our own department just finished with a fundraiser and both political parties were there to register people to vote. SO DO IT, and exercise your right to vote. We need all the help we can get.

Posey County Fire Chiefs Association

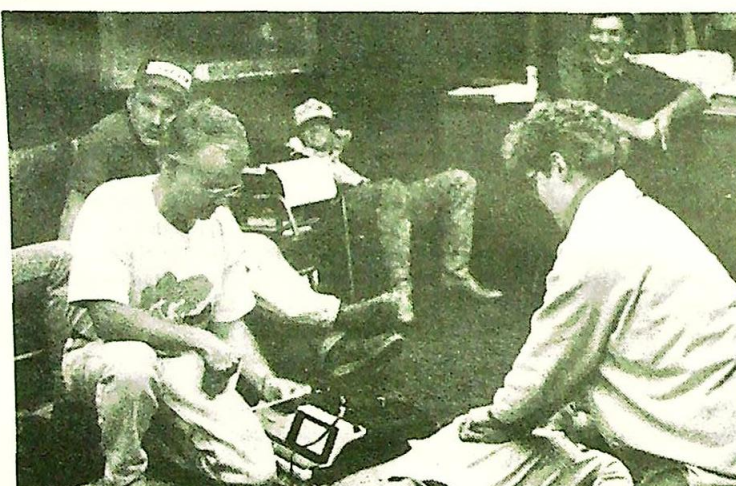
An election was held at the January meeting of the Posey County Fire Chiefs Association to select officers for 1994. Larry Young, Chief of the Wadesville Fire Dept. (W.C.T.V.F.D.) was elected to a second consecutive term as President. Other officers elected were Vice President, Dan Reyher, Chief of Poseyville Vol. Fire Dept.; Secretary, Larry Robb, Chief of the New Hamony Vol. Fire Dept.; and Treasurer, Mike Duncan, Chief of the Marrs Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. (also a second consecutive term).

In other business, Farm Bureau Insurance agent Richie Moore on behalf of Farm Bureau Insurance Company presented to the association an "electronic nose" to be shared by all Posey County Fire Departments as an aide in arson investigation. The "electronic nose" is a high tech unit capable of detecting trace amounts of hydrocarbons (possible accelerants) and can easily detect fuel oil concentrations of less than 200 parts per million or gas leaks of less than one (1) cubic foot per year.

The association is very grateful to receive such a tool.
Lt. Roger Strickland, P.I.O.



Paramedic Duane Davis instructs AED Class at Pershing Twp. VFD's First Responder Course.



Brownstown Chief Jim Renaker and Renee Blaker of Carr Twp. VFD participate in 1st responder training at Pershing Twp. VFD in Freetown. Students from Aisen Industries, Jackson Co. Sheriffs Dept., Carr Twp., Brownstown Twp., Pershing Twp., and Grassy Fork VFD completed the class.

PERRY TWP. VOL. FIRE DEPT. CELEBRATES 35 YEARS

In the fall of 1959, residents of the White School community met to discuss the need for better fire protection to Perry Twp. Less than two months later the Perry Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. was formed to protect southwestern Vanderburgh County. The first run was made on October 16, 1959. Later that year, the department moved its only pumper into Station #1. That station, after several renovations, is still being used.

During the 1960's, the department purchased four pieces of apparatus; that included 2

pumpers, a tanker, and a brush truck. The department added Station #2 in 1969. Then in the 1970's, three more trucks were added to the fleet. These included: Engine 1 - a 1975 Pierce 750 gal/1000 GPM pumper, Brush 6 - a 1977 Ford 4WD 200 gal brush truck, and Rescue 5 a 1978 Pierce 500 gal/400 GPM quick attack-rescue truck.

Four more trucks were added in the 1980's to modernize the department, or replace earlier models. Included were: Engine 2 -

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Left to Right: Chief Myron Joe Dekemper, Sec./Treas. Tim Friedman, President Tom Foster, Holland National Bank Don Loepker, Hoosier Fire Equipment Tim Swartz.

The new fire truck, an KME Terminator on a 1994 - 4-door Int. Chassis was delivered in May. It features a five man cab, 2 seats with SCBA units, 1250 gpm Hale Pump, 1000 gal. tank, 6 new SCBA units - p.p. fan, numerous lengths of new hose in various diameters. This piece of equipment was purchased from Hoosier Fire Equipment.

support services.

Anderson Fire Chief Dan Edwards said several Indiana cities, including Fort Wayne, Evansville, Muncie and Lafayette, do not provide ambulance service for their residents.

He said the cost of using a private carrier is about \$200 for basic services and \$471 for advance life support services.

"When a city provides a service the cost is lower," he said.

Edwards said non-city residents using the Anderson ambulance service are charged a \$100 fee. Some \$27,000 was raised in 1993, and so far this year the city has collected \$10,000, which goes into the general fund.

Lawler said there is no time table for when the proposal will be taken before the Anderson City Council for consideration.

"I can't say how much property taxes will go down," he said. "But if we use the fee for capital purchases, it will reduce property taxes."

Edwards said the cost of purchasing a new fire truck runs between \$175,000 and \$200,000.

"In 1997 we plan to replace the telesquirt and the cost will be \$700,000," he said. "A user fee on the ambulance will bring in about \$400,000 to \$500,000 per year."

Lawler said the city has budgeted \$200,000 in 1994 for the purchase of new equipment which amounts to about 5-cents on the property tax rate.

Both Lawler and Edwards said the city still has not decided on how to collect the fee if a resident fails to pay for ambulance service.

"Some cities use collection agencies," Edwards said. "We will not provide the service if someone has not paid in the past."

Lawler said the public is grateful for the service.

"Let's not sell the general public short," he said. "I think they will be more than willing to pay for the service."

there was in the past.

"People are not overjoyed with paying user fees," he noted. "But we intend to utilize user fees in place of property taxes. This is a cost shifting."

Former Anderson Mayor Thomas McMahan proposed a \$100 user fee in 1981.

Lawler said property owners in Anderson subsidize the ambulance service; a user fee would reduce that subsidy.

"People who use the service more than others will pay for that increased service," he said. "If people are charged every time they use an ambulance, we're hoping it will eliminate a lot of runs that are not necessary."

The proposed user fee is \$135 for city residents and \$200 for non-city residents.

Lawler said the proposed fee would come to close to covering the cost of the service, not including salaries and benefits of the paramedics.

In 1993, the city's ambulances carried 4,367 patients; 1,081 of those received advanced life

Ambulance user fee issue resurfaces in Anderson

By Ken de la Bastide
Staff Reporter

Anderson - City officials here are again considering charging an ambulance user's fee with proceeds earmarked for the purchase of new equipment for the fire department.

"User fees have been considered several times for Anderson," Mayor J. Mark Lawler said. "The last time was in 1991. There is a different reaction to the idea now than

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- 3 Penn South #2
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- 1 Lake Hills
- 2 Poe

Men's Hose Replacement

- 1 Lake Hills 34.82 sec.
- 2 Columbia City 37.19
- 3 New Chicago 48.36
- 4 New Haven Adams Twp. 51.81
Penn South

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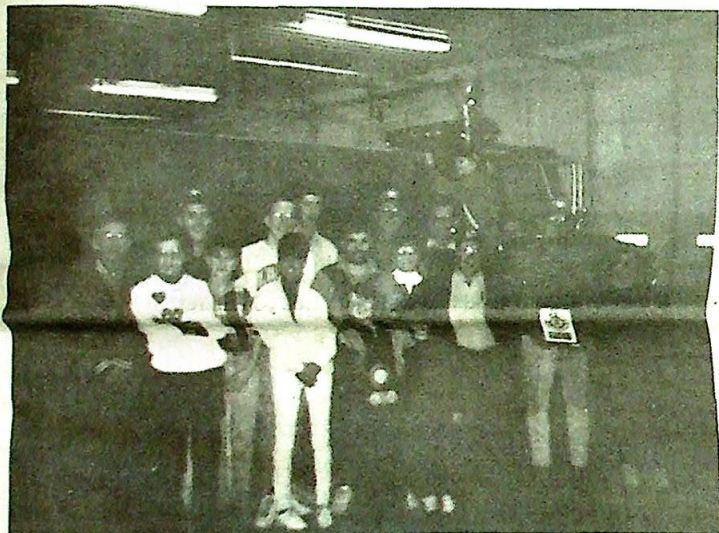
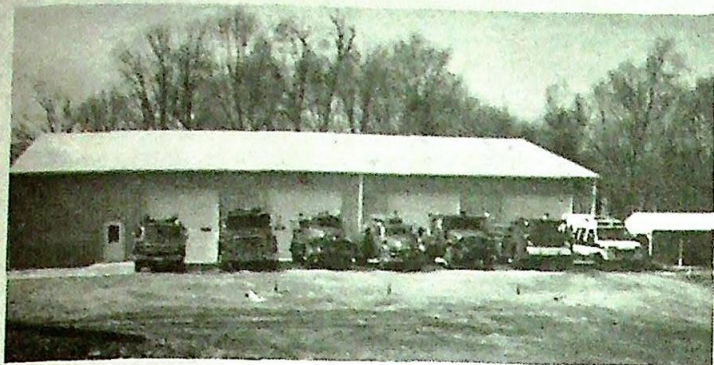
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East Enterprise Vol. Fire Dept. New Station, New Tanker truck



These pictures are of the East Enterprise Volunteer Fire Department's new station and new tanker truck. Both the station and the tanker were built by the firemen.

East Enterprise is located in North Central Switzerland County at the intersection of Hwy 56 and Hwy 250.

This department provides primary fire protection for approximately 110 square miles of Switzerland and Ohio counties.

The tanker and station were both dedicated at a luncheon when the IVFA clock was presented.

Jonesville Annual Fireman's Festival, great success

The Jonesville Fire Dept would like to thank all the people for coming to our Annual Fireman's Festival on June 25 at Jonesville. We had a very good turn out and sold a lot of fish and hope all had a good time.

The parade was good and the winners were:

- 1 Best Fire Truck:
Harrison Township
 - 2 Best Horse Group:
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 - 3 Antique Farm Tractor
Stan Meyer
 - 4 Best Float:
Giggles & More
 - 5 Best Car Club:
Mustang Car Club
 - 6 Custom Car:
Ed Bridgewater
 - 7 Judges Best:
Richards Peters & Kenneth Helt.
- The dept had a 50/50 drawing

and that was won by Mrs. Nelson. There was also a peddle tractor pull for the young children and a horse shoe pitch and auction at the station to round out the day.

Things went well for the dept as for the fish fry they fried. We had a steady crowd all the time with the line slowing down around 6:00 at night.

We hope that all the people that came had a good time and hope we will see them next year, same place and same time.

Earl Chasteen
Chairperson of the parade

On-Duty Firefighters Deaths

To: All Interested Persons
Have you read the NFPA report on 1993 On-Duty Deaths for municipal firefighters?

The statistics tell us that 77 municipal firefighters lost their lives during 1993. 55 of those firefighters were volunteers and 22 were career.

We have improved the

statistics considerably over the last couple of years due primarily, in my opinion, to the implementation of NFPA 1500.

The report gives one statistic relating to "Responding to or Returning from alarm that is devastating to the volunteer fire service and is an area where we could possibly do something to reduce the risk of death or injury. There were 19 volunteer firefighters compared to 1 career firefighter killed in the line of duty responding to or returning from an alarm.

We can possibly do something about all firefighter deaths but I am asking for your input on this one particular area. What insight can you provide me on how you control the number of vehicles that respond on a call. Before the report came out, I responded with my department on a trailer fire. After the fire I counted the

number of vehicles that responded to this call and I came up with 56. These vehicles were both PV and apparatus. I asked myself what can we as officers do to reduce the risk to the firefighter and public.

Action Requested: What do you do within your department to control or reduce the number of vehicles that respond on particular types of call? Does your state allow for emergency response or private vehicles?

Please provide some information back. I will share the information that I receive with all of you in an upcoming Newsletter issue.

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Toxic fumes lead officials to evacuate

By Mary Wayt

Four gallons of stainless steel cleaner caused a big uproar in Nashville last Wednesday.

Police blocked streets, closed businesses and asked residents to leave their homes because the cleaner, a hydrofluosilicic acid, gave off toxic fumes. Two people were taken to hospitals. Several others reported that the fumes made them ill.

Marian Altop, who works at Citizens Bank near the incident, said she was preparing for a loan closing when Deputy Marshal Alan Patterson asked that they leave the area.

So the loan closing was moved to Village Realty on Jefferson Street.

"I didn't notice smelling anything right away" she said. But she added: "By the time I got to my car, it felt like my throat was closing in."

"It was kind of scary" she added.

Mrs. Altop and her husband went to Bloomington later that evening. By the time they headed for home, she said, she felt better.

The cleaner had leaked from its container in a delivery truck.

The semi, owned by Rycoff-Sexton Incorporated, was making deliveries in Nashville. The driver, Ronald R. Stevenson of Greenwood, noticed a foul odor about 3 p.m. and drove to the Brown County (Nashville) Fire Department for help.

Steve Gore, assistant chief of

the fire department, said that two school bus drivers at the junior high school noticed Mr. Stevenson was having trouble. Using a radio in one of the buses, they contacted the sheriff's department.

Mr. Stevenson was taken by Athens Ambulance to Bloomington Hospital, where he was treated and released.

Tony Hiner, a deputy marshal in Nashville and an Emergency Medical Technician with Athens Ambulance, was taken to Columbus Regional Hospital, where he was treated and released.

Because of the toxicity of the chemical, officers with the Nashville Police Dept. and the Brown County Sheriff's Dept. evacuated nearby homes and businesses.

Streets were also blocked off roughly two blocks to the north, west and south, and about a mile to the east, Mr. Gore said.

Mr. Gore said the Bloomington Twp. Fire Dept. was called for assistance because that agency has more advanced training and equipment.

Faron Livingston, chief of Bloomington Twp. Fire Dept. estimated that 3 1/2 to 4 gallons of the chemical spilled out of a 5 gallon container.

He also said the chemical was packaged in a diluted form, as a cleaning agent.

"The fumes and very short contact with small quantities of the liquid can cause severe, painful burns," Mr. Livingston quoted from the hazardous materials guidebook officials use.

Mr. Gore said the area was reopened about 8:30 p.m.

An Indianapolis company, PWI Environmental, was called to make sure the area was not

contaminated, Mr. Gore said.

Emergency workers stayed on the scene until about 1:30 a.m. Thursday.

James R. Dawson, fire and safety engineer at Indiana University, said the chemical was giving off some "toxic stuff."

"If it will knock you down, it will kill you," he said.

It was some "pretty hot stuff," he continued, "definitely something to be taken seriously."

Brown County Democrat

NFPA Cautions That Some Protective Clothing May Have False Compliance Labels

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), publisher of numerous codes and standards pertaining to firefighter safety and health, has received complaints that certain protective garments and protective hoods may be carrying labels falsely identifying them as compliant with NFPA 1971, *Standard on Protective Clothing for Structural Fire Fighting*, 1991 Edition.

NFPA advises those purchasing protective clothing to be aware of the following: For a protective garment or hood to meet the requirements of NFPA 1971, it must be certified by an independent third-party certi-

fication organization. In addition, the item must carry the label, symbol, or other identifying mark of that certification organization. A garment that does not bear the mark of an independent third-party certification organization is not compliant with NFPA 1971, even if the garment label states that the garment is compliant. For further information about certification and garment labeling, refer to Chapter 2 of NFPA 1971, 1991 Edition.

Third-party certification is an important means of ensuring the quality of fire service protective clothing and equipment. To be certain if an item is properly certified and listed, the NFPA recommends requiring appropriate evidence of certification from the manufacturer before purchasing.

All NFPA standards on fire service protective clothing and equipment require that the item be certified by an independent third-party certification organization and, as with the NFPA 1971 protective garments noted above, all items of fire service protective clothing and equipment must carry the label, symbol, or other identifying mark of that certification organization. Any item that does not bear the mark of an independent third-party certification organization is not compliant with the appropriate NFPA standard, even if the garment or product label states that the item is compliant.

For details of the certification and labeling of protective clothing or equipment, refer to Chapter 2 in each of the following NFPA standards: NFPA 1972, *Standard on Helmets for*

Structural Fire Fighting, 1992 Edition; NFPA 1973, *Standard on Gloves for Structural Fire Fighting*, 1993 Edition; NFPA 1974, *Standard on Protective Footwear for Structural Fire Fighting*, 1992 Edition; NFPA 1981, *Standard on Open-Circuit Self Contained Breathing Apparatus for Fire Fighters*, 1992 Edition; NFPA 1982, *Standard on Personal Alert Safety Systems (PASS) for Fire Fighters*, 1993 Edition; NFPA 1983, *Standard on Fire Service Life Safety Rope, Harness, and Hardware*, 1990 Edition; NFPA 1991, *Standard on Vapor-Protective Suits for Hazardous Chemical Emergencies*, 1990 Edition; NFPA 1992, *Standard on Liquid Splash Protective Suits for Hazardous Chemical Emergencies*, 1990 Edition; NFPA 1993, *Standard on Support Function Protective Garments for Hazardous Chemical Operations*, 1990 Edition; and NFPA 1999, *Standard on Protective Clothing for Emergency Medical Operations*, 1992 Edition.

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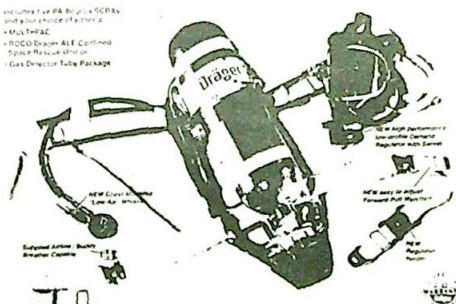
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NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK HAS LENGTHY, INTERESTING HISTORY

The week is commemorated October 9-15 this year.



The history of National Fire Prevention Week has its roots in the Great Chicago Fire, which occurred on October 9, 1871. This tragic conflagration killed some 300 people, left 100,000 homeless, and destroyed more than 17,000 structures. The origin of the fire has generated speculation since its occurrence, with fact and fiction becoming blurred over the years. One popular legend has it that Mrs. Catherine O'Leary was milking her cow when the animal kicked over a lamp, setting the O'Leary's barn on fire and starting the spectacular blaze. However the massive fire began, it swiftly took its toll, burning more than 2000 acres in 27 hours. The City of Chicago quickly rebuilt, however, and within a couple of years residents began celebrating their successful restoration by memorializing the anniversary of the fire with festivities.

Intending to observe the fire's anniversary with a more serious commemoration, the Fire Marshal's Association of North America (FMANA), the oldest membership section of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), decided that the 40th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire should be observed not with festivities, but in a way that would keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention. So on October 9, 1911, FMANA sponsored the first National Fire Prevention Day.

In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first national Fire Prevention Day proclamation. For more than 70 years, the nonprofit NFPA has officially sponsored and selected the theme for the national commemoration of Fire Prevention Week, honoring the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire and using the event to increase awareness of the

dangers of fire. And every year since 1925, the President of the United States has signed a proclamation pronouncing the Sunday-through-Saturday period in which October 9 falls a national observance. This year Fire Prevention Week is October 9-15, with the theme "Test Your Detector For Life."

When President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the first National Fire Prevention Week, October 4-10, 1925, he noted that in the previous year some 15,000 lives were lost to fire in the United States. Calling the loss "startling," President Coolidge's proclamation stated, "This waste results from conditions which justify a sense of shame and horror; for the greater part of it could and ought to be prevented... It is highly desirable that every effort be made to reform the conditions which have made possible so vast a destruction of the national wealth."

NFPA continues today to make National Fire Prevention Week a priority and counts on the participation and effort of tens of thousands of fire and safety professionals, American Red Cross volunteers, and individuals working to reduce the risk of fire and the toll it takes on our society.

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into a St. John snorkel unit.

After five hours of dousing the fire, one firefighter estimated 10 million gallons of water had gone through their hoses.

Kathy Toy, who owns Barely Worn, a store across the street from the fire, said she was in back of the store when the fire began.

"A customer said 'Wow!', and I looked and all I saw was black smoke," she said.

Dense smoke - and curious residents - filled the downtown area Friday night. Many people gathered at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall for fire updates.

Official information on injuries wasn't available, but St. Anthony Medical Center in Crown Point said one firefighter was treated and released. His identity wasn't available.

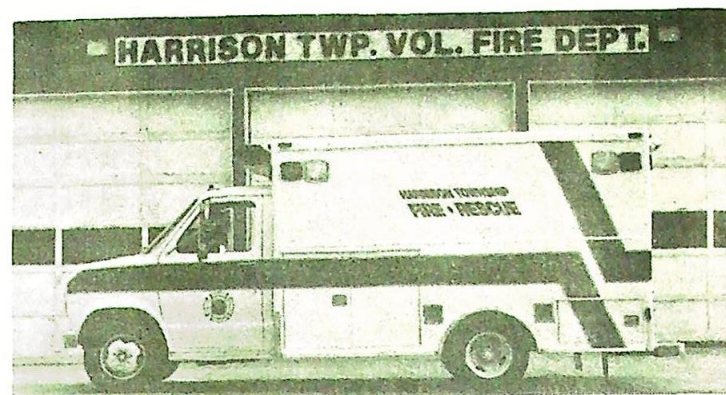
Wolotka said fire crews wouldn't let him inspect his apartment, but Lynette Tauber, who lives in the other apartment, said she was able to save some possessions, including a rabbit and a guinea pig.

Leon Lump, Lowell's Emergency Management Director, said the town hall would be open from 8:30 a.m. until noon today for people displaced by the fire to report their losses and needs.

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- 12 - Toby Lewis
- 13B - William Patterson
- 14 - J. Robert Stewart
- 15 - T. L. Plain

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- 19 - Anthony Moster
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- 21 - Edward Spitznagle

New Harrison Twp. rescue truck



The Harrison Twp. Fire Dept. has put into service a new rescue truck to be used for accidents and other rescues. This truck has on board Holmatro power unit, spreader, cutter and ram. There are also various other hand tools that will be used on rescues. All of these tools were purchased with money donated by the township residents through Municomp. The department is now equipped to handle any accidents in its township, which had formerly been handled by Indian Heights Fire and Rescue or Russiaville Fire and Rescue. Several of the firefighters have been trained specifically for rescue. All the work to convert the former ambulance to a rescue truck was done by the firefighters.

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Fire guts three buildings, plays havoc with residents

By Matthew Tully and Suzanne Eovaldi
For the Post-Tribune
Lowell - All Joe Wolotka had left was the suit on his back and his cat, Stink.

A fire that ran through three buildings in downtown Lowell spread to Wolotka's apartment at 110 Clark St. Friday afternoon, ruining much of the Lowell man's belongings.

"I'm an electronics salesman, so I have a 32-inch TV, stereo equipment, all good stuff," he said. "Plus my suit and guitars."

But luckily, Crown Point firefighter Mitch Gibbs raced into Wolotka's third floor apartment and pulled out his cat.

"It was in a corner, under a weight bench, crying its head off," Gibbs said.

Officials said Lowell Fire Department was dispatched at

2:40 p.m. to a fire at 409 1/2 Commercial Ave. in the Lowell Christian Book Store. The fire spread to a building to the east, 407 Commercial Ave. The two buildings houses six apartments said Doris Stack, who owns both buildings.


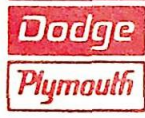

The fire spread to 110 Clark St., a three-story building with two apartments on the top floor.

The cause of the fire is under investigation, but the Lowell Police Department issued a statement Friday night indicating the fire apparently started with food burning on an electric stove.

Lowell police evacuated 20 apartments, the bookstore and other nearby buildings, Police Lt. John Crisan said.

From an aerial ladder on a nearby rooftop and from the ground, rescue crews continued to pour water on the buildings after 11 p.m. Fire units from Lake Dalecarlia, Crown Point, Cedar Lake, Center Township, Shelby and St. John assisted the Lowell firefighters.

Shortly after 8 p.m., firefighters called for more water, and the Shelby Fire Department began drafting water from the Cedar Creek in center of town

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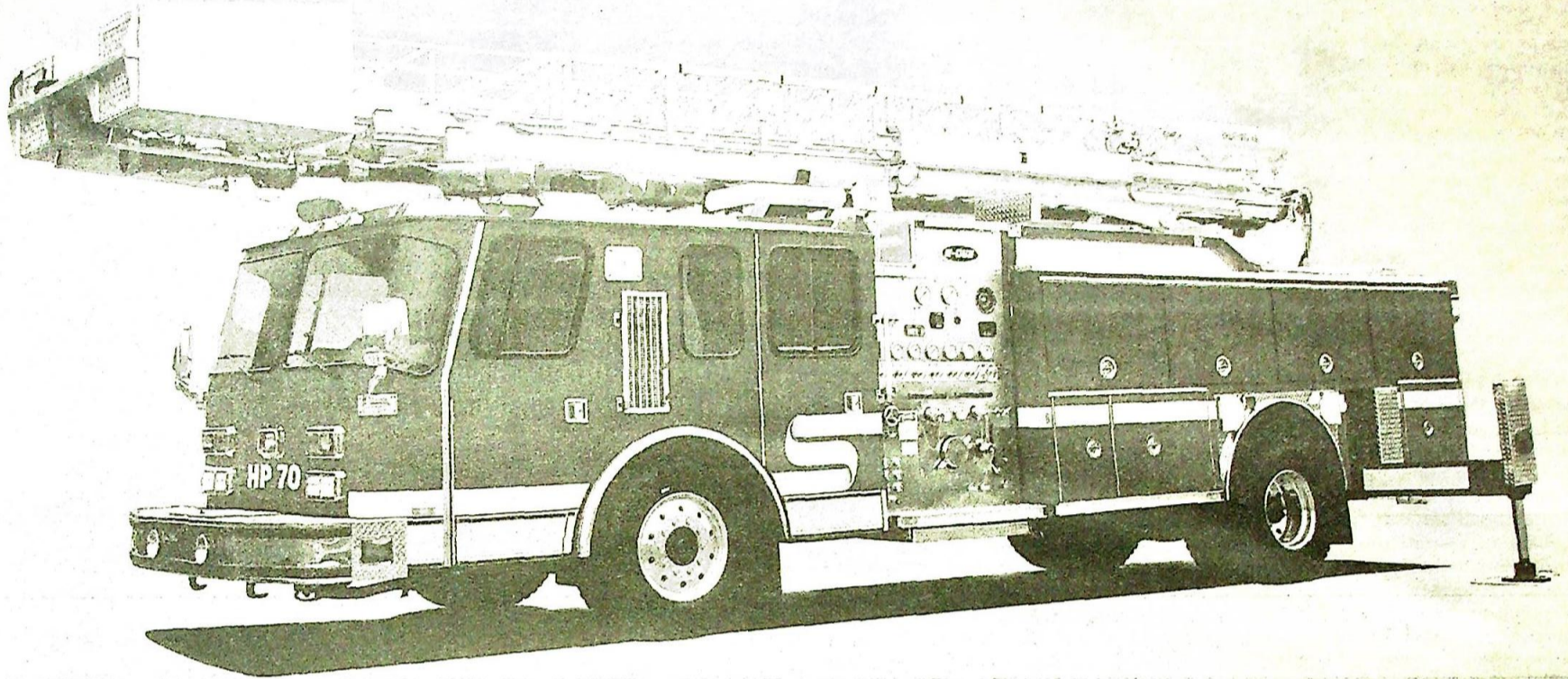
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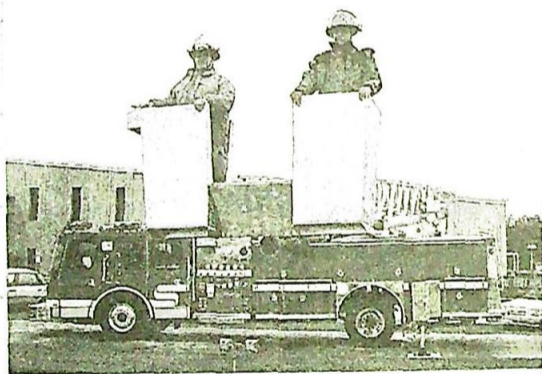
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1994 Convention Meeting Elkhart, Indiana

June 9, 1994

President Parish called the 48th Annual meeting of the IVFA to order and asked Vice President Glant to escort the 1993 Miss Flame, Anita Schlensker into the tent followed by the 1994 Miss Flame contestants and their escorts.

President Parish then called for the posting of the colors from the IVFAA Sgt-at-Arms Miriam Schaeckel and the IVFA Sgt-at-Arms Bill Bush. The Invocation was given by IVFA Chaplain Baker followed by the pledge to the flag led by Vice President Glant.

President Parish reviewed the convention schedule and thanked the host district and the convention co-chairmen. He then introduced his wife, Jean and their daughter, Carolyn, the IVFA Vice President, Richard Glant, Convention Chairman John Ferro and his wife, Jane who then presented District 11B Chairman, Larry Bartlow with an award. Chairman John Ferro introduced the other half of the chairman committee, John Hardy who presented Jane Ferro with a plaque. John Ferro introduced the guests present, Mayor of Elkhart, James Perron; Legislative Representative, Dean Mock; Elkhart Fire Chief, Steve Gattman; and Chief Deputy, Terry Snyder of the Elkhart County Sheriff's Dept.

President Parish called on Representative Bill Ruppel who spoke on some of the bills from the last session, those that passed and those that did not. President Parish introduced Tracy Boatwright, State Fire Marshal; Larry Curl, President of the Ind. Fire Services Institute; Jerry Klaer, President of the Ind. Fire Inspector's Ass'n; Jim Martin, President of the Ind. Firefighter's Ass'n; Maynard Masters, President of the Ind. Fire Instructor's Ass'n; Gene Goddard, former Ind. State Fire Marshal; former State Fire Marshal, Bill Goodwin; and Scott Garrett, member of the Board of Standards and Education.

President Parish called on IVFAA President Maxine Davies who introduced the IVFAA officers then introduced the Lois Boaz Committee Chairperson, Barbara Parker and her committee who read the past winners. The Lois Boaz recipient for 1994 is Miriam Schaeckel from Mt. Comfort.

IVFAA President Davies introduced the 1994 Miss Flame Committee. Eula Bush then introduced each candidate and their escorts, the judges for the pageant and Anita Schlensker, the 1993 Miss Flame who spoke to the audience. The 1994 winners were then announced, the Runner-up went to Dina Klink from District 3 and the Miss Flame for 1994 is Erin Byam, District 18.

President Parish introduced the officers of the IVFA then called on the 1995 Convention Bureau Representative from Evansville for a short message.

President Parish then called on Vice President Richard Glant, who read the names of the former recipients of the Mr. IVFA award. This years committee selection for the 1994 award went to John Johnson from Richland-Taylor Twp. Fire Department.

Following several announcements, the meeting was recessed after the Invocation by the IVFAA Chaplain Judy Hildebrand.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies

1994 Convention Banquet

Friday, June 10, 1994

Following a well prepared dinner served buffet style. A hearty welcome was given by President Parish and asked that Aux. Chaplain Judy Hildebrand return thanks. He then called on Jane Ferro for remarks and announcements, followed by a presentation of the host plaque to John Ferro. John Ferro then introduced his Co-Chairman John Hardy and the Cleveland Township Volunteer Fire Department members.

President Parish called on IVFAA President, Maxine Davies who introduced the new 1994-1995 Aux. officers. President Parish called on Co-Chairman John Hardy for his presentation of gifts to the host department members.

President Parish read a letter on Ike Hollingsworth, the recipient of the 1994 Ollie Sandburg Award, which was presented to the District 9A Chairman, Charlie Cline in Mr. Hollingsworth's absence due to his health problems. President Parish then called on Vice President Richard Glant who presented the Midwest Awards to the district winners followed by his thanks to Midwest Fire & Safety for their sponsoring this program.

President Parish called on Lawrence Swartz, Chairman of the Bridgeport Scholarship program who announced the two 1994 winners, they are: David W. Martin and Joshua DeCoursey. Jack Harker, District 17A Chairman, accepted the award on behalf of Joshua DeCoursey. President Parish then presented this years President's Award to Lawrence Swartz.

The newly elected officers of the IVFA were sworn into their respective offices by former State Fire Marshal Bill Goodwin with the assistance of Carl Bruns.

IVFAA President, Maxine Davies presented President Parish with his past president's pin.

The Miss Flame Committee Co-Chairperson, Eula Bush presented the Miss Flame and the Runner-up with their bonds as part of their awards. Kay Capron was presented with the Miss Congeniality Award.

President Parish presented the President's pin to Richard Glant then Richard Glant presented the Vice President's pin to Jack Zeeks.

John Ferro presented a gift, the Centerpiece on the speaker's table, to Jean Parish. President Parish thanked those for attending the convention and banquet and called on IVFA Chaplain Baker for the benediction.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies

Public Relations West Central



L.J. "Toddy" Michl

Hi Everyone!

Another convention is over with and I think we had a good one. The weather held off and didn't cause any difficulties.

First of all, I would like to thank everyone who helped set up and take down the cross for our memorial service. Without your help, it would have taken more time. It was a beautiful church and the service was impressive.

Went to Kingman for their new Fire House dedication. They have a nice large building with 4 bays, kitchen and meeting room. Something to be proud of since they didn't have a very large building to house the trucks in before.

Prairieon Fire Department will be having their 50th Anniversary the end of July. They started out with a two wheel pushcart filled with soda acid. A Ford pumper was purchased in '46 and did a lot of foundation saving when they had a big fire. We had a tanker built on a Dodge chassis (home built), and was able to save a lot more property. Later we were able to purchase a semi tanker from a gas bulk station and the tractor from Eli Lilly. This was called the Portable Hydrant by many. It was used to help several different departments and communities around and outside of Vigo County. We didn't have any place to store it until we were offered a garage mechanics place. The tank had to be completely full or it wouldn't fit in under the door. Later we moved to the present building, which was our fairgrounds building, after some modification and expansion.

As the years have gone by we did purchase another new pumper and added another used pumper tanker.

It's been a long and hard time to get what we really need, especially with the amount of money we received, but we are getting there slowly. The men are still getting the training to do the job, both fire and rescue.

The fire department didn't get where they are today without the help of our Auxiliary. It would be nice if all fire departments had an

Auxiliary as good as ours. They have paid gas bills, purchased chairs and tables, S.C.B.A., hose, and many more things that we needed. This is all done by volunteers.

Wouldn't it be nice to have everyone understand what a volunteer fireman saves for his community and state.

Enough of that, please get to your district meetings and learn what is happening around the state.

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The long-awaited new fire truck for Rockville-Adams Twp. has arrived. Fire officials, Chief John Malone, Captain David Millsbaugh and Adams Twp. Trustee Sharon Malone traveled to Appleton, WI February 28 to accept delivery of the vehicle. The bid was awarded last June to Midwest Fire and Safety Equipment Company in Indianapolis.

The truck utilizes a commercial 1994 Ford L8000 chassis to save on costs. The unit was designed and built by Pierce Manufacturing of Appleton and has a 1,000 gallon tank and a 1,000 gpm pump. The old truck has a 250 gpm pump so this alone is an improvement.

The purchase price of this truck was \$135,379.53. The truck is owned half and half by the town of Rockville and Adams Township. Each entity was to pay \$67,689.77. Adams Township officials tried unsuccessfully in March of last year to get a grant to help with the purchase and they were able to come up with \$29,689.77 and then took a loan for \$38,000 to help meet their share of the cost. The loan is being repaid with a Fire Debt Service Fund of \$.12 over a period of four years. The town of Rockville had the entire amount needed for their half.

A representation of firemen

from the department met several times to draw up specifications of what they needed on the truck. One of the items they requested was a back exhaust pipe. Most fire trucks have their exhaust at the side and the firemen and fire truck operator breathe the fumes. With the rear exhaust the fumes are taken away from the fire truck area itself.

New to the department also will be two speedlays and a top mount control panel. Under new law, fire sirens must now be mounted at street level and an extended front bumper of 24 inches accommodates the siren and the air horns on this unit. The truck meets all requirements of the National Fire Truck Association and it is hoped that it will help with the insurance ratings in the town of Rockville and Adams Township.

Anyone wishing to view the fire truck can go to the Rockville firehouse on South Jefferson Street and local taxpayers are especially being asked to see what has been purchased.

Fire Chief John Malone or Trustee Sharon Malone can be reached at 569-5827 to answer any questions regarding the cost or operation of this vehicle. If desired, they will meet with people at the firehouse and go over the unit with them.

FROM THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL:

By the time you get this, we'll be nearly through this, my first fireworks season as Fire Marshal, and I must tell you it's been very frustrating. It's been almost as frustrating as the six years I spent in the Indiana General Assembly trying to change the fireworks law, probably the most absurd law on the books in this state.

I must tell you that we recently held two seminars to try to help local fire chiefs know how to deal with this law while acting as assistants to the State Fire Marshal. The seminars were very poorly attended, which was disappointing in itself, but I also got some negative feedback about the make up of the seminars. We held these at the urging of the Fire Chiefs' Association and were merely trying to clarify what a chief could and could not do when acting as an assistant to me. If you wish to act with your local prosecutor, sheriff or police chief, then you can take any action they deem necessary, but understand you are not doing it on my behalf. Frankly the poor attendance may be an indication that not everyone in the fire service perceives the fireworks situation to be as "burning" an issue as some of us had assumed.

Until, and only until, the legislature changes the law, we are in a very constrained situation when it comes to fireworks in Indiana.

On a brighter note, please try to help us by filling out the TRIPS sheet that we sent out in the April, 1994 mailing so we can establish a good resource manual for every fire department in the state. It is difficult to help the various departments out there when you do not send us the information.

Also, I would like to congratulate the Lawrence Township Fire Department Honor

Guard in winning 1st. Place at the FDIC Conference in Cincinnati and for so proudly representing us at the Congressional Fire Caucus Dinner in Washington, D.C. Great Job!

As we approach the time of year when a lot of stations conduct tours for youngsters, one of the most popular activities has been the donning of fire gear. DO NOT, under any circumstances, allow the children to don the helmet. Neck injuries have resulted in the past due to the weight (10 lbs.) and a sudden movement of the head or slippage of the helmet.

emergency situation and obeys traffic laws.

I have discussed your concern with the State Fire Marshal's Office and have been told that the Fire Marshal's Office has no policy that differs from my interpretation of the statute.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please call me at (317) 232-9592.

Sincerely,
Jeanette Knoll Adams
Senior Staff Attorney

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY

Mr. Jim Arnold
LaPorte County Sheriffs Office
5th Floor, County Square
LaPorte, IN 46350

Dear Mr. Arnold:

This letter is in response to your question relayed through Senator Bowser as to whether IC 36-8-12-11 limits a volunteer firefighter to displaying flashing blue lights only when the firefighter is physically within the territory where the member's fire company provides service.

I see nothing in the law to prohibit a volunteer firefighter from using flashing blue lights anywhere in the state as long as the firefighter is responding to an

Lois Boaz Award Winner



I wish to thank everyone for this outstanding award. This was indeed a great honor.

You don't know how surprised I was when my name was called.

I am sure there are a lot more ladies out there who deserved this as much as I did. So ladies get your letters in for next year.

Thanks again, Miriam Schaeckel
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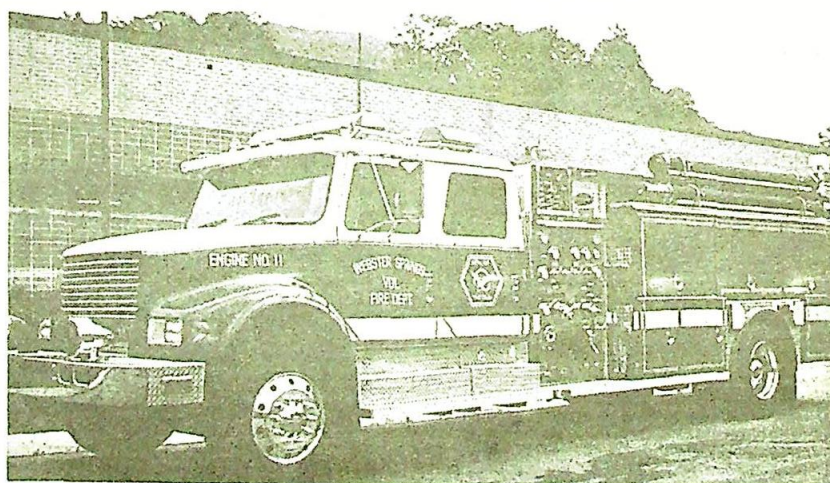
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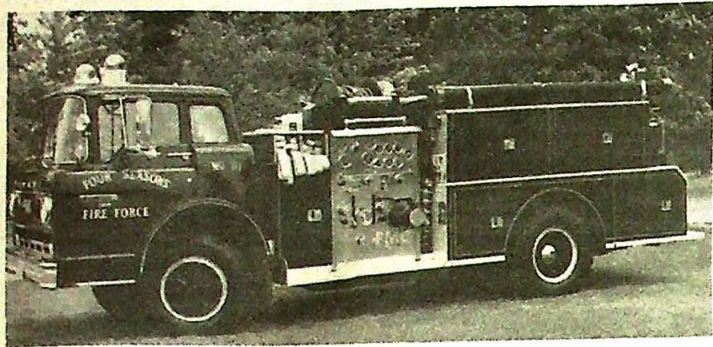
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Jack Kerney

The heat is on! Summer has arrived and the temp has come along too. Doesn't seem long ago we were complaining about the cold and snow.

It has been a great and productive year. With the passing of the new and up-dated By-Laws, your officers are working hard to represent you and are trying to promote good things for the IVFA. We have a strong organization and it will only continue as long as all of us work together as a team, keep abreast of new laws which effect each of us and remember we are volunteers here to protect, serve and give ourselves unselfishly to our community and state.

Congratulations are in order. Thanks to the 1994 Convention Committee for their good convention and hospitality.

We are proud of Erin Byam on her being selected as Miss Flame for 1994. Erin is from Rockport, IN and represented District 18.

Our Mr. IVFA for 1994, Johnny Johnson from Bloomfield is a very deserving individual. Johnny was one of the first persons I met when I took over PR for the Southwest. He has been very supportive, a strong believer in the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association. His selection was certainly a tribute to a fine volunteer.

Congratulations to all winners of awards. They were well deserved.

Thank all of you for your support and encouragement during the past year. Barb and I have made many new friends. The hospitality and the friendship that has been extended to us has been great!

Looking forward to seeing all of you at your district meetings and activities.

Blaze destroys fence company

By Dan Armstrong
Staff reporter
Firefighters from three volunteer departments rushed to a fire in Daylight, Ind., that destroyed a building housing a fence company.

The blaze was reported at about 9:25 last night in a large barn-type building of the All American Fence Co. at 12615 N. Green River Road.

"It was fully involved when we arrived," said Warren Render, public information officer for the Scott Township Volunteer Fire Department.

"We had fire rolling across ... the tin roof," Render said. "A utility pole right beside the building was burning. And fire was coming out toward the back of the building."

The building is just south of Indiana 57 "right in the heart of Daylight," Render said.

Volunteers from the McCutchanville and Knight Township fire departments also responded.

"We probably had at least 50 firemen there, 40 to 50," Render said.

"I'm not aware of any injuries occurring," he said early today. "We had extra manpower due to the extreme heat and humidity."

Render said the building had tin siding, which kept the heat inside and made the fire hot. He said it was "hard to get the fire out underneath that tin."

"We rotated the men in and out quite a bit for heat relief," Render said.

He said the firefighters kept the fire from spreading and "pretty well" extinguished it in about 30 minutes, but a wall collapsed, knocking a gas meter off and igniting the gas. Firefighters had to wait for a Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Co. crew to turn off the gas.

"It's a total loss," Render said.

He said the building was "real old" and mainly used for warehousing. It contained an office and fencing and a few antiques in the front, he said. It had housed an upholstery

business.

Render said business owner Gerald Reddick was at home in his house behind the building.

"But as far as we know, there was no one actually in the building at the time," Render said.

He said a worker at a grain elevator just south of the business went to Reddick's house and reported the building on fire.

"Quite a few passers-by" also reported the blaze, according to

Central Dispatch, Render said.

He said firefighters thought the blaze started toward the front of the building but had no idea of the cause. He said the fire would be investigated today but was not considered suspicious.

Render said North Green River Road was blocked between Indiana 57 and Boonville New Harmony Road for "probably about three hours."

The Evansville Press

just south of Greenfield Police headquarters. The open house will be at 4 p.m., 17 W. South St., at Station 1.

Also at the open house, a presentation will be made from the Congressional Fire Service Institute recognizing 100 years of service to the community.

At 2 p.m., Sunday, the celebration will conclude with an auto extrication exhibition in conjunction with a visit from Methodist Hospital's Lifeline Helicopter.

Fire Chief Chris Wilson said, "What a great way to celebrate the Riley Festival with the fire department's 100th anniversary. We, as a department, take great pride in serving the city and surrounding area. Please come and join us in our celebration."

Those persons interested in participating in the Firefighter Challenge Friday and Muster Saturday, are urged to contact Pat Hanson, (317) 462-8509 or (317) 462-3967.

Greenfield Fire Department

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Today, the department has grown into a two station operation with 18 full-time personnel and 36 volunteer firefighter/EMTs.

What started with a hook and ladder wagon pulled by manpower only, has turned into a modern department consisting of three engines, one tanker, a rescue squad, a 55 foot aerial, grass rig, a command vehicle and two paramedic staffed ambulances.

This fall, the department happily looks forward to celebrating its centennial in conjunction with the Riley Days Festival, Oct. 7-9. Three days of events are planned which are sure to entertain the scores of expected visitors.

On Oct. 7, a men and womens Firefighter Challenge is set. Firefighters will test their wit and physical strength in an obstacle

course in full turn-out gear. The obstacle course challenges are set to reflect what a firefighter faces on his or her job daily.

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Dry hydrants seminar topic

By Eric Mann

Approximately 90 firefighters from 30 fire departments in Indiana attended Saturday's daylong seminar on dry hydrants in Preble's Firemen's Park Pavilion, including a demonstration at the dry hydrant on "Reiny" Selking's farm near Preble.

Stan Merrett, a lieutenant with Tallassee, Alabama Volunteer Fire Department, and John Parks of Schlumberger Industries, a leading maker of dry hydrant equipment in Tallassee, presented

the program for area residents and others from as far away as Frankton, Lakeland, Kokomo, Hamilton, Bremen, Ligonier, and the South Bend area.

Dry hydrants involve pipes installed at ponds or lakes that can be used quickly to refill tanker trucks when fighting rural fires. When not used, the hydrants are capped. The pipes are also placed deeply enough so unfrozen water will be available during the winter.

Ideally, says Merrett, there should be at least one dry hydrant

in each two-square-mile or three-square-mile area.

However, some cities also make use of them, such as Decatur, which has four: one at Woodcrest Retirement Community, one at the large Fleetwood Enterprises plant on US 224 East, and two at Thunderbird Products boat building plant.

In Adams County, there are 14 or 15 dry hydrants in place with the Preble Volunteer Fire Department's coverage area the best served. There are eight in Preble area and two more will be installed this spring.

Five or six dry hydrants will be placed in Union Township, with fundraising for the project being led by the Union Township Lions Club and Aid Association for Lutherans.

Merrett said at Saturday's seminar, "No one should build a pond without a dry hydrant in it."

He pointed out that the first

dry hydrants were created in the United States some 20 years ago, but have grown in popularity during the past four years.

Merrett said such southern states as Georgia, Arkansas, South Carolina, Alabama, and Mississippi have led the way by setting up programs that often install 10 to 15 dry hydrants per county. Many dry hydrants in the south were put in place through the efforts of soil conservation departments, forestry agencies, and resource conservation and development groups.

Merrett said Georgia has perhaps the best statewide system of dry hydrants in the nation.

It was noted that having dry hydrants not only provides better and faster fire protection, but also can result in lower insurance rates; preserve supplies of treated water, since untreated water from lakes and ponds is used; and increase economic development.

throughout the early evening hours.

Assistant Fire Chief Todd Wilkening said it looks like the fire started in the west side of the two-story cement block structure. The cause is still undetermined.

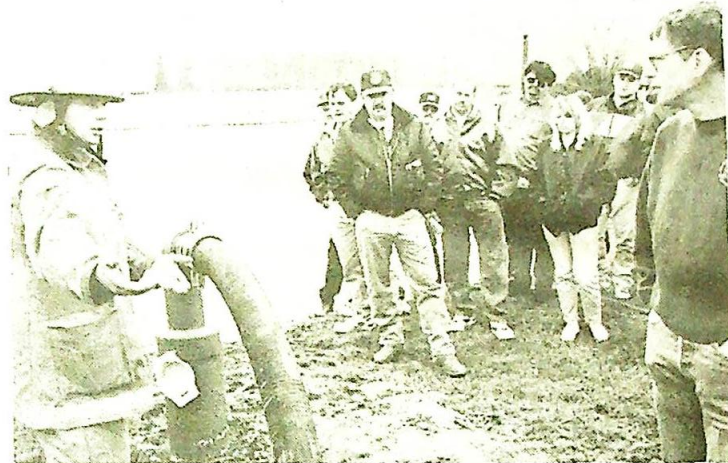
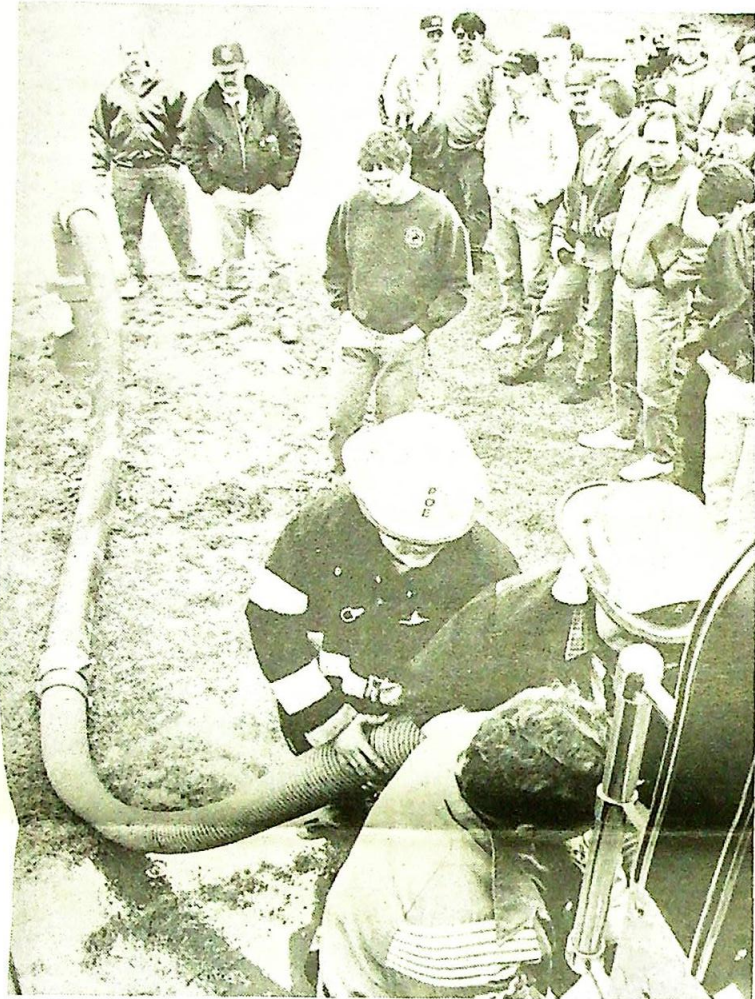
Although the business has been closed since 1983, the doors were not locked, Wilkening said.

Wilkening said firefighters were able to pump water from the lake to fight the blaze.

The resort had been in the hands of the Toomey family for 104 years.

Owner John Toomey, 83, said the property was bought by his grandmother in 1890 and the family operated it until 11 years ago.

Toomey said he inspected the property every day, but he did not go Thursday because of the rain.



Merrett On The Merits - Lt. Stan Merrett (left) of the Tallassee, Alabama Volunteer Fire Department, explains to an estimated 90 firefighters from 30 fire departments around Indiana how dry hydrants operate. Merrett was a guest speaker at a day-long dry hydrant seminar on Saturday at Preble's Firemen's Park Pavilion. (Staff Photo)

Hooked ...

... Three Poe Volunteer Fire Department members hook a hose to the dry hydrant at the "Reiny" Selking farm on County Rd. 400 West during Saturday afternoon's demonstration at a dry hydrant seminar. The all-day seminar drew about 90 firefighters from 30 departments in Indiana (Staff Photo)

Elkhart Brass

I wanted to thank you for the wonderful tour you provided for the Volunteer Firefighters of Indiana. It was very informative and interesting. Many I spoke to after the tour said this was the best tour they had taken. We were very impressed with your

facilities and also the history of your company.

Your hospitality was also appreciated. The food was delicious and the notebook and pens and paper pad was a very nice gesture.

After lunch we were able to complete the tour. I was very impressed with the hot mill where we were able to stand and watch them pour hot brass.

I have never been in a hot mill where metal is heated that hot, and moved from one point to another without someone getting burned. In talking to some of the men doing the pouring, they said you learn to be respectful of hot brass.

The components that it takes to build a good nozzle are very numerous. The people seem to know what they are doing. The tour guide said the turnover in personal is low, which is a good reason for no, or a low number of accidents.

Thanks again for the tour for the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association.

Willie "Mitch" Parish

Blaze destroys Cedar Lake resort

By Diane Calderone Jostes
Times Correspondent
Cedar Lake - Historic Toomeys Resort was gutted by fire Thursday and the loss has been estimated at \$100,000.

Forty firefighters from Cedar Lake, Lake Dalecarlia, St. John, Crown Point and Lake Hills battled the blaze from 2:30 p.m.

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The cost of life support: Is it too high in Madison County?

Paramedic rates have many patients questioning charges

By Ron Wilkins
Staff Reporter

A sharp and sudden pain grips your chest. A 911 call is made and soon help arrives with sirens wailing and red lights flashing.

After a quick ride to the hospital and a short convalescence, the patient returns home to discover the price of that quick ride.

Patients throughout Madison County have complained about bills from AID Ambulance, which provides advanced life support service throughout the county.

"The problem seems to center around the fact they're getting a bill (at all)," said Capt. Gary for the Summitville Volunteer Fire Department. "We're a free ambulance service. When we make the run they expect it to be a free run. Then, when we call the paramedics, there's going to be a charge."

"A patient that is conscious does have the right to refuse treatment. The ones that are not conscious, it is called implied consent, and they can't refuse," said Anderson Deputy Fire Chief Tom Borders. Refusing service is the only way to avoid the charge for paramedic service.

Officers from all volunteer and paid departments in the county said their emergency medical technicians offer patients the option to waive paramedic service of advance life support.

"I don't care who it is - EMT or paramedic - if the patient tells you 'no' and is willing to sign a waiver to that effect, they have no choice but to leave them alone," Borders said.

Sometimes the patient, who may be afraid or confused by the commotion being created, does not recall the EMTs informing them of the paramedics or being asked if they want to refuse their treatment, Rankin said.

"Most of the time the problem with the bill is the fact it's considered to be exorbitant to most people. It's too big," Rankin said. "I don't think anybody has ever complained about the quality of the service, just the cost of the service."

"If you don't charge enough, then you'll go out of business," said Stan Guilkey, owner of AID Ambulance in Anderson. "We're all proud of the pre-hospital care available in Madison County. It's second to none."

"It is extremely expensive to provide this type of service," Guilkey said. "The response for advanced life support is \$471. for basic life support it's \$199.50."

"When we respond to a call, we don't ask the person calling if we're going to get paid for the services we're going to provide," he said, noting several ambulance services have gone out of business because they undercharged. "We respond, without fail, 100 percent of the time, with the information the person gives us as to the location of where the call is needed."

AID Ambulance collects on 62 percent of its fees charged, which drives the cost of the service up to compensate for the 38 percent of patients who do not pay, Guilkey said. He also cited a 1,000 percent increase in 10 years in the cost of workman's compensation, as well as large

cost increases in employee health insurance and other business expenses, as reasons for the fee rates.

By comparison, other private ambulance services that provide advanced life support report their fees below AID Ambulance's.

"A lot of our advanced life (support) starts at a \$145 base rate and then different things are added on," said Phil Nichols, co-owner of Young-Nichols Ambulance in Tipton. He explained customers are billed above the base rate for use of various equipment and supplies.

"I'd say the average run is a little over \$200, then add mileage of \$2 a mile to it. You're talking in the neighborhood of \$270, \$280 to Indianapolis, probably," Nichols said.

"Maybe their collection rate is not as good as ours," Nichols said, noting AID Ambulance rates appear high. Young-Nichols has a collection rate near 90 percent, he said.

Todd's Ambulance in Rushville has a base rate of \$180 for advanced life support. A \$30 charge for emergency and \$3 a mile fee is added to the bill, as are the costs for using an intravenous

device, heart monitor, oxygen and other tools of the trade. An emergency run involving all the equipment could cost more than \$500.

Todd's Ambulance also charges \$148 for local basic life support runs.

"There's been a few times the medic got on board our ambulance and determined his services were not warranted and would just ride down with us. And there would be no bill," Rankin said.

A physician reviews the paramedics and his actions. Charges determined to be unwarranted are removed from the bill, both Guilkey and Rankin said.

Paramedics: Eyes, hands of physician during ambulance ride

Anderson - Ambulances once resembled brightly colored hearses with red lights and sirens.

Now they are more like brightly colored hospital emergency rooms on wheels.

Ambulance crews have evolved just as radically. They are EMTs (emergency medical technicians), advanced EMTs and paramedics.

Paramedics, the highest-trained ambulance personnel, are the eyes and hands of a physician before the patient arrives at the hospital, explained Anderson Deputy Fire Chief Tom Borders, who oversees Anderson's ambulance and rescue personnel.

A physician at the hospital communicates by radio with the paramedic on board the ambulance. The doctor may authorize the paramedic to administer drugs to treat the patient, he said.

"The paramedic practices under the doctor's license," he said.

"Each hospital has a doctor responsible to oversee the activities of the paramedics," he said.

These doctors, along with an advisory committee, set protocol suggesting emergency runs that should include paramedics, he said.

"The state does not make any

mandatory rules," Borders said of guidelines for when a paramedic should be present. "The county does not actually make any mandatory rules. There are suggested runs they (paramedics) go on, such as life-threatening runs - heart attacks, unconscious, trouble breathing, stabbings, shootings, automobile accidents with injuries.

"If an EMT would go on a scene (described by protocol) and doesn't call a medic, he will be questioned as to why he didn't," Borders said. That protocol is closely monitored by the medical review board.

Anderson ambulances are staffed with paramedics. Other towns in Madison County that staff their ambulances with only EMTs, rely on AID Ambulance paramedics.

An EMT or emergency medical technician receives 100 to 120 hours of training, which takes three to four months, Borders said. An advanced emergency medical technician requires an additional 100 hours of training.

Paramedics require a year to a year and a half of training that involves more than 1,000 hours.



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 As your assistant chaplain I have noticed more and more internal problems within our individual departments. There is no way by which we can please everyone. There is no way by which we can escape criticism. At times others will deliberately seek to harm us in one way or another. Ill feelings have a way of festering into hate. Hate is a corrosive force that destroys joy and robs the heart of happiness. Hostile feelings are more injurious to the one who does the hating than they are to the person who is hated. One cannot run the race of the Christian life successfully and carry a grudge on his back at the same time.

It is difficult to forgive those who have mistreated us. We need to look constantly unto Jesus, who forgave even those who crucified him, for help in the matter of forgiving.
 Worry often comes because we are forgetful of the blessings of our heavenly Father. If we worry about the failures of yesterday and the uncertainties of tomorrow the load becomes so heavy that we are unable to do the work of today.
 There are some things that must be laid aside if you would give yourself to the task of living up to God's good will for your life. Do so gladly for the glory of Him who gave up heaven and bore a cross on calvary for you.
 Thought for the day ----
 Leadership is action, not position.

Prayer ----- Loving God, keep us alert to the little habits and actions that would crowd Thy presence from our hearts, we trust Thee for daily guidance and forgiveness. Thank you, Lord, that each one of our volunteer firemen are special to you.
 There are so many things we fear and do not understand. Help us to mature in our faith and to accept Your love and comfort as volunteer firemen. In Jesus' name we pray.
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VOL. INCENTIVE PROGRAM

NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY EXPANDS VIP IN 1995

EMMITSBURG, MD - The National Fire Academy (NFA) is pleased to announce that its Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP) will be expanded for the Fiscal Year 1995 (October 1994 - September 1995) from two courses to four.

In addition to expanding the program, a new approach will be offered in FY95. Three, one-week periods have been set aside exclusively for VIP offerings. Each one-week period will consist of all courses in VIP being offered concurrently, for a maximum of 210 students per session. This format provides for an increase of seven course offerings over previous years' activities and the opportunity for an additional 210 VIP students. The FY95 schedule is as follows:

Course	Number of Deliveries each session		
	2/26-3/4/95	6/25-7/1/95	9/24-30/95
Fire Command Operations (R801)	2	1	2
Community Fire Protection: Master Planning (R802)	1	2	2
Leadership and Administration (R810)	2	2	2
Fire Cause Determination for Company Officers (R811)	2	2	1
	7	7	7

With VIP, the Academy has compressed the need to know course content from the traditional two week Academy courses into six day delivery format, tailored it to the special needs of the volunteer fire officer, yet maintained course content, quality and integrity.

COURSE OFFERINGS FOR THE 1995 VIP PROGRAM INCLUDE: FIRE COMMAND OPERATIONS - R 801

This is a six-day course for volunteer fire officers. Students are introduced to the Incident Command System and study proper fire command techniques for control and extinguishment of fires ranging from small residential structures to multi-occupancy commercial complexes. A variety of topics are covered, including: problem solving and fire command; interagency and mutual aid; incident command system; incident management, size-up and strategy; tactics and action plans; truck company and engine company operations; building construction and fire behavior; pre-incident preparation; incident organization and strategic command. Special emphasis is placed on firefighter safety.

COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION: MASTER PLANNING - R 802

This intensive, six-day course provides volunteer fire officers the opportunity to experience the process of producing a comprehensive community fire protection master plan. Students use a 10-step process that inter-weaves the concept of strategic planning, long-range planning, and resource management to develop a master plan for a hypothetical city with many fire protection challenges.

The plan is then presented to the city council, role played by students and instructors. This course is especially important for fire chiefs, directors, administrators and fire officers responsible for planning fire protection for the community.

LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION - R 810
 New for 1995, this 6 day course is specifically designed for those individuals who are officers and/or administrators of volunteer fire and emergency service organizations. The thrust of the curriculum is to enhance personal and organizational effectiveness of volunteer emergency service officers and organizations through effective and efficient leadership and administration. A major focus of the course is the recruitment and retention of personnel. Other units of the course include marketing, financial management, legal issues, and human resource development.

FIRE CAUSE DETERMINATION FOR COMPANY OFFICERS - R 811

New for 1995, this 6-day course addresses the basic skills needed to conduct fire cause determinations. Upon completion, students will be better equipped to determine the origin and probable cause of a fire. Subjects include, but are not limited to, behavior of fire; determining point of origin; accidental and incendiary fire cause determination; fire scene examinations and motives of arsonists; vehicle fires; legal aspects (court testimony); and handling/ preservation of evidence. This course is not designed for fire/arson investigators.

ELIGIBILITY - Interested fire and rescue officers within volunteer departments who meet the established student selection criteria for the course for which they are interested are eligible to apply to the VIP.

APPLICATION - Individuals who wish to apply should submit a fully completed National Fire Academy application form (FEMA Form 75-5) through their respective State Fire Training Agency. The State Agency will co-sign and forward the application to the NFA Admissions Office. Applications may be obtained from your State Fire Training Agency or by writing to the National Emergency Training Center (NETC) Admissions Office at 16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727. Applications must reach the NETC Admissions Office at least 45 days in advance of the start date for the course for which they are applying.

COST - There are no tuition fees for VIP courses. All instruction, books, and housing are provided at no cost. Students are responsible for the cost of the cafeteria meals provided, and for personal, incidental expenses. Each student attending the VIP program will receive a stipend reimbursement to cover the cost of round trip coach air fare transportation. For those who drive, mileage reimbursement will be provided at a rate of .20 per mile not to exceed the actual cost of a round trip airline ticket from point of departure.

CLASS DURATION - Accepted students will travel to the National Fire Academy on Saturday, begin class on Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. and continue through graduation the following Friday at 4:00 p.m. For those who fly, airport transportation will be provided on Saturday morning for return flights. Transportation arrangements should not be completed until a prospective student receives an acceptance package from the NETC Admissions Office.

Through the VIP, students will have maximum opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with colleagues from across the country in informal settings outside the classroom. This program, along with the other resources of the NFA, insures a totally successful learning experience while keeping the time commitment to an absolute minimum.

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Hamner uses skills to identify phony 'bomb'

By Dan Armstrong
Staff reporter

Vanderburgh County Sheriff Ray Hamner had a chance to test his bomb disposal skills on a fake device that reportedly was discarded from a high school project.

Homes on Hogue Road near the Posey County line were evacuated after Kelly Fraser, a driver for Waste Management of Evansville, discovered what appeared to be a bomb in the well of his trash truck, said Cpl. Eric Williams, public affairs officer for the sheriff's department.

Williams said sheriff's deputies and Perry Township volunteer firefighters responded to the scene at approximately 12:45 p.m. yesterday.

Fraser was collecting garbage in front of 10445 Hogue Road when he noticed the suspicious device, Williams said.

Fraser immediately left the truck and notified authorities.

The responding deputies and firefighters saw several tubes that appeared to be dynamite, Williams said.

The tubes were bound with tape that matched tape used in mine blasting.

The device included a digital timer, nine-volt battery, several pieces of wire and a printed circuit board.

Deputies and firefighters evacuated the surrounding homes and sealed off the area, Williams said.

A bomb squad from the Evansville Police Department was summoned, and Hamner arrived on the scene at about 1:15 p.m.

Williams said deputies briefed Hamner, who is a trained bomb technician.

Hamner and Sheriff's Deputy Jerry Ochsner approached the truck, and upon inspection, Hamner determined the device was not a functional bomb, Williams said.

He said Hamner removed the device and brought it to the site command.

The device was several pieces of plastic tubing wrapped in red tape, Williams said.

The tubes had been filled with sand, and the timer and circuit board were not functional.

"I knew the bomb was phony when I saw the wiring configuration on the device," Hamner said. "The method in which the device had been wired would not have worked had it been actual dynamite."

Williams said Fraser narrowed down the places where he could have picked up the device in his trash rounds.

Investigators from the Vanderburgh and Posey County Sheriff's Departments and Indiana State Police quickly traced it to a home in Posey County.

The homeowner stated the phony bomb was part of a high school project his son had done several years ago, Williams said.

The owner, whose name Williams didn't know, stated that he had been cleaning out his basement when he found the phony bomb and threw it in the garbage.

Williams said the investigators stated they felt no harm was intended.

Fire Dept. unhappy with county zoning ruling

By Kim Rich
Democrat editor

A representative of the Marrs Township VFD voiced disappointment over the zoning board ruling at the County Commissioners meeting Monday.

Larry Schenk approached the commissioners at their May 16 meeting, asking for a commitment to road improvements on Altheide Road near St. Philips. The department had hoped the county could improve the road, which would help them overcome objections to constructing a new facility on the road.

The building would have housed the department and part of the county's planned paramedic intercept program. Area residents, however, felt repairs needed to be made to the road before the facility was built. The commissioners agreed at the May meeting to have the county engineer do a cost study for such repairs by fall.

The request by the fire department for zoning on the only available property, however, was

denied by the Area Plan Commission last week.

"You asked us to house this, and now that we're not going to be there, I'd like to know what you're going to do for paramedic services in our part of the county," Schenk said.

Commissioner Greg Martin said that plans now will be to house the service in Mount Vernon.

Schenk said he had hoped for more support from the three commissioners.

"What an I supposed to tell the people of Marrs Twp?" he asked.

Martin said he didn't believe the three commissioners were at fault.

"If they (the complainants) didn't believe us at our commissioners meeting, they wouldn't have believed us then (at the Area Plan meeting)," he said.

"It's unfortunate we can't help the community," Schenk said.

"It's unfortunate they didn't want to help themselves," Martin responded.

Mt. Vernon Democrat

Blaze damages rural residence

By Stacey Creasy
P-N Managing Editor

A fire destroyed the upper story, attic, and a portion of the roof of a house on King Road Thursday afternoon.

Plymouth firefighters responded to a 911 call to a house fire at 11842 King Road about 3:32 yesterday. According to Plymouth Fire Chief Wayne Smith, smoke from the house, which is owned by Douglas McCartney, was first spotted by Mrs. McCartney as she approached her home.

"Mrs. McCartney just turned the corner from her house and saw smoke coming from the house. She drove to the residence, went inside and got the babysitter and kids out of the house," Smith said. "She then called 911 before leaving the house."

When firefighters arrived smoke was coming from the attic area. Due to the oppressive heat and humidity, Plymouth called out the Argos and Bourbon Fire Departments for tanker and

manpower assistance.

"We had the fire under control between 30-45 minutes," Smith said. "We were on the scene for three hours and eight minutes. Two firemen were treated on the scene for heat exhaustion. It was very hot. We rotated crews every few minutes to make sure no one was exposed to the heat for too long."

Smith said the house was not a total loss, but noted the second floor and attic were destroyed in the blaze along with a portion of the roof.

The cause of the fire has not been determined.

"We know it started in the attic. We are going to go back out and investigate it today," Smith added.

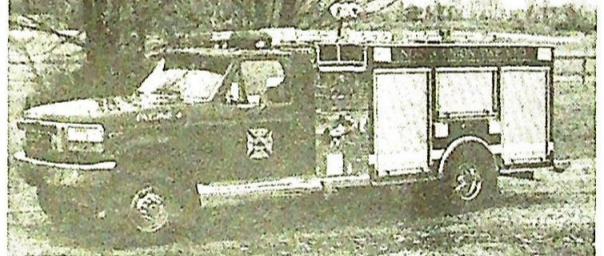
Smith said fighting fires in extreme heat and humidity takes more of a toll on firefighters than any other weather conditions.

"We have to be careful. It gets awfully hot and it is easy to suffer heat exhaustion," Smith said. "The summer heat is worse because of all the gear we have to wear - it's the same gear we wear in the winter time. It's heavy and hot."

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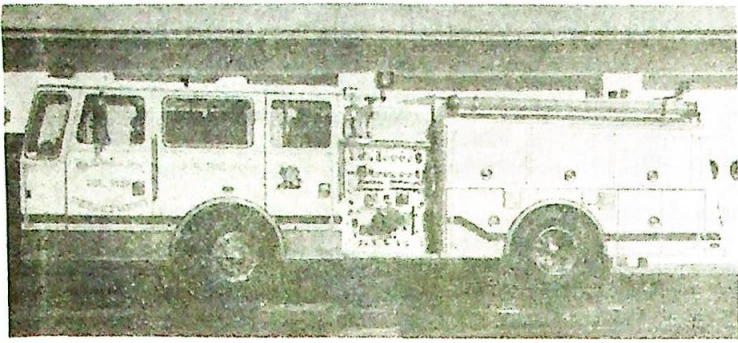
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Farmland VFD takes delivery



It's been a year now, since the Farmland Vol. Fire dept. took delivery of their 1993 KME Falcon Termanator pumper. The truck is a eight man cap with seven of the seats equipped with air masks. That is two crews on inch and halves ready to fight fire when they arrive at the scene.

The reason Farmland went with this type of truck is everyone reports to the station to get to the trucks to go to the fire. That way the officer in charge knows how many men he has responding to the incident. The truck was purchased through Hoosier Fire Equipment. When people look at the truck they think that it cost

anywhere from \$250,000 to \$350,000. The cost of this fire truck was \$137,000. The fire dept. is very proud of this truck. There are many big city fire depts. that don't have this nice of truck.

It is a 1250 gpm pump with a 1000 gals. of water. It has two cross lay preconnect inch & one halves with a three inch plumed deck gun. The fire dept. has added two 5 in. valves to the truck, so that the truck can take in water faster. They have also added a flexiable hard suction one man can handle.

It is with hard work from the truck committee that consisted of

Chief Troy Williamson, Asst. Chief Mike Osgood, Lt. Joe Frazier, Lt. Kenny Marquis, Firefighter Dave Bertram, and Firefighter Rick Brown, and the Town Board Marylu Clark, Don Duncan, & Rick Brown, and the City Clerk Betty Ludwig that this truck came to our town. A special thanks goes to Tim Swartz from Hoosier Fire for helping us to get the best truck for the money we had to spend. Also a special thanks goes to KME for the great treatment we received at their plant. It is with high hopes that the fire dept. will be able to get another truck just like it in five years.

commitments than we need, but in the nature of our breed we continue to do our best to protect our communities in spite of it all. It first of all is sad that the legislators had to make laws to protect us from the hazards of our work, when if we would apply ourselves by using good common sense along with the training available, we would not continue to injure and kill firefighters.

Secondly it is truly sad that in their infinite wisdom that they failed to see the need to provide funding to help us with the equipment and training needed to perform our duties. Mandated training and equipment requirements without funding is something we have all heard or been guilty of saying. How many have actually written, called or ask a legislator at a public meeting about this concern? It is very alarming to have a candidate for the Indiana Senate ask, "Is it really necessary to require training for volunteer firefighters?" The answer given to this question was, "Yes, we need to train our firefighters to better protect them and the people they serve and we also need to educate our politicians so they

better understand the need for this training and can prepare a means to fund it."

This is an election year for many state and federal offices. We need to utilize this opportunity to educate these politicians to the needs of the fire service for funding and support for training and equipment as well as laws that provide for better building codes. We have set back far too long and complained about what is happening to the volunteer fire service. It is time we showed our strength and educated these politicians so they can be better prepared to work for us and provide what we need to do our jobs.

Often we find it easier to complain than to try to comply. For example IOSH requires back-up alarms on vehicles that have restricted vision to the rear. This can be achieved very inexpensively and quite easily by either purchasing and installing a commercial unit from a parts supply, or installing a switch that activates when the vehicle is in reverse and connecting it to an old horn that you can obtain from an auto salvage yard. This horn can be mounted on the rear of the vehicle and meet the requirements of IOSH as well as give that early warning to that unsuspecting person that this vehicle is about to move back. Back-up alarms can be an annoyance but that sure is a small price to pay compared to accidentally backing over someone.

Other compliance requirements can be addressed with a common sense approach if we try. Writing Standard Operating Procedures for those many things we know how to do but have not written down.

Not only will this bring you into better compliance, it will provide an excellent training tool for those new people you have coming on.

Writing policies for confined space entry and rescue, Hazardous Communications, Lock-out-Tag-out, Bloodborne Pathogens to name a few. When two out of every three people that die in confined space accidents are would-be rescuers, it sure is hard to justify not needing training. When we still see fire departments responding with firefighters not properly protected with the appropriate level of gear, it is hard to believe we don't need training. When some EMS primary instructors don't believe that EMTs need to be trained to operations level in accordance to IOSH 1910.120, yet most vehicle accidents that they respond to are Hazardous Materials incidents to some degree; and in the many Indiana farming communities we never know when we may be called to an incident involving pesticides.

We must accept the fact that if we are to provide the protection for our communities that they expect and we have pledged to give, we must maintain a high degree of skills. If we properly train in all aspects of our duties, we will do a better job of protecting the health and safety of all our emergency responders and the residents and visitors of our communities.

If we expend just a small amount of our energy toward educating our politicians on the importance of this training and the cost involved with it, there is no reason we cannot persuade them to fund present and future training requirements. Get involved first by registering to vote; vote as you choose, but vote and discuss the issues that affect you with those you vote for.

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Isaac Allen Hollingsworth was born September 21, 1914 in Russiaville, Indiana to C.W. "Cappy" and Mary I. Hollingsworth. He was the youngest of four children. His parents owned the Water Works in this small town.

When the word "FIRE" was called out by mouth or telephone, the water pump was started to give more pressure to the town's water system. As a small boy, Ike would go along to the scene to help fight the fire. The roll of hose was attached to the nearest hydrant. Many houses were saved, and others burned to the ground.

During the depression some owners would say, "just let it burn". The small amount of insurance collected was worth more than the building. There was always a few people willing to carry out the furniture.

On November 18, 1936, three years after he graduated from high school, a house was burning on East Main Street and he was busy trying to fight the fire with a leaky hose. An employee of the State Fire Marshal's Office who was driving through town, started telling him how he should be fighting the fire. Ike handed the squirting hose to him and said, "Here, you do it".

In March 1937, a quarter block of the business section caught on fire from an electric chicken hatchery and several stores were destroyed. The following day it was estimated that over 1,500 people drove to Russiaville to see the smoking ruins.

On January 8, 1942, the Methodist Church furnace overheated and the building burned to the ground. The following day the Township Trustee and Advisory Board opened bids to purchase a fire truck. The Russiaville Volunteer Fire Department was organized later that year when the new truck arrived. Ike was named "Chief".

This was the only fire truck in the west end of the county and the volunteers spent many hours fighting fires in other townships at all times of day or night. Some years later a former garage building was purchased by the township to house the equipment. A radio system was installed in March of 1965.

On April 11, 1965, this building and all equipment consisting of three trucks was demolished in the Palm Sunday tornado that struck the entire community. Neighboring fire departments helped after this terrible disaster and thousands of dollars were collected to help buy new equipment, as people drove through the town to see the path of the tornado.

The department was still needed to help in the clean-up operation of burning the destroyed homes. Borrowed equipment could be seen near the homes of the volunteers as they were ready to roll on a moments notice. Over the next several years, under Ike's supervision, modern and sophisticated equipment was purchased to enhance the fire department. He has seen many volunteers

give of their time, energy and money to keep the department operating. Ike is now riding his bicycle to the fire station in full gear to answer the call, instead of running.

In 1989, at the State Fire Marshal's Leadership Conference, Ike received the State of Indiana Meritorious Service Award. Ike received a fireman's clock with the following inscription: "To Ike Hollingsworth, For years of service and leadership as Chief of The Russiaville Volunteer Fire Department".

I am sure most of you have had the honor of meeting our Ike. If you take the time to pick his brain, you will find why there is

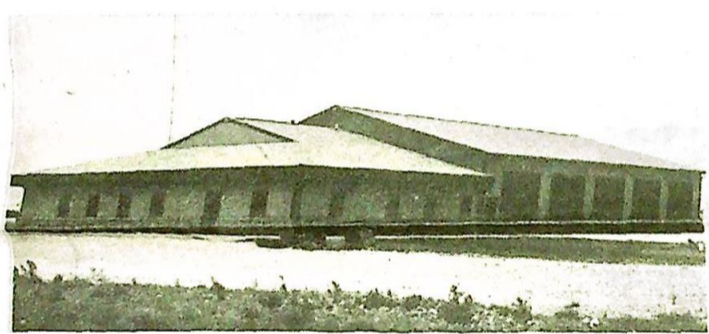
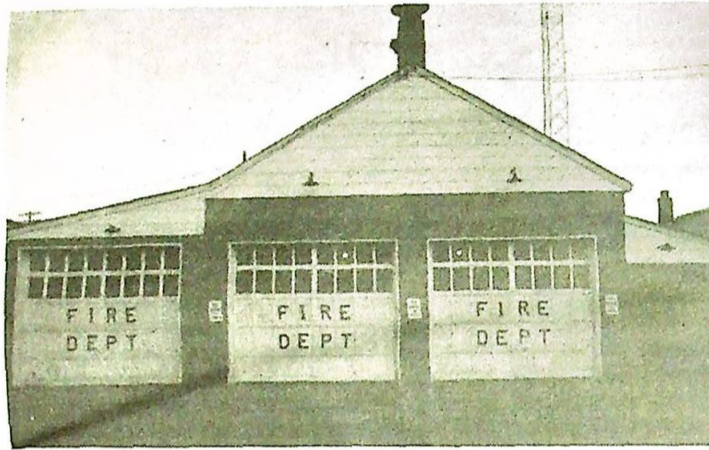
no hair on his head. With all the knowledge between his ears, there is no room for hair. Seventy-nine years old and he welcomes good changes; Ike can still call the shots or assure the officers they were right.

My love for the fire department is only given strength by our Chief Ike. He is up on laws, changes, equipment, safety and hazards.

If not awarded the Ollie Sandberg Award, it was a great opportunity to be able to recommend to you one of the finest firefighters of our time.

Lin Ortman
Russiaville VFD Safety Officer

Otterbein Area Vol. Fire & Rescue New Building Dedication - June 15, 1994



The Otterbein Volunteer Fire Department was first started in 1948, under the leadership of Otterbein businessman, Claude Rowe, with private donations and one fire truck.

Over the years it expanded and today it provides coverage to all or parts of five townships in four counties including Purdue University Research and Instructional Farms. The total area protected is larger than some Indiana counties and more than half the size of most Indiana counties.

Otterbein Community Ambulance Service, formed in 1982 by concerned citizens, later joined the Fire Department under the name of Otterbein Area Volunteer Fire and Rescue, providing both services with joint leadership. There were eight pieces of equipment to be housed in space designed for three.

In 1990, Margaret M. McCabe made a generous donation of land for a building site and the Town Board contributed a "Build Indiana" grant they had received. Building plans estimated a new firehouse fully equipped would cost \$300,000 excluding the land. The donated land, township funds, Build Indiana funds, along with donations from Purdue University and Otterbein Ambulance made the goal a reality.

The ground breaking ceremony was held in November, 1993 and the new building was completed in 1994 with the Dedication being held on June 15, 1994 with approximately 90 people in attendance. Charles J. Baker, IVFA Chaplain, opened the ceremony with prayer. Also in attendance was US Represent-

ative Steve Buyer, who presented the Flag of the United States (once flown over the Capitol in Washington, D.C.) which was raised along with the Indiana State Flag.

The department serves approximately 365 square miles in four counties and one city. There are currently 26 fire personnel with 18 of them also qualified First Responders and EMT's responding to an average of 80-100 fire and rescue runs per year.

Chief Steve Wettschurack credits excellent leadership, a high level of community involvement and donations of time, money, and in-kind donations in being able to provide fire and ambulance services for all.

A big thank you to Donna Cox, Bolivar Twp. Trustee; Carl Kelly & Dann Keiser, Medina Twp. Trustees; Christine Sheetz, Pine Twp. Trustee; Tinie Dunbar, Round Grove Trustee; Jerry Rooze, Shelby Twp. Trustee; and Jack Adwell, Jim Hampton, Charles Oliphant & Ron Wolford, Otterbein Town Board, for helping this department secure the fine facility which continues to serve the community.

Wall of Fire Overcomes...

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outside wall. Storey said the heat created a spark that sent flames up to the attic area, and the fire wasn't noticed for a time.

Ziemer said the worker had

taken a lunch break.

Ziemer said he, his son Daniel and the worker, who Ziemer declined to name, were having lunch in a room at the funeral home when a woman from a nearby church alerted them that smoke was coming from the attic.

Firefighters said the funeral home structure was old and dry and, under intense heat could have resulted in the explosion the firemen experienced Wednesday.

The fire proved pesky for firefighters.

Dense smoke continued to pour over the North Side area for more than two hours. Various portions of the building broke out in flames at different times and the fire spread from one area to another.

A dozen pieces of fire equipment, including an aerial snorkel, and firefighters from five different companies were called in.

"My heart goes out to them (the injured firemen)," Ziemer said.

Ziemer said remodeling of the funeral home, the oldest funeral home in the family chain, had been under way for two or three weeks and was nearing completion.

He said the pillars and the First Avenue entrance area had just been repainted.

Ziemer said there were no funerals scheduled at the funeral home and no bodies were in storage.

He said he plans to continue to provide services at the other three Ziemer funeral homes.

Decorated firemen among the injured

Three firefighters injured in Wednesday's fire at Ziemer Funeral Home on First Avenue have been honored before for their efforts.

Capt. Dan Grimm, Lt. Jim Wolf and Capt. Dwayne Wilcox were among 20 firefighters honored in 1992 by the Evansville Fire Merit Commission for their service after a military transport plan crashed into Jojo's Restaurant and the Drury Inn, killing 16 people.

In December 1992, Grimm Wolf and Wilcox crawled through smoke and around flames to the second story of a burning home where they rescued a semi-conscious 11-year-old girl.

In September 1993, Wilcox and Wolf were given Silver Merit Awards by the Merit Commission after they battled through "an inferno" to pull two small girls from the second story of a burning home. One child, Jacqueline Welchance, then 3, survived, but her sister, Felecia Wyatt, 17 months, later died.

Ziemer to rebuild burned chapel

Firemen 'fortunate to make it out alive'

By Dan Armstrong Staff Reporter

"I just thank the good Lord that we all came out, and we'll all be back another day," Evansville Fire Capt. Ray Goff said after the fire that injured him and three of his fellow firefighters.

Goff, along with Capt. Dwayne Wilcox, Capt. Dan Grimm and Lt. Jim Wolf, were burned when Ziemer Funeral Home Central Chapel became, in Grimm's words, a towering inferno yesterday.

"I believe all four of us were very fortunate to make it out alive," Goff said last night as he recuperated. "We were all very lucky. Somebody was watching out for all of us."

Wilcox, the most seriously burned, was taken to Welborn Baptist Hospital, then transferred by Welborn LifeFlight helicopter to the University of Louisville Hospital in Louisville, Ky.

Wilcox - Fire Chief Doug Wilcox's brother - last night was in serious but stable condition in the burn unit. His condition was upgraded to fair today. A nursing official said Wilcox had second-degree burns on his thighs, back of his neck and "a little bit on his face."

Grimm, Goff and Wolf were treated for second-degree burns at Deaconess Hospital and released.

"I got burned the least out of all of us, so I'm real fortunate," Goff said.

He said he had first and second-degree burns to his head but would be back at work tomorrow.

The four firefighters had gone up to the second floor of the funeral home to find the blaze, Goff said.

They encountered a lot of smoke and heat but didn't see any fire, he said.

He was going back downstairs to get some equipment when suddenly there was a "wall of fire" that went from the floor to the ceiling in the funeral home entryway.

"I'm assuming that that ceiling's probably about 12 feet tall so I'd say we probably had a wall of fire about 12 feet tall," Goff said. "...And then we had the fire coming down the stairwell up on the second floor. And that's where I believe the other three guys got burned. I got burned down on the stairwell."

Goff said there was some type of explosion, possibly a backdraft, "because fire just doesn't spread that fast."

He said a backdraft is basically "a smoke explosion where you have all these gases and stuff that have been burning but they haven't had sufficient oxygen to ignite." When oxygen is introduced, an explosion results.

The incident was "just part of the job. Sometimes it happens, and most of the time it doesn't," Goff said.

Grimm put a humorous message on his answering machine.

"... Yes, that was me in the towering inferno. And yes, I'm OK. Got a few little burns..."

"It's kind of a tough day when you get your firefighters injured," said District Chief Jim Powless at

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Township officials. Kahre said one firefighter twisted his ankle, and another had a slight nail puncture wound on his leg. He said the other three had heat related ailments, and other firefighters were "cooled down and rehabbed" at the scene.

Treated at St. Mary's and released were Knight Township volunteer firefighter Larry Rebstock, Perry Township volunteer Dave Roos, McCutchanville volunteer Mark Decker and Scott Township volunteer Eugene Bogan. At his family's request, St. Mary's was releasing no information on Knight volunteer Danny Mitchell.

Render said about 150 firefighters and other emergency responders went to the scene. The responders included the Scott, Knight, McCutchanville, German, Marrs, Newburgh, Elberfeld, Paradise, Yankeetown and Wadesville volunteer fire departments; Evansville and Boonville fire departments; possibly Gibson County firefighters; Emergency Medical Association; several registered nurses; American Red Cross; Mercy and Comaier ambulance services; Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department; and Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Co.

The Evansville Press

President's Award Recipient

The Presidents Award is a award given by the President to someone who has helped the president. The recipient of the Presidents Award is Lawrence Swartz of the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department.

Lawrence has served on two important committees. One was the paper committee, which was to see if we could get the paper printer cheaper, this was done.

The second committee is the Ad Solicitor who gets the ads in the paper and does all the billing. He has to get the convention book together also. I think he has done a good job. Thank you Lawrence.

Willie "Mitch" Parish
President



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departments provided "excellent help," Kahre said.

Five firefighters were sent to St. Mary's Medical Center for treatment, according to Scott

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Ziemer to rebuild...

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Hose House No. 3.

The city firefighters did "a wonderful job," funeral home president Jerry Ziemer said.

"They did a beautiful job there," Ziemer said. "I mean, it was just like an inferno. It just got hot. That's an old building you know. A hundred-year-old building, just about. And the fire got in the attic, and they just could not contain it."

Powless said arriving firefighters found a lot of dark smoke coming out of the eaves and around the third landing.

"We had an old building that had been added onto several different times," Powless said. "And it had old timbers in it. It made for a very, very hot fire."

"It was just a tough old fire that was hard to put out," Powless said.

One injured firefighter remains hospitalized

By Paula Baughn, Dan Armstrong and Dan Bernard
Staff Reporters

A raging fire destroyed Zeimer Funeral Home-Central Chapel and caused an apparent backdraft that burned four city firefighters.

In the wake of yesterday's fire, Zeimer President Jerry Ziemer was intent on replacing the oldest of the family's four funeral chapels.

"I'm going to rebuild at this location," Ziemer said last night.

Firefighters Dwayne Wilcox, Dan Grimm, Jim Wolf and Ray Goff received second-degree burns in a massive explosion while mounting an interior stairwell to the funeral home attic, where the fire started.

Evansville Fire Investigator Jesse Storey said the explosion was caused by the backdraft, a situation that occurs when the enclosed area becomes "super heated" while depleting oxygen. If a rush of oxygen is introduced, an explosion occurs.

Storey said the backdraft was probably caused when the firefighters opened a door to the attic area.

"A fireball came rolling down the stairs at the firefighters," Storey said, adding that the firefighters were "very lucky" they were not injured more seriously.

Wilcox was flown by Welborn LifeFlight helicopter from Welborn Baptist Hospital to the University of Louisville Hospital in Louisville, Ky. The other firefighters were treated at

Deaconess Hospital and released. Wilcox was upgraded to fair condition today.

The firefighters were cared for at the scene by other firefighters as ambulance transport was awaited.

Zeimer said the funeral home at 626 First Ave. was well-insured but he could not estimate the dollar loss. "I think it's totaled," he said.

It's just been a terrible loss for us," Ziemer said. "And I thank God that nobody was injured except for the one fireman seriously. And we're all praying for him, that he does well in Louisville."

Storey said the two-alarm fire started in the attic after a handheld propane burner used by an employee to loosen and strip paint from the First Avenue side of the building inadvertently ignited wood above the front door. The paint on the yellow brick building was being removed in preparation for repainting the exterior.

The worker turned off the burner and went to lunch shortly before noon. Storey said firefighters were alerted to the fire about 45 minutes later, but the fire could have been burning undetected for up to two hours.

"No one was out there for at least 45 minutes to see the progress, so the fire was allowed to build to pretty great intensity," Storey said.

Firefighters from Hose Houses 3, 10, 5, 1 and 8 responded, according to Central Dispatch.

"I'm so sorry for our loss, and I feel sorry for that poor fireman," Ziemer said. "And I've had so many calls from people in Evansville who have called me and told me how sorry they are. And it's just very good to know that the community's behind us."

A passer-by who noticed smoke coming from the attic came into the funeral home, where Ziemer and two employees were eating lunch, and notified him of the fire.

"We ran out and looked. And I said, 'My God, call the fire department,' and we did," Ziemer said. "And they came and they tried everything in the world they could, but they couldn't save the building."

Flames spread quickly through the building and surged through windows.

"I'm just sick," Ziemer said as he watched from across the street while the oldest of the family's four funeral homes was destroyed by smoke and flames.

There were no services

scheduled yesterday and no bodies in storage at the funeral home, Ziemer said. Families that might have used the Central Chapel will be able to use his other funeral homes.

"We have three other funeral homes in town, two of them are within one mile of that Central Chapel," Ziemer said. "and we're going to rebuild that Central Chapel. I would say that within six months' time, we'll be right back in business in a more modern, nicer chapel than we have there right now."

Ziemer and the other employees were apparently the only people in the chapel when the fire was reported shortly before 12:30 p.m. All escaped without injury. The blaze was tapped out - meaning it was extinguished or at least under control - at 3:24 p.m.

While the fire raged, Sherman Greer, director of the Vanderburgh County Emergency Management Agency, said there was little need to fear hazardous air pollution because the funeral home's embalming chemicals had escaped the blaze.

Greer said the chemicals were stored in the basement and the fire was confined to above ground floors. Ziemer said the fluid is not flammable.

District Fire Chief Jim Powless at House No. 3 said there was no problem with hazardous materials.

An observer standing with Ziemer estimated at least 70 percent of the funeral home was destroyed in the first hour.

Angela Tucker, an employee of Hacienda Mexican Restaurant, 711 First Ave., said a lunchtime customer in the bar saw smoke wafting from a top window of the three-story funeral home. Tucker called for the fire department.

The smoke quickly became "very thick, dark" and flames almost immediately followed, according to Tucker.

The lunchtime crowd at Hacienda was relatively unaffected by the blaze across the street. Tucker said smoke could be smelled in the restaurant, but customers continued to eat.

Police blocked off First Avenue at West Virginia and West Columbia streets.

Jan Goebel, an employee of the Steak 'n Egg Kitchen next

door to Ziemer, said the restaurant parking lot was packed by motorists traveling First Avenue who were forced to turn around and find alternate routes to the North Side.

"For a while, people were crazy out front trying to drive down here over fire hoses," Goebel said.

Steak 'n Egg employees catered cups of tea, water and soda to firefighters at the scene to help quench their thirst as they battled the near 90-degree heat, which smoke and flames made more intense.

Lunchtime customers were relatively unaffected. Many carried their drinks outside to watch the firefighters at work. Goebel said "a lot" of smoke billowed onto First Avenue, but none filled the restaurant.

Crews replacing slate with copper on the steeples of St. Anthony Catholic Church were chased from their perches by the thick smoke, which was so dense the workers were unable to see, a church office worker said.

Although the air conditioning was being used at the church rectory, 704 First Ave., smoke seeped under the doors and around windows into the offices. But the personnel were able to continue working, according to the worker, who declined to give her name.

A soup kitchen conducted at the church from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Wednesday also continued despite the blaze.

The raging fire also did not affect Ozanam Family Shelter at 713 Second Ave., behind the funeral home in the Old St. Anthony Catholic School, said Donna Elderbrook, house manager.

A worker at St. Vincent's Day Care Center, 611 First Ave., said the 250 children at the center did not need to be evacuated while firefighters battled the fire across the street.

She said several calls were received for concerned parents but most of the children slept through the commotion.

"They're taking naps," said the worker, who declined to identify herself.

Midday winds blew most of the smoke north, away from the Steak 'n Egg Kitchen and the day care center.

Fire truck is attention-getter for local painting business

By Alan Julian
Courier business writer
Jeff Myers, solved a problem of attracting attention for his business.

All he does is show up for a job in his bright red fire truck and people can't help but take notice.

Myers is the 38 year-old owner of Coatings Unlimited of 4020 E. Eichel Ave., a commercial painting business that specializes in building exteriors.

He bought the 1964 model fire truck when the city took it out of service last year. He uses the truck to wash down buildings before painting them, but he has also found that it's handy for cleaning up parking lots for customers.

"A lot of people think it's just a good advertising tool," he said. "That's true, but it's also a useful tool."

"It's really helped my business." For its new role, the pumper truck's 500 gallon water tank was expanded so it can hold up to 1,000 gallons of water. The truck is capable of spraying a soap mixture as well as a rinse.

Myers said his clientele has included area shopping centers and bank branches, and he also has cleaned and painted large vehicles for Peabody Coal Co. "Our motto is 'From birdhouses to bridges,'" he said.

When the old fire truck is not on official business, Myers puts it to other uses. He was a big hit with his son's Little League team recently when he gave them a ride to the ballpark aboard the shiny red truck.

Restoration work on the vehicle is ongoing. So far, running boards have been replaced, chrome has been restored and seats have been recovered.

He said firefighters have commented that the truck looks better now that it did when it was new.

"I really bought this as a Christmas present for my 5-year-old son," said Myers. "But I guess I'm really just a big kid myself."

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Members to rebuild Oak Meadow clubhouse

By Mark Cowling and Dan Armstrong
Staff reporters

Current and former members are reacting with sadness mixed with confidence that Oak Meadow Golf Club will recover from the blaze that devastated its clubhouse.

"I think this'll set us back, but it won't stop us," said Jim Rine, golf club president.

Rine said he was sure it will take "several months" to rebuild the clubhouse.

"What we have to do first of all is, we have to demolish what's left from the fire," Rine said. "And then we'll have to get some plans to rebuild and decide how we want to rebuild and get estimates of that and then settle (with) the insurance company and get our financing squared away and then rebuild."

But Rine said last night, "We don't have a damage estimate yet. I just really don't have any idea."

At any rate, the golf club will continue to operate, Rine said.

He said there were plans to go ahead today with the Women's 18 Hole Invitational Tournament. The club played host to the Women's Nine-Hole Invitational Tournament yesterday.

"It's something nobody can be very happy about," Rine said. "You don't plan on a fire. And it's certainly a problem for us."

However, Rine added, "It's less of a problem than we had when we bought the club in 1989."

The golf club membership took the facility over that year from Club Corporation of America, which had defaulted on its debts to National City Bank and others. Club spokesmen said that the membership had the facility back on better financial footing by 1991 by cutting expenses. The club this year began renovating the golf course.

"I think it's important that people in the community understand that we're still in business, and we're going to continue to operate, and we'll recover from this," Rine said. "It's a setback, but we do plan to recover, and it's not going to keep us from succeeding as a golf club."

Rine said the golf course, pro shop, swimming pool and tennis courts are still open, and the office equipment and records were undamaged. Most of the club's food service was "eliminated," he said, but the grill has a limited menu. "We plan to continue to operate the club, and we're looking at some ways to have a temporary food service operation," Rine said. "And we're also working with the insurance company on ways to rebuild the clubhouse."

"So it's a problem. It's a setback. But it's something we believe we can handle. We do have insurance, and we believe we have the finances and the ability to get the club back in full operation."

Longtime current and former members of the club expressed sadness at the loss of the clubhouse that held so many memories.

"My wife (Frances) was in tears this morning remembering all the marvelous experiences we had when we were part of the beginnings of this club," Curt Huber said. "We're very nostalgic about this whole thing and very saddened that this beautiful place had to be destroyed . . ."

"But I'm sure the present club will rebuild and be reinvigorated by an opportunity to start with a

new building and a lot of nice things. I certainly wish them well in the future."

Huber, retired owner of Huber Realty Co., recalled that he was one of 10 members of the Evansville Country Club who bought the estate of D. Mead Johnson of Mead Johnson and Co. The clubhouse was Johnson's home. He sold his interest in the family firm to Bristol Myers Squibb Co. and moved to Florida.

"Actually we bought it to hold for the Evansville Country Club, which was then considering moving their location and building a new clubhouse and building a new golf course," Huber said.

But after six months, the country club, having hired an architect to plan the new home, voted 2-1 against moving, Huber said.

Richard Heath of Robinson, Ill., a member of the Heath candy company, came aboard, and construction of the Oak Meadow golf club started in 1971.

Huber formerly lived in a condominium in the Oak Meadow community.

"We had a golf cart, and we'd drive our golf cart over to the club for dinner or to play golf," Huber said. "And a lot of the condominium owners still do that. They have their own carts, and they drive over here. It's a very nice way of life."

Huber, who now lives in Florida, was in Evansville for a family reunion with his local daughters and son from Boston. He said the family was having breakfast at the Oak Meadow lodge when they were told they'd better leave because the clubhouse, just a few feet away, was on fire.

"It looked like the lodge might be in danger, but fortunately, these great volunteer firemen kept the lodge from being involved," he said.

"I'm very, very sorry for what happened," said former club member Gus Doerner of Evansville. "It seems to be some of the tough-luck things that have happened to that club over the years."

Doerner, retired president of Gus Doerner Sports Inc., was an early member of the club.

"That's the second fire that they've had," Doerner recalled. "They've had financial problems. They've had all kinds of things such as that happening to them. So this is another tough break."

"I can reminisce and say that there have been a lot of fine, great parties at the club over the years, and we had a lot of fun playing the golf course and a lot of fun in association with the membership, which has always been a very tight, a very closeknit membership out there," Doerner said.

He voiced confidence the club will be able to adjust and continue strong.

"It's been a great place, and we're very sad to see it go," member Bruce Drake said. "When somebody's house burns down, it's a tragedy . . . But this was a house belonging to all of us. We had a lot of memories there."

Bill Fisher, an 18-year resident of the Oak Meadow community and a 20-year club member, said he was anxious to learn how much of the old Mead Johnson home was damaged. He said the Oak Room, with its wooden beams across the ceiling, was a particularly valuable asset to the club.

Firefighters successfully stopped the fire from spreading past

the clubhouse, and "we're happy that we saved the lodge," Drake said.

He said club members could continue to meet in the grill, which was also spared from the blaze. "It's just an inconvenience. We'll have no place to have the big affairs for a while," Drake said.

A six-year resident of the Oak Meadow community who golfs daily, Drake said the club has made great strides since the members bought it. "The course

has never looked better," he said.

As the fire raged, participants in the Women's Nine-Hole Invitational Tournament and other guests "were kind of captive" because they couldn't drive across the fire hoses Drake said.

Audrey Kuhlenschmidt, who lives in a condominium in the Oak Meadow community, said her late husband, Bill, helped put in the plumbing at the lodge.

"It was very depressing," Kuhlenschmidt said.

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