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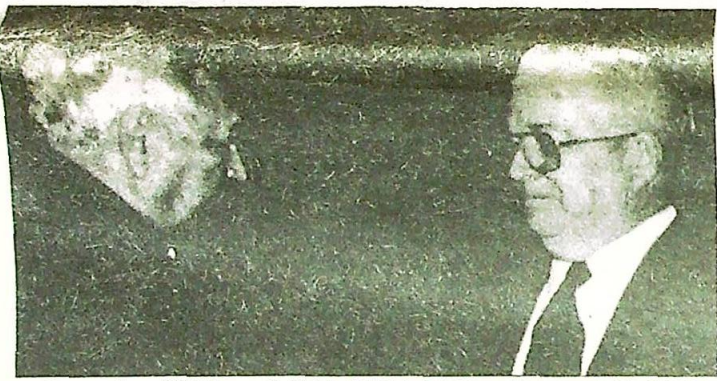
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Pictured are Bill Kinsey (left) Mr. I.V.F.A. 2001 and last year's Mr. I.V.F.A. Willie "Mitch" Parish.

Bill Kinsey Named Mr. IVFA

On Thursday, June 14, 2001 William F. (Bill) Kinsey of Fort Wayne, Indiana received one of the highest awards given out by the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association in Fort Wayne, Indiana - Mr. I.V.F.A. Award.

Bill was married to Jean E. (Heaston) Kinsey May 5, 1951 and are the parents of two sons, Peter and Allen and two grandsons, Ryan and Thorn.

He served in the U.S. Army, is a member of the American Legion

Post 47, and a member of the Masons and Shrine Lodge. He has served on three township fire departments since 1948. Some of Bill's outstanding qualities include Chief for eight years, Chief Fire Investigator 25 years, Certified Fire Investigator I.A.A.I., Master Firefighter certified by the State of Indiana, was appointed to the Commission of Firefighting Personnel Standards & Education and served eight years.

Awards are many - Fire Marshal's

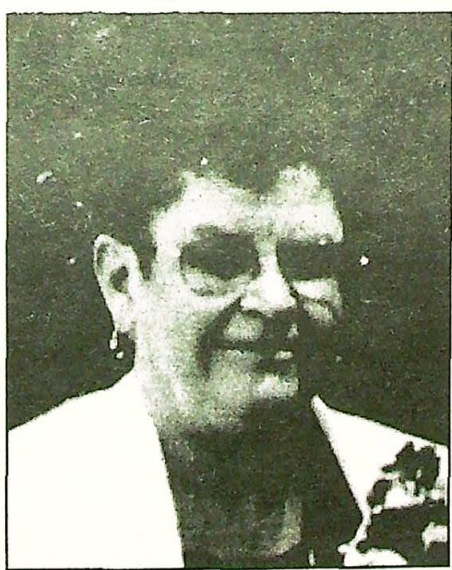
Meritorious Award, Governor's Meritorious Service Award, Midwest Award two years. Bill has received many more awards for service in his community.

Bill has served as Public Relations Director for the IVFA for 16 years, Secretary-Treasurer for two years and is a Life Member of 50 years.

Mr. I.V.F.A. 2001 William Kinsey received a trophy and a red logo jacket to commemorate the event. Congratulations, Bill.

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Kerney 2001 Lois Boaz Winner



Congratulations to this year's winner. Barbara Kerney of the McCutchanville Fire Dept. and Auxiliary, District 15, is the 2001 Lois Boaz winner.


She has served in many different capacities in both the fire department and auxiliary and has always stayed very involved with everything her children were involved in.

She has been involved in the American Cancer Society, 4-H Club and was listed in the Who's Who for Volunteer Service.

Barbara has been married 22 years, she has five children and has seven grandchildren. She is not only an auxiliary member but a firefighter and First Responder and member of the McCutchanville Volunteer Fire Department.

Now is the time to start thinking of a lady for next year. Choose one and write those letters now. There are a lot of deserving women out there.

The committee this year is: Toni Sorg, 14430 Comer Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46819; Marilyn McFadden, 17414 Comer Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46819 and Barbara Kerney, 2412 S.E. Browning Road, Evansville, IN 47711.



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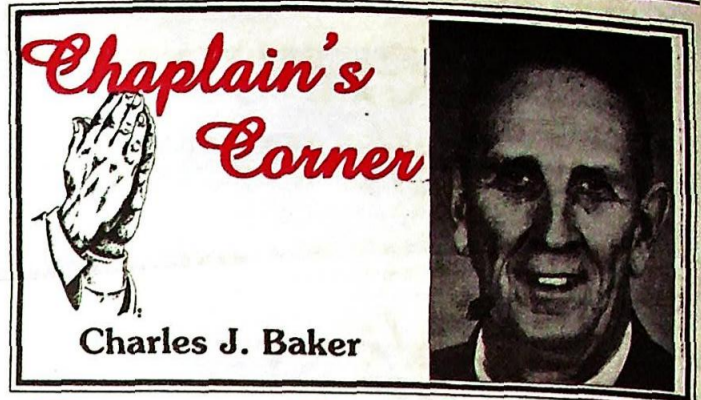
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Prayer For Today

Gracious God,

Grantor of the Holy Spirit to all who believe, we pause to give you our thanks for that Spirit and for the Love of Jesus Christ which resides in our hearts.

Show us the fruits of the Spirit by which we will lead a peaceful and productive existence.

In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Minute Message

From the New Testament Book of Galatians, we read these words of wisdom from the Apostle Paul as recorded in Chapter Five, Verses 22-23:

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

These fruits are also called Christian virtues and have been extolled as such for as long as we've had teachers and preachers.

Let's look at just one of these virtues, the one called patience. In the King James Version of the Bible, patience is called long-suffering (one who suffers long). One who remains steadfast in the faith though the times be difficult and extensive is the patient person. It does not mean, "Lord, give me patience and give it to me right away!"

The writer, Marjorie Holmes, wrote this about patience in her book, "Love and Laughter".

Life's Hardest Lesson

"Perhaps the hardest lesson to learn in life is patience. To wait unperturbed while the child in the high chair does everything with his food except eat it. Quietly to hear out the interminable tales and complaints of the harried neighbor, the long-winded friend, or the very old. To give earnest attention to a son or daughter as he or she describes in minute detail the movie, or an episode at school.

Not to interrupt. Not to cut the other off. Not to explode. To curb the forces within us that would hurry, hurry, hurry. To hush the frenzied voice of rebellion. To still the frantic and usually futile impulses that would result only in hurt feelings and unnecessary distress . . .

Withdraw the motions, practice detachment, kindly interest, self-control. With the conscious effort comes a strange calm, a sense of being not the prey of outer forces, but in command of some subtle yet significant inner forces of one's own."

Lloyd John Ogilvie wrote a piece entitled "Living on the Lord's Timing" having to do with the subject.

"Are you ever troubled with impatience? Do difficult people ever test your patience? Does what they do or fail to do get to you? Are you ever upset when people you love fail to capture your vision for them? Ever get exasperated when people do not meet your expectations of what you want them to accomplish on your time schedules? And more profoundly, knowing people's potential and what the Lord can do with the life given over to His control, do you become impatient with their slow response or imperviousness?"

Perhaps our problem with impatience is that we misunderstand patience. It is not acquiescence, or perpetual placidity, or feckless lack of fiber. Patience must be rooted in an overarching confidence that there is Someone in control of this universe, our world, and our life. We need to know that God does work things together for good for those who love Him. A patient person knows the shortness of time and the length of eternity. Patience is really faith in action. No wonder it is called an aspect of the fruit of the Spirit."

And a delightful little gem called Make a Pearl is recorded in the book, "Words of Wisdom":

"The most extraordinary thing about oysters is this: Irritations get into his shell. He does not like them. But when he cannot get rid of them, he uses the irritation to do the loveliest thing an oyster ever has a chance to do. If there are irritations in our lives today, there is only one prescription: make a pearl. It may have to be a pearl of patience, but, anyhow, make a pearl. And it takes faith and love to do it."

Harry Emerson Fosdick

Patience is indeed a virtue, especially in our dealings with others. I pray that your life will reflect this blessing.

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From the President



Jack Kerney

I would like to thank everyone for their confidence in electing me to serve, as your President, for another year. This past year has been very rewarding, and we have made a lot of changes to keep this association as a premier voice of the volunteer fire service. The board of directors and district chairmen, that you have elected, has been a devoted group of individuals that want this association to move forward as the premier association that it is. I look forward to working with them in the coming year.

Dues are due and will be considered late after July 31, 2001. Be sure your dues are paid on time to keep from losing your benefits.

I had the distinction of being selected to go to the National Fire Academy and help review the first of the Fire Axe Grants being issued by FEMA. This was a very rewarding experience for me to review

these grants. While reading these grants, I saw a need for this association to help our department members apply for grant money. Myself, and Vice-President Koehler drove to the Fire Academy in July and took a class in grant writing. I feel we now have the tools needed to help you put together the information needed to apply for any grant money you can apply for. Our next objective is to locate these grant funds and publish where to obtain these grants.

The Ft. Wayne Convention Committee did a great job of providing us with a great convention. I

had a lot of fun in the dunk tank. Buz and I raised some money for the Hoosier Burn Camp. It confirmed what I have known all along, that I was liked more than Buz. More people paid to dunk Buz than me.

Congratulations to the following Award winners: Andrea Seib - Miss Flame, Bill Kinsey - Mr. IVFA, Harold Harrison - Ollie Sandberg, Diana Harrison - Angel Award, and Barbara Kerney - Lois Boaz Award.

Barbara and I are visiting as many fire departments as possible. If you would like for us to visit your
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"Angel" Award Winner

The "Angel" Award was presented to Diane Harrison by State Fire Marshal Tracy Boatwright.

Diane is a member of the Lewis Township Volunteer Fire Department in Coalmont, Indiana.

She has been a firefighter for 20 years and is also District 11A chairperson.

Diane has shown outstanding commitment to her department and her position as District 11A chairperson for the Association. She is also very active in her community.

Ollie Sandberg Award Winner



Mr. Harold Harrison of Lewis Township Volunteer Fire Department in Coalmont, Indiana is the Ollie Sandberg Award winner. Harold has served his department in the capacity of Assistant Chief, Captain, and Lieutenant. He is a First Class Firefighter. He has attended many fire schools and helped with them. His department chose him as Firefighter of the Year in 1992. Harold has been a member of the department for 35 years and continues to serve and help his department and community.



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District Meetings

DISTRICTS 1 & 2

Lake Station Fire Department
April 18, 2001

The meeting was called to order by District 1 Chairman, Jim Bradford at 7:48 p.m. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by vice president, Buz Koehler.

Guests included: PR Northwest Dennis Schavey, District 1 Chairman Jim Bradford, District 2 Chairman Curtis Reifon, District 1 Secretary Tom Orrell, Districts 1 & 2 Treasurer Clarence Moss, District 1 Chairman and past president IVFAA Phyllis Vargo, IVFAA District 1 chairperson Ann Moss, District 1 Miss Flame Kim Perry, "5-Alarm" sales representative Dale Hensley, PSTI Ivan Nevil, PC-EMA Phil Griffith, IVFAA correspondence secretary Martha Thomas, District 2 Miss Flame Melissa Baumgardner, 2000 Miss Flame Nikki Luebke, and vice president Buz Koehler.

Lake Station Chief Ron Good introduced his department members and gave a brief history of the Lake Station Fire Department.

District 1 Chairman Jim Bradford presented 25 year pins to the following persons: Active members Ron Good (45), Steve Hoskins (27), Alan James (26), and Dave Klym (25). Retired members, Bud Hursey (48), Ray Wright (44), Bob Gannon (40), Wayne Taylor (38), Jim Bradford (37), Vic Vargas (30) and Pete Boriseno (26), retired there, Roy Miskimins (48), RO Johnson (47), Oliver E. Kemp (36), Harold Wheeler (33), Herb Smith (28). Unable to attend, Dominic Bonomo (46)-sent, Harry Bonner (40), Joe Watson (38)-sent, and Buddy Cagle (26)-sent.

PSTI Ivan Nevil, representing State Fire Marshal Tracy Boatwright, presented Ron Good and Jim Bradford, both of Lake Station Fire Department with the ISF Meritorious Service Award & Pin and the Governor's Meritorious Service Award Gold Medallion.

District 1 Chairman, Jim Bradford presented Laddie Lesnick with the 25 year pin.

Guest speakers, Lake Station Police Chief Rich Arnold and Detective Sergeant Ruth Smith on Evidence Collection and Preservation in Fire Investigations.

Roll call was answered by 64 members from 10 departments in District 1 and by 24 members of six departments in District 2. The attendance trophy was won by New Chicago Fire Department in District 1 and by Lake Eliza Fire Department in District 2.

A motion was made by Curt Reifon, seconded by Bob Szot to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. Passed.

PR Northwest Dennis Schavey noted handouts on the front table for Legislative News a non-rule policy and a "Blue Light" survey.

PSIT Ivan Nevil congratulated Buz Koehler, now serving on PSTI Board of Directors. Announced that only 2500-3000 applications have been submitted for the \$100 million dollar grant. For information, contact Ivan at 1-800-666-PSTI (7784). Also noted a slight delay on adding the nine new training certifications to the 13 existing ones, and a fire survey for the fire academy.

District 1 chairperson and past president, Phyllis Vargo advised the Miss Flames are selling raffle tickets with 1st prize being a Franklin Mint Fire Truck.

IVFAA District 2 chairperson, Ann Moss advised the IVFAA district meeting will be at Lake Eliza in May.

District 1 Miss Flame Kim Perry and District 2 Miss Flame Melissa Baumgardner both introduced themselves and invited all to attend

the Convention in June. 2000 Miss Flame, Nikki Luebke expressed her sorrow in turning over the crown and invited all to attend the convention.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Clarence Moss advised the current balance is \$1,399.62 and urged anyone wishing to donate T-shirts or hats to the burn camp.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Union Fire Department, Station One is having a dedication/open house for their newly remodeled station on US 130 on Saturday, May 5 from 1000 to 1600 hrs. Porter Fire Department is selling Krispy Kreme Donuts at \$5/dozen for fundraiser, order deadline is Saturday, May 12. New Chicago Fire Department is having a pancake breakfast on April 29 from 0700 to 1400 hrs. Washington Township is having a pancake breakfast on April 29. Liberty Township is having a pancake breakfast on May 6 from 0800 to 1300 hrs. Lake Station is having their 82nd annual dance on Saturday, April 28 from 1900 to 2400 hrs. at the American Legion, Post #100 (show fire department ID at door). National Fire Academy (Indiana Weekend) September 8th & 9th, course information to follow. Indiana Hazmat & Environmental Safety Conference on June 5th & 6th in Greenwood, IN. Memorandum from DNR, First Sergeant Paul Bykowski for the Indiana Law Enforcement and Firefighter Memorial unveiling near the west grounds of the State Capitol Building in Indianapolis, IN on June 5th & 6th.

CPSC recall of lighters. CPSC recall of candles.

A motion was made by Clarence Moss, seconded by Baumgardner for a by-law change, allowing past presidents to vote. Passed.

Vice President Buz Koehler commended District 1 chairman Jim Bradford for his efforts on the state IVFA level.

The 50/50 was won by Johnny Schavey. A T-shirt, donated by "5-Alarm" was won by Tim Luchine. Tickets were drawn by District 1 and 2 Miss Flames.

A motion to adjourn was made by Clarence Moss, seconded by Jake Thomas. Passed.

Tom Orrell
Secretary, District 1

DISTRICT 3

May 17, 2001

Westville Fire Department

Chairman Tim Sandy called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. There were 21 members representing 10 departments along with three guests present. Chief Ed Forney led the pledge. After the pledge Chairman Sandy asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of all of the firefighters that have given their lives in the line of duty since our last meeting.

Guests present were: Buz Koehler - Vice President, Mitch Parish - District 9B and Bruce Yonkers - District 1.

The minutes were read and approved and the Treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$1984.80. (A copy is enclosed).

Communications:

1. Comments from Chairman Tim Sandy --

a. Announced that the Indiana weekend at the National Fire Academy is on September 8th and 9th. There will be nine classes available. Cost for the class will be \$90 if you provide your own transportation and \$120 if you take the bus. Applications must be submitted on the National Fire Academy form 75-5 that was sent to each department in the Fire Marshal's last mailing.

2. Comments from Vice-President Koehler --

a. Announced that the Firefighter's Memorial will be on June 6th in Indianapolis with a candlelight service being held on the evening of June 5th.

b. Gave a legislative update and talked about the changes made to the blue light law and discussed some proposed upcoming changes. There will be a questionnaire on blue lights in the newspaper.

c. Announced that he and the President will be attending a grant writing program at the National Fire Academy in June.

d. Announced that IVFA license plates are still available even though some other vanity plates, including the EMS plate, have been discontinued.

e. Reminded everyone that the Convention is June 13th-16th in Fort Wayne. Educational classes will again be available. Also reminded everyone that registration fees are not required to be able to attend the business meeting.

f. Reminded everyone to make sure address changes are forwarded to the Central Office.

g. Announced that articles for the next edition of the newspaper are due by July 10th.

3. Comments from Mitch Parish --

a. Urged more participation in the Bridgeport Scholarship application processes.

b. Announced that the National Volunteer Fire Council is supporting the Fair Standard Labor Law and the law to allow departments to swap equipment.

Old Business:

1. Chairman Sandy presented 25 year pins to Jim Hall from LaCrosse Fire Department, Norm Carpenter from Hanna Township Fire Department, and John Childress from Coolspring Township Fire Department.

New Business:

1. Chairman Sandy advised the State Officers have requested a By-Law change to Article IV section 2. The proposed change would add past presidents to the Board and allow them to vote. Motion made and carried unanimously to approve the By-Law change.

2. Chairman Sandy advised the State Officers have also requested a change to SOG #12 in regards to benefits. The change would state that each dues paying member instead of active members would receive a card annually and receive the newspaper also. This would allow inactive members to receive their cards and newspapers. Motion made and carried unanimously to approve the SOG change.

Good of the Order:

1. Chairman Sandy initiated a discussion about the Edith house. He stated the house is falling apart and needs some major repairs. After some further discussion a motion was made to make the repairs and to purchase all needed materials from Wheatbrooks in Rolling Prairie due to their numerous donations to the house. There will also be a work detail on June 23rd at 0900 at Springfield Township Fire Department to start the repairs. Breakfast will be at 0800 at the Blacksmith Shoppe in Rolling Prairie for those interested.

2. Chairman Sandy advised that District 9B has requested to use the Edith House at the Jasper County Fair on July 15th. A motion to allow them to use it was made and approved with the stipulation that they had to supply their own smoke or reimburse us for any they used.

3. Chairman Sandy announced that Bass Lake - California Township Fire Department in Starke County had rejoined the Association.

4. Chief Forney from Westville showed some fire alert decals for

child care facilities his department had received in the mail from the Division of Family and Children office in LaPorte. He believed all departments in LaPorte County would be receiving them, too.

5. Chief Kaufman from Lincoln Township announced that NFPA 1710 and 1720 had passed today and a draft could be obtained from the NFPA website. Amendments will be considered on August 24th - 27th at the Fire/Rescue International conference.

6. Chairman Sandy requested anyone wanting to be placed on his e-mail list to receive fire fighting news to e-mail him at trsandy@home.com. Also any department wishing to receive their minutes via e-mail send your e-mail address to Secretary Kaufman at pkaufman@csinet.net.

7. Westville will be celebrating its 150th birthday on July 6th, 7th and 8th. The Fire Department is also celebrating its 150th birthday and will be having a pork chop dinner July 7th from 4-7 p.m.

8. Lincoln Township will be having a pork chop dinner on May 26th.

9. Springfield Township will be having a pancake breakfast on May 20th.

10. Kingsbury will have their food shack at the LaPorte County Fair.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. with the 50/50 being won by Chris Comeno, a pair of rescue gloves donated by Tom Thode of 5 Alarm being won by Mitch Parish and an equipment bag donated by Dave Kaufman of S&S Fire being won by Buz Koehler.

Next meeting: July 19, 2001 - 7:30 p.m. (refreshments at 7:00 p.m.), Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department. Location change due to scheduling conflict with Coolspring Township. (Elections will be held).

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Kaufman
Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT 8A

Well, firefighters, it's summer again. I wish to thank all you firefighters that attended the convention in Ft. Wayne. I wish to recognize three firefighters from Green Twp. Fire Dept. for 25 years service in the fire service for the I.V.F.A. They are: Jack Farley - 36 years, Donald Mitchell - 44 years and John Riggs - 33 years.

I also want to thank Jack, Barb, Buz for attending the dedication of Washington F.D. on June 2. I would also like to congratulate District 8A Midwest Award winner Robert W. Fesler from Pipecreek Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

I hope to see you all at the district meetings. If you need any help with anything, please let me know.
Bill

DISTRICT 9A

The meeting was called to order on May 24, 2001 by Chairman Jon Randle at 7:35PM at the Onward Volunteer Fire Department, Onward, IN. Chief Marvin Jones led the pledge to the flag and Linda Baker gave the invocation.

Roll Call: eight departments with 21 members present reported 69 fire runs and 53 EMS. Guests: Linda Baker, Ann and Christine Bogardes, IVFA VP Buz Koehler, District 9A Miss Flame Leighann Randle and Mitch Parish.

Old Business: Address corrections are still needed by the central office. The convention is June 14-16.

New Business: Leighann received her District banner and will

represent us at the convention. There were forms from the State Fire Marshal's office to sign up for classes. Mitch Parish reported on the Build Indian Fund. Buz Koehler had news from the PSTI meeting. Surveys are coming out regarding a 24 hour training pilot program that would change the curriculum but not the hours. Call Ivan Nevil if you want to comment on this. District attendance will be listed in the IVFA newspaper. A paper returned costs 60-cents so please correct everyone's info. Next deadline is July 10th for news. IVFA backed Legislative bills that have passed are house alarms, fire protection, impersonating a firefighter class A misdemeanor or D felony, immunity on fire department donations, fire department material costs and blue light to fire scene and fire station. Insurance for Volunteer firefighters has not passed yet. Watch for a survey regarding the blue light in the paper.

Two changes were proposed for the IVFA By-laws. Proposed to allow the past president to vote on association issues. Charlie Cline so moved to make the change. Mark Ancil seconded. Passed. Proposed to change the Standard Operating Guideline on benefits. Max King so moved to make the change, Charlie Cline seconded. Passed.

Program: Bill Dixon and Matt July of the Grissom Fire Department talked about their equipment and training building which is a state of the art facility. This is a civil service department with two platoons. They have 50 personnel with five full-time and three confined space specialists. They have different trucks on the base with specialized purposes. They have 32 hazmat decon showers, heaters, lockers, toilets and waste water recovery and also a confined space trailer.

The Delphi Ladies' Auxiliary Bash will be June 1st on the Madam Carroll for \$7.00.

Matt July won the door prize and David Ancil won the 50/50 Drawing.

The next meeting is July 26th at the Miami Twp. Fire Department in New Waverly, IN.

Respectfully submitted,
Dee Mauntel
Sec./Treas.

DISTRICT 10

If this made the paper on time OH BOY! I got news in the District 10 column two issues in a row. Time flies when you get older or we just over extend ourselves. Hey thanks to every department and the members that have been attending the meetings. Our attendance is still up and so is the number of department must mean I'm doing something right.

Now to let you know what's going on in the District. I hope every department has gotten their dues paid by now. Thanks if you have. We have only had one meeting since last paper. We met at Nineveh VFD on May 16, 2001. There were 36 members representing 11 departments. The meeting was called to order then pledge to the flag. Guests and salesmen present were John Maudlin, Midwest Fire and Safety and Ed Stone, S&S Tanks & Boone Fire and Safety.

Presented Allen Smith, Chief of the Edinburgh Fire and Rescue Fire Dept. with his 25 year pin. Voted on a By-laws change, motion passed by members present. Jim Parker gave us a Legislation update on bills. Barb Parker, District 10 auxiliary chairman spoke to us that they were doing a membership drive for the District 10 Auxiliary, so departments - get your ladies involved. If your ladies' group is interested in joining, contact Barb Parker at 317-783-9293. We are looking for Miss Flame contestants for 2002 judging at the November 21 meeting at German Twp., Taylorsville. Contact David or Barb Parker for an entry

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From the Vice President



Buz Koehler

Once again our annual convention was fun, exciting, and rewarding. Everything from Germanfest to the annual banquet to the games on Saturday, was enjoyable. The Firehouse Museum is something to see. The vendor's displays were terrific, as usual. During the hot dog bust, Allen County Fire Chiefs raised \$380.00 for the Burn Camp, and they allowed the President and Vice President of the IVFA to help by letting us sit in the dunk tank. Since it was a hot day it turned into a great time with promises for a dunk tank at next year's convention in Evansville. We hope to get our State fire Marshal, Tracy Boatwright, into the tank.

As we continue to move our Association into the future, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Central office, any of the state officers, or your district chairman. We need your help in keeping our association strong and working hard for all volunteers in our great state.

Be safe and I'll see you at the district meetings.
L.E. Buz Koehler,
Vice President

DISTRICT 10

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form and info.

District elections will be held at the August meeting at Burney on August 15, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. and our Midwest Award winner will be presented with his or her plaque. There was one death in the District.

Paul David "PD" Beyer from the St. Paul VFD passed away. If you haven't had Hartford Insurance is not going to be a Worker's Comp. company for fire departments starting in 2002. Be looking for the Fire Marshal's survey in the mail. PLEASE fill this out and also on page 32 of last month's paper there was a survey for the IVFA. Fill it out and give it to David or Jim Parker or mail it to the Central Office.

Our program for the night was Fire Department Liability presented by Jeff Stainfield of ESIP Insurance. IVFA convention June 13-16 at Fort Wayne. Second roll call, 50/50 draw, meeting adjourned. Congratulations to Tessa Smith, daughter of Allen and Terri Smith of Edinburgh. She was one of the Bridgeport Scholarship winners of \$1500.00. It pays to belong and, yeah, she's from District 10. Way to go!

Next meeting at Burney-Clay Twp. VFD in Decatur Co. August 15, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. Program - Meth Labs. September 19, 2001 at 7:00 p.m., Franklin Twp. Station 53 in Marion Co. Sometimes our attendance isn't too great in Marion Co., so let's SURPRISE Chief Paul Bailey. He is putting on the program that night, so you don't want to miss this one. October 17, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fairland VFD in Shelby Co. Program on strokes.

Coming events: There are several events in August and September. Attend the next District 10 meeting and hear where they are.

District Chairman
David Israel
812-663-8952

DISTRICT 11-A

Firefighters, Reflecting on the past year. I feel it has been a very good one. District 11-A has been able to offer training classes that are affordable and very beneficial to us all. Auto extrication, farm rescue and hazmat, "Getting out alive", "Saving our own", rapid intervention training. And we are in the process of planning a September class in Indianapolis at the flash over trailer. Also working on getting sponsors to bring Abbottville to our area.

We have had speakers and vendors at each meeting to help enhance our knowledge. We had a very good public relations at Bleemel Days. The games and

handout tables were a huge success as well as the smoke house where approximately 250 children and adults went through it -- many of them had not been through one before. This year we will be doing Bleemel Days on September 22, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Waterball contest will be at 11 a.m. We will again have an equipment display - anyone wishing to participate let me know. Also you may set up a table to earn money for your department. I have been honored to present 25 year pins to many deserving firefighters, if you have not received yours yet you will be getting it as all departments that are still left are making plans for these presentations.

Thanks to Fort Wayne Convention Committee for a great convention.

Congratulations to Harold Hamison, this year's recipient of the Ollie Sandberg Award. Harold is a member of the Lewis Township Fire Department. Also, congratulations to John Meyers, this year's recipient of the Midwest Award. John is a member of Otter Creek #1.

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone for their support during my two years as District Chairman. It has meant alot to me. I am hoping as your West Central Public Relations officer-elect, I will learn alot from attending other district meetings, that will make me a better district chairman in the future.

Let's make District 11-A shine!!
Be Safe Out There,
Diane Harrison
District 11-A Chairman

DISTRICT 11-B

Fairview Park Volunteer
Fire Dept.
May 9, 2001

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ketchem. The invocation was given by Chaplain Mankin and the pledge to the flag was led by Vice Chairman Bush.

State Secretary Red Morris spoke on the factors occurring within our own organization. The upcoming topic to be presented by the district chairman later on during this meeting. Larry Bartlow, West Central PR spoke on the subject in question before those in attendance. A discussion was held whether to accept the new issue as presented. A motion was made by

Steve Lane, seconded by Connie Mankin that we do not support a vote for the past presidents to have voting rights within our organization.

A discussion on future insurance coverage for departments was held. Some numbers were thrown around at this time. A discussion on the new blue light law was held. A new law will be written by the committee, hoping to get a sponsor in the legislature for this new bill.

Six individuals from Fairview Park VFD totaling 226 years of service were presented their 25 year pins by Chairman Ketchem. Roll call was taken with 16 members from six departments present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Chairman Ketchem stated that IDEM has agreed that fire companies may burn vehicles for training purposes. They must submit their paperwork first. The joint district (11-A & 11-B) picnic will be held at Forest Park in Brazil this year.

The district auxiliary needs monies for door prizes at the picnic. A motion by Brent Bush to give the auxiliary \$150.00 for door prizes. Seconded by Jim Moore, the motion carried. Chairman Ketchem spoke on the financial status of the IVFA. Our Miss Flame, Kristen Lanzone, read a letter of introduction about herself that was sent to all the departments within the district. Patty Miller, District Auxiliary Chairman, gave a few comments. Rick Barry, curator of the Ernie Pule home in Dana, spoke about the home and what is available to the visitors who come to see the premises. Chairman Ketchem announced that the schedule for the next meeting and the picnic date will be forthcoming.

The meeting was then adjourned by the District Auxiliary Chaplain, Maxine Davies.

John Davies
Secretary

DISTRICT 12

Hello District 12 Firefighters: The 2001 State IVFA Convention was a great success! Fort Wayne hosted a grand affair and they are to be commended for all their hard work and dedication to this effort. Until you've been involved in putting on such an event, you cannot truly appreciate all the time, effort and people it takes to do so. So our helmets off to you, Fort Wayne, for a job well done! A good time was had by all.

If you haven't attended an IVFA Convention for a few years, or heaven forbid, never attend one at all, you just don't know what you're missing! You can just imagine how much fun it is when hundreds of fellow firefighters get together from all over the state in one spot to laugh, learn and just plain let their hair down! There's nothing like it! So what are you waiting for? Pre-register now for the 2002 convention being hosted by Evansville next year. After attending one, I have no doubt you'll want to make this an annual affair for the whole family!

Congratulations to Joe Hieston from the Jamestown Fire Department on receiving the 2001 Midwest Award! This award is given to one person in each district each year who has shown outstanding dedication to his department and his community. This person is nominated by sending letters to the chairman in your district telling why you think this individual should receive this award. To nominate someone in your department whom you feel is outstanding in their hard work and dedication to your fire department and community, please submit your letter(s) to me by no later than February of 2002. Only one person is given this award per district per year so don't just think about nominating someone - do it. What a great way to recognize those who do so much and often get so little in return.

I've given out many 25 year IVFA pins already and still have a few more to present. I've also had the privilege of giving out two gold cards to firefighters who have been members of the IVFA organization for 50 years or more. To those who have dedicated their service for so many years, I salute you.

As Chairman of District 12, I'm still struggling to get our attendance up at meetings. After asking many departments why they do not send representatives, the greatest response is just plain lack of time. Between their jobs, families, attending training sessions and meetings for their own fire departments, and, of course, making runs, it seems they just have too many irons in the fire - if you'll excuse the pun. So, I've decided to try having our District 12 meetings once a quarter in lieu of every other month thru October of this year. October will be the last meeting of 2001. Then starting in 2002, we will have meetings in January, April, July and October. Meeting notice cards will be sent out to each department, as in the past, to identify the date, time and place. If you are a member of a District 12 fire department and would be interested in attending these meetings, but never see the notices, please ask your Chief to be sure the card is posted on the bulletin board at your station. During my inquiries regarding lack of attendance, I have had some who say they never see the notices announcing these meetings. I feel it is the duty of the Chief of each station to see these notices are posted and posted in a timely fashion! If this seems to be a problem at your station, please let me know.

Your District 12 Chairman
John Ross

DISTRICT 14

We had a good 2001 IVFA Convention this year at Ft. Wayne. The convention committee did a super job. Thanks to Amanda McKenzie for representing the 14th District Miss Flame. She has done a great job this year.

The IVFA officers can only do so much for the fire departments. We need your help and your input as members of the IVFA. The correct address of all members is needed to get the IVFA newspaper. Also your membership dues need to be sent in. Registration forms for new members and changes need to be filled out correctly.

If you have members that have been in the fire service 25 years, let your district chairman know. They have the 25 year pins to give to these members.

Jack Kerney, President and Barbara Kerney, Ex. Secretary are doing a super job keeping our records straight. The IVFA officers are doing all we can to support your department in the state legislation. See you at our district meeting.

Roy E. Richardson
District 14 Chairman

DISTRICT 17B

The May District 17B meeting was held at the Cordry Sweetwater Fire Department in Brown County.

Special guest was Ron Bell, PR Southwest. Hot dogs and hamburgers were served.

A legislative update was given and a discussion was held about blue light law. Ron Bell gave a presentation over the IVFA benefits.

There were 16 in attendance. I attended the 13th annual National Fire and Emergency Services dinner in Washington, D.C. on April 25th. While in Washington, myself and several other IVFA district chairmen and officers toured many historical places.

The 55th annual IVFA convention was held in Fort Wayne June 13-16. I am pleased to announce the winner of the Midwest Award

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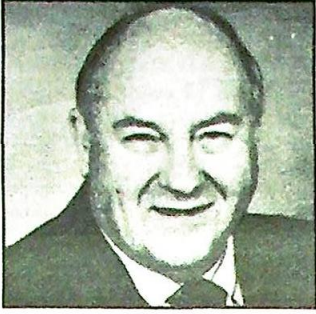
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From The Treasurer



Jack Harker

DISTRICT 17B

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for District 17B is Rick Davis of the Williams Fire Department. Congratulations, Rick.

It saddens me to report the death of a fellow firefighter from Marion Township Rural Fire Department. Jeff Carter, assistant chief, passed away on June 26th at the age of 39. The IVFA memorial service was held on Friday, June 29. Charles Baker, IVFA Chaplain gave the eulogy. Bagpiper John Smith performed the final bell and siren was given by John Ross, District 12 chairman. Other special guests in attendance were IVFA president Jack Kerney and wife Barb, IVFA treasurer Jack Harker and wife Bev, PR Southwest Ron Bell and wife Malinda, District 15 chairman Steve Anderson and John Ross' wife, Jan Ross.

I presented the grave marker and Bible to Jeff's wife, Debbie.

In closing, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns and if you would like to host a district meeting at your station, please call.

Jim Zeeks
District Chairman 17-B
812-849-5720

From the President ...

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department, give us a call in the office and we will put you on our schedule. I would like to visit your department and explain the benefit package in detail.

Midwest Award Winners Announced

- Following are the Midwest Award winners:
- District 1 - Robert A. Janes, Jr., Lake Station
 - District 2 - Robert Szot, Crown Point
 - District 3 - Thomas A. Wheatbrook, Rolling Prairie VFD
 - District 4 - Dennis L. Loucks, Concord Twp
 - District 5 - Michael D. Blair, Atwood VFD
 - District 6 - Jim Gilbert, Thorncreek VFD
 - District 7 - David L. Auman, Peo VFD
 - District 8A - Robert W. Fesler, Pipe Creek VFD
 - District 8B - Paul Sills, Montpelier VFD
 - District 9A - Charles Bill Randle, Delphi
 - District 9B - Don Lah, Goodland VFD
 - District 10 - Charles R. Israel, District 10
 - District 11A - John Myers, Otter Creek 1
 - District 11B - David H. Miller, Rosedale VFD
 - District 12 - Joe Hieston, Jamestown VFD
 - District 13A - Lewis McQueen, Greenfield FD
 - District 13B - Larry Bright, Centerville Fire/Rescue
 - District 14 - Robert L. McKinzie, Hanover Twp.
 - District 15 - Larry Grimes, Newburg VFD
 - District 16 - Charles Staser, Lafayette Twp. FD
 - District 17A - Jeffrey L. Stahl, Worthington Jeff FD
 - District 17B - Ricky D. Davis, Williams VFD
 - District 18 - Duane Goffinet, Anderson Twp. FD
 - District 19 - Wilbur Zimmer, Morris VFD
 - District 21 - Perry Martin, Schefield Twp.

Receives Watch For 50 Years Of Service



Ronald Lohrig of Western Fire Co. #3 (left) receives his watch for 50 years of service from president Pete Backus (right). (Photo submitted by Graham Lohrig, Western Fire Co. #3)

Three From Western Fire Co. #3 Earn 50 Years Of Service



Three firefighters from Western Fire Co. #3 have served over 50 years in the fire service. Pictured (left to right) are: Ronald Lohrig (50 years of service), William Lohrig (54 years of service), and William Goins (51 years of service). (Photo submitted by Graham Lohrig, Western Fire Co. #3).

Ronald Lohrig, in his 50 years of service, has formally held the office of president in the company.

He has been a tremendous asset to the company for his volunteer services.

Ronald Lohrig's grandfather, George Lohrig, was a member of the #3's from 1923 until the time of his death in 1934. His father, Harold Lohrig, was a member of the #3's from 1926 also until his death in 1983, having served 57 years. His brothers, William, James and

Graham are all members of Western Fire Company #3. Graham has two sons that are also members of the company. As of this date, the Lohrig family has 244 years of service in the #3's Company.

Our company just celebrated our 150th anniversary last year in May. We are very proud of our history and hold our heads high for our success as a volunteer fire company. We pride ourselves of knowing that we are still going strong.

Public Relations Southwest



Ronald Bell

I can't believe that summer is here, and convention has come and gone. Had a wonderful time at the convention. Congratulations to District 15 for their Miss Flame who was crowned IVFA 2001 Miss Flame and District 17A's Miss Flame contestant being the runner-up. We are proud of you girls. Also thank you to District 18's Miss Flame contestant Sara representing Lost River Volunteer Fire Department. Hope all the girls had a great time.

In April, 5 area firefighters took the training to become First Responders. This will be a great asset for their fire departments and the community.

Would like to congratulate Bud Killon and Gordon Strange for receiving their 25 year pins, and also they received an award from the office of State Fire Marshal Tracy Boatwright, the State of Indiana's Governor's Meritorious for their service to Plainville Fire Department.

Attended Lockhart Township Volunteer Fire Department's fundraiser pancake, sausage, and benefit supper at Stendal, IN. The fundraiser did well even with the black cloud hanging over them of knowing in a few days would be locked out of their fire barn by their trustee.

Congrats to Richard Cottrell for receiving special award also from the Fire Marshal's office.

May 2, Worthington Jefferson Volunteer Fire Department took delivery on a new rescue truck. Then on May 27th attended the Sycamore Festival Parade at Worthington. I had the privilege of showing our fire truck, fire gear and giving a tour of our station to Daisy Troop #707, from the Girl Scouts and also Cub Scout Pack #441.

May 5th I did a demonstration and training for Odon Head Start

children on how to stop, drop and roll. Attended District 17B's meeting at Cordy Sweetwater Fire Department. I had the honor in May to present Wayne Schuetz, Washington Township Daviess County Fire Department, and owner of Midwest Ambulance Service his 25 year fire service pin, while attending their dinner at Alexandria's, for ambulance service, First Responders and air evac lifeteam, and firefighters.

I attended District 18 and 15, 17B and 17A meetings.

Elnora/Elmore Twp. Vol. Fire Department held their annual chicken and hamburger barbecue fund raiser in May. Money raised is used to purchase equipment.

Odon Vol. Fire Department held their annual Jonah Fish Fry June 16th. We arrived home from the convention in time to attend the fundraiser.

My condolences to Jim and Jack Zeeks family and to Buz Koehler's family at the loss of their mother.

Naval Surface Weapon Center Fire Department at Crane Base lost one of their firefighters June 24th. Lonnie Potts died at the age of 54. Lonnie's medical battle began in 1995. Lonnie was on the liver transplant list here in Indiana, but due to getting better numbers from his liver test, his was taken off. Then his condition worsened and he was again placed on the Indiana Liver Transplant List. A decision was made that Lonnie should go to Florida where he stood a better chance of getting a liver faster. Lonnie became weaker and doctors wanted him stronger before they could do a transplant but he continued to weaken and the doctors virtually gave up.

Lonnie and his family were advised of the worsening situation and Lonnie wanted to come home, so they returned to their home here at Odon June 21st. Lonnie was honored with a memorial, and an Evansville Honor Guard, NSWC Crane Fire Department, and Odon Veterans of Foreign Wars. My heartfelt condolences to Lonnie's family.

Remember if you need anything or would like for me to attend meetings and functions that you are having. Give me a call and I will attend.

IVFA Public Relations
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(Appoint as needed) |

IVFAA President



Mary Mackin

STATE OFFICER'S MEETING

Marten House Indianapolis, Indiana May 6, 2001

President Mary Mackin called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M. with Joann Hayes, Chaplain leading us with Prayer. She also read two moving poems.

Lou Bartlow led us with the Pledge to the Flag due to the absence of the Sgt.-At-Arms Mariam Schaeckel.

Roll call was given by Diana Gray, Recording Secretary with 24 members and five guests.

Minutes were read by Diana and with minor corrections stood as read.

Treasurer's report from Dorothy Reiter is as follows:

Balance on Feb. 3, 2001.....	\$8991.97
Income:	
Dues.....	\$339.50
Interest.....	19.55
Jewelry.....	87.00
V.P. Project.....	\$193.00
Unrelated Inc.....	6.00
Total Income.....	+645.05
Disbursements:	
Operating Expenses.....	51.17
Mileage.....	841.32
Phone & Postage.....	73.36
Award & Gifts.....	300.00
Total Disbursements.....	-1265.85
Balance on hand May 3, 2001.....	\$8371.17

Correspondence: Martha Thomas stated she had none.

Membership: Diana says for the year 2000-2001 we have 69 departments, 55 individual, 22 lifetime, 849 paid by the department and a total membership of 926. For the year 2001-2002 we have two departments, ind. eight, lifetime 22, paid by department 45, with a total membership of 75.

Chaplain's Report: Joann asked for all to please keep her informed about any deaths, babies and sickness in your families. It was also noted that Jack Cox was in the hospital and should be coming home shortly, Jack Ford was ill and Marcie Killingbeck, District 3 chairman of the I.V.F.A.A., was also ill, Bill and Jean Kensey had their 50th wedding anniversary, sad news for Jack Zeeks as his mother has passed away, and good news for Toni Sorg has a new granddaughter named Emily. Our get well, congratulations and sympathy are extended to those mentioned.

Auditing: Faye Sallee says everything is going well.

Games: Nothing at this time.

Installation: Barb Parker says as always she will see that all goes well.

Financial Study: Faye again says all is wonderful.

Miss Flame: Patty Miller says a lot of hard work but she is confident all is going well and she is going to try something new with the girls this year. There are 17 girls this year so Patty and the girls will be real busy. E.J. Smith made a motion and seconded by Phyllis Vargo for safety issues to see that the girls playing waterball to be in the correct gear such as proper size bunker coats, raincoats, boots, and

HELLO EVERYONE!

Convention has come and gone. I hope everyone who attended had a good time in Fort Wayne.

Congratulations to Barbara Kerney for winning the Lois Boaz award. To Mr. William "Bill" Kinsey for winning the Mr. I.V.F.A. award. To Andrea Seib from District #15 for being crowned Miss Flame. To Diane Harrison for winning the first ever award for a female firefighter. All were very deserving.

This year we will be making plans to observe the 50 years of organization of the I.V.F.A. Auxiliary. If anyone has an ideal as to what we can do, please let one of the line officers, or your District Chairwoman know.

hardhats. Motion passed. Toni Sorg made a motion with a second by Melinda Bell for the districts to pay the dues for the girls to play waterball as members of the IVFAA if they are not already. Motion passed.

V.P. Project: Barb Kerney stated we still need to sell more tickets for the Fire Truck and the money even tho we got the truck donated as expenses keep going up for the Auxiliary. Remember this is the big money-maker for us.

By-Laws: Phyllis Vargo has no new by-law changes this year so I guess we are still doing things right. Also is there any one from your districts that new copies of the by-laws let know and she can make some copies for them. Some stated they will make their own copies. Toni says she may get a new Auxiliary from Jay County.

Jewelry: E.J. Smith says that she has plenty of new charms, tie tacs, etc., and has marked down older items. She is always available to sell them to you.

Nominating: Tammy Hungate says she is ready.

Historian: Ann Moss says she is still looking for the first book. Maybe it'll come out of the woodwork sometime soon.

President's Advisory: Faye still says wonderful job.

Lois Boaz: Ann says her committee is ready and waiting for convention.

Parliamentarian: Lou says just fine.

Old Business: There is none. Buzz Koehler spoke about the newspaper and again asked that if you have pictures and articles to get them in as soon as you get so that they will make the newspaper in time for printing.

New Business: Barb Parker has 15 items for the Chinese Auction and if you get to convention early and you have more items she will gladly take them. Let's try to pass up last year's profit.

Joann gave a closing prayer and she is using the Miss Flames to help her with the passing of the roses. It is very moving to be there with the girls at the Memorial. She has made crosses with a label on the back to be passed out to all who attend the Memorial.

A motion to adjourn was made by Marilyn Dever and seconded by Patty Miller and all were in favor. Barb Kerney acted as an auctioneer for a lot of laughs and fun by all

The last White Elephant sale went so good in May that we will have another one in August.

Evansville is hard at work on next year's convention. So make your plans on attending next year's convention.

Thanks to everyone who supported our drawing for fire truck and the Chinese Auction. These projects help us to keep your dues low.

I am looking forward to working with all of you throughout this year.

Sincerely yours,
Mary L. Mackin
I.V.F.A. President

November Deadline - October 10, 2001

present and a profit of approximately \$115.00 was turned over to Dorothy to deposit. We had such a good time maybe we can do this more often.

Happy Birthdays to Rowena Scott and Wanda Johnson for the month of June.

Laughter is to life what shock absorbers are to automobiles. It won't take the potholes out of the road, but it sure makes the ride smoother.

Respectfully submitted,
Corresponding Secretary
IVFAA
Martha Thomas

Wayne Hilton Hotel Fort Wayne, Indiana June 14, 2001

Mary Mackin opened the meeting at 2:25 p.m. Joann Hayes gave the opening prayer and Mariam Schaeckel led us in the pledge to the flag.

Diana Gray had roll call with 24 members and four guests present Diana Gray read the minutes and they stood as read.

Dorothy Reiter gave the treasurer's report as follows:

Balance on hand May 3, 2001.....	\$8371.17
INCOME	
Dues.....	\$175.00
Interest.....	6.32
Unrelated Inc.....	115.00
Total Income =	+\$296.32
Disbursements:	
Operating Expense.....	58.75
Annuals.....	450.00
Mileage.....	1049.00
Phone & Postage.....	28.54
Total Disbursements =	1586.51
Balance on hand June 1, 2001.....	\$7080.98

Martha Thomas read a letter from Mary Boyd about her not able to attend this year's convention as she will be on vacation with her family that had been previous planned for some time.

Joann read the Chaplain's report with eight deceased ladies and 87 men. She also stated that she needed more information about addresses as she cannot get flowers delivered with post office boxes but some members cannot get their mail delivered unless they use their post office box. Any help that she can have will be greatly appreciated. Bob Esserman gave a donation to the Auxiliary in Bernice's name and

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Miss Flame 2001 Offers Thanks

I would like to thank everyone who attended the 2001 I.V.F.A. and I.V.F.A.A. convention.

I had a wonderful time meeting people and making friends at the convention. The memories I have of the convention will be cherished forever. I was overwhelmed with all of the gifts and the kindness that the Miss Flame contestants and I received.

I am extremely excited about being Miss Flame and will do my best to carry out the Miss Flame duties. I would greatly appreciate it if all of the districts would notify me about any events that are taking place in

their district. I will try to attend as many events as possible.

Thank you all for making the convention so special. I hope to see everyone in Evansville for the 2002 convention!

Please contact me at this address for any information about your district:

Andrea Seib
186 North Cale Street
Poseyville, IN 47633
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Sincerely,
Andrea Seib
Miss Flame 2001

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IVFAA Vice President



Barbara Kerney

First I want to say thanks to the Ft. Wayne group for a great convention. Jack and I had a great time being with old friends and meeting new ones.

Being selected the 2001 Lois Boaz winner was indeed an honor that I will cherish. There are lots of deserving ladies; remember to send their names in next year. Thanks to those who served on the selection committee. I feel privileged to have the honor along with all the previous winners.

Ladies, we are trying real hard to update our organization, making it an organization that you feel a part of and would be willing to go out and work to make it better. If you have suggestions or questions, we welcome both. If you can't get in touch with your district chairman, feel free to call myself or any of the other officers, they are working for you.

Elections are forthcoming for selecting district chairmen. Be supportive of those you elect. They are willing to give of their time and efforts to help all of us.

Congratulations to our new Miss Flame, Andrea Seib. Andrea is from District 15 and we are all very proud of her being crowned Miss Flame for 2001. She is very excited about her new reign. All the girls did a great job. I would not have wanted to be a judge.

STATE MEETING

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it was decided to use it to help defray the expenses of the Bibles. We miss her very much. Lou Bartlow made a motion to buy 12 new Bibles as we need them badly, with a second by Phyllis Vargo and the motion carried.

Auditing: Faye Sallee says everything is wonderful.

Games: Marilyn Dever says there are five women's waterball and five men's waterball contests.

Attention: IVFAA Auxiliary Members

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 Contact:
 Maxine Davies
 5 Brookside Street
 Filmore, IN 46128
 (765) 246-6220

Installation: Barb Parker says she will need no rehearsal.

Financial Study: Faye says okay.
 Miss Flame: Patty Miller says she has a wonderful group of girls and that she knows that the judges had a very hard time with the judging. There were 16 girls and they did a fantastic job while they were there with her committee.

V.P. Project: Barb Kerney says that she would like to have more tickets sold and if some of the girls had tickets left to let other people know about them so that they could help sell them. Marsha made a motion to have another trash and treasure sale after our August meeting to help raise more money for the treasury. Melinda Bell seconded the motion and all were in favor.

By-Laws: Phyllis Vargo says everything just fine.

Jewelry: E.J. Smith says that the 2001 charms and tiewacks are going just fine. The men have asked if we were going to change some of the items to Firefighter. She said she would mention it to our members.

Nominating: Tammy Hungate says she is ready.

Historian: Ann Moss says that she is still looking for Book number 1.

President's Advisory: Faye says okay as usual.

Lois Boaz: Ann is ready but won't tell at this time.

Parliamentarian: Lou says okay at this time.

Old Business: Meeting notices will be added with the officer's minutes and not sent out in separate notices.

New Business: Chinese auction is off to a slow start at this time but the convention is not over yet. We'll still get their money so they won't get away from us. We're sorry that Marcie Killingbeck is not feeling so well so she has to resign her chairman's position and Leona Uryga is the new chairman for District 3 for the time being.

Patty Miller made a motion to adjourn with a second by Leona Uryga and all in favor. Joann gave the closing prayer. The next meeting will be August 11th & 12th at the Martin House in Indianapolis.

Don't forget the trash and treasure for the meeting.

Don't forget a smile and a hug can go a long way in this world. Just smile and see how long it takes for a return smile to be given.

A HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Faye Sallee, Marilyn Dever and Carolyn Morris. ENJOY.

Submitted by,
 Corresponding Sec. IVFAA
 Martha Thomas

CONVENTION MEETING FORT WAYNE, INDIANA JUNE 15, 2001

President Mary Mackin opened the meeting at 8:10 a.m. Chaplain Joann Hayes gave a prayer and stated that she had to leave to help with the Memorial. Sgt.-at-Arms Mariam Schaeckel led us with the pledge to the flag.

Diana Gray, recording secretary gave the roll call with 74 members, 12 individuals, and three guests present.

Diana read the minutes from the previous 2000 convention. With no corrections they stood as read.

Treasurer's report was given by Dorothy Reiter with subject to audit at the August officer's meeting.

NOTICE:
 See Page 2 for information on NEW IVFA Central Office

Balance brought forward June 1, 2000.....\$8,156.14
 Income:
 Dues: \$3,840.50
 Interest: 83.91
 Jewelry: 689.00
 V.P. Project: 2,116.00
 Unrelated Inc.: 150.00
 Total income June 1, 2000 to May 31, 2001 \$6,879.92
 +\$6879.92

Disbursements:
 Operating Expenses \$2,336.43
 Annuals: 650.00
 Mileage: 3,521.94
 Phone & Postage: 278.05
 Overpaid Dues: 13.50
 Jewelry: 465.86
 V.P. Project: 200.00
 Awards & Gifts: 489.30
 Total Disbursements June 1, 2000 to May 31, 2001 \$7,955.08
 - \$7,955.08

Balance on hand June 1, 2001.....\$7,080.98

Correspondence: Martha had none except the letter from Mary Boyd not being able to attend this year's convention. We will miss her and hope that she can attend an officer's meeting.

Chaplain's report: As Joann was setting up for the memorial, she previous stated that she had eight deceased women at the time of the printing up the memorial's leaflet. The ones that are very recent will have to be in the memorial for the year 2002.

Auditing: Faye Sallee says everything just fine.

Games: Marilyn Dever has five ladies' waterball and five men's waterball games. There will be a fire truck muster with the best of show the winner.

Installation: Barb Parker has everything ready.

Financial study: Faye again says everything is okay.

Miss Flame: Patty Miller says everything was a success as far as she could tell. She introduced the girls for this year and the 2001 Miss Flame winner is Andrea Seib from District 15 and the runner-up is Deanna Chestnut from District 17A. Gifts were passed out to all the girls and we were told that it was hard time picking a winner. Patty thanked her committee for their help.

V.P. Project: Barb Kerney stated that the sales were still down and even though the fire truck and money was donated we still needed more money to help defray the expenses of the auxiliary. This is the biggest money maker we have and as we also have the Chinese auction we need more money to help us out.

By-Laws: Phyllis Vargo states there are none so good job by all.

Jewelry: E.J. Smith is out of some of her items and she needs more IVFAA badges.

Nominating: Tammy Hungate says she is ready.

Historian: Ann Moss still needs book #1 and Wanda Johnson gave Ann the books that she had and anyone can still give Ann items if you don't need them yourselves.

President's Advisory: Again Faye says all is well.

Lois Boaz: Ann Moss stated that Barb Kerney is this year's winner. A wonderful choice by the committee. We wish her all the best.

Parliamentarian: Lou Bartlow also says everything is just super.

Old Business: Mary handed out 25 year certificates to the ones eligible. A question about having flags given to deceased members for their graves was asked and it was stated that Bibles are given to the families.

Convention report: E.J. wanted to thank District 6 for all the help they received for this year's convention. Also the ditty bags for the girls were made by Paul Harding's art class with different designs on the bags. (VERY NICE) Photo albums were donated by Jack and Barbara Kerney (ALSO VERY SPECIAL).

Announcements: Poe is having their festival August 24th & 25th, Dana is having their 50th anniversary says August 9th, 10th, and

IVFAA Chaplain



Joann Hays

11th. Try and make some of their days as we know fun will be had by all. Patty Miller is selling plates for your vehicles for \$10.00 so let her know if you need any.

As the IVFAA will be celebrating 50 years in 2002, bring suggestions to the officers so that they may have a special year at next year's convention. Any idea would help greatly. Next year's convention will be in Evansville so make your room reservations at the Executive Inn as you must do this yourselves. Rooms are \$69.00, so hurry. Steve Anderson from District 15 and from Perry Township Dept. is the Chairman.

Tammy Hungate read the slate of officers for the 2001-2002 year.

President: Mary Mackin
 Vice-President: Barb Kerney
 Recording Sec.: Diana Gray
 Corresponding Sec.: Martha Thomas

Treasurer: Dorothy Reiter
 Sgt.-at-Arms: Mariam Schaeckel
 Chaplain: Joann Hayes

Tammy asked if there were any nominations from the floor for all offices, being none the nominations were closed. Barb Parker installed all officers in a short but moving installation.

A motion by Phyllis Vargo to adjourn and a second by Ann Moss with all in favor was made. In the absence of Joann, Barb Kerney gave the closing prayer. Door prizes were given out and the ditty bags as the members left the meeting.

Our prayers and get wells to Jack Harker and Jack Cox with his lovely wife, Nancy.

Submitted by,
 Corresponding Sec. IVFAA
 Martha Thomas

DISTRICTS 1 & 2

May 3, 2001

The meeting was called to order by Ann Moss, president of the I.V.F.A.A. District 2 at 7:10 p.m. with prayer and department history given by the Lake Eliza Fire Department.

The host department Lake Eliza served dinner.

Ann introduced the guests that were in attendance - Jim Bradford, District 1 I.V.F.A. chairman, Clarence Moss, Dist. 1 & 2 I.V.F.A. treasurer, Curt Reifon, District 2 chairman, Nikki Luebcke, 2000 Miss Flame and mother, Kim Perry, District 1 Miss Flame and mother, Melissa Baumgardner, District 2 Miss Flame, Martha Thomas, corresponding secretary I.V.F.A.A., husband Jake, Jim Vargo, Schererville.

Marge Baumgardner took roll call with 34 members in attendance representing nine departments, two individuals.

Minutes of the March 1, 2001 meeting were read by Marge Baumgardner passed as read.

Treasurer's report was given by Ann Moss. Balance for both accounts is \$1,193.63 - passed as read subject to audit.

Old Business: Notes taken by Phyllis Vargo in the absence of Marge Baumgardner who had to leave the meeting early noted no old business.

New Business: Silent auction was held, items were sold to the highest

bidder.

Lynn Luebcke asked if she could read a poem she wrote for Nikki. Nikki then thanked everyone for all his or her help during her reign as Miss Flame.

Next meeting will be September 6, 2001 at New Chicago.

Department announcements were given.

50/50 was \$41.00.

Attendance trophy went to Munster for District #1, Lowell for District #2.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed.

Adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
 Marge Baumgardner,
 Secretary District #2

DISTRICT 11-A

The convention at Ft. Wayne was a real success. If you missed out, start planning now for next year in Evansville. The memorial service was very moving and the District Miss Flames again assisted with the roses.

Our Miss Flame, Heather Eckstein, of Posey Twp., represented us well and we can be very proud. Please invite her to your fish fries and parades so she can continue to represent you.

Dues are now due. If you haven't sent them, they will be delinquent in September. If you need forms or information, please contact me. Remember, even if your auxiliary doesn't have five persons, you can still be an individual member.

Thanks to Burnett VFD for hosting the July meeting.

Upcoming events are:
 September 9 - 11A-11B picnic at Brazil Forrest Park Pavilion
 September 15 - Fish Fry at Carbon

September 22 - Bleemel Days in Terre Haute
 Respectfully submitted,
 Carolyn Morris
 Chairman, District 11A IVFAA

DISTRICT 11-B

Another fiscal year for the IVFA Auxiliary has come to a close and the 2001 Convention is history. Congratulations to all of the award winners this year, they were very good choices. We are especially proud of our Kristen Lanzone for representing our district in the Miss Flame contest. She did a great job.

I have to brag also. My husband, David, received the District 11B Midwest Award. We are very proud of him. He has been a firefighter for 29 years. He's that old??

The District 11 A and 11B picnic is being hosted by District 11B this year. It will be Sunday, September at 1:00 P.M. at Forest Park in Brazil. Bring a well-filled basket and lawn chairs. What a good time we will have visiting. Everyone is invited.

Please try to attend your next district meeting. We need lots of new blood and we want to have more input from area departments. Besides, we also have a nice time chatting.

Auxiliaries, the 2001-2002 dues need to be paid. They will be delinquent September 30. Dues are \$3.50 per member. If you have questions or need help organizing, just give me a call at 765-832-6931.

Well, I guess I have said enough, I hope everyone has a great summer. Don't fret, Moms school will be in session soon!

Patty Miller



NEW LICENSE PLATE INFORMATION

2001 Important Instructions! Please Take Note

The State of Indiana provides Special Recognition License Plates to qualified members of organizations such as the IVFA. This program is administered through the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

The IVFA Central Office coordinates the program for members of the Association.

You will not be able to obtain plate request forms unless you complete the following instructions.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

To obtain your license plate(s) you must:

1. Be a paid-up member of the IVFA when your license plate(s) are due for renewal.
2. Return your Individual Plate Request Application to the IVFA Central Office NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS BEFORE THE MONTH YOU WISH TO RECEIVE YOUR PLATES. This form should contain the number of plates you are requesting for the year 2000, along with \$5 for each plate.

Renewal months by first letter of your last name

January - Corporations February - A, B, Rental, Bus
 March - C, D April - E, F, G, Personal May - H, I
 June - J, K, L July - M, N, O August - P, Q
 September - S, T October - U, V, W, X, Y, Z

3. Purchase the actual quantity of plates you requested from the IVFA Central Office.

- a. DO NOT request more forms than you plan to use!
- b. the BMV may charge the IVFA for leftover plates you do not pay for!

4. The application contains a space to write the number of plates requested, making it necessary to fill out only ONE APPLICATION PER PERSON NOT PER PLATE.

5. The license plate form will be sent to each individual at their home address.

6. It is important that the individual or department keep a copy of all forms for their records.

7. This application form can be copied and kept in a file for further use throughout the year!

8. See additional instructions for BMV procedures. (Below)

BMV Procedures

After you have completed and mailed in your license plate form application you will receive the number of license plate forms you ordered. At that time, it is necessary to submit the form(s) to the BMV.

1. Submit or mail one (1) plate request form to the BMV for each license plate requested.
2. Must be an original form (with the raised seal on the bottom right hand corner).
3. Forms are computer printed; copies are not acceptable.
4. Pay a fee of \$12 for each plate requested in addition to all other registration fees and taxes.
5. Follow all directions supplied to you by the BMV.

This is a general outline of the steps needed to renew Special Recognition License Plates. The IVFA only supplies the necessary authorization form(s) to obtain the IVFA Special Recognition License Plates.

Upon receiving the form(s), members must follow and complete all BMV regulations in order to receive the plates.

Please, do not send vehicle registrations to the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, only to the BMV.

PLEASE NOTE!

The form below should be filled out and mailed, along with your money, to:
IVFA CENTRAL OFFICE - BARBARA KERNEY

P.O. BOX 4797 EVANSVILLE, IN 47724

INDICATE ON THE ENVELOPE YOUR PLATE RENEWAL MONTH

Please do not send the application to this newspaper.

That will only delay your application and you may miss out on getting your special plates.
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Thank you for your cooperation.

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2001 IVFA Individual License Plate Request Form Application

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Department Name _____ Department # _____

Home Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Month Your Plates Renew _____

Daytime Phone _____ # Plates Requested _____

County of Residence _____ Amount Enclosed _____ Check # _____

DISTRICT 6

May 17, 2001
Corunna Fire Department
The meeting was called to order by chairman Tim Jones at 19:48 hours.

Roll call was answered by 35 members, two guests, from 16 departments. With 327 incidents reported.

The minutes were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Chairman Tim Jones introduced Keith Oberlin, the new sales representative from Midwest Fire & Safety for Pierce Manufacture.

NEW BUSINESS: Chairman Tim Jones covered the dues package, the blue light survey on page 32 of the May 2001 issue of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter paper. Tim also covered the events of the upcoming convention in June in Fort Wayne. P.R. Northeast Mike Mackin reread the By-Laws and S.O.G. proposed changes. Motion made by Shane Jacobs to have chairman Tim Jones to vote "YES", at the next board meeting for the District. Tim then covered the Indiana Weekend at the National Fire Academy, coming up in September. Mike Mackin motioned that the district pay the dues of \$3.50 to the I.V.F.A.A. for Miss Flame Amanda Conley. Bill Walters seconded, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None.
We then took a short break at 20:24 hours. Tim then called the meeting back to order with the Auxiliary present at 20:38 hours to present 25 year pins to William "Bill" Goodwin, Dale "Budd" Grogg from Angola Fire Dept., Arthur Loucks from Hudson Fire Dept., John Greenmyer from Metz Fire Dept., John Sechler and Harold Yeiser from Concord Twp. Fire Dept., Glen Moore from Spencerville Fire Dept., Mike Jacobs, and Harold Weikheiser from Garrett Fire Dept., Bernie White from Freemont Fire Dept.
Tim also presented Arthur Loucks a 50 Year "Life Member" Gold Card.

The next meeting will be on July 19, 2001 at Thorncreek Twp. with the election of officers.

The Training Program will be on Organizing Dive Teams.

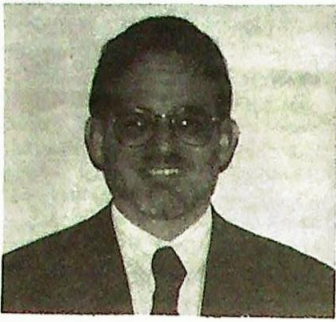
The 50/50 winner was Chad Weikheiser from Garrett Fire Dept. Meeting adjourned at 20:45 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Mackin
District Secretary

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Michael Mackin

HELLO NORTHEAST:

Congratulations to Mr. William "Bill" Kinsey for winning the Mr. I.V.F.A. Award. Barbara Kerney for winning the Lois Boaz Award. To Diane Harrison for winning the first ever "Angel" Award, for a female firefighter. And to Andrea Seib from District #15 for being crowned Miss Flame, all of these awards were presented at the convention which was held in Fort Wayne this year.

I hope all who did attend the convention, did have a good time. I would like to thank President Jack Kerney and Vice-President "Buz" Koehler in their help with the "Dunk Tank" to help raise money for the Burn Center. I do hope you are planning on attending convention next year, which will be held in Evansville. I know they are working hard at making it a memorable time for all who will attend.

I know I have not had a chance to get out and visit any departments this last quarter. I do plan making a change in this matter.

Last of all, I want to thank Districts 4, 5, 6 and 7 for all of your support in electing myself to serve as your P.R. Director for another year.

P.R. Northeast
Mike Mackin

DISTRICT 17-A

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Heather Bird. She was lost in a car accident. She was a member of Vincennes Vol. Fire Department.

Get well wishes are sent out to Jack Harker! Get well soon, Jack!

May's District 17A meeting was hosted by Steen Twp. Fire Dept. in Wheatland. Gary Robinson presented Richard Cottrell with the Governor's Meritorious Service Award. Gary Robinson was the speaker of the evening.

Fire convention was held in Ft. Wayne in June. I really appreciate the great turnout of District 17A, the following departments were represented: Bloomfield Vol. Fire Dept., Richland Taylor Vol. Fire Dept., Highland Vol. Fire Dept. and Vincennes Vol. Fire Dept. A good time was had by all attending. District 17A is proud of our Miss Flame, Deanna Chesnut who was voted first runner-up. Congratulations to Andrea Seib the 2001 Miss Flame. Jeff Stahl of Worthington-Jefferson Fire Dept. won 17A Midwest Award.

I presented 25 year pins to the following members of the Lyons Vol. Fire Dept.: Conrad Edwards, Floyd Vaughn, Eugene Hardesty, Larry Russell and Larry Waggoner.

District 17A's next district meeting will be July 25th at 7:00 p.m. in Winslow at the Community Building.

I.V.F.A. dues are due by end of July. Elections will be held at the Winslow district meeting.

See you there.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Abrams
District 17A Chairman



Retirement Party Held For Bill Howe



SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2000 - What Bill thought was to be a retirement party with family and his Schererville Fire Department family, turned out to be much more. Unknown to him, invitations, designed by his granddaughter, Heather Schmitt, were sent to friends to the fire service from when he first became active in the I.V.F.A. and his wife Betsy was active in the I.V.F.A. to the present time. Co-workers from L.T.V. Steel in East Chicago, IN also were invited as Bill was retiring from there on August 31, 2000 with forty-four (44) years of service.

Bill's forty-one + (41+) years in the volunteer fire service started in 1959, with the New Elliott Volunteer Fire Department, located in St. John Township. This department was small, depending on township money, pancake breakfast money and money raised by the ladies auxiliary to meet operating expenses. Bill served as lieutenant, captain, treasurer of department and was elected chief in 1975 when the merger with Schererville Vol. Fire Dept. took place in January of 1978, he became captain of Station #3, later being elected assistant chief. With the time needed to serve the I.V.F.A., Bill decided to return to a black hat firefighter.

Bill started out his years with the I.V.F.A. as District 1 secretary, then

District 1 chairman, followed by P.R. Northwest, then again District 1 chairman. He worked on two (2) I.V.F.A. conventions for the northwest, then served as co-chairman of the 50th anniversary convention in 1996 along with District 2 chairman Larry Stout, and his son Bill A. Howe. Bill also served on the I.V.F.A. paper committee as the editor's assistant for many years.

During his years of being a firefighter and serving the I.V.F.A. he received numerous awards, the highest honor of the I.V.F.A. is to be named Mr. I.V.F.A., which he received at the Elkhart Convention in 1983, the Midwest Award for District 1 was presented to him in 1987, followed by the President's Award in 1993 from then President Willie "Mitch" Parish.

Bill has met many people through his place of work, through the fire service and while serving on the Schererville Civic Fund for eight years as a director. He is honored to have so many great friends, they in turn came to honor him at his retirement party.

The restaurant and tap (Firehouse Tap, Schererville, IN) were beautifully decorated with fire helmets and balloons as table decorations, banners on the walls, this was all done for dad by his children, the restaurant sign outdoors welcomed all to the party. The aerial firetruck was there and decorated with balloons. As Bill made his way around the rooms he was really taken back in time with seeing long time friends, past and present I.V.F.A. and I.V.F.A.A. officers and many of his co-workers.

Son Bill A. served as the master of ceremonies. He asked his father to come forward. Past President Ivan Nevil, now of the Fire Marshal's office, presented on behalf of the Fire Marshal the Meritorious Service Award, next came Sen. Sue Landske from Cedar Lake, she presented a State of Indiana flag, which as flown over the Indiana Senate Building. Bill A. then called upon I.V.F.A. past presidents Jim Parker,

Mitch Parish and Dick Glant, they presented Bill with a plaque from the I.V.F.A. for twenty-five (25) years as an officer for the association. Schererville Fire Chief George Michels presented Bill with a plaque that has Bill's helmet shield, with his department number -001- on it. Father Duane Lasntz, past I.V.F.A. chaplain closed this part of the party with a few remarks.

Bill opened numerous gifts and cards and thanked all for the gifts and for being here today. He was especially thankful that all of he and Betsy's children, their spouses, grandchildren and great-granddaughter could be here today.

Bill and Betsy retired outdoors to get onboard the firetruck and turned loose dozens of red, blue and gold balloons.

Special thanks to Edward (Bo) and Betty Kaeser, owners of the Firehouse Tap, Chief George Michels and all members of the Schererville Fire Dept.

More to come for the retiree, he received a phone call to be at the Lake County Government Center the morning of Sept. 6 for a meeting of the county commissioners. Commissioner Gerry Scheub requested Bill to come forward. Gerry read Resolution No. 2000, honoring William H. Howe for his service to New Elliott Fire Dept., Schererville Fire Dept., St. John Twp. and Lake County as a firefighter.

Next request for Bill was to attend the Schererville Town Council meeting Sept. 13th. Bill and Betsy arrived to find their family and many Schererville Fire personnel. Chief George Michels was called on by Council President Mike Troxell. Bill and his family were asked to please come forward. Chief Michels asked Mr. Troxel to speak first. "On behalf of the Schererville Town we present to you William H. Howe this plaque for your 41 years of service as a firefighter." Next speaker was Dave Dowling, St. John Twp. Trustee, he presented Bill a plaque for his service to the Township. Chief Michels presented Bill with his retirement watch from the Schererville Fire Dept.

Ten days later Bill and Betsy made the BIG MOVE to Tennessee. Come November 3rd, they returned to northwest Indiana for Bill to attend a retirement party for himself and six (6) others from LTV Steel. While there another request for Bill to attend the November 8th Schererville town board meeting and to be there at 7:00 p.m. sharp. Bill and Betsy arrived and were greeted by their son, Bill, Bo Kaeser and George Michels. They entered the meeting room only to find all their children and grandchildren. Bill had a feeling something was up, but he was not sure as to what. The board meeting was called to order, the president called upon Senator Sue Landske, she has been a friend of Bill and Betsy for many years through her work in the Senate for the Volunteer Fire Service. Sue asked Bill to join her. She stated that

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IVFA STATE OFFICERS' MEETING

Quarterly Officer's Meeting May 5, 2001

President Kerney called the meeting to order and asked Chaplain Baker for the Invocation. Buzz Koehler then led us in the pledge to the flag.

Jack Kerney reported he traveled 3562 miles and highlighted where he had been during the past quarter. He filled us in that past president Cox is back in the hospital and they found kidney stones.

Vice-president Koehler thanked us for the thoughts and prayers on behalf of his mother and stated all the stops he made in his 2632 miles of travel.

Mr. Kerney covered several of those that recently have lost loved ones and the firefighters who are on the distressed list. Please keep them in your prayers and maybe send a card.

Chaplain Baker had a busy quarter and thanked those who helped them. Please check the records and make sure ALL deceased brother's names are turned in to him immediately so they will be on the list for Convention.

Secretaries' report: Red indicated that everyone should have received a copy of the minutes of the previous quarterly meeting. It was noted the year was 2001 and not 2000 as was shown in one place. Larry Petro made a motion we accept the minutes as distributed with the date correction. Don Kissinger had the second and the motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Mr. Harker distributed copies of the report and covered the major points. Larry Petro moved to accept and Don Cushman seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Bill requested we call him and order what we need so he can bring it to the meetings. He has seven requests for plaques. He did bring some additional supplies if we need them. Bill also read a list of what he has on hand and what he has on order. He suggested we order some more of the small and large decals.

Public Relations reports:

PRNW Dennis Schavey traveled 1400 miles and filled us in on all his stops along the way.

PRNE Mike Mackin has made all his district meetings and several fund raisers. He reported the Goodwins will be at Convention and that he has spoken with Jack Ford.

PRWC Larry Bartlow has traveled about 500 miles attending all the district meetings in his area and several memorials. His voice wasn't in the greatest of shape so he decided to let the chairmen do the talking.

PREC Don Cushman covered about 400 miles and made his meetings and some fund-raisers. He advised us Cal Schaeckel will have a knee replaced but plans on being at Convention.

PRSW Ron Bell said he drove 1400 miles attending the meetings, fund-raisers and memorials. He thanked us for the cards and prayers in the passing of his brother.

PRSE Nelson Ehlers has endured a change in his work and has not been able to attend the meetings as he feels he should. He plans not to run for the job at Convention. He commented he will miss Charlie's minute messages. We will miss him and the efforts he has put in.

Past president reports:

Parker, Bruns, Swartz, Parish, and Glant passed. Zeeks thanked us for the cards, flowers, and prayers when his mother passed away.

The emergency calling list was lacking in some instances.

Pictures from the February and May papers are available for pick up.

District Chairman Reports:

District 1: Jim Bradford had one death, thanked Roy for the pin idea, has given 249 pins out and has 314 to go. He's also presented nine gold cards, and is having good attendance. They have a problem at Pine Twp., the Trustee fired the department, but our IVFA officers are doing what they can to assist.

District 2: See the District 1 report.

District 3: Tim Sandy had one meeting and passed out several pins, presented a pin to Father Lance, and had 18 people from seven departments.

District 4: John Ferro has been passing out pins, working on the unpaid departments, and had 15 people from nine departments at the meeting.

District 5: John Ferro has been passing out pins, working on the unpaid departments and had 15 people from nine departments at the meeting.

District 5: Don Kissinger drove over 800 miles presenting pins and one gold card. They've lost two firefighters and had 21 people from 10 departments.

District 6: Tim Jones found 67 members from 14 departments at the meeting and passed out several pins. They've lost two firefighters.

District 7: Mort Sorg presented pins and had the bake sale at the last meeting.

District 8A: Bill Pape has driven 476 miles visiting eight departments to present pins. He reported 22 members from nine departments at the meeting.

District 8B: Larry Petro sustained two deaths, had attendance of 23 from seven departments, and stated the firefighters in the field like the pins.

District 9A: Jon Randle reportedly had to work.

District 9B: Randy Denton is passing out pins and had 25 people from 11 departments.

District 10: David Israel has had one meeting where 31 members from 11 departments were in attendance, reported two deaths, is working the non-member list and is having good attendance.

District 11A: Diane Harrison reported zero deaths, 29 members from 13 departments at the meeting (including Marshal Boatwright), reminded us to keep July 28 open, and has presented several 25 year pins.

District 11B: Larry Ketchem advised he had 18 people from nine departments for the last meeting, has presented one gold card and 27 pins plus two clocks. They've also experienced three deaths.

District 12: John Ross reported 18 members from nine departments, one death, and thanks to Bill and Larry for the clock presentation.

District 13A: Tim Martin said they had 28 members from nine departments at their last meeting, he's visited six departments to present pins, has had one death, and thinks three departments will return to the fold.

District 13B: Dennis Spears had 13 people from six departments for the Miss Flame contest.

District 14: Roy Richardson has driven 728 miles giving out 25 year pins. He has a 100 year old firefighter to honor, and wants a good accounting of where the pins are going.

District 15: Steve Anderson covered 1250 miles, had 12 people from five departments, had three memorials, visited 16 departments, made 24 contacts total. He is also working unpaid-paid departments.

District 16: Dale Scott was missing the action.

District 17A: Jim Abrams reported 48 people from nine departments, two deaths (thank you, Charlie for the help), they have a Miss Flame candidate, and he has had 10 department visits.

District 17B: Jim Zeeks has presented pins, a Bible and grave marker, and had one clock presentation thanks to Jack Kerney. Jim also thanked everyone for the cards, prayers, and flowers.

President Kerney recognized Misters Tim and Pat Downey for the purpose of addressing the group on a couple of items. The first was about the changes in the workmen's comp. world. Hartford will be out 6-30-02. The second was the Relief Association Bill. They also spoke about combining the Accident and Health and Workmen's Comp.

District 18: Charles Parker had 96 members from 22 departments at the meeting and reported two deaths.

District 19: Paul Covington was not here yet.

District 21: Don Foltz found 10 people from six departments, has presented some pins and attended several meetings. He reported Perry had been in the hospital with blisters on his feet.

Committee reports:

Insurance -- our needs were put out for bid and recommendations made back. We've given the business to Jones Associates/Provident and at a good savings.

Bridgeport -- the Committee met last night and went through 38 applications. We have the two winners and Carl will contact all applicants. There will be a new front page for next year, and we need to make anyone who is interested aware of the requirements.

Editor's Assistant -- papers are out and some copies are here. We need to limit the numbers of pictures for each event and keep the picture size reasonable. Keep getting the items in as early as possible.

Ad solicitor -- Mitch Parish has one not paid from the August issue, one from the November issue, and four from the February issue. Bill Pape is working on the oldest one but it may need to go to court. The Convention book is in progress and looking good. Mitch is in need of some leads to contact. Make sure we use the new price list.

Clothing claims -- We have three glasses claims. Press hard when filling out forms.

Awards - Midwest Awards are in for each district. Ollie Sandberg committee needs to meet this weekend.

Fire schools -- nothing to report.

Annual meeting digest -- nothing until after convention.

Legislative -- information has been getting out better this year. Charlie read some bills which have been signed. The budget bill has not been signed yet so the Build Indiana monies are somewhat in limbo. On page 32 of the newspaper is a questionnaire to learn what the firefighters want to see in the blue light law. Encourage each of our members to fill one out and send to the District Chairman or send it to the Central Office. Charlie talked a little about the talks we are having with IDEM about vehicle burns for training.

Mr. IVFA -- selection has been made. Should we have the deadline for nominees in all awards be at the same time and be earlier than some are now, if possible, say the first of February? The idea was referred to the awards committee for study.

By-Laws -- we have changes which should have gotten passed out to all board members but didn't. New pages 1, 4 and 43 were passed out. SOG pages 1 and 27 were also exchanged. Jim covered the changes which will come before the board meeting tomorrow. One by-law change to change the voting members of the Board of Directors allowing the past presidents to vote. The change in the SOG's would change the wording to have each dues paying member have a dues card and also receive a copy of the newspaper.

Logo -- needs direction from the body as to how strict they should be. They feel they need that input before they can move forward. For example: if the IVFA needs to order more tie-tacks, should they need to come to the committee before ordering, or if the Convention had a need to put the logo on its letterhead, must it come to the logo committee first. It came to light that the logo has been registered but we don't have the "little R" on anything. Jack Zeeks made a motion that we start putting the "little R" on everything and the Logo Committee can be responsible to authorize any and all usages. John Ferro had the second. Motion carried.

It being 7:00 p.m. the Chair called a recess until 8:30 a.m.

**Sunday, May 6, 2001,
8:30 a.m.**

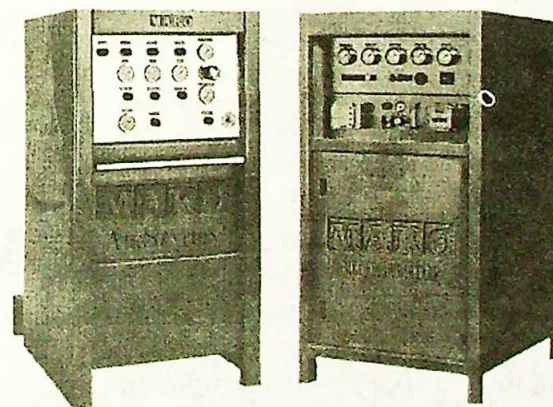
President Kerney called us back to labor and asked Chaplain Baker for the Minute Message and the Morning Prayer.

Charlie used John 14, verses 12-21 where Jesus promises us that if we keep His commandments, He will have the Father send the Holy Spirit to abide within us and comfort us. Charlie closed his comments

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State officer's meeting ...

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with a prayer of gratitude. E.J. Smith advised us she has this year's convention tie tack and a few tie bars with her. Price is \$5.00 each.

Membership -- we have the overheads and the power point presentations. They will be working on a video expected to last about ten minutes. Make a push to get to the non-member departments and show what we have. Jack pointed out we needed to do some selling on the license plates and work hard to keep the "bad address" lists clean.

Public education -- nothing further.

Games -- things are okay for this time of year. We had the gates y's donated by Elkhart Brass, through Roger Johnson. Thanks to the contact by our Legislative committee at the Caucus dinner.

National Volunteer Fire Council -- 4/18/01 found Kerney and Parish out in Wenatchee, Washington for the meeting. They sat in on the finance and audit committee and learned they saved \$5000.00 by switching the auditor. The NFPA standards meeting discussed the new standards. The wireless radio meeting encouraged sending in the renewal as early as possible. It is taking a long time for renewals and if we don't have the renewal they can come in and pull the license and they need the frequencies. The membership and awards committee is recommending raising the dues and adding a 10% penalty if the payment is over 90 days late. The next meeting will be October 2001 in Albany, NY. They had 39 delegates, 21 alternates in the meeting which represented 41 states. They adopted a "mission statement" and that points out that we need to also. The 800 Fire Line number isn't working because the information is going to the wrong place. New states joining will have the info go direct to the Volunteer Fire Departments. Also, we need more advertising.

The NFPA now has a committee looking at the EMS providers and will probably be getting into the EMS arena. All CPR instructors need an AED certification in order to teach after 7-1-01. They are looking at NFPA 1500 and it may become mandatory to have annual physicals. NIOSH reported 804,200 volunteers and 278,600 career firefighters. There have been 2500 public safety people hit along the highways the first three months of this year.

Public Safety Training Institute -- we learned \$96,000 dollars has been raised by selling the Hoosier Safety plates and heard a brief run-down on how the monies were being spent. Indiana weekend at Emmitsburg is on Sept. 7, 8 & 9 and we need participation. The contract has been approved for the survey and PLEASE encourage anyone getting the questionnaire to fill it out and get it returned soon. The next meeting is to be May 24.

Photography -- had nothing to report except the cameras are still working.

Standards and Education -- Paul Covington was not here to report and Kerney had been in Washington at the time of the last meeting. Jack did let us know that Ivan has the proposed new 24 hour books ready and if we are interested in the pilot program, call Ivan.

25 Year Pins -- we have pins, keep presenting them.

Fire Services Institute -- lacked a quorum for the 4-4-01 meeting. Elections will be at the July meeting. The dinner showed very little profit. A speaker for next year is being discussed.

Historical -- we still have books which need a home. They will be available at the convention in June.

2001 Convention -- Tim Jones says the Hilton is sold out. They need a tentative count for the GM tour. Caps and tee-shirts are on sale.

2002 Convention -- hotel rates

will be \$69.00 in Evansville. Reservations can be made at this year's convention. Registration cost has yet to be decided.

Old Business:

Web-page IVFA.org -- Phoenix graphics has what they need to get us back up and in working order. We are to have access to put the items on the calendar thru the Central Office.

New Business:

Please continue to work on the bad address lists.

Emergency call lists has been updated. Use for spouse, child, mother, father, sister, or brother of any officer or past-president.

Revised line-of-duty death form is available, use it.

Any dues paying member may purchase IVFA license plate.

Current contract with the hotel calls for 50 rooms and we need 60. The number has been changed to 60.

Question on room payment held for board action.

Jack read a thank you letter from one of the last year scholarship winners. We think this may be a first.

The blue light questionnaire is starting to come in and we need to have our committee ready to go into action.

Guidelines for the new building clocks was referred to Public Ed.

Grant writing class June 23/24. Should we send a committee that can help our member departments. Hold for board action.

Don Kissinger made a motion to adjourn the officer's meeting and move on to the board meeting. Jim Zeeks made the second and the motion carried.

**IVFA BOARD MEETING
May 6, 2001**

Jack Zeeks called the meeting to order and asked for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. Charlie Baker offered a motion to have them approved as printed. Seconded by Larry Petro, the motion passed without a dissenting vote.

Business:

Steve Anderson made a motion to purchase 1000 large decals and 2500 small decals, both sizes to

have the "little R" on them. Mike Mackin seconded. Mitch questioned the timing ... we need to verify our trademark is registered first. Charlie Baker moved to amend the motion to order following the verification. Don Cushman gave the second and the amendment passed. The vote on the motion as amended passed.

Mr. Parker submitted the by-laws change to Article 4, section 2 for our consideration. Larry Bartlow moved to table since none of us had ever received a page copy of the proposal. Charlie Baker did the second and the motion to table carried.

Don Kissinger motioned that we send two people to the grant writing course. Ron Bell voiced the second and the motion carried. Jack Kerney moved that the IVFA pay a

flat \$50.00 for one night at the quarterly meetings and for two nights at Convention to each of the IVFAA officers which do not have a spouse already getting the room paid by the IVFA; this is to be for one year and then we will revisit the question at the May 2002 officer's meeting. John Ferro came up with the second and the motion carried on a hand vote. The next meeting was announced for August 11-12, 2001.

There being no more business to come before the body, Mr. Zeeks heard a motion to adjourn the meeting following the Benediction by Mike Mackin and a second from Tim Jones. Chaplain Baker pronounced the Benediction for us.

Dog Saves Man's Life

Thursday morning, March 8, 2001, after taking medication for a back spasm, Jim Saul was asleep when his house at the intersection of C.R. 800E and 500S caught fire.

Although smoke alarms were sounding, Saul slept on until awakened by his canine assistant - a 2 year old Golden Retriever named Craven.

Saul, who is confined to a wheelchair, awoke to find about two feet of thick black smoke near the ceiling and the living room filling with smoke.

Craven led him through the smoke and Saul managed to grab the family cat and take her out with him. Jim was home alone at the time, as his wife Carol, was at her job in Jasper and their youngest son, Christopher, was at school.

After getting out of the house, Saul made it to the bottom of the house's outside ramp and had activated the doors on the van to get away from the house when the fire roared through the living room where he had been seated a few minutes before.

Saul said if he hadn't gotten out when he did he would have been dead. He is lucky to be here.

Firefighters from both Harrison Township and Southeast Volunteer Fire departments were paged out at around 10:16 a.m. with Harrison's trucks first on the scene.

They found the fire was fully involved and called in additional tanker truck from the Cannelburg Volunteer Fire Dept.

The fire burned very hot, according to Ryan Gaither, a Harrison Township firefighter, but none of the 18 men battling the blaze were injured.

Firefighters were at the scene close to four hours. The house was a total loss. Jim Saul was taken to Daviess County Hospital where he was treated for minor smoke inhalation.

Craven is the first Milkbone sponsored canine assistant in Indiana. He has been with Saul for over a year. Saul has been confined to a wheelchair for several years. Saul said he watched 25 years go up in flames. "In one aspect it's bad, but in another way, I'm very fortunate."

The next day Saul said Craven was still upset, but he did just a great job.

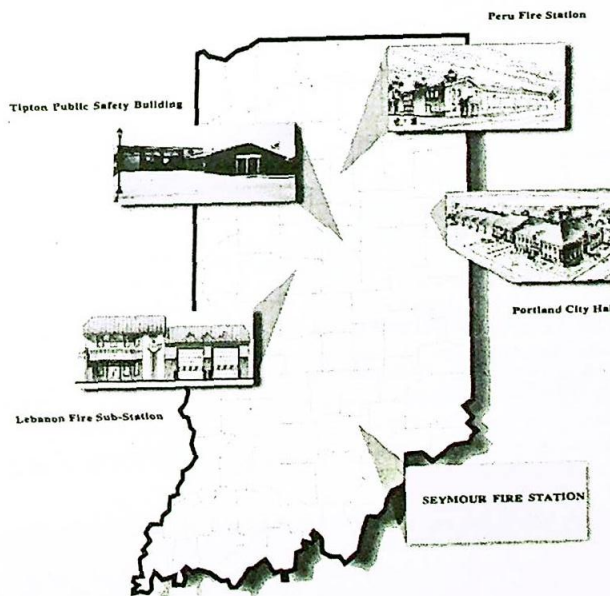
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Larry Bartlow

Hello from the West Central part of the state. Summer is here and the 2001 Convention is now history. It was a great convention I thought. A big thank you to the people of the Fort Wayne area that made it all happen.

Congratulations to the new Mr. I.V.F.A., Miss Flame, Ollie Sandberg Award, and Lois Boaz Award winners. They are all deserving winners for their many years of service to the fire service.

As I'm writing this the July district meeting will be happening. I would urge each department to be watching for their September meeting notices. Your district chairperson needs your help and input as to how the I.V.F.A. works to better serve you. We have some legislative study panels working this summer

on several items. One big issue is the Blue Light Law. Did you take the time to send in your survey form that was in the last issue of the paper? We need to know what you want.

I want to thank all of you for your support and vote of confidence as your Secretary for the coming year. Should you want to contact me, please call my home at 765-245-2125, if I'm not there the answering machine is, so leave a message and I will return your call.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

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she was here this evening on behalf of Governor Frank O'Bannon. She then read and presented the most prestigious award a resident of the State of Indiana can receive, the Sagamore of the Wabash. Senator Landske explained this award to those present, stating that this award comes to only a few persons yearly. "Congratulations Bill". Bill was at loss for words fi-

nally saying thank you and that he never dreamed of getting this honor.

To this day Bill is not sure how all of the honor he received came about, but a very large THANK-YOU to all that made everything happen. "Thank you son, I know you did your part". "To my daughters and grandchildren thanks for being there. I LOVE YOU ALL!" DAD

Uryga's Retire

Bob and Leona Uryga have retired from the Michiana Shores Vol. Fire Department as of October of 2000.

Bob has served as Chief, Assistant Chief, Captain and Training

Officer. He served as a First Responder for 18 years. He has been on the department for 32 years. He also served as District 3 chairman for six years.

Leona has served as treasurer and head of the Junior Firemen. She also was District 3 chairwoman for the ladies' auxiliary for 10 years and is still active in her auxiliary as Chaplain. She served as a First Responder for 18 years and an E.M.T. for eight years.

Their fire department honored them at Christmastime with a dinner at Skip's and both received plaques with their names, years served and their badge on the plaque.

They still help out at the pancake breakfast their department has and are planning to attend the I.V.F.A. conventions.

Tim Sandy presented them with their 25 year pin.

Man Dies From Injuries Sustained In Fire

Staff Reports
Journal and Courier

MEDARYVILLE - A Pulaski County man died Tuesday, May 8 from injuries he suffered after he returned inside his smoke-filled house for unknown reasons, officials said Wednesday.

Firefighters located Harold C. Berlin, 56, of Medaryville in an upstairs bedroom of his home at 810 Prairie Street.

Berlin had been outside with his family when a fire began inside about 5:52 p.m., the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department reported.

Rescue personnel carried Berlin out of the smoke-filled home and transported him to Pulaski Memorial Hospital for treatment. He was later flown to St. Joseph's Hospital in Fort Wayne, where he died at 8:50 p.m.

The Berlin family had recently moved to the area from Michigan and are staying with friends. The Red Cross is assisting them with their clothing needs.

(Article courtesy of the Lafayette Journal and Courier)

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Body Found In Smoldering Remains Of Shed Fire

(Submitted by P.R. Southwest Director, Ron Bell)

Elnora/Elmore firefighters found the body of an Elnora man as they sifted through smoldering remains of a shed on Odon Street in Elnora early Saturday morning, February 17, 2001.

The fire was called in to the Elnora/Elmore Township volunteer fire department around 1:15 a.m. by a neighbor. When firefighters arrived the structure was fully engulfed and intense heat and smoke kept firefighters from entering the shed located behind an unattached garage behind the home of William and Lena Mottern, parents of the victim Troy Mottern.

Troy Mottern, age 44, lived in the structure. According to Doug Scudder, Public Relations officer for the Elnora fire department, the wood-framed, metal shed burned to the ground and the State Fire Marshal has been called to investigate. Scudder said a stove and microwave were in the shed but was uncertain if that was where the fire originated. The large shed was sectioned off and one area contained machinery and lawn mowers. Firefighters tried to put the fire out as soon as they arrived, but the flames were hard to get to.

Firefighters were on the scene until 5 a.m. After the fire had spread to the garage behind the Mottern's home, firemen had nearby neighbors move their vehicles. Neighbor who called the fire in said the flames were coming out of the middle of the shed. She didn't know if Troy was still inside because he kind of came and went. The fire has been ruled accidental, and is believed to have started from a cigarette.

A firefighter suffered smoke inhalation and was treated at a local hospital.

Please, if you smoke don't do it in bed, always make sure that the cigarette is completely out. This fire was such a tragedy. This is a small community and everybody knows everybody. A terrible thing so shocking.

Dyer VFD Members Presented Gold Life Membership Cards and 25-Year Pins

On April 9, 2001, PRNW Dennis Schavey and District 1 Chairman Jim Bradford attended a meeting at the Dyer VFD to present five Gold Life Membership Cards and 17 25-year pins.

Recipients and the years of service were Walter Jakubin - 25, John Ozahanics - 28, Lawrence Margraf - 34, Ronald Reicheit - 35, Gary Stutler - 36, Ernest Benninghoss - 38, Norbert Held - 40, Roy Hansen - 41, Raymond Burke - 43, Keith Keilman - 44, Ronald Dunbsky - 49, James Hilbrich - 49, Thomas Hilbrich - 51, Kenneth Hoffman - 54, Maurice Keilman - 61, Robert Austgen - 63 and Donald Austgen - 63.

Unfortunately, the pictures taken by a local newspaper were misplaced at their office.

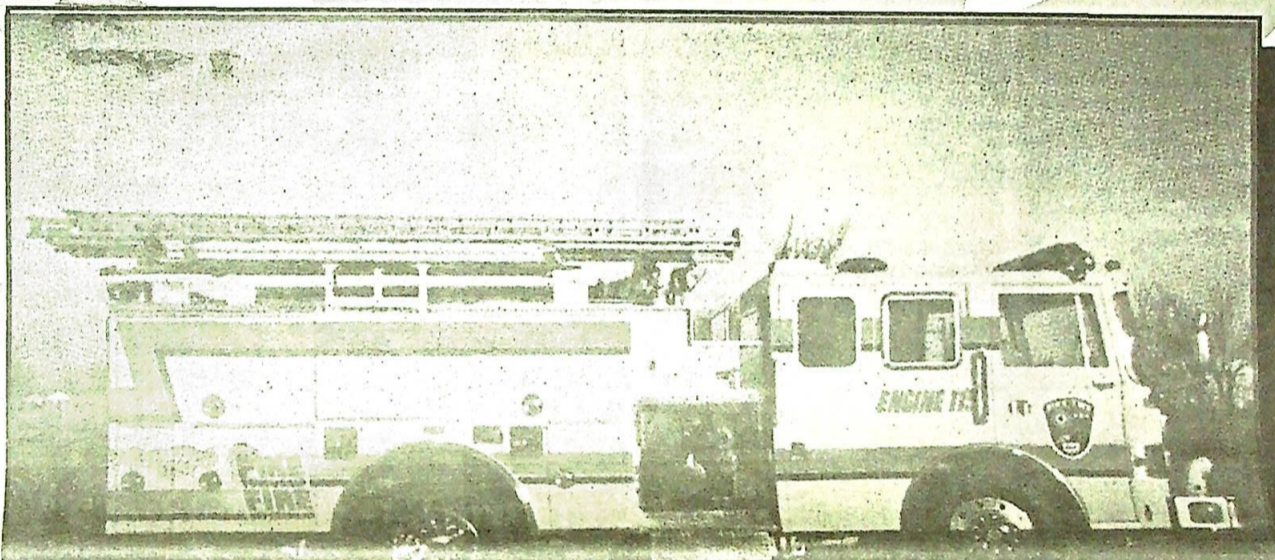
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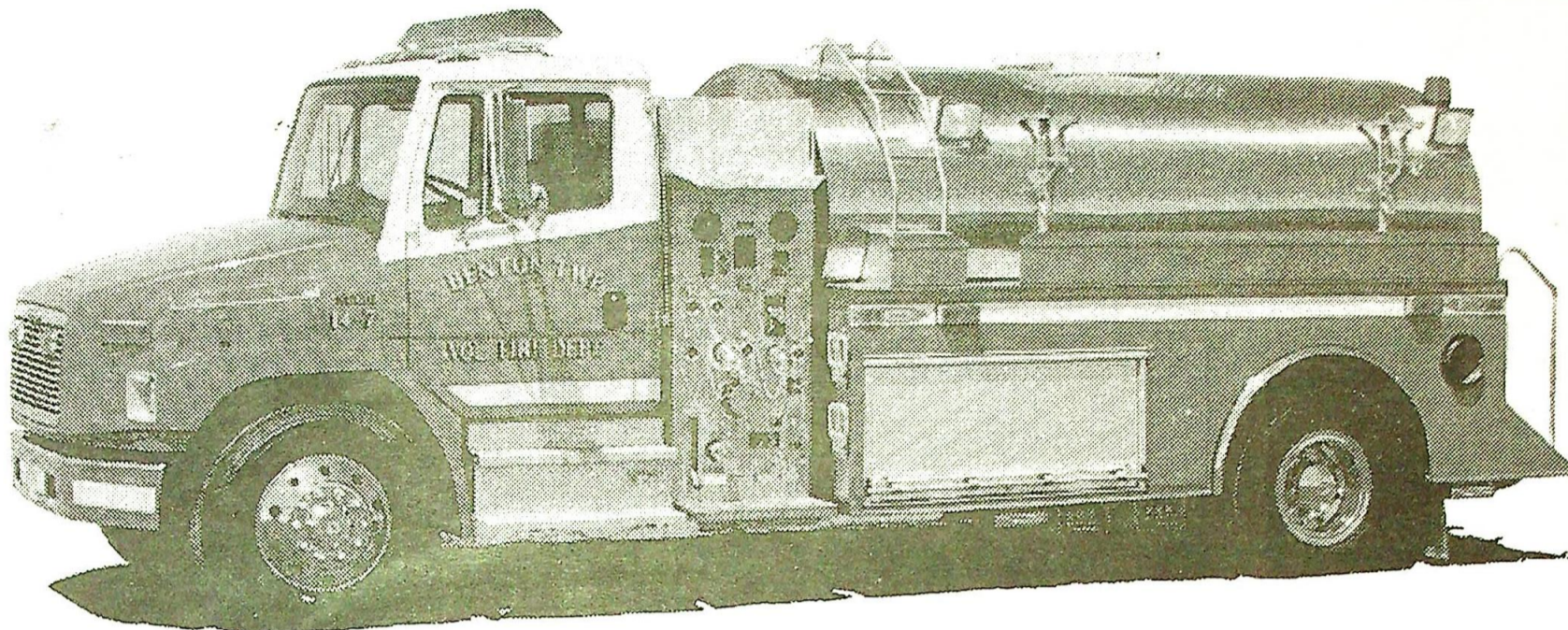


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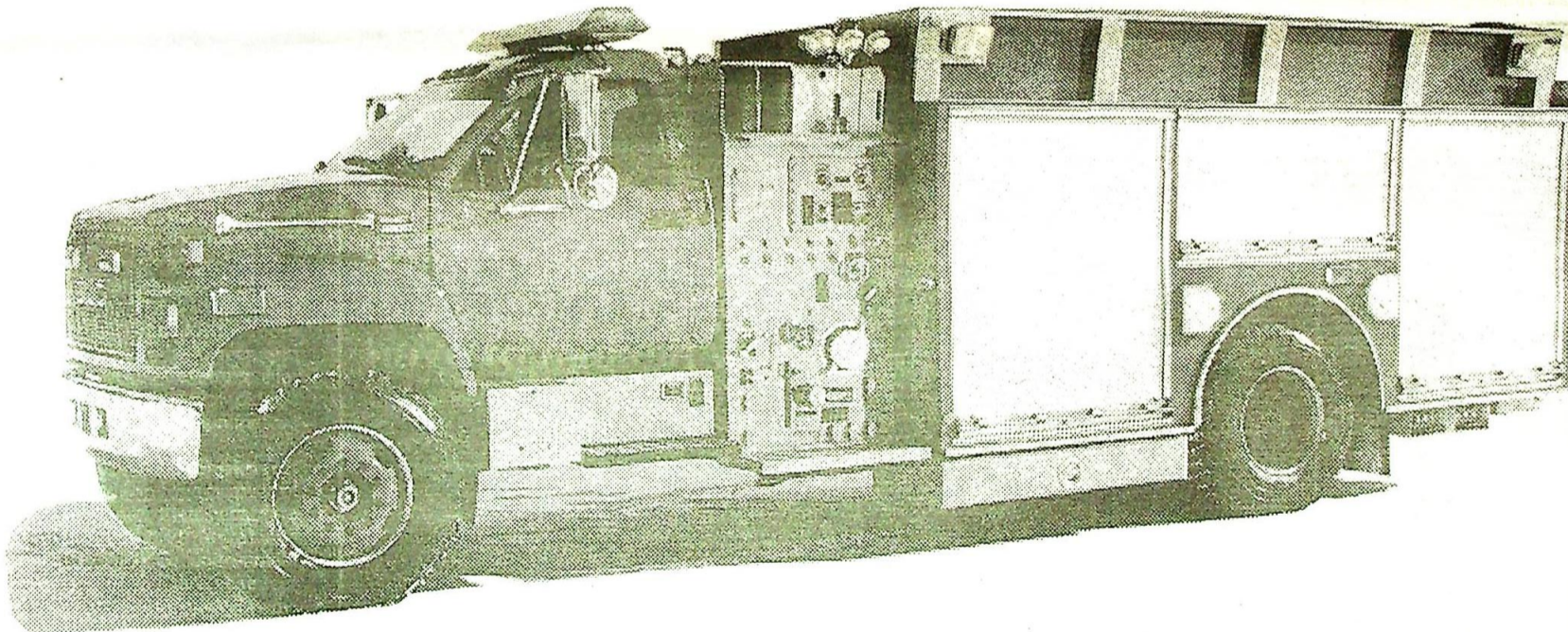
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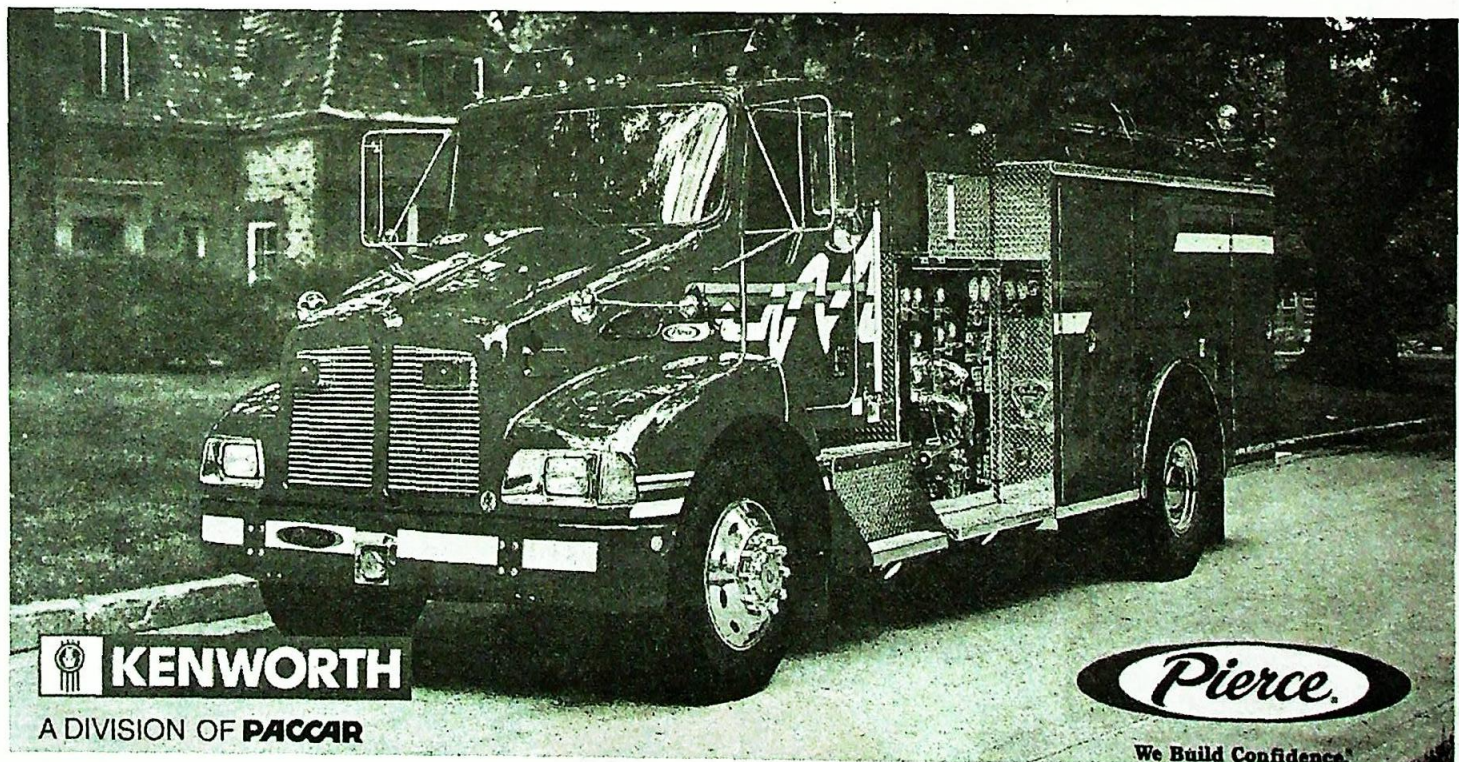
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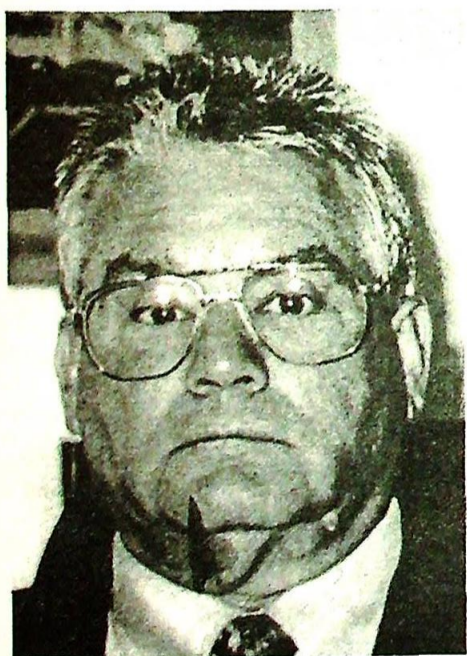
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The Mr. I.V.F.A. Award is the most prestigious award this Association can bestow on one of its members. He was chosen over several candidates after letters of nomination were submitted.

Gift From Neighboring Department May Save Lives



Jim Stewart, Anderson Paramedic (seated) demonstrates defibrillator to Chief Mike Hammond (left to right), Second Assistant Pat Fox, Jack Finkbiner, First Assistant Mark Free and Rescue Captain/EMT Debbie Smith. (Photo submitted by Ingalls Vol. Fire Dept.)

The members of the Ingalls Fire & Rescue are boasting about the goodwill of the Pendleton Fire Department. When it comes to saving lives every second counts.

Several weeks ago Pendleton donated a semi-automatic defibrillator to the 10-member volunteer department. Five of the members are First Responders with one member Debbie Smith taking it a step further and earned her EMT certification.

Ingalls Fire Chief Mike Hammond said the department appreciates Pendleton's support. We hope to be a team player with their department by trying to compile the patient information and have the scene set for the ambulance when they arrive. This gift is such a huge opportunity one that we would not have been able to afford on our own.

John Burkhardt Receives Plaque From State Fire Marshal Boatwright



State Fire Marshal, Tracy Boatwright is shown presenting a plaque to John Burkhardt who is 100 years and his 70th anniversary in the fire service. (Photo submitted by Roy E. Richardson, District 14 Chairman)

John Burkhardt Receives Double Honor

By WAYNE ENGLE
Courier Staff Writer

John Burkhardt received a double honor last night - for 70 years as a volunteer firefighter and for his 100th birthday.

Burkhardt, walking slowly with the aid of a carved cane, peppered the celebration with tart comments as he was the guest of honor at a 100th birthday party given by Fair Play Fire Co. No. 1. He has been a member of the Ones since March 16, 1931 - longer than most of the present members have been alive.

Burkhardt, who lives just up East Main Street from the firehouse, arrived in style, climbing out of a gleaming white stretch limousine rented by the company for the occasion. He is usually seen driving his small, motorized, four-wheeled red cart around the streets of downtown.

Burkhardt walked unaided through the bay doors, greeting several fellow members by name and asking about their health.

Later, as he waited for the end of a short business meeting that preceded the honors for him, Burkhardt chuckled when asked what caused him to become a volunteer firefighter.

"It's been so damn long ago I don't know -- but if I had to do over I don't think I would," he said. "We used to have it pretty tough -- but they don't have it so tough anymore."

Burkhardt referred to the old days, when firefighters, who are still members of one of the most dangerous occupations, earned their nicknames of "smoke eaters" and "the city's bravest" in the hardest way possible.

This was before the days of air packs and other more modern firefighting turnout gear designed to make the job of firefighters less hazardous.

Burkhardt referred to a fact unique to him, the Ones, and a member now deceased -- Clarence "Bookus" Hoffman.

"Me and old Bookus, I guess were the only two who reached 100," he said. Hoffman celebrated his 100th birthday and his 82nd year as a member of the Ones in 1997. He died about six months later.

The Ones not only have the oldest living volunteer firefighter in Indiana -- Burkhardt -- but are also the oldest volunteer fire company in In-

diana, having been formed in 1841.

Many firefighters are injured at some point. But Burkhardt's worst was received in his job as a tinner.

"I had my back broke in two places -- I fell off a roof while working on it," said Burkhardt. "A boy put our ladder up upside down -- the damn ladder collapsed when I started down (for more materials) and threw me."

Dignitaries lined up to pay tribute to Burkhardt's longevity and service, including State Rep. Markt Lytle, Madison Mayor Al Huntington and Indiana State Fire Marshal Tracy Boatwright.

Huntington designated Burkhardt a "Madison Magnificent", an honor he originated as mayor and which he also bestowed on Hoffman four years ago.

Reading a proclamation honoring Burkhardt, Huntington noted that the centenarian fought more than 1,000 fires in his career, and served in the U.S. Cavalry in Hawaii in 1919 ("Hawaii? How did you manage that?" joked Huntington, and Burkhardt laughed.)

The mayor said Burkhardt worked in Madison for a number of years as a tinner, then became a professional firefighter at the Jefferson Proving Ground -- making him one of the rare volunteer firefighters who also made his living that way.

Huntington brought another laugh when he described Burkhardt, a widower who lives alone, as "a good man who fancies himself as a great cook."

Lytle presented Burkhardt a plaque honoring him in a resolution by the Indiana House of Representatives as "the oldest volunteer firefighter in Indiana."

Boatwright presented him the Governor's Meritorious Service Award, along with the Governor's Gold Medal on a ribbon, which he placed around Burkhardt's neck.

As the awards took up more and more space on a large table, Burkhardt quipped, "I don't have a room to hang them!"

"I think you're going to fill the whole back seat of that limousine," Boatwright said, laughing.

After the ceremonies, everyone lined up for a buffet dinner, with Burkhardt sitting at the place of honor at a table crowded with his awards.

He cut a special cake made in honor of his birthday (which was

May 1) and his 70 years with the company.

Asked if he ever thought he would live to be 100, Burkhardt grinned ruefully and said, "No."

As to being a century old, he said, "I tell you, I wouldn't recommend it. It ain't no fun after 50."

John Knoebel, secretary of the Ones, later offered a few comments on the company's oldest member. Knoebel, who has nearly 46 years

with the Ones, said Burkhardt was the fire chief at JPG when Knoebel joined the Ones in 1955.

"It's not every fire company in the state of Indiana that can have two members 100 years old, with 82 and 70 years' service," he said. "John was always easy to get along with and always helped us as much as he could, until he got pretty old when he couldn't anymore."

But Knoebel said Burkhardt still

comes to the company's fish fries to offer moral support.

And he said Burkhardt is "always quick to come back with an answer."

When Ones president Bob Anger told Burkhardt during the ceremony, "We're so happy you've made it," he answered without missing a beat, "I'll make another 100!"

(This article courtesy of The Madison Courier.)

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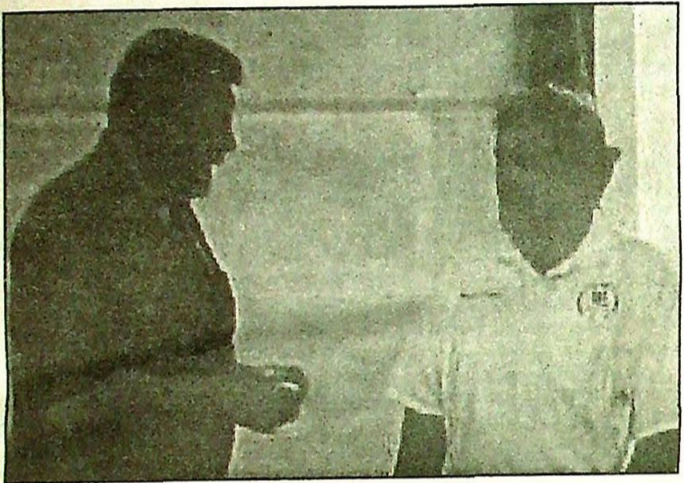
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Szot Earns Midwest Award

Awarded the District 2 Midwest Award for 2001 was Robert Szot from Crown Point Fire Rescue. Pictured from left to right are: Paul Watland, District 2 chairman; Robert Szot, center and Chief Greg Delor. (Photo submitted by P.F. Watland).

Smith Receives 25 Year Pin



Allen Smith of Edinburgh Fire and Rescue is shown receiving his 25 year pin. (Photo submitted by Peggy Israel)

Scipio Firemen Receive 25 Year Pins



Roy E. Richardson, District 14 Chairman, presents 25 year pins to firemen at Scipio Fire Department in Jefferson County. (Photo submitted by Roy E. Richardson, District 14)

Richard Cottrell Honored With Special Award



Richard D. Cottrell was honored with the State of Indiana Governor's Meritorious Service Award for his 30 years of dedicated and unselfish service to Odon Volunteer Fire Department, the citizens of Daviess County, and the great state of Indiana.

Richard started out as a firefighter member on the Burlington Volunteer Fire Department from Aug. 1971 to May 1973. He became a member of the Odon Volunteer Fire Department in January

1974 to present.

He served as chief, assistant chief, secretary and presenting serving as treasurer of his fire department.

Richard was on the board in 1992M that was set up to help with the specs on getting a new fire truck for the fire department. He holds a master firefighter and instructor certification. He served as councilman on the Odon town board from 1996 to 1999. Also a member of the White River Valley Antique Associa-

tion and is presently serving as a director and is secretary of the board and club.

Richard is also a member of the Odon Lions Club, and a member of the First Christian Church of Odon, where he teaches 5-6 grade Sunday School.

Richard is semi-retired and is also caretaker of the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Richard has been a vital member of the Odon Fire Department. He is a very dedicated and dependable firefighter. He is very knowledgeable about the fire service. He would do anything to help his fellow firefighters and takes pride in being a firefighter.

Richard and his wife, Janet, reside in Odon. He was honored at the District 17A meeting held May 16, 2001 at the Steen Township Volunteer Fire Department, Wheatland, IN.

From the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office presented the award to Richard with the help of Richard's wife, Janet.

(Submitted by PR Southwest Ron Bell)

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Al Mendel
Games Committee Chairman

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We hope the price on paper will stabilize soon and that we can hold the price with just a ten (10%) percent increase.

The price changes will go into effect on January 1, 2002. Please plan on the increase for advertisement in 2002 in your yearly budget.

We, the paper committee hope you understand why the increase has to be made.

Respectfully IVFA Paper Committee
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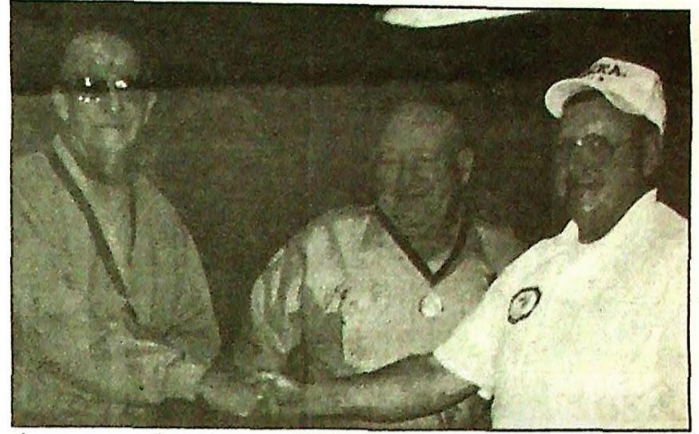
In the picture to the right is Amanda McKenzie, District 14 Miss Flame and Roy E. Richardson, District 14 Chairman to 2001 IVFA Convention.

(Photo submitted by Roy E. Richardson, District 14)

Amanda McKenzie Represents District 14



Two Plainville Volunteer Firefighters Receive 25 Year Fire Service Pins



Plainville volunteer firefighters Bud Killon and Gordon Strange received their 25 year fire service pins, March 25, 2001.

IVFA District 17A Chairman Jim Abrams had the honor of presenting Gordon Strange and Bud Killon their fire service pins. (Submitted by District 17A chairman and chairwoman Jim Abrams and Malinda Bell)

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FIRE DEPARTMENTS KEEPING UP WITH THE TIMES...

Pat Weddington is the most relied upon member of Grand Lakes

Volunteer Fire Department.

Although she's furnished with a pager and responds to many fires, she does not carry hoses or drive a truck. Sometimes even at the scene of a fire, she looks after the firefighter's children as the department's day-care provider.

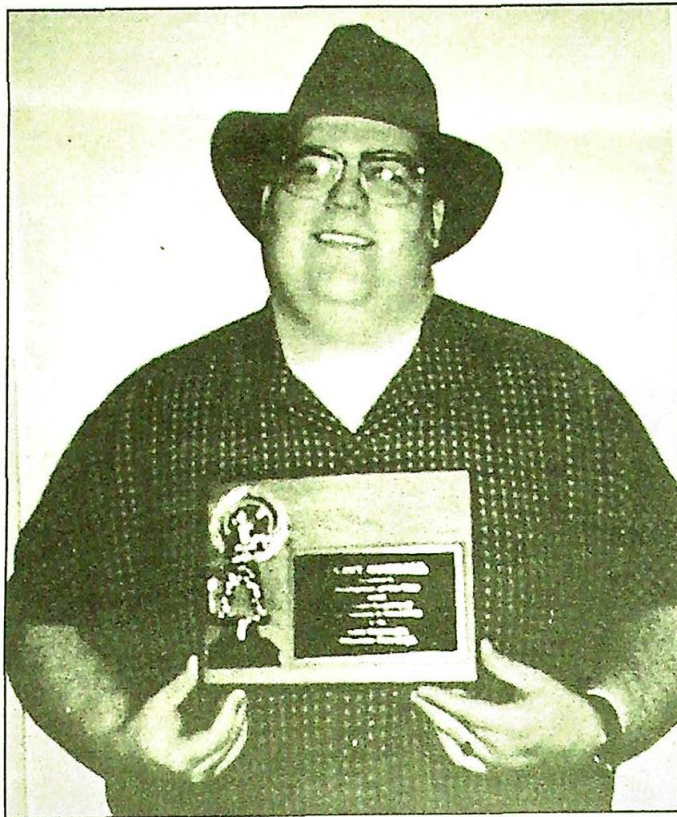
Nine of the female firefighters have young children, which prompted day-care concerns and the need for a department babysitter.

When the fire alarm sounds, Weddington, 50, usually looks after at least six children, ages 3 to 6. Firefighters either drop their children at the day-care or a designated person's home or Weddington picks them up at the fire.

When the department recruits firefighters, the department encourages couples to join.

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Lake Dalecarlia VFD Holds Bi-Annual Party



Clint Gorball - Firefighter of the Year
Lake Dalecarlia Volunteer Fire Department

A great time was had by all at the Bi-Annual Fire Department party of the Lake Dalecarlia Volunteer Fire Department.

A five-year service pin was presented to Mike Smith. A 10-year service pin was presented to Wroe King and special congratulations goes to Kathy Berwick who received a 25-year service award with the Ladies' Auxiliary. Kathy recently retired from the Ladies' Auxiliary. The fire department and the community thank you for all your help and dedication throughout the past 20 years!

The award that everyone was waiting for - The Firefighter of the Year - went to a very shocked firefighter/paramedic, Clint Gorball. Clint thanked everyone for the vote of confidence in him and for working with him. Clint stated, "We need to work together and keep up on our training and we will hopefully reach the goal that we have set." *Special note:* Clint recently received the American Heart Saver Award for saving the life of a Lowell man.

This award is from Lake County Operation Heartbeat, a division of the American Heart Association.

Special thanks goes to St. Anthony Medical Center in Crown Point for donating educational materials to your Fire Department.

Firefighter of the Month

Firefighter of the Month is Chief Bob Carr for his dedication and endless effort to the latest project at the Fire Station: The expansion of the kitchen area so the Ladies' Auxiliary will have a larger, more modern kitchen to help serve the community better. There have been many items purchased by these ladies for your fire department through fundraisers prepared in this kitchen. Please support them.

We all know that Chief Carr is a highly trained leader admired by all

and is trained in all phases of firefighting, rescue and medical. But let's look at the man personally. First of all, the woman behind the man, Verna Carr, his wife who has served as President, Officer, and Firefighter. When the fire alarm sounds in the middle of the night at the Carr's house, Bob, Verna, and son Chuck McBain Jr. (who is 3rd Lieutenant) are at your service. The Carr's also have a daughter, Angie, who is married to a Gary policeman, Jon Jones. It seems that the entire family is very community-minded. Bob is a mechanic working for the Operating Engineers Local 150.

Chief Carr has been on the fire department for 18 years, and joined because, as he states, "To help the people in my community and for the love of fire engines." He has lived in the area for 19 years. His training officers was Mike Sheppard. His most admired firefighter is former Fire Chief, Tim Layer, because of his dedication to the fire department. Bob is currently in his fourth term as Chief. He also has served as Captain, 1st Lieutenant, Engineer, and Board Member. Bob's most memorable call is a structure fire at Center Garage, Cedar Lake, due to the large volume of fire and many firefighting techniques. Bob's proudest moments come when other Fire Chiefs compliment our fire department. Bob has seen many changes but the thing that stands out to him the most is the interest in training that the firefighters seek outside the department, and the great number of medically trained members. Bob would like to stay Chief as long as the satisfaction and the desire to serve the community continues, and then retire and move south.

Chief Carr would like to thank all the members of the department for the confidence they have shown in him and to commend them for being such a great group of unpaid professional firefighters. Bob would like to send this message to his community, "Educate yourself and family on fire prevention and first aid."

It's safe to say that Chief Bob Carr is respected, loved, and counted on by all. Bob, you have made your community a safer place to live. Many thanks for many years of dedication.

Mike Haviland,
Public Relations Officer
Lake Dalecarlia Vol. Fire Dept.

Fire Department Responds To Vehicle In Pond



Southwest Allen County Fire District, Dive Team personnel responded to a vehicle in a pond on April 29, 2001 at 1:32 p.m.

The driver lost control of the vehicle and went into the pond. The driver managed to escape the vehicle and received only minor injuries.

Dive Team personnel located the vehicle that was completely submerged in the pond, and assisted the towing company in removing it from the water.

The diver in the photos is Rachel McCulloch - FF and Nick Clarke - FF.
(Photos by Larry Winget S.W.F.D.)

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John Meyers from Otter Creek Station #1 receiving the Midwest Award for 2001. (Photo submitted by Diane Harrison, District 11-A Chairman)

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Fire Department Takes Delivery of New Truck



Worthington Jefferson Volunteer Fire Department took delivery on a new rescue truck May 2, 2001.

The new rescue unit received its lettering in time to be in the Sycamore Festival Parade at Worthington, May 27th.

Fire Chief Jeff Stahl was proud to drive the unit in the parade with wife, Debbie as co-rider. (Photo submitted by P.R. Southwest Director Ron Bell)

Lake Station VFD Members Receive 25 Year Pins



Shown are members of the Lake Station VFD who received 25 year pins at the District 1 meeting held at Lake Station on April 18.

From left to right (with their years of service) are Chief Ron Good - 46, Jim Bradford - 37, Dave Klym - 25, Roy Miskimins - 48, Herb Smith - 28, Alan Janes - 26, Robert Johnson - 47 and Robert Gannon - 40. Other Lake Station members who received their 25 year pins earlier were Harry Bonner - 40, Dominic Bonomi - 46, Pete Borisenko - 26, Henry Cagle - 26, Steve Hoskins - 27, Luster Hursey - 48, Oliver Kemp - 36, Wayne Taylor - 38, Victor Vargas - 30, Joe Watson - 38, Harold Wheeler - 33 and Ray Wright - 44.

(Photo submitted by Jim Bradford, District 1 Chairman).

Monroe Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. Becomes A Safe Place



Carolyn Book from Clark County Youth Shelter presents President Jay Cleveland with the Safe Place Sign to go out front of the Firehouse for all to see.

Monroe Township would like to see all Firehouse's a Safe Place. You can contact the Youth Shelter at 812-284-5229.

(Photo submitted by Roy Richardson, IVFA District 14 Chairman).

Earn Awards For Service



On June 4, 2001, Vice President Buz Koehler and District 1 Chairman Jim Bradford attended a meeting of the Pine Twp. VFD to award a 25 year pin to Lawrence Beck for his 41 years of service and 50 year Gold Life Membership Card to Glenn Nicholson for his 52 years of service.

Shown are (left to right) Glenn Nicholson, Vice President Koehler and Lawrence Beck. (Photo submitted by Jim Bradford, District 1 Chairman).

Learning to be a firefighter VU Students Live, Work And Learn At Local Fire Station

by Debbie Schmidtkecht, Staff Writer
Vincennes Sun-Commercial

A new program at Vincennes University has attracted students who want to get hands-on training and help local citizens at the same time. The fire science and safety program is in its second year at VU. There are 35 students enrolled and about 85 percent are members of the Vincennes Township Fire Department.

Two of those students live at the fire station house on Schoolhouse Road, about 2.5 miles south of Willow Street.

Nate Stone of Francesville, and Jason Eppard of Yorktown, consider the station house their "home" while VU is in session. Stone, Eppard and other students enrolled in the program assist during emergency calls such as accidents and structure fires.

Stone and Eppard have been "called out" all house of the day and night.

"We've gotten calls on wrecks and house fires and stuff like that," Stone said. "We just go when we have to. At that point in time, it could be a person's darkest moment. You have got to go help them."

They could be called at 2 a.m. when they are sound asleep, or just when they are sitting down to eat dinner. The call may be after they crawled out of bed and haven't had the chance to shower or brush their teeth. Whatever the time, it doesn't matter to Stone because someone's life could be in jeopardy or even worse, someone could already be dead.

"I have grown up a lot," Stone said. "It is a great learning experience. I didn't think I would enjoy this as much as I do."

"When you go on your first run, you'll fall in love with it," Eppard said.

His first run as a firefighter was when he was 18 years old and living in Yorktown. It was to a car accident.

"It's all about helping people," Eppard said. "You can be having the worst day and when you go and help somebody, it will brighten up your day."

But being a student, a firefighter and an emergency worker also brings a great deal of responsibility. "Not only do we go on runs but we also get the opportunity to take command of runs," Eppard said. "We work with probably one of the best fire departments in the state. Students get classroom experience through Vincennes University and we also get practical and hands-on experience from Vincennes Township."

Eppard and Stone eat the fire station, sleep there, keep it clean, service fire department equipment, watch television and just "hang out" with friends.

VTFD Chief Tim Smith said this is the first year for students to live at one of the department's fire stations.

"I would classify it as a win-win situation for the students as well as the community," he said. "The obvious benefit to the community is that we have a fire station that has not been manned in the past. It is manned most of the time now by students who are certified firefighters and certified emergency medical technicians. We are able to offer them (students) the opportunity to gain experience. They have a free

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- NAMES OF DECEASED MEMBERS -

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GEORGE JACOBS, UNION TWP. VFD
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JACK L. SCHEFFEL, MUNSTER VFD
HARWOOD E. WEIMER, LIBERTY TWP. VFD

DISTRICT 2:

THOMAS BLASKOVICH SR., LAKE HILLS VFD
STEVE CHER SR., LAKE HILLS VFD
ROBERT R. CONDRON, CROWN POINT VFD

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DEBORAH M. CHECOLO, COOLSPRING TWP. VFD
WILLIAM L. FEDDELER, KINGSBURY VFD
JAMES KELSEY, SPRINGFIELD TWP. VFD

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ROGER MANUEL, TIPPECANOE TWP. VFD
ROBERT (HAP) RUCH, MILFORD VFD
WILBER D. WEATHERHEAD, PLYMOUTH VFD

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DAN EASTERDAY, HUDSON VFD
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CARL HESS, UNION TWP. VFD

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DUSHAN (DOC) STIKO, WARREN TWP. VFD

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CHARLES WELKER, SANDFORD VFD

DISTRICT 11B:

MICHAEL E. (MIKE) CUTRELL, NEWPORT VFD
HAROLD RAY HEBER, ST. BERNICE VFD
KENNETH D. (NIPPER) KEELING, KINGMAN-MILL CREEK VFD
CARL G. (TOB) TOBY, COVINGTON VFD

DISTRICT 12:

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DONALD L. MORGAN, HAZELWOOD VFD
JOHN F. (J.R.) ROBERTS, DANVILLE VFD
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ROBERT L. MILLER, FOUNTAIN TOWN VFD
HOWARD E. NEWKIRK, DUNREITH VFD

DISTRICT 14:

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DAVID O. (PEP) BOWER, NEW WASHINGTON VFD
ROBERT N. BRINSON, FAIR PLAY NO. 1 VFD
DR. WILLIAM GREEN, MONROE TWP. VFD

DISTRICT 15:

LAWRENCE (LARRY) GRIMES, NEWBURGH VFD
WILLIAM CARROLL JENKINS, PATOKA-WHITE RIVER TWP. VFD
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DISTRICT 17A:

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PHYLLIS JONES, LEWISVILLE VFD

DISTRICT 19:

EDNA RETZNER, MORRIS VFD

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VU students . . .

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place to stay but they are responsible for the upkeep of the equipment and the station."

There are some obvious behaviors which are not allowed within the fire station, Smith said.

One would be the consumption of alcohol. If one of the students goes to a party and drinks, he or she is not permitted inside the station house.

Living at a fire station is all Eppard thought it would be.

Spending basically 24 hours with someone, working with him and going to classes together, is "not that bad," Eppard said.

"It is just like having a roommate in the dorm like I did last year," he said. "We kind of have to iron things out where one night one of us does the dishes and the next night the other one will mop the floor or clean the bathroom."

In what little spare time they have, Eppard lifts weights and Stone plays the guitar.

During the weekdays, all the fire science and safety students attend courses that are taught at the VTFD headquarters. A hazardous materials course is taught at the Vincennes Fire Department.

When students graduate, they can obtain a one-year certificate of completion or an associate's degree - depending on which classes they took.

"It is a fire science program designed to be entry level training for firefighters or it allows students to go on for a four-year degree," he said. "Twenty years ago people didn't even look for credentials from firefighters. Today, like everything else, education is the key. The entire nature of firefighting has changed."

VU students enrolled in the program study fire cause and determination, strategy and tactics, arson investigation and building construction, said Al Scarpellini, chairman of the VU program. Graduates are not only qualified to be firefighters but could go into fields of inspection for insurance companies or safety educators for public school systems.

Many fire departments are hiring firefighters that are also trained as emergency medical services providers. In communities where the ambulance service is operated out of the fire station, firefighters serve dual roles as firefighter/paramedics, often making as many ambulance runs as they do fire runs. Firefighters also are actively going into facilities such as senior citizen centers to make blood pressure checks and provide prevention education.

Two Receive Governor's Meritorious Service Award

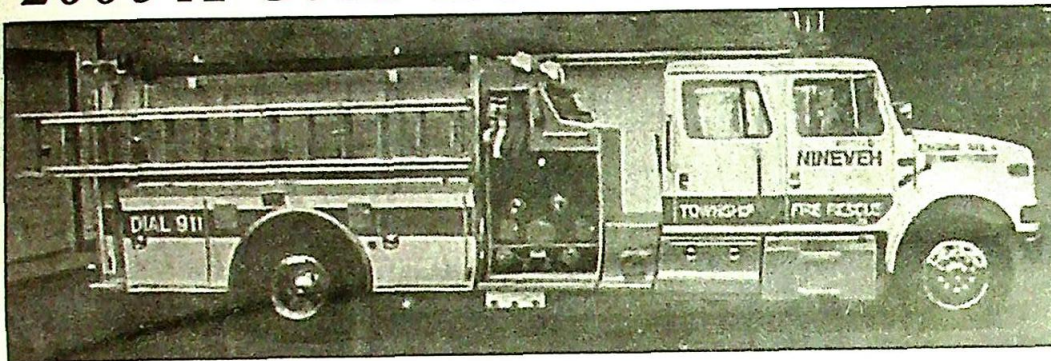


At the District 1 meeting held April 18th at the Lake Station VFD, Lake Station Chief Ron Good and retired assistant chief Jim Bradford (who is also District 1 chairman) received the Governor's Meritorious Service Award from Ivan Nevil of the State Fire Marshal's office for their years of dedicated service to the Lake Station Fire Department, the citizens of Lake County and the state of Indiana.

Shown (left to right) are Jim Bradford, IVFA Vice President Buz Koehler, Ivan Nevil and Ron Good.

(Photo submitted by Jim Bradford, District 1 Chairman).

2000 A Good Year For The Nineveh Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.



For the Nineveh Twp. Vol. Fire Dept., the year 2000 was a year of growth and equipment updating. The 25-member department located in southern Johnson County replaced two pieces of apparatus and purchased a Thermal Imaging Camera.

The department's brush truck, an old military Jeep, and the 1971 engine were replaced almost simultaneously.

The Nineveh Fire Station now houses a 2000 Pierce International pumper with a five man cab and a 1992 Ford F-350 built into a brush truck by the membership by outfitting the truck with a 200 gallon John Bean tank sprayer.

Perhaps the department's greatest accomplishment of the year 2000 was purchasing a Bullard Thermal Imaging Camera. In February the idea of starting a fund drive to purchase the camera was brought before the membership with a unanimous decision to pursue the project. By the summer's end, the department took delivery of the camera, transmitting unit, and monitor recorder. The entire unit is mounted in the new engine giving the incident commander the ability to monitor the activity of interior attack teams from the cab of the engine. The money to buy the camera was all donated by local residents, business owners, and a few grants.

Beverly Shores VFD Members Awarded 25 Year Pins



On May 2, 2001 District 1 Chairman Jim Bradford and PRNW Dennis Schavey attended a meeting of the Beverly Shores VFD to present members with 25 year pins. Shown (left to right - with years of service) are Henry Schultz - 34, Jerry Orrell - 33, Pat Wagner - 35, Jerry Hundt - 41, Gene Hughart - 39 and Chief Andy Himan - 29. Unable to attend the meeting were Gaylen Richardson - 27, Tom Zarazee - 30, Charles Smith - 33 and Arthur Kreighbaum - 42.

(Photo submitted by Jim Bradford, District 1 Chairman)

State Fire Marshal Collects Money For Burn Center



On January 20, 2001, State Fire Marshal Tracy Boatwright, while attending the Vincennes Vol. Fire Department's annual sausage supper and District 17A meeting, went out in the crowd of over 300 and collected money for the Children's Burn Center and Camp. Fire Marshal Tracy Boatwright had lots of fun carrying the huge Pepsi Cola bottle. He did a great job getting it filled.

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Hamilton Twp. VFD Groundbreaking Ceremony Held



Left to right: Hamilton Twp. Firemen Tony Fields, Bob Darlage, Troy Roberts, Ed Flynn, Greg Reedy, Brad Rumph, Cody Hercam, Scott Thompson, Gary Wentte, Brian Acton, Curt Copeland, Donald Schnitker, Gilbert Carpenter. (Photo submitted by Donald Schnitker)



Left to right: Ed Flynn - Hamilton Twp. Board President, Becky Skillman, Indiana State Senator, Kenny Runge and Howard Wentte, contractors. (Photo submitted by Donald Schnitker)

by Becky Scott
Pershing Twp. VFD
Hamilton Township Volunteer Fire Department held ground-breaking ceremonies for a new fire station on Sunday, April 22, 2001.

"I'm excited," said fire department President Ed Flynn. "I can't believe that this day is finally here." The department has spent two years in obtaining funding and drawing up plans for the new structure which is expected to be occupied within 90 days. The new station will replace one built in 1976.

"Our old building has served us well for almost 30 years," commented Hamilton Fire Chief Don Schnitker. "It now has some structural problems and we have outgrown its space."

The all-volunteer department, incorporated in 1976, provides fire

and rescue services to approximately 36 square miles with five fire trucks and 21 firefighters.

"We had a long range planning meeting about seven years ago," Schnitker recalled. "From that meeting we made four major departmental goals which included the replacement or upgrade on three trucks and the construction of a new fire house. Today we arrived at the completion of our fourth goal and are ready to set new goals."

The new 96' x 70' fire station is partially funded by a \$100,000 Build Indiana Fund Grant. The remaining costs will be covered by funds from the fire department, Township Trustee's Office, a bank loan, and contributions.

"We will be welcoming donations to help purchase the stand by generator and the furnishings for the

fire house," Flynn stated. "Those expenses will add up pretty quickly and aren't covered in any of our present funding."

Chief Schnitker praised State Senator Becky Skillman's efforts in obtaining the grant. "There is no possible way for us to raise enough money for this building. It just wouldn't have happened without Senator Skillman's help."

The new structure will be built on land leased from Seymour School Corporation in an agreement that will allow the fire department to occupy the site for at least 50 years. The new fire station will boast a three door truck bay measuring 60' x 70' housing six apparatus. The remaining 36' x 70' space will be devoted to a meeting room, a warming kitchen, an office, and restrooms. Central air conditioning will be installed and a heating system which will utilize hot water pipes running in the floor. An emergency generator will be included to provide power in the event of an outage.

"As the township has grown in population and the numbers of homes have increased, as businesses move into the area we foresee that our equipment needs will have to grow as well so that we can respond to whatever the needs are," Flynn stated in his welcoming address to the large crowd of firefighters, family, and friends who had gathered to mark the occasion.

"With this new building we are serving as an emergency shelter for the school in case the school children are forced to evacuate. Also we are designated emergency shelter for the American Red Cross of Jackson County. We also will provide a meeting place for groups, businesses, and family get-togethers."

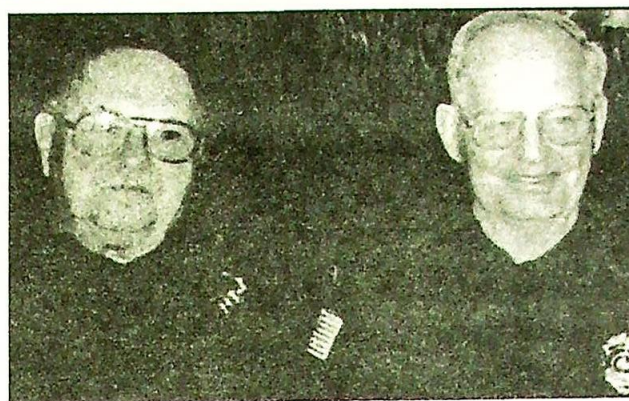
"This building is something that we as a department have needed for quite some time," Chief Schnitker said. "I think that it will serve us and this community well for many years to come and will be well worth the time and money we have invested in the construction."

"Our department was fortunate to have had the help and guidance of some well qualified people," the Chief continued. "Our architect was Dave Correll who came and offered some much needed advice in our plan. The construction will be done by a local contractor, Kenneth Runge. We had a very good legal advice from our attorney, Rodney Farrow who enjoys working with non profit groups and offered his services at a very reasonable rate. The Seymour School Corporation and our Trustee have been with us every step of the way."

The ground breaking program began at 3:00 P.M. with an invocation by Brother Clifford Burton of the Cortland Christian Church. Several dignitaries took turns shoveling up the sod in preparation for the construction slated to begin shortly. Invited guests included Senator Skillman, Hamilton Township Trustee Jerry Otte, Hamilton Township Advisory Board members Jim Eglan and Howard Wentte, project legal counsel Rodney Farrow, contractor Kenneth Runge, architect David Correll, Seymour School Corporation representatives and area fire chiefs.

"We will be even more excited when we have the building dedication service," said Chief Schnitker. "This gives us all a great feeling of accomplishment."

Two From Lafayette Twp. VFD Receive 25 Year Pins



Myron Huth (left) and Barney Hammer (right) joined the Fire Service in 1958 and have served Lafayette Township Volunteer Fire Department continuously since that time. They were recently awarded 25 Year Service pins (the highest pin awarded).

Both Mr. Huth and Mr. Hammer serve on the Board of Directors, and both are former Chiefs of the department. They both also have sons who have been department members for many years.

Mr. Huth's son is also a former L.T.V.F.D. Fire Chief.

Odon Pastor Loses Home To Fire



(Submitted by P.R. Southwest Director Ron Bell)

The Odon fire department was notified at 2:10 a.m. February 28, 2001 that a house at Center and Elm Streets in Odon, was fully engulfed with flames.

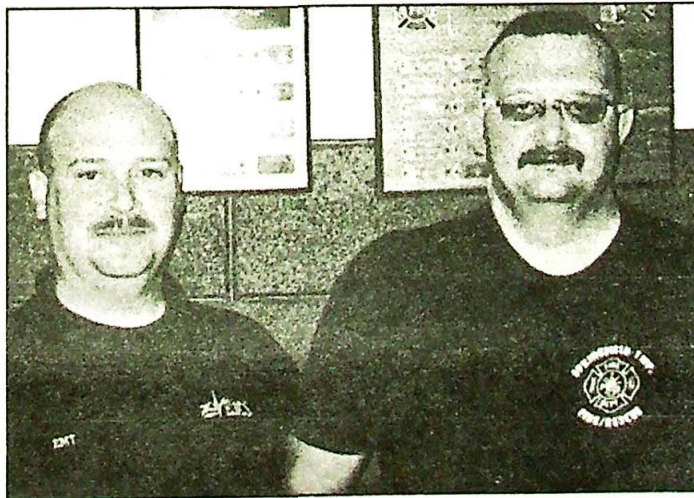
The seven room home was used as a parsonage for the First Pentecostal Church of Odon.

The house, located at 402 Center Street, was owned by Rev. David A. Potter. Potter, who resides in the home from Thursday until Sunday, was contacted by local officials at his home in Bloomington.

Although the Victorian style house was insured, Potter who is not married, said he kept his family heirlooms and antiques in his home.

Rev. Potter appreciated the extreme professionalism he was shown by local officials that spoke with him. Finally, firefighters had to bring in a heavy equipment machine to get the fire finally out. Assisting the Odon firefighters were Madison Township Volunteer firefighters.

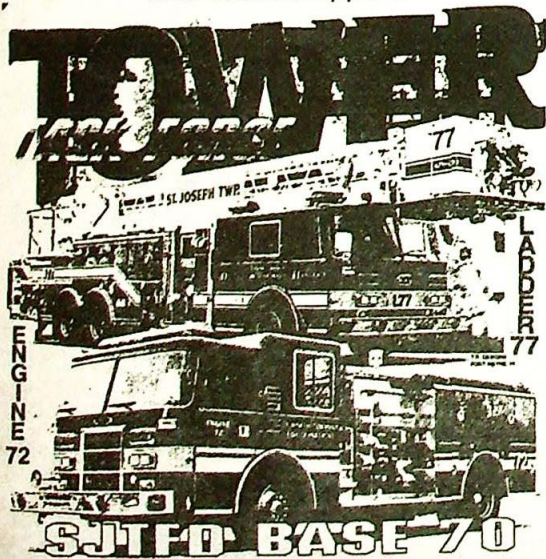
Springfield Township Elects New Officers



The Springfield Twp. Fire Department recently elected new officers. Those elected (left to right) were Elmer "Buddy" Kissinger, Chief, and Dave Stephens, Assistant Chief.

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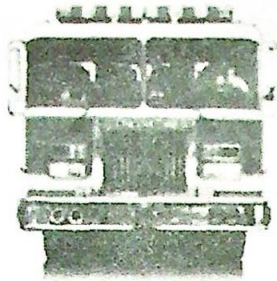
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2001 Miss Flame Contest Held At Ft. Wayne Convention

There were 16 Miss Flame contestants this year. What a group of young ladies. This is my first year to chair the Miss Flame contest and I can't tell you how much fun it was. Each parent, District, and fire department have so much to be proud of... I wouldn't have wanted to be in their shoes. They told me that each one would have been a great choice, but their job was to pick only one. Each and every one of the ladies were very cooperative and made my job easy. I only hope each young lady came away with many memories and lasting friendships.

Nikki Luebcke of Crown Point, District 2, our reigning Miss Flame returned to crown our 2001 Miss Flame. She is Andrea Seib of Poseyville, District 15 and the daughter of Mark and Sheryl Seib. The 2001 Miss Flame runner-up is Deanna Chestnut, District 17A, of Bloomfield. She is the daughter of Brian and Darla Chestnut. Miss Congeniality (voted on by her peers) is Brittiani Evans, District 7, Berne. Her parents are Mark and Tammy Evans. The Miss Flame court and the district and department they represented is as follows:

District 1: Kimberly Perry, Crown Point, IN - Merrillville VFD St. 2

District 2: Melissa Baumgardner, Crown Point, IN - Crown Point VFD
District 6: Amanda Conley, South Milford, IN - South Milford VFD

District 9A: Victoria Leighanne Randle, Delphi, IN - Delphi VFD

District 10: Rebecca Cole, Morristown, IN - Burney VFD

District 11B: Kristen Lanzone, Rosedale, IN - Lyford VFD

District 13B: Angelleen Cunningham, Lewisville, IN - Lewisville VFD

District 8: Amanda Horner, Pennville, IN - Pennville VFD

District 11A: Heather Eckstein, Brazil, IN - Posey VFD

District 12: Samantha Burnett, Indianapolis, IN - Decatur Twp. VFD

District 14: Amanda McKenzie, Hanover, IN - Hanover VFD

District 18: Sarah Davis, Shoals, IN - Lost River VFD

District 19: Brandi Kater, Sunman, IN - Sunman VFD

The girls formed two waterball teams this year and competed in the games on Saturday morning. They had a good time.

I could not have gotten through the convention without the help of my committee: Miriam Schaeckel, Barbara Kerney and Leslie Spears. I would also like to thank Eula Bush



MISS FLAME AND HER COURT - Front row: Miss Flame runner-up Deanna Chestnut; 2001 Miss Flame Andrea Seib; 2000 Miss Flame Nikki Luebcke. Back row: 2001 Miss Flame Court. (Photo submitted by Patty Miller)

for all her help and support.

I would like to thank the following for their contributions to the Miss Flame contest this year: Navistar, Miss Flame luncheon; Larry and Barbara Ketchem, trophies; Jim and Barbara Parker, Miss Congeniality plaque; Jack and Barbara Kerney, photograph albums; Laurie Bush for making the albums; District 6, ditty bags; Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Assoc. and Bliss-McKnight, gold-dia-

mond necklaces; I.V.F.A.A., convention charms, crown, flowers; Mitch Parish and Don Kissinger, photographs; Quilts and More, sashes; and Nancy Ferris for making the flowers.

I encourage local fire departments and districts to invite the girls to fundraisers and parades. Let them know that you appreciate their participation in the contest.

I would like to encourage each

district to find a candidate for next year's convention, you and your candidate will not be sorry. It is a learning experience not soon forgotten. If you have any questions about the contest or how to go about getting a Miss Flame... don't hesitate to call.

Patty Miller

Firefighters Certified First Responders



Jesse Emmons, Andy Reed, John Mathies - Elnora Town Marshal, Loren Myers, Brian Wesner, Jeremy Wesner, Jerry Beck, Jerry Lubershasen, Tom Miller, Jim Hastings, Ed Smith, Rob Dove, Mark Knepp, Nick Raber, Rodney Graber.

(Submitted by Public Relations Southwest Director Ron Bell)

A class of 15 firefighters and Elnora Town Marshal engaged in obtaining their First Responder certification.

Jerry Beck, an emergency medical tech (EMT), and fellow firefighter on the Elnora/Elmore fire department, provided the training.

Jerry works with Daviess Community Hospital and County Ambulance Provider Southwest Medical.

Firefighters from Odon, Madison Township, Elnora/Elmore Town-

ship, Plainville, Sandborn, and Cannelburg were enrolled in the eight-week course.

Beck has taught three such classes in the area. Jerry volunteers his time just to help the communities and improve medical services.

Ron Parsons, education manager at Daviess Community Hospital, oversaw the project and did the testing at the end of the course.

Jerry said the men were trained on the jaws of life extrication equipment and basic procedures to stabilize victims until paramedics arrive which includes dealing with stroke victims, diabetic coma, fractures and even childbirth if necessary.

All are qualified to perform CPR and use of backboard or full immobilization techniques.

First Responders can do extrication work while paramedics are tak-

ing care of another patient and also the course included instruction on situations where they are not qualified to intervene.

Jerry said trained personnel will be an asset to any department, but some outfits are looking to the future when a rescue unit might become a part of their department's operations.

Ambulance crews are called out on emergency situations they usually don't know full extent of injuries or the number of individuals involved.

If a back-up ambulance is not available, EMT's could be dealing with two or three injured and another trapped inside a crumpled vehicle. Situations like these that are prompting the formation of fire department rescue units in the area. Qualified First Responders personnel that can assist as needed at the scene.

Wayne Schuetz, owner of Midwest Ambulance Service, said rescue units with qualified personnel available at the scene would enhance emergency medical services in the county.

Daviess County must wait for funding, but in the meantime area fire departments will at least have trained personnel.

Classes were held at the Odon/Madison Township Volunteer Fire Department, Odon, IN.

63rd Annual Poe Fireman's Festival To Be Held August 24th and 25th

The Poe Community Volunteer Fire Department of Poe, Indiana will be holding its 63rd Annual Fireman's Festival, August 24th and 25th, 2001. Friday, August 24th at 5:30 p.m.



Gordon Strange, Plainville volunteer firefighter, was honored with a special award March 15, 2001.

Ivan Nevil, from the office of Indiana Fire Marshal Tracy Boatwright, presented Gordon with the state of Indiana Governor's Meritorious Service Award for his years of dedicated and unselfish service to the Plainville volunteer fire department, the citizens of Daviess County and the great state of Indiana.

Gordon thought he was coming to the station for a housing meeting. He had no idea he was to receive an award.

A beautiful decorated cake was served to his fellow firefighters, his wife, Ivan Nevil, state of Indiana Fire Marshal's office Indianapolis, District 17A chairman Jim Abrams and District 17A chairwoman, Malinda Bell.

(Photo submitted by Public Relations Director Southwest, Ron Bell)

will start the festivities off with a Benefit Auction with items donated by area merchants. Also for the auction will be a double size Log Cabin - Star Quilt made by the ladies of the community. There will also be Bingo and a variety of Kid's Games with food and refreshments available.

Saturday, August 25th will start with Backyard Volleyball at 9:00 a.m., Waterball Competition for both men and women, with sign in at 11:30 a.m. and play at 12:00 noon. There will be a Chicken Barbecue Dinner serving from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. A Euchre Tournament from 12:00 noon till 3:00 p.m. Kiddie Tractor Pull forming at 3:30 p.m., High Hopes Clowns will be from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Waynedale LTD Dancers at

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District 13-A Term - Jan. 2000 to December 31, 2002

Anyone interested in using the IVFA Logo should contact one of the above District Chairmen for information

Poe festival . . . (continued from page 29)

4:30 p.m. & Son Rise Quartet at 6:00 p.m. Starting at 8:00 p.m. a free dance will begin, featuring the High Noon Band. FREE to everyone. There will be a Raffle Drawing at 10:00 p.m. Free Kid's Drawing at 9:00 p.m.

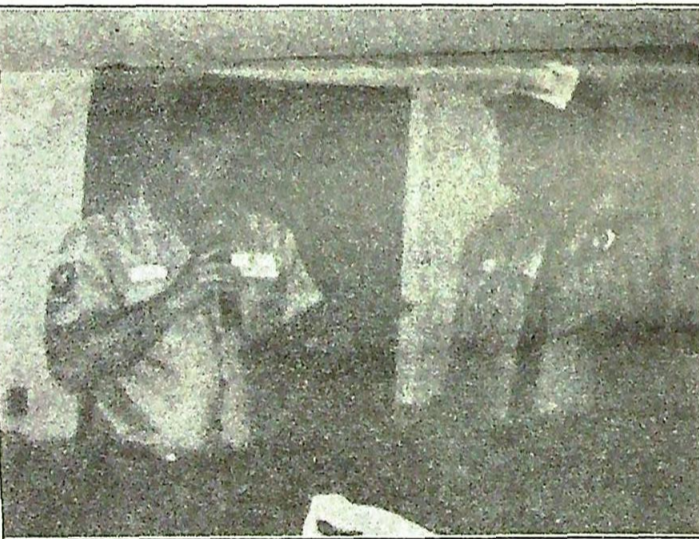
Pork & Sauerkraut - Food - Beer Tent - Kid's Games - Bingo - Moon Walk - Crafters Tent - Caramel Corn - Elephant Ears - Pizza - Ice Cream - Refreshments.

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Anyone having items to donate for the Benefit Auction please call 747-6733.



Lockhart Township Volunteer Firefighters Honored Two of Their Firemen



Lockhart Township Volunteer firefighters held their annual pancake supper and fundraiser Saturday, March 24, 2001.

Two Lockhart Township volunteer fire department firefighters were honored during the fundraiser for a quarter century of service to the community.

Steve Houchin and Donnie Couits received plaques for their fire service. The men have more than 70 years experience between them as firefighters, but on Tuesday night will find themselves out of a job when Lockhart trustee locks them out of their fire barn.

The fundraiser did well even with the black cloud hanging over their heads. (Submitted by Public Relations Southwest Director Ron Bell)

Bud Killon Honored With Award



Bud Killon, Plainville volunteer firefighter, was honored with a special award March 15, 2001. Ivan Nevil from the Office of In-

Salamonia Volunteer Fire Dept. Members Receive 25 Year Pins

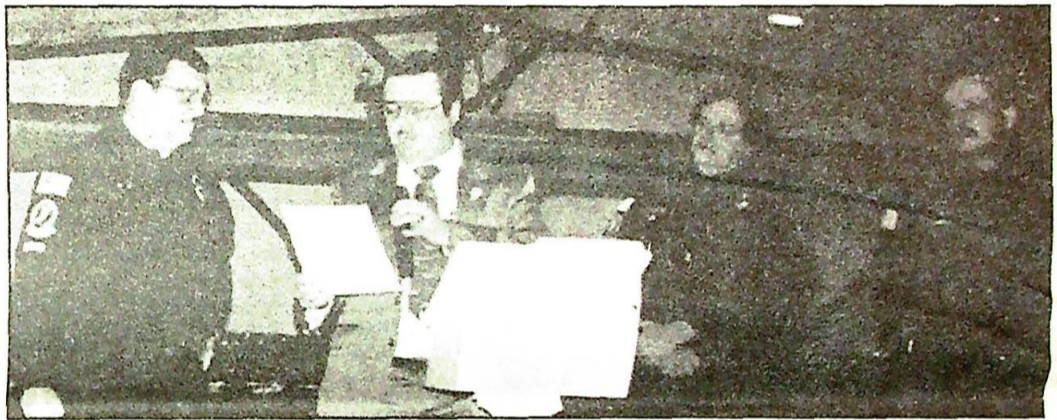


At the May meeting of the Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department, the following people were given pins for their 25 years of service.

Pictured (back row, left to right): Bill Green, Allen Hilfiker, Kenneth Newell, Lloyd Wright, Edwin Manor, District Chairman Larry Petro. Front row (left to right): Paul May, Ed May.

(Photo submitted by Lloyd E. Wright, Fire Chief)

Greg Balmer Receives Special Award For Years of Service



Tom Hinckle of the State Fire Marshal's Office is shown presenting Greg Balmer (far left) with a special award for his years of dedicated service as Fire Chief of L.T.V.F.D. from July 1988 to July 2000. Mr. Balmer has served as Training Officer since July of 2000.

Also pictured are Deputy Chief Terry Meek (second from right) and Fire Chief Mike Banet (far right). Chief Banet was presented with a special award from the Department membership for Outstanding Contributions and Performance, and Deputy Chief Meek received an Outstanding Performance Award.

Carrying The Torch

District 10 chairman, David Israel, is shown participating in World Police and Fire Torch Relays through Greensburg.

(Photo submitted by Peggy Israel)



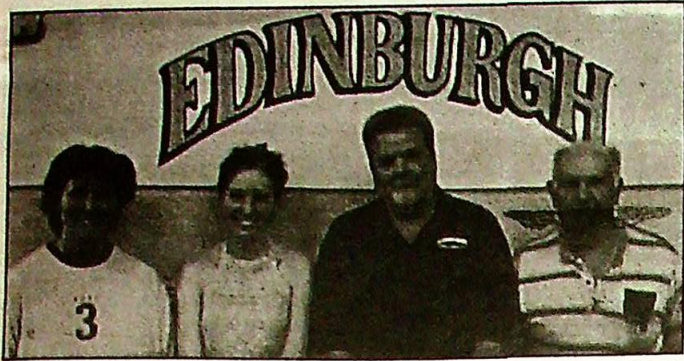
diana Fire Marshal Tracy Boatwright, presented Bud with the State of Indiana Governor's Meritorious Service Award for his years of dedicated and unselfish service to the Plainville Volunteer Fire Department, the citizens of Daviess County and the great state of Indiana.

A beautiful decorated cake was served to his fellow firefighters, his wife, Ivan Nevil, state of Indiana fire marshal's office Indianapolis, District 17A chairwoman Malinda Bell and District 17A chairman Jim Abrams.

(Photo submitted by Public Relations Director Southwest Ronald Bell)

November 10, 2001
Deadline Is October 10

2001 Bridgeport Scholarship Winners Announced



Pictured is Terri Smith, Tessa Smith, Allen Smith and Bridgeport Scholarship representative Carl Bruns. The Smiths are with Edinburgh Fire and Rescue. (Photo submitted by Peggy Israel)

Through the generosity of the former Bridgeport Fire Department of Marion County this fund was started in 1987 making this the 15th year.

Two scholarships are awarded each year. \$3.00 of the current license plate fees goes into the Bridgeport Fund.

The screening committee consists of the president, vice president, senior public relations director, treasurer, chaplain, chairman of the board and two active past presidents.

This year there were 36 participants.

The two winners were Tessa Cecile Smith and Tabitha Lee Kitchell.

Tessa Smith is from Edinburgh, Indiana and Edinburgh Fire & Rescue. Her parents are Allen and Terri Smith. Tessa attended Edinburgh High School and will attend Indiana University. Her profession will be social work.

In high school she belonged to the Honor Society, Art Club, Spanish Club, and the volleyball team. She also helped at tutoring in school and at the Wheeler Homeless Shelter.

Tabitha Kitchell is from Union Mills, Indiana and Cass-Clinton Fire Department. Her parents are Bradley and Susan Kitchell.

Tabitha attended South Central High School in Union Mills and will attend Purdue University. Her profession will be fashion merchandising.

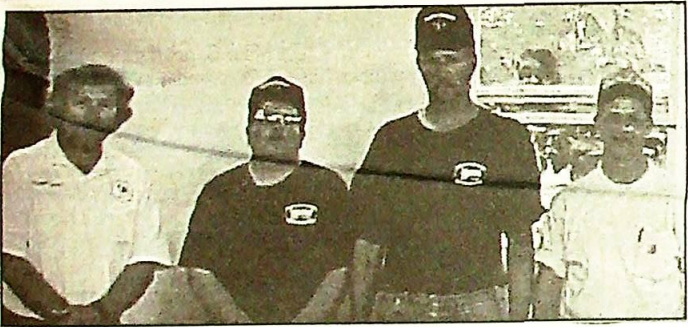
While in high school, she was involved in National Honor Society, German Club, prom committee, graduation committee, and manager for the football team. She also participated in varsity cross country, basketball and track.

She was active in church, 4-H and was a lifeguard.



Pictured is Tabitha Lee Kitchell, Union Mills, Indiana who was a 2001 Bridgeport Scholarship and Carl Bruns.

Marion Twp. Firemen Earn 25 Year Pins



These Marion Twp. (Millhousen) VFD firemen recently earned their 25 year pins. Pictured are District 10 Chairman David Israel, Don Wilmer, Fred Fry and Dave Stone. (Photo submitted by Peggy Israel)

November 10 Deadline is October 10

Honored With "Angel" Award

I was very honored to receive the first ever "THE DIANE HARRISON OUTSTANDING FEMALE FIREFIGHTER ANGEL AWARD".

I was really shocked that someone or someone's had gone to all the trouble to make my wish come true (without having to die). You see, my girlfriend and I had gone to a funeral where we were sure that things did not go like the deceased would have wanted them to. That is when we decided we were going to make a list of what we would like to have done, and a young firefighter on our department said he would see to it that our wishes were granted. This award was one of my wishes.

To those people who felt I was worthy of this honor and to the Indian avolunteer Firefighters' Association committee who approved this award, words cannot express my gratitude to all of you.

I hope that each department that has female firefighters nominates one that they feel that is deserving of this award. Guidelines are in this issue of the paper.

It is my belief that it isn't whether you are male or female, we are all there for the same purpose to save lives and property and help others in their time of need. We put endless hours of training and fund-raisers, not including the time spent making the emergency calls.

It should not matter whether you're male or female, we are one, firefighters joined together to help others, giving 100% has nothing to do with gener, dedication to serve is the key.

Again, heartfelt appreciation is felt towards everyone involved with this award, I know there are many across the state deserving of this award.

Diane Harrison

• Guidelines for the "DIANE HARRISON FEMALE FIREFIGHTER ANGEL AWARD" - QUALIFICATIONS: Female Firefighter -active; Member IVFA; Min. Second Class firefighter; Not required but can be State Officer; Min. 5 years of service; Involvement with - fire service - fire prevention - community service; No posthumous awards. Letters of nomination deadline will be April 1. Nominations may be mailed to Districts 11-A or 11-B chairperson or West Central Public Relation Officer.

David Miller Earns Midwest Award

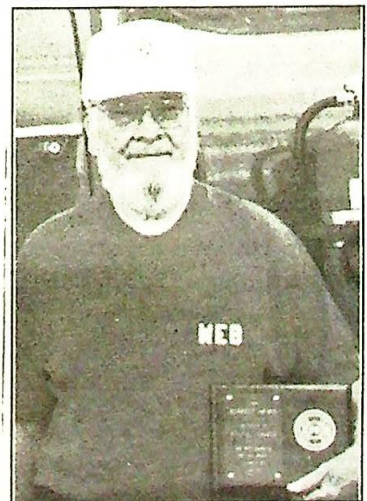


MIDWEST AWARD WINNER David Miller, District 11B, is a member Rosedale Volunteer Fire and

Lyford Volunteer Fire Departments and has been a firefighter for 29 years. He is a Second Class fireman and is Lieutenant and training officer on the Rosedale Fire Department. Pictured are Larry Ketchem and David Miller.

(Photo submitted by Patty Miller)

Zimmer Midwest Award Winner



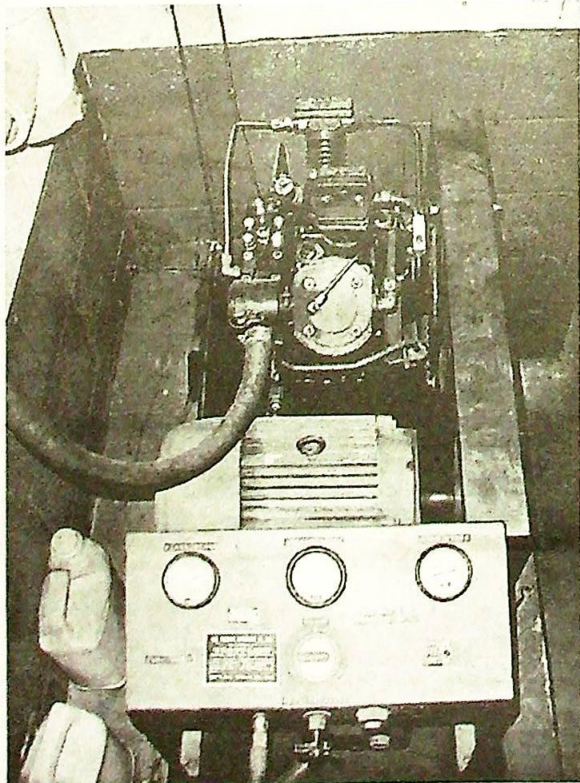
Pictured above is Wilbur Zimmer, District 19 Midwest Award winner. (Photo submitted by Ed Scheele)

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Decatur County Fire Stop Program's Newest Addition



As of February 23, 2001 the Decatur County Fire Stop Program purchased a robotic Patches and Pumper with the help of a grant given by Decatur County Community Foundation. The robotic Patches and Pumper will be used for all the county volunteer fire departments. It will be used with fire department events and school programs. This picture is from the very first program at Huggy Bear's Day Care. It has been used at several Bible School programs and the Baptist Youth Camp. It's turned out to be worth its weight in gold. It puts out a message the children relate to and the adults enjoy. We can't thank the Decatur Community Foundation enough. This really drives the message of safety home.

(Photo submitted by Lavonda Dinn)

Burkhardt Presented Award For Years of Fire Service And Birthday



Jack Kerney, IVFA President, Roy E. Richardson, District 14 Chairman and Nelson Ehlers, Public Relations SE, presented an award to Jack Burkhardt at Fairplay #1 for his 70 years in the fire service and his 100th birthday.

(Photo submitted by Roy E. Richardson, District 14)



"Helmets for Happiness"

Lewis Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. sold "Helmets For Happiness" for the onth of May to raise money to help Hoosier Burn Camp. Firefighters teamed up with three Pizza Huts to sell helmets in their stores. Plans are already being made to make next year's campaign bigger and better than this year's. Sherry McFarland presented a check of \$775.00 to Fire Marshal Boatwright for Hoosier Burn Camp at convention in June.

(Photo submitted by Diane Harrison, District 11-A Chairman)

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Springfield Twp. Members Awarded 25 Year Pins



District 3 chairman Tim Sandy recently awarded 25 Year Service Pins to the following Springfield Twp. members. (Front row) Jake Bingman, Dan Kilgore. (Back row) Jerry Cohen, Ben Johnson, Jim Johnson, Vern Gaw. Absent when picture was taken - Roy Cohen and Ralph Lies.

Morris Firefighters Honored

On June 16th at the annual Morris Volunteer Fire Dept. chicken dinner, Ray Vankirk was presented with an I.V.F.A. Gold Card and plaque for 50 years of dedicated fire service.

Carl Bruns presented Ray with the gold card, making him a lifetime member of the I.V.F.A. Ed Scheele presented Ray with a plaque from the fire department.

Ray joined Napoleon V.F.D. over 50 years ago and later moved to Morris and joined the Morris V.F.D. Ray was a Firefighter of the Year in 1993, and was the District 19 Midwest Award winner in 1999, and also the Ollie Sandburg Award winner in 1999. Ray has devoted many hours to the volunteer fire service.

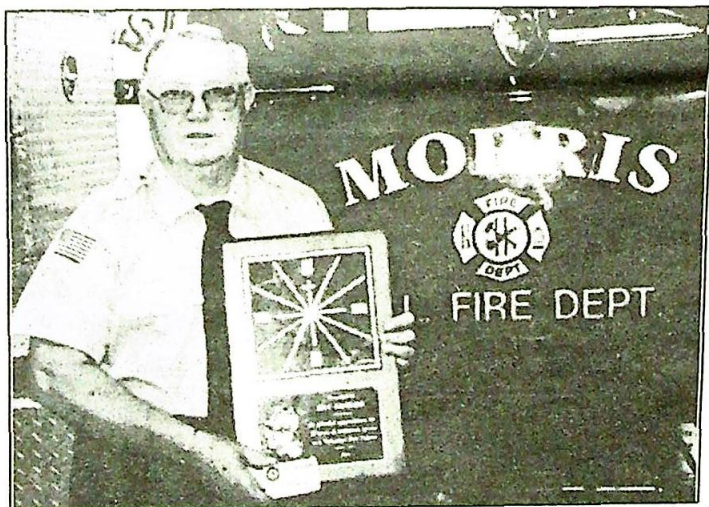
Wilbur Zimmer of the Morris V.F.D. was the recipient of the District 19 Midwest Award at the State Convention. Wilbur has been a volunteer firefighter for over 18 years. He was presented the plaque at the Morris V.F.D. chicken dinner and raffle on June 16th.

Four members of the Morris Vol. Fire Department were presented 25 year pins from the I.V.F.A. for 25 or more years of fire service.

Frank Martin has 52 years of service; Ray Vankirk has 50 years; Ray Weisenbach has 49 years and Tony Muster has 36 years. All four firefighters were former District 19 Midwest Award recipients, and have given much of their time to the volunteer fire service.

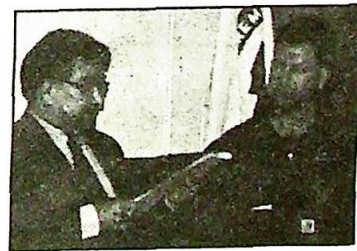


Morris V.F.D. firefighters that received 25 year pins from the I.V.F.A. for 25 or more years of fire service are (from left): Ray Vankirk, Tony Muster, Frank Martin, Ray Weisenbach. (Photo submitted by Ed Scheele)



Ray Vankirk is shown with plaque and Gold Card for 50 years of fire service. (Photo submitted by Ed Scheele)

Robert Frost Honored For Saving Lives In Poland Fire



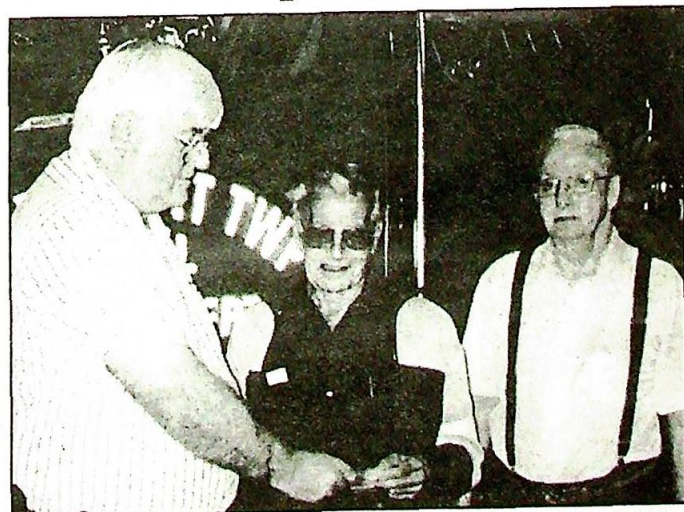
Fire Marshal presented Mr. Robert J. Frost with a certificate for his part of saving lives in the February 11, 2001 fire at Poland.

Mr. Frost was able to get the adults out of the home before the fire departments arrived.

It is great to have civilians who will get involved and help their neighbors.

(Photo submitted by Diane Harrison, District 11-A Chairman)

Pleasant Twp. Members Receive Gold Cards



Four Pleasant Township members were honored on July 2 for more than 50 years of service and presented the coveted Gold Card signifying them as IVFA Life Members.

District 3 Chairman Tim Sandy is pictured recognizing August "Gus" Hesters and Raymond "Red" Leroy for their dedicated service.

Not present when picture was taken were Fred Felton and Robert Johnson.

Otter Creek Firefighters Earn 25 Year Pins



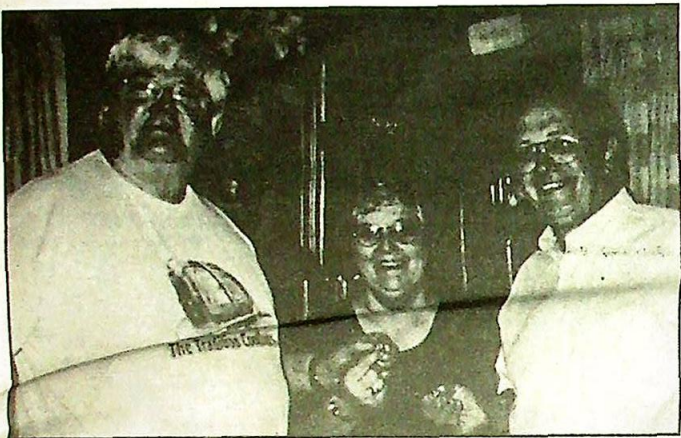
Pictured (left to right) are Gary Lingensfelder, Jerry Lankford, Diane Harrison - District Chairman and Bob Meyers from Otter Creek Station 1 who received their 25 year pins. (Photo submitted by Diane Harrison, District 11-A Chairman)

District 3 Members Presented 25 Year Pins



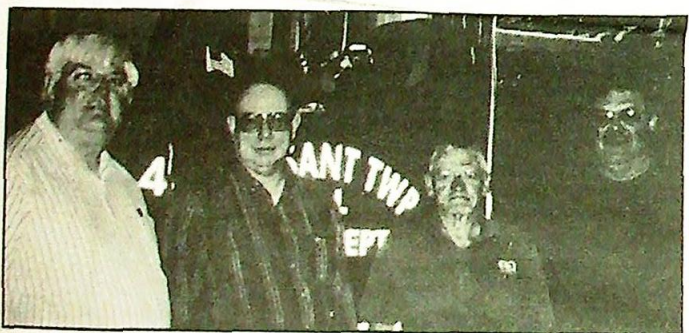
Six members of District 3 were honored for 25 years or more of service at the May 17th district meeting. Pictured are (front row) Buz Koehler - IVFA Vice President; Duane Lantz, Scipio Twp.; Jim Hall, LaCrosse; Mitch Parish - Mr. IVFA 2000. (Back row) Ed Ritter, Kingsbury; Norm Carpenter, Hanna Twp.; Dave Kaufman, Lincoln Twp.; John Childress, Coolspring Twp. and Tim Sandy, District 3 Chairman.

Uryga's Presented 25 Year Service Pins



Bob and Leona Uryga were recently presented service pins by District 3 chairman Tim Sandy, recognizing them for over 25 years of fire service. Both have recently retired from active firefighting. Bob is a former District 3 chairman and Leona is former District 3 IVFAA chairman. We wish them luck in their endeavors.

Pleasant Twp. Members Presented 25 Year Service Pins



District 3 chairman Tim Sandy presented Chief Phil Bluhm, Joseph Kapuschinski and Billy Koehn pins recognizing their more than 25 years of service to their community as firefighters.

IVFA 25 Year Service Pins Awarded To Firefighters



Twenty-five year service pins were presented by Bill Bush, I.V.F.A. Sergeant-at-Arms to two firefighters. Pictured (left to right) are John Morphy, Perrysville VFD, Bill Bush, IVFA Sgt.-at-Arms; Don Gossett, Mill Creek-Kingman VFD and Larry Ketchem, District 11-B chairman. (Photo submitted by Linda Baker)

Firefighters Attend Class



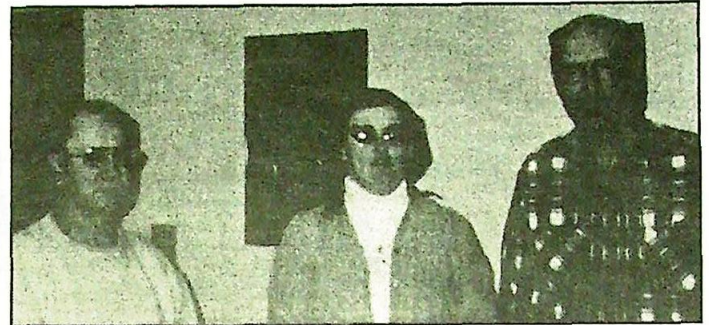
Firefighters taking Firefighter I and II class held at Lewis Twp. are: (row one, left to right) John Quilliam, Pamela Nees, Keith Reed, Josh Shidler and Leslie Reese. (Row two, left to right) Craig Wells, Jerry Nees, Brad Allen, Bryan Nees, Brent Orsburn, Joe Lofton, Randy Ketner, Ralph Mullens and Jack McFarland - Instructor. (Row three) Bryan Husband - Instructor.

(Photo submitted by Diane Harrison, District 11-A chairman)

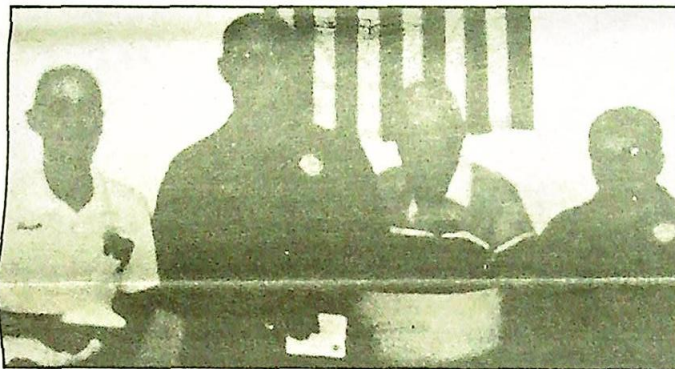
Clay City Firefighters Receive Pins

Clay City firefighters receiving 25 year pins are Jim Rupp and Ron Travis. Pictured are Jim Rupp, Diane Harrison - Chairman and Ron Travis.

(Photo submitted by Diane Harrison, District 11-A chairman)



Linton Twp. Firemen Receive Pins



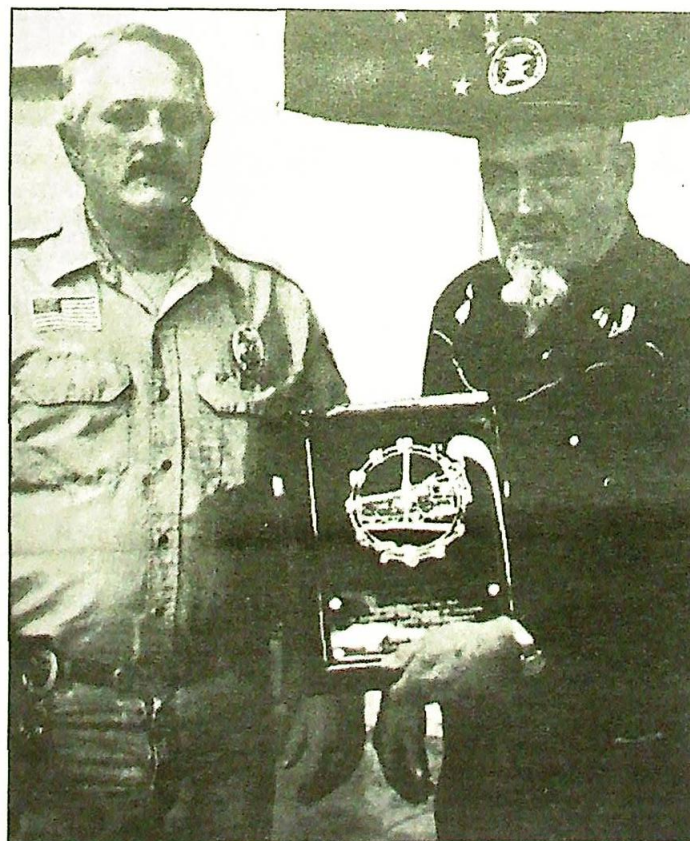
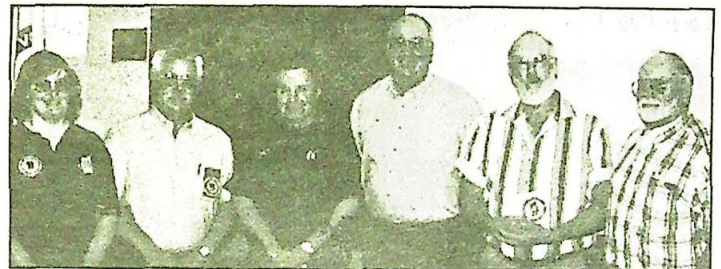
Twenty-five year pin recipients from Linton Twp. Fire Dept. are Ralph Splady, Bill Nicoson, Eugene Saucerman and Roy Sartor.

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Van Buren Firefighters Receive Pins

Van Buren Twp. firefighters receive their 25 year pins. (Left to right) Diane Harrison - District Chairman, Buz Koehler - Vice-President, Pete Taylor, Taymond Chamberlain, Ronnie Chamberlin, Clyde Gottsche. Those not present were Stanley Know and Harry Mayle.

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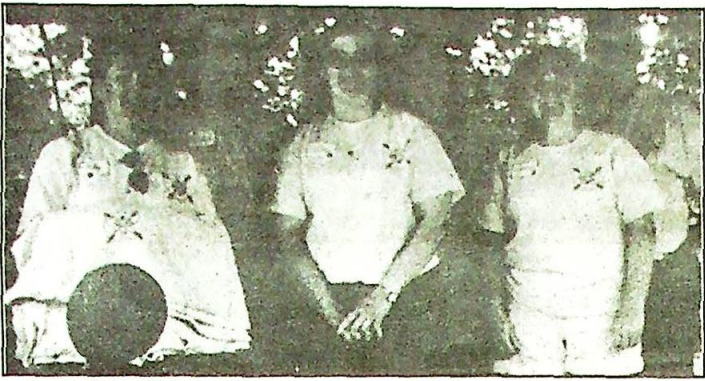


Don Gossett Receives Special Award

Allen Brown, Fire Chief, Mill Twp.-Kingman presents Don Gossett, a special award for 47 years of dedicated service.

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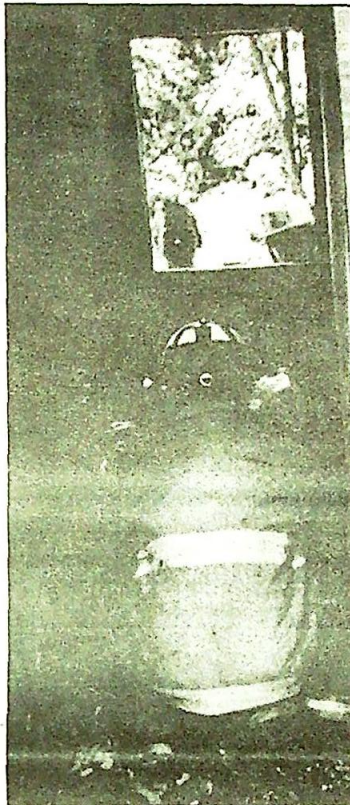
Helps Hoosier Burn Camp



Lewis Twp. Vol. Fire Department attends Hoosier Burn Camp visitor's day and presents each child with a department tee-shirt. The department cooked cheeseburgers every weekend for a month and a half to pay for the shirts. Row one - Cindy Husband, Diane Harrison, Sherry McFarland. Row two - Gerri Husband, Glenda Fagg and John Fagg Sr. (Photo submitted by Diane Harrison, District 11-A chairman)

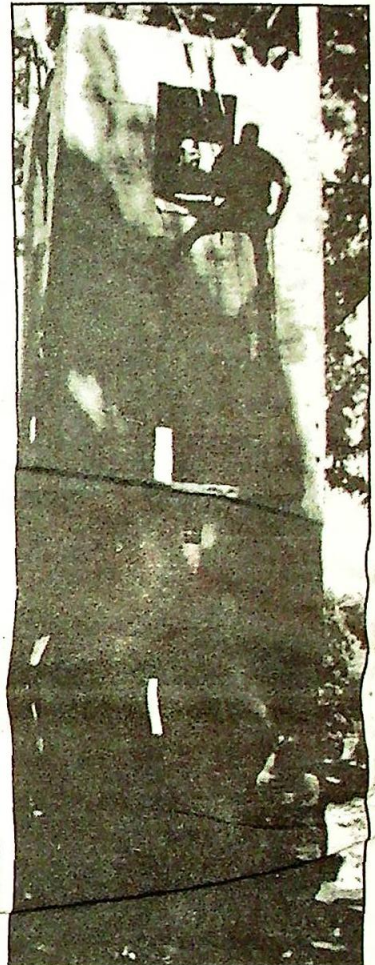


Rapid Intervention Class Held

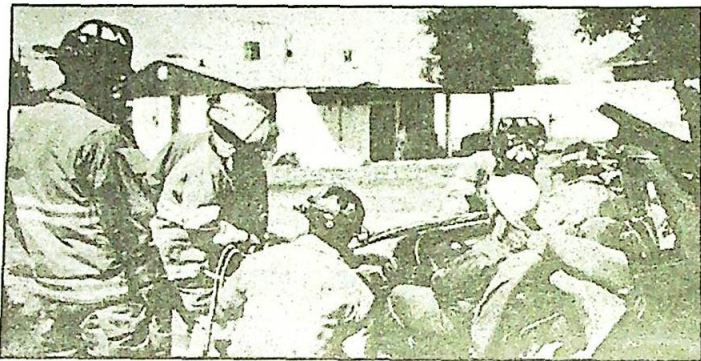


On June 23, 2001 District 11-A hosted "Saving Your Own" "Getting Out Alive" Rapid Intervention class held at Sugar Creek Fire Station. Top left - Evacuating from a second story window using a rope and haligan tool. Top right - Going through a wall using an axe. Bottom left - Rescuing a fallen firefighter and getting him out through the window. Bottom right - Learning how to rope reel.

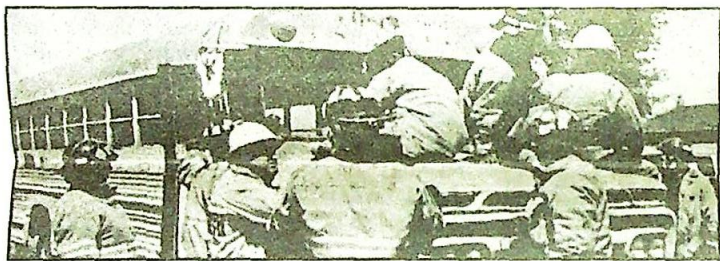
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Extrication Classes Held

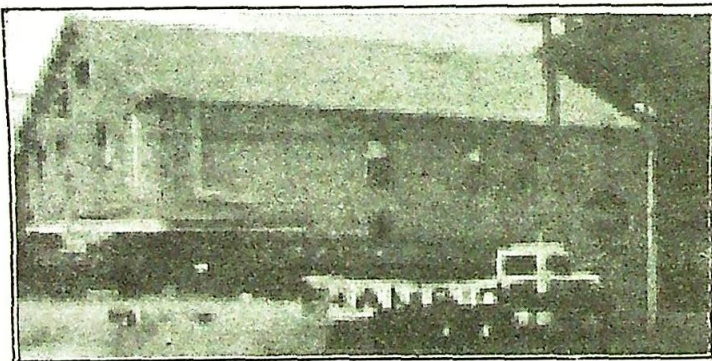


District 11-A extrication class with instructor Pee Wee Warren - Taking a car apart to get to the victims. (Photo submitted by Diane Harrison, District 11-A chairman)



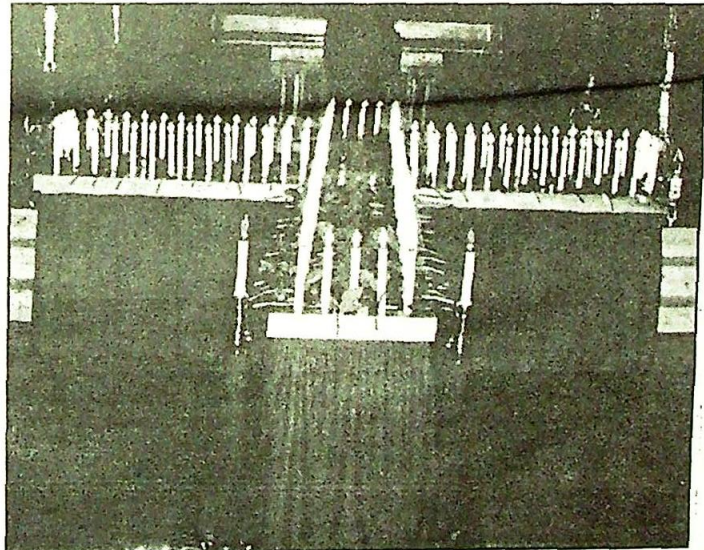
Planning strategy for taking the bus apart. (Photo submitted by Diane Harrison, District 11-A chairman)

VFD Responds To Overturned Tanker Call



The Tell City Volunteer Fire Department responded to a call of a tanker overturned at Main and Washington Street at 6:15 a.m. on May 23, 2001. Upon arrival, firemen found the tanker overturned and leaking liquid nitrogen. The fire department was on standby for 14 hours while hazardous material and other emergency personnel stabilized the incident. Businesses in the immediate area remained closed throughout the day.

Convention Cross



The above photo displays the Convention Cross at the 2001 Convention held in Fort Wayne.

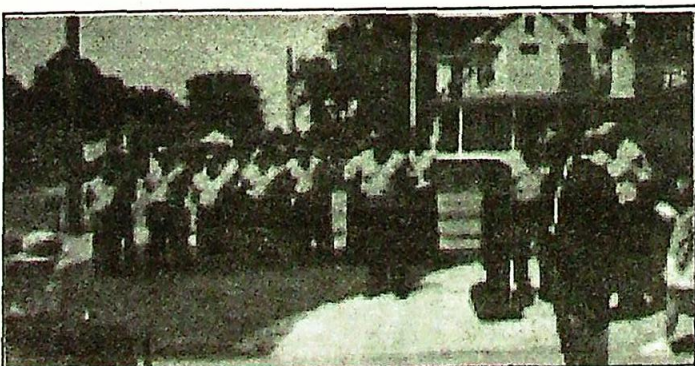
2001 Legislative Update . . .

HB 1116 - False alarm charges. Authorizes townships, fire protection territories, fire protection districts, and volunteer fire departments to impose false alarm fees or service charges. Provides that an alarm company is liable for the payment of the false alarm fee or service charge, if the owner of the property that constitutes the owner's residence establishes that the alarm is under a maintenance contract and the alarm company has been notified of the improper installation or maintenance. - Author: Markt L. Lytle. Sponsor: Harold H. 'Potch' Wheeler. 04/11/2001 - S: Signed by the President Pro Tem
HB 1117 - Fire Protection Levy. Authorizes an excessive levy for township fire protection for townships that have resorted to short term borrowing in the previous three calendar years. Authorizes an excessive levy for the City of Goshen. - Author: Markt L. Lytle. Sponsor: James W. Merritt, Jr. 03/29/2001. S: Ret 1st House Amendments.
HB1267 - Credit card payments to public safety agencies. (Agency

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November Deadline: October 10, 2001

Memorial Monument Dedication Held



The Tell City Volunteer Fire Department held a memorial monument dedication at the Mozart Street Fire Station on May 26, 2001. The ceremony was in recognition of deceased Fire Chief Jim Mansfield who died from a sudden illness on December 18, 2000. Jim served as a volunteer firefighter for 22 years and held the rank of fire chief for the last eight years of his service. The monument was purchased by the Tell City Fire Department Club and from donations from several businesses and private citizens.



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Legislative update . . . (continued from page 34)

bill) - Allows the fire and building services department to accept by credit card for certifications, licenses, and fees, and for other amounts payable to the fire and building services department, the state emergency management agency, the public safety institute, the fire prevention and building safety commission, the regulated amusement device safety board, the boiler and pressure vessel rules board, the Indiana emergency management, fire and building services, and public safety training foundation, the office of the state fire marshal, or the office of the state building commissioner. - Author: Vern Tischer. Sponsor: Becky Skillman.

04/11/2001. S: R 1st House No Amendments. HB 1288 - Impersonating a firefighter. - Makes impersonation of a firefighter a Class A misdemeanor. The offense is a Class D felony if, as a proximate result of the person entering an emergency incident area, a person suffers bodily injury. Provides that a person who is not a firefighter who refuses to leave an emergency incident area after being requested to do so commits a Class A misdemeanor. Provides that a firefighter who enters an emergency incident area, but has not been dispatched to the emergency dispatch area, and who refuses to leave after being requested to do so

commits a Class C infraction. Provides that a person who interferes with a firefighter performing required duties commits a Class A misdemeanor. - Author: John G. Frenz. Sponsor: David C. Long. 03/20/2001. S: Ret 1st House Amendments.

HB 1386 - Lights on volunteer fire vehicles. Provides that a member of a volunteer fire department may display blue lights on the member's privately owned vehicle while en route to a fire station to get firefighting equipment to transport to the scene of a fire or other emergency in the line of duty. Provides that no person who is not a member of a volunteer fire depart-

ment may display a blue light of any size or shape on a motor vehicle. - Author: C. Michael Herndon. Sponsor: Sue Landske. 04/12/2001. H: Governor Signed.

HB 1570 - Ambulance run information. Provides that certain information in a pre-hospital ambulance rescue or report record concerning emergency ambulance services provided by a public agency or an entity under contract with a public agency is public information. - Author: Winfield C. Moses, Jr. Sponsor: Steven R. Johnson. 04/12/2001. S: Ret 1st House No Amendments.

HB 1739 - Firefighting personnel standards and education.

(Agency bill) - Allows the board of firefighting personnel standards and education to certify nonfire service personnel who meet the qualifications set by the education board. - Author: Mark Kruzan. Sponsor: J. Murray Clark. 04/12/2001. H: Received By Governor.

HB 1977 - Fire department immunity for donations. (Agency bill) - Grants immunity from civil liability to a political subdivision, a volunteer fire department, an employee of a political subdivision or volunteer fire department, or a volunteer firefighter who donates fire control or fire rescue equipment to a fire department of a political subdivision or to a volunteer fire department. - Author: R. Tiny Adams. Sponsor: Harold H. 'Potch' Wheeler. 04/12/2001. S: 3rd Reading Pass (49-0).

SB 090 Fire protection territory. Provides that the ad valorem property tax levy limits apply to property taxes imposed by a unit that enters a fire protection territory created after July 31, 2001. Provides that for the three calendar years following the year that a unit participates in the fire protection territory the ad valorem property tax levy limits do not apply to property taxes imposed by a unit creating a fire protection territory to give notice of and hold a public hearing before adopting an ordinance to create the territory. Specifies the information that must be included in the notice. Allows an agent of a volunteer fire department to collect service charges imposed by the volunteer fire department. (NOTE: The fire department may use an agent, but the agent cannot be paid out of the service charges collected.) Provides that different property tax rates may apply in the units that make up the territory, so long as a rate applies uniformly to all of a unit's taxable property within the territory. - Author: Joseph C. Zakas. Sponsor: Michael A. Dvorak. 04/11/2001. H: 3rd Reading Pass (71-25)

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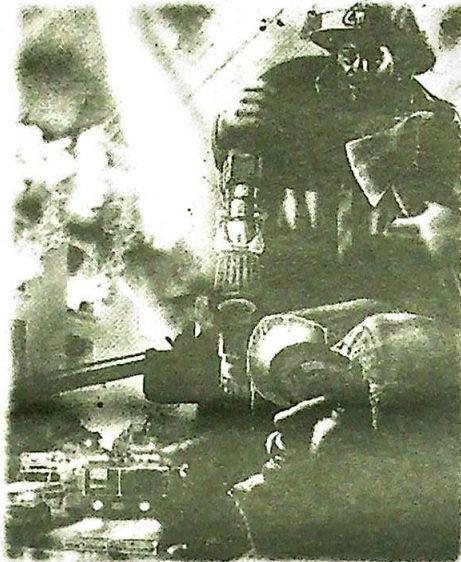
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White Consolidated Industries, Inc. has received one report of a fire because of a short circuit resulting in \$14,000 in damage. No injuries have been reported.

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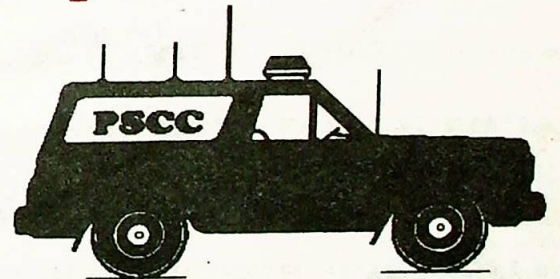
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