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## TWO MAJOR DISASTERS TEST VOLUNTEERS

### Explosions Rock Dunreith From the President

#### TWO TRAINS COLLIDE CAUSING EXPLOSIONS AND FIRES

By Ray Lester

Raleigh Fire Department Residents of this U. S. 40 (Henry County) Community were evacuated late Monday night, January 1, after two Pennsylvania trains sideswiped, spewing flames and poisonous ammonia gas.

Witnesses reported two major explosions as flames raced down a line of railroad tank cars loaded with ammonia, gasoline and oil. Times of the explosions were pegged roughly at 9:30 and 10:30 p. m. The resulting explosion touched off a series of fires and hurled a 25-pound piece of steel six miles from scene of disaster. The explosions were felt as far away as 30 miles.

Emergency units were dispatched from all surrounding police, fire and sheriff's departments, but could not get within one block of the main fire because of the intense heat.

Dunreith Volunteer Fire Department received mutual assistance immediately, with equipment arriving from Knightstown, New Castle, Spiceland, Lewisville, Straughn, Raleigh, Mooreland, Glenwood, Carthage, Wilkinson, Dublin, Greenfield, Rushville, Cambridge City, Connersville, Richmond, and Milton. Many other volunteer firemen from other departments also came to assist. There was little that could be done because of dangerous substances loaded in some of the remaining rail cars which would react explosively to water.

Witnesses said that the last and biggest explosion looked just like an atomic bomb and as the tanks exploded, sent up a ball of flame that mushroomed like a bomb.

Virtually the entire population of Dunreith; slightly more than 200 persons, were evacuated from their homes in the sub-freezing temperatures of New Year's night following the collision.

A tanker contained acetone cyanohydrin, a substance which turns to cyanide gas when it comes into contact with water. Some of the chemical in the tanker apparently leaked into nearby Buck Creek to Big Blue River and two other streams, resulting in the death of several farm animals and fish.

The state officials closed off a 3-mile area encompassing the

creek and went farm-to-farm warning people to put livestock in pens and have their dogs and cats tied. State health officials dumped crystalized chlorine in the creek to prevent further pollution.

Miraculously, no one was killed in the wreck or explosions and only three men were injured, none seriously.

The town gives the appearance of one bombed during a war. The fire following the explosion spread to the Dunreith Canning Company, which was quickly destroyed. Explosions were touched off by liquid fertilizer in the plant and also 1 huge tank and 12 small tanks at an Ammonia Tank station just west of the canning factory.

Two homes and a filling station were burned to the ground with many of the other homes, a church and business places suffering broken widows, holes in their roofs and cracked walls.

The wreckage blocked U. S. 40 and state police moved quickly to seal off the area. They routed traffic to other highways and also patrolled streets to prevent possible looting.

#### VETERAN NEW HAVEN CHIEF RETIRES

Charlie Brown, a 25 year fire veteran, and Chief of the New Haven Fire Department for the past 15 years, retired from active duty with the department. He was the congenial host for the 1957 and 1967 State Firemen's convention in New Haven.

While Charlie was Chief, he was instrumental in procuring the first aerial ladder truck used by volunteers in the State of Indiana. Charlie was also a charter member of the Allen County Fire Fighter's Association, and he did much to help with the forming of this association.

Over the years, Charlie recalls some of the larger fires in the New Haven area. Some of these included the St. John's Catholic Church of which Chief Brown is a member. He further recalled the fire in the bowling lanes in downtown New Haven, and many others.

One of Charlie's dreams, that of starting a second fire company in New Haven, is now becoming a reality.

Even though Charlie is retired from active duty with the fire company, he is still busy as City Water Superintendent.

At this writing, he is vacationing in the Sunny Southland.



I am very happy with our membership, almost 9,500. I still feel this figure will be reached by June convention. This could not have been accomplished had it not been for the most cordial relation that exists with the officers and member departments of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association. To these I extend a sincere appreciation.

Lowell Spencer, consultant for the Civil Defense Adult Education State Department Public Instruction, has informed me of the results from the letters that were sent out in regard to a training program which is available through the C. D., has been most gratifying. As of this writing nine classes are in progress and many requests have been received for the training.

This proves the volunteer Firemen are interested in obtaining all available knowledge to better qualify them to cope with unusual emergencies.

Chief Ralph Hollinger of the Dunreith Department and other firemen are to be complimented for a job well done in the fire and explosion that tore through Dunreith following the train wreck.

I understand that the Departments in the Sellersburg area did an outstanding job in the foggy Interstate 65 disaster.

There's more on these two tragedies elsewhere in the paper.

At the convention in New Haven in June of last year a resolution was presented and passed pertaining to fire training in the state of Indiana.

What do we want and not want? What type of training? etc.

This should be brought up at all District meetings and discussed. Then your chairman can bring your wishes to the State Officers' meeting in April.

It is time to make a date for '68 and send your reservation for a thrill in Jeffersonville at the June 13-14-15 convention. I met with Chairman Bower and his committee January 25. They are doing all possible to make this a most enjoyable convention. Plan to attend.

Carlos Jeffries

### 5 Die - 8 Injured in Wreck Near Sellersburg

Events of Fire Fighting efforts at crash scene on I-65 as reported by driver of Engine Co. 5 Bob Stewart.

As we groped our way through the dense fog on January 17, about 8:20 A. M. heading north on Interstate 65 we had been advised that we were responding to a fatal accident. We have had numerous calls of this type since the Interstate was opened through Sellersburg some 9 years ago. But, little did we suspect that massive pile-up that lurked in the fog ahead. The fog was extremely dense and with a 6 inch snow-fall still laying along the road side, there was little distinction between the ground and the fog laden air. Suddenly we spotted an Indiana State Trooper at the side of the road next to the median. We stopped and he directed us to a spot in the median, out of the flow of north bound traffic, where we moved our truck, engine Co. No. 5.

It was only then that we caught a faint glimpse of the burning wreckage of an automobile and the huge tractor of a semi-trailer rig fully enveloped in flames. Putting the pump into gear we pulled one of our 1 1/2" pre-connected lines off to attack the flames. It was by previous plan that we did not pull a booster line off, since the pump had been drained and the booster lines were blown out in respect of the near zero weather we were having.) It was at this time that we got a faint view of more vehicles piled up behind the burning truck.

There were four or five trucks piled up in accordion fashion, one behind the other, leading toward the rear of the wreckage. It appeared as if the highway had exploded with trucks and cars. Trucks, cars, farm tractors (later found to have been cargo on one of the trucks) and bodies of people and livestock (also cargo) were scattered in a helter skelter fashion.

Roughly, the wreckage appeared to cover 400 to 500 feet up and down the south bound lanes. There was dead silence except from the whine of our truck as we pumped water to the fire at the front of the wreckage.

As soon as we had observed the massive pile-up and noticed smoke rolling up from the rear of the crash we pulled both booster lines off and extended them to their limit in an effort to retard the flames from the rear of the wreckage. It was at this time that we informed our dispatcher of the tragic accident and requested additional help from our nearby neighbors who have a mutual aid pact with us. Our Engine Co. No. 3 was the second truck on the scene, only a few minutes behind us, and just in time as our water supply ran out. Engine 3 hooked to the 2 1/2" line we had connected to our gated inlet. In what seemed only like a few short minutes the first outside truck, from Charlestown, arrived on the scene. We instructed them to move to the rear of the accident to cover the area our lines failed to reach. Immediately behind them came the first of Jeffersonville's units, a quad, which also was dispatched to the rear of the scene.

In rapid order, the second engine arrived from Charlestown followed by the McCullough Volunteer Fire Department unit, a second unit from the City of Jeffersonville. The Assistant Chief's car and a Quad from Engine Co. 6 in New Albany arrived. A short time later the New Albany Township Volunteer Fire Department arrived with a tanker and a pumper. Our dispatcher had advised us that the Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department from Henryville had sent a truck to

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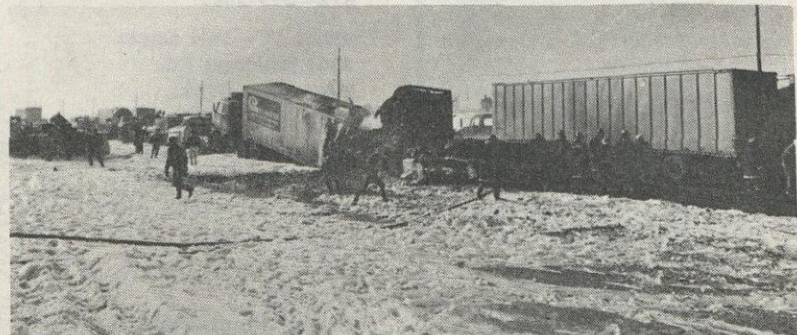


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Assn. President Urges Civil Defense Training Courses

At a recent meeting of the State officers of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen Association held at Kokomo, Indiana, your officers voted to approve and recommend that each local organization and its auxiliary be encouraged to give serious consideration to participating in Civil Defense training courses.

These educational courses, which are under the supervision of the Civil Defense Adult Education division of the Indiana Department of Public Instruction, are absolutely free-of-charge to the organization. All training aids, materials, and even the certified instructors are provided. The only items required are a minimum of twenty (20) enrollees, adequate classroom facilities, and twelve hours of time.

The one particular course which should be given top priority in your considerations is the 12-hour **Personal and Family Survival Course** which is designed to provide basic survival information for individuals, families, and communities. This information is not only vital in the event of a nuclear disaster, but also very important to the public in any natural disaster situation. The 12-hours may be divided into as many class segments as the organization would desire in order to insure minimum conflict with other activities.

All firemen and every fire department, being an essential emergency service of each local community, has a definite responsibility in the event of such an emergency. This responsibility is not only to protect the lives and property of others, but also to protect themselves and their families. This can only be accomplished through pre-emergency planning and training.

Many paid fire departments in the State of Indiana have an extensive Civil Defense training program underway within their department and are well-staffed with competent personnel who are thoroughly trained and knowledgeable in Civil Defense matters. They are aware that they could have an important responsibility as a communications center, fallout monitoring station, or even a public fallout shelter. This would involve having emergency equipment and trained personnel to operate it, such as communication equipment, radiological instruments, medical supplies, and so forth. This would definitely be a great asset to this community in the event of any disaster, whether natural or man-made.

In summary, the Civil Defense Adult Education course, "Personal and Family Survival" would be a tremendous aid in the continuing training program of all firemen, both paid and volunteer. The world situation, being as it is today, with strife and tension in all quarters of the globe, presents us with the fact that we must prepare ourselves for any eventuality. The knowledge which could be gained from participating in such an educational course would prove invaluable in the event of any disaster and could quite possibly save innumerable lives.

Your association encourages you to take advantage of this training at your earliest convenience. Further information may be obtained by either contacting your local civil defense director, by writing to or calling collect to the Civil Defense Adult Education Division, Room 442, Illinois Building, 17 West Mar-

Let's  
Talk  
Fire



By  
NORMAN FESLER  
Indiana State Fire Marshal

VALUE OF SCHOOL INSPECTIONS

We recommend that our schools in Indiana be inspected as often as possible in order to keep a very close tab on the fire prevention activities, and the precautionary measures taken by the school administrative staff, as well as the students. While it is important from a fireman's point of view to have removed all the obvious and visible fire hazards in order to reduce the fire potential, he is also on the alert for hidden hazards that are not obvious.

Our office places great emphasis, and has stressed the fact that every school in the state must be inspected at least once every year. Since school is held only nine months of each year, the fire inspector must work in his school inspections during the school term. Many inspection divisions are short staffed, and consequently may find it difficult to make all the schools in their territory. However, it is our judgment that every effort should be made in attempting to meet the goal of annual inspection.

When making a school inspection, our inspector contacts the principal immediately before proceeding with the inspection. Following the inspection, the inspector will request that the principal conduct a fire drill before he leaves. Strangely, it is this particular request, more than any other single factor, that seems to be responsible for some confusion on the part of the school administrator, as well as the fire inspector.

The problem evolves around who has jurisdiction in the matter, the principal or the fire inspector. Therefore, in order to clarify any mis-apprehension that may exist, the law clearly provides that the fire drill shall be under the direction of the principal of the school. Consequently, for this reason it is very important for any fireman or inspector to contact the principal, or his duly appointed agent in his absence, before making any inspection, or before requesting a fire drill.

In addition, we feel that the prime role of a fire inspector should be one of public relations, which involves the selling of his services (Fire Prevention), plus himself. Usually people respond favorably to one who is courteous, considerate, helpful, and who is thoroughly briefed in his subject.

It is well known that most fire companies are manned by volunteers, and our department is ever conscious of the complete dedication of the volunteer firemen to the fire service. Furthermore, the large portion of success our state has enjoyed in keeping our school fire losses to a minimum can be attributed in no small measure to the services of these valiant men.

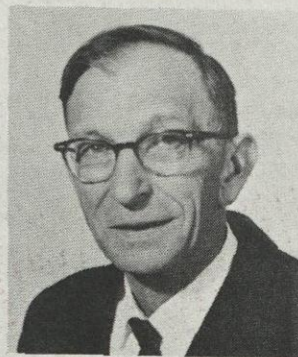
Therefore, in answer to the question "Is Regular and Periodic School Inspection Necessary", we believe it is, for with the ever increasing population of our schools, the hazards will rapidly mount, for people make problems, and carelessness is still the largest single cause of fire.

The future of tomorrow may well depend on how we plan for it today. Since children are the greatest imitators in the world, it is our obligation and duty to give to these children a good example by stressing the value of human life, how to preserve it, and how best to protect it.

Because carelessness is a cultivated human trait, it can be corrected by the formulation of good habits started first in the home, and later carried on in the school. It should be the endeavor of every adult to be ever conscious of his responsibility by living and promoting good fire prevention habits.

ket Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, Area Code 317-663-427 — or your state association president. Sincerely,  
Carlos Jeffries, President  
Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association  
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Fountaintown, Indiana 46130

Past President Says . . .



Happy Valentine's to each of you and your loved ones. I'm sitting here wondering if we have accomplished enough for this year! Since so many volunteers must look at the value

of a dollar and squeeze out the most—our membership increase does a somersault. The increase fails to hold its own.

There's still a bargain for three dollars because the risk the association assumes on the funeral and clothing funds is started the date the dues are received.

Too often the fact is forgotten that the IVFA has had the interest of all volunteer firemen first and foremost in its heart. If then we have made his lot in life a little easier, if we have improved his insurance benefits, then a short year should not bother him. And while we think of \$3.00 for less than 12 month's service, how about a buddy who became so interested in the IVFA that he lost his business because he spent too much time and drove too many miles at 5c per mile?

Don't be ashamed to enroll new members for less than twelve months because even now the three bucks will serve the member until September 30th. Where else do you get so much for so little?

Walt Steiger  
Your Immediate Past President

### Koontz Lake Fire Station Dedicated

The Koontz Lake Volunteer Fire Department has a new fire station. The building is just a short distance off State Highway 23, the main thoroughfare of the Koontz Lake community. It fills a long-standing need. The old fire station was in bad repair, was inadequate and was too near the highway to allow room for the trucks to pass in and out safely.

The firemen held Open House recently for the residents of the



community. It was a proud occasion; for the firemen, who for several years have bent every effort toward acquiring a building adequate for the community's needs; for the township trustee, Fred Cook, who has been an invaluable ally in their struggle; and for the residents of the lake, which takes pride in its fine fire department.

Perhaps the proudest of all was a former volunteer fireman, Harry Fries. Since 1949 he served on the Koontz Lake department and fought in the battle

for a new station. Earlier this year the state of his health forced him to retire, and he is confined to bed. On the Sunday of the Open House his fellow firemen and Danny Rannels, Hamlet funeral director and Coroner of Starke County, brought Mr. Fries by ambulance to the firehouse and placed his bed at the front of the speaker's stand, alongside the other firemen.

He was able to enjoy the lovely singing by the Oregon-Davis High School Chamber Choir, directed by John Burris. And afterward he listened to a speech by Representative John Brademas, who congratulated the firemen on their new station. At the conclusion of his talk, Rep. Brademas presented an American flag which had flown over the Capitol building in Washington. Brademas presented the flag to Fire Chief Charles Lawrence "in honor of Harry Fries, a man who has given many years of devoted service to this department."

It was honor richly deserved. For 17 years Harry served as secretary of the Koontz Lake department and for nine years he filled that office for the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association. His wife, Katherine, held offices in the state auxiliary. John Ford of Fort Wayne, Secretary of the IVFA and Verne Konopasek of Griffith, IVFA Treasurer, were present for the ceremony.

### Story of Loss At Dunreith

The small rural community of Dunreith (1960 population 236 persons) was jarred the evening of January 1, 1968, when at 9:28 p. m. two passing Pennsylvania Railroad freight trains collided after derailment said to have been caused by a broken rail. Town officials stated trains of the nature involved usually pass through the area at speeds of 30 to 40 m. p. h. As the derailed cars sideswiped, collisions occurred which involved tank cars containing various flammable liquids, chemicals, and combustibles, including crude oil, anhydrous ammonia, ethylene oxide, methyl acrylate, vinyl chloride, acetone cyanohydrin, and raw plastic product materials. Ruptured rail cars fell along both sides of railroad right of way, onto adjoining east-west U. S. Highway 40, and into the close-by Butterfield Canning Company warehouse. The spilling flammable liquids including the ruptured tank car of vinyl chloride ignited with explosive force immediately involving entire canning plant and two dwellings across the highway. Residents and passing highway traffic in wreckage area surprisingly escaped without injury as did train crewmen.

Town fire chief immediately brought the community's pumper-tanker to the area but intense heat from blazing rail cars and buildings prevented any

close, effective fire fighting. Outside aid was summoned and within thirty minutes police and fire equipment began arriving. Several pieces of equipment again approached the most severe fire area. Since several tank cars with unknown contents had not yet ignited, although bathed in flames, officials ordered preliminary withdrawal from the fire area.

Approximately forty-five minutes after the derailment and as equipment was being withdrawn, a severe explosion occurred within the burning wreckage, later reported to have been a tank car of methyl oxide (O° Flashpoint). This blast damaged 45 out of 96 structures within the community, 11 severely. One dwelling located approximately 350' distant was struck by a large, flaming dome portion of the exploding tank car and was heavily damaged. At 10:45 p. m. State Police, upon advice of fire officials who had after some time tentatively identified chemical contents of rail cars from railroad personnel, ordered evacuation of entire town, fearing additional explosions and toxic fumes.

Fire then was allowed to burn itself out with no further severe explosion occurring. Townspeople were not permitted to return to their homes until 6:00 p. m., evening of January 3, almost forty-eight hours after derailment.

An additional problem created by this accident was the release of chemicals containing cyanide

into adjoining drainage ditches, which in turn polluted creeks in vicinity and eventually reached a number of other larger streams running south and west of the area. Some livestock and wild life in neighboring farmlands perished immediately upon drinking affected water. Public Health authorities were concerned with the pollution of municipal water supplies, especially in larger towns such as Seymour, Indiana, a community of 13,500 persons located approximately 60 miles southwest on the White River. Thousands of gallons of neutralizing chemicals were poured into the poisoned streams, and after ten days this danger passed without adverse affect to any municipal water supply.

A total of 28 fire departments from surrounding communities responded with 19 pieces of equipment (mostly pumper-tankers and rescue units), however, fire fighting was principally limited to containing small exposure fires on perimeter of the disaster area. Two chemical foam trucks were available but not used for fear of possible severe adverse reaction with burning chemicals. Only minor burns and similar injuries to several firemen and police reported.

Cold weather conditions prevailed with 10 to 12 degree temperatures and a 6 to 10 m. p. h. wind from the south which carried toxic smoke and gases across majority of town.

### LIBERTY TOWNSHIP VFD INSTALLS OFFICERS

Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department installed the following men into office at their January meeting: President, Leland Albertson; Vice-President, Al Tanner; Secretary, Rollie Sanders; Chief Tony Meska; Assistant Chief, Elmer Lenburg, Jr.; Captain Tom Brook; 1st Lt. Robert Esserman; 2nd Lt., John Miller; 3rd Lt., Byron Ruge and Inspector, Ed Russel.

The Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department has a 100% membership in the IVFA. They have 35 active firemen on their roster. Liberty Township also gives fire protection to over half of Jackson Township with four pieces of equipment.

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 Sometimes, I agree, things look quite a mess  
 But all work must be done before they will rest.  
 Regardless of the weather, wind, sleet, snow, ice or rain  
 Their efforts to go help are just the same.  
 They always think of others loss, never their gain  
 They are fearless when they must climb high—for they are trained  
 Sometimes it's so high that it looks as if they are on a crane.  
 Until the last danger is gone, these men will still remain  
 To see if any other need might be sustained.  
 Of course, "we wives" are partial on our part  
 We were from the very start  
 We know "our men" are really smart  
 Not only in their work, but looks, personalities—just everything—  
 even in heart.  
 They're "our guys" and we hold on to them tight  
 But we also try to do for them what's right.  
 These handsome guys all dressed in uniforms of blue  
 Wearing big shiny badges that are new  
 Are men that fill several duties, not just a few.  
 So don't spit, spat, or get in a heated up stew  
 When all don't go just as you expected with this crew.  
 We still say they are the "cream of the crop"  
 These Mooresville Volunteer Firemen never know when to stop.  
 When they're in that bright red fire truck, with or without a top  
 Should you hear that siren, you better look, listen and stop.  
 If you don't it might be your body to "to mop up".  
 When the alarm is given, their motto is "Speed".  
 That this group is the very best, we wives will agree  
 'Tis true for we wives know you best, you see.

written by Mrs. Helen Beall

**Entries For Convention Parade  
 Now Being Accepted**

Entries for parade units for the IVFA Convention Parade to be held June 15, 1968 in Jeffersonville are now being taken. Any Fire Department, group or individual interested in entry in the parade should contact the parade committee at the following address:

**Parade Committee**  
**Sellersburg Volunteer Fire Dept.**  
**443 East Utica Street**  
**Sellersburg, Indiana 47172**

Trophies will be awarded in the following classifications:

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|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Horse Units                      | Floats             |
| Antique Cars                     | Novelty Equipment  |
| Old Fire Equipment               | Bands - Marching   |
| Uniformed Men's Marching Units   | Best Decorated Car |
| Uniformed Ladies' Marching Units | Clown Units        |

Please state the classification you intend to enter. Staging will be arranged on a basis of "First to Enter-First to March" Basis. Maps on individual staging locations will be sent to entrants prior to Convention and will also be available at a booth at the Convention.

Bob Stewart

**ENTRY BLANK FOR  
 LADIES' WATERBALL CONTEST**

Fire Department will have a ladies' team to compete in the waterball contest at Jeffersonville on Saturday, June 15, 1968. An entry fee of \$3.00 will be charged for the contest and will be forfeited if a team does not compete. We also understand the entry fee of \$3.00 will be refunded by the IVFA Auxiliary to the teams that compete.

Signed.....  
 Auxiliary President or Team Captain

The deadline for sending in contest entry blanks is Friday, June 7, 1968. If a ladies' team representing your department plans to enter this contest please fill in blank without delay and remit your \$3.00 entry fee promptly to Shirley Knoll, Box 153, Waldron Ind. 46182.

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 12 at officers' meeting. You will also be asked to sign release slip at the contest, absolving the IVFA Auxiliary or the IVFA of all responsibilities in case of accident resulting from the contest.

**CONTEST ENTRY BLANK**

- Hose Replacing Contest     Water Ball Contest

Fire Departments will have a team to compete in one or more of the following contests: Water Ball, Hose Replacement, at Jeffersonville, Ind., on Saturday, June 15, 1968. 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

**NOTICE**

All contest entry blanks must be in or postmarked on or before June 1st, 1968 to be eligible. All Departments that plan to enter should fill out entry blanks and accompany same with \$5.00 entry fee for each contest entered. Send entries to Charlestown Volunteer Fire Department, Box 235, Charlestown, Indiana 47111. Please bring your own rain gear. Trophy for both Water Ball and Hose Replacement. Safety measures to be enforced at contests. Drawing for position Thursday evening, June 13 at Officers' meeting.

**Volunteer Firemen Help  
 Hold Insurance  
 Cost Down**

By Leroy Pope

Did you ever wonder when you saw a fire truck roaring along the highway with siren screaming in a rural community if the volunteers really could be assembled rapidly enough to put out the fire?

In some very small communities the fire station is actually unattended most of the time, yet the fire insurance companies say the volunteer forces in rural areas and small towns have a remarkably good record in quenching blazes and keeping insurance rates at reasonable levels in their communities.

Everybody can see the modern firehouse and fire truck paid for partly from tax funds and partly from the proceeds of the firemen's fair.

But the volunteer fire department is equally dependent on a wide variety of ultra-modern specialized telephone systems that "hitch hike" on regular residential and business phone lines.

Many of these systems are made by General Telephone & Electronics Corp. and its subsidiary, Automatic Electric Co. of Northlake, Ill. According to Vice President James J. Clerkin, Jr., General Telephone has installed about 500 of these systems across the country.

As a result, volunteer firemen in such towns as Lebanon, Ky., Clinton, Ill., or Ontario, Calif., no longer are dependent on hearing the coded blasts of the raucous signal horn atop the fire station miles away.

They get the alarm in their homes and offices at the same time that it reaches the dispatcher or the electromechanical monitoring device at the firehouse. In Lebanon, Ky., for example, when the firehouse dispatcher gets an alarm, he lifts the receiver on a special phone and instantly the home and office telephones of every volunteer fireman in Lebanon ring. If a fireman's telephone is busy, a special buzzer warns the parties to hang up at once, then the firemen get the address of the blaze by instantaneous conference call.

Clerkin said the system cut the assembly time for Lebanon's firefighters from an average of 15 minutes to two minutes.

In Clinton, Ill., the dispatcher reads the alarm into a tape recording device which automatically calls all the firemen's homes and offices simultaneously and gives them the location of the fire.

A more elaborate system at Ontario, Calif., links not only the firemen's homes and offices but alarm boxes on the streets and roads with the fire house dispatcher and an automatic call recording system.

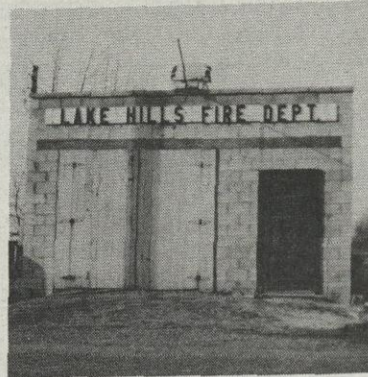
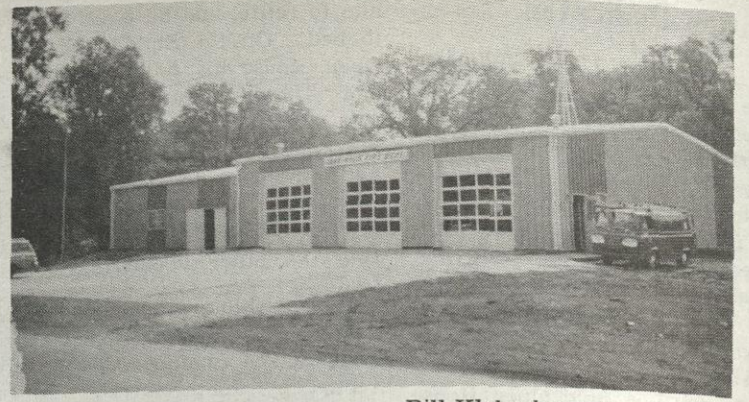
For double check, this system makes both a voice tape recording and the dispatcher's typed tape of the time and place of the alarm.

An electric map automatically pinpoints by flashing lights the location from which the alarm is coming so the dispatcher can instantly choose the fastest route for sending fire engines to fight the blaze.

A device called the electronic secretary can be added to the system to keep automatically giving recorded instructions to firemen who miss the original alarm but call in to the station for instructions.

—Muncie Star

**Lake Hills Dedicates New Station**



Bill Klahn have spent many long hours on the construction of this building.

Lake Hills department was organized in 1945 and their first station was this old garage shown above. The new building construction was started in July of 1966 and completed in October of 1967 at a cost of \$30,000. The money used to construct the station came from 2 annual fish fries.

The department consists of 23 men with Bill Klahn their Chief and Felix Bannon Assistant Chief. At the present time they have four pieces of equipment and provide fire protection for the community of Lake Hills and part of St. John Township.

The Lake Hills Volunteer Fire Department held the official dedication of their new fire station and Civic Hall in November. The members of the department under the leadership of Chief



Left to right, front row: Paul Pozezanac, Chairman of the fire department, Tom Blaskovich, Orville Rudisel, Treasurer, Bill Payne, Fire Inspector and Civil Defense co-ordinator, Bill Klahn, Fire Chief. Back row: Andrew Ustanik, Walter Rybarski, Captain, Felix Bannon, Assistant Chief, William Weldon.

**Park View Jr. High School, Jeffersonville, Indiana**



Site of 1968 Convention Meetings

**NOTICE**

All Ladies' Auxiliary news items should be mailed to Publicity Chairman Mrs. Catherine Mason, 2414 Alma Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46807. This material should be in her possession no later than the 20th of the month preceding publication. The IVFA paper is published in February, May, August and November, and we invite you to send in your material for the paper.

# District Meetings

## JANUARY MEETING OF DISTRICT 1 AND 2 HELD AT LAKE HILLS

The January meeting of Districts 1 and 2 was held at the new fire station that Lake Hills Fire Department completed in time for this gathering, on Wednesday, January 17. State Officers present were Treasurer Konopasek, Public Relations Director Northwest Stanley Konefsky and Editor Robert Laney. Treasurer Konopasek reported that the membership is gradually climbing close to the 10,000 mark and we will make very soon. Public Relations Director Northwest Konefsky reported on his visits to the departments across the state. Editor Laney reported on the response that he is getting from the departments that he has sent sample copies of our paper. He also asked the men to send in information concerning their departments in regards to installations, training or bad fires. Art Schweitzer, Chief Electrical Inspector for the Town of Schererville, gave a most informative talk on what to do when a department has a fire and the electric wires make it a hazard to fight this emergency. A question and answer period followed Mr. Schweitzer's talk. Many of the men talked with Schweitzer after the meeting was over to gain more information about electric wiring.

Chief William Klahn and his men were host to the meeting and he gave a talk on the station that was built mostly with volunteer labor. The station has three large bays that make it easy to get the trucks in and out of the station. The station houses a pumper, tanker, emergency truck and a grass fire fighting jeep. The St. John Township Civil Defense also house their equipment at this station. The St. John Township Civil Defense is in charge of William Payne. William Payne spoke on the equipment that is available to the departments through Civil Defense. There was seven pieces of equipment in the truck area plus the 90 men who were seated so this station is a model that other departments should see for their needs.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Lake Hills Department served a delicious dinner of spaghetti with meat balls, a tasty salad and plain or garlic bread. The dinner was served in the meeting room that is on the other side of a kitchen, office and rest room area. This station is very large compared to some of the stations in this area. My hat goes off to the Lake Hills Department for the nice station that they have built.

Emil G. Zula  
Chairman District 2

## IVFA Officers at District 1 and 2 Meeting



Pictured left to right: Verne Konopasek, IVFA Treasurer, Bernie Jostes, Chairman District I, Emil Zula, Chairman District II, Bill Kahn, Chief Lake Hills Fire Department, Felix Bannon, Assistant Chief and Stanley Konefsky, Public Relation Director NW.

## District 1 and 2 Enjoy Spaghetti Supper



Members of District 1 and 2 enjoying a spaghetti dinner prepared by the Lake Hills Auxiliary following the district meeting.

## DISTRICT 3

On January 18, the Third District of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman Association held its monthly meeting at Coolspring Township Volunteer Fire Department with eight departments and 35 men attending.

Along with the regular business, films were shown on Analysis of a Bulk Plant Fire, Fighting Tank Fires, and LP-Gas Fire Control, compliments

of the Phillips Petroleum Company.

An answer to the fire problem seems to have been solved by the Scipio Township Volunteer Fire Department. It seems that with the purchase of some new equipment some time ago that their calls for help have been so few that there is no problem in counting them. Is this the answer?

Ralph Hibner of Scipio Town-

ship Volunteer Fire Department and Robert Johnson of the Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Department have been elected as new fire chiefs. Good luck.

The next district meeting was held at Bass Lake Fire Department on February 15, with a guest speaker, Mr. Eugene P. Burd, from the Civil Defense Department.

James B. Croy

## FOURTH DISTRICT

On December 28th the Foraker Volunteer Fire Dept. had their annual potluck dinner and election of officers. They are as follows: Chief, Ed Zimmerman; Ass't Chief, Charles Hoover; Captain, Lowell Herr; President, Don Walters; Vice President, Vernon Hess; Secretary and Treasurer, Lowell Herr.

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On January 20th Cleveland and Osolo Township Fire Departments held their 10th year anniversary party at Osolo Fire Department with all members and their wives present. After an excellent carry-in dinner, the Cleveland Township Chief, Paul Holtzinger, kept the people very well entertained.

Charter members honored were as follows:

Cleveland—Paul Holtzinger, P. J. Hardie, Jerry Stow, Bill Elliott, George Martin.

Osolo—D. W. Jellison, H. Miller Jr., Charles D. Miller, Sr., Paul Stemm, Robert Helsel, Wm. Etling, Richard Weaver, Norm Harris.

Center Township of St. Joseph County was host to the Fourth District Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association on Thursday, November 30, 1967. The meeting was brought to order by District Chairman, Harvey Ludwig. There were 23 men representing nine different departments. During the months of October and November it was reported that there were 59 fires.

Those attending from Elkhart County were: Immediate Past President Walt Steiger; Chaplain Loyal Smeltzer, Jr.; Bill VanderMaas and John F. Sternberg, who was appointed Publicity and Public Relations Director.

The Women's auxiliary of Center Township Department served refreshments. The special guest was Bob Gruzell. He represented the U. S. Auto Club, and showed the film, "30 Days in May".

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The Osolo Township Fire Department elected their 1968 department officers at their meeting of January 6, 1968. The following officers were elected: Chief, Bert Williams; 1st Assistant Chief, Willy Lemna; 2nd Assistant Chief, Claude Dixon; Day Captain, Bill Etling; Day Lt., Ray Boutts; Night Captain, Charles Roll; Night Lt., Harry Dunker; Secretary, Don Jerlison and Treasurer, Enos Weirich.

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The Elkhart and Jackson Township Fire Departments gave a mutual aid assistance to Goshen City Fire Department in an early morning blaze on January 8, 1968, which destroyed two of Goshen's newest stores. The stores that were destroyed were in the Chicago-Pike Plaza and were G. L. Perry's and Judd Drug No. 5 Store. The estimated damage was set at \$500,000. The fire is still under investigation. Both stores plan to re-build in the near future. There were three injuries and several frost-bites.

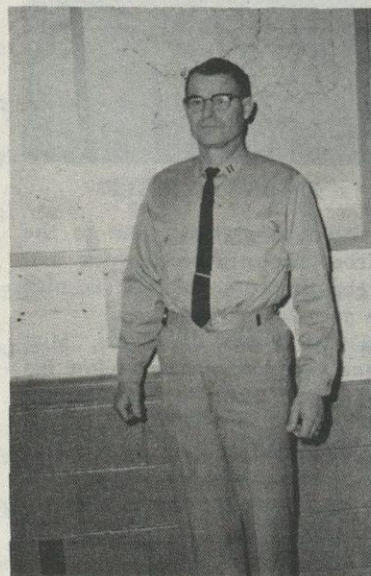
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The first meeting of the year for the Elkhart County Firemen's Association was held on Tuesday, January 9, 1968, at the

Elkhart Township's Waterford Fire Station. The main business of the meeting was installation of new officers which were as follows: President, Harvey Miller, Jr. of the Osolo Township Department; Vice President, Bert Cook of the Concord Township Department; Secretary, Bill VanderMaas of the Elkhart Township Department and Paul Holtzinger of Cleveland Township Department.

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The Benton Volunteer Fire Department were hosts for a training session and regular meeting of the Fourth District Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association on Thursday, January 25th.



A. M. LAWRENCE  
LT. U. S. N.



FREDERICK C. DULL  
MNI U. S. N.

Lt. A. M. Lawrence and F. C. Dull, Mineman first class of the Crane Naval Ammunition Depot, were the instructors for the session.

The firemen received training in the descriptions and hazards of explosive materials; dangers presented by accidents, fires, heat, water and other conditions; recommended actions to remove or lessen dangers to personnel and property in case of an accident, and procedures, methods of transfer and safety measures provided for safe handling of explosive or hazardous materials.

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The St. Joseph County Fireman's Association is holding a sixteen hour officers' training course and the county is also starting a radiologic school to be held at Osceola Fire Department.

I would also like to thank the Benton Fire Department for hosting our largest meeting in the past five years. There was 119 members and guests present. Well done Walt!!!

There will be a District 4 IVFA meeting to be held at Clay Township Fire Station No. 2 on March 28th at 7:30 P. M., Eastern Standard Time.

Harvey Ludwig  
Dist. D Chairman

## 6TH DISTRICT NEWS

Kenneth McCague, another veteran in the fire service, and former Chief for many years of the Wayne Twp. has recently retired after 25 years with the General Electric. Kenny is still an active fireman with his department however. He plans to travel extensively and putter around on his farm.

Glenn Pumphrey, former Chief of the Union Twp. Fire station at Coesse, is recuperating at home after suffering a heart attack.

## DISTRICT 9-B MEETS

Firemen in District 9-B met in the Medaryville Fire Station Monday night, January 22nd, with the Medaryville Firemen as hosts.

Memorial services were held by Chaplain James Stoll of the Medaryville Department for the following volunteer firemen who recently passed away: Richard L. Constable and K. N. Stombaugh, members of the Goodland Department; Chris Dannaman, member of the Monon Department and Truman Nelson, member of the Wheatfield Department. All were members of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association and resided in District 9-B.

Willard L. Clark, Arson Investigator for the Indiana State Fire Marshal, gave a very interesting talk and showed motion pictures regarding arson. This proved most interesting and helpful as the "Do's and Don'ts" were pointed out to the firemen, when arson is suspected as the cause of the fire.

The next District 9-B meeting will be held in the Monon Fire Station with the Monon Volunteer Firemen as hosts, on Monday, March 11th, 7:45 P. M., E. S. T. Eugene P. Burd, Consultant for the Civil Defense Adult Education, will be the speaker. Mr. Burd's topic will inform the firemen about the 12 hour course offered "Free of Cost" to the public and entitled "Personal and Family Survival". He will also show colored motion pictures regarding the Adult Civil Defense Program.

## 10TH DISTRICT HONORS PRESIDENT JEFFRIES

The 10th District Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association meeting was held at the Fountaintown Fire Station Thursday night, February 15th. Approximately seventy firemen and guests attended the meeting. They represented thirteen fire departments reporting thirty fire, mutual aid, and emergency runs since the January meeting. Guests included State IVFA President Carlos Jeffries of Fountaintown,



Pictured left to right: Jack Knoll, 10th District Chairman, IVFA President Carlos Jeffries, and Chief William Anderson of the Hope Volunteer Fire Department.

State IVFA Sgt-At-Arms Ray Lester of Raleigh, Delmus Stacy of New Salem, Clyde Frantzreb, Sr. of St. Paul, Bob McDonald, Midwest Fire and Safety Equipment Co. representative, from Indianapolis, Lowell Spencer, Civil Defense Instructor, from Morristown, Dick Nobb, President of the Waldron Community Club, and Caryl Smith and Everett Whittington, Members of the

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## DISTRICT NEWS

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Board of Directors of the Fountaintown Fire Department.

Hope Fire Chief William Anderson presented a gavel to State President Carlos Jeffries. The gavel was donated by the Hope Fire Department and given on behalf of the 10th District.

Tenth District Chairman Jack Knoll discussed the State IVFA Officers' meeting held last Sunday at Kokomo.

Fountaintown Firemen made an ambulance run to take a woman from a New Palestine doctor's office to the hospital in Greenfield during the meeting.

Firemen discussed the recent Dunreith Fire and the proposed Fire Academy.

A color film entitled "Fire Fighting During Riots" was shown by the host department. This was a film of the Riot at Watts in Los Angeles.

The door prize of a Transistor Radio donated by Midwest Fire and Safety Equipment Company and its representative, Bob McDonald, was won by guest Delmus Stacy.

The next meeting will be held at the Adams Fire Station Wednesday night, March 13th. The April meeting will be held at the Scipio Fire Station Thursday night, April 25th.

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

Allen Blades

10th District IVFA Secretary

## 11TH DISTRICT NEWS

The 11th District Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association met November 19th with the New Goshen Fire Department as host. They had a delicious meal and interesting meeting. Our Vice Chairman, Ted Hauer, took over the meeting for me while I was attending the State Officers' meeting.

Several of our Fire Departments have been busy fighting fires in the cold weather and snow. But on the brighter side, several have had their annual Firemen's dances. The wife and I attended the Fairview Park Volunteer Firemen's and Clinton Township Volunteer Firemen's dances at Clinton.

We have a retired fireman here in Dana who will celebrate his 104th birthday February 28. He lives with his daughter and he helps her with the housework. He goes out for a ride every day when the weather is nice. Each year we are real proud to have him ride in the parade at our Fall Festival.

The Dana Firemen entertained their wives to a delicious smorgasbord dinner January 4th. After everybody had eaten too much they played bingo. A wonderful time was had by all.

Dana Firemen were host to the 11th District meeting held January 21st. We had a real nice crowd—over 100 firemen and their families enjoyed a delicious lunch. Afterward the meeting was held with 16 Departments present. We were happy to see 4 new Departments present. Several firemen discussed their fire problems, new fire houses and plans for their spring activities. Otter Creek No. 1 announces that they would have a fish fry May 4th.

The next District meeting is scheduled for March 17th with Sandford Fire Department as host.

Charles "Butch" McGill, Jr.  
11th District Chairman

## DANA RETIRED FIREMAN HAS 104TH BIRTHDAY

John A. Nickle, a retired fireman of Dana, Indiana, will celebrate his 104th birthday on February 28th.

Mr. Nickle is in fairly good health. He has had no serious illnesses for a number of years. His eyesight and hearing are almost completely gone, but his mental alertness is keen and his memory is good.



JOHN A. NICKLE

A daughter takes him to the barber shop twice a week and every day the weather is nice he goes for a ride.

He has two daughters, Miss Lena, with whom he makes his home, and Mrs. Gertrude Smith, also of Dana. One granddaughter of Indianapolis and one sister in Florida who is in her 90's. His wife passed away in 1941.

In 1901 Mr. Nickle bought the dray line in Dana. His horse, which he raised from a colt, and whose name was "George", also pulled the fire engine and upon hearing the fire whistle he would head right for the fire house without being driven.

All of us here in Dana are real proud of Mr. Nickle and the firemen look forward every year to have him in their Fall Festival Parade.

Charles McGill, Jr.

11th District Chairman

## ENTRIES ARE NOW BEING RECEIVED FOR MR. IVFA

Mr. IVFA, the outstanding volunteer firemen in the state of Indiana is an honor bestowed upon one individual each year at the annual convention. This individual is selected by a committee composed of the three previous winners. They make their selection from letters of application. These letters should be sent to Chairman Andy Van Winkle, R. R. 1, Borden, Indiana 47106. All entries must be in Mr. Van Winkle's hands by April 1, 1968.

Each year many volunteers who are doing a tremendous job are overlooked, so why not sit down and write a letter telling the judges about this individual.

## SOWELL ELECTED

## PRESIDENT OF THE INDIANA FIRE INSTRUCTOR'S ASSOCIATION

The Indiana Fire Instructor's Association held a meeting January 18, 1968 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Edward R. Sowell, Assistant Chief from Clay Township Fire Department was elected President.

Also elected to an office were: 1st Vice President, Roland Walls, Richmond; 2nd Vice President, Jim Glaud, Indianapolis, and Secretary, Carl Lederer, South Bend.

This will be quite an honor for Sowell and St. Joseph County, because this is the first time any Township Fireman has ever held this high office.

The Indiana Fire Instructor's Association has submitted a resolution for the creation of a State Fire School and Instructional Program. This resolution has been passed and supported by

## Wayne Township Subdues Unusual Fire

Perhaps the most unusual fire Wayne Township No. 2 of Allen County had last fall was this old house constructed early in 1800. The home which was three stories contained antiques from the attic to the basement. It was

occupied by an elderly woman in her eighties, who kept chickens, ducks and domestic pets right in the house with her. Firemen were able to save some of the valuable contents.

Paul Fairfield



Fireman Larry Vaughn holding a Civil War Flintlock rifle recovered from fire damaged house.



House badly damaged. Roof gone. Notice the fancy brick-a-brac and cornice.



Fireman Frank Pettit holds a 200 year old vase and is pictured with the elderly woman who owned the house.

the Indiana Fireman's Association, and the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association. With the passing of this resolution it will help to increase all Indiana paid and Volunteer's knowledge and experiences in the professional fire service.

The Fire Service today is entering an interesting era, there are many challenges which confront the Fire Service with the need for more training instructors. It is hoped that this will give the Fire Service more trained personnel who can effectively and efficiently do their job with less effort and with greater safety.

Indiana Fire Instructor's Association

## THE CIVIL DEFENSE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Recently each member organization of The IVFA received a letter delineating the 12-hour

civil defense educational program, **Personal and Family Survival**. This program, under the supervision of the Civil Defense Adult Educational division of the Indiana Department of Public Instruction, has received very favorable response from several member departments throughout the state. Several departments have courses actually in progress, several others have courses definitely formulated and will commence in February, and others have indicated they are in the process of arranging the courses for the immediate future.

The comments from the departments which are presently participating in the program have been highly favorable. The information contained in the course contents is of definite value on the individual, family, and community basis as well as to organizations constituting emergency services.

Other departments wishing further information or assistance in arranging the program for their departments should contact the Civil Defense Adult Education Office, Illinois Building, Room 442, 17 West Market Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 at their earliest convenience.

## Paul Becker — Ardent Supporter Of The Volunteer — Dies

Paul Becker, sales representative of Fire Equipment Service Company and father of Jack Becker, its owner, died recently at Dayton, Ohio. He was born in Chicago, Illinois in 1901 and had just passed his 66th birthday. Mr. Becker's death was caused by Emphazema on December 6th.



His entire business life was spent as a professional salesman. In addition to representing the Truscon Steel Company his business career included a variety of other positions. He served as branch manager for The Borden Company in Chicago, Pittsburg and Boston. He was a National Sales Manager for the Loudon Packing Company and was responsible for the introduction of the now popular V-8 cocktail drink. Mr. Becker played a vital part in the design of the label for this product. The same basic label is still in use today. He spent some years as a Regional Sales Manager for The Dayton Rubber Company and his territory covered some nine southeastern states. He was responsible for tire sales during world war two and because of the ration situation, this proved to be a very challenging position. At this same time, he was appointed by the U. S. Government to serve as the Regional Director of the Office of Price Administration. He worked for the OPA as "a dollar a year" man and took a great deal of interest in it. After the war and preceding his association with FESCO, he returned to the food industry as a broker and sales representative.

Paul Becker joined the FESCO company about eight years ago. His first convention was at Madison. His enthusiasm for the fire service was kindled at this convention and increased with every passing year. No other association brought Mr. Becker more happiness. Calling on fire departments, attending district meetings and just plain being with firemen was not a job to him—it was a way of life and he loved every minute of it.

His first two fire truck contracts came simultaneously from Dale and Charlestown. There were many in between and ironically his last two contracts were also signed on the same date by Holland and Salem.

The Volunteer Firemen and the Fire Service will sorely miss Paul Becker as well as the editor of the IVFA paper. For many years he kept us informed of the activities in the southern part of Indiana by his articles entitled "Random Notes of a Rambling Reporter in Southern Indiana."

### Over 12,000 People Killed By Fire In 1967

Fire killed approximately 12,200 people in this country during 1967, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reported.

The figure compares with a toll of 12,100 in the previous year.

This represents an increase of approximately .8 per cent in number, but per capita fire fatalities declined slightly, since the U. S. population in 1967 increased approximately 1.1 per cent.

Deaths in dwelling fires in 1967, at approximately 6,500, remained at the level of the previous year, according to the international fire safety organization.

Property destroyed by fire during the year totalled \$2,070,000,000, preliminary NFPA estimates indicate.

The total is a sharp rise of more than \$200,000,000 over the previous year, when losses were \$1,860,500,000.

Principally responsible for the increase, according to the NFPA report, were fires associated with civil disturbances in several U. S. cities estimated to cost in excess of \$85,000,000, and a series of major fire disasters—among them the \$75,000,000 damage to the Apollo spacecraft in the January 27 fire which took the lives of three astronauts, the \$52,500,000 destruction of Chicago's McCormick Place on January 15, a \$30,000,000 oil refinery fire in Lake Charles, La. on August 8, and a \$13,000,000 loss in a June 10 Rossville, Georgia, textile plant fire.

Of the \$2,070,000,000 property loss total in the NFPA preliminary 1967 estimates, \$1,714,000,000 represents damage to buildings and contents. Non-building fires—those involving aircraft, ships, motor vehicles and similar equipment as well as forests—cost about \$356,000,00.

The worst U. S. fire tragedy of 1967, according to the NFPA records, was the fire following crash of an airliner near Cincinnati on November 20, in which 66 persons died. On June 23 an inflight fire caused the crash of an airliner near Blossburg, Pa., taking 34 lives, and on March 30, an airliner on a training flight crashed into a motel at Kenner, La., killing six aboard the aircraft and 13 motel occupants.

The worst fatal fire in a building occurred on July 16 when a prison barracks in Berrydale, Fla. burned, killing 38 prisoners. On February 7 a penthouse restaurant fire in Montgomery, Ala., took 25 lives. There were two industrial plant fires each taking 11 lives, the first at a Texarkana, Texas, munitions plant on February 15, the other at a Hawthorne, N. J., chemical plant on February 17.

Among the major fire tragedies occurring outside the United States was the fire aboard the USS Forestal off the coast of Viet Nam on July 29 in which 131 officers and men died; damage to the aircraft carrier totalled approximately \$135,000,000.

Internationally, the worst loss of life fire in more than two decades occurred on May 22 in Brussels, Belgium, when a crowded department store burned, killing at least 322 persons.

#### VALPARAISO RESTAURANT BURNS 7 HOURS

Firemen fought more than seven hours to bring a blaze under control which destroyed a fashionable Valparaiso restaurant, causing an estimated \$125,000 damage recently.

The fire at Marrell's Restaurant broke out at 10:45 p. m., 15 minutes before closing, and the blaze was contained at 6 a. m. There were no injuries reported.

Firemen reported difficulty in locating fireplugs which had been buried in snow scraped from a nearby service station driveway.

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| 1-2-67   |                      | 441       | Theodore D. Fry          |          |     | 66       | 6-9-67                     | Pontiac Fdrys.          | Castings             |        |          |     | 54.00                      |
|          | Penn. Twp. So. D-4   |           |                          | 3703     |     | 110.20*  | 6-9-67                     | Man U Tech-Mkrs.        | Engraved             |        |          |     | 103.25                     |
| 1-10-67  |                      | 442       | Donald Brattain          |          |     | 34       | 3-27-67                    | 474                     | Joseph Carlisle      |        |          |     | 55                         |
|          | Wash. Twp.           |           |                          |          |     |          | Nabb D-14                  |                         | 11290                |        |          |     | 100.00x                    |
|          | Greencastle          | D-11      |                          | 10353    |     | 110.20*  | 8-5-67                     | 475                     | Merril McGriff       |        |          |     | 66                         |
| 1-12-67  |                      | 443       | Steve R. Bishop          |          |     | 56       | Portland D-8B              |                         | 9429                 |        |          |     | 100.00x                    |
|          | Gary Civil Defense   | D-1       |                          | 12344    |     | 45.20*   | 8-16-67                    | 476                     | Otis W. Towne        |        |          |     | 63                         |
| 1-18-67  |                      | 444       | Robert Dressel           |          |     | 55       | Clay Twp.-So. Bend         | D-4                     | 17094                |        |          |     | 65.00x                     |
|          | Wayne Twp. 1         |           |                          |          |     |          | 9-11-67                    | 477                     | Charles R. Snyder    |        |          |     | 66                         |
|          | Ft. Wayne            | D-6       |                          | 13645    |     | 65.00x   | Hartford City              | D-8B                    |                      | 1232   |          |     | 110.20*                    |
| 1-13-67  |                      | 445       | Earl Clapp               |          |     | 37       | 9-20-67                    | 478                     | Carl Kaufman         |        |          |     | 81                         |
|          | New Wash.            | D-14      |                          | 14737    |     | 75.20*   | Laud D-6                   |                         | 6266                 |        |          |     | 100.00x                    |
| 11-9-66  |                      | 446       | James E. Rogers          |          |     | 63       | 9-24-67                    | 479                     | Harold H. Fryback    |        |          |     | 54                         |
|          | Scottsburg           | D-14      |                          | 7670     |     | 100.00x  | Poe D-7                    |                         | 1783                 |        |          |     | 110.20*                    |
| 2-2-67   |                      | 447       | George Thomas            |          |     | 66       | 9-23-67                    | 480                     | Virgil D. Davis      |        |          |     | 56                         |
|          | Kingsford Hgts.      | D-3       |                          | 5314     |     | 110.20*  | Forest D-9A                |                         | 9032                 |        |          |     | 100.00x                    |
| 2-3-67   |                      | 448       | Allen C. Bailey          |          |     | 49       | 9-24-67                    | 481                     | Herman C. Wilson     |        |          |     | 56                         |
|          | Bass Lake            | D-3       |                          | 2362     |     | 100.00x  | Metz D-6                   |                         | 14629                |        |          |     | 100.00x                    |
| 2-6-67   |                      | 449       | Delbert Martin           |          |     | 57       | 9-27-67                    | 482                     | Harley L. Ellis      |        |          |     | 62                         |
|          | Jackson Twp.         |           |                          |          |     |          | Bicknell D-17              |                         | 16841                |        |          |     | 75.20*                     |
|          | Pekin                | D-16      |                          | 10641    |     | 110.20*  | 10-1-67                    | 483                     | John B. Zucca, Sr.   |        |          |     | 52                         |
| 2-7-67   |                      | 450       | Carl W. Schaefer         |          |     | 50       | Clinton Twp. D-11          |                         | 16584                |        |          |     | 75.20*                     |
|          | Centre Twp. So. Bend | D-4       |                          | 1097     |     | 110.20*  | 9-15-67                    | 484                     | Lawrence Kelso       |        |          |     | 70                         |
| 2-12-67  |                      | 451       | E. Ward Williamson       |          |     | 60       | Wayne 8-Indpls.-D-12       |                         | 2601                 |        |          |     | 110.20*                    |
|          | Burket               | D-5       |                          | 4017     |     | 110.20*  | 9-27-67                    | 485                     | Gleason Bundy        |        |          |     | 63                         |
| 2-18-67  |                      | 452       | John Heil                |          |     | 51       | Royal Center               | D-9A                    |                      | 2158   |          |     | 100.00x                    |
|          | Portage              | D-1       |                          | 3901     |     | 110.20*  | 9-9-67                     | 486                     | Richard L. Constable |        |          |     | 49                         |
| 3-2-67   |                      | 453       | Leo J. Grimmer           |          |     | 59       | Goodland                   | D-9B                    |                      | 4925   |          |     | 45.20*                     |
|          | Schererville         | D-1       |                          | 83       |     | 110.20*  | 10-22-67                   | 487                     | Frank Richards       |        |          |     | 86                         |
| 3-4-67   |                      | 454       | Calvin G. Shirley        |          |     | 51       | Liverpool Ore. Gary        | D-1                     | 494                  |        |          |     | 100.00x                    |
|          | Lakeville            | D-4       |                          | 14015    |     | 75.20*   | 10-21-67                   | 488                     | Clarence Wright      |        |          |     | 77                         |
| 3-11-67  |                      | 455       | Herbert Baker            |          |     | 44       | Clinton D-11               |                         | 2630                 |        |          |     | 100.00x                    |
|          | Bargersville         | D-10      |                          | 11340    |     | 110.20*  | 9-23-67                    | 489                     | Hattie Davis         |        |          |     | 76                         |
| 3-17-67  |                      | 456       | Clifton F. Moses         |          |     | 61       | Burket D-5                 |                         | 13224                |        |          |     | 110.20*                    |
|          | Garrett              | D-6       |                          | 1324     |     | 110.20*  | 10-31-67                   | 490                     | Oliver Cooley        |        |          |     | 48                         |
| 3-21-67  |                      | 457       | Ole Lutz                 |          |     | 64       | Kingsbury                  | D-3                     |                      | 9434   |          |     | 100.00x                    |
|          | Portland             | D-8B      |                          | 1582     |     | 110.20*x | 10-7-67                    | 491                     | Chris Dannaman       |        |          |     | 77                         |
| 3-26-67  |                      | 458       | Charles Granat           |          |     | 58       | Monon                      | D-9B                    |                      | 1557   |          |     | 110.20*                    |
|          | Chesterton           | D-1       |                          | 13476    |     | 65.00x   | 11-10-67                   | 492                     | Harold O. Trout      |        |          |     | 53                         |
| 4-7-67   |                      | 459       | Robert O. Bunch          |          |     | 55       | Wayne 10 Indpls. D-12      |                         | 13785                |        |          |     | 110.20*                    |
|          | Madison Twp. Odon    |           |                          | 5576     |     | 110.20*  | 11-11-67                   | 493                     | Clifford D. Houck    |        |          |     | 59                         |
| 1-16-67  |                      | 460       | Hubert Biggs             |          |     | 66       | East Gary                  | D-1                     |                      | 224    |          |     | 110.20*                    |
|          | Otter Creek 2        | D-11      |                          | 4999     |     | 110.20*  | 11-16-67                   | 494                     | William B. Cotner    |        |          |     | 60                         |
| 4-27-67  |                      | 461       | Thomas F. Curtis         |          |     | 48       | Kendallville               | D-6                     |                      | 8148   |          |     | 100.00x                    |
|          | Clev. Twp. Elkhart   | D-4       |                          | 10525    |     | 100.00x  | 11-15-67                   | 495                     | Eugene W. Schnarr    |        |          |     | 26                         |
| 5-10-67  |                      | 462       | Charles W. Sparrow       |          |     | 51       | Alfordsville               | D-18                    |                      | 16031  |          |     | 75.20*                     |
|          | Kendallville         | D-6       |                          | 8142     |     | 100.00x  | 11-13-67                   | 496                     | Clarence Scull       |        |          |     | 70                         |
| 5-29-67  |                      | 463       | Joseph Shadel            |          |     | 59       | Manilla                    | D-10                    |                      | 1863   |          |     | 110.20*                    |
|          | Macy-Allen Twp. D-5  |           |                          | 7858     |     | 110.20*x | 11-22-67                   | 497                     | Homer C. Markley     |        |          |     | 65                         |
| 5-26-67  |                      | 464       | Charles Wheat            |          |     | 43       | Bluffton                   | D-7                     |                      | 936    |          |     | 100.00x                    |
|          | Shepardsville        | D-11      |                          | 6692     |     | 110.20*  | 11-26-67                   | 498                     | Stan R. Stevenson    |        |          |     | 55                         |
| 5-31-67  |                      | 465       | Walter A. Benskin        |          |     | 74       | Linton                     | R3                      |                      |        |          |     |                            |
|          | Fairview-RR-3        |           |                          |          |     |          | Terre Haute                | D-11                    |                      | 4201   |          |     | 100.00x                    |
|          | Clinton              | D-11      |                          | 6680     |     | 100.00x  | 12-6-67                    | 499                     | Paul R. Becker       |        |          |     | 66                         |
| 6-2-67   |                      | 466       | Clyde McWilliams         |          |     | 48       | Assoc. Member              | Dayton                  |                      | 16368  |          |     | 100.00x                    |
|          | LaPaz-North Twp.     | D-5       |                          | 1020     |     | 100.00x  | 12-16-67                   | 500                     | William Bohney       |        |          |     | 78                         |
| 5-25-67  |                      | 467       | Charles B. Wallace       |          |     | 44       | Schererville               | D-1                     |                      | 70     |          |     | 110.20*                    |
|          | Clarks Hill          | D-9A      |                          | 14888    |     | 65.00x   | 12-21-67                   | 501                     | Ellsworth Greasby    |        |          |     | 52                         |
| 6-3-67   |                      | 468       | Harold J. Edwards        |          |     | 76       | Beatty Mem. Hosp.          | D-3                     |                      | 501    |          |     | 110.20*                    |
|          | Bass Lake            | D-3       |                          | 1691     |     | 110.20*  | 6-9-67                     | Fairfield Mkr. Transp.  |                      |        |          |     | 20.89                      |
| 7-5-67   |                      | 469       | Paul E. Doty             |          |     | 54       | 8-28-67                    | Memorial Bibles (25)    |                      |        |          |     | 242.30                     |
|          | New Haven            | D-6       |                          | 3824     |     | 110.20*  | 8-8-67                     | Man U Tech Mkr. Engrave |                      |        |          |     | 10.50                      |
| 3-23-67  |                      | 470       | C. A. Hoffman            |          |     | 73       | 11-20-67                   | MU Tech Mkrs Engraved   |                      |        |          |     | 40.25                      |
|          | Fair Play 1-Madison  | D-14      |                          | 7637     |     | 45.20*   |                            |                         |                      |        |          |     |                            |
| 7-18-67  |                      | 471       | Virgil Emigh             |          |     | 67       | Total Disbursements        | 1967                    |                      |        |          |     | \$6806.07                  |
|          | Union Twp.-Hamlet    | D-3       |                          | 681      |     | 110.20*  | Total Deaths               | 1967                    |                      |        |          |     | 62                         |
| 7-2-67   |                      | 472       | Howard C. Moore          |          |     | 76       | Respectfully submitted,    |                         |                      |        |          |     |                            |
|          | Albany               | D-8B      |                          | 1259     |     | 100.00x  | Verne Konopasek, Treasurer |                         |                      |        |          |     | January 4, 1968            |
| 8-29-67  |                      | 473       | Frank Wyland             |          |     | 83       | Average cost contribution  |                         |                      |        |          |     | Per Deceased member \$110. |
|          | Koontz Lake          | D-3       |                          | 541      |     | 100.00x  | 1-1-67                     |                         | 6-1-67               |        |          |     | Extended                   |
| 3-4-67   |                      |           | Gary Natl. Bank-New Cks. |          |     | 6.98     | to                         | to                      | Totals               | Totals |          |     | Totals                     |
|          |                      |           |                          |          |     |          | 6-1-67                     | 12-31-67                |                      |        |          |     |                            |

#### RECEIPTS:

|                            |        |          |           |           |  |                       |
|----------------------------|--------|----------|-----------|-----------|--|-----------------------|
| On hand 1-1-67 as shown    |        |          |           |           |  | \$43268.16            |
| Sec'y Report 17 thru 20    | (339)  | 254.25   | 254.25    |           |  |                       |
| Sec'y Reports 1, 2 & 3     | (425)  | 318.75   | 318.75    |           |  |                       |
| Donations toward memorials |        | 12.00    | 12.00     |           |  |                       |
| Sec'y Report 21 -Old-      | (2)    |          | 1.50      | 1.50      |  |                       |
| Sec'y Reports 4 thru 13    | (8978) |          | 6733.50   | 6733.50   |  |                       |
| Donations toward memorials |        |          | 10.00     | 10.00     |  |                       |
| Totals                     |        | \$585.00 | \$6745.00 | \$7330.00 |  | To Account \$50598.16 |

#### DISBURSEMENTS:

|                              |      |           |           |           |  |                        |
|------------------------------|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|------------------------|
| Claims 440 thru 462          | (23) | 2203.40   | 2203.40   |           |  |                        |
| 3-4 Gary Natl. Bank-New Cks. |      | 6.98      | 6.98      |           |  |                        |
| 5-18 Pontiac Fdrys.-Markers  |      | 292.50    | 292.50    |           |  |                        |
| 5-29 Thompson-Repair Markers |      | 33.00     | 33.00     |           |  |                        |
| Claims 463 thru 501, inc.    | (39) |           | 3799.00   | 3799.00   |  |                        |
| 6-9 Pontiac Fdrys.-Markers   |      |           | 54.00     | 54.00     |  |                        |
| 6-9 Man U Tech-Markers       |      |           | 103.25    | 103.25    |  |                        |
| 6-9 Transporation-Markers    |      |           | 20.89     | 20.89     |  |                        |
| 8-8 Man U Tech-Markers       |      |           | 10.50     | 10.50     |  |                        |
| 8-28 Memorial Bibles (25)    |      |           | 242.30    | 242.30    |  |                        |
| 11-20 Man U Tech-Markers     |      |           | 40.25     | 40.25     |  |                        |
| Totals                       |      | \$2535.88 | \$4270.19 | \$6806.07 |  | Bal. 1-1-68 \$43792.09 |

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## Scipio Township Honors Retired Fireman



MR. AND MRS. ALFRED NELSON

Alfred Nelson, 84 years of age and a lifetime resident of Scipio Township, LaPorte county, recently retired from active duty from the Scipio Volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. Nelson was the original donor of the land that is now the property of the Scipio Township Volunteer Fire Department. Through his foresight he saw the need for common protection and with the cooperation of the Pinola Grange helped organize the Scipio VFD.

As the years progressed Mr. Nelson continued to be an active member of the Scipio Department along with community support organized what is now a complete department in this area. Over the years "Uncle Al", as he was affectionately known, was always one of the first to respond to fire calls or tornado alerts that arose in the community.

The Scipio Volunteer Fire Department salutes this gentleman who has served as volunteer and donor and hope that they can only fulfill as much as he has done before them. They also thank his wife and daughter, Mabel Koselka, for her untiring efforts in answering fire calls and aiding the department.

"Uncle Al" retired from the New York Central railroad after 45 years of service, farmed for five years, and retired from the department after 14 years of active service. Pictured here is Mr. Nelson with his wife.

### MOORESVILLE FIREMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Mooresville Firemen entertained their wives and children with a delicious dinner at "Kelly's Grand View" Restaurant on December 11th. The spirit of the Yuletide surely filled the air as the room was

entered. The decorations displayed everywhere were beautiful. Tables, walls, and ceiling was covered with colored lights. Choir Boys and girls to singing clowns and candles of various colors and shapes.

There were 30 that attended and three families were not able to be there. There is eighteen children in the entire group. When bells began to ring, the children's eyes watched toward the magnificent and brilliantly lighted Christmas Tree. When Santa Claus stepped out with his bag, the room was filled with childish glee. Each child received a special treat from Santa. It was a spectacular picture with the Christmas tree in the background and Santa in his red suit, white whiskers and black boots sitting in front of it, talking to each boy and girl. The smaller ones were rather curious and shyly nodded their heads to answer Santa. Later in the evening the children grew larger and larger until Santa could not hold them. It was decided that the fathers liked Santa Claus as much as their children.

Great fun was created when surprise pictures were taken.

Togetherness and the warmth of good fellowship was enjoyed by each one present.

As the departure of each separate family there was a depth and warmth of spirit inwardly that seemed to ask that "God Be With Us Until We Meet Again".

The firemen work hard all year, and go through many hardships, to be able to share with the rest of the members in their families, and is accepted in much appreciation.

Alden Beall, Sec.  
Mooresville Fire Dept.

## World Champion Waterball Team

On September 9-10, the National Waterball contest was held at Angola with a very good turnout, 25 teams. This was the first year that the competition was open to all teams wishing to participate. The competition was excellent. All teams were keyed up for the event. The contests were only separated by seconds and half seconds.

Some distinguished visitors were present, visitors none the less than Senator Birch Bayh, who joined in the festivities and donned a raincoat and tried our favorite sport. It brought quite a roar from the crowd because he got fairly drenched.

The battle for the championship was as close as you could get it with Cassopolis, Michigan



just squeezing out Centre Township, Indiana by the time of 155½ to 108.

In the ladies' events it was a very exciting game between Acton, Indiana and Madison

Township, Michigan by the time of 208 to 0. You know the ladies put up quite a battle.

This is the first time that the championship has left the state of Indiana, going to Cassopolis,



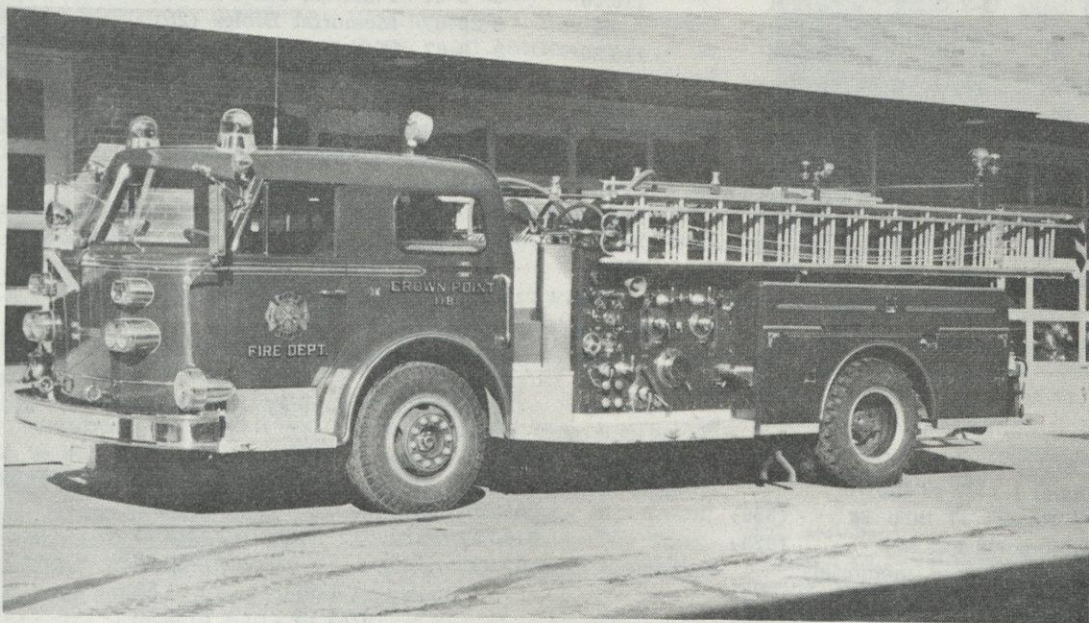
Michigan. It looks like the boys from Indiana will have to sharpen up to hold the title here. Are you going to let the surrounding states take it away from you?

You had better get busy and enter the International Waterball Tournament. It will be held in Angola on September 7-8.

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### ALL CUSTOM FIRE APPARATUS

Completely built by American LaFrance of Elmira, New York and sold by Hoosier Fire Equipment, Inc. of Valparaiso.



Chief C. H. Randolph and the Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department recently accepted delivery of this 1500 GPM all custom American LaFrance Unit. It is the largest fire apparatus of its kind purchased for a Volunteer Fire Company in Indiana. Along with a 750 gallon tank, the truck is equipped with a full complement of hose, ladders, rescue equipment and many other fire service tools.

The Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department has three paid men and 26 volunteers who respond to an average of 350 calls a year in Crown Point and surrounding townships. The new apparatus has been placed in service to compliment the two pumpers, tanker, rescue truck and grass rig that these volunteers already man.

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**Minutes Of IVFA Officers' Meeting**

November 19, 1967

Kokomo, Indiana

The officers' meeting was held in the Kokomo YWCA building and was opened at 10:00 A. M. by President Carlos Jeffries. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Chaplain Duane Lantz offered prayer.

Roll-call by the secretary followed. A letter from Edmund Weaver, District 9B chairman, was read. It stated he would be in the hospital at Winamac and could not attend.

A letter from the Warren Volunteer Fire Department was read. It stated how well pleased the survivors of one of their deceased members were with the Bible rather than a floral offering.

A bid from Warsaw, Indiana for the 1969 IVFA convention was read. This was followed by some comments from District No. 1 persons stating some thoughts are being given to asking for the 1971 convention. This will be the association's 25th anniversary and District No. 1 is hoping the convention can return to the site of the first one.

Emil Zula made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous officers' meeting. It was duly seconded and carried. The idea of publishing the minutes of the officers' meeting in the newspaper was discussed. A motion by Zula, 2nd by McGill to do so was carried.

The secretary read a letter from the New York City Fire Department asking for information on our association. A motion by Ford, 2nd by Zula to send any information that might be of some value was carried.

President Jeffries asked for reports from state officers:

President Jeffries reported on his association activities and had words of praise for the memorial service as outlined by the chaplain.

Vice President Goodwin reported on his association activities.

Secretary Ford will report in the afternoon session.

Treasurer Konopasek gave the following report: Clothing Fund Balance: \$9628.64; Funeral Fund Balance: \$44,578.59; General Fund Balance: \$19,678.59.

Chaplain Lantz reports 30 deaths since convention time.

6th District Chairman Fairfield reported the grave markers will naturally discolor but over a period of time will appear O. K.

8-A Chairman Hertle reports poor attendance at district meetings and is quite alarmed.

14th District Chairman Bower reported on the progress of the plans for the convention.

Officers not mentioned above had no reports.

It was mentioned that some surplus trophies from previous conventions are on hand. A motion by Zula was seconded and carried to give such trophies to the 1968 convention committee to use as it sees fit.

Copies of Senate Bill No. 91 were available and passed out to those interested.

It was noted that cards authorizing blue lights do not seem to be giving the right message and that the supply of same is about depleted. A motion by Kiefer, 2nd by Hertle to print a supply of new cards including a place for the association president and secretary and the district chairman to sign was carried.

The meeting was recessed for a Board of Director's meeting and dinner.

Chairman Bill Engle presided over the Board of Directors meeting.

James Baker of Greenfield has replaced Wade as chairman of District No. 13.

The association now boasts of 9265 members, a new high for this time of the year.

New vouchers are in the process of being printed.

The secretary reports that the "NCR" type of stationary is now being used and the vital records being properly distributed.

The secretary also states his 2-drawer legal size filing cabinet is in need of replacement. Motion by Kiefer was seconded and carried to allow the secretary to purchase the necessary new cabinet. Rubber stamps for the president, vice-president and treasurer were also authorized.

Types of claims being submitted under the clothing insurance plan were discussed. Claims for damage to wrist watches cannot be allowed. However, claims for damage or loss of contact lens can be handled as are claims for ordinary eye glasses.

The chairman asked that the board set limits for meals claimed by officers attending these meetings. \$10.00 is the limit for motel claims. A motion by Coghill to have the chairman appoint a committee to establish a policy on payments for meals to officers attending state officers meetings was 2nd by Kiefer and was carried. The chairman named Fairfield, Stofer and Daunhauer to this committee.

A motion by Zula, 2nd by Kiefer, to furnish the recording secretary a brief case was carried.

A motion to allow each district chairman \$5.00 to purchase a gavel, if one was needed was 2nd by Hertle. This motion failed to pass.

Chairman Ludwig of District No. 4 asked about the \$5 contest entry fee.

The board meeting adjourned at 12:05 P. M.

The state officers' meeting reconvened at 1:00 P. M.

The subject of non-members getting grave markers, tabled at the last meeting was reopened. A motion by Steiger, 2nd by Knoll to replace a grave marker furnished by the association stolen from the grave of a deceased Burkit fireman was carried. A motion by VanWinkle to furnish grave markers with the association emblem only to IVFA members was 2nd by Steiger and carried. Along the same line of thought the question of whether the state chaplain can conduct a memorial service for a deceased fireman not a member of the association was raised. Jostes moved that the chaplain be allowed to do so if it meets with the approval of both the chaplain and the family of the deceased. The motion was 2nd by VanWinkle and carried.

In the way of promotion for the association it was thought that our newspaper could be sent to all known volunteer fire departments that are not now association members. It was pointed out that according to postal regulations only one mailing a year to non-members is allowed under the 2nd class rating. 3rd class bulk mailing can be sent for 1.4c per copy. Editor Laney was instructed to investigate and bring back a workable plan to the next meeting.

President Jeffries introduced Mr. Lowell Spencer, an employee in the Civil Defense Department. He outlined the aims of Civil Defense and told how federal

funds are available for personal and family survival instructions. The course requires 12 clock hours and is complete with film, slides and instructions and instructor. He said the Rating Bureau will be asking about this kind of training. Any class should include at least 20 people. A very spirited discussion on the workings of the Civil Defense person by person, area by area and benefit by benefit was held. Mr. Spencer told some of the critics of Civil Defense where the breakdown of communications or cooperation really was. He seems well versed in his field.

The secretary's report consisted of some pet peeves and also some not-too-serious shortcomings in the reports he receives.

Presenting bibles to families of deceased volunteer firemen not members of the association was discussed at length. A motion by Knoll and 2nd by Jostes that a local department can buy and present the bible as adopted by the association in such cases was carried.

There seems to be some misunderstanding of the use of the \$10 memorial at the time of the death of a volunteer fireman. A motion by Ford, 2nd by Steiger for clarification of same was carried.

A motion to drop the idea of the association keeping the \$5 contest entry fee was made by Hoagland, duly seconded and carried. A motion by Steiger to table the above motion died for the lack of a second.

The arm patches using the association emblem discussed in a prior meeting was brought up again. The emblem can be reproduced for about 39c. A motion by Knoll, 2nd by Kiefer that the association do nothing about such patches but let the use of same be handled by local departments was carried.

It is hoped that bigger and better parades at conventions can be put on for the host city. Perhaps more will be said at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 P. M. with the announcement that the next such meeting will be on February 11, 1968.

**THE FOLLOWING OUR OWN FUNERAL FUND (SELF INSURANCE ALSO) HISTORY OF MORTALITY DURING THE PAST TWELVE (12) YEARS**

| Year     | Total Member | Money Set Aside | Total Deaths | Money Paid | President | Rate   |
|----------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|------------|-----------|--------|
| 1958     |              |                 |              |            |           |        |
| Active   | 4874         | 5306.50         | 21           | 2113.45    | McBane    | \$1.00 |
| Inactive | 405          |                 |              |            |           |        |
| Assoc.   | 11           |                 |              |            |           |        |
| 1959     |              |                 |              |            |           |        |
| Active   | 5612         | 5881.50         | 26           | 2602.86    | McBane    | \$1.00 |
| Inactive | 247          |                 |              |            |           |        |
| Assoc.   | 9            |                 |              |            |           |        |
| 1960     |              |                 |              |            |           |        |
| Active   | 5879         | 6150.00         | 25           | 2308.98    | Ford      | \$1.00 |
| Inactive | 254          |                 |              |            |           |        |
| Assoc.   | 7            |                 |              |            |           |        |
| 1961     |              |                 |              |            |           |        |
| Active   | 6495         | 6951.00         | 32           | 3187.05    | Ford      | \$1.00 |
| Inactive | 352          |                 |              |            |           |        |
| Assoc.   | 20           |                 |              |            |           |        |
| 1962     |              |                 |              |            |           |        |
| Active   | 7236         | 7709.50         | 46           | 4358.49    | Jostes    | \$1.00 |
| Inactive | 346          |                 |              |            |           |        |
| Assoc.   | 12           |                 |              |            |           |        |
| 1963     |              |                 |              |            |           |        |
| Active   | 7642         | 6069.25         | 43           | 4678.60    | Jostes    | 75c    |
| Inactive | 356          |                 |              |            |           |        |
| Assoc.   | 11           |                 |              |            |           |        |
| 1964     |              |                 |              |            |           |        |
| Active   | 7932         | 6351.75         | 42           | 4907.11    | Glaub     | 75c    |
| Inactive | 449          |                 |              |            |           |        |
| Assoc.   | 12           |                 |              |            |           |        |
| 1965     |              |                 |              |            |           |        |
| Active   | 8267         | 6464.50         | 53           | 5513.73    | Glaub     | 75c    |
| Inactive | 448          |                 |              |            |           |        |
| Assoc.   | 4            |                 |              |            |           |        |
| 1966     |              |                 |              |            |           |        |
| Active   | 8470         | 6696.75         | 52           | 5651.89    | Steiger   | 75c    |
| Inactive | 450          |                 |              |            |           |        |
| Assoc.   | 8            |                 |              |            |           |        |
| 1967     |              |                 |              |            |           |        |
| Active   | 8642         | 6878.00         | 59           | 6664.43    | Steiger   | 75c    |
| Inactive | 474          |                 |              |            |           |        |
| Assoc.   | 12           |                 |              |            |           |        |

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On August 6 of last year a committee of interested persons from Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan (Bill Goodwin, Oren Barnes, Don Bultemeier, Pete Pratt, Dick Engle, and Keith Haynes from Indiana). From the state of Michigan Don Rhoads, Dean Bricklow, and Roger Van Valkenburg. Representing the state of Ohio, Merritt Smith, E. A. Arharmbeault.

They met to discuss the possibility of forming an organization for the promotion of waterball in the surrounding area. To organize so as to put forth a concentrated effort to promote the contest, to enlarge the interest. Previously the national meet was held in various places but had no home or formal organization. Prior to this meeting the contest was by invitation only, it was not truly a national contest.

At the meeting a proposed constitution and by-laws were drafted for presentation to all the people attending the national contest.

At the business meeting held at the national contest it was overwhelmingly approved with the new name of International Waterball.

After the ratification of the constitution, officers were elected as follows: President, Keith Haynes of Angola, Vice-Presidents for the term of one year: Pete Pratt, Columbia City; Glenn Stough, Bryan, Ohio; and Clyde Corbitt, Cassopolis, Michigan. Vice-Presidents for two years: Bob Crocker, South Bend, Indiana; Merritt Smith, Bryan, Ohio; Roger Van Valkenburg, Adrian, Michigan.

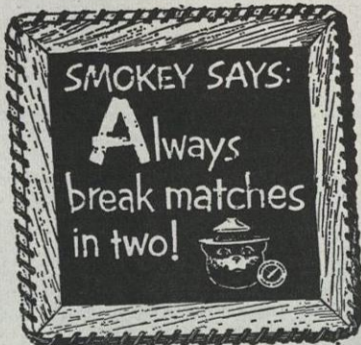
The constitution established six vice presidents. Why so many? They are charged with promotion in their respective states. Also

the constitution states that there shall be no more than two vice presidents from any one participating state. This spreads the work load out in the field to reach the most people without expense.

The competition is now open to all comers without restrictions or invitations. Now we have a system to carry on the business necessary. To get any rule changes that you deem necessary and to get more people interested in the sport. This will make the competition much keener so you will have to get in prime shape and practice.

Say, would you like to be World Champion Waterball Team? How about it? In the next issue of this paper we will have a copy of the constitution and by-laws. They are not ready at the present time. All that I can tell you is that the next tournament will be held in Angola, Indiana on September, 7-8. With the competition open to all who want to enter. This will be a two day affair, double elimination, all entries must be in the mail not later than September 1.

For more information, write International Waterball, 200 West Gilmore, Angola, Indiana 46703.



**Waldron Volunteers Put Training to Good Use**



On February 5, the Waldron Volunteer Fire Department completed its third night of fire training presented by the State Fire Marshal's Office.

On the next night at 9:50 p. m. the department received a call on a fire 7½ miles south of town. The three front rooms were en-

gulfed in flames. Our training was put to use. Within 90 seconds, the fire was under control and its progress halted. Approximately 450 gallons of water were used to completely extinguish the blaze and only 90 gallons of fog to control it.

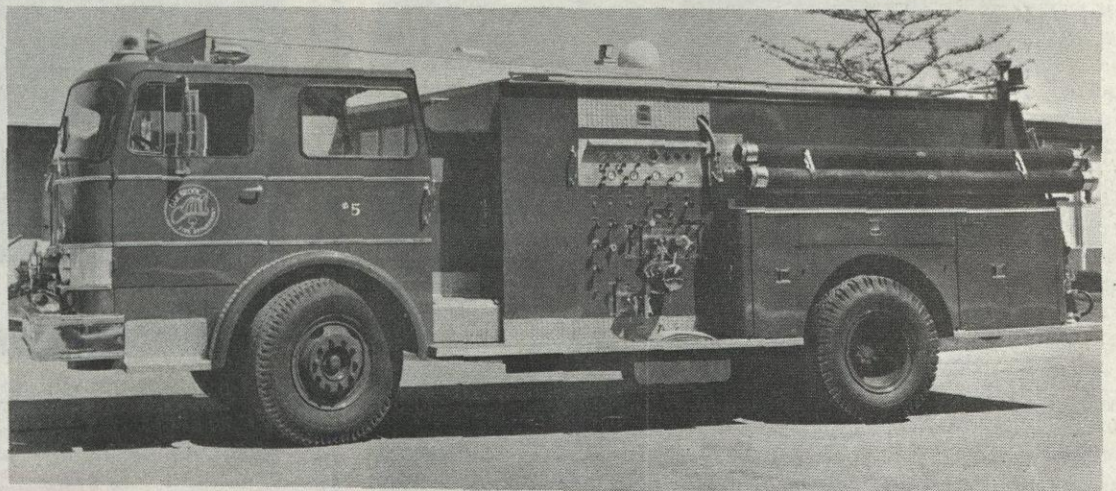
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A Non-Profit Organization - ID No. 35-602-6503 - Calendar Year 1967

Treasurer's Report - January 1, 1967 to December 31, 1967

|   | 1-1-67<br>to<br>6-1-67 | 6-1-67<br>to<br>12-31-67 | Totals            | Extended<br>TOTALS |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT</b>                                   |                        |                          |                   |                    |
| <b>"RECEIPTS"</b>   |                        |                          |                   |                    |
| Balance on hand as shown 1-1-67 .....                         |                        |                          |                   | \$20843.57         |
| Individual memberships 66-67 .....                            | 587.75                 | 8.75                     | 596.50            |                    |
| Individual memberships 67-68 .....                            | 728.25                 | 15469.75                 | 16198.00          |                    |
| Deposits & Overpayments .....                                 | 28.00                  | 141.50                   | 169.50            |                    |
| Gary National Bank - RI-79584 .....                           | 57.00                  |                          | 57.00             |                    |
| ADS - Donations - IVFA Paper .....                            | 693.25                 | 813.86                   | 1507.11           |                    |
| Donations - Nation Wide Ins. ....                             | 474.80                 | 1466.70                  | 1941.50           |                    |
| " - Reserve Interest .....                                    |                        | 2716.63                  | 2716.63           |                    |
| " - Decals .....  | .50                    | 1.00                     | 1.50              |                    |
| " - Conv. Program Book .....                                  |                        | 1949.77                  | 1949.77           |                    |
| " - Conv. Registrations .....                                 |                        | 3115.00                  | 3115.00           |                    |
| " - Ladies' Auxiliary .....                                   |                        | 150.00                   | 150.00            |                    |
| " - Conv. Refreshments .....                                  |                        | 353.67                   | 353.67            |                    |
| <b>TO ACCOUNT — TOTALS .....</b>                              | <b>\$2569.55</b>       | <b>\$26186.63</b>        | <b>\$28756.18</b> | <b>\$49599.75</b>  |
| <b>GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS</b>                                  |                        |                          |                   |                    |
| <b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>   |                        |                          |                   |                    |
| General Convention Expense .....                              | 107.40                 | 7825.84                  | 7933.24           |                    |
| General Convention Printing .....                             | 47.00                  | 1284.72                  | 1331.72           |                    |
| Regular Printing Expense .....                                | 282.30                 | 2097.37                  | 2379.67           |                    |
| Officer & Comm. Meeting Exp. ....                             | 1353.28                | 1022.08                  | 2375.36           |                    |
| IVFA Paper - Printing & Exp. ....                             | 873.12                 | 3203.18                  | 4076.30           |                    |
| Postage (inc. paper) & Phone Exp. ..                          | 760.59                 | 1613.97                  | 2374.56           |                    |
| District Expense .....  | 432.20                 | 903.57                   | 1335.77           |                    |
| Legislative Committee Expense .....                           | 1114.89                |                          | 1114.89           |                    |
| Office Supplies & Equipment .....                             | 320.45                 | 219.82                   | 540.27            |                    |
| Refunds of Deposits & Overpayments ..                         | 31.00                  | 136.50                   | 167.50            |                    |
| Gary National Bank RI-79584 .....                             | 57.00                  |                          | 57.00             |                    |
| Secretary's Expense .....                                     | 989.00                 | 787.20                   | 1776.20           |                    |
| Treasurer's Expense .....                                     | 513.06                 | 386.60                   | 899.66            |                    |
| President's Expense .....                                     | 183.10                 | 279.05                   | 462.15            |                    |
| Vice-President's Expense .....                                | 36.40                  | 69.80                    | 106.20            |                    |
| Past-President's Expense .....                                |                        | 19.60                    | 19.60             |                    |
| Chaplain's Expense .....                                      | 50.50                  | 24.50                    | 75.00             |                    |
| Public Relations Dir. Expense .....                           | 170.50                 | 221.40                   | 391.90            |                    |
| Editor's Expense .....  | 245.71                 | 378.47                   | 624.18            |                    |
| Bond-Insurance Premium .....                                  |                        | 570.00                   | 570.00            |                    |
| Marsh & McLennan - Officers' Ins. ....                        |                        | 485.00                   | 485.00            |                    |
| File State Non-Profit Org. Report .....                       | 1.00                   |                          | 1.00              |                    |
| <b>TOTALS - Disbursements Year 1967 .....</b>                 | <b>\$7568.50</b>       | <b>\$21528.67</b>        | <b>\$29097.17</b> | <b>\$29097.17</b>  |
| <b>BALANCE —</b>  |                        |                          |                   |                    |
| On hand at Close of year Ending<br>12-31-67 — 1-1-68 .....    |                        |                          |                   | \$20502.58         |
| <b>CLOTHING FUND ACCOUNT</b>                                  |                        |                          |                   |                    |
| <b>RECEIPTS:</b>  |                        |                          |                   |                    |
| Balance on hand as shown 1-1-67 .....                         |                        |                          |                   | \$6286.18          |
| Sec'y Reports 17 thru 20 (328) .....                          | 164.00                 |                          | 164.00            |                    |
| Sec'y Reports 1, 2 & 3 Claim (400) .....                      | 200.00                 |                          | 200.00            |                    |
| Refunded (Hansen) Claim 531 .....                             | 15.00                  |                          | 15.00             |                    |
| Sec'y Report 21 .....   |                        | 1.00                     | 1.00              |                    |
| Sec'y Reports 4 thru 13 (8487) .....                          |                        | 4243.50                  | 4243.50           |                    |
| <b>TO ACCOUNTS — TOTALS .....</b>                             | <b>\$379.00</b>        | <b>\$4244.50</b>         | <b>\$4623.50</b>  | <b>\$10909.68</b>  |
| <b>"DISBURSEMENTS"</b>  |                        |                          |                   |                    |
| Claims 570 thru 620 (inc. 6 Specks) .....                     | 709.66                 |                          | 709.66            |                    |
| Claims 621 thru 670 (inc. 3 Specks) .....                     |                        | 617.29                   | 617.29            |                    |
| <b>TOTAL—Disbursements Year 1967 .....</b>                    |                        |                          |                   | <b>\$1326.95</b>   |
| <b>BALANCE —</b>  |                        |                          |                   |                    |
| On hand year Ending 12-31-67—<br>1-1-68 - Clothing Fund ..... |                        |                          |                   | \$9582.73          |
| <b>SUMMARY OF FUNDS ON HAND 1-1-68</b>                        |                        |                          |                   |                    |
| GENERAL FUND .....  |                        |                          | \$20502.58        |                    |
| FUNERAL FUND .....  |                        |                          | \$43792.09        |                    |
| CLOTHING FUND .....   |                        |                          | \$ 9582.73        |                    |
| Respectfully submitted,<br>Verne Konopasek, Treasurer, 1-4-68 |                        |                          |                   |                    |
| IVFA - ALL FUNDS - TOTALS \$73877.40                          |                        |                          |                   |                    |

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## Scenes from the Sellersburg Disaster

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our headquarters and was standing by. (It is at a time like this that we appreciate our mutual aid pacts.)

The nearest hydrant was nearly a mile away and it was impossible to lay a line into the area so we had to station some engines on the fire line while other engine companies and the tankers moved back and forth hauling water. At one time our Engine Company was taking water from two other units at the same time and a third was standing by waiting to hook up as soon as one was empty.

Early in the chain of events, we were advised by one of the truck drivers that one of the semi's which was burning was loaded with paint products. He stated, "we might as well squirt it with a water pistol." I'm happy to report the massive array of equipment our dispatcher had so ably placed at our disposal in a matter of a few minutes was able to bring the flames under control and completely extinguish them. Our first fears were that there may be fifteen to twenty persons trapped in the wreckage and this is the main reason we asked for such a huge

response of outside equipment.

Except for one driver we found pinned in the wreckage, and who later died before he could be removed, there were only the other four fatalities. The driver who was trapped appeared to be unconscious and was still in the driver's seat which was crushed between his own trailer and the trailer immediately ahead. We called for the hydraulic jacks that Jeffersonville's quad carried. A rescue saw was brought from New Albany's Engine Company 6. However, these efforts proved futile. The driver could not be removed until the wreckage was pulled apart by several heavy wreckers. He had died 1½ hours before he could be removed but had been attended by a doctor the full time.

Our own Auxiliary prepared 200 sandwiches and coffee. Three local restaurants gave free coffee and the American Red Cross sent a mobile unit to the scene to dispense coffee. After 6 hours and 30 minutes our units were able to return to the stations and we tried to resume a normal role in life. However, January 17, 1968 will not soon be forgotten.



Photo by—New Albany Tribune



Photo by Seymour Daily Tribune



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### Watch Out For "Detergent Gasses"!

Recently a peculiar type of accident struck two housewives undertaking a household chore in separate locations but under similar circumstances. Both were using an ordinary toilet bowl cleaner. Dissatisfied with the way stains were being removed, each decided to add a household bleach and stirred the mixture with a brush. As a result, one died quickly—the other spent a long, long time in a hospital.

Another example—according to a government medical newsletter, twenty people were overcome a short time ago by toxic gases released from a do-it-yourself cleaner, a witches' brew of a cleanser, chlorine bleach and ammonia.

What occurred in each of these cases was the generation of a poisonous gas when the users decided to combine two or more cleaning agents commonly found in almost every household. The addition of the old familiar chlorine bleach (a sodium hypo-

chlorite solution) to an acid or acid-producing substance, such as a toilet bowl cleanser or just plain vinegar, will suddenly release a quantity of toxic chlorine gas. Similarly, when it is mixed with other alkaline matter—ammonia or lye—the chemical action liberates a highly irritating gas. If inhaled, these fumes can cause serious injury and possibly death.

Don't make the mistake of thinking because certain household products are good and useful, a combination will do the job better. On the contrary, this may be not only a waste of time and effort by producing poorer results through neutralizing or diluting one another, but may prove disastrous. Stick to the safe rules; read the label carefully and follow the manufacturer's directions exactly. Keep in mind that modern scouring powders often contain chlorine bleach.

#### NEVER MIX

Bleaching agents and toilet bowl cleaners

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Photo by—Courier-Journal and Louisville Times

### Secretary's Report

To All Officers and Members:

I wish to thank all concerned for the new office equipment that has been recently added, a copying machine and a file cabinet. In this large operation that we are all enjoying it certainly is a big help in maintaining a respect to the prompt service that you deserve.

Duplicate file membership applications will now be made out in NCR (No Carbon Required) paper. They are made up in pads of three copies. What you place on the first copy will be likewise made on the other two copies. **JUST MAKE SURE THAT YOU ONLY USE ONE PAD AND THEN USE ON A FIRM SURFACE.** If your membership will more than fill one page use a second pad of three. The new application forms are good for use on one side only.

In the near future you shall be receiving delegate mailings and included in this mailing will be a supply of the new application forms. It will be of utmost importance that this procedure be followed by all. I therefore wish to ask the assistance of each and every member to remind the person responsible for the filling in of these forms on this new procedure.

As the Association expands and grows to larger dimensions, the work load of this office increases. The use of the new forms will not only ease the load of this office but give the necessary duplication of files that in the past has been non-existent.

For years the only good solid record of the IVFA has been in the hands of the secretary. Barring earthquakes, tornadoes, cyclones, fires, etc., these records are safe, but let one of the laws of nature go wild and then the IVFA would be really in trouble for records.

The District Chairmen shall all have a supply of the new forms and each department shall receive some. If by chance you need more, contact myself or your chairman and your needs will be immediately fulfilled.

I shall not bother you with anything else at this time and just ask that one and all conform to the new forms for membership for the year of 1968-69. With the total membership in the IVFA, at this writing, now at 9529 and going for the 10,000, it will be a real help for which the secretary shall be very grateful.

Thanking all for the favors granted this office, I remain

Respectfully,  
John T. Ford, Secretary

### Convention Motel Accommodations JEFFERSONVILLE, INDIANA

- (1) Colonial Inn I-65 and Ind. 131—4.9 miles from convention site—Rooms and pool only, 1 person \$9.00, 2 people \$12.00, 3 people \$14.00, 4 people \$16.00.
- (2) Holiday Inn (North) I-65 and Eastern Boulevard, 3.1 miles from convention site, Officers and guest, Rooms and Pool and Bar and Restaurant—1 person \$10.00, 2 people \$13.00, for 1 Bedroom, 2 people \$15.00, \$3.00 per extra person for 2 Bedroom.
- (3) Bel-Air Motel I-65 and 31E, 3.6 miles from convention site—Rooms and Pool, 1 person \$7.00, 2 people \$8.00 for 1 Bedroom, \$10.00 for 2 Bedroom.
- (4) Jeffersonville Villa-Motel, Hwy. U. S. 62—0.7 miles from convention site—Rooms only, Restaurant and Bar nearby, 1 Bedroom \$8.00, 2 Bedroom \$10.00.
- (5) Way Fare Motel, Hwy. 62—1.0 miles from convention site—Room only, Restaurant and Bar nearby—Friday and Saturday reservations only—1 person \$6.00, 2 people \$7.00, for 1 Bedroom, \$10.00 for 2 Bedroom.
- (6) Holiday Motel, Hwy. 62—2.1 miles from convention—Rooms only, 1 person \$6.75, 2 people \$7.50 in 1 Bedroom, 4 people \$12.00 in 2 Bedroom, \$2.00 for Rollaway bed.
- (7) Jeffersonville Fire Hqts., 8th and Wall Streets is Registration Hqts.
- (8) Convention site is at Parkview Jr. High School, 8th and Brigman Streets.

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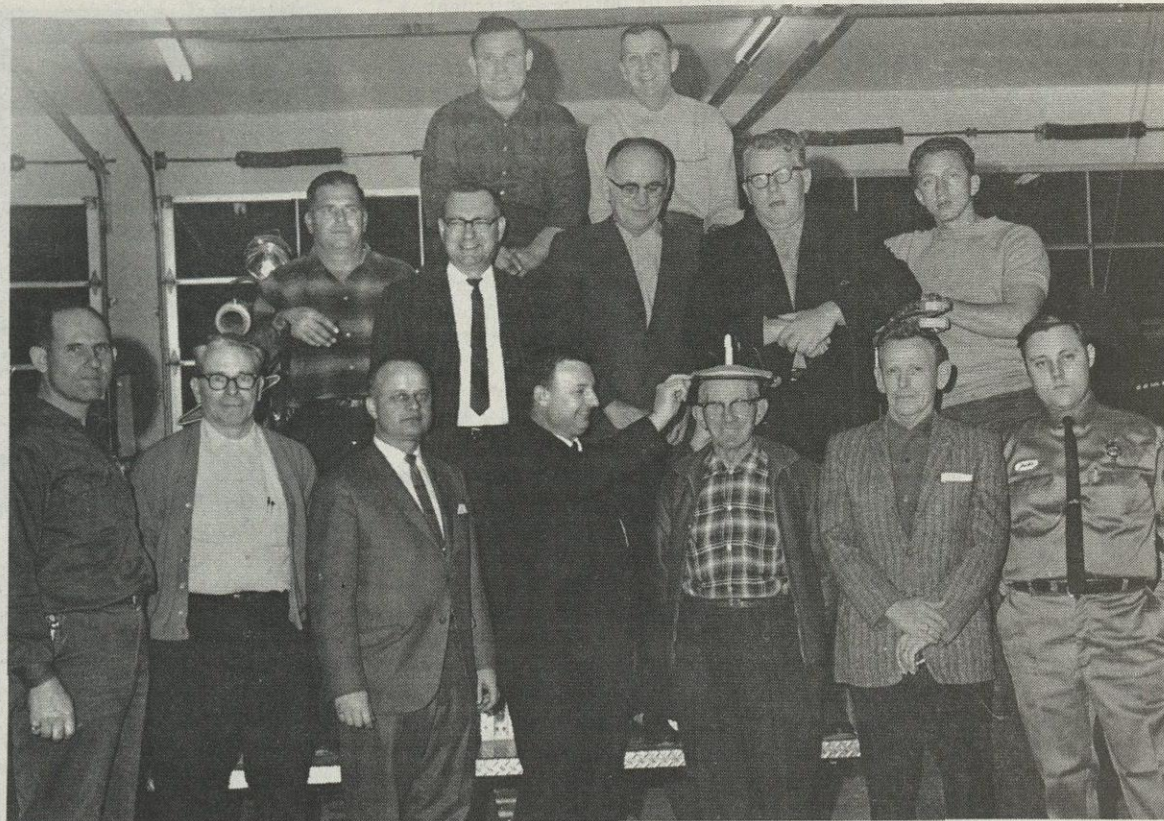
Address .....

City ..... Zip Code .....

Number of Rooms .....  Single  Double

Other  Amount of deposit enclosed \$.....

### Award Presented to Dugger Volunteer



Veteran Dugger Volunteer Earns "Hard Hat" Honors—Ray Tison, of Dugger, is a mere 74 and he is still pulling his weight as a volunteer fireman in his town. His long period of service was rewarded when he was inducted into the "Order of The Hard Hat" by other volunteer firemen at the meeting at the new volunteer firehouse on Hart Street Road. These men represented the visiting firemen at the sausage and bean dinner that was served by the auxiliary. Left to right, first row: Greeter, Township Fire Chief John Nesbitt, Roy Oney, chief of the Bridgeport firemen, Lowell Spencer, State Department of Public Instruction of Indianapolis, Jerry Kissel, a representative of the Evansville Fireline Equipment Co. (He is awarding the Hard Hat to the Dugger veteran) Tison, W. J. Kelsha, Petersburg Fire Chief and Jack Perry, of Linton, Ind. Second row: Charles Cunningham, a Bridgeport trustee, Frank Shoptaw, of Bloomfield, Vincennes Fire Chief Ralph Orr, Chief Jack Allen and Gene Spinks, of Linton, and in the third row: Tom Bell and Lawrence Seal, both of Loogootee.

### Code Of Ethics For Volunteers

As a volunteer I realize that I am subject to a code of ethics similar to that which binds the professionals in the field in which I work. Like them I assume certain responsibilities and expect to account for what I do in terms of what I am expected to do. I will keep confidential matters confidential. I interpret "volunteer" to mean that I have agreed to work without compensation in money, but having been accepted as a worker, I expect to do my work according to standards, as the paid staff expects to do their work.

I believe that people should be studied in order to determine what jobs they can do and like to do and that, as far as possible, they should be assigned to jobs they can do well and enjoy.

I promise to take to my work an attitude of openmindedness; to be willing to be trained for it; to bring to it interest and attention.

I plan to find out how I can best serve the activity for which I have volunteered and to offer as much as I am sure I can give, but no more. I realize that I must live up to my promises and, therefore, will be careful that my agreement is so simple and clear that it cannot be misunderstood.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This code was taken from a reference collection of the Montclair, N. J. Public Library. It was prepared by Dr. Gilbreth. Since we are all volunteers—this is food for thought for all of us.

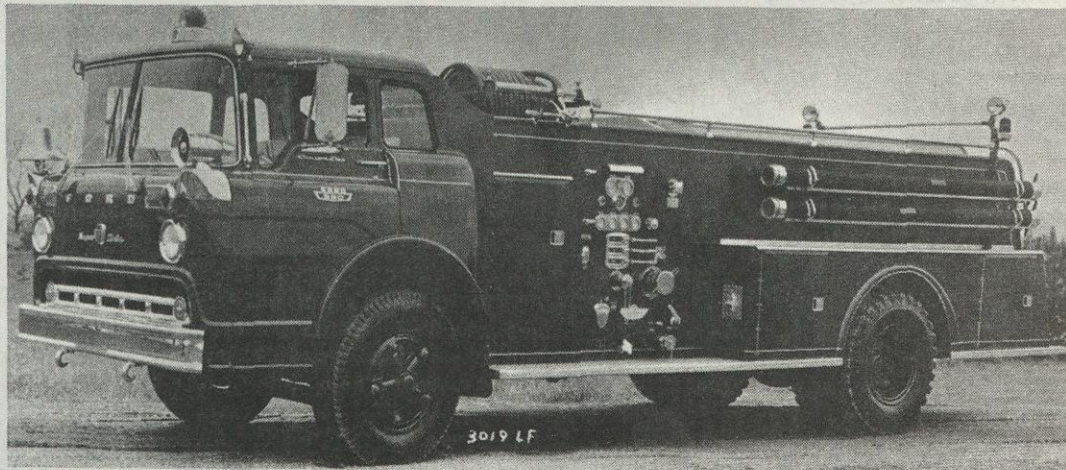


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# Vincennes Township Fire Department

The newest of the new is the new Vincennes Township firehouse at the intersection of Kimmell Road and Hart Street. Men contributed 3,600 hours of their own time building and finishing the new structure that measures 42 x 88 feet.

Actually it is about 85 per cent complete, but it is occupied by three pieces of fire equipment. Two men, Les Stewart and Maurie Mack are the only paid firemen. They hold forth on a day on, day off basis. They now have new quarters with good beds in a thoroughly modern dorm that has adequate heat in the winter and air conditioning in the summer.

Is it a lonely business for them? Not at all. Almost always there is someone around dropping in to bask in the comfort of their new surroundings.

Then too, there is still work to be done and the volunteers who make up the forces are not noted for shirking their obligation to the station.

The Vincennes Township Fire Department was launched in November, 1961. It was not until January, 1962 that the headquarters was established at the Wabash Avenue hilltop near Franklin School.

A second unnamed unit is located near the turnoff to the St. Francesville Ferry on the South Sixth Street Road.

Firemen from surrounding communities were on hand to take part in the formal opening of the new headquarters.

The Women's Auxiliary did the cooking, and the men served as hosts to visiting firemen from Bridgeport, Sumner, Dugger, Linton, Petersburg, and elsewhere.

"We would have had more at the all Indiana meeting, but the weather was not good, and it is understandable that the crowd was smaller than expected," Chief Nesbitt explained.

The visitors were shown the new 1,000-gallon pumper that the township recently purchased for \$26,000. They were fed in the large room that is directly in back of the engine area.

In addition to the pumper, there are two tankers that will carry 2,850 gallons of water.

Concensus among firemen is that if this amount of water will not quench a blaze, then it was doomed to go all the way before the arrival of the trucks.

However, a situation similar to what the men were talking about did occur on Bunker Hill a few months ago. When the tanks had been drained, the trucks shuttled back and forth between the fire and the city hydrants to reload in order to protect adjacent properties.

In addition to the engine area and the meeting and social room, there is an office, showers, a small dormitory, and an ultra-modern kitchen.

The 3,600 man hours put into the station by the dedicated firemen and the \$1,500 that the volunteers themselves contributed show in the quality of the building. It's tops.

Cost of the structure was a mere \$13,000 due to everyone pitching in.

Plumbing, wiring and the finishing of the concrete was about all the outside help needed.

The station is located on about two acres of land that was leased for \$1 a year for 99 years from St. Vincent's orphanage.

The committee that undertook the management of the project was headed by Chairman Bob Warren. He was assisted by Ron Reynolds, Butch Holscher, Bill Engle, George Bailey, Stan Radwanski, Bert Dodd, Dick Kopp, and John Nesbitt.

Vincennes Township, now that it has the new truck, has a working agreement with 15 communities to give help in the event that the station here gets



Volunteers for Township—These men man the Vincennes Volunteer fire department trucks to guard against fires in Vincennes Township. Outfitted with a new hose house and fire truck, the Volunteers have come a long way from their meager beginnings. The men are, seated, from left, James Schlomer, Bill Engle, George Bailey, Stan Radwanski, Marvin Westfall, and Bert Dodd. Standing, from left, John Nesbitt, Robert DeGraff, Paul Onken, Sr., Sebastian Yochum, Sterling Mason, Albert Burkhart, Paul Dale Kahl, Leo Gartner and Ray Walker.

pressures, impacts and temperatures. Tempered glass is approximately four times as strong after tempering than before. It is several times more resistant to impact and will withstand, without breaking, a temperature in excess of 650 degree F on one side while the other side is at ordinary atmospheric temperature. When broken the entire tempered plate glass disintegrates suddenly into relatively small crystals.

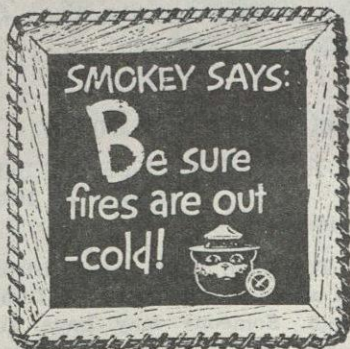
When it is necessary to break tempered glass doors, such breakage can be effected more easily by the pick point of a fire axe or pompiet hatchet as blunt faced implements of unhardened or untempered metals have small effect in breaking tempered glass. There is less hazard involved in breaking a closed and locked tempered glass door than there is in breaking an ordinary plate glass door of the same size. However, to avoid the small granules of tempered plate glass from entering and doing damage to the eyes, the man breaking the tempered glass should turn his face away from the door and not stand closer to the door than is necessary to properly apply the axe.

### DETERGENT GASES

- (Continued from Page 11)
- Bleaching agents and ammonia
- Bleaching agents and lye
- Bleaching agents and rust remover
- Bleaching agents and vinegar
- Bleaching agents and oven cleaners

### IN SHORT . . .

Never mix bleaching agents with any other cleaning components for any reason!



Now you push the middle valve down—Fire Chief John Nesbitt says that the operation of the new apparatus is easy to learn although the control panel does look formidable. Here he tells Dave White of Kimmell Road and Don Gartner, assistant chief, how good it is to have the new rig in the station.



These are the men who okayed new truck—Vincennes Township Trustee Otto Plubaum and his advisory board sanctioned the purchase of the new American LaFrance truck. Left to right: Advisors John Byers, Carl Joice and Richard Vieck and Township Trustee Plubaum.

## Vincennes Auxiliary Prepare Food For 17th District Meeting



Left to right: Mary Dodd, Harriet Gartner, Betty Kahl, Maxine Nesbitt, Gloria Mack, Dorothy Gartner, Judy Huff.

## Tempered Plate Glass

Heat treated (tempered) glass has come into prominent use in recent years for visual entrance doors, partitions, counter tops and rear auto glass. One can determine at a glance a heat treated (tempered) door as it does not have a frame on all four sides. Heat treated tempered glass is obtained by suddenly cooling both sides with a blast of air. This is ordinary polished plate glass that has been reheated to a suitable temperature (about 1100 degree F) on a 3/4" door.

The result is a piece of glass having outer surfaces which are

in a state of high compression, which the central portion remains in tension.

A heat treated (tempered) glass door 3/4" thick by 36" wide and 84" high costs between \$300-\$600 and as they are custom built, installing may be as long as four to six weeks. Therefore, whenever it is conveniently possible for the fire department to gain entrance through other than closed and locked tempered glass doors, an alternate means of entrance should be taken.

Manufacturers claim that the special heat treatment given to tempered glass increases its strength and flexibility; also increases its resistance to shock,

# Auxiliary News

## IVFA Auxiliary Officers 1967-1968

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Pauline Glaub, Manilla 46150

Loretta Kustron, 6686 Van Buren Pl., Crown Point 46307

We call you in the morning  
We call you late at night,  
And if we say "we're sorry"  
You say "That's alright".

We hope each local gets to know  
you  
As you travel thru this year  
We hope the warmth they give  
you  
Will fill your year with cheer.

May we all stand strong behind  
you  
May we grasp with helping  
hands.  
May our warmth and love be  
with you  
Bound your heart like rubber  
bands.

—Mrs. Leota Wientrout

### ACTIVE AUXILIARY HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Active Firemen's wives from Liverpool-Oregon Volunteer Fire Department were hostesses at a Pot-Luck dinner Christmas Party for the Active Firemen and their families on December 16.

Those enjoying the party were the Dave Cliffords, Charles Baldaufs, Tom Browns, Leon Shonks, William Beards, Richard Weavers, Tom Wylands, Herb Warrens, Eugene Mansberrys, Kenneth Lunghafers, John Gutierrez and James Monroes and their families.

Santa, played by Joe Seeburger, later went out to visit the Clarence Duffys, Jack Daughters and the Warren Zimmerlees, who had sickness in the family and were unable to attend.

On December 17, the Liverpool-Oregon Active Firemen's wives helped the Firemen bag candy and gifts for the Annual Christmas party for the children in the community.

400 children from the community came in to visit and receive a gift from Santa Claus.

Mrs. Clara J. Shonk,  
Secretary  
Active Firemen's Wives

receive it twice rather than none at all. You may summarize my article to best fit your wishes because I usually give to much in detail. But "believe you me" I really was scared and worried. We live about seven or eight miles from there and when that second blast came, I thought our north wall of our house was falling in and thought sure all our firemen there and the other people too were killed or seriously hurt.

When our men left with their truck, I kept repeating in my prayers for their guidance and well being and I felt so selfish because there are tragedies everywhere all the time. But God answered my prayers because everyone there miraculously escaped with only three hurt slightly.

Ray was called by a United Press Radio man from New York to ask questions about it. How they got Ray's name from little Raleigh was surprising.

Sincerely,  
Ray and Thelma Lester

### REFRAIN FOR A PRESIDENT

A president of any club leads a hard life—  
If he sends a letter it's too long,  
If he sends a postal card, it's too short,  
If he doesn't send a notice, he's to lazy,  
If he attends a committee meeting, he's butting in,  
If he stays away he's a shirker,  
If he duns a member for dues, he's insulting,  
If he fails to collect the dues, he's slipping,  
If he asks for advise, he's incompetent,  
If he doesn't, he's bull-headed,  
If he makes a complete report, it's too long,  
If he condenses it, it's incomplete,  
If he talks on a subject, he's trying to run things,  
If he remains silent, he's losing interest in the club,  
Ashes to ashes, dust to dust,  
If others don't do it—the President must.  
From Niagara No-Mads, N. Y. who stole it from Tonawanda Sportsman's Sportcaster

### Soups On — Turtle That Is



Turtle Soup! That's what the girls are doing. The Benton Township Firemen's Auxiliary stirred up soup for 125 4th district firemen and their guests.

Bebs want to thank the Ferdinand Turtle Soup people for the idea. Left to right - Mesdames Larry Erb, Walter F. Steiger, Earl Hapner, Sr. and LeRoy Smith.

### HOW WELL ACQUAINTED ARE YOU WITH YOUR MOORESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

#### STOP! LOOK AND LISTEN!

When you see BLUE lights wink'in and blink'in  
It's the Fire Department making a rushed call  
Their purpose is to bring safety to one and all  
**KEEP OUT OF THEIR WAY . . .** for all it's best  
Dangers lingers all around, North, South, East and West  
So for safety they use Smoke Masks  
Chemicals, boots, coats and hats which helps complete their task.  
Two trucks equipped with hose and water that helps fast.  
The third truck for EMERGENCY with Oxygen and First Aid  
They use the best of everything that's made.  
When the whistle squawks, and the sirens squeal  
It's time to get out of the way, whether walking or on wheels.  
Work is to be done, it's TIME in which they measure  
They're not out riding around just for pleasure,  
But to save lives, or possessions that someone might treasure.  
When an EMERGENCY is in need  
The Firemen are always ready to help, yes indeed!  
Dial 831-2323—over their radio, your need will be committed  
They will be up and at it! — they never quit!  
For their "can do" always tries to keep up with their "want to"  
And their "want to" always does what it has to do.  
That's OUR MOORESVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT—  
OUR MEN IN BLUE.

Written by—Mrs. Alden Beall

### AN INVITATION

The Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Ladies' Auxiliary wishes to extend a cordial invitation to any Indiana Firemen's Auxiliary to join with the State Ladies' Association. If you are interested please contact Pat Wade, 3559 Cossell Rd., Indianapolis, Indiana 46241 c/o Ponderosa Trailer Park. She will be most happy to inform you about the State Auxiliary.

Please fill in completely and mail to Pat Wade, Secretary at the above address.

Fire Dept. \_\_\_\_\_

Auxiliary Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

### ADAMS TWP. NO. 1 AUXILIARY OFFICERS FOR 1968

President: Mary Mackin  
Vice President: Theresa Maroney  
Secretary: Sandra Poling  
Treasurer: Mary Brinkman  
1 Year Board Member: Carolyn Barnes  
2 Year Board Member: Jo Barnes  
3 Year Board Member: Rose Monk  
Chaplain: Susie Parkerson

There will be Chili supper on April 20 at 5 to 8 P. M. Donation of 75c per ticket. There will also be a cake walk at 10c per walk. Everyone welcome to come.

### WAYNE TOWNSHIP NO. 1 AUXILIARY ASSISTED THE FIREMEN WITH THEIR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wayne Township No. 1 Auxiliary assisted the Firemen with their Christmas Party for the wives and children by furnishing the home-made cookies on December 16th. And on December 15, went out to dinner and then returned to the home of Mrs. Lela Green for a short meeting and Christmas exchange. Mrs. Charlotte Leasiure assisted the hostess.

### Letter To The Editor

R. R. 3, Box 98, Rushville, Ind.  
January 22, 1968

Dear Bob:

The main issue from District 13 would be the tragedy at Dunrieth. Someone may have already sent it to you but better

to this project which we were happy to do.

For the program, the Waldron High School Show group presented several musical numbers, which was enjoyed by all.

### HONORING MARY STAFFORD

It's hard to write a poem  
Especially about a friend  
There's never a beginning  
And friendship never ends.

The gals in Waldron know you  
They meet you every day,  
It's the ones in the 10th district  
My message must convey.

You always seem so willing  
With a hand or with a smile  
You never seem too tired  
To travel one more mile.

We ask you for opinions  
We ask you about the rules,  
We ask you for so many things  
We know you are no fool.

### 10TH DISTRICT INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMAN'S AUXILIARY

Mrs. Paul Stafford of Waldron, State President of the IVFAA, was honored at the 10th District meeting at Waldron on November 20. She was presented with flowers and a gift from the District in honor of her state office.

At the close of the meeting a decorated cake and punch were served.

Seventy members and guest attended the meeting which was preceded with a pitch in supper. Mrs. Thelma Lester, State Chaplain, was a guest.

Mrs. Shirley Knolls, President presided, and Flat Rock was welcomed as a new member.

In place of having a 50c gift exchange, the members each donated 50c or more and this was sent to the Ruth Lyons Christmas Club. We had \$34 to send

### INDIANA VOUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION 35-602-6503 Griffith, Indiana - August 1, 1967

Inasmuch as the August issue of our paper is the issue that provides all of the membership, financial, and stipulated averages of our progress from year to year - Your Treasurer begs to submit the following:

#### DURING THE PAST 14 YEARS THE FOLLOWING ARE THE FIGURES ON THE CLOTHING LOSS CLAIMS

| Yr.  | Mem. | Prem.     | Cl. | Pd.-Out   | By and Cost      | Per Member |
|------|------|-----------|-----|-----------|------------------|------------|
| 1954 | 3148 | \$3148.00 | 44  | \$ 631.74 | — Vernon General | \$1.00     |
| 1955 | 3175 | 3175.00   | 62  | 879.23    | — Vernon General | \$1.00     |
| 1956 | 3892 | 2919.00   | 97  | 1602.41   | — Vernon General | .75c       |
| 1957 | 4216 | 3162.00   | 86  | 1395.00   | — Vernon General | .75c       |
| 1958 | 4874 | 3655.50   | 75  | 1185.66   | — Vernon General | .75c       |
| 1959 | 5612 | 4209.00   | 85  | 1283.33   | — Vernon General | .75c       |
| 1960 | 5879 | 4409.25   | 81  | 1244.32   | — Vernon General | .75c       |
| 1961 | 6495 | 4871.25   | 93  | 2048.08   | — Vernon General | .75c       |
| 1962 | 7236 | 5427.00   | *   | *         | — Vernon General | .75c       |
| 1963 | 7642 | 3821.00   | 121 | 1702.18   | — Self Insurance | .50c       |
| 1964 | 7932 | 3966.00   | 179 | 2992.77   | — Self Insurance | .50c       |
| 1965 | 8267 | 4133.50   | 105 | 1435.72   | — Self Insurance | .50c       |
| 1966 | 8470 | 4235.50   | 103 | 1780.68   | — Self Insurance | .50c       |
| 1967 | 8642 | 4321.00   | 103 | 1853.13   | — Self Insurance | .50c       |

\*Figures for 1962 not available account change over to self insurance. Please note our consistent increase in membership (Active Only). Please study the results of our Self Insurance program during the past 5 years.

Respectively submitted  
VERNE KONOPASEK, Treasurer

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, OFFICE OF THE TREASURER, GRIFFITH, IND.

A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION 35 6026503 - AUGUST 1, 1967

COMPARISON OF CONVENTION EXPENSES PAST NINE YEARS

|                                    | 1959<br>LaPorte  | 1960<br>Clinton  | 1961<br>Warsaw   | 1962<br>Greenfield | 1963<br>Angola   | 1964<br>New Albany | 1965<br>Rensselaer | 1966<br>Vincennes | 1967<br>N. Haven |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Delegate mileage .....             | \$1294.80        | \$1791.65        | \$1205.50        | \$1551.75          | \$1905.75        | \$2291.28          | \$1543.95          | \$2482.21         | 1473.15          |
| Officers mileage .....             | 118.01           | 478.75           | 456.81           | 387.70             | 486.37           | 719.90             | 597.50             | 841.10            | 859.55           |
| Fireworks .....                    | None             | 50.00            | 50.00            | 75.00              | 9.02             | 9.15               | None               | None              | None             |
| Decorations .....                  | 120.80           | 350.00           | 100.00           | 242.80             | 157.50           | 555.00             | 208.04             | 21.00             | None             |
| Banquet .....                      | 1575.00          | 1462.50          | 1581.75          | 1582.25            | 1842.50          | 2106.00            | 1467.40            | 1679.40           | 2470.95          |
| Prtg. Convention minutes .....     | 272.43           | 297.65           | 373.00           | 321.40             | 100.00           | None               | 250.00             | 250.00            | 250.00           |
| Prtg. Program book .....           | 363.75           | 408.57           | 541.38           | 561.49             | 858.35           | 700.23             | 1281.83            | 1056.00           | 836.75           |
| Prtg. Convention tickets .....     | 339.50           | 356.50           | 331.00           | 305.50             | None             | None               | None               | None              | None             |
| Prtg. signs, resolutions, etc..... | 174.50           | 163.75           | 382.50           | 256.00             | 140.45           | 234.40             | 138.45             | 89.64             | 255.97           |
| Entertainment .....                | 239.00           | 210.00           | 198.25           | 375.00             | 425.00           | 716.00             | 705.00             | 172.50            | 375.00           |
| Sound, Conv. cleanup, misc.....    | 171.39           | 184.95           | 85.00            | 247.40             | 459.90           | 82.22              | 427.19             | 91.09             | 270.82           |
| Postage & phone exp. ....          | 99.27            | 136.42           | 196.33           | 120.25             | 82.32            | 183.03             | 112.97             | 175.16            | 146.67           |
| Registration desk, exp. ....       | 145.00           | 130.00           | 145.00           | 145.00             | 125.00           | 125.00             | 145.00             | 150.00            | 154.00           |
| Donations, cash, prizes .....      | 540.00           | 530.00           | 500.00           | 350.00             | 305.00           | None               | None               | None              | None             |
| Conv. Badges, del. & vis. ....     | 263.84           | 266.39           | 286.12           | 189.59             | 180.77           | 103.48             | 107.95             | 103.51            | 112.20           |
| Prizes donated, conv. tickets      | 575.89           | 723.92           | 921.10           | 1115.75            | None             | None               | None               | None              | None             |
| Trophies donated for prizes        | 53.52            | 269.00           | 247.83           | 236.83             | 374.75           | 554.57             | 581.90             | 334.80            | 312.26           |
| Other Plaques & Trophies....       |                  |                  |                  |                    |                  |                    |                    | 87.07             | 21.50            |
| Parade judging exp. ....           |                  |                  |                  |                    | 38.10            |                    |                    | None              | None             |
| Movies, Film, Camera, etc.....     | 151.00           | None             | 68.55            | 599.65             | 208.29           | 261.24             | 519.24             | 580.00            | 365.00           |
| Flowers, Memorial Ser. ....        | 95.00            | 21.00            | 44.80            | 28.00              | 34.33            | 40.29              | 45.60              | 28.05             | 103.33           |
| Conv. Ins. Premium .....           | 229.09           | None             | 10.00            | None               | 35.00            | 30.00              | None               | None              | None             |
| Rent & Janitor Ser. ....           |                  |                  |                  |                    |                  |                    | 300.00             | 176.50            | 910.75           |
| Court Reporter .....               | 163.80           | 171.70           | 192.00           | 145.00             | 135.00           | 190.00             | 90.12              | 75.00             | *125.00          |
| <b>TOTALS</b> .....                | <b>\$6985.59</b> | <b>\$8002.75</b> | <b>\$7916.92</b> | <b>\$8836.36</b>   | <b>\$7903.90</b> | <b>\$9601.69</b>   | <b>\$8522.14</b>   | <b>\$8393.03</b>  | <b>\$9042.90</b> |

\* Estimated

VERNE KONOPASEK, Treasurer

The Use Of Visual Aids

Motion pictures and slide films are being used more and more each day for information and instruction in the fire service. They'll do the job for you that can't be done with words alone. However, films and slides can't do the entire job. They are aids too, not substitutes for instructions.

You must choose a film not merely because it is related to the general subject, but that it serves a specific purpose and what is our objective in showing this film or slides.

For effective class or group presentation, the person or instructor using film or slides for instructional purpose should always preview a film or set of slides before attempting to use them in class. A definite decision on how the visual aids can be used most effectively cannot be made until the instructor or person showing these films has previewed them.

In presenting a film to a class or group, plan an introduction which should include the following points:

- 1) What will the film show?
- 2) Why is it being shown?
- 3) What will be expected to get out of the showing?

**HIGH POINTS**—Bring out the high points. Before you show the film **Emphasize** important points you want the group or class to remember. The learner will recognize them when they see pictured, and the facts will be more apt to stick in their minds.

**SHOWING**—Show the projected material when the student or groups are ready for it and when it will help **"Drive Home"** important points.

**RE-SHOW**—If necessary show material again if further emphasis is needed on points not clear or if greater skill is to be developed.

**CHECK LEARNING** — HOLD THE STUDENT OR GROUP RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTENT of the material. This may be done by testing or **discussion**.

**REVIEW LESSON**—Clear up any misunderstanding by review. Such review may require further re-showing of the material as well as explanation by the instructor.

The next time you show a film or slides to men in your department, follow the above information and find out that they can be very educational and informative and not just entertainment.

Carl Lederer, Member  
Ind. Fire Instruction Assn.

APPOINTED CIVIL DEFENSE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Richard (Dick) M. Calvert, a member of the Francesville Volunteer Fire Department, has been named Deputy Director of the Civil Defense Program in Pulaski County.

Mr. Calvert stated that each town and surrounding area in the county will be supervised by the Fire Chief, acting also as a Civil Defense Director. All information regarding Civil Defense, will be forwarded to the following Fire Chiefs located in Pulaski County:

Edmund H. Weaver, Francesville

James Stoll, Medaryville  
Harold Mahler, Monterey  
William Lewis, Star City  
Ralph Galbreath, Winamac.

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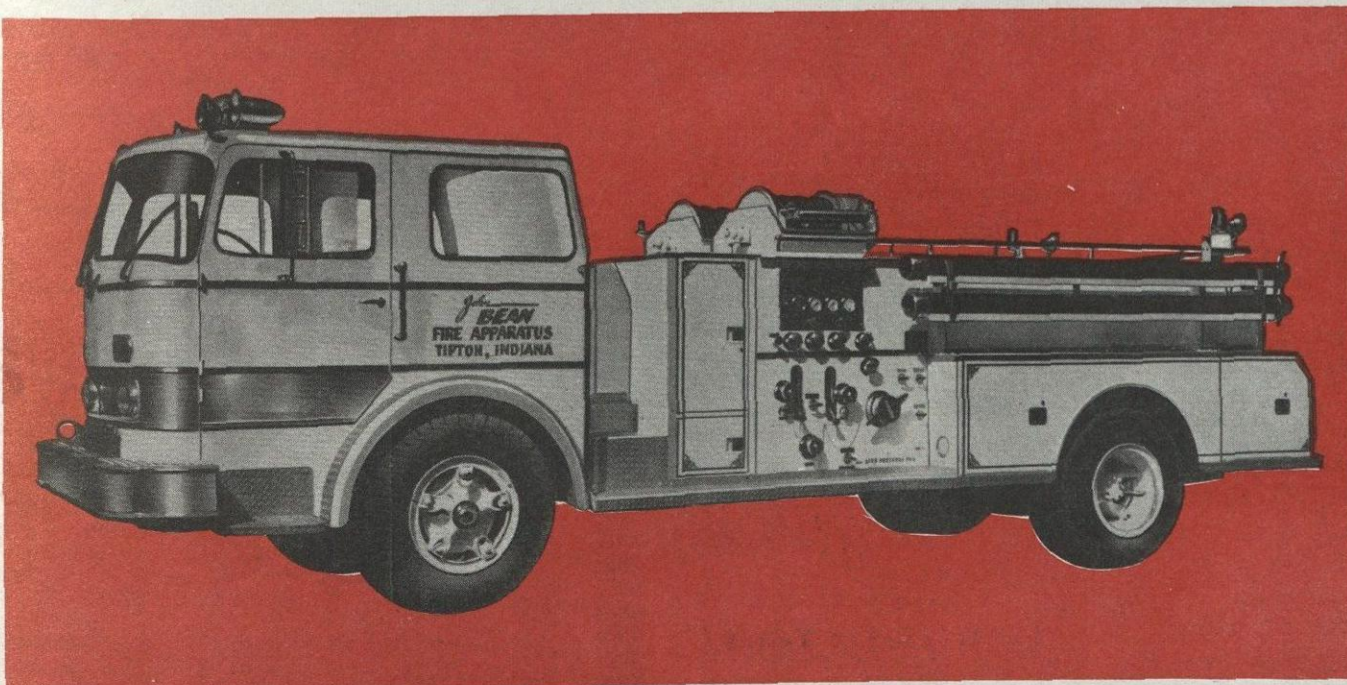
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## In Memoriam

### CONSOLATION

There is never a day so dreary  
But God can make it bright.  
And unto the soul that trusts Him,  
He giveth songs in the night,  
There is never a path so hidden,  
But God can lead the way,  
If we seek for the Spirit's guidance  
And patiently wait and pray.

There is never a cross so heavy  
But the nail-scarred hands are there  
Outstretched in tender compassion  
The burden to help us bear,  
There is never a heart so broken  
But the loving Lord can heal.  
The heart that was pierced on Calvary  
Doth still for His loved ones feel.

There is never a life so darkened,  
So hopeless and unblessed,  
But may be filled with the light of God  
And enter His promised rest.  
There is never a sin or sorrow,  
There is never a care of loss,  
But that we may bring to Jesus  
And leave at the foot of the Cross . . .

—Copied

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Psalm 116:15.

Joseph Carlisle — Nabb  
Merrill McGriff — Portland  
Otis W. Towne — Clay Twp., South Bend  
Charles R. Snyder — Hartford City  
Carl Kaufman — Laud  
Harold H. Fryback — Poe  
Virgil D. Davis — Forest  
Herman C. Wilson — Metz  
Harley L. Ellis — Bicknell  
John B. Zucca, Sr. — Clinton Twp.  
Lawrence Kelso — Wayne  
Gleason Bundy — Royal Center  
Richard L. Constable — Goodland  
Frank Richards — Liv. Oregon, Gary  
Clarence Wright — Clinton  
Hattie Davis — Burket  
Oliver Cooley — Kingsbury  
Chris Dannaman — Monon  
Harold O. Trout — Wayne  
Clifford D. Houck — East Gary  
William B. Cotner — Kendallville  
Eugene W. Schnarr — Alfordsville  
Clarence Scull — Manilla  
Homer C. Markley — Bluffton  
Stanley R. Stevenson — Linton Twp.  
Paul R. Becker — Assoc. Dayton  
William Bohney — Schererville  
Ellsworth Greasby — Beatty Hosp., Westville  
B. Claude Symmonds — Mickleyville  
Truman Nelson — Wheatfield  
K. N. Stombaugh — Goodland  
Edward Mollenhour — Bourbon  
John Jackson — Dunreith  
Charles Sullivan — Spencer Twp., Hayden  
Robin Franzson — Lib. Twp., Chesterton  
Norris Bohm — Mickleyville  
Raymond Nieman — Sellersburg  
Edward Olinger — Cambridge City  
Guy Miller — Albany  
George Eastwood — Clinton  
Alexander M. Campbell — Coesse  
Charles Grenert — St. Bernice  
Charles W. May — Griffith  
Virgil Leon Asher — Needham

## Transfer Ownership of Fire Station



On Monday night, December 18, 1967, the fire station and municipal building owned by the Francesville Community Improvement Foundation, Inc., was transferred in joint title to the Town of Francesville and Salem Township. The fire station was built with donations of money and labor by citizens and business institutions of the Francesville Community and title transferred to the town and township for the consideration of \$1.00.

The building, 56 feet wide by 72 feet long, is constructed of cement block and steel and covered with Indiana Limestone. The building site and construction of the fire station cost less than \$23,000.00 with a value of \$50,000.00.

In addition to ample storage for fire fighting apparatus, the building provides offices for town board members and town clerk, township trustee, fire chief and police. There is also meeting room for the firemen, storage or supply room, kitchen facilities, a jail or lock-up and public rest rooms.

The town and township also own jointly, all fire fighting equipment with purchases, maintenance, insurance, firemen's compensation, etc., being shared equally by the two taxing units. Revenue received from fire protection contracts furnished to

adjacent townships is also shared equally.

The fire station and municipal building was dedicated last September 23, 1967.

Members of the nonprofit organization, signing the deeds for the fire station, to the Town of Francesville and Salem Township Monday night, December 18, 1967.



Seated, left to right, Edmund H. Weaver, President and James S. Jordan, Secretary, Francesville Community Improvement Foundation, Inc. Standing, left to right, Robert Overman, Advisory Board Member, Salem Township; William L. Seany, Trustee, Salem Township; Donald Myers, Board Member, Town of Francesville; Howard Garrigues, President of Board, Town of Francesville; Robert Vollmer, Board Member, Town of Francesville.

### Sponsor Civil Defense Program

Members of the Francesville Volunteer Fire Department, the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary, jointly sponsored a Civil Defense Adult Education program, entitled "Personal and Family Survival". The course consisted of four 3-hour night programs held January 18th and 25th, February 1st and 8th. Much of the 12-hour course is visual aid, as there are four colored motion picture films and over 150 colored slides shown. Free text books are furnished the enrollee. The program was well received by those enrolled. The group also recommends that all adults enroll for the educational course when available in their community.

### CEDAR LAKE VFD ANNUAL REPORT

A wet spring and fall during the year 1967 are considered the prime factor in cutting down on the total number of brush and leaf fires in the Cedar Lake area, according to Fire Chief Martin Saberniak.

"We had the smallest number of such fires in the history of the Department", he said. "With a total for the year only 139."

The 31-Member Department held their annual election of officers recently. Chosen to head the group for the year 1968 were the following officers: John Schutz, President; Joseph Schutz, Vice President; Robert Eberle, Secretary; George Malo, Treasurer.

Martin Saberniak was re-elected Chief; Joseph Schutz, Assistant Chief; Robert Rose, Captain; George Malo, 1st Lieutenant; Frank Stevens, 2nd Lieutenant; John Gonzales, 3rd Lieutenant; and Doyle Brady, 4th Lieutenant.

Vernon Sergent was elected as Inspector; Robert Rose, Drill Master, and Bill Whisler, Assistant Drill Master. Drivers are Robert Eberle, John Schutz, Bernard Wornhoff, Vernon Bixenman, and Roger Patz.

James Castern will handle publicity for the Department, and James Pavich, Sgt.-at-Arms; Donald Sund is Assistant Sgt.-at-Arms.

Elected to the Board of Directors for the Department are Robert Eberle, Robert Rose, Martin Saberniak, Vernon Bixenman, Joseph Schutz, George Malo, and John Schutz.

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