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IVFA ADOPTS LIFE INSURANCE PLAN

It is with great pleasure and pride, that the officers and directors of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Incorporated, wish to announce the reaching of another mile stone in their untiring efforts to further increase the benefits of the members of their association.

After much research and study, we are very pleased to present and recommend a life insurance program that we believe to be of great value and benefit to the firemen of Indiana.

You will find in this paper, a brief description of the insurance coverage and a schedule of insurance benefits and costs. Although your department may now be insured by another associate group plan, please complete the enrollment form sent to you indicating the time you wish your department insurance program to become effective.

This is very essential in getting our insurance program in effect. 50% of all eligible firemen in a department, must enroll in the program, before the department can qualify for insurance. We urge each fireman to enroll in the program for at least, the minimum amount of \$1000.00 of life insurance. Eligible firemen who do not enroll in the department's original enrollment, must show evidence of insurability satisfactory to the Company, if insurance is desired at a later date. Any new member may enroll without evidence of insurability, providing he make application before the next premium due date.

We are pleased to state that the insurance company that will underwrite our insurance program, is an Indiana Company. It is known as the Mutual Security Life Insurance Company, Fort Wayne, a mutual legal reserve, non-assessable company. The Company has been in the insurance business since 1939, writing all forms of Life, Group and Health Insurance.

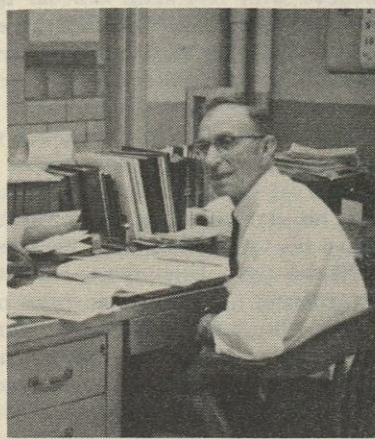
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I.V.F.A. TO SPONSOR LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAM

At the last State Officers' meeting held in Kokomo, November 28, 1965, officers and directors of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, voted to adopt and promote a life insurance program for the members.

The group insurance policy will be underwritten by the Mutual
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From Your President



What happened! At the close of the last fiscal year we had approximately 9071 members—on the 1st of January this year we count 8426 members paid up. We did make a great gain in members during this half year. Our secretary reports that 43 departments had not paid their dues. Right now I wish you would look at your membership card. Does it expire on July 1, 1966? If not get busy right now and see that you get a paid card.

It has been a GO Year. The fact of the matter is I would like to call this the GO GO YEAR. The officers have been very busy. We added one new district, we split one district into two for the convenience of the members. Since January the first of many of the chairmen of the districts have been out after the unpaid departments and have added new members. All the committees have taken their duties with much concern. Despite the fact that our economic condition in this fair State has improved to that point where we are all too busy occupied with our bread and butter jobs; the officers have found time to promote our organization. This is particularly true of the Insurance Committee appointed at the last convention.

After much work, many letters and meetings this Life Insurance Committee now presents to you a very fine Life Insurance Plan. Without sounding like an insurance counselor or agent let me urge you to study this policy and look to the support of your wife and children in the event you are removed from the picture. What your particular problem is you know. But let me add this, you will not find a better policy.

After many years of thought and labor Jack Ford finally realized the success of his dream to get fire instructions above the basic training into his back yard. The 6th District of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association

completed a most successful Instructor's School. Sixty-two firemen signed for the course and fifty-nine received diplomas. This school was held during the month of December, when most men find they are tied to home and tasks about the home. Congratulations to Bill Goodwin and Cooney Tucker as well as to Jack for a job well done.

In this issue of The Indiana Volunteer Fireman you will meet the first of Safety Articles. Mr. Robert Hamm of the Indiana Rating Bureau very graciously volunteered to write the first of these articles. I think you will agree with me, this is a very fine and appropriate article. Watch for our next attempt to promote personal safety for firemen.

Four months remain until the annual meeting at Vincennes. I want to call to your attention that our by-laws requiresome changes. The number of districts is one item. There must be some thought given to section 1 and section 7 of article 1. Let's clear up the board of directors. Is this body together with the elected officers, the ruling body? It is not too late for you to get that new member. He may be in your own department.

Secretary's Report

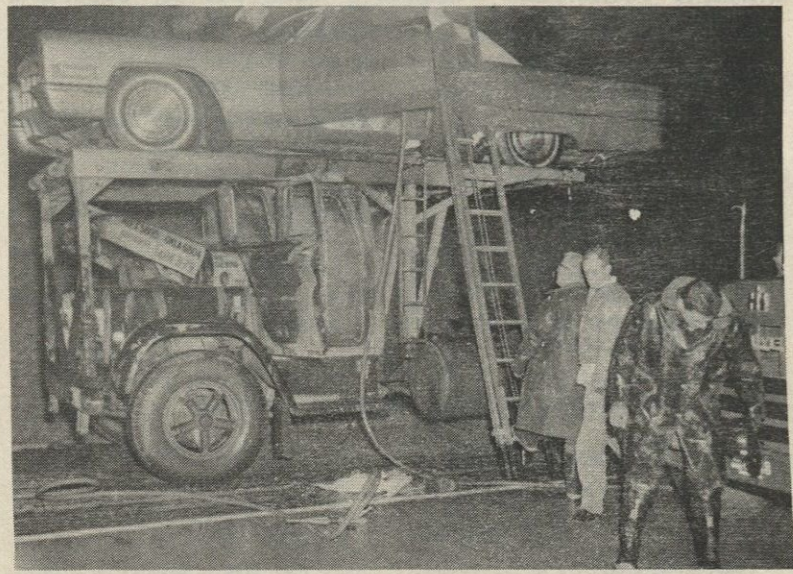
To this date we are ahead of last year with membership, however, there are still a number of departments that are delinquent. These have been notified by mail, the District Chairmen also have been notified. We have a grand total of 8,426 members as of this time.

There have been some inquiries of this office of "why don't we receive the paper"? This is the reason for a complete mailing address for each member, with each of the departments doing this for each of its members. Our Newspaper is a popular item with all the membership and I have numerous contacts concerning it. The subject matter of this paper comes from YOU—you are the one that provides news for this paper, so let us all give Editor Laney our local news.

The Fire Instructors Course held recently at Purdue University Extension in Fort Wayne was very gratifying in results. This is indicative of the whole state in as much as it shows the need and willingness of firemen to obtain additional education.

We have changed companies for the grave-markers, with Martin's Uniform and Equipment Co. of Elkhart now in the process of making molds for this work. In

So You Think Super Highways Are Safer? Don't you believe it



A 30 minute delay in notifying the fire department resulted in the loss of auto carrier tractor and new 1966 Cadillac on Interstate 69 near Fort Wayne.

DANGER LURKS ON INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS

When a motorist is involved in an emergency such as an accident or fire, he is in for real trouble. Interstate, limited access, high speed highways are carved out of countryside with little housing or none. The roadbeds are lined with a four foot fence which is topped with barb wire, thus making it both dangerous and difficult for a motorist to get across to summon aid. A delay for help may be as long as from 1/2 to two hours in length. Remember, there are no telephones, no filling stations, and nowhere a stranded motorist can call for help. Upon checking with the Indiana State Police, we are told their cars make a trip along I-69 every two hours. Future

the very near future they will be turning out markers and these will be in the proper hands shortly thereafter.

Bids for convention are coming in very slow. It is everyone's responsibility to interest someone in hosting our annual meeting. There are a number of requirements such locations must meet and your District Chairman is familiar with these.

In talking with District Chairmen throughout the State I become concerned, the reason being—attendance at District Meetings. As you know IVFA begins at these meetings and it is the responsibility of each and every fireman to lend his support for the betterment of all other firemen. Make an effort to attend your next District Meeting.

Respectfully,
John T. Ford
Your State Secretary

plans call for telephones to be placed in rest areas spaced about 50 miles apart. According to the National Safety Council one out of every 232 vehicles travelling down a road will be involved in an accident.

Last year, according to Russell Sherwood, State Conservation Officer, cars collided with and killed 105 deer on roads in Indiana. Fifty-five of these deer were killed on the super highways. As you well know, an animal of this size can do a lot of damage to both the car and its occupant. If you have ever witnessed an accident of this type, you know that a deer cracking the windshield of a car that is travelling between 60 and 70 miles per hour, makes for disastrous results.

With the opening of more and more limited access, high speed highways, such as those of the Interstate System, the problem of stopped vehicles in distress and means of summoning assistance thereto is becoming more and more acute. A stranded vehicle along such high speed highways is a serious hazard, both to the motorist in distress and to all
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Attention Volunteers

At the Rensselaer convention, a motion was made and passed that the Officers of our Association get for its members, a life insurance plan. The President appointed Mr. Frances Weaver, Don Mason and John Kustron, to act on this motion.

With a number of meetings in the past six months, and careful study of a number of offers by various Insurance Companies, your committee, along with Presi-
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I. V. F. A. History
A HISTORY OF YOUR
ORGANIZATION FROM
PAST TO PRESENT DAY

Many inquiries have been received in the past year in reference to the early history of this growing association, how, when and where it started. We will endeavor to give you the story in these columns from its inception to the present day. Its 11th year was completed in December 1957 since receiving the corporation certificate from the State of Indiana in 1946 and during that interim we will furnish statistics of our growth and expansion year after year. It was in early 1945 when a few volunteer departments of Lake and Porter Counties pioneered the idea to form a state wide volunteer firemen's association.

Their first meeting held and elected the following officers: President, Harold Brownell, Lowell Dept., Secretary, Alvin Guske, Crown Point Dept. and Treasurer C. O. Rattray, Cedar Lake Dept. In the first collection of dues, the Secretary turned over to the Treasurer \$175.00 on Aug. 23rd, 1945. At a later meeting held on Sept. 20th, 1945, Roy E. Kittredge, Hobart Dept. was elected Secretary, which position he held until June 1952. Alvin Guske was elected Vice President. Also in 1945 the first By-Laws committee was appointed, as follows: Verne Konopasek, Chairman, Griffith Dept., Alvin Guske and Harold Brownell. This committee held several meetings drafting the constitution and by-laws, also the Articles of Incorporation, in order to make application for corporation certificate, which was granted by the State on Dec. 6th, 1946 with the following signatories: Harold Brownell, Alvin Guske, Roy E. Kittredge, C. O. Rattray, Monte Morrow of Hebron Dept., Frank Mitch, Cedar Lake Dept., Frank Miller, St. John Dept., Elmer Beck, Chesterton Dept., L. O. Russell, Schneider Dept., Sam Ordean, Black Oak Dept., and James Jensen, Highland Dept.

At a meeting held in American Legion Hall, Hobart, on July 25th, 1947, Verne Konopasek was elected Treasurer, which position he has held continuous to this day. At the time of his election Verne laid plans to organize a Death Benefit Fund, starting from scratch that day. After the first collection from the eight departments represented at the meeting, the fund was enriched by \$133.00 and subsequent collections made for this same purpose, brought the total to \$363.10 by the time of our first convention in 1948. Prior to his election as an officer in your Association, Verne attended the annual conventions of Indiana Firemen's Association as delegate, year after year, trying to spearhead a drive to form a death benefit fund in this association, but to no avail and when the fire chief of St. John Dept. was killed in a highway accident in 1945, leaving his widow in a bad way financially, a collection was proposed for her benefit and again Konopasek mentioned what an asset and convenience a death benefit fund would mean to the association, so when he was elected Treasurer in our organization, he was successful in having this fund started and time has vindicated his theories in the operation of a successful death benefit fund, as in a period of less than 11 years, 85 death claims have been paid off, and there is a balance in this fund as of today, in excess of \$17,500.00.

At that time the following towns were members of the association: Lowell, St. John, Hobart, Black Oak, East Gary, Crown

"The Volunteer Fireman's Personal Safety"

By

ROBERT F. HAMM, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS,
INDIANA RATING BUREAU

Fire fighting today, whether it is being done by the paid or the volunteer fire fighter, is one of the most hazardous vocations. The odds that a fire fighter will be killed on the job is three times as great as for any other type of work, according to a survey made by the International Fire Chiefs Association. According to their findings the major causes of fatalities were listed as: Structural collapse of buildings, explosions during fire fighting operations, asphyxiation, electric shock, burns and traffic accidents. According to a recent survey which revealed some statistics, fire fighting today is considered to be seven times as hazardous as mining, once considered the most hazardous of all vocations.

The results of such surveys point to the need for greater knowledge of structures and contents; more information with regard to those things which can cause fatalities, and more concern for better training. This all points very clearly to the need for a better type training and drilling program, the proper use of protective equipment, and the utmost regard to all safety and use of safety equipment by the fire fighter.

All of us in the fire service (actively engaged or indirectly engaged) are very much concerned with the saving of a life, for we believe with Abraham Lincoln that "the greatest thing anyone can do is to save a life." However, we are often guilty of placing our own life in jeopardy through our carelessness, indifference, apathy and what is even more serious the rejection of training. It is not hard for us to generate a great deal of sympathy for that little boy or girl whose Daddy dies in a fire, but we should be equally concerned for our own little lad or lass whose Daddy (you) may lose his life in a fire. If the fire fighter is not concerned with his own safety, how can he save the lives and property of those to whom he has dedicated his talents and even his life?

There have been some casualties among fire fighters attributed to ignoring the very basic rules of safety. There isn't a fire fighter today who does not know the danger of gases generated by burning materials in a fire. He knows that the loss of life from this danger is primarily due to the lethal quality of the products of combustion: Heat, smoke and gases. In a great many instances where people have lost their lives in fire, it was the gases and not the flames that killed them. Carbon monoxide, present in most fires, if not all, combines with the blood. Irritant gases, such as ammonia and sulphur dioxide inflame the throat so that airways are obstructed. Some gases, as we all know, may even act as narcotics and paralyze the nervous system. We know these things, and yet fire fighters will object many times to wearing breathing equipment on the basis that they are "smoke eaters" and furthermore it is "sissy" to wear a mask.

How often have we read the story in the daily press of some fire fighter thrown from the moving apparatus and killed. It is not the point of wisdom to drive at speeds which endanger the lives of the men on the fire truck. The few minutes gained by such speeding will not make that much difference in the outcome of the fire, but the failure to reach the scene due to an accident makes all the difference in the world. When a traffic accident involving a fire truck and another vehicle occurs, it is often explained by the fire apparatus driver that he was sounding the siren. By sounding a siren we are just requesting permission for the right-of-way, and not assuring you, or the men riding with you, that you have it. Remember that the next time you are speeding down a street or a highway!

Think of the number of men in the volunteer fire service who have suffered serious electrical shocks and burns, or who have died as a result of electrical contacts. Many of these casualties were due in no small way to a lack of respect for that which we all know to be dangerous. The most common thing to contend with are electric wires at the fire scene. Many departments carry wire cutters with insulated handles, and wear rubber gloves, and think they are safe in cutting a wire! This was true, perhaps when the power was confined to direct current and low voltage. Not so today under modern conditions with alternating current and high voltage used for practically all lighting and power.

It is unsafe to recommend, or to allow, the fire fighter to cut, or otherwise handle live electrical wiring. The only exception is where the fire fighter has worked, or is working, for the public utility company, and has been trained to do this type of work. A more satisfactory plan is to make arrangements with the utility whereby service men are called when the fire fighters are working near power lines.

Two fires occurring some twelve or thirteen years ago involving a group of toxic insecticides have caused considerable concern among safety-minded fire fighters. Contact with these organic phosphates used in insecticides either through dust or vapor inhalation, even skin exposure, is reported to be extremely hazardous. Every precaution should be taken to prevent personal exposure. There is but one answer—find out where such insecticides are used and stored in your community—and this can only be done by making inspections and asking questions. It does not mean that if a fire does occur in such a storage area we are to go the other way, but it would point out the danger, and thus cause the fire fighters to think of personal safety and wear breathing apparatus and other protective equipment.

Lives of fire fighters, and many of them volunteer firemen—have been lost in structural collapse. Not all such occasions could have been prevented, but many of them could through inspection of the building in order to ascertain the danger of overloading or structural defects. Likewise, when a fire fighter is trapped in a burning structure, it could very well be due to the fact that he had failed to inspect and learn that structure, as well as means of escape.

Traveling across American highways are cargo trucks carrying all sorts of things, including explosives, radioactive materials, exotic fuels, and other dangerous chemicals. These trucks are frequently involved in accidents, and even fire, and each is a potential disaster to say the least. What do we, as volunteer fire fighters, know about such materials, the markings on the truck or containers in which the material is shipped? If you do not know it may be too late to try and find out when you are called to such disaster. The Sixth

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Random Notes of a Rambling
Reporter in Southern IndianaNew Officers - Sellersburg
V. F. D. INC.

Melvin Tobin—Chief
Richard Werle—Ass't Chief
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Robert Kesler—Treasurer
J. Bob Stewart—Secretary
Congratulations to the new officers of the Sellersburg V. F. D. 16th District Chairman Gil Boaz, in cooperation with local Civil Defense Authorities, is conducting classes on "Medical Self Help Training Course". The course consists of 6 - 2 hour training periods. The first class to graduate was made up of interested citizens and the members of Floyd Knobs fire department and Lafayette Township V. F. D. The next class will be started at Greenville.

New Middletown V. F. D. scheduled a happy social function on

January 16, 1966. Program included "burning of the mortgage" for the fire house. This bunch of hardworking fire fighters got the fire house built and mortgage paid off in just about two years. New Middletown V. F. D. hosted the 16th District meeting on January 4, 1966.

"Death out of Darkness" is the title of a film available thru Indiana State Police. It shows some graphic pictures of the Palm Sunday Tornado in the Russia-ville area, and other points in Northern Indiana.

I. V. F. A. 14th District Chairman, Richard Werle is announcing some of the plans for the 14th in 1966. Among them a Fire School in the Southeastern section of Indiana.

As you all know, a Fire School,
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Security Life Insurance Company, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Information regarding the enrollment of firemen, benefits, costs, etc., have been sent to all Association Department Members.

Copies of the same material, plus other information regarding all benefits offered by our Association, will be sent to non-member volunteer departments, asking them to share in these benefits, by becoming members of our Association.

Upon completion of the enrollment of the firemen and putting the insurance program in effect, a similar insurance plan will be offered to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Association.

On page 6 of this issue of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman, you will find the complete information received by all member departments. It is anticipated this media of information, plus the efforts of the officers and district chairman of the Association, can enroll the required number of firemen and fire departments, to put the program in effect. Due to the very low cost of the insurance, it is impossible for the insurance company to put their agents in the field to promote the program. Furthermore, this particular insurance program was written by volunteer firemen, for volunteer firemen, and will be available **only** to members of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association. **THIS IS OUR INSURANCE PROGRAM.**

Now to consider some of the benefits of the insurance program. Let us assume that a fireman has enrolled in the program, and has a \$5,000.00 insurance policy at an annual cost of \$41.40. Should he die from ANY CAUSE, his beneficiary would receive the sum of \$5,000.00. Should his death be caused from an accident, whether it be in line of duty as a volunteer fireman, confronting the every day hazards on the highways, or perhaps falling in the bath tub in his own home, the beneficiary would receive the death benefit of \$5,000.00, plus an additional \$5,000.00 accidental death benefit, or a total of \$10,000.00. As an example of the dismemberment and loss of sight benefits, let us assume that the

fireman has lost one of his limbs or the sight of one eye in an accident. The fireman as the policy owner would receive \$2,500.00 for the loss of either under the benefits of the insurance policy. Should the fireman die within ninety (90) days of the accident, and his death be attributed to the cause of the accident, his beneficiary would receive the \$5,000.00 death benefit, plus an additional \$2,500.00 accidental death benefit. Again the maximum or \$10,000.00 would have been paid the beneficiaries under the terms of the insurance policy. Now, if the fireman had lost two limbs or the sight of two eyes, or the sight of one eye and one limb, he would receive a \$5,000.00 benefit. Then should he die within ninety (90) days of the accident, and his death be attributed to the accident, the beneficiary would receive the death benefit of \$5,000.00 only. However, the maximum of \$10,000.00 would have been paid under the terms of the insurance policy.

Regardless of the amount of insurance you may purchase (\$1,000.00 to \$10,000.00), additional benefits equal the face amount of the policy are provided in case of accidental death, dismemberment or loss of sight.

The benefits under this type of group life insurance, are termed as occupational and non-occupational. Under this special policy, fire fighting or other allied fire services would be the volunteer fireman's occupation, while fireman's work, travel, etc., would be non-occupational.

After reading the eligibility requirements of the proposed insurance program, you may have this question. What happens to my insurance program, when I am no longer a fireman or a member of a volunteer fire department! According to Section 3, Article VIII, of our Constitution and By-Laws, quote, "Any fireman who becomes a member of this Association by reason of his active membership in a regular organized Fire Department and is subsequently suspended, retires or resigns from said department while in good standing in the Association MAY continue as an ACTIVE member of the

Association, so long as he continues to pay his annual dues of two (\$2.00) dollars per year. The words ACTIVE FIREMAN in Article VIII of our Constitution, and the payment of the annual two (\$2.00) dollars dues to the secretary of the Association, will permit a volunteer fireman, once he is enrolled in the insurance program, to continue his insurance policy. He will also have the option, within 30 days after retirement from his fire department, to convert his insurance coverage to any permanent plan offered by the company, without showing evidence of insurability.

Perhaps another question, 'Is the annual premium of \$8.28 per \$1,000.00 of insurance guaranteed'. The answer would be "No". Due to the inability to determine the ages of all volunteer firemen who may participate in the insurance program, and not being able to establish a 'mortality rate', makes it impossible to determine a permanent annual rate. However, the actuaries of the insurance company are of the opinion that the present proposed rate is ample. Should the insurance company, find in the future they are in a financial position with the proposed insurance program, to decrease the rate per one thousand dollars of insurance, we may be assured this too will be passed on to the firemen.

We would ask all eligible volunteer firemen to give every consideration to the proposed life insurance program as offered by the Association. Where else can you purchase \$5,000.00 worth of life insurance, plus an additional \$5,000.00 accidental death, dismemberment and loss of sight benefits for the very low premium of \$41.40. Fifty years premium of the present proposed rate, would amount to \$2,070.00, far short of the insurance value of \$5,000.00, plus the other protection benefits as stated in the proposal. Firemen enrolling in the original enrollment of their respective fire department, if for only the minimum of \$1,000.00 life insurance at the cost of \$8.28 annual premium, will have the privilege of increasing the amount of insurance up to age 55, on the anniversary date of the policy, without showing evidence of insurability.

Many of the fire departments are going to pay the premium on the first \$1,000.00 of life insurance for each fireman in their department. The fireman will then have the option to increase the amount of insurance by paying the additional premium. Some of the departments will pay all the premium for all the firemen, on a quarterly basis, and withhold it from the compensation due the fireman at the end of the year. This is for each individual fire department to work out a program, best suited to their specific needs.

Please do not send any money or check with the enrollment of the firemen in your department, when sending in the original enrollment form. You will receive the necessary supplies for each fireman in your department, to report their respective beneficiary, amount of insurance, etc., after completion of the original enrollment program. But please send the enrollment form NOW, to the Mutual Security Life Insurance Company, Fort Wayne, Indiana, so we can put the insurance program in effect.

If any department has need of further information, supplies, etc., please contact your district chairman, public relation men, or the following Insurance Committee:

- John Kustron
6686 Van Buren Pl.
Crown Point, Indiana 46307
- Don Mason
LaCrosse, Indiana
- You may reach me by phone—
Residence 567-9243 — Business 567-9311. Please call after 7:00 P. M., at my residence week days.
- Edmund H. Weaver, Chairman
Insurance Committee
Francesville, Indiana 47946

AUXILIARY NEWS

The District 3 meeting of IVFA Auxiliary was preceded by a pot luck supper served by Cool Spring Township "Fireflies" Auxiliary.

It was reported that Lincoln Township Auxiliary has joined the IVFA 100%.

A gavel will be purchased from our "penny march" collection for Chairman's use.

There was discussion of additional by-laws for district use.

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ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS

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dent Walter Steiger have a wonderful insurance plan to offer you. This plan not only covers life but offers double indemnity, dismemberment and loss of sight benefits, at a very minimum cost. Here is a chance to get in on the ground floor. Your officers strongly recommend this insurance and wish to see each department enroll.

You may have a good fire station and good equipment to run this equipment, but does your department have enough insurance to protect your firemen and their family. We keep improving on our fire fighting capabilities so we must also improve the benefits of our firemen.

Elsewhere in this paper you will find a schedule of the premiums. It will cost you only \$8.28 per man per \$1,000 worth life insurance. Protect your firemen's family by buying him some life insurance.

Thank you,
John Kustron
P. R. D., Northwest

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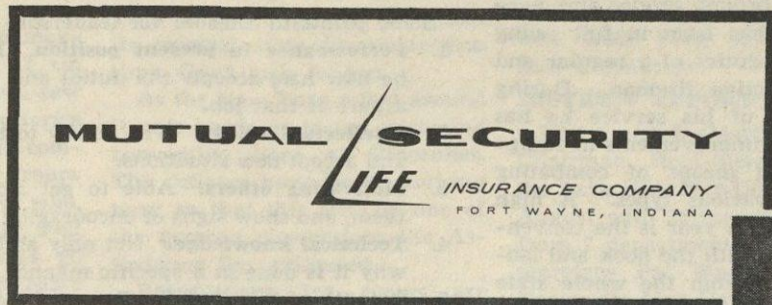
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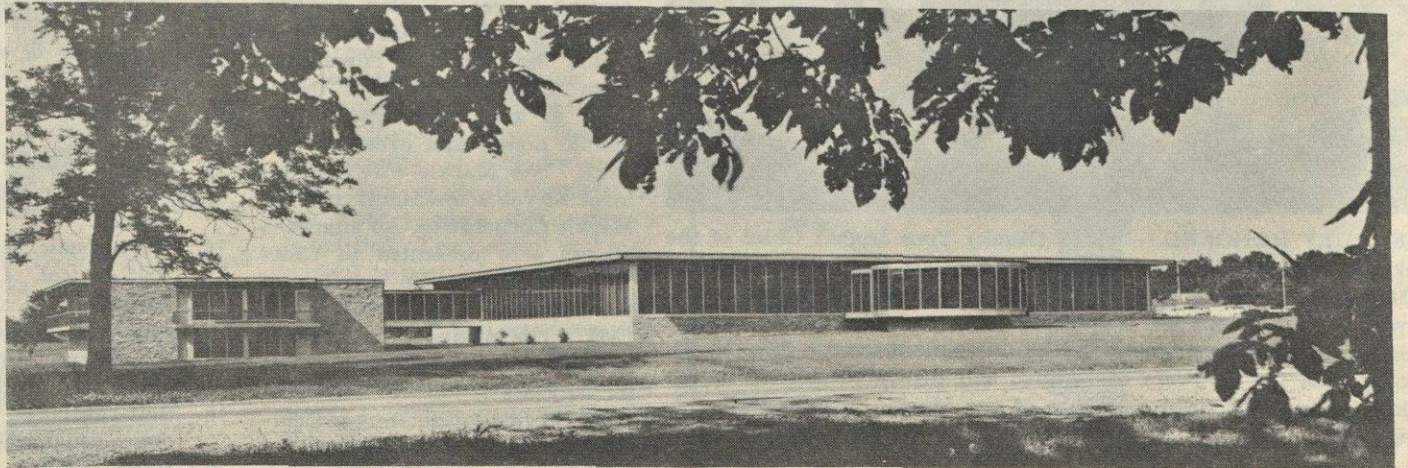
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A Non-Profit Organization No. 35-6026503

Death Benefit Department - Funeral Fund - January 10, 1966

The Following Deaths and Contributions Made During The Year of 1965

1- 7-65	336	George Poock	8 4-65	363	Roy E. Inks	110.20*
Wolcottville		3803	Columbia Twp. D-6		7305	
1- 6-65	337	Wilfred Terry	9-14-65	364	Ervie Elzey	110.20*
Dyer		272	Decatur		1201	
2-10-65	338	Arthur W. Werling	5- 7-65	365	Robert W. Adams	75.20*
Preble		1473	Ramsey		12954	
2-12-65	339	Richard Stevens	9-29-65	366	Richard J. Lighthall	110.20*
Kankakee Twp. D-3		2117	Adams Twp. Allen Co.		4796	
2- 9-65	340	Geo. Arthur Lucas	6-14-65	367	Dallas Davenport	45.20*
Jackson Twp. D-16		10629	Jeff. Twp. D-9-A		15021	
2-22-65	341	Ernest G. Walters	9-25-65	368	Hobert Butcher	110.20*
Griffith		1520	Sheridan D-12		2055	
2-13-65	342	Jesse B. Garver	10-11-65	369	Carl Holliday	110.20*
Wash. Twp. Rush Co.		3767	Medaryville 9-B		12086	
3-27-65	343	Roy Steele	10-26-65	370	Ralph Osborn	110.20*
Decatur		1196	Amboy D-8		7833	
3-31-65	344	Herbert Clark	9-11-65	371	Max Johnson	110.20*
Montpelier		1411	Otter Creek Twp. D-11		4998	
4- 1-65	345	George Bryan	11- 6-65	372	Donald R. Wells	110.20*
Mooresville		13529	Scottsburg D-14		9657	
4- 5-65	346	Carl Redford	9-11-65	373	Clair McCown	110.20*
Portland		4283	Fairview Park D-11		6672	
4- 1-65	347	Lee Amick	11-14-65	374	Bert Shearer	45.20*
Scottsburg		7655	Wyatt D-4		16111	
4-18-65	348	Donald Hollowell	9- 2-65	375	Owen Cross	110.20*
Mickleyville		3431	Coolsprg Twp. D-3		4088	
4-23-65	349	Fred Gibson	11-21-65	376	William L. Brandon	75.20*
Greenville		10858	Clinton Twp. D-11		13656	
5-28-65	350	Ralph Cantrell	11-11-65	377	Donald Miles	110.20*
Farmland		2440	New Market D-11		2727	
2-18-65	351	Harold Gehring	11-30-65	378	Leo C. Ramey	110.20*
Legonier		13621	Nineveh Twp. D-10		4650	
2-18-65	352	Hallie Gehring	11-27-65	379	LeRoy Anderson	110.20*
Legonier		2665	Rensselaer		1142	
6-16-65	353	Soloman L. Hursey	12- 7-65	380	Richard Sunday	110.20*
East Gary		239	St. Joe Twp. Allen Co.		9454	
6- 1-65	354	Francis Fisher	12-15-65	381	Fred Sipe	45.20*
Dublin D-13		14897	Kent Dist. 14		15850	
6-27-65	355	Harold Wyatt	12- 4-65	382	Lewis Webb	75.20*
Camden		2468	Pleasant Lake 6		12979	
6-28-65	356	Harlan L. Thompson	1- 1-66	383	Lester Hefrick	110.20*
Winchester		5733	Adams Twp. 1 Allen		383	
6-19-65	357	Harlan B. Binger	During year 44 Markers from Balch Bros., also 1 in lieu of Marker			325.34
Sellersburg		7341	*Includes memorial and Indiana State Sales Tax on the same.			
6-30-65	358	Mendall Morrison	Total contributions made from Funeral Fund during year of 1965			5119.94
Sug. Crk. 2 Greenfield		9124	RECEIPTS - Reports 11 and 12 from Secretary			
6-30-65	359	Harlan L. Crist	Kustron		276.75	
New Goshen D-11		7681	Check for Claim 351 returned "Harold Gehring"		45.20	
7-16-65	360	William Lawson	Reports 1 thru 19 from Secretary			
Clinton		2626	J. Ford		6251.25	
7-29-65	361	Thad A. Kesling				
Noble Twp. & Co. D-6		4633				
8- 6-65	362	George P. Spitz				
Griffith		8621				

ON HAND 1-1-65 - 41077.05 - Balance on hand
1-1-66 \$42530.31

Respectfully submitted,

Verne Konopasek, Treasurer 1-8-66

"The New Life"

Family life in this "Great Society" with any size family is hectic enough—but when Dad becomes a volunteer fireman a whole new way of life takes over.

First, there is the alert. The wail of a siren sounds only pretty loud when it doesn't really matter if you hear it or not—and with the kids and dogs and TV added to the normal confusion you're lucky if you hear the alert at all. But to be a volunteer's family the sound of the siren is serious business.

Then of course, a complete transformation of the family car is called for. You start with the windshield sticker (nothing involved here—just every day licking.) Now the blue light is a different story. The electrical system of the car will never be the same. Your windshield wipers may start wiping when you turn on the heater. And woe to thee who doesn't check to see if your hand is in the general direction of the right knob, and you find cars going off the road because you've turned on that pretty blue light. You can attract all the attention a girl could want or maybe more. Just to be driving down the road and have strange voices telling you to go to strange places takes some getting used to . . . Oh that fire radio!

Then you must reserve Monday night for meeting night. This evening is sacred to all others so don't dare plan anything on that night.

Part of this new life is the driveway—or what used to be the driveway. It's now a main thoroughfare for the VF's car which, by the way, is always backed in for a quick get-away. So you must keep those bikes and toys out of the way.

At bedtime, the gear hangs nearby— pants, socks, boots—all ready to jump into. The sleeping attire usually changes after Dad becomes a VF'r.

With the arrival of spring comes the grass fire season—not more than two or three of these a day. Summer follows with the parade season—conventions and water ball contests, and of course the festivals, carnivals and fish fries. These times aren't too complicated because you just don't plan on a VF Father for anything, even his presence at meals.

When the rains begin to overflow the creeks and ditches and your basement fills up, you just keep bailing—Dad's gone off to pump cellars for others. And when you get the family all ready to go some place or just ready to sit down for a special company meal—and the call comes—he goes!

Most of you know about the necessary objectives such as training meetings, maintenance of equipment, and fund raising projects. However, they're available for odd jobs around town—they help keep things in line at the ball game; install the town's Christmas lights; wash down streets; fill swimming pools and rescue animals from peculiar places, and maybe even fix the rope on the flagpole.

To help develop a "sharp eye" their "spare time" is used in playing water ball. I'm told this is training!!

And say, did you ever know a guy who could sleep through night feedings, demands for a drink, or potty calls, barking dogs and ALL—but let that siren wind up at 2 a. m.—well now that's different!!!

I thought sure I would never get "conditioned" to all this, but I did. After a few of those "long calls" when a life was snuffed out, or they were called too late to save some valuable property, you begin to "see". The fireman's wife (and family) have to "grow" a little to become accustomed to this "new way of life." To the kids, this siren is a "big deal"—Daddy and other neighboring VF take off like the sheriff in a Western. But the kids soon learn, too. Yes, it takes a while, but when you begin to realize your man is more than a boy grown up, riding on a big fire engine—when you see that they are some times dealing with life and death—and that minutes count (even seconds)—you begin to open doors and hand coats in a big hurry. You watch him drive off, and then listen for the truck to go out—and then you sit in a chair by the window and wonder and pray and wait—rather proudly.

Mrs. Dottie Peek, wife of a VF, Acton, Indiana

Markle Fire Chief Honored



FIRE CHIEF HONORED — H. R. (Hank) Yoos (right) Chief of the Markle Volunteer Fire Department for the last eight years marked his 50th anniversary of service with the department Thursday when he was the recipient of a plaque, presented by Robert Buroff president of the department. The inscription reads—"To H. R. (Hank) Yoos for 50 years of faithful and dedicated service to the Markle Community from members of the Markle Fire Department, December 9, 1965". (Herald-Press Photo)

H. R. (Hank) Yoos, Chief of the Markle Volunteer Fire Department is somewhat rare in Indiana Firemen Circles. He is

serving his 50th year as a fireman, and his 40th year continually in service. Between the years of 1909 and 1925 he managed 10 years of broken service and since 1925 he has been in full swing with the duties of a regular and mighty active fireman. During the time of his service he has seen vast improvements in equipment and means of combating fires of various types. A high light of each year is the convention, here with the hook and ladder crews from the whole state Chief Yoos is right at home. He played in the band from the Markle Department in 1925 at one of these gatherings. He has missed only a few of these get-togethers since that year and is already looking forward to the coming convention next summer. The fires that he has served at would be countless, dwellings, farm buildings, business buildings, at auto and truck fires, mobile homes and even elevator fires. The Markle Fire Department serves 4 townships and the Markle Corporation. An engraved plaque was presented to Chief Yoos at the regular meeting of the department on December 9, 1965. The plaque in part reads as follows: To H. R. (Hank) Yoos for 50 years of faithful and dedicated service to the Markle Community from members of the MVFD. Mr. Yoos has been the Chief of the group since 1957. A supper was held after the meeting in honor of the occasion.

Evaluating For Promotion - Yourself or Others

Some points to consider for leadership potentials:

1. **Performance in present position.** How well one does the job he now has; accepts the duties and responsibilities that are now a part of that job.
2. **Intellectual ability.** The ability to think, to solve new problems and accept new situations.
3. **Motivating others.** Able to get along with others; work with them, and show signs of encouraging others toward improvement.
4. **Technical knowledge.** Not only ability to do a job, but to know why it is done in a specific manner.
5. **Breadth of knowledge.** Range of interests in related fields.
6. **Ability to plan.** To look ahead and plan for greater efficiency.
7. **Administrative ability.** To organize own work and that of others; ability to delegate.
8. **Effective use of time.** Not a time waster.
9. **Dependability.** Adheres to promises, schedules, policies, rules and regulations.
10. **Mentally alert.** Ability to understand instructions, explanations, unusual circumstances and situations quickly.
11. **Adaptable to changes.** To the unexpected; to changes in procedures.
12. **Creative.** The inquiring mind and fresh approach to problems in order to be creative and present new ideas.
13. **Social.** Ability to make friends; work comfortably with others. Has sincere interest in people. Respects others and earns their respect.
14. **Enthusiastic, loyal, optimistic and vision.**
15. **Self-control.** Calm and poised under pressure.
16. **Initiative.** A self-starter who promptly takes hold of the problem; sees and acts on new opportunities.
17. **A worker.** Drive, energy; not easily discouraged when the going gets tough.
18. **Self-confident.** Inner sense of security. Man with self-confidence usually has confidence in others.
19. **Open minded.** Keeps emotional personal interests from influencing his decisions.

A part of one of the lectures in Leadership delivered by R. F. Hamm, Director Public Relations, Indiana Rating Bureau.

Auxiliary News

IVFA Auxiliary Officers 1965-1966

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IVFA AUXILIARY CHATTER

Time has a very subtle way of creeping up on us before we are completely aware of it, and this, many times, finds us unprepared for the things we have to do. To my utmost consternation, I faced exactly that fact when all of a sudden I found it was time to send my message off to the newspapers. Needless to say, I did really apply myself.

Things were a bit quiet through the holidays, but now with the start of a new year, activities are once more resuming, and our auxiliaries are again buzzing. Good news has been coming in from our Northern sections, and it seems our Central areas have also been busy. Many of our groups are making big plans for coming benefits, social events and plain meeting and having fun.

It is not too early to start making plans for convention. I am hoping there will be quite a few teams from the various auxiliaries who will enter the waterball competition. Many of our groups have young, active members who, I am sure, would do really well in a waterball team. Let's go gals, the time is now. It bears repeating . . . this is the GO GO year.

To get back to the more serious side. There are some sections from which I have had no word. If there is any help you are needing, any questions that need answers, please do drop me a line or get in touch with your District Director. I want to keep in touch with you all, and while it may be impossible for me to speak with each of you personally, I will try my very best to be handy when the need arises.

It is very heartening to know our membership continues to gain. Our strength lies in our ability to grow. With great numbers we can accomplish much. Many of our auxiliaries are joining 100%. This is especially true of some of our very new groups. That fact in itself is a real challenge to some of our older established auxiliaries.

Our future does indeed look BRIGHT.

Ruth Fairfield
Auxiliary President

VINCENNES TOWNSHIP LADIES AUXILIARY

Vincennes Township Ladies Auxiliary held a Christmas party for their husbands, December 18, at the Bruceville Rod and Gun Club. A turkey dinner was served to twenty-one members and their husbands. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Stan Ranwaskie, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Blubbaum and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Westfall.

Bert Dodd, Maurice Mack, Don Reynolds, and Geo. Bailey were contestants for Miss Flame of Vincennes Township Fire Department, with Don Reynolds being named winner. Sorry pictures were not available at this time.

Cards and dancing were held afterwards.

Some of the members of the fire department have been busy the past few weeks working on a old fire truck they purchased. They hope to get it back into its original state by convention time. Good luck fellows.

As the New Year rolled around it puts us closer to our oncoming convention here at Vincennes. The fellows have been working hard so that this will be one of the greatest conventions the Association has witnessed.

Reservations for rooms are coming in every day and we still have a few available according to chairman Bill Engle.

There will be 350 rooms available for delegates who wish to stay in the residence hall at the Vincennes University. The rate is \$3.50 per person per night. The rooms are furnished with two single beds. Linens will be furnished, but due to a state law they are not allowed to furnish pillows. This residence hall was put to use the start of this term of school, and is as up to date as the motels are.

For room reservations please write to Bill Engle, 3307 Hillcrest Road, Vincennes. Please state what nights you plan to be in Vincennes, and also what type of rooms, Motel or residence hall at the Vincennes University.

District 17 meeting was held in Jasper, January 26, with eight departments present.

The new insurance plan was discussed, and will be supported by District 17. Vincennes Township Fire Department was given

full assurance that the District would give them full support in promoting the State Convention to be held in Vincennes June 16, 17, 18, 1966.

After the meeting, lunch was served by the Jasper Fire Dept.

AUXILIARY STATE OFFICERS MEETING HELD

Meeting called to order by President Ruth Fairfield at 10:30 A. M. November 28th, 1965 at Kokomo, Indiana. Led in prayer by Chaplain Thelma Lester. Salute to flag and pledge of allegiance led by Sergeant-at-Arms, Jo Lantz.

On roll call there were 17 officers present and nine guests. Our President gave a welcoming address to all officers and guests.

Minutes of August meeting were read and corrected.

President Walt Steiger visited us and gave a short talk. The IVFA is at an all time high. They have formed a new district south with 8 departments. The north are getting new members in the old locals. This is "Go! Go! year for the IVFA".

Our treasurer reported \$1,199.53 deposited. We received a thank you card from the Russiaville department for paying their dues. Bills presented: District 3 - postage, \$1.00; President Ruth Fairfield, postage and telephone \$3.28; Russiaville dues \$60.00; Mary Boyd, \$10.00. Ruth Ford made a motion to allow Recording secretary additional \$25.00. Seconded by Wanda Stuerzenberger. Motion carried. Total bills, \$99.28. A motion by Catherine Mason, seconded by Inez Jeffries to pay bills. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Thelma Lester gave her report as follows: 12 get well cards, 22 sympathy cards and one birth congratulations. Four auxiliary deaths reported since last Officer's meeting. Announcement was made that Chief Don Anderson's father of Rensselaer department passed away on November 27th.

Publicity report by Catherine Fries. She is receiving very good reports from local auxiliaries. Keep it up so we will have plenty of news for the newspaper.

Catherine Mason reported 63 lapel pins left to date. A check for \$75.00 turned in. No reports on insurance and By-Laws. Catherine Mason volunteered to help Ruth Ford on the Water Ball Committee.

DISTRICT REPORTS

Nos. 1 and 2—Martha Thomas, Chairman. Held their meeting at the Lake Hills Fire Department in August with 29 members present from 7 departments. Due to the secretary Pat Wade moving to Newcastle, Mrs. Nancy Mager was elected the new secretary. Her address, 6995 Madison St., Crown Point, and she is from the Merrillville Department. Our next meeting will be held in March. Our firemen's dance was Saturday, November 27th.

No. 3 — Adaline Vankosky, Chairman. 19 ladies from 5 departments met at Union Mills September 29th. There were 5 guests from the Pine Township department. It was decided to send cards to all ill members in the district when the secretary is notified. The District will send a plant to past or present district officers when hospitalized or very ill. Waterball was discussed. Township maps - will try to get some from the surveyor's office. Noble township won doll for 1st time. Next meeting at Coolspring in January.

No. 6—Wanda Stuerzenberger. 18 girls present at Avilla. Joan sent out cards to each department how many would be interested in coming to meetings. She

got 13 cards back. Adams No. 1 had a dance at Hayloft at Houghland. Rummage sale at 2 departments. 6th District pot luck supper in February at Washington Township. We are to furnish entertainment. We discussed the waterball.

No. 7 — Evelyn Gallmeyer. Meeting was held at Poe November 15th with 13 members from 4 departments present. We had a Christmas exchange and a demonstration on how to make bows. We discussed the water ball and it was decided it made no difference whether the teams were from local or districts. The Poe department gave some attendance prizes. A picture of the convention was shown. Lunch was served. Next meeting in January at Penito or Preble. We are expecting a representative from Studio Girl to show proper procedures of putting on make-up. We are trying different means to attract new members.

No. 8 — Doris Osborn. Meeting held at Portland, September 13th. The Heart machine was discussed. Next meeting December 5th at Center Township. (Rosella gave report in absence of Doris).

No. 10 — Dorothy Wintin. Met at Warren Township November 15th with a turkey dinner. We had a 50c gift exchange. There were 63 members from 9 departments. Next meeting in February at Acton.

No. 12 — Ada Haines. Since our last meeting here at Kokomo, I attended the meeting of Washington Township No. 1 Auxiliary on October 18th. They explained about IVFA Auxiliary. They are interested in learning more about us. Nov. 1st, attended the meeting of Bridgeport Auxiliary. They are interested in the Insurance Program and would like to have some printed material. I have an invitation to visit Lawrence in January.

No. 16 — Lois Boaz. Met Tuesday, November 2nd at the McCulloch fire house with 11 present from 4 departments. Floyd Knobs and Georgetown No. 1, have 100% membership. We are giving a course on Medical self-help thru Civil Defense. We have a registered nurse teaching the course. Next meeting at New Middletown January 4th. McCulloch raffled a quilt off at the chili supper and G. Boaz won it.

No. 17 — Marion Coghill. No report as this will be a new district.

Open discussion. Dorothy and Inez are trying to organize the Kinberry Auxiliary and Hartsville Auxiliary. New Haven put

lapel pins for all firemen on the tree and let each man cut his own down. Poe Auxiliary gave their men \$300 to \$400 each year for Christmas. Fountaintown gave men \$1000 last year to buy jeep for a grass fire rig. They are giving \$500 again this year. Good work gals. Jo Lantz told us their pancake breakfast as a joint adventure did very well. Helped to improve relations. Saturday 4th Harvest festival. Started a raffle to help men buy two new trucks, also gave men \$700.00 for radios for new trucks. Recessed for lunch. Meeting resumed at 1.45 P. M.

Our first afternoon guest gave us convention information. Meetings to be held at Vincennes University in the Green Auditorium, behind the Student Union building in the Trailblazer room. Banquet and dance at Eagles Lodge. All officers to stay at Holiday Inn. Reservations to be sent to: Bill Engle, 3307 Hillcrest Road, Vincennes. Program chairman Morris Mack, 2602 Wabash c/o Vincennes Township Fire Department, Vincennes, Indiana. We would like pictures of all officers. Campers will be at Kimmel Park and can bring a boat if you want to.

Old Business

Water Ball Report. Several could get a team from a district but not from a local. National waterball rules are for locals only. A motion by Inez seconded by Rosella Bousman to make up and send copies to each director. Motion carried.

New Business

A motion by Thelma Lester, seconded by Jo Lantz to purchase more letter heads. Motion carried.

Thelma asked all person sending her notices of death, to be sure and add if the lady is a member of the IVFA Auxiliary.

Doll tickets were given out to district chairmen.

Motion carried to adjourn. Thelma closed our meeting with a prayer.

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to be effective, requires good planning, ideas and lots of hard work. Dick Werle needs lots of assistance from every department in the District and will welcome help from other departments too!

Among some of the Departments sporting new fire fighting equipment this summer are Driftwood Township VFD, Vallonia; Washington Township, Greensburg; Sellersburg VFD at Sellersburg, Indiana. Understand that Jeffersonville has a Snorkel on the way. Huntingburg also expecting a new pumper and Otter Creek Township some new tankers.

NOTES FROM VARIOUS DISTRICT MEETINGS

With more Freeways, more Departments are becoming involved with over the road truck fires. Departments should investigate and plan definite procedures to be followed in the event their department becomes involved. A recent example, the department arrived at the scene, was advised by a State Patrolman that the driver told him that his cargo was "Frozen Food". It was an Insulated Truck and the refrigerating unit was operating. After the fire underneath was under control, the Fire Chief asked to see the manifest before opening doors or putting any more water on the fire. The manifest showed no frozen food. There was a shipment of magnesium, lots of aerosol containers and many other items. Fortunately the Aerosol containers were plastic, which had melted from the heat and there were no "aerosol bombs". While this particular incident did not result in tragedy, the Marshalls Creek Tragedy is still too fresh. Check That Manifest!

Firemen who have been exposed to heat and smoke and become sick when they get home some time after the fire, should notify their Chief immediately. Medical examination with the examiner being fully informed

about the cause is recommended at once.

Dick Moore is the New Chief at Castleton V. F. D., Castleton, Marion County.

Chief Gilbert Lewark of Knightstown V. F. D. was elected President of the Henry County Association.

Chief Jack Knoll of Waldron V. F. D. also, District Chairman, 10th District IVFA is certainly maintaining the tradition of the 10th. The meetings are lively, well attended and well conducted. You miss something in central Indiana, if you don't attend the 10th District meetings regularly.

Secretaries generally get nothing but work and blame. Here is a "Tip Of The Hat" to some efficient men in their posts. Bill Carman, Marion County V. F. Association; Gil Leist, 16th District IVFA; Allen Blades, 10th District IVFA; Paul Collins, Wayne County Firemen's Assn. Dick Werle, District Chairman, 14th District IVFA has been getting out the notices and doing a fine job for the 14th.

RANDOM NOTES WAYNE COUNTY FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION

The December meeting was held at Hagerstown, which is traditional with this group. Chief John Murley of Milton was elected to succeed as President and the same procedure was in effect with regard to the Secretary. Paul Collins succeeds Paul Collins.

There certainly is no reason to break up a winning combination. Not that there is no one else in the Association, there are many capable men. But the way President John runs the show, everyone is President and everyone is flunky. Anyone who wants to work can be assured that Pres. John will find a responsible job for him. Anyone who has an idea can also be assured that it will be presented to the Association. Anyone who missed a meeting and feels he does not "quite under-

stand" can be assured that if he asks the question, he will be properly informed. There is always time for patient explanation, so that everyone knows the whys and wherefores of everything concerning the Association.

Looking back, this has been a good year for the Wayne County Fireman's Association. The highlight has to be the "Second Annual, East Central Indiana Fire Conference" held in Richmond October 2-3. Plans for the "Third Annual" started the day the "Second Annual" concluded. Now the date is announced, October 1-2 at the same old stand, Richmond, Indiana. Rest assured, you will be notified but see to it that you are ready to be on hand.

Actual working training at Richmond's Training Center during the year adds to education gained in the "classroom" meetings of the Association. The controlled four day "burning down" of the old Richmond Elk's Clubhouse, added much to all fireman's knowhow. The unfortunate "Telephone Fire" provided the community with proof of problems and inconveniences of the lack of communications. It also provided proof of the value of cooperation, the Volunteer Fireman's Mutual Aid, the Civil Defense, Ham Radio Operators, and the constituted authority of the community, Police and Fire Departments. The move to extend the Wayne County Association to permit departments outside of Wayne County to participate in the training sessions and the meetings. All in all a year of progress!

Indiana's recently appointed chief arson investigator Warren Storm urged a legislative study committee to proceed with plans to hold arson seminars for volunteer firemen.

He blamed "weakness in prose-

cution" attributed to a part of the picture and added that the volunteer firemen, who make up 70 percent of the state's fire-fighting force, should be taught to recognize the signs of arson.

Could Preserve Evidence

Storm said the volunteers could then be aware of what immediate steps should be taken to preserve evidence for investigators.

He told the legislators that most of the arson in Indiana is now attributed to insurance seekers, quarreling wives and husbands, neglected children and pyromaniacs.

SUPER HIGHWAYS

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other traffic. It is not safe or legal for motorists in distress to become pedestrians on these highways so that a means of communication can be reached. Neither is it safe or legal to solicit rides from passing motorists. It is also hazardous for other motorists to attempt to stop and render assistance. The present widely-used system of raising the hood of a stalled vehicle or placing a handkerchief on the radio aerial is inadequate, since there is no way for passing motorists to know whether some other motorist has already summoned assistance or to know what kind of assistance is required.

My department shares a common problem with other emergency units throughout the State of Indiana. There is a definite lack of communication on the Interstate highways. My station has been advised of repeated complaints from citizens involved in emergency situations where they were unable to notify authorities of their needs. One case involved a man who walked five miles in the dark to the nearest farm house to summon help for the injured involved in an auto accident. There have been numerous occasions when an ambulance or fire truck was needed and there was a delay of 30 to 40 minutes before the pro-

per authorities were notified. Needless to say, this delay could very well result in, or at least, contribute to some unlucky motorist's death. I am sure this delay in regards to a fire would greatly reduce any chances of saving any vehicle or merchandise that might be involved.

In talking with the State Police, County Police and the highway authorities they are in complete sympathy with us, but they could offer no solution to the problem. In our vast organization's manpower, it seems there must be someone with a solution to this.

What's the answer?

Paul W. Fairfield
Asst. Chairman 6th District
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Letters - - -

The Indiana Volunteer Fireman Crown Point, Indiana

Dear Sir:

Recently the members of the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Dept. suddenly and tragically realized how fortunate the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association is to have a man of the caliber of Duane Lance as Chaplain.

Roy "Pop" Anderson, our oldest member and also the father of our Fire Chief, passed away during our annual "Harvest Dance", November 27th. The Chaplain was present at the dance and helped during this emergency.

Duane returned two days later and held a Memorial Service at the funeral home. This was a beautiful and impressive service, and was much appreciated by Roy Anderson's family, relatives, friends, and the members of our Volunteer Fire Department.

So to the officers, directors, and members, we repeat; "The Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association is fortunate to have a man of the caliber of Duane Lance as Chaplain."

We are very appreciative.

Donald Anderson, Fire Chief
Rensselaer Vol. Fire Dept.
Rensselaer, Indiana

Mr. John L. Ford, Secretary
Dear Sir:

We are indeed grateful and appreciate your kindness in remembering my husband, Mr. Bert Shearer in your Memorial Service at your annual convention in Vincennes, Indiana in 1966.

Thanking you in advance for the solid cast bronze grave marker. I know it will symbolize his devotion for the Volunteer Fireman's Association, especially the Madison Twp. Fire Dept.

Respectfully yours,
Mrs. Bert Shearer and Family

WARD TOWNSHIP FIREMEN'S AUXILIARY HOLDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mrs. Barbara Kessler entertained the members of the Ward Township Firemen's Auxiliary at her beautifully decorated home recently.

A gift exchange revealed the "Secret Flames" for the past year. New "Flames" were drawn for the coming year. A carry-in supper was enjoyed by all.

MEN'S LOCAL WARD TOWNSHIP NEWS

The Ward Township Volunteer Firemen, wives and family enjoyed a beautiful carry-in supper, Saturday, January 8th at the local fire station. Fried chicken and coffee were furnished. After the meal, visiting and bingo completed the evening's entertainment for all those present.

The last Saturday in March the firemen will be host to their annual pancake and sausage supper which is open to the public.

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4,000	4,000	8.28	16.56	33.12
5,000	5,000	10.35	20.70	41.40
7,500*	7,500*	15.53	31.05	62.10
10,000*	10,000*	20.70	41.40	82.80

*Not available to members age 65 and over

A 5% collection fee will be retained by each department for the collection and forwarding of premiums.

AUXILIARY NEWS (Cont'd.)

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Catherine VanArsdale, our Recording Secretary reported her own local Mickleyville Auxiliary has enjoyed a very successful year in 1965, and they decided to share it with others less fortunate. We clothed 5 children of one family, two at another, seen that they received toys, food for a nice Christmas. Also helped another lady who was keeping 5 grandchildren to see they had heat, food, clothing and toys. Plenty of plans coming up for money making activities in 1966 and we would like to wish all departments a very prosperous New Year.

Catherine Fries
Auxiliary Reporter

6TH DISTRICT IVFA AUXILIARY NEWS

The 6th District Auxiliary was very busy through the holidays with banquets, family parties, potlucks, bingo parties, and general good times.

The January meeting was held at Kendallville and guests were Mrs. Walter Steiger and Mrs. Ervin Nisley from Benton Township. There were 19 members present from nine departments. The entire business of the evening was preparations for the February meeting which will be a potluck supper at Washington Township. We are to have a Special Program for the evening. Committees were appointed for decorations, invitations and food. We are trying very hard to increase our attendance. After the business meeting we joined the men for a brief talk from Cooney Tucker and a film on Communications by Telephone. Everyone enjoyed the refreshments served by our host department.

AUXILIARY NEWS

February 2 will be the first lesson of medical self-aid. A project of 16th District, this course is presented in cooperation with the Civil Defense Department. Mrs. Larry Boaz, a registered nurse, is teaching the course. Floyds Knobs (Lafayette Township) Department graduated the first class in November.

We have hopes of having a water ball team to go to the convention at Vincennes this year.

We had a very nice district meeting at New Middletown in November — a little short on crowd but high on quality. Many things are going on in our area

at this time of year, so we expect this.

Our next meeting will be in March at the Elizabeth Fire House.

NEW MIDDLETON BURNS MORTGAGE

On Sunday, January 16th, the New Middletown Volunteer Fire Department burned the mortgage on their fire house. New Middletown, in Harrison County, is in the 16th District.

This department was organized August 7, 1950, with 17 charter members, 4 of which are still active.

The fire house was built in March, 1953, with money borrowed from the Old Capitol Bank at Corydon, to the tune of \$3,875.00. They paid this off last month.

The first year each fireman paid \$25.00, the second year \$25.00, and the third year \$50.00. Then they had barbecues and fish fries to help finance the station.

These firemen really wanted a fire house so they kicked in with their money, as you have read. It is one of the oldest members in the association from the 16th District. They joined the I.V.F.A. in October 1954.

Several people attended the mortgage burning and praised this group.

Speakers were Eugene Feller, Chairman Civil Defense of Harrison County; Andy Van Winkle, Mr. I.V.F.A. of 1965; G. G. Boaz, 16th District Chairman; Mr. Funk from the Old Capitol Bank; Paul Higgenbottom, Trustee, Webster Township, and Mr. Troncin, Sheriff, Harrison County.

I know the New Middletown firemen won't stop with this because they are on the move. Who knows what they will do next? Congratulations, boys, for a fire house that everyone in Harrison County and surrounding community are proud of.

Do the firemen who read this paper know who purchased the first fire truck? Why and where? In 1764 George Washington bought one for \$400, because he was a member of a Volunteer group in Alexandria, Virginia. (Good old George!) Thanks to one of the speakers at New Middletown for this information.

Lois Boaz
16th District
Chairman Aux.

NEWS ITEM FROM DISTRICT 6

Wayne Township No. 2 Auxili-

ary will hold a style bridge at the Anthony Wayne Fire Station - 5430 South Bend Dr., Fort Wayne, Indiana on Thursday, March 31, 1966.

TIME: 7:30 P. M.
DONATION: \$1.00

KOONTZ LAKE PARTY

Annual Christmas dinner for the volunteer Firemen of Koontz Lake Oregon Township Fire department sponsored by their Auxiliary, was held Sunday evening, December 12th, 1965, at the local Conservation Club House with over 50 attending the turkey dinner.

The several committees of the Auxiliary arranged for a very interesting evening. Mrs. Helen Quebbeman was in charge of the dining room and it was suitably decorated for the season. Mrs. Clarence Reid was in charge of entertainment and presented The Oregon-Davis Chamber Choir of 14 under the direction of John Burris following the dinner hour. The program included the singing of Christmas Carols. Mrs. George Meyers, President of Auxiliary, presented Chief Charles Lawrence with a \$25.00 check as a gift for the department.

The Raleigh Community Volunteer Firemen's Auxiliary held their annual cooperative supper for their fire department and their families at the school cafeteria, Thursday evening, January 13th. Thirty-five enjoyed the bountiful meal and fellowship. The Auxiliary held a short business meeting after the meal with Mrs. Wayne Werking presiding. The men gathered in another room and enjoyed playing euchre.

We regret to report the death of Mrs. Jacqueline Cook, who was a member of Wayne Township Department No. 1, Fort Wayne, who passed away October 20th. Report of death was received too late for previous issue of newspaper.

Catherine Fries
Auxiliary Reporter

The December meeting of the Waldron Firemen's Auxiliary was held at the Fire station, December 13th with 25 members and five guests; Mrs. John Tellas, Mrs. Damon Rife, Mrs. Julian Spurling, Mrs. Jerry Whalen and Nelson Taylor.

The meeting was opened by President Mrs. Louis Mitchell

leading the group singing Christmas Carols, being accompanied by Mrs. Naomi Kalkmeier.

Members brought canned goods which were given to Mrs. Mullins who is widowed and caring for a retarded nephew. They don't even have electricity in their home. This was done as a goodwill Christmas project.

Mrs. John Haymond won the door prize, which was followed by the group participating in a gift exchange.

Bingo was enjoyed by all with many of us winning useful gifts. Refreshments were served by a committee of Mrs. Jack Knoll, Mrs. Alford Duncan and Mrs. Keith Smith. Christmas cards were signed and sent to 3 active member who are gone for the winter, Mrs. Earl Parrish, Florida; Mrs. Mabel Bales, Illinois; Mrs. Paul Stafford, California.

The meeting was closed with prayer led by Mrs. Arno Kuhn, Jr., Chaplain.

The January meeting of the Waldron Firemen's Auxiliary was held January 10th at the Fire Station with 13 members and 2 guests, Mrs. Kenneth Meyer and son present. Roll call was answered with each person giving her idea of a money making project the Auxiliary might use. It was announced that Mrs. Jerry Whalen became a new member.

Vice President Mrs. Jack Knoll presided over the meeting in the absence of President Mrs. Louis Mitchell who is away visiting.

The Sargeant-at-arms, Mrs. Dewey Knoll led the flag pledges.

The members chose an organization pin, which will be available for purchase soon, to members wishing to do so.

The Auxiliary with the help of the local Girl Scouts will conduct a "Heart Fund Drive" in Waldron on Sunday, January 30th, starting at 1:30 p. m. Members are asked to help in the drive.

Club members were reminded of the district meeting coming

up the 21st of February at Acton. Don't forget to take your covered dish.

It was a unanimous vote for the Auxiliary to donate \$300.00 to the Fire Department for repair of equipment.

The Auxiliary made plans to serve a Chili Supper to a seed corn company, to be served on February 9th at 7 p. m. The committee chairmen are as follows: Kitchen, Mrs. Lucille Mohr; Table Set-up, Mrs. Joe Beyer; Sandwich, Mrs. Jack Pape; Serving, Mrs. Jack Knoll; Coffee, Mrs. Ray McAhren.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer said in unison.

DINNER HONORS LEESBURG FIREFIGHTERS

The Leesburg Lions Club and the businessmen and business houses in the Leesburg, Indiana area sponsored a large dinner on December 2 honoring the 15 fire departments and the various police and civil defense departments that helped fight the fire that heavily damaged the Leesburg Lumber Company on Nov. 3. The dinner was held at the West Minster Hotel, Wynona Lake, Warsaw. The general chairman for the dinner was Red Anglin. Dinner arrangements were by Roy Troyer. Chris Kammerer, Leesburg Fire Chief, Leesburg, Indiana and Charles Garner, President of the Leesburg Lions Club, were in charge of arrangements. The dinner was a smorgasbord which is the speciality of the West Minster Hotel. Ed Sauer of the Warsaw Lions Club was the Master of Ceremonies.

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Tabled for now. Each auxiliary present mentioned projects now in process. Traveling Doll award went to Washington Township, Starke County.

Next meeting to be in March at Washington Township, Starke County, Fire Station.



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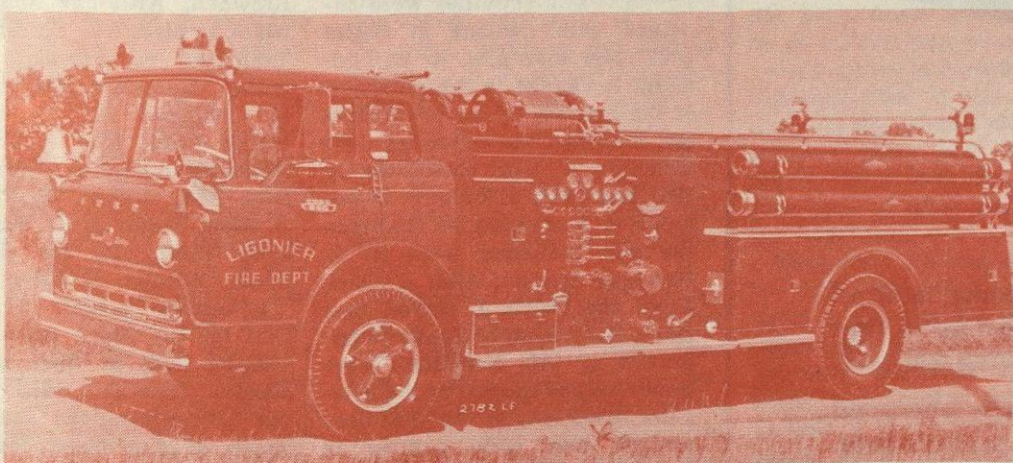
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ENTRY BLANK FOR LADIES' WATERBALL CONTEST

..... Fire Department will have a ladies' team to compete in the waterball contest at Vincennes, Indiana on Saturday, June 18, 1966. An entry fee of \$3.00 for entry in contest and will be forfeited if we do not compete. We also understand the fee of \$3.00 will be refunded by the I.V.F.A. Auxiliary for contest we compete in where a deposit has been made.

Signed
Auxiliary President or Team Captain

The deadline for sending in contest entry blanks is **Friday, June 10, 1966**. If a ladies' team representing your department plans to enter this contest, please fill in blank without delay and accompany your \$3.00 entry fee and mail promptly to Ruth Ford, 3005 Lincolndale, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Please have suitable equipment to wear including raincoats, hats and boots. Arrangements will be made if possible to borrow rain outfits for those not having their equipment. Safety measures to be enforced in all contests. Drawings for the contest will be held Thursday evening, June 16 at officers' meeting. You will also be asked to sign release slip at contest, absolving the I.V.F.A. Auxiliary or the I.V.F.A. of all responsibilities in case of accident resulting from the contest.

CONTEST ENTRY BLANK

Bert Moser, Chairman of Games
118 S. Bennett, Bluffton, Indiana

- Hose Replacing Contest Water Ball Contest

..... Fire Department will have a team to compete in one or more of the following contests: Water Ball, Hose Replacement, at Vincennes, Ind., on Saturday, June 18, 1966. An entry fee of \$5.00 for entry in each contest not to exceed 2 teams from one department entered and will be forfeited, if we do not compete. We also understand the fee of \$5.00 will be refunded by the Association, for each contest we compete in where a deposit has been made. Please check in each square of contests entered by your department.

Signed.....
Chief or Secretary

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The deadline for sending in contest entry blanks is **Saturday, June 10, 1966**. If your department plans to enter one or more of these contests, please fill in blank without delay and accompany your \$5.00 entry fee for each contest entered and mail promptly to Bert Moser, 118 S. Bennett, Bluffton, Indiana.

A permanent trophy is to be given to the winner of Hose Replacing and Water Ball contests. Please bring your rain hat, boots, and raincoats. Arrangements will be made if possible to borrow rain outfits for those not having this equipment. Safety measures to be enforced in all contests. DRAWINGS for the contest will be held Thursday evening, June 16 at officers' meeting.

NEWS ABOUT FIRE

Fire killed approximately 12,000 people in this country during 1965, the National Fire Protection Association said today.

This was an increase of 100 over the previous year's toll, and brought the annual total close to the record mark of 12,100 fire deaths set in 1954.

Property destroyed by fire in 1965 totalled \$1,760,000,000, according to preliminary estimates of the international fire safety organization.

This is a sharp increase of more than \$100,000,000 from the previous year, when the figure was \$1,652,700,000. It also approaches the all-time high set in 1963, when fire destruction cost over \$1,788,000,000.

One small encouragement in the NFPA report was a slight decline in fire deaths in homes. In 1965 approximately 6,500 persons lost their lives in home fires, compared with 6,550 the previous year. Almost one-third of all fire victims in the home—about 2,100—were children.

The worst U. S. fire tragedy of 1965 was the disaster in an underground missile silo near Searcy, Arkansas, on August 9. Rupture of a hydraulic oil line during welding, and ignition of the oil, fatally trapped 53 workmen engaged in repairing the structure.

In other major disasters, 19 persons at a Thanksgiving eve dance in Keokuk, Iowa, were killed when a natural gas explosion followed by fire wrecked the armory where the dance was held. On March 4, failure of a 24-inch natural gas pipeline at Natchitoches, Louisiana, resulted in explosion and fire which killed 17 people in nearby homes; and on December 11, 13 people died in a Chicago tavern when a disgruntled ex-customer set the place afire with gasoline.

The largest single property-loss fire of 1965 occurred on January 5 near Freeport, Florida, when fire starting in electronic equipment of a nearly-completed space tracking station caused over \$15,000,000 damage. Explosion and fire on August 25 at a chemical plant near Louisville, Kentucky, killed 12 workmen and destroyed approximately \$10,000,000 worth of property.

"Hill" Firemen Aid Burn Victim



The firemen of the Independence Hill Volunteer Fire Department helped to make Christmas a little happier for a young boy in Riley Memorial Hospital who suffered severe burns in his Gary, Indiana home last October 27th.

The firemen feel they helped provide 11 year old Bobby Jordan one of the best gifts of all. They financed arrangements for Bobby's parents to travel to Indianapolis to be with him on Christmas Eve. Over \$50.00 was collected from the firemen and friends of the department.

To go a step further, firemen Dennis Rouhselang and "Butch" Rimer traveled to Indianapolis on Christmas Eve to present toy fire helmets to Bobby and other kids in his ward. The "vols" also carried candy, cookies and gifts given by local friends and the American Legion Post No. 430.

The people of the Gary Area also poured out their hearts to Gary's "Christmas Boy", as he received some 550 Christmas cards, scads of comic books, and a variety of toys.

"THE VOLUNTEER FIREMAN'S PERSONAL SAFETY"

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District of IVFA, we were told, planned a school to be held on this subject for January 30 at Auburn. This may be too late to encourage attendance, but this type of school may be the means of you learning how to protect your own life in just such an event. The point is, that information is available, and other schools will be held, are you willing to sacrifice some of your time to ways and means that could very well save a life—your own?

There is no intention to frighten any volunteer fire fighter. Man's response to danger has very often been one of the most creative factors in his experience. Danger to the wise man can be, and usually is, a stimulant to safety—not a stimulus to fright.

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Point, Griffith, Cedar Lake, Munster, Schneider Highland Dyer, Independence Hill and Scherer-ville in Lake County; Porter, Kouts and Chesterton in Porter County; Union Mills in LaPorte County; also Gas City and Fairmount of Grant County, total 20 departments. District 1 was organized to hold monthly meetings for the department members.

First Annual Convention was held on Sunday, June 27th, 1948 at Black Oak, a community on the southwest edge of Gary, with two additional departments added to the original 20, DeMotte and Flora. According to program listings, activities were confined to one day, calling for two business meetings at Eagles Hall, a basket lunch served to the firemen and their families and entertainment for the children, one year to 90 with free ice cream and pop served. Day's activities were climaxed with dancing at Eagles Hall from 9:00 p.m. to 12 midnight. A change in the personnel of the original By-Laws committee, indicated the following were members of this committee in 1947 and 1948, as follows: in addition to Konopasek as chairman the new members were H. R. Harrigan, Hobart; John J. Thiel, Dyer, and Harry J. Mayer, East Gary, and the set of By-Laws approved by this committee were presented and ratified by the delegates assembled at the 1948 convention and were printed in booklet form in 1949. Results in election of officers at the convention, as follows: President, Cornelius VanderVaart, Munster Dept.; Vice President, Harold Brownell; Secretary, Roy Kittredge; Treasurer, Vern Konopasek; Chaplain, Dan Kraft, Hobart Dept.; Sergeant-at-Arms, John Kustron, Independence Hill Dept. Directors elected were Sam Ordean, Chair-

man; John J. Thiel, Fran Miller, Emil Zula of Independence Hill Dept., J. C. Hiatt, Kouts Dept. and Karl C. Bastian, Gas City.

Second Annual Convention was held Sunday, June 19th, 1949 in Industrial Building, Lake County Fair Grounds, Crown Point, with Mayor Erlenbach of that city giving a welcome speech to the delegates and guests. There were 34 departments in the Association divided into two districts as announced. The Treasurer reported \$369.95 in General Fund and \$786.25 in Death Benefit Fund. Basket lunch for the firemen and their families and afternoon games and contests for the wives and children. Departmental water ball fights on the program and Memorial Services for deceased members of Association conducted by the Chaplain, Dan Kraft. Results in election of officers: President, Ray Pattee, Union Mills; Vice-President, Harold Brownell, Kittredge and Konopasek re-elected as Secretary and Treasurer respectively; Marion Gilfoy, Kingsford Heights elected Chaplain; Sergeant-at-Arms, Harry Fries, Koontz Lake and following elected as Board members: Sam Ordean, Chairman, J. C. Hiatt, Frank Miller, Emil Zula, John Thiel, also Joe Cox and Jesse Clabaugh of Knox Dept.

Kingsford Heights Dept. was host for the Third Annual Convention held in their town on Sunday, June 25th, 1950. Among the communications read were letters of good wishes from Gov. Henry F. Schricker and Alex Houghland, State Fire Marshal. Also a letter from Bob Widmar Secretary-Treasurer of Indiana Industrial and Volunteer Firemen's Association in which discussion was on the agenda for a possible merger of their organization with your Association. Secretary Kittredge reported on

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RECEIPTS:			PAGE 2
BALANCE AS SHOWN ON HAND 12-31-64			
Reports No. 11 and No. 12 Kustron (362).....	181.00		
Repts. No. 1 thru No. 19 Ford (7891).....		3945.50	4126.50
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Claims 360 thru 408 Kustron	737.81		
Claims 409 thru 452 Ford		824.18	1561.99
BALANCE ON HAND 12-31-65 or 1-1-66			\$8911.15
GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT			
RECEIPTS:			
BALANCE AS SHOWN ON HAND 1-1-65			\$15032.13
Individual memberships	486.25	14381.25	14867.50
Deposits & Overpayments	1.00	202.50	203.50
ADS - Donations - IVFA Paper	445.40	536.28	981.68
Donations - Nation Wide Ins.	189.53	661.68	851.21
" - Officer Meetings	12.50		12.50
" - Ladies' Auxiliary		150.00	150.00
" - Conv. Program Book		3311.50	3311.50
" - Registrations		3065.00	3065.00
" - At Conv. Banquet		35.00	35.00
" - Interest on reserves		2002.70	2002.70
Gary National Bank RI-24372		3.00	3.00
TOTALS	\$1134.68	\$24348.91	\$25483.59
		To account for	\$40515.72
DISBURSEMENTS:			
General Convention Expense		6762.27	6762.27
Convention Printing Expense	168.85	1601.43	1770.28
Officer & Comm. Meeting Exp.	1398.69	933.24	2331.93
Regular Printing Expense	962.02	636.02	1598.04
IVFA Newspaper Printing Exp.	1913.97	2936.39	4850.36
Postage & Telephone Expense	627.53	1318.77	1946.30
District Expense	173.95	403.55	577.50
Refunds - Deposits & Overpayments ..	4.00	216.50	220.50
Office Supplies & Equipment	38.17	197.13	235.30
Legislative Comm. Expense	1674.60	60.00	1734.60
Secretary's Expense	246.50	753.89	1000.39
Treasurer's Expense	136.80	376.60	513.40
President's Expense	252.80	298.70	551.50
Public Relations Expense	59.50	114.55	174.05
Vice-President's Expense	65.95	8.00	73.95
Past-President's Expense	27.50	35.00	62.50
50-Year Member Expense	30.10		30.10
State of Indiana - File Report	1.00		1.00
Bond Premium - Insurance		535.00	535.00
Marsh & McLennan Ins. Prem.		485.00	485.00
Editor's Expense		439.90	439.90
Gary National Bank RI 24372		3.00	3.00
TOTALS	\$7781.93	\$18114.94	\$25896.87
BALANCE ON HAND			\$14618.85
GENERAL FUND - JANUARY 1, 1966.....			

Respectfully submitted,
Verne Konopasek, Treasurer, 1-8-66

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growth of the Association with 33 departments and 570 members on the roster, which included five Associate members. One of those was Bert Moser who joined on Feb. 23rd, 1950, representing his factory in the manufacturing of water ball equipment. This is the same "Bert" as he was so affectionately known to all his friends on the volunteer departments throughout the state, who did so much for our organization, serving on our Board of Directors, elected Vice-President and served two terms as our President and through his untiring efforts, we made great strides in our expansion program over the state during his leadership. Death benefit fund continued to grow, showing a balance of \$1,282.25. Very busy program outlined for the day's activities including two business meetings, basket lunch for firemen and their families, games for women and children, departmental water ball fights with dancing and entertainment in the evening. 68 delegates answered roll call. Results in election of officers: President, John Kustron, Vice-President Marion Gilfoy, Kittredge and Konopasek re-elected to their present positions, David Evans, Hobart, as Chaplain, Harry Fries as Sergeant-at-Arms and the new directors were: Ray Pattee, Dennis Dunn, Crown Point, C. VanderVaart and Emil Zula. At a meeting of officers held Aug. 4th, 1950, there was further discussion on the proposed merger of our two organizations and efforts made to arrange for a date and

meeting place of both Boards which was subsequently held on May 20th, 1951 in Bremen and plans arranged for merger of two Associations at their respective conventions that year. The 1951 convention of the Indiana Industrial & Volunteer Firemen's Association was held in Bremen on June 8th and 9th and delegates assembled concurred with their Board of Directors recommendation to merge with the I. V. F. A. subject to the approval of the latter organization at their convention in Lowell which was held on Sunday, June 24th, 1951.

John Eskridge, Secretary of Lowell Town Board greeted the Firemen and guests on behalf of the town. Reports of our officers meetings held since last Convention regarding the proposed merger, also the joint meeting of the two boards were given as well as the action taken by the Indiana Industrial & Volunteer Firemen's Association at their convention in Bremen, which indicated the last step to complete the merger was the approval of the delegates assembled at this gathering, and this was given by an unanimous vote.

President Kustron gave a report of the efforts made by the Association members with their letters and wires sent to our State Legislators, and as a result of the two bills sponsored by our Organization, were enacted into Law: H. B. #23 providing for more adequate benefits of liability insurance covering volunteer firemen on duty and H. B. #12, the new Blue Light Law for Volunteers, which were enacted at the 1951 session from January to March. This was our first effort

in the Legislative Field and a very successful one. Secretary reported on our membership, 38 departments, 664 members. The Treasurer reported \$444.46 in the General Fund and \$2,124.00 in Death Benefit Fund. Here are the results in election of officers: Dennis Dunn, President, Frank Young, Vice; Kittredge and Konopasek re-elected as Secretary and Treasurer respectively; C. O. Rattray, Chaplain and Clarence Reid, Koontz Lake, Sergeant-at-Arms. Four members elected to the Board: Jesse Clabaugh, John Kustron and Harry Fries elected to 2-year terms and Sam Ordean 1-year term. On July 21st, 1951, the two Boards met in Bremen to adopt rules and regulations on the policy for the new association. Some of the changes were: instead of operating on a calendar year, future business would be on a fiscal year basis, running from July 1st to June 30th of the following year. It was agreed to continue the all-risk clothing insurance, along with the death benefit fund with the membership dues at \$3.00 per year for the individual.

Temporary officers elected for the 1951-1952 term, which consisted in merging the two sets of officers and operated in that matter until the 1952 convention, which was voted at this meeting to hold it at Hartford City and would be a two-day schedule, Friday and Saturday, June 6th and 7th. Officers elected were: President, Waldo Neal, Geneva; 1st Vice-Pres., Dennis Dunn; 2nd Vice-Pres., Joe McBride, Decatur; 3rd Vice-Pres., Frank Young, Knox and State Organizer Bob Widmar of Bremen.

There were 14 members on the Board of Directors. History was made on June 6th and 7th, 1952 when the Indiana Industrial and Volunteer Firemen's Association and Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association merged into one big unit at the Hartford City Convention and was the final step to bring together the oldest and youngest volunteer firemen's associations in Indiana. Mayor Wm. Smith of the host city gave a welcome address to the firemen and guests. Secretary Kittredge reported 83 delegates from 38 departments were present. Our total membership was 70 departments and almost 1,200 members divided into seven districts. General Fund balance was \$1,092.96 and Death Benefit fund was \$3,456.00. In the Legislative Field an amendment was proposed to improve the present Blue Light Law, H. B. 12. Legislative committee appointed to take up the program for proposed legislation for presentation at the General Assembly session in Jan. 1953: Edw. Swing, LaCrosse Dept.; Dudley Legner, Bremen Dept. and Harry Fries. By-Laws committee of Verne Konopasek, Bob Widmar and C. VanderVaart revamped the By-Laws and delegates voted to accept the complete report of this committee. Officers elected were: President, Bob Widmar; Vice-Pres., Frank Young; Secretary, John Kustron; Konopasek re-elected Treasurer. Chaplain, Clarence Reid, Koontz Lake; Sergeant-at-Arms, Carl Harbit, Independence Hill, State Organizer, Leonard Kunzler, LaCrosse Dept. Board of Directors were elected on the basis of representation from each of the seven districts: No. 1, Kittredge; No. 2, Robt. Rose; No. 3, Harry Fries; No. 4, Dudley Legner; No. 5, Roy Eck; No. 6, Bert Moser and No. 7, Al Clauser.

At a meeting of District three held in Westville, Dec. 18th, 1952, State Representative Henry Kreft of LaPorte County was present and worked with members of the Legislative committee outlining the program he was going to present for your Organization at the General Assembly Session in January, 1953. As a result of the persistent efforts of Mr. Kreft who spearheaded the drive for our legislative program in the House, ably assisted by Representatives Dickinson, Bushemi, Link and others and the clever handling of our Bills by State Senators Steele, Bainbridge and others of the Upper House, the three Bills we sponsored successfully passed both Houses and enacted into Law with Gov. Craig's signature as evidenced by the photo appearing in the May 11th, 1953 issue of our publication. A digest of the three Bills are: H. B. 37, amending the Blue Light Law passed in 1951, with improvements over original Bill. H. B. 87. Improvements of Liability Insurance, raising immediate disability payments from \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00. Benefits for dependents in the event of death, from \$5,000.00 to \$7,500.00 with permanent and total disability benefits from \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00. H. B. 115. Authorizing counties to prepare Charts, or maps of all county roads, designating either a name or number of all those roads. We felt with this type of legislation on the statutes, Counties would adopt a system to identify locations of all homes in the rural areas, assisting volunteer fire departments to promptly locate the scene of emergency when called upon.

There was considerable discussion that our organization should sponsor a newspaper, a publication to be issued quarterly and sent to every volunteer fire department in Indiana. To help de-

fray the necessary expenses, solicitation was made of all the companies handling fire equipment and accessories for advertisement. Due to his experience in the publishing field, Robert Rose of Cedar Lake Dept. was appointed publisher and editor with John Kustron, Bernie Jostes and Emil Zula on his editorial staff. First issue published in January 1953 and the reaction was most favorable. Through its columns all activities the district meetings are reported and any unusual experience of any volunteer dept. is mentioned when reported to us. In addition we have used space to tell all the non-member departments of the aims and objects of this association while soliciting for new memberships. After getting out the first two issues, Editor Rose was the victim of an unfortunate accident, when his wrist was broken, which prevented him from continuing his newspaper activities, and President Leonard Kunzler appointed Gilbert Wiemann, Fire Chief at Westville and a member of the Westville Indicator Staff, a weekly, to take over as publisher and Harry Fries as Editor starting with issue No. 3. This same set-up prevails with Robt. Rose, a member of the Editorial Staff.

Our 1953 Convention was held in Rensselaer, Friday and Saturday, June 19th and 20th with our business meetings conducted in the spacious auditorium of St. Joseph's College. John Hopkins, City Attorney, welcomed the delegates and guests on behalf of the Mayor of that city. Among the speakers were the new state Fire Marshal, Arnold Meister, and Professor Milfred H. Eggerding, Department of Geography, Valparaiso University giving details in the importance of H. B. 115 enacted at last session of General Assembly, what it will mean to volunteer departments of having a system set up to locate families in rural areas. Secretary Kustron reported an increase of 502 members in the past year with a total of almost 1600 representing 83 departments or an increase of 40% in memberships. A fine job done by the officers particularly the state organizer. With the passing of time, it was noted that improvement was necessary in our By-Laws, resulting in several amendments and additions being adopted by the delegates at the convention, all for the improvement of the Volunteer. It was also announced that H. B. 23 enacted in Jan. 1953, would again be amended and presented at the 1955 General Assembly for further improvement. Here are the results of the election: President, Leonard Kunzler, Vice-President Frank Young, Kustron and Konopasek, re-elected Secretary & Treasurer respectively. Chaplain, Clarence Reid, Sergeant-at-arms, Carl Harbit, Independence Hill and State Organizer, Francis L. McBane, Flat Rock.

Due to the continued expansion of our organization, we moved considerably further south for our 1954 convention, which was held in Clinton, on Friday and Saturday, June 4th and 5th. Report of Secretary indicated this was the best year for the advancement of our Association, with a marked increase of membership from 1600 to 2524 at convention time. This represented an increase from 83 departments to 142 with memberships located in 49 out of the 92 counties in the State. 182 delegates answered the roll call. Several amendments to our By-Laws were presented for the delegates attention, advocating

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Wayne Township Places New Truck In Service



WAYNE TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CO. 10, CLERMONT, INDIANA

Firemen of the Wayne Township Fire Department, Co. 10 at Clermont recently placed a new triple-combination pumper into service.

The apparatus' features include: Ford C-850 cab and chassis, 534 cubic inch V8 engine, 27,500 pounds GVW, positive traction differential, five speed synchromesh transmission, 100 amp alternator, dual battery sets, 60

cubic feet of compartment space, power steering and 153 inch wheelbase.

Fire-fighting features include: Hale 1000 G.P.M. single stage pump, 770 gallon booster tank, hydrant (plug catcher) connections at rear and pre-connected hand lines. The pumper will carry 1200 feet of 2½ inch hose, 450 feet of 1½ inch hose, and 400 feet of one inch booster line.

The truck was sold by Midwest Fire and Safety Equipment Company, Indianapolis.

This unit brings to five, the number of 1,000 G.P.M. machines, and to seventeen, the number of pieces of fire apparatus in the Wayne Township Fire Department. (There are also six rescue vehicles in the department.)

Open House at Station 10 was held on Sunday afternoon January 16. Shown pictured (l. to r.): Abner Mears, James Hauk, Ralph Bee, Stuart Ashton, Charles Vaughn, Gerald Ard, Willie Faulkner, Larry Sparks, Jim Catt and Charles Baker.

MARION COUNTY VOL. FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION

This Marion County Association held its annual dinner for "Marion County Volunteer Firemen and their wives with special guests and wives" and as in the past, it turned out to be a large evening. A goodly number, (possibly record to date) of friendly and sociable people, full of turkey and dressing and stuff, were entertained by this group's favorite entertainers, Harold True Family of Dancers. As usual, the dancers knocked themselves out trying to please and as usual they pleased and pleased and pleased. These youngsters, with their colorful costumes and talent, certainly added that bit of spice that topped off an evening of good friends, good food and when is the next dinner?

Warren Wrightsman, of Castleton, was honored as "Fireman of the Year". This choice met with unanimous approval. Warren, President in 1964, thought he had successfully retired, but, personal pressures forced 1965 President Elect to resign, and Warren was back in the navigator's seat. Warren's personal affliction and operation posed some problems, but, the Officers, current and past, rallied with Warren to complete a successful year for the Marion County Association.

Past President John Nichols of Pike acted as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. His personal knowledge of the workings of the Association and the guests and members he introduced helped to put everyone at ease and make it a party, rather than a ceremony.

Past and Incoming President Elbert Elder of Bunker Hill was everywhere something needed to be done to provide for the success of the affair. That man can find more things to do to make things click and get them done, either personally or by delegation!

Marion County Volunteer Firemen's Assn. 1966 Officers

President, Elbert Elder, Bunker Hill; 1st Vice President, Myron Strube, Perry Twp.; 2nd Vice President, Ray Coy, Washington Twp.; Secretary, William Carman, Acton; Treasurer, Robert Boyer, Acton; Parliamentarian, Warren Wrightsman, Castleton; Chaplain, Kenneth Parris, Lawrence.

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improvement for its members and were adopted by the convention. One change in particular was in the method of electing Board of Directors. Each district at their first meeting following the convention would elect their own district chairman and secretary with the chairman automatically being on the Board of Directors. Also resolutions adopted for improvement of laws now on the statutes concerning volunteer firemen, which were turned over to the Legislative committee.

Delegates elected the following officers: Leonard Kunzler, president; Bert Moser, vice-president; Harry Fries, secretary; Verne Konopasek, treasurer; Ivan LaFollette, chaplain; Paul Sharpe, sergeant-at-arms, and Francis McBane, state organizer.

Rushville, a city of approximately 7,500 inhabitants and 45 miles southeast of Indianapolis and supporting a paid fire department, was host for our 1955 convention on June 3rd and 4th. The delegates and guests received a warm welcome from Mayor Winship and fire chief James Brown. 181 delegates answered roll call. Secretary reported 34 new departments during the year with a total now of 165 departments representing 3019 members, located in 59 out of the 92 counties in the state. Our Legislative Committee reported the following at convention: H. B. 87 was amended, changing the words "dependent or dependents" to "beneficiary or beneficiaries", because the former words were very vague and covered a wide scope. H. B. 199 was approved March 10th, 1955, making it a misdemeanor to fail to yield a party line for an emergency call. This bill was prompted because of a heavy fire loss in Washington Twp. of Allen County in 1954, because a person refused to yield a party line to make the call and State Representative W.O. Hughes of Allen County spearheaded this bill for the volunteers. Officers elected were: President, Bert Moser; vice-president, Francis L. McBane; secretary, Harry Fries; treasurer, Verne Konopasek; state organizer, Floyd Jackman; chaplain, Ivan LaFol-

lette and sergeant-at-arms, Glenn Bare.

Our expansion program continued to gather momentum following our 1955 convention with an increase of from 7 to 10 districts over the state. A notice appeared in the September 1955 issue of our newspaper, asking every volunteer and industrial fire dept. to fill in the form attached to notice, for fire training and to check off the 11 categories listed for the type of training desired by your department. Our President, Bert Moser was a member of the Advisory committee for this Fire Training Program.

Our 1956 convention was held at New Haven, Friday and Saturday, June 1st and 2nd, which is located 10 miles east of Fort Wayne. Business meetings held in Auditorium of New Haven High School building. Delegates and guests greeted with welcome speeches from Clerk-Treasurer of Town Board Chief of Police and Fire Chief of New Haven, also Harold Zeis, Sheriff of Allen County. Secretary reported 39 new departments in past year or an increase of 643 members since previous convention. Our total was 3662 representing 194 departments. This continued growth necessitated increasing our 10 districts to 13 districts. There was over \$10,500 in Funeral Fund and \$5,700 in General Fund according to our Treasurer's report. 236 delegates answered roll call. Resolution adopted by delegates to amend Section 1, Article 6 of our By-Laws, where the department dues of \$5.00 is not payable after 1st year of membership. Two resolutions for amendments of H. B. 87 approved March 13th, 1953 as amended under H. B. 63 approved March 5th, 1955, to raise the death benefit amount under liability insurance from \$7,500.00 to \$15,000.00 and total and permanent disability from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00. Turned over to Legislative committee for presentation at General Assembly Session in January 1957. A meeting of state officers and district chairmen was held September 9, 1956 at Logansport, where Bernie Jostes was elected Chairman of our Board of Directors and legislative committee of 4 appointed to go to

Indianapolis in 1957 when the General Assembly is in session, to work for the resolutions adopted at 1956 convention.

On the last day of 1956 (December 31st) one of our state officers passed away after an illness of only a few months, Sergeant-At-Arms, Glenn B. Bare of Center Twp. Dept., South Bend and his death was mourned throughout the Association.

The Legislative Committee consisting of Francis L. McBane, Bert Moser, Verne Konopasek and Harry Fries spent three successful days in Indianapolis, March 1957 to have their liability insurance Bill H. 161 enacted with improved benefits raising the payment of total and permanent disability from \$5,000.00 to \$12,500.00 and accidental death from \$7,500.00 to \$12,500.00 and to include the words "or his estate" following "beneficiary or beneficiaries". A vote of deep thanks was given to our friends in both Houses who spearheaded the drive that bro't success to our program.

At the officers meeting, June 6th, 1957, motion adopted to furnish grave markers for our deceased members. It will be of solid cast bronze guaranteed to last forever under all weather conditions and will have your Association Seal in center with the name of deceased above showing his year of birth and year of death. Below would be the name of his department and on reverse side the words, "His last alarm." Lugs are included with marker to hold a flag.

Our 1957 convention was held in Munster with business meetings at Lanier School Gym. Fire Chief VanderVaart of Munster greeted the delegates and guests and introduced William Jabaay, President Town Board, Police Chief Retzlloff and Jack West, Sheriff of Lake County, and our State Fire Marshal, Jay L. Foster. President Moser presented a trophy to the 4,000th member in our Association, Russell Emonds of Wolcott Dept. Beautiful Memorial Services held at Christian Reformed Church for deceased members of past year. Treasurer reported total cash worth of Association at approximately \$23,000.00. Secretary reported 208 departments including 23 new departments joining the past year for a total of 4,013 members. Resolution adopted to secure partial and permanent disability, which will be on our legislative program for presentation at 1959 General Assembly. 274 delegates answered roll call.

Madison was accepted as our 1958 convention site. Officers elected were: Francis L. McBane, president; John T. Ford, vice-president; Harry Fries and Verne Konopasek, re-elected secretary and treasurer respectively; Ivan W. LaFollette, chaplain; Robert Crocker, sergeant-at-arms, and Pete Denton as state organizer.

As at previous conventions on Saturday, a very busy program was scheduled starting with the water ball contests at an early hour and continuing until the final contest for the championship of the state, which was between Laud and Centre Twp. with the former winning in a close contest. Hose splicing contests created considerable interest with Decatur winning over LaCrosse in the final game. The climax of the day was the big parade, featuring numerous floats, antique fire equipment, novelty entries by children, marching high school bands, best dressed marching departments. We received splendid publicity thru the Daily Hammond Times and The Region Journal.

At officers meeting in September 1957, Walter Steiger of 4th

district was elected Chairman of the Board. It was voted to have our vice-president Jack Ford in charge of all convention films and all requests for their showing, be sent to him. Delegations from Madison have attended two officers meetings in order to outline a proposed program for the convention and it has been decided one of the entertainment features would be a boat ride of 4 hours duration on the Ohio river.

We have now brought you up through 1957 on your organization. Another article will follow bringing this history up to date.

We have mentioned many names in the course of events and everyone did his own little part to help promote this organization to its present growth. If any name has been omitted in briefing you on our history, we are sorry, and would you please report same with your story to connect the name, as we want no one slighted.

Please send all information to:

Harry Fries
Chairman of Historical
Committee
R. 3, Walkerton, Ind.

Let us go forward with our program of advancement in the next decade, to accomplish the same results as we have in the past decade.

YULE BANQUET AND PARTY ARE ENJOYED BY FIREMEN

The annual Montpelier firemen's Christmas banquet was held Saturday evening, December 4 in the parish hall of St. Margaret's Catholic Church, and a party followed at the American Legion home.

The speaker was John Ford of Fort Wayne, secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association. Also seated at the speaker's table were Mrs. John Ford, Mayor and Mrs. Charles M. Buckmaster; Jesse Harshman, president of the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department and Mrs. Harshman, and Fire Chief and Mrs. Robert A. Davis.

The mayor emphasized the faith he has in the ability of the Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department to do its duty when called upon.

He enumerated many things that have been accomplished, and states that he hopes that many more may be accomplished in the future. Fire runs during the year have numbered 34, with 16 being city runs and 18 in the rural area.

AUXILIARY NEWS

The Lake of the Woods Fire Department Auxiliary held their January meeting on the 24th. The following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. Carl Beutel; Vice-President, Mrs. Robert Kipfer; Secretary, Mrs. Vernon Ball; Treasurer, Mrs. Waldo Oldfather. The Chairman appointed members on the following committees: Flowers and Cards, Mrs. Robert Kipfer; Decorations, Mrs. Victor Washnock; Cleanup, Mrs. Paul Stilwell; Advertising Posters, Mrs. Leo Grubbs; Kitchen, Mrs. Chester Klingerman; Card Party, Mrs. Vernon Baer; Membership, Mrs. Otho Hardy and Mrs. Baer; Telephone, Mrs. Robert McClocklin, Mrs. James Cox and Mrs. Harrison Harner. Next meeting will be held at the fire station, February 21st, 8:00 P. M.

Every fireman in Indiana should make his New Year's resolution. That resolution should be: **RESOLVED THAT I WILL DO ALL I CAN TO AROUSE THE PEOPLE IN MY COMMUNITY OF THE EVER PRESENT DANGER OF UNCONTROLLED FIRE.**

District Meetings

DISTRICT NO. 3 MEETINGS 1966

- February 17th—Wanatah
- March 17th—Hanna
- April 21st—Stillwell
- May 19th—Center Township—(LaPorte)
- June—State Convention
- July 21st—Beatty Hospital —(Westville)
- August 18th—Union Township (Kingsford Heights)
- September 15th—Lincoln Twp. (Fish Lake)
- October 20th—LaCrosse
- November 17th—Michiana Shores
- December—No Meeting

DOINGS OF THE THIRD DISTRICT

Now that the new year is here, we have to look forward to what 1966 will bring. So far we have this to report. Our fires have been few and we hope we can keep them this way.

Scipio now has two new tankers. The new Ford is a tanker pumper with a new 500 gallon front mount pump with all of the equipment on it. The Chevrolet will be a 1500 gallon tanker. Some of our men and I shall name a few who have been busy getting them in shape; Louis Niendorf, Ralph Hibner and Chief Lantz plus our Township Trustee Ed Schmitz and others who have done themselves up proud.

Chief Robert Johnson had the chance to do a real good job in showing their new American LaFrance off at a recent meeting at Pleasant Township.

The Departments of the LaPorte County Fire Department's Association are planning a fire demonstration some time this summer and we are sure this will be good.

The LaPorte County Sheriff, Clifford Arnold, has been very good in helping us to seek out the reasons for some of our fires.

Several members from our area have been attending the Arson Academy in Chicago and this should be helpful in solving the way some of these fires start.

Norm Carpenter (Hanna) has pushed this and he is getting results.

Our District meetings have been going along good and Chairman Don Mason has had some of the best that can be asked for.

I hope all of you fellows had a real good time in answering the 20 questions. I have had some good compliments on this and I am glad that I can be of a little service to my fellow firemen.

Many of our Departments are taking advantage of the good training that the Fire Marshal's office is offering.

Let's all do it once again. We invite all to attend our District meeting whenever they have the chance. The fellowship that comes of the meeting is the best.

January 20th we meet in Long Beach, February 17th the Cass Clinton Department hosts our District meeting as will Hanna on March 17th.

Harold L. King
3rd District Secretary

7th DISTRICT MEETING HELD AT PREBLE, JANUARY 17

Chairman Wilbert Gallmeyer had one of the largest meetings to conduct in over four years. There were sixty men and twenty-two ladies in attendance.

The Indiana State Police showed their film on the Palm Sunday Tornadoes that Devastated Indiana. Poe Fire Department reported that they have a new ambulance in service. Chief

Werling stated that this is replacing the old one they have had. The Poe Department received a nice Christmas gift from the Auxiliary—a new base radio. Thanks ladies.

The eleven departments that were in attendance reported they had made twenty-three fire runs in the last two months.

The next 7th District meeting will be held at Roanoke on March 21.

Hoagland Ladies Auxiliary will have a dance February 5, and the Poe Fire Department will have a dance March 19. Both dances will be at the Hoagland Hayloft.

Vernon Hockemeyer
District Secretary

DISTRICT 8 SPLITS

The disposal of District No. 8 was held December 8, 1965 at the Centre Township, Grant County, Fire Station. It was voted to dispose of District 8 of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association. The motion was brought up before the body of eight attending Departments, and a written proxy was presented from two Departments not attending. It was voted upon and carried 100% to dispose of District 8. It was then immediately voted by the same body to obtain a district west of Hiway (Ind. 3) from Amboy, south to Frankton, calling such District 8A. Also a district east of Hiway (Ind. 3) from Union City, north to Bryant, calling this District 8B.

On December 29 a special meeting was called for special election of officers of District 8A, at Centre Township, Grant County. A good turn out was on hand and the following officers elected:

Ralph L. Hertle, District Chairman, Gaston; Robert Hines, District Secretary, Gaston; Robert Crowel, District Vice-Chairman, Frankton.

On January 15, a special meeting was called for a special election for District 8B, at the Ward Township Fire Station.

The following officers were elected:

Ivan Bousman, District Chairman, Winchester; Raymond Heaston, District Secretary, Winchester.

The next District 8A meeting will be held February 20 at Frankton Fire Station at 2:00 P. M. Ladies are invited to attend this meeting and have a good get-together.

No date has been set for the next District 8B meeting.

DISTRICT 8B

A new district was formed Saturday night, January 15, at the Ward Township fire station. This district was formed from the east half of District 8, starting at State Road 3 east to the Ohio state line; south of Route 36 and north as far as Route 18. Ralph Hertle, District 8 chairman, along with his wife, came to help. Officers elected were: Ivan Bousman, Ward Township, Chairman; Raymond Heaston, Ward Township, Secretary-Treasurer. There were 13 present from five departments, one guest. The next meeting will be held at Albany.

The women did not organize at this meeting but hope to in the near future. Ladies present were Mrs. Monetta Hertle of Gaston, Mrs. Carol Bailey, Ridgeville, and Mrs. Mary Martin, Mrs. Louise Heaston and Mrs. Roella Bousman of Ward Township. Refreshments of pie and coffee were served at the close of the meeting.

VOLUNTEERS FAIL TO FIND MAN'S BODY

150 Join Search
Scores of volunteers searching

KWESTION CORNER WINNERS

Entries for the correct answers were submitted by Guy W. Eoff, Acton and Charles Baker, Wayne Township, Co. No. 10, Indianapolis. These two men will be awarded a one year free membership in the IVFA. Due to lack of response and space the Kwestion Corner did not appear in this issue.

along the banks of the St. Joseph River and Cedar Creek in frigid weather recently failed to locate the body of Garland Roby, 41, of 7830 Woodbine Ave., who drowned in a canoeing accident December 26.

Capt. Robert Bender of the Sheriff's Department said more than 150 persons, including police personnel, reserve deputies, Boy Scouts, Fort Wayne firemen, and volunteer firemen from St. Joseph and Washington Townships, took part in the search.

Bender said the big group started at the Johnny Applesseed Bridge about 9 a.m., walking along the banks and riding in boats. They continued to the point where Roby's canoe capsized in rain-swollen Cedar Creek about one mile east of Ind. 427.

Bender expressed appreciation for the effort and time of volunteers who aided in the search. Bender said daily trips to the site by County Police will continue indefinitely.

10th DISTRICT

The 10th District Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association meeting was held at the St. Paul Fire Station Thursday night, January 13th. Approximately eighty firemen and guests representing thirteen fire departments attended. They reported 33 Fire, Mutual Aid, and Emergency Runs since the November meeting. Guests included State IVFA Vice President Carlos Jeffries of Fountaintown, Paul Becker, FESCO representative, from Dayton, Ohio, Bob McDonald, Midwest representative, from Indianapolis, three members of the St. Paul Town Board - President Bob Moeller and members Dale Pike and George Miller, Mike Wagner, guest from Waldron, Jimmy Snider, guest from St. Paul, Chief Bill Smith of the Shelbyville Fire Department, and Meredith Mann, St. Paul Town Marshal.

10th District Chairman Jack Knolls of Waldron discussed items brought before the State IVFA. Officers meeting held November 28th at Kokomo. These included IVFA Insurance Plan, Blue Lites, Tax Refund, and the IVFA Newspaper.

The door prize of a pair of Insulated Firemen's Service Boots was won by Meredith Mann.

A Canadian National Rail Visit color film entitled "Welcome Winter" was shown by the host department.

The next meeting will be held at the Manilla Fire Station Wednesday night, February 9th, at 8:00 P. M. The March meeting will be held at the Marietta Fire Station Monday night, March 7th, at 8:00 P. M.

Volunteer Fire Departments represented at the meeting were from Acton, Adams, Burney, Clarksburg, Fairland, Flat Rock, Fountaintown, Hartsville, Hope, Manilla, Marietta, St. Paul, and Waldron.

Allen Blades
10th District IVFA Sec'y

11th DISTRICT

The 11th District met December 12, at Hymra, Indiana. We had 47 members present, 29 ladies, 4 guests, and lots of kiddies. Santa surprised us and gave each of the kiddies a bag of candy. We want to welcome a new member,

Waldron Volunteer Fire Department



Pictured above is the new 1965 G. M. C. pumper tanker which was recently delivered to the Waldron Department by Midwest Fire Equipment Company. Also pictured are the other two units belonging to the department and their station which was completed in 1962. Waldron V. F. D. joined the IVFA in 1947.

Coalmont, Indiana. We really enjoy these meetings and we would like to see more attend.

On December 19, Burnett held their annual Christmas party with turkey, dressing, and the works. The ladies from Burnett really know how to cook.

Let's see everyone at the next meeting. We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Emery Swander, Chairman
11th District.

Fireman Stricken At Fire, Dies

Lester S. Hetrick, 59, Adams Township No. 1 volunteer fireman, died when he suffered a heart attack while fighting a barn fire in Riverhaven. He was pronounced dead on arrival at Parkview Memorial Hospital.

A resident of the community for 27 years, Hetrick had been treasurer of Adams No. 1 the past six years. He was also manager of the Gladieux Trailer Park and previously was a self-employed painter.

DISTRICT 18 MEETING

The newly organized 18th District held their meeting at Ferdinand, January 20th. There were twelve departments represented. Three new departments joined our district.

Chairman Edgar Nigg discussed the insurance program that is proposed for adoption by the association.

Senator Bernard Krampe gave a very interesting talk on fire laws and the volunteer firemen.

Everett McCullum and Senator Krampe then discussed the blue light law, following that, two interesting films were shown on fire fighting.

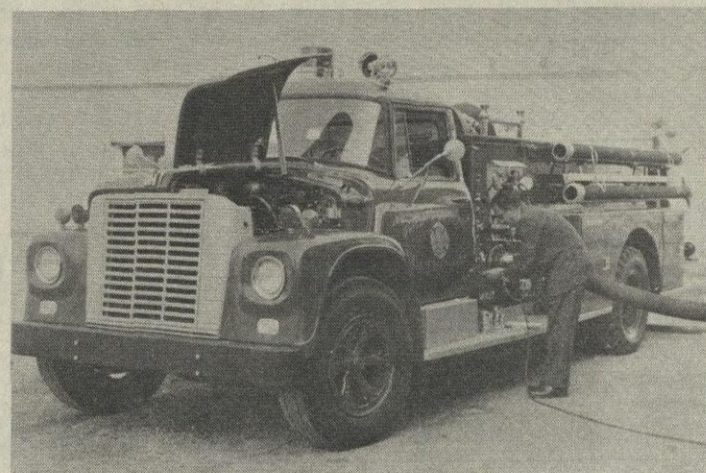
Approximately 75 firemen and guests Ernest Waldrop, Everett McCullum, Senator Bernard Krampe and Bob Willett attended the meeting.

A lunch of fried chicken and refreshments was served by the host, the Ferdinand Volunteer Fire Department.

Our next district meeting has not been scheduled at present time.

Oscar L. Hoffman
18th District Secretary

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Francesville And Medaryville To Burn Farm Buildings

Members of the Francesville and the Medaryville Volunteer Fire Departments, will burn down a set of farm buildings, some Sunday afternoon after the 1st of March.

The buildings to be burned are located two miles north of Francesville, near a black top road, and consist of a house, barn, corn crib, tool shed and a chicken house.

It is the intention of the two departments to make this a fire training practice session. Each will have a 750 GPM. pumper and 1000 gallon tanker on the fire grounds. Various methods of fire

extinguishment will be used.

All fire departments will be welcome to bring their fire trucks or other fire extinguishment equipment, or firemen will have the use of equipment provided by the two departments.

Any fireman or fire department wishing to participate in this fire extinguishing practice session, may write or call me, and I will inform you of the exact time and date. This will depend a great deal on the weather and other conditions.

Edmund H. Weaver, Fire Chief
Francesville Vol. Fire Depart.
Francesville, Indiana 47946

Fremont Volunteer Fire Company



The Fremont Volunteer Firemen of Fremont, Indiana, which very seldom receives anything but favorable comment on the speed with which they are on the scene at a fire has just added another new piece of equipment.

A new International truck made into a tanker with approximately 1400 gallon capacity will aid the firemen in their fire calls. The overall length is 27 feet, 6 inches. Compartments are on each side to hold equipment, with a compartment on the back for raincoats. The truck is also equipped with 450 feet of two and one-half inch hose; 450 feet of one and one-half inch hose and 200 feet of one inch high pressure hose with an electric hose reel. It also has a 500 gallon pump on the front and is equipped with an electric siren, revolving red lights and two-way radio.

The Fremont Volunteer Fire Company serves Fremont and Clear Lake towns; Scott, Clear Lake, York, Fremont and Jamestown townships in Indiana; Kinderhook, Ovid and Algansee townships in Michigan. They also assist any fire company within driving distance if a need arises.

Equipment of the Fremont Volunteer Fire Department now consists of: one 1959 Ford Rescue truck, 4-wheel drive; one 1941 Chevrolet truck with 600 gallon water tank; 1947 International truck with an appropriate 1400 gallon water tank; one 1955 International truck with an appropriate 1400 gallon tank; 1965 International truck with a 1400 gallon water tank; 1600 feet 2 1/2 inch hose; 2000 feet 1 1/2 inch hose; 3 reels high pressure hose; 4 smoke masks; 1 resuscitator; boat, motor and trailer for rescue work; radios in all trucks with bay station at firehouse; a new

70 foot radio tower with a 20 foot antenna; seven Indian fire fighters, rakes and brooms for grass fires; one generator plant for light at night and two portable pumpers for filling tankers out of lakes and streams.

The firemen work hand in hand with the Indiana State Police, Steuben County Sheriff's Department and local officers in any emergency. They also are on duty at various public activities such as basketball games and school carnivals. Following the Palm Sunday tornado the firemen remained on duty all night and a greater part of the next day assisting in any way possible. Later they were called to burn many, many buildings which were ruined beyond repair by the tornado. The firemen also fog the town of Fremont several times during the summer months.

The Firemen are paid by the number of runs they make. To date they have had 49 calls in 1965. In 1964 they had 75 calls.

The Fremont Firemen are members of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association and The Steuben County Firemen's Association.

From hand pumping fire fighting equipment to the modern motorized equipment is quite an advancement. Fremont at one time had an old wooden tank pumper, which was pulled by hand to the fires. It required four men on each side to operate the cradle pump. When the Model T Ford came on the market the pumper was remodeled so it could be pulled behind a car. This was quite an advancement and ever since the Fremont Volunteer Fire Company has kept adding modernized equipment until now they are one of the best equipped fire companies in this area.

A Brief History Of The I. V. F. A. Auxiliary

At the state convention of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association in June, 1952, at Hartford City, Mrs. Charles Ridgeway, wife of the Chief at Hartford City started to lay the groundwork for a state auxiliary organization. She worked on this continuously and when the 1953 convention arrived at Rensselaer, the Auxiliary held a separate meeting and elected a corps of officers with Mrs. Vida Baer of Centre Township Department, South Bend as State President. Mrs. Baer was re-elected as President in 1954 at Clinton. In June, 1955, the convention was held at Rushville and Mrs. Loretta Kustron of Independence Hill Dept., Crown Point was elected President. The 1956 convention was held at New Haven and Mrs. Pauline Glaub of Manilla was elected President and she was also re-elected to the same office at the 1957 convention in Munster. At the 1958 convention in Madison, on the Ohio river, Mrs. Ruby Probst of Noble Township department at Union Mills, was elected President. At the 1959 convention in LaPorte, Mrs. Ruth Ford of Washington Township Department, Allen County, Fort Wayne, was elected President and she was re-elected to serve again at the 1960 convention in Clinton. At the 1961 convention in Warsaw, Mrs. Catherine Mason of Adams Township Department, near Fort Wayne was elected President and served through the 1962 convention in Greenfield.

At the 1963 convention at Angola, Mrs. Inez Jeffries of Fountaintown Department was elected President and served through the 1964 convention in New Albany. At our last convention held in June 1965 at Rensselaer, Mrs. Ruth Fairfield was elected President.

TO THE LADIES . . . I have outlined a brief history of your State Auxiliary which is not complete in any detail. I will ask the ladies to help out with all the necessary details so the story may be made complete as possible. Send me all available information you have so that it can be processed and appear in the May 1966 issue of our newspaper. You will note there were no names of officers (state) outside of President, so forward all names of previous state officers. It would be interesting to receive the figures showing the growth of the Auxiliary from year to year, so please send those figures along if you have them. Thanks for your cooperation.

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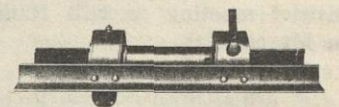
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