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'Electrical' Likely Cause of Blaze in Brownstown

Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1996

Cause of the fire which destroyed a Brownstown apartment complex early Thursday morning, December 21, is still undetermined, but Brownstown Fire Chief Jim Renaker said it may have been electrical.

"It started in the area between the roofs and got into the void between the flat roof and the builtup roof," Renaker explained. "The Fire Marshal said it looked like accidental electrical."

Damage has been estimated at \$175,000.

The fire at 1311 W. Commerce St. in Brownstown was reported about 11:55 p.m. by the owner, LaVonne "Bonnie" Scott Brown, who lives in a house just west of the apartment building where the blaze started.

"My husband and I were asleep when the doorbell rang," said Brown. "I thought it was someone who had locked themselves out, but it was Marty Allman. He said there was a fire and I told him to hurry and get my car out of the garage. He came back and said he couldn't get to it."

Allman, who lived in the end apartment next to the garage where Brown kept her car, reported had just gone across the street to the service station to get something to drink. As he turned around to go back, he heard a "crack and a pop" and saw the building in flames. The fire was so intense he was not able to get back into his apartment. After waking Brown, Allman and Brownstown Police Officer Tom Wright knocked on the doors of the other apartments.

"Half of the tenants work at night, and I didn't know if they were home or not," Brown said. "It looked like our house was going to burn too. My husband, Frank had just got out of the hospital, and I was afraid he'd be trapped. A man in a pickup pulled up close to the house and let Frank sit in his truck with the heater on for about an hour. I owe him a big thank you."

Luckily, the wind changed, and the Browns' home sustained only minor damage to the vinyl siding, but the apartments and Ramona's Hair Salon could not be saved.

Mrs. Brown and her late husband, Ralph Scott, had converted the building to one-bedroom apartments about 45 years ago, she said. Before that, it had been a Nash Rambler dealership and Allis Chalmers farm implement



Banner photo by Larry Morris

AUTHORITIES have ruled Thursday's fire at this aptment complex on U.S. 50 (W. Commerce St.) in Brownstown was due to accidental electrical malfunction in the open attic area above the garage on the west end of the facility. Damage was estimated at \$175,000 from the early-morning fire that roared through the ceiling portion of the building to engulf the unit. Brownstown police and sheriff's units were on the scene for several hours to control traffic in the area of U.S. 50 and St. Rd. 135, and firefighters remained on the scene for about 10 hours.

store. Scott Sales and Service, now located at 221 W. Commerce St., is owned and operated by their son, Larry Scott.

"It will all have to just be leveled--it's a terrible mess," said Brown. "Now we're ready to start all over again or quit, but I hate to

quit that way."

Firefighters from Brownstown, Grassy Fork, and Carr Townships had the fire under control by

about 3 a.m., according to Brownstown Assistant Fire Chief Andy Fountain. A full crew stayed until 9 a.m. to keep an eye on hot spots or fire pockets. Two Brownstown crew members, David Roll and John Sweeny, stayed most of the day to assist the Fire Marshal in his investigation.

Also assisting at the scene were law enforcement officers from Brownstown, Medora, the Sheriff's department, and the Indiana State Police. "They were a big help with traffic control," said Fountain. "We had to close U.S. 50 and St. Road 135 for two hours or so." Street department workers sanded the highway and put up barricades.

No one was injured in the blaze, but one tenant reportedly was treated for smoke inhalation.

Chief Renaker said weather conditions hampered the firemen's efforts. "The cold and the ice made everything slick. It made it hard to move fast -- you were afraid of falling every time you took a step."

There was little firemen could do but attempt to contain the blaze. "It had a real good start before we were called," Renaker said.

(Another picture on page 17).

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Icy plunge and rescue Snowmobiler falls through Pine Lake ice and survives

A Springfield Township man is in good condition and good spirits today after spending about 15 minutes in the icy waters of Pine Lake Wednesday night.

"I didn't think I was going to make it," said Anthony Smith, 28, in a telephone interview from his LaPorte Hospital bed. "It was the worst. All I could think about was my three kids."

Smith, of 3955W CR-900N, Michigan City, suffered hypothermia, heartbeat irregularity and fluid retention in the lungs, he

said. When he arrived by ambulance at the hospital, his body temperature was down to 92 degrees.

Smith was snowmobiling on South Pine Lake with his brother and a friend when the unexpected happened. The three were riding separate snowmobiles, following the tracks of others, when Smith took a turn a little wide, he said.

The turn propelled him onto just-frozen ice covered with a thin layer of snow, and he and the snowmobile plunged into the

frigid waters at about 6:25 p.m.

"I came up (above water) and I kept trying to grab on the ice to get out of the water. But the ice kept breaking," Smith said.

Smith had his doubts he would live through the experience. What he didn't know was that the Scott family, at 350 Grayson Rd. on the Island, had seen his icy plunge and called 911.

"I was looking out the window of my dad's home when I saw him go through," Craig Scott's daughter, Jenny Gearheart, said.

Smith estimates he was in the water for about 10 minutes before anyone started rescue attempts.

Family members swung into

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From the President



Richard Glant

I trust everyone had a great holiday season. So now back to business at hand.

With great cooperation from Tom Hinkle and Lee Kissell our central office is now open and conducting business. The address is 1 Capital Ave. The telephone number is 1-800-692-9458. The Secretary, Tom Hinkle also has an 800 telephone which is 1-800-465-6050.

Some of the legislation we hope to introduce, Removal of license plate fee, A bill to raise the gasoline and clothing allowance from \$75.00, to a minimum of \$100.00. And a bill to clarify Mutual Aid Agreement.

There will probably not be much on gaming legislation, due to a study committee to be formed this summer to hopefully straighten out some of this legislation.

And as of right now PSTI has in effect been disbanded, and many questions remain as to the status of the programs they were operating and how they will be handled.

It seems to me, they should put it back in the Fire Marshal's office, but I'm only one opinion.

We also need to be getting our reservations in for 1996 Convention. This is our 50th year, and it should be a great one. Plan to attend!!

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Deadline for the May Newspaper is April 10, 1996.

Please get those articles to us on or before the deadline.

Robert Laney,
Editor

Chaplain's Corner



Charles J. Baker

Today's Prayer

Heavenly Father,
God of all of us, Your love never ends. When everything else fails, You still are God. We pray to You for one another in our need, and for all anywhere, who mourn this day.

To those who doubt, give reassurance; to those who are weak, strength; to all who have sinned, give mercy; to all who sorrow, peace.

Keep true in us the love with which we hold one another. In all our ways we trust the One who created us and pray for guidance and direction in our lives.

Amen

The Picnic

Nearly 1,300 showed up for the inaugural Fire and Emergency Services Appreciation Picnic last July, so the Indiana Fire Services Institute board of directors has scheduled this year's picnic for July 14th at the same location in Wayne Township, Indianapolis.

Volunteers are needed for all facets of this operation. Please call the Bakers at our toll free number 1-800-433-5664 (long distance) or Indianapolis local 243-2211 if you would be willing to help. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated!

Minute Message

Daughter Kathleen gave her father a nice gift in December entitled *God's Treasury of Virtues*, a 460 page volume published by Honor Books of Tulsa. The outline of the book is taken from Paul's letter to the church in Galatia. In Chapter 5 we read: "When the Holy Spirit controls our lives, he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." (Living Bible Translation)

Each of those objectives became a chapter in *God's Treasury of Virtues* and form the basis for daily or periodic inspirational reading. From time-to-time, we hope to be able to share some thoughts from the publication. Let's share one now.

Renown Christian, Dwight L. Moody, many years ago wrote this comment:

"The fruit of the Spirit begins with love. There are nine graces spoken of, and of these nine Paul puts love at the head of the list: love is the first thing, the first in that precious cluster of fruit. Someone has said that all the other eight can be put in terms of love. Joy is love exulting; peace is love in repose; long-suffering is love in trial; gentleness is love in society; goodness is love in action; faith is love on a battlefield; meekness is love at school; and temperance is love in training. So it is love all the way; love at the top, love at the bottom, and all the way along down this list of graces. If we only just brought forth the fruit of the Spirit, what a world we would have! Men would have no desire to do evil."

Until next time, love one another!

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Application time is drawing near. If you are applying, the application must be in the State Association's Secretary's office by March 1, 1996. Firefighters, sons and daughters of firefighters who are members of the IVFA, don't delay. Applications are available from District Chairmen or any elected officer of the IVFA. I would also be happy to send you an application.

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Duane D. Lantz

Scripture—Acts Chapter 11
Versus 24-26

For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith, and much people was added unto the Lord.

Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul:

And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch, and it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

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The title "Christian" is a fallen term. It has been cheapened by common usage. It is now a sort of Mother Hubbard expression which covers a multitude of religious ideas, error as well as truth, paganism as well as the revelation of God's divine truth. This term "Christian" has been stretched to the extent that it covers rationalistic modernism on one hand and a frothy sentimentalism on the other. It is ascribed to that which in some instances is

gross worldliness and in other instances to that which is anything short of self-righteousness. The term Christian is used to describe that which is coldly ritualistic, and also that which is nothing more than heated emotionalism. Is it possible that Christianity is failing to make a distinctive impact due to our failure to understand what it means to be a Christian?

Some apply the term Christian to all who have high moral standards and at the same time believe in the existence of God, others because they are members of a church, still others who claimed this title because they have had a conversion experience. Ideally, they have the right to do so. However, the great test comes in what others think of our witness. When they see us and our lives, are they able to call us Christian? Do they see the evidences of the presence of Christ in our lives? If so, only then should we apply or claim this title for ourselves.

Let us all take a moment to say a special prayer for the fallen men who have passed away lately. I had 4 memorials in this area, 2 older retired men, Ed Gliński, and Peter Portebic, and 2 younger men who both passed away with heart attacks. Daniel Brownfield, age 42 was found at home, and David Harness, also in his 40's who was at the scene of an accident, a very dedicated member of the Hanna Fire Dept.

Prayer:

Dear Lord, as we go about our daily lives let us not forget the families of these men. Let them find some peace in knowing that You are there and will hear their prayers. Amen

As we all begin a new year, let us remember that our new year begins anytime we come to Jesus in repentance and willingly

receive his forgiveness. Let us make this new year a time of rededication, a time of setting our bearings, of getting our focus. There is nothing more important for us to do in 1996 than to follow Jesus who calls us to live, pray, trust and obey. Love, prayer and trust are the foundation upon which a life of obedience is built. After the glory of Christmas, we are called to follow Him who is the Messiah of God, our Savior.

Valentine's day will soon be here. Remember fellas, get that sweetheart of yours a special one. Let her know that you care, and on Sunday take her to church. You'll like it.

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Cut threatened to rural fire program

The National Volunteer Fire Council has issued a warning that Congress is about to drastically cut the funding for Rural Community Fire Protection program.

A news release from the council says that the House of Representatives has recommended funding for the program of one million, while the Senate has recommended three million. Indications are that a joint conference committee will reconcile the different figures.

"Without any outside influence," the council reports, "the Conference Committee will likely take the median of the two figures, leaving this program with \$2 million for fiscal year 1996. This is well short of the \$3.4 million in President Clinton's proposed budget for 1996."

Over the past 22 years the program has made available \$3.5 million annually for grants to rural fire departments. More than 95% of these dollars go to volunteer departments through state forestry agencies.

In 1994, there were \$24 million in requests competing for the \$3.5 million in available funds.

The council has initiated a national fax and phone campaign to the Conference Committee members, urging them to maintain the program's funding.

For a list of the conference committee members and their fax and phone numbers, contact The council's national office at 202-887-5700.

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District Meetings

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DISTRICT 5

November 9, 1995
 Bremen Fire Dept., Bremen, IN Meeting was called to order by Chairman Kissinger at 7:25 p.m. The Pledge to the flag followed.
 Roll Call was taken with 19 members representing 10 depts. present.
 Guests present included Richard Glant, IVFA President; Bill Kinsey, IVFA Public Relations NE and Kenny Johnson, Hoosier Fire Equipment.
 Minutes of the previous meeting held at Noble North Fire Department were read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS: Chairman Kissinger and President Glant reported on the quarterly meeting and the new rules concerning games at the convention. Major changes have been made to the previous rules by the games committee.

It was reported by Chairman Kissinger that Midwest Awards are to be handed in by the quarterly meeting in February.

The Fire Service picnic has been tentatively set for July 14, 1996 at the same location as in 1995.

President Glant reported on the Fire Service Institute Dinner which will be held on January 21, 1996 in Indianapolis. Cost is \$100.

President Glant and Bill Kinsey reported on the last quarterly officers meeting in which a telemarketing group had approached the Association with a proposal on fund raising. The IVFA would be guaranteed a minimum of \$75,000. The 5th District, by voice vote instructed Chairman Kissinger to vote for this proposal at the next quarterly officers meeting.

President Glant gave a legislative update on just a few of the bills to be presented for passage. Car & clothing allowance is being proposed for change to \$100. each. Also, a State Mutual Aid bill is being proposed which would help in Federal Death Benefit payments.

Chairman Kissinger reminded those present that IVFA Miss Flame contestant applications needed to be in soon for it to be acted on at the January meeting.

Bill Kinsey reported on the federal ruling of career firefighters also being on volunteer departments. Also mentioned that after the first of the year, the IVFA would have an office for the secretary in Tim Downey's office in Indianapolis.

The next meeting was called for at North Webster Fire Dept. on January 11, 1996.

With no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Refreshments were served by the host department.

DISTRICT 9A

November 30, 1995 - Young America

Following dinner, the meeting was called to order by Chairman, Charlie Cline at 8:00 p.m. The Invocation was given by Duane Lantz. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and the minutes were read and approved.

Chairman Cline extended congratulations to Isadore Davis of Royal Center for receiving the Fireman Of The Year Award in Logansport. He was honored for 43 years of fire service.

The roll was taken and 13 departments responded with 171 runs. There were 36 members present and 5 guests. The guests were Linda Baker, Chaplain's Office; Past Presidents, Mitch Parish and Lawrence Swartz; Ivan Nevil from PSTI; Buz Koehler, District 9B Chairman; Bill Howe PRNW and Larry Hamby, Deputy State Fire Marshal.

Linda Baker extended Holiday Greetings from herself and Charles Baker, State Chaplain.

Lawrence Swartz reported that the phone number for the IVFA Central Office in Indianapolis will be 1-800-692-9458 after the first of the year. The State Secretary's number is 1-800-465-6050.

He also stated that the IVFA is in need of more revenue and rather than raise dues, a telemarketing company had been investigated to solicit funds statewide. Mitch Parish said that the operation looked suitable and he recommended a one year try with a guaranteed income of \$75,000. After discussion, Chairman Cline asked for a vote. Passed.

Bill Howe reported on new legislation and bills being re-introduced in the State House. He said that the 1996 Fire and Emergency Services picnic is tentatively set for July 14, 1996. The 1996 convention will be in Merrillville.

Ivan Nevil spoke on the restructuring of the Public Service Training Institute. It is now under the State Fire Marshal's Office. Current certifications earned will not be lost and new opportunities for nation-wide certifications will be offered by March 1996.

Chairman Cline asked Max King and Ralph Spangle to contact District 9A departments for Midwest Award candidates.

Larry Hamby presented a program on the many services offered by the State Fire Marshal's Office for HazMat incidents. He also went over the functions of the Local Emergency Planning Commissions of every county.

The next meeting is January 25, 1996, at Burlington.

Submitted by
 Dee Mauntel, Secretary.

DISTRICTS 1,2

October 18, 1995, Lowell
 The meeting was called to order at 7:48 p.m. by District 2 Chairman Larry Stott with Pledge to the Flag by PRNW Bill Howe.

Guests Included: Past-President Mitch Parrish; District 2 Auxiliary Chairwoman Anne Moss; District 1 & 2 Treasurer Clarence Moss; Roger Johnsen, Elkhart Brass; Jim Seneczko, Drager; Myron Smith, Gold Card Member; Lowell Clerk Treasurer, Marcia Carlson; Councilman, John Gray; Councilman, Bill Dunn; Councilman, Sam Oliverio.
 Department History: Given by Lowell Chief Dale Smith.

Roll Call: District 1-22 members / 9 departments. District 2-56 members / 10 departments.

Program: Duane Gettler and Steve Razinsky Arson Investigation Dog "Mischief"

Minutes: Read and Accepted.

Communications: Mitch Parrish with the "Learn Not to Burn" program still available from the State Fire Marshal's Office - Bridgeport Scholarship nominees due by March 1st, 1996.

PRNW Bill Howe - Train the Trainer November 18 and 19 in Washington Twp. Critical Incident

Debriefing available from the State Police. Contact Lowell Post. St. John November 14th, Convention meeting. November 5th centerpieces being made for the convention. Need volunteers, contact Betsy Howe.

Treasurer's Report was given.
 Old Business: Will vote on OSHA 4-man rule at November meeting. Motion made and seconded to raise an additional \$10 increase for IVFA plates to offset costs and to help with federal legislation-Motion defeated.

New Business: A moment of silence for departed Ainsworth-Deep River Fireman John Gruel.

Good to the order: Liberty Twp., Nov. 4 Chili Supper; Merr., Oct. 28th Chili Supper; Four Season, Oct. 29th Pancake Breakfast; Lake Dale, Oct. 28th Dance; New Chicago, Nov. 18th Chili Supper.

Raffle Prizes: Drager Hat, Randy Small, Lowell; Drager Light, Bill A. Howe, Schererville; Drager Shirt, John Webb, Lake Dale.

Currier & Ives Prints, Ray Monaldi, Lowell; Bill Dunn, Lowell; Jack Eskridge, Lowell.

Spanner Wrenches, Jack Eskridge, Lowell.
 50/50 Winner: James Lampa Lowell \$80.

Attendance Trophies: District 1, Merrillville, District 2, Lake Dale.

Adjourned at 9:06 p.m.
 District 2 Secretary
 Lu Anne Thomas-Reibly

DISTRICT 15

The November 21, 1995 meeting was held at Marrs Township Fire Department.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wargel at 19:30 hours, followed by the Pledge to the flag.

Chaplain Barbara Kerney gave a reading on "Giving Thanks".

Roll call was answered by 10 members and 6 departments.

Chairman Wargel introduced guest Tom Hinkle of the Sellersburgh Fire Department. He is an investigator for the Fire Marshal's Office and is State

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At the September meeting of District 9B, presentation of a Life Time Member Card went to Mr. Carl Cochrane of the Goodland Fire Department.

Carl Cochrane joined the department in 1942 serving as the department's treasurer and as secretary of the department from 1968 to 1973.

Carl retired from active fire duty in January of 1985. We congratulate Carl on his service and dedication to his community and the fire service.

Buz Koehler, Dist 9B Chairman



At the September District 9B meeting the Midwest Award was presented to Mr. Bill Rosenbarger, Chief of the Fowler Fire Department.

Bill began his fire service career in March of 1964. He has served as chief of the department for 28 years. In his 31 years of service he has made 1,076 fire calls out of a possible 1,188. Bill has been active in the IVFA and is a member of the International Fire Chief's Association.

We congratulate Bill on his service and dedication to his community and the fire service as well as on receiving the Midwest Award for 1995.

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DISTRICT 15

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Secretary for the IVFA.

Secretary Kerney distributed the minutes of the September meeting. Barbara Kerney made a motion to accept the minutes as distributed, seconded by Harry Logan.

Treasurer Kerney gave the treasurer's report. A motion was made by Bruce Bauer to accept the treasurer's report and seconded by John Speer.

There was no old business to discuss.

State Secretary Hinkle stated that the IVFA now has a permanent office at 1 Capital Avenue in Indianapolis. The office is located in the office of T.R. Downey Agency. It is on a 6 month trial basis to test its effectiveness and cost at 3,000.00 per month. There will be a secretary at the office during business hours to answer the phone and any questions. The phone number is 1-800-692-9458.

IVFA scholarship applications can be obtained from Chairman Wargel or PR Jack Kerney. The IVFA gives out 2 (two) \$1500.00 scholarships each year.

The 812 Fire Instructors meeting will be held at the Signature Inn in Evansville on January 27-28, 1996. The 812 Association is looking to be divided into two sections, a Southwest section and a Southeast section divided by Hwy. 37.

The Indiana Fire and Emergency Services Dinner will be held January 21, 1996 at the Adams Mart Hotel in Indianapolis.

The Public Services Training Institute is being reorganized with the dismissal of Bill Segrave, Dan Lee, and Brian Leggett. All PSTI Academies will report directly to the directors of their respective disciplines. The Fire Academy, along with certifications, will now be under the direction of Fire Marshal Boatwright. The EMS Academy, along with certifications, will be under the direction of Deputy Director Mike Garvey.

Discussion was held on a District 15 Fire School. Some of the classes suggested would be fire officer training. These classes would be geared to firefighters wishing to continue as a fire officer. Chairman Wargel will contact Vincennes University for the help on arranging these classes. Chairman Wargel stated that if departments would contact Barbara Kerney, she would advertise them in the newsletter, and will put them on the pager network.

Miss Flame Chairman Barbara Kerney stated she needed all Miss Flame contestants registered with her by January 2, 1996. Judging will be held at our next meeting.

Chairman Wargel asked for the department reports: Ft. Branch had 3 house fires, a double fatality car/train accident, and a 1 fatality vehicle accident. Marris Township reported this

October has been the busiest in fire department history.

Perry Township has responded to 486 runs to date.

Mt. Vernon Fire and Rescue has put into service a 2,000 gal. tanker and a new brush truck.

Posey County has ordered their 911 phone system.

A motion was made by Bruce Bauer to adjourn the meeting Seconded by Steve Anderson.

Jack Kerney, Secretary

DISTRICT 11A

We held our last meeting Nov. 18th at Honey Creek Fire House.

We discussed the Mutual Aid Bill, also the clothing allowance bill and the license plate bill, which will be reintroduced again. We also talked about having a joint convention with other fire services to improve attendance at the convention.

We talked about the Fire Service Instructor Dinner and voted to buy one ticket which was given away from a drawing.

We have had quite a bit of snow around. The area and a lot of schools have been closed. There is still a lot of snow on the ground and streets.

We are going to have our next meeting at Sandcut Fire Dept. Jan. 21, 1996.

We will also have our Miss Flame contest.

We would like to thank Mitch & Jean Parish for coming to our district meeting. He always has a lot of information.

Will close for now.

Hope to see you at our next meeting.

Bob Hays, Chairman

DISTRICT 11B

The November meeting was held Nov. 12, 1995 at 1:00 P.M. in Reelsville with 5 departments and 21 men present. A delicious turkey dinner was served by the host department.

During the business meeting much discussion of the Phone soliciting by the IVFA was held with not anyone in favor of it. Also discussed the License Plate application blank fee.

In other business we discussed the upcoming Legislative session and some of the bills we are watching or supporting. The Fire Caucus Dinner was mentioned and the district decided to send one person from our group. Jack Giles of the Reelsville Department was selected to go.

Our next meeting will be Jan. 14, 1996 at the St. Bernice Fire Department.

Other important dates coming in the near future are: MISS FLAME DANCE - Feb. 17, 1996 at the Half Century Club in Clinton IN from 9:00 to 12:00 P.M.; next District Meeting is Mar. 10, 1996 at Madison Twp. Fire Dept.; Lyford VFD Firehouse dedication Mar. 17, 1996 12 noon.

Submitted,
Larry Bartlow

DISTRICT 5

January 11, 1996

North Webster Fire Dept.

Meeting was called to order at 1935 hours by Chairman Don Kissinger, with the Pledge to the flag following.

Roll Call: 16 members representing 7 departments.

Guest: Richard Glant, IVFA President.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary Kent Trickle and approved.

Communication: Chairman Kissinger reported on two bills before the house concerning rail road crossings and civil rights.

Miss Flame contestant was suppose to attend the meeting but bad weather kept her away. Nicole Barden will represent the 5th district this year at the convention. The 5th district wishes her the best of luck.

Good of the Order: Questions were raised about the telemarketing group who was going to do a fundraiser for the association and when it was to start. Chairman Kissinger reported that the association had not acted on it yet.

President Glant mentioned that the central office in Indianapolis was up and running and could be reached at 1-800-692-9458. Said Tammy would be able to answer your questions and help you in any way possible. Also mentioned that Secretary Tom Hinkle had a phone installed in his home and it was 1-800-465-6050.

Several departments had reported receiving their forms for the license plates.

As a reminder, the Fire Service dinner will be in Indianapolis January 21, 1996 and the fifty year anniversary of the IVFA will take place at this year's convention in Merrillville.

The next meeting will be at Claypool Fire Dept. on March 14, 1996.

With no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned at 2020 hours. Refreshments were served by the host department.

DISTRICTS 1,2

Districts 1 & 2 have been working very hard to make your stay in Merrillville this year a very enjoyable one. The committees have a schedule that starts Wednesday, June 19th, through the games on Saturday, June 22, which will conclude our 50th Annual Meeting.

The Convention Committee has again held the cost of registration to \$35 before June 1st and \$50 thereafter. The motel cost will be \$71/night with one (1) night deposited either by credit card or check to the convention committee. All reservations must be made through the committee before May 19, 1996. Rooms that are not reserved by the date will be released to the hotel and the rates will be higher. If you use a credit card for your registration and hotel, the registration will be charged to your account within 60 days, though the hotel will not charge you until the day of arrival.

The committee has secured camp sites that are approximately 12 miles from the convention center. These sites are also being held until May 19, and to secure a site you need to fill out the form and mail it with your check to the Convention Committee. The committee has put all necessary forms for you to register and reserve a motel or campsite in the paper (page 6). We would appreciate it if you would use them early to prevent "I FORGOT" and to avoid the last minute rush.

As the annual meetings will

have a considerable amount of business, we ask that you help us keep to our schedule, so that everything will go as planned.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation, and we hope that

you enjoy the 50th Annual Meeting in June.

Your Co-Chairmen
William H. Howe
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They will also be available for Thursday 6:00 pm to 2:00 am for \$20.00 per Room/Family. Friday 10:00 pm to 2:00 am the cost will be \$10.00 per Room/Family.

This will free mothers and fathers to party and relax even if they wish to bring their children. If you feel you may be using this service, please drop a line to the Convention Committee to help us plan how many sitters we need to have on hand.

IVFA Convention '96: P.O. Box 369, Schererville, IN 46375
Shelley Vaught, Convention Committee
Children's Party Chairman

ATTENTION: MISS FLAME CONTESTANTS

Miss Flame applications and pictures are due March 10, 1996. Districts have you selected your contestant to represent you at the convention at Merrillville in June? If not, you had better hurry. Please send applications and 2 black and white photos to me at the following address: Eula Bush, R.R. 1, Box 33, Dana, IN 47847.

Contestants and parents you will be receiving correspondence from me sometime in April and again in May. You will be receiving dress guidelines and a convention schedule. We must remember, however, that we must be somewhat flexible since sometimes schedules have to be changed.

The one thing that Miss Flame contestants must do is to see that their parents/chaperones make hotel (or camping) reservations right away. The contestants will stay in the same room with the parents/chaperones. Get a reservation form from your District Chairman or call me and I will send one to you. Fill out and across the top in big letters write "MISS FLAME CONTESTANT".

I would also like to remind the parents/chaperones that they are responsible for the own Convention registration. The Miss Flames' registration is provided. Remember, you can per-register until June 1 for \$35.00 each, but after that date the cost is \$50.00 each. You can use the form provided in this paper or get one from your District Chairman.

If anyone has any questions concerning the Miss Flame Contest at convention, you may call me at 317-665-3213.

Eula Bush, Chairman
Miss Flame Committee

Convention '96 Bulletin

We need to know how many of you attending the '96 Convention would be interested in a riverboat cruise on Thursday night. If you are interested, please indicate this when you send in your reservations.

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Phyllis Vargo

Dear Members and Friends,
 Hope everyone had a great holiday season, it sure was fun with those three grandsons.
 Districts 1 & 2 are working very hard to make this convention a great one. If you are planning on joining us for the 50th Anniversary, please make sure you make your registration and reservation just as soon as possible, space at convention headquarters will be filling up fast.
 Just a few reminders, don't forget to nominate someone from your auxiliary for the Lois Boaz Award. Get your district Miss Flame entry to Eula Bush as soon as possible. Attend your district and auxiliary meetings, without your input your district chairman can't make your wishes known on the state level. Always feel free to call on any of your state officers. We are all here to help you. We might not have the answer, but we will sure try to find one for you.
 Have a safe and healthy next few months. Spring is just around the corner. Think warm.

DISTRICT 11A

Hello Everyone,
 As I sit here writing, another year has slipped away. Hope all of you had pleasant holidays. District 11A met at Honey Creek firehouse in November. Although out attendance was small, we did have something to take away from our meeting. Joann Hays showed us how to make a pumpkin from a dryer hose. They were even spray painted orange, looked just like a pumpkin. Everyone got to take theirs home. These demonstrations make it worthwhile to come and see what we do. I would like to attend any of our auxiliaries but I need to be asked. Of course, if the weather is bad, I won't drive anywhere in those conditions.
 Our next meeting will be at Otter Creek #2 Sandcut Fire Station Jan. 21. We will crown our Miss Flame. We would like to see a good turnout to support the girls. Remember one of these girls will be representing our district at convention in June.
 Food for Thought: If you have tried to do something and failed, you are vastly better off than if you had tried to do nothing and succeeded.
 See you at our next meeting.
 Helen Michl, Chairman

DISTRICTS 1,2

November 2, 1995
 Meeting was called to order by Dollie Komoscar. Prayer and Pledge was given before refreshments.
 Roll call was read by Sec. Kathy Jens along with minutes. Treasurer's report was given by Ann Moss.
 No sick or disable.
 Department announcements were given.
 Department history was given

by Schererville Aux. President.
 Old Business: Dollie reminded everyone, By-Laws changes need to be in 60 days before convention.
 Dollie also reminded everyone about the outstanding auxiliary members for '96 to mention this at your next auxiliary meeting.
 Lois Boaz Awards must be postmarked by April 1, '96 for convention. Ann Moss has tie tac, charms & state patches for sale.
 Next convention meeting will be in St. John, Nov. 14, 1995. After Dec. all convention meetings will be held at the Radisson Center.
 Dollie introduced Bill Howe and had him speak on what's going on with convention and who's in charge of what.
 M & W need volunteers to help with the cleaning and putting on base coat on ceramic centerpieces for the convention. Bill urges anyone that can help, please do. We want to make this convention special. The date for that volunteer help is November 6 at 7 p.m. at M & W, Broad Street, Griffith.
 Ann Moss has the Bridgeport fireman forms for the children if anyone needs one.
 The American Legions are collecting craft items to be later given to Heinz Vet Hospital to help out those in need. Also save your pop can tabs & Scott UPC codes for Ronald McDonald House. Bring them to our next meeting.
 Dollie introduce judges for Miss Flame contest.
 The girls running for Miss Flame District 1: Sara Rogina, Alisha Vaight; District 2: Eileen Scubeled, Karine Huys.
 Winner #1 Alisha Vaight
 Winner #2 Karina Huys
 New Business: Crown Point won the trophy 3 times in a row. Asked if they wanted a plaque or the trophy. They said plaque.
 Munster won for District #1.
 Adjourned 9:05 pm.
 Dollie Komoscar, Dist. 1
 Ann Moss, Dist. 2

DISTRICT 3

The November 15, 1995 meeting was called to order by Chairman Leona Uryga at the Springfield VFD. Prayer by Chaplin Carolyn McCarty was offered. The minutes were approved as read. The Treasurer's report was given.
 Lauri Enochs made a motion, seconded by Carolyn McCarty, to pay Diana Rudynski \$12.40 for postal stamps.
 Roll call was answered by Coolspring, Kingsbury, Kingsford-Union, Michiana Shores, Noble, Scipio and Springfield. And individuals from LaCrosse.
 Guest from LaCrosse were Paul McHoney and Jim Hall, and from Kingsbury Ed Leonard.
 Leona gave Springfield their Doe Doll Plaque. Attendance Plaque goes to Michiana Shores.
 Carolyn McCarty suggest having a raffle for the Miss Flame.

Shirley Hall made the motion seconded by Lauri Enochs.
 The fundraiser monies were won by Paul MaHoney \$7.75, Dorothy Moffitt \$7.75, Treasury \$15.50.
 Miss Flame 1st Brenna Lenard, Kingsbury; 2nd Shannon MaHoney, LaCrosse and 3rd Rebecca Rudynski, Kingsford-Union.
 Miss Flame judges were Wanda Jones, Elsie Burnes, and Lacinda Browning.
 Motion to adjourn was made by Agnes Battleday and Frieda Kroening.
 Respectfully Submitted,
 Diana Rudynski, Secretary

IVFAA Chaplain



Joann Hays

Well the holiday is over. Pray you all had a nice holiday and safe one.
 We have really had some rough weather down here (around dist. 11A and 11B) and those south of us.
 We need to think about those who are on the East Coast and pray for them. They have lost so many loved ones through the cold and snow.
 Surely spring isn't too far away and we will want to thank God for the new season as it will change and once again bring us those beautiful spring flowers and the green grass. And too, maybe more people will feel a lot better and have better health.
 God is always there for our needs. We don't always understand, but there is a reason for all seasons.
 Also I pray for all and He does take care of us in mysterious ways.
 Lord make me so sensitive to the needs of those around me.
 That I never fail to know
 When they're hurting or afraid or when they're simply crying out for someone's touch to ease their loneliness. Let me love so much that my first thought is of others and my last thought is of me.
 "Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ."
 Gal. 6:2
 Take care everyone and bless all of you. Be very careful during the bad winter months.
 Love & Prayer



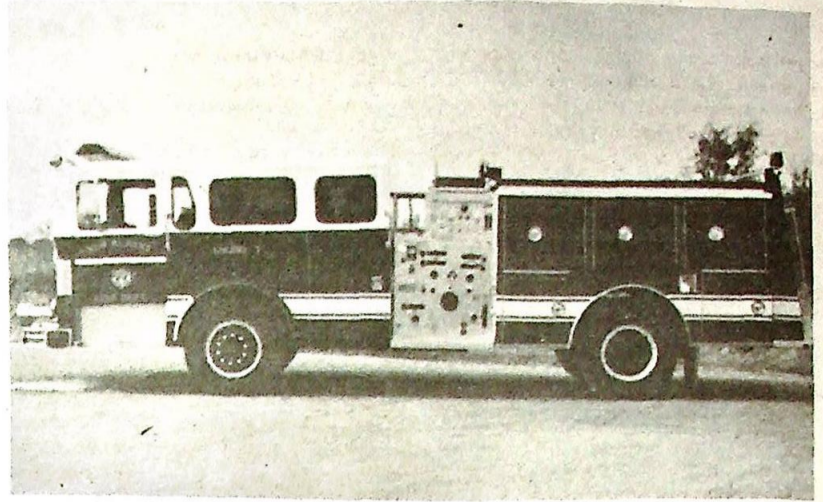
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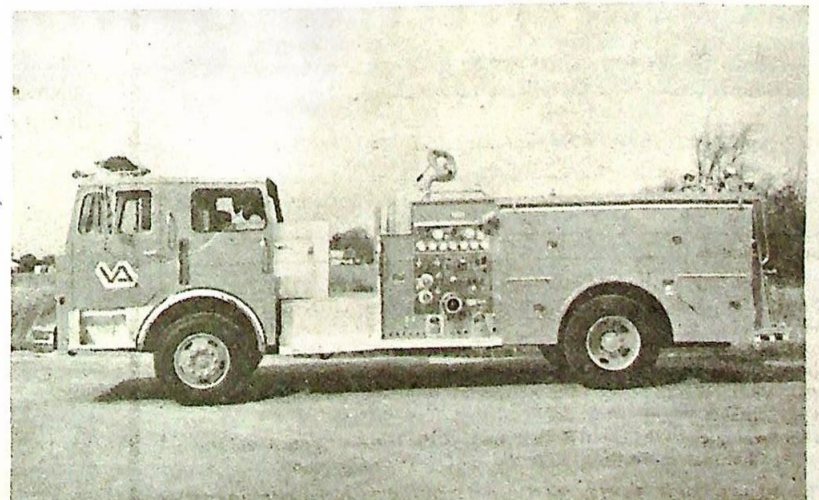
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MISS FLAME GUIDELINES 1996

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, qualification, and score sheets dated 01/93.

The State Miss Flame and First Runner-up are selected from District Miss Flame winners (one of each district). District winners' applications along with two black and white photos will be sent to the Miss Flame Committee Chairman by March 10. The girls selected will be representing the 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 Wednesday evening, and the judging and luncheon on Thursday. The final judging and crowning will be held on Thursday evening. ALL GIRLS will be expected to attend the men's and women's meetings, Memorial Service, and banquet on Friday. They will sell doe doll tickets on Saturday morning at the waterball games, and ride in the parade on Saturday afternoon (if there is one).

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 be 15 years old, but not more than 18 at the time of the IVFA 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. Department 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 Thurs. evening.
14. Winner and Runner-up will be announced at the ceremonies of opening meeting on Thurs. evening.
15. IVFAA will furnish appropriate District designation ribbons which will be presented to the District winners prior to the judging on Thurs. 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, trophy 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.

New Regulations State Games Committee

The IVFA men's and women's state games committee met, recently, and adopted new regulations and guide-lines for games during our annual convention. The following will be implemented at the next convention.

Women may participate on men's teams as long as they are current members of the IVFAA.

All participants in games must be a member in good standing of the IVFA.

All participants in games must be 18 years of age.

At least one member of each team shall attend the business meeting during convention.

If there are more than 16 teams entered in Waterball, we will have single elimination.

All participants on men's waterball teams must wear standard firemen's coat, firemen's boots and firemen's helmet. No alteration to coat or boot's will be allowed. Womens gear per National Rules. Entries should be in hands of games committee no later than June 1. No entries will be accepted after opening joint meeting of convention.

Drawing will be held after joint meeting and will be closed to all but committee members. Team entry fee's will be \$20.00 per team, per contest. Team member's not registered for convention will be required to pay \$15.00 registration fee to participate in games.

Team captains responsible for verification of IVFA membership and convention registration.

Committee members in attendance at meeting Al Mendal, Virginia Wilson, Mike Engle, Toni Sorg, Mike Mackin, E.J. Smith.

Blaze damages Westville home

WESTVILLE—A home sustained extensive damage but there were no injuries during a fire Saturday afternoon.

The blaze in the single-story ranch home at 0646 S. Wozniak Road caught fire between the ceiling and roof. Westville and Coolspring Township firefighters were able to contain the fire, but the home still sustained extensive water and smoke damage, said Westville Fire Chief Jim Ingram. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

The home's owner, Charles Whitehead, told county police he left the house for about an hour, and found firefighters at the scene when he returned. He estimated the damage at \$50,000.

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Trailer fire leaves 4 homeless

WANATAH—A fire that began in the living room of a mobile home Monday left a woman and her three children homeless.

The fire began about 4 p.m. and caused minor damage to the trailer before it was extinguished at about 6:30 p.m. Although the trailer is fixable, its occupant, Karen Marcel, has neither insurance nor the money to fix the mobile home, said Larry Rust, Cass-Clinton Township fire chief.

"We were able to save the structure," Rust said.

There were no injuries and the cause of the fire was ruled accidental. The Hanna Fire Department helped fight the fire.

Rust said he asked the Red Cross to assist the family with clothes and shelter. The mobile home is located at 11606W CR1200S.

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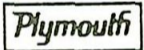
Entry form, two black and white photos must be forwarded to the address below by the District Chairman no later than March 10. Also, please include the consent form. (The paper is published in April so must have everything mailed to me in order to get in the paper.)

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 mails the form to the "Miss Flame" Chairman.

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IVFAA STATE OFFICERS MEETING

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President, Phyllis Vargo called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., by asking Chaplain Joann Hayes to have a word of prayer. Following was Sgt.-of-Arms, Miriam Schaeckel, leading us in the Pledge to the Flag.

Recording Secretary, Faye Sallee, gave the roll call, with 20 officers and 4 guests present. She followed with the minutes from the last meeting. Barbara Parker made the motion to refrain from reading the district reports and Miriam Schaeckel seconded it. Motion carried. The minutes were approved as read.

Joann Hayes asked Phyllis if she would like to step out and pose for some pictures? She had her "Shorts" on, just like IVFA President, Richard Glant. It caused quite a bit of laughter and Joann took several pictures. After all, it will be placed in the office downtown!!!

In the absence of Treasurer, Dorothy Reiter, Toni Sorg gave the financial report.

Corresponding Secretary, Diana Gray, read a note from Dorothy Reiter, letting us know why she was not at the meeting. We missed her, but we are sure she deserved the vacation to Texas.

Diane asked everyone if they were receiving their letters O.K.? Some were not, but they are not being returned, so we are not sure what is happening to them. If you have a change of address, please notify us.

Phyllis asked if anyone received the Presidents letter, as to the change of meeting place. It had the address and phone number to make reservations. It will be at the Ramada Inn at #465 and Emerson Ave. The phone number is 317-787-3344. Our meeting will be the first weekend of February. **MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!!!**

Phyllis said she had received a letter from Laura Burkes, District 6, and she was having some problems. She ask Mary Mackin if she would like to contact her, and see what help she needed.

We have a new District 19 Chairman, Beth Caudill of Brookville. Welcome!! We are glad to have you join us. Her address is 15120 Lucas Rd. Zip code 47012. Her phone number is 317-647-3483. Make a note in your books.

Barbara Kerney asked if it would be all right to combine District 18 with District 15. Phyllis said she did not see a problem, at least we could keep their membership, and it will keep them involved.

Membership, Faye Sallee, said we now have 89 auxiliaries, 966 members, and 48 individuals with a total of 1014. We have some new auxiliaries and some that have come back. But we still need to work on increasing our membership.

Chaplain, Joann Hayes, said she has her Protestant Bibles with her if anyone needed one. She replaced 1 Protestant and 1 Catholic Bible. She said we had 2 deaths (Dist. 11A and Dist. 10) and she sent 1 Get Well card. She mentioned that Judy Hildebrand was having some tough times right now and maybe we could drop her a line and let her know we are thinking of her.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Auditing—Maxine Davies, said the Miss Flame books were audited and were O.K. That concludes the audits for this year.

Games— Toni Sorg, read the rules for the games to be held at convention. They will appear in the IVFA paper also.

Installation—Barbara Parker, says she guessed they will be O.K.

Financial—Maxine Davies, said everything is fine. They will have a report after the Feb. meeting.

Miss Flame— Eula Bush, said she only had 2 applications and one of them needed to be signed. She is still trying to find a new supplier for the ribbons.

We had a guest, IVFA President Richard Glant. He asked for just a "BRIEF" moment. Everyone broke out in laughter. He was not sure just why, until Phyllis stepped out from behind the podium. He turned red for a minute and then said "I always manage to put my foot in my mouth". But he just wanted to say that the hotel was bending over backwards to accommodate us this time. He also explained the move to the other location, and hoped that it would be nice and more accepting to us.

COMMITTEE REPORT CONTINUED:

Miriam Schaeckel made a motion that we pre-approve \$300.00 to Eula for the Miss Flame expenses, so she does not have to wait until after convention. Joann seconded it. Motion carried.

Doe Doll—Lou Bartlow, said a lady from Farmersburg is going to make the doll for us. It may be an Indian Doll, as they are real popular now. This lady has made dolls for quite a while, and will have displays at Wal-mart and at Disney World in Florida. Lou is going to go look at them and she will have a doll by the Feb. meeting. Dollie Komoscar was going to find out about the tickets, but she was not present at the meeting.

By-Laws—Dollie Komoscar, was not present.

The other By-Law Committee (that is working on re-vamping the books) needs our manila envelopes that all the officers have, so they can have the duties that are performed by each. Please get them to Lou.

Jewelry—Mary Mackin, showed us the size of the charm and the picture of the logo. It will be real nice. She will have them for the Feb. meeting.

Nominating—Edie Zimmer, not present.

Historian—Carolyn McCarty, not present.

Presidents Advisory—Toni Sorg said Phyllis was looking fine in her "BOXERS".

Lois Boaz—Miriam Schaeckel said to get your letters in. Their are lots of deserving women out there. Joann said the plaques are ordered.

Parliamentarian—Virginia Wilson, said it was O.K.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lucy Stofer said she found some old slides from Convention '80 in Ft. Wayne. She wanted to know if they wanted them. Toni said she would take them. Lucy will get them to her.

NEW BUSINESS:

Barbara Parker said they had gone on a trip to an old barn, which a fellow had fixed up and where he had many old rebuilt and refurbished pianos and organs. He gives about 1 to 2 hour program, which she said was very interesting. She wanted to know, if she could get it arranged,

would we interested in going there at our May meeting, on Saturday afternoon? They said for her to check and also see about bus transportation. She will let us know at the Feb. meeting.

Bill Howe came in to talk to us about Convention '96. He is trying to see about getting the gambling boat arranged for us on Thursday night. It will be at our own expense. There will be a party on Wed. night at the Twp. park. Bus transportation will be provided. A tentative schedule will be in the paper. He also explained, that because of a lack of communication the rooms for Saturday night would be \$84.00 instead of the discounted price of \$71.00. He said they were having a large group coming in on Sat. that was going to need a lot of the rooms. But, he said if we had reservations, he felt we would be able to stay, but the price will be different. He said we could be lucky, and they would just bill us a straight \$71.00 when we checked out. If so, don't worry about it!!

Schererville Auxiliary will sponsor the Coffee Clutch for us. It will cost them approximately \$800.00. We will send them a Thank You note.

Joann Hayes said she will do the ditty bags for the Miss Flames this year. Thanks Joann!!!

Phyllis said the ditty bags for convention was going to be real nice this year. They are working real hard to have nice things in them.

District Reports:

Barbara Parker made the motion not to read them and Ann Moss seconded it. Motion carried.

Phyllis thanked Toni and District 7 for the nice party on Saturday evening. We decorated little Christmas trees and wreaths. Wanda Johnson said she would have the party on Saturday evening in Feb. So come early and see what she has in store for us. We have a great time!!!

Wanda Johnson made the motion we adjourn and Barbara Parker seconded it. Joann closed with a word of prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Gray, Corr. Sec.

DISTRICT REPORTS

DISTRICT 6:

Met at Coesse in Whitley County on September 21, with 9 members from 4 departments and 1 guest. Convention was discussed. Our Miss Flame has become engaged, and a bridal shower was decided on at our March meeting. Election of officers was held with no change in officers.

Next meeting will be held on Sunday, November 19, at 3:30 p.m. with a \$5.00 Christmas exchange.

DISTRICT 11A:

Met at Fowler Park for their annual picnic in September. It was a pretty day for such a gathering. Joann Hayes fixed covered wagons for our centerpieces. We had a big pot of beans, cooked over an open fire by our firemen. Of course, everyone brought covered dishes. We never want for food at these get-togethers. Although, we would like to have had more people attend.

We talked about things we were doing in our departments.

Our next meeting will be at Henry Creek firehouse, Nov. 19th at 1:00 p.m. We are asking anyone wanting to demonstrate something to please do so.

DISTRICT 11B:

We held our annual picnic in September at Raccoon State Park. All Miss Flames and recipients of awards had been sent a special invitation and several were present. We had all of usual picnic fun and lots of good food.

Election of officers was held as follows: Eula Bush, Chairman; Barbara Benskin, Vice Pres.; Lou Bartlow, Sec/Treas.; Maxine Davies and Brenda Harvey as Co-Chaplains.

The Dana Firemen's Auxiliary celebrated their 25th Anniversary with an open house on October 29th. It was very nice.

The fire department had purchased pins for each auxiliary member and the Auxiliary presented the department with a check for \$5000. to be used toward their new rescue van.

The next district meeting will be at Reelsville on November 12, 1995. The Miss Flame Dance will be February 17, 1996. Please mark your calendars.

DISTRICT 12:

Meeting was held August 14th at the Ryan's Steak House on Laff Rd. It was hosted by Shirley Crouch, Wayne Twp. After a wonderful meal, the meeting was called to order with 9 members and 2 guests present.

We also talked about Convention '95, who won Miss Flame, Doe Doll and Fire Dog that was raffled.

By-law change was discussed. Christmas kits for Riley research were turned in to Barbara Webb.

Convention '96 was discussed along with T-shirts and charm.

Miss Flame fundraiser was discussed and was to be taken back to the auxiliaries.

Sharon Bray is donating the flowers for our District 12 Miss Flame for '96.

Each auxiliary was ask about their IVFAA dues and are all being taken care of.

The members discussed what they think they should be getting for their \$2.50 dues each year.

Next meeting at the Steak and Ale. Hosted by Lawrence Auxiliary, November 13, with Christmas exchange (\$5.00).

DISTRICT 11B

Wow, where did '95 go? We must have been on a really fast roller coaster to make it go that fast!

I hope your holidays were very happy and that you are looking forward to a safe and prosperous 1996.

And what about all of the snow we have had already this winter? In our area we have matched the average snowfall already. When the snow melts here, we will have a major flood.

I trust that all auxiliaries have paid their 1995-96 dues and are making plans to go to Merrillville in June for convention. Now is a good time to send in your registration and reservations.

Also send in your letters for the Lois Boaz, Mr IVFA and Ollie Sandburg awards. I believe the due date for these is March 1st.

This district is having our Miss Flame dance on February 17 at the Half Century Club in Clinton. The Road Rambler Band will be providing the music from 9:00 to 12:00. The money earned will help defray convention expenses of the Miss Flame candidate chosen that night.

If there is anyone reading this that belongs to a firemen's auxiliary that doesn't belong to the IVFAA or anyone who doesn't belong to the fireman's auxiliary but would like to, give me a call. I would like to tell you how to form a fireman's auxiliary and belong to the IVFAA. Even though you think you are doing fine without it, let's talk about it. My address and phone number are in another part of the paper, but so you will know right now, call 317-665-3213. If you get that "darned answering machine", please don't hang up. Leave me a message and I will call you back "on my dime".

Please try to attend your district meetings. Our next District 11B meeting will be at Madison Twp. on March 10 at 1:00 pm. The May meeting will be held in the evening at Fairview on Wednesday, May 8 at 7:00 pm. Our first evening meeting held last year was pretty successful, so we decided to try it again.


Well, I am tired of thinking and writing and you are tired of reading. Check in the next issue for more to come!

Eula Bush, Chairman

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Hall Named Pershing Township Firefighter of the Year



Left to Right: Greg Sutton, President; Michael Hall, Firefighter of the Year; Richard Blaker, Fire Chief.

Michael Hall has been named 1995 Firefighter of the Year by Pershing Township Fire Department. Hall was presented a plaque in honor of his contributions at the department's annual awards dinner on December 30th.

"This award is special because it is given by the firefighters themselves," said fire department President, Greg Sutton.

"Mike certainly deserves our gratitude," commented Chief Richard Blaker. "He has made a significant contribution of time and talent in only a year as a firefighter."

Hall joined the all volunteer

fire department based in Freetown in January 1995. He has completed requirements for certification as a Second Class Firefighter and is scheduled to attend First Class training with the Jackson County Fire Academy. He is a member of the department's Ways and Means Committee and participated with the July 4th Celebration. Hall is a graduate of Medora High School and is employed with Cummins Engine Company. He lives in rural Pershing Township with his wife Robin and children Travis and Cody.

Pershing Township VFD

Icy Plunge and rescue

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action. Craig Scott and his son Andrew got a rope and ventured as far as they dared on the ice trying to get it to him. But Smith was between 200 and 300 feet from shore and near a 60 by 60 foot patch of open water, making rescue difficult.

Meanwhile, Smith's brother and friend circled back looking for him, nearly driving onto the thin ice themselves.

Ira Mills, LaPorte County Emergency Medical Service Executive Director, put down his dinner fork and headed for the lake from his Johnson Road home when he heard the call on the scanner.

The first to arrive, Mills made the decision to attempt the rescue before other emergency workers arrived when Smith stopped calling for help and became less active in the water.

With the help of Andrew, 20, Mills got into the ice rescue suit kept in the trunk of his county-owned vehicle, then started out across the ice.

"Ira Mills came out there, dove into the freezing water and rescued me," Smith said. "Out of nowhere comes this angel."

Mills is more modest. "I fell through the ice," he said.

As he was crawling along the ice, it broke, and he had no choice but to swim the 30 yards to Smith with the rescue line, being held on the other end at the shoreline by the Scotts and on solid ice by a fisherman and Smith's brother.

"It was a grueling effort just to get there," Mills said, adding that he had to break the thin ice as he swam.

Meanwhile, Center Township firefighter and ice rescue specialist Jack Ott made his way onto the ice, and helped Mills pull the freezing man to safety.

"He said he only had two or three minutes of fight left in him," Mills said of Smith.

The entire rescue took six minutes, Center Township Volunteer Fire Department Chief Mike Turner said.

Praise all around

"Everybody was totally professional, from saving me to fixing me up," Smith said.

Smith had nothing but praise for everyone who helped him, especially Mills.

Mills attributes his success to training and the help he received from the Scotts, especially Andrew, who "made it all connect," Mills said. Andrew carried Mills' equipment from the car to the lake, helped him suit up, then held the lifeline.

The rescue would have gone the same had someone else arrived first, Mills said.

Warning

"There should be signs out there that say 'danger zone' or something," Smith said.

Happy to be alive, he is concerned about others' safety.

So is Turner.

"The lake is dangerous, especially this time of the year," Turner said. "Please don't believe the lake is solid. Be very careful out there."

The spot where Smith fell in is one of the last to freeze through every winter, Turner said. Springs and varying lake depths cause the lake to freeze at different times, and that means trouble, he said. Waterfowl also keep the area open longer.

Last winter, three water rescues were made on Pine Lake.

Lucky

"I'm the luckiest man alive Smith said.

Although the snowmobile cost him \$2,500 and Wednesday night's ride was only the third, Smith isn't worried about the cost.

"I don't think I'll be riding on the ice anymore," he said.

The LaPorte Herald Argus Thursday, Dec. 28, 1995.

Marshal's Memo

December, 1995

Well, it seems like every time I turn around it's time to do another memo. I know I just finished

with the Thanksgiving issue, and now Ivan tells me it's time for the Christmas newsletter.

I don't have a lot to pass on to you all, but you could help us with something. It has come to our attention that we do not have the correct information on all of the fire chiefs out there. As fire chiefs rotate, retire, get demoted, or promoted we need to know who's out there. Please help us by ensuring that we have the proper name, address and phone number of the chief of your department on file.

The new fire code is moving along; it has been sent for publi-

cation in the January Indiana Register, with the public hearing in February. Based on that schedule, I anticipate that the 1996 Indiana Fire and Building Code will be final in May or June 1996.

Also, regarding the proposed new firefighter certification rules, we are looking for publication in January or February 1996, with the public hearing the following month; it should not be too much longer before this new certification process is on line.

We are also going to institute a couple of new programs that we feel will benefit all of us in the fire service. First of all, we are work-

ing on putting together a new monthly report, nothing extensive, just a one pager that you could use to provide us with some much needed information. Also look for a new program geared toward helping you on arson fires. It's called "FRISK", and it's something that should be very helpful to medium to small departments on arson fires.

Well, I'll wind this up for now. Please be careful out there and have a joyous and wonderful holiday season. I'll talk with you in January.

M. Tracy Boatwright

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JANUARY 1996

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Fire Cadets an Asset to the Community



*Pictured Back Row, (L-R): Michelle Markovich, Tim Saco, Aaron Brown, Jason Krampen, Jason Gikas, Robert Allen, Tim McBride, Brad Zupan, Troy Hall and Beth Sines.
Front Row, (L-R): Advisors, Evert Vanderuliet, Ed Krumrie, Joe McBride, Shannon Christensen and Clarence Moss.*

As a proud member of the Lakes of the Four Seasons Volunteer Fire Department, I feel it is important for the community to know how much of an asset the Fire Cadet Program is to the fire department and community.

As a graduate from the cadet program and currently a responding firefighter, I feel that the program is an elite group of young men and women striving to improve themselves along with aiding the community and the fire department. No other club or youth organization could benefit the community as much as this Explorer Fire Cadet Program.

They aid the fire department by helping with tedious tasks of

maintaining expensive equipment and assisting firefighters by cleaning tools and other helpful work after lengthy fire calls, which reduces stress and fatigue for the firefighters and EMTs. The cadets also aid by learning required standards by training for emergency responses and basic first aid.

A lot of credit goes to the training staff, especially six-year veteran firefighter Joseph McBride. He spends endless hours planning trainings and other events in which the cadets can participate.

Other important training personnel include the following: Chief Engineer, Clarence Moss;

Captain, David Semplinski; Advisor, Edward Krumrie; Firefighters, Shannon Christensen and Evert Vandervliet.

With these young men and women training for emergency situations, it will benefit the community even more when they are of age to join the elite emergency response team, known to you as your Lakes of the Four Seasons VFD.

On behalf of myself, firefighter Troy Thomas, and the LOFS firefighters/EMTs, thank you very much cadets, and keep up the good work.

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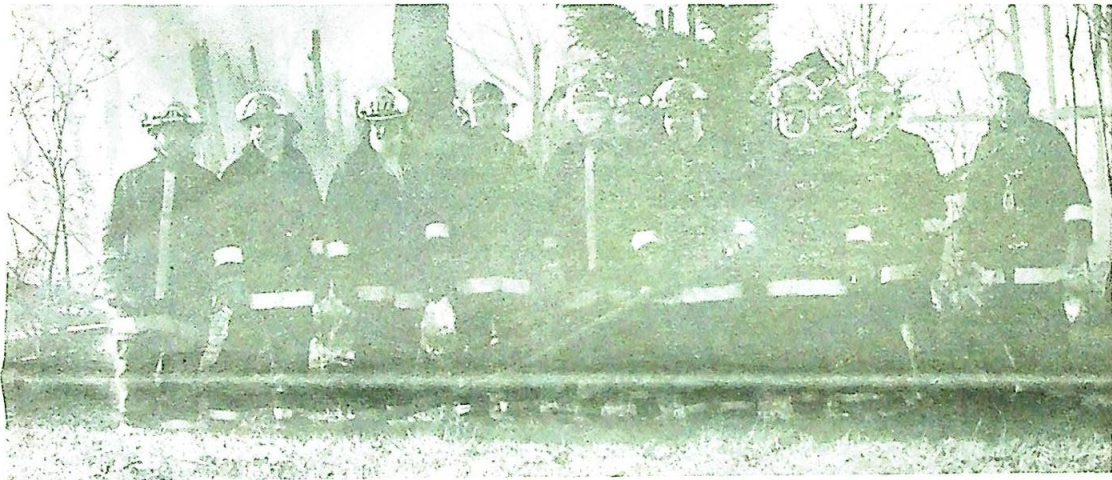
Honoring a fallen volunteer firefighter



By Jim Hale, separations by Terry Olsen, Staff

At Hanna Cemetery on Wednesday, firefighters and other area emergency personnel salute as the coffin of volunteer firefighter David Harness is carried to the burial site after his funeral at Hanna United Methodist Church. In front are Rev. Mark Bules (left) and Duane Lantz, Assistant State Chaplain for Indiana Volunteer Firefighters. Harness died of a heart attack as he was responding to a highway accident Sunday evening.

Gaston Fire Department 24 Hour Training Class



24 Hour training class with other members of the Gaston Fire Department. (L-R) Doran Counett, 24 Hour class graduate; Kevin Conner, Fireman; Mike Delany, Fire Chief; Mike Dobbs, 1st Asst. Fire Chief; Don Shafer, 24 Hour class graduate; Kevin Glaze, Training Officer; Jeff Bookout, 24 Hour class graduate; Ted Delaney, Fireman; Ted Dobles, Fireman. The training program was timed to end with the burning of a vacant house that the owner wanted removed. Picture taken by David LePoris, 24 Hour class graduate.



Gaston Volunteer Fire Department had an opportunity to burn a house down for the property owner. It also was the final stage of a 24 hour training class. Photo taken by David LePoris.

Fire truck lease in 'spirit of fellowship'

By Irene Siveus
Truth Correspondent
South Bend — One fire department's leftovers are another's bread and butter.

The old '68 International tanker truck at Penn South was doing nothing but taking up needed space. It was recently replaced by a new rig and efforts to sell the aging vehicle through firefighter publications had prove fruitless.

Then one day, Penn South Chief Rocco Kryski and Township Safety Administrator, Gene Goddard were indulging in a little shoptalk with Centre Township Fire Chief, Tom Hertel. Centre Township's tanker had just blown an engine, complained Hertel. Between diagnosis, estimate gathering and appropriation hunting, it looked like the township would go without a tanker for quite some time.

"Well, so Gene and Rocko must have put their heads together because a few days later they came to me and said, 'We think we can help you out', recalls Hertel. "I don't know exactly how they did it, but they worked out a lease agreement where we would pay \$1 a year to lease the truck."

According to Penn Township Trustee Joseph Ganser, transferring the piece of equipment to the department where it could do the most good was just common sense. "We hadn't gotten much response when we tried to sell it, so this way, we can help out another township and increase the spirit of fellowship between these departments," said Ganser.

Penn Township will retain ownership of the truck and will receive any proceeds if it is ever sold, but the tanker now sports Centre Township decals and will be housed in the township's fire station at Kern Road and U.S. 31 for the foreseeable future.

"I think that's how we need to work together," says Hertel.

Public Relations Northwest



Bill Howe

Fellow Firefighters:

With the new year upon us, it is time for the February issue of our paper. I hope that everyone had a safe and Happy Holiday Season and that you all have a very prosperous new year.

The Northwest has been very busy with the different department functions to raise money for day to day operations in addition to attending training sessions. I would like to congratulate those firefighters who spend their time and often their money to further their training.

As most of you are aware, the new year starts the Instructors Assn. Schools around the state. These classes are very interesting and informative, so plan to attend one if at all possible. The Northwest/Duneland School will be held in March, so be sure to mark your calendars.

In closing, I would like to encourage you all to attend your district meetings. Your chairman tries to keep you informed of the latest events and tactics, the fire service issues, and there is usually a very good program.

With winter upon us, I hope that all of your emergencies are minor and that you are all very careful.

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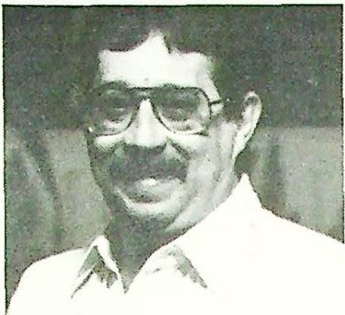
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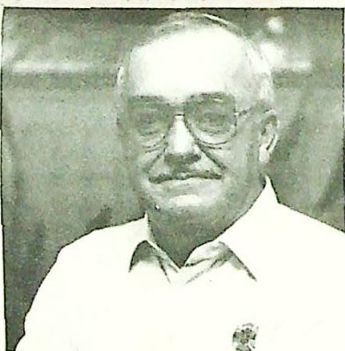
From the Vice President



Jack Zeeks

Happy New Year!!
 Carolyn and I hope everyone throughout the state all had a safe and Happy Holiday Season. I hope everyone got their letters sent in for the different awards, i.e. Mr. IVFA, Ollie Sandberg, Midwest Award. Does every district have a Miss Flame candidate?
 A friendly reminder, the Bridgeport Scholarship deadline is March 1st, in the hands of the State Secretary.
 Our new Fire School season is about to start. We all need to show our support to our State Fire School by attending them throughout the state.
 Districts 1 & 2 have really been working hard on our 50th Convention. Do you have your registrations and reservations sent in? We sure hope to see you there.

Public Relations East Central



Jack Cox

By the time you read this article, we should all have recovered from the "Blizzard of 96".
 Why does it have to snow during the East Central Emergency Services School? For the last two years we have battled bad weather during this event. Next year will be the third year for this school. They say, "third time charm". I certainly hope all students, instructors and staff members made it home safely.
 I have really enjoyed meeting so many of the firefighters in the East Central area. There are still some that I have not yet had the opportunity of getting acquainted with, but weather permitting, I hope to see you soon.
 All district chairmen need to get your Midwest Award winners to Vice President Zeeks by the February meeting. I would like to see all districts in the East Central area with a recipient for this award at Convention '96.
 Speaking of convention, have you made your reservations yet? You better hurry if you haven't, since I was told the convention hotel is nearly full.
 That's all for this issue. I would like to wish you and yours a very Happy and Healthy New Year.
 See you soon.

NOTICE Volunteer Fire Departments

NOTICE

January 8, 1996

Under IC 36-8-12-13 you are allowed to charge the owner of a vehicle that is involved in a fire, chemical spill, or fuel spill on a state or interstate highway.

In accordance with this law, the State Fire Marshal has established the following method of determining the total dollar value of the assistance provided by the fire department.

(1) For initial response with a fire engine, a fire truck, or a fire apparatus, including a hazardous material response unit, or a fire rescue unit dispatched on a fire or hazardous material incident, two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per response vehicle except command/control vehicle, which is one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per vehicle.

(2) For each hour or fraction thereof as on-scene assistance, one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per response unit and fifty dollars (\$50.00) per command/control vehicle.

(3) For expendable materials such as absorption materials, emulsifiers, or other agents used in cleanup operations, the actual replacement cost of those materials.

(4) For collection of debris, chemicals, fuel, or contaminated materials resulting from a spill, the actual cost of removal and disposal at an authorized location.

There are certain conditions that must be met in order for you to receive payment. Please read the attached law (IC 36-8-12-13) to know your rights and obligations.

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Charges; owners or persons responsible for vehicles involved in fire or spill on highway, failure to pay

Sec. 13. (a) A volunteer fire company may impose a charge on the owner of a vehicle or a responsible party that is involved in a hazardous material or fuel spill or chemical or hazardous material related fire (as defined in IC 13-6-2-5) on a public highway, including a highway that is part of the interstate system (IC 8-23-1-25):

(1) that is responded to by the volunteer fire company; and

(2) that members of that volunteer fire company assisted in extinguishing, containing, or cleaning up.

(b) The volunteer fire company shall bill the owner or responsible party of the vehicle for the total dollar value of the assistance that was provided, with that value determined by a method that the State Fire Marshal shall establish under IC 36-8-12-16. A copy of the fire incident report to the State Fire Marshal must accompany the bill. This billing must take place within thirty (30) days after the assistance was provided. The owner shall remit payment directly to the governmental unit providing the service. Any

money that is collected under this section may be:

(1) deposited in the township firefighting fund established in IC 36-8-13-4;

(2) used to pay principal and interest on a loan under IC 22-12-6.5; or

(3) used for the purchase of equipment, buildings, and property for firefighting, fire protection, and other emergency services.

(c) The volunteer fire company may maintain a civil action to recover an unpaid charge that is imposed under subsection (a). As added by P.L.316-1989, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.18-1990, SEC294; P.L.70-1995, SEC.8.

M. Tracy Boatwright
 State Fire Marshal

New Haven EMS has taken delivery of a second matching ambulance



NEW HAVEN EMS - Emergency 45 of New Haven, Indiana has recently taken delivery of a second matching Mobile Medical Type III ambulance.

The new ambulance is a 1995 Ford E-350 with a turbo diesel engine, ABS brakes and 164" patient care module. All stripping and lettering is Scotchlite reflective tape for added safety. Front scene lights have been installed to provide better lighting at the corners and front of the vehicle. Most compartments are inside-outside compartments for easy equipment access. The ambulance is also equipped with a child safety seat built into the attendant seat.

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Dana Volunteer Firemen's Auxiliary Celebrates 25th Anniversary



Pictured are those members who received commemorative silver pins from the department. They are, from l to r: Jo Doan, Madge Thorne, Ida Richardson, Frieda Lessing, Sandy Schroeder, Karen Rumpel, Janice Craft, Eula Bush, Shiela Adams, Tiny Farrington, Laurie Bush, Norma Hixon and Becky Benton. Brenda Harvey, not pictured, also received a pin.



Shown at the presentation of the \$5000 check are, from l to r: Lee Schroeder, firemen's President; Madge Thorne, Auxiliary Chaplain and Eula Bush, Auxiliary President.

Members of the Dana Volunteer Firemen's Auxiliary celebrated their 25th Anniversary with a Open House on Sunday, October 29, 1995. The celebration was held from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dana Fire House.

During the program, IVFA & IVFAA, officers, auxiliary, and fire department members were introduced. A memorial was held remembering the deceased firemen and auxiliary members. The fire department presented each of

Firefighters battle grain bin blaze

Dupont Volunteer Fire Co. members were battling a grain bin fire at presstime which was first discovered at 3:08 a.m. Nov. 7, 1995.

The grain bin was on the Scott-Del Farms, owned by Scott and Delbert Read in Dupont, according to Joe Schwab, a spokesman for the fire company.

He said Delbert Read discovered the fire smoldering in the grain.

"We've removed a large amount of good grain that wasn't burned," Schwab said. "With a grain bin fire, you don't just pour water in there; you have to remove grain until you get down to where the fire is."

He said the grain which was smoldering earlier finally burst into flames at about 7:30 a.m. Schwab said that as of late this morning, a total of 18,000 gallons of water had been applied to the burning grain.

He said three fire engines and 15 to 18 firemen have battled the fire since it was discovered. Schwab said he took hot coffee

and breakfast food to the scene for the firefighters at about 8 a.m., "and they were awfully glad to get it."

Schwab said no dollar estimate has been made on the loss by the Reads. No one had been injured.

Madison, IN Courier
District 14 - Nelson E. Ehlers

Hanover Twp. VFD, new brush truck

The Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Department recently took delivery on their new \$34,200 brush truck. The new 1995 Ford replaces a 1965 Chevrolet purchased 30 years ago. Fireman Bill Pettitt said the department expects lower maintenance costs on the truck, especially due to the new non-rusting water tank. The new truck, which can pump from nearly any water source from ponds to pools, was on display during the department's fish fry Sunday, Oct. 8, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Free pamphlets on wood stove safety and grease and kitchen fires were distributed to kick off Fire Prevention Week.

District 14 - Nelson E. Ehlers

the fourteen active auxiliary members with a specially designed pin commemorating the 25th Anniversary.

At the end of the program the auxiliary members presented the firemen with a check in the amount of \$5000 to go toward the purchase of a new rescue vehicle. Needless to say, the firemen were very pleased as well as surprised.

Beautifully decorated cakes were served with punch and coffee. The tables were decorated with live flowers. Everyone in attendance received a stoneware coffee cup. Several floral arrangements were received from the community.

It was a very memorable day that we will cherish. We owe our success to our community. The people are always there to support our organization and we will be there for them.

Photos courtesy of the Daily Clintonian, Mickey Moore-Johnson

Lyford's new firehouse becomes official 'home'

by Ryan DuVall

The new year brings about a lot of changes and, for the 23 members of the Lyford Volunteer Fire Department, that change was a good one as they moved into their new station on the corner of Sixth and Lafayette.

The move to the new four-bay facility became official on Jan. 2 after a slight delay from the original moving date of Dec. 26. A floor sealer arrived late—but Department President Clayton "Butch" Potts couldn't be happier.

"It was the support of the community that got us here," Potts said. "We couldn't have done it without them and all the local businesses have helped us out a lot."

The facility was paid for through generous donations, monies earned from the department's fish fry, spaghetti and bean dinners, and was partially financed.

Plans for the new facility were started in September of 1994. Construction on the new facility, done by Swinford Construction of Dana, began one year later in September of 1995.

Potts, who has been president of the department for one year, said everybody chipped in and did their best to make the station a reality.

"The whole department did their part," he said. "I don't want to pick anybody in particular out, the whole department has been behind this."

With the new 3,480 square foot building, the department will more than double its space from their old facility on U.S. 41 and will now have two handicapped-accessible restrooms and a 20-foot by 18-foot meeting room which will make business run a

lot smoother. Potts said the additional room will also provide patrons of the dinners and fund raisers to be a lot more comfortable.

"We'll have more room for people and people will be able to visit with each other a lot better," Potts said.

A grand opening is in the works for sometime in March and, once they get settled in, Potts said the department will look to obtain additional equipment and should be able to keep the two tankers, brush truck and pumper they currently own maintained a lot easier.

Hanna business sustains heavy damage

Firefighters from four departments extinguish the fire-collapsed roof of a portion of Huhnke Septic Tank Service, 202 W. West St., Hanna, Saturday morning.

A wood-burning stove located in the wooden portion of the structure is believed to have started the fire, Hanna Fire Chief Tony Wallace said. The fire was difficult to extinguish because it was between an old roof and a new roof, Wallace said. The fire was discovered by an off-duty Cass-Clinton volunteer firefighter at 9:38 a.m., and is believed to have done about \$20,000 in damage to the business, owned by Bonnie, Eugene and Ken Huhnke.

Two pole buildings attached to the wooden structure were not seriously damaged.

Hanna, Noble, Cass-Clinton and LaCrosse Volunteer Fire Departments responded.

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Pershing Township Awards Civilian Honor



Left to Right: Pershing Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. Vice President, Joe McDermid; President Greg Sutton; Mike Stewart, Award Winner, and Fire Chief, Richard Blaker.

Pershing Township Fire Department in Freetown has presented its first Civilian Valor Award to Michael Stewart. The award was given in a ceremony during the annual recognition dinner of the Jackson County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Making the presentation were President Greg Sutton, Fire Chief Richard Blaker, and Vice President Joe McDermid.

Stewart is credited with saving the life of Darrell Dearing a victim of a single vehicle accident in a remote area in northern Jackson County. The victim was found with serious fractures of both arms and the right femur. The patient's brachial artery was severed and a large quantity of blood was lost. Stewart quickly applied direct pressure to the artery and insured that someone dial 911.

"I have no doubt that the patient would have been in grave trouble by the time we could reach him," said Pershing Assistant Chief and EMT Rebecca Scott. "Mr Stewart saved Darrell's life."

Dearing recounted his experience for the audience. "I considered him at the time of the accident to be one of God's angels."

Pershing Township Fire Department provides emergency medical rescue in advance of Jackson County Ambulance service. The department serves Pershing Township Fire Protection District and responds into neighboring areas in mutual aid to other county agencies.

Pershing Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

Homewood blazes trail with female fire chief

Debra Jarvis, a veteran firefighter from Indiana, becomes one of four female fire chiefs in the nation.

By Lauri Harvey
Times Staff Writer

HOMWOOD - Nearly 20 years ago, men were telling Debra Jarvis that women could not be firefighters.

Soon, she'll be the one calling the shots at the fire house. She takes the position of fire chief at the Homewood Fire Department Dec. 18. The appointment makes her one of four female fire chiefs

in the nation.

"I would really rather no one noticed the female fire chief aspect of all of this," Jarvis said. "When I get to Homewood, I want to do a real good job and work with everyone there. I'm just afraid it might draw attention away from the job at hand, working with the firefighters and the community."

Jarvis, 42, said her interest in

firefighting began years ago when she was dating a volunteer firefighter and saw how excited he was about helping people.

"We would go out for dinner and he'd get called out on a run and I just sat in the car," Jarvis said. "He'd come back so excited about helping people and I decided I wanted to try that, too."

But local fire departments in the Indianapolis metropolitan region had different ideas. Despite Jarvis' willingness to serve as a volunteer firefighter, she was told she could not because she is a woman.

"It was so frustrating because I noticed they didn't have enough volunteers in the daytime and I knew I could do it then," Jarvis said. "I went to a meeting and asked, 'How can you turn down someone so willing to help?'"

Soon after, Jarvis was hired by Pike Township Fire Department as a volunteer. From there, she advanced up the ranks to the position of division chief of Education and Safety for the Lawrence Township Fire Department, where she worked until being named fire chief in Homewood.

"I saw the ad for the job this summer and later I was in the Chicago area with my husband for a meeting. While he was at his meeting, I went to the library and did some research," Jarvis said. "I was just real impressed with their department and wanted to try really hard for the job."

Homewood Village Manager Peter Hurst said Jarvis was selected as the top candidate of 36 applicants for the position from throughout the Midwest. Hurst said while he is pleased the hiring of a female fire chief has drawn positive attention, he insists gender did not play a role in the hiring.

"She was the number one choice based upon her knowledge and ability of the firefighting field," Hurst said. "It's nice aside that she's a female and I think it represents progress among women. There are many career doors open today that perhaps were traditionally open only to men, and I'm pleased that Homewood is assisting in changing that."

Jarvis will fill the position created by the hushed demotion of former fire chief Raymond Presnak earlier this year. Presnak was returned to the rank of lieutenant and replaced by acting fire chief Greg Knoll. The details of the move were never publicly discussed by village officials.

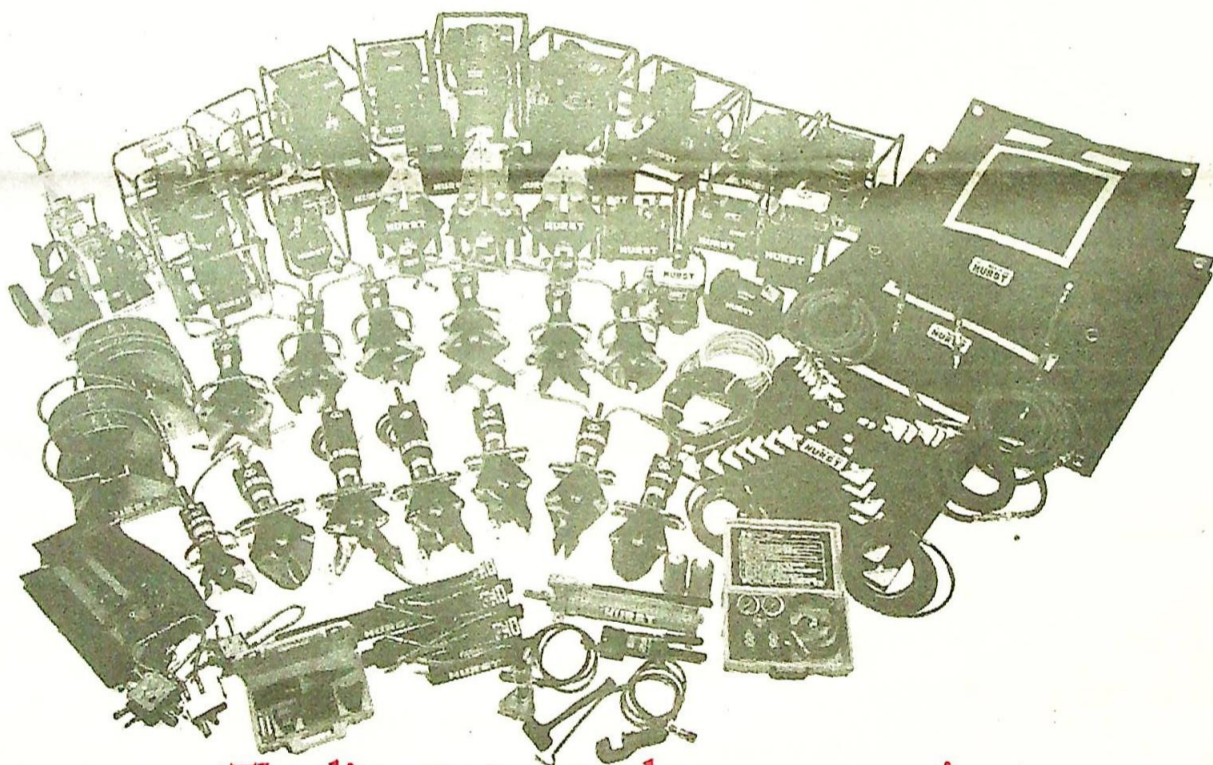
Despite the questionable reasons surrounding the creation of the opening in the fire chief's position, Jarvis said she sees only positive experiences ahead. She said she does not anticipate any resistance from Homewood firefighters to accepting a female fire chief.

"I've been doing this for 17 or 18 years, and anytime I've encountered that resistance, I've learned it doesn't last," Jarvis said. "Once they get to know you as a firefighter and get to know how you work, the gender issue doesn't really matter."

While she is somewhat leery of the attention her hiring is receiving, Jarvis said she does believe some good can come from it in providing a role model for young women.

"When I was growing up, I didn't know that what I'm doing now was an option," Jarvis said. "I take this very seriously, and I want women to know that this is possible. I've mentored both men and women in my career, but there is a special place in my heart for women."

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MARSHAL'S MEMO

January, 1996

Well, I trust everyone had a wonderful holiday season, I know I did, except that old Santa ran out of money.

There are a few things that I need to pass on to you because you may find them helpful.

In this mailing, is a fire academy questionnaire from Public Safety Training Institute and the Marshal's office. The purpose of this questionnaire is to have you give us information about your training needs, so that we can evaluate our training program. We are going to make every effort to get these questionnaires out to all of the fire service, and we're even putting pre-paid postage on them, so it will not cost you anything to mail it back. Please help us with this, it's very important. Also, we are going to try to publish the questionnaire in all fire service organizations' newsletters, so every firefighter will have

the opportunity to make us aware of exactly what your training needs are.

Also, we will soon be coming out with a new, expanded version of a monthly report. It's a new and improved monthly report that will help gather data from all over the state that will be a big help to all of us. If the mailing label that you receive on the new form needs correcting, please make all corrections in the space provided to the right of the label. We will then mail you a quarterly report with all of the information we've gathered. This should be a very helpful and informative document for all of us, so please try to help. This will in no way replace the NFIRS, so if you have been sending your NFIRS in, please continue; if you have not, please try to help us by sending them in. We are looking for ways to make fire reporting more user friendly for you all.

I want to mention a couple of other things. First, our Fire Chiefs Orientations are coming up in March. On March 2, 1996 we will be in Madison, on March 9, 1996

we will be in LaPaz, and on March 16, 1996 we will be in Terre Haute. We have been getting great turnouts for this since we made it three locations, North, South, and Central, so please try to attend. These are very informative for you new chiefs out there.

A Firefighter's Prayer

Give Me Concern
 A willingness to seek out those in need

Give Me Courage
 The boldness of spirit to face and conquer fear, to share and endure the ordeal of others in need

Give Me Strength
 Strength of heart, to bear whatever burden might be placed on me and strength of body to deliver safely all those placed in care.

Give Me Wisdom to Lead
 The compassion to comfort, and to love to serve, unselfishly wherever You take me

And Please Lord, Through It All, Be At My Side

'Electrical' Likely Cause of Blaze

In Brownstown (Picture From Article On Front Page)



FIREFIGHTERS fought a blaze at this apartment complex at U.S. 50 and St. Rd. 135 in Brownstown for several hours early Thursday, Dec. 21. Volunteer firemen from Brownstown, Carr Township, and Grassy Fork Township kept the fire from spreading to surrounding buildings and homes, but could not save the complex which was owned by LaVonne Scott Brown. The fire started on the western end of the building and rapidly spread through an open attic area. Intense heat from the fire melted vinyl siding on a home just west of the apartment and the front ends of at least two trucks which were parked outside one of the apartments. Firefighters remained on the scene through the morning hours Thursday, and the State Fire Marshal began his investigation into the cause of the blaze. (Banner photo by Larry Morris).

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The National Volunteer Fire Council offers free legislative information packets regarding FLSA and LOSAP.

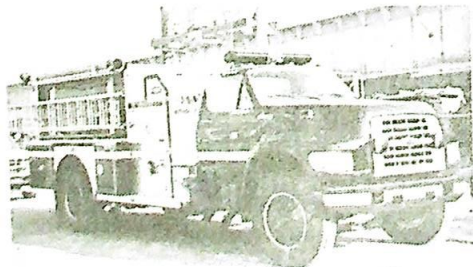
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Pictured are the DeKempers, l to r, Myron Joe, Chief; Morris, Assistant Chief; Tom, Sgt; and Terry, Chief.

On January 1, 1996, after more than 40 years of service, Assistant Fire Chief Morris J. Dekemper retired from the Dubois Volunteer Fire Department.

The seventy-six year old fireman joined the towns' "Fire Brigade" in the early fifties, and was instrumental in forming what is now the Dubois Vol. Fire Dept.

When Morris joined the department they had two pumps and a few sections of hose. They went from a 1927 Seagrave Pumper to a 1964 Chevy American Pumper, 500 GPM, to

the present 1994 Intenational five man cab, 1250GPM. The department also has two brush trucks and a 2000 gal tanker truck. A county ambulance is also stationed at the firehouse around the clock.

Not only did Morris do his part in helping get bigger and better equipment, he also saw the department go from 24 firemen to the present day 28 firemen, which includes 15 First Responders and 6 EMTs covering 187 square mile in 5 townships.

His dedication to the department not only made the commu-

nity take note, but also his family, because all of his children became firemen.

Morris and his wife, June, have three sons. Their youngest son Myron Joe, joined the Dubois Vol. Fire Dept. in 1977 and is the present chief, as well as a First Responder.

In 1978, their middle son, Tom, joined the Dubois VFD, but later resigned to pursue a military career in the National Guard.

Their oldest son, Terry, joined the Celestine Vol. Fire Dept., in 1983 and is now chief, and a first responder.

Morris' wife June and his daughters-in-law Cherie (Myron Joe's wife) and Carol (Terry's wife) are also active in their respective department's auxiliaries.

Kouts Oldest Firefighter Retires



Ewalt Jahnz

Kouts' Ewalt Jahnz has spent most of his life keeping others safe from the dangers of fire.

After serving 60 years with the Kouts Volunteer Fire Department, 87 year old Jahnz decided to hang up his fireman's hat.

Mr. Jahnz was honored on Dec. 9, 1995 by the Kouts VFD, State Fire Marshal's Office and the IVFA District Chairman. He received a plaque along with the Governor's Medal of Honor. It was a very special night for Mr. Jahnz and all fellow firefighters who have gotten to know Ewalt over his sixty years of service.

After getting married in 1934, Ewalt worked as Kouts Town Marshal. He also worked for 35 years as a Deputy Sheriff for Porter County, retiring in 1984. Ewalt said, "I've have always enjoyed helping others, and have always encouraged others to do the same."

"When I first started with the department in 1935, we didn't have any of this fancy equipment," Jahnz said. "We were called the Bucket Brigade, buckets were the only equipment we had to put out fires."

Ewalt remembers one of the first pieces of new equipment the Kouts VFD acquired. "We were so proud when we got a new Model-A truck with sodium solution tank," he said. "If only we had some water pressure back then. For a number of years we had no training or even uniforms," Ewalt said.

Jahnz was born and raised in Kouts. "It's a small town, but it was a good place to work because you had to learn more than one trade," he said.

Besides being the Police Marshal in town, he was the Fire Chief and did all the street and sewer work. It was a one man show.

Ewalt has volunteered his time and energy for 60 years. He figured it was time to let someone else fill his rubber boots.

Harness died from coronary

Cathy Behrendt
The LaPorte Herald-Argus

A massive heart attack was the cause of Hanna firefighter and architect David Harness' death near the Kankakee River Sunday night.

Harness, 45, died from coronary thrombosis, Porter County Coroner John Evans determined following an autopsy Monday morning.

Coronary thrombosis is a major heart attack from which few people recover, Evans said.

Harness died shortly after exiting his vehicle at the scene of a grain truck rollover on Ind. 39 at Starker/LaPorte county line at about 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

Neither the three accident victims nor another first responder saw Harness fall to the pavement because they were behind the overturned truck.

Because of the lack of witnesses, LaPorte County Police initially conducted a dual investigation of Harness' death focusing on a pos-

sible hit and run and the other on medical findings.

When Harness fell to the ground, he injured his head in several places, causing severe bleeding, which led police to speculate about a hit and run, Evans said.

"Given the blood and the evidence, it was safe to assume it could be a hit and run," Evans said.

The coroner commended police for conducting the hit-and-run investigation immediately. Possible evidence of such an incident would have been lost had the investigation begun several days later, Evans said.

Harness, who operated his own architecture firm in Hanna, volunteered as a Hanna Twp. firefighter and was the department's assistant chief, as well as a first responder. He also helped form the LaPorte County Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team and voluntarily served as captain. He was a past president of the Hanna Lions Club and served as secretary of the LaPorte Hospital Foundation Board of Directors.

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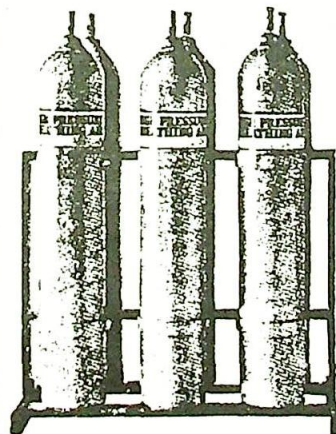
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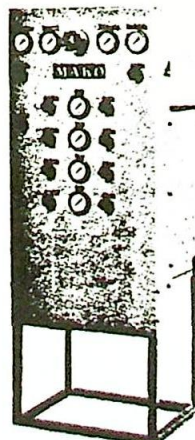
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In October, I attended the Fire Prevention and Equipment display at Vincennes Township Fire Department, and the District 17B meeting at Van Buren Fire Department.

In November, I attended the District 17A meeting at Oden Madison Fire Department. The Turkey Bar-B-Q was excellent as usual. In November I also was at Marrs Township Fire Department for the District 15 meeting.

In December, I attended the meeting of District 17B at Perry Clear Creek Fire Department. Chief Scott Garret and his department hosted the meeting with their famous spaghetti feed.

I have asked that my name be put on the list for appointment to the Board of Firefighters Standards and Education Board. I would appreciate if the departments in my PR District would contact their legislators in support of my appointment by the Governor. I feel with my years of experience and dedication to the fire service, I would be an excellent appointment to this position. *With my travels around the southwestern part of the state,*

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**Newport
Square
Loses Two
More
Sunday Afternoon
Fire Destroys
Historic Buildings**

The nostalgic corner of Main Street and Market in downtown Newport was the scene of an intense and destructive fire Sunday, December 17.

Around 12:50 p.m., a electrical short ignited in the basement of an apartment building owned

by Howard K. and Dorene Harrison. The apartment was being rented by Pauline Brown.

The fire seemed to be contained and under control at one point, when suddenly, with the help of wind currents, the fire reignited, and spread to an adjoining building. Black smoke could be seen a reported 15 miles away.

The buildings housed the abstracting office of Olga Hutson, a pool hall and four apartments. Two of the apartments were being used for storage, while the other apartment was the residence of Jamial Fortner. Fortner and Brown suffered total loss of their possessions.

With the exception of two minor injuries to firefighters, no one was hurt.

As a precaution, the two adjoining apartments and businesses south of the fire began to remove possessions in the event the fire proved too strong for the ten area fire departments to distinguish.

A ladder-pumper truck was dispatched from Danville, Illinois to tackle the blaze from above.

To complicate matters further, water had to be trucked in and held in holding tanks due to the malfunction of the hydrant.

Area residents and volunteers helped to carry contents of the Eastside Furniture Store, owned by Ed Moore, to the Lions Community Center nearby. Moore's business suffered smoke damage.

Around 5:30 p.m., residents on the block were given the go ahead to evaluate their dwellings. The firefighters remained on the scene until 10 p.m. to put out hot spots.

Fire departments dispatched to the scene were Newport, Cayuga, Dana, Lyford, Hillsdale, Montezuma, Fairview, Universal, Hillmont and Danville, Illinois.

Herald News

**49TH ANNUAL
CONVENTION MEETING
FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 1995
EVANSVILLE, INDIANA**

President Glant: "I will call this meeting to order. May we have the Invocation by Chaplain Baker please?"

Chaplain Baker: "Heavenly Father, we give You our thanks. Our utmost gratitude for this time, this life, this place that You have given us to meet and assemble to conduct the business of Your association. Please grant us wisdom Lord, during these deliberations today. Grant us strength and direction as we go through this meeting. Continue to watch over us, and those at home who are protecting our families, friends and community against the ravishes of fire. Forgive our short comings. In God's name. Amen."

President Glant: "We will have the Pledge of Allegiance by Vice President Zeeks."

President Glant: "I know we have some guests upon us today. Fire Marshal Boatwright, is he here? Are there any other guests present that I am not aware of? Jack Kerney, chairman of the convention committee."

Jack Kerney: "Mr. President, as Chairman of this Convention Committee, I have gathered up the hotel executives. These people have bent over backwards to help us put this convention on in just a short time. I think this organization owes them a great gratitude with a round of applause for helping us at this time. Thank you very much."

Tom Newmaster: "I am Tom Newmaster, Director of Sales and Marketing for the Holiday Inn property. I just want to thank you for allowing us the honor of hosting the Indiana Volunteer Firemen. Thank you very much."

President Glant: "You thanked us and we thank you also. Gene do you want to explain the mileage, please?"

Gene Stofer: "I just gave Bill Bush some vouchers. All I want in this first packet coming up is delegate vouchers only. We are on a very short schedule. Thank you very much, Dick."

President Glant: "I would like to have the Mileage & Credentials Committee come forward at this time. Tracy Boatwright, would you please address this organization? State Fire Marshal, Tracy Boatwright."

Tracy Boatwright: "Good afternoon. It is a pleasure to be here. We were here yesterday for our Board of Standards and Education meeting. Frankly, it was not very well attended. We hold meetings like we did yesterday for a public hearing for people to come and express their views and to find out more about what is going on and we only had twenty five people show up. I want to get something out to the fire departments that try to explain where we are at with fireworks, we are dead in the water. You cannot do anything. I cannot do anything, you cannot do anything. You can go into these places and inspect for fire code violations but you cannot touch them on any of the fireworks situation. On July 22nd, in the Indiana Government Center, we are going to have a work shop. NFPA is coming. Barb Spurlin from IFD is com-

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ing. Susan Phillips and Jeff Wilman from Frankfort will be kicking off a pilot project in Clinton county. We have all of the kindergarten through the third grade class rooms in Clinton County are involved in Learn Not To Burn. I know a lot of your departments are involved in Learn Not To Burn. It is my role to take that state wide. We purchased sixteen hundred sets of the Learn Not To Burn manuals that I am going to provide to you free, at no cost to get them out into the schools. If we can do this, it will be a pretty monumental project. We will be the first state in the nation that has Learn Not To Burn in every kindergarten through third grade class room in the United States. Mike Baylor is your contact person if you want to know more about this. If you want to come on July 22nd, we also have talked to Maynard Masters of the Fire Instructors. They are going to start having a Learn Not To Burn Train the Trainer Program to be put on in the fire schools. Do not send somebody who just wants to come on Saturday and just take HazMat and then on Sunday take Learn Not To Burn. That is not the kind of people we want involved. We want dedicated people, that are go getters, that are motivated, who want to get excited about this, who will say yes, Tracy, I will take this program. I will run with it in my community and I will help you get the program in every kindergarten through third grade classes. Someday, we will have it in every class all across this state. NFPA has indicated that we will be the first state in the country to do that. I need your help, but please do not send somebody who is not going to be a go getter. That is about all I have, does anybody have any questions? I appreciate being here. It is a lot of fun to get together in things like this. Ivan, do you have your hand up?"

Ivan Nevil: "Yes, Marshal. Will you briefly explain house bill from last night for me?"

Tracy Boatwright: "House Bill 1194 is a revolving loan fund. We put up two million dollars out of the Fire & Building Reserve Fund to establish a revolving low interest loan fund for volunteer fire departments to purchase new and used equipment. A one hundred and fifty thousand cap, the interest is two percent below prime."

Gene Stofer: "Can you explain 519 Tracy, what I was reported by John Shanks fire engines are not included in the certification."

Tracy Boatwright: "That is true. I may have to call on Myra to help me through this. Senate Bill 519, there was a rumor going around that this some how brought fire trucks under pruvue of the EMS commission. Absolutely not true. That was not the intent of the bill and you have nothing to worry about there. Anything else? The question is if you have equipment on that truck that responds to an emergency does it require to be certified. This is Myra Snyder, she is Chief Fire Inspector in my office and also my legal council."

Myra Snyder: "The bill provides that the type of vehicle known as a non transport emergency medical services vehicle is going to be the new entity covered and the EMS commission has to promulgate a rule that describes that kind of vehicle and the kind of equipment that is going to be covered by those requirements. All that rule making process is a matter of public record. In the Marshal's Memo as time goes by and the rules start coming up for initial publication. Tracy will let you know. Our intent was not to set clear the fire service, but rather to regulate particular kinds of vehicles that was being used primarily for EMS stuff but which could not be covered under this particular statute. The equipment has not been defined yet, the vehicle and the equipment on the vehicle those are going to come to rules through public hearings. They have a number of opportunities to raise whatever concerns that you may have. As proposals come out, the Marshal's Memo will contain those."

Tracy Boatwright: "I thank you for having me, have a good convention."

President Glant: "Tracy, thank you very much and Myra, I also thank you very much. Before we take roll call, I would like the Miss Flame contestants come in at this point in time."

Eula Bush: "I would like to introduce the Miss Flame Court. (Eula introduced the candidates in reverse order) The 1995 runner up from District 6 is Angela Staff. The 1995 Miss Flame from District 18 is Sara Steckler. These girls are really having a great time and we really have some good contestants. Try for more contestants next year and support them."

President Glant: "Thank you, Eula. Thank you Miss Flame contestants. I think at this time, we will have the roll call. Lee."

Lee Kissell: "Good afternoon, everyone. The roll call committee consists of Larry Stott, Perry Martin, Tim Wargel, Mort Sorg, Paul Covington, Buz Koehler, Don Cushman and Danny Hickman. The election committee which will need to report later, consists of Tony Palmiero, Bob Hays, Bob Uryga, Jack Harker, Larry Bartlow, Larry Stott, Doug Engle, Mort Sorg, Paul Covington. Is the chairman from 16 or 20 present? My report for 1985 but I want to review 1984 first. 1994, I will be alright, we had 735 departments paid last year. Out of those, 642 were paid on time by July 31st. 93 paid late. Get your dues in on time. If not, you forfeit the Bridgeport benefits for that year. We will hear from the Bridgeport committee later on some departments that were not eligible because of late dues. We had a total of 17,693 members last year. From my office, we issued 10,601 license plate forms. As of this year, we had 142 departments with their dues in already for a total of 3,132 members paid. This year's license plate program is up a little bit. We have issued 11,257 plate forms. This will be my last time before you at a convention. I am not going to run for reelection. I would like to thank everybody who has supported me since 1987. I have worked very hard to serve everybody and to take care of everybody's request. I hope I have done a good job. I thank District 15 for their convention, I think everything has turned out well. Thanks a lot."

President Glant: "Thank you, Lee. How about Larry Curl from the Indiana Fire Services Institute?"

Larry Curl: "I thank Richard for allowing us to sleep in this morning. Gene Goddard, are you in the room? Jim Bruner, Bill Kinsey, Carl Bruns you all come forward please. Bill Bush will you come forward. These four gentlemen are going to be passing out some flyers. We are going to be advertising something that is upcoming. Again, it is my pleasure to be addressing the IVFA, one of our eleven member associations of the Indiana Fire Services Institute. As an institute serving all emergency service providers in the State of Indiana. It is our attempt to prepare and host functions that include all emergency service providers in the state. In January, it will be our fifth year of the Fire Emergency Services Dinner. The purpose of sharing issues and ties with the gov-

ernment of this state. We are pleased to announce this year the first annual Family Appreciation Day Picnic on July 16th. As a gesture of thanks to all those who have been taken away from your families at times when you have been called upon we are offering this day to you and your families. Lunch will be served from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. There will be a huge swap meet which will be open all day. Early in the morning hours, an announcement will be made 'Let the games begin'. You will see waterball competition, EMS competition and the great Hoosier Firefighter Challenge. In addition to that, we will have games for the kids and educational opportunities for all of us. It is a free meal day planned for the purpose of enjoyment for you and your family. We hope to see all of you on July 16th, the time and location is covered in your flyers. Thank you, thanks, Bill."

President Glant: "Thank you, Larry. Past Fire Marshal, Gene Goddard."

Gene Goddard: "Thank you, Dick. This is a big endeavor that the Fire Service Institute is trying to take on. We want to see that everyone gets recognized. We would like to have a big turnout. Let's everybody come out there and have a good time. Let's show them that the fire service can stick together. Thank you."

President Glant: "Thank you, Gene. I know there is one other person in this room that is also a former State Fire Marshal, Bill Goodwin. Do you wish to address this group at this time?"

Bill Goodwin: "I will do it tonight, thank you."

President Glant: "You are going to do it tonight? Thank you. Ivan Nevil, sir. Past President and also of the Public Safety Training Institute."

Ivan Nevil: "I have a lot of things to cover. One of them is the Indiana Emergency Response Conference. This year, we have totally revamped it. We are having just about every emergency service in the State of Indiana represented. This conference will be held in September at the convention center. All of the services will be there. This information will be coming in the mail, some of the EMS personnel have all ready received it. If they have sent in the hours of certification. 1194 and 519 Tracy has all ready covered. I will just say one thing on 519, that Tracy did not cover. As your representative, through the EMS commission, the only fire apparatus or emergency service vehicle leaving your station other than an ambulance, they are going to be looking at if they carry an automatic or semi automatic defibrillator. If you are not carrying that piece of equipment, your department on anything separate from an ambulance, you have nothing to worry about. PSTI board is now taking a different approach to what PSTI is doing. PSTI board is now fully involved in the direction that PSTI is taking. In the past, it has been a mixed bag of no guidance. Now the PSTI board last week at their meeting broke off into two committees, one will be for operations, one will be for training. They are going to take a look at the full picture of PSTI to see that we are doing what the law says and just give some general directions to the executive director. This is a very positive step. PSTI board was given a proposal of an architectural drawing what we felt like made an excellent facility that we could put training on for you. There was four acres behind the location which will also be included in that. There is space back there with a cooling tower that they had that is going to be torn down, it could be used for trench rescue, it could be used because it goes down 12 to 14 feet and it is all concrete enclosure with different molds inside of it. There are buildings out there that could have a roof put over them. They are concrete and block in nature. There is a lot of potential. The Department of Environmental Management who is also in the same building, they already occupy about 70,000 square foot of the building. It will not be the only state agency in the area. On June 24th, or 25th, it is on a Sunday, the fallen heroes sponsored by the American Legion at the capitol rotunda. If you have time, please attend. All firefighters who have given us the supreme sacrifice will be listed. Their names will be engraved in place in the capitol rotunda by the American Legion. Services will be on Sunday the 25th at 2 o'clock. Any questions, call me in the office on Monday. I hope that you are interested in being there. I can give you all the details that I have. Thank you."

President Glant: "Thank you, Ivan. Right now, the Roll Call Committee which will be Larry Stott, Perry Martin, Tim Wargel, Mort Sorg, Paul Covington, Buz Koehler, Don Cushman and Dan Hickman come up front please. We are going to the officer's report. I will start with the President's report. In the past year, I have travelled 14,232 miles around this state. I have enjoyed it thoroughly. If you please, I would like to do it one more time. It has been a pleasure and I met a lot of people that mean a lot to me. Thank you very much for the pleasure of serving you and at this point in time Vice President Zeeks, will you give your report, sir."

Vice President Zeeks: "Pass."

President Glant: "Zeeks passes. Recording Secretary John Davies."

John Davies: "Pass."

President Glant: "Chaplain Charlie Baker."

Charlie Baker: "It has been a unique year. We hopefully have served you to your satisfaction this past year. It has been a trying year for your chaplain, both your chaplains. Speaking for Father, and I hope I can, I want to thank you for your help. I know we had three in the line of duty deaths this year between us. Those are the toughest kind to deal with. We pray that there will be no more, but God knows there probably will be. Try to tell your people to be as safe as they possibly can out there. Do not take any needless risks. Again, thank you for the privilege of serving, God Bless each and every one of you."

President Glant: "Thank you, Charlie. Sgt-at-Arms, Bill Bush."

Bill Bush: "Thanks guys, keep up the good work."

President Glant: "Thanks, Bill. Secretary Kissell, do you have anything to add?"

Lee Kissell: "Pass."

President Glant: "Treasurer's report, Gene Stofer."

Gene Stofer: "I have brought my eyes with me, folks so she can read it to you."

Lynn McWhiter: "The June balance as of 4-30-95, \$255,798.32. We had an income of \$13,025.50 for a total of \$268,823.82. From 5-01 to 5-31-95 we had a total disbursement of \$23,793.49. In the general fund as of 5-31-95 the checking account has \$120,030.33. There is \$125,000.00 in CD notes. For a total of \$245,030.33 in the general fund. In the Bridgeport Fund as of 4-30-95, the balance in the checking account was \$43,528.67 and \$50,000.00 in CD notes for a total of \$93,528.67. We had income from bank interest of \$73.57 for a total of \$93,602.34. We disbursed \$3,000.00 for a total in the Bridgeport Fund checking account of \$40,602.34."

Gene Stofer: "That is the final financial report for this year. There will be a financial report given by Mitch Parish, Chairman of the Board

for the audit of 1994. Since the report came out at the end of May, we have had two other deaths in the Bridgeport Fund. In the last four months, we have spent \$12,000.00 out of the Bridgeport Fund. We still have more money in that account than what we originally started with. Mr. Chairman, that is my financial report given by my other pair of eyes. Thank you very much."

President Glant: "Thanks Gene, thanks, Lynn. Would the Immediate Past President, Mitch Parish please come up here."

Mitch Parish: "Back in May at our quarterly meeting. We had an audit committee meeting consisting of Vice President Zeeks, myself, Larry Bartlow, Jack Harker, Dave Israel, William A. Howe and Charlie Cline. At that time, we went over the books we could find no discrepancy anywhere in them. At this time, I would like to ask for a motion that we accept the financial report as given at this time."

Max Harrah: "Max Harrah, District 11A. I make a motion that we accept it."

Mitch Parish: "OK, it has been printed, that is what I want. A motion to accept them as printed. Max Harrah from District 11A made a motion that we accept them as printed. Do we have a second?"

Bob Uryga: "Bob Uryga, District 3."

Mitch Parish: "Bob Uryga, District 3 seconds the motion. At this time, all those in favor of the motion raise your right hand. Opposed. Motion carried. Thank you."

President Glant: "At this time we will go into the officer's reports. PR Northwest, Bill Howe."

Bill Howe: "Pass."

President Glant: "PR Northeast, Bill Kinsey."

Bill Kinsey: "Pass."

President Glant: "PR West Central, Toddy Michl."

Toddy Michl: "Pass."

President Glant: "PR Southwest, Jack Kerney."

Jack Kerney: "I drove 6,203 miles. I appreciate all the departments that had me at their meetings."

President Glant: "PR Southeast, Joe Caudill."

Joe Caudill: "Pass."

President Glant: "District Chairmen reports, District 1, Bill Howe."

Bill Howe: "Pass."

President Glant: "District 2, Larry Stott."

Larry Stott: "Pass."

President Glant: "District 3, Bob Uryga."

Bob Uryga: "Pass."

President Glant: "District 4, John Ferro."

John Ferro: "Pass."

President Glant: "District 5, Don Kissinger."

Don Kissinger: "Pass."

President Glant: "District 6, Doug Engle."

Doug Engle: "Pass."

President Glant: "District 7, Mort Sorg."

Mort Sorg: "Pass."

President Glant: "District 8A, Robert Fleenor."

Robert Fleenor: "Pass."

President Glant: "District 8B, Larry Petro."

Larry Petro: "Pass."

President Glant: "District 9A, Charlie Cline."

Charlie Cline: "Pass."

President Glant: "District 9B, Buz Koehler."

Buz Koehler: "Pass."

President Glant: "District 10, Dave Israel."

Dave Israel: "Pass."

President Glant: "District 11A, Robert Hays."

Robert Hays: "Pass."

President Glant: "District 11B, Larry Bartlow."

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Larry Bartlow: "Pass."
 President Glant: "District 12, Don Johnson."
 Don Johnson: "Pass."
 President Glant: "District 13A, Don Cushman."
 Don Cushman: "Pass."
 President Glant: "District 13B, Jack Cox."
 Jack Cox: "Pass."
 President Glant: "District 14, Tom Hinkle."
 Tom Hinkle: "Pass."
 President Glant: "District 15, Tim Wargel."
 Tim Wargel: "I just want to say thank you to everyone who came to Evansville, we appreciate having you and have a good time."
 President Glant: "Thank you, Tim. District 16, Danny Hickman."
 Danny Hickman: "Pass."
 President Glant: "District 17A, Jack Harker."
 Jack Harker: "Pass."
 President Glant: "District 17B, Luke Kluender."
 Luke Kluender: "Pass."
 President Glant: "District 18, Frank Daunhauer."
 Frank Daunhauer: "Pass."
 President Glant: "District 19, Paul Covington."
 Paul Covington: "Pass."
 President Glant: "District 20, Tony Palmiero."
 Tony Palmiero: "Pass."
 President Glant: "District 21, Perry Martin."
 Perry Martin: "Pass."
 President Glant: "May we have the Past President's report. Immediate Past President Mitch Parish."
 Mitch Parish: "Pass."
 President Glant: "Ivan Nevil."
 Ivan Nevil: "Pass."
 President Glant: "Lawrence Swartz."
 Lawrence Swartz: "Pass."
 President Glant: "Carl Bruns."
 Carl Bruns: "Pass."
 President Glant: "Jim Parker."
 Jim Parker: "Pass."
 President Glant: "Jack Ford, Gene Stofer."
 Gene Stofer: "Pass."
 President Glant: "Bill Engle."
 Bill Engle: "Pass."
 President Glant: "Bill Goodwin."
 Bill Goodwin: "Pass."
 President Glant: "Have I missed any past presidents? Pete Lockhart, yes, I am sorry."
 Pete Lockhart: "Pass."
 President Glant: "Committee reports. We had no resolutions that I am aware of this year. Mr. Stofer if you are ready in this point in time let's hear your legislative report."
 Gene Stofer: "Mr. Parker will be Mr. Stofer."
 President Glant: "Mr. Parker is Mr. Stofer."
 Jim Parker: "This report was going to be given by John Shanks. Because of a problem in scheduling, John could not be here. Two of the bills you heard discussed this morning, 1194 and 519, those were two of the bills we had a lot of interest in. 1194 contained several items that were in other bills that got swept under the rug and were never pulled out and put into one bill. There are several in Bill 1194 that we had an interest in and it did get passed. The revolving fund, the amount of money your departments gets from your governmental unit that the state board of accounts require that you be audited. It was raised to \$60,000.00 rather than \$25,000.00. If you have a CPA auditing your department, and the money that you get from your governmental agency is less than \$60,000.00 you do not have to do it any more. Many times, a volunteer fire department if a majority of the members are volunteers, you are a volunteer fire department. There are a number of things in 1194. I am not going to go through all of these bills because we had several bills passed this year that were, we were backing. We lost some but there were some that made it thru. Above ground motor fuel tanks, new titles, charitable gaming, fund raisers there are a number of changes in the charitable gaming law. Open burning, here is one that will effect a lot of us. It allows the open burning wooden remnants from demolition of a structure without obtaining a permit from the Department of Environmental Management. We have been saddled with permits and inspections of buildings before we can have a practice burn. We can fall under this and get the job done now. Senate Bill 90, extends immunity from liability to a person who in good faith gratuitously provides emergency care in an emergency situation. The current law grants a good samaritan immunity only in the case of an accident. For those of you in fire districts, fire protection territories permits the establishment of a fire protection territory throughout the State of Indiana. The fire protection territory is a combination of two or units that have joined together to provide fire protection in their respective territories. There may be only one fire protection provider. The expense for fire protection must be established by the units in agreement and then each unit be permitted to levy the uniform tax rate."
 Gene Stofer: "This bill that Jim is reading to you right now was entered in to and I can give you an example. Like Wayne Township who has a town called Clermont. If the two units agree to go together, they can form one fire district then the rate is charged by the governmental entity. It has eliminated some problems. It can create a district as long as the governmental entities are agreeable to what is going on. It give you one tax group and like the town of Clermont, they do not even have a fire rate. They contract with Wayne Twp. Fire Department. I could assess the tax rate on Clermont down the line."
 Jim Parker: "O.K. Gene, if any of you have a questions on any of these bills and you need it today, see me in the back of the room and we will talk about them. I have copies of the bills most of these have been signed by the governor. They are either law or will become law on a given date. They will be published in the paper. It will be a condensed version of the bill."
 Gene Stofer: "Pete was just reminding me of a bill that is coming down to the governor on distribution of monies to the counties and townships. He ask me to explain it to him. It has not been explained to me. They are still working on it and I hope to have the answer so we can get it in the next issue of the newspaper. We are trying to get one to each unit of government. Gentleman and ladies, we would like to start

on our legislative program for next year. The earlier we get to start, the better off we are going to be. We probably come out as any organization in the state of Indiana. We had more bills passed in our favor than any other organization. I am going to ask you one more time. If you have anything, I repeat anything, that you want presented to the legislature, get it to my office or who ever it may be in time before August so we can start to work on it. I cannot new bills out until it is approved by the board who pays me my high salary. Please get it to us."

President Glant: "Thank you, Gene. Editor's Assistant, Howe."

Bill Howe: "The next issue of the paper is due out the first of August. Anything you would like to have in it have it to Bob Laney by July 10th. Thank you."

President Glant: "Thank you, Bill. Advertisement, Swartz."

Lawrence Swartz: "Pass."

President Glant: "National Volunteer Fire Council, Stofer."

Gene Stofer: "The National Fire Council has picked up a grant of \$75,000.00 by the tobacco institute to study the problems of volunteer firefighters all over the nation. They will be sending out surveys to all fire departments in the State of Indiana. They want to know your problems and your answers on how to solve them, they really want to know. Those people out in this country are driving inflation on a daily basis. We do need, if you get these surveys don't can them like you do other mail. Please send them back. It is very important to know the issues of Indiana and the other 48 states. Hawaii only has one volunteer fire department."

President Glant: "Thank you, Gene. By-Laws Committee, anything? Jim Parker."

Jim Parker: "The By-Laws Committee has finished their work on the by-laws. They have been re-edited into a by-law format whereas each article is separate by itself with each article under it. They are in a printable state now and are ready to be printed at the board's discretion and distributed to the departments around the state. The by-laws are exactly as they were passed at the convention last year. All the amendments that have been made since then are supplements, supplementary pages at the back of the by-laws. They are not incorporated in the by-laws because they were amendments after the by-laws were passed. Sometime in the future, we will incorporate any new amendments in the by-laws and reprint them."

President Glant: "As Jim just told me, it is up to the Board of Directors to print and distribute to the departments as they wish, I will address this issue at our next meeting which will be the second week-end in August. Public Education, Parker."

Jim Parker: "Pass."

President Glant: "EMS, Stott."

Larry Stott: "Pass."

President Glant: "Bridgeport, Swartz."

Lawrence Swartz: "We did have forty applicants this year for the Bridgeport Scholarship. Out of those forty applicants, I am confused, there were forty eight, we actually judged forty of them. We had a better selection and both candidates will be here this evening to receive their checks. I am not going to tell anybody now."

President Glant: "Fire Schools and Training, Zeeks."

Jack Zeeks: "Pass."

President Glant: "Historical, Parish."

Mitch Parish: "Pass."

President Glant: "Insurance, Stofer."

Gene Stofer: "I want to caution you each year you fill out a beneficiary form, make sure that you do. We have a lot of problems. We have had several deaths recently. Who is that check suppose to be made out to? We make it out to the last beneficiary on your form. What ever happens, the check could be made out to the wrong person. Remember, update your insurance form. It might go to someone that you do not want to receive your money."

President Glant: "Thank you, Gene. Convention Committee, Jack Kerney do you have anything else to say, sir?"

Jack Kerney: "Pass."

President Glant: "Ad taker, Swartz."

Lawrence Swartz: "Pass."

President Glant: "Al Mendel."

Al Mendel: "The games will be played at the parking lot up by the airport. We will be setting up at 6 o'clock in the morning. The games will begin at 8 o'clock sharp. That is all I have, just want to make sure that everyone is up there at 8 o'clock so that we can get started."

President Glant: "Any old business to come before this meeting?"

Any new business to come before this meeting? John Ferro, District 4."

John Ferro: "John Ferro, District 4. First of all, since this organization is over 18,000 strong. We have a games committee. District 4 would like to know why we cannot afford our own fire hose to have our own games. Do you understand what I am saying? Every time the games committee goes to a convention, they have to go to the local fire department to beg or borrow hose so that they can have the waterball. Why cannot this organization have our own fire hose so that we do not have to borrow?"

President Glant: "I can say one thing, it has to come under board action, John."

John Ferro: "I understand that. Our district would like to see the idea made at the next board to buy enough fire hose so that we do not have to borrow our hose."

President Glant: "O.K. we will approach the board in that point of time. Thank you. Any other new business to come before this meeting? Al?"

Al Mendel: "I can appreciate what John is saying. The Convention Committee understood that I had the hose and that I was going to bring it to the convention. I do not have 800 feet of two and a half hose and 800 feet of inch and a half hose. We met with the committee this morning. They are still trying to round this hose up for us. I think they have it done. Something in relation to the Fire Service Institute that we are going to have. This is something, I think, we need to think about is having all the games at this one time. Therefore there would not be the problems of transporting this equipment all over the state. Just something to think about."

President Glant: "Thanks, John, Jack."

Jack Kerney: "The restrictions was on the hose. Double lined, cotton jacketed, if anybody has that in their fire house it must be laying in the corner, dried up and rotted. We have poly hose all over the county, that is not a problem. Double lined cotton jacketed is something of the past. Inch and three quarter, if you have a nozzle with a hole in the middle of it, you are only going to get so many gallons per minute. I do not know why we can not change to inch and three quarter hose. The prob-

lem would be solved."

President Glant: "Byron wants to speak."

Byron Alridch: "There is a world of difference between the inch and a half and an inch and three quarters. That is why we went to the inch and three quarters because of the volume. There is a problem with the inch and a half. Last year, we supplied it, I think an organization like this. You have been in waterball for many years games is part of the convention. Do it and do it right and get your hose."

President Glant: "Thank you, Byron. Is there any other business to come before this meeting? May we have the reading of the last minutes please. Mr. Howe."

Bill Howe: "I make a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the November issue of the paper."

Bob Uryga: "I second the motion."

President Glant: "We have a motion on the floor by Bill Howe to accept the minutes as printed in the November issue of the paper. Seconded by Bob Uryga, District 3. All in favor raise your right hand. Opposed. Motion carried. At this time, we have one more thing to do that I can think of. I would like to have the Election Committee come forward at this time. No, no, the Nominating Committee. I want the Nominating Committee and the Election Committee up to the front. Tony Palmeiro, Bob Hays, Bob Uryga, Jack Harker, Larry Bartlow, Larry Stott, Doug Engle, Mort Sorg, Paul Covington."

Lawrence Swartz: "The Nominating Committee and we do have a full slate of officers for you this year. We did that straightened out yesterday where we do have a full slate in a couple of areas. Those candidates who have expressed an interest in an office even if more than one will all be named by the nominating committee. I would like to thank the nominating committee consisting of Ivan Nevil, Willie Parish, Bill Howe, Sr. and myself. As we get under way with the nominations, I will turn that over to Ivan Nevil to present the candidates. Ivan."

Ivan Nevil: "Thank you, Lawrence. Before we start this, Gene was talking in his legislative report there is a lot of concern over the new open burning law. The Air Pollution Control Board of the Environmental Division is going to mail to every fire department in the State of Indiana a copy of the open burn law. You will be receiving it in the mail. If you do not open it and see what it says, we know you have one. For the officers for the year 1995, 1996 the nominating committee places the name of Richard Glant for President. Are there any further nominations from the floor? Are there any further nominations from the floor? Are there any further nominations from the floor for president 1995-96? If not, I declare the nominations closed. Mr. Secretary, would cast one unanimous vote?"

Lee Kissell: "As secretary, I cast one unanimous vote for Richard Glant for President of the IVFA for 1996."

Ivan Nevil: "For Vice President, the nominating committee places the name of Jack Zeeks. Are there any further nominations from the floor? Are there any further nominations from the floor? Are there any further nominations from the floor for Vice President of the IVFA for 1996? I declare the nominations closed. Mr. Secretary."

Lee Kissell: "I cast one unanimous vote for Jack Zeeks for Vice President of the IVFA for 1996."

Ivan Nevil: "For the office of Secretary, first, I want to take a time out for a minute. I have worked with Lee for a few years, I

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just wanted to give my thanks for the job that he has done while he has been in office. For secretary, the nominating committee places the name of Jim Parker and Tom Hinkle. If you gentlemen will step forward, I will give each of you a couple of minutes to address the group if you so desire. Jim, do you have any comments that you would like to make? Tom Hinkle.

Tom Hinkle: "My name is Tom Hinkle. I would appreciate your support for Secretary of the IVFA. I have been with the volunteer fire service since 1976 by starting up by Lafayette, Indiana. I am currently District Chairman in District 14. I am so an Investigator for the State Fire Marshal's office. I keep in contact with volunteer fire departments daily. I take my job very seriously as I would this secretary's position. I have the knowledge in computer background. I would appreciate your support, thank you."

Ivan Nevil: "Sergeant-at-arms, bar the doors. Are there any other nominations for the office of secretary for the IVFA? Any other nominations for the office for secretary for the IVFA? Any other nominations for the office for secretary for the IVFA? Nom-nominations are closed. Please poll your districts. Officers that will not be affected by either one of these gentlemen. They are not elected if they decide to run for another office from the floor. We will go to Public Relations Director Northwest. The committee places in nomination, Bill Howe Sr. Are there any further nominations? Are there any further nominations? Are there any further nominations from the floor? Mr. outgoing secretary."

Lee Kissell: "I would like to cast one unanimous vote for Bill Howe, PR Northwest 1996."

Bill Howe: "Thank you."

Ivan Nevil: "PR Northeast. The nominating committee places the name of Bill Kinsey. Are there any nominations from the floor? Are there any nominations from the floor? Are there any nominations from the floor for PR Northeast? Mr. Secretary."

Lee Kissell: "I cast one unanimous vote for Bill Kinsey, PR Northeast for 1996."

Ivan Nevil: "PR West Central. The nominating committee places the name of Toddy Michl. Are there any nominations from the floor? Are there any nominations from the floor? Are there any nominations from the floor for PR West Central? Mr. Secretary."

Lee Kissell: "I cast one unanimous vote for Toddy Michl, PR West Central for 1996."

Ivan Nevil: "PR Southwest. The nominating committee places the name of Jack Kerney, Sr. Are there any further nominations for PR Southwest? Any further nominations from the floor? Are there any further nominations from the floor? Mr. Secretary."

Lee Kissell: "I cast one unanimous vote for Jack Kerney, PR Southwest for 1996."

Ivan Nevil: "We do not know whom ever is defeated if they would like to run for these other offices, mainly being PR East Central, which is Jim Parker's home district. PR South East which is Tom's home district and PR area. Nor do we know if they would like to run for Sergeant-at-Arms or the Chaplain's position. Therefore we are at a standstill momentarily. I have just been given a note by the president asking if I would read this. Joe Smith, Montpelier would you please stand? Joe Smith has attended fifty of fifty one conventions that have been put on by the Northeast Indiana Industrial Association or the IVFA. Joe, we would like to congratulate you. I have another note here. Bill Kinsey, on behalf of the Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Service, will be giving away some toy fire trucks. I do not know what method he is going to be using. Does anyone else have an announcement that they would like to make?"

Bill Howe, Jr: "As co-chairman for the 1996 convention to be held in Lake County at the Radisson we would like to invite you up to our hospitality room where we have the registration forms. The way we are doing it is like Jack and his group did it this year. As your registration forms come in, they will be numbered. The options that are available at the hotel. Number one will get what number one desires and trickles down. When we get to two hundred and ninety nine there will be no choices left. Stop by the room and pick up the forms. We will get them processed. Thank you."

Ivan Nevil: "The votes eligible to cast are 201. We will not have an even number of votes. O.K. the winner of the office of secretary for 1996 is Tom Hinkle. For the office of Treasurer, the nominating committee submits the name of Gene Stofer. Are there any further nominations from the floor? Are there any further nominations from the floor? Are there any further nominations? Mr. Secretary."

Lee Kissell: "One more time here. I cast one unanimous vote for Gene Stofer for Treasurer for the IVFA for 1996."

Ivan Nevil: "Sergeant-at-Arms. The nominating committee places the name of Bill Bush. Are there any further nominations for Sergeant-at-Arms? Any further nominations? Any further nominations for Sergeant-at-Arms? Mr. Secretary."

Lee Kissell: "I cast one unanimous vote for Bill Bush for Sergeant-at-Arms for the IVFA for 1996."

Ivan Nevil: "For Chaplain, the nominating committee places the name of Charlie Baker. Are there any further nominations from the floor for chaplain? Are there any further nominations? Any nominations from the floor for chaplain? Mr. Secretary."

Lee Kissell: "I cast one unanimous vote for Charles Baker for Chaplain for the IVFA for 1996."

Ivan Nevil: For PR Southeast. The nominating committee places the name of Joe Caudill. Are there any further nominations for PR Southeast? Are there any further nominations? Are there any further nominations from the floor for PR Southeast? Mr. Secretary."

Lee Kissell: "I cast one unanimous vote for Joe Caudill for PR Southeast for the IVFA for 1996."

Ivan Nevil: "PR East Central. The nominating committee places the name of Jack Cox and Don Cushman. Are there any further nominations from the floor? Any further nominations for PR East Central? Any further nominations from the floor? The districts that are in that one are: 8A, 8B, 13A, 13B, 10. District Chairmen, poll your delegates. Those five districts only. Sergeant-at-Arms. For Recording Secretary, the nominating committee places the name of John Davies. Assistant Secretary. I guess I should read the By-Laws. I have been informed that he is appointed. The vote is in, PR East Central is Jack Cox. Mr. Kinsey if you will make your way to the front."

Bill Kinsey: "On the brighter side of things, I have a truck here for Pete Money. There is one more, looks like a American LaFrance pumper. Ronnie Rogers. This is an American LaFrance aerial truck."

Jennifer Israel. I want thank everybody that stopped by."

President Grant: "Thank you, Bill. At this time, I want to release the Roll Call Committee, release the Mileage and Credentials Committee, release the Election Committee, the Nomination Committee. I am going to retain the parliamentarians and all our committees will stand through 1996. We have one more thing. The selection of the 1997 site. Any offers?"

Larry Curl: "Mr. Chairman, officers, delegates and guests. Wayne Township, located on the west side of Indianapolis. Having easy access from everywhere in the State of Indiana. It is centrally located. Having convention sites that can easily accommodate you. Having a fire department that is one the move. We would be very pleased to offer as your choice and selection, our department as your host for 1997 IVFA convention. The 1997 convention will be the 51st convention of the IVFA. It would be our honor to prepare a convention that would lead us toward the next fifty years of progress. Wayne Township has but one thing to offer to you is the hosting of the 51st convention of the IVFA. It will be like heaven in 1997 at Wayne Township."

President Grant: "Are there any other bids for the 1997 convention? Is anyone interested in the 1997 convention? One more time, is there anyone interested in the 1997 convention?"

Bill Howe, Sr., "I make a motion to accept Wayne Township's offer for 1997."

President Grant: "We have a motion on the floor by District 1 to accept the nomination for 1997. Do we have a second? Bob Uryga."

Bob Uryga: "District 3 seconds the motion."

President Grant: "District 3 seconds the motion, all in favor raise your right hand. Opposed. The convention for 1997 goes to Wayne Township. Thank you very much. Charles Baker."

Charles Baker: "Larry, mentioned the picnic coming up in July. He overlooked the fact that we need a lot of helpers. If any of you want to come up a day early to help us out, we have plenty to do. We are preparing for a crowd of at least two thousand people. One other thing, entrance into the grounds will be by badge or other emergency response identification. Any emergency response identification will get you and your family in. How to get there. Go to the west side of Indianapolis down 465 look for radio station WTFD. Once you have spotted that location, swing in at the next light, head for that tower, we will be just north of the tower. There are 45 acres for you. We are looking for a real wing ding affair. Thank you."

President Grant: "As far as I know there is nothing else. Does anyone else have anything to bring before this body? If not, I will entertain a motion. A motion by Jack Cox, seconded by Bill Bush. All in favor say 'aye'. Opposed. Motion carried. Thank you very much and I will see you tonight."

Transcribed by: John Davies

ADDENDUM:

AWARD WINNERS: MR. IVFA - Larry Ketchum; LOIS BOAZ - Eva Goetsche; PRESIDENT'S AWARD - Mitch Parish; OLLIE SANDBERG - Clyde Goetsche; BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIP FUND - Kell Rae Foust, Crystal Gayle James.

Ralph Kaufman, Shirley VFD

SHIRLEY - Ralph F. Kaufman, 74, a member of Shirley VFD since 1954, died Nov. 16 after an illness of several months.

With 30 yrs of active service, Kaufman retired in 1984 after serving several years as chief. His 30 yrs of active service entitled him to become a 'life member of the department.


Charles J. Baker, IVFA Chaplain, conducted a memorial service prior to the funeral service on Nov. 18 and was assisted by Kyle Austin, present Chief of the Shirley Department.

The procession to the cemetery included two pumpers of the Shirley Department which were draped with strips of black cloth.

Military graveside rites were conducted at the cemetery.

During the first three years that he served as a volunteer, the only equipment to fight fires was a 1927 Dodge pumper that carried 90 gallons of water. The department now has four pumpers, a tanker and a rescue truck.

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The Foundation was established in 1988 to promote greater understanding of the challenges facing the nation's volunteer fire service. The Foundation supports research, educational and communication activities on a variety of topics that impact more than one million volunteer firefighters who staff more than 32,000 fire departments throughout the U.S. These topics include fire prevention, recruitment and retention of volunteers, health and safety protocols and others.

For application criteria for NVFC Foundation Training Grants, contact the NVFC National Office at 202-887-5700.

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It's a proven fact that smoke detectors provide an early warning that saves lives in the event of a fire. They only work, however, if the battery is installed and working. All too often, unfortunately, detectors do not fit that description. Batteries are often left unchecked or are taken out for some reason and not replaced.

A new product could help alleviate the situation. With a longlife lithium battery as its power source, this groundbreaking smoke detector lasts 10 years before it needs to be replaced.

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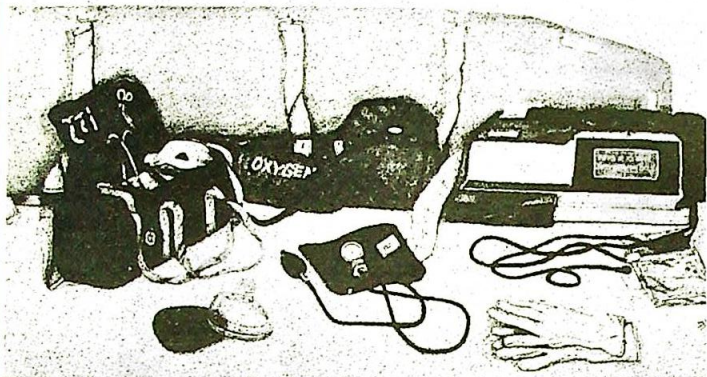
Should normal cooking smoke sound a false alarm, the detector also comes equipped with a silencer button. After a decade's use, the unit will chirp until the battery is replaced.

The improved version does come with a hefty price tag, though. Manufacturer's suggested retail price is about \$30, compared to a standard smoke detector price of around \$8. Even with battery changes, the National Fire Protection Association recommends that the entire smoke detector be replaced at age 10. Spokesperson Julie Reynolds said, "Like many other products around the home, smoke detectors are not designed to last forever. They may lose their efficiency and operability after 10 years."

For homes, Indiana law requires at least one functional smoke detector outside each sleeping area and in each additional story. —Alden Taylor Public Information Officer Office of the State Fire Marshal

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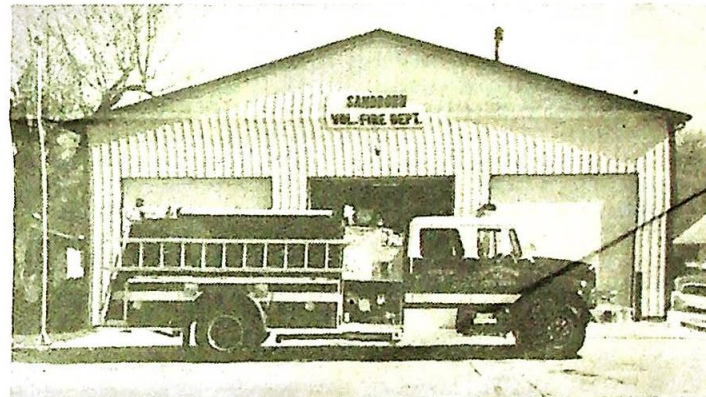
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Sandborn VFD takes delivery of '96 Pierce/International fire truck



This new 1996 Pierce/International fire truck was received recently by members of the Sandborn Volunteer Fire Department.

The vehicle was purchased jointly by the Vigo Twp. Trustee in Knox County and the Stafford Twp. Trustee in Greene County.

In the planning stages since June of 1993, the 1000 gallon, 1250 GPM, diesel/automatic pumper purchased from Midwest Fire Safety in Indianapolis will serve the 20 member department well.

Mark Headley, Kevin Etmeier and Sam Archer, accompanied by John Mullins of Midwest, traveled to Pierce headquarters at Appleton, Wisconsin for the delivery of the new vehicle.

The new truck will replace a 26 year old '69 Ford/Howe, Jack Harker, Dist. 17A

FEMA/USFA Funding in Danger

The fire service is being adversely effected as the budget debate of 1996 rages on in Congress. The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC), working in conjunction with the International Association of Fire Chiefs' (IAFC) Volunteer Section has learned that the United States Fire Administration (USFA), a division of FEMA, is in danger of being drastically under-funded as Congress attempts to reconcile differences over the appropriation of funds for federal agencies.

FEMA is funded through the Veterans Affairs/Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Subcommittee and has been recommended by Congress to be funded at \$180 million down from the \$320 million recommended by the Clinton Administration. Congress has passed a

temporary spending bill to fund federal agencies and get employees back on the job through the 26th of January. However, funding for the U. S. Fire Administration remains in question.

If these cuts are implemented, the result could be a major reduction in services provided by the U.S. Fire Administration, including firefighter training, education and research. The NVFC and IAFC Volunteer Section are both strong supporters of the USFA and the National Fire Academy which is under the auspices of the USFA.

The NVFC and IAFC Volunteer Section urge their members and the fire service community to contact their Senators and Representatives to inform them of the importance of these programs.

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Fire Truck Dedicated to Joe Aders



By Tina M. Kunkler
Staff Writer

Bristow—For three months in 1985, Joe Aders scoured the community around Bristow and collected enough money to establish a fire station for the neighborhood.

On October 29, his efforts were recognized by firefighters from the Anderson Township Volunteer Fire Department. Station 2, the building Aders dedicated his time to, is a division of the Anderson Township Department.

On the day of the presentation, Aders heard a commotion over at the firehouse. When one of the firefighters came over to ask him to help with a welding project, the retired welder obliged. What he found was a complete surprise.

About 20 firefighters greeted Aders, including the Secretary and Treasurer of the 18th district of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association. They had come to honor the man who played a significant role in bringing improved fire protection to Bristow.

"It makes you feel good," Aders said, noting that the firefighters wore their new uniform shirts during the ceremony.

Instead of checking a weld, he received a plaque for his years of service to the department and the community. Another was placed on the truck most recently purchased by the department for Station 2. The 1987 GMC two-ton truck carries a water tank and pumps. A small luncheon followed for those attending.

Aders' story is a simple one of one man choosing to take on a project. Laid off from his job as a boilermaker, he offered to spend a few days asking his neighbors if they were interested in having a local fire station.

The main Anderson Township fire house is about 10 miles from Bristow. By the time a fire truck reached the community, homes could be destroyed. "It's so far for anyone to come," Aders said.

So he started with the people who lived around him. Within a few days, not only had he received several donations of labor, equipment, materials and money, he also had signed up several new fire department members.

Anderson Township operates on a membership roll. Members pay annual dues to receive coverage by the department.

Aders said he called in many favors from people he had helped in one form or another. Truman Brown donated the ground for the station and refused later offers for some return on his investment, Aders said. Almost all of the electrical equipment, down to the light bulbs, was given to the department. Several other items were purchased at discounted prices.

Volunteer labor built the fire station within a few weeks. As new needs were discovered,

someone always seemed to have an extra part or know someone who could do the job. Aders' wife, Golda, often prepared meals for the workers on the days they came.

Adding up the money, Aders said about \$7,000 was collected to build a fire station that would have cost about \$20,000 as a commercial project.

The department has held dine-

and-dance events for several years to help maintain the department. The first was scheduled years ago when the fire telephone system was installed with a price tag of about \$900, which the department did not have. The evening netted more than enough to foot the bill.

The Perry County News

New Carlisle man survives half hour in icy pond

NEW CARLISLE — A New Carlisle man spent 30 cold minutes in a pond on CR-850E Sunday morning after falling through thin ice, and had to be rescued by area fire departments.

The man tried to cross the ice and fell through into 4 feet of frigid water.

Kankakee Township volunteer firefighters were the first to respond to the call and were trying to get to the man in a boat, according to Lt. Steve Hora from

the New Carlisle Volunteer Fire Department. Kankakee called for help from New Carlisle.

Hora and fellow New Carlisle firefighter Doug Curl, dressed in wetsuits, also tried to walk across the pond, but fell through the ice about 70 yards from the man, Hora said.

Hora and Curl stayed in the pond, chopping through the ice until they reached the man. Other firefighters helped pull out the

man.

Hora said the man was fortunate because he was able to stand on a stump in the frigid water. If he had had to tread water, he would have succumbed to hypothermia quickly because of all energy he would have expended, Hora said.

The man's name was not available this morning.

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Pershing Township Fire Dept. Offers Mutual Aid to Santa Claus



Pershing Twp. Fire Department's "Santa" teaches Fire Safety.



Fire Chief Richard Blaker (R) presents Rev. Don Blantz gifts for Project Necessities.

Pershing Twp. Fire Dept. in Freetown recently responded in mutual aid to assist Santa Claus. Mr Claus visited the fire station bringing holiday cheer to local children. He also provided fire safety materials and priceless lessons about life safety for little people. About 30 children joined firefighters for breakfast and an exchange of Christmas wishes.

The all volunteer department used the occasion to collect donations for Project Necessities a ministry of Freetown Baptist Church. The church provides non-food items such as tissues, paper towels, diapers, soap, laundry detergent, and personal toiletry items to those without funds. "Many groups supply food and clothing to the needy," said Chief Richard Blaker. "This project fills

in the gaps left by other programs."

Reverend Don Blantz accepted the donated items explaining that the holiday season had emptied their shelves. "I know it seems like such a small thing just to have a tissue to blow your child's nose," commented the Pastor. "But when there is no money even for tissues, it is a big need. I recently spoke to a woman who would take her purse into public restrooms and fill it with toilet tissues and paper toweling. She was reduced to being a thief just because her children were desperate. We are grateful that our fire dept. recognizes that need."

"Anyone in the fire service has seen more of suffering than one likes to recall," said Pershing Assist. Chief Rebecca Scott. "We

know how to refer these victims to the Red Cross and to the food banks which do such amazing good work. But until now we had no source for the vital items, like detergent to clean up the mess with. I am very glad to see that it is one of our township churches who has taken on this monumental and critical ministry."

When asked by Santa what he most wanted for Christmas, Chief Blaker said "I would like a nice yellow 1000 gpm pumper, a new dump tank, and a computer."

Santa himself (fireman Joe McDermid) expressed a desire for more volunteers, peace on earth, and a Christmas without any emergency calls.

Pershing Twp. Vol. Fire Dept.

News From Sgt.-At-Arms Bill Bush

Here we are in the middle of winter. We have had more snow than normal. We must have 10 to 12' high piles where they dug out our county road with an end loader. You folks from the north end expect it, but down here in the middle and southern part of Indiana it is somewhat unusual. I guess it will be spring soon.

I want to remind you to get your reservations and registrations in for convention. Take advantage of the pre-registration reduced cost and get it in before June 1.

Also, your letters for Mr. IVFA, Ollie Sandburg and Lois Boaz awards are due March 1. Give the committees a real challenge in choosing the winners.

The committee is working really hard to have a special 50th Anniversary Convention. I hope lots of firemen and auxiliary members will attend. They are planning various events and there should be something for everyone. They have really nice T-shirts and caps for sale.

I hope your districts have selected a Miss Flame candidate by now. Wouldn't it be something for a young lady to participate in a 50th Anniversary contest? Get their entry form in to my wife, Eula Bush, address page 6.

Are you attending your district meetings? It's a way to exchange ideas and promote your fundraisers and activities. You know fire service people are a real great group. Not a bad idea to just socialize.

IVFA State Officers Meeting

November 4, 1995

Ramada Inn, Indianapolis, Indiana

The meeting was called to order by President Glant with the Invocation given by Chaplain Baker. The Pledge to the flag was led by President Glant.

President Glant called for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion by Don Cushman to accept the minutes as printed. Seconded by Jack Kerney. The motion carried by a voice vote.

OFFICER'S REPORT

President Glant reported that due to personal reasons he did not travel during the last quarter.

Assistant Secretary Davies reported attending 3 district meetings and 1 fund raiser since the last meeting.

Chaplain Baker stated he had held 2 memorial services and attended 2 new station dedications.

Assistant Chaplain Lantz reported attending several district meetings and had 1 memorial service.

Secretary Kissell gave his report that there were 16,840 members paid, 15,090 were paid on time. There have been 10,235 license plate applications issued to date.

Treasurer Stofer's report was read by President Glant showing the General Fund Balance of \$379,200.87, Bridgeport Fund Balance of \$86,509.20 and total of all funds \$465,710.07.

PUBLIC RELATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

NW Howe stated that he had made most of the district meetings and that the attendance was better. He also remarked that the license plate proposal was not very well accepted.

NE Kinsey reported that the district meetings were well attended otherwise the area was very quiet.

EC Cox reported attending a few of the district meetings.

WC Michl reported he made all of the district meetings. He has suffered a light stroke but was well on the way to recovery.

SW Kerney reported travelling over 1400 miles in his area and he attended 4 district meetings.

SE Caudill stated due to a job change he has missed some of the district meetings.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

D1 Howe stated that his district meetings were well attended.

D2 Stott reported 1 death in the district. Attendance was good.

D3 Uryga was absent.

D4 Ferro was absent.

D5 Kissinger reported the attendance at the last meeting was good. He read a letter from a township trustee to the IVFA.

D6 Straws reported that the last district meeting was not well attended.

D7 Sorg reported 1 death in the district and he attended the retirement party for the fire chief of Berne.

D8A Fleenor stated the district was quiet.

D8B Petro reported attending several fund raisers. He awarded the Midwest Award posthumously to the brother and sister of Duane Harter from his district.

D9A Cline stated the attendance at the meeting was good. There have been a lot of arson fires in the district.

D9B Koehler thanked Past President Swartz for presiding over the last district meeting in his absence. Not much going on in the district.

D10 Israel stated the attendance at last meeting was good. He had also been to several fund raisers in the district.

D11A Hays reported the last meeting was the annual picnic. He attended the Dana Aux. Anniversary.

D11B Bartlow stated the last meeting was also the annual district picnic and had a good attendance.

D12 Johnson stated not much going on in his district.

D13A Cushman reported this district very quiet.

D13B Franklin was absent.

D14 Hinkle announced the district has a new chairman and he would be in later to attend this meeting. He also reported 1 death in the district. He then passed out to those in attendance, a new IVFA booklet for opinions and comments.

D15 Wargel stated he was working on 2 departments to rejoin the IVFA.

D16 Hickman was absent.

D17A Harker reported the attendance at last meeting was good. He also reported that a fireman from Center Twp VFD was in Methodist Hospital from injuries suffered while on a mutual aid run.

D17B Kluender reported the attendance at the last 2 district meetings was fair. He thanked Jack Kerney and Tom Hinkle for attending his meetings. He reported the licence plate proposal was not well received in the district.

D18 Daunhauer reported 1 death in the district and the attendance was fair in the district meetings.

D19 Covington stated the license plate proposal was not popular in the district. The attendance was good at the last district meeting. And the "Learn Not To Burn" program was going well in the district.

D20 Palmiero was absent.

D21 Martin reported attending 1 station dedication, the attendance at the district meetings was about the same. He presented a check from the Sheffield Twp Fire Dept for \$100.00 to be used for lobbying purposes.

PAST PRESIDENT REPORTS

All those in attendance passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative - Stofer stated that several bills were being persuaded. The mutual aid agreement law from the State of Missouri which stated that departments can make mutual aid runs without an agreement being signed. He also spoke on the Car & Clothing Allowance, will introduce a bill for a \$100.00/\$100.00 minimum. The license plate bill will be reintroduced again. Benefits on the insurance policy to be restructured and introduced as a new bill.

Editor's Assistant - Howe reported no problems. The paper is going to press with the mailing next week. The corrections to the mailing labels are done.

Nat'l Vol. Fire Council - (Parish for Stofer) The meeting was held in Louisville, Ky with 30 delegates present. Benefits to go up another 3%.

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IVFA State Officers Meeting

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Telemarketing programs, he spoke of the pros and cons of this subject. He also spoke on the OSHA "2 man in, 2 man out law", different regions have different interpretations to this law. The next meeting of the council will be in Austin, TX in April of 1996. There are 1,130,000 firefighters nationally with 850,000 being volunteers.

Public Education - Parker stated he had nothing to report.

EMS - Stott reported the last meeting was held in September. The forms used by the EMS are no longer supplied by the state. Local users will have to go to suppliers to purchase these forms.

Bridgeport Fund - Swartz stated he had nothing to report.

Historical - Parish reported work on the 1st issue of the book was completed through page 33. The committee is going to monthly meetings in order to meet deadlines.

Insurance - Stofer reported one bill forthcoming in the legislature. He also stated that a Hancock County suit will be won by the widow of the deceased firefighter on the benefits due to her.

President Glant stated that Vice President Zeeks had remarked to him that the Midwest Award recipients names need to be on his desk by the February officer's meeting.

Standards & Education - Covington announced that PSTI no longer exists. The board is to meet as scheduled.

Tom Hinkle introduced Nelson Ehlers as the new chairman for District 14.

Fire Services Institute - Parish reported they are working on a date for the 2nd annual picnic. The dinner will be on January 21st at the Hyatt Regency in Indianapolis. There will be 2 hearing sessions in the afternoon. There will also be a raffle held with all proceeds going to the Oklahoma City Fund.

96 Convention - Howe asked for a show of hands of all those who would be interested in a Casino Boat Cruise on Lake Michigan. He gave the registration and reservation rules and rates and had a tentative schedule of events. He also had convention hats and tee-shirts for sale with him.

Ad Taker - Swartz reported there were 29 ads in this issue of the paper. The current income for this issue is \$3,594. The August issue income was \$4,150. There are \$744.00 in outstanding bills. Expenses for the quarter were \$1,051.00. Swartz also stated that the current editor and printer of the paper will only be through the convention. President Glant stated there was a committee for the newspaper and they would function to secure a new editor and printer.

He then called on Tom Hinkle who handed out an Administrative Assistant proposal submitted by Tom & Vicki Hinkle. This proposal included data entry and processing, phone help, fax info, E-Mail and computer ideas. Following this presentation, President Glant opened the floor for discussion on comparing the proposals submitted to the organization. Jack Cox made a motion to table this subject until Tim Downey's presentation on Sunday Morning. Seconded by Larry Petro. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Telemarketing - Civic Development Group - Past Presidents Parish, Swartz and Parker went to New Jersey to investigate this organization at the request of President Glant. Mitch Parish explained the project as he saw it from his prospective. Jim Parker stated how the telemarketing process was monitored by this company. Both Parker and Parish stated that they called some of the customers who were on this program throughout the 48 states. The response to their phone calls were on a very positive basis. The negative replies on this company and their work was a very small percentage. Swartz stated his phone contacts were all especially pleased with this group and was told that the group is well organized and through with their efforts in a business manner. Following these presentations, a question and answer session was held. A motion was made by Jack Cox to take this back to the districts for a vote. Seconded by Larry Petro. The motion carried by a hand vote.

President Glant recessed the meeting at 9:00 p.m. to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. Sunday.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5, 1995

The meeting was called to order by President Glant with the Invocation given by Chaplain Baker.

President Glant called on Al Mendel, Games Committee Chairman who passed out the minutes of their last meeting.

President Glant introduced Tim Downey, who explained his business functions along with the Indianapolis location of his office and the success he has had with this new location of his business.

President Glant then introduced John Shanks, the Association Attorney, who spoke on several issues, one being the Civic Development Group. He thought it was a good Program. He did comment that the proposal lacked certain items he thought should have been included. He hoped these items would appear in a contract. A question and answer session followed. He then passed out the Certificate of Incorporation of the Ind. Vol. Firefighter's Educational Foundation, Inc. He spoke on legislative articles of concern to this organization, particularly, the gaming laws (charitable) and disability insurance.

Paul Covington passed out the list of names for the new firefighting Personnel Standards and Education Board. This letter, he recommended be placed on the association letterhead and signed by the President of the IVFA and then sent to the Governor's office with a copy to the Fire Marshal. A motion was made by Nelson Ehlers to put this list on IVFA letterhead. Seconded by Don Kissinger. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Tim Wargel passed out a proposed letter stating that the IVFA support the actions of the IAFIC concerning the length of service award program. A motion was made by Gene Stofer that a letter be sent that the IVFA supports the actions of the IAFIC with Glant's signature. Seconded by Perry Martin. The motion carried by a hand vote.

A motion was made by Tom Hinkle that a liaison committee for the IFAC section with Tim Wargel as our representative for information exchange. Seconded by Jack Kerney. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Jack Cox announced that the East Central Emergency Services School will be held in Richmond in January 1996.

A motion was made by Larry Petro to adjourn this meeting. Seconded by Don Kissinger. The motion carried by a voice vote.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Parish who called for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion by Bill Howe, Sr. to accept them as printed. 2nd by Don Cushman. The

motion carried by a voice vote.

Chairman Parish requested a show of hands of those who wanted to attend the Fire Service Institute Dinner in January. A motion by Joe Caudill to send all officers who want to attend this dinner. Seconded by Jack Kerney. The motion carried. The cost will be taken from the Public Education Account.

Chairman Parish stated that the Logo Committee is appointed. The following members will serve a three year term, they are the District Chairmen from Districts 2, 6 and 18. The following members will serve a two year term, they are the District Chairmen from Districts 13A and 21. Bob Fleenor suggested that the names of the district chairmen responsible for selling the IVFA miniature flags, (Dist 11B) and the IVFA patches (Dist 18) be put in the IVFA newspaper for contacts. The proposal from Tom Hinkle be amended from 5 years to a 1 year contract per Tom Hinkle. A motion was made by Larry Petro to table Tom Hinkle's proposal. Seconded by Bob Fleenor. The motion failed.

Chairman Parish stated that the contract between the IVFA and Tim Downey is for six months starting in January 1996. This contract is valid and after the six months period, the Hinkle proposal may be re-submitted at that time. A motion by Bill Howe, Jr. to authorize the President of the IVFA and Tim Downey to work out a contract agreement that is acceptable by the Board. Seconded by Buz Koehler. The motion carried by a hand vote. A question and answer session followed this motion in the concerns of a final contract that needs to be written with no surprises to the association.

Chairman Parish introduced Jim Martin, President of the Indiana Firefighters Association who then introduced Gene Goddard who spoke on the feasibility of having a joint convention with the other fire service associations to improve the attendance at the annual conventions. A question and answer session followed Mr. Goddard's presentation.

Chairman Parish reviewed the job assignments of the office of secretary and treasurer and the job assignment currently held by the assistant secretary. A motion was made by Bill Bush to retain John Davies as Assistant Secretary for a period of 1 year. Seconded by Bill Howe,

Sr. The motion carried by a hand vote.

A motion by Bill Howe, Sr. that the treasurer pay bills from January through the February meeting that are pertinent to keep the association running. Seconded by Don Kissinger. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Chairman Parish called for a vote from the district chairmen on the establishment of a \$10.00 fee payable to the IVFA to obtain a form for license plates. The vote is as follows all districts present voted Nay, absent were Districts 3, 4, 13A, 13B, 16 & 20.

Chairman Parish then polled the Public Relation Directors present, the response was unanimous, Nay.

President Glant appointed Jack Kerney, Mitch Parish, Tom Hinkle and himself to a joint convention committee.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mort Sorg. Seconded by Jim Parker. The motion carried by a hand vote.

The benediction was given by Ass't. Chaplain Lantz.

Respectfully submitted,
John Davies, Ass't Sec.

Car Collides with Semi Tractor-Trailer



Firefighters from Liberty Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. (Porter County) and Paramedics from Porter Memorial Hospital E.M.S. remove the top of a Ford Ranchero to extricate the driver after he slid on the ice covered U.S. Hwy 6 and struck a semi tractor-trailer head-on. The accident occurred at U.S. 6 and 500 East in Porter County at 6:15 A.M. on November 21, 1995. The driver survived the collision with multiple injuries. Raymond Wesley, Liberty Twp Vol. Fire Dept.

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Plans are well underway for the 6th Annual Duneland School of Fire & Emergency Services. Once again it will be held at the Chesterton High School and hosted by the Chesterton Fire Dept. Sat. & Sun., March 16 & 17, 1996. The Indiana Fire Instructors Association will present many new subjects and instructors and will also present the successful training classes from previous years. At press time, over 50 different subjects are planned for the school. Flyers and books will be mailed as soon as plans are completed, so watch your mail and this newspaper for more information.

This year's Duneland School Committee is chaired by Mike Osborne, Michigan City Fire Dept and members from the following depts are also taking part in planning and presenting the 1996 School; Chesterton, South Haven, Hobart, Center Twp., Springfield Twp., Beverly Shores, & Plymouth.

John Brown, Plymouth Fire Dept. and IFIA 219 Area Chairman, is taking an active roll in the planning of the School. John's assistance as well as everyone's on the committee, promises to make this school better than ever.

The current committee wishes to thank the past committees for making this one of the premier educational opportunities available in Indiana. And without the support of the students, by their enthusiastic participation, the school would continue to grow each and every year. Make your plans now to attend. Contact: Doug Miller 219-462-6161.

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'Recruit' Has Battled Fires For 43 Years

Volunteer Isadore Davis of Royal Center named top fireman of '95

By Deb Saine
Pharos-Tribune Lifestyle Editor

Charlene Davis had gotten one too many phone calls over the past several days that she was hush-hush about. So when her husband, Isadore, was named 1995 Fireman Of The Year, he wasn't too surprised.

Married 53 years, the Davies haven't kept too many secrets from one another. And it's just normal for them to discuss their phone conversations with each other.

But when Charlene kept quiet about her numerous recent calls, Isadore got a little suspicious. And his suspicions were confirmed after Master of Ceremonies, Fred Sabatini announced Isadore's name at the 13th Annual Fireman Of The Year Banquet on Monday night at the Eagles. The award is given out by the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 323.

Isadore, 76, has been a member of the Royal Center Volunteer Fire Department since 1952. He was 'recruited', he said, by former Fire Chief Don Conn, Sr.

Back then, dues for volunteer firefighters were \$1. The chief came up to Isadore and told him to give him a dollar. And he did. "So, I was a fireman," he said, smiling.

But extinguishing flames was not new to Isadore, who had served as a firefighter with the U.S. Army Engineers during World War II. He went from being a jeep driver in a motor pool, he said, to being a firefighter in Japan.

During his 43 years of community service as a volunteer firefighter in Royal Center, Isadore has been injured only once. It was October 29, 1988, during a grass fire similar to the ones that occurred in the area over the weekend.

The fire, he said, had started about one mile from where he got hurt. It was coming toward the fire truck, so the driver started to back the truck up. Isadore was holding a hose that got caught around his leg. When the truck

moved, the hose pulled him down, and he was dragged several feet.

"It almost tore off my hip," he recalled. These days, he spends most fires manning the radio.

The most exciting fire he ever helped out with was when a grain elevator burned. Although he doesn't have any idea what year it was because it was "a lot of years ago," he does remember how he spent the better part of that day.

"The only thing I did was I helped save a house that was next door to the elevator," he said. "It was my job to keep water going on it." And even though that was "the only thing" he did, the Vern Seward family was probably eternally grateful that he'd saved their home.

When Isadore first joined the Royal Center VFD, his equipment consisted of nothing more than a raincoat and a pair of boots. And there were only two fire trucks. Today, there are six trucks and the equipment is more advanced and more protective.

Described by current Fire Chief Bob Pifer as loyal and hard working, Isadore has served as the group's secretary for 16 years. It's a job his wife said that once he said "yes" to, nobody else wanted it. And as long as he says yes, it's his, she added. Isadore also has served as president, treasurer and historian.

A volunteer puts his life on the line the same as a career person but for absolutely, positively nothing, said guest speaker Stanley Gibson.

Gibson, chief director for firefighter training for Perry Township in Marion County, also said that a fire doesn't know the difference between who's fighting it. The fire will still react the same no matter who is trying to put it out.

Isadore Davis has helped put out his share of fires over the past four decades, he said, because he wanted to help people out.

And help them out he did, according to Pifer, whether it was "noon or night, rain or shine."

RP man hurt in snowplow collision

ROLLING PRAIRIE—A Rolling Prairie man was seriously injured when his 1984 Ford Mustang was broadsided by a snowplow on U.S. 20 Monday afternoon.

Wayne Brewer, 22, of 7598N CR-500E, was in critical but stable condition in the intensive care unit of LaPorte Hospital this morning. He sustained a head injury, Indiana State Police said.

Brewer was southbound on CR-600E when he apparently failed to yield to an Indiana State Highway snowplow traveling east on U.S. 20, police said.

The plow driver, Darcy Bladecki, 37, of 8275N CR-425E, Rolling Prairie, was not injured.

The plow apparently smashed the passenger side of the Mustang up to the driver's seat, Kankakee Township firefighters who responded to assist EMS told The Herald-Argus.

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