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NEW STATE OFFICES DEDICATED

Joy Rothrock, Executive Assistant to Governor Orr, and Tom Francis, Chairman of the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission, cut the red ribbon to officially dedicate the new Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission offices.

The agency, created by the 1984 Legislature, brings together the State Building Commissioner, Elevator Safety, Pressure Vessel Board, and the State Fire Marshal. The Birth Certificate reads July 1, 1984.

The various agencies made the move to the Landmark Building at 1099 North Meridian Street in September of 1984. This will enable the public, fire officials, and building officials to look to and do business in one location. This innovative consolidation is a National Blueprint for Fire and Building Safety in this country.

The offices cover the entire ninth floor of the new Landmark Building. The location in a new building with new equipment are certain to improve productivity and morale.

Through the efforts of Don McRae, State Building Commissioner, Charles Coffee, Administrator, Bill Goodwin, State Fire Marshal, and their staffs, the move consolidation and the establishment of new offices was done in record time with a minimum of inconvenience to those they serve.

Representative Ray Richardson, father of House Bill 1156, complimented Coffee, McRae,

Goodwin, and their staffs for the move, stating it is unbelievable that the FPBSC could be this far along, so quickly. It is an indicator of the true dedication of many of the people working for State Government today.

Several new divisions have been created by this reorganization. The technical service division will have the responsibility of doing the research to rewrite all codes adopted by 4 Boards previously, and bring them together in one code to be adopted by the 15 member Board. They will also be working on a new code for existing buildings and a statewide Fire Prevention Code.

A division of management and information and statistics will start operation in the next few weeks. They will be the computer center of the FPBSC. They will gather all fire, arson, and building safety statistics and disseminate those in a useful manner.

There is also a division of education and information for building safety. They will assist with continuing education programs and public information.

Chuck Coffee will serve as Administrator and Secretary to the Commission. He retired with rank of Colonel from the U.S. Army. He has an extensive educational and practical background in building construction and fire safety. He most recently served 4 years as energy advisor to Governor Orr and Lieutenant Governor John Mutz.

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Explosion Destroys Huron Fire Barn



Frank Dumond, Huron Fire department chief, surveys the damage of the Monday morning explosion that destroyed the Huron Fire Barn. The blast occurred about 6:15 and left the building in ruin. Tribune Photo

By Jeff Routh

An early morning explosion on Monday has temporarily left the Huron Volunteer Fire Department without a home.

At approximately 6:15, a blast swept through the concrete block structure that for the past 18 or so years has been the home of the fire department. The walls are

weak at best, and the roof looked as if it had been lifted up by the force of the explosion and came back to rest on the sagging walls.

Initially, it was thought a gas leak may have caused the explosion. But an investigation by Deputy Fire Marshal Ron Taylor showed there was no leak in the building.

"We're looking into the possibility of a valve on the furnace stuck open," said Huron Fire Chief Frank Dumond. "We aren't sure at present what caused the explosion."

The department's two pumper trucks were housed in the building, but limited damage was done to them. They were covered with insulation and other debris, but volunteer Earl Pridemore entered the building, against the judgement of those around, and got the trucks out of the building.

"One thing we want to stress," said Dumond, "is that we're still open for business. We aren't closed down. We have someplace to store the small truck and we're looking for a place to store the larger one."

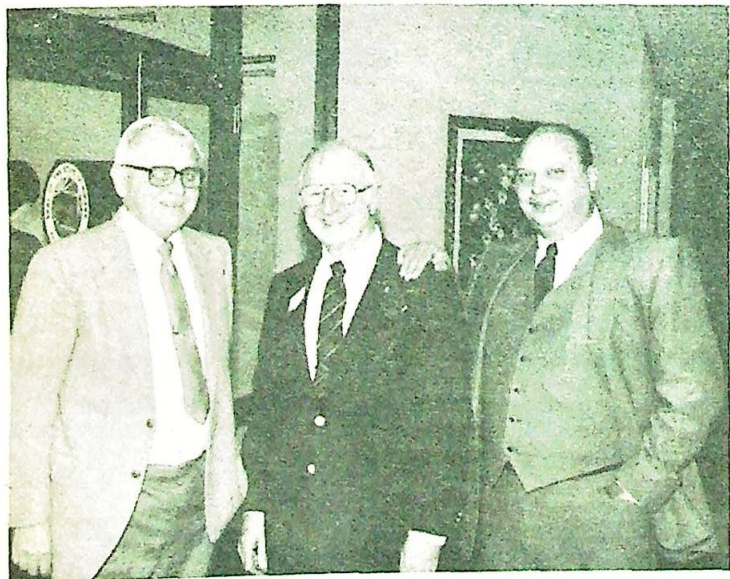
Larry Lehman, who lives across the street from the fire station, wasn't sure if the blast awakened him or if he was already awake when the explosion occurred.

"I didn't know what it was," said Lehman. "I didn't know if there was something going on at the railroad tracks or if someone had run off the road and hit a tree."

"The explosion wasn't that loud," he continued. "It wasn't as loud as it looks like it would have been."

Lehman said he turned on his

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Pictured from left to right; Bill Goodwin, State Fire Marshal, Don McRae, State Building Commissioner, Charles Coffee, Administrator Fire Prevention Building Safety Commission.



Bill Goodwin, State Fire Marshal (left) and Chuck Coffee, Administrator Fire Prevention Building Safety Commission.

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CARL BRUNS
Quarterly Report

Winter is nearly over, have you done your part to prevent fires by Fire Safety Education programs? Have you told your community about EDITH? Have you practiced fire prevention in your own home? If you can answer yes to the above, then you have been doing your part in fire prevention.

As we are going into the Spring season, we should take inventory of the accomplishments of each department. The job the volunteers have done has been tremendous, but we are embarking on a new era of fire service. The new Fire Prevention and Building Safety programs will have an ef-

fect on each of us. The interest of this new unit of government has the safety of the citizens of Indiana at heart, work with them, assist them and we will see results of which we can be proud.

We need your input on the upcoming fire schools, what do you want, Fire Safety Programs, Investigation, Inspection classes, Administration, Driving, these and many other types of classes you may choose. Let your officers know your ideas.

We are now involved in a hectic long session of the Legislature. If you have any questions or need information, contact an IVFA officer. If you are asked to contact your area legislative person please don't let us down. We need your assistance to accomplish our goals. Look for the Legislative report of bills that will be of interest to us this session. Additions, deletions, or changes may have occurred by the time you receive the paper.

The increase in dues for membership has been accepted better than we anticipated. As several departments have stated, we don't know how you have kept going at \$5.00. I still want to reach the 17,500 figure for membership. If you haven't paid your dues as yet, please do it at once. At last report, there are about 10 new departments which have joined IVFA this year. I think this is an indication of the interest in this association. To all departments that have just joined, become active in the meetings, and let the officers help if you have questions

or problems.

After attending the district meetings which have had Miss Flame contests, I'm glad I don't have to pick a winner, all the girls are winners. Congratulations to every girl that has participated in the contests and good luck to each district winner.

With the convention coming soon there are forms for the motel reservations, games, and registrations, in this issue of the paper. We invite and encourage your attendance in Bloomington. Take interest in the business of the association, and enjoy yourself in the other activities. Marvin Lockhart and all his committees are putting a lot of time and effort to give you an enjoyable convention.

As a reminder, now is the time to get Mr. IVFA nominees in to Doug Bechtel, Bill Howe, or Gene Stofer. Resolutions must go to the state secretary. Midwest awards go to Vice President Sunday. Contact any officer for rules on the Farm Bureau Awards.

Firefighting is a hazardous occupation, at the fire scene know the ingredients, how to eliminate these, and drive safely.



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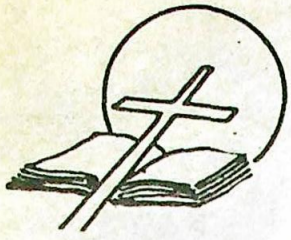
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Your Chaplain, Duane Lantz



From Your Chaplain



SCRIPTURE - Psalms of David 26:8-12

8 Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.
 9 Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men:
 10 In whose hands is mischief, and their right hand is full of bribes.
 11 But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me.
 12 My foot standeth in an even place: in the congregations will I bless the Lord.

Another year has come and gone, Christmas is over and we are venturing into a New Year. This year we may lose some of our old friends, but make up for it with new ones. Our future is in no one's hands but our own. If your department is to prosper it is up to you.

December is the month that most fire departments will be picking new leadership. Be choosier in the officers you pick. Being an officer is not an easy job. You must have dedication and the best interest for the department at heart. Through all of our obstacles our association still continues to grow. Thanks to good leadership.

Everyone who loves Jesus and attempts to live the Christian life has the privilege of helping others to get to know Jesus, too. Jesus has a very important place in the fire station.

Your Chaplain has been very busy with memorials, playing Santa Claus and trying to be a good father and husband. We were saddened by the death of Harold Brownell of Lowell Department, our first president of IVFA. Our prayers go out to all those who have lost loved ones. My blessings have been many as I am sure yours have been.



"BLESSINGS"

Count your blessings
 So I have heard them say.
 But can you count the stars
 In the Milky Way?

Can you count the waves,
 On the ocean blue?
 Or the cooling drops
 Of the morning dew?

Can you count the grasses
 Upon the plain?
 Or the pattering rain drops
 On the window pane?

Can you count the leaves
 That in Autumn fall?
 Or even the snow flakes,
 As they softly fall?

Can you count the clouds
 Of azure blue?
 Or even your friends,
 Both old and new?

Good luck on finding a new friend. I hope to find many this year. Friendship is a chain of gold, shaped in God's all perfect mold, each link a smile, a laugh, a tear, a touch of the hand, a word of cheer.

Many old churches are maintained as memorials. The quiet sanctuary is documented with historical plaques which direct the mind far into the past; the well kept grounds are usually cemeteries. Time and silence enhance the feeling that God's honor dwells there.

For us the church is God's house. For the psalmist it was the temple at Jerusalem. Each is a sacred place for the worship of God, a reminder of His presence.

Our soul's need for quiet meditation and worship is met in a special way. We receive God's word for our time and witness to our faith by being present and participating in the service.

Jesus has told us that whenever we gather in His name He is present. We can also be assured that the God we worship is with us in each circumstance of our lives.



Blessing from his dear hand
 All so freely given,
 Can never, never be counted
 On this side of Heaven.

- Melrose Lantz Myrvis -

Start this week out right by going to the church of your choice.

New Offices

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Don McRae will continue as State Building Commissioner. Bill Goodwin will continue as State Fire Marshal, as Governor Orr recently appointed him to his fourth term in that capacity.

Goodwin said at the dedication ceremony, "With this management team and the backing of the Governor and the Legislature, this consolidation will be truly remarkable in providing Life Safety from Fire and Building Safety in new and existing construction".

At a later date there will be open house for the fire service of the new offices.

"Old Man River Bill Goodwin Will Continue To Roll"



Bill Goodwin

Bill Goodwin, popular 12 year veteran as Indiana State Fire Marshal, has been asked to continue his leadership in all aspects of the fire service in the state of Indiana.

Never before has an individual been retained to this high post as long as Bill. His record speaks for itself, and is considered a top motivator of the firefighters in Indiana.

Bill started in the fire service in Angola as a firefighter, and then Chief of the Angola Fire Department. In 1973 he was hand picked by former Governor Otis Bowen, to be the Indiana State Fire Marshal. Four years later, in 1977, he was asked to continue in this post. When present Governor Robert Orr was elected Governor in 1981, he re-appointed Bill to the office of Fire Marshal, and now in 1985, he has been retained to this most important job.

In July of 1984, a new branch of government, The Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety was created. It became evident a man of high caliber must be selected to head the fire service in the new organization. New ideas, challenges, and changes that accompany this job, must have been in the Governor's mind when he made this selection. Bill has accepted this assignment with great anticipation.

The firefighters in this state congratulate Bill, and wish him continued success in the office of Fire Marshal.

Barn Destroyed

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scanner and it said there was a fire at the gas station down the street. Later, a correction came across the scanner and said it was at the fire station.

When he left home, the scene that greeted him wasn't a pleasant one. The front of the building was almost completely gone and debris had been blown between 20 and 25 feet into the center of the street. Insulation drifted for almost a city block.

One bright spot for the community is that the structure was insured and the fire department will re-build. "I'm looking toward a pole structure," said Dumond. "This is just my idea, I'll have to talk it over with the other members of the department. But, we do need something to really get us back into business."

They may be without a permanent home at present, but the Huron Volunteer Fire Department is still on call to help others in a time of need.

Community Support Helps Buy New Truck



Farmersburg receives first new truck in 27 years through strong community support.

A showing of strong community support by the citizens of Farmersburg, Indiana has provided the town with its first new fire truck in 27 years.

In 1982 the members of the Farmersburg Fire Association became alarmed at the condition of its only pumper, a 1957 Howe. Time and elements had brought the truck to a point where it would not be able to service the needs of the town in a short period of time.

The truck is owned by the town of Farmersburg. When approached about the problem the Town Board did not have a solution. Due to a tax freeze and other reasons the town government was

not able to raise enough funds to purchase a new pumper.

At this point the firefighters took their case to the people. A strong public relations effort was started to inform the people of the condition of the truck and the possible danger to lives and property this posed. Local radio, television and newspaper people helped get the word out.

A door-to-door canvass of the town was scheduled for October '82. All of the town folks were informed that the firemen and auxiliary members would be around. Businesses and citizens donated very generously with over \$11,000 being collected.

This was only the beginning of the community support. Many local groups began fund raising events on their own. Pig roasts, quilt raffles, soup suppers, craft sales were all done with proceeds going toward the purchase of the new truck. The idea became a community goal. A second door-to-door canvass in October 1983 and even more community events brought the total raised to over \$28,000.

At this point the town government was able to supply the remaining money needed to purchase the truck. In January 1984 the truck was ordered from FMC Corp. and was received in June.

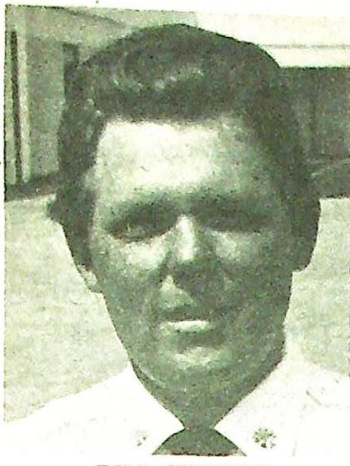
When the firemen began fund raising efforts they thought it would take 5 years before a new truck could be bought. But with great cooperation between firemen, citizens and government the job was done in half that time.

On July 18, 1984 the firemen sponsored an unvailing of the truck and Town Appreciation Day, treating town folks to hot dogs, chips and drinks. They also had displays on various types of equipment.

The truck is a 1984 FMC Roughneck, built on a GMC chassis. It has a 1,000 gallon tank and a 1,000 gallon per minute pump, two 1 1/2" preconnected crosslays, one preconnected 2 1/2" line. There are four other 2 1/2" discharges so the truck can sport a great number of lines for fire fights.

The truck is equipped with four scuba units in walk away brackets stored in side compartments, extra air bottles, exhaust fan, booster line, generator for quartz lights and full complement of hand tools and ladders.

Vice President's Report



BILL SUNDAY

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It's hard to believe that the time goes so fast. We have been very busy as officer's of your association, traveling to your departments for district meetings and Miss Flame Contests. Sure looks to me like we will have another great Miss Flame Contest. I have seen most of the girls and I sure hope I never get asked to judge. We have been busy trying to pick up the entry forms for The Farm Bureau Award. By picking up, I mean getting more departments to enter. Fellow, someone will win \$300 for filling out the form. Help us make this work and who knows what it might be next year.

The Midwest Awards must be in to your district chairman so he can get it to me by the March 1st deadline. See if your department has sent in a name.

The IVFA has so many things going for your benefit. You should go to your district meetings and just see how much legislature is being promoted this year and see how many fire schools we will be having. Also the awards and promotional projects that involve you. This is the place to get your information. We are working hard fellows to make this organization grow and to stay leaders in the fire service. We can't do that without your support.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the annual meeting at Bloomington this year. This issue should have information on all these things and more. Keep the cards and letters coming on F.D. events.

We will try to attend all that's possible. Thanks for all the Christmas cards and letters. There is truly no finer group of people anywhere than you volunteer firemen.

COWAN FIREMAN DIES IN CRASH ON WAY TO FIRE ALREADY OUT

by KATIE GEARY
Star Staff Reporter

A Cowan volunteer fireman was killed Wednesday morning on his way to a fire that had already been extinguished.

Roger G. Tharp, 28, R.R. 10, was killed when his pickup truck slammed into a ditch embankment along Delaware County Road 450-S. He was en route to a fire at a mobile home on U.S. 35 south of 550-S, but evidently had not heard that help was not needed.

Police said Tharp was east-bound on 450-S and failed to make a 90 degree curve to the south. His truck went off the curve and struck the east bank of the ditch.

Delaware County Coroner Glenn Scroggins pronounced Tharp dead at the scene.

Firemen from Liberty Township, Blountsville and later from Cowan had been dispatched to a

porch fire at a mobile home occupied by Rick D. King.

Fire officials said the fire started accidentally when a blanket came into contact with a kerosene heater. King told firemen he tossed the burning blanket out on the porch, believing it was not a danger, and went back inside the house. The blanket continued to burn, however, and the flames were spotted by a neighbor who called the fire department.

The fire caused minor damage to the porch and was easily put out, according to Jim Higdon of the Liberty Township department.

Fire Dispatcher Sgt. Monty Scamihorn said he paged Liberty Township firefighters at 5:02 a.m. and paged Blountsville a minute later.

When 5 minutes had passed and he hadn't heard a response from Blountsville, Scamihorn said he called Liberty Township firefighters while they were en route and was advised to call Cowan firemen for backup.

Scamihorn said he heard word that Cowan was en route and then heard the Blountsville firemen were on their way. 6 minutes after they had been paged. Though the Blountsville department left after both Cowan and Liberty Township, a Blountsville truck arrived at the scene at the same time Liberty Township crews did.

The dispatcher said he then learned the fire was out and advised Cowan firemen they could disregard the call. He said Cowan firefighters acknowledged that dispatch.

Scroggins said it would probably never be known whether Tharp knew there was no emergency.

Cowan Fire Chief Jack Cronin said Tharp was not carrying his portable scanner. Had he had it with him, something he routinely did, Cronin said, "he would have realized we had a signal 9 and would not have gotten that far."

"He didn't know," Cronin said. "He didn't have his scanner with him. He generally did."

"I can't answer why he didn't. I wish I knew. I wish he had taken it, but it is not unusual to know until you get there."

Cronin, who is also the Monroe Township trustee, said he called volunteer firemen for an emergency meeting Wednesday night and proposed that funds be earmarked for the purchase of scanners for each of the 25 members.

"Unless you have your own scanner, you have no way of knowing what to do until you get there," he said. "We hope to remedy that situation."

He said he would try to use some revenue sharing funds to pay for or help offset the cost of the devices.

Scamihorn said it was understood that if the dispatcher didn't hear from a fire department 5 minutes after setting off a signal, the dispatcher was supposed to send the next closest department.

"The dispatcher has to make a decision about getting someone else," Scamihorn said, . . . especially this being a trailer and had that trailer been rolling (burning)."

Worth Dressing Up For

The Farmland Fire Department held its annual Halloween Parade with local merchants. Halloween still has a good meaning in our small town in District 8B. We had around 100 participants dress up in 13 categories competing for prizes.

The Fire Department, Lions Club and merchants sponsored the annual event. First, second and third place prizes were given in each category paying \$1.50, \$1.00 and 50¢.

Farmland Vol. Fire Dept.

Legislative Report

At this time there is little to report as the 1985 Session of the Indiana Legislature is just getting around to starting.

There are many ideas floating around, but if it's like other years, many are just that, ideas floating around.

At this time there have been no bills numbered that would effect the Volunteers, but there will be, you can be sure of that. There will be a concerted effort to keep your officers better informed as to what is going on in this Session. I would strongly suggest attendance at District Meetings to keep up with the pace at Indianapolis.

When the Bills are numbered, you shall be asked to make local contacts with your legislator when it becomes necessary.

Among the things that IVFA is asking this year are:

Fuel Tax exemption for all Volunteer departments, raise the minimum weekly benefit for disability from \$100 to \$150 (the \$100 for a 40 hour week is \$2.50 per hour - hardly the minimum wage) and place volunteer departments out of the utility business rates.

That will be the starter and I am sure there will be another 30 or 40 Bills that will in some way effect the volunteers and should surface sometime during this Session. However, just because they surface does not mean that they are going any place, but one has to be mindful that they all could.

The pace will pick up fast after January 7th and we shall make every effort to keep you informed.

Legislative Representative
John T. Ford

Police Credited With Saving Osgood Youth

From the Osgood Journal

Quick action by two police officers from this area Thursday night in Osgood, was credited with saving the life of 17 year old Fred Tickle who was asleep on a couch at the home of his mother, Emma Jean Tickle, at 438 Sycamore Street in Osgood, about 11:00 p.m., when fire destroyed the home.

Mrs. Tickle was at work when the incident occurred.

Indiana State Police Trooper Mike Black and Ripley County Sheriff's Deputy Lee Mathews were in Osgood, patrolling together about 11:00 o'clock, when they smelled smoke. They followed the smell until they found the house on fire.

The officers called to neighbors to find out if there was anyone in the home at the time of the fire.

Osgood Fire Chief Roger Linville learned that Black and Mathews pounded on the doors and windows of the flaming home to rouse Tickle who was able to awake and escape from the building in time.

Damage to the home and contents was listed at \$20,000. The house was a total loss.

Linville said that the temperature was only three or four above zero Thursday night, creating a dangerous situation for Osgood firemen. However, there were no injuries reported.

Firemen believe the fire was caused by a crack in the flue of a woodstove that ignited the frame and walls of the home.

Twenty Osgood firemen and about 10 from Napoleon responded to the general alarm.

Both Black and Mathews were commended by the Osgood firemen and their names will be added to a long list of police officers and firemen who at any fire or emergency situation can become candidates for the honors list.

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441 Gourley Pike
Bloomington, IN 47401

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The hotel receiving your request will contact you directly for confirmation of your reservation and the required deposit.

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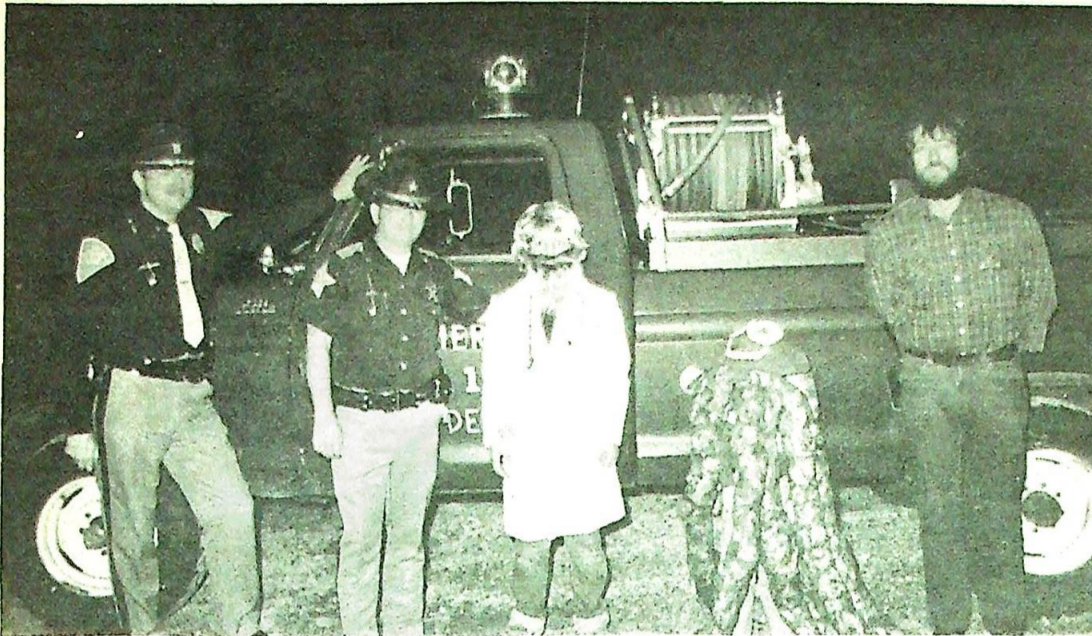
\$42.00 per night (king rooms) plus tax

Howard Johnson's

\$42.00 per night, single or double plus tax

Do not mail reservations directly to the hotels. Send them only to the address above.

Halloween Patrol



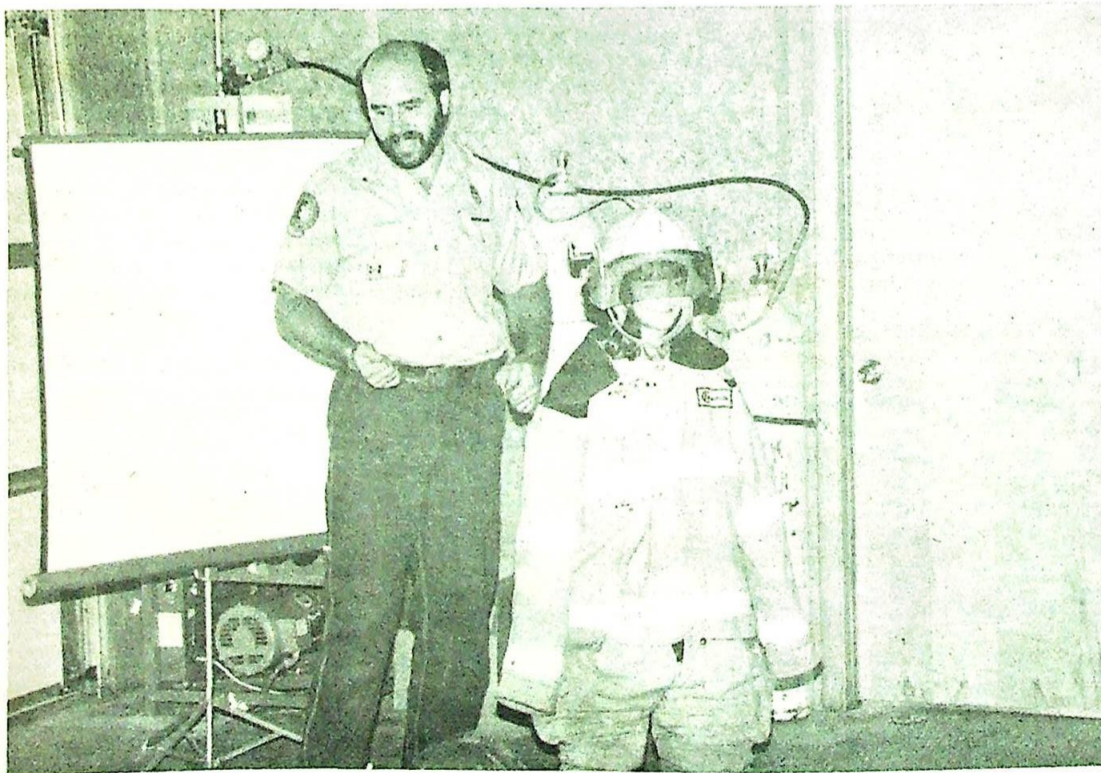
San Pierre Fire Chief Jake Jackson, right, and his department members assisted the Indiana State Police and Starke Co. Sheriff's Department on a Halloween Patrol to provide safety for the trick or treaters in their community.

Vandals Rob Firemen Of Chance To Train



The Knox Fire Department members stand by while an abandoned house is burned in Knox recently. The house was going to be used for training purposes. However, vandals set the house on fire early one Sunday morning.

District 3 Demonstration



Knox fireman demonstrates how to don turnout gear to one of the several hundred Knox Elementary students who toured the Knox Fire Station during Fire Safety Week.

EDITOR GOOFS

An article that appeared in the October, 1984 issue of The Indiana Volunteer Fireman titled Firemen Ruffling Super House was submitted to us a couple of years ago and had not been used when the article was sent in. My apologies to Rodger Birchfield who submitted the article and to Chief Charles Berry and the Pike Township Fire Department.

"Science is organized knowledge."
Herbert Spencer

Wood-Burning Stove Seminars



Some members of the Starke Co. Fire Fighters Assoc. pose prior to one of their wood-burning stove seminars.

The Starke Co. Fire Fighters Assoc. held wood-burning stove seminars. The seminars were put on throughout the county. Subjects covered were installation, maintenance, chimney construction, chain saw safety, smoke detectors, insurance, inspection, first aid and fire extinguisher placement and use. Plans for future seminars are already being made.

Gary Ekart
 Knox Fire Department

YOUTHFUL FIRESETTING — A Problem In Search Of A Solution

From International Fire Service Training Association

Authored by: Jessica Gaynor, Ph.D

This youngster needs help!

Roger is sixteen years old; he is the third born in his family and has five sisters. Although his family has moved several times from small town to small town, he has been living in his current home with his mom, dad, and five sisters for about four years. Roger's dad is employed by a local car dealer where he cleans cars. Roger's mother is a homemaker who has a long history of hospitalizations for mental disorders.

Roger has been in special education classes for all his schooling. Testing shows that he is mildly retarded and that there is some evidence of brain damage. In addition, Roger is capable of reading only at the third grade level. He reportedly wants to quit school because he is tired of making poor grades all the time.

Roger's first firesetting incident occurred when he was eleven. He was playing with matches around a gasoline-powered lawn mower and a fire was started in which he suffered third degree burns on his hands. Subsequently, there were no known firesetting episodes until six months ago. Roger reports that he heard voices telling him that he must set two vacant houses on fire; and that if he did, he could become a great hero. As a consequence Roger set the two houses on fire, first tried to put out the fires himself, and when he couldn't, called the fire department. He openly admitted to starting the fires and explained he wanted to be famous for putting them out.

What will happen to Roger? How many other youngsters, like Roger, are involved in firesetting? Who are these youngsters? What resources are available to help youthful firesetters? These are questions which must be addressed so that one of the major causes of accidentally and intentionally set fires—youthful firesetting—can be reduced and families and communities can feel more fire-safe and secure.

What Will Happen to Roger?

What lies ahead for Roger and his firesetting problem? Roger's case can be viewed from two perspectives. First, what is likely to

happen to Roger, given the availability of current resources; and second, what really should occur to remediate and prevent Roger's involvement in future firesetting incidents?

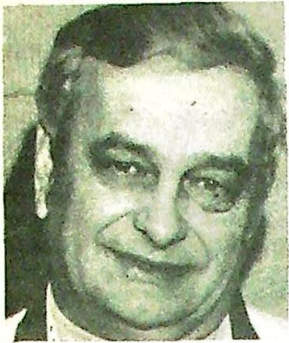
Because Roger has openly admitted to setting the fires in two houses, most likely he will be arrested and charged, based on his confessions, of two counts of arson. He will be held in juvenile detention until he stands trial in court. The judge is likely to sentence Roger to one to two years of incarceration in the state juvenile penitentiary system. After Roger completes his detention, he will be returned to the custody of his parents. Roger will be sentenced, incarcerated and released, and little or no attention will be paid to why he became involved in firesetting and what will happen once he returns to the community.

However, there is strong evidence indicating that Roger's firesetting is the result of psychological problems which need immediate treatment. There is a family history of mental disturbance and Roger's own performance suggests he may be mildly retarded and exhibiting some brain damage. Roger indicates that he "heard voices" telling him to start the fires and that he had delusions of becoming a hero. All this suggests that rather than treat Roger as a criminal by convicting him of arson and sentencing him to incarceration, he should be given a thorough psychological evaluation with specific recommendations for long-term intensive help. Psychological assessment and placement in a mental health facility is the ideal intervention strategy to determine why Roger is involved in firesetting, help him to eliminate his firesetting behavior, and guide him toward a life-style where he can learn to adjust and make the best use of his capabilities.

If Roger returns to his family and community without specific help for his firesetting problem, the probability is high that he will be involved in future firesetting or other delinquent activity. Incarceration without treatment will release a troubled youngster back into the community without any help to overcome those problems which led him to firesetting. It's not fair to Roger, his family, or the community.

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BILL KINSEY

1984 is history. We can't change anything that happened nor undo anything we've done. The year end also means a new year starts and if we're half as smart as we think we are, we'll take a hard look at the past year and make those experiences provide the necessary stepping stones to plan a progressive new year. Last year's mistakes can be turned into learning experiences that better equip us for the future.

The District Chairmen, Harold Price from District 4; Wayne Smith, District 5; Max Poling, District 6, and Mort Sorg, District 7 have worked hard this year to increase membership, make district meetings worthwhile and in general promote the volunteer fire service in Indiana. I'm proud to have been associated with them during 1984 and look forward to 1985. Thanks, gentlemen, for a fine job.

With the legislature now in session, we need to be alert and ready to react quickly when the signals come from our President or our legislative representative that special interests are attempting to pass laws that are not in the best interest of the volunteer fire service and the public. When the call comes, be ready, evaluate the information, and communicate with your Senators and Representatives.

Winter weather increases the number of fires we have to respond to and also increases the hazards to us responding in our car, in the apparatus and at the fire scene. Safety can't be over-emphasized. Firefighting is hazardous but the better trained we are, the better chance we have to survive.

The Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education Commission is meeting at least twice a month evaluating the present certification program and working to improve it. The Stated Meeting of the Commission is the 3rd Wednesday of each month and we welcome any input from firefighters. Call or write Pat Babbs, co-ordinator, if you want to schedule a time to speak. The stated meetings are open and we welcome all of you to attend and find out how the commission is working for you.

I'm looking forward to seeing and hearing from all of you during the next few months. The I.V.F.A. is your association and the people you elect to represent you are elected to move the association in the direction you dictate. The officers need to know your feelings on the matters that affect the fire service and us. Participate, voice your opinions and let's move ahead.



It costs almost 30 cents more to do a laundry basket in hot water than it does in cold.

Town Trustees Honor Firefighter for 44 Years of Volunteer Service



The Munster Board of Trustees recently honored Julius DeMik for his 44 years of service on the town's volunteer Fire department.

DeMik, a lifelong Munster resident, joined the department when he was 32 years old. He retired in October at the age of 76.

"I joined up because I was young and proud to protect the town, people's lives and their property," he said. DeMik said he stayed with the organization for so long because "It became kind of a hobby and I have a lot of friends there."

"I worked under six different chiefs," DeMik continued, "three of them are gone and three are still alive." He said at the time of his retirement the department had 50 men serving as volunteers. "We've had more than that," he explained. "They come and go."

Munster Fire Chief Robert Nowaczyk said, "As far as the fire group is concerned, this man has served the community well. He has been an asset. There's not too much to say about this gentleman because there's nothing wrong with him. Being an older gentleman, he's led many of us younger men."

DeMik, who said he retired because "When you get older the summers get hotter and the winters just get colder," plans to spend more time with his wife, Helen, and his two daughters.

Since he also retired from Red Top Trucking 12 years ago, he'll have more time to travel, take care of his yard, go fishing in Wisconsin and generally take it easy.

Board President George Sideris told DeMik at the Nov. 19 meeting, "We hate to see you go, but it's time you got out and had some good times. I can tell you've got a lot of living to do yet."

What Is A Fireman?

He's a guy next door - a man's man with the memory of a little boy. He never got over the excitement of engines and sirens and smoke and danger.

He's a guy like you and me with warts and worries and unfilled dreams.

Yet he stands taller than most of us.

He's a fireman.

He puts it all on the line when the fire siren wails.

A fireman is at once the most fortunate of men.

He's a man who saves lives because he has seen too much death.

He's a gentle man because he has seen too much of the awesome power of violent forces out of control.

He's responsive to a child's laughter because his arms have held many small children that he saved or that will never laugh again.

He's a man who appreciates the simpler pleasures of life. . . hot coffee held in numbed, unbending fingers. . . the flush of fresh air pumping through smoke-and-fire, convulsed lungs. . . a warm bed for bone and muscle compelled beyond feeling. . . the camaraderie of brave men. . . the divine peace of selfless service and a job well done in the name of all men.

He doesn't wear buttons or wave flags or shout obscenities.

When he marches, it is to honor a fallen comrade.

He doesn't preach the brotherhood of man.

He lives it!

From Firemen's Journal

Youthful Firesetting

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How Many Youngster are Involved in Firesetting?

Youngsters become involved in firesetting for different reasons. Fire interest in children is universal. Recent studies show that 30 per cent to 60 per cent of the children in grades kindergarten to four have either expressed an interest in or had actually played with fire once or twice. Children's involvement with fire begins as early as the age of three and occurs more frequently in boys than girls. In many cases, if this early attraction to fire is handled in a constructive manner, children can learn the necessary behavior to handle fire competently in a supervised setting.

Unfortunately, children's interest in fire often goes unrecognized, resulting in actual incidents of fireplay. If children play with fire once, their fireplay will result in fires 33 per cent of the time. If children play with fire more than once, their fireplay will result in fires 81 per cent of the time. Hence, because the majority of today's children express an interest in fire, and many have actually been involved in fireplay, there is a high probability that what begins as a natural curiosity can end in serious and damaging fires.

In fact, statistics do show that the majority of child-set fires (60 per cent) are the result of curiosity, accident, and experimentation. However, there are a significant number of child-set fires (35 per cent) like the ones set by Roger, that are the result of repeated

and perhaps deliberate firesetting behaviors. In addition, it has been reported that children under 12 constitute 17.1 per cent of all arson arrests in the United States. Therefore, while the majority of youngsters become involved in firesetting because of their curiosity, there is a significant number of youngsters involved in recurrent, deliberate firesetting behavior.

Who Are the Youngsters Involved in Firesetting?

There are basically two categories of firesetting behaviors in which youngsters are involved. The first and most frequent is accidental firesetting. The second, less frequent, but most distressing is recurrent or deliberate firesetting. The types of youngsters involved in curiosity and intentional firesetting are very different.

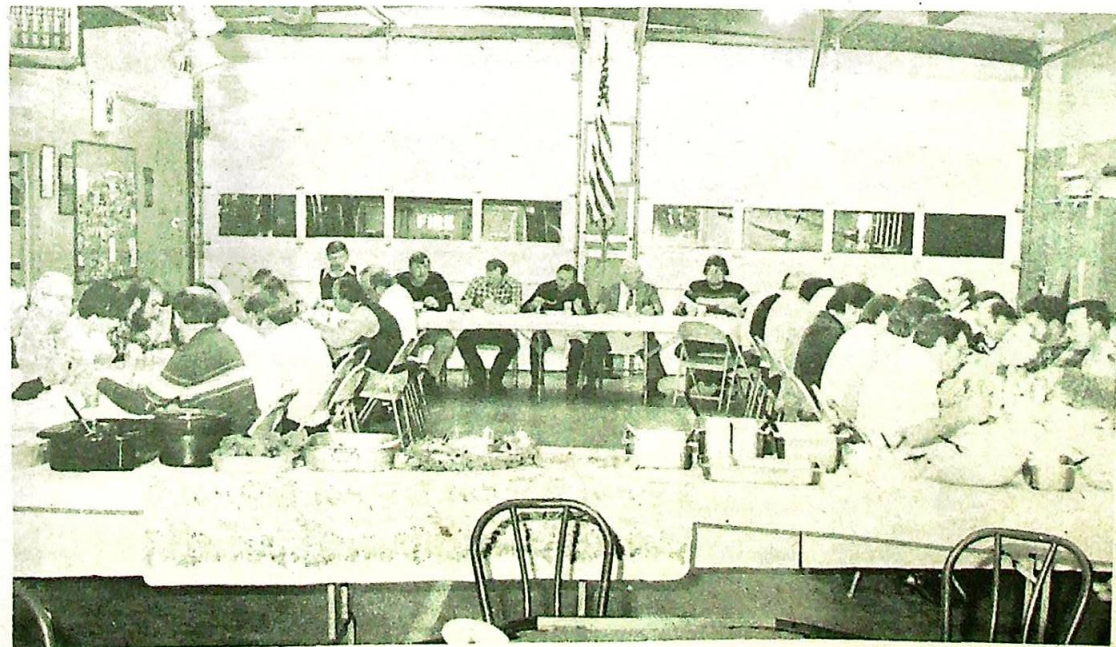
Youngsters involved in accidental firesetting are usually young boys between the ages of three to ten who have an average energy level and are alert and curious about their environment. They are of normal intelligence and have no known academic or behavior problems in school. Their family life is relatively stable. They often become involved in firesetting as a result of being in a situation where firestarting materials are easily available and there is an absence of supervision of an adult. Once they discover they have started a fire, they usually seek help to extinguish it. They often admit their involvement and feel guilt and remorse concerning their behavior. They will frequently say they don't want to play with fire any more, they have learned their lesson, and they didn't realize that fireplay could result in actual fires.

Youngsters involved in recurrent or deliberate firesetting have special personality characteristics and social behaviors which need immediate attention. For these youngsters firesetting is not an isolated problem motivated by curiosity, but rather firesetting has become a way for them to call attention to the distress and conflict they are experiencing in their lives. Many of these youngsters are young boys between the ages of seven to sixteen. They have a high energy level and are mischievous, adventurous, and aggressive. They often exhibit irresponsible and impulsive behavior. They frequently come from single-parent homes, where the father is inattentive or completely absent. They may have academic or behavior problems in school. They have low self-worth; they rarely have experienced positive relationships with adults and they often feel angry and frustrated. A small percentage of these youngsters exhibit mental disturbance. They may be involved in setting one or two fires near their home, alone or with friends. Sometimes they will let someone know about the fire, but often they do not want to admit their involvement. After the fire they are confused and scared. They have nowhere to turn and frequently no one to turn to. Many times these youngsters are arrested and convicted of arson.

Whether youngsters are accidental or deliberate firesetters,

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Knox Christmas Banquet



The Knox Fire Department recently held their annual Christmas Banquet. Those attending enjoyed a feast of shrimp, crab, turkey, chicken, roast beef, hot vegetables and several desserts.

After the meal various forms of entertainment continued until the early morning hours.

In attendance were city, county and state police, local dignitaries and again this year special guest of honor, IVFA Chaplain, Duane Lantz.

Gary Ekart

**Public Relations
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BILL WINDSOR

Here we are with all the Christmas Holidays over for another year. Now we can get down to the task of fire prevention, and public education as well as fire suppression.

I just received one of the Fire Magazines and as I was thumbing through it I came onto something I just cannot believe or do not want to believe, one or the other, and maybe both. Here it is! Tokyo has four times the population of Los Angeles but has only one-third the number of fires. And Los Angeles has one of the best fire records among large U.S. cities.

The entire nation of Japan, population 114 million, has fewer fire runs in a year than the city of New York, population 7 million. Hong Kong with almost half its population of 5.3 million living in subsidized low-income housing projects, average 40 fire deaths a year. Chicago, with little over half the population of Hong Kong, has had 120 or more fire deaths per year in recent years.

The number of fire deaths in the United States has dropped 20%-25% since its peak of "8500" in 1975. Over 2/3 of our households are equipped with smoke detectors, which we know are saving lives.

I believe we have a long way to go and I believe as long as we believe in what we are doing we'll get this number down another 20%-25%. This is why you need to attend the Fire Schools your districts put on in your area of the state.

The I.V.F.A. trailer that I have been booking for the last two years is back at the factory being completely rebuilt. When it comes back Lawrence Swartz, District 9B Chairman, will be booking dates for the trailer this coming year. I would like to thank the departments who have used the trailer, and for working with me so that more departments were able to use it through the summer months.

Fellows, let's all check and make sure your departments have paid their dues for "1984-85." I have talked to a few firemen who thought their dues had been paid but they hadn't, so check to make sure.

Support your I.V.F.A.! State and District. Hope to see you at your next district meeting. Have a good 1985!

**DISTRICT 8B AUTO
EXTRICATION CLASS**



Auto extrication class at Eaton. There were 78 firemen and emergency personnel in attendance.

The Eaton Vol. Fire Department, Inc. would like to thank the people that made the Auto Extrication Class a big success on September 29, 1984. It was sponsored in part by the Eaton Vol. Fire Dept., the IVFA District 8B and the Delaware County Firemen's Association.

We want to thank instructors Capt. Tom Crawford of the Muncie Fire Dept., Paramedic Rick Schlegle of the Delaware Co. E.M.S., and Fire Chief Gene Henderson of Hartford City Fire

Dept., Mike Cartwright, Chief of Eaton V.F.D., Derrell Chipman, Deputy Chief Eaton V.F.D. and Ron Pence, Asst. Chief Eaton V.F.D.

We can't forget to thank the Eaton V.F.D. Auxiliary for preparing and serving lunch.

As District 8B Chairman, I am very proud of the Eaton Fire Dept. It's hard-working firemen like them that make things a success. This was a job well done.

District 8B Chairman
Jim Nickens

Youthful Firesetting

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they are involved in serious, life-threatening behaviors. It is important for these youngsters to understand the consequences of their firesetting and receive the appropriate kind of help for their problem.

What Resources Are Available To Help Youthful Firesetters?

Although the problem of youthful firesetting is being recognized as a significant cause of fires, it is surprising how few resources are available to help remediate firesetting behavior in children. Perhaps as more attention is paid to different types of youngsters involved in firesetting, an organized effort will emerge to provide intervention and treatment programs for these youngsters.

It has been demonstrated that those youngsters who become involved in firesetting out of curiosity can be helped significantly by educational programs. If these children participate in educational activities, then the probability is virtually zero that they will be involved in future firesetting.

There are some successful educational approaches that deserve mention. Because fire interest is found to start in children as early as the age of three, the Children's Television Workshop has developed a pre-school educational program involving their Sesame Street characters. The emphasis here is on fire prevention and education and children respond very positively to this teaching approach. For older children in grammar school, the National Fire Protection Agency has developed a school curriculum called Learn Not to Burn. It is an educational package which must be taught to children by their teacher. A third educational program, distributed by the National Firehawk Foundation, and available at fire departments, is the Firehawk Fire Department Education and Activity Program. This educational approach uses the fire station and firefighters as the primary educator and provides worksheets and learning activities to be completed by youngsters. Whatever educational strategy is employed, it is important that the accidental firesetter understands the consequences of his behavior and agrees to express his future curiosity about fire in a setting which is supervised by an adult.

Unfortunately, resources for recurrent or deliberate firesetting youngsters are meager. The majority of these youngsters need a thorough psychological evaluation to determine the motivations underlying their firesetting behavior. Few mental health professionals have specific expertise in working with these types of youngsters and their families. Often families are unable to afford the cost of such evaluations. Once the evaluation is complete, recommendations ranging from counseling to intensive, long-term treatment are recommended.

There are few counseling and psychotherapy approaches utilized to treat youthful firesetting. Their current availability is somewhat limited, given that these techniques have only recently been developed. One comprehensive counseling program, The Firehawk Children's Program, distributed to fire departments by the National Firehawk Foundation, provides psychological evaluations for youngsters and their families and enters them into a long-term program pairing recurrent firesetters with trained firefighter volunteers who act as companions, role models, and friends.

There are two different psychotherapy methods aimed at help-

ing deliberate firesetters. The first is one which focuses on eliminating the specific firesetting through behavior change and positive reinforcement. The second is one which stresses the recognition of the feelings which accompany the impulse to set fires. It is necessary for more fire departments and trained mental health professionals to become involved in developing and implementing innovative treatment methods for recurrent firesetters.

For the deliberate firesetters who, like Roger, may have accompanying psychological problems requiring long-term, intensive help, there are virtually no residential or inpatient facilities available. Although we've changed Roger's name to protect his identity, the facts of his case remain. During the coming months Roger will be incarcerated unless we find a treatment program willing to take on his case. Roger's hope for help is slim. Local, county, and state mental health programs say they are not equipped to handle recurrent firesetters. Roger's family cannot afford the high cost of private inpatient treatment, even if such treatment were available. The judge in juvenile court will have no alternative but to sentence Roger to prison. Roger will do his time and return to the community where an unknown and potentially dangerous future awaits him. Roger, his family, and the community deserve better. The problem of youthful firesetting will not go away by itself. We must all work to find effective solutions. Our youngsters are worth it!

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**Get Alarmed!
Smoke Detectors
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Every 2 minutes an American home suffers fire damage. Most fires can be prevented by eliminating simple fire hazards. Check your home and the area around it, to make it fire safe.

Sixty-four percent of the multiple death fires occur between midnight and eight a.m. This emphasizes the need for smoke detectors in your home.

FIRE FACTS

1. Fire affects not only management, but you as an employee.
2. You have a big stake in fire prevention.
3. Most fires don't just happen, they are caused by unsafe behavior.
4. The secret of fire prevention is twofold: Look for trouble before it happens. Do away with careless habits that lead to fire.
5. To prevent fires: Find fire hazards; have them corrected; make sure they stay corrected.
6. NO SMOKING signs are put up for your protection. Obey and enforce them.
7. Are you facing electrical fire hazards on your job? Electricity is a large contributor to the starting of fires, both on the job and at home.
8. Remember good "house-keeping" is one of your best guarantees of fire safety.
9. Tomorrow may be too late. Now is the time, before fire strikes, for you to learn the emergency procedures set up in your area.
10. Learn the type of fire for which each extinguisher located around you is designed.

Kroger Worker Honored

The Kroger Co. is honoring Jim Zuber for work he has done outside of Kroger.

On November 29th, Zuber, of the 8200 block of Marko Place, Fort Wayne, received The Kroger Co. Humanitarian Award for his outstanding community service work.

Zuber was nominated for the award among Kroger workers in the central and northern Indiana and northwestern Ohio areas.

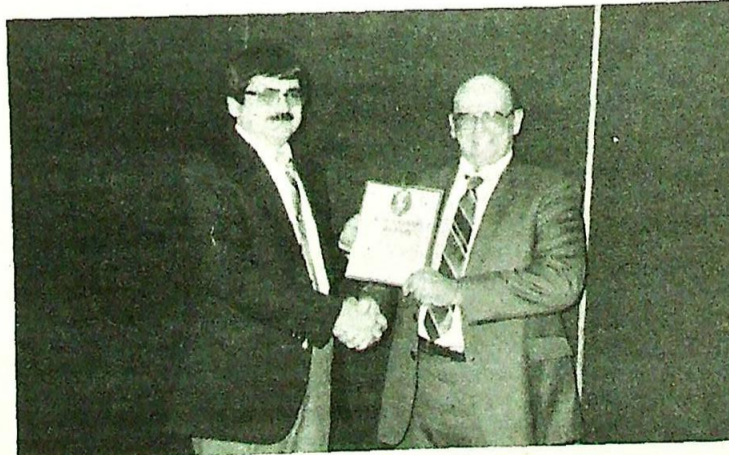
Zuber is a supervisor at The Kroger Co., in charge of safety and sanitation.

Zuber has been a volunteer firefighter for the Adams Township

Allen Co. Dist. 6 Fire Department for 11 years and received the Indiana volunteer firefighter of the year award in 1978. He also volunteers as an emergency medical technician at Adams Township.

He coaches girls track at St. Henry's Elementary School and is a volunteer in other activities at St. Henry's.

Zuber, who has been employed by Kroger for about 15 years, also received a \$100 check, to be contributed to the charity of his choice. He plans to give it to St. Henry's parish.



Ollie Slater, Trans. Mgr. of Ft. Wayne Div. of The Kroger Company (right) presenting the Kroger Company Humanitarian Award to Jim Zuber.



As early as the 700s, people in Northern China used earthenware stoves for heating. In the 1400s, Europeans began to use such stoves. The first stoves—which were little more than cast-iron boxes with lids—were produced in the American colonies in 1642 at Lynn, Massachusetts.

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Your President Nickie



Oh how quickly the holidays are passing us by and before you know it old man winter will be gone. What a relief for the firemen and their families when the wood stoves, space heaters, and furnaces are turned down or off. But until that time actually comes my wish for you and your family is fire safe days.

We are approaching a new calendar year and that's about half way through our fiscal year in the auxiliary. I'm sure all of our districts are working hard to see that all of our auxiliaries have paid their memberships and are working on gaining new auxiliaries and new individual members. Our appointed committees have been busy getting new by-laws books printed, jewelry ordered, a guideline for forming an auxiliary, Miss Flame contestants ready for convention and many other tasks that must be done this year. Keep up the good work and don't let a little cold wind slow you down. It's going to be June before we can get turned around.

I would like to congratulate all of the recent Miss Flame winners. Bill and I have attended some of the district contests and hope we can get to more of them as they will probably be held in the next couple of months in order to meet the deadline as shown in the state rules. All of the girls have just been lovely. A special note to the girls who did not win at the district level — Please try again next year! There was not one girl in each of the contests I have attended that I would not be proud to have represent the state association as our Miss Flame for 1985-86.

Again, please keep sending the notices of your meetings. We hope to reach each district this year. Bill and I thank each one who has shown us such warm hospitality as we continue to visit around the state. We have not been to the convention for their meetings since last officers meeting, but I'm sure that all of the people in that area are very busy. Let's each one be ready to support them by attending the convention in Bloomington and make this a good one!

We have heard of much sickness and tragedy strikes again in our own district. As a reminder, please contact our Auxiliary Chaplain with this information so she may get her job done timely. Her address is listed with the auxiliary officers in the paper. As we recently stood by the casket of a fireman just days before Christmas we heard his mother say to us, "I never realized just how close knit this firemen's association really is." Let's do our part to keep our association as strong as it is now. I can't tell you how proud it makes one feel to be there representing our association with such good thoughts being passed on to us from a family

filled with so much pain and sorrow.

As we prepare for another quarterly officers meeting in February, please have all of your reports in order. To all auxiliary members, now is the time for you to contact your chairman if you are needing help or are wanting to reach the state officers. Don't forget by-laws resolutions have to be in the hands of the recording secretary sixty days before the convention. They are to be signed by your district chairman and district secretary.

Keep up the good work and keep reaching out to those around you.

May God Bless you and your family at this special holiday season and may you have a Happy New Year.

Nickie.

District 4

District 4 has held two meetings since the last paper, October 7th and November 29th. Our October meeting was combined with a Campout at Eby Pine Campground which was hosted by Ralph and Ella Mae Berthel and Bill and Jean Dietch. We discussed money makers and decided to have a Chicken Bar-B-Que on April 13th at Concord School. We are discussing an auxiliary vest or blouse to be worn at Convention and District Meetings. We are also planning on having a district hospitality room for our use at the convention motel since most of us camp.

Our November 29th meeting was hosted by Concord Fire Department and was our Miss Flame Contest. We had four girls running. Our District Miss Flame for 85 is Christy Ramer from Wakarusa and runner up is Janet Robbins from South Penn. Other contestants were Tammy Olberg, Osceola and Tracy Lagon from German Twp. Thank you girls for running.

We have decided on our Lois Boaz entry and are sending in the information.

At our March meeting we are having a time set aside for all district auxiliaries that have any fund raiser items to sell to bring them, as so many items we don't get a chance to see. So girls, send someone to our meeting with your items. Let's all benefit from one another.

Holidays are over and hope everyone had a Safe one.

Alice Price, Chairman
District 4

District 10

On November 19th the 10th District IVFAA celebrated it's 25th Anniversary at the Fountaintown Fire Station. There were approximately 70 in attendance at the first meeting.

The meeting opened with President Debby Nulliner leading the pledge to the flag and Vivian Thomas giving devotions.

Guests were: Nickie Sunday, IVFAA President, Loretta Nulliner, State Vice President, Toni Sorg, State Recording Secretary, Nancy Neal, State Corresponding Secretary, Miriam Schaekel, State Sergeant-at-Arms, Barbara Parker, Immediate Past President, plus the following Past Presidents of State: Barbara Surber, Katie Mason, Vica McGill and Mary Stafford.

Other guests included: Virginia Wilson, District 13, Mary Brooks, District 12, Maxine Davies, District 11B, Eula Bush, Thelma Lester, Past State Chaplain and now Historian Anna Marie Baker, State Chaplain 13A, Vi Bruns, wife of IVFA State President, Janet Goodwin, State Fire Marshal's wife, and Thresea Odell,

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AUXILIARY OFFICERS MEETING

November 11, 1984

Holiday Inn - Speedway, In.

President Nickie Sunday called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Nickie welcomed all officers and guests and introduced the new District Chairmen, District 10 - Debbie Nulliner and District 17B - Beverly Trester.

President Nickie thanked everyone for the cards and flowers during her illness.

Opening prayer was given by Chaplain Bette Sellmer, Sgt.-at-Arms Miriam Shaekel led us in the pledge to the flag.

President Nickie presented Sue Biggs, District 11A with her district chairman bar. Roll call was answered by 28 officers, 7 committee members and 8 guests. The guests were introduced.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with one addition. A motion was made not to read District reports by Mary Brooks and several seconded it. Passed.

Chaplain Bette Sellmer reported she has sent 12 sympathy cards. Bette explained that when there is a death with the men, Doug Bechtel has to verify that they are a member and relay this on to her. There is a delay on getting the information. The information may be slow getting it from the Districts. They will be working on speeding up this system. District men notify the District women of a death and verify that they are a member. All departments and auxiliaries notify your District chairman immediately upon a death or illness.

Treasurer Betsy Howe reports:

Balance forward Aug. 1, 1984		\$3,932.70
Income: Dues	\$2,388.00	
Interest	37.00	
Jewelry	280.00	
Misc.*	32.00	
*Sold Bibles	\$2,737.00	+ \$2,737.00
		Total \$6,669.70
Disbursements:		
Officers Mileage	\$230.01	
Officers Phone	9.32	
Over Paid Dues	6.00	
Misc.*	573.07	
Total Disbursements	\$818.40	- 818.40

*Misc. disbursements include Convention film-processing, printing, bank charges for checks and stamp, repairs to typewriter. Balance on November 3, 1984 \$5,851.30
Treasurer's report approved and subject to audit.

Recording Secretary, Toni Sorg reported membership for 1984-85 as: 1,786 members, representing 123 auxiliaries and 49 individuals. New auxiliaries are Petersburg - District 17A, Hartford City - District 8B and Van Buren - District 11A.

President Nickie presented several District chairmen with charters for new auxiliaries.

President Nickie reported that I.V.F.A. Past President Jim Baker has had surgery and if you wish to send him a card, his address is: 241 W. 5th St., Greenfield, In. 46140.

Vi Bruns explained about the room reservation for the next state officers meeting.

Committee Reports:

Doe Doll - Loretta Nulliner - It will be a Porcelain Cabbage Patch Doll. This is not on the tickets, it will be word of mouth. District Chairmen, please pick up your tickets today. Phil Cronk will sponsor the tickets again this year.

Games - Ruth Sanders - No report.

Miss Flame - Lucy Stofer - Deadlines for entry of a District Miss Flame, March 10th.

Jewelry - Marlene Poling - \$67.00 worth of jewelry was sold at International Waterball, sales were down due to the weather. Nickie stated that the Convention charm has been selected by the Convention host. It is a colorful charm. Monroe County Convention bureau has been asked to pay for the die with any charms left over from convention be sold to them at our cost. The charm is gold-plated 15/16" diameter disc. Order approximately 200 charms. Charm cost \$1.44 each with the back engraved with Monroe County or Monroe 85, cost engraving 80 cents. The cost of the die \$85.17. Total cost for 200 charms \$534.00. Cost per charm \$2.67, we will sell the charms for \$3.00 each. A motion was made by Catherine Mason to leave the decision of convention charm up to the jewelry committee and Loretta. Seconded by Lucy Stofer. Vote. Passed.

Lois Boaz - Helen Michls - It's not too early to send letters in for your nomination. Send to Helen, Eula Bush or Barbara Surber. A check was presented to the state from District 11B for \$100.00 towards Vica McGill and Eula Bush's jackets.

Historian - Thelma Lester - No report.

Auditing - Barbara Parker - The Bibles were audited and everything was fine. Barb thanked Barbara Surber for helping her out. Barbara took a moment and thanked everyone for their cards and prayers during her son's illness and Jim's surgery.

Bylaws - Vica McGill - No report. Nickie reminded the District Chairmen to tell their members to change by hand the bylaw of dues increase from \$1.00 to \$2.00. Any extra bylaw books to be turned in to Toni.

President Advisory - Mary Stafford - Committee member Barbara Surber reported they are still working on guidelines on starting a new auxiliary for the District Chairman.

Financial Study - Barb Parker - Discussion on new bylaw books. Will compare prices on the printing of new books and report to the committee in February.

Nominating - Janet Goodwin - No report.

Installation - Ruth Fairfield - No report.

Parliamentarian - Ruth Ford - No report.

Old Business

Insurance coverage for committee members. Nickie checked with Tim Downey and all District officers, all appointed committee chairmen and committee members are covered by the insurance if the beneficiary forms are filled out. They are covered to any meeting or filling a capacity with the I.V.F.A.A. District chairmen have your officers fill out forms and send them to Toni Sorg.

Jewelry Convention Special - No report, but need ideas and bring them to the February meeting.

Auxiliary Reports:

Lizton - Mary Brooks - Wrote a letter and sent a form, still working on them.

Paris Crossing - Nancy Richardson - Still working with them.

French Lick and Gentryville - Verta Engle - Sending letters to the chiefs on organizing auxiliary.

Nickie reported that Nancy Bruce, Tension, requesting information on the State Auxiliary and the Men's Association for District 18.

New Carlisle - Alice Price - Nothing to report.

Coal City - District 11 - Sends their thanks to Lucy Stofer for the information.

Convention Slides - Barbara Parker - Anyone wishing to view the slides, please let her know in plenty of time so she can get them to you. Cost of the slides and all pictures for convention was approximately \$125.00.

New Business:

President Nickie presented Beverly Trester - District 17B - with her new briefcase.

Nickie reported that the deadline for news in the next I.V.F.A. paper is January 20th, so please send in articles for the paper. She also stated if an auxiliary member belongs to the state but her husband doesn't and she wishes to receive the paper, she must fill out a computer form with name, address, department and county with \$3.50 subscription fee for a year. You may send this to Betsy Howe and she will see that it gets to Doug Bechtel. Widows of an I.V.F.A. member doesn't have to pay for the paper. If you are receiving too many papers per household, turn the labels in to your District Chairman.

Catherine Mason has made I.V.F.A.A. flags and American flags for the Districts. If you wish a set contact her and she will make them for you. The set of flags with stand will cost \$10.00 as of now. President Nickie presented our new District 17B with a set. Also make checks payable to Catherine Mason.

Memorial pictures were passed out to District Chairmen to be presented to the family of the deceased.

Nickie read an article to us called "Are You Active?" Nickie stated if each officer would do her job which you are elected to, it would make everyone's job easier.

Nickie's Travels - Since August Nickie and Bill have traveled over 5,000 miles, D-4, 11B meetings, D-6 picnic, D-18 parade and Miss Flame Contest, D-8B Fish Fry, Selma's 15th Anniversary, Indianapolis, Janet and Bill Goodwin's Anniversary.

Convention Report from Pete Lockhart:

Dates: June 13, 14, 15, Ramada Inn Headquarters, Bloomington.

Reservation forms to be sent out. Total cost per night \$46.66, 1-4 people in room. 390 rooms blocked at the Ramada, Holiday Inn and Howard Johnson. Don't send in reservations until you receive the form.

Registration will begin on Wednesday evening.

Meetings will be at Indiana Memorial Union on I.U. campus. The Miss Flame judging will be in Room 300 A & C, Men's Meeting in Wittenburger Auditoriums and the Women's Meetings in the Jordan Room.

Banquet - Friday night at the Alumni Hall.

Camping - South of Bloomington at Hidden Valley Campground, \$5.00 primitive, \$7.50 for water and electricity per night.

Saturday games at the Concourse, I.U. Stadium.

Parade - Location uncertain at this time.

Transportation - Checking on bus service from the 3 motels to the Indiana Memorial Union.

Drink Badge will be for beer and soft drinks.

Souvenir will be announced later.

Fund Raiser will be a raffle on several prizes. At District 19 men's meeting the car to be raffled off will be on display. The car is a Volkswagen rebuilt to look like a small 1940 Ford.

President Carl Bruns spoke to us and apologized about the motel room problems at the state officer's meeting. Carl stated that Bridgeport-Wayne Township has dissolved due to the transition period in Wayne reducing the number of fire departments from 9 to 5. They have assets to the sum of \$80,000-\$100,000. They are wanting the I.V.F.A. to administer to it in some sort of death benefits or scholarship. They are working out some guidelines for these assets. This is in the working stage. More information on this at the next officer's meeting.

Recording Secretary Toni read the auxiliaries who have not paid their dues.

President Nickie asked Faye Salee if she could get the briefcase back from District 21. Also we are moving Van Buren from D 17A to 17B.

Announcements:

District 11A - Nov. 17th, District meeting and Miss Flame Contest, American Legion in Terre Haute.

District 7 - November 18th Pot Luck Supper at 5:00 p.m. starting at 1:00 p.m. Poe will be making Peanut Brittle.

Preble - Selling peanuts and Christmas tree.

Hoagland - Nov. 17th Annual

Turkey Dinner at the Hayloft. Selling Christmas trees.

District 3 - Noble Township - Selling 2 year calendar.

Coolspring Township - Craft Show December 1st.

Scipo - Rummage Sale and tables for \$5.00 Sept. 2.

Springfield Township - Bingo, Nov. 16th.

Michigan Shores - Afghan Raffle, November 27th.

District 10 - 25th Anniversary, Foundation, Pitch-in dinner at 6:30 p.m. Next meeting will be February 2 and 3, 1985, at the Holiday Inn-Speedway. Saturday's Activity - Paramount Music Palace, 12 noon, meet in motel lobby Saturday night, Room 218 at 7:30, Bingo and bring 2 gifts and snacks if you wish.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Vica McGill and seconded by Faye Salee. Vote. Passed.

Chaplain Bette Sellmer led us in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Neal
Corresponding Secretary

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1 & 2 - No report.

District 3 - Meeting was called to order by Marilyn Kessler at the Lincoln Township Fire Department. 40 members and 1 guest. Miss Flame Contest at Kingsford Union November 14th. Attendance was won by Michigan Shores.

District 4 - Met October 7th at Eby Pine Campground. The Miss Flame Contest at Concord Fire Station on November 29th. May get a room just to use as a District hospitality room. Chicken Bar-B-Que April 13th for money maker.

District 6 - Family picnic was held on September 16th at the Ashley Town Park. The men played waterball and the women played dirty

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Miss Flame of Waldron was also a guest.

Thelma Lester, State Historian, gave the history of the 10th District. The first meeting was held at Manilla with Inez Jeffries, a Past State President, now deceased, participating in the starting of District 10.

Entertainment for the meeting was provided by Nan Hendrickson of "Petals Pickins Poems" who recited James Whitcomb Riley while making artificial flower arrangements.

Santa was present and a gift exchange was held.

Next meeting will be held at Adams on February 18th.

Marian Hickman
Reporter

District 11A

I hope everyone had a nice holiday season. My family and I had a very enjoyable one.

Our last district meeting was a combination of many things. On November 17th, we held our Miss Flame Contest, District Meeting, and a dance to honor our Miss Flame.

We were very honored this year to have eight beautiful contestants running for our District Miss Flame. They were Deena Le Ann Patrick from Seelyville Volunteer Fire Department; Rhonda Jean Travis, Clay City Harrison Township Volunteer Fire Department; Kathryn Lynn Mikles, Linton Township Pimento Volunteer Fire Department; Rhonda Ann Durham, Wright Township Volunteer Fire Department; Amy Lynette Lucas, Lewis Township Volunteer Fire Department; Andrea Lee Blair, Prairieton Volunteer Fire Department; Marjorie May Harrison, Jasonville Volunteer Fire Department, and Gina Lori Jones, Coal City Volunteer Fire Department.

We were pleased to announce the winner as Deena Le Ann Patrick representing Seelyville Volunteer Fire Department as our District Miss Flame. Runner-up was Rhonda Jean Travis from Clay City Harrison Township Volunteer Fire Department. We would like to congratulate these girls plus the others. They are all winners.

After the district meeting a dance was held to honor all of the Miss Flame contestants. A good time was had by all. I would like to thank all the state officers that attended.

If there is anything going on in your department that you would like for Larry and I to attend please contact us. Also our new Miss Flame would like to represent our district as well as possible so please let us know and we can pass the word on so she may attend.

Our January 20th District meeting will be at VanBuren Township Volunteer Fire Department-Harmony. March meeting will be held at Sandford Volunteer Fire Department on the 17th.

Thank you again for all the people who help make our dance a success.

Sue Biggs
District 11A
Chairman Auxiliary

PLEASE NOTE

Betsy Howe had surgery December 10, 1984 at St. Anthony's Hospital in Crown Point.

Cards, letters, or words of encouragement should be sent to her home address: 1912 Edison, Griffith, IN 46319

Thanks
Nickie

Auxiliary Officers Meeting

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bingo. Next meeting November 15th at 7:30 at the Butler Fire Department with our Christmas party.

District 7 — Meeting was held September 17th at Decatur with 8 ladies from 4 departments. Reminded everyone that the state dues have increased \$11.00. Next meeting November 19th at the Bluffton Fire Station at 8:00 p.m. with the Miss Flame judging and a \$3.00 Christmas gift exchange.

District 8A & 8B — No report.

District 9 — Met August 15th at Galveston Fire Department at 7:30. The program was presented by Cass County Deputy Sheriff Jill Phillips, spoke on Teenage Drug Abuse & Alcohol. Next meeting November 14th at 7:30 at Colfax.

District 10 — Election was held — Debbie Nulliner, Chairman; Lyn Marsh, Secretary; Linda Bakes, Treasurer, and Vivian Thomas, Chaplain. Due to Linda's resignation Nancy Neal was appointed Treasurer. Miss Flame Contest was held on November 4th at Acton. Teresa O'Dell from Waldron is our Miss Flame.

District 11A — Met at Fowler Park in Southern Vigo County. We held a joint meeting with the men and discussed changes in the district. Next meeting November 17th with conjunction of the dance.

District 11B — Met at Reelsville on Sunday, November 4th. Discussion on the Miss Flame Contest.

District 12 — No report.

District 13 — Met August 16th at Riley Park, Greenfield. Election of officers was held. Next meeting November 15th at 7:00 p.m. at Mac's Family Restaurant, \$3.00 gift exchange.

District 14 — Met on September 19th at Blocher Fire House.

Attending were 5 auxiliaries. Travel trophy was presented to McCulloch Auxiliary. Election was held: Nancy Richardson, Chairman; Eldora Fischer, Vice Chairman; Betty Sellmer, Secretary-Treasurer; Lois Fulkerson, Chaplain, and Lucille Neuhauser, Sgt.-at-Arms. Next meeting on Nov. 14th at 7:30 at Henryville Fire House.

District 16 — No report.

District 17A — No report.

District 19 — Met Aug. 14 at Aurora Co. #2 with 16 members and 2 State officers in attendance. Election of officers was held and Mary Kissell, Chairman; Audrey Kyle, Sec.-Treas.; Joyce Huffman, Chaplain. Next meeting Nov. 13th at Manchester Twp. at 7:30 and the Miss Flame Contest Nov. 29th at St. Leon Fire Dept. at 7:30 p.m.

Candle Light Ceremony For Officers



From left to right, front row: Julie Matlock, Chaplain, Karen Williams, 1-year Trustee, second row, Carol Rosendaul, who stood in for Milka Hoskins, Vice President, Helen Cagle, President, Priscilla Jordan, Treasurer, back row, Etta Gray, who stood in for Darlene Lambert, 2-year Trustee, Sandy Taylor, 3-year Trustee and Janet Matherly, Secretary. (Photo by D. J. Stetson - The Herald.)

The Lake Station Volunteer Firemen's Auxiliary of Lake Station, Indiana recently installed at a candle light ceremony, at "Red Lobster" Restaurant in Merrillville, Indiana, their new 1984-85 officers.

FIRE LEAVES WINAMAC FAMILY HOMELESS

A Winamac man was listed in stable condition following an early morning fire at his home.

Larry Winter, 120 East Street, was pulled through a window by neighbor Howard Wentz after Winter was unable to flee the burning home due to dense smoke.

According to Mrs. Winter, one of the girls awakened the rest of the family and alerted them of smoke in the house around 1:45 a.m.

Mrs. Winter further stated that her husband went to put on his trousers and the smoke became so thick that he couldn't find his way out. Apparently, he was unsure whether his wife and daughters were able to flee safely and became disoriented in the thick smoke.

Mrs. Winter tried to get her husband to come to a window but couldn't. She then summoned Wentz, who is also a volunteer fireman, as Wentz was preparing to answer the fire call.

Wentz located Winter and somehow managed to pull him to safety through a bedroom window. According to Dave Barr, fire chief, Wentz probably saved Winter's life by responding and reacting quickly. Winter was overcome by the smoke and would have been unable to exit the home by himself. Had Winter still been in the house when the other firemen arrived, it might have been too late.

Winter was taken to Pulaski Memorial Hospital but was transferred around 5 a.m. to the Wishard Burn Center in Indianapolis. He was treated for smoke inhalation and second-degree burns over 20 percent of his body.

Sixteen firemen responded with three trucks and battled the blaze until 4 a.m. The inside of the house and its contents were nearly a total loss from the fire and smoke damage. The structure, however, remains standing and there was no damage to surrounding buildings. A damage estimate to the home and contents had not been set at press time.

Mrs. Winter and the couple's two daughters are presently staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Smidler, while efforts to find temporary housing continue.

An account for the family has been opened at the First Union Bank & Trust Company of Winamac for anyone who wishes to contribute. The Red Cross is also accepting donations of clothing and household articles. For further information in assisting the family, call the Red Cross at 946-3323 or 946-6391.

The Winamac Lions Club is also accepting donations of clothing, which may be dropped off at the Hooks Drug Store in Winamac.

Clothing sizes for the family are: men's size 16 neck shirt and 38-30 pants; ladies size medium top, 12 slacks; girls' sizes 12 slim pants and 12 tops and 5 or 6 girls'.

District 11B Lois Boaz Award Deadline

It certainly is hard to believe 1985 is here already! I didn't make any New Year's Resolutions — I've hardly used the ones I made last year.

A lot of extra working hours haven't allowed us to get out and visit our department as we would like. We have visited District 11A for a Spaghetti Supper at Sanford and their Miss Flame Dance in North Terre Haute. Also, we have enjoyed Christmas dinners in Dana and Reelsville in our own District. I also traveled to Fountaintown on November 10 with Vica McGill and Eula Bush for District 10 Ladies Auxiliary's 25th Anniversary. Now those gals really know how to party!!

Our November District meeting was held at Reelsville and a delicious turkey dinner was served by the Reelsville Ladies. Plans were started for our Miss Flame District Dance which will be held on Saturday night, February 16, at the Half Century Club in Clinton from 9:00-12 Midnight. Music will be provided by Rudy, Don and the Polka Dots. Admission is \$3.00 per person. As you may be aware, District 11B has a lot of pretty gals. In the seven years since 11B has been formed, we have had three state winners and two runners-up. You had better look out for us again this year. Hope you all can join us at our District contest and dance on February 16th.

Well, I had some pretty good comments (and some not so good) on my elephant joke, so here is another. Do you know how you can tell if an elephant is in bed with you? (Answer: You can smell the peanuts on his breath.)

Maxine Davies, Chairman
District 11B IVFAA

Nominees for the Lois Boaz Award

has to be in by midnight April 1st. Send names to:
Eula Bush
R.R. 1, Box 26
Dana, IN 47847

Barbara Surber
11053 McGregor Road
Acton, IN 46259

Helen Michl
R. R. 26, Box 16
Terre Haute, IN 47802

30TH ANNIVERSARY

The 30th anniversary of the Scipio Township Volunteer Fire Department was held October 21, 1984, at the Fire Station. The program opened with the pledge to the flag. Duane Lantz gave the prayer and read the names of the deceased men and women.

David Koziatek, the men's president, welcomed everyone and gave the history of the department. The first meeting was held March 20, 1954, at the Door Village School. Ground-breaking was held in 1956. Our first President was Bob Mullarky. The first Chief was Duane Lantz. The meeting room was added in 1968.

The Ladies Auxiliary was organized in 1955, and the first Auxiliary President was Helen Erickson.

Guest speaker was William Sunday, IVFA Vice President.

Dorothy Herrold, well-known Ragtime Pianist, played several piano selections before and after the program.

A 25-year plaque was given to Louis Niendorf. A 30-year plaque was given to Ralph Hibner.

Christmas Tree Causes Fire

Faulty electric wiring connected to a live Christmas tree started a fire recently that caused \$30,000 in damage to a LaPorte home located at 102 Williams Avenue.

The second story of the wood-frame house, owned by Dick Lindquist, received heavy smoke and heat damage and the living room area received flame damage, said Center Township Volunteer Fire department Asst. Chief Evert Carpenter. No injuries were reported.

Two young boys were home at the time of the fire and discovered it about 4:30 p.m., Carpenter said. The boys went to a neighbor's house to call the fire department.

About 15 firefighters fought the blaze, which was contained to the living room area where the Christmas tree was located.

The fire generated heat so hot that it melted picture frames on the second floor of the house, Carpenter said.

ARE YOU ACTIVE?

Are you an Active member — The kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock?
Or do you stay at home to criticize and knock?
Do you take an active part to help the work along?
Or are you satisfied to only just belong?
When the Business session comes around do you pretend you're sick
Then leave the work to just a few and talk about the "clique"?
Think this over, member, you know right from wrong.
Are you an active member, or do you just belong?

A SPECIAL THANKS:

The Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Auxiliary would like thank all districts, auxiliaries and individuals who have generously donated money for the purchase of the Lois Boaz recipients jackets. The recipients look wonderful in their new jackets and they are very proud of them, as we are of them. All of the jackets have been bought through the donations. So, again we want to say 'Thank you' for your support and we greatly appreciate it.

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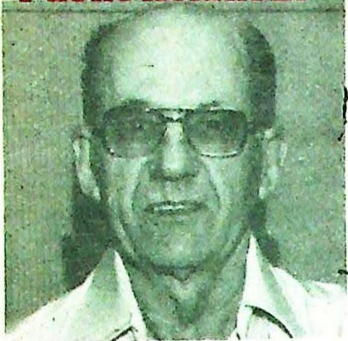
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L. J. MICHL

Hi Everyone! By the time you read this the holiday season will be over. I hope you had a healthy and happy one.

I've been making the district meetings and meeting more friends. Went to District 20 meeting at Zionsville. They had a film on grain elevator fires. District 12 at Danville had a representative from the State Police Incert. District 11B at Reelsville had a turkey dinner that was enjoyed by all. Our District, 11A had their meeting along with Miss Flame Contest and Dance. Several State Officers attended. We appreciate their participation. Everyone there had a good time, I'm sure.

So far I haven't received any reports for the Farm Bureau Award. Get your forms from your District Chairmen, fill them out and send them back to him or me. I would like to have them in as soon as possible.

Some members have called me concerning dues for their department. If some of you are still in doubt, please try to attend your district meeting. We can check our records and let you know if your dues are paid or not. You can help us determine what type of fire school you would like to have. In the past years we have sent letters to departments asking for ideas but only a few were returned. This gives us an idea of what only some want and not much to

go on. These fire schools are for your benefit and the association is always working to help you in every way they can. So come to the meetings with your ideas. You don't have to come alone, bring another member of your department or bring your wife. They are always welcome. Let's make 1985 the best year for attendance at our district meetings.

Thanks to Coalmont, Wayne Township and Sandford for their invitations to their Christmas parties. Sorry we couldn't make them all. We had a nice time at Coalmont.

With this, I hope to see you at our meetings in January.

**A Tribute To
Toddy Michl**

After the Memorial Service at the Wayne Township Convention several years ago, the Chaplain announced that due to the hazardous conditions of the lighted candles, they would not be used in the future. Even though they always had a fire extinguisher at the pulpit it was still a dangerous situation.

Toddy told Butch McGill the candles used at the Memorial service was getting dangerous, since so many had to be lighted. He said it would be tragic if someone knocked some candles down and started a fire. This wouldn't look good for the firemen. They talked it over and Butch invited Toddy to the next State Meeting to talk it over with Father Lantz. It was discussed further and brought up with the state Officers. Plans and price of building a portable cross to be figured and brought to the next state meeting.

Butch and Toddy got together and Toddy drew up a diagram for the Cross, got prices for material and for electrically lighted candles. This was brought up at the next state meeting and was accepted and the okay was given to make it. There was approximately

6 months to get material and make it. That's a lot of time, right? Wrong!

Butch checked with Toddy often to see how he was progressing. When I wanted to go someplace, it was always, I need to work on the Cross. He spent many hours getting the cross made, sanded, painted, and electrical connections made. He enjoyed doing this for the Association.

Everything was ready to assemble except the tubes for the candles. Ollie Sandberg had ordered the tubes a few months ahead but never received them. After calling the company and finding out they would not send them, he bought plastic pipe, cut to lengths, drilled out for the sockets and sent them to Toddy. This was two days before taking to convention. Toddy's son put the tubes, one by one, on the lathe and spray painted them. When they dried they were installed in the cross, sockets pushed in and final wiring done. One hundred and fifty of them.

Tuesday evening, after work, everything was assembled and lighted up for final test. Everything worked beautiful. Everything was taken apart and installed in the box he had made especially for the cross, for taking at about 11:30 p.m. Tuesday. Ollie picked it up to take to convention for the first time.

Our worries weren't over yet. We thought Ollie was lost because we couldn't find him when it was time to set it up for Memorial Service. He was parked at one door of the school and we were looking for him at another door. There were many anxious moments before he finally drove up and we unloaded it and got it set up. I think it was very impressive and makes for a safer Memorial Service.

The cross is set up with members of District 11A and 11B who know how it's done. It has to be put back in the box a certain way for storing. It is stored in Vica McGill's warehouse and taken to convention by a member of 11B,

usually Bill Bush.

This year, we are going to add a skirt around it to help cover up the wires that show when the cross is up on a stage.

Let's hope we can keep the cross in service for many years to come. Your Chaplain
Duane Lantz

Santa's Visit



The Farmland Fire Dept., Lions Club and merchants brought Santa to town.

Saturday, the 22nd of December, Santa came rolling into town with alot of noise. Riding on Farmland's #2 pumper was the man in the red suite with 250 treats that were given to area kids.

Santa also visited area merchants to give them special thanks.

Farmland Vol. Fire Dept.

LETTER TO EDITOR

In the October Issue of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen, the front page story; which was a reprint from the Odon Journal, a reference to Volunteer and Professional firemen was made.

I find this very distasteful journalism!

I do not have to go into a long, discriptive story about why this offends me or why I feel this way because everyone in our PROFESSION of being VOLUNTEER firemen feel the same, I am sure.

I hope in the future that professional newspaper people will do some professional research and present to the public professional news reporting.

Sincerely yours,
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Meeting November 3 & 4, 1984 Holiday Inn Northwest, Indianapolis

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by President Bruns. Chaplain Lantz gave the invocation, which was followed by the pledge to the flag, led by vice president Sunday.

Roll Call was taken care of by Secretary Bechtel. President Bruns called for the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. Max Poling made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Fred Culross seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

OFFICER REPORTS

In his quarterly report, President Bruns stated that he has done a lot of traveling, and gave a rundown of some of the meetings and functions that he had attended.

Vice President Sunday in his report stated that he, too, has done some traveling. Not as much as their President, but they have attended some of the same functions.

Secretary Bechtel in his report stated that he has done a little moving about, but has been kept busy in the office. He proceeded to give a complete rundown on departments in the state that are delinquent in payment of their dues as of this date.

Treasurer Stofer gave the financial report as to 10/31/84.

Recording Secretary Nevil passed.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bush stated that he did have some extra supplies on hand if some were needed.

Chaplain Lantz reported on the Memorial Services that he had been a part of, as well as several other functions and meetings that he attended.

Immediate Past President Parker had no report, as did the other Past Presidents in attendance.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

North West Warren Hoobyar — in his report he talked on the various district meetings and stated he had done a lot of traveling also.

North East Bill Kinsey — comments that at this time of the year not much is happening. He had attended a lot of meetings and the fire schools are over for the winter.

West Central Toddy Michl — thanked the State officers who had attended his districts this year, and also stated that the district chairmen are working hard in attempting to get all dues collected.

East Central Bill Windsor — absent.

South West Carl Davis — reported on the happenings in the area and commented on several of the functions he attended.

South East Roy Richardson — explained several of the events that were happening in Clark County. He spoke briefly of the Fire Schools in his districts this year.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS

D21 — Fred Culross thanked all officers who attended the meetings this year.

D20 — Jerry Harris was absent.

D19 — Lee Kissell gave his fire school report.

D18 — Russell Reinhart stated that he felt the meetings had been good and well attended. He also thanked the officers for attending.

D17B — Pete Lockhart reported on his last meeting, and felt that an excellent program had been presented.

D17A — Bill Engle also thanked the officers for attending the meetings and stated that on January 19, 1985, they again would host

the annual sausage supper.

D16 — Billy Roberts was absent.

D15 — Mike Brooks stated that as a new chairman he did not have much to report on at this time. However, he did comment on a school that is being planned next year in Evansville.

D14 — Tom Sellmer commented on the amount of traveling and the many meetings he has attended since the last quarterly meeting.

D13B — Jeff Gabbard was absent.

D13A — Cal Schaeckel reported on the fire school in the district.

D12 — Don Johnson was absent.

D11B — John Davies stated that he has been working on the district Miss Flame contest as well as the next fire school.

D11A — Larry Biggs has been in contact with several of the departments in the district and he also had attended a lot of functions in the last three months.

D10 — Bruce Neal thanked the officers for attending as many of the functions in the districts as they did. It was sure appreciated by each department.

D9B — Lawrence Swartz in his report he listed several of the activities in the district. He, too, thanked all for attending the meetings.

D9A — Charles "Tug" Sutton commented on the year's district meetings.

D8B — Jim Nickens gave a report on the events of his district.

D8A — Bob Fleener thanked the officers for attending the meetings, as well as all the support given him.

D7 — Mort Sorg gave a rundown on the happenings from his district.

D6 — Max Poling gave his fire school report and listed several past as well as upcoming events.

D5 — Wayne Smith was absent.

D4 — Harold Price commented on the fire school as well as upcoming events in the area.

D3 — Rob Sabie thanked the officers for the meetings and all the help given to him. He also gave the report on the district fire school.

D2 — Rich Yortston commented that this is his first officer's meeting to be in attendance. He stated that he is very appreciative of the help given to him and things are starting to brighten up for him.

D1 — Bill Howe reported on the happenings in the district.

Due to the time of evening, President Bruns recessed the meeting at 5:02 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. this date at the same location. At 7:35 p.m., President Bruns reconvened the meeting. President Bruns asked if anyone had any communications to report on. There being none, he stated that we would move on to the committee reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Games — Bob Surber stated that the entry forms would be printed in the next two issues of the paper. Deadline for entries would be June 1, 1985.

Safety — Tom Sellmer had no report.

I.N.C.E.R.T. — Charles Jones as absent.

Convention — Pete Lockhart, co-chairman, stated that a report would be given later.

National Volunteer Fire Council — Norm Crocker was absent.

Photographer — Bruce Neal passed.

Historical Update — Russell Reinhart presented the 1983 update to the Recording Secretary to be put on file.

By-laws — Max Poling stated that the committee did meet. The committee had a question for Treasurer Stofer: Was the clothing fund checking account necessary? A short discussion followed. It was decided that it was necessary. Discussion was also held on other wording in the by-laws.

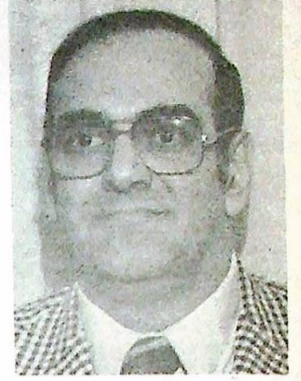
Clothing — Lawrence Swartz passed.

Fire Schools — Vice President Bill Sunday explained how to read the listing on the certified instructors. He also went over the fire school pro-

gram.

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Public Relations Northwest



Warren Hoobyar

To assist in legislation on the Fuel Tax Exemption for fire departments which was discussed at the last officer's meeting, President Carl Bruns has asked each Public Relations man to contact three fire departments in his respective PR District — one small, one medium and one large department to secure the following information:

1. Total gallons of fuel used in last 12 months for all fire department apparatus (use 1984 year and estimate month of December). Include any vehicle that is used in department operations, including portable pumps.
2. Total gallons of fuel used in last 12 months for pumping operation only (include pumpers, tankers if it has a pump, grass rigs if it has a pump and portable pumps, etc.)
3. The number of units with pumping capabilities (list these such as pumpers, tankers, grass rigs, portable pumps, etc.)

The three fire departments that were contacted in the Northwest Public Relations area District No. 1 were Michiana Shores, Rensselaer and Chesterton.

Jack Ford has spent considerable time on this bill along with Senator Worman who is assisting in getting the bill written. We hope that with the information survey the bill will be a reality in this year's legislation.

Some other legislative information to date is as follows:

1. Training Bill - Nothing new to date.
2. A bill that Fire Marshals shall investigate all fires and explosions over \$5,000.
3. Retrofit sprinklers in all convalescent homes.
4. Cigarette tax increase.
5. Fire works permit money to go to Fire Marshal Fund.
6. Raise Fire Marshal plans review fee.
7. Make building inspectors certified.
8. Wrongful death bill, hold fire chief responsible for sending men into a "death trap" fire.

The membership of the association to date is 15,353. This is a great improvement from last year at this time. However, the goal of the Association is 17,500 plus. This goal can only be accomplished with the help of each and every member pulling together. As your Public Relations Officer I will be counting on you to help me and your district chairman accomplish this goal.

Don't forget the Farm Bureau Award. As of this date I have received no applications for this award. I am sure that every fire department in this P.R. district could use not only the \$300 but also the recognition.

Training programs are down in our P.R. area as a whole. Please contact me or your district chairmen with information on what topics that you want to be taught at the district fire schools so that we can bring up the enrollments of the district schools.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and the best for a New Year.

See you at the District Meetings.

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Officers Meeting

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cedures for the new officers.

E.M.S. — Don Weigel passed.

Resolutions — Bill Kinsey passed.

Insurance — Lee Kissell stated that nothing major is happening at the present time.

Public Education — Pete Lockhart stated that the vouchers are needed from the people who worked at the State Fair. Also a less work-oriented format is being studied for next year. More will be discussed as it is developed.

Legislative — Jack Ford reported on the legislators who have worked closely with our association that were defeated in this year's election. A lengthy discussion was held on the probability of some bills that will be presented at this year's session of legislation. Three major topics will be the major thrust of emphasis this year. They are, not in any particular order: some type of utility reform for volunteer fire departments, raise the minimum from \$100 to \$150 per week on disability insurance, and full tax exemption for volunteer fire departments. It was the consensus of the officers present that any bill that has anything to do with our present blue light law be opposed as strongly as possible.

New members — Carl Davis asked the help of all in trying to get a larger membership.

Editor Assistant — Bill Howe stated that the next issue deadline is December 20th for the paper.

Computer Service — Jim Parker stated that the updated print-outs were handed out earlier.

President Bruns stated that Mr. Harry Lind, the ad solicitor for the Convention Book needs some help covering the state. If anyone is interested, please get in touch with President Bruns or Mr. Lind.

After a short discussion on how best to handle the position that the I.V.F.A. will take on the appointing of the Indiana State Fire Marshal by the Governor, Carl Davis made a motion that a letter be sent to the Governor supporting William Goodwin for the position. Max Poling seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

President Bruns at this time read a letter from the Bridgeport Volunteer Department. They are going to liquidate the assets of the department and they would like to work with the I.V.F.A. on some type of proposal on how the funds were used. A short discussion followed, after which it was deferred to the item of new business on Sunday for further action. At 9:35 p.m. President Bruns recessed the meeting until the following morning at 9:00 a.m.

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President Bruns called the meeting back to order at 9:01 a.m.

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Chaplain Lantz gave the invocation, followed by the pledge to the flag led by Vice President Bill Sunday.

President Bruns introduced Mr. Charles Coffee, the Administrator of the newly formed Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission. Mr. Coffee at this time explained how the commission is set up to operate and the goals and objectives that should be attained.

National Volunteer Fire Council — Norm Crocker, our representative, stated that Stoneridge III had become a reality again this year. Norm went on to explain some of the objectives that are being studied as well as several projects that the N.V.F.C. has undertaken.

OLD BUSINESS

President Bruns stated that any active member of this Association that so wishes may purchase a grave maker by contacting Chaplain Lantz and reimbursing the Association for the cost.

Convention '85 report was given by Pete Lockhart.

Conventin '86 — Bill Bush said that things are falling together.

Vice President Sunday stated that the instructor sheets are out.

President Bruns stated that the problem with Mr. Avery and Mr. Murphy are proceeding through legal channels.

NEW BUSINESS

President Bruns read a letter from the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department stating that they would store the Association's public education equipment at no charge to the Association. Cal Schaeckel made a motion to accept the offer. Max Poling seconded. Carried by voice vote.

Sgt.-at-Arms Bush handed out the listing for the Convention committees for 1985.

Vice President Sunday stated that the Mid West Awards will be given out again this year. Deadline for names to be in his hands is March 1, 1985. He also commented that the Farm Bureau award winners must be in by May, also. The districts are to set their own guidelines.

After a short discussion on the proposal from the Bridgeport Volunteer Department, Bill Howe made a motion that the President and the President's advisory committee be empowered to handle the work for the Association in working out an agreement on the handling of funds. Roy Richardson seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

The meeting was recessed at 11:45 a.m. for lunch. At 1:05 p.m. the meeting was reconvened.

President Bruns stated that all death claims should be gotten to the Secretary as soon as possible.

Past President Jim Parker led a discussion concerning the feasibility of the State Association starting to purchase fire department needs on a statewide basis. It would have nothing to do with rolling equipment. After a lengthy discussion, Norm Crocker made a motion that the President appoint a committee to study the proposal. This motion was ruled out of order. Tom Sellmer then made the same motion. Cal Schaeckel seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

President Bruns led a short open discussion on the mailing of the I.V.F.A. paper and the mailing addresses of members and departments.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Norm Crocker stated that the Fire Marshal's office would like to have some feeling throughout the state on the scheduling of classes

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FIRE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZED BY FUNCTIONS

From The Scott Co. Journal

The Scottsburg Volunteer Fire Department has been organized into separate companies, it was announced last week, with each fulfilling a specific function within the overall role of the firefighting organization.

Chief Raymond Jones said the department now has three engine companies, a ladder company, and a service company in addition to the administrative staff.

Each engine company responds to alarms with four or five men, establishes an initial water supply, provides for initial search and rescue, and begins the initial attack against the fire.

The ladder company performs primary search and rescue, ventilation actions, ladders the structure, and sustains the initial attack.

Function of the service company is to perform salvage and overhaul procedures, and the unit is responsible for determining cause and origin of the fire, as well as security of the area and crowd control.

This company also secures the property and releases it to the proper authority when the department's job is completed, and completes an incident report on the fire run.

Administrative staff of the department consists of Jones, Assistant Chief Dick Kern, Capt. Tommy L. Rogersas, administrative captain, and Capt. Bob Murphy as station captain.

Making up the service company are Capt. Charles Neuhauser, Woody Sparrow, Leroy Burns, Earl Cozart, Charles Meyer, and

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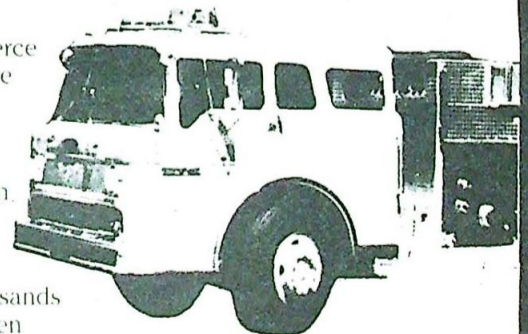
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from the National Fire Academy as well as the context of the classes. At 1:50 p.m. Jim Parker made a motion to adjourn. Max Poling seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Lawrence Swartz at 1:52 p.m.

Max Poling made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. Bill Howe seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairman Swartz stated that the new inventory control sheets will be out for the February meeting.

A discussion on raising the allowance on fire schools from \$150 to \$200 was started by Chairman Swartz. Shortly thereafter, Max Poling made a motion to table any further discussion on raising the amount until the February meeting. A short discussion followed, after which this motion was withdrawn by Max Poling.

Pete Lockhart made a motion that the school allowance be increased from \$150 to \$200, effective January 1, 1985. Mike Brooks seconded the motion. Motion defeated.

Ivan Nevil made a motion to allow any district that so desires be allowed to sponsor a fire school this next year. Bill Howe seconded. Motion carried.

Sgt.-at-Arms Bill Bush's request for additional stationery and envelopes was left up to the officers to order as needed.

On the expense vouchers, Chairman Swartz stated that the officers are to explain what a meeting is for on the expense voucher.

President Bruns stated that Vice President Sunday will meet with the new district Chairmen immediately following this meeting here in this

room.

Max Poling made a motion to adjourn. Harold Price seconded. Chaplain Lantz gave the Benediction and at 2:25 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
IVAN NEVIL
Recording Secretary.

Organized By Functions

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Ed Cozart.

The ladder company is made up of Lt. Bob Dismore, Rodney Rudder, Bill Cranford, Ezra Daniel, Jeff McDonald, and Jeff Hougland.

Personnel of Engine Co. 1 are Lt. David Wells, Larry Donohue, Danny Snelling, and Mark Schilawski.

In Engine Co. 2 are Lt. Joe Thomas, Mike Jones, Jim Coomer, Todd Stewart, and William Lesnet.

Engine Co. 3 is made up of Lt. Lynn Lord, Jr., Darrell Scifers, Gordon Judge, Lynn Lord III, and Jim Terrell.

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- Recruiting, Training and Motivating Firefighters
- Paramedic Assistance Course

Change Of Tactics?

Over the recent years in some of the fire schools and work shops you might hear the instructor say that fire fighting has not changed from earlier years. We still use pumps to deliver water through hose to the fire, just as firefighters did one hundred years ago. To this I guess we would agree, but the types of pumps and hose sure has changed, from the enormous super pumpers to the small portable pump, from large diameter hose to the red lines, we now have a choice of fire fighting equipment to choose from. We do not have to take what the supplier has available, we can now specify equipment to our own needs and area. But what about the rest of the fire fighting? The training of volunteers that is strongly urged by all and mandated in some departments, we must surely agree that we no longer become fire fighters by experience only. The type of personal protective equipment we now enjoy, forced on some of us

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Change Of Tactics?

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by OSHA. We no longer wear rain coats and base caps. We are encapsulated in equipment that will allow us to do the hazardous business of putting out fires at less risk to ourselves.

What about fire fighting tactics. With the equipment listed above, along with SCBA, we can now make quick aggressive interior attacks and not suffer the extremes of heat and smoke. At least, not to the extent that our fellow fire fighters did as little as fifteen years ago. By doing this we are saving more structures and incurring less money loss than the public used to suffer. Sure you will still read about the "big fires", and you always will. These gather attention, its the small structures, single family, and duplexes that we put the quick stop on, is the most frequent, and that is where a major portion of loss prevention occurs. We no longer "Surround and Drown", as some were required to do before personal protective equipment became a reality.

Something that has changed over the years and will continue to change is the type of fires we are having to fight, and the problems that arise from them.

The "Surround and Drown", tactic sometimes has to be used when all else fails and is truly only a defensive mode. When this tactic is used, the fire must come to you, either by burning through the roof or wall of the structure, so that your fire streams can have some effect. It is of little use to throw water on the intact exterior of a involved structure. The building was designed to repel rain so it will surely repel your streams.

The advent of the energy efficient home has created for us some new problems. Many of these type homes are being wrapped in plastic sheeting which is an effective wind and vapor barrier. With this material stapled to the studding and joists just below the drywall but interior to the insulation, you now have an area in the wall and floors that is protected, and from the fire fighters view, built to repel water from the inside as well as the outside of the structure.

When fire gets into these protected areas you will find it much more difficult to reach it effectively with fire streams, as this fire department did recently. The plastic sheeting used in the involved structure was much heavier than normal, but the same type problems will occur in any structure wrapped in plastic film. In training we learn that in vertical ventilation, to cut a hole in the roof and push out the ceiling with a pike pole or similar tool and let the smoke and heat escape. If the structure is wrapped in plastic you do the same thing, "surprise", no smoke. The plastic has remained in place and prohibited smoke escape, you may pierce the sheeting with your tool but that is all and it remains to foil your ventilation attempt. The same is true of the walls where you may open them from the inside. If you do not physically remove the film when you make your openings, the quick interior attack will not work, you will be too hampered with smoke to reach the seat of the fire. In roof ventilation, you may be required to make or adapt a type of tool with a cutting edge, so that you can cut out the film from atop the roof. If the sheeting is of four mil thickness or less, which is the common type used, you may be able to tear it out with a pike pole, but if one of the heavier films are encountered it will only stretch and not make the opening that you will need.

Change of tactics? No, not really, just another barrier that

fire fighters must consider when they need to open up a structure.

Look around in your fire districts and in any house built in the last ten years you may find this type construction. Better yet, talk with your local building contractors and find what strength film is being used and obtain a sample. Work with this sample at the fire station and see, "what the future has in store for you".

Daniel W. Smith
Sunman rural Fire Dept.

Firefighter "Buddy" System Helps Juvenile Firesetters

By JOHN BURKS All kids are fascinated with fire. Think back to your childhood and the simple mysteries of the kitchen stove or a match being struck — let alone the more profound spectacle of the Fourth of July fireworks or a roaring campfire. This fascination with, and ultimate mastery over flames is healthy for most children, part of learning how the world works.

But for some kids it's more than fascination. It becomes a mad toy, the most deadly obsession

imaginable.

The most seriously disturbed juvenile firesetters burn the sleeves off shirts in the closet, ignite all their sisters' underwear, fill wash basins with alcohol and set it afire to see how high the flames will go, light 200 and more candles because they happen to be available in the house, set fire to the family cat, and even ignite their playmates just to see what will happen.

Recently in Roanoke, Virginia, an 8-year-old boy with learning disabilities was playing with a fire that quickly raced out of control and took another human life. He has been vilified in newspaper editorials and placed in a foster home. His life will never be the same.

Pam McLaughlin came in contact with a number of such children in her public relations job at the San Francisco Fire Department. Mother of two young boys, one of whom has a mild learning disability, she identified with the problem. A number of juvenile firesetters have learning disabilities which make it more difficult for them to restrain impulse behavior — like playing with fire.

McLaughlin began to make a study of the problem, which led her to Joe Day's pioneering work

with the Los Angeles Fire Department. Awarded a grant from the U.S. Fire Administration, Day had developed a manual dividing child incendiaries into three categories: *Low concern.* A curiosity firesetter. Over half of all kids play with matches at some point in their lives. Best approach here is educational, to make the child aware of what fire can do.

Medium concern. Usually a fatherless boy, often a victim of child abuse. Probably there's been a breakup of the marital/family structure and no one has thought about the child's needs. Some are learning disabled, some gifted. Best approach here, along with educating the child about fire, is to deal with the whole range of problems in the child's life.

High concern. "These are the kids," as McLaughlin describes them, "who are really, really disturbed. Kids who burn up animals and other human beings. They may have weird fantasies, out of touch with reality. I would call them pre-psychotic because true psychotic behavior in young children is very rare — it usually manifests itself at 13 or 14."

Having assimilated Day's findings, McLaughlin was left with a

sense of dissatisfaction. The symptoms had been defined, but little was being done for the kids with these problems. Though they would usually receive psychiatric counseling, it seemed to McLaughlin that little was being done to bring overall emotional stability into their lives.

She puzzled over this for months without arriving at any solution . . . and then finally found one out of the blue.

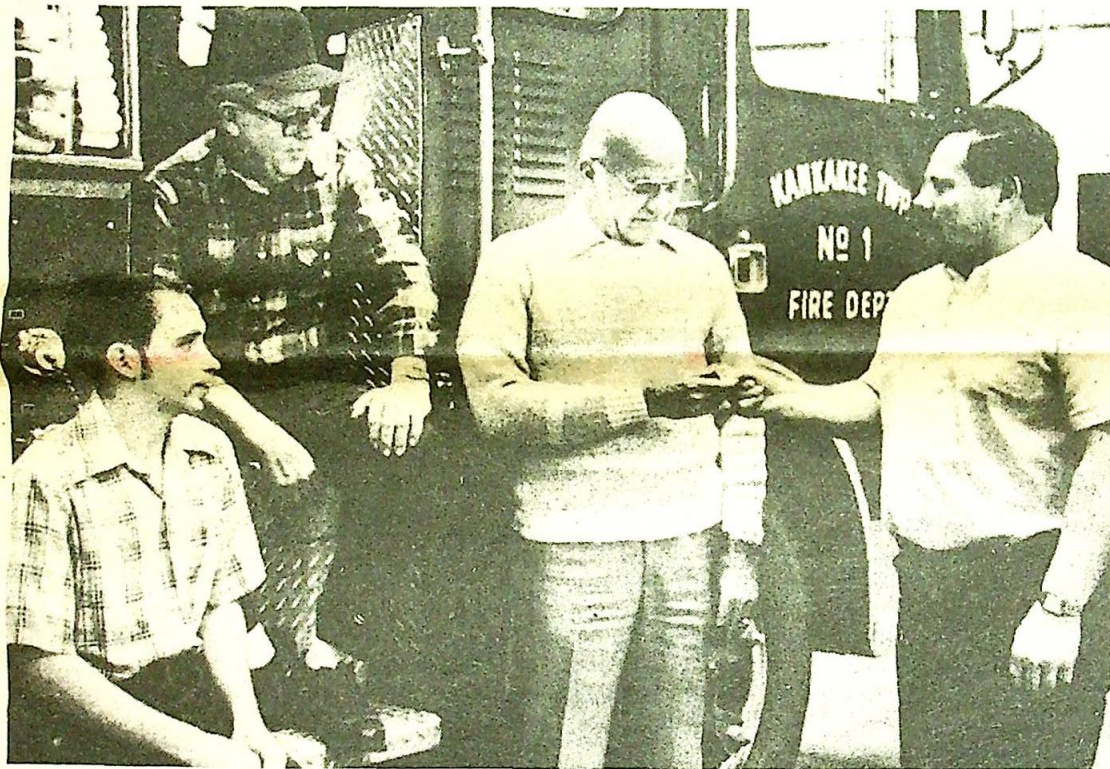
"I was going through a divorce and I would take my boys along with me when I did my work at the fire department," she recalls. "They were 5 and 9 years old, and they just couldn't wait to go with their mother to talk with all these firefighters.

"One day after school they were playing with the firefighters and I was looking at them, and looking at a chart on the wall describing kids who start fires. I looked back at my kids and at the wall chart and at the firefighters . . . and suddenly I remember thinking, *this is so obvious.* Surely somebody must be already doing this . . . getting the kids who start fires together with the firefighters as buddies, to bring some stability and fun and love into their lives."

To their amazement, McLaughlin soon discovered she had hit upon a novel approach. That approach was launched four years

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Walter Buss Retires As Chief



Buss Retires

From LaPorte Herald-Argus

Walter Buss, retiring chief of the Kankakee Township Volunteer Fire Department, third from left, accepts a gold badge from Thomas Wheatbrook, new fire chief. Looking on at left are Michael Harris, and Paul DePoy, maintenance officers. Absent when the picture was taken were other officers, Les Stoner, assistant chief, Dave Surma, captain, and Robert Wideman, secretary and treasurer. Buss received the badge during the annual Christmas party for families of firemen. Committee chairmen in charge of the party included: Wideman and Stoner, food; Mike Miller, securing Santa; Harris and Bruce Stoner, Santa's helpers; DePoy and Bill Corbin, set up and cleaning. Retired fireman Les Tanner gave the invocation preceding the dinner.

A Fire Prevention Message

One of the most dangerous fires is the clothing fire. Each year burns from clothing fires cause hundreds of deaths, thousands of serious, often disfiguring injuries. Most frequently victims are children and the elderly.

A helpful prevention measure is care in clothing selection. Heavy, smooth surfaced fabrics resist burning better than light-weight, long-napped ones. Designs avoiding billowing folds of material and long, loose sleeves reduce chances of clothing catching fire.

Most importantly of all is to appreciate that just about any clothing can burn, that a flame, spark or other intense heat may start it burning, and the burning may be so dangerously rapid that wearer is enveloped in flame.

Safety from clothing fires calls for watchful care in all activities around stoves, heaters, fireplaces and outdoor fires, and in using matches and smoking materials.

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Volunteer Ward Lesh Wins Fireman Of The Year Award



WARD LESH

Pharos-Tribune
Logansport
October 12, 1984

"You made an awful mistake," Ward Lesh said while accepting his award as the 1984 Cass County Fireman of the Year.

But it was no mistake, the decision was well-received by the gathering of approximately 125 people, and according to Logansport Eagles president Tom Heron, the decision was a wise one.

He cited Lesh for his contributions to the Clinton Township Volunteer Fire Department: "A lot of people think that if it wasn't for him, they (the department) wouldn't be out there. All he lives for is fire prevention."

Lesh is one of the charter members of the volunteer fire department, and at 73, is one of the senior firemen in the county. Although modest about his own abilities, he is still proud of his role in the department.

"I'm not the best firefighter, but I think I can help keep it organized," he said. His organizational skills have kept the department going since its birth in March 1965, despite the fact that, as volunteers, the firemen are free to join and quit as they wish. Lesh lives in Clinton Township with his wife, Florence.

The Fireman of the Year is elected by a 13-member committee, which studies resumes submitted to the committee. Next year, a retired fireman will also be honored.

While the presentation was the climax of the evening, the audience also heard remarks from Richard P. Good, executive director of the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council, who spoke on arson.

Good noted that arson is a major problem. He said arson causes 1,000 deaths and \$2 billion in property damage per year, yet only nine percent of the arsonists are arrested and most of these are never convicted.

He said more task forces should be used on a state and local basis to solve the cases. He also said

prosecutors should be given refresher courses on investigating arson cases.

"They know how to prosecute murder and rape cases because we have murder and rape all of the time being brought to the prosecutors, but it's not very often that arson cases are brought to the prosecutors," he said.

Also making brief remarks at the banquet were William Shockey, state Eagles president, and Carl Bruns, state president of the Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Santa's Helpers

The Farland Fire Department and the Lions Club along with donations from area residents were able to deliver Christmas Baskets to 26 families. The baskets contained food, some clothing and toys. The department delivered in the area of 3 tons of groceries to needy families in hope that their Christmas might be just a little better.

Farland Vol. Fire Dept.

"Buddy" System

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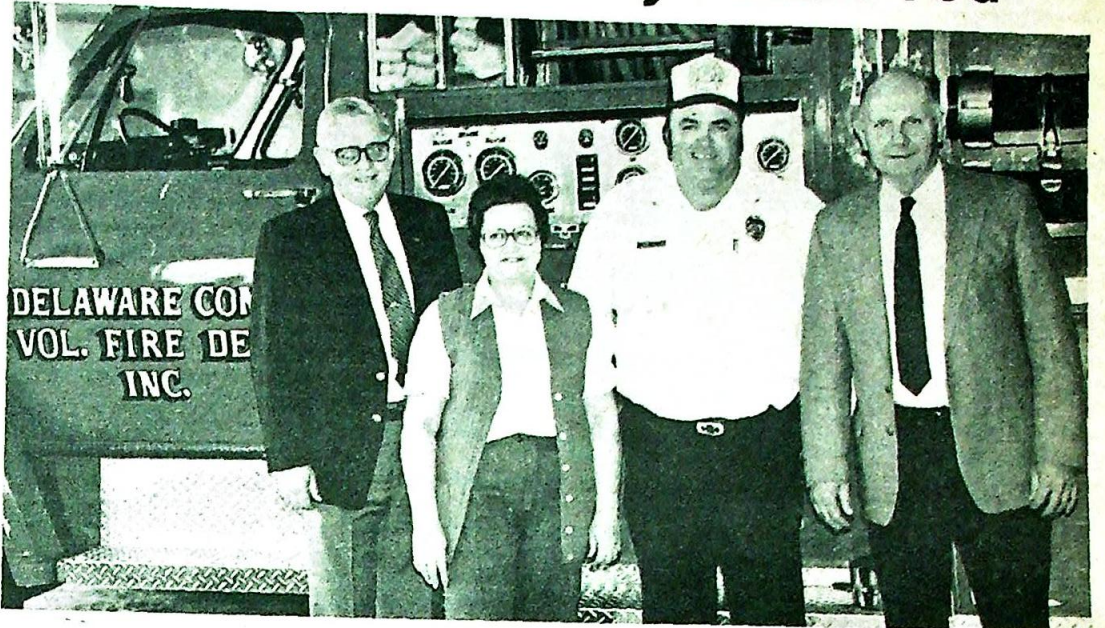
ago on two one-year federal grants totaling \$32,000, and today is a full-scale national organization called "Firehawks." Working with 4- to 14- year-old children all over the country, the Firehawks program has 102 affiliates, perhaps as many as 150 in the next few months.

The reasons why the Firehawks program works are simple. Firefighter volunteers get to know the children firesetters extremely well. The kids are taken into the firefighter's home, introduced to his wife and family and taken out to picnics, ballgames and other family activities in a spirit of fun. It's designed to be a long-term relationship, with the firefighter providing much that is missing in the child's life.

"And on top of that," says McLaughlin, whose official role with Firehawks is chair of the board, "we believe in using the mental health and youth-serving professionals as much as possible. What I see in these kids is that firesetting is far from their only problem. These are kids with multiple problems that must be diagnosed and treated. A firefighter might go a long way toward providing emotional support, but some problems will be beyond his reach."

Typically, the child's parents are having major problems, too. It's often an unstable time for them — to the degree where they can't get themselves together enough to buy shoes or get vaccinations or school clothes. Here is where the firefighter's role approaches diplomacy, providing emotional support to the troubled child, making low-key suggestions to the parents, and many times gently intervening, by tak-

Free Dinner To Say Thank You



On October 28, Delaware Community Volunteer Fire Department hosted a free chicken dinner, for all area fire departments that helped get the department started in 1979. Pictured from left to right: Bill Goodwin, Fire Marshal; Mrs. Alma Schutte, whose husband got the department started; Fire Chief Guy Craig; and IVFA President Carl Bruns. Mr. Schutte passed away in 1983, just before Delaware placed the order for the new pumper in the background.

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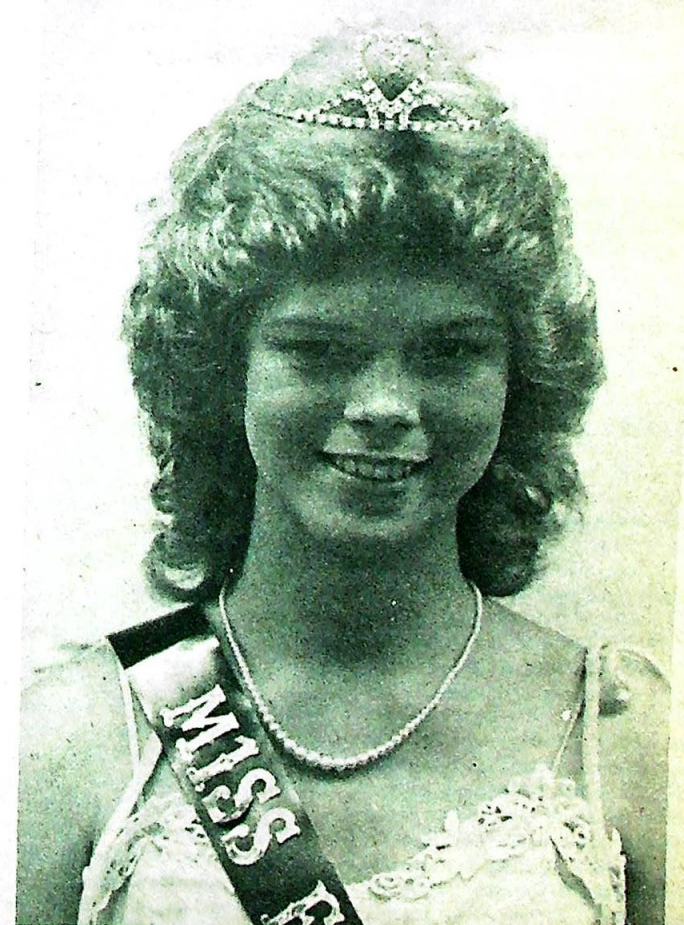
Miss Flame Representatives



District 19 chose the 1985 Miss Flame representative for the District, at the November meeting, held at St. Leon VFD. Pictured left to right are: Lori Workman, representing the Delaware Community VFD; Lori Cutter, representing the Friendship VFD; and Sandy Weber, representing the Sunman Area VFD.

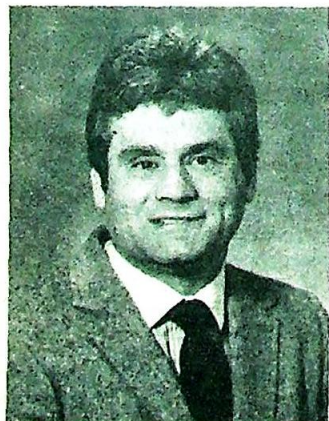
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District 19 Miss Flame



Judges chose Sandy Weber from Sunman area VFD as the 1985 District 19 Miss Flame Representative. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Weber, of Sunman. Sandy's sister, Wanda Weber, was the district's 1984 Miss Flame.

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ing the youngsters to the doctor or the shoe store to make sure basic needs are met.

"Firehawks works," said San Francisco firefighter Craig Brown of the Firehawk Advisory Board, "because these kids need attention. The kid knows I'm serious. I call him and take him to ballgames, and we talk about fire prevention at the firehouse, where he sees what it takes to prevent fires. The first month we snap him to attention, and slowly a bond is created, and he starts calling me because he knows I want him to survive and do well in life."

Clearly, it takes a special sort of firefighter to work successfully with a troubled child. It's not simply a matter of finding a compatible match of personalities, boy and man. The firefighters themselves are given extensive screening and training before they are introduced to the children.

"The value of program," says Sherri Taylor, public fire education specialist for Freeport, Texas, "comes from its volunteers. We couldn't possibly pay them what they're worth. And if you paid them it wouldn't be the same. It wouldn't be from the heart."

The value in fire losses may prove to be equally impressive. Arson has increased nationwide more than threefold since the early 1970s, with concomitant losses of property and life. Some 37 percent of those arrested for arson are boys under 18, and 11 percent have been attributed to boys 10 and younger.

Weigh those statistics against the Firehawks success rate. To

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"Buddy" System

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 date, none of the youngsters who have graduated from the Firehawks program have started more fires. The implication is obvious — spread Firehawks volunteers all over the country and we will see a spectacular decline in juvenile firesetting and arson in general.

A timely article in *Family Circle Magazine* a little over a year ago spread the news about Firehawks, and suddenly McLaughlin and her crew at the National Firehawk Foundation were deluged with requests for information on the program. Mailings mushroomed from \$3000 a month to \$7000 and, lately, \$10,000.

To make sure would-be affiliates are committed to delivering quality Firehawking, the foundation has established a rigorous standards and licensing agreement. It takes most affiliates at least three months to satisfy its provisions:

- to employ a licensed mental health consultant,
- to select and train firefighter volunteers according to national standards,
- to acquire proper insurance,
- to agree to all Firehawk guidelines in the foundation's 300-page manual,
- to coordinate with national activities and programs (takes five months).

Once they qualify, affiliates receive the manuals at cost (\$20) and free copies (4000 a month) of "Firehawk Dispatch," the national newsletter.

She groans a little as she speaks of the need to tighten business procedures and to get more deeply involved with fund raising. That's all very important, but her heart is with the program itself — the connection between the kids who need help and the firefighters who love giving it.

"I would like to see the Firehawks walk away from me in a couple of years," says McLaughlin. "I want fire service people to run it. But I don't want the fire service to wind up paying for it. So many take from their fire service and so few people or institutions seem to give back to it. We need to get to the point where the Firehawk Foundation is a self-sufficient entity, either with an endowment or the support of local people. . . . That's what I'm involving myself with right now."

For those interested in establishing a new Firehawks affiliate, McLaughlin says it can be done with virtually no money, but a \$6000 start-up budget is more like it. The best way to learn more about the program is to send for the Firehawk manual, written by Dr. Jessica Gaynor, president of the Foundation, and Dr. Chris Hatcher, psychologist at the University of California's Langley Porter Institute in San Francisco.

Write care of Pamela McLaughlin, National Firehawk Foundation, P.O. Box 27488-FH, San Francisco, CA 94127.

Arson Information Management System Updated

During the past decade arson has grown to be one of America's most insidious crime problems, resulting in the destruction of millions of dollars in property and the loss of over 1,000 lives each year. In an effort to combat this increase in arson the federal government has supported the development of computer systems to analyze and manage information relating to actual or suspected arson fires. These systems are used to help solve cases and to develop predictive capabilities and preventive strategies.

In July, 1982 a meeting of key individuals involved in the development, use, and evaluation of arson information management systems (AIMS) from across the country was held in Washington, DC. During the meeting previously developed AIMS programs were reviewed and a new prototype model was developed for field testing. The new model included both case management and arson early warning capabilities.

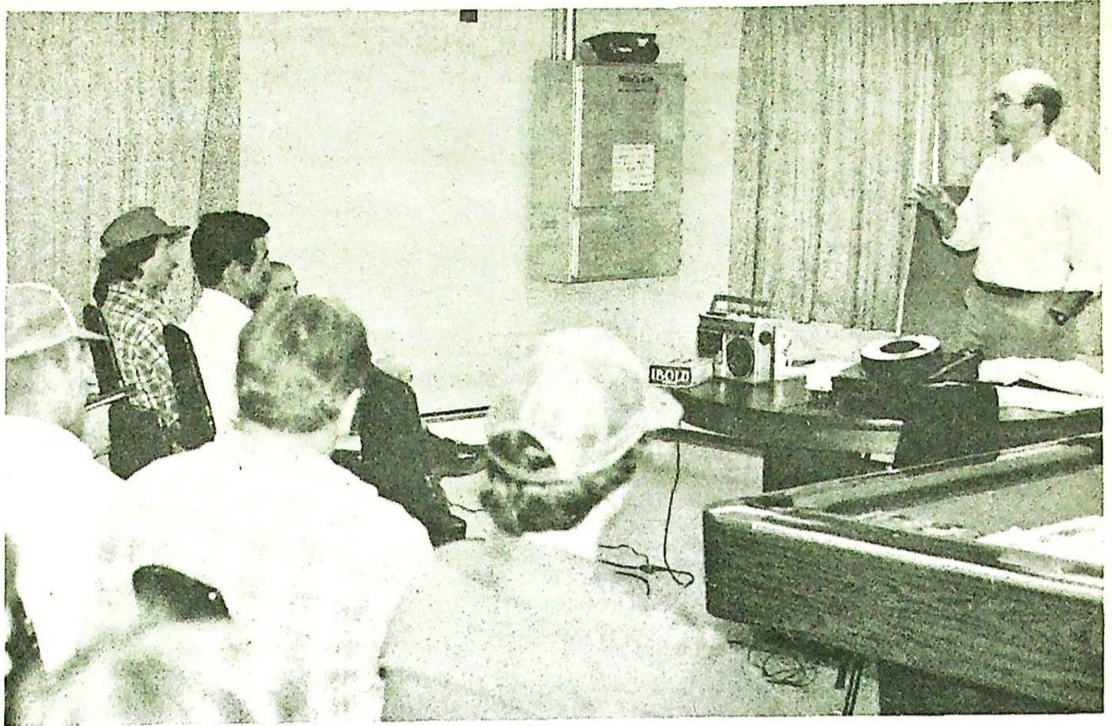
With funding provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the International Association of Arson Investigators initiated a program to test the new arson information management systems in six cities. During this project systems were installed in Atlanta, Atlantic City, Baltimore, Miami, New Orleans, and Oklahoma City. These AIMS computers are used by investigators to manage arson case information and by local managers and policy makers to allocate resources and develop preventive strategies.

Since the completion of the IAAI-FEMA AIMS project a private firm, Corporate Consultants of Knoxville, Tennessee, has developed a new arson information management system that incorporates all of the needs identified during the field testing of the AIMS prototype model. Personnel from Corporate Consultants served as the key project personnel during the field testing and were responsible for writing the computer programs, site selection and project management, system installation and training, and the project evaluation.

The new system, AIMS-II provides a complete case management system including incident, property, and insurance files, and arson early warning system with jurisdictional maps and daytime analyses and special report features. It includes additional software for maintaining a name file of up to 10,000 names and a link analysis program for use when investigating complex arson fraud cases.

The AIMS-II system was available for delivery in January, 1984 and was scheduled to be demonstrated at a special two-day conference to be held in Knoxville, Tennessee that month. The conference was conducted specifically for potential AIMS-II users and participation was limited to 20 jurisdictions. Cost of the com-

DISTRICT 19 FIRE SCHOOL

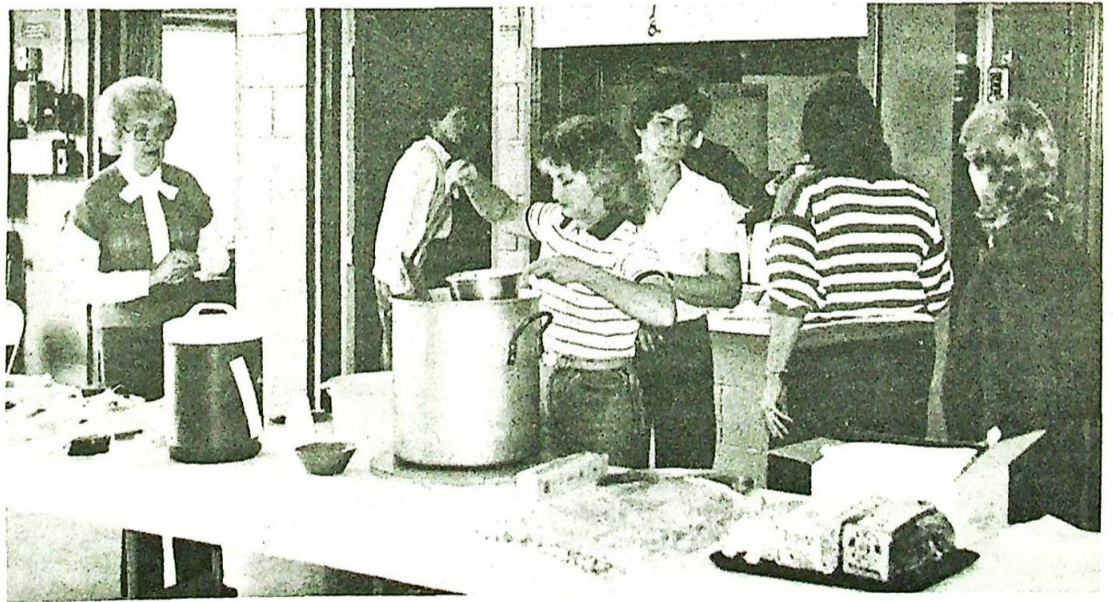


District 19 held the fall fire school at the Dillsboro VFD, October 14. Instructors were Carl Moore from Osgood (shown in this photo), Shawn Negangard from Osgood, Dan Smith from Sunman, Dennis Schutte, Bill Wintz, and Francis Effinger from Batesville, and District Chairman Lee Kissell. Photo by Lee Kissell



District chairman Lee Kissell instructed a 6 hour law and records class, for first-class certification.

Photo by Lee Kissell



Lunch was served by the Dillsboro Ladies Auxiliary. They prepared a fine lunch, saving everyone the trouble of going out to eat. Cost was paid by the school registration fee of \$3.00.

Photo by Lee Kissell

plete AIMS-II package is expected to be less than \$10,000.

Jurisdictions interested in more information on the AIMS-II system should contact Corporate Consultants, 2432 Chukar Road, Knoxville, TN 37923. The company telephone number is (615)-690-0960.

*It was so cold last night,
 I saw a 32nd degree mason
 and he was down to "15".*

They Like Red Trucks

Some firefighters in Anne Arundel County, Md., are seeing red over a judge's refusal to decide on the color of a new fire truck.

The dispute is simple. A volunteer fire company near Annapolis wants its new fire truck, due to be delivered in July, to be painted the traditional red.

But the county's professional firefighters want all county fire trucks painted yellow. They said studies show lime-yellow trucks are safer because they are more

easily recognized while speeding to a blaze.

County Executive James Lighthizer decided the volunteers could have whatever color they wanted.

The professional firefighters went to Circuit Judge Eugene Lerner for an injunction to prevent the volunteers from painting the new truck red. Lerner decided not to decide the matter.

No one's quite sure, but apparently that puts the decision back in Lighthizer's lap, and he's already sided with the volunteers.

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DISTRICT MEETINGS

District 3

Happy 1985! I hope your year will be a good and prosperous one and all your goals be achieved. We have a big year ahead of us. I've set a goal for the 3rd District and that is to have all departments represented at our district meetings. A lot is going to be happening at our State Legislation Assembly this year that will affect the fire service. There are going to be some good things and some bad things trying to get passed and I will try to keep you up on this the best I can at all the district meetings. So please attend! Don't miss anything that could affect you.

Here is a list of meetings this year. I would like all departments that host a meeting, to have a program of some kind for after the meeting. And if possible, have it to me by the month before, so we can announce it.

Jan. 17 - Hamlet
Feb. 21 - Springfield Twp.
March 21 - Kingsford Union
April 19 - Kankakee Twp.
May 16 - Knox
June - Convention
July 18 - Westville
Aug. 15 - Coolspring Twp.
Sept. 19 - LaCrosse
Oct. 17 - Noble Twp.
Nov. 21 - Pleasant Twp.
Dec. - Happy Holidays

Our last meeting was held in November at Long Beech Fire Department. At that meeting, Gary Ekart of Knox Fire Department, was chosen to head a new committee on fire prevention and public relations. I know Gary will do a good job for us.

Hope to see you at our next meeting.

Rob Sabie

District 4

The Fourth District held it's last meeting on November 29th at Concord Vol. Fire Dept. Guests present were IVFA President Carl Bruns and State Secretary Doug Bechtel, if you can count Doug as a guest as this was his fire department.

I would like to congratulate Doug on being elected chief of his department for the coming year. Also congratulations to all the other new chiefs and officers of the various departments along with those re-elected for another year.

At our November meeting I announced that Concord Vol. Fire Dept. was the ONLY department from our District who had turned in a Farm Bureau Insurance Award form. Therefore, this department will be the only department this year eligible for this award from District 4.

Also I want to make it clear that the Midwest Award deadline is March 1, 1985. So please get this nomination in as soon as possible. The rules for this award require that each nomination be in letter form (no telephone calls or verbal nominations will be accepted). These nominations must be turned in to myself, Harold Price, Osceola Vol. Fire Dept., Lowell Clup, New Paris Vol. Fire Dept. or Carl Rohrbaugh, Warren Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. Again, these nominations must be in to us so we can have them down state by March 1, 1985.

We had our District Miss Flame Contest at this November meeting. We had 4 lovely ladies who tried out. The results were: Christy Ramer from Wakarusa Vol. Fire Dept. the winner and Janet Robbins was the runner up.

Believe it or not, our area will be having a water ball contest on New Year's Day. If you or your department is interested (!!!) contact Jerry Wood, Osceola Vol. Fire Dept. (219) 674-9359.

Our next District Meeting will be at German Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. on January 24th at 8:00 p.m. German Twp. Fire Dept. is located northwest of South Bend about 3 miles, north of Cleveland Road on Portage Road.

Hoping everyone had a Safe Holiday Season.

Harold L. Price
4th District Chairman

District 9B

The bi-monthly meeting was hosted on November 8th by the Medaryville Volunteer Fire Department. Nine departments answered roll call and were represented by thirty-four members.

After a discussion on the content and locations of fire schools for 1985, an interesting program on electrical hazards was presented by Mr. Oscar Alsip and Ray Rokicki of Northern Indiana Public Service.

The winners in the 50-50 drawing were Bernard Atkinson of Morocco, Frank Royer of Medaryville and Kenneth Harring of Francesville.

Our next meeting will be held on January 10, 1985 at the Monon Volunteer Fire Department.

It is most gratifying to again have all the departments in the district enrolled in the IVFA.

Wishing all a very Merry and Happy Holiday Season and a Safe 1985.

Lawrence Swartz
District 9B Chairman

District 10

District 10 met on October 17, at Edinburgh and November 21, 1984 at Fairland.

Guests present at the meetings were Carl Bruns, President; Norm Crocker, Past President, and John Maudlin from Midwest Fire & Safety.

Communications

A reminder to all members to meet with the training committee, Ray Bentley, Jim Schneider and John Ray to submit any ideas for training for the upcoming year.

Recommendations are being taken for candidates for the Midwest Award. The Committee John Tumilty, Norm Crocker and Jim Schneider would like candidates for this award as soon as possible - the award will be presented at the 1985 Convention at Bloomington in June.

Congratulations to Miss Teresa O'Dell who became our 10th District "Miss Flame" in November. Miss O'Dell is sponsored by the Waldron Fire Department. She is a sister-in-law of a Waldron firefighter. Miss Flame contest was held at the Acton Fire Department. We also extend our congratulations to the IVFAA, who celebrated their 25th anniversary in November.

Mrs. Nancy Neal, corresponding secretary for the IVFAA, underwent surgery recently. We are glad to see her up and around.

Legislature

After some discussion with several people in the legislature, it is the feeling that mandatory training of some type will be established in the state. A motion was made that the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association support a mandatory training program of 24 hours yearly and a limit of 2 or 3 years to be allowed to attain the level of a Second Class Firefighter. Such training to be outlined by the Fire Training and Education Standard Commission as outlined by state statute.

New Business

Clarksburg firemen asked about the right to search consent forms. Discussion was held. Norm Crocker offered to send consent forms to each department upon request.

It has been brought to our attention that other groups are soliciting for ads through the firemen's association. We need to make it known that our ad solicitor will contact local fire chiefs and show the merchants a letter of identification from our Association.

Training

Norm Crocker was guest speaker at our November meeting. His subject was "Arson." He gave a very interesting talk and stressed that 1000 lives are lost annually due to arson. Another subject covered was the use of white gasoline in keorsene heaters which is causing several people to be injured or killed. He stressed that Public Fire Safety education should be a concern of all departments to help educate the public against fire hazards.

Second Roll Call

Bill Finke of Clay Township Volunteer Department, Barth, announced they have a 36-foot 3 section ladder they would like to sell or trade for a 24-foot ladder and a folding attic ladder.

Fairland announced the department is in discussion of selling their 4-wheel drive International fire engine.

50/50

The 50/50 drawing was won by Herman Smith of Taylorsville Fire Department in October.

The November drawing was won by Skip Gilley of Fairland.

Next Meeting

The January meeting will be held the 16th at Adams Volunteer Fire Department. Hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. We would like to wish you all a prosperous New Year.

Thanks to all of those who have contributed in the past years to help make the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association what it is today.

Bruce Neal
10th District Chairman

District 11A

Well the holidays are over and we are into a brand new year. Sue and I hope you've had a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.

On November 17 we held our District meeting along with a dance and Miss Flame contest. Our meeting was very informative and I want to thank all the state officers who came. After our meeting the Miss Flame contest was held. This year we had eight contestants. All of the girls were outstanding representatives for their fire departments. The winner is Miss Deena Le Ann Patrick, representing the Seelyville Volunteer Fire Department. She is a very beautiful and outgoing girl who will be a credit to District 11A. After the contest we danced to the music of Night Train. All in attendance seemed to really enjoy the evening.

Our next District meeting will be at Van Buren Township Volunteer Fire Department-Harmony on January 20th and the March meeting will be on the 17th at Sandford Volunteer Fire Department.

Sue and I are looking forward to the IVFA Convention in June. We would like to see representatives from each department in District 11A. In case you're not aware of it, Convention will be in Terre Haute in 1986. So this year would be a good chance to see what a convention is like before it comes to our area.

If you want me to visit your department, just let me know and I will try my best to come.

Hope to see you at the next district meeting.

Larry Biggs
Chairman District 11A

District 11B

With 1985 upon us, there is a lot of work to be done for everyone. We have tried to attend as many functions as time will allow. We traveled to Sanford for a Spaghetti Supper and went to the 11A Miss Flame Contest and Dance that was held in Terre Haute.

Our November district meeting was held at Washington Township. Plans were started for our Miss Flame Contest and Dance. On December 2nd we held a follow-up meeting at Montezuma and finalized our Miss Flame dance. We are inviting everyone to attend our dance which will be held on February 16th at the Half Century Club in Clinton from 9:00 to 12 Midnight. Admission will be \$3.00 per person.

December always seems to bring out the best in the chefs and the holiday menus. We attended Christmas dinners that were held at Dana and Washington Township. We had a wonderful time at both departments.

Don't forget the deadline for submitting our selection for Mr. IVFA is March 31st. Send your letters to Doug Bechtel, Bill Howe or Harold Stofer. This year will also be a challenging one for the IVFA and the state legislature. Contact your local legislator and let him or her know your feelings on any bill that will either help or hinder the firefighters of this state. They cannot act if they do not have your input whether pro or con.

Our next district meeting will be held on January 13th at Rosedale beginning at 1:00 p.m.. The ladies of this department also know how to have an excellent dinner for us. President Bruns has stated that there are several departments throughout the state that have not paid their 1984-85 dues. Some of these departments are in 11B. Please get them in as quickly as possible. If there are any questions concerning your dues you may contact me and I will be glad to talk to your department.

John Davies
District Chairman

District 12

Meeting Sept. 17th Wayne Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. Station #2

Meeting called to order by Chairman Johnson at 7:40 p.m. with 36 members representing 10 departments present. Opening prayer was given by Chaplain James Bruner and pledge to the flag was led by our chairman.

Introduction of guests as follows: William Goodwin, Fire Marshal, Toddy Michl, P.R.W.C. and Mary Brooks, Chairman of the 12th District Ladies Auxiliary.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved. Also the treasurer's report given and accepted.

Communications - No report.

Committee Report - James Bruner stated that he had been promoting the Midwest Award around the district. Then Chairman Johnson explained what the Midwest Award was all about.

Old Business - Rosie Johnson stated that the choosing of Miss Flame will be November 18th at the Wayne Twp. Training Academy and that they are having a fund raising raffle to help towards the Miss Flame expenses.

New Business - Chairman Johnson announced the names of departments that have not paid their dues and stated that dues for members will be \$7.50 after September 30th.

Chairman Johnson also stated that the Training Session by the State Police will be at a later date due to a communication breakdown.

Marshall Bill Goodwin gave a report regarding the moving of the Fire Marshal's office. The new location will be 1099 N. Meridian Street, Suite 900. He also advised that there is a bill in the hands of the Study Committee for a training academy. This bill, if it goes through, will cause several hardships on the volunteer firemen. There are several interest groups pushing this bill.

Mrs. Miller of Clayton Volunteer Fire Department stated that there will be a dispatching class at Warren Township October 20th. Cost is \$10 per person.

2nd Roll Call

Toddy Michl our P.R.W.C. remarked about the Farm Bureau Insurance Award of Excellence. Please get the applications to him as soon as possible.

Mary Brooks, 12th District Ladies Auxiliary Chairman, talked about the Miss Flame Contest. She gave out a few Miss Flame applications. She also stated that the ladies will be in charge of the district's Miss Flame Contest and that the men will help with the expenses.

Jack Winkler, Treasurer of the Host Department introduced his members of Station #2.

Our next district meeting will be November 19th at Danville Volunteer Fire Department.

Refreshments were served by the Host Department.

Motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Charles Bogden
12th District Secretary

Meeting Nov. 19th Danville Volunteer Fire Department

Meeting called to order by Chairman Johnson at 7:30 p.m. with 22 members representing 6 departments present. Opening prayer by our Chaplain James Bruner and pledge to the flag was led by our Chairman.

Introduction of guests.

They were as follows: State Policeman Bill Murray, Public Relation West Central Toddy Michl, State IVFA Treasurer Gene Stofer, friends from the Honey Creek Fire Department Bob and JoAnn Hayes.

Roll Call. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Also the Treasurer's report was given and accepted.

Committee Report. There was some discussion regarding the Midwest Award. All entries must be in by April 1st to our District Chairman.

It was announced the 12th District winner of the Miss Flame Contest was Cindy Poteet. The men agreed to share half of the Miss Flame expenses.

Communication Report. None.

New Business. Toddy Michl gave a report on the recent State Officer Meeting. He stated our fire school program this past year was not too good and that he plans to find out from the members what type of school they want for next year. There will be

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\$150.00 to finance the school. Also Toddy stated that the by-laws will be in the re-writing stage. Several other items were discussed: legislation for blue lights, removal of taxes from utility and fuel bills, plus Toddy also stated that the fire academy school is being pushed by the IVFA. All news items and pictures for our paper must be in to our editor by December 20th.

Gene Stofer commented on our coming session of legislature and the changes that will be made in the fire marshal's office. He also stated that our next Annual Convention will be held in Bloomington June 13, 14 and 15.

Good Of The Order. There were several pros and cons regarding our membership and newspaper. Several of the members are not getting the paper.

2nd Roll Call.
Our speaker for the evening, State Trooper Bill Murray, who is the Incert Coordinator for 26 counties, stated that he is trying to update records and Incert Training Programs and that the Incert Program is still alive and well and getting more active each day. There will be an Incert Open House November 29th at the State Police Headquarters Post #52, 8500 East 21st. Time will be 7 to 9:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Next district meeting will be January 21st at Decatur Twp. Station #4 (Marion County).

Host department was introduced and refreshments were served. No further business.

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Charles Bogden
12th District Secretary

District 9B

The Monon Volunteer Fire Department hosted the bi-monthly district meeting on January 10, 1985. The meeting was preceded by a delicious chili supper, your choice of medium or hot. Let the voice of experience tell you when they say hot, it is hot. Almost melted the snow on the ground.

We felt the meeting was well attended with twelve departments answering rollcall with fifty-one members and three guests present. A district report of 118 alarms since the November meeting. The host department members were introduced by Assistant Chief Don Fairchild. It was learned that the Monon Chief Robert Crone was ill and confined to the hospital at this time. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Communications were read and a discussion held on the upcoming legislature meeting.

A committee was appointed to select a Midwest Award Recipient this year.

A program of the ABC's of the Volunteer Fire Service Leadership was presented by Charles Baker. It is a very interesting and informative subject that should be delivered to each new recruit and especially to new officers.

Our next meeting will be held at Monticello on March 14, 1985.

Lawrence Swartz
Chairman

Proposed Ordinance Regulating Installation Woodburning Stoves

From The Evening News
Jeffersonville
October 17, 1984

Roy Richardson, president of the Clark County Fire Chiefs Association, appeared and presented a proposed ordinance to regulate the installation of woodburn-

District 9A

District 9A Meeting November 29, 1984

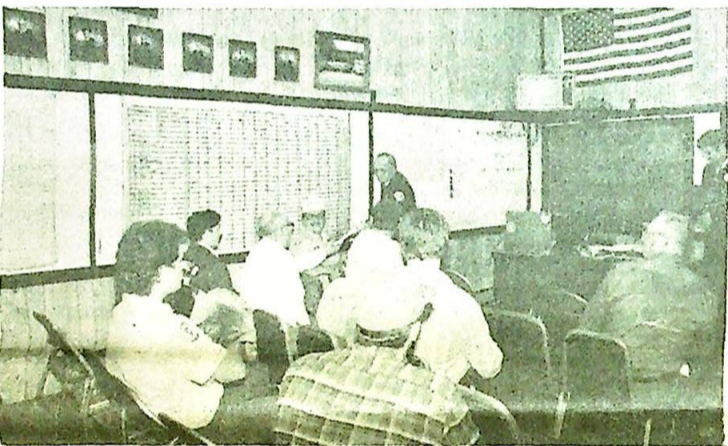
Discussed a Fire School in 1985. Also what problems we will have with the merging of the Fire Marshal's Department and Administrative Building Council.

It was brought to our attention that fire equipment for 1985 will be somewhat different due to EPA standards.

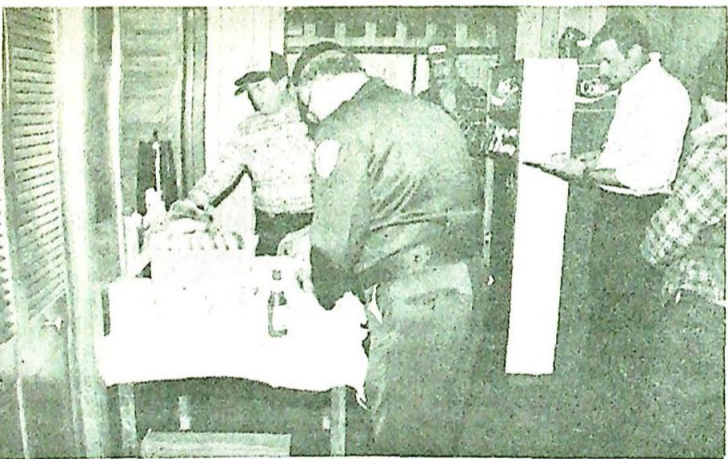
Discussed Convention 1985.



District 9A meeting November 29th hosted by Burlington Vol. Fire Department. Twenty-four men from nine departments — not half. Where was everyone?



Isadore Davis - Royal Center wins door prize (Hazardous Materials Handbook by Charles Baker.)



We never miss the refreshment table.

Charles Baker noted that "Red Books" ISFTA manuals have been revised.

Duane Henery, Deputy Chief, Burlington Fire Department was introduced and presented with a video film on "The Use Of Foam" which was a training exercise of Howard Company C.D. Department.

The 50-50 Club was won by Jim Neptune, Burlington. Door prize ("Hazardous Materials" by Charles Baker) was won by Isadore Davis, Royal Center.

Charles "Tug" Sutton

Public Relations Southeast



ROY E. RICHARDSON

Well it sure feels good to be retired. I am enjoying my retirement and I am visiting departments in my area. Lee Kissell, District 19, had a good crowd at the 19th District meeting. They also held their Miss Flame Contest. After the meeting they had some delicious fried chicken and french fries.

Sorry to hear Billy Roberts, District 16 Chairman, has been under the weather. I am trying to give him a hand in his area. Billy has been doing a fine job.

We will make a selection in our area for the Farm Bureau Award at the next officer's meeting.

We are planning a Public Relations Fire School in my three districts in early spring or early fall. There will also be some other fire schools taking place in the area. We will have a boat ride at the Fire School at IUS in September. Anyone interested can contact me.

Happy Holidays to everyone and keep up the good work.

VOLUNTEER DRILL A TOUGH TEST

Training for disaster

From News-Dispatch

The driver found himself lying on the side of the overturned school bus, his face felt on fire.

Around him throbbed the sound of hurt and terrified children screaming for help.

Gradually, the reality of what had happened sifted through his dulled mind—the car suddenly careening across the roadway, his frantic efforts to avoid a crash, then the sound of breaking glass as his face rammed through the windshield.

He didn't remember the bus overturning.

He lay there, looking through the window in the bus's door at the pavement. The children continued to scream, piercingly.

One was beating on the roof of the bus calling for help.

This disaster happened about 10:15 a.m. Saturday. Three people — an adult and two elementary-age children — died.

I know; I was the bus driver. I ended up suffering severe shock and had glass imbedded in my face.

But the bus, though it was lying on its side, hadn't really been rammed by a car. And if you listened closely, there were quite a few giggles mixed in with the screams the children were producing.

The crash was a carefully supervised mock disaster for the benefit of several volunteer fire departments and their First Responder units. I was invited to participate by Don Daily, administrator of the LaPorte County Emergency Medical Services, which supervised the drill.

The idea for the mock crash came from the Scipio Twp. Volunteer Fire Department, which bought the obsolete bus from the LaPorte School Corp., for training, then approached Daily about expanding the drill. Volunteers from Scipio, Lincoln, Pleasant, Center and Kingsford-Union fire departments participated.

It was a well-orchestrated disaster. Several adults, including me, and around 17 children from Mill Creek volunteered to be "victims."

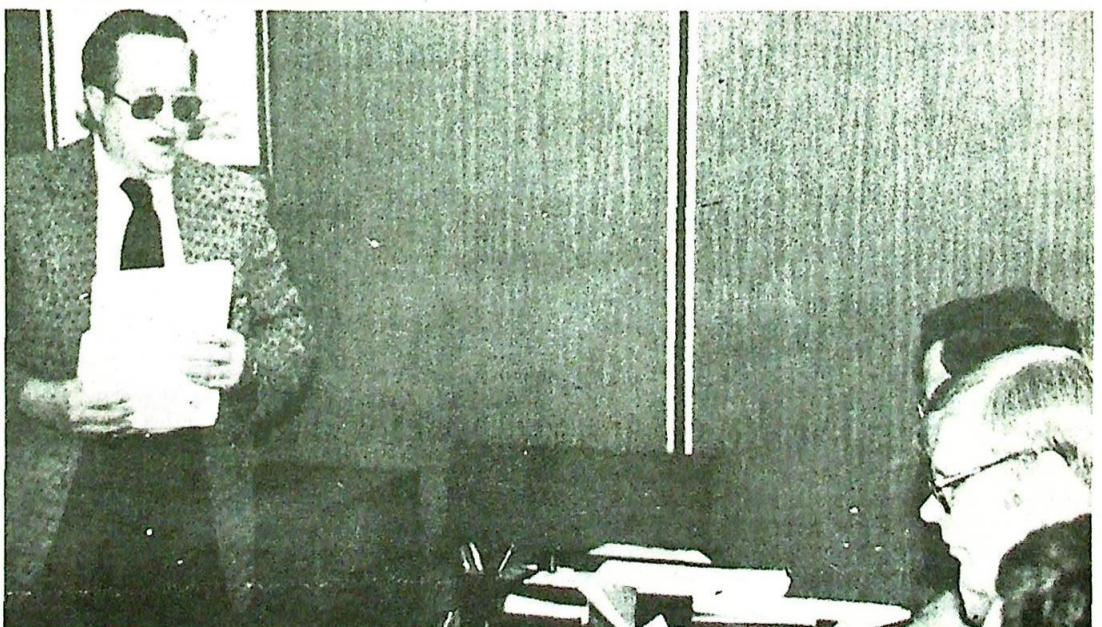
The bus was towed to the track in front of the LaPorte County Fairgrounds grandstand, then pulled over on its side. The other vehicle, a car, was turned over grill-to-grill with the bus.

Two mannequins representing children were positioned, one under the bus, the other halfway through the windshield of the car. They were "dead on arrival."

While the bus and car were being set up, we victims were being made up by EMS paramedics Steve Hoskins and Barbara Hicks. Hoskins has been doing makeup for mock disasters for several years, and he's very good. Using theatrical makeup, along with balloons and chicken and turkey bones, he creates "injuries" that can turn you squeamish.

The litany of injuries was amazing: three dead—the two mannequins and a boy impaled on a baseball bat; one boy who had been disembowled (graphically portrayed by several water-filled balloons); two spinal injuries— one victim paralyzed from the waist down, the other from the neck down; a couple of major fractures, with bones protruding through arms and legs; one major concussion (a gruesome makeup job featuring swollen, purple eyes and several shock

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Roy Richardson presented the Clark County Commissioners with a proposed ordinance regulating installation of woodburning stoves in Clark County. Richardson is president of the Clark County Fire Chiefs Association.

Volunteer Drill A Tough Test

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patients, with faces pasty from powder. Everything was well-doused with artificial blood.

Hoskins pointed out that the results of this crash were far worse than he normally would expect. But, he said, he wanted the volunteers to be exposed to the worst.

Hoskins himself was a concussion victim. I spent 20 minutes or so having my face transformed into a slashed mess, complete with real glass imbedded in latex makeup.

Hoskins went the extra mile for us. He donated a liberal amount of his own blood to add realism.

"It's something I've wanted to do for some time," he admitted as warm-sticky liquid dripped onto my face from a needle in his hand. "I want these guys to see real blood, get the smell of real blood. It makes a tremendous difference."

Everything was ready. The victims positioned themselves in the bus.

It seemed to take forever for one of the firefighters to get into the bus. He kept looking up through the side windows calling for blankets or something. I was aware of another firefighter peering down through a window at me.

Things seemed to be slowing up. The kids were beginning to struggle with their cries. Yelling is hard work, so I decided to ad lib.

Making my way through the jumble of battered victims, I caught the firefighter unaware as I screamed in his face the first thing I imagined I would say if the crash had been real.

"IT WASN'T MY FAULT!"

The firefighter stared at me for a moment. I reached out, grabbed him by the coat and gave him a good shake.

"What the hell are you waiting for? Get these kids out of here."

As they began carrying us out, we were tagged, depending on the severity of our injuries, and carried on stretchers to waiting First Responders.

The fire units were waiting in another area of the fairground. They were dispatched to approximate the time it would take them to arrive on the scene in a real disaster.

As the first unit pulled up, we victims were given our cue. The kids let go with gusto, yelling, screaming and beating on the sides of the bus.

The operation began to move faster and smoother. Other units arrived and began to cut a hole through the bus's roof. Blankets finally arrived to cover and protect the injured.

It had been a grueling test; all were soaked with sweat as they peeled off their heavy coats and helmets.

The volunteers agreed that the gory makeup—which they had not expected—added a great deal of realism to the drill.

Daily, too, was pleased with the way things had gone. "I said two hours. It went pretty smooth."

Hospitals Join In Mock Training

For the firefighters, the drill was over. But the victims had some more work to do.

Although they didn't know it, a couple of hospitals were about to be deluged with accident victims.

After being rescued from the bus—and treated to sloppy jokes—the children and adults who had volunteered to be victims were packed into ambulances and taken to Michigan City. LaPorte Hospital had decided not to participate in the drill.

A couple of hospital officials at Memorial and St. Anthony knew what was going to happen, but the people in the emergency rooms did not.

When the ambulances were about 15 minutes away from their destinations, the drivers radioed ahead to advise the hospital they were on the way and what kind of injuries they had. They were very careful to get across that this was a drill.

When we arrived at the St. Anthony emergency room entrance, doctors and nurses were waiting. They, too, seemed a bit surprised by the striking makeup on the nine victims.

They carried the drill through the process of deciding how severe the injuries were and who should go where. They did not go through the entire admitting process or take anyone to X-ray or operating rooms.

Nursing Supervisor Bernadine Trent confirmed that they had not known about the drill. But, she said, hospitals are required to have two such mock drills a year.

Only about a month ago, St. Anthony Hospital had gone through a similar test, that one involving 20 "victims."

"Twenty people really tests our plans," Trent said. "I'm confident we could have taken care of nine."

A Fire Prevention Message

At this time of year, a lot of additional cooking takes place in the average American home. Preparation for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years brings about pastries, hams, turkeys, etc. It is also the time of year that we wear loose garments with long sleeves for warmth.

This increases one of the most dangerous of fires — the clothing fire. Each year burns from clothing fires cause hundreds of deaths and serious, often disfiguring injuries.

A helpful prevention measure is care in clothing selection and use. Heavy, smooth-surfaced fabrics resist burning better than lightweight fabrics. Designs avoiding bagging, long, loose sleeves reduce chances of clothing catching fire. Most important of all, is to appreciate that just about any clothing can burn. Let's all take heed of this advice, and ... **LEARN NOT TO BURN.**

Fire Alert Message

Each year a large number of people are badly burned. Human life and property are lost through careless handling and storage of flammable liquids. They are in daily use around the home and are often not recognized as the culprit they can be.

Many people never realize just how flammable certain materials are — such as oil base paints, fingernail polish remover, hair sprays, household cleaners, gasoline, varnishes, rubbing alcohol, etc. Always "READ THE LABEL." Flammable vapors ignite and *must not* be exposed to heat, sparks, and flame.

Never mix products together. Always store in tightly closed metal containers.

Let's all practice good safe handling and proper storage procedures with flammable liquids.

ODON'S TURKEY BARBECUE



Guests waiting for the turkey to get done.



Workers barbequing the turkeys.



Workers and guests.

Do Your Part For Fire Safety

You can act as a "Partner in Fire Prevention" by being a good citizen. Organize local assistance programs for victims of fire. Report any information about suspicious fires to the authorities, and

cooperate with them during their investigations.

Help spread the word about the importance of fire safety by setting up and supporting local educational programs for children and adults.

Remember — keeping the world safe from fire is a shared re-

sponsibility. So be a "Partner in Fire Prevention" and help make this a more fire-safe world in which to live.

**It was so cold last night,
this morning we had to
break the smoke off the
chimney.**

ODON'S TURKEY BARBECUE



From left to right, James Parker, Bert Ketchem, Bill Engle, Bill Goodwin, Carl Bruns, Captain Miceli.



"Smitty", District 18 Sergeant-at-Arms thanking Fire Marshal for the award that was presented to him at the meeting.

FORMER COUNTY OFFICIAL SUCCUMBS



Lifetime resident Ralph "Gally" Galbreath, 73, 532 Burson Street, Winamac, died Friday morning at 6:28 a.m. in Pulaski Memorial Hospital. He had been in failing health for the past six weeks.

Galbreath was a former Pulaski County Sheriff, having served from 1955 to 1962. He was a 40-year member of the Winamac Volunteer Fire Department and served as fire chief for 16 of those years. Galbreath was Justice of the Peace from 1971 to 1975 and was elected to serve as a Pulaski County Commissioner from 1977 through 1980.

He was a member of the Winamac Masonic Lodge No. 262, South Bend Scottish Rite, Tippecanoe Chapter No. 96, Order of Eastern Star, Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 2580, Winamac, and the First Christian Church.

He was a retired ironworker. Born December 30, 1910 in Pulaski County, he was the son of

Daniel and Ethel Wilson Galbreath. He married Nellie "Babe" Welch on April 28, 1935 in Winamac, who survives.

Surviving with the wife are: three daughters, Nancy Hoffman, Terry Raderstorf, Winamac, and Debra Shidler, Star City; one son, David, Winamac; one sister, Alva Harris, Winamac; two brothers, Chester, Winamac and Harold, Niles, Mich.; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and 16 step-grandchildren. One brother and one sister preceded him in death.

Galbreath was carried from the funeral home to the cemetery on top of a fire truck, escorted by fellow firemen, as a final tribute.

Special services were held at the funeral home with members of the volunteer fire department and the District Chapter of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association present.

Members of the Masonic Lodge also held a special service.

RECORDS/REPORTS HOW GOOD ARE YOURS?

How good are the records/reports you keep within your fire department? This is a question to which you should give some very serious consideration! The old answer - yes, we fill out a basic fire report - is not good enough for the 1980's. The philosophy that we put down as little as possible needs to be revised. Times have changed and the public attitude toward the fire service is changing. The fire service of today is Big Business and must be managed as such. Records and reports give us the data to help make management decisions and identify problems. People will support the fire service but they now demand accountability for our actions. The days of responding, putting out the fire, and filling out a report with the person's name and address are in the past.

Accountability and liability are the main reasons we must review and revise our recordkeeping system. People today are much more aware of their rights and are watching the type of service you provide. When the public sees something they do not like, the fire service is ending up in court attempting to justify their actions. Testimony helps, but courts and juries like good physical evidence. The records you keep can and will be some of the best or worst evidence you have, should your department ever end up in a court action.

The demand for accurate and detailed records or reports does place a burden on the fire service. Sure, it takes more time to fill out the form! However, this detailed record or report may solve considerable problems in the future by answering basic and yet vital questions about an incident.

What type of records should the fire service consider? The answer is not that difficult. Records should be kept on all major aspects of your company's operation. Just as we need a budget for financial planning, we need records for planning purposes as well.

Fire and Ambulance reports document our primary functions. These reports should be able to answer all the questions of Who, What, When, Where, How or the Why of the incident. Special notations should be made of any unusual circumstance, equipment used, or problems encountered. A uniform report such as the Delaware Fire Incident Reporting sys-



State Fire Marshal, Bill Goodwin

tem is a good guideline for fire reports. It also ties in with the reports used by the State Fire Marshal's Office if an investigation is needed. For ambulance reports, the state Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Office has a form that has been suggested for ambulance companies.

The other reports and records that have been suggested by insurance companies that insure the fire service include apparatus and equipment maintenance, driver training, individual training records, individual health records, and injury reports of members.

The records we keep, whether on personnel or apparatus, must be kept from the first day you have contact with the individual or start writing the specs for the equipment. These records must be maintained on a continuous basis for credibility. The fire company will be the loser if they are ever challenged in court and can-

not produce the proper records or report. You must be able to justify your actions and document what happened at an incident, no matter how unimportant you may think it is at the time.

A good record and report system is not hard to establish. Contact your department's insurance agency and ask what they have available. Insurance companies are an excellent source for reference material. It is their job to prevent accidents and defend the people they have insured. As a result, they know, understand, and can usually provide guidance to meet your needs. The International Fire Service Training Association (I.F.S.T.A.) publishes a training manual entitled Records and Reports For the Fire Service. This publication is an excellent guide to various reports and recordkeeping systems that are currently being used across the nation.



Fire Prevention Day Festivities

October is a very special month for the Farmland Volunteer Fire Department. This ends their year long drive in trying to make young children, as well as adults aware of the danger of fire and why fire prevention is so important.

Each year during Fire Prevention Week, approximately 450 children line the streets in Farmland to observe Fire Prevention Day and to be rewarded for all the help they have been to the firemen. This year's parade was highlighted by some local dignitaries and entries in 16 different categories. Trophies were given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each category.

The Fire Department and the Farmland American Legion presented a flag disposal ceremony which is an annual event to dispose of American flags that are torn and can no longer serve as our country's freedom.

The day includes many activities. Children register for prizes and games. They are given Inspection Sheets which they take home. After making inspections of their homes they return the Inspection Sheets and are rewarded. This year approximately 50 dozen ice cream bars and about 600 bags of popcorn were passed out. There were also fire truck rides around town with red lights, sirens, air horns, the whole works for one hour plus the firemen and the auxiliary had games for 2 hours in the streets. Game winners received \$1.50 for 1st, \$1.00 for 2nd and 50¢ for 3rd. The Auxiliary had two cake walks and baked approximately 40 cakes that were given away. The Auxiliary served meals in the city building all day and helped the firemen with activities outside. Prizes were given away throughout the day to people who had registered. Prizes included boys and girls bicycles and \$200 in cash. The local merchants donate most of the prizes however the firemen also use ticket money for prizes.

The Electric Light Company Video Dance began at 8:30 p.m. with more prizes given out such as records, tapes and watches plus the crowning of the King and Queen of Fire Prevention Week.

Fire Prevention Farmland style, makes a lot of people more aware of prevention and makes our job a lot easier, and in the end results in less fires.

We would like to thank the Auxiliary for all their help and support. They spend a lot of time and effort to help make the Farmland Volunteer Fire Department a successful operation. Also thanks to the merchants who support our efforts and to the city officials of Farmland, and last but not least, to the kids and their parents who make this a success.

Farmland Vol. Fire Dept.

DOUSING THE KINDLERS

Firesetting by children has only recently been recognized as a serious national problem, and consequently community treatment services are often unavailable. One group attempting to address that need is the Firehawk Children's Program, a San Francisco-based organization begun in 1979 by volunteer Pamela McLaughlin and psychologist Jessica Gaynor.

According to Gaynor, 60 percent of children referred to Firehawk are very young children who have accidentally started fires. Each of these children works for three hours with a firefighter, learning such skills as designing an escape route from the home and using a fire exting-



Four hundred kids and moms and dads enjoyed the dance during Farmland's Fire Prevention festivities.



Fire truck rides at Fire Prevention Day in Farmland.



Farmland's Hot Wheels Race during Fire Prevention Day. Children ages 2-5 and 5-9 years old participated.



"Tug of War" during Fire Presentation Day in Farmland.

uisher; none has started a second fire.

An additional 35 percent of the Firehawk participants are recurrent firesetters, children who require more prolonged attention. Because 90 percent of these firesetters live with their mothers alone, Firehawk provides long-term companionship of a local male firefighter, who serves as a role model. The firefighters get together with the children a few hours every week (and phone them more frequently), helping them rechannel their energy and regain some self-esteem. Of the 70 repeat firesetters to complete the San Francisco program, not one has become a "rekindler."

More than 200 children have been treated in San Francisco and many more in affiliates nationwide. In contrast to the firesetters studied by Wooden, they cut across the socioeconomic spectrum, Gaynor says, but the majority are poor; slightly more than half are white, slightly fewer black.

—Wray Herbert

QUICK-ACTING SPRINKLER TESTS

On December 14th and 15th, 1983, a series of residential sprinkler tests was conducted in Lisle, IL. These tests were funded by the USFA and conducted by ISFSI, with cooperation from Allied Tube and Conduit, Central Automatic Sprinkler Co., B.F. Goodrich Chemical Group, Grinnell Fire Protection Systems Co., Inc., and the Lisle-Woodridge Fire District. The purpose of the tests was to demonstrate the capabilities of homeowner-installed, fast-response sprinkler systems, in effectively extinguishing common residential fires.

The test site consisted of a one and one-half story, wood frame, single family, residential structure located in Lisle. The structure had a full, unfinished basement, a kitchen, living room, and two bedrooms located on the first floor,

and a finished attic.

On Wednesday, December 14th, three homeowner/firefighters from the Lisle area were given brief instructions regarding the installation of a residential sprinkler system and were provided with a copy of a residential sprinkler installation manual. Along with various tools and supplies, these novice installers, who had no prior plumbing experience, were charged with installing residential sprinklers in each of the four, first-floor rooms within a time period of six hours.

The installation consisted of four separate runs of piping from a common manifold located in the basement. The incoming water supply piping was arranged in accordance with NFPA standard No. 13-D, using the parts supplied in a Grinnell residential sprinkler kit. Piping for the runs consisted of B.F. Goodrich CPVC (chlorinated polyvinyl chloride) plastic pipe, locally purchased PVC pipe, and Schedule 40 threaded steel pipe. Original plans also called for the use of Shell's polyethylene pipe. But, because neither the pipe nor the specially designed heating tool used to seal joints was available in the metropolitan Chicago area, these plans were shelved and additional CPVC pipe was used.

At the conclusion of the time limit, all sprinklers and piping were installed, proving that homeowners purchasing readily available parts and equipment could, in fact, install a residential sprinkler system in a matter of hours.

On Thursday, December 15th, the second part of the project was completed. This was to test the ability of the installed sprinklers to control and extinguish typical residential fires.

A series of four common flaming tests was conducted. These included the ignition of a live Christmas tree in a living room, the ignition of trash in a waste basket located in a bedroom, the ignition of one gallon of kerosene (simulating a spill while refueling a kerosene heater) in a bedroom,

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Contestant Entry Blank

- Hose Replacing Contest**
Water Ball Contest

Our Fire Department will have a team to compete in one or more of the following contests:

Water Ball or Hose Replacement
 Bloomington, Indiana
 On Saturday, June 15, 1985

An entry fee of \$8.00 in each contest. The \$8.00 entry fee will be kept by the State Association to help defray expenses. Please check in each square the contests entered by your department.

Signed _____ Chief or Secretary

NOTICE

All contest entry blanks must be in or postmarked on or before June 1, 1985 to be eligible. All departments that plan to enter should fill out entry blanks along with \$8.00 entry fee for each contest entered. Send entries to:

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Please bring your own rain gear for each event. Trophies for Water Ball and Hose Replacement. Safety measures to be enforced at contests. Drawing for position Thursday night, June 13th at Officers' Meeting.

Each participant in the contests must be registered at the Convention. Those coming on Saturday must also register at a fee of \$5.00 in order to participate. All team captains must be sure that team members are IVFA members. Any team not conforming to the rules and regulations shall be disqualified.

Former Fire Chief 'Bus' Brownell Dies

From The Lowell Tribune

Harold W. 'Bus' Brownell, who served for 30 years as Lowell fire chief, died last week at the age of 84.

Brownell, who had resided recently in Hernando, Florida, died Nov. 23 in Crystal River, Florida.

One of the founders of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Assn., Brownell was a life member of the organization and carried membership card No. 1 since its incorporation in 1946. The number was retired in his name when he retired from the Lowell Volunteer Fire Department December 31, 1968.

"We thank and praise Bus and the other men he worked with for starting one of the finest organizations in the state today" said former Lowell Fire Chief Jack Eskridge, who conducted an IVFA service at Sheets-Love Funeral Home in Lowell Tuesday evening, November 27th. Eskridge said Brownell and others, including Alvin Guske of Crown Point, Vern Kompasek of Griffith, Roy Kittredge of Hobart, Cornelius Vandervart of Munster and Sam Ordean of Black Oak "had a dream to start an association," and did so in 1945.

Brownell was elected the first IVFA president August 23, 1945, and was instrumental in its incorporation December 6, 1946.

Born July 12, 1900, Brownell joined the fire department at age 20, in 1921, the same year he married Ella Amelia 'Katie' Schneider, who preceded him in death in 1971.

He was elected Lowell's assistant fire chief in 1938 and a year later, on December 11, 1939, he was elected fire chief, a position he held until his retirement from the department. He was succeeded by Burl 'Pete' Carlson.

A World War I veteran, Brownell was a charter member of the Lowell American Legion Post #101, and served as a post commander. A past master and life member of Colfax Masonic Lodge #378, he was also a member of the Hammond Orak Shrine.

As a young man, Brownell managed a service station, but in the early 1940's, he became associated with Belenger Farm Equipment Co., the firm he stayed with until his retirement.

A race car owner and sponsor, his boss Mr. Belenger involved Brownell in the business of Indianapolis-type car racing, and Brownell became well known in the Indianapolis Speedway pits, especially after the Belenger 99 won the famed Indy 500 in the early 1950's.

Brownell also served two terms on the Lowell Town Board from 1960-67, and was Town Board president three times, in 1960, 1963 and 1965.

He is survived by one daughter, Kathryn Jean (Bill) Metzger of Dunlap, Illinois, one grandson, Billy, and one sister, Marguerite Carter of East Chicago.

Funeral services were held at Sheets-Love Funeral Home in Lowell, with Rev. W. Lynn Henry officiating. A full firefighters' salute to Brownell included a uniformed escort to the Lowell Cemetery for burial. and Brownell's casket was transported on a 1962 Lowell fire truck that was purchased while he was fire chief and a town trustee.

"For what he did for fire service and the Lowell community, Bus will always be remembered, and the IVFA card he carried will always signify that he was, and will always be, No. 1 to us," added Eskridge.

Town of Dunreith Supports Volunteers



Dunreith Fire Station

The 12 member volunteer Fire Department of Dunreith is proud of the accomplishments that the town board has provided this past year. The town has installed a new fire hydrant in front of the station along with new sidewalks and driveway. The fire house has been painted inside and out and a new lighting system to brighten the interior of the station. They

also have purchased new turnout gear including coats, helmets and gloves and a new air pack to aid the firemen's protection.

This may not seem like much, but for a small 12 member department, with limited money, they are very thankful.

The Dunreith department currently has a 1970 International four wheel grass truck, plus a Ford Pumper.

SPRINKLER TESTS

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and the ignition of waste paper in a kitchen.

In all tests, fast response residential sprinklers were used. In all but one test, the heads operated when ceiling temperatures ranged from 168 degrees to 212 degrees, and controlled and totally extinguished the fires. Sprinklers were allowed to operate for a period of two minutes after activation. In the remaining tests (a slow burning bedroom fire), a fast response did not operate prior to the time the fire became oxygen starved.

Bob Hathaway, ISFSI Project Manager, termed the tests a success, proving that unskilled homeowners can install residential sprinkler systems that will effectively control fire.

This project has also emphasized the original concerns of ISFSI with regard to residential sprinklers, namely, that homeowners will purchase residential sprinkler kits and piping and install them themselves. The average homeowner, however, may not properly place the heads, may paint the heads, may not have sufficient sizes of pipe to deliver required flows, etc., and as such may install systems that are in-

effective.

To ensure that such systems are effective, the fire service must rapidly be made aware of its need to:

- Become involved in the review process for residential sprinkler systems;

- Require permits for residential sprinkler systems prior to installation;

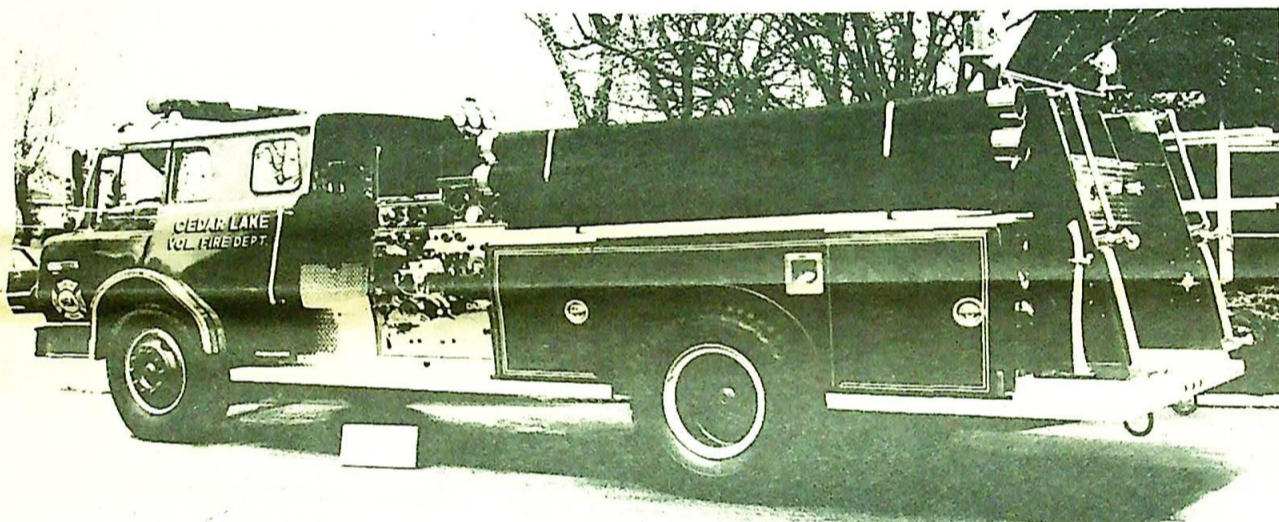
- Provide post installation inspections to ensure conformity to established standards; and

- Provide periodic inspections to ensure that systems are adequate.

As residential sprinklers become more popular, and as the public seeks information regarding them, the fire service will become the source from which the public seeks the facts regarding residential sprinkler systems.

Fire service instructors once again must be at the forefront to become the change agent to provide the fire service with the knowledge it needs with regard to this emerging innovation in the saving of lives. There is little doubt that residential sprinklers are today where smoke detectors were 10 years ago.

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DEMOTTE BUILDING DESTROYED



Firefighters from the Kenner Township Volunteer Fire Department and neighboring communities worked in the cold much of early Monday morning to contain a fire at Kaper's Building Materials, Inc. on Indiana 10 and U.S. 231, on the southeast corner

of DeMotte. A lack of an ample source of water made the job doubly difficult as men, trucks and equipment had to be used to relay water from the town sewer plant and a nearby ditch. (Photo by Allen Essex)

(From the Kankakee Valley Post News)

Volunteer firefighters from six towns struggled through the early hours of January 14th to put out a blaze in the main building of Kaper's Building Materials, Inc.

Although the offices, store and display rooms were completely destroyed, there is much to be thankful for, explained Steve Bauman, a Kaper employee who also is a town board member.

It was possible to remove all the company's records, billing invoices, filing cabinets and other important papers from the office as the blaze began at the opposite end of the building from the company office. Because of that, Bauman, who is head of contractor sales, predicted Kaper's would be back in business as soon as the same week.

The first call to the Keener Township Volunteer Fire Department came at 11:50 p.m. Sunday. Radio operators quickly sent out the call for assistance to all neighboring departments. The need, more than for manpower and equipment, was for water.

Firefighters were able to save all of Kaper's outbuildings, lumber sheds and equipment. The

intense heat and flying chunks of burning debris threatened nearby buildings, but only the main

building was destroyed.

Because the records were saved and most of the building ma-

terials were untouched by flames, the jobs of over 25 people remain intact. Bauman said

some sort of temporary office can be put in one of the outbuildings that is heated. Business will go right on he said.

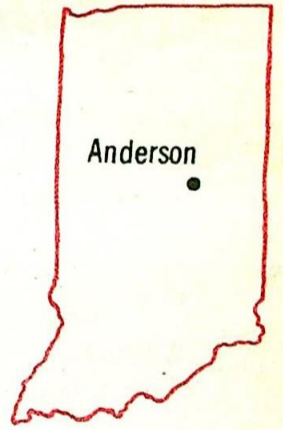
Robert Kaper, president of the company, said that he believes the fire may have been started by an electric heater placed in a well enclosure to keep a pump from freezing in the northeast corner of the building. No employee was in any way responsible for the mishap, he emphasized. Joe Matusiak discovered the fire and summoned the Keener Township Volunteer Fire Department.

The day following the fire, the company had a new temporary office set up in a building in the east end of the building, with business proceeding as usual. Insurance investigators were working to determine the amount of damage. Bob Kaper said his own rough estimate of the loss was in the neighborhood of \$250,000 to \$300,000, with the information he had available Tuesday.

Despite rapid growth in DeMotte in the less than 20 years it has been incorporated as a town, and in spite of the installation of a modern sewer system, attempts by town officials to gain support for construction of a municipal water system have failed both in discussions at town board meetings, and on election day.

The need for such a system became most apparent the night of Feb. 16, 1980, when the old DeMotte Tavern burned. It was a bone-chilling 25 degrees below zero and firefighters worked in shifts to keep the blaze under control, while those whose hands and feet were in danger of frostbite warmed themselves in the town hall, almost next door to the fire. That fire also took the efforts of six departments and constant trips to the sewer plant to refill tankers with water. Portable tanks and other equipment were covered with ice. Fire trucks were covered with ice and some pumps and fittings were unusable in the cold.

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