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## National Vol. Fire Council Planned Organizational Minutes

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James Baker

Another quarter has rolled around and almost passed us by. It has been a very eventful quarter at that.

I have visited several of the district meetings and also several of the social functions of the departments. My wife and I have been well received at the meetings and we greatly appreciate the hospitality.

We are now in the middle of the legislative session and the legislators in Indianapolis have done a bang-up job for us.

The legislative committee was mandated on convention floor to try and get some fire prevention training for school children from kindergarten through the sixth grade. We got this started through the house committee, and it passed the committee and was taken to the house where it passed there by a large majority. From there it went to the Senate committee and died in that committee meeting. But the Indiana Department of Public Instruction thought it was a good bill and they picked it up and are going to work through the Fire Marshal to come up with a workable solution to it.

We also were mandated to get a bill through that would change a part of the State E.M.S. law. The portion to be changed was where the law stated that an E.M.T. shall be aboard an ambulance when it is dispatched from the station. At this writing it has passed both houses and is now waiting for the Governor to sign the bill or veto it.

Another bill that we tried to get passed was that an ambulance

driver who was driving on a volunteer basis did not have to have a Public Passengers' Chauffeurs license. This bill also passed the house, but died in the Senate committee. The committee's excuse was that they thought we were showing partiality toward the ambulance drivers over the taxi drivers, school bus drivers, etc. in the state.

A legislator presented a bill to let the independent E.M.T.'s use a blue light on their personal vehicles. We got with the legislator who was sponsoring this bill and he changed it to read, a green light instead of a blue light. For a while it looked as if it would probably not get out of committee, but it was presented and passed both houses and is now on its way to the Governor to be signed as a bill or vetoed.

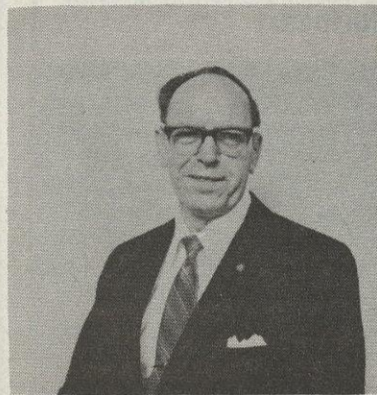
This is a partial update of what is going on in the legislature. The legislators on the whole have done a good job for us and I think that every chance we get we should thank them for a job well down.

We have probably gotten as many bills passed as most organizations; maybe even more than anyone else in the state. The legislators do us a very good job, and this helps to make the I.V.F.A. that much stronger.

The annual meeting is just around the corner and it will be here before we know it. Now is the time to start preparing for it. Be sure and get your reservations in to the committee and let's have a big, big annual meeting. Warren Township is going all out on this, our thirtieth annual meeting, and also the Bicentennial anniversary of our country. It looks to be the greatest annual meeting the I.V.F.A. has ever had, so let's all get behind it and help all we can.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

I have missed the last two issues because the work load has been just too great to take time off to jot a few lines. I figure that you deserve prompt action of your requests and that is and should be my prime objective. Things are caught up for a brief spell and now I wish to ask your help in another matter. Dues Cards, the old ones are being changed to a vinyl type



Jack Ford

and of a permanent nature. These will be coming this fiscal year and then each year you will get stickers for the current year plus new cards for new members. I am sure that in doing this I am sure to get fouled up in some manner, if its possible I can do it, so you help and assistance to get things right will sure be appreciated.

I also wish to thank you for the opportunity to be able to get to Chicago to attend a meeting to form a National Volunteer Fire Council, the minutes of which will appear in this issue. I learned two things at this meeting, one I am very proud to be a member of IVFA and second it seems that we are ahead of them all in benefits for the volunteer. It was a very fruitful meeting and now the Volunteers do have a voice in the National swing of things so that our ideas and views can be given on items that effect us in the national fire service. This we never had before and had to put up with whatever someone else decided. Many times that someone did not know what the volunteers service was all about. Who needs the input in Indiana with some 25,000 firemen and 20,000 of them volunteer! This is indicative of all the states, a majority volunteer. Implant volunteer needs whenever you can. How long has it been since a Fire Marshal of Indiana has been on hand in person to so many disasters, big fires, just plain over all bad situations, meetings and just about any occasion? He and his staff just seem to be getting out in the state more to the volunteer as well as the big cities. This came about from ideas planted by the volunteer fire service and I am

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### MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE TO FORM A NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE O'HARE INN AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS November 29, 1975

The meeting was called to order by Eugene M. Braun of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York.

Mr. Fred Williams was appointed as temporary chairman.

Mr. Williams: Well, let's try to keep it orderly so that each person has a chance to express himself. I don't know what kind of a format to think about here to get going. We ought to sort of select a subject and discuss it a bit and go from one subject to the other, I guess, as to what we might want to do here and how we might work things out. Okay, would somebody suggest a subject that we could begin our discussions with?

It was suggested that we begin with a discussion on what the aims of such an organization would be.

Mr. Williams: I think that's a very good beginning. Well, who has a thought as to what our aims might be?

Mr. Finch: I attended the mini conference of the National Fire Academy. I think the number one thought with everybody who attended was the need for the Volunteer Fire Service to have someone to speak for them on a nation wide basis. We see all the other groups, the paid, unions, management and all the other branches have some type of a nation wide unit, and they have been coming in real strong on it, and actually the volunteers who were giving most of the services in this nation today are kind of what you might say poorly represented because of the lack of a nation wide unit. I think at this time if we are to achieve and acquire the needs of our Volunteer Fire Service we have to become strongly organized and express a strong voice in order to acquire some of this aid that is going to be coming out of our Federal government.

Mr. Hirst: Can I ask this question. You said you attended this mini conference. Who expressed this thought that the volunteer firemen were not having a voice in firemen's problems? Was this the opinion of one or two individuals on this?

Mr. Finch: This was the expression of thought continued to the thought of the views expressed by Mr. Tipton who is the administrator. Mr. Tipton expressed concern because of the lack of an organized effort and, of course, this was agreed by all members who were there, and I might add in this conference who were there—Maryland, New York, Ohio, Alabama, Virginia, Illinois and California.

Mr. Williams: Can I interrupt for a minute? The gentlemen who just came in represents the Iowa State Firemen's Association, Mr. Kloss. Okay, Mr. Kloss, we have just begun and what we are talking about now is what our aims might be, what we are trying to accomplish.

Mr. Pfund: I think that Mr. Braun and Mr. Morgan, the President of the Wisconsin Association, had talked to you on some suggested by-laws, and also what he did was typed up a suggested Articles of Incorporation with the purposes. This may help you to continue with your suggestions. He has as the purpose shall be to formulate and promulgate programs useful to the fire service of the United States, to represent the interests of the various state firemanic organizations at the Congress of the United States and with the various federal agencies involved with the preservation of life and property, and to do all other things designed to better preserve the lives and property of the citizens of the United States.

Mr. Williams: Okay, that's saying that we want a voice for the fire service at the congressional level, and with the various departments of government in Washington which may have some relationship to the fire service.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you Mr. Chairman. The only comment I would have in regard to the item that was just enumerated by Mr. Pfund is that it's my personal observation that throughout the entire body of this organization that we are talking about at the present time, it should be emphasized that this is a group that is represented with the volunteer

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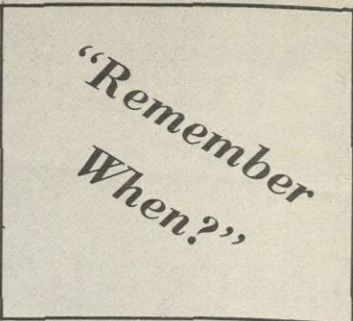
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Purpose — To present some interesting past events of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association.



Public Relations Northeast



Paul Fairfield

"Hello again"...It has been quite a winter we have been experiencing, and I, for one, am ready for spring. Along with winter and cold weather, we can always look for more fires and their impending dangers. While on the subject of fires, I want to take time to give the firemen up around the Elkhart area, a real pat on the back for the excellent job they did on the dangerous fire at the aerosol can company. Chemical fires can

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Rushville, a city of approximately 7500, southeast of Indianapolis, became our convention (annual meeting) host for the 1955 meeting on June 3rd and 4th. Our President "Seonard Kunzler" at this meeting being absent, Vice-President "Bert Moser" of Bluffton officiated at the meeting. Fire Chief James Brown; Chief of Police Wylie, and Mayor Winship welcomed delegations from 165 Departments and over 3000 paid up members at that time. State Fire Marshal Arnold Meister also addressed the assembled delegates. Rushville at the time had a Paid Fire Department, these boys co-operating with us in every respect, encouraged our meeting there, and made our stay very enjoyable. At this time "Francis L. McBane" of Flat Rock (Now deceased) was and did hold a former office of State Organizer in our Association (the office of State Organizer having been discontinued in lieu of Public Relations.) Mr. McBane had very much to do with the organization meeting at Rushville.

In 1971, which was our 25th anniversary year, it will be interesting for you to note here the record of financial and progress made by your Association's membership growth; as follows, to-wit:

Death Benefit						
Fund	42,530.31	43,268.16	43,792.09	45,043.90	45,587.50	48,420.74
General						
Fund	14,618.85	20,843.57	20,502.58	24,301.82	22,018.59	16,182.53
Clothing						
Fund	8,911.15	6,286.18	9,582.73	12,325.09	15,025.02	17,860.56
Reserve Fund					5,783.10	12,965.22
Totals	66,060.31	70,397.91	73,877.40	81,670.81	88,414.21	95,429.05
Date at the time	1-1-66	1-1-67	1-1-68	1-1-69	1-1-70	1-1-71
Paid Membership	8342	8858	9430	10087	10593	11359

(a consistent average paid up membership increase of 500 per year)

With the assistance of our Ladies it is also necessary to note here in our history that our women were very important in the building up of this great Association, down through our years, which was demonstrated in 1971 by an article written by "Nadia Conner" Chaplain of the McCulloch Volunteer Auxiliary, explaining and Titled "What is an Auxiliary Member" - QUOTE--An Auxiliary is a helping hand to the Department of which they are a vital part. An Auxiliary member is a person, usually a woman, or wife of a Department member, who is willing to sacrifice long hours, no pay, and little thanks to get a job done, so they can make their counterparts work just a little easier or more efficient. They are the power behind the men, cheering them on, listening to their gripes, trying to ease the pain of tiredness, disappointment, and heartache when something goes wrong. Most of all, they are always there to offer LOVE, COFFEE, and COMPANIONSHIP to their counterparts when needed. They patiently wait in the wings of life . . . to bring a little joy and comfort to their men on the frontlines of life. (end of quote)

There are always some sad notes, or stumbling blocks on our way to attain at least a 16,000 paid up membership during our first 30 years, and 1971 was no exception. On July 1, 1971 "Virgil (Bud) Johnson" (57)

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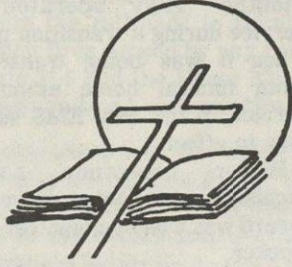
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The Living Bible - Luke 9-1 through 11.

One day Jesus called together his twelve Apostles and gave them authority over all demons — power to cast them out — and to heal all diseases. Then he sent them away to tell everyone about the coming of the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

"Don't even take along a walking stock," he instructed them, "Nor a beggar's bag, nor food, nor money. Not even an extra coat. Be a guest in only one home at each village."

"If the people of a town won't listen to you when you enter it, turn around and leave, demonstrating God's anger against it by shaking its dust from your feet as you go."

So they began their circuit of the village, preaching the Good News and healing the sick.

When reports of Jesus' Miracles reached Herod, the governor, he was worried and puzzled, for some were saying, "This is John the Baptist, for some were saying," and others, "It is Elijah or some other ancient prophet risen from the dead." These rumors were circulating all over the land.

"I beheaded John," Herod said, "so who is this man about whom I hear such strange stories?" And he tried to see him.

After the Apostles returned to Jesus and reported what they had done, he slipped quietly away with them toward the City of Bethsaida. But the crowds found out where he was going, and followed and he welcomed them, teaching them again about the Kingdom of God and curing those who were ill.

The halo of the New Year's Day is hope. Soon will be the Easter Season, thanking God for his son Jesus who gave of his life, so we could have eternal life.

As one grows older, hills become steeper, and consequently one appreciates meeting a friend on a hilly street. The chance of a chat pays double dividend. The chat is refreshing and also the pause by the wayside.

The road of life has its steep places, too. How lovely it is to have a friend when the going is rough and how rewarding it is to be such a friend to some one else! After all, was it not "on a hill" we found the greatest friend of all, Jesus?

Jesus asks each of us to do something for Him. We are His hands on this earth to heal the sick, to set the prisoner free, to restore sight to the blind. We are His ears to hear their cries of pain and despair. We are His heart to love them.

Consideration for others is very important, there are little ways that are available for us each day:—

- A word of thanks
- An act of friendliness
- A kind word
- A helpful act.

Every generation is confronted with threats, challenges, and opportunities. We enter a presidential election year at a time when public confidence in political leaders is at a low ebb.

As Christians in days of uncertainty we should look to (1 Tim. 2:2). There is a time and place for criticism, but our nation is in desperate need for the Spirit of God to work in our midst in response to the prayers of God's people.

In celebration of our Nation's Bicentennial Anniversary we can gain a measure of encouragement from the example set by Abraham Lincoln. It is fortunate for us that his life portrays qualities of humor, leadership, decisiveness, courage, uncommon judgment, and unwavering loyalty to serving the best interest of all citizens of the United States.

Here is a bit of Lincoln humor:

While traveling to a political convention, Abe once borrowed a horse from a livery stable. The liveryman, one of Abe's political enemies, took care to lend Abe a horse notorious for its lack of speed, obviously hoping Abe would be late and miss the convention. Abe managed to arrive on time, however, and achieve his purpose. When he returned the horse, he asked the liveryman, "You keep this horse for funerals, don't you?"

"No," replied the liveryman.

"Well, I am glad of that," Abe responded, "for if you did, you'd never get a corpse to the grave in time for resurrection."

Dear God, help us to be instruments of Your peace. Help us to be Your heart and hands at work in our Nation, to be on the Mission to which you have called us. — Amen.

## "Dad Laney"

Some years ago a tourist was traveling along the shores of Lake Como in northern Italy. When he reached the castle Villa Asconati, a friendly old gardner opened the gate and showed him the grounds, which the old man kept in perfect order. The tourist asked when the owner had last been there.

"Twelve years ago."

"Does he ever write to you?"

"No."

"From whom do you get your instructions?"

"From his agent in Milan."

"Does he come?"

"Never."

"Who, then, comes here?"

"I am almost always alone; only once in a while a tourist comes."

"But you keep this garden in such fine condition just as though you expected your master to come tomorrow."

The old gardner replied: "Today, sir, today!"

This, too, was the garden of Dad Laney's life. He was ready today when God called him home, there was no tomorrow.

I had the pleasure of knowing this christian man and his wife, Effie. They always found time to visit for a minute when I had a Memorial at Crown Point and I always felt a little bigger being in their company.

The I.V.F.A. paper was one of the highlights of his life, because he, too, was a Member of the I.V.F.A. The light of this paper has shone in over 15,000 Volunteer Firemen homes all over the State of Indiana.

Your Chaplain was privileged to give our Memorial Bible to Mrs. Laney at the graveside service.

I am sure Dad Laney's prayer would be for each Volunteer Fireman to keep his garden in order for TODAY — Not Tomorrow.

Chaplain Duane D. Lantz

## Public Relations West Central



Steve Ritter

The West Central Districts have been very busy in the last few months. The 11th District is hard at work on Convention "77" at Honey Creek. I attended one of their steering committee meetings and believe me they are very busy planning ahead. They have chosen their site and have the meeting rooms lined up. They are planning a large Fish Fry on May 22nd at the Vigo County Fair Grounds, so

mark your calendars and see you there.

I attended the 12th District meeting in a snow storm, which held attendance down quite a bit, but those that were there enjoyed it. I would like to see 100% at this district meeting. Fellows, how are you going to learn what's happening in other places if you don't come to your meetings. If every department would just bring one idea to each meeting, there is no end to the knowledge that could be shared.

Come on, District 11 and 12, you are like a sleeping giant. How about making plans to attend the '76 Convention at Warren Township in Indianapolis and '77 at Honey Creek. Think about it, firefighters.

My wife and I attended the Sausage Supper at Vincennes and had a very enjoyable time. Thanks, Bub and Bill Engle. Plan to see you next year. The PR men held their second Fire School Meeting on January 18 at Vincennes and it seems like most of the departments are asking for the same type training, Air Mask -

Ladders & Rope - Anhydrous Ammonia; so each school will be built around a two hour class on each of these subjects. The West Central School will be held in July or August this year. I have had some problems finding a site that could be afforded on the \$100. budget. The Fairgrounds at Greencastle have raised their rent that there would \$400.00 rent for the two days. If I were assured that there would be at least 150 men each day then there would be more than enough money. If anyone can help with a site in the West Central area please contact myself, Red Morris or Leonard Grizzle, the District Chairmen.

I attended the Fire Marshal's School at Indianapolis on January 24 and 25. It was a very good school for the officers. I feel that there was much knowledge gained by those in attendance. The next 11th District Meeting will be at West Terre Haute on March 21st at 1:00 p.m. It is a family dinner at 1:00 p.m. and the men's and women's meeting to follow. The 12th District meeting will be on March 15th at Mickleyleville in Wayne Township-Indianapolis at 7:30 p.m. I will plan on seeing each department at your meeting. In closing, just a reminder to mark your calendar on March 27 for the Wayne Township-Marion County Spring Dance.

Also, the 12th District Miss Flame Dance is February 21st at the U.A.W. Hall at 2320 South Tibbs, Indianapolis, Indiana. The crowning is at 8:00 p.m. and the dance from 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### Some Other Reason

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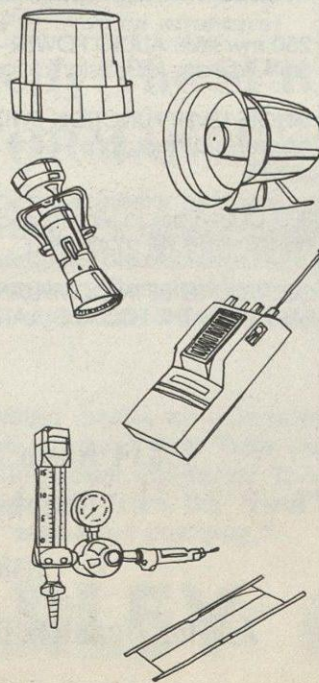
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## National Vol. Fire Council

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fire service. The various other special interest groups in the fire service are all currently represented, and it is really rather sad that all of these various special interest groups, if you look at the make-up of the Joint Council of the National Fire Service Organization in comparison to the Volunteer Fire Service in the country are a substantial minority, and for my own part and I speak only for my own part, because I don't represent by any stretch of the imagination the Illinois Association, and that's Mr. Hirst's position here today, I think that throughout whatever we do, and it is at least my understanding, that the crust of this was to provide assistance for and a voice of the volunteer firemen in the country, in the United States. I make that in light of the comment just read by Mr. Pfund because I think as he expressed them indicates a representation for another organization representing the Fire Service. Whereas, I think what we are about is representing the Volunteer Fire Service.

Mr. Williams: If I understand you then you are saying there is a distinction, which there is, between representing the Volunteer Fire Service as it is composed of organizations and representing the interests of the volunteer firemen who have joined into these various associations but we're interested in doing what we can for the volunteer firemen—their voice. Is that what you're saying?

Mr. Peterson: Well, either the volunteer firemen or individually or collectively as the Volunteer Fire Service, if you will, as opposed, for example, to the International Association of Firefighters or the arson investigators in that sense of distinction.

Mr. Pfund: I think the title will take care of what John was referring to. The suggested title was one of a National Volunteer Fire Council, Inc. Volunteer would be in your main title. It would have to be.

Mr. Williams: Does someone else have some comment on this subject of aims, or has it been pretty well expressed?

Mr. Welter: I don't know what the membership of the other associations are. In Minnesota I represent the biggest one. The fire department association represents all fire departments which become members, paid or volunteer. Of course, you understand the volunteers are much in the majority there—about 15,000 volunteers and 2,000 paid—so there is no problem there in getting representation. I wonder if that condition exists in other states or are the volunteers totally to one side or should we be working within the total operation.

Mr. Loomis: I am President of the Ohio State Firemen's Association. Our organization is comprised very much like yours of all firemen, professional and by professional I mean the unionized ones, and the volunteer, the chief's organization though they each in turn have their own separate organization. We are the largest association in Ohio with over 16,000 members. Ohio has roughly 40,000 firemen. About 29,000 to 30,000 are volunteers. We're pretty much the same percentage wise as yours and our organization runs the same.

Mr. Williams: Well, Mr. Welter, your point being that some of the associations in the states would have membership which would include paid men as well as volunteers.

Mr. Welter: Yes.

Mr. Williams: And you're saying what? That we should be aware that we're talking about representing the volunteers only. Is that what you're saying?

Mr. Welter: Well, no, I was unaware that we should be that exclusive as to prohibit people that represent paid and volunteer from having a voice here, for instance, because I know that in my organization if we were to come onto the floor and say that we are going to represent totally and exclusively the volunteers, I would have trouble putting such a policy in effect or, in fact, getting our organization to be a member of it.

Mr. Williams: Well, then do you take issue with the thought that our aim in getting this council going is to have a voice for the volunteers in Washington?

Mr. Welter: Oh no, I am totally in accord with that—that we should by all means do that, but then the point I do want to make is that we should not... because some... First let me ask, is this organization going to consist of individual memberships or are we going to represent other groups like our various state organizations?

Mr. Williams: If I could suggest this. I think this is a second subject that we've got to get into. For the moment I'd like to finish the first thing that we've started on mainly what our aims were, and what you're saying we will have to discuss, but you agree nevertheless that the moment what we are talking about is trying to create a means of having an input for the Volunteer Fire Service at the Washington level. Isn't that what we're saying?

Mr. Kloss: I am President of the Iowa Firemen's Association and I'm also a professional firefighter of the Iowa State Fire Department and that's no bad thing, but we in Iowa have a problem of getting anything done organizational wise, especially legislative wise, and the Iowa Firemen's Association probably through the volunteer organizations got more legislation through the State Legislature than the other organizations, but until we all formed together and represented everybody is when we started to collect on far as getting representation and getting things passed in the legislature. So take it from there. We have 8,600 members and probably 7,000 of these are volunteers so percentage wise again here you are talking about one-fifth or so, but if you exclude the paid members not only in Iowa but some of the other states it's going to be a hardship to divide that.

Mr. Williams: Well, I don't think at the moment at least that we've reached a point where we are suggesting excluding or including one or another group, but with what you've said make a difference as far as our trying to conclude what our aim is to be to speak for the volunteers in Washington.

Mr. Kloss: We just last year formed a Joint Council of the Iowa Fire Service Organizations and at no time at all in our constitution and by-laws did we refer to anybody as paid or volunteer. Our objective was meeting the needs of the Iowa Fire Service, state goals we put together, solutions to solve problems and at no time in our constitution and by-laws do you see anything referring to paid or volunteer.

Mr. Peterson: I don't disagree at all with what Mr. Kloss from Iowa says, but I think you have to look at the perspective of the thing. The Iowa Firemen's Association, as I understand it, represents on a state level the interests of the Iowa Fire Service regardless of what that constituency may be. If it is the purpose of this organization to represent the total fire service without identification as to the nature of the constituency, I submit that organization already exists on a national level. This being my point. If we look at for better or for worse the Joint

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## Roy Nevil Retires After 44 Years



Volunteer fireman Roy Nevil of Geneva, Indiana was given a plaque recently after 44 years of continuous service to the Geneva volunteer fire department. The award was presented by Larry Jones, President of the Geneva department for Mr. Nevil's faithful service upon his retirement from the department. Father of Ivan Nevil district 7 chairman.

The occasion for this affair was an appreciation wiener roast and hamburger fry held at the lodge at Affolder-Lions park on January 10, 1976. All active and inactive members of the department, their wives and families were guests of the Downing Funeral Home who gave the party. It was given in appreciation for the many

years of faithful service the volunteers have performed. Not only in fighting fires — But in community service in the operation of Geneva's ambulance service during past several months. They operated the service during a transition period when it was being transferred from funeral home ambulance service to the new EMS service now in effect.

Bixler insurance agency furnished a \$25.00 door prize. The award was won by volunteer Cody Booker.

Volunteer firemen are to be praised, not only in Geneva, but in all communities for the faithful service rendered year after year with compensation and without regard to their personal safety each time they make a fire run.

## Public Relations Northeast

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be so dangerous to combat, especially when there are multiple chemicals involved.

Your Public Relations Directors in I.V.F.A. have had three meetings to set up the fire schools in the State for this year. Your schools will be basically fire training with specific training by experts in each field. Final plans will be announced later.

May I remind you to be sure to take advantage of the Application for Certification based on "Credit for Experience" which has been sent out from the Fire Marshal's office. If your department has not received these applications, you may request them from either the Commission on Firefighting

Personnel Standards and Education, Eugene Wiseman, Chairman or the State Fire Marshal, Wm. Goodwin.

I have been my pleasure to visit six district meetings since our last officer's meeting. All of them are discussing the redistricting, and I find that some are in favor of this, and others are against the change. At any rate, they are all busy with future fire planning, discussions on increasing district attendance, legislation, the coming convention, and the problems in general that seem to plague every area.

We are already well into February, and I hope that you are getting in your reservations for convention, and thinking in terms of parade and games entries. The time will be here before we know it.

## Public Relations Southwest



Carl O. Davis

1976 is here and we are looking forward to a very good year in the IVFA. The 6 fire schools sponsored by the IVFA are in the planning and dates are being set. Your district chairmen will have programs and the dates.

The fire school for the Southwest will be at Huntingburg on May 15 & 16th. Programs will be out as soon as we get them printed.

The annual meeting will be June 10, 11, & 12th. The place is Warren Township, Icdianapolis, Ind. This year I hope all Departments in the Southwest has delegates at this meeting to help on any business that is brought to the floor.

Have attended district meetings in Ferdinand, Otter Creek, Darmstadt, Bloomington, Vincennes, Haubstadt, and Pimento.

Visited in Ft. Branch, Arthur, and Tennyson on IVFA business. Arthur is forming a new Department and hope that they will soon be IVFA members.

There has been very good response in favor of the redistricting plan. Hope in the near future we can get it working. Many of the members will have less miles to drive and this should bring the attendance up at all district meetings. Also give the district chairmen more time to work all depts.

Thats it for this time CU Later.

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Paul L. Kraft

Greetings to all my fellow firefighters throughout our great state, and especially to those in the 14th and 16th Districts, in the Southeastern portion.

On January 17, my wife Nancy, two of my children and myself attended District 17A Sausage Supper, and District Meeting. This was my first visit to one of their suppers, (although I had heard plenty about them) but it won't be my last. The menu of smoked sausage, fried potatoes, biscuits and gravy, was delicious, and plentiful. Those folks in the Vincennes area go out of their way to see that you do not want for hospitality. All six Public Relations Directors were in attendance, along with Bill Goodwin, Gene Stofer, Charlie Bogden, Sam Bower, Cooney Tucker, and of course our President, Jim Baker. It certainly was great to see over 250 people attend a district meeting.

The following morning January 18, all six Public Relations Directors, Pres. Baker, Fire Marshal Goodwin, Cooney Tucker, and Past Pres. Bill Engle, met at the Vincennes Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept., for a discussion of the upcoming IVFA Fire Schools for 1976. Many topics were discussed, with a general feeling that basic training is what is wanted and needed, in these schools. Also discussed was the possibility of a team of IVFA Instructors traveling to all fire school sites with a program. Another meeting was set for Feb. 14, to finalize our plans.

On Wednesday, January 21, I traveled to Charlestown, Ind. for Chairman Sam Bower's 14th District Meeting. After the business meeting was completed, there was a movie and program put on by Walter Blouch of Ranger Ins. Co. His program dealt with "Light Ends" propane, butane, etc. This was a very interesting and informative program, especially the question and answer session following the presentation. I wish to thank Bob Brewer, Chief of the Charlestown Dept., and the whole department for hosting this fine meeting.

The following evening, January 22, I attended the 16th District Meeting, hosted by, and at the Greenville Volunteer Fire Dept. Although I was late getting there I could see there was a good crowd in attendance. I learned the Greenville Dept. is going to host an area Waterball Tournament in the spring. Any area team wishing to enter, contact Butch Richardson, of the Greenville Dept. or Stu Boaz, 16th District Chairman.

That's about all that's been happening in the Southeastern part of the state for this go-around. If anyone has any topics or suggestions for the upcoming Fire Schools, please contact any of your six Public Relations men, they will be glad to hear from you.

A new mineral found on the moon was named Armacol for the Apollo 11 astronauts Armstrong Aldrin and Collins.

**Remember When**

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Hoosier Fire Equipment Representative, died. He was former chief at the Rochester Volunteer Fire Department for nine years; member of Moose, Elks and Eagles; Life-long resident of Fulton county. He had made many friends throughout our membership, as did his wife (56), who followed him in death on November 4th, 1971. Indeed sad. Their daughter "Peggy" and her husband "Nick D. Swartz" still carry on the "Hoosier Fire Equipment Co., Inc., of Valparaiso. Also "Alvin Guske" (64) of Crown Point - died November 3, 1971. He was one of the pioneers and founders of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association; he and the writer worked all night one night early in 1946 putting together the first By-Laws Book of this now Great Association.

Also, during 1971 - while Harold Stofer of Wayne Township, Indianapolis, was serving as the Chairman of our Board of Directors; our 25th Anniversary History book was completed and ready for distribution; board meeting of August, 1971; your historian was authorized to handle the distribution of the book for a contribution of \$4.80 per copy. This price was later reduced to a 25 cent handling charge, plus postage expense.

The I.V.F.A. sponsored legislation program in 1971, produced Senate Bill No. 301, introduced as the spark arrester bill. After opposition by the Railroads, a compromise was reached and a new bill submitted to require the railroads to reimburse Volunteer Fire Departments for fighting fires caused by any railroad. This compromise Bill passed the Senate 37-5 and the House 87-4. It might be well for many of us from smaller railroad communities to remember this Bill.

Preparations and very many plans were being made in 1971 for the upcoming annual meeting or convention that we held in Bridgeport (Wayne Township, Marion County). Your historian expects to record some of the events and decisions that transpired there in his next recording of Series No. 4, which will appear in our May, 1976 issue.

We still have a very limited supply of our 25th anniversary (1946-1971) historical books. If you will mail a dollar bill we shall, in turn, mail you a copy while they last.

These "Remember When" Series we expect to combine later as a second addition to our historical recordings. Anything that you may think should have been recorded in our history that has been unintentionally omitted up to this time will be welcome suggestions.

Thank you very much.  
Verne Konopasek, February 4th, 1976.

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## Father and Son Severely Burned



Pictured 3rd from left is Bill Stewart at the 500 Mile Race last year on Chemical Truck No. 6 which is stationed on the 3rd turn inside of the track.

On December 6, 1975, Wm. Stewart of Wayne Township Marion County and his 2 year old son Shane were severely burnt in the mobile home they lived in.

Bill is a member of Wayne Township County No. 6. He suffered 1 and 2 degree burns over the upper 50 per cent of his body and has a long hard fight before he can return to work. His son was also burnt on the hands and face. Bill went into the flaming front section of his mobile home to rescue his son, in doing so he became trapped in the flames and had to come back through the burning part of the trailer to escape. Bill and his wife Marsha lost everything they owned.

Wayne Township started a "Help Bill Stewart Fund" and there were many people throughout the area who have helped even as far away as Middletown, Kentucky. Shown in the picture are members who brought money and clothing to the Wayne Control Center. The Marion

County Volunteer Association gave Bill \$1,000.00 from the Curt Justus Fund which is for use by a deserving fire fighter in need.

Bill was raised around the fire dept. in Wayne Township for his father is a charter member of Wayne Co. No. 6. Bill has asked me to thank all who took the time to share so much with his family and him. However I wish to add, that Bill's fight may have only just started. For he has medical bills of over \$10,000 dollars to pay and more to come for both him and his son. He has to find a house and start all over again. So once again I will ask for help for Bill.

The PR Department of Wayne is planning some type of fund raising program to help but his would only be a start. If you can help or know some one who can please contact this writer.

Stephen J. Ritter  
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Firemen from Middletown, Ky. are shown presenting money, clothes and toys to firemen from Wayne Township Company 6 for William Stewart, a member of Company 6, and his son Shane, two years old, who were injured in a fire at their mobile home on Dec. 6.

Shown in the first row from Anchorage, Ky., are Hal Hendershot; Terry Winningham, Middletown; Bob Groce, president of Company 6 and Assistant Chief Stephen Ritter. In the second row are Larry DeKay, Louisville; Mark Luerman, Middletown; and Mark Stigers, Middletown.

## Property Loss High In Three Major Fires

Property loss was high as a result of costly fires which hit the area recently.

The first alarm turned in, sent Rockport-Ohio township truck to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Engelmeyer in the Oak Grove neighborhood. Not more than ten minutes later, another alarm sent the Rockport truck to The Modern corner at the intersection of SR 66 and US 231 in REO where a mobile home was destroyed and two others damaged.

At 4:30 a.m., a few days later, fire departments from Chrisney, Grandview, and Troy answered a call to Newtonville where a grocery store, which also housed the post office, was leveled.

The Engelmeyers and their two children, had been away from home earlier in the afternoon, however, according to neighbors, were just returning when they discovered the large modern brick home afire. The building was a total loss as were all furnishings and personal possessions.

The Engelmeyers, who are employed in Owensboro, could not be reached for comment, but friends in the neighborhood said they believed they would rebuild. The home was comparatively new and was one of the finer homes in the Rockport area.

The mobile home at REO was owned and occupied by Mrs. Betty Risse and five children. Once again, all possessions were destroyed.

Ron Schettler, local director for the Salvation Army, said aid was brought to the family even while the fire was still burning and Mrs. Risse was provided with emergency necessities.

The Lincoln Hills Development Corporation, friends and relatives also came to her aid. Clothing is needed for the children, however, and a lady's size 11 and slacks size 12 shall be welcome. Information concerning sizes of shoes and clothing for the children can be obtained by calling the Modern Motel. Anyone having household items or home furnishings for the family should leave the items at the Motel.

The building destroyed in Newtonville was owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shelton. Mrs. Shelton also served as a clerk for Postmaster Alice Adye since the Newtonville Post Office occupied a corner of the building.

Cause of the blaze is not known, however, according to firemen, it

is believed there might have been a short in the wiring as the result of damages to the roof during a recent wind storm. This had not been confirmed.

The building, formerly the Adye General Store, was beyond help when the first firemen arrived, however, they managed to save an adjacent warehouse and nearby homes.

Mrs. Wallace Adye, who for more than fifty years, had served the residents of the Newtonville area from the Adye store, said Wednesday night that she was saddened by the loss of the landmark and was finding it difficult to accept the situation. She had not yet visited the scene of the fire.

Postmaster Adye will continue to deliver mail to Newtonville patrons from her home in Newtonville. Mail which is not picked up will be returned to Grandview where it will be held until called for. A representative of the postal department was expected to be in Newtonville on Thursday to inspect the situation.

It is not known at the present time whether or not the post office will remain in Newtonville but, for the present, all mail to persons presently receiving mail there, should continue to be sent to present addresses.

The Grandview Post Office is cooperating with Postmaster Adye to see that all mail is delivered as quickly and as conveniently as possible.

The ancient Greeks believed that Hercules' horse Arion had the power of speech and human feet on its right side.

## New Tanker For Pennville



A new tanker has been put into service for the Pennville area.

This truck, a 1973 Chevrolet, was purchased by the City and a 1,200 gallon tank was built and installed on the chassis.

The electronic siren and pump with electric starter, was purchased by the Fire Department. The 1,000 gallon tanker, which was replaced by the new truck, will be housed and used in case of emergency.

## Pennville Fireman Honored



K. Burnell Hott, right, receives a plaque from Ray Platt, Chief of the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department, for 23 years' service at a Dinner meeting held recently at the Pennville Community Center. Mr. Hott is the Postmaster in Pennville.

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# District Meetings

## District 1 and 2

Since there was no report from District 1 and 2 in the last issue of the paper, I will go back to the August '75 meeting that was held at the Pines Fire Station. There was a good turnout for this meeting. The program for the evening was a film supplied by Midwest Fire Equipment on methods of extrication.

We held the September meeting at Shelby again with a good attendance and some state officers as guests. Mr. Zula gave a report of the upcoming fire school to be held at Crown Point the following weekend. Shelby department had a good program supplied by the Indiana State Police and Officer Navarre.

The came the weekend for the fire school at Crown Point. This was a very good school with excellent instructors. The preparation for this took many hours, but seemed a waste because of lack of attendance, although the ones that took the time to come got a good education.

The October meeting was called at Ainsworth-Deep River with a good number in attendance. The speaker for this meeting was J.L. Peterson from Aurora, Illinois. His presentation was Fire Safety, which is one of the most important aspects of the business of fire fighting.

The November meeting was held at Beverly Shores with 70 men from 20 departments present. Their speaker was to be from the Chicago Fire Department, but at the last minute he had to cancel because of a large fire in the city.

That brings us to December 1975. Hope that you and yours had a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

The first meeting of the new year was held at Lowell on January 21. This meeting brought out a good attendance to hear the State Fire Marshal speak. Mr. Goodwin was not at a loss for words. He stressed very much getting in monthly reports to his office, and many other important aspects of the fire service.

The next meeting of the 1st and 2nd District will be held at Highland on February 18. They have 2 good demonstrations scheduled. Hope to see you there.

William Howe  
Secretary District 1

## District 3

On February 7, the Coolspring Volunteer Fire Department (LaPorte County) held their annual wild game supper. Invitations read Armadillo to Zebra. That takes in lots of goodies and thanks to the men of this department a good time was had by all. Our State Fire Marshal, President Baker, Past President Engle, Treasurer Stofer, and Public Relations Yergler was there.

The 3rd District presented Verne Konopasek a plaque honoring him for his 28 years as treasurer to the District 3 and the IVFA. We really surprised him.

We have been taking the Instructors Training School put on by Cooney Tucker and are getting a lot out of it.

Scipio Township just put a new pumper into service.

Out County (LaPorte) Chiefs association just got in a program using visual aids for instruction. Most of the money was federally funded through Vocational Tech.

Pat Aumiller  
3rd District Chairman

## District 6

The Thorncreek Township Fire Department Inc., at its regular meeting January 12, 1976 designated the following officers for the coming year:

Elected were: Chief, Frank Drummond Jr.; Assistant Chief, John Pletcher; Chaplain, Onan H. Laughman; Treasurer, Galen Gilbert; Secretary, Larry Adams; Engineers No. 1 station, Don Rhodes, and Ralph Nichols; Engineers No. 2 Station, Oren Haas and Eugene Souders; Trustee 3 years, Dean Marshall, Eldon Swick (2 years to serve), Charles Van Demon (1 year to serve).

Appointed Officers: Tanker Captain, Louis Krom and Don Hill; Hose Captain, Robert Stetler and Eldon Swick.

Officers John Pletcher and Robert Stetler attended the Fire Marshals Officer Command School at Indianapolis on January 24th and 25th.

## DISTRICT 11

Out last District meeting at Pimento was well attended. We had seventy-two (72) firemen representing twenty-three (23) departments sign the roster. Sergeant Don Aldrich of the Indiana State Police gave us some very good information on how we could work with instead of against his department. We were pleased to have several guests from the State IVFA and Fire Marshal's office stop by on their way home from the District 17A meeting and State Committee meetings held at Vincennes. It was an honor to

welcome the representatives from the newest department in Indiana, Gary, and the very recent affiliated Riley department.

Out work on the '77 Annual Meeting is still progressing, but we are all hoping to learn a lot from the activities at Warren Central this summer. We are planning a large Fish Fry May 22nd to help us raise some funds for the Annual Meeting. We'll look forward to seeing a lot of you there.

The District chairman has indicated we need some more departments to turn in their participants for the instructors school. We have to have a full class before we start. We'll be meeting on Saturdays.

Out next District meeting will be hosted by West Terre Haute on March 21st. We will be having the judging and announce the winner of our District 11 Miss Flame who will represent us in the State Contest at the Annual Meeting in June.

## District 12

January 19th, 1976 — Meeting was held at Pike Township and called to order by Chairman Grizzle at 7:45 p.m. A heavy snow storm caused a delay in starting the meeting.

Pledge to flag with a silent prayer following in memory of Brother Wheeler of Morgan County Volunteer Fire Department.

The introduction of guests were as follows: Representative Gary Butler, Charles Jones, Vice President and Public Relations Director West Central, Steve Ritter.

Minutes from the previous meeting and the treasurers report were read and approved.

The Miss Flame Committee report was given by Bob Hines. He stated that the tickets were printed free of charge but the band, ball

and etc., will be costing us money, so sell those dance tickets.

Lee Shannon of W.I.R.E. will emcee the program.

Sports Committee — No Report  
Miss Judy — No Report

Unfinished Business — By-laws books were passed out to departments, also a schedule of future meetings.

Fire Training Committee — Bob Ashby gave the report regarding the future training program in Wayne Township. April 29th and 30th Day School — April 30th — May 1st and 2nd - Night School. This will be presented by Freed & Clark. Registration Fee will be \$25.00. The Class to be limited to 125 men. This also includes meals.

More information will be in our paper.

Steve Ritter, Public Relations West Central, gave his report regarding our West Central school. He stated that we will have six basic classes at this school. They are as follows: Ammonia, Air Mask, Ladders and Ropes, Bomb Threat, Relay System of Water and Small Fire Extinguisher.

This school will be in July, when the fairgrounds at Putman County will be available and by next district, all this should be finalized.

Steve also stated that no local or state officer can confiscate your C.B. radio because this is controlled by the F.C.C.

John King, former Chief of Pike Twp. Fire Department accepted the certificate in behalf of his department.

Charles Jones, State Vice President and Legislative Chairman was introduced. Charlie gave a few remarks regarding our laws being passed and being held up in committees. He then introduced Representative Gerry Butler, a volunteer fireman from Laurenceburg, Indiana. Gerry, gave us the report on the E.M.T.

resolution. It passed the house by 91 to 0 vote.

Our Public Relations West Central Steve Ritter, won the 50-50 drawing, \$5.00 of which he donated to us. Thanks Steve.

Refreshments were served by the Pike Township Ladies Auxiliary.

Next District meeting will be held at Mickleyleville Volunteer Fire Department on March 15.

Motion to adjourn 8:55 p.m.  
Charles Bogden,  
12th Dist. Secretary

## District 14

The last two meetings in District 14 have been well attended. Scottsburg Department was host at our November meeting. Our President, Jim Baker was guest speaker at this meeting. We do appreciate the effort he is making to visit the membership through out the state and give us his views on some of our problems and possible solutions.

Our January meeting was at Charlestown Fire Station. After a short business session, the meeting was turned over to Mr. Walter Blouch from Ranger Insurance, who showed films on L.P. gas. After the films he talked on the problems of fire control and preventative measures that are taken to prevent problems from happening.

Districts 14 and 19 are planning a joint meeting in late summer or early fall at Greendale. By then Greendale should have the Aerial Ladder Truck in and be acquainted with it. This apparatus has been over two years in the planning and building process.

Our southeast fire school is to be at Henryville in September. Hope it turns out as well as the one held at Georgetown last year that so

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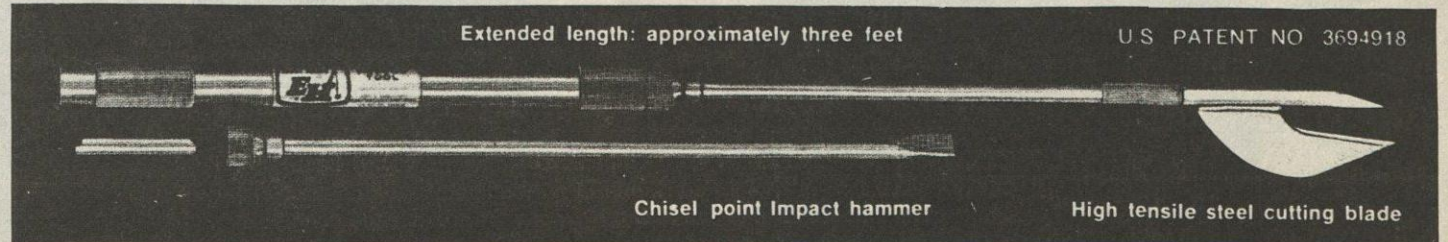
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## Zionsville Receives Donation



Zionsville Volunteer Fire Department Chief Gerald Higbee (right) receives a \$1000 check from H.W. Walters, president of the Boone County State Bank recently. Each year the bank donates money to county volunteer and 4-H groups but this is the first year the Zionsville firemen have received a donation. (Shown in center of photo is Cecil Smith of the Fayette volunteers.) Higbee said the money will be used to apply toward improving communications in the fire department. A "bell-boy" paging system is being investigated so men out of hearing range of the siren can still be notified when emergencies arise. (Lebanon Reporter photo by Jeanne Hill)

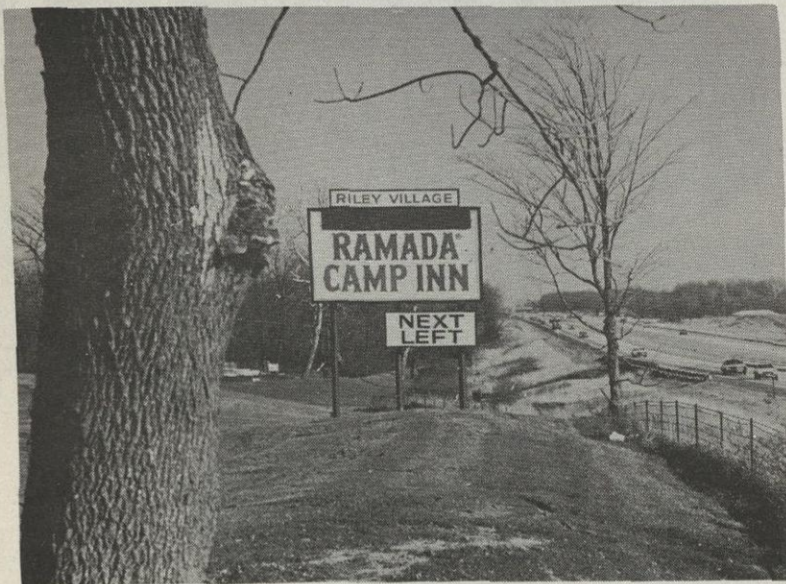
## Ramada Camp Inn

The beautiful new Ramada Camp Inn has reserved 150 campsites for use by 1976 Convention delegates to the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association Annual Convention. All campsites have water and electric hookups and half of the sites also have sewer hookups. Each site also has a picnic table, grill, and trash container.

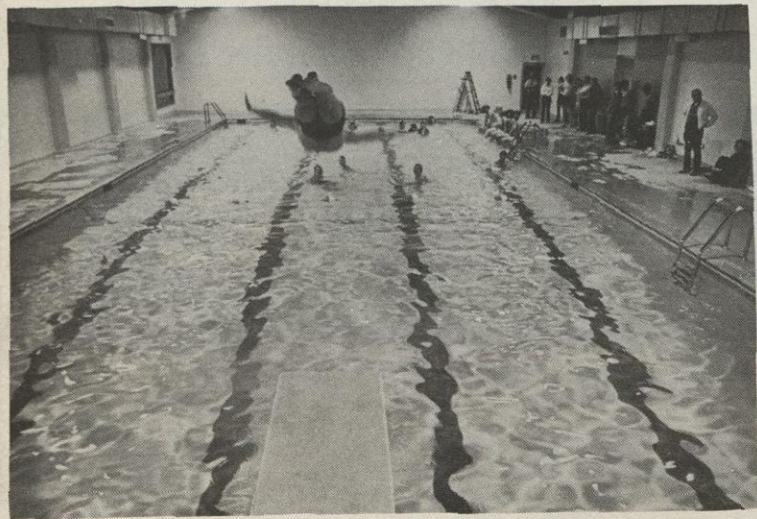
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Indoor Swimming Pool at Ramada Camp Inn at Riley Village

## Council Planned

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Council of National Fire Service Organizations, which as I understand it, has as its purpose to represent the fire service and "for whatever influence that group can exert." If you look at the constituent bodies represented that on that council there is everything represented but the volunteer. In other words, every group has a representation there—fire marshals, arson investigators, fire chiefs, the union, the Fire Service Training Association, NFPA, Municipal Signal Association, the fire service instructors, the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Division of the IFC, and the International Association of Black Professional Firefighters. Nowhere does the volunteer in that group have any voice except insofar as any of the representatives on that council care to give it, and from personal experience I can tell you they do not care to give it. So, I think in the sense that we're talking about, as I understand it, a voice for the volunteer beyond the state level, not to the exclusion of any others, but in the sense that the others already have a voice, someone ostensibly at least speaking on their behalf. So, I would not visualize this as an organization to the exclusion of anyone else, but an organization to emphasize an area that has been excluded by its own inaction as far as I can tell.

Mr. Kloss: This National Joint Council Organization that you're talking about, that is formed at this time?

Mr. Peterson: It sure is, since 1971.

Mr. Olivari: I'd like to clarify a point. Inasmuch as New York State is clearly defined between volunteer and paid, I should like to ask those states that have a conglomerate. Are any of your ideas at any time going in diverse directions between volunteer and paid? Have you supported some aims which might have conflicted with the thoughts of the volunteers or have all of your programs been pretty much in accord with the objectives of both paid and volunteer? I'd like to get some response from those states that have a mixture of membership.

Mr. Welter: I would say that depends pretty much on the administration at the time. If your board is heavy to volunteers, then you'll get a better voice for the volunteers, and if it goes to the paid, which happens once in a while, then they sort of lose their voice and I would say by and large the organization had represented the volunteers fairly in the State of Minnesota.

Mr. Williams: It seems to me from what Mr. Kloss said and I think perhaps what you said too that in some states you learn that to gain position for the fire service as a whole it became advisable to join forces so to speak so that you could speak in your legislature for the whole fire service, and this is why you have the type of joint membership that you have. Is that about right?

Mr. Welter: Right.

Mr. Williams: Then the next question which I think ties in with what Mr. Olivari was just asking is would this fact affect you—you fellows who

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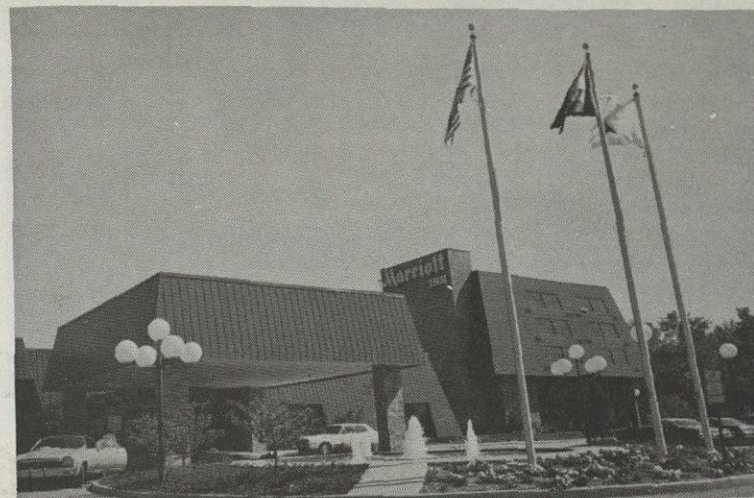
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## Sweetheart Dance at New Elliott

The New Elliott Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary held their 5th annual Sweetheart Dance Saturday February 14, 1976 at the St. George Serbian Hall located at Hwy. 330 and Broad St. in the community.

Bob and "That Life" provided the music to a full house that had a wonderful time.

Co-chairman Phyllis Vargo, Sharon Damron, Betsy Howe, named and introduced this years sweetheart Alice Vaught. The above 3 and the rest of the Auxiliary did a wonderful job of planning the evening. A special thanks to the men of the department for their help and also thanks to those attending for their support of the department.

All the proceeds from the dance will be used to buy necessary fire equipment.

## Secretary's Report

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sure that if it worked in Indiana it will work in the USA, even if we have to expand the borders of Indiana from coast to coast.

Dues for the new year have started to come in already and I am ready for that also. With the new card situation I will welcome all the early assistance I can get.

My sincere thanks to each of you for affording me the opportunity to be very proud of the IVFA, of each of its members, of things done in the past and things to be done in the future for the betterment of the public and the volunteer. The more I get to travel around the prouder I get that I am able to know you and serve you in a small capacity.

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District 14

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many departments missed. There is only one trouble with training, the more you learn, the more you realize you didn't know. Sam Bower

District 15

The next District 15 meeting will be held at Haubstadt Volunteer Fire Dept. Hose House on Sunday Feb. 8 at 2:00 p.m. There will be a live demonstration of the proper uses of hand held fire extinguishers.

A Donkey Basketball Game was held in February at the Haubstadt Middle School in Haubstadt, Indiana. The game was between the Ft. Branch Volunteer Fire Dept. and the Haubstadt Volunteer Fire Dept.



These four men were recently made life members of the Evansville Volunteer Fire Siren Club. Although the organization is only 28 years old these individuals represent 96 years of volunteer service.

Standing Left to Right: John Myers (22 years service), Merle Dannheiser (25 years service); Jerry Kissel (23 years service); Kneeling: Frank Moore (26 years service.)

Fire Siren Club elects new officers - The Evansville

Volunteer Fire Siren Club recently elected its new officers for 1976. Jerry Bruning was elected Chief, Jeff Williams elected Deputy Chief and Dave Stewart elected Sec-Treas. The Fire Siren club backs up the Evansville Fire Department on all major fires.

German Twp. elects new officers - The German Twp. Volunteer

Fire Dept. recently elected their new officers for 1976. Those elected and their office include: Chief,

Lester Garrett; Asst. Chief, Jerry Compton; President, Mike Diekman; Vice-President, Jim Voelker; Secretary, John Buckman; Treasurer, Jim Voelker Jr.

District 17 A



District 17 A held their District Meeting on January 17, at the Vincennes Township Volunteer Fire Department Fire Station.

As in previous years we served smoked sausage. This year about 220 people were served. Among

them some of our guests were President Jim Baker, Past President and Treasurer Gene Stofer. State Fire Marshal Bill Goodwin and some of his staff, also quite a few District Chairman and Public Relations men.



W.A. (Beans) Little and Lloyd Teran from Dow Chemical in Texas came to present a program on Fire Fighting and Transportation of Hazardous Chemicals.

I understand our Fire Marshal went home disappointed because

we didn't have a door prize this year. We are sorry about this, maybe next year we can make up and you'll get lucky again Bill.

Respectfully yours  
Bub Holscher, District 17A  
Chairman

District 8B

District 8B of the I.V.F.A. was called to order by Chairman Bill Sunday on Wednesday, January 14, 1976 at Salamonia Fire Department; followed by Pledge to the flag.

Roll call was answered by 61 men from 13 departments. Secretary's report was read and approved.

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Portland thanked all departments for help on their recent lumber yard fire. There will be a fire school at Farmland December 2, at 7:30 on Pesticides. Meeting adjourned.

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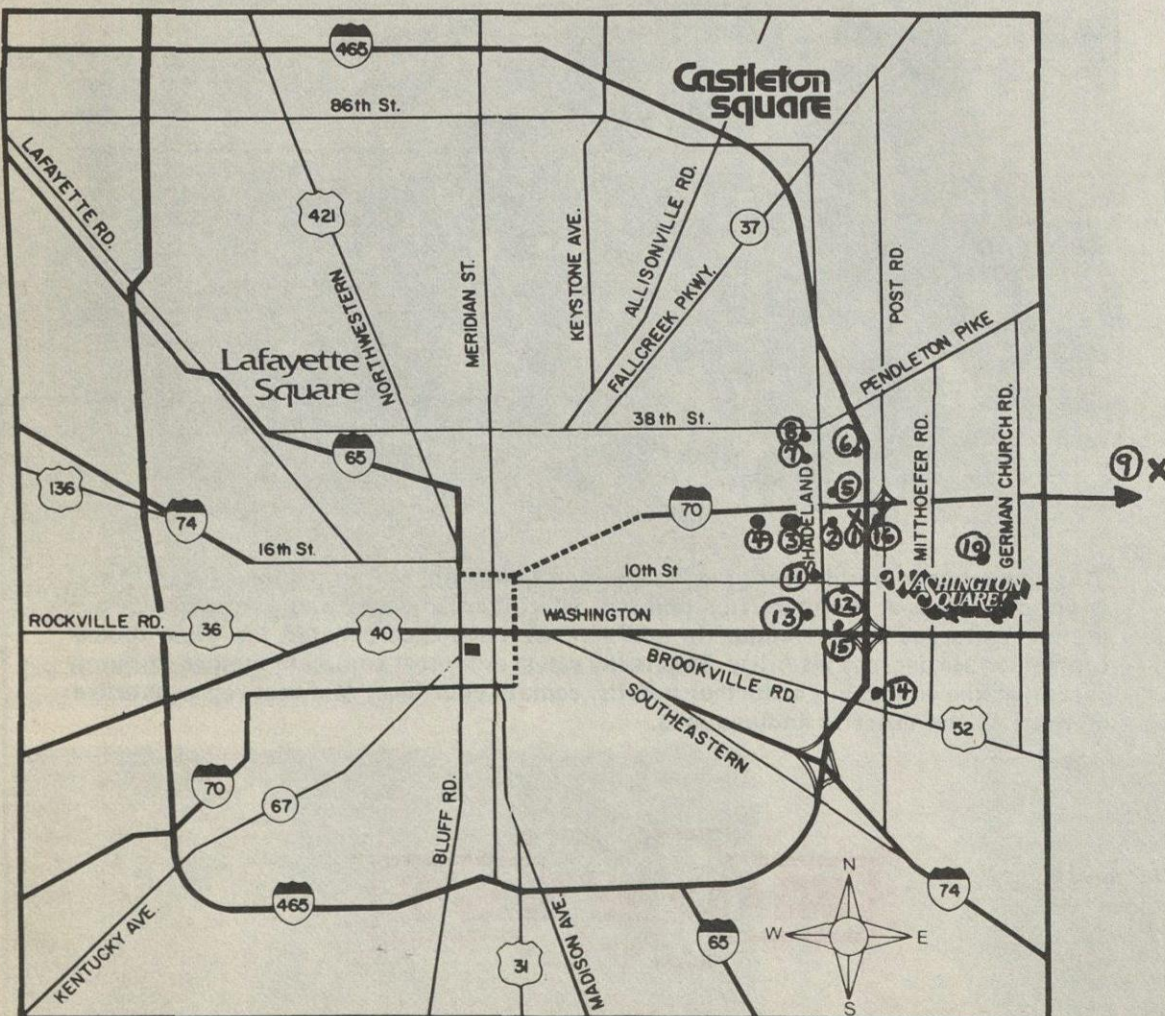
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Secretary, Gail Bud Sears  
Chairman, Bill Sunday

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Council Planned

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have such a setup--in working with and as a part of a national council whose purpose was to be the voice of the Volunteer Fire Service? I think you said the fullness to whether this could create a problem to the organization.

Mr. Kloss: Well, the only problem that I think would be depending on the language that was in the organizational papers is that if they would specifically state something like that, then I would have trouble from the paid area, but if this was, we could say, that its aim is to promote the welfare or the well-being of the volunteers there would be no problem there, for these people all realize that they do have a national voice already through the IFC, fire chiefs and all those and I'm sure they recognize that there is no comparable thing for a volunteer, and I don't believe that there would be any problem. The only problem would be how it was stated. Now I would have no problem in getting anything through at our conferences or our board meetings or anything like that which would slant to the volunteers for their benefit. We wouldn't have any problem in Iowa, Mr. Chairman. What we were thinking about was in the form of dues and assessments and stuff. We can handle ours as a total membership if the wording was correct. As far as representation is, both our aims and goals are quite similar.

Mr. Peterson: In direct answer to Mr. Olivari's question from my experience in Illinois I think in Illinois the goals generally are agreed upon by all of the representative groups within the fire service, but I think when it comes to seeking implementation of those goals therein comes not necessarily the falling apart but, for example, the Illinois Association of Firefighters has certain primary interests having to do with wage and hours, pension benefits and so forth, which they concentrate on in Springfield before the legislature, which has no bearing on the volunteers. They go their own way and it is even further factionalized by the unique situation we have between the Chicago Local and the Down State Local, and everybody wants to have control of everybody else's pension. The volunteers are kind of left on their own to get those things that they feel they need either through the Illinois Firemen's Association or through the Illinois Fire District Association. When you come out at the top, if you will, with the idea that it is the goal of the fire service to reduce the loss of life and property by fire in the State of Illinois, everybody agrees with that. When you get down into the subparagraphs that's where they go different routes, not necessarily antagonistically but sometimes so.

Mr. Turner: I think what John is saying is that in Illinois we have six firemen's organizations in the state, four of them which represent the paid departments, two which represent the volunteers. Each of these six

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Mary Boyd

It's not often one has the privilege that you have given me and as I sit here I'm thinking back on the six months past and know that one should always go forward. I wish to thank you for the wonderful job you're doing. Our membership is passed 2,500 and with new departments perhaps we can go over 3,000.

What a big increase we have made in the past ten years. We were working for 1,000 then. I wish to welcome everyone with open arms and heart and I pray we won't disappoint any of you.

I ask the cooperation from all departments to make our annual fund raising Lucky Doe Doll event a success. As everyone should be aware, we are giving a plaque for the most tickets sold in one district. Tickets are 25c each or 5 for \$1.00. There will be \$50.00 on the doll for 1st prize, \$25.00 to the second and third place winners. So, for anyone who doesn't receive tickets, please contact Lucy Stofer or Vica McGill. Their addresses are here in the paper. Thank you.

Forgive me for being unable to attend all meetings, but with spring around the corner, I hope to get around a little better. I had the privilege to attend 14th and 16th District Meetings this past week and enjoyed them so much.

I'm sorry about not getting my write-up in the previous paper, but somewhere along the line it got lost in the holiday rush. I pray everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With this thought, God Bless you all --

#### "Fellowship"

When a feller hasn't got a cent  
And is feelin' kind of blue  
And the clouds hang thick and dark

And won't let the sunshine thru'  
It's a great thing, oh my brethren,

For a feller just to lay  
His hand upon your shoulder in  
a friendly sort o' way.

It makes one feel queerish  
It makes the tear drops start  
And you kind o' feel a flutter  
In the region of your heart.  
You can't look up and meet his eye

You don't know what to say  
When a hand is on the shoulder  
in a friendly sort o' way.

Oh this world's curious  
compound

With its honey and its gull;  
Its cares and bitter crosses,  
But a good world after all.  
And a good God must have  
made it,

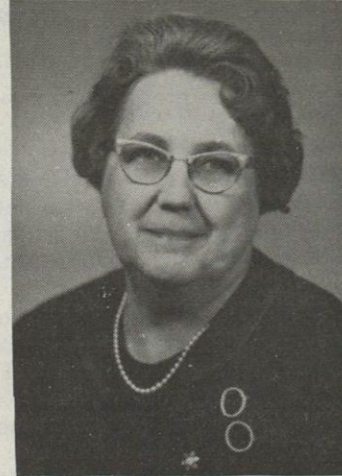
Leastwise that is what I say,  
When a hand is on your shoulder  
in a friendly sort o' way.

Author Unknown

#### I.V.F.A. Auxiliary President

**Rumor or Humor?**  
Gossips have a great sense of rumor.

A good way for a homemaker to have a few minutes to themselves is to start doing the dishes.



Thelma Lester, Chaplain



"I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35.

Nothing To Give or I can't:

Oh! how easy for so many of us to say that today or we sometimes go as far as to say, "I don't have time." I will admit there are times it may seem that way but let us all stop and analyze ourselves a little more closely. Remember we are volunteers.

Maybe we do not have much to give but giving does not always mean money as so many today think. Let us look around our homes and we can always find something we have to share or probably would never use again but could be of great value to someone else. Not only with material things we can in some small way do a good deed with love and care to help someone else which maybe would only take a few minutes.

I think of an article I once read which told about in Pittsburgh during the last century a retired Army man, Colonel Anderson, became concerned about some under privileged boys who had no opportunity to own or read good books. The Colonel, a man of small means, unfortunately wasn't in a position to give books to these boys.

The Colonel, however, did have a fair-sized library of his own, and so he invited these boys to come up and borrow anything they liked.

Andy, an immigrant boy who made \$25 monthly as a telegraph clerk, leaped at this chance. Each week he would return one book and borrow another. Then after supper he and his mother would read aloud to each other.

The youthful borrower never forgot this kindness.

Today, thousands of Americans enjoy free libraries — the gift of that grateful man — Andrew (Andy) Carnegie.

How do you know that you have nothing to give?

### AUXILIARY OFFICERS MEETING

RAMADA INN  
November 16, 1975

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by President Mary Boyd. Prayer was given by Chaplain, Thelma Lester, followed by the Pledge to the Flag, led by Nickie Sunday. Roll call was answered by 27 officers and 10 guests. Secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer, Barbara Parker, reported a balance of \$3,569.20 carried forward, cash receipts of \$1,571.97, disbursements of \$272.23, balance November 16, 1975 of \$4,869.02.

Financial Secretary, Barbara Surber reported membership of 2479 members plus an addition she had received that morning, making a total of 2511 members. New auxiliaries were Bargersville, District No. 10; Blocker, District No. 14; Ridgeville, District 8B; Washington, Davies County, District 17A; Fredericksburg, District No. 16; Albany, District 8B; Hope, District No. 10; Avilla, District No. 6; and Sunman, District No. 10.

Leona Uryga was presented with a corsage by Mary Boyd - Leona's district was responsible for selling the most Doe Doll tickets in 1975.

The Doe Doll for 1976 was displayed. Motion was made and seconded - motion carried to have three cash prizes for the Doe Doll in '76. First prize will be the Doe Doll and \$50.00; second price and third prize, \$25.00 each. Discussion was held regarding a costume for the doll to be given away; suggestion was made to have two outfits for the doll. Motion by Catherine Mason, seconded by Mary Stafford that it be left up to the Doe Doll Committee as to how dolls are to be dressed. District Chairmen are to obtain the number of Doe Doll tickets needed for their individual districts, turn this number into the Doe Doll Committee so they will know approximately how many tickets to have printed. Tickets will be ready for distribution at Officers Meeting in February. Leona Uryga suggested tickets be ready in November, 1976 so we can get an early start for 1977.

Ruth Ford reported on insurance. Mary Brooks reported on the Miss Flame '76 progress. Rules and Regulations, Entry Forms, and Judging Procedures were available to all who wanted them.

Joan Shanabarger reported the Convention film was going good. Jewelry--Catherine Mason turned in \$274.00 from jewelry sales. President Mary Boyd thanked Catherine for a year well done. New Chairmen for Jewelry are Loretta Nulliner and Bernice Esserman.

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### Auxiliary Officers Meeting

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It was brought to the attention of the group that the pins on the new tie tacs do not have a long enough pin to go through the new style ties.

Old business-- Barbara Parker had talked to Leon Lump regarding insurance to cover auxiliary money carried by the Recording Secretary and Treasurer. There is a Crime Protection Policy that can be obtained that would cover all officers and District Chairmen. Further information to be received on this policy.

Districts 10 and 14 have been divided--we have a new 19th District.

It was requested that the telephone numbers of all officers and committees be published in the I.V.F.A. paper.

The jewelry chairmen are to order jewelry as needed.

Two attache cases were ordered and distributed--three more cases are to be obtained.

Certificate of membership was presented to the Sunman Auxiliary.

It seems quite a few individual memberships are being missed. District Chairmen are responsible for seeing that dues are in to the state-auxiliaries in their districts and individual memberships. We will ask Bob Laney to print a notice in the I.V.F.A. paper for all dues to be sent to Barbara Surber, Financial Secretary.

Mary Brooks mentioned that there possibly might be available, from her office, a mimeograph machine--if the church to which it was offered did not take it. Motion made and seconded to accept it, if it is offered to us. The drum will need to be cleaned at an approximate cost of \$75.00.

Nominations for the Lois Boaz Award are to be sent to Betty Sellmer, Greenville Firemen's Auxiliary.

Barbara Parker made the motion to buy new typewriters with legal size carriage for the Recording and Corresponding Secretary. After much discussion Barbara withdrew her motion. President Mary Boyd tabled further discussion till next meeting.

Junior Auxiliaries were discussed. It was the decision of the group that this is up to the local auxiliaries. No provision is made for this in our Constitution and By-Laws.

Discussion held on divorcees--can be associate member of local--can be an I.V.F.A. Auxiliary member and can vote at Convention, but cannot hold a State Office.

Betsy Howe and Pat Wisniewski, Chairmen of Districts Nos. 1 and 2, ask about delegates only voting at Convention. Reports from the individual District Chairmen were as follows:

District 1 - Yes; District 2 - Yes; District 3 - No report; District 4 - No; District 6 - No; District 8A - No; District 8B - No; District 9A - No; District 10 - No; District 11 - No; District 12 - No; District 13 - No meeting; District 14 - No; District 16 - No.

No members will be refused voting privileges, regardless of when joining and paying dues. District Chairmen are responsible for checking membership cards of those voting.

Motion by Rosella Bousman, seconded by Bernice Esserman that meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Brooks, Corresponding Secretary

### WASHINGTON TWP. CHRISTMAS PARTY



On December 20, Washington Township of Marion County Fire Department had their annual Christmas Party.

With the help of Santa Claus, and his helpers, Chief Richard Lang, (First Right) and Trustee J. Dwight Freeman (Far Right) they are presenting to Ben Lawrence, president of the Volunteers, a gift which he will probably treasure forever. Since he had been wanting a red light and siren, they gave him exactly what he wanted. It is a hat with a red light and siren. They are hoping that this will help him respond to an emergency a little better, and will also help his wife find him better also.



In the second picture, as you can tell, he is so thrilled with his gift, that he was speechless??? (Pictures by Roy Trester)

### SOUTHHAVEN PROGRESS 1975 AND HIGHLIGHTS

New Horton Modular 450 Ambulance added to existing 2 ambulances.

New 4 Channel radios - Mobile and portables purchased for fire, Itern, County sheriff - car to car and car to base sheriff.

4 Additional Men completed E.M.T.A. School which gives the dept. 27 Emergency Medical Technicians Certified.

Completed second year free ambulance service for unincorporated area of Portage Township.

Purchased 2 New 1250 G.P.M. Stang Deck Guns and mounted on two engines.

Sponsored Fire Department Little League Team which took first place in Majors Division - Also gave approximately \$500 donation to Little League for new field development.

Hosted I.V.F.A. District 1 and 2 meeting - Feb. 75 with approximately 140 men present representing over 20 local volunteer fire departments.

4 Men attended I.V.F.A. Convention at Warsaw, Ind. June, 1975.

Put on Auto Extrication and Foam demonstration for several local fire departments in early summer.

Hosted Porter County Emergency Medical Services Committee Meeting, July, 1975.

Circulated 3,000 post cards concerning keeping ambulance service and also obtained 10,000 signatures on petitions for ambulance service.

Had annual Fire Dept. Family Day picnic, July, 1975.

Had Numerous Tours of fire dept. by Boy Scouts, Little League, Church and School groups.

Participated in parades held around area Memorial Day, 4th of July, etc.

Held annual door-to-door drive Sept. 75 with thanks to those who supported the Fire Department.

Held Annual Fire Prevention Wheel Poster Contest for sixth straight year at South Haven and Paul Saylor Elementary Schools with \$25 1st prize, \$10 second, and \$5 third prize. With equipment and personnel at each school teaching fire prevention.

Numerous items for rescue work purchased and put into Rescue Unit which will serve this area and surrounding areas by request of police and fire departments rated as one of areas best by I.V.F.A.

Participated with J.C.'s in Donkey Basketball at Grissom Middle School with complete proceeds going to charity.

Ladies Auxiliary gave Fire Department \$500 donation which purchased 2 new nozzles for Engine.

Major Fires 1975 Slinger fire - Airport Road, Heckman fire Pleasant Valley Mobile Home Park, Mott fire, Pleasant Valley Mobile Home Park, Hollister fire, Eagle Creek Rd., South Haven in which family of 3 lost their lives due to smoke inhalation.

Purchased additional lot adjoining present fire dept. property for future expansion.

Election of officers for 1976 of Ladies Auxiliary and Fire Department with installation dinner held at Mr. Smorgasbord, December.

Chief representing the department on Porter County EMS Committee serving as Vice President.

Met with Captain Pennell, (Continued on Page 13)

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### Washington Twp. Open House

In November, Washington Township Fire Department of Marion County had open house at their remodeled Station No. 1. Included in the remodeling was the addition of 2 Bays, the remodeling of the building to accommodate the offices of the chief, the training office, and the Fire Prevention office. Also the addition of a new bedroom to accommodate 10 beds. The Ladies auxiliary served refreshments to the approximately 100 people that came to look at the newly remodeled station.

### Friday Night Fun At



### The Convention

"Get your Kicks in '76" . . . That's what we've been telling you for over a year now. Friday, June 11th at convention promises to be a gala evening for everyone, with a variety of events planned to suit any taste.

Following the exciting banquet on Friday evening featuring Honorable Governor, Otis Bowen and a thrilling hour of fun with "The Tons of Fun", you've got your choice of fun and frolic, or if you think you can handle both, you're welcome to challenge your endurance and abilities by attending all the functions.

If you think you're up to it, Dance No. 1 will be held at the Riley Village. This will be a square dance and conventional Country-Western evening held at the Riley Village Barn. Your favorite beverage will be available along with a "Moonlight-Midnight Hayride" to court your favorite gal. Shuttle service will be available as late as you need it.

Dance No. 2 will be held at the Marriott Inn with shuttle service again available from the banquet. While at the Marriott Inn, Dance No. 2, you'll be treated to the music of the Glen Miller orchestra with some special events filled with fun. Here too, your favorite beverage will be available as well as the numerous hospitality rooms from our friendly equipment companies.

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**Auxiliary District 1**

The last meeting of these districts was held at the Cedar Lake fire station. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Betsy Howe. Prayer was offered by district chaplain Anna Dicks.

The first order of business was the installation of the newly elected officers of District 2. Betsy Howe chairman of district 1 presiding. District 2 Chairman is Pat Wisniewski from Cedar Lake, secretary is Helen Flowers from Lake Hills.

It has been decided that even though we are two separate districts, we will continue to meet together, meeting first in one district then the other. The chairman in whose district the meeting is held, will preside.

After much discussion on the matter of the non attending departments that on the roll call and mailing list, it was decided that ALL departments were to be contacted by letter, stating either they advise district of how they stand or they will be dropped from roll call.

Two new traveling attendance trophies are to be purchased. The first one was awarded to the East Gary Auxiliary for the best attendance over the past 3 years.

Speaking of attendance it is my feelings that our 2 districts have one of the best attending ladies in the state. This meeting was attended by 90 members and 1 guest from 10 departments.

Report was given on the last officers meeting, also some information for the convention of 1976 at Warren Township.

We were glad to welcome back to our meeting two departments who had not attended for a while.

Out next meeting will be March 4 at East Gary. Hope to see all of you there.

Betsy Howe  
Chairman District 1

**Southhaven**

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Porter County Sheriff's Department for better understanding in cooperation with each other.

Special thanks to Portage Township Trustee, John P. Williams for support, interest, and

cooperation with fire dept. Also thank you to Sheriff Jack Bradshaw and his personnel for their cooperation and assistance.

**PROJECTIONS FOR 1976**

Latest drug abuse course to be held.

Probable EMT 2 (Paramedic) course to be held with advanced life support and equipment.

Increase department active membership.

Sponsor Fire Department Little League team.

Uniform house number locations and numbers on curb corresponding by home owners.

Chief, Assistant Chief and Captain carry self-contained breathing apparatus, full compliment medical supplies and 4 Channel portables as they go directly to the scene of any given emergency.

Ambulance calls will be classified more by the nature of the emergency and not transporting for any reason.

Probable open house with demonstrations of different phases, July for Bicentennial.

Better support requested from whole community and businesses for Fire Department.

Public to use emergency number 759-3611 for emergency only and 759-3919 for all other business.

Work with all other organizations in Community for its betterment.

Improved relations with County Sheriff and personnel continued progress and cooperation with Portage Twp. Trustee and advisory board.

Work with and assist all other area fire departments in any way possible.

Improve all services rendered by Fire Department.

**CALLS FOR 1975**

- 275 Ambulance, First Aid
- 226 Hospital Runs
- 248 Patients Transported
- 193 Runs Porter Memorial
- 31 Runs — Hobart Mercy
- 1 Gary Mercy
- 1 Portage Clinic
- 122 Fire, Rescue, Misc.
- 12 False Alarms
- 24 Auto, Truck Fires
- 54 House Garage, Content Fires
- 11 Mobile Home Content Fires

21 Grass, Brush, Hay Fires  
Total property damage fire loss — \$115,000

Average 14 to 16 men per emergency call  
Total calls for 1975 — 397

Month of December, 1975, busiest month of year with 55 calls of which were 42 ambulance, 2 residential fires, 2 vehicular fires, 2 rescue, 2 false alarms, 3 smoke investigations, 2 overheated furnace motors.

**Bicentennial  
Antique Fire  
Equipment**

Beginning the Wednesday of Convention Week, June 9th and continuing throughout the convention up through the parade on Saturday, June 12th, an historical display of antique fire apparatus will be open to the public, on display at The Marriott Inn.

The public display will feature past equipment actually used in the fire service. The display, open to the public during the convention week, will be protected and kept under constant surveillance by security personnel up through Saturday, when the equipment will be readied for The Bicentennial Fireman's Parade.

Thos wishing to display one or more of your proud antiques during the week, should contact:

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For those of you who are bringing these priceless pieces of equipment to enter into the parade, this display offers you a secure place of storage, and be viewed by the public and news media prior to the parade. For those units that do not wish to enter into the parade, they may remain at the display site.

The Indianapolis Bicentennial Committee as well as The American Revolution Bicentennial Commission has shown great interest in this proposed display and wishes to photograph the display for use in other Bicentennial events.



The equipment of Southhaven Fire Department

**Council Planned**

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organizations then comprise a board which is the Illinois Fire Services Board, but as you can see from the figures I just gave you, the paid department has control and they have four members on that board. The volunteers have two, but yet the volunteers out number the paid by 85 percent to 15 percent. So, consequently, the volunteers are getting no input into it. They are getting some input into it, but it's very nominal.

Mr. Welter: Our setup in Minnesota is somewhat different there. We have our board and the volunteers hold their own there. I think our pension setup is perhaps unique in the country. We do have some wonderful setups for the volunteers, and we have used each other therein to pay in the volunteers when we went to the legislature to get things for each other that we perhaps could not have ever attained alone, and we do also have a Joint Fire Council there that is for legislative purposes and legislative committees of the state association achieve and aid people. Each have a certain number on that and even though they are not represented the same all the time their votes are identical. They have the same number of votes.

Mr. Olivari: Mr. Chairman, from what I hear I get the feeling that the objectives here are fine and have no problem and we could continue because each of the individuals in the state areas representing the states could make each of their memberships on a totally objective point of view. Membership, mixed as it is, is going to be your problem in Minnesota, for example, and I don't see that you have any, but I say if there is anything it would be up to the local people to resolve. So as I see it, I don't think I see any problem.

Mr. Williams: It certainly is not a function of this council to interfere in any way with the setups that we may have in the various states as they differ, because you have them for your own purposes in your own state and this shouldn't concern us at all, but we get back, I guess, as saying to the basic thought that whatever those arrangements may be in the local states for their own purposes what we are really shooting for and what we need is what we first said; namely, a means for providing a voice on a Washington level strictly for the Volunteer Fire Service. I don't see that this particularly would affect your local state organizations and their own setup.

Mr. Hirst: Mr. Chairman, after hearing . . . (change of tape). Our primary concern is that the volunteers have not had any input on the national scale, and in a good many cases on the state scale. It's probably our own fault. Just one thing here that was handed to me by Mr. Pfund and then I have another remark or two to make. This has to do with members, and I just offer this for food for thought. Article Two deals with members, Section 1--Membership shall be limited to organizations emanating from the various states having a membership made up primarily of volunteer firefighters. A volunteer being defined as one whose primary vocation is not affiliated with the fire service. Members included are state firemen's associations of the various states of the union. One further comment and it might, and I don't want to deal in personalities. John Peterson had a presentation at our recent state conference in Collinsville. The tone in detail--the workings of the fire service on a nation wide scale as they exist today. It has created more interest in our own organization than anything that I can ever remember. There's no animosity or personal feelings at all, but certainly the fact that John Peterson was a volunteer was one of the things that was against him insofar as being considered for the top spot. There's no question in our minds about that. Now if the volunteers had a voice in this thing on a nation wide plan and were truly united, I think that we would have received a lot more consideration. I'm not saying it

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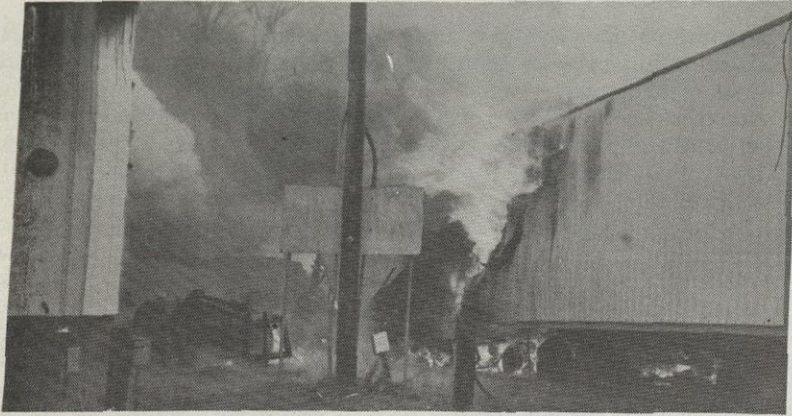
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**WAYNE TOWNSHIP TRAILER FIRE**



Captain Taylor of Co. No. 6 directing fire fighting operations on this trailer fire at West Morris St. and Tibbs Avenue, Wayne Township, Indianapolis, Indiana. Four trailers were destroyed in a fire that resulted from attempting to thaw water lines.



An oil tank ruptured during a trailer fire at West Morris St. and Tibbs Avenue, in Wayne Township, Indianapolis, Indiana. When the tank burst the oil spread under the other 3 trailers.

**Council Planned**

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was just John Peterson, but if it was the volunteer of any staff. I don't think, and I don't have any animosity towards the associated, the international or anybody else, but I think they knew that the volunteers weren't going to have anything to say in this election whatsoever. Whether or not the volunteers should absolutely have the final say, I certainly think that they should be given some consideration, and we're never going to get it without having a nation wide organization of volunteers. There's nothing in the world to say that the present organization shall not continue, but I think the volunteers should be given more consideration and more voice in these judgments and these final selections of opinions the same way with legislation.

Mr. Williams: Anyone else.

Mr. Baker: We have two organizations in the State of Indiana, the IFA, which is the oldest organization in the state. When they were organized they took in the volunteers along with the paid men. About all they were interested in was legislation for wages, retirement and so forth, for the paid men. So in 1946, I believe it was, they organized the Volunteer Firemen's Association. We have about 20,000 volunteers in the State of Indiana and a little over 3,000 paid people. Now, when we go to the legislature we have our own legislative committee. Very rare does the IFA come to the committee meetings and have anything to say at all for the volunteers, which in turn we don't do anything for the paid men either. When we go to the legislature, we go for our purposes and to hell with the paid men. That's the way we feel about it. Wouldn't you say so, Jack?

Mr. Ford: Very much so. If they have anything that we're opposed to, we just go flat out and knock them down. That's all there is to it.

Mr. Baker: That's the way it has been, it will be, for 30 years. We take care of our own problems and let them take care of their problems. Like I say, when it was first organized they had volunteers and paid men both, and last year I was invited to their convention, being the President of our Association, and they had lost 450 volunteer members from the IFA which we don't move out actually and try to get them in that belong to the IFA-- the older organization. I belong to both organizations and belonged to the IFA for 30 some odd years because our volunteer department is the only volunteer department that is a charter member of that unit, but they just keep coming our way, that's all. We don't pay any attention to them. We go to the legislature, and they don't pay any attention to us.

Mr. Williams: Gentlemen, may I summarize where we are at this moment then. We have said that our aim should be to find a means of providing a voice at the Washington level for the Volunteer Fire Service, and that it does not seem that the structure of our state associations, some of them, which are part paid and part volunteer would necessarily interfere with that aim. Alright, now, unless someone else has some comment on that point, can we go on to another, and I don't know what the next would be but I suggest that perhaps it would be with that aim number one--how we may formulate a position for the volunteer fire service on subjects in order to be able to present our views? How would we do this? This is what our organization would ultimately get together to accomplish. Now do you have in mind that we could accomplish this--by representatives of the various state organizations meeting as we are here, by areas, or how do you feel we might do this? If there is a subject which is of importance on the national level that we want to have some input on, we've got to have a method or a means of formulating that position in order to have that input. How do we do it?

Mr. Williams: Yes, the gentlemen that came in while we were talking, Mr. Rockenbach, over here, Mr. Baker is from Indiana and Mr. Ford is from Indiana. Right, over here--these two gentlemen. Rockenbach over here. Yes, he is from Illinois. Okay, over here.

Mr. Loomis: The situation in Ohio has been that "united we stand, divided we fall." Now let's face it. I'm talking only about Ohio. If the shoe fits, you're welcome to wear it. The last six years the Ohio chiefs and the Ohio Firemen's Association, basically volunteer, have had

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**CHURCH DAMAGE  
IN CLAY TWP. HIGH**

On January 15, Clay Township firemen battled an extra alarm fire in subfreezing temperatures which extensively damaged the Christ the King Lutheran Church on Cleveland Road. The offices and the educational unit were completely destroyed, although volunteer firemen were able to save the files and valuable records.

Firemen were able to control the blaze before it reached the sanctuary, even though the heat did damage the organ.

Firemen from Clay, Harris, and German Townships of South Bend responded to the alarm. The blaze was brought under control shortly thereafter.

The flames did not reach a new addition to the church that was just added last fall, although it was damaged by smoke and water.

Fire Chief of the Clay Fire Department, Peter Nemeth, suffered two lacerated fingers and was treated at Memorial Hospital after he thought everything was under control. Chief Nemeth had cut his fingers after he had given his gloves to a fellow fireman. He had broken a glass window, and proceeded to fight the fire when part of the glass from the pane fell onto his hand, cutting it. When asked how many stitches were involved, he simply replied, "I really don't know. I asked the doctor and he just told me that he kept sewing until it was closed."

At mid morning, fire officials were attempting to determine the cause of the blaze. The fire appeared to have started in the furnace room, and is believed to be linked to a faulty furnace blower motor.

The roof had collapsed over the southeastern part of the building where the furnace room is located.

An icy roof, subfreezing temperatures, gas leakage and the shorting of "Hot" wires all seemed to have joined forces and hamper the efforts set forth by the firemen.

Damage is set at between \$80,000 and \$100,000, and is believed to take at least one full year to repair.

**Grandview Makes  
Annual Report**

The Grandview Volunteer Fire Department has made an annual report of its actions during the year. According to the report, nine runs were made, 2 in January, 2 in March, 2 in April, one in July, one in September, and one in October.

Calls were made to two houses, a mobile home, a commercial location, two vehicles, one airplane, one trash fire, and a washdown.

Total departmental attendance at all runs during the year was 93 for an average of ten per run. The

total time spent at the scene were nine hours for an average of one hour per call.

The department traveled sixty-two miles for an average of seven per run. There were four day runs and five evening runs. There was only one reported injury during the year.

The Grandview department aided another department one time during the year and received aid from other departments on two different occasions. Three runs were made within the city limits and three outside the city limits but within the township. Three runs were made outside the township.

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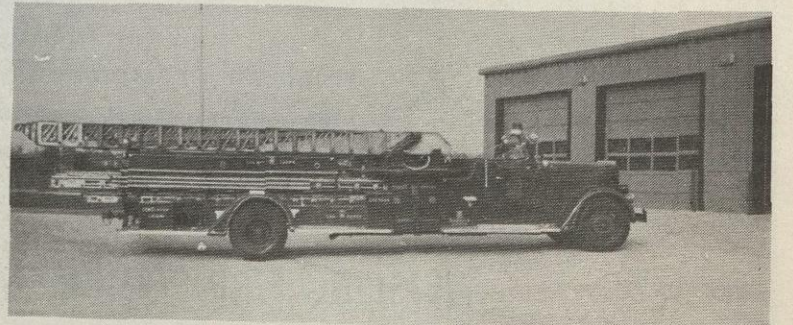
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Looking down main corridor towards Sanctuary, the "muddy" looking floor is from the ceiling tile that had fallen and gotten wet. On the left, almost to the end of the hall is the furnace room.

**Co. 9 Ladder Truck**



This ladder truck was purchased from the city of Indianapolis by Wayne Township Co. No. 9. They have had the truck repainted and have it in service from their station. The truck has 225 feet of ground ladders and is fully equipped for truck duties.

Site of men's business sessions.



**Griffith Dedicates  
New Fire Station**



Dedication ceremonies for Griffith's newest fire station No. 3, located at Indiana Street, north of Ridge Road were held recently. Among those attending were (left to right): Verne Konopasek, charter fireman; William Kane, fire chief; Carl Konopasek, town trustee; Budd Farris, town trustee; Merle Colby, town trustee; Mrs. Anne Rockhill, chairman of Griffith's Bicentennial Committee; Jack Hilbrich, town attorney; Richard Galambos, town trustee and chairman of the day. The building has been dedicated as a lasting memorial to the American Revolution Bicentennial celebration. The spacious building includes offices, community meeting room, shower rooms and second floor storage areas, as well as three 20-ft. bays for fire equipment. The \$200,000 facility was partially funded by a federal grant. (Photo courtesy of Community Spirit)

**CONTEST ENTRY BLANK**

- Hose Replacing Contest       Water Ball Contest  
  
 Bucket Brigade

..... Fire Department will have a team to compete in one or more of the following contests: Water Ball, Hose Replacement, Bucket Brigade, at Warren Township, Marion County, on Saturday, June 12, 1976. An entry fee of \$5.00 for entry in each contest not to exceed 2 teams from one department entered and will be forfeited, if we do not compete. We also understand the fee of \$5.00 will be refunded by the Association for each contest we compete in where a deposit has been made. Please check in each square of contests entered by your department.

Signed.....  
Chief or Secretary

**NOTICE**

All contest entry blanks must be in or postmarked on or before June 1, 1976 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 (Bob) Surber, 11053 McGregor, Acton, Indiana 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 10, at Officers' meeting.

**Wayne Township Officers for 76**



The 1976 Officers of Wayne Township, Indianapolis, Indiana are shown above. From Left to Right: Stephen Ritter, Assistant Chief; Bob Ashby, 2nd Assistant Chief; Richard Lamb, Fire Chief; Gene Stofer, Secretary-Treasurer.



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**Convention Program**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9th, 1976

10 AM - 4 PM ANTIQUE BICENTENNIAL  
FIRE EQUIPMENT DISPLAY  
(Open to Public) (Marriott Inn)  
(Weds. thru Sat.)

THURSDAY, JUNE 10th, 1976

8 AM - 8 PM REGISTRATION  
(Marriott Inn)  
1 PM - 3 PM MISS FLAME JUDGING \*  
(Marriott Inn)  
3 PM - 4:30 PM STATE OFFICERS MEETING  
(Marriott Inn) Men & Women  
5 PM - 7:30 PM STATE OFFICERS BANQUET  
(Holiday Inn)  
5 PM - 7:30 PM BEER BUST & WIENER ROAST  
(Marriott Inn)  
7:30 - 9:30 PM CONVENTION OPENING (JOINT)  
(Marriott Inn)  
9:30 - ? MISS FLAME PAGEANT & DANCE  
(Marriott Inn)  
10:30 - ? GAMES DRAWINGS  
(Marriott Inn)

FRIDAY, JUNE 11th, 1976

8 AM - 4 PM REGISTRATION  
(Marriott Inn)  
8:30 - 10:45 PM BUSINESS SESSIONS  
Men (Carlyle Theatre)  
Women (Marriott Inn)  
11:00 - 11:45 AM MEMORIAL SERVICES  
(Old Bethel Church)  
11:45 - 12:45 PM LUNCH  
(Place of Choice)  
1:00 - 4:00 PM BUSINESS SESSIONS  
Men (Carlyle Theatre)  
Women (Marriott Inn)  
6:00 - 9:00 PM CONVENTION BANQUET  
(Riley Village)  
9:00 - ? DANCE No. 1 - (Riley Vil.)  
DANCE No. 2 (Marriott Inn)

SATURDAY, JUNE 12th, 1976

GAMES (Open to Public)  
AAA Warehouse  
8 AM - 1:00 PM REGISTRATION  
AAA Warehouse  
8 AM - ? TROPHY PRESENTATIONS  
AAA Warehouse  
1 PM - 2:00 PM BICENTENNIAL PARADE (Open to Public)  
(Shadeland Ave.)  
3 PM - 5:00 PM TROPHY PRESENTATIONS  
(300 No. Shadeland)  
5 PM - 6:00 PM HAWAIIAN, BICENTENNIAL CELE-  
BRATION AND FIREWORKS DISPLAY  
(Riley Village)  
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## RENSSELAER DEDICATES NEW FIRE STATION

The members of the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department are proud to announce that they have taken up residence in their new fire station. In dedication ceremonies held Feb. 8, 1976, the keys to the \$141,000 structure were turned over to Rensselaer Fire Chief Lawrence Swartz.

Poor weather conditions hindered travel for some area residents, however, a large number of city, state & I.V.F.A. officials were on hand to take part in the Sunday afternoon program. The I.V.F.A. was well represented by President James Baker, Chaplain Duane Lantz, Area 9B public relations officer Ralph Yergler and Past President Harold Stofer. State Fire Marshal Bill Goodwin was also present, representing Governor Bowen.

During the dedication ceremony Chief Swartz expressed his sincere gratitude to the citizens of Rensselaer for their support and contributions and to all of those who had labored the long hard hours that the entire project demanded. A special note of thanks was given to the Little Cousin Jasper Festival Committee for their generous donation. Proceeds from the 1974 edition of the annual fall festival, some \$18,000, were turned over to the Fire Department Building Fund. Also, since 1976 marks the 80th birthday of the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department, a history of the fire department was given by Chief Swartz. Noteworthy was the fact that since the department was organized in 1896 it has had 9 chiefs and 87 firemen on the roster. Also the department's first motorized vehicle was an American LaFrance pumper purchased in 1920 for the grand sum of \$7,650. Those were the days!

Following this presentation Chief Swartz introduced the 24 current members of the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department.

The new building, located on the site previously occupied by the National Guard Armory, is of steel and masonry construction. It consists of a 20' x 80' one story office and meeting area and a 60' x 80' one and a half story engine room. The office and meeting room feature central air conditioning, full carpeting, showers, and complete kitchen facilities. The engine room currently houses two 750 g.p.m. pumpers, a 1250 g.p.m. pumper, a station wagon, one 1800 gal. tanker, one 1400 gal. tanker, and a four wheel drive grass truck. Another 750 g.p.m. pumper is scheduled for delivery later this year.

The Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department has primary responsibility for fire protection in an area covering over 220 square miles, in addition to serving the city of Rensselaer. These new fire station facilities will make the Rensselaer Fire Department more efficient and better able to serve the 11,000 persons that depend on them for fire protection.

### South Haven Officers

Elected for 1976

Laddie L. Lesnick, Chief; Bill Spicer, Assistant Chief; Al Cherry, Captain; Paul Harwood, Mike Fians, Bill Brown Lieutenants Appointed; Andy Lesnick, President; Rick St. Myers, Vice President; Keith Batton, Secretary; Jim Pappas, Treasurer; Bill Lake, Larry Baker, Trustees.

Portage Township Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary: Virginia Lake, President; Vivien Hagan, Vice President; Judy Brown, Secretary; Mattie Allen, Treasurer.



## Convention "76" Parade Bicentennial Grande Marshals'

STATE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,  
ROBERT ORR  
HONORABLE STATE FIRE MARSHAL,  
WILLIAM C. GOODWIN

As our GREAT Hoosier state continues to celebrate and commemorate our nation's 200th birthday, many events are planned state-wide for this glorious Bicentennial Year.

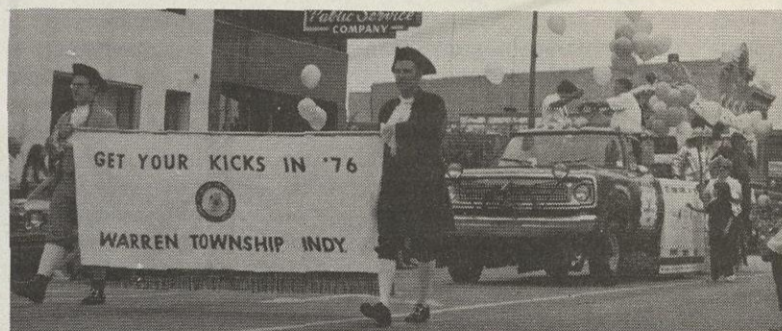
The almost 20,000 member Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association is also planning. On June 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th, some 4,000 delegates, wives and families of our state's largest firemen's organization will converge upon Indianapolis for The Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Bicentennial Year Convention. As a part of this exciting 4 day affair, The Bicentennial Firemen's Parade will step-off on Saturday, June 12th at 3:00 P.M. The 2 mile parade route on the Indianapolis East Side is expected to be overwhelmed with many units commemorating our 200th year history of The Fire Service in our country. A special Bicentennial Governors Trophy will be awarded in addition to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies in 10 other categories.

Many, many organizations from outside the fire services are anxious to participate in this gala event which has been officially sanctioned and approved by THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL ADMINISTRATION out of Washington, DC, as "THE" Official Bicentennial Firemen's Celebration and is being promoted nation-wide as such.

Parade applications continue to pour in daily however, applications from the fire services are lagging and this is surprising. This is your parade and is being honored not only locally but nation-wide, as a Fireman's Bicentennial Event in accordance with The Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association. Gentlemen, please, get your entries in as soon as possible and let's not disappoint those who have given us the exclusive right to say; "The Official Bicentennial Firemen's Parade".

The line of march is currently being assembled, and The Parade Committee is asking that no matter how big or small your entry is, to please submit your entry at once.

Please take the time today to complete the enclosed application and return it to insure your place in the line of march for undoubtedly the largest Firemen's Parade you've ever been in.



### Convention Parade Entry

RETURN TO:  
CONVENTION "76"  
P.O. Box 19036

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. 46219

STAGING AREA: 2500 No. Shadeland Ave. (Shadeland Outdoor Theatre) Indianapolis, Indiana

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: .....

ADDRESS: .....

NUMBER OF UNITS: .....

CLASSIFICATION(S): .....

ACCOMMODATIONS NEEDED: YES..... NO.....

HOW MANY..... DATE(S).....

DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY(S): .....

Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded for:  
Floats should be broken down into 2 categories.

- 1 - Commercial Floats
- 2 - Non-Commercial Floats
- Antique Fire Equipment \_\_\_\_\_
- Two Categories \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 - Fire Department Entries \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 - Non-Fire Department Entries \_\_\_\_\_
- Antique Autos \_\_\_\_\_
- Marching Bands \_\_\_\_\_
- Uniformed Marching Women \_\_\_\_\_
- Floats \_\_\_\_\_
- Clown Units \_\_\_\_\_
- Bicentennial Theme Units \_\_\_\_\_
- (Governor's Trophy Award)

#### PARADE ROUTE:

2500 No. Shadeland South to: 250 No. Shadeland

#### STAGING AREA:

2500 No. Shadeland Ave. Shadeland Outdoor Theatre

#### JUDGING STAND:

1000 No. Shadeland Ave.

#### DISBURSEMENT:

250 No. Shadeland Ave. Allstate Insurance Company

Staging assignments made by: Convention "76" Parade Committee

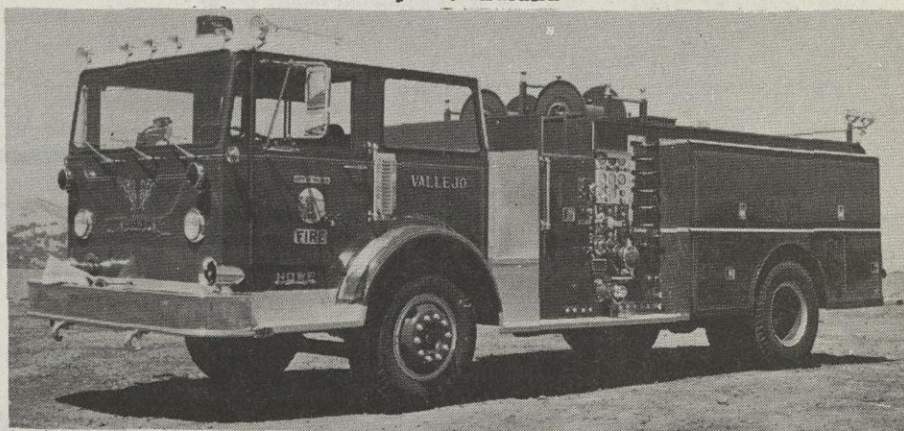
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SECOND SECTION

FEBRUARY, 1976

FIRST PAGE

## A Word Of Caution To Convention-Goers

We think we are just about ready for you to converge upon our community with an exciting 4 days of fun and friendly competition. We, above all, want everyone to have a real good time and to "Get Your Kicks", do your thing, and return home safely on Sunday. The Security Committee of the Warren Township Fire Department Hosts want to remind you of a few reasonable rules that should be followed in order to continue an uninterrupted flow of emergency traffic while you are here.

The following list of "Emergency Radio Frequencies" are used in this area and for those of you who will have equipment here with frequencies on or near those listed, are requested to refrain from use:

154.31	158.91	155.85
155.13	155.19	155.37
154.89	155.70	153.77
155.01	155.40	154.13
158.85	155.34	154.205
154.71	155.61	154.34
154.28	154.25	154.325
155.82	154.145	154.43

These listed frequencies are heavily used to carry out the daily traffic of emergency runs and cannot be interfered with subject to removal of your radio. Please, Gentlemen, let's cooperate with this request so that somebody doesn't end up in jail. . . .

The use of Blue Lights, Red Lights, Sirens, etc., will be absolutely prohibited on the Inter-State Highway Systems in the area of the Convention. There are also several state roads in the immediate area, as well, where the use of lights and sirens will not only cause extreme traffic confusion, but will almost surely result in an accident and, worse yet, a short stay in our county lock-up.

Please, Gentlemen, have fun, use your lights and sirens in and around the motel complex, but PLEASE, refrain from use on the public streets and highways. When moving from one location to another in the area, please be alert for emergency traffic and apparatus on runs. We experience an average of 12 to 15 runs per day in this area.

## Council Planned

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liaison on legislative matters. We aren't strong enough so we picked up the Ohio prohibition. I recently attended a meeting of the collision of Ohio firemen and our aim was to make a fire-safe Ohio period. We're talking about representing the fire service, and I would think that in order to get anything done to create something for the volunteers, we're going to have to all work together along the same line. I know we weren't in Ohio, because the splinters were getting nowhere. With this collision where we are representing every fireman regardless of race, creed, origin or anything else, we are going to get some place. Now, we have a political situation that is our number one problem. We're not going to get anywhere on splinter groups. When we get together no one but the voice of every fireman that I know that the fire service, which is basically a preponderance of volunteers, will be heard. Now, legislation that has been passed, and a lot of it has been originated by our association—the Ohio State Firemen's Association—has been for the good of the fire service without any problems or reflection on any one particular group, but as firemen. The Association I belong to is made up, like I say, of a preponderance of volunteers. So, we have worked with the good of the fire service, and I think that some of you who may have problems in your areas as volunteers is mainly because firemen have always done things and never said anything. I think that you're going to have to get out and deal voice. I think the strongest voice is to let your local representative first of all know who the hell you are, and at least knock out a few of them politically and the word gets around. You don't have to start out with legislation. We're going to have to work together.

Mr. Williams: Alright, now, on a national level how are we going to develop our voice?

Mr. Rockenbach: Mr. Chairman, I have a few facts on the Joint Council that we should present sometime. It might be best to do that right now.

Mr. Williams: I guess so.

Mr. Rockenbach: Now, here's a statistic sheet. I think you might add that it's volunteers data only. Okay, I'm director of the International Association of Fire Chiefs. We've been on a volunteer basis since 1972. Volunteers have membership on the International Association. On the volunteer committee there is a man from each division. So, I'll go back with 1972 while I've got all these documents here. At that time we made a recommendation that this volunteer committee have representatives at the Joint Council of the National Fire Service Organization. We talked with their general manager, and he said they weren't going to take any more on and they were thinking about cutting the number down. So we let that ride on account of that fact. On August 18th I wrote to the chairman of the volunteer committee, and we were having a committee

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## OFFICERS MEETING

November 15, 1975

The meeting was called to order by the president Jim Baker at 2015 hours in the Pine Room of the Ramada Inn near the airport in Indianapolis.

Following the invocation by Chaplain Lantz the group was led in the pledge to the flag by Vice President Jones.

In the absence of the secretary the roll was called by the recording secretary with the results on file.

President Baker started the officers reports by telling of his varied travels including meetings with the fire marshal and several fire schools. Jim stated he is more than willing to help anyone who will just ask.

Chaplain Lantz said he had been on the go more than he had been home. He told of the many memorials and services he had attended and-or conducted. Duane asked that we all check our districts and encourage those firemen who retire not to drop out of the association. They can and should remain members in good standing.

President Baker introduced the four guests who were present and Butch McGill introduced the new 11th district chairman, "Red" Morris.

Treasurer Stofer told of his busy schedule and gave the following financial report of the association. We have already had 132 deaths since July 1. We have 14010 paid up members with many more wishing to be members. Financially we are beginning to build back up with the different balances as follows: Donation Fund \$6750.00; Death benefit fund \$13,941.25; General Fund \$21,187.33; Clothing Fund \$5,392.04 and \$70,000.00 in savings certificates. This gives a balance of \$117,270.62.

Gene stated that the clothing claims are not being handled the way he had set it up when he was president. He told all present that unless the claims went first to the district chairman and then to Jack Ford, he would not pay the claim. President Baker agreed with him that this would be the procedure to be followed.

Verne, as ads taker, said he has turned over \$787.10 in ads since convention and that the November paper has a potential of approximately \$617.00 in ads.

In the last week of September, Verne traveled to Indianapolis and met with Gene. He got the balance of all monies and outstanding checks turned over to Gene and is now resolved of all responsibility for the treasury. A final report is attached to the minutes.

Verne, made a reference to an article he is placing in the paper each issue. It is called "Remember When". He said he expects to write many more for

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## Cadets Receive Training



Pictured are Cadets from Co. No. 9 of Wayne Township, Marion County, receiving fire service training. These Cadets are from age 14 to 17. When they become 18 they can become full time members, with most of their basic training completed.

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**LAYTON SCOTT RETIRES**



**CHIEF RETIRES.** Layton "Scotty" Scott has announced his retirement from the Bellmore Fire Department. He has served as the department's chief for the past 24 years. Scott was elected assistant chief in 1947 when the department was first organized and named chief in 1950. He listed age and advice from his doctor as reasons for retirement. In 1951 he attended two terms and graduated from the National Fire Fighter School at Purdue. During his 28 years on the department he has made 296 fire runs. At the yearly meeting of the department, Robert Howenstine was named the new chief.

**RESOLUTION**

We the members of the Volunteer Fire Departments in Districts No. 1 and No. 2 of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc., in a meeting duly assembled at Highland, Lake County, Indiana, on February 18, 1976, there being a quorum of the members and departments in good standing present, do pass, adopt and present the following resolution for consideration of the annual meeting of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association to be held in June 1976 at Warren Township, Indianapolis — To wit:

**WHEREAS:** — The internal revenue service has required that the fiscal year of this association should end on May 31st of each year instead of on June 30th in order to coincide with financial reports rendered to our annual meetings held in June, and

**WHEREAS:** — The dues paying period was not corrected in the revision of our By-Laws of 1975 so that sufficient time for certification of delegates in good standing at the June Annual Meeting could be made by the secretary, and

**WHEREAS:** — Membership cards now in possession of our membership reads that they are in good standing until July 1, 1976 and therefore cannot be denied representation at the June 1976 annual meeting of Warren Township, Indianapolis

**THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED:** — THAT ARTICLE VI — DUES AND MILEAGE — SECTION I

be amended to read as follows:

"Active memberships shall be five dollars (\$5.00) per member per year payable in March and not later than May 15th in advance; one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) shall be allocated to the Funeral Fund; fifty cents (.50) shall be allocated to the clothing fund, and three dollars (\$3.00) shall be allocated to the General Fund".

This resolution shall become effective upon adoption and shall apply to the seating of the good standing delegation of our 1977 annual meeting.

This Resolution passed and adopted by Districts No. 1 and No. 2 in Regular Meeting assembled at Highland, Indiana 2-18-76.

**SIGNED:**

Robert Esserman  
1st District Chairman

Wim. Howe  
1st District Secretary

Leon Lump  
2nd District Chairman

Dale Smith  
2nd District Secretary

February 18th 1976:

**Treasurer's Report**

FOR 6 MTH-END NOV 30, 1975

<b>ASSETS</b>				
Current Assets:				
Cash on Hand				.00
Cash in Bank:				
General Fund				14,733.42
Clothing Fund				5,293.04
Death-Funeral Fund				12,751.25
Emergency-Donation Fund				8,235.33
Savings				70,000.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>				<b>111,013.04</b>
Other Assets:				
At Cost:				
Furniture and Fixtures				2,174.00
<b>Total Other Assets</b>				<b>2,174.00</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>				<b>113,187.04</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Current Liabilities:				
Accrued Expenses				.00
Other Accrued Liabilities				.00
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>				<b>.00</b>
<b>FUND EQUITIES</b>				
Fund Balances:				
General Fund				15,908.03
Clothing Fund				16,985.02
Death-Funeral Fund				47,883.28
Emergency-Donation Fund				6,262.65
Savings Account				.00
Current Period Receipts				26,148.06
<b>Total Fund Equities</b>				<b>113,187.04</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equities</b>				<b>113,187.04</b>
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>				
Membership Dues:				
Current	3,557.00	72.13	68,551.47	92.88
Advance Payments	.00	.00	.00	.00
IVFA Newspaper:				
Advertising	238.20	4.83	1,252.10	1.70
Subscriptions	.00	.00	.00	.00
Annual Meeting:				
Registration	.00	.00	.00	.00
Committee	.00	.00	.00	.00
Game Fees	.00	.00	.00	.00
Fire School Registration	133.88	2.72	676.88	.92
Donations and Gifts	.00	.00	.00	.00
Interest	.00	.00	2,325.17	3.15
Deposits and Overpayments	.00	.00	.00	.00
Miscellaneous	1,002.00	20.32	1,002.00	1.36
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>4,931.08</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>73,807.62</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND:</b>				
Disbursements:				
Advertising	.00	.00	.00	.00
District Expenses	1,269.32	25.74	2,879.82	3.90
Fire School Expenses	1,092.80	22.16	1,853.44	2.51
Insurance:				
Bonds	.00	.00	370.00	.50
District	.00	.00	.00	.00
General	25.00	.51	538.00	.73
Interest	.00	.00	.00	.00
Legal Fees				
Licenses, Permits and Fees	.00	.00	.00	.00
Meeting Expenses:				
Annual	39.00	.79	8,559.79	11.60
Mr. IVFA Committee	.00	.00	.00	.00
Officers and Committees	54.00	1.10	1,239.00	1.68
Miscellaneous	829.15	16.81	937.27	1.27
Officers Expenses:				
President	460.95	9.35	830.95	1.13
Vice President	156.95	3.18	334.15	.45
Secretary	1,432.93	29.06	2,569.73	3.48
Recording Secretary	82.00	1.66	182.00	.25
Treasurer	622.00	12.61	1,107.73	1.50
Sergeant-at-Arms	109.00	2.21	109.00	.15
Chaplain	488.12	9.90	728.02	.99
Past President	.00	.00	.00	.00
Office Supplies				
Printing Expenses:	46.00	.93	855.07	1.16
Decals	.00	.00	1,771.20	2.40
Newspaper	.00	.00	5,599.74	7.59
Regular	620.86	12.59	5,069.78	6.87
Postage Expenses	102.37	2.08	922.73	1.25
Professional Fees	.00	.00	100.00	.14
Refund Deposit Overpayment	.00	.00	226.00	.31
Staff Expenses:				
Ad Takers	502.21	10.18	686.01	.93
Editor	280.00	5.68	338.00	.46
Public Relations	593.75	12.04	785.63	1.06
Telephone	167.78	3.40	489.31	.66
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>8,974.19</b>	<b>181.99</b>	<b>39,072.37</b>	<b>52.94</b>
<b>CLOTHING FUND:</b>				
Disbursements:				
Claim Vouchers Approved	295.66	6.00	1,503.19	2.04
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>295.66</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>1,503.19</b>	<b>2.04</b>
<b>DEATH-FUNERAL FUND:</b>				
Disbursements:				
Claim Vouchers Approved	2,130.00	43.20	6,845.00	9.27
Church Memorials	.00	.00	.00	.00
Memorials and Bibles	90.00	1.83	229.00	.31
Miscellaneous	.00	.00	.00	.00

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**Treasurer's Report**

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<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	2,220.00	45.02	7,074.00	9.58
Emergency/Donation Fund:				
Disbursements:				
Administrative	.00	.00	.00	.00
Legislative Committee;				
Chairman	.00	.00	.00	.00
Members	10.00	.20	10.00	.01
Miscellaneous	.00	.00	.00	.00
Postage and Phone	.00	.00	.00	.00
Transfer of Funds	.00	.00	.00	.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	10.00	.20	10.00	.01
Excess Receipts/Disbursements	6,568.77	133.21	26,148.06	35.43

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REF NO	ACCT	AMOUNT	PROOF
Record Checks-Death Benefits			
	870	2,130.00	
	874	90.00	
	105	2,220.00	.00
Record Checks-Clothing Fund			
	860	295.66	
	104	295.66	.00
Record Checks-Feneral Fund			
	103	8,984.19	
	782	1,091.07	
	792	25.00	
	820	46.00	
	810	460.95	
	811	156.95	
	812	1,417.93	
	814	622.00	
	813	82.00	
	815	109.00	
	840	502.21	
	841	280.00	
	827	614.96	
	775	1,269.32	
	804	39.00	
	806	54.00	
	842	593.75	
	883	10.00	
	816	488.12	
	807	829.15	
	812	15.00	
	827	5.90	
	830	102.37	
	855	167.78	
	782	1.73	.00
Record Deposits-Death Benefits			
	105	1,081.50	
	501	1,081.50	.00
Record Deposits-Clothing Fund			
	104	319.00	
	501	319.00	.00
Record Deposits-General Fund			
	103	3,530.58	
	501	2,156.50	
	504	238.20	
	530	1,002.00	
	512	133.88	.00

**CEDAR LAKE MISS FLAME CHOSEN**



Bob Eberle Chief of the Cedar Lake Volunteer Fire Department congratulates Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wisniewski on daughter Laura's being chosen to represent the Department at the Miss Flame Contest. Mr. Wisniewski is a Vol. Fireman, Mr. Wisniewski is District 2 Chairman of the Ladies Auxiliary and Laura is 18 and a Senior at Hanover Central High School.

**White River Fireman Honored**

The members of the White River Twp. Fire Department attended a special Christmas dinner on Sunday, December 14. It was a pitch-in dinner for the families with the turkey, ham and entertainment furnished by the department. Special guest for the day were the Center Grove High School Debtones, with their director Mrs. Judy Meeks, who provided a beautiful Christmas Carolling program. Over 120 people attended the dinner that lasted approximately five hours and made it one of the largest dinners on record at the station. Special events of the day included the announcement of the "Fireman of the Year 1975" award. This award is presented

each year to the man who members feel has contributed most in helping the department during the past year. Fireman Dave Fishel, Public Relations Officer for White River, was the award making it the year in a row he has received. Two other special certificates were also awarded at the dinner. Firemen George Lane and Gorman were presented membership certificates, in recognition of their service to the department and community for that long time. No Christmas dinner would be complete without a visit from Santa Claus. By special arrangement White River Twp. No. 52 picked Santa up and escorted him with red lights and siren to the station. There he was greeted by about 40 children with a long-long list of goodies for him to bring them on Christmas Eve.

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meeting in September so I wrote to him. I thought at our committee meeting in Las Vegas we could discuss volunteers being represented on the Joint Council of the National Fire Service. We discussed this a few years ago. We were told the Joint Council was not likely to expand, but since then the Council took on one additional member, which is the Black Professional Firefighters Association. After the incidents of a nominee, a volunteer by President Gerald Ford for Administrator of the National Fire Prevention and Control Act with the unjust accusations of the IAFF, we need to be represented. Then I wrote to the past chairman of the volunteer committee, of course, each year they reappoint the same one or a new one. So each year we go through a transition of chairmans. So then I wrote to the past president to keep this thing going--this was October 23, 1975. I talked to Don Quinn. He's the general manager of the International Association of Fire Chiefs in regards to the Joint Council application. We discussed this with Dave Gratz who is the president of the International Chiefs in Las Vegas. There should be a meeting of the Joint Council in December of 1975. I discussed the meeting with Don and Dave when we were in Washington, D.C. Don suggested the possibility of a volunteer committee meeting on November 15th. We wished to see Dave the same day I called. Don was to call me back on Tuesday, November 21st, but I never heard back from him. In the meantime we got a new chairman appointed for the volunteer committee, and he decided not to take it so I wrote to this new chairman. The reason I was following up on the Joint Council membership was that I was informed there in an effort to hold a national meeting of the state firemen's organizations in hope to keep volunteer representation on the National Joint Council. I do not know which way is better. Due to the fact that the volunteer committee had discussed the membership three years ago, also in September of 1975--at that time we agreed to apply for membership--so that's the reason why we progressed to this, and in the meantime we got another guy who took the chairmanship. I was following this up and we weren't getting the organization going too good so I finally got a hold of the chairman and he got to be chairman of the

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the paper if the article is well received. Editor Laney has the paper ready to print and is short of news articles. He also stated he and his staff are in the process of bringing his mailing list up to par. He said he is about half way through the process. Robert Shanabarger made a motion to dispense with the reading of the last minutes, seconded by Marion Bush and carried by voice vote. Secretary Ford gave a report on the new dues cards. He stated this was covered in his report to the group but he didn't have them with him. The new cards will be available around the middle of December. Jack read an anonymous letter from a gentleman who praised the work being done by the association in the field of fire training. He read another letter suggesting the possibility of some re-districting and making it the responsibility of each district to get all memberships in on time. Jack had a letter from the Fireman's Association of New

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 volunteer committee. So, then I called up the new chairman and discussed it with him and he said, "Well, you write me a letter and I'll sign it and we'll mail it in." This is the letter I wrote and he signed it and mailed it in on November 24th.

The volunteer committee of the International Association of Fire Chiefs is submitting this application for membership on the Joint Council of the National Fire Service Organizations. The volunteer committee is one of the major committees of the International Association of Fire Chiefs. Enclosed is the committee list of the IAFC and the representatives of each of the eight divisions. At a meeting of the volunteer committee September 19, 1975, the decision was made to submit an application to the Joint Council for membership. This has been discussed with President Dave Gratz and our General Manager, John Flinn. There is estimated to be 1,500,000 volunteer firefighters in the nation. Sixty per cent of the membership of the International Association of Fire Chiefs is volunteer chiefs. We're using the above figures to prove the necessity of volunteers having representation on the Joint Council. The volunteer committee also made the same recommendation in November 1972 to apply for membership. We were advised by an individual of the Council that the Council would not be accepting any additional members. No applications were submitted at that time. Since this time an additional organization was accepted. Enclosed is a copy of the report of September 1972. One reason for applying is that the volunteers are a large part of the fire service and should be represented on the Joint Council for the benefit of the National Fire Service. The volunteer committee of the IAFC meets twice a year and also the volunteer committee conducts one of the five workshops at the annual conference of the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

This was submitted to the Joint Council. At our meeting on December 17th, we mentioned that we were out to the National Fire Prevention and Control Administration out there with Bower and I brought this up and he said that "speaking for myself, if there is some other organization that should come up and represent the volunteers better than the volunteer committee, I imagine we should back off, and I am just talking for myself and I can't kid myself or anybody else." I just happen to think the other day they did accept us and this organization comes up with another one and there's no reason we couldn't have two on there also.

Mr. Williams: Well, if I think this organization here that we are trying to get going gets off the ground, I don't think there would be any questions but what they would want our representation.

Mr. Williams: Well, we get back now to the next point that we're on which is how we would manage to get the new points of the Volunteer Fire Service from the various states together in order to formulate a unified position on whatever matter might be of importance at the moment. How are we going to do that? In other words, what form would our ethic be to get our views together to find a unified position on such. How would we do this? Would we have one nation wide meeting of the various state associations and we'd all send a couple of representatives? Would we have sections where we could discuss a matter then from the sections send representatives to a nation wide meeting? Now, how can we do this? We've got the problem of dollars because like some of the paid men's associations, we don't have the funds—a lot of us—that permit us to send our representatives around the country frequently. We have those problems. How can we work this thing out so that we can exchange our views and come to a unified position so that we can say in Washington, "this is how the Volunteer Fire Service feels on this subject."

Mr. Olivari: Let me say how we operate on some of our legislative matters. As you probably know, every fireman has his own views on certain things, and it goes without saying that when they get into the meeting they all want to say something. I think what happens to eliminate a great deal of this smooth talk getting up to the top is that we have different meetings at first the county and then sectional levels to eliminate "wheat from the chaff." When it gets up beyond the sectional level, it goes up topside so it gets to the executive group of the state association. We, then, decide pretty much how it is going to be worded to go up to the attorney or to the legislative representative we have in Washington from Albany. I think with our national level pretty much the same thing has to follow. It's sort of a triangular arrangement. We get a good scope of information at the base and it seems to tighten up after it gets out of certain state associations then it might get up to sectionals with the combination of states, and finally into the fan group which would be this group for enactment or action that might be defined by the representatives who represent it. So just as a suggestion, I can think of getting all the information, everybody has his own voice, but then cutting out that which may not be required or combining those things which might be combined, get them up in one good strong solutified mass of information and move it on in that direction.

Mr. Turner: I think we are going to have to section the country off into sections in order to make this thing work. We are going to have to have various areas of the country in sections and those representatives from that section would attend a national meeting to get the input and then they would in turn distribute it down to their channels. I think this is going to have to be sectioned off. Take a group of states or something to this effect in order to implement this thing to get the information out to the areas you want.

Mr. Peterson: Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that for this group that we're talking about if the function has any sense of deficiency it has to be referred to as a represented democracy. In other words, the people have the power to act. If they act wrongly or contrary to the interests of this constituency, hopefully there would be an election time where the scoundrels could be thrown out. One of the problems that a group of this sort might well run into is that participating on a national level, if you will, can be a very difficult proposition and one more often than that calls for some fairly rapid decisive action. It would appear to me that just thinking that a structure could be established whereby there would be various directors elected from various geographic areas of the country, specifically enumerated powers and duties and that among the powers and duties of that group of officers would be the authority to speak for the volunteer firemen. If I understand what Mr. Loomis from Ohio has said to us is that in the political world the way that you get something accomplished is to go to the group making the decision and say, look I represent a million and a half volunteer firemen and when he says what

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York over the signature of Eugene Brown.

After the exchange of a couple previous letters, Jack received this one stating there would be a formulative meeting of a National Conference of Volunteer Fire Fighters in Chicago at the O'Hare Inn at O'Hare airport on Saturday, November 29, 1975 at 1400 hours.

President Baker called for all vouchers to be brought in at this time.

All the public relations and district chairman gave a summation of their travels, some brief and others at great length.

Paul Fairfield gave a report on the recent fire school held in the Northeast and expressed his deepest gratitude to R. Esserman and N. Crocker for their devotion in presenting their gas program for the past four years.

President Baker stated he had a check from the publishers of our annual convention pamphlet for \$1,000.00 to be turned over to the treasurer. A statement was relayed from a representative of the company that they expected the book to be approximately three times as large as last year's.

Fire Marshal Goodwin spoke briefly on the problem of fires at Ball State University. Bill also unburdened himself of several incidences he has come across as the fire marshal and also asked everyone's help in making his job and all fire fighters jobs easier. He pledged his help to anyone who needs it.

Of all the past presidents, only Bill Engle has a report. He told of being with the fire marshal on a trip to Bedford to investigate a multiple death fire.

Bob Esserman gave quite a lengthy report of the events of his district. He also told of a pending suit against him as an officer of the state association. Leon Lump gave some advice to the members of the association regarding future suits.

Ivan Nevil also told of a fatal fire his department responded to, but could not save the victims due to not being called in time.

Many of the district chairmen told of new departments or old departments being dropped.

Chairman Grizzle presented a gavel and block to the president as he had promised in August.

Stewart Boaz told all to become more aware of federal monies that are available to all for fire training and to try to get these dollars to flow for their use.

Chairman Bruns stated District 19 has been started with 11 transfer stations and the prospect of many more. There will be an election of a permanent chairman at the next district meeting.

Editor Laney has the printed copies of the By-Laws and would like to dispose of them.

Robert Esserman made a motion to have each district chairman take enough copies for one for each department in his district, plus a couple for spares. The district chairman would be responsible for getting these to each department, seconded by Stewart Boaz, motion carried by hand vote.

Robert Surber told of a proposal to have a traveling state waterball winner plaque.

Leonard Grizzle made a motion to concur with the proposal of the games committee since the plaque has already been donated, seconded by Robert Shanabarger, motion carried by a show of hands.

Stewart Boaz made a motion to send at least two representatives to the national council at Chicago.

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## Ban Burning?

"Fire departments often open burn wood refuse, for training exercises, in direct violation of Indiana Air Pollution Control regulations," says Ralph C. Pickard, Assistant Commissioner for Environmental Health of the Indiana State Board of Health.

"The Indiana Air Pollution Control Board (Mr. Pickard serves as Technical Secretary) utilizes Board regulation APC 2, which limits the use of open burning as a method of refuse disposal in order to maintain the air quality in Indiana," stated Mr. Pickard. He added "the regulation specifies exemptions and conditions which must be met for exemption and provides for variances from the regulation in certain situations, including fire training."

The regulations of the Indiana Air Pollution Control Board are enforced by personnel of the Indiana State Board of Health, Division of Air Pollution Control. All applications for variance must be obtained through the division; however, no burning for fire training may be conducted without a variance, granted by the Air Pollution Control Board.

In obtaining a variance, the applications must be completed and returned to the Air Pollution Control Division of the Indiana State Board of Health. An inspector, from the division, will visit the training site with local health officials, and make a recommendation regarding the variance. The application is forwarded to the Air Pollution Control Board and is either granted or denied.

It is possible to obtain a one-year variance, for a series of training sessions, thereby eliminating the need for multiple applications. All applications must be submitted at least two months in advance. All questions and subsequent correspondence should be directed to:

Ralph C. Pickard  
Technical Secretary  
Indiana Air Pollution  
Control Board  
1330 West Michigan Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206  
AC 317-633-4420

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The names of the two to go will be given at the board meeting. Seconded by Milan Pece, motion carried by voice vote.

Robert Esserman mentioned the use of standard letterhead paper when writing letters of condolence to the family of deceased members. He suggested we use a letterhead sheet that has no list of officers or timed ads included on them.

Agreeing to the general attitude of the body, President Baker directed that a box of this special stationery be furnished to the secretary and that he write all future letters of condolence on these plain letterheads.

President Baker recessed the meeting at 2245 hours to be reconvened at 0900 hours in the same room.

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The meeting was reconvened at 0900 hours by the president, followed by the invocation by the chaplain and the pledge to the flag.

President Baker asked for the convention committee report. Gene Stofer said he had none at this time.

Jim stated he had appointed Bill Engle as temporary chairman of Convention '77 and he would handle all matters for that convention for the association as

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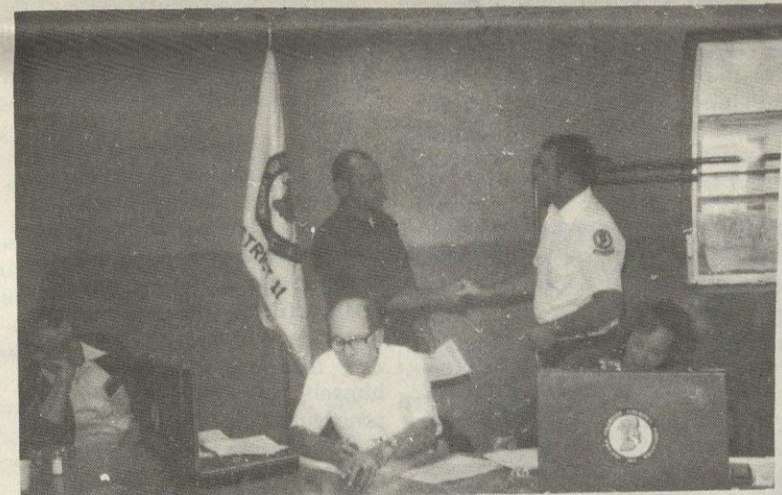
## District 11 November Meeting



Otter Creek No. 1, Host of District 11 Meeting.



President Baker addresses District 11. Back to camera, Barb Ritter; Left to Right, Carl Davis, Steve Ritter, President Baker, and Jim Bell, Convention 77 Chairman.



District Chairman presents Chief Meyers a check and certificate for hosting District meet. In the foreground is Vice Chairman, Larry Ketchum; District Secretary, "Toddy" Mickl; Ladies Auxiliary Chairman, Jo Morris.

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you want you better be able to give him an answer right then and not be in a position where you have to go back and say well, it's going to take me six months of running a straw pole to find out what we want. In that same token, it would seem to me that we might be narrowing our scope a little bit just by being concerned with action of the federal government whether it be administrative agency action or whether it be legislative action in the Congress. I think the volunteer needs to be concerned not only in that area but also in the area of the Joint Council, and a little side on Chief Rockenbach's comment. If in any group numbers and votes ever counted, that is one where votes count, and if the volunteers can have a representative from the Volunteer Fire Chiefs Committee and an organization that grows out of this meeting today, all well and good. I don't see how it could be denied by the Joint Council. Also, I think in the areas where the NFPA is involved, because the voice of the volunteer in the NFPA, and let's face it, they affect us. We've got no voice there that is heard. It's a crime alone. I would not like to see our scope limited just to legislative activity, but cover all of those areas that are of legitimate concern beyond the state level. In other words, beyond the geographic limits that we individuals here come from. I think its got to be a representative democracy form where the people are elected much in the fashion to take off on what Mr. Olivari suggested and that when it gets up to the group who is in power or whatever term it may be to act it may be given the power to act so they can act decisively, speak decisively, and if they don't do the job then you throw them out.

Mr. Finch: We're taking the position here, I think everybody else here feels that we have then in this nation a complete setup of organizations of each state, which is somewhat then biased after our visit to Washington in some areas where maybe there is not a state wide organization or one

so recognized that does represent the Volunteer Fire Service. There came much concern I know to me to realize that maybe because of our strong organization in my own area, I began to feel that everybody is so well organized but I think this is a concept here. We feel that they are all organized and I got to feeling they are not.

Mr. Williams: Well, if they are not won't the fact that we have something going here encourage those states that are not organized to organize? I think we have to assume it would be fair to say that by means of our state associations and by whatever means we use in our states the officials of those state associations presumably know the feelings of their people, and are in a position on an executive level to formulate a view point. I think we have to start with that. We can't go down into the states. We've got to find in our states our own means of knowing how our people feel and reflecting their views and then starting from that point we get into this representative thought that our state association officials would then be in a position to sit with those of other states and exercise their executive judgment and come to conclusions.

Mr. Peterson: This leads us a little bit into the area of membership, and if you will, I'd like to share a couple of thoughts with you in that regard. I think it deserves careful thought--this question of membership--and whether or not it should be limited to presently constituted state wide organizations. Now that may be the ultimate way to go but they are having a little bit of problems, for example, in the State of Alaska with the Alaska State Firemen's Association, which again is by and large volunteer and that problem is that they would like to represent and do good works for all of the volunteer firemen. One of their requirements for membership in the State Association is that you have a local chapter distinguished from a fire department, and it has resulted in a situation. . . (change of tape) . . . where I can see on a national level that some careful thought should be given to particularly if there are, and I am quite sure there are some states, where there are not viable active state wide associations representing the volunteers. To be able to include them in some fashion, in other words, provide a membership or some voice in the group. There may be no simple solution, but I think it's an area that we should not likely dismiss and destruct because the strength of the organization will only be ultimately the support which it gets not, for example, in Illinois--just of the Illinois Firemen's Association--but of the firemen that are really the Illinois Firemen's Association, the volunteer firemen. I would like to see some effort put forth and it's obviously an area that we can't solve here today, but providing some means for input for participation for membership where someone who is in an area where he does not have a state association such as the groups that are represented here, because there may be more of those people than we realize. As in all meetings of these type, the people that come are from organized states or from organized groups that are active and interested. Just because there isn't someone here from South Dakota doesn't mean that there isn't a bunch of volunteer firemen in South Dakota that aren't trying for some means of expression.

Mr. Williams: Well, we've got to be careful as you say. This may be a problem. We have got to be careful in setting up our requirements for membership so that we do not dilute or affect those state associations that we do have by having splinter groups so to speak coming into the picture and weakening the position of the state associations where they do exist. Your speaking more, I think, of those areas where they would not necessarily have a state wide organization.

Mr. Peterson: Right.

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Mr. Williams: Yes, Mr. Ford.

Mr. Ford: Talking about speed of communications and so forth, in Indiana we are represented in all 92 counties. We have 15,000 to speak for. I suppose there is another three or four thousand that are still to be coming in, but I'm sure they will in time. We have legislative efforts in the state and snap decisions come up once in a while, and we are successful in keeping the state representatives all over the state up all weekend. Now, last year one Friday night there was a piece of legislation come up through the Administrative Building Council that was very detrimental to the Volunteer Service. It was going to go in committee on Monday morning. We have a setup whereby the president notifies two or three officers. These two or three officers notify two or three more officers, all on telephone, and we have the state divided up into 22 different distinct areas and finally get down to these people who split their areas up into other parts and within Friday night we can get word all over the state. Monday morning we go into the State House and start talking to the people and they say "Jesus Christ, that's terrible I didn't get any sleep, for if there wasn't a volunteer knocking on my door there's one on the telephone. I know how you feel." This worked very successful. We do have successful and quick resulting consensus resulting from this. So, I am sure that if this organization wanted a quick answer of the feelings from the State of Indiana, it could be gotten within a couple of days. We too have the executive authority of calling this information and making an executive decision on the majority. Now, whether something like that could be transferred in a national level, I don't know. It does work very successful in Indiana.

Mr. Williams: I think as we said that each of the states have their own method whatever it might be to understand what their people want and how they feel. We are going to have to assume that when we meet like this whoever is sent as a representative from that state association will be speaking from his general knowledge of what is going on in that state association. The question then being how do we get together for this, and I think we have said that we would need probably a sectional arrangement so that a group of states could express themselves by representatives meeting in some sectional area then in turn the directors of the central group of this national group would be made up of representatives from the sectional organizations. So, this would be democracy by representation.

Mr. Ford: Yes, I agree with you, Sir, but I feel this way that we are talking about what we are going to do with "x" problem. What is the problem? I mean it is going to have to come from the head of this organization on down to what this problem is first.

Mr. Williams: Well, not necessarily. It seems to me that an association of state organizations like this would be working both ways. It seems to me that we not only want to respond to a crisis, but I think we want to be in a position where we can formulate an opinion on what we think we want and say to Washington before they say to us, on such and such a subject, "hey, fellows, listen to us, listen to us, we have this to say." This kind of thing we will formulate in the meetings of the sectional groups and in turn then their representatives at the national level of this council.

Mr. Ford: It's just like this fire academy bit. As secretary of the State Association of Indiana, I had contacted by letter and phone various representatives in Congress from Indiana who I thought were close to Pete Bradino, and tried to get the views of Indiana put in this and the consensus of opinion of everybody was, "gosh, if you guys just had a national organization and national voice where you could speak for all of them and make everybody sit up and listen." I find that I had a great deal of trouble in getting to the right people at the right time with the right information and maybe I was a year late. This is what I mean by we got to have some direction from the top with these problems as they come up.

Mr. Kloss: I agree with basically everything that has been said except that I don't like to spread out this sectional thing. I think that the people of Iowa would like to be represented at this election when these people are elected. I don't know how many meetings it would take to set this organization up, but after it was set up if you have one or two meetings a year and have all your representatives there to make their decisions at that time and let the executive board carry it from there. The way we do it in Iowa is to have one meeting a year for our organization, and we set our priorities and go from there. Now, we are getting more active legislative wise and we're calling for more than one board meeting this year for the first time, but the executive board has the power to carry on. We don't hold other meetings to decide what has to be done, because you can't do it legislative wise. So, I say if you have your thing divided into sectionals, you are going to have a meeting there and go to the national meeting. It's creating more meetings, and I don't care how it is done, but the least amount of meetings you have to take the time off to go to, the better off you are going to be.

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## "Singing Sheriff" To M.C. Pageant

The Singing Sheriff of Madison County, Sheriff John Gunter, will host and entertain our lovely contestants at the 1976 Miss Flame Pageant and Dance on Thursday, June 10th, immediately following the Convention opening, featuring State Attorney General, Theodore Sendak, Indianapolis Mayor, William Hudnut and many other guests and dignitaries. A short 20 minute intermission precedes the Gala "Miss Flame Pageant".

For those of you who have seen Sheriff John in action, already know that you're in for a fantastic treat. After having seen his performance at the Richmond Fire Conference last year, we are very pleased and excited at being able to have him perform and conduct the program for this lovely affair. The 1971 Lawman of the Year, is the actual Sheriff of Madison County, who has a very impressive background in dealing with human relations and sharp wit that is unmatched by even our State Fire Marshal.

For "Down Home" entertainment from a guy who loves kids and dogs, and can charm your pants off with an unforgettable voice, you will have to make this event a must on your Convention schedule.

## Convention Banquet — "Unforgettable" —

The Friday night convention banquet at Riley Village is promised to be an event you will never forget. Presiding over the gala affair will be honorable Governor, Otis Bowen who will address the huge crowd.

The banquet entertainment will be provided by the bubbling personalities of "The Tons of Fun". You ain't seen nuthin yet until you've seen these gals in action! And what action! The snappiest hot mommas around and we do mean "Round". Laugh along with them as they sing, dance, shake and shimmy like you've never seen before. The "Tons of Fun" will leave you limp from laughter and a sight that you will never forget.

The caterers have promised fast, efficient moving serving lines and have a lot of experience at serving huge assemblies of this type.

## ALLEN COUNTY FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

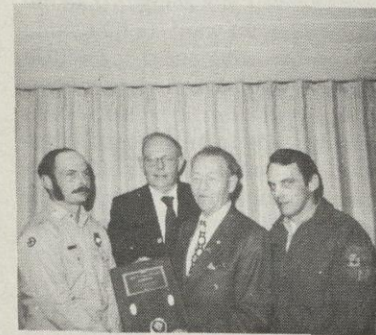
The Allen County Fire Fighters Association named James Newman as Fireman of the Year for 1975 at their County meeting January 28. Jim deserves the award for his participation in the ACFFA and in his own fire department in Hometown. Jim has worked long hard hours for the betterment of the fire service to his community and the whole of Allen County. Jim has also served as secretary of the ACFFA for several years. Our warm congratulations to James Newman.

Election of officers was held at the January 28 County meeting and the results are: President - Jerry Marquardt, Monroeville; Vice-President, Richard Mackin, Adams No. 3; Secretary, James Newman, Hometown; Treasurer, Urcyl Dever, Grabill.



President Jerry Marquardt presents James Newman the Allen County Fire Fighters Association Fireman of the Year Award for 1975.

Photo by Rufus Barnes



Engineers Robert Hedges, Chief Robert Bremer, and Engineer Wayne Barnes look at the award.

Photo by Rufus Barnes

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Convention

## ATTENTION GALS!

All Ladies' Waterball and Bucket Brigade Teams please read these New State Auxiliary Rules very carefully:

1. Entry fees must be sent in by June 1st.
2. Entry fees are \$5.00 for Waterball and \$5.00 for Bucket Brigade. These entry fees will not be sent back to each department.
3. International Rules will prevail for both events.
4. One member from each team must attend the all-day meeting on Friday.
5. One girl cannot be entered on two teams in the same event.
6. Each team member must register at headquarters.
7. Each team member must belong to the State Auxiliary.

It's not too early to start getting your teams organized and send in your entry fees.

Thank you each and every team. Let's make this the biggest and best convention of all.

Janet Yoder  
14606 Ridgecrest Dr., R. 1,  
Grabill, Indiana 46741

## Officers Meeting

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Gene Stofer is doing for Convention '76.

Jack Ford called roll for this session of the meeting. All guests were introduced at this time.

Wm. Engle gave a short resume of the Convention '77 plans and stated they were already for convention now.

Jim Baker appointed the following people to the legislative committee: Chairman Charles Jones; Charlie Bodkins; Leon Lump; Marion Bush; Gene Stofer; Billy Sunday; Jack Ford and Jim Baker.

Chairman Jones said they had met the day before. He told of some bills in the hopper and some action that is being contemplated on other laws for modification or deletion.

Charlie read a letter giving an unofficial opinion regarding the necessity of firemen to obtain chauffeur or public passenger license before operating vehicles.

Jim Baker again made mention of the official call plan that was instigated a couple of years before and that everyone should get himself refamiliarized with the procedure. Jack Ford will reprint this procedure and will give or send a copy to each officer with instructions to insert this in the By-Law folder.

Jack again asked all district chairmen to help in getting the delinquent departments paid and to get a correct amount from those who had paid the wrong amount.

Motion by Carl Davis to dispense with the board report, seconded from the floor, carried by voice vote.

The re-districting committee has met and has drawn up a tentative suggestion of new district lines based on the county lines. Charlie Jones, chairman of the committee, stated he would have some maps prepared outlining the proposed new districts and would send them to the different district chairmen to present the plan to the different departments for their discussion.

No report from the president's advisory board.

No old business.

In the new business, Stewart Boaz submitted his version of how the new postcard should be printed.

Jim Baker presented a proposed copy of the '76 Convention booklet. This was passed around for all to see and decide on. Carl Davis made a motion to accept the proposed convention front page format as presented by the

company, seconded by Bill Engle and passed by a show of hands.

"Red" Morris made a motion that since the distributor that represented the "smoke guard" corporation is no longer in business in Indiana that we should "let a sleeping dog lie" and not pursue the matter further, seconded by Paul Kraft, carried by hand vote.

Motion by Billy Sunday to adjourn, seconded by Stewart Boaz. Meeting adjourned at 1033 hours.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The regular board meeting was called to order at 1050 hours on November 16 by chairman Leon Lump.

A motion was made and seconded from the floor to dispense with the invocation and pledge.

Roll was called by the recording secretary with the results on file.

Motion was made by Bob Shanabarger to dispense with the reading of the previous minutes, seconded by Marion Bush. Motion carried by voice vote.

No communications or bills.

For the longevity committee report Stewart Boaz suggested that since no formula could be given on who or how many would receive recognition and since there was no foreseeable solution to the problem, the committee suggested we drop the whole matter and not pursue it further.

Ed Weaver made a motion to accept and concur with this committee's report, seconded by Pat Aumiller and carried by voice vote.

The officers expense committee has not met yet and therefore Stofer said he could not give a report.

Gene also thanked the body for the purchase of a new briefcase. He also gave a report on the on-going audit and an exhibit of the printed copy of this report.

Charlie Jones had nothing further to report on the re-districting committee's work but said he would accept and put into consideration any and all suggestions and-or input into this matter.

Butch McGill said the women's auxiliary had accepted our donation of our old flag stands and said we could decide how their old stands would be disposed of.

Bub Holscher made a motion to allow the women to dispose of their old stands any way they pleased, seconded by Jim Parker, carried by voice vote.

Charlie Jones passed out copies of the state as proposed districts and also copies as divided by counties. He asked for suggestions and diagrams so the committee could better make a decision.

Robert Esserman had an application form containing names from a defunct department. All the people whose names appeared on this list wished to continue their membership on an inactive status. However, there appeared on this list five new names of people who wished to become new inactive members.

After much discussion and after a couple of readings of the by-laws, it was decided these people could not join the association as new inactive members and since they did not belong to an active department, the only way they could belong to the association was to join as an associate member.

Robert Laney asked if an inactive member was entitled to receive the paper. Robert Shanabarger made a motion that inactive members continue to

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## Council Planned

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Mr. Williams: Are you suggesting as a thought then that we should be thinking along the lines of a single council on a national level with representatives from each of the states, and then perhaps under that, if need be, there could be sectional meetings of a group of states to formulate ideas?

Mr. Kloss: I don't think you need this sectional outfit. Everybody gets their material together state wide and comes to the national meeting and presents it and let your officials go with that program is what I am saying. If they don't have organizations in their state to represent them, once we get started, you know damn well they will get it together and be with us, because we can't speak for people who aren't in our organization, but we can represent the Volunteer Fire Service of the nation. I don't know how many states don't have some type of an organization, but the ones that don't have or don't have very much I think this would spur membership in that line. The sectional thing just takes up more meetings.

Mr. Pfund: Would we be far out of line in having it start as the fellow from Iowa had suggested in having one representative from each state? The organizations from each state could elect the ones. We'd meet once or twice a year which I don't think would bust any organization, but out of that group would elect your board of directors who could meet whenever they needed to or when they would want to and would be the speaking voice for the group. Once or twice a year the representatives as a whole from each state would meet or each organization would meet, but have your board of directors, which would be your controlling body, meet once a month, if they so please and they would make the decisions or they could bring the problems back for they are the ones that would work the opposite way either to us or from us. To start with I think for the few years you are not going to have all 50 states.

Mr. Finch: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to move a motion that this group form a nucleolus to form a national organization. Did we reach that point?

Mr. Williams: Would you expand on that a little bit?

Mr. Finch: We have a group here together today representing eight sections, and my thought is that before we begin to discuss how we are going to do it, we should first reach an agreement that we are going to form a national organization.

Mr. Finch: I think a motion should be in order to form a national organization.

Mr. Pfund: In other words, everybody is in agreement and one is needed, so we should have one.

Mr. Finch: Yes, this is the thought and I would so move.

Mr. Williams: It was moved and seconded that we do now agree that we wish to form a national organization at this time. Now, let's have some discussion on that.

Mr. Welter: I agree with Mr. Peterson on that we should have a minimum of outlined by because I believe that every state organization already is a section, and I don't believe that we can spare the time to go back and try to get the voices formulated at a time when action is needed. I believe that every one of these state organizations who are going to be members of this nation wide organization should have a representative who has the authority to speak, and if they don't like him then the next time he is up for election he can be replaced, but he should have the authority without going back to speak for his group, and then perhaps have a smaller board of directors who can meet with regularity, but at any time when you need instant action you could call the 50 or whatever number it is going to be, directors and within two hours you could know exactly what the position of the nation wide organization was.

Mr. Williams: Alright, somebody else? Well, then if there is no more discussion on the motion, the motion is that we agree now that we wish to form a national organization. All those in favor of the motion. . .

Committee: Aye.

Mr. Williams: Contrary. Okay, did we want to select a title or a name for it?

Mr. Baker: One question. Are we going to say firemen or fighters. We have ladies on our fire department in the State of Indiana, and I think we are going to have to change the name of our Association to the firefighters association.

Mr. Peterson: Well, I am very sympathetic with that argument because I was instrumented in getting the first ten women on the fire department which I am a member, but I suspect that on the motto we are talking about--this area of semantics--is extremely crucial in the State of Texas. I am led to believe you can start a war if you call a volunteer fireman a firefighter and if you call a member of the International Association of Firefighters a fireman, and the behavior running into some problems on a national level which would not justify their creation by the use of the word firefighter in the title. I don't think that the use of firemen at least at this point in time would give us any difficulty in the area of the sex of the members, and if along down the line that did become a problem we could take suitable action, but I think by time we use the word "firefighter" in our title particularly since that's probably a corporate name already in use by certain other groups and has certain other connotations. At this time it would be my feeling to stay with the word "fireman".

Mr. Welter: Is there any need to refer to firemen or fighters? We can avoid that by calling it a Volunteer Fire Service Organization or something like that.

Mr. Williams: National Volunteer Fire Council--something like that?

Mr. Pfund: That was our suggestion--the National Volunteer Fire Council. It inspires what we are working with.

Mr. Welter: I'll move that we should use that name.

Mr. Williams: National Volunteer Fire Council. Is that seconded by anybody?

Mr. Hirst: I'll second that.

Mr. Williams: Okay, now a discussion on that. Any thoughts on that?

Mr. Schauer: I think the wording is fine, but it may not come up as a definition. I think you should add National Council of Volunteers.

Mr. Williams: National Council of Volunteers. Anybody else?

Mr. Kloss: National Council of Volunteer Fire Service Organizations.

Mr. Hirst: Only one thing about this last suggestion. Is this going to consist of state fire service organizations. Are we going to confine it to this? Is this going to be a state membership or individual membership? I think this is all going to have to be taken into consideration before you come up with the title. One of the things I am wondering about and, of course, is probably the head of the agenda here, is how is this

## Wayne Township Rescue Units



Two new Rescue Vans have been delivered to Wayne Township, Allen County. The vans contain ladders, cutting torches, large dry chemical extinguisher, air packs, resuscitator and oxygen with a full complement of rescue tools and fire fighting equipment. It also contains a 10,000 watt generator capable of furnishing 300 volts of power.

## FAULTY FURNACE FIRE



A faulty furnace was blamed for this fire, fought by Co. No. 6-8-14 of Wayne Township, Marion County.

membership going to be. Is it going to constitute of the individual membership, group memberships, state memberships or what? I think before we decide on a name this would be a factor. Does anybody have any ideas or am I ahead of it?

Mr. Williams: Can I hold off on the motion of the name for a moment to consider this point because I think it's well taken, Mr. Hirst, we have to consider what this organization is going to be made up of.

Mr. Finch: I would withdraw my motion then.

Mr. Williams: We can just hold it for the moment and discuss this question of membership. We are basically state organizations. Can I ask this. Do any of us feel that we are talking about an association of firemen, meaning the mass of the volunteer firemen individually.

Mr. : I think that's what we're talking about--the conception of this. I may be wrong but I think some of the fellows mentioned here there may be states that don't have any state organizations, and yet we'd like to have these people participate in this organization.

Mr. Welter: On that I would say that we would try to start out in getting individual membership from all of the volunteer firefighters. How could you ever get their consensus of opinion. You would have to do everything by mail because there is no way in the world that you could have a convention or conference of all these, because who are they going to have speak for them. They have got no way in the world that they could communicate with each other on that type of a basis. I think that we are almost bound to work through existing structures which already have a voice and membership, because if we were to go out and try to duplicate all of the memberships which we already have.

Mr. Hirst: Can I just interrupt for a minute, Mr. Welter. From the standpoint of taking into consideration where there are no state organizations, I agree with you. It would be unworthy and, of course, financially too if we could get a million or two million in this organization. I am taking into consideration if there are this number of firemen in the country that don't have state organizations. I don't know.

Mr. Williams: Mr. Schauer, did you have your hand up?

Mr. Schauer: I only wanted a clarification ... (didn't come through on tape).

Mr. Williams: I don't know that this answer is a right one, but I would suggest that a call fireman not be classified as a volunteer. Call firemen, if it's the same in your state, would be one who receives some compensation for responding to an alarm, but he is not a regular paid man in the sense that he is on duty. Is that about a fair statement to what a call fireman is?

Mr. Schauer: In response to your answer, I think that you're going to eliminate about 50 per cent of your membership.

Mr. Pfund: This has been an argument with our state for years as what is classified as a volunteer and you still come up with the same answer and the same agreement. A volunteer is one who does not make his full income 12 months of the year as a fireman, because I would say 90 per cent of your departments get a nickel or a dime or a free meal or something--that's paid on call. If they get a nickel they are paid on call. A true volunteer is one that gets nothing but pays his way in. So, paid without call in our state is classified as a volunteer. You have to have a 12 month income full time as a fireman otherwise you are a volunteer, and I think that's the stand of the volunteer in today's fire service because everybody gets something.

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## Gold Badges Awarded

On January 12, 1976 at the Board of Directors meeting of the Waveland Community Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., held at the fire station, Mr. Robert Sayler, President of the Board gave the following members a miniature gold badge for 25 years service: Lawrence Servies, Larry Servies, Bob Fullenwider, Bob Myers, Myron Banta and C.H. Moore.

## Sixth District Civic Center

Sunday, July 18th, 1976 will mark the 20th anniversary of the Wayne Township No. 2 Station -- Allen County.

Formal dedication of their new training and Civic Center will be held on this date. All firemen and their wives are cordially invited to attend this all important function.

## Pennville Meeting

A dinner meeting of the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department was held December 17 at the Pennville Community Center with 40 members present, including guests. Besides the wives of Regular and Honorary members, the guest list included members of the Pennville Town Board and their wives.

A delicious meal was served by candlelight with tables decorated and dinner music to celebrate the Christmas Season.

A short business meeting was held following the dinner which included election of officers for 1976. The results were; Ray Platt, chief; Robert Daniels, Assistant Chief; Jack Davis, Foreman; William Daniels, Secretary and Treasurer.

William Daniels, Secretary

## Burket Volunteer

### Fire Department

The new Bicentennial Year Officers for the Burket Volunteer Fire Department are as follows: Chief, John Huff; 1st assistant, John Irwin; 2nd assistant, John Tucker; Captain, Claude Swick; Secretary, Bill Leininger; Treasurer, Matt Shafer; 1st Lieutenant, Bill Harr; 2nd Lieutenant, Dick Shepherd, and Chaplain, Alton Burner.

The Fire Department meetings are the First and Third Wednesday nights of each month.

The Burket Ladies Auxiliary Officers for 1976 are: President, Tona Huff; Vice-President, Joyce Swick; Secretary, Elaine Harr; Treasurer, Karen Sheperd; Chaplain, Nancy Shafer, and Historian, Rainelle Overmeyer.

The meeting night is held on the Third Tuesday of every month.

## 2nd Annual Firemen's Day

The Ben Davis Fire Department of Wayne Township Marion County Indianapolis is planning their 2nd Annual Firemen's Day at Perkins Restaurant. The Ben Davis Department will be running the restaurant on April 24 & 25, 1976 from 6 a.m. till closing at 1 a.m. They will be doing everything but the cooking. They will receive a portion of the gross sales for the day and all the tips which will be used for an addition to the building.

The Perkins Cake and Steak restaurant is located at 1301 S. High School Rd., Indianapolis, Indiana. This is on the west side close to the airport just off I 465 and US 40 West.

Last year they cleared over \$1,500 for the department. They are expecting even more this year. Fire fighters come on out and help the department and enjoy good food and fellowship. I also have heard there will be door prizes and a visit from Smokey the Bear. Remember April 24 & 25, 1976.

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Mr. Williams: Mr. Ford, you wanted to say something?

Mr. Ford: Yes. Pardon my stupidity and my ignorance but I've been in Indiana too long. I have never heard of a call fireman. Would you explain that again to me, please?

Mr. Williams: Maybe I had better refer it to one of these gentlemen who have call firemen to a greater extent than we do.

Mr. Pfund: Paid on call as far as we are concerned in the state is any fireman that gets call—he's called a volunteer—but he gets calls and he gets \$2.50 for the run and probably gets \$2.00 for the meeting or maybe gets a lump sum of \$100.00 for the year. That's a paid on call man. That is our interpretation in the state. So, to look for a true volunteer and I think we have one in the room here, but he still gives up a few drinks so they're still paid, but we've got one in the room here where they don't get one plug nickel. Nothing, period. That's a true volunteer, but how many of those do you have today. We have hardly any in the State of Wisconsin.

Mr. Baker: In Indiana we have several, of course, by law of the state. All volunteer firemen get some compensation as far as clothing allowance, automobile allowance, whatever. Now, there also is a law in the book in the State of Indiana that a man has to make over \$1,750.00 a year to not be classified as a volunteer fireman, and they are all classified as a volunteer as long as they make under \$1,750.00.

Mr. Williams: Can I clarify this a bit, Mr. Baker. The fellows who receive under \$1,750.00 receive it for what? Per call?

Mr. Baker: Anything. Answering any alarm they might answer, meetings, or whatever. Our state law says that a volunteer fireman is a man or woman, whichever, that answers fire alarms for a nominal fee or not a nominal fee. Up to \$1,750.00 you are a volunteer fireman.

Mr.: I suggest that we write our definition the way we want it like everybody else does.

Mr. Williams: True, we can write our own definition but we do have to try to accommodate if we can, or compromise or whatever the arrangements that we have in the different states to still accomplish a representation.

Mr. Loomis: In the State of Ohio we define a volunteer whose primary income is not derived from the fire service.

Mr. Welter: That would come back to the question I raised at the beginning, what is to be done in cases like ours where in our state organization all fire departments are eligible to be members of our state fire department association, but would we then be precluded from becoming members of this national organization because of the fact that we do have both paid members and volunteers in our group.

Mr. Williams: I don't think that was the intention.

Mr. Welter: And that's why I say we should then if we are going to start defining membership what . . . (change of tape)

Mr. Peterson: If I might address a question to Minnesota. Would it cause difficulty with your group in participating and being a member if you will of an organization, for example, whose title was the National Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Mr. Welter: I believe that it would.

Mr. Williams: The word "volunteer"—would that be a problem?

Mr. Welter: No, the volunteer part wouldn't be as bad as if we would take firemen. I am sure that we could belong to a volunteer organization as such but I wouldn't want it to state firemen or fighters in the name. We could participate in volunteer because we participate in items which the paid people do so there would be no problem but we would have to leave the door open that this would not cast iron volunteer firefighters only that were members.

Mr. Peterson: What I am asking specifically is that would the title give that problem.

Mr. Welter: If you mention the word "firemen" or "firefighters" then I believe that it would. I don't think the word "volunteer" would.

Mr. Nelson: I want to direct a question to Minnesota. Now, in your association of course you have paid and volunteer both, the paid men are probably all members of the International Association of Firefighters, right?

Mr. Welter: Most of them are, not all of them.

Mr. Nelson: As long as you have members that belong to that, why would they object if it was the Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Mr. Welter: Because of the fact you see they are there and we're confining this now to the State of Minnesota. Now if we were going to hope to make our organization speak solely for volunteers which could happen, depending on how this is structured, then we would be in a position of taking the paid departments dues money and using that strictly for volunteer purposes and that is where I see a problem.

Mr. Williams: Could I follow this up by asking a further question? How then can you see it that your state, your organization, could associate itself in some method to speak for the Volunteer Fire Service.

Mr. Welter: Because of the great majority of the volunteer membership. We have the state divided into fifteen districts plus the three first class cities which have full paid so that we have 18 directors and there are a few others—the fire marshal, etc., but we have fifteen directors who are elected by volunteers. So our directorship is primarily volunteer so that we could then speak with a volunteer voice.

Mr. Hirst: I don't think there is any secret about it whether we agree one hundred per cent or not the day of the so called restricted volunteer if being phased out. Most of us are going to have some paid men. The last dues I collected were from Chicago. Chicago pays \$20.00 a year the same as Cahokia, Illinois, which probably has 10 or 12 volunteers with 5,600 paid men. There are two fellows sitting along side of me that are part paid and part volunteer and I think either one would agree with you, and I am just speaking from my acquaintanceship with them, but actually the backbone of their fire department when it comes to fire is the so called call or volunteer fireman. I wouldn't want to give the idea that we were sponsoring a nation wide organization that was going to do anything to discourage the call men from aspiring to become a permanent or paid man of that department if the possibility did develop. I think that it's so unusual to find an organization that isn't comprised almost on these same lines. We have probably in Illinois, but not as many in New York, a conservative number of firemen which would be 48 to 55 thousand firemen, and certainly 85 per cent of these are so called volunteers. What the number would be that would be strictly volunteer, I couldn't possibly estimate. I think very few. I don't think there would be

any objection on the part of the part paid fire department or even the largest in practically every large city in the state with the exception of Springfield to belong to the state organization, and I don't think there

would be any resentment on the part of these people at all of organizing a nation wide organization of volunteers. I think we are going to have to be a little bit careful on how we are going to collect the dues as to what the members is going to consist of. I think that this is something that is going to be a factor. I don't know which is the best system, but I don't see how in this day and age how you are going to continue without a couple of paid men regards to how large or how small that community may be.

Mr. Nelson: Obbie more or less brought it out what I was going to bring up. I can see the problem that Minnesota has here. I am going to ask Herman who is more acquainted with the state on ours. What do you think about Wisconsin as far as if the state organization were going to be more or less the main representative in this organization, about collecting dues, how to participate in this with the paid departments.

Mr. Pfund: Ours is about 80 per cent.

Mr. Nelson: What's the total membership.

Mr. Pfund: About 10,000.

Mr. Nelson: About 8 per cent of that is paid.

Mr. Pfund: Right.

Mr. Nelson: In other words, your suggestion was that you didn't go with individual assessments for membership in this organization. It would be collected through your state organizations and then paid to the national.

Mr. Kloss: I would like to answer the same questions you asked the guy from Minnesota. Now, as far as the wording of volunteer or firemen would be concerned in the title, I don't think it would make any difference. We could accept that in Iowa because we have people that are full paid, part paid, we have combinations of every conceivable, numeration you could make up. We've got it in Iowa. As far as we need to define our membership in this Joint Council here, and to say it be made up of volunteer fire organizations from the states, their membership would have to be a majority of volunteers. We have to define our membership and our membership in the Joint Council could be volunteer fire organizations and define what a volunteer fire organization is. That would have to be the majority of the membership that is not paid. We could live with something like that in Iowa.

Mr. Loomis: I was wondering what the theme would be of the group, if we were to say something like a National Council of the State Fire Organizations. Now, I know we don't have the word "volunteer" in there, but by the same token we don't have the part paid or the call men or the full paid. Since most, I think of the state organizations are comprised of mainly or in a definite majority of volunteers that you would have reached that purpose already. So a National Council of State Fire Organizations would allow anyone to come in.

Mr. Williams: Yes, Mr. Olivari.

Mr. Olivari: I think that if you look back the basic reason for us getting together here today was to get a voice on the national level for the volunteer firemen. I don't think I am concerned with what you call a volunteer fireman. If you're satisfied with your man whether he gets a call, money, or he does anything for a buck or up to \$1,750.00, as the gentleman from Indiana said. I am not concerned. I think the thing is you live with the guy yourself. You have an organization. You represent the volunteer firemen, and I don't care how you define them. I think we are here today to get those people a voice on the national level, and I don't think we should be trying to get stuck on something as small as this. I think the objectives here are tremendous in scope and in order to meet them we're tripping over some of the small words that are going to cause us a lot of trouble. I think the objective is to get the national voice. The gentleman from Iowa says he doesn't care what you call this group. He can get along with his people. The Minnesota representative equally indicates that he can also represent and get back to his people without any difficulty. He may have wording difficulties, semantics with the title firefighter or fireman but we can eliminate that, but let's not get stuck on how we figure these people are defined. Let's get a voice somewhere where it can do us some good. The book prepared by Washington, "America Burning" didn't tell us anything about the call man as I remember. It talked about the paid people and volunteers. When you read it as a volunteer, you found that we weren't represented as we felt we should have been. That is our reason for being here. You can call your people what you want because I think they are all there with the same goals.

Mr. Peterson: I think, although it may sound a bit unish, I think the title of the group is significant for these reasons. Number one, if you're talking about a voice, for example, on the Joint Council you have the Fire Marshals Association. It is descriptive. You have the International Association of Fire Chiefs. You have the International Association of Firefighters. You have the International Fire Service Training Association. You have the NFPA. You have the International Association of Black Professional Firefighters, and so on. I consider myself in the whole gammon of the fire service as a volunteer. I cannot as an individual identify with anyone of those groups that I have just enumerated for you. If there is going to be a group, for example, called the National Council of Volunteer Fire Service Organizations, will the volunteer firemen identify with that group from the standpoint of your constituency on up? From the other side on down when you are dealing with the NFPA or the Joint Council or the fire pack or with whomever you're called upon to deal with, I think the title of your organization particularly in this day and age ought to be descriptive of the group that you're purporting to speak for. If it is a nondescriptive title, in other words, if it doesn't tell you by its name what it is I think you are taking some of the power of the group. In other words, if, for example, you talked to Senator so and so from New York, whoever that might be, and say "Senator, I am Joe Smith the head of such and such an organization and I represent a million and a half volunteer firemen and here's what we want you to do." If I was the Senator, I would look at the title on your business card. From just the standpoint of John Peterson running off at the mouth again, I think all of these various groups have got representation, but one group that does not have representation is the volunteer firemen, for better or worse. I think the title is important.

Mr. Olivari: I am saying that we shouldn't be concerned with these little definitions. I think the title is critical and I think volunteer, fire service, firemen—something should be in there. I agree with that.

Mr. Ford: I agree with Mr. Peterson, and I think we are sitting here talking about two different things. We're talking about the name of this association and we're talking about membership, and I think that is two different items. Membership into this association comprises another subsection of the by-laws, not the name. My opinion of membership to cover it at all would be something to the effect of membership in this

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receive the paper, seconded from the floor, motion carried by voice vote.

Jim Parker said he had replaced a head stone marker which had been lost from a grave. He asked if it should be paid for and if so, how much. The price is now \$10.00 and should be paid to the treasury. He said he would get it paid for.

Bob Esserman made a motion that all members in good standing for '75 and '76 have the right to vote at Convention '76 and thereafter anyone who wished to vote at convention in subsequent years should have his new dues paid on or before the 1st of June prior to convention. Bob withdrew his motion to present a different version.

Bob Esserman made a motion that all members who are in good standing for '75 - '76 shall have full privileges for convention '76, including voting rights, seconded by Pat Aumiller. Robert Shanabarger made a motion that all action on this matter be tabled until next meeting and that a legal opinion be obtained. Seconded by Marion Bush, motion carried by voice vote.

Stewart Boaz made a motion to change the format of the notice cards to reflect the changes as proposed, seconded by Billy Sunday, motion carried by voice vote.

Motion was made by Billy Sunday to send the legislative chairman to the meeting as requested by Charlie Jones with the body to pick up and tab not to exceed \$70.00, seconded by Marion Bush and carried by voice vote.

Jim Parker made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Billy Sunday, motion carried by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 1155 hours by Chairman Lump.

Respectfully submitted,  
Max L. Poling, Recording Secretary

## \$250,000 FIRE

Fire of unknown origin, swept through three downtown buildings in Chalmers, Sunday, January 18, causing more than \$250,000 damage.

The fire was discovered by a motorist on State Road 43, at approximately 2:00 a.m. Sunday.

Arson is suspected as the cause of the fire which originated in a cement block building, housing seven semi tractors. Fire of a suspicious nature was also discovered in this area Tuesday January 13th., at approximately 9:00 p.m. In answering Tuesdays alarm, firemen found three separate fires, one in the office and two in separate semi tractor cabs. These fires were extinguished with minor damage.

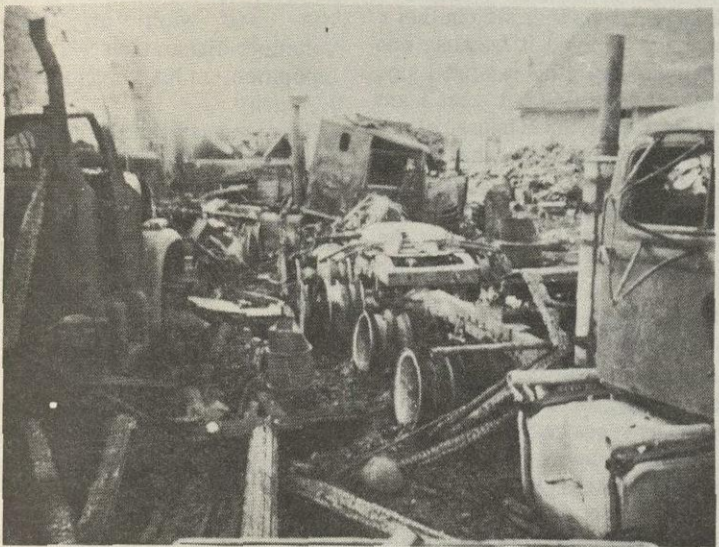
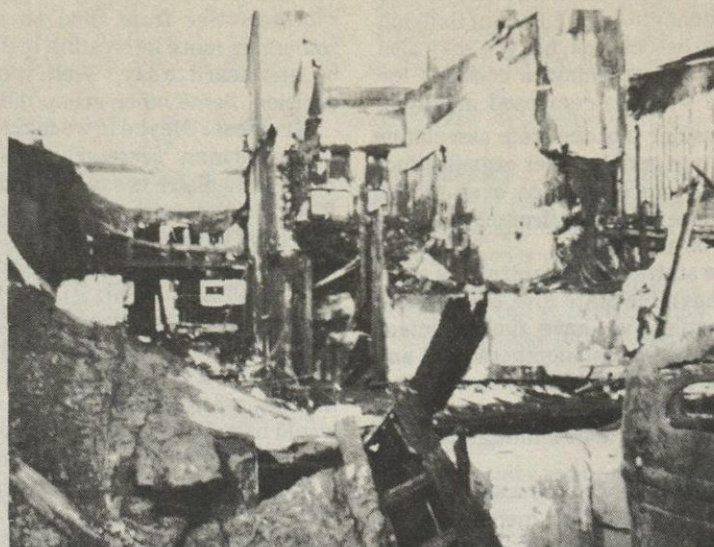
Dick Kelly, Chief of the Chalmers Volunteer Fire Department, stated that area residents allegedly heard one loud explosion and several minor ones in the garage at about the time the fire started. At this time it is not known if the other two buildings destroyed by fire, ignited from the garage fire, or could have also been caused by arson.

Flames from the burning buildings could be seen from a distance of over five miles. More than 100 firemen answered the Chalmers mutual aid call, coming from Monticello, Reynolds, Wolcott, Remington, Rensselaer, Francesville, Buffalo, Burnettsville, Delphi, Battleground and Tippecanoe and Washington Townships, fighting

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## \$250,000 Fire



the fire in temperatures estimated at four degrees below zero.

In addition to the Chalmers water supply, approximately seventeen fire department tankers hauled more than 200,000 gallons of water from Brookston, a distance of four miles.

A White County Farm Bureau gasoline truck, supplied more than 450 gallons of gasoline to the pumpers and tankers.

In summing up the more than six hours of fire fighting by the thirteen fire departments responding to the fire call, Chief Kelly remarked "If it had not been for them, we might have lost the whole downtown area."

Investigators from the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office have been probing the ruins, seeking the cause of the fire.

As late as February 19th, special arson investigators from the state of New York, have been sifting the garage rubble, seeking the cause and origin of the fire.

Chalmers, with a population of 500 to 600 residents, is located in a rich agricultural area, approximately sixteen miles north of Lafayette.

The twelve member volunteer fire department headed by Kelly, are members of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association and in District 9-B.

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volunteer association to be to the standard of local interpretations. Now, if they have a state organization, there's your local interpretation. If they don't have a state organization, there's still a local interpretation. You wouldn't be defining any specific group.

Mr. Schauer: (didn't come through on tape) . . . For the second reason, I spent eight years as a volunteer chief and five years originally as a paid man. The real reason I am here is because the first meeting that I had was never really directed as putting something over and for the volunteer fireman. I would be very dismayed to leave here today thinking that in the title of this sort of thing the word "volunteer" was not used. In fact I would really be shocked more as far as I am concerned. I think the whole direction of the program should be put toward the volunteer.

Mr. Nelson: I think it would be doing the volunteer an injustice not using the word "volunteer". The word "volunteer" definitely has to be incorporated in the title.

Mr. Williams: Can I get back to the motion that we had kind of sidetracked for awhile which was the name, and the motion which was originally made was that the name be National Volunteer Fire Council. In the course of discussion it was suggested also National Council of Volunteers and National Council of Fire Service Organizations. The motion, however, as originally put was National Volunteer Fire Council. Now, are we ready to take a vote on the name at this point? I think we've had a pretty open discussion on it. Can I put this motion now as it was put. You can either vote it down and we can go to another name if you don't think the motion as put was what you want. Can I take a vote. Those in favor, please say "aye."

Committee: Aye.

Mr. Williams: Contrary.

Mr. Williams: Well, I think we have that as a name.

Mr. Rockenbach: Mr. Chairman, I think we need a definition of a volunteer for our own purposes.

Mr. Williams: Well, I think as far as volunteer, that alone, I think we have sort of talked that around to the point where whatever the state considers in its own field should be acceptable to us. We are not going to try to get down into that. If your state considers volunteers to be those who receive some minimal compensation, then I don't think we are going to argue with that point, are we?

Mr. Pfund: I still feel we should put something in our rules and I would still go along with the definition as suggested in our by-laws as one whose primary vocation is not affiliated with the fire service. That's a volunteer. Or you can word it as his full time occupation is not as a fireman. Either way.

Mr. Braun: I move that each state's definition be accepted as to what they call a volunteer.

Mr. Rockenbach: If we are going to be a national organization, we should have one of our own.

Mr. Pfund: Right.

Mr. Williams: You mean we should try to formulate in our own setup what we consider as a volunteer and this would have to be so for the various states.

Mr. Kloss: Should we be talking about volunteer or should we be talking about membership. I think we should be talking about membership and not classify him as a volunteer. If the Iowa Firemen's Association can be a member of that, we can be a member of this no matter what we are. If you are going to be ruling people out by just one word, I think we should just be talking about membership.

Mr. Pfund: Mr. Chairman, you are going to have something in there to rule out a paid man or you're going to have . . .

Mr. Williams: I am not so sure that we're not talking about two things which we can put together without any problem. We first have to consider what the membership in this council would be. I think we are

considering it as the state organizations and then within that the membership of the state organizations would be more than half volunteer. Now, you get into the questions of what volunteer is, and its been suggested that what you say in your state as volunteer for the purpose of your organization would be acceptable. Now, is this arrangement one that we can talk about?

Mr. Welter: I would like to suggest that we have something in here that would state that membership in this organization would be limited to organizations which are comprised of at least a majority of volunteer firemen, because we are talking about organizations joining as I understand it. We are not now talking about individual membership.

Mr. Schauer: I think we are going to have to consider something here, and I think it might be what Mr. Kloss said. In my own fire department all of my paid men are volunteer and they are very close to the Volunteer Fire Service. We darn well know that we can't do it without the other 45 men, which are all volunteer. I think that if we rule out the paid men, we are going to be ruling out a heck of a lot of support. There is an awful lot of paid chiefs of a volunteer organization.

Mr. Welter: We have a condition similar to what Mr. Schauer just stated. We have fully paid firefighters who are volunteer. Some of them are volunteers in other fire departments and some of them are volunteers in their own department. You cannot say that just because a fellow is a full paid firefighter that he is not also a volunteer.

Mr. Williams: Again, I don't think this is a problem. In considering what Mr. Schauer has said I am not so sure I agree with that thinking. Sure, you have a paid chief of a volunteer fire department, but that chief is not the guy we're trying to represent. He's represented right now. We're representing the man in that department not the paid chief. This is my own conception. We're still on the subject of membership. Do we have to get into this definition of volunteer any further or is it agreeable as I think Mr. Loomis suggested earlier that the definition of volunteer would be what the state associations composed of more than 50 per cent volunteer say it is. Let's have some discussion on that.

Mr. Hirst: I don't think that every fire department in every state belongs to a state organization, I'm sorry to say. I don't think in Illinois we have over 50 per cent of all fire departments in the state. Are we going to exclude these people that don't belong to a state organization?

Mr. Williams: Would your organization be strengthened by having those that are not now members become members, and would this type of organization where your organization was in it help to strengthen your organization?

Mr. Hirst: I think it would.

Mr. Williams: I don't see how we are going to be able to represent those people that you speak of that aren't members of the state associations. As Mr. Peterson pointed out, there may be states where there is not a state association. You are going to have to somehow accommodate those men. In your state you have a state association, and I think this is where we should look. Does this sound reasonable?

Mr. Peterson: In that regard, Mr. Chairman, wouldn't it be safe to say that if a (change of tape)

Mr. Peterson: Are there states that don't have a state organization?

Mr. Williams: Yes, but we are going to have to worry about them later. We have a good nucleus of states which have and there's where our beginning is.

Mr. Braun: I sent letters to practically all the states and there are a few that did not respond. I got the letter back from the Secretary of State saying that there is no such organization.

Mr. Williams: I want to get back now to the question of membership and our volunteer firemen. Is it the thinking of those here that we are talking about organizations, the majority membership of which are volunteer firemen, and when we say volunteer firemen we are talking about the definition you in your state consider as being a volunteer fireman? Is that about what we are saying here? If it is, then we don't

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## Kentucky Attorney General Opinions Blue Light Law

Office of the Attorney General

Frankfort

January 19, 1975

Mr. Richard P. Werle  
Treasurer  
Sellersburg Volunteer  
Fire Department, Inc.  
P.O. Box 82  
Sellersburg, Indiana 47172

Dear Mr. Werle:

In a recent letter to this office you requested an answer to the following question:

"If an Indiana driver 'Indiana Volunteer Fireman' with an authorized blue light, not illuminated, fixed on his car either portably or permanently mounted in accordance with Indiana law, should drive on the public roadways of Kentucky, would the driver be in violation of any Kentucky law pertaining to the blue light on his car?"

KRS 189.040 states that flashing lights are prohibited on all motor vehicles except when indicating a turn or the presence of a hazardous condition. KRS 189.950 (2) and (3) provide that flashing, rotating, or oscillating red, blue, or yellow lights may not be installed or used on any motor vehicles, except those specifically designated by statute as emergency or public safety vehicles. KRS 189.950 provides that sirens, whistles, or bells, may not be installed or used on any motor vehicles except those designated by statute as emergency vehicles. KRS 189.910 sets out a list of those vehicles which are emergency or public safety vehicles.

It is obvious from reading the foregoing sections of the Kentucky Revised Statutes that the vehicles owned by your volunteer fire department are included in the list of emergency vehicles. They are required to install and use red flashing, rotating, or oscillating lights and sirens, whistles, or bells. But, it is likewise obvious that the private vehicles of members of a volunteer fire department are not included within the list of emergency vehicles. However, KRS 189.950 (4) provides an exception. Any person who is a regular or volunteer member of any fire department may equip his private vehicle with a red flashing, rotating, or oscillating light and a siren, whistle or bell, if he first obtains permission to do so by the chief of the fire department.

It is our opinion that a volunteer member of a fire department may equip his private vehicle with a red flashing, rotating, or oscillating light and a siren, whistle, or bell, if he first obtains written permission from the chief of his fire department. However, he is permitted to use this light and sound equipment only in proceeding to the scene of a fire in the performance of his official duty.

Upon reading your letter it is immediately obvious to us that Indiana has a similar law with respect to the light equipment permitted on the private vehicles of volunteer firemen. It is equally obvious that Indiana volunteer firemen are permitted to use only flashing, rotating, or oscillating blue lights; whereas, Kentucky's volunteer firemen are permitted to use flashing, rotating, or oscillating red lights. Here lies the

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have to get into these little details of what a volunteer fireman is. We only now have to consider what organizations can join, and I am thinking along these lines. We know we have a state association, but you may also have in your state other organizations. Are we going to consider for membership any organization in a state which is composed mainly of volunteer firemen or are we going to consider that the state association is there to represent the firemen in that state and the other organizations which may be splinter groups or special interest groups even though they might be made up of 50 per cent or more volunteer firemen would be eligible. Could you express yourselves on that one?

Mr. Welter: In our state we have three state-wide organizations all of which are a majority of volunteers. We have the State Fire Department Association, which I am here representing, we have the Volunteer Firemen's Benefit Association, which has the largest membership of any organization in the state, and we have the State Fire Chiefs Association. I don't know whether I believe we should limit the membership to one organization per state for then again we are going to be diluting our voice quite a bit.

Mr. Kloss: I just wanted to say that I agree with what he was saying as to limit it to the organizations within that state if their membership is comprised over 50 per cent volunteer. As long as their membership was made up of half volunteer, we're still representing the volunteers, and whether the title be chiefs, firefighters, inspectors, whatever, the majority would be volunteer.

Mr. Williams: You're saying that there could be more than one organization in a state which could be a part of this council. Are we saying then simply that any organization anywhere in any state which is composed more than 50 per cent of volunteers could be eligible?

Mr. Nelson: In Wisconsin alone--I'm going to get back to Mr. Pfund who is the Secretary of the Southern Wisconsin & Northern Illinois Firemen's Association--there are many different organizations on county level, multiple county levels and this could mushroom into a lot of paperwork. I think that everything is going to have to be more or less directed back to your state organization. If you are going to have more than one membership per state, it should go back to your state organization. Let them handle it on the local level. As far as on the national, I think there should be only one representing per state.

Mr. Loomis: In my state we have the Ohio State Firemen's Association. There are other groups throughout the state. There's no reason why to get the voice of all of them at the state level. You handle that. Whoever comes as an executive board member, or whatever you wish to call him, to this council would be the voice of the state. I don't care if he's a Northwestern Association man or even if he has to do with the County Council. He's representing the state.

Mr. Williams: You're saying we should limit it to state organizations. We're saying that in states which have state organizations it should be the state organization that represents that state on this council. Is that what we're saying? What to do about states that do not have a state organization is another question.

Mr. Turner: I think that if you set this thing up the way you stated it here that you are going to get these states that are lacking an organization. I think this would open the door to them and they are going to organize. I don't think we have to worry about it. They will start to organize if they can see that there is something on a national level where they are going to get some input into it.

Mr. Hirst: Mr. Braun, your correspondence has been primarily with the state associations, hasn't it?

Mr. Braun: Right.

Mr. Hirst: That method of selection would be decided upon by each state association, right?

Unknown Speaker: Would you call them a representative or a delegate.

Mr. Pfund: I would say delegate would be the proper word.

Mr. Williams: Alright, delegate.

Mr. Kloss: Those individual states would have to work out who they are sending. We're not going to get into that fight.

Mr. Williams: Let's say you were named for your state but couldn't attend. You could appoint someone else to represent your state association at a meeting of this National Council. Fair enough?

Committee: Right.

Mr. Williams: What next?

Mr. Finch: Financing.

Mr. Williams: Before we get into financing, Mr. Finch, I think we have to have an official group. Someone has to chair the meeting. You need an official secretary. You'll need a treasurer. So we would need to have at least a skeleton group of officers. How would we want to handle that? You would now presumably have a meeting let's say of 50 representatives if you reach that point, and they would get together here in Chicago and would it be proper then that those 50 would elect whatever officers we think we need? Is that reasonable? These people so elected, as Mr. Peterson had said much earlier, have to have the authority to speak so that if something comes up and they say what's the voice of the Volunteer Fire Service, the boss man is the guy that gives the answer. He has to know what the answer is by consultation with others or by whatever means he chooses to do it. So, what officers would he need? Would you need in addition to those officers I mentioned--a president, secretary, treasurer--a board, a smaller group than 50 obviously. I don't think we want to create the impression here that we are creating a super agency which will take away the prerogatives of the states. I think we all should preserve our individual identities as state organizations. What we're creating a place where we can talk and a means of getting our thoughts together to try to unify our thinking, but not to take away our individual prerogatives as state groups. In that line, wouldn't it be better as you suggest, Mr. Finch, to call the presiding officer the chairman rather than the president. Alright, we have a chairman, secretary, treasurer and a board. I suppose it would be well to have a vice-chairman also. In addition to those officers, some more all of which would constitute a board which would be your executive board. How many men do you think you would want?

Mr. Loomis: I would suggest that each delegate would be a member of the executive board. The officers would be chosen from the executive board. Now, you could have an executive board of only 50, but they would be equal to the state representation, and the only criteria would be that your officers would be a paid member of that executive board.

Mr. Peterson: I think that's a valid suggestion for this reason. I don't think that the number of the executive board--I think that can be

distinguished from a quorum necessary to do business, but that in the suggestion of Mr. Loomis is implicit that, for example, the executive board has a meeting let's say on a rather significant issue, and the representative from Ohio on that particular day finds that he has something more interesting to do and doesn't show up, Ohio cannot then be later heard to say, "Well, you know we didn't have any voice on that decision. Some other group did that."

Mr. Kloss: Maybe if we had the executive board being the chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, treasurer and then divide the rest of the nation into districts say, around five but not over seven, and each one of those districts has a representative then if there is executive decisions that have to be made they only have to contact that many people to get the decision and get back rather than having to contact all 50 members.

Mr. Williams: Well, I think that's a point that needs consideration because I think that can be a problem sometimes.

Mr. Welter: I would go along with the first suggestion that every delegate is a director and has full power to speak and that the only meeting we have then outside of what the constitutional officers find would be necessary would be full members of the board, and everybody gets notice and if they choose not to show they can't say they weren't represented or that somebody else was speaking for them. I don't believe there would be any need to have that many meetings in the course of a year. The expense would get out of hand. I think that if you are going to go back to regions to find out things you have put another step in there. Instead of speeding up the process you have delayed it because one fellow who represents this region is not going to say "this is what I say, no, wait a minute I have to call all my people and find out what I am supposed to say." The secretary could within two or three hours call all 50 members, at least a majority of them, and find out what every director thought.

Mr. Williams: Then it is agreeable that the board is really the representatives of all of the state organizations and they will elect the four offices we spoke of. Is it necessary at all then to consider whether the elected officials--the chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, treasurer--should be from different areas. It could be that you could elect all four of those from the same region. All of them right here from the central part of the country, let's say, and guys out in California wouldn't be represented, the guys out in Maryland wouldn't be represented and presumably these offices would move around as years go by. Would it be fair to say then that these four principal offices should be distributed throughout the country rather than all come from one region?

Mr. Welter: I believe that this would take care of itself because if a person in one region thought they were not being represented certainly at the next election they could take care of that because it would be done in a majority manner, and I don't believe that unless this had some bearing on it, and I don't see that it would be bad to have these four officers from continuous states.

Unknown Speaker: I agree with that. I don't think we should confine this to geographical locations. Truthfully, I think that you are going to have a great organization. I think it will take a little while.

Mr. Williams: Yes, it will take a little while and we may find as we go  
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## Washington Twp. Mourns Loss

On January 5th, Washington Township Fire Department, Marion County, lost one of the best friends they had on the Fire Department. J. Dwight Freeman, Washington Trustee, and fellow firefighter passed away.

Dwight was a member of Marion County Volunteer

Firemen's Association, also he was on the Emergency Medical Service Committee, and various other community affairs.

Washington Township buried Dwight in full honor. With one Pumper and approximately 30 other vehicles in the procession.



A final tribute to J. Dwight Freeman, Washington Trustee and Washington Township Volunteer Fireman.



The Volunteer Firemen of Washington Township Fire Department, Marion County, honor departed fireman, J. Dwight Freeman.

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conflict.

Once an Indiana volunteer fireman drives his private vehicle into Kentucky, he is in interstate commerce. The Indiana volunteer fireman has violated the Kentucky law regarding proper lighting equipment. However, as long as the light equipment installed on the private vehicle of the Indiana volunteer fireman is in compliance with Indiana law, it would place an undue burden on interstate commerce for a peace officer of Kentucky to arrest him while driving through the Commonwealth of Kentucky. See *Bibb v. Navajo Freight Lines, Inc.*, 359 U.S. 520, 3 L.Ed 2d 1003, 79 S. Ct. 962 (1959). But his is not the case when an Indiana volunteer fireman uses the light equipment on his vehicle while in Kentucky.

This is to say that if the Indiana volunteer fireman has proper equipment on his vehicle there should be no arrest made while the fireman is in Kentucky as long as he doesn't turn the flashing lights on.

Very truly yours,  
ROBERT F. STEPHENS  
ATTORNEY

George Geoghegan, III  
By: George Geoghegan, III  
Assistant Attorney  
General

## NFPA Reports

### Property And

### Death Loss

Fire claimed approximately 11,800 lives in the United States in 1975, according to preliminary estimates released today by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). This represents an increase of about 200 over the number of fire-related deaths reported in 1974.

Deaths in dwelling fires are estimated at 6,800, unchanged from the previous year.

For the first time, the annual value of property lost due to fire exceeded the \$4 billion mark. NFPA estimates 1975 dollar losses at \$4.4 billion, up sharply from the 1974 total of \$3.8 billion. While inflation continues to be a factor in rising property loss figures, the inflated dollar alone does not account for such a large increase in a single year, NFPA studies show.

Worst loss-of-life fire in the U.S. in 1975 took place Jan. 31 when two tankers collided on the Delaware River at Marcus Hook, Pa., resulting in 25 deaths. Seventeen persons were killed in the fire resulting from a tank truck accident April 30 on a highway near Eagle Pass, Texas.

Largest property losses from fire in 1975 were the Feb. 27 fire at a New York City telephone exchange, and the March 22 fire at the Brown's Ferry nuclear power plant in Chattanooga, Tenn. Loss in each of these fires has been estimated at more than \$70 million.

Arson and incendiary fires continue their recent trend of sharp increases both in number and in the losses they cause, according to statistics compiled by NFPA. The Association is a non-profit organization which is the center of the nation's information on all phases of fire prevention and fire suppression.

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along that we will have to change a little bit. This is just a beginning. What else have we not covered that we should? What do we do about money?

Mr. Welter: While we were talking about directors I think there was one thing that escaped us here and I believe that we should limit the directorship to people who are volunteer.

Mr. Williams: A very good point. As we have indicated, some of the organizations do have membership which is both volunteer and paid. Since we are named the National Volunteer Fire Council we should have our directors as volunteers in that organization. Is that agreeable? There is a motion to that effect. The motion had been made and seconded. Is there a discussion on the motion? The directors must be volunteers of their association. That has been seconded.

Mr. Schauer: I agree with you 100 per cent but there is one thing I would like you to be aware of. In the state organizations many of the men that do the work are these guys who graduated after beginning in the Volunteer Fire Service (didn't come through on tape). They are now doing the work because it's easier (didn't come through on tape).

Mr. Peterson: A question on the motion. Would that want to be extended to also include the officers?

Mr. Olivari: One question about the time of service. We may not want to get into these nuts and bolts today but I think you have to determine how long the delegates are going to serve and how long the chairman and the vice-chairman are going to serve along with the secretary and treasurer. This might be set aside for the first organizational meeting but you might also want to consider this so you have continuity in your directorship. If they all go in one year and all go out another year, you don't have the continuity that you should have for a national organization. I don't know how you want to handle it but it seems to me that term of office is important.

Mr. Williams: But first, can I put this motion that all of the directors must be volunteers.

Mr. Kloss: Are you talking about the executive board only?

Mr. Williams: No, all the delegates.

Mr. Kloss: I don't think you should limit that state to who they want to send. They can send whoever they want. I think you can limit (didn't come through on tape). I'm not being selfish. I am a paid man myself, but we have a combination of paid men on our board with the volunteers of the Iowa Firemen's Association. We try to keep one paid man on there all the time.

Mr. Williams: The motion as it is put as I understand it is that all organizations would have to select a volunteer as their representative.

Mr. Kloss: I thought the motion was for the executive board.

Mr. Williams: No. In other words, each state will send a representative and that 50, presuming it were, would be your directors who would elect the officers, but that 50 would have to be volunteers. That's the motion. Is there further discussion on it? (change of tape)

Mr. Williams: The motion is that all of the directors must be volunteers. All those in favor say "aye".

Committee: Aye.

Mr. Williams: Contrary. Alright it's carried. Now let's get to the terms of office. The representative which a state sends is to be a representative for how many years? One, or do you want to stagger it as Mr. Olivari pointed out so there could be some carry over.

Mr. Turner: I would think that if should be a staggered term. A three year term for a director and let them draw straws the first election to determine the length of their term. Probably the four top members would be for a two year term--the four officers.

Mr. Pfund: Don't you think your directors from these states would alternate automatically quite often by themselves--the delegate from the state--but only put in our by-laws today that the four elected positions by the directors, which I would go along with, is a two year term to be re-elected only for one additional two year term. In other words, four years would be the limit. At the end of two years he could be removed by election, but he would be up for another two year term. Also, thought should be given to the secretary of the organization, and I think he should be appointed by the three top officers, because that's the guy who is going to have the big load on his back and that's the guy who is going to be important to put in, because you could have a good fellow in there but he could not have the time to do the work. I think the secretary is one that should be appointed by the board because you're going to have to go out and beg for his job--for somebody to take it. That's one hell of a job.

Mr. Ford: In good support of my fellow secretary speaking very selfishly, of course, I think the secretary of an organization is the real backbone of it even if I do have to say so myself. Naturally, it's going to be the same with this one. When you change chairman, vice-chairman, that's just more or less another election. When you change secretary you're changing just more than a chair. You're changing the office, you're changing the procedure, you're changing addresses, you're just dumping the whole thing right back on the floor.

Mr. Williams: Would someone make a motion in regard to the secretary? The secretary should be appointed by the three officers. That's a motion. I'll put the motion. Those in favor say "aye".

Committee: Aye.

Mr. Williams: Contrary. Now, the terms of the three officers, can we move to that next?

Mr. Olivari: I'd like to suggest that we follow the recommendation that was made by Mr. Pfund from Wisconsin that each of the organizations will ultimately determine the man they want to put in office. The change will be certainly up to them if they want a guy who is not performing. It should be up to the state organization so that we can leave the term of delegates as indeterminate or determined by the state associations.

Mr. Williams: Are you putting that in the form of a motion?

Mr. Olivari: Yes.

Mr. Williams: Alright, discussion on the motion.

Mr. Welter: Would there be some limit then as to the actual term or would the state organization set the limit?

Mr. Nelson: I think this is one of the real important things because you are getting back to the grass-roots of the whole thing, and your local state organization is in control and they are going to send the man who is best qualified to represent their situation.

Mr. Williams: Alright, the motion as I get it would be that the delegates from the states would be named by the states and they would serve as long as the state wanted them to or if the state wanted to change that man they would do so. Is there any further discussion on that or can I put that to motion?

Mr. Kloss: We're not talking about the executive board?

Mr. Williams: No, at this point we are talking about the delegates. Just to be clear about this the present motion relates only to the delegates who would be named by each state organization and the way the motion is put is that the state would name their man and that's it. If they want to change him, they do. He can stay for one year, for three, or for five or whatever.

Mr. Ford: Let me get this straight. The delegates comprise the executive board.

Unknown Speaker: No, I think the delegates are the 50 members.

Mr. Williams: Right. Whether you call it the executive board or the board of directors, at the moment we're talking about the 50 or so.

Mr. Pfund: I move that they be called the board of directors.

Mr. Williams: Alright, let's call it a board of directors. Is that agreeable with everybody? The motion is that the state will name that man and he will serve until change by the state. Any further discussion? If not, those in favor say "aye."

Committee: Aye.

Mr. Williams: Contrary. Now we got to the officers. The term of office of the chairman, vice-chairman and treasurer.

Mr. Pfund: I move that they serve for a two year term and be eligible for an additional two year term. Four years at the most.

Mr. Williams: Is that seconded? Alright, discussion on that.

Speaker Unknown: They must be a member of the board of directors. If they are not sent back they automatically don't serve. Their chair becomes vacant.

Mr. Williams: Those in favor of the motion say "aye."

Committee: Aye.

Mr. Williams: Contrary. Now we get to filling vacancies. Since the three offices are elected by the board of directors, would it be fair to say that the board of directors would fill the vacancies.

Mr.: No. The possibility is hypothetically that they could not be returned by their state association. Then you wouldn't have any board of directors.

Mr. Pfund: That's where it would come up here either vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, may be filled by the board of directors for the unexpired portion.

Unknown Speaker: I guess I am getting mixed up a little talking about board of directors. What do you call the three elected?

Mr. Pfund: They are the officers.

Mr. Williams: So, the board of directors would fill vacancies. How do you want to handle money?

Mr. Loomis: The board of directors should be compensated by the states assembled as far as travel, lodging and meals.

Mr. Williams: We can resolve that without a motion unless there's a suggestion. Okay, the expenses of the directors will be paid by their own associations. The expenses of the officers to be paid now. I mean they may have expenses of office in addition to travel, their telephone calls, books and records. As another thing, it's possible I suppose that representatives from the board of directors, and they may be the officers or one of them, or there may be others, would be called upon from time to time to perhaps go to Washington or perhaps have a committee meeting, because I assume that it would be proper for the chairman or the board to choose committees from time to time. Would the expenses of a person called upon to perform these functions be paid by this group or would it have to be paid by his own organization?

Mr. Welter: Those should be taken care of by the organization. I am sure the board of directors should figure out the compensation for whoever is on the committee.

Mr. Finch: Are we trying to do too much here, not leaving something for the delegates or the representatives of the state? Is there a point where we should cutoff here.

Mr. Hirst: On that same subject, though, I think that there should be some kind of an understanding even if it's only temporary and some kind of guidelines for your operation of the organization as it is set up now until that time because there is bound to be some expense incurred here.

Mr. Williams: Back to the question of finances we need to try to agree on some figure which we would have the member state associations to contribute to the treasury of this Council. What amount can we talk about? I guess this would be the next subject.

Mr. Loomis: Are there funds that are available to foster such an organization such as this?

Mr. Ford: May I give reference to that? I am trying to take and I am going to see if I can't get it from my state association. They said it could be as long as six months or longer, isn't that it Rocky?

Mr. Rockenbach: To get your expenses paid?

Mr. Ford: They would allow us \$45.00 a day and we got a \$20.00 a day  
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## SAFETY AND THE YELLOW GREEN MONSTER

Ask a little boy to think of something red. Chances are the first thing that pops into his head is an apple or a fire engine. The color status of the average apple is not likely to change for awhile--but the fire engine? That's another story.

After all these years of red, a color switch is taking place in the fire service. The newest safety color to rear its brilliant head is lime yellow.

The red overthrow began in Elmira, N.Y., in the office of Ward LaFrance, a major manufacturer of fire engines. The firm conducted a survey of fire chiefs. "What is the best color to paint a fire engine?" the chiefs were asked.

Two-thirds of them declared that they wanted something besides red. They further marred the respectability of the traditional firehouse hue by stating that red is a dangerous color.

Most accidents to firemen, they pointed out, took place on the way to or from a fire, not at the fire itself.

If recent studies can be believed, red falls far short in the area of visibility. In fact, one of the pioneers in fire safety and color, Dr. Stephen S. Solomon, an optometrist and volunteer fireman in Oswego, N.Y., has stated that black and red are the poorest choices that can be made for a fire vehicle.

Dr. Solomon has discovered that red is almost impossible to detect at night and even in the daylight doesn't catch the eye like some of the lighter orange yellow colors. One of the prerequisites of a safe fire vehicle is that it can be seen from a distance.

After careful consideration of all factors, including rain, snow, fog, and glare, researchers have concluded that lime yellow is the most visible hue.

In other words, the eye can't interpret red at night. And cones, the daytime color detectors, are only minimally sensitive to red. To see red at night, a person needs a period of visual adjustment.

The precious minutes the eye needs to adjust to the darkness could be the critical difference in escaping from the path of an oncoming red fire vehicle.

Added together, these facts mean that other colors, notably yellow, are more readily received by the eye in bright and normal light.

White, which ranks high on the visibility scale, was discarded in favor of lime yellow when it was discovered that white tends to blend into snow, fog, or rain.

So Ward LaFrance talked the Wheeling (Ill.) Fire Department into using lime yellow equipment. Today six lime yellow units are in Wheeling, including two pumpers.

A volunteer fireman in Freeport, N.Y., described the introduction of lime yellow into the New York Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company as follows: "Our truck looks like a yellow green monster charging down the street. People may not know that it's going to do. But boy do they get out of the way fast!"

Ward LaFrance continues to manufacture lime yellow fire engines--approximately half its line at this point is in yellow--and companies like 3M are coming out with lime yellow fabric strip and reflective tape.

Then there is firemen's apparel, previously offered in dangerous black and red. New lines of helmets and boots are on the drawing board--in lime yellow, of course.--Grit

## Tomahawk Village Apartment Fire



Pictures above are of the Tomahawk Village Apartment fire in Wayne Township, Marion County, Indianapolis. Wayne Co. No. 9 - 10 - 7 - 4 battled the fire for over two hours. The fire was contained to the rafter areas of the the building. They saved over two thirds of the building containing 16 apartments.

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room and it didn't quite add up. I am afraid the federal level of expenses are not consistent with our thoughts. They say it's very difficult to get money from them.

Mr. Williams: As a suggestion, could we arrive at a figure that those states associations here represented would be willing to start with, and as other states are solicited to join they, too, would contribute the same amount. Can we pick some fund so that we can go back to our state association and ask for an appropriation of x dollars into our treasury?

Mr. Ford: You mean you just wanting money to hold over for the next meeting?

Mr. Williams: I mean more than that. I mean we are going to have to have a treasurer, a continuing treasury. This would be the beginning of it. Those organizations here represented would start it by contributing x dollars each and then we, in turn, would solicit other states and when they came in they would do the same. What we start with now would be our treasury.

Mr. Ford: How far do we go today?

Mr. Williams: As far as you want to.

Mr. Pfund: Would there be anything wrong with this group setting a temporary amount until the board of directors meet so we have sufficient funds for our operations and the expense of the next meeting?

Mr. Olivari: I don't think there is any monies that have to be transferred right now because the treasurer is not in operation. I would assume that the next meeting is going to be a meeting of this group here possibly to look over a revised set of by-laws and then turn it over and get this thing in operation. At that time the pledge would become effective. I don't think any monies have to be transferred until the 50 delegates are appointed and have their first meeting and some guy sits in the treasurer's chair.

Speaker Unknown: I think we should find out for sure whether these organizations are going to go along with us. I think we better make sure that these various state organizations who might be a little bit hesitant to participate in something like this don't get the wrong idea that we're trying to charge them for something that they don't know anything about right off hand.

Mr. Loomis: Shouldn't we defer on what the dues should be until we have a directors meeting and determine how many states are going to be there and from there we can determine what each state's dues will be and we will have a better idea.

Mr. Pfund: I move that all the bills you have concurred so far be held until the time that it is organized and let the board of directors set the dues and then reimburse New York. That way the rest of the states that didn't take the time to come here today when they do join they should help pay for this meeting today.

Mr. Williams: At the moment we don't need to do anything about funds. Okay, as a next step I think it would be well if we could all feel that when we leave this session here in Chicago that we can go back saying that we have created a council. It is in existence, and the other states that were not able to so far participate can be notified that there is an existence now of the council. We should now get into the question of the next meeting, its location and its type. (change of tape)

Mr. Williams: Mr. Braun will send out a summary of the meeting to us and to the other states and we will have a period of time within which to advise Mr. Braun that we are prepared to go forward with the next meeting, and at that point we can set a date and place. I think we should make a tentative decision here as to the date and place.

Mr. Pfund: We'll send this information out to the states and we'll ask for a response from them by a given date and Mr. Braun and I will put this together and see what the response is and select a site which will be more likely central from the states we have. Another thought came to my mind about attendance. Would it be agreeable if each state would also send an observer, not as a voting member? Sometimes it is good to get two heads together. He wouldn't have to participate.

Unknown Speaker: I think the board should decide that.

Mr. Williams: Alright, we'll hold that.

Mr. Olivari: Will the next meeting be the delegates meeting or will it be this groups' meeting that still has some other work to take care of, such as the constitution and by-laws?

Mr. Pfund: Would it not be proper to be with the board and let those delegates here today go and assist them with the information that was brought in here today?

Mr. Williams: You know you won't actually have a board at your next meeting. Well why don't we leave it to the states then to choose who they want to send to the next meeting because that is really when we'll get off the ground. In the meeting we should have a subcommittee to form a skeleton form of by-laws. We have a beginning here certainly to work from that Mr. Morgan has been kind enough to put together.

Mr. Pfund: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Morgan will take care of writing up your by-laws for you. He has offered to do this.

Mr. Williams: Okay, we'll leave it at that. Mr. Morgan will send a set of by-laws to those in attendance here today.

Mr. Williams: Okay, we have as a tentative date for our next meeting the 15th of March.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned.

**Chief Higbee Receives Check**



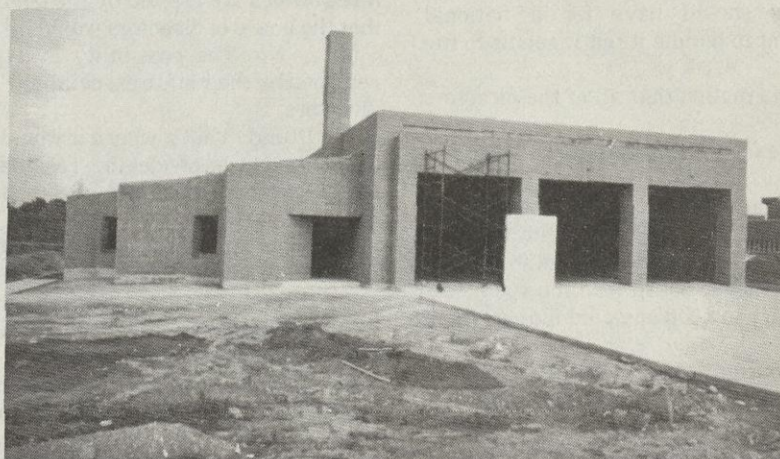
Mrs. Leonard Grizzle, President of the Zionsville Business Professional Womens Club, presents Zionsville Chief Gerald Higbee with a check for \$50.00 and a certificate for generous service to the community.

**PUMPER ADDED TO ADAMS TOWNSHIP**



A new Mini Attack Pumper has been purchased for Station No. 3 of Adams Township — Allen Co.

**New Station For Adams Township**



Station No. 3 of Adams Township, Allen County, is being built on the Meyer Road. It is designed to house paid personnel as well as volunteers. The three stations will be under the directions of one paid chief.

**Firemen Explain Department To Board Candidates**



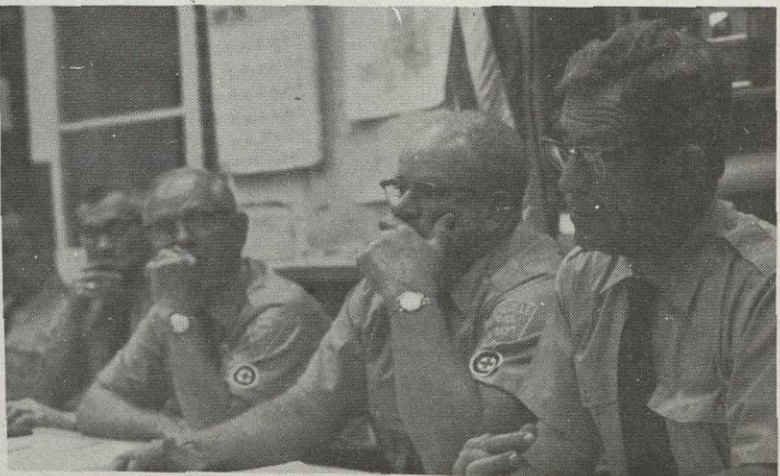
The Zionsville Volunteer Firemen are getting acquainted with the new Town Board. All 14 candidates were invited to a get-acquainted session September 22 in Town Hall.

Volunteer Fire Chief Gerald Higbee said about 10 firemen were on hand to explain the department's local role.

Higbee explained the department's area and the different phases of departmental responsibility.

Carleton Phillippi explained financing; Claude Robey, the future needs of the department as far as a 5-10 picture is concerned; Dale Ottinger, the actual trucks; Jerritt Clayton, fire clothing and its cost; Leonard Grizzle, the department's relation with the IVFA; Jim Brokaw, First Aid and Safety programs, as well as a description of the July 4 and Fire Prevention Festivities conducted each year.

Higbee said this program



familiarized the candidates with the operation of the fire department and served to provide candidates with information

necessary to field questions which were posed to them during meetings with citizen's groups before the election.

**27th Annual IAAI**

**Meeting & Seminar**

Tentative Program - Subject to Change  
Sunday, April 18, 1976

- 1:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meet
- 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. General registration lower lobby, fee- \$45— advanced, \$50.00 at door includes: 1 - banquet ticket (dinner-speaker-dance) hand-outs, breaks and magazine for Seminar. —extra dinner tickets - \$10.00 —picnic tickets - \$5.00 per person
- 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Early bird get acquainted hour for those registered.

Monday, April 19, 1976  
JUVENILES

- 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. Registration
- 8:30 a.m. Call to Order, Wm. Earle Indiana
- 8:35 a.m. Presentation of Colors - Police & Fire Color Guard
- 8:40 a.m. Invocation - Duane Lantz, Ind.
- 8:45 a.m. Welcome to State of Indiana - Governor Otis Bowen, MD
- 8:50 a.m. Welcome to City - William Hudnut, Mayor
- 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Keynote — "A Forward Movement" - Robert Seals Sr. Indiana
- 9:30 - 9:45 a.m. Coffee Break
- 9:45-10:45 a.m. National Arson Problem (NBC) - Robert May, Mass.
- 10:45 - 11:30 a.m. Juvenile Problem - National Level, Charlie Wilson South Carolina
- 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 Lunch (dutch treat)
- 1:30 - 2:45 p.m. The Investigator & The Juvenile - Sam Cobb, Virginia
- 2:45 - 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. The Court & Juvenile - Valan S. Boring, Juv. Ct. Judge, Indiana
- 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Probation

Tuesday, April 20, 1976

- 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Registration
- 8:45 - 10:00 a.m. Incendiarism - Against Society - Vandals, Firebugs & Pyros, Robert Seals, Jr., California
- 10:00 - 10:15 a.m. Coffee break
- 10:15 - 11:30 a.m. Investigators' Approach to the Pyro - William Rossiter, Wisconsin
- 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 Lunch (Dutch Treat)
- 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Fire Scene Examination - William Rucinski, Michigan
- 2:30 - 2:45 p.m. Break
- 2:45 - 4:15 p.m. Electrical Fires, Ray Vliet, New Jersey
- 4:15 - 5:15 p.m. Subject Open
- 6:30 p.m. till? "Hoosier Hoedown" \$5.00 per person - food, beverage, entertainment - South Side Armory, Warren Twp. Fire Dept. "Sights and Sounds"

Wednesday, April 21, 1976

- 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Registration
- 8:45 - 10:00 a.m. Fraud Fires - Dan Econ, Illinois & Mark Gray, Indiana
- 10:00 - 10:15 a.m. Coffee Break
- 10:15 - 11:30 a.m. Automobile Fires, H.T. De Armond, NATB, Georgia
- 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 Lunch (Dutch Treat)
- 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. Progress of National Fire Prevention Control Act
- 1:30 - 5:00 p.m. Annual IAAI Meeting - All members encouraged to attend — guests welcome
- 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Hospitality Hour — Cash Bar
- 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Banquet
- 9:00 - 9:30 p.m. Dinner Speaker - Robert Murphy, Texas
- 9:30 p.m. - 12:30 Dance

Thursday, April 22, 1976

- 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Registration
- 8:45 - 10:00 a.m. Fatal Fire & Body Identification - Francis Schoppenhorsf, Def., Indiana
- 10:00 - 10:15 a.m. Coffee Break
- 10:15 - 11:30 a.m. Forensic Pathologist - Dr. James Benz, Indiana
- 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 Lunch (Dutch Treat)
- 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Evidence Gathering - Barker Davie & Herbert Davis, Indiana
- 2:30 - 2:45 p.m. Break
- 2:45 - 4:15 p.m. Interviews & Interrogations, Wyatt G. O'Neal, North Carolina
- 4:15 - 5:15 p.m. High & Low Order Explosions - William Hiltzley, Indiana

Friday, April 23, 1976

- 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. Prosecutors view of arson the State verses Arson
- 9:45 - 10:00 a.m. Coffee Break
- 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. In Defense of Arson - Gil Berry, Indiana
- 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 What passes before me (Judges View of Arson) Judge John B. Wilson, Indiana
- 12:00 - 12:15 p.m. Closing remarks & certificates

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