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Now that the Holiday Season is over it is time we start thinking ahead to the new decade we are now in. I believe we have a tremendous task facing the Fire Service in the seventies.

With the technical advances that will face us in the next few years, the Fire Service in Indiana, should take inventory of itself, and make the necessary adjustments.

We need training to cope with the new products and advances that we face. We need manpower to cover the problems that come with our changing economy and increased population. We need laws to govern the I don't give a dam attitude of those who don't care about their fellow man.

Many of us like to say I'm a Fireman and go like Hell when the siren blows. Many are dedicated and work at their job. I believe we have a tremendous responsibility and we must work at it together to succeed.

For the most part in years gone by we have failed in our hopes to upgrade the Fire Service through legislation. This is election year; it is all of our duty to talk to our candidates and legislatures about our hopes and our needs.

Our Fire Marshal's office is operated under laws passed in 1913. How can they hope to do the job? The Fire Marshal Law does not recognize the Township Fire Department. Many

of the things we think are laws have come from rulings and gossip, passed down through the years. This could put all of us in serious circumstances in the future.

Many of the organizations have public relations men on the payroll, this we must do on our own. Both on the local level and on the state level. We must start now and work together on this problem.

I have recently attended a meeting for Fire Fighters Training, along with all other organizations concerned with Fire Fighting in Indiana. We developed a program to take to the State Budget Committee for their consideration. It would bring training to every county of the State. We will do everything in our power to sell this; it is a start; I believe in the right direction. But this could fail. We need to be ready to push on and gain our ends. A few people cannot do this by themselves, all people interested in Fire Safety must help.

Your Convention is coming up in June, it is the time for you to tell your officers what you want done with your association for the coming year. They need your help, now is the time to make plans to be in Shelbyville in June.

I hope this column will challenge you as individuals and the Districts around the State to come up with the proper resolutions, and the contacts and hard work to get the job done.

We, the officers of IVFA, are willing to travel the State to do the job. If we can be of service to you call us.



JACK FORD

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

Gentlemen:

Add 17 new departments to the ever growing roll of the IVFA and total 10,800 for mem-

bership and we can say with pride we are still on the move, and maintaining that first place as the largest fire service organization in Indiana.

I wish to call your attention to the new Membership Forms that are being distributed. They have an additional copy—BLUE one. This is for the department records. You keep the Blue one and send the other three copies to the secretary for office records. When dues start to come in, I will be forced to return those forms that are not completed or have one of my three sheets missing. This I must do to keep up with the big back log of work that has piled up by that time.

Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department has enrolled 39 names for the fiscal year of 1970-1971 already. They seem to continue to get them in first year after year.

I might add that I will accept dues for the coming year as you see fit to mail them in. It is a real big help to get as many out of the way as possible and then the big push does not seem so big during July, August and September. I assure you that should any misfortune occur to any department that has paid up in advance I shall immediately apply to the Treasurer for a refund of the proper amount to the department. Yes, I would appreciate the early payment of dues and would encourage everyone to do the same.

With the large death toll that occurred in December (12) and the reports of members that are hospital confined, it seems so useless. Many of these men I have known for many years and to hear of the death or confinement of them makes me want to do some thing but I don't know what.

Any way confused or rational I am here waiting to be of service to any that may call.

John T. Ford, Secretary

STEIGER RETIRES

Walter Steiger resigned January 2 as personnel supervisor at Goshen Rubber Co. He was guest of honor at a retirement dinner Friday, January 23 at the Holiday Inn east of Goshen. Mr. Steiger is a former president of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Mr. IVFA of The Year

Restaurant Guttled By Weekend Fire

Favorable winds prevented mass tragedy early Sunday morning, February 1st when an estimated \$60,000 or more damages was done by fire at the Paddle Wheel Restaurant and the A & P Store at Walkerton. The luxurious restaurant was completely gutted, including the two apartments upstairs as well as extensive damage to the two apartments above the A & P. The A & P was swamped with water and a false ceiling collapsed. The merchandise is a loss. A two foot fire wall restrained the blaze from the adjacent Knights of Columbus building which suffered heavy smoke and water damage, as well as broken windows.

Winds carried flames and smoke across U. S. 6 without traveling to rooftops along the block. Ten units from Walkerton, North Liberty and Koontz Lake fought the blaze until as late as 10 a. m. Sunday. Most of the firefighters were able to leave the site by 5 p. m. A snorkle from the No. Indiana Public Service arrived and one from South Bend was enroute to Walkerton when they were advised the local firemen had confined the fire and they would not be needed.

The Paddle Wheel had enjoyed a large Saturday dinner trade and had been closed only a brief time when the first call was received by the local Volunteer Fire Department at midnight Saturday. Fire Chief Charles Cripe, Jr. estimated the fire originated from a deep fryer in the kitchen, which was ablaze when they arrived. The fire dept. first cut electric lines and gas feeders for the bottle gas supply. The fire traveled between the walls and began upstairs with the ceiling caving in after two hours. There were no injuries, including the three families evacuated from the upstairs apartments. One apt. was unoccupied at this time. The residents of the apartments only saved the belongings they could carry out.

What does it mean? Who is eligible to receive the honor? What does it mean to receive the honor of the year, "Mr. IVFA"? How do you become eligible? These and many other questions have been asked about the honor or award of "Mr. IVFA".

Mr. IVFA means the outstanding fireman of the year to a committee that chooses the person. Any volunteer fireman who lives in Indiana is eligible for the award, if he is chosen by the committee.

Speaking as one of the past Mr. IVFA of the year winners, it is the greatest award that a volunteer fireman can receive, and you will hold the honor high after one is called to step in that position. To become eligible to be a Mr. IVFA you just have to be a good fireman, do your duty that you have proclaimed that you would. Between you and me, just be yourself!

I—Stand for Indiana, the state you must reside in.

V—Stand for volunteer, the one who gives of himself to those who are in trouble and need help.

F—Stands for fireman. You must belong to a volunteer department as well as to the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association.

A—Stands for Association—the organization that we belong to as the group that stands behind us as individuals, as well as a department for law and order. It is a group that is growing every year, and a group who has associated themselves together for the purpose of dedicating themselves to help others who are in need and distress.

A Recipient of
Mr. IVFA

All letters of past application for the Mr. IVFA award have been destroyed. Please send this year's letters of application for the award to Mr. Duane Lantz, R. 1, Box 750, LaPorte, Indiana. Be sure that all letters are sent not later than April 1, 1970.

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From Public Relations N. W.

Winter has seized us in the North West, snow and cold, and now is the time to watch that heating system and make sure that it is in good condition. This is the cause of many fires.

We have had our share but now we hope things will be quiet.

The Westville Department lost a home and all contents just before Christmas and several departments have had their share of losses too.

Our Phone Conference System at Scipio is working out good and we hope to expand it soon. The Chaplain will have extra duties as he is also back in as Scipio Chief, and your Public Relations N. W. is the new President. If old man winter will sort of let up I have hopes of getting around to some of the other districts and see how things are. The roads have not been good traveling to say the least, and we recorded 22 below zero and were thankful for no calls.

Chairman Charles Gardner had a very good turn out at Bass Lake Department on January 15th. They have a very good station and good equipment to do a good job.

You must visit Westville and see the newest piece of equipment. It is one of Michigan City's Aerial Ladders and they are learning to operate it. This unit will come in handy in case of fire in an elevator and grain storage bins.

Our local LaPorte paper gave the Kingsbury Department a compliment on a fine job at the Transtate Tire Co. fire. Keep up the good work men.

Let's help our Editor out with pictures and articles on our accomplishments. This is the way we can spread the good word around.

Harold L. King, P. R., N. W.

East Gary Fire Volunteers Get New Officers

Joe Watson, the newly elected president of the East Gary Volunteer Fire Department, has announced that officers assisting him during 1970 will be Ronald Good, vice president; James Bradford, secretary; Ray Wright, treasurer; Robert Lusco, sergeant at arms; R. O. Johnson, chaplain, and Bobby Austin reporter.

Newly appointed trustees include R. O. Johnson, James Sisson and Charles Russell.

Department meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

Among the projects this year will be a campaign to get citizens to observe the blue light on volunteer fire equipment.

Three Porter County Departments Organize Fire Prevention Bureau

Representatives of the Chesterton, Porter, and Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Departments have met and formed the Duneland Fire Prevention Bureau. The area encompassed by the Bureau is Westchester Township serviced by the Chesterton and Porter Departments and Liberty and Jackson Townships served by Liberty.

The Bureau is comprised of nine members, three from each department. James Phillips of Chesterton is the Bureau Chief and Neil Wesley, Porter and Robert Esserman, Liberty are Assistant Chiefs.

Fire Marshal Report

Brother Firefighters:

Although fire prevention is everybody's business, it is without question the most important single function of a State Fire Marshal.

Upon taking my appointment as your State Fire Marshal, I had the first opportunity of reviewing and scrutinizing all the divisions within the department and determined that the main goal of my administration will be to study, initiate, and implement a state-wide educational program. The project will include fire training and an educational curriculum in which all firmen can participate and receive individual benefits. It will also be one that is practical and economically feasible. Naturally, the training aspect will concentrate on the fundamental needs of all firemen.

Over the year, many ideas and programs have been presented to the department, but for the most part, these efforts when implemented did not produce the desired results. It is our hope to provide a new approach to the problem and one that contains many aspects of other states with problems similar to our own. However, we are planning to take the necessary time to study and research the basic needs of our own state before drafting a final program.

To assist me, I called a meeting on January 28, 1970 of the various presidents of fire organizations as well as those agency heads who would have a vital interest in the training of firemen. The first meeting took place in the Indiana State Office Building and the following people attended:

Harvey H. Hacker—State Fire Marshal
Rudy Krueger—Indiana Fire Fighters Association
Dick Harrigan—International Fire Chiefs
Robert Demps—State Fire Figthers Association
Garland Oakes—State Fire Chiefs Association
Jack Bowman—Fire Chiefs Association
Roland Walls—State Instructors Association
Bill Goodwin—Indiana Volunteer Firemens Association
E. S. Pavey—Manager of Indiana Rating Bureau

This meeting was the first one of several planned to study the problems of firemen training. The group will be known as the Indiana Firefighters Educational Committee.

I attended the Volunteer Officers meeting in Kokomo, Indiana, on February 7, and 8, 1970, and recommended that the Volunteers select representatives to represent them on this Committee. Mr. Conrad Tucker was named the chairman of the committee to select the names of qualified men.

Harvey H. Hacker
State Fire Marshal

THE VOLUNTEER

Suddenly, without warning, the familiar wailing tone bursts forth with its persistent scream and all previous activity freezes instantly in a dead silence. No one dares to utter a sound as he listens intently to the directions erupting from the monitor. The message absorbed, he springs from his chair like a startled kangaroo and tears through the house in a madman-like fashion grabbing his hat, coat, and boots and clambering into them as he dashes out the door. Then, as his blue light flashes its warning glare to fellow motorists, the volunteer fireman races toward the location of the fire.

Simultaneously, alerted by the shriek of the fire siren, fellow volunteers scramble on to the gleaming fire truck as it rolls out of the firehouse and cling to it fiercely as they barrel down the road to converge on the flaming building. Once they have arrived at the scene, the combined fireman scurry to uncoil the hoses and extinguish the blaze as quickly as possible.

This precise pattern of action which the volunteer firemen follow does not occur merely by accident, but, rather, it is the result of countless hours spent in training and practice. Many different training methods may be employed to develop a skilled and efficient department.

First of all, during regularly scheduled meeting nights or drill nights, members familiarize themselves with the equipment and participate in drill sessions to become proficient in operating it. To these meetings they may also invite visiting instructors who perform demonstrations on such skills as using oxygen breathing apparatus to enter a burning building, laying and repacking the fire hose, positioning a ladder and raising it effortlessly, or treating the injured.

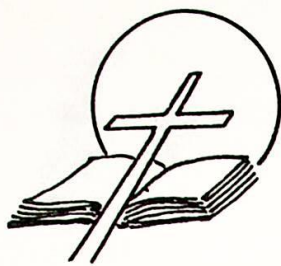
Once they have become acquainted with the basic skills, they may hold contests with other volunteer fire departments. These contests help to perfect certain techniques such as connecting and replacing sections of hose rapidly in case of breakage and steady-ing the stream of water toward a specific target.

The most comprehensive method of practice involves the intentional burning of a building. In the event that someone wishes to have a dilapidated building destroyed, the firemen can simulate an actual emergency and gain experience in the entire operation of controlling a fire.

In light of the excessive amount of time and practice required of a volunteer fireman, one may wonder what makes him volunteer for this service. What inner drive motivates him to risk his life and devote precious time for the protection of others? This motivation certainly cannot be money or love of excitement, for the volunteer fireman receives no pay and the great majority of calls involve such trivial incidents as mere smoke odors in the house, or perhaps, a child locked in the bathroom. His reason must not be one of prestige since he seldom receives any praise for his endeavors. Indeed, this man who springs into action at the sound of the fire call must possess some innate desire to give more than is required of him. He is one of the few people in the world today who, rather than merely talking about it, acts out the command to be his brother's keeper.

By Elaine Palmer

Editor's Note: Elaine Palmer is an 18 year old freshman at Ball State University and her father is a member of the Selma Volunteer Fire Department.



YOUR CHAPLAIN DUANE LANTZ:

As we enter the Lenten season or are in the Lenten season. It is time for special preparation of mind and heart for the celebration of the Crucifixion and the Resurrection, a time for examining the sin of our lives. "Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the Lord."

During these days we need to look at our pride and selfishness and disobedience.

Lent is more than a time for giving up some favorite sweet or food. It is time we feed on the Word of God.

Through the Scriptures we

learn of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. A careful study of the account of our Lord's life and Ministry will cause Him to come into our lives with power.

There is no magic in Lent. It is, though, a time of special examination of our lives and closer fellowship with our Lord. Thus, it can become a time of spiritual growth.

Prayer: Read the first few verses of Psalms 51 as a prayer of confession.

Your Chaplain,
D. Lantz

Speedway Fire Chief's Dedication Has Visible Effect On Department

Edward R. Sowell, Speedway fire chief, says he lives, breathes and thinks firefighting 24 hours a day, and the effect on the department is evident.

In the almost two years since he took the helm, he has generated a comradeship among his men and a spit-and-polish appearance in the station at 1450 North Lyndhurst Drive.

"There's more get-up-and-go in the department," says Melvin (Smitty) Smith, assistant chief and 22-year member of the department.

Sowell came to Speedway from his home city, South Bend, where he was chief of the Clay Township Fire Department, responsible for protecting 28,000 persons and 28 square miles from South Bend to the Michigan state line.

At Speedway, Sowell has established a program of continuing education, requiring his 18 firemen each month to study firefighting manuals and maps of the town in preparation for written tests.

Examinations cover care and use of equipment, first-aid, hydraulics and locations of hydrants in apartment and business complexes and of streets within the town.

The chief also urges his men to attend schools where firefighting techniques are taught. Sowell himself attended a school for fire chiefs at Ohio State University.

Four Speedway firemen now are enrolled in trauma courses at Marion County General Hospital to qualify them to administer special first-aid, including heart massage.

Sowell says he first became interested in fire-fighting 17 years ago when a neighbor volunteer fireman took him on a fire run.

"At first I didn't want to chase sirens, but after I got involved I liked it," he says with a grin. "I even come down on Sundays for a cup of coffee with the boys."

The chief is a believer in community education and department public relations. When time permits, he speaks before groups and displays fire apparatus at schools as part of fire safety campaigns.

His insistence on good public relations is compiled with by firemen on their runs. If possible they are instructed to mop up all water, shovel out all debris and vacuum away their footprints before leaving the scene.

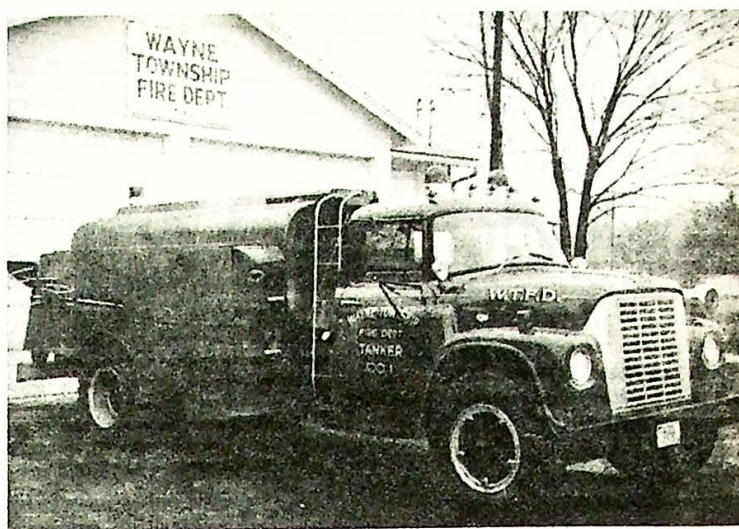
"I feel it's more than courtesy because the people are distraught and it's good to do this extra little bit," he explains.

Negotiations are underway by the town for the purchase of land for a combined fire and police station. Within the decade the fire department's manpower will be doubled, and extra equipment will be purchased to accommodate high-rise apartments and industry.

A pumper-ladder truck is scheduled to be delivered this May, and additional purchases are planned soon.

—Indianapolis Star

New 1970 International Tanker placed in service by Wayne Township No. 1



This truck is an International Harvester 1970 chassis with 1350 gallon capacity. It is Dual Frequency - Radio Equipped. It features 3 - 360 degree red light beacons, two forward and one aft.

DHEW Warns Against Use Of Res-O-Aire

The Public Health Service, a division of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, recently released the warning that a respiratory device now on the market is dangerous to health when used as recommended.

The device, called Res-O-Aire and marketed by Res-O-Aire, Inc., Canton, Ohio, is sold mainly to rescue squads and similar emergency care groups. An estimated 40,000 Res-O-Aire units were distributed in the United States in the past two and a half years. Res-O-Aire, Inc. and its predecessor distributor, Crown Products Company of Cleveland, Ohio, have refused to recall outstanding stocks of the device.

The Emergency Care Research Institute, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, under a Public Health Service grant made an evaluation of the device and found the unit to be both ineffective and dangerous, especially when used on infants and children. This confirmed an earlier conclusion by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

A suit pending in the Federal District Court in Philadelphia charges that the labeling and the name of the device are false and misleading. The device does not bear adequate directions for use and it is impossible to write directions for safe and effective use.

This story is intended to alert Civil Defense groups and rescue units about the device whose sale and use should be discouraged.

This Bulletin should alert every department, when buying equipment that what they are buying will answer their objectives for emergency services. Will this piece of equipment be adaptable in their department? Can their personnel operate with ease and understanding without the use of (daily use and practice?) In the above bulletin, paragraph 3 it is necessary that the equipment can be used on both adults and children alike with precautionary measures, of operation.

Be sure when you buy equipment and instruments that your men are given by whoever sells it to you, a comprehensive and thorough course in the operation and application of the product. It is their obligation. If they don't give you this service, DON'T BUY. Before you buy make inquiries.

Volunteer Firemen Greatly Appreciated

Dear Editor:

We of Borkholder Building Supply want everyone to know how much we appreciate the outstanding leadership your New Paris Volunteer Fire Company rendered on our behalf during the tragic fire of last Thursday night December 18th.

It is very easy for us as individuals and as large companies to take for granted the volunteer services of the New Paris Fire Company. It is not until your own property is up in flames and you see the volunteer firemen risking their own lives to save your property and life that you realize how basic a volunteer fire company is for our community life.

We believe that if it had not been for the quick response of the New Paris volunteer firemen along with the other fire companies our loss could have been far worse than it was. We of Borkholder Building Supply want the New Paris community to know how grateful we are for their volunteer fire company.

New Paris as a town and surrounding communities have much to be grateful for to have such an outstanding volunteer fire dept. and may it continue to be an asset to all of us who depend upon it. Let us all give them our support in every way we can.

Sincerely yours,
Freemon Borkholder
Farmer's Exchange, 1-2-70

TOPEKA FIREMEN ELECT OFFICERS

Stanley Miller was elected chief of the Topeka Volunteer Fire Department at a recent meeting. Gerald Fought was elected assistant chief; Maynard Yoder, secretary-treasurer, and Bill Miller, Jr., captain.

HELMAN ELECTED CHIEF AT NEW PARIS

At a recent meeting of the New Paris Fire Department, Carl Helman was elected chief; William Juday, assistant chief; Mentzer Cripe, first lieutenant; Kenneth Schmucker, second lieutenant; S. Mishler, president; Clark Miller, vice-president; Loyal Rogers, secretary; Paul Stilwell, treasurer. Harry Shaver, board member at large; Schmucker and Cripe, co-delegates, and Charles Lindzy and Max Leatherman, representatives to the Jackson Twp. Park Improvement Assn.

In Memoriam

- Dean Briggs—Flora
- Jack Sloan—Windfall
- Wilbur C. Cochran—Burket
- Howard H. Langlois—Bass Lake
- James Webb—Duck Creek-Elwood
- William J. Schiesser—Schererville
- Orville Larrison—Converse
- Leon Williams—Roachdale
- Donald A. Hall—Perrysville
- Earl E. Doane—Covington
- Elmer P. Miller—Dyer
- John D. Miller—Wayne No. 10-Clermont
- James H. Keller—New Market
- Herman A. Chapel—Swayzee
- Paul Schramm—Ainsworth Deep-River-Hobart
- Arthur Eland—Black Oak-Gary
- Joe McCain—Denver
- Grover Hamilton—Westville
- Carl O'Briant—Saint Bernice
- Virgil Richards—Nineveh

22 Year Veteran Retires From Liverpool-Oregon Volunteer Fire Department

A Retirement supper on Saturday, December 20, 1969, for Thomas Wyland was given him by the department he has served so faithfully for 22 years.

The Liverpool-Oregon Volunteer Fire Department was just chartered in April 1947 when Mr. Wyland joined. He brought with him 4 years experience as a volunteer fireman in Pennsylvania. Tom always gave generously of his time. Some of the offices he has held over the years include serving as President, Vice-President, Secretary, Sgt. of arms, Board Member, Inhalator Lt., delegate to the State Convention of Indiana Firemen Association, and Indiana Volunteer Fireman Association. He has also served as Secretary for the local district of Indiana Volunteer Fireman Association.

Herb Warren, Former Chief and present Chairman of the Board, served as Master of Ceremonies for the occasion. Invocation was given by Gilbert Potts. James Monroe, President, presented Mr. Wyland with a Life Membership badge. Other members of the department in attendance were Board Member Leon Shonk, Secretary Terry Howat, Fire Chief John Gutierrez, Assistant Chief Don Pope, Truck Captain Tom Brown, Inhalator Captain Robert Westmoreland, Truck Lieutenant Ken Lunghofer, Frank and William Westmoreland, Glen Holt, DeWright Cook, Richard Weaver and their families.

Firemen who had joined at

the time Mr. Wyland did and have since retired came back to help the department say good luck. They were Nick Nolcheff, William Stempock and Robert Lunghofer.

Other guests were Mrs. Coffman, Mrs. Potts, Mrs. Nolcheff and Mrs. Stempock, original members of the first Ladies' Auxiliary of the Department. The wives of the active firemen prepared the meal.

Mr. Wyland has moved to the Miller area in Gary. He is employed with U. S. Steel and his plans for the future are still uncertain. No matter what Tom does he has the good wishes of the men he leaves behind.

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The Liverpool-Oregon Volunteer Fire Department hosted a Christmas party for over 450 children of the area again this year.

James Monroe, President acted as Santa Claus, giving each child a present of candy and toys. He was assisted by Tom Brown, Terry Howat, Frank and Willie Westmoreland, Leon Shonk and Gilbert Potts.

HERTLES VACATION IN FLORIDA

Chairman of Board Ralph Hertle and Mrs. Hertle are now enjoying an extended Florida vacation. No doubt they are looking forward to viewing the live performance of Ralph Cramdon and Ed Norton.

NOTICE

Postal Regulations require the ZIP CODE on all mail that is to be handled by the Post Office Department in second class matter.

Wayne Twp. Ambulance Crews Have Record Year



Wayne Township, Allen County, serving four townships, made a record number of 311 ambulance runs during 1969. Ambulance service in Wayne Township started back in May, 1954. At this time, Volunteers of Co. No. 1, Wayne Township Volunteer Fire Department, Allen County, purchased from the City of Fort Wayne, a 1949 Buick ambulance. The interior was remodeled and placed in service as a rescue unit. The first year, this unit responded to 46 calls. The unit was the first rescue unit in Allen County manned by volunteer firemen.

In 1959, this Buick was replaced with a 1952 Cadillac ambulance. This same year, a 1953 Cadillac was added to Wayne Township No. 2 department, and the ambulance rescue

work continued with both stations participating.

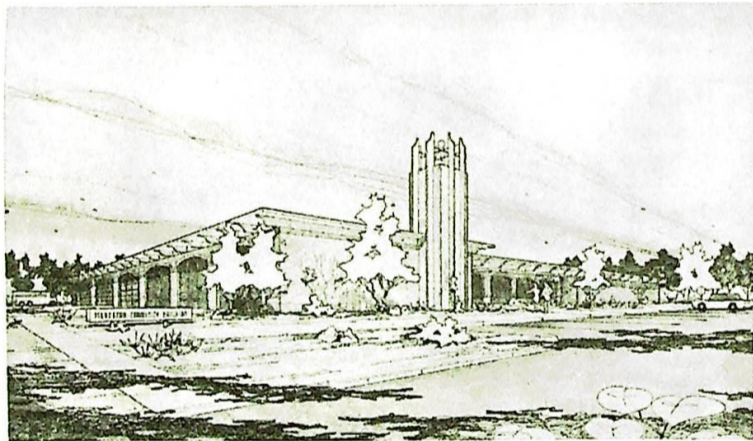
A new International Harvester Travall was purchased and outfitted by the Volunteers of Co. No. 1 for rescue service in 1964. Thirty-two (32) items used for rescue work are carried on this unit. A 110 volt power supply was incorporated to provide power supply for saws and lights.

A second Harvester Travall (1968 model) replaced the Cadillac used by the Volunteers of Wayne Township No. 2.

Each emergency unit is manned by two advanced first aid men at all times around the clock.

Since the rescue service was started in 1954, 1443 calls for assistance have been received and responded to by Wayne Township No. 1.

A Dream Comes True For Pierceton



Robert Laney
Editor Indiana Volunteer Fireman
Crown Point, Indiana
Dear Mr. Laney:

I am writing about our dream that came true—a dream given to us by a man who thought a lot about our community. It's not only a new fire station, but a Community building. It consists of the following: a six-bay fire station, a lounge, offices, shower room, hose tower, kitchenette, police office, plus two office rooms, public rest rooms, community meeting room with kitchen and an outside recreation area.

The floor plan covers 7,800 square feet and the cost is over \$100,000.00.

The building was given to the community town of Pierceton and Washington Township by the Lowe Foundation in memory of Mr. M. V. Lowe. Mr. Lowe came to our community after his factory was destroyed by fire in 1955, and he built the present Whitley Products works, which has grown in the past years and is now the largest factory in Pierceton.

Mr. Lowe died in 1965 and left in his will orders that his sons should carry out his plan for the community which he had been working on for some time before his death.

A new fire station was being planned for the future but never dreamed it would be given to us in this manner. We are a small community of 1200 people and our taxes would have never paid for this size building. Our township took the money that had been appropriated for a new fire station and bought a new fire truck, commercial radios and other equipment.

The new community building is under construction and it is expected it will be completed in early 1970. We will let you know when we have open house.

Yours truly,
Rex Mast,
Pierceton Fire Department

Mr. Cleo Shierling member of the Ward Township Fire Department had the misfortune of getting his right hand caught in his corn picker and having it amputated at the wrist. He is also Ward Township Trustee.

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION—ID 35-602-6503

Death Benefit — Funeral Fund Department — Calendar Year of 1969 Report
The Following Contributions made to Beneficiaries Account Deaths Reported
During Calendar Year 1969

x—Indicates Family Desired Memorial Bible				*—Indicates Additional Memorial			
Date	Town	Claim No.	Name	Card No.	Age	Amt.	
1-3-69	567		John Minninger		74		
Griffith D-1				8625		100.00x	
1-3-69	568		W. O. Jack Krise		48		
Marrietta D-10				5536		100.00x	
1-6-69	569		Farrow Ruble		40		
Rome City D-6				9639		35.00x	
1-3-69	570		Wilmer T. Sharpe		53		
Waveland D-11				8348		100.00x	
12-19-68	571		Milford B. Ruse		56		
Chester Twp.							
Keystone D-7				14059		110.20*	
1-19-69	572		Irvin Colvin		80		
Utica Twp. R. 1,							
Jeffersonville D-14				14319		110.20*	
2-12-69	573		Harold Goldsbury		55		
Kingsbury D-3				13754		100.00x	
9-27-69	574		Albert Block		78		
Koontz Lake D-3				7338		100.00	
1-2-69	575		Max L. Shrider		60		
Hamilton D-6				12650		110.20*	
2-20-69	576		Ronald Jefferson		27		
Gaston D-8A				16759		35.00x	
2-23-69	577		Park Youngblood		57		
Cayuga D-11				9222		110.20	
3-1-69	578		James Werner		36		
Pleasant Twp. R. 4,							
LaPorte D-3				15063		110.20*	
3-1-69	578		In Lieu of Marker			8.00	
3-8-69	579		Richard Buckley		58		
Monon D-9B				7031		110.20x	
10-12-68	580		Charles H. Kinzer		56		
New Middleton D-16				12690		110.20*	
4-9-69	581		Gilbert L. Lewark		59		
Knightsdown D-13				2208		110.20*	
4-12-69	582		Peter Bult		77		
Munster D-1				53		110.20*	
4-12-69	583		David C. Van Houten		29		
Union Twp. Coesse D-6				8349		110.20*	
11-3-68	584		Roman Slabaugh		59		
Milford D-5				2582		110.20*	
4-26-69	585		Lawrence Stepp		50		
New Albany Twp. D-16				3469		35.00x	
5-3-69	586		Raymond Long		60		
Lincoln Twp.							
Walkerton D-3				16450		60.00x	
5-5-69	587		William Schlemmer		59		
Bremen D-5				1039		100.00x	
5-2-69	588		Homer A. Taylor		53		
Tell City D-18				7367		45.20*	
5-14-69	589		Paul O. "Jack" Osborn		54		
St. Mary O'Wood TH D-1				2623		100.00x	
4-27-69	590		Art Gossett		47		
Sharpville D-9A				14494		110.20*	
4-24-69	591		Oran E. Musselman		70		
Macy D-5				7856		100.00x	
Sub-Total Death Listings (25)							
1-1-69 to 5-31-69, inc.							2345.60

5-26-69	592		Roy Edgar Hasty		80		
Laud D-6				1465		100.00x	
6-3-69	593		Ray Lee Ellis		39		
Jackson Twp. R. 1							
Gentryville D-18				2578		65.00x	
McCulloch R-12							
Jeffersonville D-16				12518		110.20*	
6-15-68 OK	594		Thomas J. Kuntz		50		
5-27-69	595		Herbert Black		62		
Uniondale D-7				3159		110.20*	
6-2-69	596		Harve Zellers		78		
Winamac D-9B				5912		110.20*	
4-25-69	597		George Snow		63		
Chester Twp. R. 1							
Poneto D-7				12444		110.20*	
7-19-69	598		Burrell Stafford		58		
Sheridan D-12				2050		110.20*	
8-7-69	599		Charles M. Brown		77		
Wayne Twp.							
Wayne D-6				1700		110.00x	
8-7-69	600		Alan Cooper		33		
Merrillville D-1				1746		35.00x	
7-22-69	601		Donald Brehob		36		
Bass Lake D-3				15052		100.00x	
12-27-69	602		Paul W. Purkhiser		40		
West Baden D-18				14439		65.00x	
8-29-69	603		Carl Kleins		70		
Franklin Twp. 2							
Acton D-10				13965		110.20*	
8-20-69	604		Herman Dierkes		66		
Decatur D-7				1203		110.20*	
1-25-68 OK	605		Glen Bell		42		
Mexico D-5				3254		100.00x	
9-14-69	606		Richard Clark		30		
Porter D-1				6914		65.00x	
10-2-69	607		John Huppenthal		61		
Schererville D-1				2237		110.20*	
9-30-69	608		George Hendricks		78		
Madison Twp.							
Mulberry D-9A				16824		100.00x	
10-7-69	609		Elmer E. Beck		70		
Chesterton D-1				26		110.20*	
10-22-69	610		Henry Radiger, Sr.		85		
Chesterton D-1				29		100.00x	
10-26-69	611		Harry Fries		76		
Koontz Lake D-3				523		100.00x	
-69	612		William Oren		67		
Gas City D-8A				10840		110.20*	
11-21-69	613		Dean Briggs		49		
Flora D-9A				8602		100.00x	
12-6-68 OK	614		Jack Sloan		58		
Windfall D-9A				11139		65.00x	
12-1-69	615		Wilbur C. Cochran		72		
Burket D-5				3219		100.00x	
11-21-69	616		Howard H. Langlois		55		
Bass Lake D-3				12485		110.20*	
12-5-69	617		James Webb		38		
Duck Creek Twp. R. 1							
Elwood D-9A				15804		110.20*	
12-12-69	618		William J. Schiesser		70		
Schererville D-1				82		110.20*	
10-14-69	619		Orville Larrison		60		
Converse D-8A				13344		100.00x	
12-7-69	620		Leon Williams		55		
Roachdale D-11				4574		100.00x	
12-12-69	621		Donald A. Hall		60		
Perrysville D-11				14746		100.00x	
12-18-69	622		Earl E. Doane		72		
Covington D-11				6871		100.00x	
12-20-69	623		Elmer P. Miller		61		
Dyer D-1				366		100.00x	
12-20-69	624		John D. Miller		36		
Wayne Twp 10							
Clermont D-12				13779		110.20	
12-21-69	625		James H. Keller		55		
New Market D-11				2724		100.00x	
12-23-69	626		Herman A. Chapel		56		
Swayzee D-8A				5482		100.00x	
Sub-Total Listings (35) 6-1-69 to 1-1-70							3437.80
Sub-Total 1-1-69 to 6-1-69 as above							2345.60
Totals - Calendar Year (60 Deaths)							5783.40
(does not include cost of memorials - See Summary)							
Avg. Age of membership at death during 1969							58
Overall Age (Average) at death							60
Average donation made for each deceased							\$127.50 (1969)

FUNERAL FUND SUMMARY CALENDAR YEAR 1969

	1-1-69 to 6-1-69	6-1-69 to 12-31-69	TOTAL EXTENDED TOTALS
RECEIPTS:			
State Report - On Hand as shown 1-1-69.....			45043.90
Secretary Rept. 12 thru 15 (340).....	255.00		255.00
Secretary Rept. 1, 2, and 3 (487).....	365.25		365.25
Monon - Buckley Bible Mem. Ret'd.....	10.20		10.20
Ft. Wayne INSCO Marker Mem. Donation.....	8.00		8.00
Secretary Rept. 16 and 17 (9).....		6.75	6.75
Secretary Rept. 4 thru 16 (10064).....		7548.00	7548.00
Total to Account for Year 1969.....	638.45	7554.75	8193.20

1970 I. V. F. A. CONVENTION
SHELBYVILLE, INDIANA
JUNE 11-12-13

RESERVATIONS

Motel.....1 double bed 11-12-13
 Motel.....2 double beds 11-12-13
 Private Homes 11-12-13
 Camping 11-12-13
 Electricity desired Yes..... No.....
 Date and Time of Arrival
 Deposit not required

NAME

ADDRESS

ZIP #

In making reservations for others, please list names on reverse side. Reservations are coming in fast and the rooms available will be confirmed on first received reservations.

Reservations must be in by April 15, 1970.

MAIL TO:

C. N. JEFFRIES
P. O. Box 85
Fountaintown, Indiana 46130

Entries For Convention Parade

Entries for parade units for the IVFA Convention Parade to be held June 13, 1970 in Shelbyville 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

Jack Knoll, Chairman
Waldron Fire Department
Waldron, Indiana 46182

Trophies will be awarded in the following classifications:

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

Name, Group, Fire Dept.

City

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.

Entry Blank For Ladies' Waterball

.....Fire Department will have a ladies' team to compete in the waterball contest at Shelbyville on Saturday, June 13, 1970. An entry fee of \$3.00 is enclosed with this entry. We understand this will be refunded to all teams that compete. If the team should not compete the \$3.00 will be forfeited and put in the Auxiliary Treasury.

.....
 Auxiliary Pres. or Team Captain

Rules will be sent to all teams participating. The Auxiliary must belong to the State Auxiliary. The deadline for sending in entry blank and fee is June 1, 1970. Send to: Donna Brown, 1202 Canal Street, New Haven, Indiana, Zip Code 46774.

Waterball is not hard and is loads of fun. Lets get more teams to compete this year. You must wear suitable rain gear, coat, helmet, and boots. Sneakers may be worn in place of boots. I will be glad to help any team get started this year, if there are any questions you have about waterball please write and I will try to answer them for you. The most important rule in waterball is BE CAREFUL. Know the pressure you have behind you and act according to that. If each girl does her part there is no burden on any one girl. Don't be afraid to get in there and try. There must be a loser and a winner. If you lost you can try again, there is a chance for you to take home that trophy and believe me that is a thrill. Come on Ladies get your teams lined up now and get those entry fees in early. I will be looking forward to hearing from you. Lets have some new teams in this year.

Donna Brown, Ladies' Waterball Chairman
 1202 Canal Street
 New Haven, Indiana 46774

INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.
NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION ID 35-602-6503

Treasurer's Financial Report for Calendar Year of 1969

Continued from Reserve Side Hereof — Death Benefit - Funeral Fund Account

	1-1-69 to 6-1-69	6-1-69 to 12-31-69	TOTALS	EXTENDED TOTALS
"DISBURSEMENTS"				
Total to Account for (From Reserve Side Hereof)				53237.10
Claims 567 thru 591 (25) reverse side listings	2345.60		2345.60	
2-17-69 Memorial Bibles (25)	253.67		253.67	
4-24-69 Bronze Memorial Co. (200 Markers)	1344.87		1344.87	
8-11-69 Memorial Bibles (25)		267.66	267.66	
Claims 592 thru 626 (35) reverse side listings		3437.80	3437.80	
Total Disbursed Calendar Year 1969	3944.14	3705.46	7649.60	7649.60
Balance on Hand 1-1-70-State Report Filing				45587.50

CLOTHING FUND ACCOUNT

"RECEIPTS"				
On Hand 1-1-69 Per State Report Filing				12325.09
Secretary Reports 12 thru 15 (322)	161.00		161.00	
Secretary Reports 1, 2, and 3 (438)	219.00		219.00	
Secretary Reports 16 and 17 (9)		4.50	4.50	
Secretary Reports 4 thru 16 (9487)		4743.50	4743.50	
Totals to Acct. for Calendar Year 1969	380.00	4748.00	5128.00	17453.09
"DISBURSEMENTS"				
Claims 785 thru 860 (inc. 11-Eye Glasses)	1481.06		1481.06	
Claims 861 thru 907 (inc. 5-Eye Glasses)		947.01	947.01	
(Total reimbursements dur. 1969 - 121)				
Totals	1481.06	947.01	2428.07	2428.07
Balance on Hand 1-1-70 State Report Filing				15025.02*

EMERGENCY - DONATION & RESERVE FUND ACCOUNT

"RECEIPTS"				
On Hand 1-1-69 - New Account Started in '69				NONE
Donations - Nation-Wide Ins. Co. - Fees	**778.60	1889.62	2668.22	
Donations - Reserve Interest Div.		3373.51	3373.51	
Donations - Ladies' Auxiliary		500.00	500.00	
1969 - Calendar Year - Totals	778.60	5763.13	6541.73	6541.73
"DISBURSEMENTS"				
Legislative Committee Expense (Jones)	**750.00		750.00	
Bank Charges - New Account - Print Checks, etc.		8.63	8.63	758.63
Balance on Hand 1-1-70 - State Report Filing				5783.10*

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT

"RECEIPTS"				
On Hand 1-1-69 as shown per State Report Filing				24301.82
Individual memberships 1968-1969	582.75	15.75	598.50	
Individual memberships 1969-1970	830.75	17363.00	18193.75	
Deposits and Overpayments	11.50	496.50	508.00	
Donations - IVFA Newspaper Ads	611.06	503.80	1114.86	
Donations - Convention Program Ads		4000.00	4000.00	
Donations - Convention Registrations desk		3517.00	3517.00	
Donations - For Decals		2.00	2.00	
Gary National Bank RI 206636-206637		96.00	96.00	
Ret'd from Donation Fund Account to Bal.		**28.60	28.60	
Totals to Acct. for Year 1969	2036.06	26022.65	28038.71	52360.53

"DISBURSEMENTS"

General Convention expense	161.18	6161.32	6322.50	
General Convention printing expense	111.50	934.90	1046.40	
Regular Printing expense	334.49	2557.14	2891.63	
IVFA Newspaper printing expense	1236.60	3427.72	4664.32	
Officers and Committee Meeting expense	1341.92	1705.47	3047.39	
Postage & Telephone Exp. (Inc. Conv. & Newspaper)	1257.87	1759.65	3017.52	
Misc. District Expense	457.36	794.36	1251.72	
Office Supplies & Equipment	189.07	731.95	921.02	
Deposits & Overpayments refunded	11.50	491.50	503.00	
Secretary's Expense	790.90	1129.10	1920.00	
Editor's Expense	552.76	516.85	1069.61	
Treasurer's Expense	396.10	534.88	930.98	
President's Expense	157.35	450.38	607.73	
Vice-President's Expense	24.40	140.02	164.42	
Past-President's Expense	38.20	43.10	81.30	
Chaplain's Expense	41.50	223.50	265.00	
Public Relation Expense	50.10	107.00	157.10	
Sergeant-At-Arms Expense	39.70	105.40	145.10	
Recording Secretary's Expense	7.00	20.00	27.00	
Chairman of Board Expense		15.20	15.20	
State of Ind. (Non-Profit Organ. Fee)	1.00		1.00	
Bond - Insurance premium		666.00	666.00	
Marsh & McLennan - Officers Ins. Premium		485.00	485.00	
Television - Promotion Expense		45.00	45.00	
Gary National Bank RI 206636-206637		96.00	96.00	
TOTALS - DISBURSEMENTS 1969	7200.50	23141.44	30341.94	30341.94
Balance on Hand 1-1-70 Per State Report Filing				22018.59*

Respectfully submitted,
 Verne Konopasek, Treasurer
 January 5th, 1970

Clinton Twp. Trustee Fires Volunteers

Seventeen of the 21 "fired" members of the Clinton Township Volunteer Fire Department held an unusual meeting at the firehouse in Centenary recently.

They met with officers of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association and a representative of the state fire marshal's office to see if there is any way in which they can continue to have the use of the firehouse and township-owned fire fighting equipment in order to continue to provide fire protection for their community, as most of them have for many years.

Conspicuous by his absence was Township Trustee Louis Giovanini, who dismissed all of the volunteer firemen and declared that the organization was disbanded. Although he indicated that he intended to organize another volunteer group, nothing much appears to have been done along that line and he has consistently refused to meet with or discuss his action with the group he ordered disbanded.

Mr. Giovanini continued his refusal when, at the urging of the firemen, Bill Goodwin, of Angola, president of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, called him by telephone and urged that he come to the firehouse and discuss the problem with the volunteers. Although their talk was apparently lengthy and friendly, Goodwin reported that the trustee's stand was unchanged and he had refused to attend the meeting.

Both the state association president and Dee Corbin, who attended as a representative of the state fire marshal's office seemed unable to believe that the township fire fighting situation has reached an impasse and that no compromise could be reached with the trustee.

Members of the volunteer group repeatedly told the visiting officials that they are equally confused. Their early relations with Mr. Giovanini following his re-election to his office, were pleasant, they said. He "wanted no part" of the volunteer fire department, that they were "doing a fine job" and could go right on doing it. Then his attitude later changed and has since hardened.

Apparently the crisis came when the trustee decided to cut the firemen's clothing allowance. At one time this was \$25 per man, by law, then was raised to \$50 per man. This amount was paid by Otha Wright, previous trustee and by Mr. Giovanini, up to this year, the firemen said. Then the trustee announced that he would pay only \$25 and has remained unmoved.

Repeatedly the volunteers stressed that it is not money they are interested in but the "principle of the thing" and in particular, seeing that fire protection is provided for the community and also that the firehouse continue to be used as a community center.

Since taking office the trustee they charged, has refused to permit its use by Boy or Girl Scouts, for wedding receptions or any of the community-serving purposes to which it was formerly put.

Although refusing to believe that there is no solution to the problem, the state association president had few "words of cheer" for the local members.

He told them frankly that the township trustee is charged by law with providing fire protection and is the "boss". He can, if he wishes, lock them out of the firehouse and refuse them permission to use the township-owned equipment. The volunteers protested that they have spent some \$800 on the equipment and that the resuscitator is their property. This Mr. Goodwin conceded.

In an effort to force payment of the \$50 clothing allowance, a suit was filed in Vermillion circuit court by Attorney Joe Beardsley on behalf of the township volunteers but Mr. Goodwin warned that action on this can easily be delayed for the rest of Mr. Giovanini's term and he doubted the outcome, at best.

There were a few heated exchanges between the state president and the local members as to whether the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association would accept into membership another Clinton Township Volunteer Fire Department should Mr. Giovanini organize one. While assuring them that their own memberships would remain unchanged so long as their dues were paid, Mr. Goodwin insisted that he could not state that his organization would not accept another group if organized.

He said this decision lay with the board of directors but he strongly suggested that it would accept such a group, since it was not the state association's province to decide which was "legitimate".

Several members insisted that the trustee's real objective was to see the township volunteer organization done away with and fire equipment parked in front of his home in Clinton, as was the case during a previous term in office.

"What we can't understand," one member remarked, "is why he won't talk to us. We have no malice against him. He has made the statement that we would not accept him as a member but this is not true. He could have been a member for the asking. The other township trustees have been. (It developed he did ask for membership a short time ago.) We would just like to know what is the matter and get something worked out. We are more interested in fire protection and the community than a little \$25 clothing allowance."

Aside from suggesting that there was a "lack of communication" with the trustee and that some mutual friend arrange a reconciliation, Mr. Goodwin, Mr. Corbin and "Butch" McGill of Dana, district chairman of the state association, had little to offer.

So as matters now stand it appears that Clinton township has a volunteer fire department without a home or equipment. They have all been fired, if a trustee has the power to "fire" a volunteer, and no one seems to know exactly what the fuss is all about since no confrontation is possible as long as Mr. Giovanini refuses to meet with his ex-firemen and discuss the problem.

Three U. S. states maintain staffs and offices in Tokyo to promote trade and tourism with the Japanese. They are Alaska, New York and Ohio.

Arcola Elects Officers For Ensuing Year

The Arcola Volunteer Fire Department held an election of officers at their December meeting and the following were elected:

Albert Sinnigen, president; Wilbur Kurtz, vice president; Roy Greener, secretary; Donald Felger, treasurer; George Walker, chief; Leo Butts, assistant chief; Robert Williams, chief engineer; Clifford Trahin, assistant engineer; Max Foor, Irvin Felger, Paul Trahin, and Tom Herron, Captains.

The firemen and the ladies' auxiliary held the annual Burning of the Greens at the fire station on Tuesday, January 6. The activities began at 7:30 p. m. with John Schumaker as the principal speaker and carol singing led by Mrs. Robert Strack. The Rythum Aces furnished music for dancing. Refreshments were furnished by the ladies' auxiliary.

Van Es Elected President of Munster Volunteers

At the regular monthly business meeting of the Munster Volunteer Fire Department, the following officers were elected to serve during 1970; Adrian Van Es, President; Gilbert Benson, Vice-President; William O'Brien re-elected Secretary; and Frank Pfister, re-elected Treasurer. The Vice-President will also be responsible for public relations in the future.

Frank Fehring was elected as a new member of the three-man membership committee, which handles applications and interviews applicants for membership in the Fire Department.

Voted in as a regular member from a probationary status was William Jones.

Latest information on the new snorkel unit ordered by the town is that it will be delivered about December of 1970.

Eve is one of the very few gals who hasn't reminded hubby of all the other fellers she could have married.

OFFICERS' MEETING

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that are late in asking will be those that drive 20 miles for a room. Private rooms will be asked for in Shelbyville so if you are interested in these so mention when asking for reservations. All reservations will be confirmed in time. Camping sites will be available with electric, maybe sewer for some few. Shower is still undecided for campers. He told of the different locations for the different activities and the approximate time table of events. A Color TV will be raffled to help them fray some expense and tickets will be available at various places.

President Goodwin then introduced Harvey Hacker, State Fire Marshal, and reminded all that now was the time for the questions that he had told them to get ready. Mr. Hacker spoke first of his aims, difficulties, trials and tribulations of his office. He restated the program that Goodwin reported on as well as legislative aims that he would like assistance with and mentioned the firing of some people in his office. This leaves him short handed and that this problem was to be resolved thru process of Senate Bill Five. He seemed to think that SB 5 would not help much as it was stripped of most of its good just before passage. He then fielded many questions from the floor and answered them all with what he called 'The Plain Truth'. The question that caused the most difficulty was the difference in the amount of representation of Paid and Volunteer when all Fire Services meet to make a decision. Of all the Fire Service organizations, some nine in number, only one is the representative of the volunteer. All others have a paid man to head them. Hometown Fire Chief, Conrad Tucker was appointed the Training Officer of IVFA for the purpose of helping to alleviate this problem and the rest of his committee would be appointed at a later date.

Secretary Ford then urged that the early payment of dues by anyone would most certainly help in getting his work done. All overpayments caused by early payment of dues will be refunded, in case of a death or some one moving out etc. New Membership forms contain a BLUE copy. This is for the department use. Please urge all to use them and that during peak periods of dues collection this office will return listings for the third copy, as some only send in two. I do not have time to make a third copy for all those that are needed.

Once more encourage early dues payments.

President Goodwin then adjourned the meeting.

Due to the absence of Don Mason, recording secretary, thanks to Paul Fairfield for taking the notes of this meeting.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING—KINGS CROWN INN

Meeting called to order by Chairman Kiefer, he being vested with the Chairman's job as Ralph Hertle was on vacation.

16 members were present as well as the President and the Vice President. Vice President Engle reported that the Committee on the Bonding of the Officers had met and found the Associations total worth of about \$85,000.00 and the bond was for \$75,000.00. For the five different funds that are required the amount of bond was enough. If at any time the Treasurer deems necessary to increase the bond he shall do so and report same to Officers. The Books of the Treasurer were in the usual very fine shape.

Motion by Weaver to accept the committee's report was seconded by Stofer then passed.

Chairman Kiefer brought up a clothing claim that had been made for damages outside of the regular fire departments activities and the member was helping another department with a fire, amount \$12.00. After much discussion Weaver moved that claim be paid—seconded by McGill and then was passed.

McGill and Fairfield both presented boxes for the grave markers and after examination and discussion Stofer moved that the box presented by Fairfield be accepted and this seconded by McGill. Motion then was passed.

McGill then brought to the attention of all the laxity in the names and addresses in the various reports and claims, most being outdated or wrong. The Board also discussed the Secretary sending names of all members that have paid dues to Chairman.

McGill then moved meeting be adjourned—Chairman so did.

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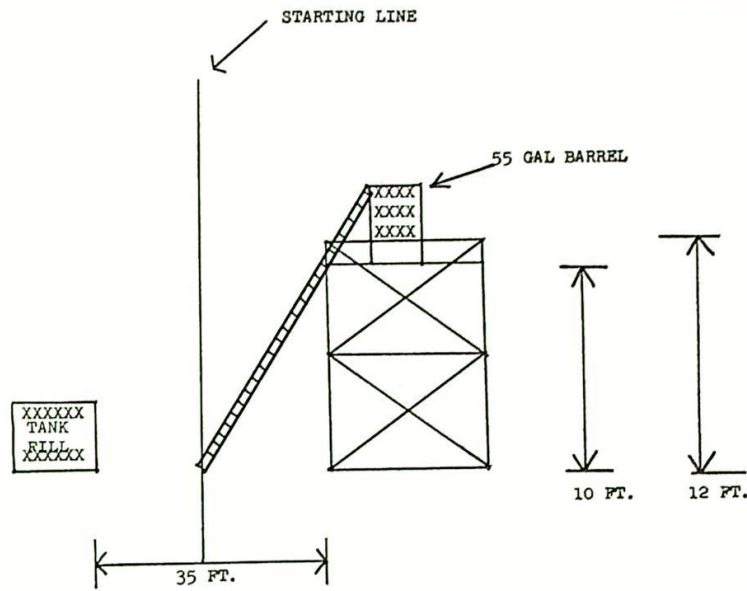
Signed.....
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NOTICE

All contest entry blanks must be in or postmarked on or before June 1st, 1970 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 Robert Surber, Acton V. F. D., Acton, Ind. 46259.

Please bring your own rain gear. Trophy for both Water Ball Hose Replacement, and Bucket Brigade. Safety measures to be enforced at contest. Drawing for position Thursday evening, June 11 at Officers' meeting.

Bucket Brigade Competition:



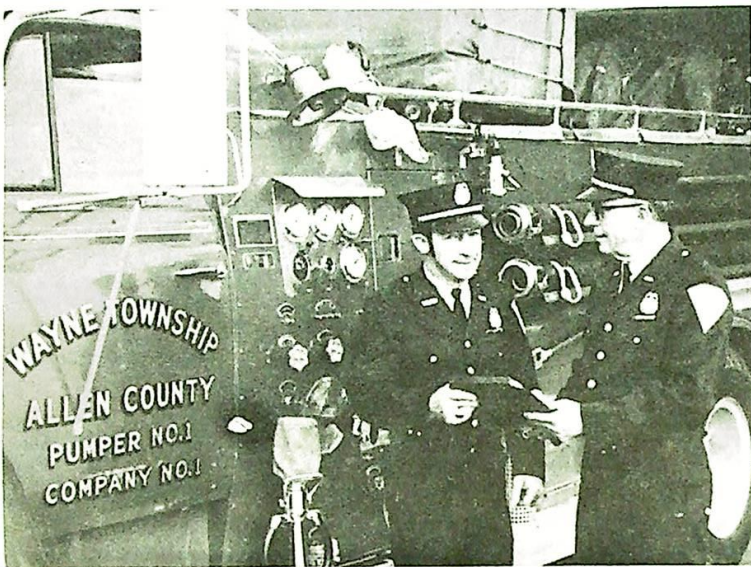
OBJECT: To fill a 55 gallon barrel with water, using canvas buckets. Six men on a team, against time.

SPECIFICATIONS: There will be a 55 gal. barrel on top of scaffolding 10 ft. tall. A ladder will be set-up from ground to top of barrel. A portable tank to be set 35 ft. from base of scaffold. There will be five canvas buckets available for use by each team. Each player must wear a fire helmet.

PLAY: Play starts with three men on ladder and three men at the base of ladder, five buckets also at base of ladder. At starting signal, the three ladder men will (must) remain in contact with the ladder. The three bucket carriers will grab one

bucket each, and run to portable tank and fill up. They will then bring buckets back to man at bottom of ladder and he will proceed to pass the buckets up the ladder to the next man, etc. When buckets reach the top man he will dump into barrel. The top man then must throw the buckets down to a bucket carrier, who **MUST** catch the bucket, and then proceed to fill his bucket again. **NO BUCKET CARRIER** may at any time have more than one bucket in his possession. A 25 sec. penalty will be assessed for carrying more than one filled bucket. A 5 sec. penalty for dropping or not catching a bucket. A timing judge will be on scaffold next to barrel, to start contest and judge when barrel is full.

1969 Fireman of the Year



Wayne Township No. 1, Allen Co. awarded Robert B. Schrock with a plaque and a hand for his service and dedication to his department. Shown presenting the award is 1969 Chief George Prince. Bob has been with the department four years serving as Assistant Chief in 1969.

Surprise Gift for the Haysville Firemen



Haysville's assistant fire chief and treasurer Delmar Street, second from left, accepts a \$600.00 check from Mrs. Donald Noble, second from right, treasurer of the firemen's auxiliary.

Looking on are Fire Chief Edgar Nigg left, and Mrs. Edgar Nigg right, president of the auxiliary. The contribution came as a surprise to the fire department and will be used as needed. The contribution was made possible through efforts of Haysville citizens who donated items for the food and country stores and bake sales at the Firemen's shooting match.

Miss Flame For Haysville



Miss Brenda Neukam was elected Miss Flame for Haysville. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Neukam of Haysville. Mr. Neukam is a member of the Haysville Volunteer Firemen.

Spivey Re-Elected To 4th Term

The Warren Township Fire Department of Indianapolis has announced the outcome of their general elections of officers for 1970 as well as officer appointments.

For the 4th consecutive year, Chief George Spivey was re-elected by the department members to head their 100 man fire fighting and rescue force. Elected for his 3rd term as Day Assistant Chief was Louis Limbach and stepping in for his first term as Night Assistant Chief is Raymond Rawley.

Chief Spivey promised all Warren Township residents and businessmen that despite the enactment of unigov, that fire protection and free ambulance services will remain intact and the Warren Fire Department will continue to provide the same excellent services as in the past. Chief Spivey also said, "even though the large industries of Warren Township were recently forced to sign contracts with the city of Indianapolis for fire and police protection, they still will receive the services of The Warren Fire Department as long as they pay taxes in Warren Township."

Others taking office the first of the year are: Company No. 1; Captain Robert Winters, Day Lt. Larry Daniels, Night Lt. Perry Carter. Company No. 2; Captain Raymond Parker, Day Lt. Fred Bruce, Night Lt. George Carter. Company No. 3; Captain James Friddle, Day Lt. Robert Horton, Night Lt. Robert Terry. No changes were made known in the appointive officers positions.

NOTE: I would like to add my personal thanks to all of you for the many kind thoughts and deeds during my recent accident. I am not yet in full harness but am back in the saddle.

Gene Battaly

St. Joseph County Fire Fighters Hold Pump School

A very fine pump school was recently sponsored by the St. Joseph County Fire Fighters Association. 85 firemen were on hand for an 8 hour course on the function of the John Beam series-Parallel Centrifical Volume Pump and the Piston type high pressure pump. The school was held in classroom style. Pumps were on hand to understand their functions. These pumps were cut-out in spots to see the internal parts moving. A very big thanks goes to Dodge Manufacturer for their time and use of their facilities.

On one of this years snowest, coldest days, an arson school was scheduled. 65 brave men attended this fine school. Assistant Chief Dietrich from South Bend fire department was on hand for the instruction. Centre Township volunteer fire department was the host, this was a fine gesture on their part.

There is a standard first aid class now in progress. This class is a 6 week course for county firemen. Experienced first-aider or new firemen can attend this fine school. Carl Lederer will be the instructor and a fine instructor he is. Dates for the first-aid classes can be obtained from most of the St. Joseph county fire departments.

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Let 'er Burn

There has long been a misconception in the procedures of fire fighting, about which something must be done, and as quickly as possible. It is the old adage of "Let 'er Burn", in an effort to (1) conserve water, (2) wear and tear on men and materials, and (3) to help the unfortunate person or persons clean up the mess of a horrible fire.

I attended one of these not too long ago, and I have endeavored to keep my feelings in check, for respect of the devotion men are giving throughout our country, voluntarily, to fight fire.

It was a dwelling, and none of the residents were at home. The fire was discovered by a neighbor who was passing the scene. By the time he had dashed into the house to make a quick check to ascertain that no one was in the building, returned to his home to call the fire department, who now must rally their crew, and they had rushed to the scene, the dwelling was in a pretty complete stage of envelopment. At the time I had passed the fire, having been attracted by the familiar red glow in the night sky, the fire department was "standing by" allowing the blaze to continue to consume the dwelling.

Gentlemen, we just can't do this.

(1) Think of the training opportunity that you are missing, by not putting "the laddies" to the test of seeing how quickly they can extinguish the holocaust;

(2) Think of the adverse public relations that may be created by "standing by," and the propitious relationships that might be established with your taxpayers, should you viviously attack and conquer the fire;

(3) Think of the lives of your men and bystanders that may be saved, as you cool the fire just moments before it involves, and triggers the tank, the explosive, and/or any other presently inert materials that may rend disaster upon the scene;

(4) Remember, too, that you are the officer-in-charge of the fire. **It is your fire**, to have and to hold, for better or for worse, in victory or defeat. The showing that you make is your hallmark to fame as a fire officer, and, for which you could be held responsible. For, as you know, in Indiana you are an ex-officio member of The Fire Marshal's Staff;

(5) Think, too, what may happen to darned good evidence, if that thing has finally happened to you, that you pray to God every night, never happens;

(6) And, you **must** realize the tremendous difficulties in determining fire responsibilities, should the insurance carrier or carriers, choose to subrogate against a negligent electrical, L. P. G. or other contractor you might mention.

I inquired of the officer-in-charge of this fire why he was not attempting to subdue the conflagration. His answer, "she's a total loss anyhow, so we have decided to 'Let 'er Burn.'

I then asked him if he had acquired the insurance information available, as he had determined it a total loss? He had not.

Had he completely examined the premises so that he could confirm the fact that the continuation of the fire would not result in an explosion, or trigger a dramatic chain reaction? He had not.

I further inquired as to the ownership of the property, and he stated that the owner was present. Upon determining that the owner was not a bachelor, I asked the OIC if he knew the whereabouts of the spouse. He stated that she was in the County Seat shopping. I then asked the officer if he had met her there, and talked with her in the last few hours. He had not. He further stated that he had received his information from the husband. I suggested then, that he had, in all probability, searched the house completely, during the early stages of the fire, and could conclusively state that she had not been invaded by some stranger, bound, and gaged and left in a closet? Or, that she had not drugged herself, and started the fire? He had not.

Gentlemen, these are the times that try fire chief's souls. There are things that are going on every day of the world that stagger the imagination of those of us who constantly and consistantly endeavor to fight fire on equal terms. Sooner or later you will be confronted by the most dastardly of these. So, suspect them every time. Get that fire under control and overhaul as quickly as possible. Then, let's look the ashes over, and burn the ruins under supervision, under ideal weather conditions, and with full knowledge of what we are doing.

At this particular fire, fly ash was being carried by the false thermals of the conflagration for hundreds of feet. An inquiry again suggested that they were saving their water in the event that any of the other buildings might become involved. Would not the proper, and the best procedure in this instance, be to extinguish the threatening fire?

However, let us not be too critical.

If you have a fire, and you are sure where every person who could, or may be involved is located; and you sure that there are no dangerous materials or deadly chemicals that might be released with the continuation of the fire; and you are in such good graces with your public that they completely understand what you are doing and just why you are doing it, and trust you completely to continue doing just that; and if you can go to any court of the land and testify as to the exact cause, origin, and responsibility of the fire you are fighting; you have no problem.

Let 'er Burn!

Don C. McCullough
Secretary Hagerstown-Jefferson Twp.
Volunteer Fire Department
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NFPA Reports Fire Loss for 1969

Fire killed approximately 12,100 people in the United States during 1969.

The same number of fatalities was estimated for 1968. The 1969 record actually represents a slight improvement, since fire deaths remained at the same level while the nation's population rose roughly 2,000,000.

Deaths in dwelling fires declined fractionally, from 6,600 in 1968 to 6,550 in 1969.

Property destroyed by fire during the past year totalled \$2,415,000,000, the preliminary estimates indicate, which is an increase of \$260,000,000 over 1968. Of the property loss total, \$1,940,000,000 represents damage to buildings and contents, and non-building fires—those involving aircraft, ships, motor vehicles and similar equipment as well as forests—cost about \$475,000,000.

The worst loss of life fires in 1969 occurred in transportation. A ship collision and fire off New Orleans on April 7 took 26 lives, the U. S. S. Enterprise fire in Pearl Harbor on January 14 cost 24 lives, and the crash and fire of a DC-3 at New Orleans Airport on March 20 killed 16 persons.

The worst property loss fire of 1969 in the United States was the \$45,000,000 fire at the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission's plant, operated by Dow Chemical Company, at Golden, Colorado, on May 11. On August 6, a Stop and Shop Inc. grocery warehouse in Boston was destroyed at a cost of \$15,000,000, and on January 1 fire levelled a group of mill buildings in Webster, Massachusetts, housing several industrial firms, with losses of \$10,000,000.

**GET
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Drill of the Month . . .

MAINTAINING YOUR PUMPING APPARATUS

Objective: This drill is designed to encourage better maintenance of your pumping apparatus. Far too often the apparatus is blamed for deficiencies that should really be placed on the shoulders of the man responsible for maintenance in your department, or the pump operator.

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS:

- A. A chief officer of your department should be responsible for seeing that all of your pumps are properly maintained.
 1. You should have a person assigned the responsibility of performing normal routine maintenance, "Engineer", Mechanic, or Operator, etc.
 2. Every driver of the apparatus should be required to check the apparatus after every use.
 3. Every member should realize his responsibility in reporting any problems with the apparatus. Your safety depends on the condition of the apparatus you ride on and work with.
 4. Develop a simple check form for use of the operator for his weekly, monthly, quarterly or annual maintenance.
 5. Make certain that simple items like crank case and primer oil level fuel, air in tires, even the inside duals and water, (radiator and booster tank are checked).
- B. Follow the recommendations of the Manufacturer of your Pump.
 1. If your pump manual has been lost, write the manufacturer of your pump, giving him the model number of the pump and he will send you one.
 2. The cost of oil and grease is small compared to the cost of a transmission, engine or differential. Follow the manufacturer's lubrication suggestions.
- C. Discuss the following with the entire department.
 1. The proper use of your maintenance forms, and why these forms are important.
 2. Each member's responsibility towards maintenance.
 3. The department policy regarding the following:
 - a. Fuel tank level must be kept at least ¾ full (Should be full)
 - b. Tire Pressures
 - c. Booster tank full.
 - d. Use of relief valve or governor and transfer valve at every fire. If these devices are not used often they will not operate when needed.
 - e. Check pump packing for "proper leaking"
 - f. Maintenance of portable pumps
 - g. Reporting of all deficiencies at once
 - h. Use strainers on all intakes
 4. How to perform a dry vacuum test and department schedule for doing this (once each month)
 5. Test large soft suction (large diameter supply line) by connecting it to the highest pressure hydrant in town.
- D. In all drill stress the importance of preventive maintenance and proper operating procedures as a key to safety and efficient operations.
- E. Have all members look at the appearance and condition of your apparatus. Is it better than any you know of?

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IVFA Auxiliary Officers' Meeting

Kokomo King's Crown Inn — November 23, 1969

President Rosella Bousman called the meeting to order by welcoming her officers and glad to have so many in attendance. She solemnly read "Discontent is the price we pay for not being thankful for what we have."

Opal Laughman, chaplain, gave prayer and all remained standing while Catherine Mason, sergeant-at-arms, led us all with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The president read a letter of resignation from Pat Wade, treasurer, who moved to California. Rosella asked Mary Stafford, chairman of the Board of Directors, to go with the Board of Directors to another room and appoint a new treasurer to fill the vacancy for the remainder of 1969-'70 year. The rest of us enjoyed finishing our coffee and rolls. The Board of Directors returned with the appointment of Verta Engle from Vincennes as treasurer.

Jo Lantz, recording secretary, called the roll, with seven officers, six District Chairmen, four past president and five committee members being present. The minutes of the August meeting were read and approved. A report was also given that 1534 members had paid dues for the year.

Mary Stafford, Verta Engle and Ruth Ford audited the treasurer's books and found them in due form.

Bills were presented and will automatically be paid.

Verta Engle, former men's lapel and women's auxiliary pins chairman, turned over \$37.50 to secretary and treasurer.

Correspondence was read. By-Laws Chairman, Janet Goodwin, reported her committee met and reformed the old By-Laws book for a new one to be printed up to date. She reported the price would be \$257.00 for 2000 books. Catherine Mason made a motion to order 3000 books and seconded by Joan Shanabarger. Vote carried.

No new report on insurance.

Opal reported she had sent 20 sympathy cards, 18 get-well, 3 birth congratulation, 1 silver wedding anniversary, and a thoughtful birthday card sent to the mother of Pete Pratt, who has worked so faithfully with the Volunteers. Get-well cards were passed around to sign for Lois Boaz and Doris VanWinkle.

Verta gave a report on price for lapel pins previously paid in 1960 and new price by Onan Laughman for 500 pins cost \$525.00. Catherine Mason made motion to buy 500 pins; seconded by Jo Lantz. Vote carried.

President Rosella appointed Donna Brown from New Haven Auxiliary for Waterball chairman; Pauline Glaub as Installing Officer; and asked for a volunteer for Men's Lapel pins and Auxiliary pins chairman.

Recessed for lunch.

After a delicious meal, the afternoon session was called to order. The president appointed Lucy Stofer, Wayne Township No.5, Indianapolis for the new chairman for men's lapel and auxiliary pins. Jo Lantz made a motion to reorder 100 auxiliary pins, seconded by Carolyn McCarty; vote carried.

In old business the grave markers were discussed. 4 districts reported in favor, 1 undecided, 1 declined, and 1 no report. After more discussion and the Men's Association gave permission to use their die, Jo Lantz made the motion: "If the family or Local Auxiliary desires to purchase marker, it will be available for deceased auxiliary member." Seconded by Catherine VanArsdale and vote carried.

Vice-President reported doll tickets available and several distributed. Ruth Ford made a motion for the sergeant-at-arms to have the flags dry cleaned; Ruth Fairfield seconded; vote carried.

Districts Reports:

1 & 2—Letter from Chairman Jean Camp was read by the president, who was absent because of illness in the family. The August meeting was held at Black Oak Station with 27 members from 6 auxiliaries present. Pledge to flag led by Gloria Moore and prayer by Joyce Devine. A nice turnout from East Gary Auxiliary, newest members. I reminded the girls to pay their dues and send to Jo Lantz.

Grave markers were discussed with majority in favor of them. Thought it should be given to family of deceased if they wanted it. Meeting adjourned and a very interested program presented — "Fire Department from Around the World". Next meeting at Cedar Lake.

In September, Betsy Howe and I were guests at the East Gary Auxiliary installation ceremony at Puntilla Lounge. A very good time by all.

October 23 meeting was held at Cedar Lake with 34 members from 8 departments. I reminded about the dues again.

It was suggested from the floor that we have an award similar to Mr. I. V. F. A. for the ladies, a Mrs. I. V. F. A., or some such name to award anyone in the State organization, who has put in the extra work for the State Organization. Nominations to come from a committee of three from each district, with a state committee to decide the winner. Our meeting closed and we had Sgt. Tim McCarthy from the Dunes State Police Post, who gave a talk on how a woman alone can protect herself if someone approaches her. His talk was very informative. We then had a delightful lunch. Next meeting March 11 or 17 at Lake Dale Carla fire station.

3—Valeria Pulliam. Minutes read in absence of chairman. Meeting September 30 at Stillwell opened by Chairman Pulliam. Prayer by Jo Lantz in absence of host chaplain. Pledge to the flag by all. Roll call, minutes of last meeting, and treasurer's report all given. Grave markers for women discussed and it was declined. Insurance for women discussed and explained by Mrs. Pulliam. Talk given by men's State Chairman, Duane Lantz, who also presented pins to Past Auxiliary Chairmen of District 3. They are Carolyn McCarty of Noble Township, Jo Lantz of Scipio Township, Lucille Cohen of Springfield Township, Adeline VanKosky of Scipio Township, and Marie Moore of Coolspring Township. A chairman's pin also given to Valeria Pulliam. 33 ladies were present from 7 department. Activities coming up were Scipio Township, October 11, Fish Fry; Beatty Hospital, October 19, Pancake and Sausage breakfast; Pleasant Township, November 1, Feather Party; Union Mills, October 3, Trash and Treasure Sale; Washington Township, November 2, Chicken Dinner. Next meeting is January 1970 at Springfield Township; date to be answered. Meeting closed with prayer by Jo Lantz. Refreshments served. Attendance prize winners were Leatha Falto; Margaret Gaw; Anna Harden; Jo Lantz; and Margaret Tarnow.

6—Joan Shanabarger. The October meeting was held at Pleasant Lake on the 16th. Roll call was answered by 9 meetings from 5 department. Minutes were read and approved. There was a balance of \$12.32 from our picnic. We discussed the grave markers and a vote was taken in favor of them. Joan gave a report that Dorothy Anstett and she went to Ashley to help them organize and try to get them in the State. The next meeting to be held at New Haven. Our collection was \$1.45. Coming events—Kendallville, Auxiliary meeting November 4 and will have a floral demonstration. December 2nd they will be going to the Woodshed in Fort Wayne. They have also delivered invalid stickers. LaOtto, Feather Bingo November 22nd. Being no further business Joan read a few poems and we joined the men for two films and enjoyed coffee and rolls.

The November meeting was held the 20th at New Haven. The pledge to the flag was given. 15 members from 8 departments were present. Chairman Joan read a poem about "Turkey on Thanksgiving". Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Our kitty now totals \$13.77. Joan announced that the Ashley Auxiliary has joined the State. Opal Laughman gave a report on her visit to District 10. It sounded very interesting. Coming events—New Haven, Christmas Potluck, December 13; Thorncreek Potluck December 15; Adams No. 1—Christmas party for adults, December 13 and a children's party, December 14. Wayne No. 2—Potluck supper, November 29 for men and women. Auxiliary party December 12. Wayne No. 1—Men and women dinner, December 6. Auxiliary party, December 13. Angola has family party, December 1. It was announced that Pat Wade has moved to California and a new treasurer will be appointed. Next meeting in January at Coesse. Joined the men for refreshments.

7—Marjorie Brames. Meeting held at Liberty Center on September 15. 6 members from 4 departments were present. Pledge to flag given. Minutes given. We talked about the grave markers and were approved. Poe Firemen are having a dance on November 8. We joined the men for entertainment and lunch. November 17 meeting was held at Geneva with 9 members from 3 departments. Pledge to flag given and minutes read. I read the letter that we do not have a State Treasurer and discussed it. We

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From Your Auxiliary President

As we pass the busy Holiday Season and work into the new year of 1970, it is now time to take stock of our membership and new auxiliaries.

From all indications, it sounds as though our women are still very busy forming new auxiliaries and listening for anyone who are interested in our auxiliary. I hope they will materialize and be blessed with lots of success and enjoyment of helping our fellow firemen, as well as others who need our help. The growing of our auxiliaries and fire department is so very encouraging. But please remember "our men are behind us and we are behind our men!"

It is also time to start planning for our State Convention at Shelbyville along with the Water Ball. We need all the teams possible to make it a success and to encourage others to join our State. In closing may God bless each and every one of us as we continue through our life's way of working and enjoying our fellow friends.

Your 1970 Auxiliary President
Rosella Bousman

Memorial

TO

DORIS VAN WINKLE

Just a thought of sweet remembrance

Just a memory sad and true
Just the love and sweet devotion

From your friends who think of you.

Fire Lassies:

A saddened veil covered many of our households Friday morning early, December 19, 1969, as word was received that during the night death had taken a very dear friend, Doris VanWinkle.

Doris belonged to the Greenville Volunteer Firemen's Auxiliary and she was also a very active member of the State Organization. She served three years as 16th District Chairman and on the State Board of Directors.

Doris was very much interested in all the work of her local, district and State Auxiliary of the Firemen's Organization. She worked hard in all their activities; willing to help and attend other locals.

For sometime Doris was not well but she kept going and looking for the best as long as she could. Last July she entered the hospital and was missed very much locally and in the state meetings.

Her sweetness and willingness for others was shown by her neighboring auxiliary friends in helping Andy and the family visit her at the hospital, do things at the house after her return from the hospital. Many local auxiliaries and State Officers shared their last respects at the Funeral Home. As the days go slipping by, Sometimes your thoughts will backward fly,

To that one whose gone before,
That dear one on yonder shore.
Her place is one in honor given
As in the work she had striven,
She whose life you knew so well
Now with God for e'er to dwell.
God alone can heal the sorrow
As you look to each tomorrow,
Faith in Him your strength upholds

As God's plan of life unfolds,
Respectfully,
Thelma Lester,
Corresponding Secretary

Auxiliary Officers Meeting

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do not know who to put up for it. We had our gift exchange and played Bingo. We joined the men for entertainment and lunch.

10—Barber Surber. The 10th District meeting was held at Manilla August 18. We had a pitch-in-supper and a very relaxed meeting as we were dressed for a picnic. Meeting was opened with the pledge to flag. Devotions by chaplain, Mrs. Ruble. Secretary report read and approved. Minutes from August State officers meeting were read. Discussion was held on the grave markers. Thelma Lester explained to the members about the markers. Nothing was decided. Waldron announced they would have the next meeting November 17. Meeting was closed with prayer by chaplain. We all played Bingo and had a lot of fun as usual.

November 17th meeting at Waldron with 10 Auxiliary represented, 92 members and 6 guests. "Holiday on the Moon" was the theme. The meeting was opened with all singing "America the Beautiful". Pitch-in-supper was enjoyed all in the atmosphere of Christmas on the moon, with the Waldron's fire house decorated with stars, big dipper, little dipper, earth, other planets, Milky way, angel, Nativity Scene and the Christmas tree. Meeting was opened by Mrs. Surber thanking Waldron. All members gave pledge to the flag. Devotion by chaplain Mrs. Ruble read "Why we have Christmas on the 25th of December." Mrs. Surber welcomed and introduced our special guests, Mrs. Opal Laughman, State Chaplain, and Thelma Lester, State Corresponding Secretary. Mrs. Barbara Parker read the secretary minutes of August in absence of Mrs. Slifer. They were approved. Old business: — Grave markers were discussed again. Not decided and was to take back to local and answer next time. Acton Auxiliary would be host for meeting February 16.

New business: Discussion on I. V. F. A. Convention to be held in Shelbyville. The 10th District men and women are hosts. There was discussion on what needed to be done. Inez Jeffries stated that Fountaintown lost a state member, Florence Settle. Meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Ruble.

Mrs. Surber turned the meeting over to Waldron. Entertainment was a trip, Mickey Dale, Nancy Dale, and Donna Raymond, singing "Story of Christmas". The ladies all enjoyed the Christmas gift exchange. Door prizes were won by Betty Barnsfather from Taylorsville, Inez Adams and Inez Jeffries from Fountaintown. Bingo was enjoyed by all. The evening ended by Shirley Knoll announcing that the space ship would be leaving for earth and hoped everyone had enjoyed their evening on the moon.

11—Vica McGill. September meeting was held at Coalmont Fire House with Hymera Department as co-hostess. After a delicious dinner with the men, we adjourned to our meeting with 22 ladies present. Our guest, Thelma Lester, explained requirements to belong to local auxiliaries and also to become a state member. Coalmont Auxiliary paid their dues to become new members to the state. We discussed the grave markers for the ladies. Most of the ladies thought it would be nice. Thelma discussed officers meeting.

November meeting was held at Fillmore and we met along with the men. The Fillmore Auxiliary presented a check for \$400.00 to their firemen to help pay on their new truck. Everyone departed thanking the Fillmore Department for a delicious dinner. Our next meeting will be January 18 at Pimento Fire House.

President Rosella Bousman, wished all a Happy Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Chaplain Opal Laughman.
Respectfully submitted,
Jo Lantz, Recording Secretary
Rosella Bousman, President

Officers' Meeting, Kokomo

February 8, 1970

The meeting was called to order by President Rosella Bousman. She gave a quotation "Kind words make kind echoes". Sgt.-at-arms, Catherine Mason, led all in pledge to the flag and was followed with prayer led by Chaplain, Opal Laughman.

President read an acknowledgement card and a letter of thanks from Mrs. Thelma Scott, daughter of our deceased member and former officer, Doris VanWinkle.

Mrs. Harvey Hacker, the Fire Marshal's wife, and other guests were introduced.

Roll call was answered by 21 elected officers, past presidents, district chairmen and committee members. Our treasurer reported a balance of \$1161.21 and a membership of 1645. Bonding subject was discussed and decided to continue as written in By-laws.

Minutes were read and approved, bills presented and correspondence read.

Committee reports:—Lucy Stofer, Pins chairman, displayed pins for money-making project. Tabled until afternoon.

Chaplain reported 26 sympathy cards, 21 Shut-in, 3 birth congratulations cards sent out and 3 Auxiliary state members deaths.

By-Laws: Janet Goodwin reported the books were printed and the Printer, Mr. Laney would deliver them today. It was decided to distribute them by sending a new by-law book along with each membership card as dues were received next fiscal year.

Sgt.-at-arms: Catherine Mason reported on the grave markers. The original pattern would cost \$50.00 or less and thereafter in lots of 25 each would cost \$7.60. It was decided later with a motion by Ruth Ford, seconded by Pauline Glaub to table the grave markers until after convention.

Old Business: Secretary reported more membership certificates had been mailed and she had more for president to sign.

Meeting dismissed for lunch.

The afternoon session was called to order. The pin project was again discussed. Jo Lantz made a motion, seconded by Catherine VanArsdale to buy the jewelry and sell them at convention and thereafter by the Pin Chairman and volunteer help. Vote carried. Lois Boaz suggested to let the Pin Chairman decide how many to order.

Inez Jeffries suggested District Chairmen reports be condensed. Jo Lantz received a letter from an auxiliary asking if State had a certificate or card to present to an honorary member. In the

By-Laws book Article III, Section I the state considers "Honorary members are wives of the members of State Fire Marshal's office and wives of Fire Equipment Salesmen".

District Reports:

1 & 2—Jean Camp. Absent and no report except sent word by Mrs. Esserman that Mr. Camp had surgery.

3—Valerie Pulliam—Absent; no report.

6—Joan Shanabarger—The district met January 15 at Coesse with 16 members from 6 auxiliaries present. Get-Well cards were signed and sent to Mrs. Florence Hively and Edith Turney.

The February meeting will be held at LaOtto with an auction of home-made articles. We enjoyed a very interesting talk and film on Narcotics.

7—Marjorie Brames—Meeting held at Hoagland January 19 with 8 members and 1 guest from 4 auxiliaries. Poe told of making over 3500 lbs. of peanut brittle that was sold at Christmas. Hoagland baked cookies. Dismissed to join the men for entertainment and lunch.

10—Barbara Surber. No meeting held since last officers' meeting. Next meeting February 16 at Acton Fire House.

11—Vica McGill. January meeting held at Pimento Fire House. After a delicious dinner with the men, we met with 21 ladies present. We were honored to have our new State treasurer, Verta Engle with us.

I appointed a nominating committee for our next meeting. Passed out Doll tickets. Next meeting is March 15 at North Terre Haute Fire House.

16—Lois Boaz. No meeting in January because of bad weather. Next meeting March 3 at New Albany Township. Campbellsburg Department has come into the 16th District so I will invite all women to attend.

Ruth Ford made a motion and seconded by Joan Shanabarger to have new membership forms made with 4 duplicates. Vote carried.

Next officers' meeting April 19 at Holiday Inn at Shelbyville. Meeting dismissed with prayer by Opal.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosella Bousman, President
Jo Lantz, Recording Secretary

Haysville Firemen's Auxiliary Installs Officers



Pictured right to left; Rita Kiefer from Jasper Auxiliary, acting as installing officer, installs the newly elected Auxiliary officers; Lovella Nigg, President; Ellene Schmitt, Vice President; Sue Eisenhut, Secretary; Millred Noble, Treasurer; Ilma Neukam, Chaplain; Hilda Vogel, Sergeant-At-Arms. They will hold their offices up to the month of June 1970.

Ilma Neukam, Chaplain was not present at the time the picture was taken.

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NOTICE

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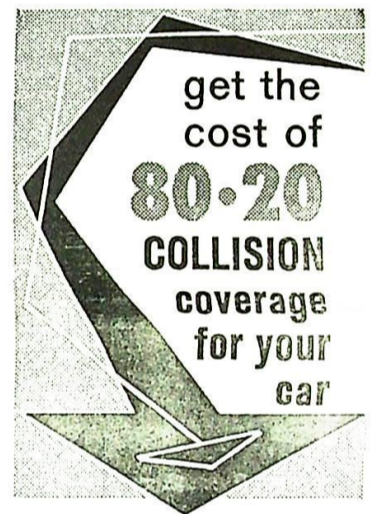
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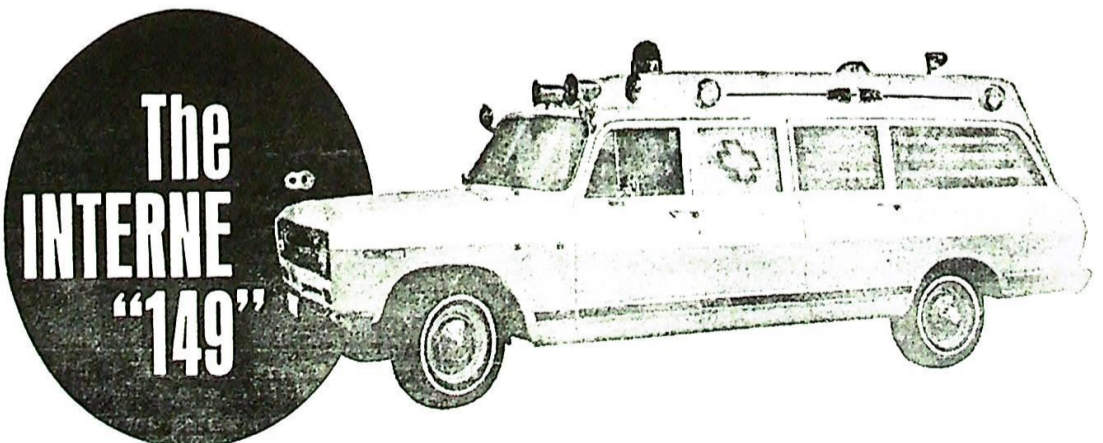
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FORCIBLE ENTRY DRILL

OBJECTIVE: This drill is planned to demonstrate to the members of the department the problems that arise, and the methods available to them to perform forcible entry in the departments protection area.

General Suggestions:

A. At least a week prior to the drill, assign two-man teams to cover the following areas of your fire protection district.

1. The general shopping areas (One team should easily be able to cover a business block.)
2. Storage and industrial properties.
3. Public buildings (Schools, Churches, etc.)
4. Hospitals, institutions, jails and nursing homes where special problems may arise.
5. Apartments, multiple-family housing, and trailers.
6. The "special target hazards" in your area.

B. Have these teams look for the following items, record their findings and report on them at this drill.

1. The type of locking devices used on all important doors (pad locks, steel bars, chains, etc.)
2. Types of doors used.

- a. Plate glass
- b. Tempered glass
- c. Solid wood
3. Best means of getting into these buildings.

- a. Use front door or back door (back doors of stores are often more secure than the front)
- b. Remove hinges

- c. Break windows (some plate glass windows are a lot cheaper to replace than a tempered glass door.)
- d. Knock out panel of door.

- e. Breach the wall (some apartment doors appear to be stronger than the surrounding walls.)
4. Notice the type windows used.

- a. Bars or protective screens on windows.
- b. Non-opening windows.
- c. Casement windows or factory windows.
- d. Windowless buildings.

5. Determine the most important door to open for evacuation or rescue purposes.

- a. Closest door to hallways.
- b. Larger doors for removal of invalids, people overcome or bed patients.

- c. Doors near stairways.
6. Notice special problems.

- a. Fences and gates.
- b. Electric doors.
- c. Burglar protection.
- d. Elevators

7. Determine, who, if necessary, must be notified at the time of entry.

- a. Banks.
- b. Government property or business under government contract.

8. Record any special hazards that the entering fireman might encounter. (This can vary from the watch dog to complex industrial hazards.)

- C. Have each group report on their findings at this drill, and at this time, determine what procedures the department will follow in case of a fire at these properties concerning forcible entry.

- D. This will be a good time to see if the forcible entry equipment carried by the department is adequate. If special equipment, like cutting torches are needed, now is the time to make plans for having them available.

- E. This drill will provide the opportunity for the members of the department to further their public relations contact with the community. Make certain the members of each team inspecting their assigned buildings explain to the proper people what they are doing, and why. These teams should be representatives of the fire service, and not out just to "case the joint".

Submitted

Carl B. Lederer

Member I. F. A.

I. V. F. A.

I. F. I. A.

"The Need For A Training Standard In All Fire Departments"

I have just completed my eighth year as a fire instructor and have a definite opinion that there is a great need in the efficient operation of any fire fighting organization.

Obviously, enthusiasm can not replace skill, since both enthusiasm and skill are the most basic requirements of a good fire department. Enthusiasm can be engendered by chiefs of departments and very quickly. But skill can only be developed through hard work, and practice, and very slowly. Thus, after fire prevention efforts, drill and training must be the foremost projects of any successful fire department.

Too often in the fire service today, a fire chief is satisfied when he can surround a burning building and pitch water at it for hours without having the knowledge and experience of when to use small or large lines.

There are many challenges which confront the fire service with the need of more training instructors, so the fire service can have more trained personnel who can more effectively and efficiently do their jobs with less effort and with greater safety:

The fire service today is entering an interesting era. There are things that we can do. There are things that we must do. Let us not take the easy path and do only those things that are easy to do.

Indiana Fire Instructors Association
Edward R. Sowell, President

Hostetler Heads Fire Volunteers Of Merrillville

John Hostetler was recently elected president of the Merrillville Volunteer Fire Department.

Other new officers include Arthur Demmon, vice president; Charles Huber, secretary and publicity director; Kenneth Smith, treasurer; William Markle, fire chief; Jerry Miller, assistant fire chief; Lyle Thomas, captain; William Collins, first lieutenant; Gary Harding, second lieutenant; Jack Springer, third lieutenant and Ed Stewart, fourth lieutenant.

Huber reported that the department answered 289 emergency calls during 1969 and held 115 fire inspections in the schools and businesses.

New Classification For Harris Twp. Fire Dept.

Harris Township Volunteer fire department has the honor of being a class 9 department, after being a class 10 rated department for many years. Through the efforts of the firemen this classification will entitle home-owners to get a decrease in their premium, depending on their insurance policy.

Harris Township Volunteer Fire Department also held their annual officer election in December. The new officers are: Chief, Norm Crocker, Assistant Chief, days, Stan Suski, Assistant Chief, nights, Jack Bartlet, Captains were Co. 1, Chuck Poynter, Co. 2, John Duncan, Co. 3, Jerry Hunt, Secretary, Bob Palmer, Jr., Treasurer, Dick Dewey, and Jim Virgil was added to the board of directors.

These fine men will direct the fire protection for Harris Township for the year of 1970.

Kingsbury Firemen Save Tire Firm Losses

Tire company officials at a Kingsbury Industrial and Development area plant said today fire damage to their plant limited to an estimated \$3,000 because of the quick and efficient work of the Kingsbury volunteer firemen who doused the flames.

Transtate Tire company officials said the flames started in a production area of the plant sometime between 11 and 11:30 Sunday night.

Company officials spoke highly of the Kingsbury volunteer fire department which brought the fire under control.

Company general Manager Kenneth E. Martin said, "Firemen really took care of the blaze for us and we are thankful for the job they did. It was quite remarkable that so little damage was done."

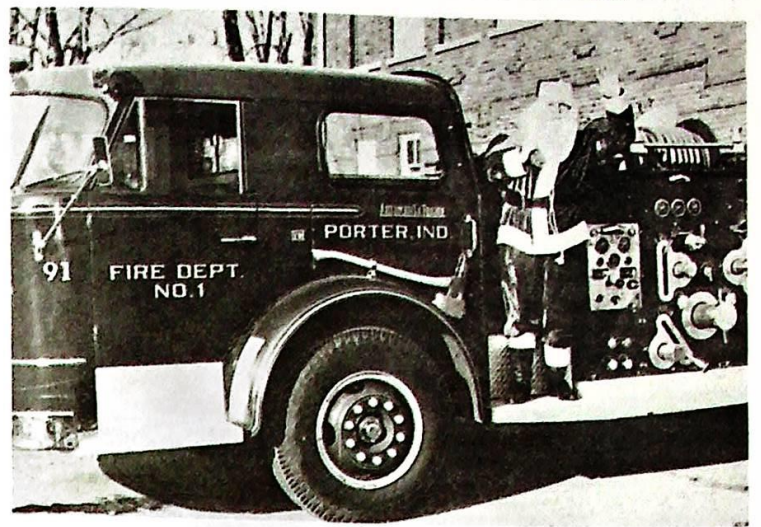
Fire damage was limited to a wall within the plant, but heavy smoke damage was done to equipment. Martin related that the equipment would be cleaned by tonight.

Martin offered two possible causes. He said sparks from a wall gas heater or from possibly damaged insulation could have been the cause.

Martin explained that \$70,000 in new equipment had been installed, and it was possible that some wiring had been cut by the workmen.

No definite time was offered but Martin said it is believed the fire started sometime between 11 and 11:30 p. m.

PORTER FIREMEN ASSIST SANTA



Porter Firemen played host to Santa during his visit in Town. He was given a ride through town aboard Engine 91 with the rest of the department leading the way. After the parade Santa had gifts of apples, oranges and candy canes for

all children who came to the fire station.

Santa was played by Porter's retired chief, Walter Wesley.

The Ladies' Auxiliary also delivered fruit packages to needy families in the community.

Fremont Chief Lists Fire Losses

The following report of the Fremont Volunteer Fire Department for the year 1969 was compiled by Fire Chief Elmer Higbee:

Number of fire runs—108; of this number 51 were grass and brush fires which required 436 man hours; 57 were buildings, cars, tractors and combine fires which required 789 man hours, for a total of 1225 man hours.

The estimated loss from the fires was \$188,425.00. In the accidents at which the Fremont Firemen were called, nine people were killed, two being burned to death.

Some of the larger fires and the loss were: Ned Sullens' barn — \$7,000; Amos English tenant house—\$5,000; Bernard Rose tenant house — \$3,000; Lloyd McMurray building — \$5,000; Kenneth house—\$25,000; Merle Kuhn barn — \$35,000; Terry Potts barn—\$7,250; Arnold Tonnie—\$7,000; car fire, interchange of road 27 and I-69 — \$2,400; car fire at Lake George —\$2,000; car camper and trailer, 2 killed on I-69—\$5,200; Lake George Hotel—\$12,000; Holiday House Motel—\$1,200; truck and trailer on I-69—\$4,000; Ora Cole house — \$5,000; hydramatic crane on I-69 — \$20,000; Lloyd Draper house—\$4,000.

The Fremont firemen were also called at different times to help other Fire Departments and this Department also received help from neighboring departments.

Liberty Township Receives New Pumper

Liberty Township (Porter Co.) Fire Department got a 1970 American LaFrance Pioneer 5 man cab GMC Detroit V6 diesel powered 750 GPM pumper. It has a 750 gallon tank and a 2500 watt ac electric start generator.

It was purchased from Bud Johnson of Hoosier Fire Equipment by the Liberty Township Trustee and Advisory Board.

Chief Tony Meska, Assistant Chief, Tom Brooks, and Capt. Leland Albertson went to Elmira, New York and returned with the new pumper on Sunday, February 1st.

Along with the new pumper Liberty has a 3700 Gallon tanker purchased last year, a 1500 gallon tanker-pumper, 200 gallon 4 wheel drive grass fire truck, 600 gallon Darley pumper, and an ambulance.

A 2 bay addition was built

on the station last year making it a 4 bay 60 ft. by 81 ft. building.

The department has 36 active firemen and covers Liberty Township and also Jackson Township along with the Westville Department.

Officers for 1970 are: Chief Toney Meska, Assistant Chief Tom Brooks, Captain Leland Albertson, 1st Lt. Robert Esserman, 2nd Lt. Allen Saffran, 3rd Lt. George Tanner, Inspector Rollie Sanders.

Pine Township Dept. Builds Grass Fire Truck



Pine Township (Porter Co.) Fire Department has acquired a 1953 one ton army Dodge truck and are in the process of adding equipment to it to make a grass fire rig. A metal cab, 250 gallon tank, a navy handy bail pump, and 24 volt flasher lights were installed on the chassis. The body has been painted white with red fenders and top.

Clarence (Slick) Garbe and Lawrence (Larry) Beck and other members have worked on this latest addition to the department. Vernon Jones is the Fire Chief and also District 1 Secretary.

Right House, Wrong Firemen

Two separate fire departments answered a call to a rural home recently and both discovered on arrival that the house was outside their territory.

White River firemen and Ridgeville firemen went to the home of Yewell Kindred on county road 500-northwest of the Clear Creek Church where wiring on an electric stove had shorted out. The fire was minor and resulted only in smoke damage according to White River fire chief Ivan Jessup. The White River and Ridgeville firemen found later that the Kindred home is actually in the territory of the Ward township volunteers.

Retired Ferdinand Firemen Honored at Meeting



Fireman Merlyn Lueken presents honor plaques to retired firemen Vic Oser and Doc Schnieders. —News Photo

Two retired Ferdinand Firemen were invited to the annual Firemen and Auxiliary dinner, which was held at the Oasis Cafe Saturday night, January 17.

They were presented with plaques in recognition of their many years of service to the community on the fire department. Doc Schnieders' plaque read for faithful service over a 34 year period and Vic Oser's for 36 years of faithful service.

Present members of the Ferdinand Volunteer Fire Department, headed by Fire Chief Jackson Meyer, include the following: Eddie Oser and Tom Gerber (most recent members replacing Schnieders and Oser), Merlyn Lueken, Cletus Luebbehusen, Edwin Hoppenjans, Bill Hoge, James Olinger, Ralph Albert, Art Sondermann, Leo Pund, Bernard Pund, Wayne Seufert, Jim Uebelhor, Jerry Durlauf and Alfred Spayd.

Union City Fire

One of the oldest buildings in Union City was destroyed by fire recently.

The Penn Central railroad's vacant warehouse located just east of the Indiana-Ohio state line burned to the ground. Twenty-three firemen from both the East Side and West Side fire departments battled the blaze which was driven by high winds and threatened the St. Clair Mills, grain elevator, located beside the warehouse.

The alarm was turned in at 11:35 a. m. by a resident of East Main street, and East Side Chief Carl Wright, Jr. said the entire inside of the building was ablaze when firemen arrived at the scene. The fire was reported under control by 1:30 p. m.

Wright said the structure was in a "very poor" state of repair and had been condemned for more than a year. A court order concerning the railroad's failure to tear it down was pending, he said. Because it had been condemned, the building was not covered by insurance.

Flames destroyed the railroads' communications system and signal lines, causing all traffic between Union City and Ansonia, O., where the line has a regional dispatch office, to come to a halt for several hours.

Communications and signal lines had to be replaced by railroad personnel. Streets near the demolished building were blocked until 7 a. m. Monday.

Wright said the building had been used for some time as a "hangout" for derelicts and that cause of the fire probably could be attributed to one of them.

One fireman, Garner Moore, was injured fighting the blaze when he stepped on a nail.

AUXILIARY NEWS

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THIRD DISTRICT

Third District IVFA Auxiliary met in the Springfield Fire station with the Springfield Auxiliary as host group. The meeting was opened by Chairman Mrs. William Pulliam. The Lord's Prayer was said in unison, and the Pledge to the Flag was given by all. Roll call was answered by 19 members present, representing 4 departments.

The secretary and treasurer reports were given. Minutes of the State Officers meeting were read.

Grave markers are available for Auxiliary members if they so desire. Beatty Hospital has organized an Auxiliary and Mrs. Pulliam is a member of this group.

There are 1634 paid memberships in the State Auxiliary. New revised by-law books will soon be available.

Our District 3 "Traveling Doll", (she is awarded to the Auxiliary having the most members present at the meeting) is still missing. We hope she will be back next meeting. Lincoln Township (Fish Lake) will be host department for the next meeting, time and date to be announced.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Roy Moore. Refreshments were served.

Game winners were, Mrs. William Pulliam, Mrs. Duane Lantz, Mrs. Ruth Waldo, Mrs.

Otto Arndt, Mrs. Gerald Cohen, Mrs. Lawrence Parmaley, Mrs. Raymond Tarnaw, Mrs. Charles Staat, Mrs. John Jaske, Mrs. Vernon Gaw, Mrs. Roy Moore and Mrs. Lillian Babcock.

Mrs. Raymond W. J. Tarnaw, Secretary

TENTH DISTRICT

The Waldron Volunteer Firemen's Auxiliary hosted the 10th District meeting on November 17, 1969. Among the 99 ladies present were 3 state officers. We were honored to have as our guests Mrs. Opal Laughman, Chaplain; Mrs. Thelma Lester, Corresponding Secretary; and Mrs. Mary Stafford, Immediate Past President. The theme for the evening was "Holidays on the Moon". Costumes and decorations were in keeping with the theme, including a rocket ship through which each guest entered. Entertainment was furnished by Mrs. Micky Dale, Miss Nancy Dale, and Miss Donna Haymond, all of Waldron.

The Auxiliary presented Christmas gifts to the Firemen. They were racks to hang on the kitchen wall at the Fire Station, and each fireman was given a red coffee cup with his name on it.

For fund raising projects we sold Christmas candles, served a luncheon for the ladies of the Methodist Church, and are going to have an auction of home made items at our February

meeting. Each member will donate something which she has made for the auction.

The Auxiliary is now occupied with sending a box of clothing and other items to the Lebra Indian School in Ashland, Montana; and are also making plans for the Koffee Klatsch which we will serve at the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Convention at Shelbyville, in June.

Mrs. Ruth Reynolds
Corresponding Secretary

PINE LADIES HELP 15 NEEDY FAMILIES

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Pine Twp. Volunteer fire department distributed gifts and Christmas food baskets to 15 needy families.

The Ben Franklin store in Chesterton gave toys, and the "212" Bargain Center gave \$500 worth of toys. All 12 auxiliary members donated food and candy.

Mrs. Henry Wolford was chairman of the project, and the distribution was carried out by Mrs. Clarence Garbe, Jr., Mrs. Lawrence Beck, Mrs. Henry Schuttle, Mrs. Lester Furness and Mrs. George Christopher.

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International Water Ball Rules for men and women revised at annual meeting held in Angola, Indiana on September 7, 1968. Annual International contest will be held in Angola, Indiana the first weekend after Labor Day each year.

EQUIPMENT

Standard 15" ball of 16 gauge steel, fig. No. 1. Ball to be painted yellow, hanger to be painted black. Cable to be 3/8" 6 strand hemp center regular lay 12,000 lb. breaking strength or better no greasing of cable. Cable 10' above court. Cable to be made as tight as possible.

PLAYING FIELD

Waterball equipment shall be erected on level street or other playing surface of suitable type for secure footing when wet. The A frames shall be 110' feet apart. The court shall be 30' wide, 110' in length. The team, their captain and contest officials are the only personnel allowed on the court during the contest.

The playing court shall be marked as follows, fig. No. 2. The center point of the cable shall be marked an equal distance from each end of the playing field. The cable shall be painted 3' each way from center point, a total of 6'. This area is to be called "Dead Time".

The 7 1/2' mark each way from center shall be marked 5" each way or a total of 10" of solid marking.

Starting line shall be marked 15' each direction from the center point.

Guard lines shall be marked 40' each direction from the center point. Cable clamps shall be secured to the cable 45' each direction from the center point.

The cable markings and the court markings shall be painted with yellow DaGlow paint or similar.

The court shall have 1" stripes under each cable mark as shown in fig. No. 2.

There shall be an on deck circle provided close to the court's convenient to each particular contest.

PLAYING RULES

A man's ball team shall consist of (1) guard and (3) fieldmen No. 1 nozzel man, No. 2 back up man, and No. 3 hoseman, 1 coach. A ladies' water ball team shall consist of (1) guard and (4) fieldmen, No. 1 nozzel man, No. 2 back up man, No. 3 hoseman, No. 4 hoseman. There may be 2 coaches per team.

On the ladies' team the nozzel coach shall be 4 feet across from players. The assistant coach 3 feet across from back-guard to relay messages from coach. Assistant coach will be able to step in if needed, not on nozzel but as assistance to guard from back.

The fieldmen must cross streams over the ball before signal to start contest.

The fieldmen are permitted to stand any distance back of the 15' starting line at the beginning of the contest. After contest is started they are free to maneuver any place on the playing field. The 3 fieldmen may change position during any 3 minute heat. Between any heat any of the 5 team members may change places. Teams change ends for second heat of contest.

The nozzel pressure shall be 90 lbs. with both lead nozzles open. The 2 nozzel men must cross streams over the ball before signal to start contest.

The guard must stay back of guard line 40' from center at all times, while the contest is under way.

The guard may turn on nozzel when ball is on 7 1/2' mark and must shut it off at 3' mark from center point. All timing and judging shall be done from center of ball.

Ladies' official game shall consist of 2 heats 2 minutes each. A man's official game shall consist of 2 heats, 3 minutes each. After first heat has been played, second heat is delayed until all teams have played first heat.

The two teams in the final playoff shall have a ten minute rest period before the game starts, with a 3 minute rest between heats.

PROTECTIVE GEAR

Men's team and coach shall wear the following:

1. Standard firemen's helmet.
2. Standard firemen's boots.
3. Standard firemen's coats.

Women's team and coaches shall wear the following:



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1. Standard firemen's helmet.
2. Standard firemen's coats or raingear of their choice.
3. Boots or sneakers of their choice.

METHOD OF TIMING

There shall be one starter and two timekeepers, all of whom are classed as judges with all judges decisions final.

If contest is stopped because of trouble with equipment or lack of water, the ball shall be started from where it was when the failure took place.

Fifteen seconds will be credited to team scoring goal. A goal is scored by driving the ball into the opponent's territory and against cable stops 45' from center.

The fifteen seconds credit for scoring goal shall not be counted as playing time.

On completion of goal, the ball is to be started at center, using balance of the three minute time of heat. Balance of two minute heat for ladies.

There is no "scoring" time kept while ball is in "dead time" area.

PENALTIES

For guard using hose stream after ball is in opposing team's area, 5 seconds for each offense.

Illegal use of guard hose stream—5 seconds for each offense. The team will be penalized 20 seconds if nozzel coach moves past 4' line.

For intentional throwing or dropping the nozzel on the playing field, a team is disqualified.

Intentional directing of hose stream at opponents on opposing team shall disqualify the entire team.

Interference by coach of friendly spectators shall disqualify the entire team at the judge's discretion.

Only coach or team captain shall contact judge during any dispute.

Substitution for physical discomfort shall be allowed in No. 3 position, namely, hoseman, in case of ladies' No. 4 hoseman, man leaving shall be disqualified from the contest.

No other substitution will be permitted with exception of injury to a player.

No entries allowed in contest after deadline time posted for said contest.

Each participant is required to sign a release before play is started, releasing any party from liability, due to the fact that these contests are conducted only for entertainment.

HOSE LAYOUT

The fieldmen of one team shall have 100 feet of 1 1/2 inch hose. Both hoses for fieldmen shall be supplied off the same 2 1/2 inch lines.

The guards shall have 100 feet of 1 1/2 inch hose each, with both guard hoses being supplied off the same 2 1/2 inch line.

Shut off nozzles shall have 1/2 inch tips—no gates or valves shall be used on Y's.

EDUCATIONAL CORNER

SUMMER TRAINING

OBJECTIVE: This is designed to provide ample time and opportunity to discuss the department training program for the summer months of May through August or September. These months will provide excellent weather conditions for active outside drills. Take advantage of this season and see that the department gets good concentrated training. Too often poor weather during spring, fall and winter is used for slacking off on active training. The above time is the best.

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS

A. Have a meeting with the personnel of your department and discuss the training program for the following four months. At this time, firmly establish the ground rules for this program and emphasize both the need and importance of the training program.

1. This program is designed for one, three-hour drill once a week for the following four months. Establish realistic attendance requirements and see that make up sessions are held for those that miss the sessions. The subjects covered in this program are vital to fire ground operations.

2. This might be a good time to review the true purpose of the fire department, and see that training is placed in the proper perspective with the many other activities of the department.

3. A good training program must be well planned and practically and interestingly presented in order to be well received. The entire cooperation of all members of the department will be needed to carry out this program.

B. Outline the training schedule for the next four months. (Copies of this schedule should be made available in the fire station and, if possible, given to each member.)

1. First Month
a. (Drill No. 1) Basic hose evolutions, including carries, use of double males and females, hose loads (Try a flat load) and stretching hose with minimum manpower.

b. (Drill No. 2) Preconnect hose line drill using booster, 1 1/2", and 2 1/2" lines. Incorporate in this drill the use of supply lines from hydrants or tanker operations.

c. (Drill No. 3) Large line operations, use of master streams, incorporating the capacity of the pumper or the water sources available in the area.

d. (Drill No. 4) Pre-Fire planning drill using an actual target building in your area. Lines should be layed and charged.

2. Second Month
a. (Drill No. 5) Basic ladder evolutions, including normal carries and raises and specialized procedures. At this time practice rescue methods involving the use of ladders.

b. (Drill No. 6) Respond to special hazard property and lay lines and ladder the building. Include hose advancement up ladders and operating hose lines from ladders.

c. (Drill No. 7) Lecture and familiarization with the departments masks. Stress the limitation of this equipment. Allow ample time for all members to wear masks. Encourage and development of skill in donning the mask. Build up confidence in the use of this equipment.

d. (Drill No. 8) Hold a smoke drill where the smoke mask may be used under simulated fire conditions. Include hose advancement, laddering, ventilation, as well as search and rescue in this drill.

3. Third Month
a. (Drill No. 9) Basic pump operation class. This should serve mainly as a refresher class for the pump operators. Emphasize familiarization with the pressure regulating devices, transfer valves, foam equipment, and other related operations.

b. (Drill No. 10) Discuss drafting operations and actually perform a service test on the pump. At this time lay out all the hose carried on the apparatus and test it. When reloading the hose consider splitting the hose bed for greater fire ground flexibility.

c. (Drill No. 11) Hold competitive drill between teams made up of the membership involving charging preconnects, laddering a building and advancing charged lines into the upper part of a building. Masks should be worn during the drill. Safety and proper procedures should be emphasized more than speed.

d. (Drill No. 12) Hold a combined drill with the neighboring department and set up two relay lines to property in the area that would require this operation.

4. Fourth Month
a. (Drill No. 13) Hold a pre-fire plan drill on a shopping area, (Continued on Page 16)

Lake Hills Dedicates

New Truck



Left to right: Duane Lantz, IVFA Chaplain; Louis Cinko, St. John Township Trustee; Paul Pozezanac, Tom Blaskovich and Bill Klahn, Chief of the Lake Hills Fire Department.

Lake Hills hosted the February 18th meeting of District 1 and 2. Over 100 members and guests were present. District 1 Chairman Bob Esserman opened the meeting by asking Verne Konopasek to lead the pledge to the flag. Duane Lantz followed with the invocation. Highlight of the evening was election of a District 2 chairman. Leon Lump of the Lowell Volunteer Fire Department was elected. He will fill the vacancy created when Emil Zula resigned recently.

Guest for the evening was Mr. Louis Cinko, St. John Township Trustee. He spoke briefly on the local fire departments and his appreciation for these dedicated men.

Discussion was held on resolutions for convention and also the urgency of getting reservations for housing at the convention.

Mr. Frank Parillo spoke on his suspension by the Fire Marshal's office. He felt that political beliefs should not enter into the hiring and firing of good qualified men.

The program for the evening was presented by a representative of the Hammond Fire Department. He spoke on the fire prevention program that their department presents to the schools and the home owner.

Following the program, Duane Lantz, IVFA Chaplain, dedicated the new truck that Lake Hills recently finished building.

Refreshments were served by the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Demand For A Unified Fire-Police Force

By Fire Chief, Edward R. Sowell

Neither Fire nor the Police Departments like it, but every now and then some group or organization come up with the idea that the two forces should be unified.

Such a proposal was made recently by some Indiana Mayors and Indiana Economy League to be presented to the 1971 Legislature. Naturally, the firemen and police are against it.

The Economy League had its say: "A considerably less costly alternative would be to use firemen for emergency police duties."

"Still another alternative would be the development of a unified security force. This would involve training firemen to perform routine police while police receive training in fire-fighting techniques. A mobile force might be trained in both police and firefighting functions to handle a variety of incidents which occur at random times."

Many of these arguments seem valid. But men become firemen for certain reasons and policemen for another set of (Continued on Page 16)

District Meetings

DISTRICT 1 AND 2

Wheeler Fire Department was host for the November meeting of Districts 1 and 2 on Wednesday the 19th. 71 men from 18 departments answered roll call. Roy Kittridge formerly of the Hobart Department and holder of IVFA card No. 3 was present and reminisced about when the IVFA first started. Roy is now Porter County Sub District Supervisor of the State Highway Department.

The host department showed two films, one on preplanning and the right and wrong way to fight grain elevator fires and another on gasoline tanker fires.

District 1 Secretary Tom Wyland of the Liverpool-Oregon Department has moved and resigned as Secretary. Vernon Jones, Chief of the Pine Township Department was appointed by Chairman Esserman to finish out the term—Sorry to have you leave Tom.

Lake Hills won the attendance trophy for the month.

Eugene Hughart of Pine Township was appointed to head the 1970 District 1 and 2 picnic.

After the meeting The Wheeler Ladies' Auxiliary served a delicious lunch that was enjoyed by all.

The January 21st meeting was hosted by the Porter Fire Department. Verne Konopasek, Mr. IVFA 1969, led the pledge to the Flag. Thirteen departments were represented by 72 men despite the sub zero weather.

Guests present were William Sievert of the Porter Town Board and Harry C. "Whitney" Kukilka who is Gas Accident Prevention Instructor for U. S. Steel, Gary Whitney showed a film on artificial respiration and gave a very interesting lecture and demonstration gas hazards, artificial respiration, and the use of the Inhalator-Resusator.

Picnic Chairman Gene Hughart reported that it will be at The Harold Rodgers Lakewood Park, located on Meridian (Campbell) Road north of Valparaiso. Two dates were available and the members present voted for Sunday, August 9th.

Neil Wesley from Porter won the 50-50 drawing. Liberty Township took home the attendance trophy with 13 members present. Verne Konopasek gave the Treasurer's report and also the 50-50 club.

A lunch was served by the Porter men after the close of the meeting.

Robert Esserman
Chairman District 1

THE 4TH DISTRICT NEWS

The 4th district had their November meeting at Foraker fire department with 5 departments represented. This district has started a 50-50 club to help defray the cost of the attendance trophy. The last trophy was won three times by Cleveland township, who then retired this trophy, so the 4th district has to purchase a new trophy. (Shame on you Cleveland). The January meeting was scheduled for New Carlisle but the weather man just didn't cooperate, 8 below zero and snowing so the meeting was rescheduled for February 12 at 8:00 at the Penn North Fire Department.

We know several people who travel life's highway pulling on doors marked "push".

DISTRICT 8A AND 8B ENTERTAINED BY HOWE FIRE EQUIPMENT CO.

The Howe Fire Equipment Co. invited District 8A and 8B to their factory in December for their meeting.

The Howe Co. furnished a very good supper and a tour of their factory and showed how each apparatus is a special made order.

The high light of the evening was when they presented door prizes consisting of fire axes, fire brooms, and other prizes which were greatly accepted.

The two districts would like to take this time to thank Howe Fire Equipment Co. for their time devoted to our men.

Ivan Bousman
District 8B Chairman

DISTRICT 8B

The Lynn Fire Department has purchased a new four drive fire truck, especially for grass and small fires. The truck is valued at \$5,000 and carries a capacity of 100 gallons of water. They are also in the process of constructing a new building which will house their fire department and city hall.

It seems that the Ward Township and Farmland Fire Departments are in line for new Fire Trucks. Don't know for sure when??? But they will be appreciated when ever they arrive.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wagner, president of the Ward Township Fire Department was pleasantly surprised in August when twin boys made their appearance at their home. Every one has recovered nicely. They are the parents of one other child, a daughter Brenda Sue, age 10. The new additions have been named Brian and Brad.

The regular meeting of District 8B held their November meeting the 19th at the Farmland Fire Station. Their February meeting will be February 19th at Eaton.

DISTRICT 11.

The 11th District held their January meeting at Pimento Fire House. After a delicious dinner, Chairman McGill called the meeting to order with 15 departments answering roll call.

We had vice-president Bill Engle as our guest and he gave a short talk.

Many fire problems were discussed among the men. With all the cold weather all departments have been busy.

Chaplain Pete King dismissed our meeting.

Next meeting will be held March 15th at the Terre Haute Fire House.

Several departments are planning suppers. Pimento Fire Department has a pancake supper February 21.

North Terre Haute a Fish Fry May 2nd.

The Bridgeton Firemen serve supper and have bingo the 1st Saturday night of every month.

The Dana Firemen entertained their wives February 5 at a delicious dinner. Each lady was given a red and white corsage at the door. Afterward two interesting movies were shown.

Charles McGill
11th District Chairman

That is Life: One gal works 20 years to make a man out of her son; another gal makes a fool out of him in 10 minutes.

DISTRICT NO. 12

Wayne Township, Marion County held election for Chief, Assistant Chief and Secretary-Treasurer. Those elected were Dick Lamb, Chief, Charles Baker, Assistant Chief, and Bill Brooks, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Township has 9 companies and a radio center which is manueled 24 hours around the clock.

They are in the process of building a new Fire Headquarters and radio center this spring.

Elected as drill master for Wayne Township was Al Mendell, who is starting to work on our new Fire School. This school graduates over 100 men each year.

DISTRICT 14

New Washington Fire Department, was host for the January District 14 meeting.

A fair attendance of firemen were present even though the weather was very cold. Ten departments were represented and the Trustee from Vienna Township. They are in process of organizing a new department.

This was one of the best meetings the 14th has held. Our guests were Mr. Harvey Hacker the State Fire Marshal and Mr. Vermont Claridge, chief inspector. They gave a very good talk on problems concerning the Fire Marshal office and service they offered. After the talk about 45 minutes were devoted to questions and answers from the floor. It appears from a program such as this a large portion of the Volunteer Firemens problems revert to Public Relations and Finance.

We had one surprise toward the end of the meeting. Mr. Hacker presented a citation to Mr. Roy Richardson, a new member of Monroe Township Department from Mr. Billy Williams who is Fire Marshal of Kentucky. The citation stated in part that Kentuckys loss was Indianas gain in that Mr. Richardson had been very active in service to Kentucky before moving to Indiana.

Our next meeting will be at Charlestown Fire House, March 18th.

Meeting was adjourned with Ladies' Auxiliary serving coffee and cake.

Sam Bower

ACTON INSTALLS OFFICERS

The Acton Volunteer Fire Department held its Annual Installation of officers Dinner at the fire station in Acton on December 20th, 1969. Guests included at the dinner were: State IVFA President Bill Goodwin and Mrs. Goodwin, Past President Carlos Jeffries and Mrs. Jeffries, Marion County Sheriff Lee Eads and Mrs. Eads, Officers of the Franklin Twp. Co. No. 1, Wanamaker Department, Officers of the Franklin Twp. Co. No. 3, Bunker Hill Department, the other two departments of Franklin Township and Marion County who work close with the Acton Department. Along with other guests from Perry Township, Warren Township, and thruout Marion County.

The 1970 officers of the Acton Department include: Chief Ronald Marlin, Assistant Chief Larry Lynch, Assistant Chief Dale Walker, Captain Kenneth Shafer, Captain Jim Parker, Lt. Tom Bates, Lt. Bob Surber, Truck Maintenance Engineer Dan Wilson, Training Officer Guy Eoff, Radio Coordinator John Fraley. Adiminstrative Officers include President Bill Carman, Vice President Larry

Ferdinand Firemen Receive Flag That Was Flown Over Nation's Capitol



Kneeling, left to right: Merlyn Lueken, Ralph Albert, Wayne Seufert, Tom Gerber. Standing: Edwin Hoppenjans, Art Sonderman, James Olinger, Cletus Lubbehusen, Alfred Spayd.

Members of the Ferdinand Volunteer Fire Department recently received a new flag pole at the station and Cletus Lubbehusen, a member of the Fire Department contacted Senator Vance Hartke, and asked if the senator could get a flag for the station flag pole.

On October 4, a letter was received by the Fire Department which read as follows:

Dear Mr. Lubbehusen: This is to certify that the accompanying flag has flown over the United States Capitol.

I understand this flag is to

be for the Ferdinand Volunteer Fire Department. I thank you for your request and I hope that you will let me know if there is anything further I can do for the Ferdinand Volunteer Firemen.

Sincerely Yours,
Vance Hartke
United States
Senator

On Sunday morning, November 16, the flag was officially raised at the Fire Station by several members of the department, as shown here.

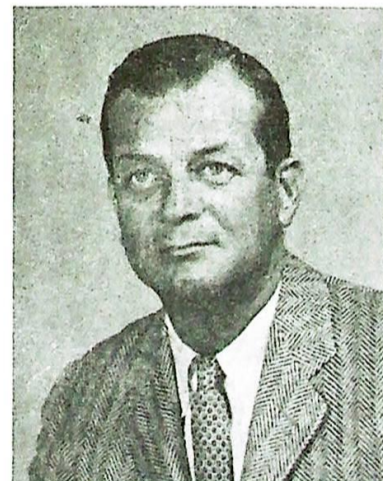
Lynch, Secretary Milburn Thomas, Treasurer Tony Zanghi, Chaplain Rev. Richard Overly.

Board of Directors include: Chairman Dale Walker, Allen McIlquham, Richard Loder, Robert Surber, and Jack Bohn. Other firemen of the Department include: Sam Rabourn, Jack Peek, Herman Tillison, Marvin Kolp, Paul Fraley, Dutch Garsnett, Max Wilson, Dallas Burns, Mike Cole, Gordon Eoff, Eugene Hoffman, Liston Gosser, Gilbert Hoop, Jim Utley, Lester Williams and John Wells.

ATTENTION ALL WATER-

BALL TEAMS: Acton will be holding its Annual Waterball Tournament Sunday, August 16th, 1970. KEEP THIS DATE IN MIND. More details later.

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Groundbreaking ceremonies were held recently at Berne for a new Berne City Building which will be erected on city property a block south of the main business district. The new building will be styled along Swiss architectural lines in keeping with this Swiss community and will house city offices, the fire department and the police department. In the picture, left to right, are Don Grove, Berne chief-of-police; Dr. DoLoss Fireoved and Delmar Neuenschwander, members of the City Council; Mayor Willard Wulliman, breaking ground; James Kortenber of Decatur, representing Haugk Heating and Plumbing; Lores Stucky, Berne clerk-treasurer; Merlin Habegger, general contractor; Dr. Fred Sprunger, Berne city councilman; Robert Biberstein, city attorney and Al Yoder, Berne fire chief.

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SUMMER TRAINING

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lay a charged line and ladder building where possible.
b. (Drill No. 14) First Aid and rescue review. Discuss and perform the essentials of first aid involving artificial respiration, control of bleeding, and splinting. This may be accomplished by having three rotating one hour classes.
c. (Drill No. 15) Hold pre-fire plan drill with neighboring department on local flammable liquid storage facility, all necessary lines should be layed and charged.
d. (Drill No. 16) Hold written test on subjects covered in the past fifteen drills. Give recognition to all members who satisfactorily pass the exam. Areas of weakness as noted by the test should be re-emphasized at future training sessions.
C. Detailed suggestions for each of the drills mentioned here may be obtained by referring to other training manuals.
Submitted by Carl B. Lederer
Member of I. V. F. A.
I. F. A. Educational Comm.
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CHARACTERISTICS OF A GOOD LEADER

1. He is not sensitive to trouble; he lets a lot of water go over the dam.
2. He does not lose his temper.
3. He does not carry a chip on his shoulder.
4. He does not gossip about others.
5. He does not care who gets the credit as long as the job gets done.
6. He realizes the world will go along without him.
7. Retains an interest in young people and helps them when they are confused, realizing he also had the same problems at that age.
8. He realizes that getting along with other people is largely due to his own behavior.

ATTENTION AUXILIARY MEMBERS!

To the best of my knowledge I have sent out the charters to all departments with 5 or more members who have an auxiliary. If there is any department that has not received theirs by the 1st of March, please let me know and I will get it to you at once.

Many of the departments will be applying for their membership at convention time. Please make all checks payable to the I. V. F. A. Auxiliary, Inc., and pay by check—avoid sending cash through the mails—it is to your interest and ours. For those of you who do not join the association at convention time, please mail your applications and checks to the recording secretary for the next year. You will be able to obtain this information from the I. V. F. A. paper published after convention.

There will be new By-Laws books available this next year. They are already in our hands. It has been decided that when dues are paid and the membership cards are mailed, that By-Laws books for each member will be included in the mailing. This is being done to avoid duplication of books to any one member and assuring every member a book.

Respectfully,
Jo Lantz, Rec. Sec.

DEMAND FOR A UNIFIED FIRE-POLICE FORCE

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reasons and the two do not necessarily coincide. Both are high-risk jobs but the nature of the risks is different. Asking a man to take on both sets of risks seems like asking a lot. In any case, such a setup would lower standards and weaken morals in both services. The pay and the duty hours for firemen and policemen would have to be equalized — and probably raised as well — and this would raise the budget. Recruitment of men who are both willing and able to perform both services would be difficult.

Coordination at the command level already exists in most cases, and the two forces can work well together BUT separately.

By way of analogy, a trained infantryman wouldn't be of much use on a destroyer, and a sailor couldn't be of much help in jungle fighting.

10th District Auxiliary Hobo Party

The women of the 10th District met February 16th at the Acton fire station for a Hobo Party. Seventy-eight members



and nine guests were present, representing 10 Auxiliaries.

Guest Virginia Thomas entertained with an act portraying Minnie Pearl.

The following announcements were made:

- Acton, Bean Supper — March 21.
- Adams, Card Party and Chili Supper — February 21.
- Waldron, Stanley Party — March 9 and Tupperware Party, April 13.
- Manilla, Garage Sale — April 25.
- Wanamaker, Bingo Party — April 11.

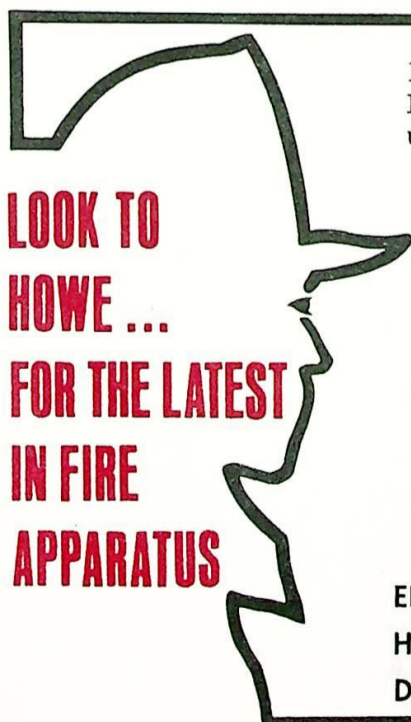
TAXES

If you put off until tomorrow what you should do today, there will be a higher tax on it.
—Fifth Wheel

Income tax is almost due And this makes me, today, An honest charter member of I O U S A.

— Standard Time

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