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Accident Claims Life of 8th Volunteer Fireman

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Vice President's Quarterly Report

Friendship Fireman Dies in Crash



JIM PARKER

I hope all of you had very pleasant and safe holidays. Let us all make a few New Years resolutions:

1. Set an example of safety for your fellow firefighters and neighbors.
2. Promote Fire Prevention.
3. Promote Fire Safety education.
4. Pursue fire investigation and combat arson.
5. Help your Department maintain good records and bookkeeping practices (more on this).
6. Improve yourself in the service by attending the fire schools.
7. Be a good neighbor, one who you would be proud to say "Yes, I know him, he is my friend."

The year 1982 held some tragedies for us that we hope never occur again. Those tragedies brought to light some shortcomings in our record keeping. **BE SURE** that your Department has on file a beneficiary assignment card signed by you and designating your beneficiary. **BE SURE** you maintain **GOOD, ACCURATE** copies of your emergency runs and investigations. Good record keeping can save you grief in the future.

On a bright note, have you made your plans yet to attend the convention at Elkhart in June? Don't wait, do it now. You will really enjoy yourself. The folks up there have the show well under way.

Don't forget to get your news in to the Editor to keep this paper the best in the country.

As always, if I or any of the officers can be of help to you, let us know.



CARL BRUNS

With the holidays behind us, we find the State Legislation in full swing. If you are asked to help, please do so. With money being tight at all levels of government, we will find that each department must operate on a tighter budget. In preparing your budget we must plan for the future. In the Fire Schools this year, one of the courses we are recommending is Fire Department Administration, and one part of this will be the handling of receipts and disbursements of your organization. I think it is very important that you spend considerable time on your budget. Another part of Department Administration is good public relations with the citizens of your community.

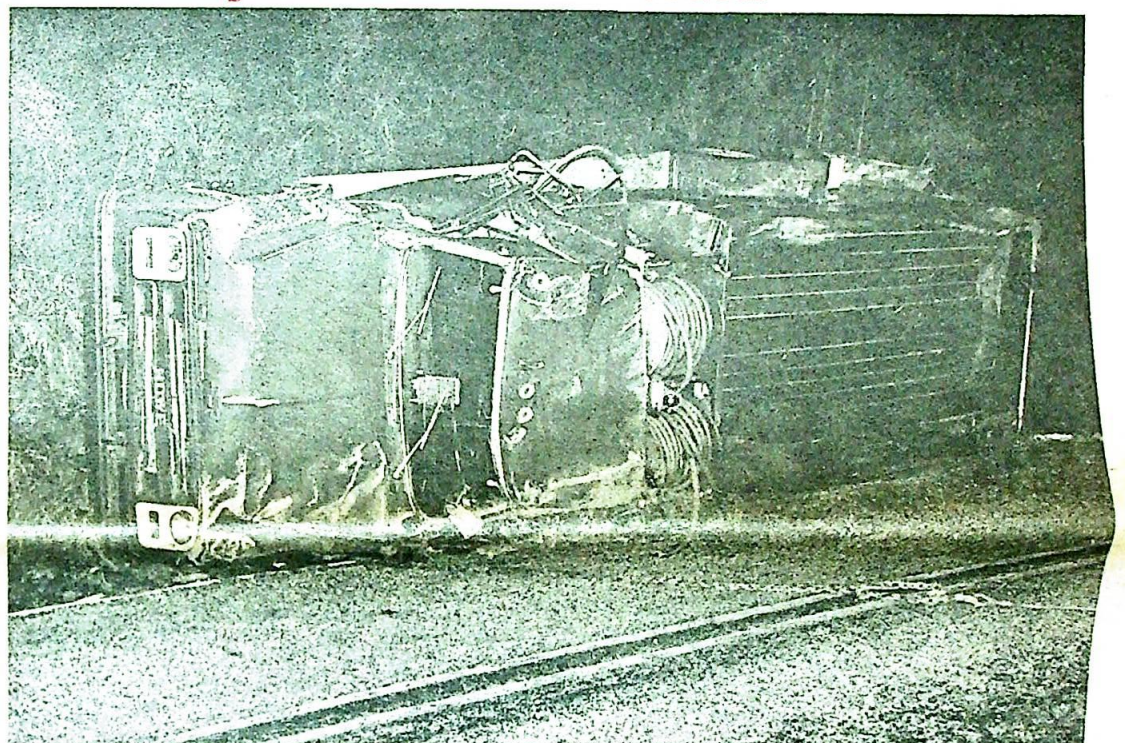
Fire school dates and locations are set, subjects to be taught in most schools are still open. Give your district chairman and public relations men some input on what you want. We are suggesting you have two subjects for a one-day school or four subjects for a two-day school. Promotion is a must in these fire schools; let's each of us do our part. Your officers have classes that we are recommending.

Recognition of firefighters in each district can be accomplished through the Midwest Award. Let's select an individual worthy of this award. The name must be in to this Vice President by Marcy 1, 1983.

It is great to see the new district chairmen taking their jobs seriously. You fellows are doing a great job. Dwayne Osborn-11B,

Hoping you have fewer and safer emergency runs.

Jim



The Friendship pumper is shown as it was found after the fatal crash. Firemen salvaged the equipment that remained useable on the rig, but they will now have to begin the difficult job of replacing the pumper, which was a 1970 Howe carrying 1000 gallons of water.

Story and Photo by Lee Kissell, District 19 Chairman

A tragic accident in Ripley County has claimed another fireman's life in the line of duty. Robert B. Kermeen, age 50, a member of the Friendship Volunteer Fire Department, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident which occurred on State Road 62, between Friendship and Cross Plains. The fatal accident occurred December 23, 1982, at approximately 9:30 p.m., while the department was responding to a chimney fire near Benham, Indiana.

The victim was riding in the cab, along with the driver, Glen E. Kamman, age 37. The driver was taken to Dearborn County Hospi-

tal for treatment and released the next day. Kermeen was apparently killed when he was thrown out of the cab, while the driver remained inside the truck, saving him from more serious injuries.

The 1970 Howe pumper was traveling west on SR 62. The road was wet from rains that had been occurring, making the narrow state highway slick, which apparently caused the pumper to skid out of control. A drainage ditch along the edge of the road caused the truck to drop off the road, hit a steep embankment and roll over on its top. The truck came to rest on its left side, at the edge of the road.

Steve Macy-10, Fred Culross-21, and Jim Gordon-13B, keep up the good work. Your reward will be the accomplishments as time progresses. All district chairmen are meeting with departments which do not belong to IVFA. This is very fruitful as well as we are getting several new departments joining the rank of our organization. I made a visit to the office of our State Secretary. Doug has a big job of getting things in order for the computer. If any member can

stop in and see Doug, ask him how the office works; it is very interesting and educational.

Keep in mind this is the time of year when Federal Income Tax, Gross Income Tax, and the annual not-for-profit papers should be filed. This is a very important part of the Fire Service. If you need help contact any officer for assistance.

As I travel around the state I learn from each department the many different ways of operating

Visitation was held at the Boward Funeral Home in Versailles on December 26, with burial at Greenwood, Indiana on Monday. Kermeen and his wife owned and operated the Friendship Tavern, and were active in several community activities. Along with his wife Marilyn, immediate survivors include three children, William R. of Greenwood, Rebecca Scherer of Indianapolis, and Barry Jay of Friendship.

The accident was investigated by State Police from Versailles and the Ripley County Sheriff's Office. Kermeen's death apparently is the first fatality in the line of duty for the volunteer fire service in Ripley County's history.

Nobody can be exempt from learning. Continue to show your procedures to fellow firefighters. Every year without doubt the job of Fire Service in Indiana improves. Let it be known in your department that you want to assume additional responsibilities, a job will be offered you which will be very rewarding. Your President has asked, let's get involved in Fire Safety and Education.

Carl

Elkhart County, the Place to Be in '83 June 9th, 10th, and 11th

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Minutes of October Officers Meeting

Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, Indianapolis, October 30-31, 1982

The quarterly officer's meeting was called to order by President Parker at 8:00 p.m. Father Lantz gave the invocation followed by Vice-President Bruns with the pledge to the flag.

President Parker presented the Sergeant-at-Arms plaque to Bill Bush, who was asked if he would take the position until the convention in June and he agreed to do so.

President Parker also presented a Past President card which was affixed to a plaque to Mr. William Goodwin.

Secretary Bechtel called the roll. Past President Crocker made a motion to dispense with the reading of the previous meeting, Bill Howe seconded, carried by a voice vote. Tom Sellmer made a motion, seconded by Bill Sunday, to accept the amended by-laws from the June meeting. Also carried by voice vote.

President Parker introduced the guests who were attending the meeting. They were Mr. Wm. Goodwin, State Fire Marshal, and Don Weigel, EMT chairman.

President Parker gave his quarterly report. He has enjoyed all the meetings he has attended as well as the fellowship. On the computer update he stated that all the departments have been entered and part of the membership is now in. It is hoped that by mid-December all of the membership will be completed.

Vice-President Bruns stated that he still needed input from the District Chairmen on departments that do not belong to the I.V.F.A. He said that it has been working out real well in some districts. Vice-President Bruns also gave some details concerning problems in some of the volunteer fire departments he had visited. He felt that the ideas he gave to them was helpful by the comments he later received.

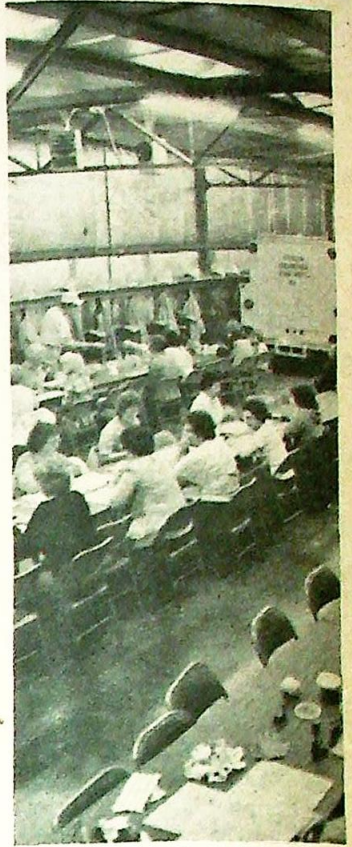
Secretary Bechtel handed out some address sheets for all I.V.F.A. officers and committees. He has been very busy going through the files of the Association as there are a lot of changes of address and men who are no longer part of our association are still on file.

Treasurer's Report - Mr. Stofer was not present for this evening's meeting so President Parker handed out the treasurer's financial report. President Parker stated that Treasurer Stofer would be in attendance on Sunday to explain the report.

Chaplain Lantz in his report explained the various activities he had been asked to be a part of, as well as the heartfelt thanks that he received during all memorial services which he had been a part of since the last meeting.

President Parker called the roll of Past Presidents for any comments.
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The House That Bingo Built:



A birds-eye view of the weekly crowd for Bingo, sponsored by the Dublin Fire Department, every Thursday night. Bingo is a regular money-maker for the funding of equipment and training.

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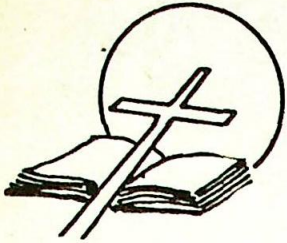
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Your Chaplain, Duane Lantz

Scripture Mathiew 27 33-40

Then they went out to an area known as Golgotha, that is "Skull Hill," where the soldiers gave him drugged wine to drink; but when he had tasted it, he refused.

After the crucifixion, the soldiers threw dice to divide up his clothes among themselves. Then they sat around and watched him as he hung there. And they put a sign above his head, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Two robbers were also crucified there that morning, one on either side of him. And the people passing by hurled abuse, shaking their heads at him and saying, "So! you can destroy the temple and build it again in three days, can you? Well, then, come on down from the cross if you are the Son of God!"

As I write this article we are leaving behind the trying year of 1982 — on the threshold of a New Year, 1983. As we venture into this New Year let us approach our projects and problems of our individual Fire Departments with a positive attitude. We want our ideas and influences to be a constructive force, producing results that enhance the lives of our Volunteer Firemen. We are involved in many worthwhile activities and we always welcome new suggestions.

Your Chaplain has been busy. To those families who lost their loved ones, our heartfelt prayers go out to you. To the Waldo Neal family of Geneva, our 1952 president, and to the Clarence Reid family, our Sergeant at Arms, 1950-51, and Chaplain, 1952-53.

The last paper had the Christmas story and this paper a part of the story of the Crucifixion. And in these few short months we have the happy times with the birth of Jesus, and the saddened times with his death, and in three days another happy time after the resurrection. Jesus gave us eternal life if we but follow Him.

We are inclined to be so selfishly involved in our own busy lives that we forget that in a few short years we may be the lonely soul who would so appreciate the kind word or deed that would bring joy to us. Let us be mindful of those who, through the infirmities of age as well as the uncertainties of youth, could benefit from a kind word or deed at the time most needed.

Our lives are too crowded with worries to leave room for happy memories. We have little time or energy left to think of others. But by asking God to help live with less, we will find space for all the riches which money can not buy.

The reward is not in what God will do for us, or what others will do for us. The reward is that the love of God is no longer simply for us; it is within us. God is no longer remote. Those who have opened themselves to God know this. And the Holy Spirit dwells inside them, bringing God indescribably close.

We are happy to hear our editor, Robert Laney, is recovering from his recent heart attack. You continue to get better, Bob, we will continue to pray for complete recovery.

Love God with all your soul and strength,
with all your heart and mind; ;
And love your neighbor as yourself;
be faithful, just and kind.
Deal with another as you'd have
another deal with you.
What you're unwilling to receive,
be sure you never do.

PRAYER — Lord Jesus, shine into our lives your abundant light that its warmth may be found in all our relationships with other people.
Amen.

This Sunday go to the church of your choice — you'll like it.
Your Chaplain

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All present answered, "no report." After completing the Past Presidents, President Parker stated that he would call on the Public Relations Directors for their reports.

P.R. Northwest Bob Esserman — Bob said the attendance at the District meetings have been good but was disappointed at the Fire Schools. Bob also talked of a parade he had attended in Chicago recently, and of some of the equipment in the parade and on display.

P.R. Northeast Bill Kinsey — Bill said he was still getting acquainted with the people in his area. He gave a report on the State Fair. He had also attended the 4th District meeting at the site of the Convention campground in Elkhart. Bill spoke highly of the facilities available for campers for the '83 Convention. He reported that two children had lost their lives in Allen County just prior to his coming to the meeting this weekend.

P.R. West Central Toddy Michl — Toddy had been attending all district meetings. He said he was interested in obtaining as much information as possible on the 911 Emergency number. President Parker opened the floor for discussion and after a lengthy discussion on the favorable and unfavorable experiences President Parker stated that anyone with any more input should contact Toddy after the meeting.

P.R. East Central Bruce Neal — Bruce has been attending as many of the meetings as possible and discussed some of the activities by various departments in his area.

P.R. Southwest Carl Davis — was well pleased with the attendance at the District meeting. He also talked on a parade held in a small town in his area and some of the equipment in the parade as well as on display — without going to Chicago. Besides, the roads in his area would not support some of the equipment previously reported on.

P.R. Southeast Roy Richardson — Roy reported on attendance at the fire schools held in his part of the state. Roy also spoke of some advances that are being made by various cities and towns on a smoke detector ordinance.

After the Public Relations Directors, President Parker asked if Bill Bush, Sergeant-at-Arms pro-tem, had a report. Bill thanked the Association on behalf of the family of Charles "Butch" McGill for all that they had done. "Butch" McGill was the father-in-law of Bill. Bill also talked on the recent fire in Dana and also of an experience with a business selling L.P. gas from an unprotected and unmarked area.

President Parker commented that we would start the district reports and would get as many as possible done as time allowed.

District 1 — Bill Howe reported of two children who had died recently in his District, but no further information was available.

District 2 — Dale Smith absent.

District 3 — Ralph Yergler reported on a complaint of solicitations of funds by people misrepresenting other organizations. A lengthy discussion followed with nothing being resolved.

District 4 — Ralph Bechtel thanked Chaplain Lantz for a memorial service and commented on souvenirs for the '83 Convention.

District 5 — Wayne Smith thanked all for their help at the time of tragedy in Plymouth recently. He also talked on the fire schools last year and what was being planned this year. Wayne then went into detail on the problems that he encountered after the accident at Plymouth. He strongly impressed upon us to make sure that the department has a beneficiary form on file and is up-do-date. Wayne spoke highly of the help he received from the people from Washington D.C. in filing for the Federal Benefit and also told of some of the requirements that have to be met to be eligible for this fund.

District 6 — Maynard Masters explained that his district has undergone a change of format for their meetings. They previously had a meeting every month but now it will be bi-monthly on the 3rd Thursday. The fire school was cancelled due to lack of attendance and he talked of some disastrous fires in his District lately.

District 7 — Mort Sorg spoke of some deaths in the District and reminded all of the International Waterball Banquet on November 13 at the Hoagland Hayloft. It will be hosted by the firemen from Hoagland and that all were welcome to join them in making peanut brittle on Sunday, November 14, in the afternoon at the Poe Fire Station.

District 8A — Bob Fleener had no report.

District 8B — Bill Sunday gave the dates and locations of several fire schools which were in progress at this time. He also gave a report on the activities and the parade in Farmland during Fire Prevention Week.

District 9A — Charles "Tug" Sutton related some of the experiences he has enjoyed at the different meetings he has attended.

District 9B — Lawrence Schwartz reported on death in the District since the last meeting.

District 10 — Steve Macy, as a new chairman, felt that the attendance at the District meetings has been good, and they have several training programs going on now.

District 11A — Phil Reed felt attendance was average and explained some problems he has encountered in his local area.

District 11B — Dwayne Osborn thanked all state officers who had attended the meetings and gave a report on his fire school.

District 12 — Don Johnson gave his fire school report and thanked the officers who attended the meetings. Don also told of the plaque which had been presented to Mr. Charles Bogdin for his many years of service as the District Secretary.

District 13A — Bill Windsor absent.

District 13B — Jim Gordon had no report. He is the new chairman and his first meeting is scheduled for November 30.

District 14 — Tom Sellmer was disappointed in the attendance of his fire school. He had no answer on how to get people to attend. Tom also made some comments on a fire investigation he was asked to help in which involved a death where no report had been made.

District 15 — John Bruckman had no report.

District 16 — Billy Roberts had no report.

District 17A — Bill Engle gave the date for the sausage supper at Vincennes Township on January 29, 1983, and said as in the past it would be stag, but the women were welcome to go to his house as his spouse has made plans for supper.

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Michiana Shores Has Audit of Equipment

MICHIANA SHORES, INDIANA: Messrs. Shaun P. Shannon, Transportation Director, State of Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission and Michael J. Reardon, Emergency Medical Services Regional Coordinator, conducted an audit of Level 1 Ex-trication Equipment provided to the Michiana Shores Volunteer Fire Department under a 1982 Ex-trication Equipment Grant, Project No. 82-18.

The audit was rated "Excellent" and Mr. Reardon's summation included a statement to the effect that Michiana Shores Volunteer Fire Department is a "Great Professional Organization." The funding is the result of a joint effort by the Michiana Shores Board of Trustees, Michiana Shores Volunteer Fire Department and the Fire Department Auxiliary.

A. G. Bjornberg
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District 17B — Pete Lockhart has had good programs but the attendance has been up and down.

District 18 — Russel Reinhart said the meetings were well attended, his department had a good fire prevention parade, and reported two deaths in his area.

District 19 — Lee Kissell thanked the officers who attended his meeting and gave the fire school report.

District 20 — Charles Jones absent.

District 21 — Fred Culross absent.

Vice-President Bruns read the items that had been presented to him to be presented during the new business on Sunday.

President Parker then recessed the meeting until 8:30 a.m. on Sunday. Meeting was recessed at 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 31, meeting reconvened at 8:35 a.m.

Chaplain Lantz gave the invocation.

President Parker then called on the District Chairmen who were not present on Saturday evening for their report.

District 13A — Bill Windsor gave his fire school report.

District 21 — Fred Culross had no report.

Treasurer Gene Stofer presented his quarterly financial statement to the body and went over some areas where it appeared that some of the appropriations and expenditures were over the budget this time.

President Parker, in the absence of the Legislative Chairman Jack Ford, read a prepared statement by Mr. Ford on what was happening on different bills and also asking what direction he should be taking on some of these matters.

State Fire Marshal Wm. Goodwin addressed the Association officers to push for safe use of kerosene heaters and woodburning stoves. Marshal Goodwin also stated that the National Fire Academy's Outreach Program was just about full. This is scheduled for November 6 and 7 in Indianapolis. He also related a problem that an insurance company was having in getting a fire report from a fire department. Marshal Goodwin further stressed that fire investigation is an obligation that must be taken care of by the local fire department.

Don Weigel, EMT Committee Chairman, reported that his committee did meet and a couple of items were discussed. He further stated that an attempt was going to be made to have Mr. Phil Martin, Executive Director of the Indiana E.M.S., attend a meeting so some questions on direction of E.M.S. could be answered by him if possible.

Past President Norm Crocker stated that some openings were available on the Fire Standards Commission. If anyone is interested, contact Marshal Goodwin for more information, as certain obligations must be met to be eligible.

Maynard Masters, Chairman of the Training Committee, gave his report and outlined what they were attempting to do. Some of the work is getting permission to recopy articles for the paper. He also asked for our help in attempting to locate the slide programs which our association has, but most have disappeared. Whenever a complete listing is available it will be printed in the paper along with a form telling where and what program is available.

Vice-President Bruns gave his report on fire schools. He outlined some guidelines which were presented as follows: (a) Pump operations and pump maintenance (b) Defensive driving (c) L.P. gas (d) Department administration (e) Building construction (f) Fire Prevention, Safety, and Education. Also \$150 per year per district for fire schools, a \$3 per individual minimum for registration — may go over if need be. On a one day school they recommend only two subjects, and for a two day school, four subjects. The committee also felt the time of year was important, and suggested that March, April, May, September, October, and November were most ideal. He stressed that no cancellation of schools be done for lack of attendance. Vice-President Bruns would also like for location and date for all schools to be given to him by January 15 so that they may be included in the Fire Marshal's calendar. Vice-President Bruns stated that the key word to a successful fire school is **PROMOTE**.

Discussion followed, after which Bill Engle made a motion that the report and recommendations be accepted as presented. John Bruckman seconded, passed by voice vote.

Bill Howe, Editor's Assistant Chairman, reported that Mr. Laney had received a lot of papers back from the last printing, which were not delivered for some reason or another. Bill informed the group that the paper was going to press this week. He also stated that what was needed were more information and printable pictures of the convention. President Parker then made a part of convention procedure that all convention committee chairmen be responsible for all winners and people honored at the convention for pictures and articles for the paper.

Bill Engle, Clothing Committee — no report.

Russell Reinhart, Historical Update — has talked to last year's chairman and obtained some information from him but the committee had not met.

Safety Committee Tom Sellmer needs articles sent to him for further research by the committee for publication as well as permission to reprint. Marshal Goodwin stated that he had some DOT Hazardous Material Guidebooks with him and at the noon break they would be available for anyone wanting them.

President Parker then changed the date of the next quarterly meeting to April 30 and May 1, 1983. It had previously been set for Mother's

Day weekend. It will be held at the same location.

Convention Committee gave their report at lunch.

Games Chairman Bob Surber requested to know who was responsible for taking pictures of the games' winners at convention. President Parker informed Bob to contact Bruce Neal or Lee Kissell and work it out with them.

Insurance Committee Chairman Pete Lockhart said that they have not received the adendum from Mr. Downey but he was going to check on it.

Parliamentarian Bill Engle — no report.

Photographer Bruce Neal — no report.

Ad taker — President Parker brought all up to date on the status of Mr. Murphy. A lengthy discussion followed, whereafter Past President Crocker made a motion to continue with Mr. Murphy as ad taker. Motion was seconded. President Parker ruled the motion out of order as it pertains to Board business.

INCERT Program representative Charles Jones said that the I.S.P. have named a new program chairman and he felt things should start moving again.

Meeting was recessed at 11:45 a.m. for lunch.

Meeting was reconvened at 1:40 p.m.

Old Business

Pete Lockhart brought the group up-to-date on the District Chairman Procedure Handbook. It has turned out to be a lot more detailed than at first thought. He presented a rough outline of what had been accomplished so far.

President Parker again stated what has been done on the computer system.

National Volunteer Fire Council Representative Norm Crocker gave a report of the last meeting and also asked the body if they have seen or heard of a video game called "Firebug." It is a game showing how to start a fire and then attempting to get away without getting caught. He urged the Association as well as all firemen to write the company in protest and urge them to stop selling the game. The address is Muse, 347 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland, 21201.

New Business

Past President Crocker asked if it would be possible for the State Association to purchase the Federal Benefit Survivors guide. President Parker stated that this would be deferred to the Board as it pertains to spending non-budgeted money.

Maynard Masters, Training Committee Chairman, read a letter wanting to know if any fire department or fire organization in the state would be interested in hosting a Fire Incident Command Program. It is a program of 16 hours with a limit of 50 people. It is the same program which is available at the National Fire Academy. President Parker stated that if anyone is interested in it to contact Maynard for more information.

Tom Sellmer asked if it would be possible for legislation whereas all phone companies in the state would have to provide as a public service all 800 numbers for emergency phone numbers. He felt that it would be a great benefit to all people, not just firefighters. The body felt that a lot of research would need to be completed before any action could be taken.

Maynard Masters brought before the body a newsletter that is being mailed to all interested persons by Eleanor Lahr. It covers several different subjects for fire fighters. Anyone wishing a copy, her address is Eleanor Lahr; 1505 East Richland Drive, Bloomington, IN 47401, or contact Pete Lockhart and he will forward your address to her.

Communications — President Parker read a letter from an auxiliary, in Connecticut wishing to have some department patches donated for a quilt they are making for an auction. The address is New Fairfield Volunteer Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary, 35 Milltown Road, New Fairfield, CN 06810.

Vice-President Bruns stated that the date for the names to be submitted to him for the Mid-West awards sponsored by Mid-West Fire and Safety is March 1.

Vice-President Bruns read the names of the people who represent Mr. Murphy in his ad sales. They are: Don Trester, Harold T. Smith, Jim Thomas, Pat Murphy, and Frank Murphy.

Chaplain Lantz gave the benediction after which the meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Board of Directors Meeting, October 31, 1982

Meeting called to order by Board Chairman Bill Sunday. Bill Howe made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Larry Schwartz seconded the motion. Carried by voice vote.

Past President Crocker requested a roll call vote. Roll taken with 33 present.

Old Business

A motion to table at the last meeting by Pete Lockhart was brought back. It pertained to the \$5 registration fee at fire schools. Carl Davis, P.R. Director, made a motion to drop the \$5 registration fee at fire schools due to having previously adopting some fire school guidelines. Roy Richardson, P.R. Director, seconded, carried by voice vote.

Chairman Sunday asked President Parker if he had any further information on the computer. President Parker stated that he had none, but would obtain cost charges by next meeting.

Chairman Sunday then stated that something will need to be done to help Treasurer Stofer as far as paying vouchers for fire schools that have gone over their budget. A lengthy discussion followed. Bob Fleener made a motion to pay all vouchers which were over budget for fire schools. Don Johnson seconded. Carried by voice vote.

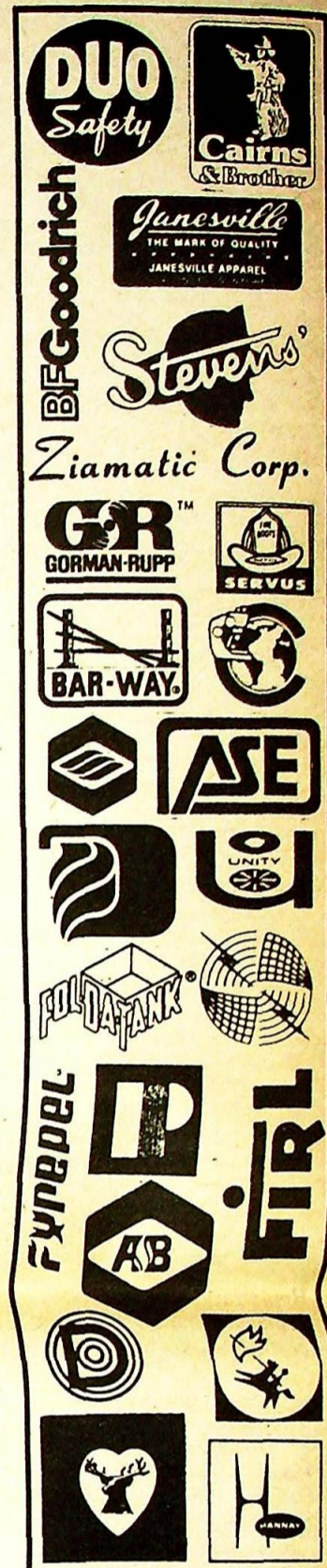
New Business

Chairman Sunday had a request from the 1983 Convention committee to have an advance for expenses of \$2000. Tom Sellmer made a motion to allow the money. Bill Howe seconded. Carried by voice vote.

After a lengthy discussion on training slide programs, Chairman Sunday directed the committee to gather prices on additional slide programs and bring them to the next meeting.

Norm Crocker asked the Board of Directors what they desired to do with the N.V.F.C. slide program that he presented during lunch. Phil Reed made a motion to make a copy of the program and to be a part of our slide library for use by departments in our association. Roy Richardson seconded. Carried by voice vote.

Norm also stated that the National Council is attempting to get patches from all states and he requested three from our association.



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MINUTES (Continued from Page 4)

Jim Parker made a motion to purchase three patches and donate to the Council. Bill Windsor seconded. Discussion followed in which Russell Reinhart said his District would donate the patches. Motion and second were withdrawn.

Norm Crocker brought up the procedure book from the Federal Government on how to file for the death benefit. Jom Parker made a motion that the association pursue the printing of the book for all state officers. Larry Schwartz seconded. After discussion the motion was withdrawn. Crocker will now try to obtain the books at no cost to the association with the assistance of Wayne Smith.

Chairman Sunday then turned the item of the ad taker over to President Parker for discussion. A lengthy discussion was held during which the new ad taker contract was outlined and read. Pete Lockhart made a motion to review the contract and payments at the February officer's meeting and make a decision at this time as of whether or not to notify our ad solicitor of cancellation of the contract and on what date his operations in our name must stop, and he further moved that he be notified immediately that no contracts or agreements are to be made for any advertising past the date of the 1983 convention, either written or verbal. John Bruckman seconded. Chairman Sunday read the motion again. Discussion again followed. Bob Esserman made a motion to table all further discussion until the April 10-May 1, 1983 meeting on the status of the ad taker. Motion was approved.

Jim Parker made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Norm Crocker. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Ivan Nevil
Recording Secretary

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Early in September the Greendale Fire Department began to lay out plans to conduct a town-wide smoke detector and fire extinguisher campaign. The aim of the department was to get a smoke detector in every home and apartment in town as well as a fire extinguisher.

During Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 9, Greendale Fire Depart-

ment conducted a town-wide campaign. The members split into groups of two and went door to door throughout the town.

Chief Noel was extremely pleased that Greendale firefighters were able to place over 140 smoke detectors and 60 fire extinguishers in homes during this campaign. The firefighters also reported to Chief Noel that many of the homes in the town already have smoke detectors.

Chief Noel says, "I would like to thank the citizens of Greendale who supported our smoke detector campaign and those who recognized the importance of smoke detectors by already having them installed in their homes. No home should be without a smoke detector because they give you crucial warning and provide time to escape. Each home also should make escape plans and practice them because you never know when fire might strike your home."

From Our Sgt.-at-Arms

It is an honor to be appointed to the position of Sergeant-at-Arms and to try to fill the shoes of Butch McGill. I fully realize this to be an impossible task, but will give it a try. As orders are sent in, I will fill them. I've sure learned a lot about inventory. Thanks to all of the officers who helped me through my first state meeting.

District 11B will be sponsoring their annual Miss Flame dance at the Rockville Armory on February

12. Sounds like another fine time.

While we are all at home sitting by the fire this winter, it is a good time to write letters for the Mr. IVFA, Lois Boaz and Midwest Awards. Just write letters of recommendation and mail them to the respective committees.

I have been attending as many activities as I can. Just help me keep informed of your "happenings" and I'll try to get there.
Bill Bush

DISTRICT MEETINGS

**Wheatfield Hosts
District 1 & 2
Meeting**

The November meeting was called to order by District 2 Chairman Dale Smith at 7:40 p.m. with the pledge to the flag led by Jim Parker.

Guests introduced were State Fire Marshal William Goodwin, IVFA President Jim Parker, Chaplain Duane Lantz, District 3 Chairman Ralph Yergler, District 9B Chairman Lawrence Swartz, Past Chairman District 2 Bernie Jostes, Hoosier Fire Equipment Jim Daly, and Nispco Bill Hargas.

Roll call was answered by eighty-eight (88) Firepersons from 18 departments.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Midwest Award will be presented in 1983. Midwest Award Committee named were:

District I

Bill Howe, Chairman
Vicky Donsbach
Dick Wilson

District II

Dale Smith, Chairman
Pete Monix
Tom Lindall

If you have someone you want to nominate contact your District Chairman.

Treasurer's report — 50-50 money \$995.41.

Chaplain Duane Lantz spoke about some of the recent deaths of our members and their families.

President Parker reported about the newspaper and the problems with the computer and some of the laws the IVFA was trying to get passed by our state lawmakers.

Fire Marshal Goodwin presented a lifetime President card to Bernie Jostes. He also reported about unvented keorsene heaters and the risks with them. He also spoke about safe driving to the station and to the call.

Bob Esserman gave P.R. report.

Bill Howe reported news for the next issue must be in before December 20. Any ads being sold in any area must be approved by local chief.

Dale Smith reported that Wheatfield has two of its members on the Town Board, Jerry Scott and Darwin Whited.

Prayer for our deceased members this month was led by Duane Lantz. Chief Bill Mehay introduced Ed Biermann, former chief who gave history of department.

Trophies for attending the most IVFA meetings with the largest percentage of men from their department were District 1 New Chicago, and District 2 was Lakes of the Four Seasons.

50-50 raffle \$52.00 was won by Ralph Knapp, Jr. Next meeting will be held at Merrillville, at the new station.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. to program on natural gas by Bill Hargas from Nispco.

Respectfully,
John Geary,
Dist. 2 Secretary

District 1 & 2

Fellow Firemen:

The new year will open with the January 19 meeting being held at the new No. 1 station in Merrillville, located one block east of Broadway on 73rd Ave.

The program for this meeting will be a slide presentation by Chief Wayne Smith of the Plymouth Fire Department about the tragic wreck this past August. Following Chief Smith will be a presentation by T. R. Downey of Kokomo, explaining why your department must have health and acci-

dent insurance and also the importance of keeping records up to date.

Districts 1 and 2 are participating in the Midwest Awards for 1983. This is a plaque given to a deserving fireperson from each district by the Midwest Fire Safety Company. The selections are made from letters received by the committee from each district. If your department has a person that you feel deserves this honor, get your letter to your district chairman or one of the committee members by the February 16 meeting.

The Women's Auxiliary of the IVFA will again sponsor the "Miss Flame" contest for 1983. This is to be a single girl 15 to 18 years old. The district selection will be held at the IVFA Auxiliary district meeting in March of 1983. Each department is welcome to enter one girl for local judging. The girls' names must be to the Auxiliary Chairman by February 15, 1983 to be eligible.

I would like to remind you to be thinking about the 1983 district fire school. This will be discussed at the January meeting and we need input as to the kind of training you would like, as well as a department that would like to host same.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours the best of holiday season.

Bill Howe
Chairman District 1

District 10

The 10th District IVFA meeting was held at the Acton Volunteer Fire Department November 15, with 29 members representing 10 departments. Also present were the 10th District Ladies Auxiliary for our 1st joint Christmas party. State officers in attendance were President and Chief Jim Parker, Past President Norm Cracker and Indiana State Fire Marshal's office Past President Charles Jefferies, East Central P.R. Bruce Neal, Guest Jim Gilmore of Cronk Fire and Safety and Ray Tetke, Chief Sugar Creek Volunteer Fire Department. Attendance has been good at our meetings. Fire school attendance is improving with all the fire school academies around our area. Our 1982 Attendance Award went to Clifford Volunteer Fire Department. Good job! Second place went to the Morristown Volunteer Fire Department. Our 1983 District Fire Schools will be broken into two sessions, March 9th at Warren Township and Oct. 11th at Hope Volunteer Fire Department.

We hope everyone had a Happy Holiday. We really appreciate the attendance at our District meetings and would like to have more people attend this year.

Thanks,
Steve Macy
10th District Chairman

District 11B

Hi, Firemen and Auxiliary. Hope you all had a Merry Christmas with the economy. The way it is. Hope the New Year brings you new ideas and dreams in the Fire Service.

Jan. 9, 1983, we had a District 11B meeting in Newport. The Auxiliary fixed a really nice dinner.

Wayne Smith of Plymouth put on a fine program of the Plymouth disaster where five firemen lost their lives.

All District 11B departments get your young girls ready for the District Miss Flame contest. District 11B will have a Sweetheart Dance on Feb. 12, 1983, at Rockville National Guard Armory in Rockville. Everyone is welcome.

Remember, anyone with coming events contact our State Miss Flame, Jodi Ketchem to brighten your affair.

A Friend
Dwayne Osborne

P.S. The tragedy of life is not that it ends so soon, but that we wait so long to begin it.

**12th DISTRICT
MEETING**

November 15th, 1982
Danville Vol. Fire Dept.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Don Johnson, at 7:30 P.M. with 27 members representing 9 departments present.

Pledge to flag was led by Art Kinney.

Introduction of Guests — They were as follows: Toddy Michl, P.R.W.C.; Gene Stofer, I.V.F.A. State Treasurer, and Don Kirkwood, Bureau of Safety Education with I.O.S.H.A.

Minutes of September meeting was read and approved. Also the Treasurer's report given and accepted.

New Business — Chairman Johnson stated that he has applications for the Miss Flame contest and wanted each department to take one. Chairman Johnson also read a few guidelines pertaining to the contest. He added that the 12th District winner must be announced by April 1st, because our state paper needs the picture by April 10th. Let's be the big winner this time.

Chairman Johnson gave a few remarks on our money making project for the Miss Flame expenses. He stated that our Bingo games were successful but needed more help if we decide to go this way again. The dates of games will be announced later.

Chairman Johnson stated that we need area department to host our district meetings. Clayton Volunteer Fire Department accepted January 17th; Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department, March 21st, and Drexel Gardens Co. No. 6, May 16th.

Second Roll Call

Good of the Order — Toddy Michl, P.R.W.C. asked the group if anything is being done about our next fire school. There were several pros and cons about this subject. Chairman Johnson gave a report of the fire school. He stated that there was not very good attendance. He asked what type of school would they prefer? Several types were mentioned. After a few pros and cons, it was decided that we vote in our January meeting what kind of school to have.

Gene Stofer, State Treasurer, made a few comments about the bills that were passed during the recent legislature and what to expect in 1983.

Don Kirkwood was introduced by Chief Jack Willard of Danville. His subject was in regards to the new Federal O.S.H.A. and I.O.S.H.O. program that will be taking effect July 1, 1983. Mr. Kirkwood passed out to the members copies of the new law, then explained line for line what they stand for. Very interesting meeting. There being no further business, motion to adjourn, 9:25 P.M.

Refreshments were served by host department.

Charlie Bogden
12th District Secretary

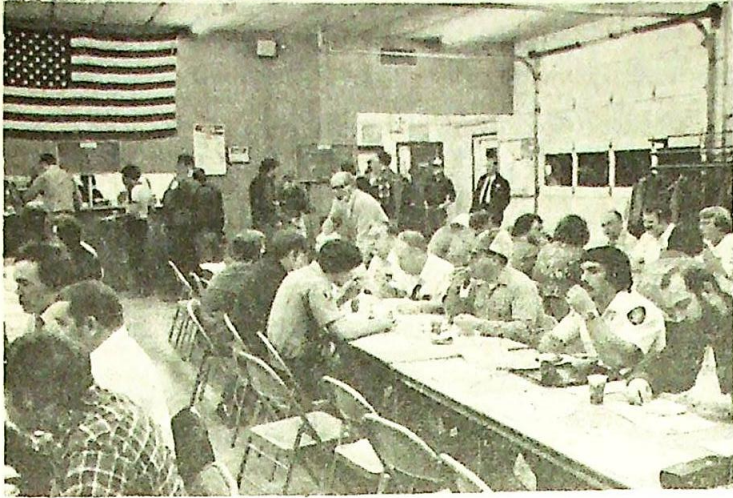
District 13A

Hope everyone had a good and safe Holiday Season. About all the departments in 13A are having a good winter so far. We are in the process of getting a date and place for our fire school this spring.

I am glad to see 13B get back on the road again. I attended the meeting in November at Webster. They had a good attendance, lots of good chili, pie and coffee. Good luck, Jim.

Have more next issue. Firefighters, attend your District meetings.
Bill Windsor, 13A

District 13B



The November meeting of District 13B was held at the Webster Fire Base. The turnout was good, thanks in great part to the women of Webster's Auxiliary and the wonderful food they prepared. My deepest thanks to these women for their efforts.

Our guests included: IVFA President Jim Parker, District 13A Chairman Bill Windsor, and IOSHA Safety Training Consultant Don Kirkwood.

Mr. Kirkwood presented a program on IOSHA standards in regard to the fire service. Immediately following was a question-answer period which allowed members to seek additional information, and make comments pertaining to the presentation.

In addition to the guest speaker were three apparatus sales companies displaying their equipment, meeting OSHA standards. These companies were: Cronk Fire and Safety represented by Jim Gilmore, L&W Sales and Service represented by J. D. Lake, and Midwest Fire and Safety Equipment Co. represented by John Maudlin. My thanks to these companies and men for donating their equipment and time for IVFA

scrutiny!

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by District 13B Secretary-Treasurer, Lyndon Wicker, and in which a report on our treasury was presented and recorded a roll call of 60 members and guests.

A report on the officers meeting of November 6th and 7th was presented. The topics highlighted were:

1. Committee reports
2. Fire schools
3. News items for the IVFA paper.

A committee was established to select District 13B's Midwest winner.

My thanks to Chief Tutterrow and the men of Webster Fire Department for hosting our first District meeting, all of their efforts were greatly appreciated.

Special thanks to IVFA Prez Jim Parker for helping to make this meeting a success!

The next District 13B meeting will be held January 25, 1983 at the Cambridge City Fire House at 7:30 p.m.

Jim Gordon
IVFA District 13B
Chairman

Dearborn County Fire Chiefs Buy Training Series

Dearborn County's Fire Chief's Association had added a \$1,205 training series to its library to help improve county coverage of fires, said Richard Cutter, Greendale Fire Chief and secretary to the association.

Cutter said the series, which includes slides and booklets, plus audio tapes, and covers everything from "rescue to defensive, offensive fire control to communications."

The series will be available to all country departments.

Cutter said donations from the following organizations and businesses made the purchase possible: Schenley, Indiana & Michigan Power Company, Joseph E. Seagram & Sons, American State Bank, First National Bank of Aurora, Dearborn Savings Association, Peoples Building & Loan, Perpetual Federal Savings & Loan, Haag Ford, R&L Supply, Jones' Pharmacy, A&P Tea Co., Rose Albright, Aurora Fire Department, Bright Fire Department, Greendale Fire Department, Miller-York Fire Department, Moores Hill Fire Department, Manchester Fire Department, Hogan Township Fire Department, St. Leon Fire Department, and Friendship Fire Department.

Reprint from the
Journal-Press of Aurora

Greendale Gets 'New' Truck

Schenley Distillers, Greendale, Indiana, recently acquired a newer model fire truck. At least it was more modern than the 1941 Ford Pumper which the company had been using.

What to do with the old pumper then became the question. According to Ed Noel, Greendale Fire Chief, Schenley had an offer from someone to buy the truck. However, people at Schenley were aware of Greendale Fire Department's wish to own a truck.

Therefore, on October 6, 1982, Schenley donated the truck to the Greendale Fire Department. "They could have made some money on it," said Noel, "but they knew we wanted it and planned to restore it."

Noel said the truck was in service when it was at Schenley, but the fire department will use it for parades and other festivities. "Beginning Oct. 14 the department will be tearing it apart to start restoring it," he said. Chief Noel said the department plans to restore the truck to its original condition.

Public Relations Northeast

Happy Holidays to All.

I sincerely hope everyone has had a happy holiday season. This is the time of year that everyone pauses to reflect on what has been accomplished the past year and what new goals need to be established for next year. Most certainly some goals were not achieved but that is no reason not to set new goals. We all need something to aim at and reflecting about what we didn't get done last year is also a way of reevaluating and setting our goals for the coming year.

I have now attended at least one meeting in each of the districts in the Northeast and I'm pleased to see the attendance at most. The District Chairmen who are having problems with attendance might do well to pick the brains of the chairmen who have good attendance. Most of us don't need "another meeting" to have enough to do, so we need to make these meetings worthwhile and important to the membership and then

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INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

Held at the
Clarksville Marriott Inn
at Clarksville, Indiana

DIGEST
JUNE 11, 1982

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REPORTER

Donald Trester
Recording Secretary

President, Jim Parker, called the thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association to order.

State Fire Marshal, Mr. William C. Goodwin, addressed the meeting.

Eula Bush, Chairman of the Miss Flame Committee, presented the seventeen Miss Flame candidates.

Regina Mowary thanked all firemen and ladies for their support and hospitality during her reign as Miss Flame for 1981-82.

Eula Bush introduced Miss Flame for 1982-83 as Jodi Lynn Ketchum of District 11B, who then thanked the body.

Eula Bush then introduced the Miss Flame runner up for 1982-83, Joannie Campbell of District 4.

Presentation of Lois Boaz Award was made by the Lois Boaz Committee.

The recipient of the Lois Boaz award was Helen Michl of Praireton Auxiliary for 1982-83.

Helen Michl expressed her thanks to the body.

The Mr. I.V.F.A. Committee presented the 1982-83 Mr. I.V.F.A. to Douglas Bechtel and his lovely wife, Kris.

Douglas Bechtel thanked the committee and his fire department.

Friday, June 11, 1982, President Parker called the thirty-sixth annual meeting of the I.V.F.A. to order.

Whereupon, the prayer was led by Chaplain Duane Lantz.

President Parker called for the convention committees and introduced past president, Corney Vandervaart.

President Parker called for the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting.

Bill Howe, District 1: "I'd like to move that we dispense with the reading of the last annual meeting minutes."

Pete Lockhart, District 17B: "I second the motion." Motion carried by voice vote.

President Parker gave his end of the year report.

Vice President Bruns gave his end of the year report.

President Parker introduced Phil Martin, Executive Director of the E.M.S. Commission after which he addressed the convention.

President Parker introduced past state secretary, Jack Ford, who retired mid-term. Jack then made his report, after serving many faithful years as an officer.

President Parker introduced Douglas Bechtel as secretary pro tem after which he gave his report.

President Parker introduced Harold Stofer, Treasurer, who gave the financial report for the year 1981 and 1982 which was published in its entirety in the I.V.F.A. paper in the August 1982 issue.

Board Chairman, Tom Sellmer, Chairman of the auditing committee reported:

"In the opinion of the auditing committee, the letter of June 4, 1982, from Robert O. Stuart, certified public accountant, and the accompanying financial statement for the period beginning June 1, 1981 and ending May 31, 1982 fairly represents the finan-

cial transactions of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association."

"The committee also reviewed the petty cash account of secretary Mr. Douglas Bechtel, and past secretary, Mr. Jack Ford, and found this fund in order."

Bill Howe, District 1: "I make a motion to accept the report." Mr. Esserman, Public Relation Director Northwest: "I second the motion." Motion carried by voice vote.

President Parker called on Don Trester, Recording Secretary, who made his report.

President Parker introduced State Fire Marshal, Mr. William C. Goodwin, who addressed the convention body with choice comments.

President Parker called for Sergeant-at-Arms, Butch McGill's report: "I have no report. I have already said too much."

President Parker called for immediate Past President, Norm Crocker. "I have no report as Past President but will report on the National Volunteer Fire Council."

Vice President Bruns assumed the meeting at this point. He called for past president's reports.

Charlie Jones: No report.
Jim Baker: No report.
Gene Stofer: Report given.
Bill Engle: No report.
Carlos Jeffries: Absent.
Jack Ford: No report.
James Glaub: Absent.
Bernie Jostes: Absent.
Robert Wildmer: Absent.
Waldo Neal: Absent.

John Kustron: Absent.
Cornelius Vandervaart: Gave comments.

Harold Bonnell: Absent.

Vice President Bruns welcomed the Miss Flame of 1982-83 and her court escorted by Eldora Fischer.

Vice President Bruns called for the Public Relation Director's reports.

Northwest: Robert Esserman, not in the room at this time.

Northeast: Paul Fairfield, no report.

West Central: Toddy Michl, no report. t.f

East Central: Billy Sunday, no report. t.

Southwest: Carl Davis, no report.

Southeast: Roy Richardson, not in room at this time.

Vice President Bruns called for the District Chairmen reports.

District 1: Bill Howe, no report.

District 2: Dale Smith, no report.

District 3: Ralph Yergler, no report.

District 4: Ralph Bechtel, no report.

District 5: Wayne Smith, no report.

District 6: Maynard Masters, no report.

District 7: Mort Sorg, no report.

District 8A: Bob Fleener, no report.

District 8B: John Barrett, no report.

District 9A: Charles Sutton, no report.

District 9B: Lawrence Swartz, no report.

District 10: Bruce Neal, no report.

District 11A: Phillip Reed, no report.

District 11B: Bill Bush, no report.

District 12: Don Johnson, no report.

District 13A: Bill Windsor, no report.

District 13B: J. D. Lake, absent.

District 14: Tom Sellmer, no report.

District 15: John Bruckman, absent.

District 16: Billy Roberts, no report.

District 17A: Bill Engle, no report.

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District 9B

District 9B held their bi-monthly meeting January 13, 1983, at the Brook Volunteer Fire Department. This was the first meeting for Brook since joining our Association three years ago.

The meeting got underway with a lunch served by our hosts at 6:30 p.m. After a social hour of eating and visiting we busied ourselves with an enjoyable meeting.

There were twelve departments represented with 42 firemen and six guests. Our guests included Mr. James Parker, Association President; Carl Bruns, Vice President; Ralph Knapp of Lincoln Township District 2; and Vernon Pahl of Lakes of the Four Seasons District 2. Also Charles Baker of Midwest Fire and Safety, and last but not least, Robert Esserman, Public Relations Northwest of the Association.

All of our guests were called upon for words of wisdom, of which there were many. As the guests spoke there seemed to develop a meeting of questions and answers, so the meeting was a great roundtable discussion. As the time grew late we dispensed with a film showing and feeling that a great bit of knowledge had already been conversed about.

We made our selection for the Midwest Award and I wish to thank our committee of Kenneth Burns (Wolcott), Dennis Deno (Remington), Keith Goetz (Francesville), and Bruce Wood (Rensselaer). These gentlemen had three nominees which is great and we all appreciate their effort.

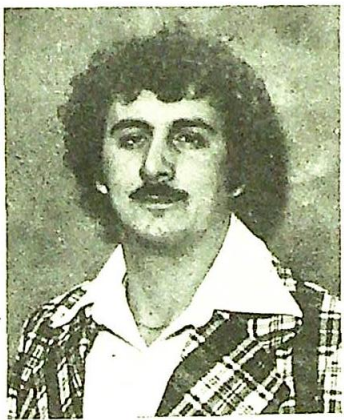
Several schools were discussed with a lot of interest shown.

Our next meeting will be held on March 10, 1983, at Brookston.

Thanks, everyone, for your attendance, and tell those that weren't there what a good meeting they missed.

Lawrence Swartz
District Chairman 9B

Secretary's Report



DOUG BECHTEL

Well, here we are just five months away from the annual meeting to be held in my home town. We are looking forward to having all of you at the Convention in '83.

It's been great here in Elkhart. We've had very little snow, so it didn't seem like Christmas here. I hope all of you had a good Christmas and a good New Year.

I would like to welcome Fred Culrose to the ranks as the new Chairman in District 21 and best of luck this year.

As I write this report we have a little over 14,000 members. We do have a lot of departments that have not sent their dues in for 82-83. Please check with your District Chairmen to see if your dues are paid. If one of your fellow firefighters doesn't receive the paper, he probably hasn't paid his dues this year or he may not have made out a new computer form or A & H form. This is how we get the mailing list to send out the paper.

Fellows and Gals: It's time for legislature to go back to work. We do have a lot of things coming up for us this year and we need your help to get them passed. If you are called upon, please help us on these bills. Thank you.

Doug Bechtel

Convention Report

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District 17B:
Pete Lockhart, no report.

District 18:
Russell Reinhart, no report.

District 19:
Lee Kissell, no report.

District 20:
Charlie Jones, no report.

District 21:
Ward Suter, no report.

Vice President Bruns stated this concludes the District Chairmen reports.

Vice President Bruns called for the legislative committee report. The report was given by Mr. Jack Ford.

Mr. Jack Ford said he would like to introduce the members of the legislative committee, all seventeen thousand of you.

"Now, whether you know it or whether you don't or whether you have thoughts on it or whether you haven't, since Governor Bowen put a tax freeze on the State of Indiana, everybody from a cab driver to the mayor of a town has been trying to get just a little bit more, and everybody has absolutely fell flat on their face until the best people in the whole wide world, the people in the Volunteer Firemen of the State of Indiana stood up on their hind legs and told people what they wanted and what they needed. By God, you broke the tax freeze, you broke the tax freeze which has been sacred as anything. I mean, you've done it."

"I'd be very happy to answer any questions. I'd be very happy to do anything I can to help you, and, gentlemen, if you don't take advantage of Senate Bill 26, which will give you ten thousand dollars or twenty percent — I mean, there's a lot of stories about that, but that doesn't make it — just drag the thing out. But that's what it wound up to be."

And don't forget that's twenty percent of last year, and then next

year it can be twenty percent again, and then the next year it will be twenty percent again."

So gentlemen, if you don't take advantage of it, it's your fault."

President Parker called for the E.M.S. committee report by Don Johnson. No report given.

President Parker called for the Public Education committee report. Douglas Bechtel gave the report.

President Parker called for the Training committee report. Maynard Masters gave the report.

President Parker called for the Historical update committee report. Bill Bush gave the report.

President Parker recessed the meeting. The meeting was recessed at 10:30 A.M. for the memorial services to reconvene at 1:30 P.M.

President Parker reconvened the meeting at 1:21 P.M.

Vice President Bruns introduced former State Fire Marshal of the State of Indiana, Mr. Ira Anderson.

Mr. Anderson addressed the body.

Vice President Bruns introduced Maynard Masters as the President of the Indiana Fire Instructors Association who addressed the body.

President Parker called for the delegate update roll call.

President Parker called for the insurance committee report. Pete Lockhart made the report.

President Parker called for Charlie Jones to introduce the insert representatives. Charlie Jones introduced Don Jackson, Leny Sutton and Charlie Conrad who addressed the body.

President Parker called for the games committee report. Bob Surber gave the report.

President Parker called for the resolution committee, which consisted of the six public relation directors. Chairman, Billy Sunday, read the report.

"We've just got one resolution

this year and it's a long one. The president says I've got to read it so I'll read it. When I get to the inserted line, I'll make a note of that so you'll know where the change is at."

"This resolution adopted at a regular meeting of District 6 at Washington Township (Allen County, Indiana) on November 10, 1981, at which five or more fire departments were represented, do hereby present this resolution for your consideration.

"Whereas:

Article 1, Section 1, states that not less than eleven (11) nor more than forty-five (45) members of the Board of Directors, one of whom shall be elected by them as their chairman, and

Whereas:

The membership in attendance feel that the Board Chairman should be elected from the ranks of District Chairmen.

Therefore, be it resolved, that Article 1, Section 1, be amended to read as follows:

The officers of this Association shall consist of: A President; the Immediate Past President; a Vice President; a Secretary; a Recording Secretary; a Treasurer; A Public Relations Director, Northwest; a Public Relations Director, Northeast; A Public Relations Director, Southwest; a Public Relations Director, Southeast; a Public Relations Director, East Central; a Public Relations Director, West Central; a Chaplain; and a Sergeant at Arms.

With the exception of the Immediate Past President, which is automatic, these officers shall be elected annually at the annual meeting of the Association. (Any of the elected officers mentioned must be a member of a local Volunteer Fire Department and must be a member of the I.V.F.A.; also, the local department must be a member of this Association as outlined in another section of the constitution and bylaws of this

Association.)

A member shall have served as a District Chairman, or other State elected officer for a period of at least two (2) years to be eligible for election to the office of: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Chairman of the Board.

There shall also be not less than eleven (11) or more than forty-five (45) members of a Board of Directors, one of whom shall be elected by them as their Board Chairman at the first meeting of the officers following the annual meeting of the Association and their term of office shall be one year. The chairman of the Board shall be elected from the ranks of District Chairmen.

The elected District Chairmen for each district shall be a Director at all annual meetings and officers' meetings. Those officers shall be entitled to voting privileges at all officers' meetings, board meetings, district meetings, special meetings and at the annual meeting of the association.

Signed, Maynard D. Masters, Chairman, District Six and Joe Robinson, Secretary, District Six. The Resolutions Committee does concur with the Resolution.

Max Boling, District Six, — "I make a motion we accept the Resolution as Written." Norm Crocker, Immediate Past President, — "I so second the motion." A discussion followed on the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

President Parker called for the election committee. At this time, Pete Lockhart was replaced as chairman as he was in nomination for an office.

Maynard Masters was appointed as chairman of this committee in his place.

President Parker called for the nominating committee.

The nominating committee nominated Jim Parker for President, there were no nominations

from the floor. The Secretary Pro-tem, Douglas Bechtel cast one unanimous vote for Jim Parker for President for the year 1982-1983.

The nominating committee nominated Carl Bruns for Vice President. There were no nominations from the floor. The Secretary Pro-tem, Douglas Bechtel cast one unanimous vote for Carl Bruns for Vice President, for the year 1982 and 1983.

The nominating committee nominated Pete Lockhart for Secretary. Jack Ford nominated Douglas Bechtel from the floor. Nominations were closed. Douglas Bechtel was elected by ballot for the office of Secretary of the I.V.F.A. for the year 1982-1983.

The nominating committee nominated Harold Stofer for Treasurer. There were no nominations from the floor. The Secretary Pro-tem, Douglas Bechtel, cast one unanimous vote for Harold Stofer for Treasurer for the year 1982 and 1983.

The nominating committee nominated Max Poling for the office of Recording Secretary. There were two nominations from the floor. Those nominated from the floor were Ivan Nevil and Don Trester. Nominations were closed.

President Parker stated, "Let's go ahead and give out the Midwest Awards while the balloting is going on for the office of Recording Secretary."

Vice President, Bruns, presented the Midwest Awards to the District Chairmen. A list of the award winners was in the August 1982 issue of the I.V.F.A. paper.

President Parker said we'll skip over all the rest of the elections for a minute and try to get some of this other stuff out of the way.

"The only old business I have to carry over from last year is host of the convention for 1982-1983 - Elkhart outfit."

"I understand they are ready to go."

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"Is there any other old business to come before the Association while we're waiting for the count?" There was no further old business.

Lowell Culp — "I'm convention '83" Co-chairman, with Doug Bechtel of the Elkhart Colony. We're looking forward for you all to come up there. We've got our program started. We've got about six meetings we've attended. Things are going real smooth. I think you're going to find out you'll have a lot of fun up there. The only thing some of you southerners might do is you might want to wear your boots. We do have a lot of horse and buggies up in that area. But we're really looking forward for you to come up there. Thank you."

Doug Bechtel said, "Fellows, I'd like to say for those that are interested and want to put it on their calendars so they can get the date set already, we did schedule it. We ran into a problem and wanted to move it down. But they've got a music festival in Elkhart next year. It will be June 9th, 10th and 11th. The headquarters of the motel will be Ramada Inn. The Elkhart campgrounds, there's about three hundred fifty sites. The Holiday Inn is a back-up motel. We have the Red Roof and the Days Inn. Remember, Elkhart is the place to be in '83."

President Parker said, "Is there any new business to come before the Association?"

President Parker stated, "Gentlemen, I would like some ideas from you, and I should have mentioned this earlier so you would be thinking about it. The legislative program that we had last year was pretty broad, pretty big. We were real aggressive in our legislative program and a lot of it got passed, as you're well aware."

We do want to go in this next legislative program to get the Harassment Bill broadened to include all employees in the state rather than just state employees, so that the harassment of volunteers coming in late from emergency scenes will stop."

"And the Volunteer Firemen's Study Committee, even though it has been dissolved by the General Assembly, the Chairman of that committee, Ernie Niemeyer, directed this committee to stand by, and they can expect to meet, I believe it's at the end of this month, to review what they have done and what they can further do for the Volunteer Firemen's Association."

"We want to go into that, and the officers will be getting together to further any legislation that we need."

"Between now and the next officers meeting, which is in August, I would appreciate you getting with your district chairman at your district meeting and getting us some input about what we expect from the legislature. So give it some thought between now and your next district meeting."

An unidentified speaker, "Mr. President, may I ask a question, please? How many registered voters do we have and what would be a majority?"

President Parker stated, "We have two hundred ninety-nine voters, voting delegates on the floor right now, and the majority, of course, would be some one hundred fifty."

President Parker stated, "Do we have anything for the good of the order?"

Billy Sunday, East Central Public Relations Director: "On behalf of the East Central Public Relations area, I'm making this statement on the request of our P.R. area. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank Roy and Tom and Bob and these guys that's putting on this convention for the job they are doing, the way they handled the traffic last night, and the transportation on the busses and the whole works."

"I think along with the East

Central P.R., we ought to give those guys a show of appreciation."

The counting of the ballots for Recording Secretary are complete. The Recording Secretary for the year 1982-1983 is Ivan Nevil.

The nominating committee nominated Charles Butch McBill as Sergeant-at-arms. There were no nominations from the floor. The secretary, Douglas Bechtel cast one unanimous vote for Charles Butch McGill for Sergeant-at-arm, for the year 1982-1983.

The nominating committee nominated Duane Lantz as Chaplain. Nominations were promptly closed and the convention unanimously elected Duane Lantz as Chaplain for the year 1982 and 1983.

President Parker stated, "We have the Public Relations men to elect for each area."

"We have one other order of business and that is we need a bid for the meeting in '84", so all of your departments with twenty-eight members or more be thinking about hosting this dude in '84."

The nominating committee nominated for Public Relations Director Northwest which is District 1, 2, 3, 9A and 9B, Bob Esserman. An unidentified speaker from Cedar Lake, District 2, nominated Warren Hoobyar from New Chicago for Public Relation Director Northwest from the floor.

The nominating committee nominated for Public Relations Director Northeast which is Districts 4, 5, 6 and 7, Bill Kinsey. There were no nominations from the floor. Douglas Bechtel, Secretary Pro-tem of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association. "I would like to cast one unanimous ballot for Bill Kensley, Public Relations Director Northeast for the year 1982 and 1983."

The nominating committee nominated Toddy Michl for Public Relations Director for West Central which includes Districts 11A, 11B, 12, 20 and 21. There were no nominations from the floor.

Douglas Bechtel, Secretary Pro-tem of the I.V.F.A.: "I would like to cast one unanimous ballot for Toddy Michl for Public Relations Director West Central for the year 1982 and 1983."

President Parker said, "Gentlemen, your Public Relations Director for Northwest is Robert Esserman. The ballots for Public Relations Director Northwest are counted."

The nominating committee at this time would like to put in the nominations for East Central Director, Districts 8A, 8B, 10, 13A and 13B, Bruce Neal. There were no nominations from the floor.

Doug Bechtel, Secretary Pro-tem of the I.V.F.A., "We'd like to cast one unanimous ballot for Public Relations Director East Central for Bruce Neal for the year 1982 and 1983."

The nominating committee nominated for Public Relations Director Southwest covering districts 17A, 17B, 15 and 18A, the name of Carl O. Davis. There were no nominations from the floor.

Douglas Bechtel, Secretary Pro-tem, of the I.V.F.A., "We'd like to cast one unanimous ballot for Carl O. Davis, Public Relations Director Southwest for the year 1982 and 1983."

The nominating committee nominated for Public Relations Director Southeast, Districts 14, 16 and 19 the name of Roy Richardson. Nominations from the floor were: "Mr. President, Ken Magee, Greenville, District 16. I would like to nominate Billy Roberts. Billy Roberts stated, "I decline the nomination." No further nominations for Public Relations Director Southeast from the floor."

Douglas Bechtel, Secretary Pro-tem of the I.V.F.A. would like to cast one unanimous ballot for

Roy Richardson Public Relations Southeast for the year 1982 and 1983.

"Mr. President, Charles Jones, District 20. I would make a motion that we ask the executive officers find a place by the August of officers meeting (convention 84)."

"Max Poling, District 6. I second the motion." Motion carried by voice vote.

"Mr. President, Jerry Harris, District 20. I move that this convention be closed."

President Parker said, "One moment, and I will accept that."

An unidentified speaker, "I second the motion to adjourn."

President Parker, "O.K. and I'll consider that in just a moment."

Chaplain Lantz: "Fellows, stand please." "Our Heavenly Father, we have completed our mission, and we thank you for being able to one more time serve you in the capacity that each of us have done this day."

Our Heavenly Father, as we venture probably tomorrow on our way home or wherever, give each of us a safe trip home.

And may we always look to you as our God and our Savior.

In Christ name, we pray. Amen"

President Parker said, "I declare this meeting adjourned."

Meeting concluded at 3:24 P.M. Respectfully submitted

The Annual Meeting Festivities continued at the Friday night banquet. Thelma Lester, retiring Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain, and John Ford, retiring IVFA Secretary, were presented awards in recognition of their many years of service and dedication.

The President's award was presented to Marvin "Pete" Lockhart, District 17B Chairman.

The speaker of the evening was Secretary of State, Edwin Simcox, who extolled the Volunteers for their service to the State and Community.

Senator Richard Lugar was able to spend a few moments with the gathering and he too, addressed the services performed by the Volunteers.

The games were held Saturday and the results were:

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- 1. Poe #2
- 2. Poe #1
- 3. Hoagland

Men's Bucket Brigade

- 1. Poe #1
- 2. Adams Co. 3 #1
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Ladies' Waterball

- 1. Acton
- 2. Poe #2
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Ladies' Bucket Brigade

- 1. Poe

Donald Trester
Recording Secretary

From The Southwest



CARL O. DAVIS

This winter has sure been easy on the pocket book so far. We have had very little cold weather and no snow. Very warm and plenty of rain. This sure helps in the fuel bills. I have been reading in the papers of many house and

trailer fires. Some of them have been from wood stoves and portable keorsene heaters. If you have wood burning stoves or portable heaters see that all safety rules are followed. I was reading in the paper this week where a trailer burned and 6 persons died. They were using a keorsene heater for heat. Our State Fire Marshal has warned everyone of the dangers of the portable keorsene heaters. If one is used be safe and not sorry."

The 17A District meeting was held November 4, at the Odon Conservation Club with the Odon and Madison Township Departments as host. This was the Annual Barbecue. 520 pounds of turkey, 80 pounds of gizzards, 80 pounds of livers and plenty of baked beans, slaw and potato salad. There was plenty for all. The State Fire Marshal and several State IVFA officers were present. Thanks to all who helped with the barbecuing. This sure is a big help to us and makes an enjoyable day for all.

To Southwest District Officers, please have the date and place for the 1983 fire schools by the next officers meeting. This will help to get all the schools in a calendar for 1983.

To all the readers of the IVFA paper, at the last report we received 600 of our papers back from the post office because of incorrect address. This cost the IVFA 25 cents per paper. If you change address or did not get the paper, please let Doug Bechtel know so that he can correct your address. This is too much for the IVFA to have to put out for returned papers.

To all department chiefs, do you have a beneficiary card on file in your department for each of your firemen? If not please get this done at once. Insurance companies require that this be on file before paying a death claim.

Until next time, from all of us to all of you, a very happy New Year.
The Davises

N.E. Public Relations

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more members might feel the importance of attending. I have furnished information hopefully published in this issue regarding the deaths during a training exercise in Colorado. It points out the critical need for planning and safety in our training.

I received a letter from Senator John Glenn stating that arson is now permanently a "Part 1" crime. Perhaps this will aid in getting more attention focussed on this terrible crime. In line with this, I have to report that the success of the Fire & Arson Special Team (F.A.S.T.) of Allen County along with the Allen County Police, Indiana State Police and the Hoagland Fire Department have resulted in the arrest of a man who confessed to setting a series of seven barn fires in Allen County. Unfortunately, it was a member of a volunteer fire department. We must make every effort to carefully screen our potential members.

My congratulations to the new officers of the fire departments in my area. I hope all officers take the time to examine themselves and their departments for ways to make the volunteer fire service in Indiana truly professional in their operations. Respect and professionalism aren't pinned on with a badge. . . it has to be earned.

I'm "On the Road Again," so I hope to see members and officers from all the departments in this area during the next few months.

Bill Kinsey
Public Relations NE

Dearborn Fire Chiefs Conducts Fire Schools

The Dearborn County Fire Chiefs' Association, in cooperation with the Indiana State Fire Marshals Office, conducted two fire schools in the county in the last two months for local firefight-

ers. On October 23, 1982, a school on Tanker Operations was held at the Moores Hill Fire Department. This school covered many areas of water movement and involved both classroom and practical exercise. A total of 29 men from eight county fire departments attended this class. This was a six hour school that was held on a Saturday and after the school was over the men in attendance all felt it was worth giving up a Saturday to further their firefighting skills.

The school was held on November 13, 1982, at the Greendale Fire Department and at this school the subject of fire streams was covered. This again was a six hour school held on a Saturday which required the men that attended to give up a day from their families. There were 19 men from area fire departments at this school and all enjoyed the school which was made up of both classroom and practical exercise even though some got wet.

The aim of the Chiefs' Association is to bring more fire schools into the county so that local firefighters can better their firefighting skills in order that they may better serve their local communities.

Public Relations Southeast



ROY E. RICHARDSON

Since the last Board Meeting I visited Elizabeth, Indiana, the 19th District Meeting at Batesville, attended Clark County Arson Task Force Meeting, IFIA State Officers Meeting, Monroe Township Fire Department meeting in Henryville, IVFA Officers Meeting at Howard Johnson at Indianapolis, a pitch-in dinner at Underwood Fire Department, 16th District Meeting at New Albany Township, taught a Fire School on Fire Behavior at Monroe Township Fire Department at Henryville, 14th District meeting at Blocher, Arson Task Force meeting at Charlestown, Monroe Township Fire Department Christmas program at Henryville, Fire meeting at Underwood and presented a clock to the Ladies Auxiliary at Underwood.

Congratulations to the Monroe Township Fire Department at Henryville on getting a new fire truck. Also they are taking steps to upgrade the department to meet I.O.S.H.A. standards.

Roy E. Richardson
Public Relations
Director, Southeast

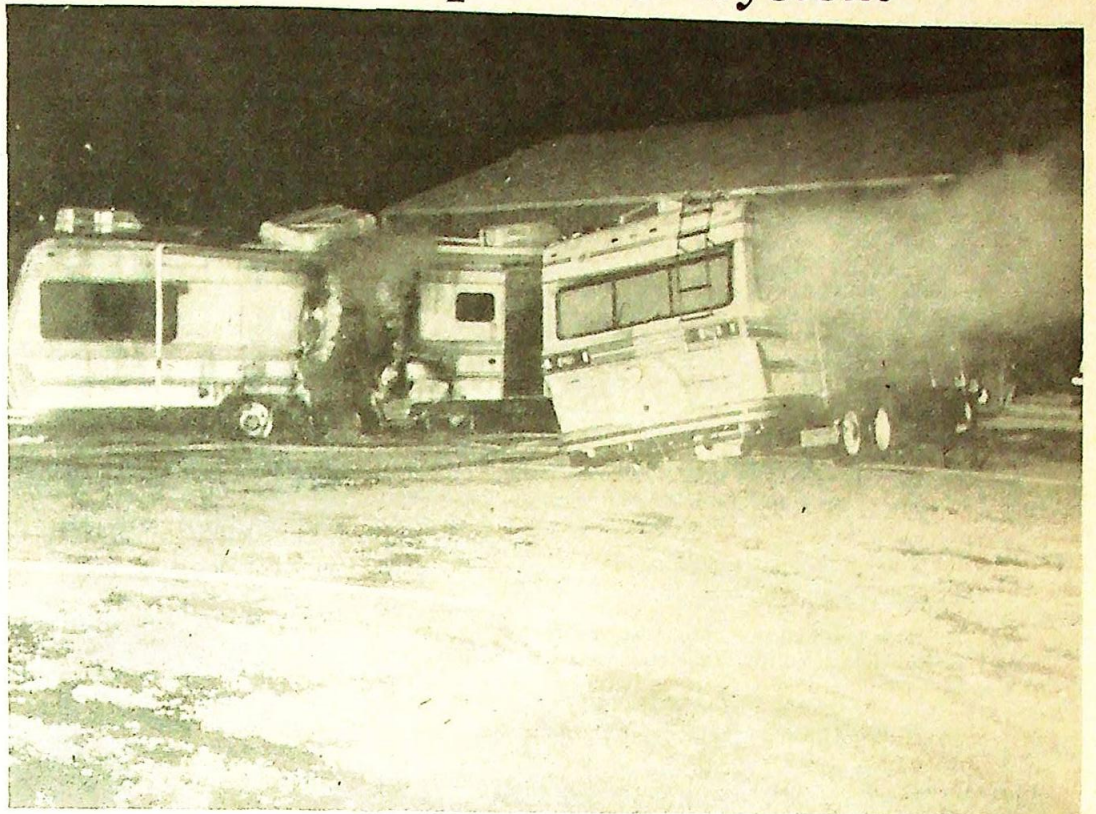
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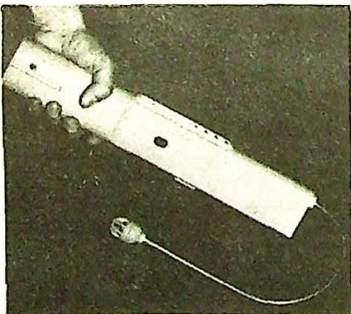
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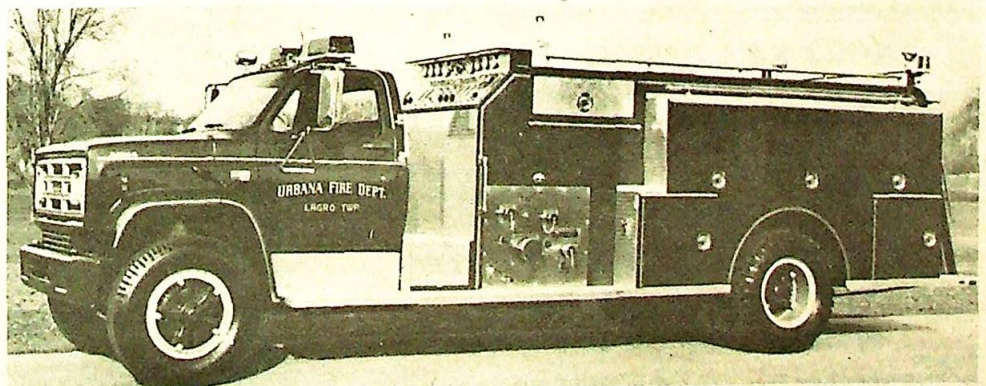
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Your President, Barbara



BARBARA PARKER

I hope all of you had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The holidays are now over and the new year has started. Let us all try a little harder to have a very successful year.

Have you elected a Miss Flame? Has your local auxiliary sent her name in to the District Chairman? If not, do it now. The Districts (most of them) hold their contests in February and March. District Chairmen, be sure to send me the dates of your Miss Flame contest. If you need any information on Miss Flame qualifications, contact Lucy Stofer, State Miss Flame Chairman.

I'm very proud of District 19. They were just organized into a District in October. They are doing great and now have 8 Auxiliaries. They had 2 more join the State at their November meeting. Welcome to the State Auxiliary Delaware and Dillsboro, keep the good work up District 19.

Vice President, Nickie Sunday, has passed out the Lucky Doe Doll tickets to the District Chairmen. Please get your tickets and sell, sell, sell. It would be nice to get back up there in sales and beat the record of 1981. We really fell short this past year.

Our membership is up, we are now ahead of our total in 1982, but don't slack off. Please check to see if your dues are paid. We have 2,423 members at this time. Can we get to 2,500 before May 1983?

Have you thought of a candidate from your auxiliary or your district for the Lois Boaz award? Every auxiliary has an outstanding member. Please write a letter about her and send it to the committee.

Please keep your cards coming on your District meetings. If I can be of any help, I'm just a phone call away.

Until we meet again, My Auxiliary Friends, God Bless.

Barb

Letter to Editor (Bob)

Received the IVFA paper and do enjoy it. Thanks. All the convention's happenings, new officers, in short, all the news.

Sorry to read of Inez passing. It was 4 years last August 25 Verne left us. It seems a lifetime to me. I'm getting along well. With the use of two canes or walker, I manage fine.

Still have my three meals a day as I love to eat. To my regrets, however, I guess I live to eat. Ha! ha!

Congratulations to the new and the old officers of both associations. Success, health, and blessings to all for the New Year.

Sincerely,
Julia Konopasak

Johnny missed two days of school and when he returned the teacher asked him why he was absent. "Our house burned down yesterday," he said.

"But what about the day before?" You were absent then, too."
"Said Johnny: "We had to move everything."

Auxiliary Officers Meeting

October 31, 1982

Howard Johnsons, Indianapolis

President Barbara Parker introduced Sue Vandegrift from Wakarusa in District 4. Sue's husband is on the Fund Raising Committee for Convention '83.

Chaplain Bette Sellmer read "Friends" by Pat Boone. Sgt.-at-Arms Miriam Schaekel led us in the pledge to the flag.

Pictures from the Memorial Service were passed out to the District Chairmen to deliver to families of the Auxiliary members remembered at our last convention.

Roll Call was answered by 26 officers and 9 committee persons with 8 guests present. Committee roll call had been added and will be called at Officers' Meetings. The new District Chairman from District 19 was introduced. She is Mary Kissell.

Minutes were read from the last meeting. The corrections are: The spelling of the Lois Boaz winner is Helen Michl; on the first page the District Chairman from 11B is Betty Osbourne, not Betty Nickens; and the Miss Flame pictures will be paid for by the IVFAA, not by the Miss Flame Committee.

Chaplain Bette Sellmer reported there have been four deaths since convention. She sent out five get well cards and three birth congratulation cards. Bette arranged for flowers to be sent to the funeral of Inez Jeffries. District 11B also had a death.

Treasurer Toni Sorg reported:

Previous balance	\$2355.75
Cash Received	1752.76
Less Disbursements	770.58
Balance 10/30/82	\$3337.93

The Miss Flame Committee had received \$150.00 to cover the costs for the Miss Flame contest. The total cost was \$12.45 above the \$150.00. A motion was made by Betsy Howe, seconded by Mary Brooks to pay the additional cost. Passed.

Loretta Nulliner reported we have 2,245 members representing 140 auxiliaries with 48 individual members. We have six new auxiliaries. They are: McCordsville (D13), Pennville (D8B), Chesterton (D1), Owen Valley (D17B), Hogan (D19) and Moores Hill (D19).

Doe Doll - Vice-President Nickie Sunday has tickets to hand out. She asked us to try to sell tickets before Convention.

Lois Boaz - President Barbara Parker asked Eula Bush if she had anything to report from last year's committee before she activated the new committee. Eula had nothing to report. Lucy Stofer passed out the rules and entry forms.

Nominating - Janet Goodwin had nothing to report. Eula Bush is now on the nominating committee, having been moved from the Historian Committee. Mary Brooks will now serve on the Historian Committee.

Jewelry - Debbie Nulliner reported that \$29.45 was turned in today. Games - Ruth Sanders had nothing to report.

Installations - Ruth Fairfield had nothing to report. Historian - Thelma Lester showed the book. Mary Brooks will now be serving on this committee, replacing Eula Bush.

President's Advisory - Vica McGill (Chairman), Mary Stafford and Barb Surber are working on a new phoning list to make it easier and less expensive.

Lois Boaz - Mary Brooks asked for letters to be sent in. April 1, 1983 is the deadline. The letters are to be sent to Helen Michl, Catherine Mason and Mary Brooks (Chairman).

Convention Film - Ruth Ford has a few bids.

Old Business - It was discussed at the last meeting to possibly make up a certificate to recognize the auxiliaries that have been members for 10, 15, and 25 years. There are no compiled records before 1969. Vica McGill suggested to use our money in a better way. Vi Cambron (Continued on page 11)

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bron made a motion not to give out certificates, seconded by Debbie Reed. Passed.

Corresponding Secretary Kris Bechtel is to make copies of the Memorial Service, Installation Ceremony and the up-dated duties and hand out at the February meeting.

New Business — The officers and the President's Committee met on Saturday and revised the Duties Book. They also discussed maybe giving the relative of a deceased Auxiliary Member a choice of a grave marker or Bible. A grave marker costs about \$15.00. Vica McGill said she has a copy of our patch engraved on her headstone. It was the opinion of the majority to keep presenting the Bible only.

A discussion was held on the possibility of designating the past Lois Boaz winners with something more than a corsage and charm. The ladies on the committee last year bought each winner a corsage. Mary Brooks suggested a vest, Virginia Wilson (D7) suggested a patch that each lady could put on her own clothes. It was decided that all the Lois Boaz winners should meet together and get ideas and Mary Brooks, as Chairman, should report back. Loretta Nulliner said that the cost of one coat a year would not be much more than purchasing corsages year after year.

President Barbara Parker said we have a problem with receiving the papers needed to file with the State every year. Joan Shanabarger is the resident agent, however, the state papers have been going to Joe Lantz because she had been the person designated as the corporation address. A motion was made by Betsy Howe, seconded by Catherine Mason to change the corporation address to Lucy Stofer's. Passed.

Sue Vandegrift showed the convention items. They are: 12 oz. mug (\$3.50), Commemorative mug (\$10.00), Belt buckle (\$8.00), Drink tag (\$3.00), Bookends (\$17.00), Shirts (Adult \$6.00 and child \$5.00) and hats (\$5.00). There has been no word back on the Convention Charm yet.

Loretta Nulliner has ordered the badge for District 19 Chairman.

Loretta Nulliner thanked everyone for the flowers and cards sent for the death of Inez Jeffries. Betsy Howe thanked everyone for the get well cards during her illness.

The International Waterball Banquet will be November 13, 1982 at Hoagland. The cost is \$25.00 before November 1 or \$30.00 at the door. November 14, 1982 Poe will be making peanut brittle. District 17A will have a turkey bar-b-que at Odon on November 4.

Mary Brooks made a motion to pay for the pictures that will go in the History Book. Seconded by Barb Surber. Passed. Nancy Neal made a motion to pay the past bills already incurred by Thelma Lester for the History Book. There were several secondeds. This motion was withdrawn and replaced by a motion by Miriam Schaekel to give Thelma \$20.00 to cover the bills already incurred, seconded by Nancy Neal. Passed.

Thelma Lester said she bought a stereo with the money gift she received at convention.

A card was passed around for Mary Boyd.

Loretta Nulliner asked the ladies to contact any auxiliary that is in her district that did not rejoin this year. Loretta said she is sending out status reports about the members not rejoining.

Nicki Sunday told us that Mr. Cronk paid for the Doe Doll tickets again this year.

Betty Osbourne said the Miss Flame, Jodi Lynn Ketchem will be glad to come to meetings and fire department functions, just call.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Bette Sellmer closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted by
Kris Bechtel,
Corresponding Secretary

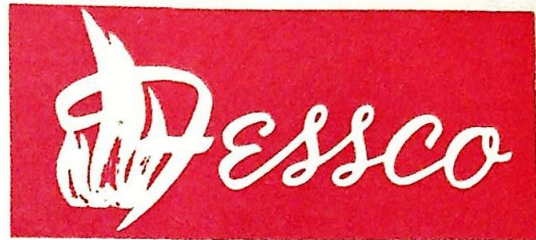
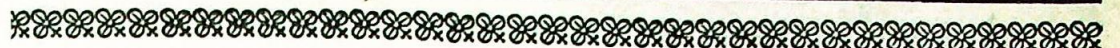
DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1 & 2 Betsy Howe & Pat Wisniewski — District 1 and 2 of the Indiana Volunteer Firemens Association Auxiliary meeting was held on Thursday, September 2 at the Cedar Lake Fire Station. Roll call answered by 57 members from 9 departments and 5 guests. Special guests were Barb Parker, Barb Surber and Loretta Nulliner. General business taken care of. Convention report given. Reminder that state dues are payable by September 30th. News articles due by the 20th of September. Convention slides were shown. Cedar Lake senior citizens kitchen band provided a lovely program. Next meeting Tuesday, November 4th at Schererville.

District 3 Carolyn McCarty — Meeting was called to order by Chairman Carol McCarty. Welcome to all members. Zet led members with a prayer and sent around 3 get well cards. Noble Township would host next meeting Sept. 15, 1982. Coming events: Noble Township White Elephant and Bake Sale September 15, 1982; Kingford union — Will host meeting on March 16, 1982; Kingford Union — Rummage Sale Aug. 6-7, 1982, and Michiana Shores Family Fun Night Aug. 28, 1982. Scipio Township — Rummage sale Sept. 25, 1982; Springfield Township Bingo (no date). Next State Convention will be at Elkhart. Carolyn reported on State meeting. Election of Officers for 1982-83 are: Chairman — Carol McCarty; Chaplain — Zet; Secretary — Donna Kessler. 50/50 was won by Debbie Harris and Margaret Gaw with each getting \$7.50 and \$15.00 in treasure. A motion to adjourn was made by Mildred Nolcliff, seconded by members. September 15, 1982 — Chairman Carolyn McCarty called meeting to order Wednesday evening at Noble Township Fire Station. Alice Sheeves gave devotion. And pledge to the flag was given. A memorial was conducted for Nettie Sheldon of Kingsford-Union Fire Auxiliary. A roll call was taken with 36 members present. Chairman announced Miss Flame contest will be in March at Kingsford-Union. Noble Township will be having CPR courses. The cost is \$2.00. McCarty reported on the state meeting. And presented District 3 members a check for \$25.00 for selling the most Lucky Doe Doll tickets. 50/50 was won by Debbie Harris and Ruth Kuhnle, with each receiving \$6.50. Coming Events: Kingsford-Union, Chili Supper November 13; Coolspring, Rummage Sale Oct. 16; Kingsbury, no date; Springfield, Bingo 18, Pancake Breakfast Oct. 3, Bingo Oct. 22; Noble selling Stanley, 2 year calendars; Scipio Flea Market and Rummage Sale Sept. 25, Fall Festival Oct. 30. Next meeting will be at Lincoln Township Fire Station on January 19 at 7:30 p.m.

District 4 Ella Mae Bechtel — 4th District meeting was called to order October 3, 1982 at 2:10 p.m. by Chairwoman Ella Mae Bechtel. Prayer by Chaplain Mary Hahn. Roll Call answered by 7 members, 4

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District 11B

Dear All,
Well, Christmas is over with all its hustle and bustle. The New Year begins with new hopes and dreams. Our first activity this year is our Miss Flame Sweetheart Dance Feb. 12th. Everyone is welcome and we all hope you will help us make it a success.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a special "Thanks" to all the Departments and Auxiliaries that hosted our district meetings in 1982. Your help is greatly appreciated. All our dinners were very special and the company is the best. We are looking forward to all the meetings and get togethers in 1983.

It is important for us all to help support our district by attending the meetings. As well, we should stand behind our firemen and encourage them to get the proper training so that they will survive the dangers of fighting fires.

Betty Osborne
Dist. 11B Chairman



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DISTRICT REPORTS

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individuals and 2 guests (Jane Ferro, Baugo, and Carol Glassburn, Clay). Chaplain report given. State minutes read. District minutes read and approved. We have selected our lady to run for the Lois Boaz Award. Sunday morning at 8 a.m. we had free pancakes, sausage and real maple syrup for all campers. Thanks everybody that helped. Carry in dinner at 1 p.m. We're trying to find new ideas to make money. All ideas welcome. Next meeting December 2, 1982 at Osolo Fire Department. Department Activities: Baugo, Chicken Barbecue Oct. 16; Concord honor 30-year charter members Oct. 9 Dinner. We still have 4 charter members on department. Concord Open House Oct. 17. Osceola selling cookbooks. Don't forget the Place to Be in '83.

District 6 Ruth Sanders — Dist. 6 family picnic was held in Waterloo on Sunday, Sept. 19, with a carry-in dinner enjoyed by all. There were around 100 people present. Men, women and kids games played in the afternoon. Men's Waterball winners were Butler 1st, Adams #1 2nd, Sparta 3rd. Women Waterball, Adams #2 1st, and Angola 2nd. Bucket Brigade, Adams 1st, Waterloo 2nd and Angola 3rd. Hose Replacement Ashley 1st, Adams 2nd and Waterloo 3rd. Kids Bucket Brigade, Waterloo #1 1st and Waterloo #2 2nd. First place trophies were presented and ribbons were presented to each participant in the games. October meeting was held in Ashley. November 18th meeting will be held at Adams #2 with our Christmas party.

District 7 Virginia M. Wilson — District 7 meeting was held Sept. 20, 1982 at Hoagland Volunteer Fire Department. Roll call was answered by 14 members and 3 guests. Work at the men's fire school was discussed. No date has been set by the men. Poe is once again making peanut brittle on Tuesday and Friday evenings. Waterball banquet is Saturday, Nov. 13 at Hoagland Hayloft. \$25.00 per couple at the door. Poe peanut brittle, Sunday, Nov. 14th for anyone wanting to stay over for a stir party on Sunday afternoon. Saturday, Nov. 20th, Hoagland Turkey dance at Hoagland Hayloft. Next district meeting will be Nov. 15th at Markle Fire Station at 8:00 p.m. with a \$3.00 Christmas gift exchange for the ladies.

District 10 Nancy Neal — 10th District of the IVFAA met Aug. 16 at Waldron Fire Station with 54 members and 8 guests representing 14 auxiliaries. Meeting was called to order. Election of officers was held. Officers remained the same with Nancy Neal, Chairman; Debbie Nulliner, Secretary-Treasurer, and Vivian Thomas, Chaplain. Fountaintown was awarded two traveling plaques for selling the most Lucky Doe Doll tickets in the district. Next meeting will be Nov. 15 at Acton. This will be a joint meeting with the men. One covered dish per person and grab bag for the women at \$3.00.

District 11A Debbie Reed — We had our meeting on September 19 at North Terre Haute with a carry-in dinner. The women out-voted the men, so we got the main room for our meeting. Helen showed her plaque and banner. The next meeting will be at Pimento on November 21.

District 11B Betty Osborne — Last district meeting was held at Rosedale. A delicious lunch was served by their auxiliary. The date was Sept. 12, 1982. At this meeting one death within the district was reported by Maxine Davies, Chaplain. Doris McPike from Rosedale passed away Aug. 6, 1982. No memorial service was requested but the Bible was presented to her husband. Sept. 18 and 19 fire school held at the Cayuga Generating Station was our first. It turned out pretty well. A committee was formed to start getting things prepared for our 1983 February 12th Miss Flame Sweetheart dance. It will be held at the Rockville National Guard Armory as before. Reelsville held an open house Oct. 3. They had displays of fire equipment, films and the Hot Spot House from the State Fire Marshal's office. Door prizes were awarded to Barbara Ketchem, a clock; and Lisa Sunday, a blender. Refreshments of cake and punch was served.

District 13 Virginia Wilson — 13th District met at McCordsville Fire Department Auxiliary, Aug. 19, 1982. Election of officers was held and installed by State Officers Barb Surber and Barb Parker. District 13 Chairman Virginia Wilson, Secretary Marge Silvey of McCordsville and Anna Marie Baker as Chaplain of Greenfield. Our next meeting will be at Mac's Steak Family Restaurant at I-70 and St. Road 9, Nov. 18, 1982 at 6:30 for supper and meeting following with a Christmas exchange.

District 14 Nancy Richardson — District 14 met on Sept. 15 at Monroe Township Henryville. An emergency call list for the district was established. Bob Masters gave a 1982 Convention report. Bette Sellmer presented "The Outstanding District Auxiliary Member of the Year" award to Lois Fulkerson of McCullough. 1982 Convention slides were shown. Monroe Township held an open house to display their new fire truck on Sept. 26. Next meeting will be Nov. 17 at Johnson Township.

District 16 Vi Cambron — IVFA Auxiliary meeting was held Sept. 9th at Hardinsburg Fire House. Chairman Vi Cambron introduced our guests Barb Surber, Miriam Schaeckel and Vi Bruns. Marie Cambron then had our prayer. Bonnie Roberts led us in the pledge to the flag. No Secretary report due to Jan being ill. Treasury report Angie Doan read last Officer's minutes. Chaplain gave her report. Department Activities: Lavonia Fish Fry Oct. 2nd, 5:00 p.m. Laffetta Township Fry-ing Chicken Sept. 12th and 19th, then it will be the last two Sundays of each month; Hardinsburg-Jetney supper Sept. 25th. Meeting was then closed and we joined the men to enjoy the Convention slides.

District 4

The 4th District IVFAA meeting was called to order on December 2 at the Osolo Fire Department.

There were nine members and one guest present.

The meeting was opened by Chaplain Mary Hahn with a poem, "The Way You Feel Inside."

Minutes were read and approved.

The Chaplain reported sending a thank you card, and three get-well cards. She also sent an anniversary card to the Concord Fire Department for 30 years of service.

Come on, everybody, buy a Lucky Doe Doll ticket and help

the Ladies Auxiliary with our money-making project. This will help put us over the top.

The Boaz nominee must be in by April 1st.

Our next meetings will be January 27 at Walkerton, and March 10 will be our Miss Flame at Warkusa. Please, if you have a candidate for the Miss Flame contest, let me know as soon as possible.

The meeting was adjourned. We joined the men to see the Video tape and slides of the accident of the Plymouth Fire Department.

Don't forget, Elkhart County is the Place to Be in '83.

I hope to see a lot of you June 9, 10 and 11 in Elkhart.

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District 21

District 21 held its meeting at Clarkhill Volunteer Fire Department on October 27th. Chairman Ward Suter then called meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. President Jim Parker led the pledge to the flag. Roll call was taken with eight departments and 24 members and their guests, present. Minutes were read and approved.

Introduction of guests — They were as follows: President Jim Parker, Toddy Michl, P.R.W.C., Charlie Jones, Past President and representing Donley Safety & Supply Co.

Ward Suter introduced President Jim Parker. He spoke very briefly on the "Outreach Program" being held in Indianapolis on November 10, 11 and 12. Mr. Parker said all classes were full. He also stated that Mr. Bill Goodwin had told him the firemen were doing a very fine job in firefighting and our arson conviction rate in Indiana is the best in the nation.

Charlie Jones demonstrated and talked about the new nozzles that his company was selling. He gave us a very good talk and stated there would be an outside demonstration at the main fire station in Lafayette on November 3 and 4. Chief Tom Leman of the Battleground Volunteer Fire Department thanked Ward and the I.V.F.A. for their help in the death of his grandfather.

No Old Business.

The floor was open for New Business. Chief Leman asked how we could get District 21 moving? President Parker answered the question:

1. Hold your meeting on same night each time.
2. Have a good program for the men.
3. Keep the men involved and keep the men interested in the district.

Election of officers for 1983 was the next item under New Business.

President Parker held the election.

Floor is open for District 21 Chairman.

Fred Culross — Nominated.

Ward Suter — Nominated.

Fred Culross elected New District 21 Chairman.

Floor is open for District 21 Secretary. Richard Lofland, Stockwell Volunteer Fire Department, nominated and elected.

Refreshments were furnished by Host Department.

We would like to thank Clarkhill for holding the meeting. Next meeting to be at Kirkland Volunteer Fire Department on January 24th at 7:30 p.m.

We would like to be at Kirkland Volunteer Fire Department on January 24th at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

At this time I would like to thank everyone who voted for me. Time permitting, I will visit each and every department in our district. It looks like District 21 Fire School will be the second weekend of March, held at the East Tipp Junior High School at Buck Creek. There will be more information on this at our district meeting in January.

Hope everyone had a nice holiday and a prosperous New Year.

Fred Culross
District 21 Chairman

Firefighter Admits Rash of Arson Fires

By TOM CAREY
Staff Writer
The Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

An 18-year-old volunteer firefighter described as "a good ol' kid" confessed Nov. 16, 1982, to torching seven southeastern Allen County barns and causing at least \$89,000 damage during the last six months.

Dennis L. Lepper of the 11700 block of Hoagland Road, a volun-

teer for the Hoagland Fire Department, was arrested on a charge of arson, Indiana State Police Detective James H. Walters said. Lepper was held in the City-County Lockup in lieu of \$5,000 bond.

Walters said the timing of the fires, footprints leading from one of the barns and Lepper's extreme interest in riding fire trucks aroused police suspicions.

Walters noted that none of the fires was set on Monday nights, when Hoagland firefighters are required to be at the station. Investigators also found footprints outside one of the burned barns that had unusually long heels — similar to the shoes Lepper wore, he said.

Lepper voluntarily came to the state police post for questioning about 9 a.m. Tuesday, November 16, Walters said. During an interview, Lepper admitted setting fire Nov. 7 to a barn owned by Wayne Hoffman, he said. The barn, at the intersection of Monroeville and Frankie Roads, was destroyed in the blaze. Damage to the barn and the farm equipment stored in it was estimated at \$15,000.

Walters said investigators believed the fires were started by the same person because they all were started in a similar manner. However, he declined to say what that manner was.

Lloyd W. Brenneke, chief of the Hoagland Fire Department, said the arsonist apparently knew to pick out buildings, so there would be "not too much danger of a farmer being injured. I believe he (the arsonist) knew them."

Walters said that after investigators began looking at the volunteer firefighters, "we started eliminating certain people." The trooper said Lepper was scrutinized, in part, because of an incident in which the 18-year-old showed "extreme desire to ride a fire truck."

Lepper also became a suspect in the Hoffman fire after a single set of footprints was found leading into and away from Hoffman's barn, according to Brenneke. The chief said those footprints, which had a longer than average heel, resembled shoes worn by Lepper.

Walters, who had been involved in the case for about 10 days, said Lepper has been charged in connection with only the more recent Wayne Hoffman fire. Lepper also has admitted setting fire to the same barn Oct. 23 but has not been charged with that fire, investigators said. Walters said he will turn his completed investigation to the Allen County Prosecutor Arnold H. Duemling to determine if charges will be filed in connection with the other fires.

"It did surprise me that he (Lepper) came forth that quick," Walters said. "Somewhere, back in his mind, he was asking for help," the trooper said. "He needs it."

"I'm relieved it's all over, but sad to hear it's one of our firefighters," Brenneke said. He said Lepper had been a reserve firefighter about a year and became a regular firefighter in late October. "He fit in real good," the chief said. "He's a good person."

"I feel sorry for the kid," Molthan said. "I was really surprised; he worked for me a few times." Molthan said that while he assumed the arsonist was an area resident. "I wouldn't have picked him (Lepper)."

"He's just a good ol' kid; real energetic, real preppy," said Gene C. Hany who coached Lepper in baseball at Heritage High School. Hany said Lepper had earned two letters during his two years of varsity play. Brenneke said he had no idea why Lepper would want to start fires. "You'd just have to ask him," the chief said.

Walters said Lepper also admitted setting fire to Wayne Hoffman's barn Oct. 23. Fire officials said that blaze was extinguished before it caused significant damage.

Lepper also claimed responsibility for a fire that destroyed a \$2,000 barn on Adair Road be-

longing to Chris Hoffman June 13 and a minor fire at a barn belonging to Alfred F. Scheumann June 29, according to Walters.

Lepper said he is responsible for three other fires in the Hoagland area, Walters said. Those were a July 6 blaze that caused \$35,000 worth of damage to a barn and its contents belonging to Norbert Molthan; an Aug. 20 fire that caused about \$37,000 worth of damage to a Fackler Road barn owned by Donald F. Bohnke; and a fire Sept. 30 at a storage barn owned by Keller Grain. That blaze was extinguished before it caused major damage, firefighters said.

Public Relations West Central

Hi, everyone. By now the holidays will be over; I hope everyone had a wonderful, peaceful Christmas and New Year. Now it's back to work.

I've been attending all my district meetings and have found good attendance at some, and very few at others. This includes fire schools.

Fellas, your district chairman is there to serve you and help you

with your problems to get you training at fire schools, but if you don't attend your meetings we won't know what you want or need. Think of the advantages you get at the meetings. Meet friends, discuss your fires and problems, what you did, what you could have done, what you used to get the fire out, what kind of apparatus you have, what you need or what you can do with what you have and still do the job.

Some departments don't have the money to buy the best or much needed equipment, and must use what they have. Of course OSHA is coming into the picture and they will be checking our equipment. Granted, some of us won't have the funds to get things changed in time, but I think it's the best for our safety and health.

There are some district chairmen getting speakers from OSHA, the State Fire Marshal's office concerning arson, and arson investigation, instructors giving you information on ladders, equipment, on the scene control, management and so on. Just think of all the information you can get from attending your district meet-

ing or fire schools. It's for your own good, the good of the department, and the community.

Younger men are joining some departments and they will need help in training. Get them to attend the meetings. Let's all get together and make 1983 our best for meeting attendance and show the nation and the people of Indiana that we have the best firemen anywhere. Hope to see you at your next district meeting.

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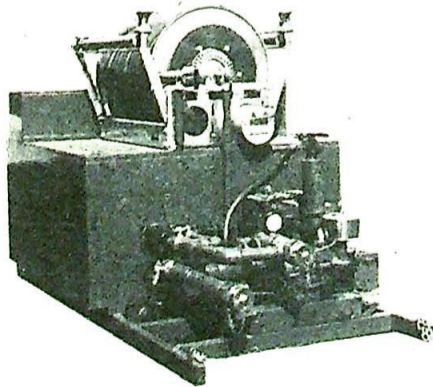
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Lawrence County Volunteer Firemen of the Year



Lawrence County Firefighters on October 21, awarded "Fireman of the Year" plaques to two of their members, Steven (Sonny) Cobb of Marshall Township and Jerry Lewis of Shawswick Township. The awards were presented by Indiana Volunteer Firemen Association, District 17B Chairman, M. E. Lockhart.

This year's co-winners were selected because both have given outstanding service to their respective units. Both firemen are long time members of their departments. They are both trained in fire fighting techniques and use of equipment. They quickly respond to fire alarms, unhesitatingly and aggressively attack the fires to save lives and as much property as possible. The award winners are willing workers and cooperate at all levels by using their knowledge and training to assist new firemen.

Firemen Cobb and Lewis spend many hours of their own time attending meetings and various other activities of their departments. They are active in all phases of their organizations — the less exciting support functions as well as fire fighting. By example, they encourage and promote participation of other volunteers in fire fighting.

These men, same as all other members of the nine Volunteer Departments in Lawrence County, receive no pay for their time. They are not reimbursed for personal expenses. Both hold down full time jobs and, of course, carry a full list of family responsibilities as any other resident.

Cobb and Lewis know that being a volunteer fireman does not pay financially, but they also know they are rich in accomplishments and satisfaction. This is so because by volunteering service as a citizen they are providing an essential community need.

The presenting statement of Chairman Lockhart follows:

"It is indeed an honor for me to be asked to present the awards you have bestowed upon your fellow firemen. Awards that the recipients will always cherish, I'm sure.

Each of you in this room deserve awards for your service to the community but there are men who give outstanding service and who stand out among us. It is appropriate that these be recognized and rewarded. We all know that the rewards in the Volunteer Fire Service do not consist of money, but it is also true that the recipients of these awards would not be satisfied with an award of only money. Money is one thing few people can keep and cherish.

Tonight's recipients, co-winners of the Lawrence County "Fireman of the Year" award were nominated by their own departments and then selected by the County Wide Committee, which in reality makes them double winners.

It is evident by the nominations that each of these gentlemen take great pride in being a Volunteer Fireman, great pride in their departments and great pride in the Lawrence County Association.

The co-recipients of the "Firefighters of the Year" award for 1982 are Steven (Sonny) Cobb of Marshall Township and Jerry Lewis of Shawswick Township.

Aurora Assembles Brush Fire Rig

During the spring of 1982, Aurora's Fire Company No. 2 assembled a unique brush fire rig, shown in the accompanying photograph. Due to the many large, serious brush fires in the spring of 1981, the members decided it was time to add this type of truck to their fleet. Aurora is located in Dearborn County, and serves the city as well as Washington and Center Townships, both rural areas.

Company No. 2 members used their clothing allowance and began to seek donations from area businesses, which responded well with funds and material to help in putting this rig together. After about 120 man-hours of work, the two year old pickup was repainted and equipped, ready to see some action in the 1982 spring brush fire season.

The truck is equipped with a front-mounted portable pump that has plumbing back to the 225 gallon tank as well as rear discharge for a reel and a 1 1/2" line. Also included is a preconnected foam educator system, allowing quicker attack of any fires at the Aurora Casket Company's airstrip, about three miles out of town.

Thinking they had an interesting vehicle, they drove it to the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, for Fire Expo '82, on September 4, 1982. They



came away with second place in the Grass Fire Rig category, competing against many other trucks, most of them being factory built. They believe that first place was missed because there was some of

the usual dirt and oil under the hood, as is with any rig that is in service. Apparently, the judges look everywhere, and that cost them some points, but members report that the next time they will

go prepared for any inspection, and first place will hopefully come home with them. Grass Fire Rigs, beware!

Story and photo by Lee Kissell



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Delaware Auxiliary Installs Officers



IVFA Auxiliary District 19 Chairman Mary Kissell installed the officers for the newly formed Delaware Auxiliary on December 2 at their fire station. Delaware Community Fire Department was organized in 1978, in Ripley County. Members include, left to right: front row, Lucille Hosmer, Velma Keck, Vice-President Joyce Huffman, Treasurer Lois Lunsford, Chaplain Alma Schutte. Back row, Marylyn Gray, President Reva Everage, Reba Craig, Sue Ostholthoff, and Secretary May Phillippe.

Dublin Rescue 43 Is Ready to Roll

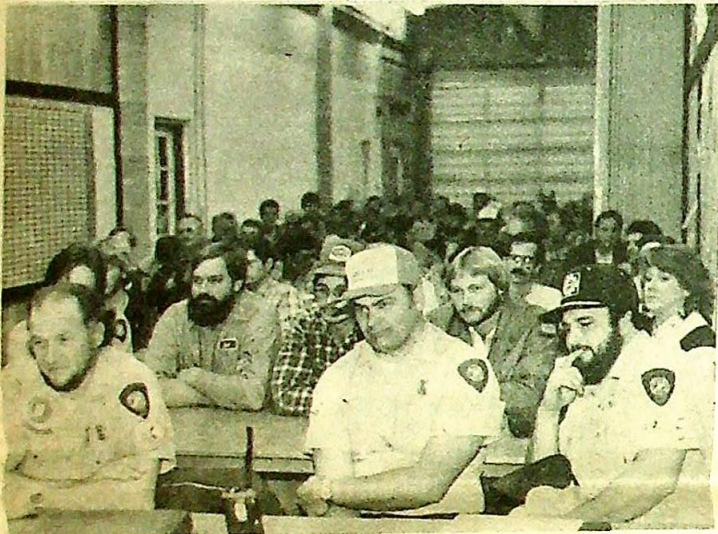


Dublin Unit 43 is a 1975 Ford F350 Custom with a modified utility body. It is equipped with extrication apparatus that includes: Hearst "Jaws of Life," two porta power hand spreaders, two heavy duty power-pullers, pneumatic

chisels with spare tanks, 3500 watt AC generator, telescoping flood lights.

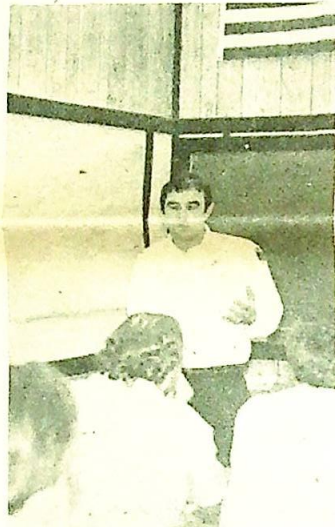
Medical equipment for Basic Life Support is included aboard for use by the department EMT's.

Burlington Plays Host



The November meeting of District 9-A was held at Burlington Fire Station.

Some 80 members and guests made this the largest attendance we have had in several years. This is what we like to see, the membership attending these meetings make the host department interested in having a good program.

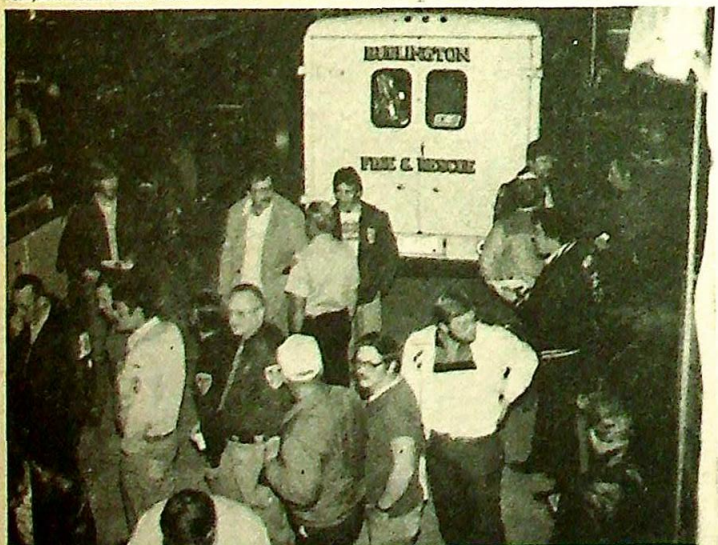
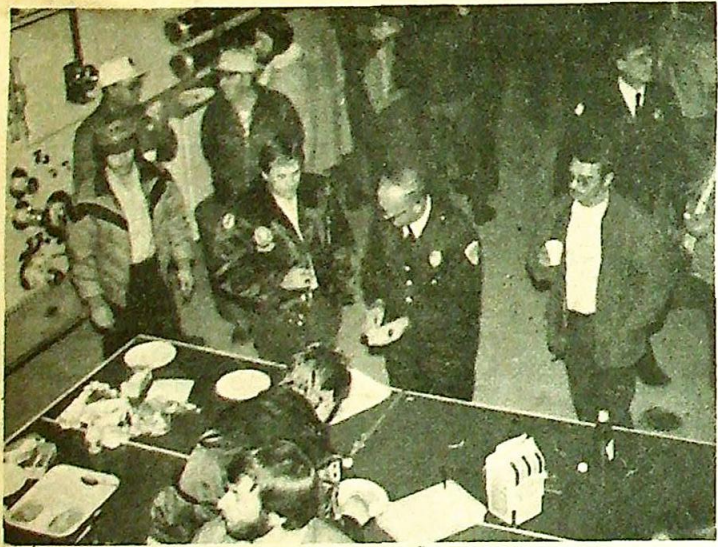


Our speaker was Chief Wayne Smith of Plymouth Fire Dept. This man has a message for each of us in the Fire Service.

Volunteer or Paid — Officer or Firefighter. If he is in your area be sure to hear him. He will tell you things you don't like, things you don't want to hear, but it can happen in the Fire Service.

Thanks again to Chief Wayne Smith and the Plymouth Fire Department for coming down and sharing with us.

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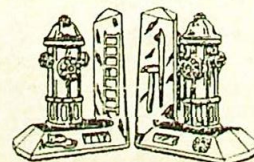
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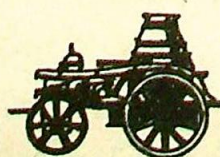


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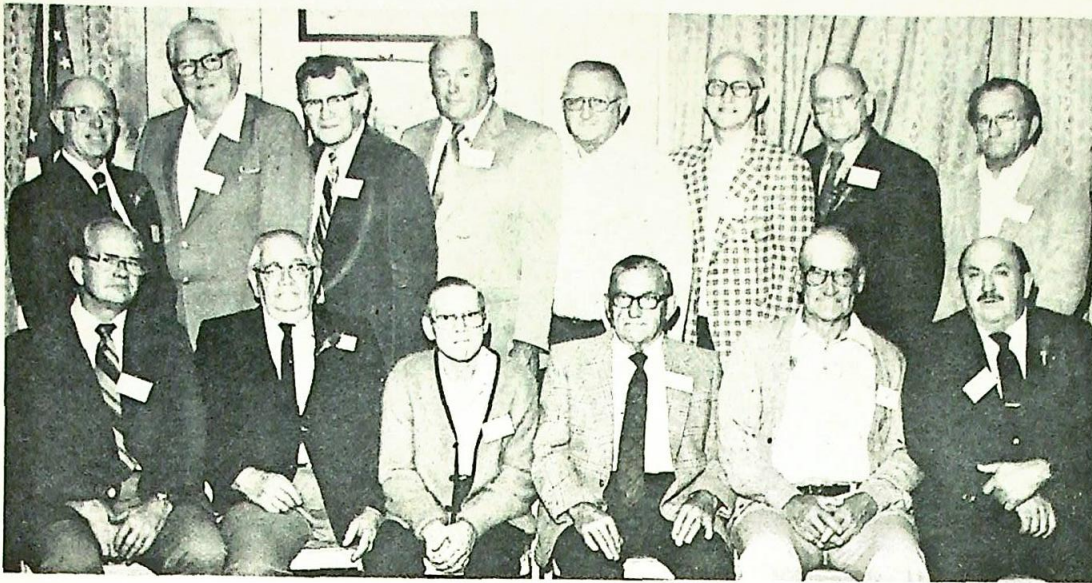


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Concord Honors Original Members At Dinner



Front row, left to right: Robert Anderson, Owen Martin, Dorsey Noss, Past Chief Harley Houser, Past Chief Robert Shirk, Sr. (also chief of the department), Past Chief Ralph E. Bechtel, Sr.
Back row, left to right: Bert Cook, Carlisle Detwiler, Ellis Martin, Herman Bullard, Mansford Nusbaum, Dick Eckhart, Past Chief George Ernest, Don Singleton.

The Concord Fire Department held its 30th Anniversary and Awards Dinner on October 9 at the Fairview Grange in Dunlap, Indiana. This was to honor the 35 men who started the Concord Township Fire Department 30 years ago. We were very happy to have 14 of the 35 present. We had three widows of the original firemen of the department present. We are very pleased to say we had four of the original firemen on the department as of the time of the dinner.

We honored the four original members on the department with nice walnut clocks for their 30 years of service to the department. These four men are Ralph E. Bechtel, Sr., Bert Cook, George Ernest and Owen Martin. We also honored Virgil Loucks for his 29 years of service to the department.

We honored also five new hon-

orary members to the department for 20 years of outstanding service to the department. They were Roger Weaver, John Swartzendurber, Gene Coney, Kenneth Rinehart, Sr. and William Hibsman.

The entertainment for the evening was John Gunter, the Singing Sheriff, who did a great job.

We would like to thank Duane Lantz for being Master of Ceremonies. Also present that evening were Bill Goodwin, State Fire Marshal, and Carl Bruns, Vice-President of the IVFA.

The Concord Township Trustee Larry Mishkin was present and was very generous to the firemen and retirees present. He gave each man a T-shirt that said something about the 30 years of service. Larry also had his advisory board present, Edward Hawn and Roger Culp.

In all we had about 112 men

School, Sunshine Corner Day Care Center and the Dillard Nursery School.

The puzzles show 10 of the most common causes of fire and hazards of electricity found in the home.

Over 2 million people are burned each year in the United States. About 200,000 of them require lengthy hospitalization. Over 75,000 are crippling cases and over 12,000 of them die, 75% of these tragedies can be prevented just by following the 10 easy steps shown on the puzzles and simple fire safety tips from the teachers, says Fire Chief Ed Noel.

A Plea for Help!

The Cunningham Volunteer Fire Department is being formed to supplement the county fire service. The county fire service has a 200 square mile area to cover. They do this with a mini-pumper and a 1000 gallon tanker. Needless to say this equipment is not enough.

Recently, residents on our side of the river decided to form a Volunteer Fire Department of our own. We plan to cover anywhere from 50 to 75 square miles of our part of the county. This will allow our response to be 15 to 18 miles at the farthest at any one time. We will attempt to cover 11 townships in our jurisdiction.

We already have our charter. A lot of people are depending on this department getting going. As you know, that takes money and equipment. We need to get started before some people will donate. We plan on having several fund raisers this year.

Right now we would like to ask those departments in the neighboring state of Indiana for help. Any department having excess equipment, gear or anything that you can part with, we would like to receive it. If you have excess

and ladies present. All of the charter members received a 30 year department mug and a bouquet of flowers. Al had a very nice evening. We would like to thank all the people who helped to make it that way: The Flower House Florist and the Fairview Grange for the dinner and meeting room.

The men presently on the Concord Township Fire Department, Inc., would like to thank all the charter members who gave of their time, lives and families to make the Concord Township Fire Department what it is today in the community of Dunlap, Indiana.

Thanks, Guys and Gals for a great job well done years ago and we'll try to keep your dreams alive for years to come.

May God bless each and every one of those families for years to come and they not be forgotten.

The men of the Concord Township Fire Department equipment to send us, we will be more than glad to pay the freight.

If you have any questions please feel free to call or write: Area Code 615-648-8145.

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Thank you in advance.
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We Take Volunteers For Granted

BY CECIL J. SMITH

By virtue of my duties with the newspaper, I often find myself at the scene of accidents, fires and other news-making events in Washington County. On only a few occasions in the 17 years that I have been here have I felt the individuals who are called upon to handle such emergencies have failed to do their jobs.

Most of the time our law enforcement officers, medical technicians and firemen do an outstanding job. And, many of those people are volunteers — unpaid for the hours they put in helping us.

You would be surprised how quick people are to find fault with those who are dedicating their lives to helping and protecting us. Probably the ones who catch the most flak are members of the county's fire departments.

True: Many of the buildings in areas served by volunteer departments burn to the ground, but that is not necessarily the fault of the men who are called to fight that fire.

Those townships that have a volunteer fire department have only one station. Usually it is centrally located, but it still is a fairly

good distance from the outer perimeters of the township.

Once the fire is discovered (and it may be well underway by the time that takes place), the volunteers must be called; someone must get to the fire house, then the equipment has to be driven to the fire. This can easily take 30 minutes, and in that length of time the smallest fire, given the right circumstances, can flame up and destroy a house or barn.

In Salem where there are firemen on duty at all times, and where all buildings are within three or four minutes of the fire house, the rate of success is far greater.

Recently Junior Silverthorn of Pekin sent me a clipping from a publication called "The Volunteer Fireman."

Here is part of what the clipping said:

"It's not easy belonging to a fire department. Besides waiting day or night for the whistle to blow, risking lives at each emergency, the volunteers spend long hours every year in training, in maintaining the department, and in raising funds to keep the department going. They spend hundreds of their own dollars — in transportation, new personal equipment, and in ruined clothing.

"But the hardest thing about being a volunteer fireman is that too few people appreciate what they do for the community . . .

"We take our fire departments and the help they offer for granted."

A Marine fireman once wrote the following:

Pity the poor firemen.

When the fire trucks are delayed 40 seconds, people say "It took them 20 minutes to get there."

When the truck races at 40 miles an hour, it's "Look at those reckless fools."

When four men struggle with an eightman ladder, "They don't even know how to raise a ladder."

When firemen open windows for ventilation to reduce heat in fighting a fire, "Look at the wrecking crew."

When they open the floor to get at the blaze, "There goes the ax squad."

If the chief stands back where he can see and direct his men, people say, "He's afraid to go where he sends his men."

If they lose a building, "It's a lousy fire department."

If they make a good stop, folks say "The fire didn't amount to much."

If a lot of water is necessary, "They are doing more damage with the water than the flames."

If a fireman gets hurt, "He was a careless guy."

If a citizen gets hurt, "It's a crazy department."

If a fireman inspects a citizen's property, "He's meddling in somebody's business."

If he wants a fire hazard corrected, "I'll see the town manager!"

If he gets killed and leaves a family destitute, "That's the chance he took when he joined the fire department."

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'Do It Yourself' Heating Systems Create Problems

With the onset of the heating season, the wood burners and other sources of heating are once again with us. We, the members of the fire service must contend with the "do it yourself" installations of alternative heating methods.

The State Fire Marshal's Office has received, in the past month, increased evidence of failure of both, double wall and triple wall metal chimneys.

The Reinsurance Association of Minnesota (RAM) has documented numerous fire and smoke dam-

age losses that resulted from double wall, and triple wall, insulated, metal, Class A chimneys that have failed. Reasons given for this failure have been overfiring and lack of proper cleaning. Structural failure occurs when the inner stainless steel liner warps, bulges, or separates, at the vertical seam and collapses. Anyone that burns wood should be on guard for these potential situations.

The Reinsurance Association of Minnesota has requested documentation in the form of photographs and written accounts of instances where pre-fab metal chimneys have failed as a result of wood burners. Please forward complete documentation of any incidents involving double wall and triple wall metal chimneys directly to the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Another problem area that the fire service will be confronted with is the ever increasing sale of kerosene heaters in this state. There is alarming evidence of improper use of this product which is causing an increase in the seriousness of small fires.

Generally speaking, most bathroom fires are small in nature, because of the fuel load, however, in January, 1982, a Hillside, New Jersey Fire Department responded to a call on a bathroom fire where the occupants were using a portable kerosene heater as supplemental heat. The room was completely destroyed and there was extensive smoke and

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Lake Station Completes First Responder Course

On November 15, 1982, 25 emergency personnel from the Lake Station-New Chicago area completed the State of Indiana First Responder Course sponsored by the Lake Station Fire Department, according to Paramedic John E. Kephire, Director of Training and Public Relations for the Emergency Medical Services Division.

According to Kephire, "The First Responder Course is 40 hours long and goes far beyond all Red Cross first aid courses. It is designed for and offered only to emergency personnel who are first on the scene of life threatening injury or sudden illness. The students are taught basic life support to stabilize and maintain patients until emergency medical service personnel are on the scene. Basic auto extraction, spinal immobilization and oxygen therapy were also included in both lecture and hands on practical skills demonstrations," Kephire added. "These men will serve as an invaluable back-up for the Emergency Medical Service E.M.T.s who have been faced with several simultaneous calls or multiple casualty accidents.

At the completion of the course, each student was required to successfully take both a written and practical skills examination prescribed by the State of Indiana. The state then issues a license, valid for three years to each student. The student must participate in continual in-service instruction in order to keep his license current.

Those students successfully completing the course are: Firefighters Larry Bible, Louis Butts, Ken Good, Ron Good, Bill Halaschak, Jim Henson, Oliver Kemp, Fred Lambert, Bill Loving, Rich Matherly, Jim Oates, Paul Oldaker, Charlie Ralston, Chuck Reeves, Jim Rosendaul, Hector Ramirez, Bill Shukitis, and Dana Williams from the Lake Station Fire Department.

Officers Dave Clendaniel, Dale Gunter, Carl Miller Jr. and Jesus Zuniga from the Lake Station Civil Defense and Firefighters Ken Corbeille, Dan Matheny, and Dennis Shavey from the New Chicago Fire Department.

Revisions in 1st Class Firefighter Minimum Requirements

During the past few months, several fire instructors and/or fire chiefs have indicated they did not know of the changes made under the 1st Class Firefighter minimum requirements, which the Commission made in September 1980.

Please see that everyone in your department is advised of these changes:

OLD Requirements:

9 Hours — Basic Tactics
10 Hours — Fire Science
10 Hours — Mathematics

NEW Requirements:

19 Hours — Basic Tactics
5 Hours — Fire Science
5 Hours — Mathematics

The overall hours have not been changed, merely rearranged in a manner which the Commission feels of importance.

We have been accepting Individual Training Record forms which follows either the old or new requirements. However, everyone should be following the new requirements now.

Please make these changes in your Redbooks if it has not been done.

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Fire Department Distributes Puzzles

During Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 3-9, Greendale Fire Department in cooperation with the Beta Sigma, Eta Beta Chapter Sorority, distributed fire safety puzzles to Central School, St. Lawrence School, Greendale Christian

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January 17, 1983

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Greetings:

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the American Volunteer Agency, Inc., Mr. Don Elliott, Mr. Don Lamm, and myself, to thank the over 450 Volunteer Fire Departments in the State of Indiana who carry their Accident and Health Insurance through the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Program.

As most of you know, The I.V.F.A. has sponsored a program of Accident and Health Insurance for a number of years. In the five year period, that we have been privileged to be the insurer for this benefit, we have had a very enjoyable experience.

1982, points out the hazardous nature of Volunteer Fire Service in the State of Indiana. It was our sad privilege, to assist the families of *eight* Volunteer Firemen who lost their lives last year.

Your association's program, paid over \$475,000.00 benefits during 1982. With the exception of the tragedy that occurred in Plymouth, Indiana, for the period of years that we have had the privilege of carrying the Accident and Health Insurance Coverage in Indiana, over 52% of all claims paid, have been for Heart and Circulatory malfunction problems.

When we review your department's Accident and Health Insurance, please keep in mind, that the I.V.F.A.'s Program, has the broadest coverage available particularly under the Heart and Circulatory features.

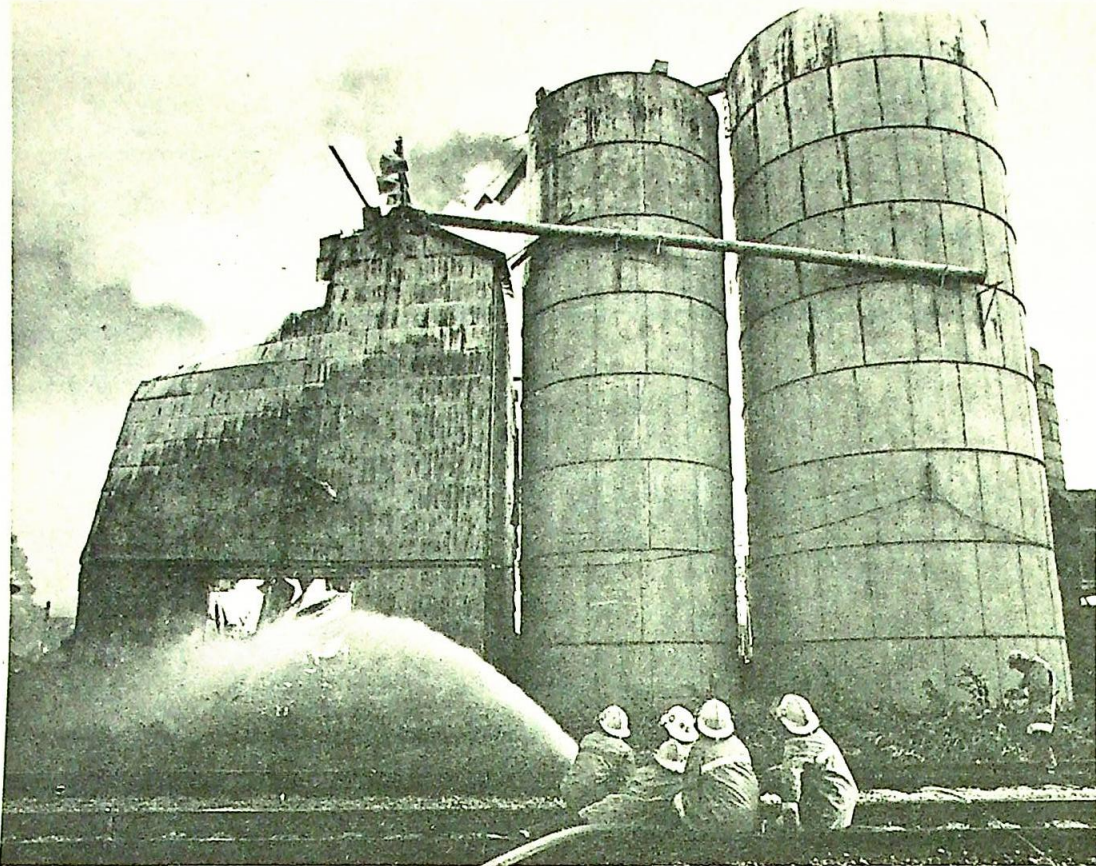
We feel, that every fire company in Indiana should avail themselves the broadest possible coverage, through the protection of their individual members and their families.

Looking forward to a long relationship with your fine organizations, we remain,

Very truly yours,

Timothy R. Downey, C.L.U.

Elevator destroyed at Montmorenci



On August 15, 1982 at 17:25, the Tippecanoe County Fire Dispatcher toned the Wabash Township Fire Department to a reported fire at the Co-op elevator in Montmorenci. Chief Cypher, Assistant Chief Hertz and Sgt. Bogan arrived at 17:32. Chief Cypher radioed the Dispatch Center and reported a working fire, requesting a second alarm and to activate the County Mutual Aid Tac by responding Otterbein, Battleground, Buck Creek, Purdue University and Wea Township Fire Departments for tankers.

The fire upon arrival was confined to the 40 to 50 foot structure and was totally involved. Exposures were obviously of great concern because of the tremendous thermal column and wind direction, which was due southeast, directly over the community of Montmorenci.

At 17:37, Chief Cypher radioed the third alarm to the Dispatch Center, requesting two 6,500 gallon tankers from "L.C.L. Transport" in Lafayette, and two 3,000 gallon tankers from "Organic Disposal" of Romney, along with a medic unit from St. Elizabeth Trauma Center for standby and to notify the Railroad authorities to hold all rail traffic until further notice.

Explosives were covered in the general area of the lead structure which included the offices and support buildings, and of great concern was one 30,000 gallon L.P. tank and several liquid petroleum tanks of varying sizes, all of which were within 100 feet or less of the fire. In addition, one engine company and tanker were committed to the business district of Montmorenci due to exposure

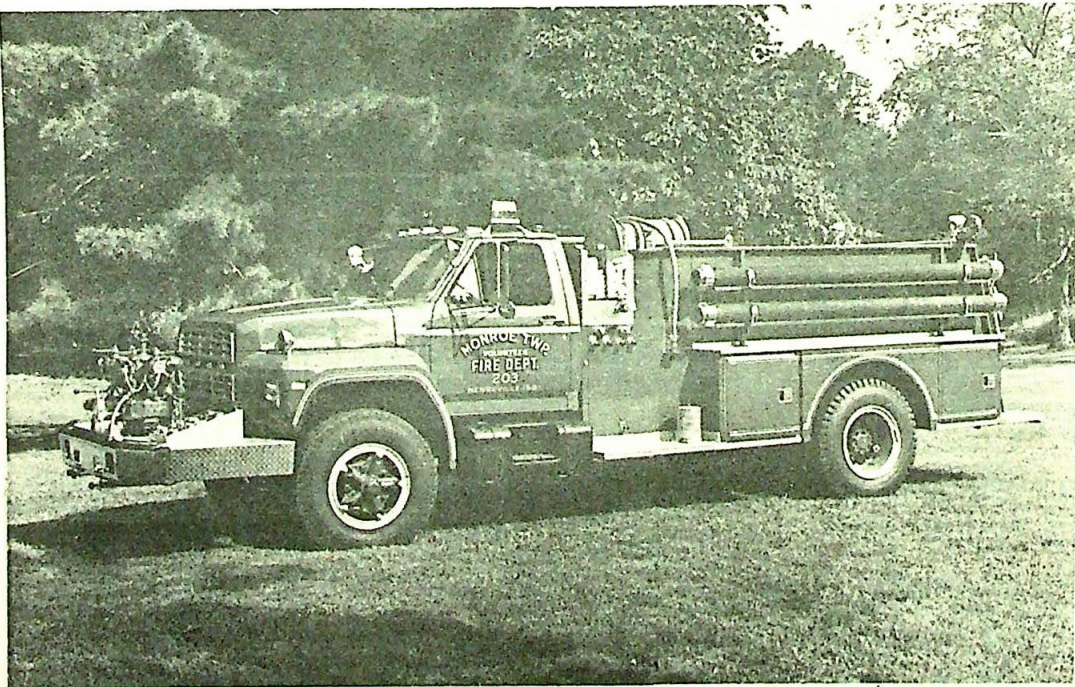
fires on the roofs of various structures.

In total, Fire Mutual Aid Departments and some 70 firefighters were involved in the operation that consumed some 30 hours overall.

It should be noted that due to a working Mutual Aid over 1250 gpm was maintained for approximately 3 hours during the height of the fire and water shuffle operation. Due to the exposure problems, a true conflagration was averted which points directly to the cooperation of the Mutual Aid Call-up.

Chief Cypher and the Wabash Township Fire Department wish to extend their thanks to all the different agencies that were involved in the operation and especially to the Tippecanoe County Fire Dispatcher.

Tragic Accident Prompts Action



As I look back I can hardly believe the events that brought a new fire truck to our department. Starting in mid-summer of 1981 with the complete breakdown of the pumping system of our 1967 Ford Pumper, we were left struggling and I do mean struggling with a 1949 pumper. Our pleas to the township trustee went on deaf ears. The Sellerburg Station No. 2, located at Memphis, five miles away, did respond to our needs. They very willingly responded to all our calls with their equipment and men. But this only added to our woes. On January 3, 1982, a young fireman from their station

was involved in a tragic accident on a Mutual Aid run that later took his life. The following week the board of directors met with the newly appointed trustee, Mr. Jerry Goldman, to seek a solution to our need of a workable truck. Could our 1967 truck be fixed at a reasonable cost. Knowing the amount of work there would be, it was also discussed the remote possibility of a new truck. Cost appraisal to repair the existing truck was set at \$12,000. We then decided that amount of money would make the down payment on a rural front mounted pump truck. The State Tax Board would grant

a tax increase and the New Washington State Bank Henryville Branch would carry the loan for 5 years. The bids were let in March and McGinley of Lebanon, Indiana was awarded the contract. The Ford chassis was built in Louisville, Ky. with men from our own department working on it. Delivery of the truck was taken in August, 1982.

We are very proud of the truck and we wish to thank all who worked in any way to aid the Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department to better protect our community.

Story and Photo by Gene Noel

Special Notice To All Firemen

I just received a phone call from Gene Stofer in regard to the introduction of a bill in the Senate of the United States. Senator Durenburger, from Minnesota, said he will introduce it on the first day of the 1983 Session. This legislation has to do with the renewal of Federal Sharing, which would be of great benefit to the Fire Service, not only in the State of Indiana, but the whole of the United States.

PLEASE take the few minutes necessary to write to your Senators and Representatives and ask for their support on this very important legislation.

Thank you for your response in this matter. If I can be of further

assistance in this matter, please feel free to call me at 317-232-2222.

Yours for better fire service,
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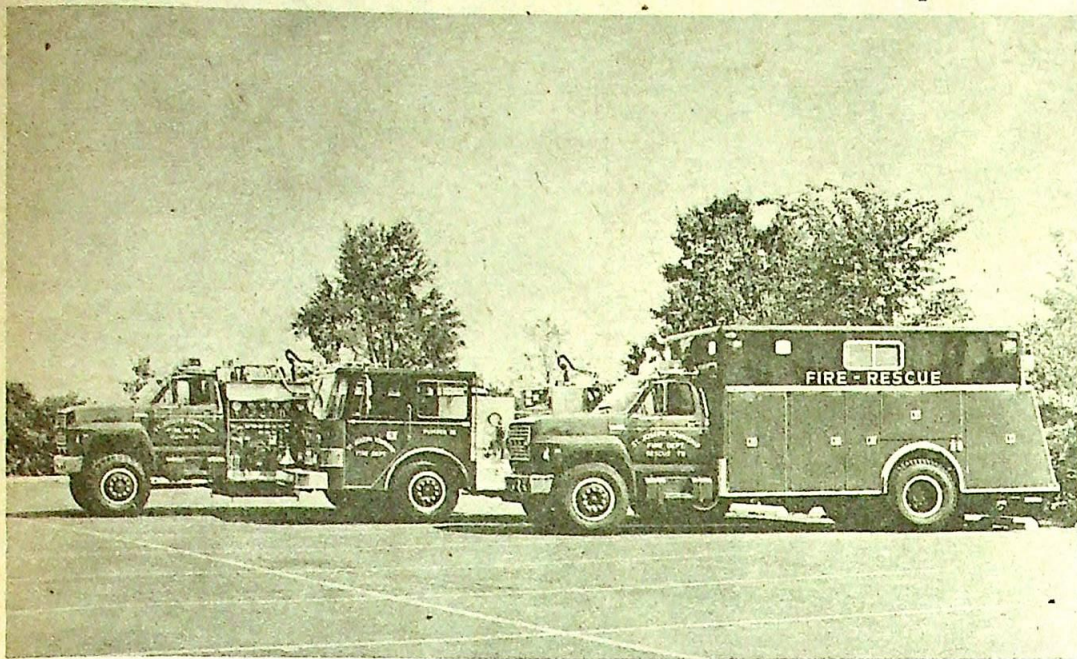
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Tradition grows with Township



Back some 27 years ago when St. Joseph Township Fire Department was first formed, a tradition for protecting the residents of St. Joseph Township with the finest equipment of the day and age was started with a 1954 Ford Pumper. This pumper served St. Joseph Township for 27 years, in its last 15 years of service, it was only called for if needed.

Now in 1982 St. Joseph Township has over 55,000 residents and thousands of homes and hundreds of commercial structures which present concern as the township continues to grow.

It was decided to retire three pieces of apparatus and purchase three new pieces. Retiring were a 1954 Ford Pumper, a 1966 International Harvester 1000 gpm Pumper, and a 1968 Dodge Step Van Rescue Unit. When the bids for the new apparatus were received, the township awarded it to the Pierce Fire Trucks at \$275,000 for all three pieces of apparatus. They are, Minute Man Attack Pumper, Pierce Arrow Pumper and a Ford F-700 Rescue unit with a Pierce box.

With the increase in fire load in most residents and commercial structures, St. Joseph Township Fire Department determined to increase its fire power by initiating 1 1/4" Booster Lines, which will flow nearly as much as a 1 1/2" hand line, also initiated were 1 3/4" hand lines and 200 gpm nozzles replacing 2 1/2" hand lines for blitz

attack, these 1 1/4" and 1 3/4" lines are cost effective and realistic to the initial fire attack of the 1980's.

Also on board each of our trucks are Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), on our Minute Man we carry 2 Scott SCBA with two extra bottles. On our Arrow we carry 2 new Scott 2.2 SCBA and 2 Scott Demand SCBA with four extra bottles. Our Rescue Unit carries 2 new Scott 2.2 SCBA with 2 Scott Demand SCBA with 6 extra bottles, and a 4 bottle cascade system to refill the bottles at the scene.

Overall our long range investment will provide St. Joseph Township Fire Department with today's most modern equipment to meet the community needs and provide the stability of fire protection as the township grows.

Residents of St. Joseph Township can be assured that the tradition of Fire Service Excellent lives on!!!

When purchasing our two Class A Pumpers, we had to take a long range planning view of our purchase, so when the pumps were built we had pre-piped Deck Guns and 20 gallon foam tanks installed.

One of the long range goals was to have a 5" discharge on our Pierce Arrow which is a 1500 gpm two-stage Waterous Pump and a 750 gallon booster tank. And what makes our Pierce Arrow ideal for years to come is a top mount pump panel for maximum visibil-

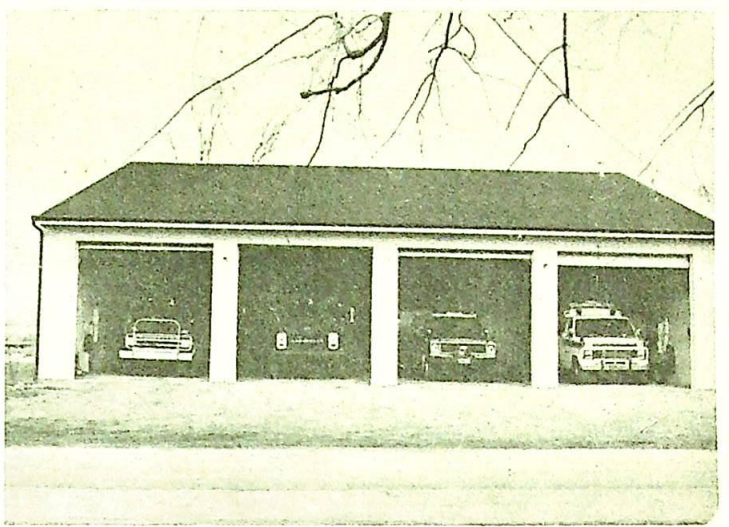
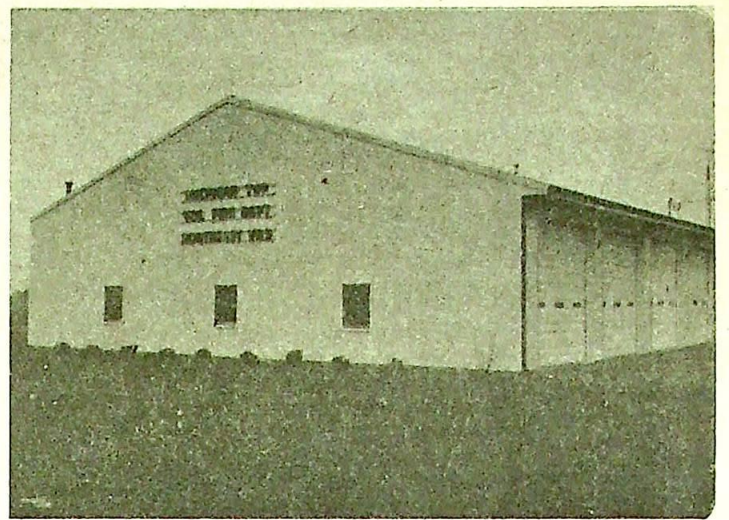
ity for the pump operator, and the icing on the cake is 1000' of 5" supply line to serve as a portable hydrant from either source to scene through the 5" discharge.

Our second Class A Pump, a Pierce Minute Man Attack Pumper which is four wheel drive and has a 750 gpm Waterous Pump and carries a 300 gallon booster tank. This pump is special in a lot of ways, mainly because of its response over an area where a bridge weight capacity has limited response over this bridge until now. We are able to lay our 4" supply line and either supply to the pump or relay pump. Initial attack lines are either two dual 1 1/4" booster lines or the 1 3/4" hand lines.

Our Rescue Unit, a Ford F-700 with a Pierce Box has multiple purposes as it serves for rescue in auto accidents, and as a command post in fire emergencies and as a back-up EMS unit for secondary BLS Response. It is equipped with full auto extrication equipment as in the Hurst Tool and at the fire scene it has a range of duties as in our four bottle cascade system, or our massive assortment of salvage overhaul tools with entry and ventilation equipment.

When purchasing these three pieces of apparatus, we had high intensity quartz Lights installed on each unit along with a power inverter which would supply quartz Lights and cord reels from the trucks.

Michigantownship-Michigantown Adds New Building



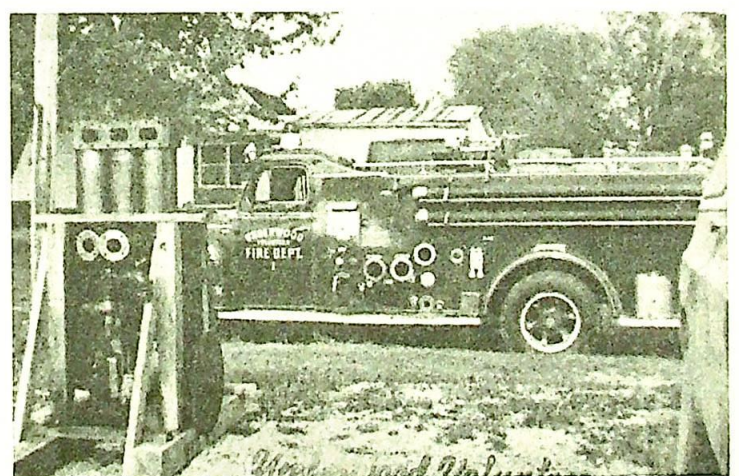
The members of the Michigantownship-Michigantown Volunteer Fire Department are especially proud of their new 4-bay fire station. The station is 60x60 with 2 of the bays full length and 2 of the bays half length. Behind the half-length bays is a 30x30 meeting room which has been, and is now used for fire schools and regular monthly meetings. The meeting room also has a kitchenette and restrooms. The building houses a 1979 Ford Braum ambulance which covers the northeast portion of Clinton County and a 1979 Chevy 1 ton 4x4 which is

used for grass fires and rescue. The rescue truck carries air chisels, K-bar and Hurst Tool. A 1971 Boyer 750 pumper and a 1967 1250 gallon Chevy tanker with a 350 GPM pump is also housed.

The building which cost \$57,000 was purchased with \$35,000 of tax money and the other \$22,000 was collected through pledges and donations.

The members of the department would like to thank their township trustee David Avery and all of the people who pledged and donated money for the building. The building has made training easier.

Underwood Firemen Say Thanks



Underwood Firemen save department \$3000 by rebuilding 30 year old Howell Reciprocating Pump.

The old pump, after serving the department faithfully for eleven years dropped a valve, busting the lower head and scoring all three cylinder walls. After getting an estimate of \$3500 to replace the pump with a used centrifical pump of equal capacity, and having very little funds available for repairs; the firemen removed the pump from the truck. With some favors from fellow firemen in other

departments, they completely rebuilt the pump and reinstalled it at a cost of less than \$500.

Our firemen would like to thank this opportunity to thank most of the departments in our 14th District, our County Civil Defense, Local Department of Conservation, Clark County Central Alarm, Clarksville Paid Fire Department and all the rest of our friends and neighbors for helping us over the bumps and hard spots during the twelve years we have been operating.

Underwood Firemen

Elkhart County, the place to be in '83"

Worldwide Volunteer Firefighters Association is Organized

Representatives of the National Volunteer Fire Council joined those from sixteen other nations at an inaugural meeting held at the headquarters of the Japan Firemen's Association, the host organization.

The meeting was addressed by Japan's Prime Minister, Yauhior Nakasone who said, "I am particularly pleased to see that this Federation has been formed now based on the full cooperation of volunteer firefighters toward the common cause of all countries and for the purpose of developing firefighting techniques and promoting international communication as well as deepening mutual understanding and friendship among the international community.

Ryoichi Sasakawa, the Chairman of the Japan Firemen's Association, was elected the Federation's first Chairman and Masaaki Tokuda, Managing Director of the host group, was selected to serve as Secretary General. The Board of Directors is made up of the

principle representative of each of the original seventeen national organizations.

During a demonstration of Japan's firefighting forces held in Gifu Prefecture, James Monihan, Chairman, and Gus Welter, Secretary of the National Volunteer Fire Council presented greetings from President Ronald Reagan in which he applauded this important and historic event. These demonstrations included a firefighting exercise presented by the Prefecture's "Junior Firefighters" using their own motorized fire trucks and apparatus. This group is made up of 5 and 6 year old children who learn about fire early.

Chairman Monihan of Lewes, Delaware, and Secretary Welter of Bloomington, Minnesota expressed the deep appreciation of the world's volunteer firefighters to Chairman Sasakawa of the Japan Firemen's Association "for the opportunity to establish this Federation of Worldwide Volunteer Firefighters' Associations

which will hopefully grow to include the 150 countries of the United Nations and join the world's volunteer firefighters toward the advancement of firefighting techniques as well as worldwide understanding and peace."

While many member groups have career firefighters in their ranks, the Directors emphasized that the focus of the Federation is on activities of the volunteer sector of the fire service community.

In addition to the United States and Japan, Directors attending the meeting represented Argentina, Australia, Chile, Egypt, Indonesia, Italy, South Korea, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Paraguay, the Phillipines, Thailand, The United Kingdom (Great Britain and Northern Ireland), and Zambia.

For more information contact: E. James Monihan, Chairman National Volunteer Council
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Knightstown Hosts District 13A.

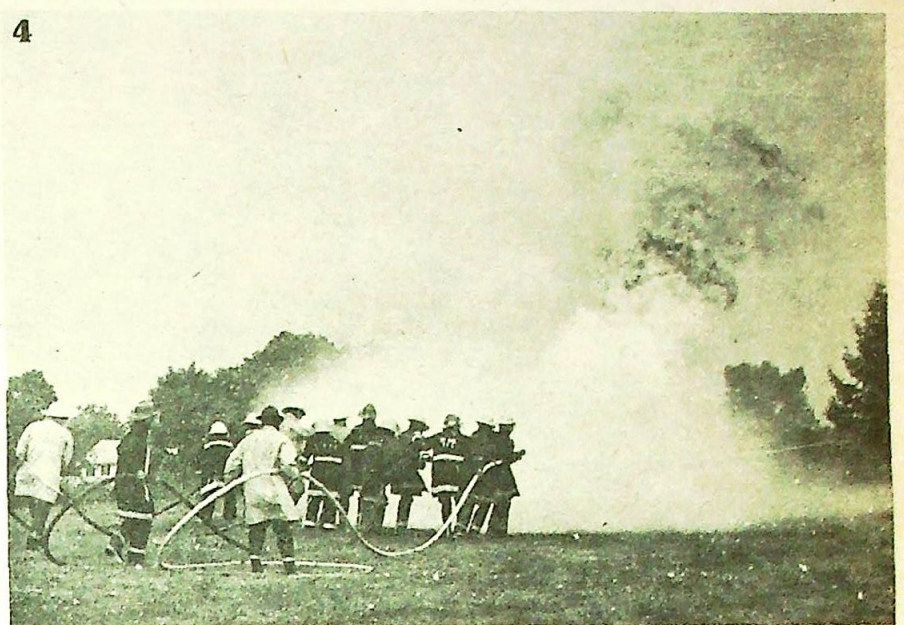
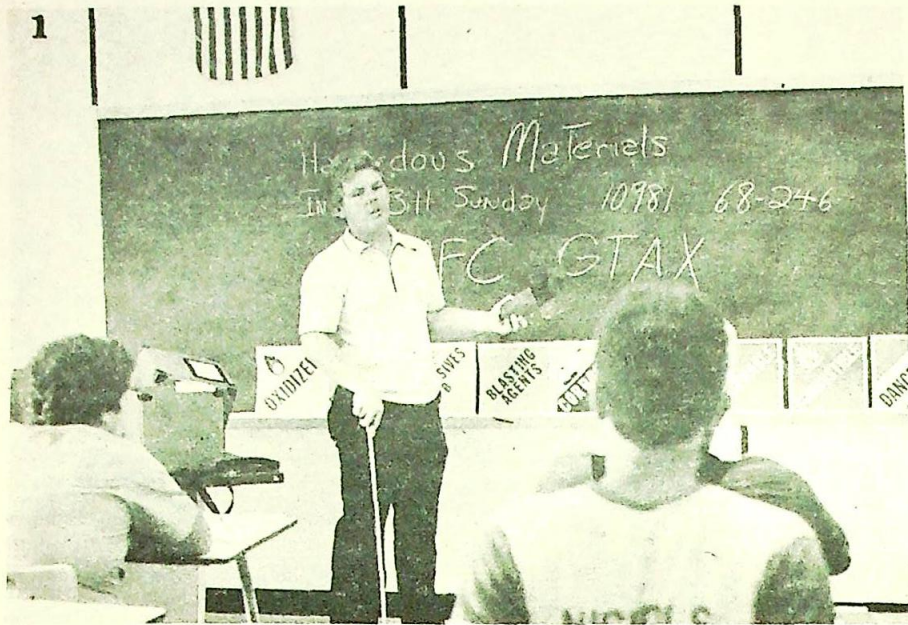
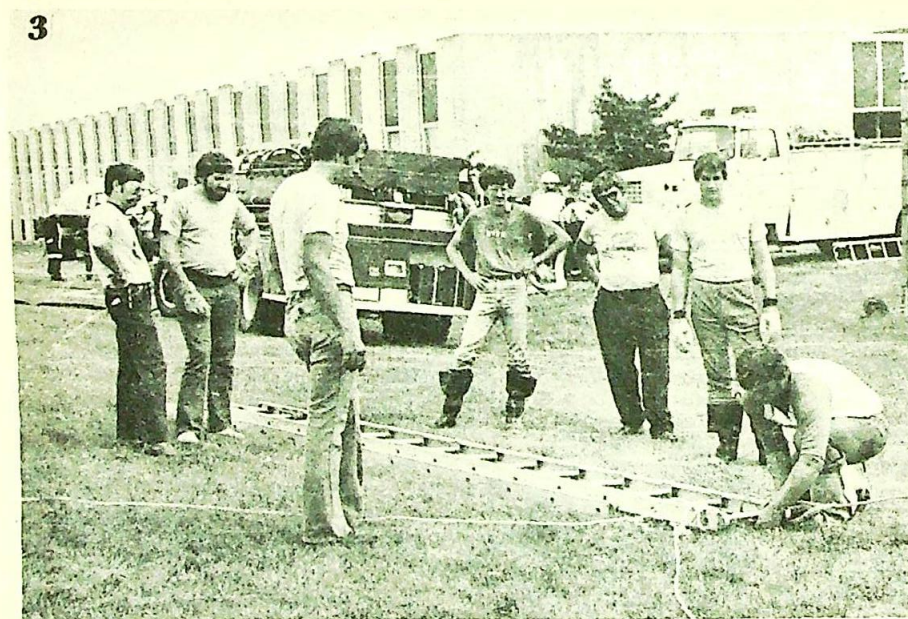
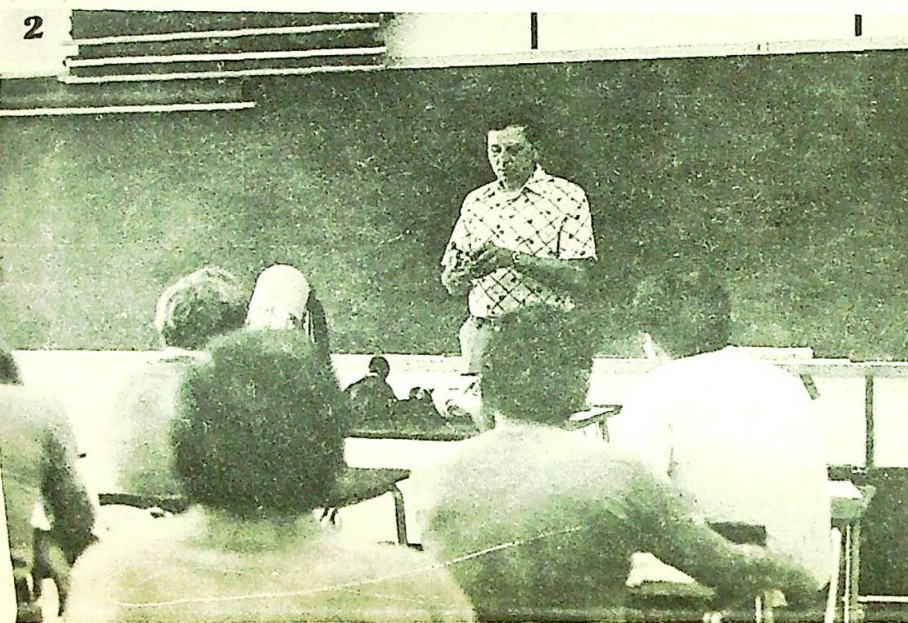


Photo No. 1: 8B's District Chairman Bill Sunday was the instructor at the Hazardous Materials Class. Photo No. 2: Bill Rathz of Donnelly Fire Equipment conducted the Protective Breathing Apparatus class. Photo No. 3: Rusty Johnson, Knightstown Fire Chief, and his ladder class. Rusty is third from left. Photo No. 4: District 13A fire fighters test their courage on the "Christmas Tree" during the LP gas class. All of the above

photos are from the District 13A Fire School in August at Knightstown.

Photo No. 5: The gals from District 10 invited Thelma Lester to our family picnic in August at St. Paul. District Auxiliary Chairman Nancy Neal is shown here giving Thelma a plaque for her many years service as I.V.F.A.A. Chaplain.

Photos by Bruce Neal



Wolcott Fire Department Has Busy Month

The Wolcott Fire Department was kept very busy during the month of September. The 1982 Farm Progress Show was held near Wolcott and the Fire Department was asked to provide fire protection during the show.

The fire protection started on Monday night, September 27 and ran around the clock until the show was over on Thursday, September 30 at 6:00 p.m. The total man hours involved amounted to 396 man hours worked by the department.

F. M. C. Corporation of Tipton provided two new fire trucks for the Wolcott Fire Department to use during the show. These fire trucks were kept on the grounds in case of any type emergency occurred. By being able to borrow two trucks, Wolcott did not have to bring their fire trucks out to the

show area. This left Wolcott's two township trucks ready to handle anything that might happen in the regularly protected area. By doing this, fire protection to area residents was kept at 100%.

One of the fire trucks was F.M.C.'s new Omega. At the time of the show there were only three of these trucks in existence. The Omega fire truck was built on a Ford cabover chassis with 429 cubic inch engine and five speed transmission. The Omega featured the new F.M.C. 1000 GPM Ram Pump, along with a 750 gallon water tank.

Topping off the truck were quartz lights on the rear, aluminum hose, bed and chrome wheels all around. The truck made a very striking appearance, painted fire engine red with a white top on the cab.

The other truck was a custom built pumper called the Sparten. The Sparten chassis is built in Missouri. This truck featured an 8.2 liter Detroit Diesel engine with Allison four speed automatic transmission. Other features were 1000 GPM single stage pump, 750 gallon water tank and five man cab.

The department members felt very honored to get to use these two very fine pieces of equipment.

The Wolcott Fire Department also provided the before and after show security for the Farm Progress Show. This started two weeks before the show and one week after the show. A total of 552 man hours were spent by the department members. The monetary compensation for all of this work will be used to purchase some much needed new equipment for the department.

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Monroe Township Holds Open House



Left to right: Pat McGinney, Builder; Gary Stgman, Chief, and Terry Goldman, Trustee.

On Sunday, Sept. 26, 1982, the Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department held an open house to show their new fire truck.

The chassis is an F800 Ford and the apparatus was built and installed by Pat McGinney of Lebanon.

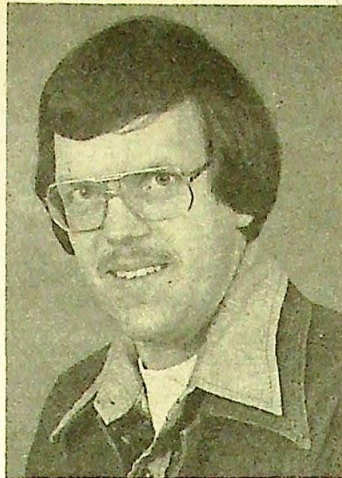
The pump is a Darley 1,000 G.P.M. President James Parker and Vice President Carl Bruns were at our open house. We were the Host Department for con-

vention '82 at the Marriot Inn. The truck was to be done by then, but something came up that could not be helped.

The Department is very proud of our new fire truck, also we are proud to have a good Trustee like Mr. Jerry Goldman who has worked very close with us.

Harry Sullivan
Secretary
Monroe Township
Volunteer Fire Dept.

East Central Public Relations



BRUCE NEAL

With the Holiday Season behind us, most of us have a few moments to sit back and think about our departments and the people who make it easier for those of us in the fire service.

One thing we all should be thankful for are township trustees, advisory boards and town boards who almost all departments get the lion's share of their funding from. We keep hearing Revenue Sharing money will be drying up next year and good public relations with these local government people and local service clubs may fill some of the void left by the loss of these monies.

Another thing we should be thankful for is our Fire Marshal, Bill Goodwin, and his staff. Bill's office is on a limited budget and it's difficult for him to find personnel who will work the hours and travel the miles that he demands.

A few months back Bill added a familiar face to all IVFA members to his office to work as instructor, our past president, Norm Crocker. Living in the southern part of the state, I never was fortunate enough to have Norm for an instructor, but since he's now working out of the Marshal's office, I've completed a Volunteer Fire Service Management class at Morristown and I've just started Master Certification Fire Prevention class at the Decatur County Fire Academy, both with Norm as the instructor.

Guys, Norm is doing an excellent job, his classes are interesting and everyone has a chance to voice their own opinion and there is always time for questions. If your department is looking for an instructor for almost any fire service class, I'd like to recommend Norm for the job. It might take him awhile to work you into his busy schedule, but I'm sure he'll try.

I hope 1983 brings you fewer and safer runs.

Best Wishes

Grant to Cayuga



Inland Container, the paper recycle plant at Newport, Ind., donated \$500 each to the Cayuga Volunteer Fire Department and Newport Volunteer Fire Department through a grant called the Inland Foundation. Shown in the picture from left to right: Don Parish, Mill Manager; Jude Laws, Chief, Cayuga Volunteer Fire Department; Bill Martin, Assistant Chief, Cayuga Volunteer Fire Department, and Harold Blackwood, Mill Controller. This is the first time the fire departments have received this grant.

Pumper Truck Added By Johnson Firemen



Arlie Burns, president of the Johnson Township Volunteer Firemen, is pictured with the fire engine recently purchased by the department.

By Geneva Napier

The Johnson Township Volunteer Fire Department which was formed this past year through the reorganization of the Blocher Fire Department, has purchased a 1956 International Pumper truck to add to its present fire-fighting equipment. The fire truck is fully equipped with hoses, ladders and front mount pumps.

The truck will be used along with the equipment already owned by the department, which includes a second fire truck pumper, two water trucks and a brush truck.

Arlie Burns, president of the Johnson Township Volunteer Firemen, said the department is still located in Blocher building, but firemen hope to relocate in the next few years.

An alert system was purchased last summer. Radios are located in the trucks and several firemen carry receivers. Seventeen of the

volunteer firemen are always available to respond to the alert system.

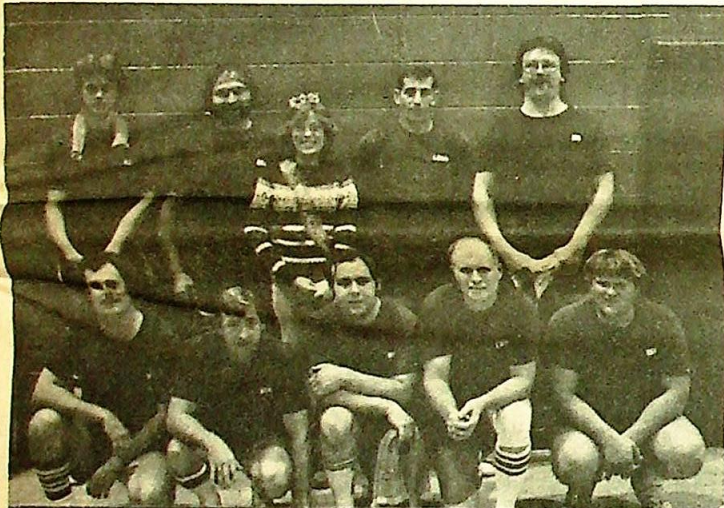
Burns said that his department works with the Austin Fire Department when responding to calls. He also said Johnson Township firemen hope to improve communication with the sheriff's department later next year.

The truck, which was purchased from the Dieterich Fire Protection District in Illinois, will be paid for through the proceeds received from projects held by the department through the years.

The firemen plan to distribute stickers to the community next year with the intent of providing a more effective service. The stickers will be placed in windows of rooms where small children or handicapped people sleep.

Burns said the department will be looking for the financial support of the community in its future projects.

Miss Flame is a WINNER



On November 28, the Cayuga Volunteer Fire Department played T.V. Tow of Terre Haute, a game of basketball for fun. Donations went to the Fire Department.

The above picture is the Cayuga Fire Department. The Fire Department is willing to travel the state to play other Fire Departments. Contact Jeff Warnick, Cayuga, 317-492-4262 or Larry Newman, 317-492-3710.

Oh by the way, Cayuga lost 73 to 50.

Henry County Monthly Meeting



On November 22, the Henry County Firefighters Association held their monthly meeting at Knightstown. Election of officers for the coming year was held with Marty Ebbert from Shirly elected President; Jim Bence from Kenard, 1st Vice President; Rusty Johnson from Knightstown, 2nd

Vice President, and Marvin Collins from Mt. Summit, Secretary.

After the meeting John Modlin, Representative from Midwest Fire & Safety, gave a demonstration of the Hurst tools used for Auto Extraction. There were approximately 60 firefighters and E.M.T.'s in attendance.

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Lawrenceburg Celebrates Century of Progress



Fire Company No. 1, with a 1976 1500 gpm Seagrave, a 1976 Dodge van, and a 1971 750 gpm American LaFrance.

Fire Company No. 2, with 1960 1000 gpm 75' American LaFrance Quint, a 1975 GMC equipment van, and a 1979 Dodge Rescue Unit.

Fire Company No. 3, with a 1982 1000 gpm E-1 Ford, a 1972 55' Pierce Snorkel, a 1976 Dodge 4WD Rescue Unit, and a 1973 Dodge equipment van.

Not every fire department you know of can boast of being an organized department for 100 years, but the Lawrenceburg Fire Department can do so as of October 18, 1982. Lawrenceburg is located in Dearborn County, in southeastern Indiana, next to the Indiana-Ohio state line. They protect a population of about 5,000. This city is also the home of the nation's largest distillery and bottler of liquor products, the Joseph E. Seagrams and Sons company.

On September 15, 1882, the Common Council of Lawrenceburg voted to form a fire department. Two months later, October 18, the council formed the first two companies, called the Miami and the Edinburg. A group of 61 men were appointed to man the two steamers and one hose wagon.

The small town has grown considerably during the years, and being the county seat, is the largest city in the county. During the 1950's, the need for an ambulance was realized, and the fire department began to provide this service. In the 1950's, Dearborn County Hospital was also built on Ludlow Hill, overlooking Lawrenceburg's downtown area.

In 1961, a third station was built next to Dearborn County Hospital, to provide protection to it as well as a growing population on Ludlow Hill, which has been annexed into Lawrenceburg over the years.

The three stations are presently known as Company No. 1, located in the downtown area, Company No. 2, located on US 50 in the center of town, and Company No. 3, on Ludlow Hill.

During the summer of 1982, the department celebrated its 100 year old history with many activities, spread over several weekends. Included were the first fire department games for the area, which a number of area departments attended and took honors. Also, an antique fire apparatus parade and display was held.

After their first 100 years, the three fire companies operate ten pieces of apparatus with 85 volunteer members. The department is headed by Chief Hubert Oelker, Assistant Chief Paul Sartin, and three District Chiefs, Russel Abdon of District No. 1, Ivan Young of District No. 2, and Tom Auttersson of District No. 3.

Story and photos by Lee Kissell

Great Year For Green Township



Green Township, Hancock County, 1982 was the first year the township had its own Fire Department. Prior to that time Fortville, Wilkinson and Pendleton Fire Departments furnished Green Township with fire protection. The Green Township Fire De-

partment after one year is running a 1958 Mack 750 G.P.M. pumper, 1948 Chevrolet 500 G.P.M. pumper, a Military 3/4 ton made into a grass rig, and a 1967 Chevrolet 2200 gallon tanker they built up. They have about \$1500 in the tanker. Keep up the good work.

Is It SAFE?

By Ruby Ochoa

A substantial investment is made in the purchase of breathing air compressors. These compressors are designed to provide pure breathable air. Safety is enhanced with the inclusion of continuous CO monitors. **MANY BELIEVE THAT THIS IS SUFFICIENT IN ASSURING SAFE BREATHING AIR;** however, there are other factors to be considered.

1. Was the compressor initially installed properly?
2. Are the manufacturer's safety guidelines and procedures being followed?
3. Are personnel properly trained and familiar with safety precautions?
4. Is the air intake located in a place free from atmospheric contamination?
5. Are the monitors actually working?
6. Are filters replaced at effective intervals or are they a source of contamination?

Is the quality of air produced assumed to be safe because all of the above are being followed?

Compressed air quality standards by various agencies (OSHA, CGA, Navy and other Federal and State Agencies) for the maximum allowable levels of contaminants in compressed air used for breathing. The Compressed Gas Association Specification (Pamphlet G-7, third edition, 1976) which was adopted by OSHA limits the following concentrations in compressed breathing air.

CGA TYPE 1, GRADE D

20 ppm max.	Carbon Monoxide
1000 ppm max.	Carbon Dioxide
19-23%	Oxygen
N/A	Total Gaseous Hydrocarbons
5 mg/m ³ max.	Condensed Hydrocarbons (oil mist and particulate matter)

The U.S. Navy specification used for certification of diving compressors by the U.S. Navy, Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and others require a limit of 25 ppm for total gaseous hydrocarbons (THC). It is this laboratory's recommendation that the level of THC also be checked and limited to 25 ppm along with CGA standards. The importance of these standards can only be recognized if they are compared to your individual compressor's output, and the only sure way to determine this is by periodically testing the air produced.

Possible Sources

Two possible sources of contamination are (1) the intake air

itself and (2) contaminants produced within the compressor such as carbon monoxide, oil, oil vapors, and metal dust. Proper compressor upkeep is of the utmost importance since even the best designed system can become a potential hazard due to neglect or improper maintenance. The manufacturer's recommendations and guidelines should be strictly followed. Careful consideration should be given to the location of the compressor intake. Using an air source which is as pure as possible is extremely important in providing a safe air supply.

An outdoor air intake should be located at least 8 feet or higher above ground level. All precautions should be taken to avoid atmospheric sources of contamination such as motor vehicle exhausts, smoke, fumes, or operations involving painting, welding, or sandblasting. Intake piping should be plastic, stainless steel, copper, or other material which will not contribute to contamination by corrosion or chemical interaction.

If outside air is overly contaminated as often is the case in large metropolitan areas, an indoor air intake may be necessary. It should be located above floor level and away from equipment rooms where water heaters, boilers, or other combustion equipment are operational, temperatures are high, or where solvents are used or stored. Avoid locating the compressor and intake in rooms where there may be large numbers of people (causing excessive CO₂) and/or cigarette smoking. Vehicles with engines running should not be in the same general area due to the possibility of overloading the intake air with carbon monoxide.

Carbon monoxide is undoubtedly the deadliest of the toxic gases commonly found in compressed air. The source of CO can be attributed to atmospheric air or by the compressor itself. Even small amounts will cause adverse effects, and the fact that it is colorless and odorless makes it virtually undetectable. It combines readily with red blood cells and prevents transfer of oxygen to the tissues thus causing oxygen starvation of the tissues (hypoxia). Depending on the concentration and length of exposure, CO causes headaches, heart palpitations, loss of equilibrium, confusion, unconsciousness, and death.

Carbon dioxide (CO₂) is also classified as a toxic gas, but it can be tolerated in much higher concentrations than CO without ill effects. Hazardous effects are similar to those of CO; however, CO₂ first stimulates the respiratory center thus causing an increased rate and depth of breathing. This

can be dangerous because it increases the rate of intake of other contaminants which also may be present.

Oil Vapor or Mist

Oil vapor or mist is also harmful and can be found in normally operating compressors. It can be carried and deposited inside piping or storage bottles and may be found in the discharge air. The effects of oil mist depend on the type, concentration in the air and, the amount of retention in the body. Oil particles accumulating faster than the body can normally take care of are deposited in the alveoli which is the exchange point in the lungs for all inhaled gases. An excessive accumulation will cause intense inflammation known as lipoid pneumonia. This condition does not respond well to antibiotics and recovery is usually slow and sometimes incomplete. Lipoid pneumonia may also be fatal. Another problem arising from oil in the air is that oil particles may cause the alveoli to dilate and rupture. This condition, known as emphysema, will decrease the total surface area available for the exchange of oxygen and carbon dioxide in the blood.

It is obvious that there are potential hazards involved with using compressed air for life support. While recorded cases of fatalities occurring from the use of compressed air are few, there is insufficient data to determine if needless accidents have occurred due to ill effects from contamination of compressed air.

It becomes apparent that having extensive training in the use and operation of self-contained breathing apparatus does not eliminate the possibility of contaminated air. Also, the operation and maintenance of a compressor is not something that should be taken lightly.

The firefighters' need for compressed air is evident, and it is clear that there is a definite need for establishing and maintaining a program to assure the safety of a compressed air cylinder.

It is recommended that a complete air analysis be done every three months on compressors used for life support. In some cases, with low use factors, it may be adequate to test every six months.

There are various methods and kits available for testing the quality of compressed air. Analysis by a competent laboratory is the most complete and reliable due to the complex procedure involved. A responsible operator should keep a log of all repairs, maintenance, and tests performed upon the compressor system. This is valuable in scheduling periodic maintenance, and is also of material benefit in case litigation arises from an accident. The primary reason for testing compressed air is to assure the safety of those depending on it for life support.

(Ruby Ochoa is the technical management assistant for the compressed air quality assurance program at Texas Research Institute. TRI is a private independent research and development company that developed and patented sampling equipment in 1975 for the specific purpose of compressed air testing. They have done extensive sampling and analysis of thousands of samples worldwide.)

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BEHAVIOR EVALUATION AND MODIFICATION

The evaluation of fellow firefighters is often a very tough task. While it is easier to describe the firefighter's good behavior, it is also necessary to describe unsatisfactory behavior. Evaluation should let firefighters know where they stand with respect to the needs and requirements of the organization. To evaluate the satisfactory and neglect the unsatisfactory will not meet the needs of the department. It is as incorrect to examine only the good points as it is to examine only the bad points. In these situations, the firefighter will have some idea of standing, but will not really be sure which direction to work in. Evaluation of only satisfactory points or unsatisfactory points is like giving the firefighter an address without a street name, or a street name without an address. The firefighter will end up with some idea of where he or she is going without really being sure.

Behavior modification is a three-step process. The first step is to recognize and define unsatisfactory behavior; the second is to make the firefighter aware of specific acceptable standards; and the third is to define a course of action which must be followed to correct unsatisfactory behavior.

Defining Unsatisfactory Behavior

The problem must be recognized and defined precisely. It is not adequate or fair to tell the firefighter that his or her conduct is unsatisfactory unless the firefighter can be told why. Generalities and vagueness must be avoided. The employee must be told exactly what the problem is.

Example: Company Officer Thomas noted that firefighter McSloppy consistently did not wear his hair according to fire department requirements. Officer Thomas reported the offense on McSloppy's next evaluation report and gave McSloppy a weak rating because of his unsatisfactory appearance. McSloppy worked hard during the next quarter to shine his shoes, press his uniform, and polish his brass before each shift. On the next evaluation, Thomas again cited McSloppy for unsatisfactory appearance. McSloppy

was confused and confronted Thomas, asking what was wrong. Thomas told McSloppy that his uniform always looked good, but that he needed a haircut.

Spelling Out The Standard

Explain to the firefighter the specific acceptable standard. Behavior and attitudes are subjective; everyone has a slightly different perspective or opinion. The reason departments have developed written standards is to eliminate this range of perspectives. The standard should define exactly what the standard is, in terms that cannot be misinterpreted.

When unsatisfactory behavior is noted and the firefighter is informed, he or she must be made aware of standard requirements. It is unfair to assume that the firefighter knows the standard. The purpose of the evaluation is to point out when the firefighter is or is not complying with standards, and the standards should be shown to the firefighter and explained.

Three major issues can be cleared up in the firefighter's mind by providing the standard. First, the firefighter's behavior is shown to be unsatisfactory in comparison with the standard. Little doubt should remain that the behavior needs modification. Second, the amount of correction required can be precisely ascertained. The firefighter knows how much improvement is necessary. Third, the firefighter is shown that the correction is a part of departmental policy and not a personal attack. If the standard is vague or leaves doubt in the firefighter's mind, the officer should advise the firefighter that the issue will be examined by the next higher officer in the chain of command. The three should meet to resolve the difference. If this is not possible, the higher officer's interpretation should be in writing.

The company officer should not handle the situation verbally. This tends to make the firefighter wonder how well his or her interests were considered. The firefighter may not have faith in an oral interpretation. The company officer must remember that the point is to bring the behavior into compliance, not to prove someone right or wrong. Often it is advantageous under these circumstances, regardless of how the standard is interpreted, to rate the

firefighter as satisfactory with the understanding that the firefighter will comply with the standard as interpreted by the next evaluation.

Correcting the Unsatisfactory Behavior

The company officer is obligated to define a course of action to correct the unsatisfactory behavior. The basic objective of the evaluation is to align the behavior of the firefighter with the needs of the organization, while using the firefighter's resources to the maximum. When the firefighter performs unsatisfactorily, it is not because the individual is not trying, but because that person needs additional skill development or direction.

In defining the plan of action, the officer should make every effort to let the firefighter define a personal plan. A theory Y management technique works best in

these instances. The officer should define the outside limits and prompt the firefighter to develop a plan. For this reason, it may not always be possible to develop the plan during the formal evaluation session. It is acceptable to meet with the firefighter after one or two shifts, but it must be made clear that a plan must be developed at that time.

When the firefighter develops the plan, he or she will be more likely to follow through. It will also build a sense of security in the firefighter. Caution must be exercised, however, to guide the firefighter away from pitfalls. The company officer should watch out for a firefighter who attempts to do more than is possible by coming up with a plan that does not provide the necessary training or a plan requiring unavailable resources. In accepting the plan, the officer must remind the firefighter

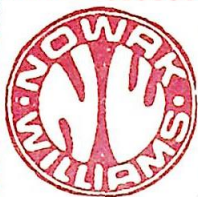
that it is a joint venture between the department and the firefighter.

The evaluation process should define how the firefighter can attain the necessary additional skill. The definition should include whether the firefighter must learn a new skill or relearn an old skill.

In addition, the following information must be provided:

1. What the standard is.
2. How the training will be provided.
3. What level of proficiency is expected.
4. What timetable will be met.
5. What resources are required and available.
6. What will happen if a change is not made.

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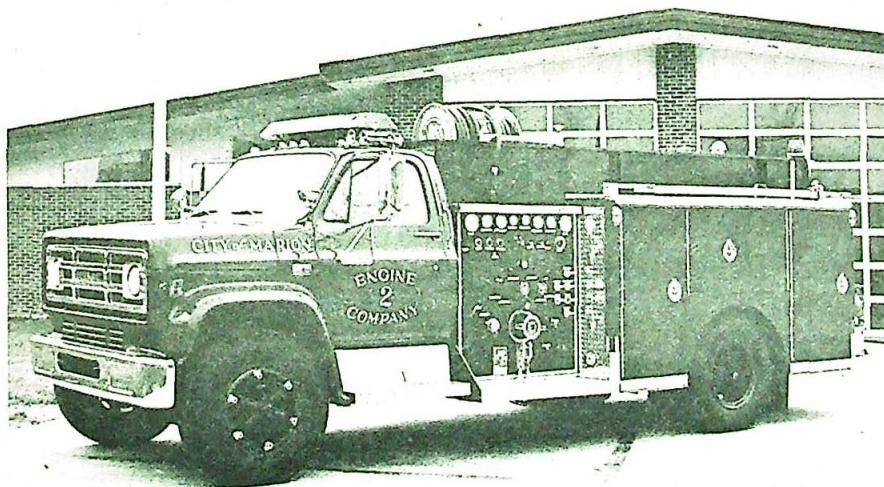
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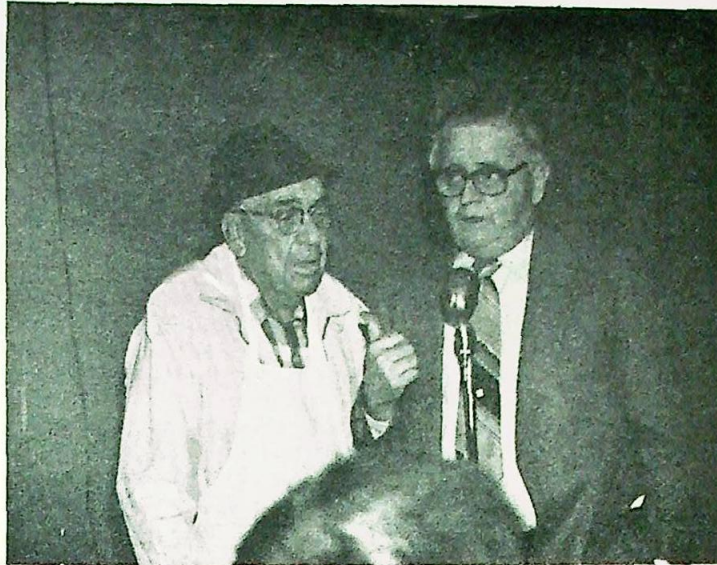
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Safety-Conscious Girl's Persistence Saves Home

Kents Hill, Maine — When the kitchen stove erupted into flames at the home of Timothy and Jane Drake, Timothy reached for a brand-new \$16 fire extinguisher bought only days before at the insistence of the couple's 5-year-old daughter Amy.

It saved their home and maybe their lives, fire officials told them. "First, she came home telling us we had to test the smoke alarm. Then she said we had to buy a fire

extinguisher," said Mrs. Drake of what Amy learned during Fire Prevention Week in her kindergarten class.

A few days later, the family was shopping in Livermore Falls and Amy spotted the fire extinguishers.

"I told her, like most parents, that we didn't have \$16," said Mrs. Drake. "She said we have to

have it. Finally, just to shut her up, I said we'd buy it."

The next Thursday, hot oil in a pan for frying potatoes burst into flames in the Drakes' kitchen.

Although the fire did relatively little damage, it consumed several small appliances — and destroyed Amy's school papers on fire prevention.

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heat damage to the entire second story of the structure. Chief Mateer, of the Hillside Fire Department stated, "There is one thing that I agree with regarding portable kerosene heaters, they produce heat; sometimes more than the buyer bargained for."

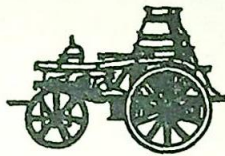
The Uniform Mechanical Code, which has been adopted by the Administrative Building Council of the State of Indiana states, "Unvented fuel burning room heaters shall not be installed, used, maintained, or permitted to exist in any Group I (nurseries, nursing homes, hospitals, jails, or prisons), or Group R (hotels and apartment houses, dwellings and lodging houses).

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