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Wells County Biggest Blaze Ever



Southern Wells Elementary School Fire Scene

By JIM BARBIERI

Southern Wells will rebuild from the massive, multi-million-dollar Saturday night blaze that destroyed the Elementary School in the largest-loss school fire in Wells County history -- an all-time property fire disaster here.

For the 470 Elementary School pupils, classes are over about 1 1/2 weeks earlier than scheduled for the Christmas holiday period. There will be no more Southern Wells Elementary School classes until at least Jan. 4 -- at a location yet to be determined.

Southern Wells Junior-Senior High School classes at the north end of the one-campus district school complex are going ahead on regular schedule. They did so today.

No damage resulted to the junior-senior high, nor to the Raiderdome gym -- the center circular structure between the elementary and the junior-senior high in Indiana's first unique modern round school complex.

Some sensed a whiff of smoke in the Raiderdome unit but this seemed no more than residual in the general area of the school and not a damage factor.

State Fire Marshal and insurance investigators were arriving at the scene this morning in attempts to learn the cause of the sudden and enormously destructive Elementary School disaster.

The insurance specialists also were to be appraising the loss in official terms and advising school officials on a number of questions.

No school board member, administrator or fire official in charge of operations was heard to venture a specific guess on the loss.

Nor was Richard Randol, insurance coordinator, heard to do so in the weekend pending the examinations going forth today.

However, speculation of others was in the range of \$4 million, amid guesses from \$3 million to \$5 million or more.

The school district's blanket fire insurance coverage valuation is \$11,812,000 under 90 percent coinsurance -- amounting to actual coverage up to \$10,633,000. The Elementary School's valuation out of the total is listed at \$3,768,000.

This is replacement cost insurance, it was verified Sunday.

That the Southern Wells Elementary School is a practical total loss was the best judgment of most by Sunday.

There was absolutely no doubt about the kindergarten, first, second and third grade pods where wreckage ranged from major to a monstrous maze of twisted metal and deformed structure with all contents obliterated.

Similarly devastated were the library and balcony complex above it including the office of Principal Robert Williams.

The Southern Wells Tech Room, a special computer-age pride in educational innovation and progress, is gone.

Gone are records and supplies of the Elementary School. Gone are lesson plans of teachers. In

the K through 3 pods virtually every belonging at the school of a teacher or pupil is totally lost. There are no more text books for those grades.

Though not demolished, the upper grade pods have smoke, water and heat impacts, the full extent of which could rule out repairing within the total status of the school building.

The target of the school board is to find a location for school to resume in time for Jan. 4. The second target is to rebuild the elementary school, hopefully in time for the start of classes next school year.

How the super blaze came to be is a super mystery. It was spotted about 8:20 p.m. in form of a big fireball emerging at the south end of Elementary School, which is at the south end of Southern Wells complex on County Rd. 300W, extending southward from County Road 900S.

A Christmas music concert had been held in the junior-senior high unit at 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

As the crowd cleared afterwards, veteran Southern Well Elementary teacher Richard Foy had gone to his fifth grade room.

Foy said he was in the Elementary School until at least 7:45 p.m., and there wasn't a trace or a hint of anything wrong then.

He left for awhile and returned what he estimated was a half-hour later. Foy thought it couldn't have been much beyond 8:15 p.m. when he drove up to spot

the "fireball" in the elementary school.

He said he quickly went to the junior-senior high where he saw a woman janitor as the only other person noticed there. He told her "we have to call the fire department. The elementary school is on fire."

Foy said he made the fire report call.

A total of 18 fire departments took part in actions that night and into the Sunday morning at the scene. Some units persisted until early Sunday afternoon, close to the time the Southern Wells School Board was going into its emergency session.

People going by on County Rd.

300W in the early period, and also firefighters arriving at the scene, were awed by bright orange-red climbing flames, indicated to be from the lower elementary pods area and the central area of the library.

Foy was to unlock doors for fire units. He said he saw the first three pods already heavily wrapped in fire and also flames at the ceiling of the library.

In a period of early combat, the numerous fire units beat back the flames, and columns of smoke took over the exterior view. It might have looked after a time of this progress that the fire

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1993 IVFA Convention French Lick, Indiana

JUNE 10, 11, 12 & 13

Tentative Schedule Subject to Revision

THURSDAY, JUNE 10th

Registration	3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Displays	5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Welcome Reception (Display Area)	5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11th

Registration	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Miss Flame Competition	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Men's Officers Meeting	9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Displays	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Miss Flame Luncheon	12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Board of Firefighting Personnel	1:00 p.m. - until close
Standards & Education Meeting	2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Miss Flame Final Judging	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Women's Officers Meeting	6:00 p.m. - until close
JOINT MEETING	8:00 p.m. - until close
Theater Show (Live)	8:00 p.m. - until close

SATURDAY, JUNE 12th

Women's Koffee Klutch	7:45 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Registration	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Men's Meeting	8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Women's Meeting	9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Memorial Service	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Lunch on your own	12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m.
Men's Meeting	1:30 p.m. - until close
Women's Meeting	1:30 p.m. - until close
Displays	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
BANQUET	6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Dance	9:00 p.m. - until ?

SUNDAY, JUNE 13th

Registration for Games	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
GAMES	9:00 a.m. - until done
Board of Firefighting Personnel	9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Standards & Education Q & A Session	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Train Ride	

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From the President



Willie "Mitch" Parish

Holidays are gone and spring is just around the corner. As I sit down to write the article for the IVFA paper I would like to explain the weather outside to the people in the southern part of the state.

Before the snow arrived, I had tulips coming through the ground. Now we have about three to four inches of snow on the ground.

The Second Annual Fire and Emergency Service Dinner held on Nov. 15, 1992 was a success. The two seminars, one on American Disabilities Act and the second on Legislative Process Indiana Style were attended by over 100 people each.

As we look to the Third Annual Fire and Emergency Service Dinner to be held on Nov. 14, 1993, I would like to see more departments send one member to the next dinner.

Dates to remember: MARCH 5-7, Indiana weekend at the National Fire Academy; FEB. 20-21, Indiana Fire Conference at Lawrence North High School; MARCH 13-14, IFIA annual meeting; MARCH 27-28, Duneland Fire School at Chesterton, IN; APRIL 15-17, National EMS Exposition at Con-vention Center; MARCH 1, Final date for IVFA Scholarships; Convention will be held JUNE 10-13, at French Lick, IN. More information about the convention can be found else-where in the paper.

One last item is that as I continue to travel the state, I still hear of departments that let their older firemen off the department. To those departments - - is this all they deserve after 25-40 yrs. on the department. Why not put them on inactive status and let them receive some of the benefits of the IVFA, like the Paper, Bible & Grave Marker, and the services of the IVFA Chaplain. Not much for a VOLUNTEER after 25-40 yrs. or more, but it's better than NOTHING.

BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER

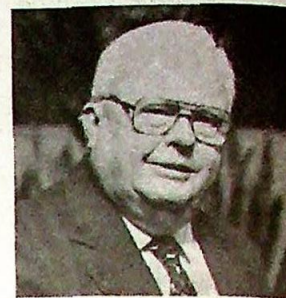
Time is running out; now is the time to prepare your Bridgeport Scholarship form.

After Feb. it will be too late for this year. The completed application must be in the hands of the IVFA Sec., Lee Kissel, by March 1st with no exceptions. Mail the application early enough to give the mail service a chance to do their excellent service.

If you do not have an application, you may get one from your Dist. Chrm. or any elected State Officer. They are listed on page 2 of the IVFA paper, or give me a call and I will make sure you get one.

Lawrence Swartz, Chrm.
Bridgeport Scholarship Program
250 S. Rachel St.
Rensselaer, IN 47978
219/866-7769

From Your Chaplain Duane Lantz



Scripture Psalms 96 Verses 1 thru 10
Sing a new song to the Lord! Sing it everywhere around the world! Sing out His praises! Bless His name. Each day tell someone that He saves.

Publish His glorious acts throughout the earth. Tell everyone about the amazing things He does. For the Lord is great beyond description, and greatly to be praised. Worship only Him among the Gods!

For the Gods of other nations are merely idols, but our God made the Heavens! Honor and majesty surround Him; strength and beauty are in His temple.

O Nations of the world, confess that God alone is glorious and strong. Give Him the glory He deserves! Bring your offering and come to worship Him. Worship the Lord with the beauty of holy lives. Let the earth tremble before Him. Tell the nations that Jehovah Reigns! He rules the world. His power can never be overthrown, He will judge all nations fairly.

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We have just left the year that was 1992 and are entering a brand new year. I'm all through playing Santa Clause with my Ho Ho Ho, but come spring I will start with another hoe, hoe, hoe. In the garden. As we enter into a new year, we have already tripped and fallen over our new year's resolutions. Perhaps we are disappointed because we cannot easily make the changes we want to make in ourselves. But we can put our mistakes behind us as we rely on God's promises. He will help us to make the changes we need to make. We do not need to wait for a new year to find a fresh start. The scripture tells us of new things we can be thinking about.

Many times in the fire service, we are frustrated and feel we cannot wait for things to happen. We feel what we are doing "is a waste of time". Our hearts race with impatience, not knowing that God is at work creating and molding us for the job we have to do.

In the fire service we start out by studying and learning to use the right words correctly:

The Six Most Important Words In The English Language, I ADMIT I MADE A MISTAKE; The Five Most Important Words, YOU DID A GOOD JOB; The Four Most Important Words, WHAT IS YOUR OPINION; The three most important words, IF YOU PLEASE; The two most important words, THANK YOU; The one most important word, WE and The one least important word, I.

Now as we enter into this new year, may we make the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association an organization that is proud of all the hard work that we put into it.

Kind words do not cost much. They never blister the tongue or lips. Though they do not cost much, yet they accomplish much. They make other people good natured. They also produce their own image on men's soul, and a beautiful image it is. With these thoughts in mind, let us all make the I.V.F.A. image shine.

You are ushering in another year
Untouched and freshly new
So here I come to ask you, God,
If you'll renew me, too.
Forgive the many errors
That I made yesterday
And let me try again, dear God,
To walk closer in Thy way.....
But, Father, I am well aware
I can't make it on my own
So take my hand and hold it tight
For I can't walk alone!
Helen Steiner Rice

Prayer:
Dear Lord, remind us that the moment we sense a need and desire a fresh start, You are ready to forgive, cleanse, and prepare us for a new beginning, grant us courage to trust, and follow where faith leads us, we find a new beginning and new life. In Jesus' name, Amen

Your Chaplain,
Duane Lantz

P.S. Keep working for the Lord...the pay isn't much, but the Retirement Plan is "out of this world".

To whom it may concern
These midnight fires aren't very funny,
And I don't think you'll get any money.
We appreciate your help in every way,
But we are broke, so we are unable to pay.
So we are sending you this letter of thanks,
For bringing your pumper and your water tanks.
But if you have a fire, just give us a ring
And we will be there, with everything we can bring.
Yours Truly,
A Mutual-Aid Dept.

FOR YOUR... INFORMATION

LICENSE PLATES FOR 1993:

Since volunteering to handle the license plate program for the IVFA, I have attempted to make a few simple changes to make the program work better for our members. During the first weeks of this year, problems developed over the 1993 application forms. The Bureau of Motor Vehicles refused to accept the forms, resulting in a number of angry IVFA members. I apologize for the problems. By the time you read this everything should be worked out so you can get your plates as usual. Contact your District Chairman for the applications.

Please note that the procedure for 1994 plates will be different. A special form will be included with your 1993 dues billing package. You must complete the request form and return it with your dues payment this summer, indicating who wants plates, how many they want and what county each member lives in.

The deadline for 1994 applications will be October 27, 1993. Any additional members joining late can receive a 1994 plate provided that they join no later than October 27, 1993. This deadline is required by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and I intend to honor their procedures to avoid any more problems in 1994. Those that join after the deadline will not be able to get the 1994 plate. Sorry but that's the way it is.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 1993:

Please be aware that the Bridgeport Scholarship applications must be in my hands no later than March 1, 1993. I have received two as of today, January 24 so get busy and get yours in on time. These two \$1500.00 scholarships will be awarded at the 1993 Convention in French Lick.

MEMBERSHIP SETS NEW RECORD AGAIN:

As of today, January 24, our membership stands at 18,346 with 744 departments paid. We have seen a steady increase in membership for the last five years. At the rate I am receiving mail, I expect the count to be about 18,500 by the end of this year.

DUES PAYMENTS FOR 1993:

I will be mailing the 1993 dues package to all departments the third week of April. Your department should have it by your May business meeting. Do everyone a favor and get it back to me ASAP! If you do not receive the package by the first week of May, start looking around the firehouse for it! Don't wait until the last week of July to send it in. Look carefully for the license plate request form in the package, read the instructions carefully and send it in with your dues payment so your members can get their license plates in 1994.

From the Vice President



Richard Glant

Greeting Friends,

The holiday season is now past, and I hope you all had a safe and joyful holiday. Now is time to get back at the business at hand.

As you know the convention is rapidly approaching. There are many things to be discussed, hashed out and voted on. We would certainly like to have a real strong showing at this Convention. Get your reservations in. Also we have awards to be passed out. First on my list is the Midwest Award. There is one for every district. This can be anyone except IVFA officers who has served your department in an outstanding manner. These must be in by Feb. 7, 1993.

Second is the Ollie Sandberg Mental Attitude Award. It's open to all current paid IVFA members, with exception of State Officers, and must be in the committee's hands by May 1st.

Third is Mr. IVFA. It's open to any current paid IVFA members must be in committee's hands by May 1st.

There are many people out there deserving of these awards. All it takes is a simple letter. Send

them in!!

I must not forget the Bridgeport Scholarships, 2 \$1500.00 scholarships for the state, open to IVFA members, spouses, children.

We are now in the legislative session and we may need your help. So if you got a call asking for you to write or call your legislator, please do so as soon as you can. Our lobbyists do this for us, so if they need our help, give it to them.

I'm traveling as much as I possibly can, if I've not reached you yet, I'll be there soon.

FIRE GUTS Historic Mitchell Church

By Doug Bennett Jr. Times-Mail Staff Writer

MITCHELL — The State Fire Marshal's office is investigating the cause of a blaze that gutted a Mitchell church and injured five firefighters late Monday night and early this morning.

At 11:20 p.m., two passersby reported a blaze at the Mitchell Presbyterian Church on Main Street, according to Mitchell Police Dept. reports. The Mitchell Vol. Fire Dept. was dispatched to the scene at 11:27 p.m.

Mitchell Chief Larry Caudell was one of the first firefighters to arrive. It didn't take Caudell long to realize he would need help.

"When I got here we had smoke coming out of the bell tower and on the west side of the church there," said a weary Caudell, who along with other firefighters, was still dousing the building at 9 a.m. today. "We set up and called Marion Twp. in."

Eventually, firefighters from Bedford, French Lick and

Shawswick Twp. joined Mitchell and Marion Twp firefighters at the scene. At its height, about 50 firefighters were battling the blaze, according to Caudell.

Five of those firefighters, including four from Mitchell, suffered injuries.

The Mitchell firefighters were injured around 2 a.m. when a rear wall of the church fell on them, Caudell said. The firefighters were shooting water into the rear of the church from an alley when the brick wall fell.

"They said it didn't have any indication it was about to give," Caudell said. "Sometimes a wall will start leaning or move a little bit, but it just came right down on them. Mainly the brick and stuff just pushed them out of the way and threw them into the alley."

"We had to throw some brick off part of them and drag them out. At first, we didn't know who was underneath there."

Roger Duncan suffered a fractured foot and a shoulder injury. Gene Kacher suffered a fractured ankle. Bill Duncan suffered a strained back. All three were treated at Bedford Medical Center and released.

Brian Fults suffered a shoulder injury and smoke inhalation. Being held for observation, BMC.

A Marion Twp. firefighter was injured in a separate incident. Larry Brent suffered a knee injury when he dropped over a ledge of the roof on an adjacent building. He was also treated and released.

Brent was one of several Marion firefighters who fought the fire from the roof of the Crawford Morris Lumber Co. on the west side of the church. Their efforts, particularly when the fire broke through the church roof, may have saved that business, according to Caudell.

"They really saved Crawford Morris from going," Caudell said. "When it went through the roof it really started whipping down toward the lumber company."

Mitchell firefighters also redirected the flames with a highpowered water gun from the other side of the church while a 60-foot aerial unit belonging to the communities of French Lick and West Baden assisted.

A spokesman for the lumber company said the business apparently sustained only slight water and smoke damage.

"It was kind of touch and go there for awhile," he said. "We cleaned our safes out. There might be some water damage"

That was roughly the same story for the Dunbar Company Insurance Company on the other side of the church. Employees of the company carried business files from the business as a precautionary measure. They returned the files this morning.

Carl R. Woodall, an investigator for the State Fire Marshal's office who had been on the scene since 12:30 a.m., said hot spots prevented him from making a thorough examination of the inside of the building and determining the cause of the blaze this morning.

"Anything at this point would be pure speculation," Woodall said. "Until I get a chance to get in there and get through it, I really can't say. They've got some pretty nasty spots in there yet."

Woodall planned to spend the day in Mitchell, sifting through the remains of the church.

"It will be a matter of us going through the debris to see if we can determine where the fire started," he said. "Once that is done, we will start looking for any kind of accidental causes. We will either locate one or eliminate them all."

The Salvation Army Emerg. Services unit assisted at the scene. McDonald's provided food.

News from the '93 Convention Chairman

"French Lick The Place To Be In '93"

Plans for the 1993 IVFA Convention have been in the works for months. The Convention Committee thought the rest of the state would like to hear how it is shaping up.

Convention dates are from Thursday, June 10th thru Sunday, June 13th. The French Lick Springs Resort in French Lick will be our Convention Site. The Resort is being renovated and with everything on schedule, it will be 90% done by Convention time. The Resort has something for the young and old alike. All activities for the Convention will be held right on site and no one has to leave the Resort for anything. There are a number of restaurants located within the Resort along with Babysitting Services, Gift Shops, Live Theater, Scenic Train Rides, 2 Golf Courses, Bowling Lanes, Indoor/Outdoor Tennis Courts, Indoor/Outdoor Swimming Pools and Horseback Riding.

This years Convention Schedule has been changed (Tentative Schedule on the front page) so everyone will have free time to enjoy the leisure activities of their choice.

For those with camping needs Patoka Lake is located 5 miles from the French Lick Spring Resort. Patoka Lake is the second largest man-made Lake in Indiana. It has primitive and modern camping, a Beach, Water Slide, and several Boat Rental Stations, also, three blocks from the Resort is Lanes Motel with modern camping accommodations. To check on camping reservations at Lanes Motel telephone 812-936-9919.

Also different this year will be the Display Area. There has been ample time allotted for everyone to take a stroll through the Display Area. The biggest complaint with the displays has been that either no one has time or no one bothers to come and visit the area. Geoffrey Kendall, Chairman of the displays, this year has been working very hard to acquire displayers and assure them that this will be a good year for them to display at our Convention. All displays will be inside including the trucks, so weather will not hinder your participation. Please come and show the displayers your support, for if we do not, we are going to lose their participation in our conventions totally.

Enclosed in this newspaper are Convention Registration and Hotel Reservation Forms. We encourage you to get your registration and reservations in early.

In closing, French Lick is a small charming town with a lot to offer. Why not plan on extending your stay by coming early or staying longer than Convention and make "French Lick The Place To Be In '93".

Sincerely,
Barry M. Wininger, Chairman
1993 IVFA Convention

1993 IVFA Convention Pre-Registration Form

June 10, 11, 12, 13, 1993
French Lick, IN
"The Place To Be In '93"

Pre-Registration Fee: \$30.00 per person
(Pre-Registration Deadline is May 15, 1993)
Registration after Deadline and at Convention: \$45.00 per person

Name: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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District Meetings

DISTRICTS 1,2

Sept. 16, 1992, Meeting location: Lake Dalecarlia.

The meeting was called to order by District #2 Chairman Larry Stott at 7:55 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by P.R.N.W. Bill Howe.

Guests Introduced: Dale Smith of the Hoosier Fire Equipment, Ann Moss of the I.V.F.A.A. and P.R.N.W. Bill Howe.

Department History: given by Chief Wilson.

Roll Call: District #1-14 members from 4 depts. & District #2-48 members from 12 depts.

Minutes of August meeting: were accepted as corrected.

Treasurer's report was given.

Communications: P.R.N.W. Bill Howe reported on the new State Death Benefit Law and the 1993 Convention to be held in French Lick.

Old Business: The Fire Service Caucus ticket drawings were held with District #1 winner being John Kepshire and District #2 winner being Mr. Clinton. District #2 voted Michelle Donaldson to be the new Secretary for 1992/1993. A motion was made, seconded and passed that in the opinion of Districts 1 & 2, next year's dues should be raised \$2.50 per member to combat the rising costs and low interest rates that are affecting the I.V.F.A.'s finances. Formed a Steering Committee to look at the possibility of holding the 1996 Convention in our area to celebrate the convention's 50th Anniversary.

New Business: Announced that all Miss Flame Candidates names must be submitted by October 15th.

Good of the Order: Schererville's Softball Tournament report given by B.A. Howe.

Announced that next month's meeting will be held on October 21st at Liberty Township.

Held a moment of silence for departed firefighter Bruce Crain of Lake Hills.

50/50 drawing winner: John Cermake - \$72.00

Attendance trophy winners:

District #1 - Lake Ridge, District #2 - Schneider

Motion to adjourn made, seconded and passed at 8:55 pm.

Oct. 21, 1992, Meeting Location: Liberty Township.

The meeting was called to order by District #1 Chairman Joe Komoscar at 7:55 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by P.R.N.W. Bill Howe.

Guests Introduced: Past President Lawrence Schwartz, District #6 Chairman Doug Engle and P.R.N.W. Bill Howe.

Department History: given by Chief Lloyd Wigget and Bob Esserman.

Roll Call: District #1-67 members from 12 depts. & District #2-9 members from 4 depts.

Program given by Conrail Captain of Police Bob Lewis on Railroad Safety.

Minutes of September meeting: were accepted as read.

Treasurer's report was given.

Communications: Past President Schwartz reported on the upcoming Fire Institute Dinner, the Games Law Hearing, the Bridgeport Scholarship and Death Benefit Funds.

P.R.N.W. Bill Howe reported on getting more stories in for the November issue of the newspaper and the change of the 1993 Convention Business Meeting to Saturday, June 12th.

Old Business: Joe Komoscar reported on the 1996 Convention Steering Committee, with more to follow.

New Business: Discussions were held on questions concerning a new Municipal Plate for Fire Dept. Equipment, and the timeliness of depts. receiving their membership cards and cancelled checks back. A discussion was also held concerning the changes in how to acquire a License Plate form for the upcoming year.

Good of the Order: Announced that next month's meeting will be held on November 18th at Lake of Four Seasons.

50/50 drawing winner Byron Long of Chesterton - \$41.00.

Attendance trophy winners District #1 - Burns Harbor, District #2 - Lake Eliza

Motion to adjourn made, second and passed at 8:50 pm.

November 18, 1992, Location: Lake of Four Seasons.

The meeting was called to order by District #2 Chairman Larry Stott at 7:50 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was led by P.R.N.W. Bill Howe.

Guests Introduced: Vice President Richard Glant; State Senator Sue Lanske and P.R.N.W., Bill Howe.

Department History: Given by Chief, Don Bloom.

Roll Call: District #1-42 members from 9 depts. & District #2-38 members from 11 depts.

Program: Presented by members of the New Chicago Police Dept. concerning gang related activities.

Minutes of October meeting: Accepted as read.

Treasurer's report was given.

Communications: Vice President Glant reported on the Fire Service Institute Dinner that was held on November 15th.

P.R.N.W. Howe reported on the new 1993 License Plate forms, the 1993 I.V.F.A. Convention and the February issue of the newspaper.

State Senator Lanske also reported on the Fire Service Institute Dinner and the need for the members to stay involved in the political process.

Old Business: B.A. Howe reported that the 1996 Convention Steering Committee will be sending out questionnaires to each dept. to find out who would be willing to handle certain tasks if we did undertake this project.

New Business: A motion was made, seconded and passed to purchase new attendance trophies for 1993 for each district.

Announced that a Miss Flame candidate was chosen for District #1 from Schererville and for District #2 from Cedar Lake.

Good of the Order: Announced that G.M. will be holding a Safety Class on airbags on December 9th.

Announced that Washington Township is holding a Truck Raffle.

B. A. Howe reported on attending the Fire Service Institute Dinner and announced that 96 of the 150 legislatures now belong to the Fire Caucus.

Held a moment of silence for departed firefighters Morey Fitzgerald of Lake Eliza, Herman Kline of Chesterton and Russell Flanigan of Lake Station.

Announced that no meeting will be held in December, and that the next meeting will be held on January 20th at Schererville.

50/50 Drawing winner: Wally Macchiarella of Burns Harbor - \$51.50.

Attendance Trophy Winners: District #1 - Lake Ridge, District #2 - Lake Eliza.

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed at 9:45 p.m.

Jerome P. Schmitt, Secretary

DISTRICT 3

Thursday - October 15, 1992 Koontz Lake Fire Department

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bentley at 8:15 PM. There were 9 members present representing 3 departments. The Pledge was led by host Chief Butch Lawrence.

Guests present: Bill Howe - PR Northwest; Bob Esserman - District #1; Bruce Yonkers.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as published. The Treasurer's report was given.

Committee: Chairman Bentley reported that the EDITH house has been very busy. Secretary Wiatrowski stated that a stamp could be ordered to alleviate the problem of kids getting more than one information packet per day. Chairman Bentley approved the purchase of the stamp.

Old Business: Secretary Wiatrowski reported that Lakeshore Cable and Triax Cable were unable to televise the Fallen Firefighters' Memorial Service.

There was no New Business.

Guests: Bill Howe - Talked about the new license plate forms and how they will be distributed.

He also talked about the Gaming Rules. If any department needs a copy of these rules, contact the Secretary for them.

Bob Esserman - Talked about departments getting audited.

Bruce Yonkers - Passed Good of the Order: The Lafayette Fire School is this weekend.

The next meeting will be at Kingsbury FD on November 19, 1992 at 7:30 PM LaPorte time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. The meal was chili, sandwiches and a relish tray.

There was no program.

Thursday - Nov. 19, 1992 Kingsbury Fire Department

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bentley at 7:35 PM. There were 7 members present representing 4 departments. The Pledge was led by host Chief Steve Williams.

Guests present: Bruce Yonkers.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was given.

Communication: Chairman Bentley reported that the District's Officers attended the Indiana State Fire Caucus. The caucus was very informative and was well attended. We have a lot of work ahead of us in the future.

Bruce mentioned that he had heard the requirement that 4 men be on a scene before any type of tactic be performed will be coming up again.

Bob talked about the State Officer's Meeting. Most of the meeting was about training.

Bob showed everyone the new IVFA Licence Plate form. Please

return these forms as soon as possible. In 1993 you will receive new IVFA Dues forms. There will be a place to show each members name and how many plates are being requested for that individual.

The 1994 Convention will be held in Cleveland Twp.

The Firefighter's Bill of Rights passed.

The new legislative session has started. Once again there are bills for a tax break for firefighters and dropping the IVFA Licence Plate fee.

The National Fire Academy is March 6 & 7, 1993. All those attending must have payment in by January 15, 1993.

1st Class Firefighter Training will begin at Lincoln in January 1993. Contact Dave Kaufman if you are interested. The class begins on the 13th.

The EDITH house is now in storage. Approximately 22,000 kids have been through it.

The Duneland Fire School will be held at Chesterton High School. Doug Miller reported that they will be adding Industrial Firefighting and EMS to the list of classes. There will be a speaker on Saturday night. The name has been changed to Duneland School of Fire & Emergency Services. There will be more vendors this year. The Open House is at Chesterton Fire Department from 4:30-7:30 PM on Saturday.

There was no Old or New Business.

Good of the Order: Doug Miller talked about his recent trip to California to see how other agencies work around the country.

The next meeting will be at Kingsford-Union on January 21, 1993 at 7:30 PM LaPorte time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM on a motion by Doug Miller.

The meal was sandwiches, pop & coffee. There was no program.

1993 MEETING SCHEDULE DISTRICT #3

Jan. 21, 1993 - Kingsford - Union; Feb. 18, 1993 - Lincoln Twp.; March 18, 1993 - Cass/Clinton Twps.; April 15, 1993 - Hanna Twp.; May 20, 1993 - Long Beach; June 1993 - CONVENTION AT FRENCH LICK; July 15, 1993 - La Crosse; August 19, 1993 - Hamlet; September 16, 1993 - Noble Twp.; Oct. 21, 1993 - Kankakee Twp.; Nov. 18, 1993 - Coolspring Twp.; Dec. 1993 - Happy Holidays!!

1994 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Jan. - Knox-center; Feb. - Westville; March - Springfield Twp.; April - Washington/Starke Co.; May - Pleasant Twp.; June - Convention; July - Center Twp. (L/P); Aug. - Michiana Shores; Sept. - North Judson; Oct. - Bass Lake; Nov. - Scipio Twp.; Dec. - Happy Holidays!

District meetings start at 7:30 p.m. LaPorte time.

It is up to the host department to provide a program for the meeting held at their department. If you cannot, please contact the Chairman one week prior to the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Wiatrowski, Sec./Treas.

DISTRICT 9B

The regular meeting of District 9-B of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association, Inc. was called to order by Chairman Buz Koehler at 7:58 P.M. at the Reynolds Fire Station.

There were 5 guests present.

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Total firefighters present numbered 41 with 120 alarms among the 13 departments answering roll call.

Items discussed were the National Fire Academies Indiana Weekend March 6-7, Master Class on Haz./Mat. in March, News for paper due in by Jan. 20, 1993 Convention book, Applications for Miss Flame, Bridgeport Scholarship Fund, possibility of setting-up a State Public Safety Office, MBNA credit card, possibility of requiring 4 men on a truck before you respond issue coming up again this year, Fire Caucus, 2nd Annual Emergency Services Dinner, List of Indiana Codes effecting the fire service, new form for 1993 fireman's license plate, Fire Dept. insurance - make sure your covered for what the State requires, TV spots, importance of contacting legislators, Mr. I.V.F.A., Ollie Sandberg Award, Midwest Award, nomination of Officers for Election at Convention, Chesterton Fire School in March, Convention 1993 at French Lick June 10-13 not the date published in the November paper, District 9-A meeting Dec. 3 in Camdon. Program on Electrical Safety was presented by Reynolds Fire Dept.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 P.M. Next meeting is January 14, at the Star City Fire Station at 6:30 P.M. slow time/7:30 P.M. fast time.

The regular meeting of District 9-B of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association, Inc. was called to order by Chairman Buz Koehler at 7:45 P.M. at the Star City Community Building.

There were 9 guests present. Total firefighters present numbered 29 with 53 alarms among the 7 departments answering roll call.

Program on the ambulance service in Pulaski County was presented by Sheri Foerg.

Items discussed were applications for notification and/or approval of training course form from the State Fire Marshal's Office, DNR Questionnaire, 1993 Haz./Mat. Conference April 12-14 at Indy, legislation affecting the fire service, 1993 License plate forms, 1993 I.V.F.A. Convention, 1st class certification class in Rensselaer on Feb. 1, 1st Class Instructors class Jan. 23-24 & Feb. 6-7 in Greengburg, Indiana Fire Conference Feb. 20-21 at Lawrence North High School, Indiana Weekend at the National Fire Academy on March 6-7, Duneland Fire School in Chesterton on March 27-28, E.M.S. exposition at Indy on April 15-17, nominations for the Midwest Award due in by the Feb. State Officers meeting, news for paper due in by Jan. 20, Fire Chiefs Orientation Feb. 6 & 8 at Speedway, list of I.C. codes,

training schedules, death benefit form to be sent in every 6 months, purchasing Hepatitis B serum from the state, how the A.D.A. affects the volunteer fire service, improper disposal of hazardous substances, Bridgeport Scholarship forms due in by March 1, District 1 & 2 Meeting January 20 in Schererville.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M. Next meeting is March 11 at the Winamac Fire Station at 6:30 P.M. slow time/7:30 P.M. fast time.

Next meeting has been changed to Wolcott Fire Station at 6:30 P.M. slow time/7:30 P.M. fast time.

Dennis J. Risner, Sec./Treas.

DISTRICT 11A

Nov. 15th meeting at Honey Creek Station One.

Had nine departments present and one guest, Cale Schacel from Buck Creek (Greenfield).

We discussed the Convention and the Hepatitis Shots.

Mike Gummere, fire chief from Honey Creek, demonstrated the Defibulator. Honey Creek has also ordered their second one.

P.R. Toddy Michl, talked about the Convention in French Lick. Convention plans seems to be coming along just fine. Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

We had out January meeting Sunday the 17th, at Van Buren in Harmony IN.

Thirty men were present representing ten departments.

Also Pres., Mitch Parish & his wife; Sgt.-of-Arms, Bill Bush & his wife; Recording Sec., John Davies & his wife; Dist. 11B, Larry Bartlow & his wife. It was so nice to have so many in attendance.

We had our Miss Flame Contest. There was four girls participating.

Congratulations to Amber Dawn Wells from Hymera. She will represent Dist. 11A in June at Convention.

Other young ladies to be congratulated are Crystal Dawn Edgington from Honey Creek. She was runner-up. The other two were April Vermillion from Sandford and Amy Wade from Seelyville. Thanks girls.

We had a discussion on Convention, raising dues and insurance and the problem they are having with the license plates from the license branches.

Our next meeting will be held on March 21st at Prairieton Fire Dept. at 1:00 pm. If you are in the direction, feel free to stay. You are always welcome.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Bob Hays, Chairman

DISTRICT 12

The 12th district meeting of IVFA was called to order by chairman Don Johnson at 7:05 p.m. at the Brownsburg Fire

Department Sept. 21, 1992.

Pledge led by Jim Bruner and prayer by same.

Roll call was answered by 30 members representing 10 departments and 6 guests.

Guests were Gene Goddard and his wife, Betty; Toddy Michl, West Central P.R. and Helen; and Bob and Joan Hayes, District 11A Chairmen.

Sec. Report read by Don in the absence of Rosie. Report approved as read. Broke for refreshments of chili and beans & cornbread.

Meeting resumed at 7:40. Treasurer's report given.

Letter was from Fire Marshal's office.

Motion was made and seconded to give District Chaplain \$25.00 for cards and stamps. Motion carried.

Fire Marshal Goddard wants everyone to know his new address is 402 West Washington St. Indpls. IN 46204. Please take note.

Second Annual Fire Caucus Nov. 15, 1992. Toddy gave convention report. It will be June 10-13, 1993.

50/50 drawing of \$14.00 won by Marshal Goddard which he donated back to the district. Adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Jan. 18, 1993

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Johnson at 7:05 at Eel River Twp. Fire Dept.

Pledge To Flag.

Roll call was answered by 19 members representing 6 depts.

Don introduced our guests which were Willie Parrish, I.V.F.A. Pres.; Richard Glant, Vice Pres.; John Davies, Recording Sec.; Maxine Davies I.V.F.A.A. Pres.; Toddy Michl West Central P.R.; Helen, Bob and Joan Hayes, 11A Chairman and Rocky Johnson from General Emergency Apparatus Repair Service.

Minutes were approved as read and Treas. Report filed for audit.

Richard Glant reported they are still having problems with License Plate Forms. Hope to have them resolved this week.

Don announced schools for the year and also some Conventions and Conferences.

Now is the time to get in your letters for Mr. I.V.F.A., Ollie Sandburg, Lois Boaz Awards, Scholarship Applications, and articles for the paper.

Eel River Fire Dept. announced they helped to collect \$4700.00 to help a young girl from town receive a liver transplant, by holding a supper. Great job guys!!!

Convention dates are June 10-13. Please attend and participate. Roger Call won 50/50 Of \$12.00.

Adjourned at 8:35 P.m.

DISTRICT 13B

November 17, 1992

The regular meeting of Dist 13B was opened by Chnm Cox at 17:35 with the Pledge of Allegiance at the Williamsburg Fire Station.

Roll call was taken with 19 members representing 7 depts. and 1 guest, the guest being Ivan Nevil from the State Fire Marshal's office. Minutes were read and approved.

Items discussed were: A resolution on an increase in I.V.F.A. dues to be addressed in Feb.

State Bill IC#36-8-12-8 deals with insurance for fire depts.

The Board of Standards and Education will attempt to get all training to be credited through Oklahoma Univ. and N.F.P.A. guidelines. We held a discussion on this with Ivan Nevil providing input on how testing and certification would be handled.

I.V.F.A. license plates applications will be handled the same way, but with a different form for 1993. In 1994 you will need to fill an application when your dues are sent in.

I.V.F.A. Convention will be held in French Lick, IN. June 10th thru 13th. The I.V.F.A. has almost 18,000 members yet only 400 attend.

The I.V.F.A. contributes \$8,000. to the Indiana Fire Institute Assc. for training.

I.V.F.A. funds over \$247,000 in the general fund, \$84,000 in new Bridgeport fund and over \$332,000 in total funds.

Ivan Nevil then took the floor and discussed with us several laws pertaining to fire depts., and working better with township trustees.

The 50/50 drawing collected \$19.00 and paid \$9.50 with the winner donating the amount to the treasury.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with refreshments served and a tape of the Fire Fighter Memorial Service at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg was shown.

Our next meeting will be in Mooreland, Feb. 9th.

Will Stoflet, Secretary

DISTRICT 14

I regret to inform members of District 14 that we had three firefighters answer the Last Alarm since the last paper came out. The firefighters were Joseph Eckert of Washington #2, Allen Geurnsey of Monroe Township, and Herbert Martin of North Madison #5.

Joe and Herb worked at JPG and when I started there 25 or so years ago they were a big help to me by advising and teaching me not only to be a better worker, but to be a better citizen of this country.

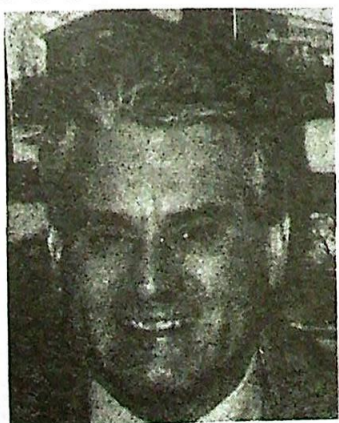
Allen has been a friend to all of District 14. When the conventions were held in District 14, he sold us our souvenirs at little or no profit so we could have a better convention for the firefighters.

All three men were charter members of their respective companies and will be missed in the years to come.

Our last District meeting was held at Hanover Fire Department on November 18. Our guests were Fire Marshal and Mrs. Goddard and Ivan Nevil.

Fire Marshal Goddard has made several meetings in my District and I am always glad to see him for it gives us a chance to ask him what the state has going

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on and what they are trying to do for us. He also lets us know what we need to do to help him so he can help us. Unlike Dugan who looked at the volunteers as a thorn in his side, Fire Marshal Goddard knows that without the volunteers his job would be almost impossible. And he realizes that when the State and Federal Government passes bills that mandate things we have to change to better the fire service, they should send with it the funding to do it because your fish fries and chili suppers can no longer keep a fire company going.

Ivan, who works for the Fire Marshal, also updates us on new bills and policies coming down. They are welcome at my meetings anytime they can make it.

If we could only get Governor Bayh and the State Legislators to make a few of the Dist. meetings, Indiana would probably have the best Fire Service in the world.

At our District 14 meeting the Convention Committee presented Ivan with a Louisville Slugger ball bat with his name on it for his help with our Convention and presented me with a framed picture of District 14 Midwest award winner Harry Sullivan of Monroe Township Vol. Fire Dept.

We discussed the need for the IVFA to raise their dues to meet today's rise in expenses.

We discussed the new IFVA license plate forms. I am sure our State Secretary Lee Kissell will print in the paper the changes that are necessary to make.

We discussed the Indiana Fire Caucus and the need to ask our State Representatives to join and help make Indiana Fire Service #1.

The meetings for the rest of the year are: January 20, Johnson Township VFD at Blocher; March 17, Crothersville Vernon VFD which will be our Miss Flame contest; May 19, Vernon VFD; July 21, Sellersburg VFD.

Robert Woodfill, Dist. Chrmn.

DISTRICT 15

Several departments have new trucks in their firehouses, those being Knight Township, German Township, and New Harmony.

There are a number of departments who are putting together specs on new trucks and equipment.

Congratulations to John & Leslie Buckman upon their recent marriage. Leslie is a dispatcher for Central Dispatch in Vanderburgh County. We wish them the best!

We will be selecting our Miss Flame at our January meeting.

Bids were opened on January 5th for McCutchanville's 2nd station in the west end of Center Township. Construction should begin soon. All permits and monies have been approved for construction to begin.

DISTRICT 17A

District 17A has held 2 district meetings since the last publication.

On Nov. 21, 1992, Odon Volunteer Fire Dept. and Madison Township Volunteer Fire Dept. hosted the I.V.F.A. meeting. A barbecue turkey dinner was served before the meeting. At this meeting we were honored by having Mitch Parish and L. J. "Toddy" Michl. There were other guests also at this meeting. We

had a very good turn out for this district meeting.

On Jan. 16, 1993 we had a I.V.F.A. meeting in Vincennes. The Vincennes Township Vol. Fire Dept. hosted this meeting. 329 members were present. A date was set for the next year's I.V.F.A. Dist. 17A meetings.

The next scheduled meeting will be held in Wheatland. Steen Township will host this meeting.

Jack Harker

DISTRICT 17B

October 21, 1992

The regular meeting of District 17-B was called to order by District Chairman Jack Zeeks at 7:40 p.m., at Marion Township Rural Fire Department, Mitchell, IN.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Luke Kluender.

Twenty-five members from five departments answered roll call. Guests present included Dick Glant, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Kerney, and Robert Taylor of Hoosier Fire Equipment.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. The site of the next IVFA Convention was incorrectly recorded as New Albany. The next convention will be held in French Lick. Don Wedgewood made a motion to accept the minutes with this correction. Second by Bill Raines. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given.

Jack Zeeks reported that the Midwest Award nomination committee consists of the following members: Don Wedgewood (Marion), Mark Galloway (Spencer), and Austin Brown (Fruitdale). Suggestions for a Midwest Award nominee should be made to this committee.

Old Business:

Not all departments have paid their dues yet. These need to be paid as soon as possible.

Discussed the various volunteer firefighter death benefits. Under Worker's Comp, the death benefit is higher than what we have now. There may be changes in the works on death benefits.

There is a possibility that the 24 hour mandatory training will be increased to 30 hours to include 6 hours of haz-mat training.

This district is looking for applicants for Bridgeport Fund Scholarships. We would also like to sponsor a Miss Flame contestant from our area.

Discussed the various methods of increasing dues for IVFA. There is no doubt that dues need to be increased, and that some departments may not be able to afford the higher dues. Most members present favored increasing the dues to \$15 through increases of \$2.50 for each of the next three years. This would give some departments time to come up with extra funds.

New Business:

Jack Zeeks discussed the Fire & Emergency Services dinner in Indianapolis on November 15, 1992. Motion made by Bill Raines to send one representative from our district to this dinner. Cost for the dinner to be paid from the treasury. The representative will be chosen from those present by the drawing. Second by David Zeeks. Motion carried.

Jack Kerney mentioned that this political season would be a good time to convince our representative to join the Fire Caucus. He also mentioned the Vincennes Fire School on November 7 & 8, 1992. He has copies of OSHA compliance kits, for bloodborne pathogens.

Dick Glant mentioned that he

has copies of the form that has to be filed for the Volunteer Firefighter Death Benefit.

Mike Corman said that he sent out public service announcements to local radio stations for Fire Prevention Month. He wanted to know if anyone heard them broadcast.

Robert Taylor introduced himself as the new local representative for Hoosier Fire Equipment. He described several special deals that he is currently offering.

Jack Zeeks reminded everyone of the 1993 convention in French Lick. The 1994 convention will be in South Bend.

Willard Stiles announced the Christmas Auction to be held at Indiana Creek (Lawrence County) on November 7 & 14. All the items are new.

Don Wedgewood announced the Soup Supper at Marion Twp. This will be held November 14 from 4-8 p.m.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Jason Lewis (Oolitic).

The drawing for the Fire & Emergency Services Dinner was won by Paul Smoot.

Willard Stiles made a motion to adjourn. Second by Scott Allen. Motion carried.

December 16, 1992

The regular meeting of District 17B was called to order by District Chairman. Jack Zeeks at 7:45 p.m., at Perry-Clearcreek (Bloomington, IN).

The meeting was turned over to Milan Pece for a short time for introduction of guests and the presentation of an award to Pete Lockhart for outstanding service.

Motion made by Carl Davis to pass on reading of the minutes and treasurer's report. Second by Roger Daniel. Motion carried.

Meeting turned over to Mike Corman for discussion of a resolution regarding IVFA membership dues. The resolution is to raise dues to \$10.00 for 1994 and to \$15.00 for 1995. Motion made by Pete Lockhart to accept resolution. Seconded by Don Tresler. Motion carried.

Jack Zeeks discussed IVFA license plates. In 1993, forms will be obtained from Jack Zeeks. In 1994, forms will come with paid IVFA membership. Membership dues must be paid by November 15, 1993 in order to receive forms for plates in 1994.

Meeting was turned over to Ivan Nevil. He discussed the \$75,000 Volunteer Firefighter Death Benefit. Single firefighters must have a beneficiary because the benefit will not be paid to an estate. The benefit can be paid to a fire department.

Dan Lee spoke on Haz-Mat certification and also discussed the Haz-Mat Conference.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Robert Taylor of Hoosier Fire Equipment. The winnings were donated back to the district treasury.

Motion made by Roger Daniel to pay for the plaque presented to Pete Lockhart. Second by Scott Allen. Motion carried.

Motion made by Don Tresler to adjourn. Seconded by Roger Daniel. Motion carried.

Luke Kluender

DISTRICT 19

Meeting was held at Dillsboro Volunteer Fire Department on Nov. 19, 1992.

Meeting called to order by Pres. Paul Covington at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge to flag and prayer led by Paul Covington.

Election for Miss Flame with two former Miss Flames on hand; Lisa Craig, Manchester Fire Department and Lori Weber, Sunman Fire Department. Four

candidates this year; Susan Scheele, Morris; DeAnna Shepler, Blooming Grove; Michelle Noel, Manchester; and Waverly Simmons, Sunman.

Guests: Ivan Nevil; Jim Gilmore, Koorsen Fire Protection; Robert Taylor, Hoosier Fire Equipment.

First roll taken with 57 firefighters from 19 departments reporting 43 runs.

Minutes read and approved.

Old Business: By-laws change voted on. Resolution read by Paul Covington for increase of dues. Active member dues, associates and retirees. Motion made and seconded, to accept resolution and submit to convention.

Municipal vehicle license plates have been a problem not personal IVFA plates.

Get blue form from Paul Covington for 1993 personal IVFA plates. In 1994 form has to indicate county and how many plates per member. Indicate this in 1993 when paying dues. New members can get plates til Oct. 25 or around there. Hope to drop \$10 fee for license plates.

Got to get more involved with legislators.

Bob Bischoff to introduce bill to exempt fire departments from bingo bill.

Support sprinkler bill.

Four men on engine going to re-surface in legislation bill NFPA 1500.

Should be grants available for small volunteer fire departments.

Volunteer incentive program one week at National Fire Academy, cost of meals only, if interested contact Ivan Nevil.

IVFA still has public service announcement on Louisville and Indianapolis.

Scholarship applications in by March.

Need names for Ollie Sandburg, Midwest and Mr. IVFA.

Check insurance policies especially if not Downey Insurance. Make sure cause of death follows with line of duty death.

Ivan Nevil spoke.

Mailings sent to the fire chiefs re: flame retard products. Copy of what state requires for insurance.

Trustee responsible for payment of \$75,000 death benefit for line of duty death. \$1.00 per month per member.

If volunteer or career firefighter killed in the line of duty their children are entitled for free education at the state college.

Passed out copies of laws pertaining to fire departments and codes re: decorative material in public buildings.

Communicate with trustee.

Hepatitis B vaccines cheaper if you get vaccine from County Board of Health, they can call State Board of Health for it. Paramedic or nurse can give it.

Indiana weekend 240 spaces \$90 if you drive, \$120 for bus ride March 6th.

Fire chief orientation in Feb. New chiefs highly encouraged to attend; OSHA will be there to explain what they will check in buildings.

Robert Taylor, Hoosier Fire Equipment stock different clothing and special on rescue tool.

Miss Flame winner DeAnna Shelper, Blooming Grove.

Second Roll.

Moorefield - chili and bean soup supper Nov. 21st.

New Business: Tax exempt on property taxes for volunteer firefighters. Write your legislators.

Training officers train firefighters and state personnel test firefighter.

\$34.00 half the pot.

Hoosier Fire Equipment and Koorsen Fire Protection each gave gift in drawing.

Mark Wirth, Sec./Treas.

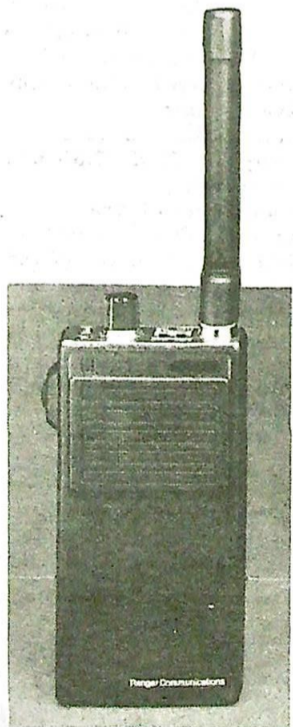
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IVFAA President



Maxine Davies

By the time you are reading this, we will know if the groundhog saw his shadow! The seed catalogs are arriving daily to let us know spring is just around the corner.

And that reminds me that Convention is coming!--June 10 - 13. Time to get those hotel reservations and registrations in. John and I went down to French Lick for the November meeting and I can assure you those committees are working hard to meet your needs and pleasures.

Along that line, get your bylaw changes in and your nominations for the Lois Boaz recipient. If you put it off, it is very easy to forget about it.

Miss Flame contests are being held everywhere and I am sure we will have another lovely group of young ladies.

Did you notice the increased number of IVFAA District Reports in the last edition of the paper? If your district was not there, call your District Chairman and tell her you would like to see your news in print also. I know I enjoy reading them all.

Did you hear about the lady that drove up to the bank drive-up window to cash a check. The teller asked if she had an account with that bank and she said no. The teller then said, "In that case I will have to see your license." To his surprise the lady put the car in gear and drove away. In a few minutes she once again drove up to his window and again he said he would still have to see her license. She replied, "But didn't you look as I drove away the first time?"

DISTRICTS 1, 2

The last meeting of Districts 1 & 2 was held at South Haven Vol. Fire Dept. on Sept. 3, 1992. There was 15 Aux., 45 members and 1 individual present.

An attendance plaque was presented to Lake Dale Aux. for having the largest percent of their Aux. attend district meetings 3 times in a row.

Discussion on paying dues, Memorial Services, Bridgeport Scholarship, Convention and Miss Flame Contest was held.

Elections were held. Officers stay the same, Dollie Komoscar, District 1 Chairman; Kathy Allen, Secretary; Ann Moss, District 2 Chairman; Elsie Rapley, Secretary.

A silent auction was voted on for each Aux. to donate 3 nice craft items to be held in Nov. meeting. Proceeds will go into our general fund.

A lovely meal was served and enjoyed by all. Next meeting Nov. 5, 1992 hosted by Schererville Fire Aux. at Lake Hills Civic Club at 7:00 p.m.

Miss Flame contest to be held. Dollie Kosmoscar, Dist. 1 Ann Moss, Dist. 2

DISTRICT 3

November 18, 1992, 7:30 p.m., Kingsbury.

Meeting was opened by Leona Uryga. Pledge to the flag was followed by The Lord's Prayer said in unison.

A memorial was conducted for Evaline Kaufman of Coolspring Twp.

Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's report was given.

There was no correspondence. Toni Grammels motioned, seconded by Celine Boisvert, to pay postage of \$4.75.

Judges for Miss Flame were introduced as follows: Mrs. Netzer, Mrs. Bell and Don Shamp. Contestants were Felicia Robrowski and Ann Grott. Felicia won by a narrow margin. She received a red banner and gold necklace. Runner-up received a gold bracelet. Miss Flame will compete at convention held at French Lick June 10 thru 13.

Leona explained the state by-laws. The second reading was held and the third reading will be at the January meeting. Corrections were made on the list of state officers.

One of the high-lites of the meeting was that each Auxiliary is to prepare and get items for the ditty bags as French Lick has no auxiliary. Also Miss Congeniality will be selected from the Miss Flame contestants. Each Aux. was urged to support the district "Miss Flame".

The January meeting will be at Coolspring and the March meeting will be at Springfield.

Doe Doll tickets were distributed. The following events forthcoming: Kingsbury, Kingsford-Union, Michiana Shores, Lincoln, Springfield, Noble, Individuals. Coolspring -- Craft Show on December 5, at the station.

Noble Twp. received the Attendance Award. \$11.50 was the IVFA'S share of 50/50. Other winners were Bridget Boisvert and Agnes Battleday.

Leona wished everyone "Happy Holidays".

Debbie Harris motioned, seconded by Celine Boisvert, to adjourn. Motion carried. The host department served refreshments and gave door prizes.

January 20, 1993, 7:30 pm, Coolspring Twp.

President Leona Uryga opened meeting with a Pledge to the flag. Chaplain Carolyn McCarty offered prayer. Attendance was taken and the minutes were approved as read. Treasurer's report was given.

There was no correspondence and Ruth Kuhnel and Ben Konieczny were reported as being ill.

A bill for \$180.00 for past presidents pins was submitted. Mary Deering motioned, seconded by Toni Grammels, to pay the bill.

Motioned carried. District past presidents include Beverly Fraine, Marilyh Kessler, Debbie Harris, Celine Boisvert plus any other who may have been.

Ditty bag articles and Doe Doll tickets will be received at the March meeting. More Doe Doll tickets are available.

The third reading of the new State By-laws was shortened to re-reading only the part in question. That part being in Article I is to delete the words (without Renumeration) from the Article. The questioned Article is #6 Section 8.

The March meeting will be at Springfield Twp. A white elephant auction and a bake sale will be held there to raise money for Miss Flame. Carolyn McCarty motioned, seconded by Mary Nowatske, to hold this fund raiser. Motion carried.

Scipio Twp. won the attendance award. \$11.50 was realized from the 50/50 drawing. Other winners were Leona Uryga and Irene Childers.

Duane Lantz, State Chaplin gave a brief speech on memories.

Marie Gemberling announced starting January 1, 1993, that a state law says each fireman as of that date is entitled to a death benefit. The townships and towns in that township shall pay at the rate of \$1.00 a month per fireman to PERF.

No events were scheduled for Kingsbury, Kingsford-Union, Michiana Shores, Noble and Coolspring. Scipio Twp. announced a pancake breakfast for April 18, 1993 at the station.

Toni Grammels motioned, seconded by Annabel Konieczny, to adjourn. Motion carried.

The host department served refreshments and gave door prizes. Marie Gemberling.

DISTRICT 11A

Hope you had a nice and safe holiday.

I'm very proud to announce a brand new Auxiliary. It is St. Mary's and they have fourteen members. They have done a lot of things since they started. Their president is Linda Halbert who has worked very hard getting the Auxiliary together. Congratulations on a job well done. And welcome to the IVFAA.

We had our Miss Flame Contest Sunday, Jan. 17th at the Van Buren V.F.D. in Harmony IN.

We had four lovely girls participate.

They were: April Vermillion, 16 yrs. old and a Sophmore at West Vigo H.S. She is the daughter of Virginia Toppas and Marion Vermillion. She represents the Sandford V.F.D.

Amy Elizabeth Wade, 15 yrs. old and a Freshman at Woodrow Jr. High School. She is the daughter of John and Mary Wade. She represents the Seelyville, V.F.D.

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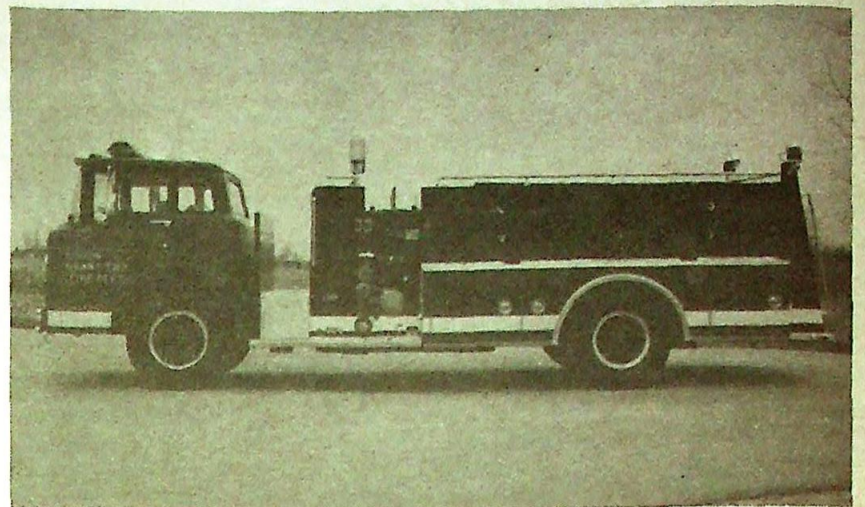
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Crystal Edgington, 16 yrs. old and a Sophomore at South Vigo H.S. She is the daughter of Rick and Sue Edgington. She represents the Honey Creek V.F.D.

April Dawn Wells, 15 yrs. old and a Freshman at North Central H.S. She is the daughter of Don and Nancy Wells. She represents the Hymera V.F.D.

April Dawn Wells crowned our district Miss Flame and will represent us at French Lick in June.

Crystal Edgington was named runner-up.

Our congratulations to all of them and their fire departments.

It's time for those awards, so you all get busy and write those letters. There is surely someone in your department that is deserving of at least one of the following awards; Mr. IVFA, Lois Boaz, Ollie Sandburg and Midwest. So get busy.

Like to say thank you to the Sandburg V.F.D. for having Bob and me to their Christmas Party. It was very nice and we sure enjoyed it.

Everybody take care now.

Love and Prayers,
Joann Hays

DISTRICT 11B

Dear Auxiliary Members & Friends.

Our last District meeting was January 10, 1993 at Perrysville. They served a very welcome meal of chili, hot dogs, peanut butter sandwiches, carrot & celery sticks and dessert. The weather was chilly and we had a little snow, so the meal hit the spot. Thank you Perrysville for hosting the meeting and preparing the meal. We admire your efforts and friendship.

Committee reports were given by the Miss Flame, Band and By-law Committees. Almost all preparations are made for the Annual Miss Flame Dance, February 13, 1993. The Road Ramblers will play for us this year from 9 until midnight. Help with decorating the Half Century Club is needed. Bring your ideas, decorations and meet us at the Club at 9 am. Door prizes to be given away throughout the evening are still needed if anyone has something they would like to donate.

At present the Miss Flame Committee has only one candidate, we are hoping there will be more submitted before the February 1st deadline.

By-laws were passed and submitted to Lou Bartlow to be read and voted on at June Convention.

Don't forget to submit your names for the Lois Boaz award. There are deserving members that need the recognition.

The March 14, 1993 meeting will be held at Clinton City. The meal is free will donation for the whole family. Please come and support the host department and auxiliary because they go to a lot of trouble to prepare a meal and make us feel welcome.

I am listing the District Officers and their phone numbers in case any member might want to call them for something.

Chairman, Betty Osborne: (317) 492-4090.

Vice Chairman, Eula Bush: (317) 665-3213.

Secretary - Treasurer, Lou Bartlow: (317) 245-2125.

Co-Chaplains, Maxine Davies: (317) 246-6220.

Brenda Harvey: (317) 665-3698.

Hope to see all of you March 14, 1993 at Clinton City.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the departments, auxiliaries, individual members and anyone who helped with the Miss Flame Dance this year. Without your help it would not have happened. I thank you all.

Betty Osborne, Chairman

Lois Boaz Award Deadline April 10, 1993

Attention men and ladies of the IVFA - IVFAA.

Now is the time to write those letters to nominate a lady to receive this year's award.

The Lois Boaz Memorial Award is presented each year at the IVFA Convention.

The nominee must be a current member in good standing of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association Auxiliary.

Letters of nomination should include name, address, local auxiliary, district, information on her involvement in local, district or state auxiliary. She does not have to hold an office in these organizations. Include if she has been involved in her church, community or service organizations, other than the fire department. The more info the better. Jacket size would help.

All letters should be into the committee by APRIL 10, 1993. Letters received after this date will not be considered.

This year committee members:
Betsy Howe, Chairman - 1912 Edison St, Schererville, IN 46375;
Barbara Parker - 9006 Shelbyville Rd., Acton IN 46259; Joan Hays - 4430 South 8th St., Terre Haute, IN 47802.

Plainville Vol. Fire Dept. History

The Plainville Volunteer Fire Dept. was formed in 1958 with 8 volunteer firemen serving the dept, of which two are still active. Bernard E. Mallett served as Chief from the first formation of the dept. in 1958 until his death in December of 1990.

The fire dept. was first housed in a small building with barely room for two trucks. This remained the departments quarters until moving into the new station.

In Dec. of 1990 a long time dream of Bernard E. (Bernie) Mallett came true when upon his death a memorial fund was started in his honor to build a new fire station. With contributions from friends, relatives, businesses, and citizens of Bogard and Steele Townships as well as the town of Plainville, the new fire station became a reality. Construction on the building began in October of 1991, after several months of planning, overcoming obstacles and setbacks.

Grand opening of the new station which also houses the Plainville Town Hall, was held May 17, 1992, with a dedication ceremony and openhouse for the general public.

The building is a 42 ft. x 80 ft. brick and vinyl siding structure. Inside the town office occupies a 20 ft. x 25 ft. space. Adjacent to that is a 15 ft. x 14 ft. office for the volunteer fire fighters. There is a 20 ft. x 40 ft. storage area above the offices. The bay area houses 3 pumpers and one tanker

with adequate working space.

Plainville Vol. Fire Dept. furnishes protection for Bogard and Steele Twps. And the town of Plainville, covering 51,328 acres.

The department now has 11 members, with one member being a third generation fireman.

Bernard R. (Bud) Mallett now serves as Chief having taken his father's place. Dennis Eaton is Assistant Chief.

The station is located on State Highway 57 in Plainville, IN.

Jack Harker, District 17A
Jan. 18, 1993

Fire ruins home and business



Center Township Firefighter Mike Turner signals for more help after he and his partner, Ron Prast, were blown out of the house by a backdraft. The fire severely damaged a home and the Apple Barrel Bait Shop in the home at Johnson and Holton roads.

CATHY BEHRENDT
THE LAPORTE HERALD-ARGUS

A home and a livelihood were destroyed this morning when Leo Gunter's Apple Barrel Bait Shop at Johnson and Holton roads was left a burnt-out shell by fire.

Both Center and Coolspring Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. responded to the emergency call at 749 Holton Road around 8 a.m. Kankakee and Springfield Township Departments responded after more aid was requested, and Scipio Township stood by.

The Gunter family, which includes Leo, his wife, Kelly, and three children, have operated the

bait shop from their home for the past three and a half years and purchased the building in August.

"Everything we had in the whole world, right there," Gunter said as he was explaining his losses at the scene this morning. "We have one insurance policy; I don't know exactly what it covers."

"All of our personal stuff was new. We got a brand new dryer from Sears for Christmas just two weeks ago," Gunter said.

A large collection of antiques and most of the bait shop were destroyed by the fire. Firefighters reported that fish tanks in the bait

store were actually boiling from the heat and that several exploded.

Mike Turner, a Center Township firefighter who lives right next door to the bait shop and was among the first on the scene, was one of two firefighters who were blown off their feet when the fire backdrafted. Neither was injured.

"About five minutes after we arrived, the fire gutted itself and blew us right out of the house," Turner said. "We heard it coming. It sounded like a train coming."

A smoke detector was operating in the building, but no one was home to hear it; Kelly Gunter and two of the children were visiting relatives in New Frankfort and Leo Gunter and Joseph Juckett, who lives with the family, were out with the youngest child picking up a friend to work on, addition to the house.

Gunter and Juckett arrived at about 9 a.m. to find six fire trucks, several state and local police and a small crowd of neighbors.

Several motorists were the first to notice smoke coming out of the building this morning.

They included Gunter's nephew, Eric McCay, of Michigan City.

"We drove in (to) LaPorte and 20 minutes later on our way back (to Michigan City), we saw it," McCay said.

Michael Place of Spring Hill had already stopped at the scene when McCay and Craig Utley of Michigan City arrived. Place sent 11-year-old Seamus McDermott, who was waiting at his bus stop, home to alert authorities.

"I was coming home from work when I seen the smoke," Place said. "It looked like it started somewhere around the garage - that's where the smoke was coming from."

Officials agree that the fire may have started in the back bedroom of the house, located behind the garage. LaPorte County Policeman Jim Sosinski added that the fire "doesn't look suspicious."

Doug Miller, Center Twp. VFD

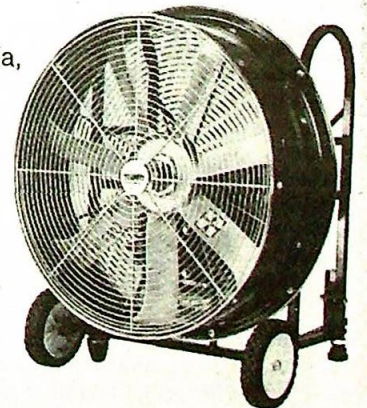
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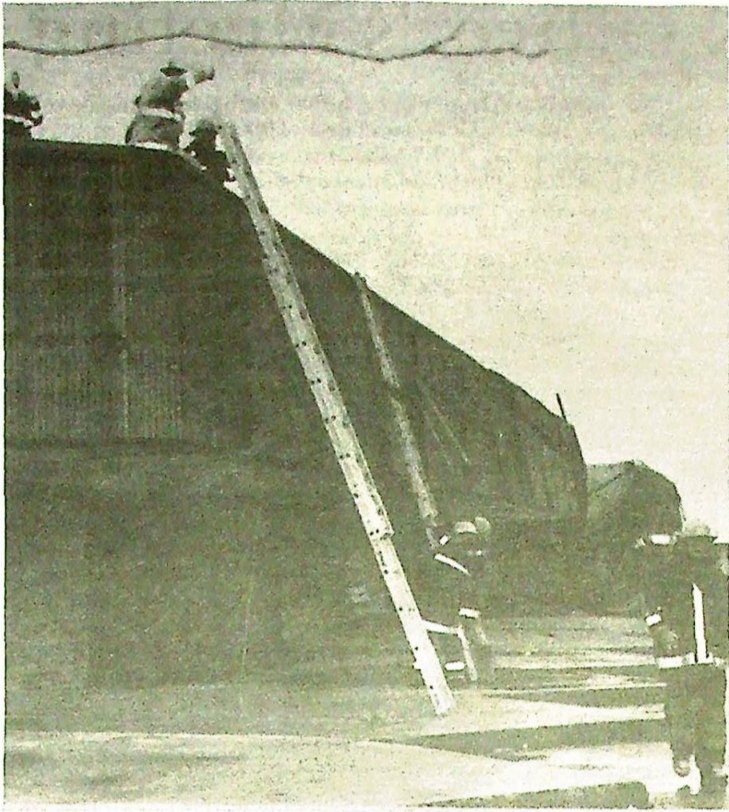
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Bluffton Fire Chief Gary Markley and others of the department are assisting again in Sunday's action against rekindling.

was being subdued.

Far from it. Although firefighters were able to get into the building and through much of it, a massive blaze was still in progress within, largely hidden from exterior view.

The Chester Twp., Montpelier, Bluffton, Nottingham, Poneto, Liberty Center, Ossian, Uniondale, Mt. Etna, Bryant, Pennville, Portland, Geneva, Beme, Van Buren, Hartford City, Salamonie and Warren Fire Departments all assisted and toiled in the action. Some of the departments concentrated largely on getting vitally-needed water to the site in tandem run-and-run for filling drop tanks or for lining up for tanker supply.

Some super-size rigs were pressed into service to transport water.

While the K through 3 pods line the building's south exterior from east to west, the grades 4, 5 and 6 pods line the exterior around the corner on a north-south line.

This writer went with a Chester firefighter into Pod 4, which was the least affected pod area, although already getting a fair amount of water and some smoke-blackening.

However, on getting up into the triangular library in the central part of the Elementary School, it was graphically evident that the fire was far from quelled.

The library already was a twisted maze of fire-ruined furniture. The ceiling was tilted, partially collapsed and flaming in places. Raging flames could be glimpsed through openings on three sides.

Montpelier firefighters were fighting one of the blaze's biggest and key battles there. The major stand they made in the demolished library and a firewall were among key factors in assuring that the flames went no farther in the Southern Wells complex.

Gone, however, along with the library, were the principal's office and other features on the sturdy balcony structure above it.

On the outside, the stream of white smoke continuing to rise from the roof gave evidence that an ongoing struggle was in progress. As that column of smoke drifted southward from the building, you couldn't walk around the building on the south end for awhile. There was just too

much smoke.

Firefighters in numbers scurried atop the building roof so that attacks could be mounted from above as well as ground level on the intense fire within the building.

Extreme heat of the blaze in the lower pods sector, especially the first grade pod, twisted metal -- even big I-beams -- and caved the building exterior front. The fire and searing heat simply ate everything in sight in those pods.

By the late night period, Bluffton had its aerial truck in place with a firefighter at the extension of the 65-foot ladder to go directly over the heart of the blaze.

With tanked-in water by others adding to the thrust, a downpour was forced onto the fire from this overhead vantage point.

Still, as the action went into the early hours of Sunday and a number of the departments were able to head back, the remaining fire units fought pocket-after-pocket of contained flames. Twisted metal overhang remnants were pulled apart to reach the fire spots.

Chester, Montpelier, Liberty Center, Poneto and Nottingham units and a number from Bluffton kept up the action in the smoldering maze.

As daybreak arrived, there was a renewed thrust with more help returning from brief rest. Smoldering embers and flame remnants were ferreted out all morning. Signs of a few were still visible in the afternoon.

There was lots of help. As word of the fire spread and a need was seen, restaurants, food stores and others hastened to get food and coffee to the scene for the small army of firefighters and aides, including police and EMS.

Specifically identified were McDonald's, Hardees, Burger King, Country Cupboard, Pizza Hut, Heyerly's Scott's, the Southern Wells FFA, EMS workers and auxiliaries of fire departments, all in supplying or running the food/coffee station in the school parking lot sector.

State Police and Sheriff's officers including deputies and reserves helped in the traffic control. They also assisted in cordoning off areas to clear for tankers and other vital needs.

In addition to Southern Wells Elementary School Principal Bob Williams and High School

Principal James Schwarzkopf, both of whom came quickly to the school when learning of the blaze, Supt. Michael Bushong and all four school board members -- Claire McMillan, Jane Jarrett, Larry Couch and Randy Plummer -- all came to view the situation and see what could be done.

Overwhelmingly they were thankful that injuries were avoided and for the help given by the mentioned fire departments and others, plus numerous individuals too. FFA and other high school youths were among them.

The 58,000 - square - foot uniquely-designed Southern Wells

Elementary School was built in 1972-73 at an indicated cost of about \$1.6 million -- funds the school system had on hand for the project.

That figure, of course, is nowhere near the present value amid the building inflation since then, plus the many valuable contents added.

The Junior-Senior High and Raiderdome had been built in 1966.

Each of the grades 1 through 6 pods or super classroom areas accommodating more than one actual class, has about 4,000 square feet.

While there are salvagable-

appearing features in the 4, 5 and 6 pods, the prospect of any reuse in the form of a building repair job look questionable at best. There was much water and smoke, and many heat effects that could show up in the further checking.

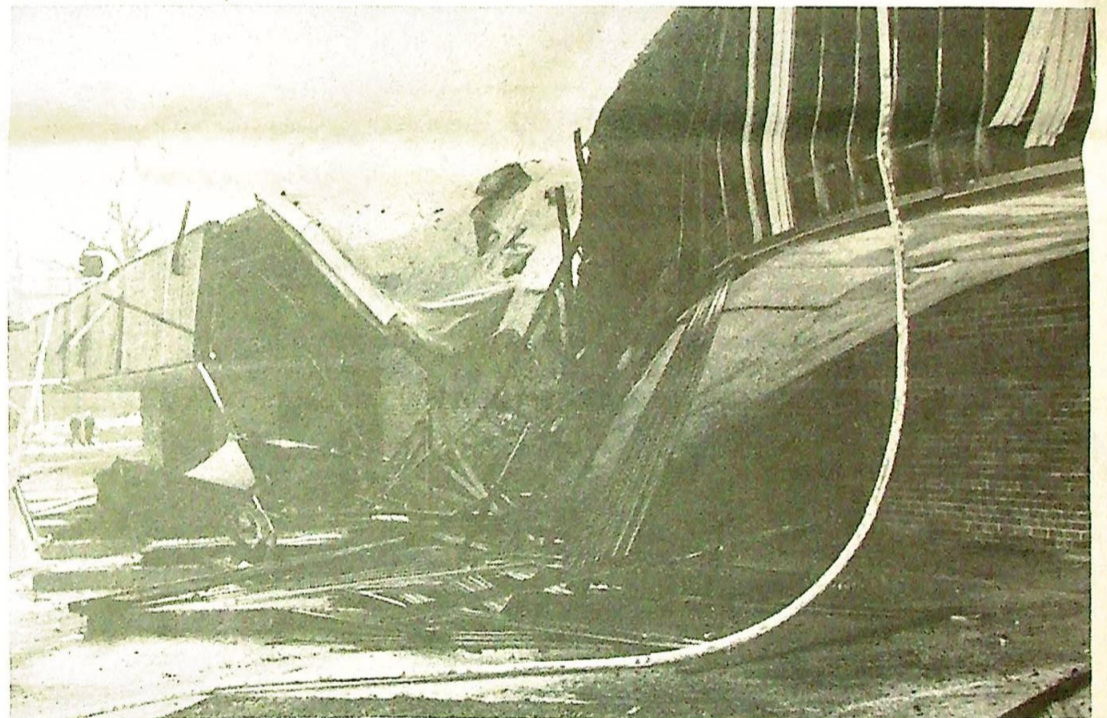
Considering today's building costs, the loss easily may top any in history for a fire in Wells County.

The blaze, incidentally, was 10 years to the day from the big Carnall Building (113 West Market St.) downtown fire on Dec. 12, 1982.

Bluffton News Banner



Liberty Center Firefighters are among those doing large chores at the big blaze. Here they are on hand in the Sunday early daylight period, helping deal with rekindling.



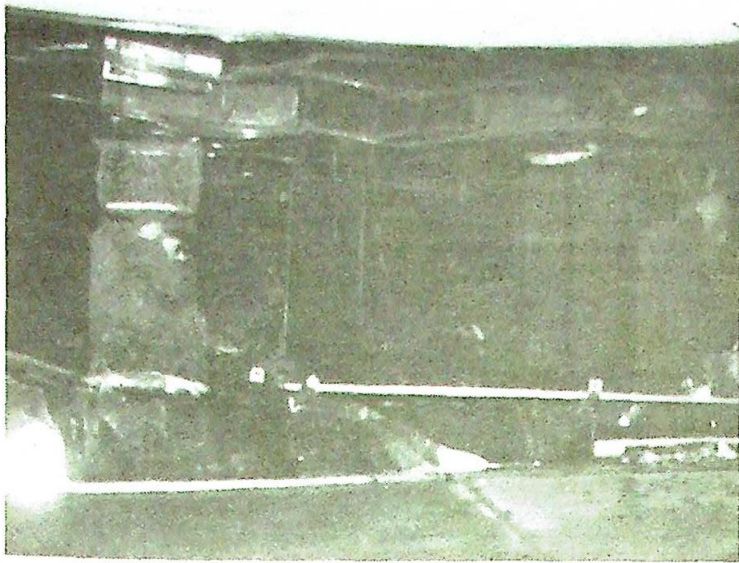
TOTAL DEVASTATION - Even big I-beams have been staggered by flaming heat, and the frontage collapsed in the Southern Wells Pod 1 area amid total destruction of the lower elementary grades' facilities and contents plus other extensive building damages. The photo is taken as firefighters are battling rekindling in the early daylight period Sunday.



REALLY COOKING -- These chunks from the heart of the fire scene are burning strongly three days after the school blaze.

School Devastated . . .

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This wrecked interior view is testimony to the destruction during the grim episode.



Nottingham Twp. firefighters are assisting as Fire Chief Chuck Brooks coordinates a team of departments in dealing with resurging hot spots after dawn Sunday.

Chief Praises Help, Sharing In Traumatic Fire, Halting of Worse Outcome; Adds to Lists

Nottingham Twp. Fire Chief Charles "Chuck" Brooks, who coordinated the multi-department firefighting force at the Southern Wells Elementary School fire scene and shared fire command post leadership with Bluffton Deputy Fire Chief Robert Plummer, has issued a public statement of appreciation and praise to the many participants.

Chief Brooks stated: "On behalf of the Southern Wells County fire departments, Chester Liberty Center, Poneto and Nottingham Township, I want to extend sincerest appreciation and gratitude to all who came to our aid during the fire at Southern Wells Elementary School.

"The loss of our school is a tragic and traumatic experience for our community. The potential loss of the high school and gymnasium was very real. Without the valiant efforts of those neighboring fire departments, that responded to our call for assistance, it surely would have happened.

"A very special thank you to the Montpelier Fire Department and the City of Montpelier. Montpelier Fire Department members were one of the first to attack the fire. The Montpelier Water Department kept all units supplied to the tune of over 100,000 gallons of water.

"Another very special thank you is extended to the Bluffton Fire Department and its members. Without deployment of

their aerial ladder truck and deluge gun on the new pumper, we would have had a very difficult and dangerous time reaching the fire.

"A tremendous effort on the part of one neighbor helping another.

"A very special thank you to the families of the firefighters. Your understanding and support for your loved ones, as they came to assist, is greatly appreciated. Knowing that firefighting is potentially hazardous to life and limb they volunteer at all hours of the day and night to help their neighbors.

"Only in small town, rural America is this type of response and cooperation possible. No red tape, no forms to fill out or papers to sign, just the extension of a helping hand in time of crisis.

"Listed below are the many, many organizations and individuals who helped.

"To any not listed who deserve our gratitude, thank you also. Our community expanded well beyond its geographical, lines on a map, boundaries last Saturday and Sunday.

"Thank you to all." Other participating fire departments: Berne, Bryant, Geneva, Hartford City, Markle, Mount Etna, Ossian, Pennville, Portland, Salamonia, Van Buren, Warren.

Water supply: NFM Grain, Smith Trucking, Kaiser Chemical, Helena Chemical, Pfister Farms.

EMS units: Blackford County, Montpelier, Wells County.

Fuel Suppliers (on scene): Ike Huffman, Steffen Oil.

Food and drink: Burger King, Country Cupboard, Hardees, Hoyerly's Market, McDonald's, Pizza Hut, Scott's Food, Taco Bell, all of Bluffton; Southern Wells FFA, Poneto Pioneer Club.

Food distribution: Judy Couch, Lettie Stauffer, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rains, Barb Johnson, Jennie Paxson, Velma Grover and Carol Her-ring.

Finley Firemen Retire from Feeding Fairgoers this Year

The end of the 1992 Scott County Fair witnesses the closing of a landmark at the fairgrounds.

Finley volunteer firemen voted three months ago to make the fair their last to operate the venerable Finley Restaurant.

The weatherbeaten building sits nearly in the heart of the fairgrounds. The food served sits easy on the stomach and pocketbook.

Nearly a thousand meals, from breakfast to lunches, dinners, and snacks, were served daily during the fair. The restaurant has always been operated by firemen and their families the week prior to the fair. Carnival workers ate their three meals a day there, noted operations manager Leon Dart.

As with most everything, time caught up with the restaurant.

"With more and more women working now, we just could not get the help we needed to staff it right, Dart explained.

The Finley PTA first took on the restaurant business in 1949, using a big tent. In 1950, the kitchen end was built with a small dine-in area.

When school reorganization occurred around 1964, the PTA dropped the project. Johnson firemen operated it for a while, with other groups renting the building from year to year.

In 1973, the dining area was enlarged, and Finley firemen decided to operate it once more.

Bob Tash and Audrey Comer headed the project the first year. In 1974, Dart and Ed Craig took over its management. Dart was ill in 1975, so Bert Dean and Kenny Jones took the job.

From 1976 on, Dart has served as chief cook-and-bottle-washer, with a number of co-chairmen assigned over the years.

Steve Broady and Jim Whitney both helped. Ed Losey worked this year with Dart.

Ideally, the staff should number about 15 during rush times, which, at the Finley Restaurant, meant nearly all day and into the wee hours of the night.

"We are all getting old, I guess. A lot more in the community used to be active, but they're too old to put in the hours you have to at this job," Dart stated.

Several people told Dart during the fair they hated to see Finley give up the business. Over the years, many sought out the restaurant's delicious fish sandwiches and its homemade desserts.

Customers always counted on getting a well-balanced meal at Finley from its assortment.

Dart said he's been trying to tell everyone that the Loseys, Ed and Eileen, are taking over the business next year.

"No, that's not true!" exclaimed Ed Losey, laughing. He said Dart will most miss visiting with fairgoers.

"It was a hard decision to make. We need to thank the many people that have supported us over the years. It took the whole community to make this restaurant a success," Dart stated.

The fate of the building is undecided. Possibly, the structure may be torn down and rebuilt over the next few years, giving other organizations a chance to rent it.

The Giveaway

Auxiliary Officer's Meeting

Waterfront Plaza, Indianapolis, Indiana
November 1, 1992

PRESIDENT Maxine Davies called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. CHAPLAIN Judy Hildebrand opened the meeting with prayer. SGT.-AT-ARMS Miriam Schaeckel led the group with the Pledge to the flag.

RECORDING SECRETARY Lou Bartlow gave the roll call and it was answered by 24 Officers and Committee members. We also welcomed 8 guests.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Lou. Corrections to the minutes are as follows: Dolly Komoscar said the Fireman's Store is sponsoring the tickets for the Doe Doll and Phyllis Vargo is printing them.

Also, Theta helped Grace and Toni with the Halloween Party that was held on Saturday evening. Sorry for the mix-up!! Barbara Parker made the motion to refrain from reading the District Reports. Judy Hildebrand seconded it.

CHAPLAIN: Judy Hildebrand said she handed out 2 Bibles, sent 4 Get Well cards and 1 Sympathy card. She also handed out Memorial pictures to those Districts involved.

TREASURER'S REPORT was given.

MEMBERSHIP: Lou Bartlow said we have 44 Auxiliaries, 558 Members, 20 Individuals, for a total of 578. The total for this year is 92 Auxiliaries, 1143 Members, and 57 Individuals.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BY-LAWS: Wanda Johnson said she had the by-law books ready. The committee put the labels on last night. She and her husband had them all put together, so that saved a lot of time. She has 200 copies of the changes and 100 new books. Expense was very little. It was \$33.69 for all of them. Maxine reminded us that we have to think of postage price which is, \$1.35 for each book to be mailed to new members.

DOE DOLL: Phyllis Vargo said she has the tickets for the doll and we should pick them up after the meeting. Maxine encouraged everyone to sell like we did last year and we will have another good year. Phyllis showed us pictures of them. They will be Jack and Jill dolls and she is getting them very reasonably. So her husband, James, said he would pay for them. That will save the auxiliary some money. A big Thanks to him!!

MISS FLAME: Barbara Parker noted that the committee will keep the rules and judging the same. We will have a Miss Congeniality plaque this year and it will be voted on by the contestants themselves. It will be awarded at the Banquet. Barbara also has the banners that were ordered. Pictures have been mailed, but they went out late. It was also brought to our attention that some of the Miss Flames had been asked to furnish their own convertibles for the parades. This is an expense for them and if the towns want them, they should provide the car and give the girl some sort of recognition. Eula said we should encourage the departments to help their Miss Flames with expenses. Barbara Parker will put a letter in the paper.

JEWELRY: Betty Osborne --it is the same as last time. Will have to be thinking about Convention charm.

GAMES: TONI said Virginia has everything on hold. Has not heard from Al.

NOMINATING: NO REPORT

FINANCIAL: Toni said she audited the Miss Flame books and found them to be in order. She also returned \$34.72.

NEW BUSINESS:

Maxine reminded us that the dates for Convention have been changed. They are JUNE 10,11,12,13.

Dolly Komoscar had a fire catalog where small item could be purchased for the ditty bags at reasonable prices. We decided that we needed 750 for the men and 250 for the women. Discussion was that maybe we could cut down and give only one bag to a husband and wife instead of 2. They are usually duplicates anyway. Mary Mackin will talk to District 6 Chairman of the men and see if he will donate the bags. Maxine has a bag of door prizes that was donated. Mitch Parish donated Indiana Road Maps. Diana also has some small items donated by her cousin from their Gas route.

If any committees are going to need help for the convention, think about it, because remember all expenses must be pre-approved.

Toni made a motion to approve mileage expense for Maxine to attend the convention meetings. Bette Sellmer seconded it.

Barbara Parker went to the September meeting and said she was very impressed with the Hotel and the town.

Helen Michl said the coffee clutch was going to cost \$800. That would include 35 doz. danish at \$535 and coffee at \$10 a gallon. A discussion on rather or not we needed to have the coffee clutch. Bette Sellmer said she made a deal last year and the same person owns both Hotels. They furnished the coffee and we furnished the donuts. Nancy Neal said maybe we could find a sponsor. Eula said we do not want to do away with it altogether because this is a social event and we need that. Nancy Neal said she could get the donuts donated, if we decide to

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furnish them.

Barbara Parker ask if we had gotten rid of last years charms? Betty said we had 6 charms and several tie tacks. A discussion to try and keep the price down was to go with just a plain charm instead of a multiple colored one. It could be just a silver, for example. Dolly Komoscar will get prices and samples for the next meeting. Maxine mentioned a Dalmation or some other animal.

Monday Nov. 30th is the next Convention meeting at 7:00 p.m. at French Lick Fire House or Motel.

Maxine said she heard that Jack and Ruth Ford were in the hospital, and wondered if anyone knew anything about them. Mary Mackin said Jack was in because of some difficulty with his pacemaker, but did not know Ruth was in.

Mary Boyd's mother passed away and so Diana will send her a card. Toni said she had seen Katie and she is doing fine. She was at the Poe Festival and was playing Bingo.

Larry Curl joined our meeting and talked to us about the Fire Caucus. He explained what the caucus consisted of and what their intentions were. Some of them are:

- a) Serve as a clearing house
- b) Serve as a focal point
- c) Serve as a means of communications
- d) Serve as a networking group

He handed out literature for the Fire and Emergency Services dinner on Nov. 15th. There will be some legislators there as well as a Chief from Phoenix, Arizona.

Mitch Parish encouraged the women to attend.

Virgil, 18th District Chairman, joined us and gave us a tentative schedule. Registration will be \$30---Late \$45. Rooms will be \$59.00 a couple and \$5.00 for each extra person.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO REVISION THURSDAY, JUNE 10TH

REGISTRATION 3:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
DISPLAYS 4:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
WELCOME RECEPTION 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11TH

REGISTRATION 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
MISS FLAME COMPETITION 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON
MEN'S OFFICERS MEETING 9:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
SEMINAR 12:30 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.
SEMINAR 2:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
DISPLAYS 12:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.
MISS FLAME LUNCHEON 12:30 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.
MISS FLAME FINAL JUDGING 2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.
WOMEN'S OFFICERS MEETING 3:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.
JOINT MEETING 6:00 P.M. UNTIL CLOSE
THEATRE SHOW (LIVE) 8:00 P.M. UNTIL CLOSE

SATURDAY, JUNE 12TH

WOMEN'S KOFFEE KLUTCH 7:45 A.M. - 8:30 P.M.
REGISTRATION 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
MEN'S MEETING 8:30 A.M. - 10:45 A.M.
WOMEN'S MEETING 9:00 A.M. - 10:45 A.M.
MEMORIAL SERVICE 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON
LUNCH ON YOUR OWN 12:00 NOON - 1:30 P.M.
MEN'S MEETING 1:30 P.M. UNTIL CLOSE
WOMEN'S MEETING 1:30 P.M. UNTIL CLOSE
DISPLAYS 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
BANQUET 6:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.
DANCE 9:00 P.M. UNTIL ?

SUNDAY, JUNE 13TH

REGISTRATION FOR GAMES 8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.
GAMES 9:00 A.M. - UNTIL DONE
SEMINAR 9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.
TRAIN RIDE 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON

Maxine handed out 3 certificates for new auxiliaries.

They were: 11B Montezuma
6 J.T.F. Blue Blazers

1 Porter ----- Congratulations to these Districts!! We will also be giving certificates to the individuals who have 15 Year Memberships.

Maxine reminded us that we do not have Dottie Striegels address. We need to know what her intentions are. Bette Sellmer will try to contact her.

Nancy Neal has the convention pictures in the album. If you want them for a District meeting, let her know.

Theta handed out certificate for the Halloween Party last night.

Joan Hays will host the Feb. meeting. Helping her will be Helen "Penelope Baby" Michl and Barbara Parker. Come on Saturday evening and enjoy the fun!!

We sang Happy Birthday to Mary Ann Martin. Also Duane Osborne was 50 BIG ones today. Belated Happy Birthday!!

Toni Has Peanut Brittle for sale. They have made 2000 lbs. so far.

Mary Mackin has Fireman's candy bars to sell.

Bette has tickets for a T.V. to help the Miss Flame.

Helen Michl has tickets for the FIRE BUNNIES.

Eula Bush said since we were all family she had to announce that she was going to be GRANDMA!!! Congratulations!!

Barbara Parker made the motion not to have District reports read. Leona Uryga seconded it. Motion carried. Maxine agreed on the condition that everyone gets their reports in to the paper so she can read them. But she would like to have the dates of the Miss Flame Contests. Districts 1 & 2 Nov. 5-- Lake Hills Civic Club, Schererville

- 3 Nov. 18--Kingsbury F.D. 7:30 P.M.
- 6 Jan. 21--7:30 P.M. Place unknown
- 7 Nov. 16--Roanoke F.D. 8:00 P.M.
- 10 Nov. 18--Marietta F.D.
- 11A Jan. -- West Terre Haute F.D.
- 11B Feb. 13--Half Century Club 9 to 12 P.M.
- 12 Feb. -- Wayne Twp.(Possibly)
- 14 Mar. 17--7:30 P.M. Undecided
- 19 Nov. 19--7:30 P.M.

The motion was made and seconded to close the meeting. Judy Hildebrand, Chaplain closed with prayer.

A reminder that the next meeting for the Officers will be Feb. 7, 1992 at the Waterfront Hotel.

You might mark your calender that the May 2nd meeting will be on SUNDAY ONLY-- at Wayne Twp; Fire Headquarters. Time is 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Diana Gray, Corresponding Sec.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

DISTRICT 3: The Sept. 16th meeting was held at Scipio Fire Dept. The meeting was opened with the Pledge to the flag.

The Sec. and Treas. reports were read and approved.

The Standing Rules for Dist. 3 were read for the third time and acceptance was voted on. A reminder that the Miss Flame contest is Nov. 18 at Kingsbury Fire Dept. All Fire Depts. who are having a girl run should submit her name to the Dist. Chairman before Nov. 1st.

Coming events were announced.

Michiana Shores won the Dist. 3, Doe Doll plaque for most tickets sold. They also received this meeting's traveling plaque.

Next meeting is Nov. 18th at Kingsbury.

Leona Uryga

DISTRICT 7:

The 7th District of the IVFAA was held at Prebble, Sept. 21, 1992 at 8:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Marjorie Barmes, Chairman, by reciting the Pledge to the flag.

Roll call was answered by 12 members from 5 Depts.

The Sec.-Treas. report was given.

Christmas Exchange of \$5.00 next month.

Miss Flame contest will be at Roanoke Nov. 16th at 8:00 p.m.

Upcoming events: Decatur Callithumpum Parade Oct. 26th Prebble Janbon Fest.

Poe will be making Peanut Brittle starting Nov.

Marjorie Barmes

DISTRICT 10:

The 10th District met Aug. 19th at Fairland. 15 Members representing 6 Aux. was present.

Election was held and the Officers remained the same.

Nancy Neal said she had volunteered Dist. 10 to make the Miss Flame ditty bags for Convention '93. Handmade door prizes were asked for, at least one from each Aux.

By-law changes were read that had passed at Convention.

Next meeting will be Nov. 18th at Marietta at 6:30 p.m. This will be our Christmas meeting. Bring 2 covered dishes, own table service and \$5.00 gift exchange. The Miss Flame contest will also be held then.

Barbara Parker

DISTRICT 11B:

Our last District meeting was September 13, 1992 at Roachdale. They served an appetizing meal with yummy desserts. There were drawings for prizes, this time I won a new smoke detector.

The Auxiliary broke from the men and went upstairs to have their meeting. We discussed ideas on how to increase membership and improve attendance. Committees were formed for Miss Flame, getting a band for our annual dance, by-laws and dance committee.

The Miss flame dance will be Feb. 13, 1993 at the Half Century Club in Clinton, IN, same as last year. The time will be 9:00 p.m. to midnight and the admission will stay the same as last year at \$5.00 per person. We now have raffle tickets for sale for this dance. The first prize is a color TV and the second prize is a savings bond. The door prizes that are given away throughout the night seem to be enjoyed by all. So it was decided that they would again be given away. We are asking all Auxiliaries and Departments to participate in this event. Everyone is invited to attend this occasion.

Our next meeting will be at Reelsville November 8, 1992. Everyone is invited to attend.

Betty Osborne

DISTRICT 11A:

We had our District meeting and picnic on Sept. 13th.

We had a real nice time and had the privilege of having Don and Rosie Johnson from District 12 with us, as well as Perry and Mary Ann Martin from District 2.

Helen and I have attended West Terre Haute's Auxiliary last Wed. and started a brand new auxiliary, St. Mary's. They enrolled 11 members and possibly have more.

We have been to Coalmont's 25th anniversary open house. We have been to several fish fries and spaghetti dinners.

I had my first memorial service and it was for Evelyn Funkhouser, Otter Creek.

So far I have enjoyed myself as your District Chairman and looking forward to trying to do a good job for you all.

Our next District meeting will be at Haney Creek Station, and one of the ladies from St. Mary's is going to teach us how to make crepe paper dolls.

I wish to take this time to wish you all a nice and safe Christmas and New Years.

Until we meet again. Bless you all, Joana Hays

DISTRICT 13:

13th District met with the men for supper at Pendleton Fire Station August 20, 1992.

Our meeting was called to order with 7 members and 2 guests.

Reports of the Convention were given. Topics of last officers meeting were discussed.

Articles for ditty bags are needed from each district for Convention '93.

The ladies will have their \$3.00 grab bag and it was suggested we bring crayons or coloring books or both to give to charity for Christmas was agreed.

Meeting was closed with prayer.

Virginia Wilson

Shirley Fire Dept. will miss Omer H. Jessup

SHIRLEY - Omer H. Jessup, 80, a life member of Shirley Volunteer Fire Department, died Jan. 20 in Hancock County Memorial Hospital at Greenfield after a long illness.

Jessup joined the department in 1928 at the age of 16 and was active for 51 years, retiring from the department in 1979. Upon his retirement he was presented his helmet and given a life membership in the department and Indiana Volunteer Firemens Association.

An auctioneer, electrician and plumber by trade, he founded Jessup Hardware Store in Shirley in 1940, retiring from business

also in 1979.

Services were Jan.23 in Condo and Son Funeral Home at Wilkinson with Burial in McCray Cemetery in Wilkinson.

"GET OUT, STAY OUT: YOUR FIRE SAFE RESPONSE"

NFPA Announces Theme for National Fire Prevention Week - October 3-9, 1993.

Having a working smoke detector to warn you of a fire is only part of the battle against fire deaths, say the experts at the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), a nonprofit membership organization headquartered in Quincy, Massachusetts. "People need to understand how quickly fire in their homes can spread, and to stay out once they are safely out of the building," says NFPA's Meri-K Appy, assistant vice president for Public Affairs and Education.

Because people too often aren't well prepared to evacuate a fastgrowing fire, NFPA decided to make escape the focus of this year's Fire Prevention Week, October 3-9, 1993. The theme for the national commemoration is "Get Out, Stay Out: Your Fire Safe Response." You may only have a very few minutes to safely escape a fire, and NFPA teaches people to resist the temptation to re-enter a burning building. "Fire fighters are equipped and trained to go into a fire, we are not," Ms. Appy adds. "Sadly, people who make the tragic mistake of re-entering a burning building may suffer injury or death as a result."

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year in North America and several European countries in remembrance of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, in which 250 people died. Held every October, it is the full week - Sunday through Saturday - that includes October 9, the anniversary of the Fire.

"Every household should develop a home fire escape plan and practice it with all occupants at least twice a year," Ms. Appy says. "Further, we all need to get in the habit of identifying escape routes wherever we are, so we can get out quickly in the event of a fire or other emergency." The Association recommends that fire drills be conducted regularly in the workplace and at schools, day-care centers, nursing homes, and all places where people gather for extended periods. A good escape plan includes knowing two ways out of every room and a meeting place outside.

Approaching its 100th anniversary, the National Fire Protection Association has led the way to fire safety since 1896. The mission of the international nonprofit organization is protecting people, their property, and the environment from the effects of fire and related hazards through education, codes and standards, research, and technical advisory services.

The Association publishes NATIONAL FIRE CODES®, 280 fire safety codes and standards adopted and enforced throughout the world and also publishes fire safety educational materials including the LEARN NOT TO BURN® CURRICULUM. SPARKY® the Fire Dog is the Association's mascot.

MISS FLAME GUIDELINES

The purpose of the Miss Flame Contest is to select a Miss Flame and First Runner-up to represent the IVFAA. The Miss Flame Contest is held annually at the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention. The girls are judged by a committee of judges who are selected by the Convention Miss Flame Committee. The girls will be judged based on the rules, qualifications, and score sheets dated 01/93.

The State Miss Flame and First Runner-up are selected from District Miss Flame winners (one from each district). District winners' applications along with two black and white photos will be sent to the Miss Flame Committee Chairman by March 10, 1993. The girls selected will be representing the state, district, and their local department. They will act as public relations representatives all over the state. On a best efforts basis, they will attend as many departmental, district, and state activities as possible. It is the responsibility of the departments, districts, and state to advise and invite them to their activities. The district winners will represent their districts and departments.

The behavior of all Miss Flame candidates and winners will always be becoming and appropriate to such representation.

When attending the convention, motel rooms are set aside for the Miss Flames. They must however, make their own reservations and advise that they are a candidate. Each girl will have a chaperone (parents or a designated person) who will stay in the same room. Miss Flames and their chaperones may camp and again, they must make their own arrangements.

The itinerary for Miss Flames at the convention will be sent to the candidates by the Miss Flame Committee Chairman. Along with this, they will be advised of the recommended clothing to be worn at each activity. All Miss Flame candidates will attend the mixer on Thursday evening, and the judging and luncheon on Friday. The final judging and crowning will be held on Friday evening. ALL GIRLS will be expected to attend the Men's and Women's meetings, Memorial Service, and banquet on Saturday. They will sell doe doll tickets on Sunday morning at the waterball games, and ride in the parade on Sunday afternoon.

District Chairmen (men and women) will be responsible for providing rules and information to Miss Flame candidates. If chairmen need information, they should contact the Miss Flame Chairman.

QUALIFICATIONS AND RULES TO ENTER THE IVFA MISS FLAME CONTEST

1. Father, brother, mother, or sister must be a member of the IVFA or the IVFA Auxiliary or be a member herself.
2. Entrant must be *single and non-parent*.
3. Entrant must 15 years old, but not more than 18 at the time of the I.V.F.A. State Convention, and a resident of the state of Indiana.
4. There may be only one entry from each dept. in the Dist. Contest.
5. Winner of a department will be entered in District-wide contest.
6. District winner should be decided by March 1; application and two black and white photos should be sent to the State Miss Flame Chairman no later than March 10th.
7. District winner will be entered in the State Miss Flame Contest.
8. District winner must have transportation to the State Convention and have a chaperone.
9. Dept. winner will be decided at the discretion of the Dept.
10. District winner will be decided at the discretion of the District.
11. Department and District may have an alternate in the event the winner is unable to fulfill the title.
12. IVFA Miss Flame will be selected at State Convention.
13. Host department will pick judges to select the state winner prior to opening Convention meeting on Friday evening.
14. Winner and Runner-up will be announced at the ceremonies of opening meeting on Friday evening.
15. IVFAA will furnish appropriate Dist. designation ribbons which will be presented to the Dist. winners prior to the judging on Fri. at convention.
16. IVFAA will furnish winner IVFA "MISS FLAME" ribbon, flowers, trophy, and \$100 savings bond.
17. IVFAA will furnish IVFA "MISS FLAME RUNNER-UP" with flowers and \$50 savings bond.
18. Formal attire should be worn at District and State judging.
19. Judging will be based on fire department and community involvement, appearance, personality, poise, conversational ability, and ability to express ideas.
20. It will be the responsibility of the parent or chaperone to pay their hotel/motel expenses.

PARENT'S AND/OR GUARDIAN'S SIGNED CONSENT

I/we, the undersigned, do hereby declare that I/we are the parents and/or legal guardian of: _____ and do hereby give our consent to her participation in the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association "Miss Flame" Contest. The Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association and the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Auxiliary are in no way obligated or under contract to any person/persons, or firms to supply any requirements for contestants, parents, legal guardians, or chaperones.

Parent/Legal Guardian

Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

JUDGING REGULATIONS

Judging will be based on fire department and community involvement, appearance, personality, poise, conversational ability, and ability to express ideas. All judging scores will be confidential.

All State contestants will be considered on the following percentage basis for "Miss Flame" State Judging. No questions to be asked relative to scholastic ability.

1. 25% on what she thinks are the benefits of a volunteer fire department in her community:
 - . her fire department role in community
 - . her relationship to the volunteer fire service
 - . her involvement with the fire department, and
 - . her family's involvement with the fire department.
2. 20% on personality and poise (includes carriage, composure, self-control, and self confidence).
3. 10% on ability to carry on a conversation before a group.
4. 10% on appearance (grooming, neatness).
5. 10% on community involvement (4-H, church, school, etc.).
6. Each state contestant should be familiar with the following topics. The judges will select three of the five (same three for each contestant) and ask each contestant to express her thoughts on them. 5% for each topic.
 - . National Government
 - . Environment
 - . Quality of Education
 - . Christianity
 - . Inflation
7. 10% on impromptu speech or last minute thoughts.

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James Byer Presented Outstanding Dedication Award



James Byer receives award from Ivan Nevil.

James Byer, an employee of Indiana Michigan Power Company, was recently presented an award by Ivan Nevil, past president of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association. This award is donated by Midwest Fire & Safety Equipment Company of Indianapolis, Indiana.

This award was presented to Mr. Byer for his outstanding dedication to the fire service of Adams and Wells Counties. It is noted that many a time during all hours of the night and all types of weather, that Jim's familiar face would show up asking after he has completed his job as a lineman, "Is there anything else I can help you with?"

With the dedication of this type of public servant, the firefighters and other emergency responders feel that we have one of the best in our area.

Thanks Jim!

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM "MISS FLAME" CONTEST

NAME _____ SOCIAL SECURITY# _____
(Print in full)

ADDRESS _____
Number and Street City State Zip Code

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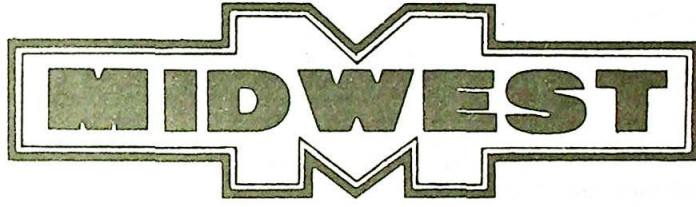
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Entry form, two black and white photos must be forwarded to the address below by the Dist. Chrmn no later than March 10, 1993. Also, please include the consent form. (The paper is published in April so must have everything mailed to me in order to get in the paper). THE IVFA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THE CONTEST UPON NOTIFICATION TO ALL PARTICIPANTS. THIS FORM GOES TO THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN FOR THE DISTRICT CONTEST AND THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN MAELS THE FORM TO THE "MISS FLAME" CHAIRMAN. Barbara Parker: 9006 Shelbyville Road, Indianapolis, IN 46259, (317) 862-4650.

District Chairman Signature and District Number



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MISS FLAME GUIDELINES

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JUDGE'S SCORE SHEET FOR:

MISS _____

INDICATE YOUR SCORE FOR EACH CATEGORY

- 1. INVOLVEMENT IN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. IN THE COMMUNITY (role, relationship, personal involvement, family's involvement) Score 1 to 25 _____
- 2. POISE AND PERSONALITY (includes carriage, composure self-control, and self confidence) Score 1 to 20 _____
- 3. CONVERSATIONAL ABILITY (carry on conversation before a group) Score 1 to 10 _____
- 4. APPEARANCE (grooming, neatness, etc.) Score 1 to 10 _____
- 5. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (4-H, School, Church, etc.) Score 1 to 10 _____
- 6. Choose three of the following subjects to question the contestant (use same three questions for each contestant) Score 1 to 5 for each of the three
 - . National Government Question 1 _____
 - . Environment Question 2 _____
 - . Quality of Education Question 2 _____
 - . Christianity Question 3 _____
 - . Inflation Question 3 _____
- 7. IMPROMPT QUESTION (immediate response) Score 1 to 10 _____

TOTAL SCORE FOR CONTESTANT _____

A memorial dedication was made to the late Nancy Terrall Miller, former Vernon Township Trustee, who served from 1977-1986. Mrs. Miller was recognized for her outstanding support to the fire department and other community involvements. Sincere appreciation was expressed to her family during the ceremony.

The new pumper was purchased December, 1991 by present Vernon Township Trustee, Timothy Plank.

Refreshments were served by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Second Annual Fire and Emergency Services Reception & Dinner



Key note speaker for the November 15, Fire Caucus Dinner was Pheonix Fire Dept., Chief Alan Brunacini.



IVFA Vice President Richard Glant mans the hospital room sponsored by the IVFA at the Fire and Emergency Services Reception and Dinner.

Officer's Meeting

October 31, 1992.

Best Western Waterfront Plaza Hotel, Indianapolis.

The meeting was called to order by President Parish. The Pledge to the flag was led by Vice President Glant. The invocation was given by Chaplain Lantz. At this time, President Parish recognized all guests who were in attendance. President Parish called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. A motion by Virgil Heneisen to suspend with the reading of the minutes and to accept them as printed. Seconded by Jack Zeeks. The motion passed by a voice vote.

OFFICER'S REPORT

President Parish reported that he went to several fire station dedications. He is still not receiving the meeting notifications from the district secretaries. He attended three meetings on the Fire Service Institute in Indianapolis, also attended the Fallen Heroes services in Indianapolis.

Vice President Glant reported that he had traveled 2780 miles since the last officer's meeting. He too also announced that he is not receiving meeting cards from the districts.

Chaplain Lantz reported there had not been any deaths in the state since the last officer's meeting. He attended a picnic at Wayne Twp, also attended the Fallen Heroes Service in Indianapolis and had traveled to Michigan.

Recording Secretary Davies reported attending two district meetings.

Secretary Kissell conducted roll call with a quorum present. He announced the current membership numbers were 17,958. He explained the 1993 IVFA license plate application forms that were passed out. A lengthy question and answer session followed this presentation.

Treasurer Gene Stofer gave his financial report.

PUBLIC RELATION DIRECTORS

NW Howe reported that he attended all his district meetings, the attendance is down. The paper is ready to go to print and will be mailed the week of November 9th. January 20th is the deadline for the February issue of the paper.

NE Kinsey reported he had attended a new station dedication.

EC Jackson had nothing to report at this time.

WC Michl reported attending all district meetings except one due to a conflict of dates.

SW Kerney reported attending a fire house dedication at Mt. Vernon.

SE Hildebrand reported attending part of the district meetings.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

D1 Komoscar announced he had nothing to report.

D2 Stott was absent.

D3 Bentley announced attendance was down. The EDITH house was busy during October.

D4 Ferro announced the next meeting will be the district Miss Flame contest.

D5 Lanning reported one death in the district.

D6 Engle reported one station dedication and attendance is down.

D7 Sorg announced a good district meeting. He had presented one 50 year card. His next district meeting will be the Miss Flame Contest.

D8A Fleenor reported the attendance at last meeting had improved. There had been one dedication and open house of a new station. There had been a reorganization of a department in the district.

D8B Petro reported one death in the district, and Marshal Goddard and his wife were in attendance at the last meeting.

D9A Sutton was absent.

D9B Koehler reported visiting a couple departments within the district.

D10 Neal announced that the Miss Flame Contest and dinner will be held at his next district meeting.

D11A Hays reported one death in the district and attended one open house.

D11B Bartlow reported attendance was down and had visited several departments in the district.

D12 Johnson announced activity within the district was quiet.

D13A Cushman reported not much going on in the district.

D13B Cox also reported district activity was quiet.

D14 Woodfill reported one death in the district.

D15 Seitz announced one new station in his district and ground has been broken for another new station.

D16 Hickman reported attendance had improved at last meeting. He also reported that E-911 went on line as of 10-1-92.

D17A Harker reported attendance at last meeting was good.

D17B Zeeks announced attendance was down at last meeting.

D18 Heneisen reported two new station dedications. The Fire Prevention parade went well.

D19 Covington reported attendance good at last meeting. The next meeting will be the district Miss Flame Contest.

D20 Palmiero reported he was working on ways to improve the attendance at district meetings.

D21 Martin announced he had visited four departments in the district and also attended the fire school held at Lafayette.

At this time, Jim Parker commented on the dues increase. This resolution needs to be written and submitted to Lee Kissell by March 1, 1993 for presentation at the '93 convention. A question and answer session was held following Jim Parker's comments.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

Pete Lockhart expressed his appreciation for being able to attend this meeting following his recent surgery. All past presidents in attendance passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resolutions - Bill Kinsey passed. He announced he had nothing to report at this time.

Legislative - Gene Stofer spoke on the possibility of creating one department of Public Safety combining the Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Services, Fire and Building Services. He announced the same bills will again be introduced as they were last year. He announced that the Ben Franklin Coin Bill had passed. He also announced that he is on a national committee to study the safety factors of a fire department.

National Volunteer Fire Council - Gene Stofer spoke on his recent
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Pierce Pumper delivered to McCordsville Vol. Fire Dept.



The McCordsville Volunteer Fire Department, McCordsville, Indiana held memorial dedication services, Sunday, December 6th, for a new Pierce Pumper now on station.

Fire Chief David M. Biggs, opened the ceremony by

introducing the members of the fire department to the community.

Chief Biggs then turned over the ceremony to IVFA Chaplain Duane Lantz and Reverend Paul Mayberry of McCordsville United Methodist Church.

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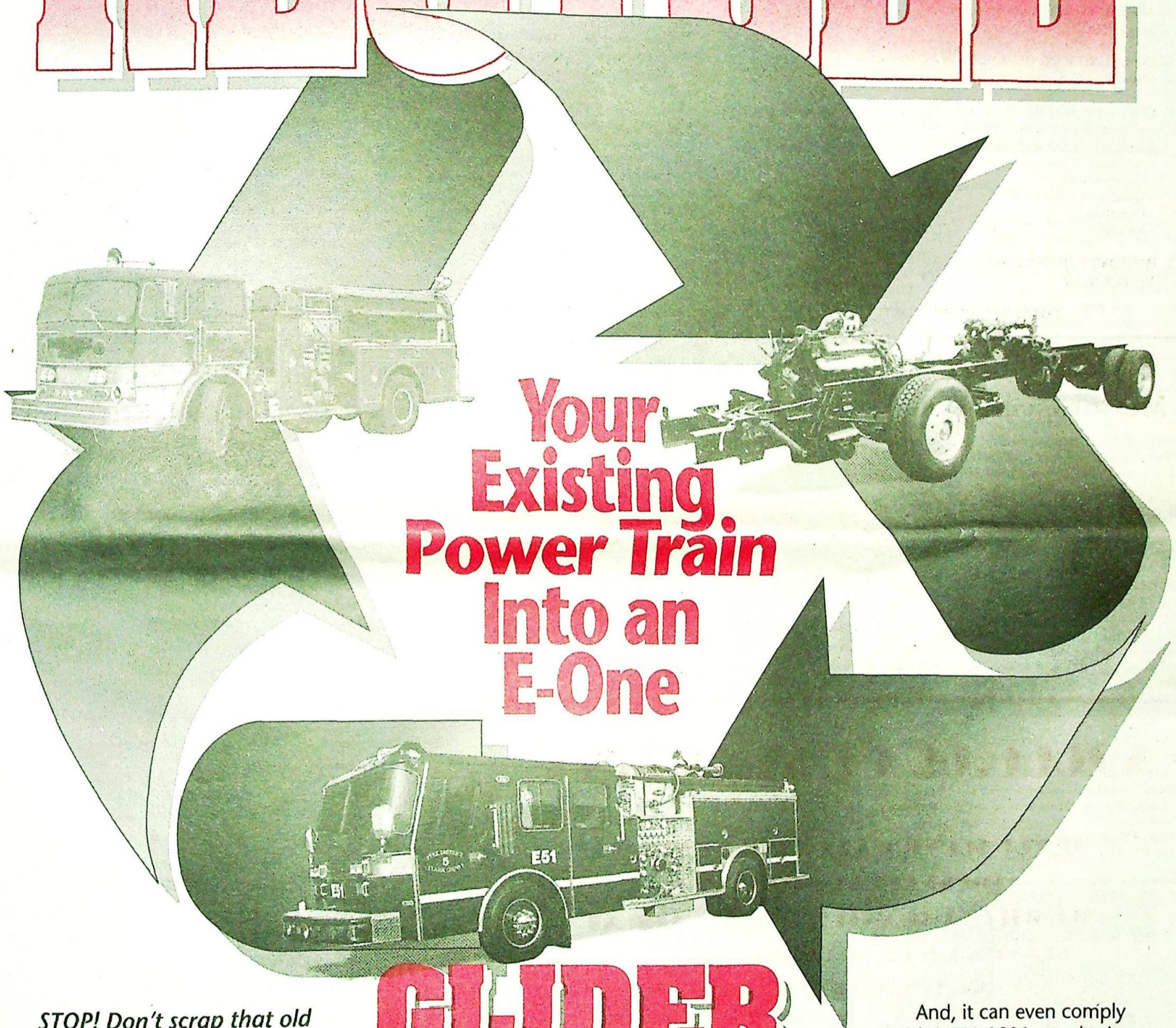
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Outstanding Leadership Award Presented



Patricia Cooper awarded a plaque for outstanding service as President of Pershing Townships Ladies Auxiliary.

Patricia Cooper was honored by Pershing Township firefighters with a plaque for outstanding leadership and service to the department's Ladies Auxiliary. Cooper was given the award by department President Greg Sutton during the department's annual dinner.

Cooper and her husband, Lowell and daughter, Amanda will be leaving Indiana to begin a new life in Ohio. "We are going to miss Patty," said Auxiliary member Sarah Blaker. "She has done so much to keep us going over the years."

Patty served as President of the Auxiliary for a number of years. She assisted in the department's annual July 4th Celebration as a worker and also appearing on stage as a vocalist. Patty directed the "Pershing Players" a local theatrical group formed to raise money for the department. She directed the play "Harvey", "The Firemen's Follies", and three community

variety shows, and starred in "They Went That Away."

"We could always depend on Patty to pitch in and lend a hand," said Chief Richard Blaker. "Of course, we wish her well, but we hate to see her go."

Patty is a graduate of Brownstown Central High School and attended Kentucky Christian College. She is a former board member of Jackson County Community Theater, and was a well known inspirational vocalist.

FIRE

DAMAGES

BEAUTY

SHOP

The His & Hers Styling Salon on North Gardner Street was

severely damaged by fire Friday night, but quick action by Scottsburg firefighters saved the rest of the building.

The fire was reported at 9:03 p.m. by passersby. The first unit arrived on the scene four minutes later, and the fire was quickly extinguished.

Not quickly enough, though, to save the beautician's workstation where the fire apparently started. The chair, washstand and storage cabinet were destroyed.

According to the fire department's run report, a small downstairs apartment and a larger one upstairs were entered to check for a possible spread of the fire.

Nobody was at home at the time.

On the lower floor, firefighters discovered a tiny chow puppy cowering under a footstool.

"We saw this little fuzzy ball over in the corner," said assistant chief Bob Dismore. "Then he moved, and we had him."

Steve Wollman, who heads up the county's fire investigation unit, said Monday the fire is believed to have been started by accident. He said the cause appeared to be hot cigarette ashes dumped into a plastic waste basket.

Damage to the building, which is owned by George and Carolyn Hahn of Route 1, Scottsburg, has been estimated at \$16,000 to \$17,000.

Fire Chief Raymond Jones said the department's efforts were hampered initially by difficulty in finding the nearest water hydrant, which is located within inches of the south side of Boley's Small Engines' building.

The hydrant was almost concealed by debris and equipment.

"If a couple of us who knew right where it was hadn't been there," Jones said, "we might have experienced a dangerous delay in getting water to the fire."

Jones said Indiana law forbids any obstructions within 10 feet of a fire hydrant.

The Giveaway

Announcing the... 1993 FIREFIGHTER COMBAT CHALLENGE!

The most exciting event in the fire service last year, the FIREFIGHTER COMBAT CHALLENGE, is back and expanded for 1993. The competitions begin with the Southeast Regional hosted by the Florida Training Improvement Conference in Orlando on January 12. This is the first of ten Regional events leading to the National Championship at the IAFC convention in Dallas on August 29. Other CHALLENGE sites include the FDIC in Cincinnati, the CFIW in San Jose and the Congressional Fire Services Institute meeting in Washington, D.C., all during April. The complete schedule is listed below.

Firefighters everywhere are invited to compete. Three- to five-person teams perform the CHALLENGE in NFPA approved turnout gear, including SCBA. The CHALLENGE is a series of five firefighting tasks representing what firefighters perform in the line of duty.

The tasks in order are:

- Task 1. Stair Climb with High Rise Pack
- Task 2. Hose Hoist
- Task 3. Forcible Entry
- Task 4. Hose Advance
- Task 5. Victim Rescue

An acceptable time on the test is 7:00 minutes, corresponding to a Silver Award, while an excellent time is 5:00 minutes or less for the Gold Award. Times of three to four minutes are typical during the competitions.

The CHALLENGE is based on the validated physical performance test developed by ARA to measure the fitness level of firefighters. The competitions provide the opportunity to demonstrate for the public the physical skills and tasks required for firefighting and spend a day of camaraderie with fellow firefighters. Awards are given for: Best Team; Best Individual - First, Second and Third; Best Female; Best Over 40; and Best Chief. All participants receive awards and the Regional winners qualify for the National Championship held at the IAFC.

The CHALLENGE was created and is administered by ARA/HUMAN FACTORS. Major sponsorship is provided by DU PONT, INTERNATIONAL SAFETY INSTRUMENTS, and the VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S INSURANCE SERVICES. To enter a team or receive information, call ARA/HUMAN FACTORS at 1-800-878-3466.

1993 FIREFIGHTER COMBAT CHALLENGE SCHEDULE

Date	Region	Competition Site
Jan 12	Southeast	Florida Training Improvement Conference
Tue	Orlando, FL	Clarion Plaza Hotel
Mar 14	Texas State	Austin Fire Department
Sun	Austin, TX	Drill Tower
Apr 3	Midwest	Fire Dept. Instructors Conference
Sat	Cincinnati, OH	Cincinnati Convention Center
Apr 20	West	California Fire Instructors Workshop
Tue	San Jose, CA	San Jose Convention Center
Apr 28	Mid-Atlantic	Congressional Fire Services Institute
Wed	Washington, D.C.	Capital Mall
May 15	Penn. State	Lancaster County Fire Expo
Sat	Harrisburg, PA	Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex
May 23	North Central	Orland Regional Training Facility
Sun	Chicago, IL	Orland Park, IL
June 14	Southwest	Phoenix Fire Department
Mon	Phoenix, AZ	Health & Fitness Seminar Phoenix Civic Plaza Convention Center
June 20	Northeast	New England Association of Fire Chiefs
Sun	Boston, MA	Trade Center, Marlborough, MA
July 10	Rocky Mt.	Aurora/Denver Fire Depts., Rocky Mt. Fire Aca.
Sat	Denver, CO	Missouri Valley Fire Chiefs Association
Aug 29	National	International Association of Fire Chiefs
Sun	Dallas, TX	Dallas Convention Center

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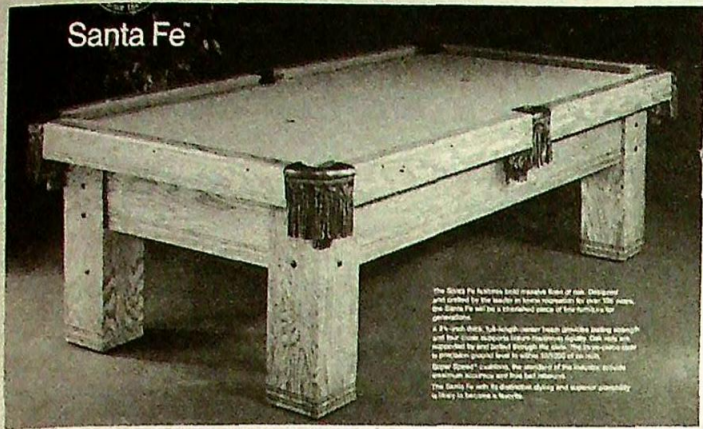
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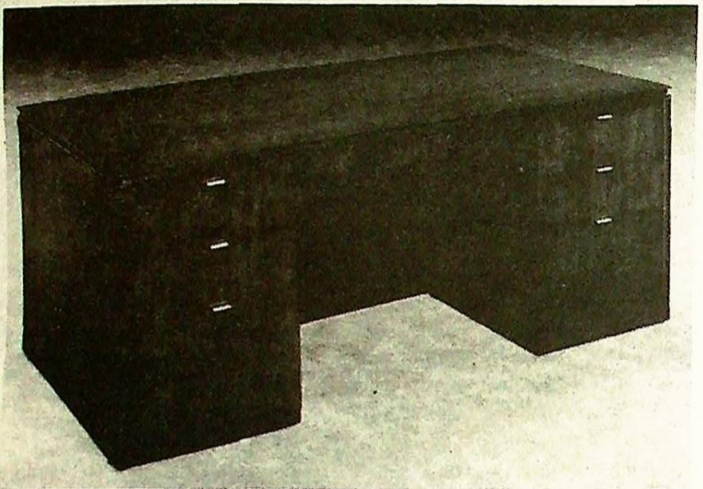


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Our Grand Prize is an 8-foot Santa Fe Model Brunswick Pool Table. The Santa Fe features bold massive lines of oak. Designed and crafted by the leader in home recreation for over 135 years, the Santa Fe will be a cherished piece of fine furniture for generations. The Santa Fe, with its distinctive styling and superior playability, is likely to become a favorite. This prize, manufactured in the convention host city of French Lick, is valued at \$4000.00 and is graciously donated by Kimball International.

First Prize in our raffle is a walnut desk valued at \$1800.00, and donated by JOFCO, Inc., of Jasper, Indiana. This desk is not only beautiful, but also very large; when the committee picked it up, it filled the full-sized pickup truck bed completely, side to side, cab to tailgate. This desk will be a welcome addition to any home or office.

Our next prize is a four-drawer cherry cabinet valued at \$1400.00. This gorgeous cabinet features brass hardware and hand-painted floral designs. This lovely cabinet, donated by Jasper Cabinet Company of Jasper, Indiana, is sure to become a treasured family heirloom.

Fourth and final prize in this year's raffle is donated by the French Lick Springs Resort, the site of the convention. Here's your chance to escape the stress and strain of your job and everyday life, and enjoy a two night stay at the resort, taking full advantage of all the fine restaurants, shops, and attractions the resort has to offer. This prize is valued at \$200.00, and includes only lodging.

Each I.V.F.A. member department will be receiving tickets for the raffle through the mail. If your department does not receive any tickets or need additional tickets, contact one of the following raffle committee members: Richard Schmitt at 812-695-4801, Steve Rottet at 812-695-2121, or Jeff Schmitt at 812-695-3903.

The Haysville Volunteer Fire Department is the chairing department for the raffle.

Additional support for the raffle is supplied by the Blessing Company of Evansville, Indiana. The Haysville Volunteer Fire Department wishes to thank all individuals and companies that have helped to organize and make this raffle possible.

Convention Raffle Committee

Air Collision Claims 6

A private plane carrying prominent state leaders slammed into a smaller plane shortly after takeoff from a suburban Indianapolis airport.

By Ken Kusmer
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS—Two planes collided, killing at least six people, including four of the city's best-known business and civic leaders.

The victims included Frank McKinney Jr., a former Olympic swimmer and banking executive, and John Weliever, former director of the Hoosier Lottery and the Indiana Department of Administration.

"It's the backbone of the civil leadership of Indianapolis," said Felson Bowman, the owner of a coal company who lent the group a propjet plane for a trip to Columbus, Ohio.

Also killed were R.V. Welch, a prominent downtown developer and unsuccessful Democratic candidate for mayor in 1976; Michael A. Carroll, an executive of the Lilly Endowment, former deputy mayor of Indianapolis and special assistant to Sens. Richard Lugar and Dan Quayle; and the plane's pilot, William Mullen.

The group was headed to Columbus for a meeting related to development of the White River State Park, said Fred Nation, a spokesman for the governor. The state has been trying to attract a developer for a family entertainment center in the park

near downtown Indianapolis.

"Bob Welch was one of the state's major leaders in business and in government affairs," said Gov. Evan Bayh. "John Weliever was a trusted friend and adviser to me and one of my first appointments after being elected governor."

The propjet collided with a smaller Piper plane about 3 p.m. over a suburban neighborhood southeast of downtown. The smaller plane struck a house, killing pilot Bill Bennett of Greenwood and critically injuring his daughter and another man on board. "The back of the house is toast—it's just a frame standing," said neighbor Eric Wilson. A girl who was inside the home was not hurt.

The propjet slammed into the yard of another home about a mile away.

Emergency workers were at first unable to approach the Mitsubishi MU-2 propjet because of intense heat and flames.

The crash happened shortly after the propjet took off from Greenwood Municipal Airport south of Indianapolis. It tried to veer away at the last moment "but it just didn't make it," said Danny Blackley, who was arriving home from work when the planes collided overhead.

"It was just like something out of the movies, they just hit and exploded," he said.

Witnesses said the propjet plunged straight down and the single-engine Piper continued on about a mile before crashing into a single-story brick home.

A 12-year-old girl inside the house escaped injury, said Lt. Tammy Neibert of the Warren Township Fire Department.

"She was inside on the telephone talking to her mother and she heard a loud noise through the telephone," Neibert said. "She looked up and she could see an orange glow coming into the house from where the plane had hit the house."

Lue Jones was on her way home from work when she heard an explosion and then saw flames coming out of the house. She said

a 24-year-old woman had climbed out of the wreckage and was sitting in the grass.

"She was conscious and very burned. She was trying to tell us where not to touch (her)," Jones said.

The woman, identified as Julie Bennett, 24, of Greenwood told Jones that she was sitting in the back of the plane, which was piloted by her father.

Tim Johnson, a spokesman for Wishard Memorial Hospital, said Bennett and the second survivor, Mark Doucey, 35, of Indianapolis, were both in critical condition.

MARTHA BEARD FUND

Dear Fellow Indiana Volunteer Firefighters,

The members of the Concord Twp. Fire Dept. in St. Joe in DeKalb County are asking for your assistance in coming to the aid of one of our families. Martha Beard, the wife of fireman and EMT Ron Beard has undergone extensive chemotherapy and is currently recuperating from bone marrow treatment in her battle with cancer.

Martha is 38 years old, the mother of three school-aged children and is a tough, courageous fighter and as of this writing is progressing well. As can be expected the medical bills have mounted to enormous proportions, and as can also be expected the insurance won't cover all the costs.

In response to this problem, our department has established a fund in Martha's name. This is where you come into the picture. If any of you fellow firefighters or your departments would like to help, you may do so by sending any donations to the following: Concord Twp. Vol. Fire Dept., Martha Fund, Box 157, St. Joe, Indiana 46785.

Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated. Thank you very much.

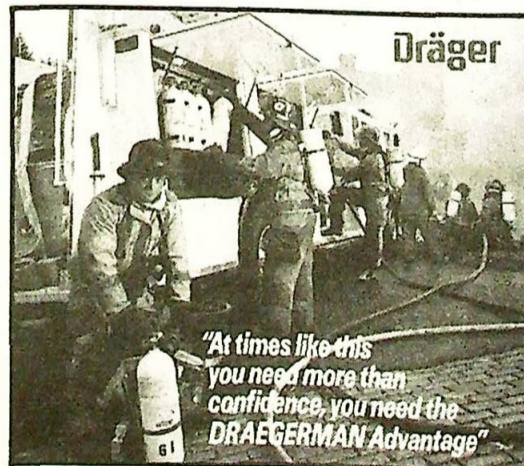
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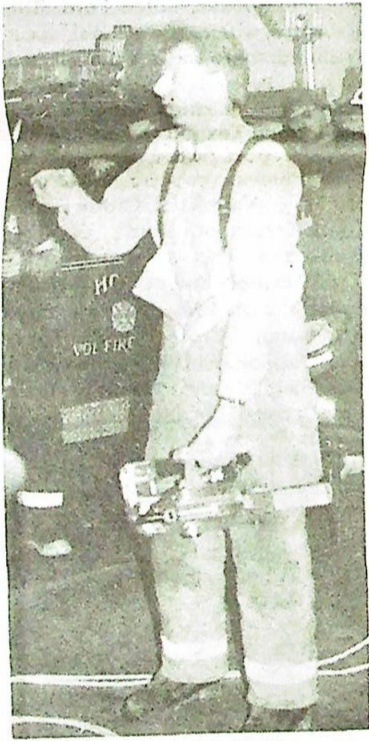


Columbus Twp. Fire Dept. celebrated 50 years of service on Oct. 4th with an Open House.



On Nov. 30th the Westport (Decatur Co.) Community Volunteer Fire Dept. Fire Chief, Mark Taylor, took delivery of a new 1993 KME Renegade Custom Pumper from the Hoosier Fire Equipment Co.

Purchase was made possible after a D.O.C. grant for \$160,000.00. The pumper is powered by a Cummins 6 CTA 300 h.p. diesel engine and has an Allison 5 speed automatic transmission. The new rig has a Hale 1250 pump and a 1000 gallon tank. The unit also carries a ONAN 7.5 KW diesel generator.



Tim Swartz of Hoosier Fire Equipment Co. demonstrates the new Amkus rescue equipment purchased by the Hope Fire Department

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As you are already aware, Indiana has two (2) laws which require the use of safety belts in vehicles.

The first law pertains to adults being required to use safety belts while a motor vehicle is in operation.

The second law pertains to the use of safety belts for children under the age of five (5). Needless injury and death has occurred to Hoosier children because adults have failed to properly restrain children.

Parents of small children are not the only individuals that

should be using the child passenger restraint devices. Any child riding in a motor vehicle is required by law to be restrained. That includes the local car pool, grandparents, a ride to the store with the neighbor, and any other event which places a child in a motor vehicle.

We as EMS and fire professionals must take a stand to educate the community about the benefits of properly securing children in motor vehicles. We see the devastating effects of trauma on the children and on their families, so we need to become involved to the education of our children, parents, teachers, grandparents, and the general community about safety belts and seats.

February 14-20 has been designated as Child Passenger Safety Week. Our office, in conjunction with Riley Hospital and the Governor's Council on Impaired and Dangerous Driving, is promoting a campaign that will focus on the education of children. This campaign is entitled the "Indiana Buckle-Up Bug Club".

The campaign is designed around a colorful character that makes learning about safety belts fun. Club membership entitles the child to "bug" adults to use their safety belts. Membership into the club will provide the child with a membership card, a bookmark, and other materials to designate membership.

Local Emergency Medical Services and fire professionals are encouraged to participate in the campaign by contacting:

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suffering and death of children by participating in this campaign. It only takes a little time to educate a child or a parent about child passenger restraints, but the benefits can be measured by the reduction of serious injuries to children.

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Kay Strombeck,
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Indiana State Emergency
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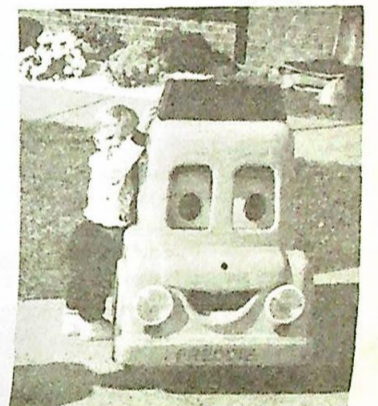


Freddie the fire truck.

On Sunday, Oct. 11 at Open House, Freddie The Firetruck made his first public appearance. Freddie The Fire Truck, owned by Paradise Fire Department of Warrick County, is a remote control miniature fire truck complete with lights, siren and voice. Freddie will be used to teach the children of Ohio Township about fire safety.

Freddie was purchased by Paradise Fire Dept. after a couple of years of saving. The purchase of Freddie became a reality when ALCOA Warrick Operations donated, through a grant, the rest of the money needed to purchase the electronics it takes to operate Freddie.

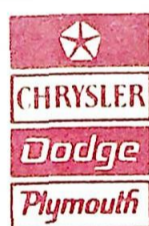
Freddie will soon have his own show that firefighters will take to the schools to better educate the



Derick Heinsey of Ohio Township gives Freddie a hug.

children of Ohio Township about fire safety.

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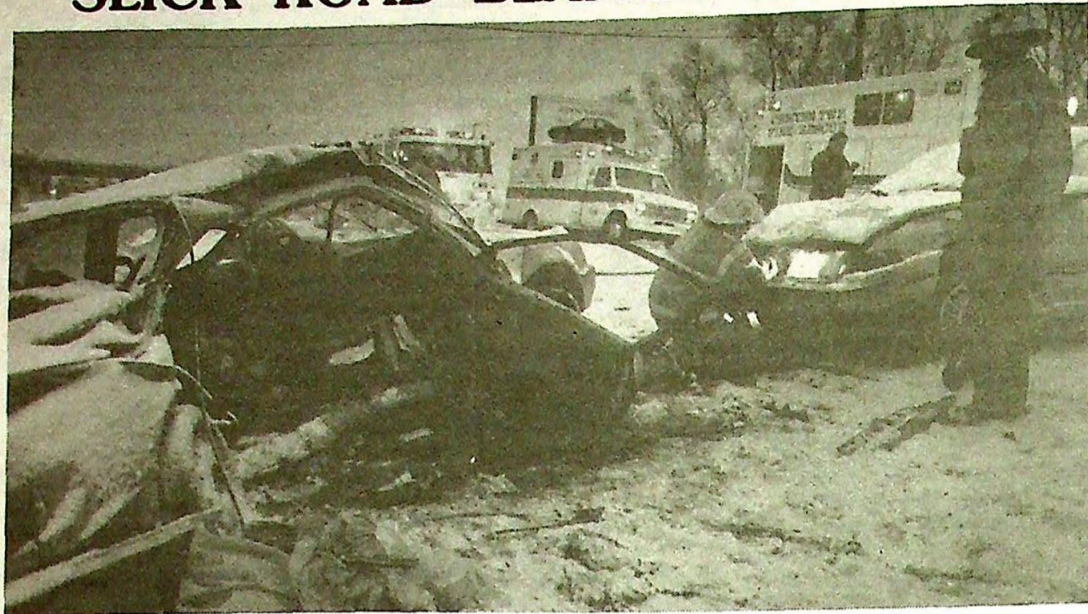
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THE LAPORTE HERALD-ARGUS
Icy slick roads contributed to at least one of two fatal accidents that occurred on LaPorte County roads this morning.

Kevin DeLeeuw, 37, of St. Joseph, Mich., was driving south on Ind. 39, near the Indiana Toll Road overpass at about 7 a.m., when his car skidded in the snow and was broadsided by an oncoming vehicle.

LaPorte County Coroner Stephen Wurster pronounced DeLeeuw, a human resources manager for Whirlpool Corp., dead at the scene of a crushed chest and other internal injuries.

The driver of the northbound

vehicle was transported to LaPorte Hospital. His identity and condition are not known.

Area police say the county's first snowfall is almost always accompanied by numerous accidents. Motorists used to months of driving along dry, visible roadways, are suddenly taken aback by the slickness of new fallen snow.

The problem with this year's first late season snowfall was compounded when slick snow fell during this morning's rush hour.

At about the same time, as the Ind. 39 fatality, LaPorte City Police were dispatched to Truesdell Ave., where a motorist slid at the curve near Marquette

Street and collided with another vehicle.

A 36-year-old LaPorte man complained of pain to his chest and was treated at LaPorte Hospital and released.

Later, county police responded to another accident, this time in the 3500 block of West Schultz Road, where Robert Krueger, 76, of Michigan City, died of an apparent heart attack, which caused the man to drive his car off the roadway and into a ditch.

The man was pronounced dead at the scene. His identity was not immediately known because the man was not carrying identification, police said.

Doug Miller, Center Twp. VFD

departments responded and did a great job in extinguishing the fire. Did they prevent the fatalities? No. Because undoubtedly the people were dead before the fire department arrived. How many fire chiefs are properly trained to handle all of the responsibilities involved with a fatal fire? Does the chief know to notify the coroner, law enforcement agency, Fire Marshal, control the scene, initiate the investigation, contact next of kin, see that the physical and mental needs of his firefighters are met? Do people who know what to do offer assistance? Are the chiefs prepared to handle the questions and criticism that always occurs? We call ourselves professionals because we are "certified", but we need to examine ourselves and take whatever measures are necessary to make sure we are qualified for our position. The chief in this case did well, the mutual aid officers assisted and the situation was hand-led properly, but there still were many questions, criticisms and Monday morning quarter-backs offering solutions. Hopefully, everyone learned from this experience. Certainly my comments are not intended to detract from the job that was done, only to cause all of us to do some soul searching.

I hope many of you attend your District meetings and get actively involved in your destiny. The State Officers meeting is the first of February. I hope the District Chairmen bring a lot of input from you the firefighter.

Good luck.

Six Crothersville Families are Evacuated During Flood

by MARCUS AMOS
Staff Writer

Over nine inches of rain fell in Crothersville within a two to three hour period on Saturday, Aug. 8, causing some major flooding problems within the town.

According to Crothersville Chief of Police Norman Ford, U.S.

31 was shut-off to traffic for nearly 6 1/2 hours, from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., due to flooding.

The flood water was standing along U.S. 31 from the stoplight to just south of the fire department on Moore St. According to Ford, water was as deep as 5 ft in some areas of the highway.

One accident was reported due to the high waters on U.S. 31. One automobile ran into the standing water leaving the car totalled. The vehicle included five passengers with no one being injured, reported Ford.

Due to the heavy rains, the Hominy ditch, that runs east to west through the town of Crothersville, overflowed its banks causing some major flooding problems to residents living nearby. According to the Chief of Police, six families had to be evacuated and taken to the Crothersville Community Schools.

Ford has cautioned everyone to stay away from all drainage pipes due to the strong currents of the flood waters.

Other areas of the town that suffered water damage included the lower level of apartments at the Village Apartments which are located on U.S. 31.

The business complex, located next to Hominy ditch, was also flooded out. The complex included the Cut and Curl Beauty Salon and another small business.

At the Crothersville Community Schools water was reported to be standing several feet deep within the school's boiler room. The water had stopped raising just short of the electrical boxes, noted Ford. The hallways within the school accumulated some water where it had seeped in under the doorways, but it was quickly cleaned up by the Vernon Twp. VFD.

To report water damage to their homes, property and crops should contact Crothersville Clerk-Treasurer, Nancy Nay at 793-2311. This is for anyone in Crothersville or in Jackson County, noted Ford. As of Mon. afternoon, Crothersville Town Hall had received 75 phone calls reporting damage done to their homes caused by the flood.

The Giveaway

Public Relations Northeast



Bill Kinsey

Area Nutty Nonsense:

The holidays are over and I hope everyone enjoyed the season. Now we face a new year with it's many challenges. A volunteer firefighter needs to examine the Nuts & Bolts of why we choose to be a volunteer firefighter.

Thinking of Nuts & Bolts, a bolt is a piece of steel with threads on it's body with an odd shaped head. A nut is an odd shaped piece of metal with a hole in it and threads cut into the hole. Now I ask, does the bolt which has a head, know that it is screwing the nut? Does the nut accept being screwed by the bolt just because the bolt has a head? Is the bolt using it's head to screw the nut? Are we nuts to accept being screwed by a bolt with a head with no brains in it?

I believe volunteer firefighters are kind of nuts. We donate our time to train, then again donate our time and risk our lives to provide a necessary service to our neighbors. We accept more responsibility for more emergencies each time a state or federal lawmaker or regulatory agency decides the fire service can handle the next emergency whether it is a fire, rescue, haz-mat incident,

medical emergency, flood or earthquake. These esteemed persons never consider the costs involved. They don't provide a means to finance the purchase of the necessary special equipment for special incidents or the immunizations against infectious diseases. Of course, many firefighters ignore trying to communicate with the lawmakers because we're firefighters, not politicians. Our job is to solve the problem emergency and go home. The IVFA tries to monitor and control these situations and the

Safety Services Institute tries to provide lawmakers with factual information, but most volunteer firefighters never voice their frustrations to the people who can effect the right changes. We need to get involved and give meaningful direction to the elements that control our destiny. Just joining and being a member isn't enough, we need to be active in giving direction to the people making the rules and laws.

Over the holidays, Christmas Eve to be exact, a double fatality fire occurred. Several volunteer

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Crown Point Responds to House Explosion and Fire



Photo by: Crown Point Fire Department

The cause of the explosion and fire at 924 East Crestview Ct., the home of Alan and Mary Ayers, on Wednesday December 30th has been determined.

The explosion was the result of natural gas entering the basement of the home through its foundation walls and collecting in the basement. The ignition of the natural gas is believed to have occurred when the furnace started thus causing the explosion and then the ensuing fire.

During the investigation by the Crown Point Fire Department, Northern Indiana Public Service Company, and the Indiana State Fire Marshal, it was determined that a break in the underground natural gas service line to the residence had occurred next to the foundation wall. Further investigation revealed that the natural gas service line had been damaged sometime prior to the leak and explosion. That damage is believed to have occurred sometime during repairs of the homes foundation walls at which time that area had been excavated, walls had been repaired and then the area backfilled. During the investigation it was determined

that the steel gas line was badly bent at the foundation and the excavated area during the wall repairs. It was at this location of the bend or kink in the steel natural gas line that the break occurred. It is believed that the bend or kink in the steel gas line weakened the pipe and over a period of time of the ground settling, added to the stress at that weak point of the kink and broke allowing the gas to follow the stone gravel along the foundation wall and enter the building through cracks in the concrete block walls.

Estimated damage to the house and contents were estimated at \$85,000.00 to \$90,000.00.

Residence and homeowners are warned by the Crown Point Fire Department that in the event that they may smell natural gas in or around your home to please call NIPSCO and they will be happy to check it out for you at any time of day or night. If any home owner is doing any digging or repairs to their homes and if natural gas lines are found or damaged in any way to please call NIPSCO for them to check to see if repairs are needed. The small-

est damage may result in major damage at a later date. If any digging in your yards for fence post, pools and etc. please call NIPSCO for gas and underground electric locations.

Duane Gettler, Chief
Crown Point Fire Dept.

Betz Retires From Union Department

On December 31, 1992, the end of an era was seen by the membership of the Union Volunteer Fire Department of Wheeler as Firefighter Duane Betz formally retired from active duty.

Duane joined the Union department on the day that it was founded after learning that a department was being formed to protect this rural Porter County community. That was in November of 1952, and since that time, both have provided many hours of service to the community. But after 40 years of dedicated service, Duane has

decided to take advantage of the retirement status added to the Constitution and By-Laws of the department in 1990.

As the only remaining active Charter Member of the department, Duane has been instrumental in molding the department into the efficient service that it is today. With the exception of Chief of the department, Duane has at one time held every elected or appointed position in the department over his extended career. In 1989, Duane was presented the Meritorious Service Award by then State Fire Marshall Larry Bosell. He is also a past winner of the I.V.F.A. District #1 Midwest Award. Until his retirement, Duane served as a member of the department's Board of Directors. And he has agreed to serve as a nonfirefighting technical advisor to the department.

During the 1992 Christmas Party and Awards Banquet, Chief Derrell Lawless presented Duane with a retirement plaque as a token of appreciation from the members of the department. Duane's Assistant Fire Chief's badge was retired and had been mounted on the plaque. And as another method of saying thanks for the last 40 years, the Firefighter Of The Year Award was renamed the Duane Betz Firefighter Of The Year Award. Chief Lawless requested that in years to come; Duane present the award to each year's winner for outstanding contributions to the department.

Duane is the first member of the department to ever seek retirement status after completing many years of service to our community. As his retirement only curtails responses to calls and participation at emergency scenes, we know that we will still see Duane often in the years to come. All the members of the Union Volunteer Fire Department wish Duane well and express our sincere appreciation for a job very well done. Congratulations!

Respectfully Submitted,
Lt. John E. Kephire EMT-P
Public Information Officer
Union Vol. Fire Department

No station or truck when Betz began

by Ken Kosky
The Vidette-Messenger
UNION TWP.—When Duane Betz agreed to become a volunteer firefighter, there wasn't a fire station to go to, nor a fire truck to drive.

Betz, who helped start the Union Volunteer Fire Department in 1952, said a lot of work went into getting the department off the ground.

"Originally, the Lions Club had an organization in Wheeler and they decided it would be a good idea if we had a fire department. They asked for volunteers to help with the project and I happened to be one (who said yes)."

In the fall of 1952, they got the first truck—an \$8,750 pumper.

"We started out with nothing, but worked to buy a pumper... we knocked on doors and asked for pledges."

They had to park it wherever anyone would allow until they built a station a while later.

Betz, the only founding member still on the department, said he became a fireman to help the community—then got hooked.

"I thought maybe I could be of assistance to somebody less fortunate and I've been on ever since. I've reached 40 years this year. It seems like forever."

"You get a little bit of satisfaction out of helping someone with a problem. That's probably the reason I stayed with it. It's been a rewarding thing."

He's eased out of actual firefighting the last two years, but remains on the department board of directors, helping with management and running of the department.

"I used to, every time the (fire) whistle blew, I'd take off. I don't do that as much any more. I'm almost retired from the fire department. I've kind of eased up my activities and passed it on to others."

He's now at firefighter rank, and has served every rank except chief.

"I had the opportunity once to be chief, but I didn't think I wanted it."

Still, Betz was with the department as it grew from having no equipment or buildings to its current status—eight fire trucks and two fire stations.

In his latest honor, he received the 1991 Midwest Award for dedication to the fire service.

Betz, born and raised in Union Township, graduated from Wheeler High School in 1946.

He just retired a year ago, after driving a school bus for 38 years for the township.

He continues to farm corn, beans, wheat and hay—about 200 acres.

"It gives me something to do." In his spare time, he enjoys fishing.

CROTHERSVILLE HOME BURNS

The Vernon Township Volunteer Fire Department in Crothersville responded to a house fire on Sunday, Aug. 23.

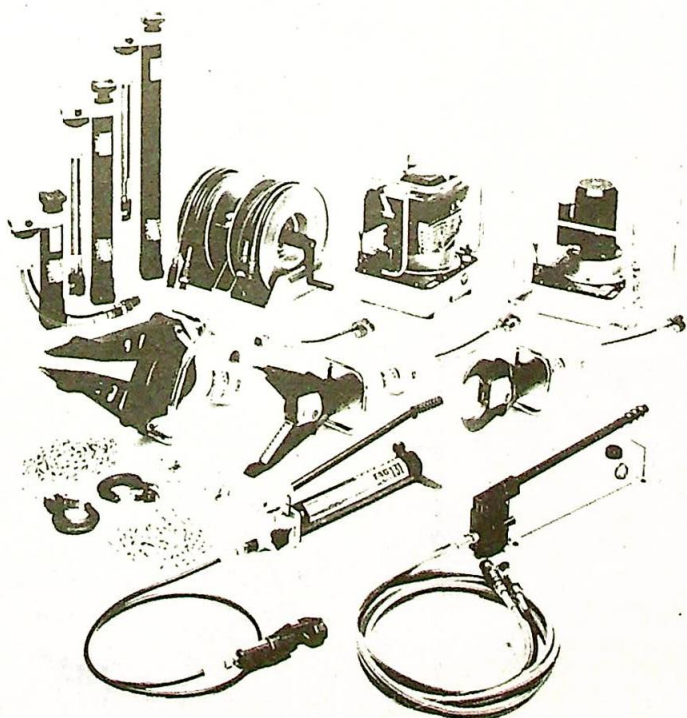
The house was located at 211 Central Ave. in Crothersville. It was estimated that the Lester Hignite residence suffered approximately \$10,000 to the contents inside and around \$15,000 in structural damage.

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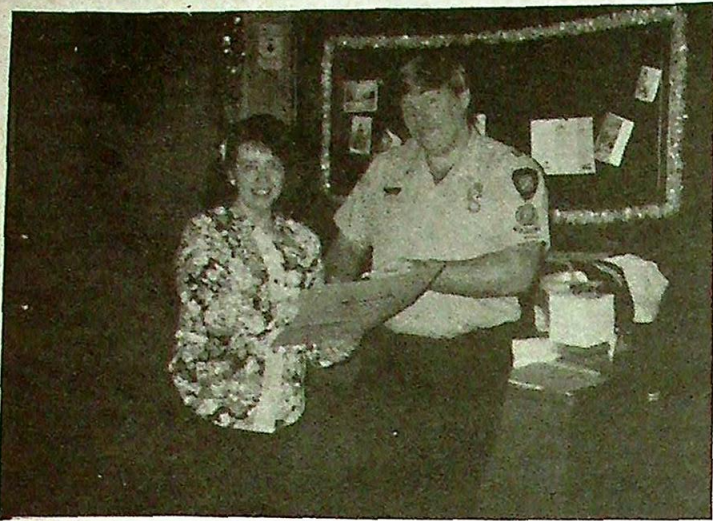


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Awards Presented In Pershing Twp. Volunteer Fire Department



Rebecca Scott receives 15 year award.



Mike Rudolph honored for 25 years of Service.



Denver Edwards, named Pershing Township Firefighter of the Year. Award presented by Chief Blaker, left and President Sutton, right.

Denver Edwards has been named Pershing Township's Firefighter of the year for 1992. The award is given by the membership in recognition of outstanding commitment and work on behalf of the department.

"Too often being a volunteer firefighter is a thankless job," said President Greg Sutton. "This is a small way to give something back to someone who has earned it. Denver Edwards has definitely earned our award and more importantly our respect."

"We depend upon each other for our very lives," commented Lt. Jaffrey Ferguson. "It is good to be able to trust someone like Denver in command. He is a good officer and a good friend."

Edwards joined Pershing Township Volunteer Fire Department on April 1, 1978. He is certified by the state as a firefighter first class and currently serves as deputy fire chief. Edwards serves as head of the maintenance crew of the department and acts as fire chief in the chief's absence. Edwards is a member of the department's board of directors.

He and his wife, Laura, own and operate Denny's Grocery in Freetown. They attend Freetown Church of the Nazarene.

"I am personally very proud of

Denver," stated Chief Richard Blaker. "He always gives 110% to whatever he does. We have come to depend upon him and I doubt we could do the job without his leadership."

Also honored was Michael Rudolph who completed 25 years as an active firefighter. Rudolph is a master firefighter in tactics, instruction, and investigation. He is a former fire chief and training officer. Rudolph has more recently served with the July 4th auction committee and ride committee. He is a graduate of Brownstown Central High School and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Education from Ball State University. He lives in Freetown with his wife Kathy and their three sons. He is employed with Domestic Laundry and Coldwell Banker Realtors. He attends Freetown United Methodist Church.

Rebecca Scott received recognition for completing 15 years of service with the department. Scott began as Jackson County's first female firefighter in 1977 and currently holds the rank of Second Assistant Fire Chief. She is a master firefighter in tactics, instruction, and fire/arson investigation. Scott is a graduate of Kentucky Christian College with a Bachelor of Arts

degree and is a free lance writer and inspirational speaker. She is employed with Dicksons, Inc in marketing and lives in Freetown. Scott is a member of Surprise Christian Church and is an Indiana certified Emergency Medical Technician. She is an associate faculty member with IVY Tech in Columbus.

Dogs are area man's best friend

Animals' barking wakes owner when house is on fire

German shepherds turned out to be a Floyds Knobs' man's best friend this morning when they helped save his house, and possibly his life.

The Lafayette Twp. Fire Dept. received a call from Thomas P. Daniel, of 2809 Andrea Drive, at 2:03 a.m. this morning reporting a fire in his living room.

Daniel had been awakened by the barking of his dogs, who were sleeping in the house because of the cold weather, said Chief Greg Balmer. When Daniel investigated the barking, he discovered that a candle on top of the television had caused the TV and nearby wall to ignite.

"The fire probably caused about \$2,000 damage," Balmer said. "He had extinguished it with an extinguisher by the time we got there, less than 10 minutes after the call."

The dogs were the reason the

damage wasn't more severe, Balmer said. "If the dogs hadn't barked, though, he might not have known about the fire. His smoke detectors worked, but the smoke didn't reach them until a door was opened. He might not have gotten out."

Balmer warned that holiday decorations, such as candles, if used improperly, can be a hazard.

"People need to be more careful during the holiday season. Leaving something like lit candles unattended can cause something like this to happen."

New Albany Tribune
Sent by: Lafayette Twp. VFD

Fire Destroys Home Northeast of Austin

A home in northern Scott County was destroyed Friday, Dec. 18, when a Christmas tree burst into flame, quickly engulfing the house.

The residence, located on Crothersville Road (C.R. 650N) not far from Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, was owned by Cardell Parker and Beverly Riley.

According to Steve Wollman, who heads up the county's fire investigation unit, the tree had been in the house about two weeks. It was located about four feet from a wood stove which was used to heat the entire house.

Even though the tree had been well-watered, Wollman said, being that close to the stove caused it to become dry.

He said Ms. Riley was in the kitchen when the fire occurred, and the couple's five children

were watching television.

"One of the boys said he saw the lights on the tree flicker, and then the whole tree exploded," Wollman said.

The family escaped without injury, and went to a neighbor's home and called 911, Wollman said. The call came in at 5:06 p.m., and the Jennings Twp. Fire Dept. arrived about 10 min. later.

"It was a good response time," Wollman said, "and they did a darn good job of knocking it down. It was just too windy and too hot to save the house. The kid's said that Christmas tree was just a ball of gas. It blew the picture window out when it exploded."

Wollman said the couple had bought the older frame home about six months ago, and Parker had started remodeling it, building additional bedrooms.

"What the fire didn't get, the heat & smoke finished," he said.

The firefighters' response to the call was delayed slightly, Wollman noted, because the dispatch was first issued to the Johnson Twp. Vol. Fire Dept., and was then cancelled and re-issued to Jennings Twp. Dept. when it was learned that the residence was in that township.

"When we get enhanced 911 we won't have that problem," Wollman said.

Not only was the house destroyed, but the family lost all their belongings, the investigator noted. Anyone wishing to make a donation for their relief may call Rellie Parker at 794-4320.

Wollman urged everyone who has a live Christmas tree to be extremely careful not to let it get dry, and to keep it away from stoves or heat registers.

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Fire Prevention Week at North Penn Vol. Fire Dept.

The month of October was a busy month for the 24 men and 2 women on the North Penn Volunteer Fire Department. During the fire prevention week over 800 kindergarten through 2nd grade children came through the fire station for fire safety lessons and a tour of our hazard house.

North Penn is an all volunteer fire department covering about 28 square miles in eastern St. Joe county and runs an average of 502 calls a year. The 800 kids represent about 15% of the 5600 school age kids in our coverage area which includes 6 schools and Indiana's third largest high school. Since this has been an ongoing program for the last 7 years, eventually all children in our coverage area will go through the program.

Our program includes instruction on how to call for help, planning two ways out of the house, crawl low in smoke, stop, drop and roll, and of course testing smoke detectors on a regular basis.

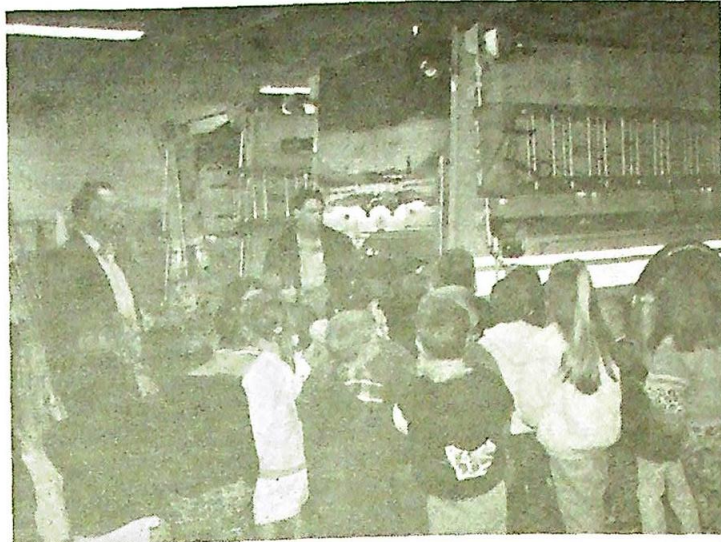
After the children have learned these basics and practiced several of them, we split them up and take half through the hazard house and take the other half out back to let them squirt some water out of several of our hoses of one of our engines. The children (and teachers) love to "squirt water".

Our hazard house consists of 4 rooms built on a trailer chassis which features about 30 of the most common household hazards including overloaded plugs and circuits, improperly installed wood stoves, candles, pots and pans, electrical appliances and heating appliances all being improperly used and many other hazards.

To reinforce what the kids have learned, the department purchased over \$600.00 worth of literature to send home with the children so they could discuss what they have learned with their family and do a home fire safety check.

Other activities during the month included a yearly open house on October 4th to kick off Fire Prevention Week, as well as programs with various church and scout groups during the remainder of the month. We sometimes wonder if it is worth the effort, but when the kids start talking about what their older brothers and sisters have taught them from previous visits or some strange kid grabs you in the local video store and introduces you to his parents, who you spend the next 10 minutes talking about all the fire safety ideas their children have discussed with them, you know it is all worthwhile.

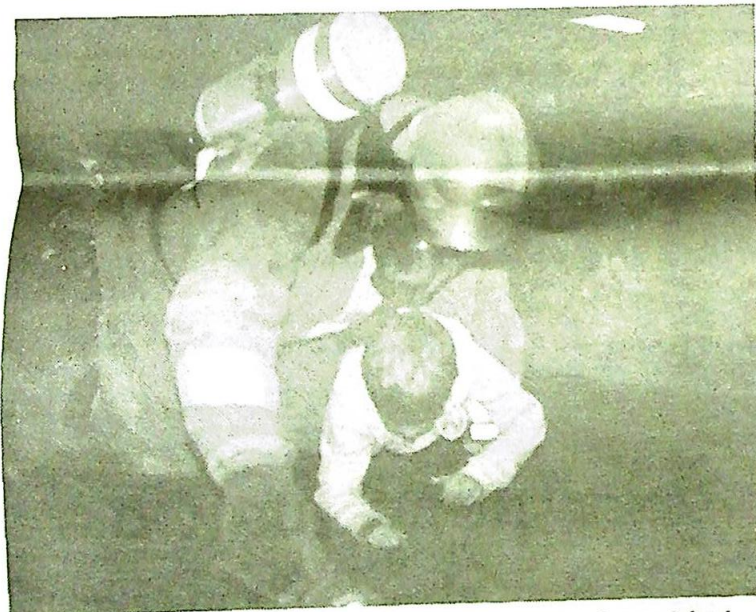
Kevin Avery, Safety / EMS Officer, North Penn Volunteer Fire Dept.



Inspector Rod Powell (Left) and firefighter Phil Hoffman explain the different types & functions of apparatus to 1st graders from Elsie Rogers School.



Firefighter Phil Hoffman walks through the Elsie Rogers 1st grade class so they can see & hear what we look & sound like in SCBA.



Firefighter Phil Hoffman "rescues" a student from Elsie Rogers School.



Students from Elsie Rogers Grade 1 practice stop, drop & roll.



Public Education Officer Terri Byers talks to students about household hazards in our hazard house.

standing anywhere from two to six feet in some areas.

The storm that hit Clark County dumped nearly five inches of rain Saturday morning, according to local farmers. The only accidents related to the flood situation were two automobile accidents on Interstate 65.

The roads in Henryville are all open and are passable. Some asphalt was washed away due to the swift flood waters in some areas, but otherwise the road conditions are considered safe.

Several driveway bridges were destroyed by the high waters, according to the local fireman. At this time, it is reported that all country bridges seem to be in good shape and should be structurally sound.

The fireman noted, numerous lakes and ponds have suffered structural damages to their spillways and dams.

Henryville High School suffered some minor water damages, as water flooded some hallways and classrooms, but was quickly cleaned up. However, some damage was done to floor causing the tile to buckle.

During the disaster, the American Red Cross set up a relief center in the cafeteria at Henryville High School where flood victims could stay. However, most of the local residents visited and returned back to their homes in attempts to keep looters out, noted the fireman.

One of the major businesses in Henryville was closed for a while by the Clark County Health Department after a foot of water was found flowing through Adam's IGA. But the store is now re-opened.

According to the Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department representative, clean-up began immediately as soon as the flood waters began to recede on Saturday afternoon, as Silver Creek began to retreat back within its banks.

Helping with the rescue efforts in Henryville and other areas of Clark County were the U.S. Coast Guard, the Clark County Sheriff's Department, the diving team from Charlestown Fire Department, and the Sellersburg, McCullough, South Boston and Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Departments. It was reported that nearly 20 different rescues were made during the weekend disaster.

The report on the overall damage will not be available until the local civil defense has an opportunity to inspect all the damaged areas. But it is expected to be quite significant.

The Giveaway

Clark County Hit Hard by Heavy Flood Waters

By Marcus Amos
Staff Writer

As of Sunday afternoon, it had been estimated that 90 homes were damaged in the flood in Henryville and surrounding parts of Clark County on Saturday, Aug. 8. Of that 90 homes, which included several mobile homes, six were reported totally destroyed.

One of the houses was on Mt. Hebron Road, where it was moved off the foundation.

The hardest hit areas in Henryville included Front, Railroad and Pennsylvania Streets, which are located on the east side of U.S. 31. According to a local fireman, the excess flood water was



Elsie Rogers 1st graders practice crawling low below a "curtain" of smoke.

Fire Damages Paper Products Recycler

A fire was reported Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 4, at the Helt Enterprises-Recycling, located on County Road 125S, north of Uniontown.

It was reported that approximately \$250,000 in damage was incurred by the paper products recycler.

The fire was handled by Vernon Twp. Fire Dept. in Crothersville and assisted by firemen from Grassy Fork Twp. and Jackson - Washington Twp.

The fire had apparently started outside, where it spread to the recycling firm's building. This building was used to recycle cardboard, newspapers and other paper products.

Several pieces of equipment were destroyed including a semi trailer, which was parked nearby. However, a forklift was saved from the fire, as well as other semis and trailers.

The fire may have been started from someone setting a piece of cardboard on fire, and later the ashes blew over to some newspapers, noted one representative of the company.

The Giveaway

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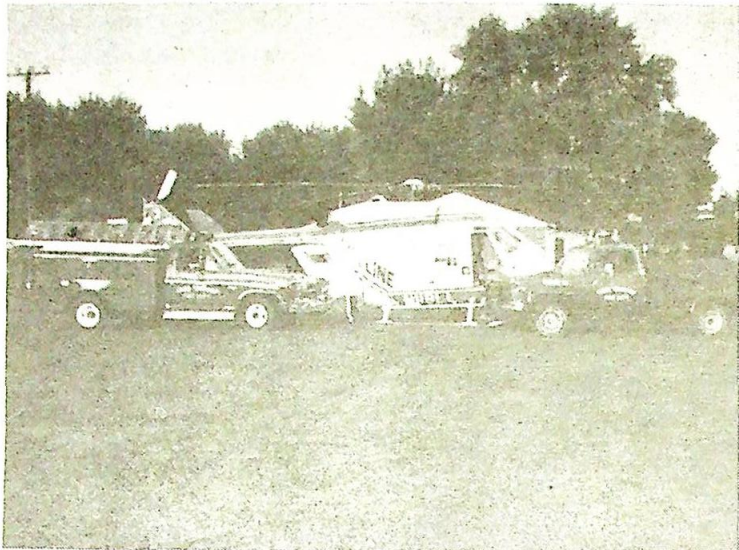
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Carr Township Receives Life Line Equipment



Carr Township new Fire Truck with Life Line out of Indianapolis.



(Left to right) Front Row: David Freeman, Fire Chief; Andy Lockman, Safety Officer; Bobby Thompson; Richard Blaker, Jr.; Zachary Savern; Ronnee Blaker; Todd Snodgrass; Randy Branamen; Larry Curry; 2 Life Line Members; Chris Snodgrass.
Back row: Mike Hourshell; Kenny Turner; David Scott; Pilot of Life Line.

Firefighters Clean Up Major Gasoline Spill

Gasoline fumes were heavy over eastern Madison County Thursday morning and early afternoon.

Firefighters from Madison and Delaware counties eased the threat of ignition of gasoline fumes by spraying foam over the standing water contaminated with diesel fuel and unleaded gasoline.

The leak at the Daleville Truck Stop near Interstate 69 and

Indiana 67 busied emergency personnel from both counties, as well as state fire and environmental officials.

The truck stop was closed and power to the building cut after events caused the tanks to roll, snapping lines from the two tanks to the fuel pumps. Chesterfield-Union Township firefighters remained on the scene.

Imagine That! Orlando To Host 97th Annual Meeting Of The National Fire Protection Association May 23-27, 1993

What does it take to secure the safety of the millions of visitors who explore Walt Disney World every year? A "behind the scenes tour" of the theme park's state-of-the-art fire protection system will be the highlight of the Opening Session of the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) Annual Meeting and Fire Safety Exhibit beginning at 9:00 a.m. on May 23, 1993. The high-tech system that seems more like one of the park's futuristic attractions than a network of fire safety technology, is a fitting kickoff for the conference whose theme is "The Magic of Imagination" As Applied to Fire Protection. The event will be held May 23-27, 1993, at the Orange County Convention/Civic Center in Orlando, Florida.

Thomas C. Moses, Vice President of Administration at Walt Disney World and a member of NFPA's Board of Directors, will deliver the multi-media presentation "The Magic Behind the Magic." And in keeping with the Disney tradition of excitement and fanfare, his fascinating glimpse "backstage" will close with an indoor pyrotechnic display that leaves nothing to the imagination!

In addition to the enlightening opening program, three speaker sessions in which industry experts will reveal their insight into imaginative fire protection concepts are included. Some of the thought-provoking topics slated are fire protection engineering at the Superconducting Super Collider Laboratory, voice fire alarm signaling, assessing post-earthquake fire risk, and hazardous materials storage. The Fire Safety Exhibit, opening May 24 at 11:00 a.m. and running until 1:30 p.m. on May 26, will feature displays from more than 170 purveyors of the latest fire protection products and services.

Technical Committee Report Sessions will be held the afternoon of May 26 and the morning of May 27, during which 33 NFPA fire safety codes and standards will be presented to the membership for voting. Some of the important documents to be offered include the combining of NFPA documents 71, 72, 72E, 72G, 72H, and 74 into one document, NFPA 72, Protective Signaling Systems; and consideration of NFPA 30, Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code; NFPA 403, Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Services at Airports; and numerous fire service documents, including NFPA 1031, Professional Qualifications for Fire Inspector.

NFPA members will automatically receive meeting and special airline discount information. For non-members wishing advance registration information, contact NFPA Meeting Registration at 617-984-7310. To reserve a hotel room, call 800-258-7666 or 407-363-5800. International attendees may request information via facsimile at 407-363-5817. Hotel reservations must be made by April 21, 1993.

Officer's Meeting

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trip to the council meeting that was held in Juneau, Alaska during the month of September. The next meeting will be held in Nebraska.

Public Education - Jim Parker announced that the new TV spot is out. It is a recap of all the other spots previously shown. He requested that the district chairmen poll their districts to see if these spots are being viewed by them.

Joint Service and Leadership - Gene Stofer reported that the sprinkler bill was discussed again and our support is still needed.

EMS - Don Johnson announced the next meeting is set for Nov 13th. He is now on the EMS mailing list for all future meetings.

Membership - Carl Bruns announced the organization now has 18,000 plus members for the first time in the history.

Bridgeport Scholarship Fund - Lawrence Swartz asked if any forms are being distributed to high school students. He will have an article in the next paper about this subject. He announced that he had one death claim in the northern portion of the state.

Fire Schools and Training - Richard Glant announced that no fire schools were being planned at this time. The Indiana Fire Instructors Assn. has schools planned around the state and our association budget has resulted in this decision. President Parish conducted a question and answer session on this report.

Historical Update - Willie Parish reported that everything looks good. This committee will go into limbo for a while due to budget restrictions. After next year's budget approval to include this committee, they will then continue with the second book.

Insurance - Gene Stofer commented about some insurance companies who are not abiding with the state laws concerning the correct provisions of coverage of fire personnel.

Awards - Richard Glant reported that he had not received any applications for any award to date.

Photography - Bruce Neal reported that he is ready for pictures to be taken for anyone who needed them for the convention book next year.

At this time, President Parish appointed Lawrence Swartz and Pete Lockhart to the convention book committee for the 1993 convention.

Clothing - Perry Martin announced he had nothing to report.

Safety - Paul Covington reported there would be another article published in the next issue of the paper.

Fire Institute and Caucus - Willie Parish announced ticket sales are down for the dinner this year. Larry Curl will be in attendance on Sunday to discuss the upcoming program.

President Parish reporting receiving a letter from BNA Credit in August. Secretary Lee Kissell printed a list of names to be made available to this company. He also reported that the company has been making telephone calls soliciting members.

The meeting was recessed at 9:00 p.m. until the following day at 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1, 1992

The meeting was called to order by President Parish with the Invocation given by Chaplain Lantz.

OFFICER'S REPORT CONT

D1 - Stott passed.

At this time, President Parish called on Gene Stofer who spoke on a suit trial in Fulton County that was held concerning fireworks sales to individuals. This suit was awarded to the state against the seller of these illegal fireworks.

Then, Paul Covington spoke on the Standards and Education committee giving us an update of what has been done by the committee. Following his presentation a question and answer session was held.

President Parish called on Virgil Heneisen for an update on the 1993 convention planning activities.

Doug Engle made a motion to have Treasurer Stofer give his unaudited report at this year's convention and to give the audited report at the August officer's meeting. Seconded by Jack Cox. Motion carried by a voice vote.

President Parish appointed the nominating committee for the 1993-1994 officers. They are: Jim Parker, Chairman, Ivan Nevil, Lawrence Swartz.

Chaplain Lantz thanked the photographers for their work at the convention in taking the pictures during 1992 memorial service.

President Parish announced that Jack Ford was to attend this meeting but weather conditions in the northern part of the state prevented him from coming down.

At this time, President Parish introduced Larry Curl who brought an updated message on the purpose of the Indiana Fire Service Institute and Caucus and where they are currently since the formation of this group.

Lee Kissell expressed a comment to the fact that issues concerning this organization should be made as Headlines in the association newspaper.

A motion to adjourn this meeting was made by Larry Stott. Seconded by Richard Glant. The motion was carried by a voice vote.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jack Zeeks. He called for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. Bill Howe made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Seconded by Jack Cox. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Richard Glant made a motion for the association to assist with the Hospitality Room at the upcoming Indiana Fire Services and Caucus dinner. Seconded by Bill Kinsey. The motion carried by a hand vote.

A motion was made by Paul Covington to proceed with the second option of the license plate program. Seconded by Joe Komoscar. The motion carried by a hand vote.

A motion was made by Larry Petro to proceed with Gene Stofer's recommendation to have a program book. Seconded by Richard Glant. The motion carried by a hand vote.

A motion was made by Don Johnson to purchase a new brief case for the Vice President. Seconded by Jack Cox. The motion carried by a hand vote.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Doug Engle. Seconded by Jack Cox. The motion carried by a hand vote.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Lantz.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies



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In early 1993 this group will be mailing a questionnaire to over 33,000 fire departments throughout the United States listed on the NFPA mailing list. The mailing list will include all fire departments serving a population base of under 100,000. PLEASE! PLEASE! Take the time to complete this questionnaire and return it. Nearly every aspect of rural fire defense is under funded. The results of this questionnaire will go a long way in addressing the needs of the rural fire service. Your voice does count and it will be heard only if you take a few minutes to complete and return the questionnaire.

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Thank you on behalf of all the members listed above and particularly from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry.

Stephen W. Creech

Crothersville Business Burns in Early Morning Fire

A Crothersville business suffered a substantial loss early Saturday morning, Dec. 26, when a fire started in the building.

According to Crothersville Chief of Police Norman Ford, a call came in at 2:56 a.m. that the Crothersville Arcade was on fire. The fire was reported to the Jackson County Sheriff's Department.

At that time, firefighters from the Vernon Township Volunteer Fire Department in Crothersville arrived on the scene to battle the blaze.

It was estimated that \$300,000 worth of damage was done by the fire, destroying the building and its contents.

On Monday morning, Dec. 28, the Indiana Fire Marshal visited the building's remains for an indepth inspection. At press time, the cause of the fire was not known.

The Vernon Township Volunteer Fire Department was assisted by firefighters from Jackson Washington and Grassy Fork Fire Departments and a unit from the Jennings Township Volunteer Fire Department in Austin.

The Giveaway

Cedar Lake Vol. Fire Dept. Battles Barn Fire

On the morning of August 8, 1992 at 1:58 am, the Cedar Lake Ambulance service was returning from a run when they spotted a large glow in the sky. Ambulance personnel contacted the Cedar Lake Police Dispatch Center and gave them an approximate location of the glow and requested that the Fire Department be dispatched.

The Fire Department was dispatched at 2:02 am with a report of a large glow in the sky and an approximate location. As I came out of my house I noticed that the glow appeared to be coming from the Hawkinson dairy farm which is located directly behind my house.

I arrived at the dairy farm within one minute of our time of dispatch and came upon a 50' x 130' two story milking and hay storage barn with the top story totally involved. This barn was sixty years old at the time of this fire and was of timber frame type construction.

Immediately after my arrival, I informed all of my responding units of the exact location and type of fire. The town of Cedar Lake is not equipped with hydrants and all water has to be trucked to the scene, so setting up a water supply was my first priority after my arrival.

Knowing this fire was going to take a large volume of water to bring under control I escalated this call to a four-alarm fire with mutual aid units responding from five surrounding departments.

Upon arrival of my first pumper and tankers I had two drop tanks set up and two master streams laid out. The second pumper out was sent directly to Pine Crest Harbor, which is approximately one mile from the scene, to set up on Cedar Lake itself to fill incoming tankers.

Mr. Dave Hawkinson, (owner of the dairy farm), came up to me and told me he had 120 head of dairy cows that he had to milk twice daily in the lower portion of that barn. He told me that those cows had to be milked and he did not know what he would do if he could not get them in the barn. I told Mr. Hawkinson that we would do what we could to save the lower part of the barn. It was at this time that I called all of my officers together and told them that we needed the lower part of the barn saved, if possible.

With the help of our mutual departments we were able to do just that, with almost no damage sustained to the milking rooms and pump house. Mr. Hawkinson was able to have the barn back in service by 4:00 pm the same day. I would not have believed we were able to save the lower portion of that barn if I had not seen it with my own eyes, after pulling up onto that scene at 2:00 am.

We spent twelve hours on that fire scene and pumped 105,000 gallons of water. All this was water was transported over the road with our two tankers, one 1800 gal, the other a 2,000 gal., Lowell F.D.'s 3000 gal. tanker, Lake Hills 3000 gal. tanker, Lake Dale's 2000 gal. tanker, Crown Point's 2000 gal. tanker, and St. John's 1000 gal. pumper.

Between Cedar Lake and the mutual aid fire departments we had approximately 50 firefighters and 15 pieces of apparatus on the scene.

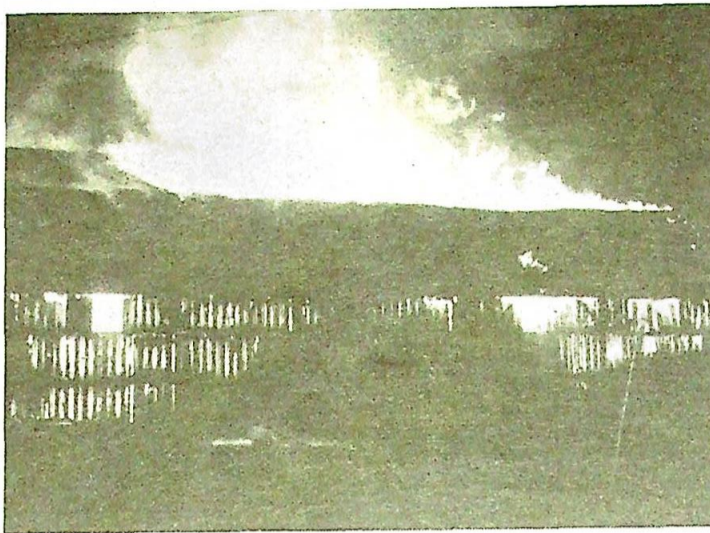
At this time I would like to thank the following mutual aid departments for their help in battling the blaze: Lake Dale F.D., Lowell F.D., St. John F.D., Lake Hills F.D., Crown Point F.D., the Cedar Lake F.D. ladies auxiliary, Lake Dale ladies auxiliary, the

Cedar Lake Ambulance Service, the Cedar Lake Police Dept., and the Cedar Lake Civil Defense. Without their help Mr. Hawkinson's animals would not have been able to have been

milked that same afternoon.

A special thank goes out to a job well done to all departments involved.

Dennis Wilkening, Fire Chief CLVFD



Canaan area family loses home, belongings in blaze

By WAYNE ENGLE
Courier Staff Writer

Fire of an undetermined origin left a Canaan couple and their baby daughter homeless and with all their personal property destroyed early today.

Larry Folkner, route four, ran to a neighbor's home to telephone the alarm to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Dept. at about 5:10 a.m. He and his wife and their baby girl escaped unhurt from the house after they awoke to find smoke seeping into their bedroom.

Dispatcher Debbie Lohrig notified the Canaan Fire Department and the Sheriff's officers on patrol. Folkner called her back to say that firefighters should have no trouble finding the house, as the flames were already shooting up into the sky.

When Canaan Fire Chief John Higgins arrived on the scene moments later, he radioed back to Lohrig that the entire house was engulfed in flames.

The structure was located at the end of Risk's Ridge, about 2.5 miles southeast of Canaan.

Higgins said the fire had made too much headway to be stopped, and that the house burned to the ground with all its contents. "We have no idea yet what caused it; we're still investigating," he said.

The chief said that after talking with Folkner he believes that the blaze may have started in the living room, possibly on or near one of the walls.

"But that's just speculation at this point," he added.

Higgins also said, he has not yet made a dollar estimate on the loss of the house and contents.

"I'm going back down there this afternoon and talk with the family about clothing sizes and things like that," Higgins said, indicating that there probably will be a community drive to donate needed items to the Folkners.

All four Canaan fire engines and eight or nine firefighters answered the alarm, Higgins said. He added that about 4,000 gallons of water were poured onto the fire before it was extinguished.

Trucks were back by 9:59 am.
The Madison Courier

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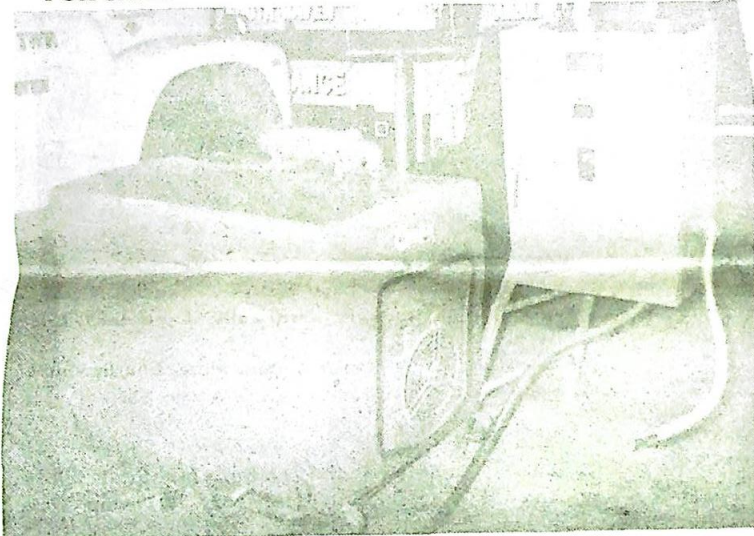
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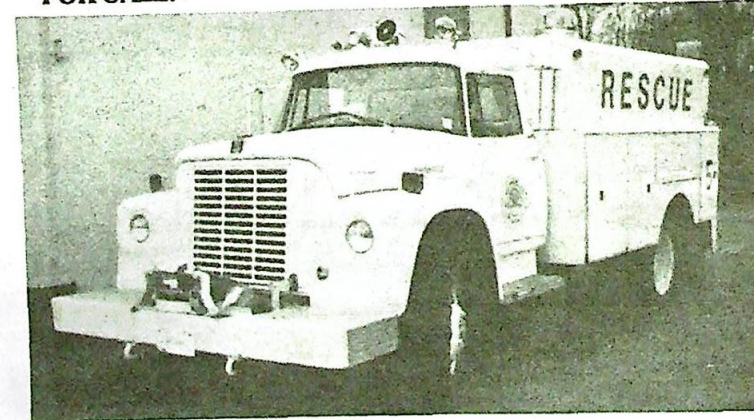
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Wheeler Fire Dept. Annual Christmas Party

On Saturday, December 12, 1992, the members of the Union Volunteer Fire Department of Wheeler gathered for their Annual Christmas Party and Awards Banquet. Besides invited guests, this year's celebration had an added twist as the "significant other" of each firefighter was invited to attend, something that had never been done in the past.

The festivities began with a cocktail hour between 6:00 and 7:00 allowing everyone to mingle and meet with one another. An excellent meal of prime rib with all the trimmings was prepared by Lieutenant Bill Stowers and firefighters Joe Stowers, Ron DeRoos and John Minor. The dinner was enjoyed by all present and as in years past, no one left the station hungry.

After our meal was complete, the fun began. As has been departmental tradition, the "probies" washed the dishes. This years group of "rookies" took 21 minutes to realize that they were washing the same plates over and over.... This set a new department record, and we are proud of all of them for their diligent, hard work.

All present moved into the apparatus bay for the Awards Presentation. Captain John Kepshire, who acted as Master of Ceremonies for the evening, along with Fire Chief Derrell Lawless presented Service Awards for 5 years participation to Mike Mulligan, Mike Boller, and Mike Mantz, 3 of the 7 Mikes on the department. This year there were no 10 or 15 years service awards presented, but Lieutenant Bill Stowers was honored for 20 years of service.

The next award was presented to Mr. John Kleppe, a local business man who's company, located in Union Township, manufactures combustable gas detectors. Over the years, Mr. Kleppe has made very generous contributions to the department of both equipment and financial support, and as a small token of the department's gratitude, John became the first Honorary Firefighter in the 40 year history of the department.

The next award presented was a very special award for every member of the department. Effective on January 1, 1993, Firefighter Duane Betz will be retiring from active duty with the department. Duane is the only member of the department that was here when the department was formed in 1952. For his 40 years of dedicated service to our department, Duane had his Assistant Fire Chief's badge retired and mounted on a retirement plaque. Duane becomes the first member of the department to seek retirement status since new provisions were made in 1990 by the Board of Directors of the department. As an added honor, the Firefighter of the Year Award, as it had been known in the past, was re-named the Duane Betz Firefighter of the Year Award. Chief Lawless asked Duane to present the 1992 award winner and every future winner, to which Duane agreed.

The 1992 Incentive Award was presented next to firefighter Karl Naggatz. The incentive

award is given to the member accumulating the most points each year by answering calls, attending meetings and training sessions, and attendance at other department functions. Over the last five years, there has been a different winner each year.

Duane was called back to the podium by Chief Lawless to present the 1992 Firefighter of the Year Award to Asst. Fire Chief Daniel Lamb. This award is voted on by all members of the department during a secret ballot in November of each year. Dan was a co-winner of this award in 1991 but due to a scheduling conflict, was unable to attend this years party. He was presented his award the following Monday evening during the Board of Directors Meeting.

Next, the wives, girlfriends, husbands, and "significant others" of each member were recognized for their support and assistance during 1992 and all the previous years. Each guest received a small Christmas present as a token of appreciation from the department.

The last "award" of a serious nature presented was the Cripple of the Year Award. This plaque is normally given to the member that is wounded in the line of duty in the most absurd way, but this was the second year in a row that no firefighter injuries were reported in the line of duty. We did however, have a winner. Firefighter Larry Crosby is the 1992 winner for "breaking his hand swinging at the flagpole outside the station and missing it".

Master of Ceremonies Kepshire then took over the program for the rest of the evening to present each member of the department with a "present" from the department. Each "present" reflected something silly, dumb, or just plain funny that each member had been involved in during the year. Unfortunately, each member was required to explain their "present". And if for some reason they were unable to, Captain Kepshire explained to all present. Gifts ranged from road maps to the station for members that had not made many calls during the year to toy shovels and coonskin caps to the three guys that buried our brush trucks during the same

call. This part of the program, as in past years, was the most enjoyable as well as for some, the most embarrassing. But everyone took things in stride and a good time and fun evening was had by all present.

The remainder of the evening was spent socializing with our guests, past members, and current firefighters. And plans for next years event are already underway.

John E. Kepshire EMT-P
Public Information Officer
Union Vol. Fire Department

Public Relations Southwest

Jack Kerney

Barb & I would like to extend our sympathy to Bill Engle upon the death of his father. Our prayers are with Bill and his family during this time of sorrow.

Now that the new year is upon us, I am going to try to get to as many district meetings I can. Hopefully, I will get to some that I have not yet visited. Please try to let me know of the coming activities in your area, so I can plan my schedule. Over the past few months I have enjoyed traveling to different departments and areas and am able to see the training and activities that the various departments are doing. Keep up the good work!

Don't forget to make plans to attend this year's convention at French Lick. Barry and his committees are working very hard to plan for all of us to have a good convention. They will welcome any suggestions or ideas that you might have that will assist them in their planning.

Everyone who attended the annual Sausage Supper in Vincennes on Saturday, the 16th had a super meal as well as fellowship with other volunteers. Thanks to the group at Vincennes that put the supper on. A very enjoyable evening.

New Harmony Volunteers will be having their Sausage Supper on Jan. 23rd. The proceeds will go to help with expenses toward purchasing new equipment. Be supportive when you can of the departments that have events.

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Duneland Community goes the "Extra Mile" for Chesterton Fire Dept.



The Chesterton Fire Department recently presented plaques to members of the Duneland Community who had gone that "Extra Mile" in supporting the fire department.

Those receiving awards this year are The Legion of the Moose Lodge #1623, Duneland Carpet Connection, Walsh Photography, Chesterton Street Dept., Joe's Towing Inc., N.I.P.S.CO., Chesterton Operations Center and Andershocks Fruitland.

Pictured receiving the award on the behalf of N.I.P.S.CO. is Charles Smith, Electrical Supervisor and also the Chief of the Pine Township Volunteer Fire Department. The presentations were made by Ray Lawson, CFD/PIO.

Chesterton Fire Dept.

Fire Safety and the Americans with Disabilities Act

"The concept of building occupants awaiting rescue within a building during a fire presents several significant educational challenges."

by Wayne "Chip" Carson
Carson Associates, Inc.,
Warrenton, VA

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which became effective on January 26, 1992, provides a wide range of protection to people with disabilities. A person with a disability is defined as someone who

has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities (seeing, hearing, speaking, walking, breathing, performing manual tasks, learning, caring for oneself, or working).

The ADA is divided into five sections or titles. Title III is the section that is probably of most interest to fire safety educators, as it deals with accessibility requirements in public buildings and commercial facilities. The types of buildings covered by Title III of the ADA include places of lodging, food service, entertainment, public gathering, recreation, education, service establishments, and sales or rental establishments.

The purpose of Title III is to provide people with disabilities access that is equal to or similar to that available to the public.

New buildings that have a building permit issued after January 26, 1992, and that are occupied after January 26, 1993, must comply with the ADA. It applies to existing buildings to the extent that the changes are "readily achievable", meaning that they can be carried out without much difficulty or expense.

Title III also requires "areas of rescue assistance" in all non-sprinklered buildings with occupied levels above or below the level of exit discharge. This area must provide a place where a person with a mobility impairment (such as someone in a wheelchair) can await rescue. These areas may include:

- a portion of a landing within a smoke proof stairway.
- a portion of an exterior exit balcony adjacent to an exit stairway. If there are openings to the building within 20 feet of the area of rescue assistance, they must be protected by 45-minute opening protection.
- a portion of a one-hour fire resistance rated corridor located immediately adjacent to an exit enclosure.
- a vestibule located immediately adjacent to an exit enclosure.
- a portion of a stairway landing.
- an area separated by a smoke barrier when approved by the local authority having jurisdiction.
- a pressurized elevator lobby.
- a horizontal exit.

The concept of building occupants awaiting rescue within a building during a fire presents several significant educational challenges:

1. Who needs to know?

There are several groups of people who need to know information about evacuation procedures, the needs of persons with disabilities, and the requirements for the area of refuge. These groups include persons with disabilities, their co-workers and supervisors, building security, building engineers, fire department personnel, fire safety educators, and enforcement authorities.

2. What do they need to know?

These groups need to know general fire behavior information, the building's fire safety features, and duties and procedures under the building fire plan. They must also understand emergency

communication resources and procedures.

3. What do they need to do?

These groups should review, practice, and update (if necessary) fire drill procedures in the building. It is important that evacuation plans are coordinated with the local fire department so that rescue personnel know, the locations of the areas of refuge.

The requirements for fire safety education are not specifically outlined in the ADA. Persons responsible for fire safety in buildings or those involved in public fire safety education should become familiar with the provisions of the ADA. Information can be obtained by calling (800) USA-ABLE or by ordering a copy of the ADA Handbook (#EEOCBK-19) from the Superintendent of Documents by calling (202) 783-3238.

Training needs will vary considerably depending on the fire protection features in a particular

building and the arrangements of the means of egress and the areas of refuge. Each facility must review its fire safety plan to assure that the needs of people with mobility impairments are included. Once the plan is formulated and coordinated with the fire department, all people involved need to be taught their responsibilities under the plan and then practice the fire drill procedures.

Mr. Carson is a consulting fire protection engineer. He is chairman of the NFPA Technical Committee on Health Care Occupancies and a member of several other committees including the Technical Correlating Committee on Safety to Life.

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Harrison Twp. First Class Certification Completed



Front row: Dick Fouts, Ron Montgomery, Jerry Eads, Joyce Ancil, Eric Miller and Charlie Beck.

Back row: Marty Davenport, Audie Hopkins, Mark Mote, Charlie Ancil, Mark Ancil, Doug Pasquale and Jeremy Crume.

Not pictured: John Bogue.

The above firefighters completed the course for First Class certification on December 7, 1992 at Harrison Township Fire Department in Alto, Indiana.

The course was taught by Charles Ancil assisted by John Bogue and Charles Beck. Members represented several departments: Audie Hopkins, Mark Mote, Marty Davenport - Howard County Civil Defense; Doug Pasquale, Indian Heights; Jerry Eads, Galveston VFD; Ron Montgomery, Walton F.D.; Eric Miller and Jeremy Crume (visitors) Burlington VFD and Mark Ancil, Joyce Ancil & Richard Fouts, Harrison Twp. (Alto).

Contestant Entry Blank

- Hose Replacing Contest Water Ball Contest Cart Race

Our Fire Department will have a team to compete in one or more of the following contests:

Water Ball, Hose Replacement or Cart Race

French Lick, Indiana on Sunday, June 13, 1993.

An entry fee of \$10.00 in each contest. The \$10.00 entry fee will be kept by the State Association to help defray expenses. Please check in each square the contests entered by your department.

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Signed _____
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All contest entry blanks should be in or postmarked on or before June 1, 1993, to be eligible. All departments that plan to enter should fill out entry blanks along with \$10.00 entry fee for each contest entered. Send entries to:

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Fire Prevention Week with Paradise Fire Department

Fire Prevention Week '92 was a week of education and fun for both firefighters and residents of Ohio Township in Warrick County.

The week began with firefighters making visits to area schools to teach the children about fire safety. The students at Castle Elementary School were thrilled to have firefighters in full turnouts including SCBA, in their classrooms to explain what equipment is needed to fight fires.

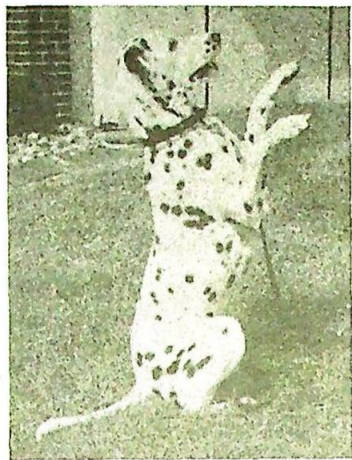
All the children got a chance to be in the drivers seat of a pumper and were excited to see all the equipment the trucks carry. The children received Tot Finder stickers, pencils, erasers and coloring books to help educate them about fire safety.

But the most exciting part for the kids was Rescue, the Dalmation. Rescue, owned and trained by firefighter Jerry Bulger, showed the kids how to stop, drop and roll. Along with many other tricks, Rescue knows to get the fire safety message out.

Firefighters also visited the local preschool and hosted a fire safety coloring contest in which 250 children entered.

The highlight of the fire prevention week was on Sunday, October 11, at Paradise Fire Department. Open House was held for everyone to get a chance to view the station and the equipment used to serve the community. Firefighters used a smoke house to demonstrate what a room full of smoke looks like. A car was brought in to be cut apart by firefighters to show the skills needed to safely effect a vehicle rescue.

Firefighters had a live burn to show just how quickly fire spreads. During the burn, trucks were staged close by and then responded just like they would during a real emergency. This proved to be a great crowd pleaser and gave many people the opportunity to see the fire service



"Rescue" practices before going inside Castle Elementary to teach children about fire safety.



Burning the house down at Open House.

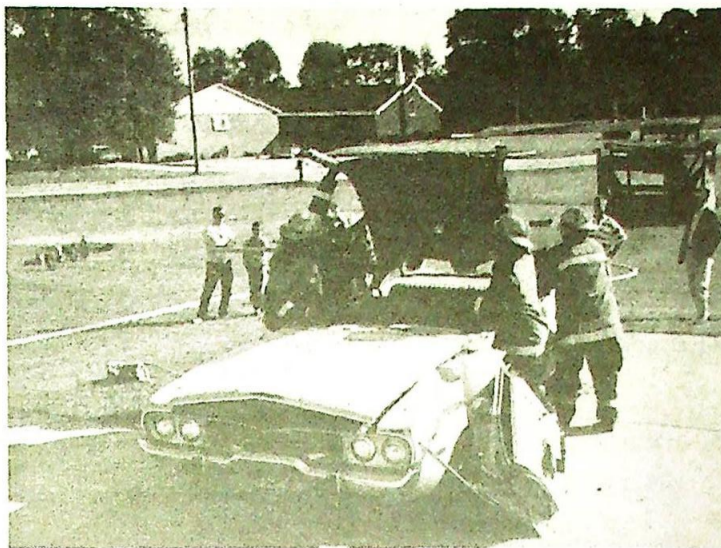
at work.

A fire extinguisher training area was set up to give everyone the chance to learn how to correctly use fire extinguishers.

Each year firefighters all across the country make an extra hard effort during Fire Prevention Week to spread the word about fire safety.

We all should be proud of our fellow firefighters everywhere for their work in the efforts to save lives and property.

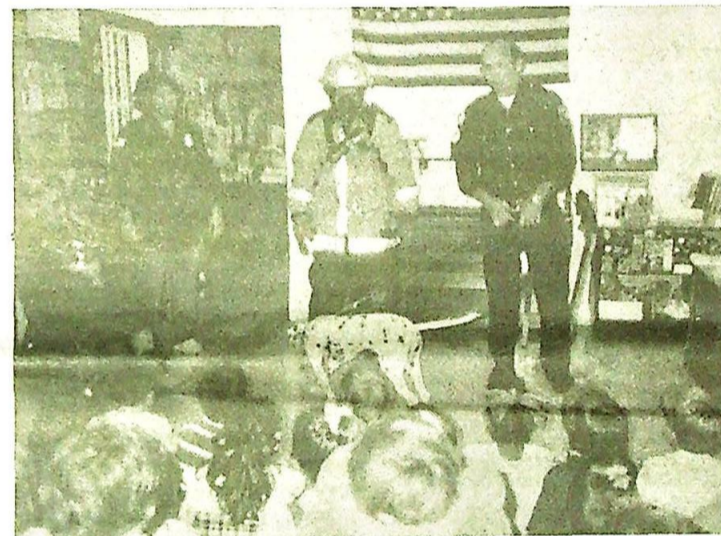
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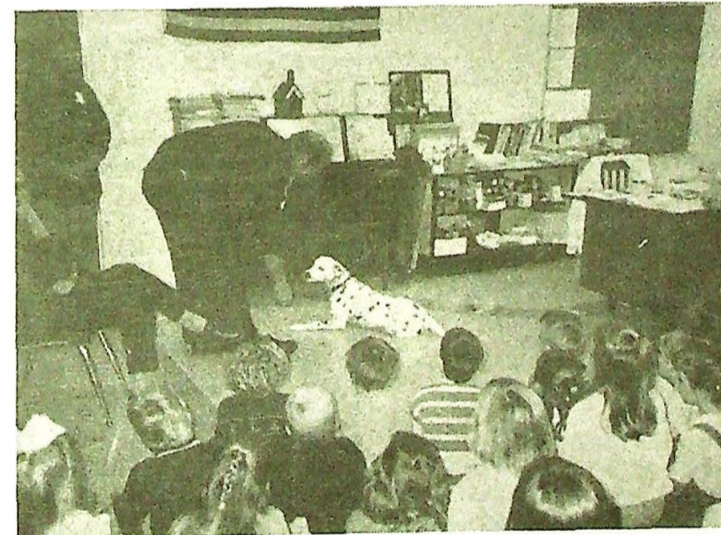
Firefighters flap a roof during an extrication at Open House.



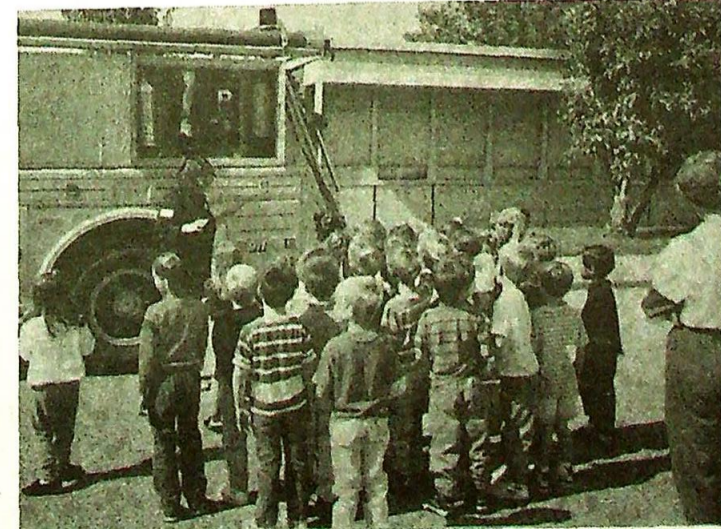
Jerry Bulger prepares the first of many classes on extinguishers that went on all day during Open House.



Teresa Cron, Kevin Huber and Jerry Bulger talk about firefighting gear.



Jerry Bulger and Rescue show Castle Elementary Kindergarteners how to stop, drop and roll.



Teresa Cron explains what equipment is on Engine 61.

Clearing The Smoke

Indiana fire service can be proud.....of moving forward into the 21st century with international accreditation requirements. These standards for certification have been established by some of the most informed fire service members in the country, including representatives from Indiana. Through completely impartial and objective testing, all member agencies of IFSAC can feel that abilities of firefighters are comparable and acceptable from state to state. Naturally, a firefighter who does not wish to have the international certification will not request or pay for the additional IFSAC certification. To maintain impartiality, all testing will be from randomly-elected computer-generated tests through the Board of FFPS&E in the State Fire Marshal's office for all certifications. In fairness, even the SFMO staff will not know beforehand what the computer will pick from the test bank of questions which are based on NFPA 1001.

Training still dependent on certified instructors in fire departments and county organizations. Nothing is changing in the method of delivering 2nd and 1st Class Firefighter training to local fire departments. Instructors are needed to train in the manner determined by the local department. County-wide co-operation is becoming more popular since instructors can specialize in fire subjects they really enjoy teaching. Otherwise, an instructor must do the entire training program without help which can be tiring.

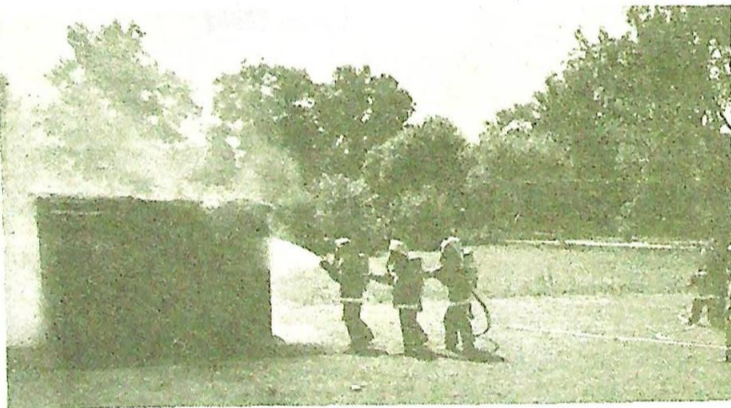
Proctors for written testing can be varied.....as school principals, teachers, ministers, or other non-fire service personnel. These proctors do not need to know or answer any questions regarding fire training. Proctors will simply distribute tests, monitor the classroom and return tests to the Board of Firefighting for grading.

Hazardous Materials certification objectives completed . . . and testing will be made available at six state fire schools for personnel who have many hours of training equal to NFPA 472. New requests to the Board for approval to teach the course will be reviewed on the basis of the task force recommendations.

Review of Board rules for certification will begin in January 1993. These will incorporate the recommendations of task forces, instructors, fire service personnel and bring 2nd and 1st Class Firefighter objectives to the latest NFPA 1001 bulletin, along with Master categories. Indiana law requires a prescribed method to follow in deliberations, public hearings, attorney general, governor, and secretary of state approval. Send points you wish the Board to consider by mid-September 1993.

Board holding June meeting with IVFA at French Lick....on Friday, June 11th, 1 p.m. at the convention site. It is the Board's intent to discuss the minimum training standards for certification with interested fire service personnel during this meeting and after the joint meeting on Friday evening. If you have questions, now is a good time to hear the true facts as we approach the year 2000.

Moving forward with heavy rescue category.....is on the Board's agenda for 1993. A program is being reviewed to decide how to combine them for certification recognition. This will become part of the promulgation process for the "Redbook" additions.

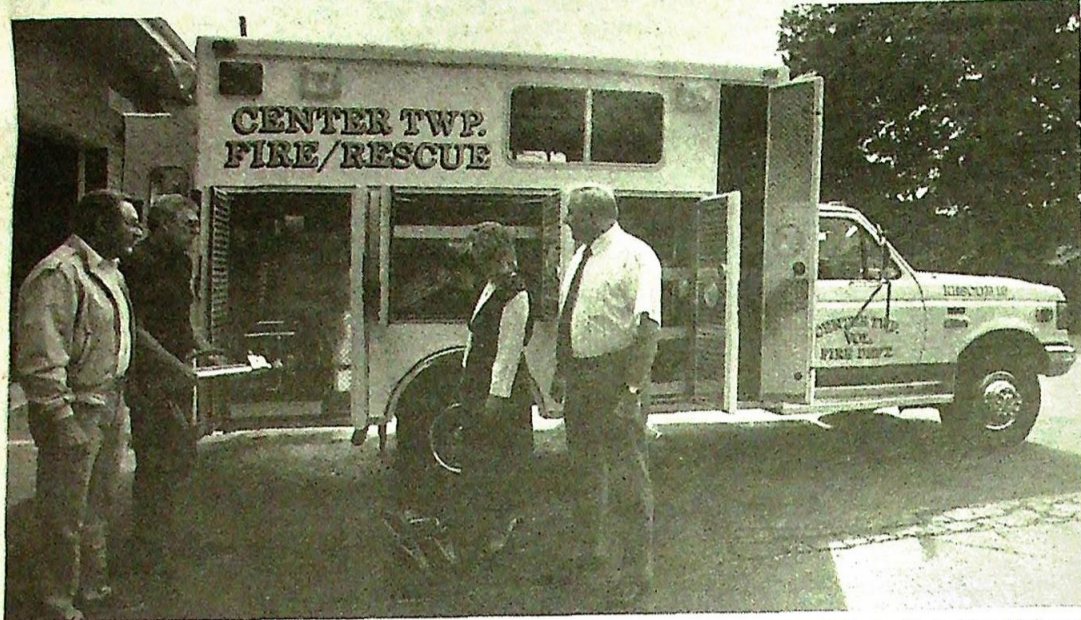


Firefighters extinguish a fire set at Open House to demonstrate how quickly fire moves.



Children get their chance at the wheel of Engine 61 during Fire Prevention Week.

Center Twp. VFD has a new Mobile Medical walk-in Rescue



(Photo courtesy of the La Porte Herald-Argus)

Pictured left to right, Ron Cmiel, Advisory Board Member; Joe Wellinski, assistant Fire Chief; Teresa Salek, Center Township Trustee and John Kolar, Advisory Board Member.

Center Twp. Vol. Fire Dept., La Porte County, recently took delivery of a '92 Mobile Medical walk-in rescue truck on a Ford Super Duty chassis. Pres. and Assistant Fire Chief Joe Wellinski explains one of the rescue tools carried on "Rescue 10" to Center Twp. Trustee Teresa Salek and Advisory Board members Ron Cmiel and John Kolar.

The medium duty rescue was purchased from Hoosier Fire Equipment and was manufactured by Mobile Medical in Decatur, Indiana. The rescue is equipped with a 110 volt power inverter for powering scene lighting and other equipment. With the walk-in design of the truck, it will carry five personnel.

Medical, rescue and fire-attack support can be accomplished by utilizing the various hardware such as first responder medical supplies, air bags, extrication spreaders, rams, cutters and a stokes basket. Air conditioning and heating are provided for rehab during extended operations in severe weather.

This vehicle is replacing a well-worn 1979 Ford Cargo Van used as a rescue truck previously. The old Rescue 10 only had seating for two and was on a light duty chassis and could no longer grow with the needs of the department.

Center Twp. firefighters are proud of their new rescue truck and its performance on the numerous incidents it has responded to already. The department will utilize it for many years serving the residents and those who travel through our area.

Doug Miller, Center Twp. VFD

Marian College dorm fire

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — More than 190 residents of a Marian College dormitory were evacuated early today because of a mattress fire.

A Doyle Hall student who is an auxiliary firefighter in Tipton doused the mattress before Indianapolis firefighters arrived. Officials said Tom Tragesser, 21, who lived in one of the basement apartments, was treated at the scene for smoke inhalation.

The mattress was found burning in a basement maintenance closet around 5:30 a.m. and smoke rose to the 3rd floor through a vent, authorities said.

The cause of the fire was under investigation.

CRANE FIRE SCENE

A crane owned by Scott Industrial Services caught on fire at the corner of Vaughn Drive and Mill Street.

Scott employee Luke McCarty was working on the crane when it caught fire.

Volunteer fireman Greg Bentz, sprayed down the engine to make sure the fire did not smolder and ignite again.

Scott co-worker Gary Phillips was working near the crane and tried to help put the fire out. The Fair Play Fire Department and the Western Volunteer Fire Department were called out to the scene, but the fire was out by the time the units arrived.

Fire Chief Steve Horton said the fire was caused by the metal fuel line pressing against the positive post of the battery which caused sparks to fly and the fire to ignite.

McCarty was slightly burned on the tips of his fingers.

The Madison Courier

Mutual Aid to hand out 911 labels

The Madison County Mutual Aid Association is laying plans to distribute stickers reminding people to dial 911 in an emergency.

The association is attempting to determine how many stickers will need to be printed, Association President Mike Hensley explained.

"There's still a lot of people dialing direct," Hensley said, noting residents are not taking advantage of the Enhanced 911.

"They still don't realize 911 will get us there just as quick, if not faster," he added.

The stickers will be distributed through schools, Hensley said, noting adults may pick up the stickers at various fire stations.

However, he did not expect the stickers to be available until the first of the year.

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County Fire Departments Have Hands Full With Rescue Attempts During Local Flood

By Marcus Amos
Staff Writer

Firemen from the seven fire departments in Scott County had their hands full during the recent flooding that hit the area last weekend, as the storm dumped nearly 9.8 inches of rain.

The southwest corner of the county probably suffered the least flood damage.

"It was a lot worse on the east side of town than on the west side, considering the damage done to homes and property," noted Jerry Kelly, a fireman with the Township Volunteer Fire Department.

The firemen from Finley Twp. spent most of the day on Saturday, Aug. 8, pulling cars out of ditches and directing traffic. State Road 56, west of Scottsburg, was closed the biggest part of the day, noted Kelly.

There was some property and crop damage, but there were no injuries reported in the area, he concluded.

Randall Brock, a fireman with the Underwood Volunteer Fire Department noted that six inches of water accumulated inside their firehouse.

Underwood Fire Department focused most of its attention on the rescue efforts in Henryville area, as they assisted the Monroe Twp. Fire Department.

The firemen from Underwood rescued a family northwest of Interstate 65 on County Line Road, where the family's home was surrounded by water. They were then taken to the firehouse for shelter until they could return home.

The flood also cancelled the firemen's annual community fair, however the food from the fair was taken to the firehouse so the firemen would have something to eat in between their rescue runs.

Just a little further north on U.S. 31, the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department had several emergencies to attend to during the flood.

At one time during the day, the department had to send firemen after a woman complaining of chest pains. She was taken as far as the firehouse, since U.S. 31 was closed by high water. While at the firehouse, the lady's condition was monitored and she was given oxygen until Stat-Flight was able to reach the firehouse, and she was taken to the hospital.

The department spent most of the day rescuing stranded motorists along U.S. 31.

In one incident, firemen rescued a motorist along U.S. 31, shortly before the automobile was swept off the highway by the swift water.

On County Road 450S, the department responded to a call to secure a propane tank.

At various times throughout the day, the firemen were involved with the cleaning up of debris left by the flood water.

In the City of Scottsburg, the Scottsburg Volunteer Fire Department began its day on Saturday around 7:22 a.m. as firefighters were called to the home of Dorothy Tolbert, at 837 W. McClain, where the smoke alarm within the home was activated. On arrival, there was no problem found except the basement was flooded and the electrical wiring was in jeopardy, according to the incident report.

The department then responded to a call at Burger King. Around 8:40 a.m. the fast food restaurant was hit by a lightning strike, causing only minimal damage to the building's electrical wiring. The restaurant was able to resume its business in about an hour, after repair work was completed.

Around 9 a.m. the department evacuated 50 residents from the Honey Run Trailer Court. Eight of the residents were taken to the fire station and then on to the National Guard Armory in Scottsburg. Some found other places to stay, with neighbors and family members.

At the same time, the department evacuated residents from Sara Lane Trailer Court. The firemen evacuated a lady and child, as well as an elderly female who requested assistance, as she felt ill. She was then transported to an ambulance.

At 10:17 a.m. the department responded to a possible chemical spill due to the high water at Multi-Color Corp.

It was reported that the building and the surrounding area was covered with 3 ft of flood water or more. It was noted on the incident report that 55-gal. drums of toluene were floating inside the building in various positions and there may have been some spillage or leaking.

A hazardous material team was called in from Indianapolis to take charge of the situation.

After determining there was leakage, the haz-mat team called for an immediate evacuation of the area, and closed U.S. 31 between State Road 356 at Vienna and County Road 200 S at the south end of the fairgrounds. The highway was then opened Sunday afternoon.

Around 10:50 a.m. the department was dispatched to pump water from the courthouse annex basement.

At the same time, they investigated a report of a leaking LP gas tank, however no problem was found.

Also the department responded to an automatic alarm system that went off at William H. English Middle School, where the building suffered major water damage especially to the floor of Charles E. Meyer Gymnasium. Damage was also reported to many of the classrooms, as well as the school's library.

Around 5 p.m. the firefighters transported concrete blocks to two homes on North Fourth Street, to help elevate furniture in the homes, due to the high flood water. One resident was evacuated due to the rising flood water on North Third Street in Scottsburg.

On Sunday, Aug. 9, the fire-fighters pumped water from the boiler room at William H. English Middle School.

It was estimated that the members of the Scottsburg Fire Dept. put in 323 man hours of service during the flooding situation.

Going into the northern part of Scott County, into Austin, the flood really took a toll on many of the residents and businesses.

One of the hardest hit areas in downtown Austin was along U.S. 31, south of the stop light. Austin Hardware was hit quite extensively. It was reported that a claim of \$1 million dollars was filed for damages done to the hardware store.

The Austin Apartments suffered major water damage with water as high as five foot deep being reported. Several automobiles were also reported to have been under water in the apartment's parking lot.

Directly across the highway, the flood water surrounded the O.V.O.

Office, as well as the O.V.O. Head Start Program building. The water surrounding the buildings rose as high as four to five feet deep. Extensive damage was reported to both buildings inside and out.

Another hard hit area of Austin was in Spicertown at Campbell's Trailer Park, where rising flood water caused the evacuation of nearly the entire park Saturday night.

The administrative office of Scott County School District 1, suffered water damage, as 22 inches of rain was collected inside of the offices. Water was also reported in the furnace room of the middle school and the lower-level classrooms. The elementary school suffered some water damage in the area where renovation work was being done this summer.

In one flooding incident, a house along State Road 256 was surrounded by six feet of water.

Volunteers were busy during the day going up and down U.S. 31 in boats, rescuing flood victims who were stranded in their homes.

One rescue attempt involved an elderly couple who were suffering from some health problems, as their home was surrounded by three to four foot deep water.

After the flood waters began to recede Saturday afternoon, the clean up began in Austin.

In the Johnson Twp. area, along the northeast corner of the county, the Johnson Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. suffered major damage.

The department was called out on a report, which stated one of their fire trucks was underwater near New Providence Baptist Church, with someone inside.

Upon arrival, they noticed no one was inside, but shortly afterward the truck was washed away according to fireman Todd Stark. Damage to the fire truck was reported to be \$16,756.

Approximately two foot of water was reported to have been inside the firehouse, as well.

Within the Johnson Township area, several bridges and culverts were reported to have been washed out, and several roads were closed including State Roads 3, 256, 203 and County Roads 200 E and 575 E.

The department was involved with the locating of a couple of propane tanks that had floated to Scott County Stone, near Lexington. Once the tanks were located, they then had to be shut off. The tanks were 500 and 1,000 gallons.

A rescue run was made to Spurgeon Cemetery, to help a young boy who had been bitten by a small animal or insect, noted Stark. The firemen put the boy onto a boat and paddled their way to an awaiting ambulance to take the boy to the hospital.

The department also rescued a man in a tree, near Bogardus Corner.

Elsewhere, firemen rescued a pregnant woman and her two children from a trailer, along State Road 256. It was reported that the trailer was under water.

Firemen spent the remainder of the day pumping out basements, as the flood water began to recede.

Finally, in the southeastern corner of the county, Lexington Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. received 42 calls for assistants and had a total of 730 total man hours contributed to the flood disaster.

The department made its first run of the day on Saturday, at 6:45 a.m. to respond to an alarm at Englishton Park. Lightning had struck the intercom system at the retirement home.

At 7:10 a.m. all fire members were paged for the disaster unit. By 7:15 a.m. the crews were out surveying the roads for flooding.

PSI was requested to turn off all power in the Lexington area, around 8:10 a.m., due to the flooding problems.

Around 9 a.m. the department responded to the residence of Mike and Bonnie McCrady, as they were evacuated from their flooded home, located on Main St. in Lexington.

The firemen attempted to rescue a lady, who was on top of her house near Hardy Mill Road, but were unable to reach her due to the rising water, but she was later rescued.

At noon, the fire department responded to a tank leaking, near Scott County Stone. Shortly afterwards, the firemen found the tank wedged in under a bridge on State Road 203. Before action was taken, the department had to evacuate and secure the area, noted fireman Brian Renschler.

The department's pump tank was taken to Bulk Tank Plant around 1 p.m. to begin pumping water.

Around 1:30 p.m. the firemen responded to a basement flooding at Earl Milles' barber shop in Lexington. According to Renschler, "It looked like a water hose was behind the walls squirting water, the pressure was so strong."

The basements at Gibson Apartments were being pumped by the Lexington Fire Department at 3 p.m.

According to Renschler, power was restored to the other residents around 3:30 p.m.

Two people were stranded in the rising water at the intersection of State Road 3 and 356, where they were rescued by members of the fire department.

Around 6:15 p.m. the department received a report of two migrant workers clinging to a stop sign, near the intersection of State Road 56 and 3. When firemen tried to rescue them, they retrieved one, but the other man was seen in submerging water, so a rescue team went out in a boat, along with conservation officers looking for the man, where they were unable to find him that evening due to the darkness.

The department was called to Scott County Stone to assist with a possible hazardous material leak. However, they found out later that it was diesel fuel from flooded equipment and posed no hazard.

Around 9:45 p.m. a person was reported trapped in a home on Getty Road, but no rescue was needed.

The firemen went out around 10:30 p.m. to check roads and the flooding conditions. Around 11 p.m. they met with State Emergency Management Agency officials at Scott County Stone.

On Sunday, Aug. 9, around 2:30 a.m. fire department officials checked the damage done to a bridge on State Road 3.

The rescue team resumed its search for the migrant worker around 5:30 a.m. They found Mario Trejo, 28, about 200 feet from the intersection of State Road 3 and 56, in a field.

Trejo, a resident of Chicago had been working at a farm near Washington.

The Lexington Presbyterian Church was pumping water from its basement at 9 a.m.

About 11 a.m. the firemen began making road surveys, to make sure that their trucks were able to travel upon them.

For the rest of the day on Sunday and into the day on Monday, members of the fire department were busy helping residents pump water from their basements and checking the road conditions.

On Tuesday, Aug. 11, at 6:30 p.m. the firemen held a meeting at the firehouse to discuss the flooding situation. Later on that evening, the firemen were taken to Scottsburg Vol. Fire Dept. to receive a tetanus shot, after being in the flooded water.

All in all, the seven county fire departments really had their work cut out for them this past weekend, but they did an extraordinary job.

Public Relations West Central



L.J. "Toddy" Michl

Hi Everyone;

Hope everyone made it thru the holidays without any problems. I went to Dist. 11B meeting at Perrysville one Sunday and to my Dist. 11A at Harmony the next Sunday. Both meetings had fairly good attendance. We had our Miss Flame contest and you can read about it in the Dist. 11A auxiliary column. Congratulations to our winner from Hymera.

We got to visit with former District Chairman, Carl Davis, at Odons Annual Turkey Barbeque. There were quite a few in attendance. The meal was as good as ever.

District 12 had their meeting at North Salem. Richard Glant, Mitch Parish, Maxine and John Davies, Joann and Bob Hays were all there.

I'm ready for some better weather again. I was at the convention meeting in November and when we left French Lick, it was really snowing hard. Had about an inch and a half on the highway. It was a complete white out. It's no fun driving when you can't see the center or edge of the road. The roads were slick until we got about five or more miles west of French Lick, then they were only wet. We got home in fine shape.

Everything is coming along in fine shape with the arrangements for Convention '93. When your department receives raffle tickets, get some. The prizes are great and worth the chance you take.

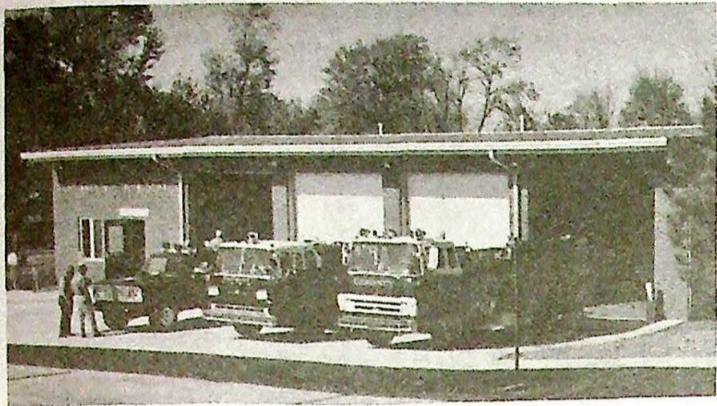
I hope everyone has had their physicals and shots by now. If you don't, make sure you get them soon. It would be mighty expensive if you don't and you get a visit from the OSHA.

Get your letters in for Mr. IVFA, Lois Boaz, and Ollie Sandberg awards; I'm sure all of you know of someone who is deserving of one.

Send letters for Mr. IVFA by April 1, 1993 to: Bill Bush: R.R.#1 Box 33, Dana, IN 47847; Charles Sutton: Box 276, Burlington, IN 46915; L.J. "Toddy" Michl: 507 S. State Rd, 63 Terre Haute, IN 47802-9498

See you at your next meeting.

Chrisney Vol. Fire Dept. Dedicates New Fire Station



By CHERYL ROHL
J-D Staff Writer

The 22-member Chrisney Volunteer Fire Department dedicated their new fire station during special ceremonies Sunday, Oct. 25.

A large crowd attended the ribbon cutting ceremonies of the new 4,000 sq. ft. building. The new four-bay fire station includes an office, kitchen, meeting-training area, storage area and restrooms.

Prior to the dedication, a special flag raising ceremony was held by members of the former Chrisney VFW. A U.S. flag which flew over the nation's capitol, was donated by Congressman Lee Hamilton and a state flag, which flew over the state capitol, was donated by State Representative Mike Phillips.

Chrisney Fire Chief David Dougan thanked everyone involved in making the new fire station a reality including Chrisney Town Board members Bill Sanders, Kent Groves and Ron Smith and Grass Township Trustee Judy Moesner. He said without the cooperation of the officials the building would not have been possible.

Virgil Heneisen, President of the 18th District of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association congratulated the Chrisney Volunteer Fire Department on their new home. Mitch Parrish, President of the State Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association presented the fire department with a special clock to commemorate the new fire station.

In a telephone conference call, Ninth District Congressman Lee Hamilton also addresses the group. Hamilton said he was proud of the community's efforts in making the new fire stations a reality. He said fire stations are one of the most important buildings in a community.

Rev. Bob Duley, a member of the fire department and pastor of the Chrisney Baptist Church, offered a special dedication prayer prior to the ribbon cutting.

Following the ribbon cutting, cake, punch and coffee were served to the wives of the Chrisney firemen.

The new fire station was constructed at a cost of \$236,000 and was funded in part by a \$211,000 grant from the Indiana

Department of Commerce. The remainder was financed by the town of Chrisney, Grass Township and the fire department.

The Chrisney Volunteer Fire Department was started in the 1920s by a group of individuals. Harry Beasley was the first fire chief. In Aug., 1935 the group organized with a fire truck. The volunteer fire department was housed in the Chrisney Town Hall in 1957 until the new addition this year.

Dougan said the next project for the fire department will be the purchase of a new pumper tanker. David G. Dougan

DEATH BENEFITS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

Public Law 151-1992 created a new chapter (12.5) in Indiana Code 36-8 regarding death benefits for volunteer firefighters which applies to all governmental units except counties. Each unit which is served by a volunteer fire company must make a contribution to the volunteer firefighters special death benefit fund at the rate of one dollar per month per volunteer firefighter. (Do not make contribution monthly) The contributions shall be paid to the Auditor of State by the fifteenth day of each January and July respectively for the immediately preceding six month period.

The contribution shall be based upon the number of members of the volunteer fire department on the first day of the six (6) month period for which the payment is made.

If a volunteer fire company serves more than one (1) governmental unit under a contract or agreement, each unit that the company serves shall share equally in paying the contribution for that company.

The Volunteer Fire Company(s) serving your township is to complete a Volunteer Fire Company Report Form for Volunteer Firefighters Death Benefit and provide a copy to all units of government served as well as to the State Fire Marshal.

This form should be retained by the trustee for audit purposes (do not send it to the Auditor of State with your payment).

Public Law 151-1992 went into effect July 1, 1992. The first payment due the Auditor of State is January 15, 1993 for the period July 1, 1992 to December 31, 1992. The contribution should be paid from the Township Firefighting Fund, which is the exclusive fund used by a township for the payment of costs attributable to providing fire protection.

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Damage extensive in blaze

By STEVE WHITE
Indiana News Editor

A house on Graham Road was nearly destroyed by a fire yesterday afternoon.

Madison Township and Rykers Ridge volunteer fire companies along with the Jefferson Proving Ground fire department responded to the blaze at the home of Martin Howard.

Robert Black, fire chief of the Madison Township Volunteer Fire Company, said they received the alarm at 2:49 p.m. and were on the scene at 2:57 p.m. to find the house engulfed in flames.

Firefighters moved to knock down the main body of the blaze and then moved around the house to get the hot spots. Because the stairway inside the house was destroyed by the fire, firemen had

to fight the blaze in the upper portion of the 1 1/2-story frame home from ladders.

Tankers from all three fire companies shuttled water to the scene from a hydrant at Madison Mobile Homes to battle the stubborn blaze that had a good start.

Firefighters were on the scene until after 7 p.m. to do a thorough check of the house to make sure there were no hot spots that could rekindle the fire.

Black said no one was at home at the time of the blaze, and it was reported by a neighbor, Rodney Clubb. The house was "pretty well destroyed" by the fire, but firefighters were able to save a few valuables. The cause of the blaze was still under investigation this morning, but it is believed to have started in the center of the house.

Madison Township and Rykers Ridge each sent three pieces of firefighting apparatus to the scene, while JPG sent two.

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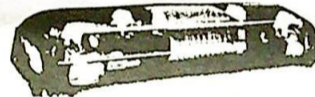
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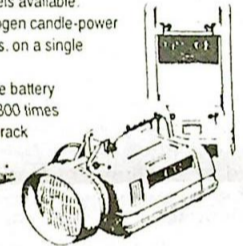
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Carr Twp. Volunteer Fire Department Training Exercise



Carr Twp. SCBA Training.



Carr Twp. Training Session.

On Sunday, September 19, 1992 Carr Twp Volunteer Fire Department burned an abandoned house in Medora for "Live Burn" training for its members.

Training instructor Zach Sobern obtained permits from the local and state agencies, and permission from residents living within 500 feet of the building in order to burn the house.

Members met at the scene at 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning the 19th, to spend a full day of training on search and rescue, ventilation, forceable entry, size up, ladders, pump operations, SCBA and live burns.

Fire scene safety officers Danny Wessel and Andy Lockman spent the first hours of the day describing to the members what would be accomplished during the day, how this would be accomplished and what the safety

officers role would be.

The department has several new members that have never been in a building that was smoke filled or actually on fire. "This was great experience for them to get the feeling of an actual fire." Chief Dave Freeman explains, "Even the veteran members got fired up."

Carr Twp Volunteer Fire Department is located in the southwestern corner of Jackson County in southern Indiana.

The department has 20 State Certified Firefighters and of the 20, 5 are Certified EMT's and 6 are State Approved First Responders.

The department responds to fire, medical and other emergency situations in Carr Township and surrounding communities.

Dave Freeman

Knox County Firefighters Attending First of Its Kind Haz-Mat Class

By Eric K. Dreiman
Firefighters from the Vincennes, Vincennes Township, and Steen Township fire departments are participating in a first of its kind hazardous materials class.

The class is designed to bring the firefighter up to technician and specialist levels. The course was started on December 5 and runs through March 27, with class being held on every Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The class is being sponsored by Ivy Tech of Evansville, with Vincennes Township being the host department.

The instructors for the course are all from the Evansville area. They are members of various haz-mat Teams including the Alcoa, Evansville and Scott Township

Haz-mat teams. Twenty-one students are currently enrolled in the class.

In the four months the class will be conducted, each student is allowed to miss only one class. All sessions involving skills are required. An 80% average on all quizzes and tests must be maintained throughout the course. Failure to fulfill any one of these requirements will result in immediate dismissal from class.

This course is a first of its kind in not only the state, but also in the nation.

This class is the first in the state to combine the technician and specialist levels together. This class is also recognized on the national level by Oklahoma State University and its fire service program. Representatives from Oklahoma State University will be attending various class sessions to administer tests to the students.

Vincennes Township is the only department attending the class with a pre-existing haz-mat team. The Vincennes Fire Department is considering the formation of a haz-mat team; concepts for this team are still in

the early stages.

The Steen Township Fire Department has one representative attending the class. He will help with haz-mat operations that his department may be involved with in the future.

The Vincennes Township Fire Department is in the process of purchasing a new haz-mat truck/command vehicle as well as new equipment such as various suits and computer equipment. This new equipment will be used in identifying and confirming chemicals.

It is the eventual hope of the firefighters and their departments to be able to work together more effectively on hazardous materials incidents in Knox County. Vincennes Township already has a mutual aid in part with the Evansville Fire Departments Hazardous Materials Team.

Upon the completion of this class, the firefighters will be much more equipped with knowledge and equipment to make a haz-mat incidents easier to control and maintain.

IVFA Officer Candidates '93-'94 Term Of Office

Election to be held at French Lick during the annual convention on June 10-13, 1993.

The nominating committee appointed by President Parish in November of 1992, consisting of James Parker, Ivan Nevil and Lawrence Swartz, have selected the following people as a slate of officers to be nominated for the upcoming election: President - Willie "Mitch" Parish, Vice President - Richard Glant, Treasurer - Harold "Gene" Stofer, Secretary - Lee Kissel, Recording Secretary - John Davies, Chaplain - Charles Baker, Sergeant-at-Arms - Bill Bush.

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Northwest - William Howe, Northeast - William Kinsey, West

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We are please to present these fine members to you for election to the respective offices. However, if you as members, wish to nominate someone other than the above, you may do so on the convention floor during the election process. Join in the convention and help direct your association.

We salute Duane Lantz for his years of faithful service to the association. His guiding hand and comforting words have touched each and every one of us

and will always be remembered as he declined the nomination for chaplain this year.

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