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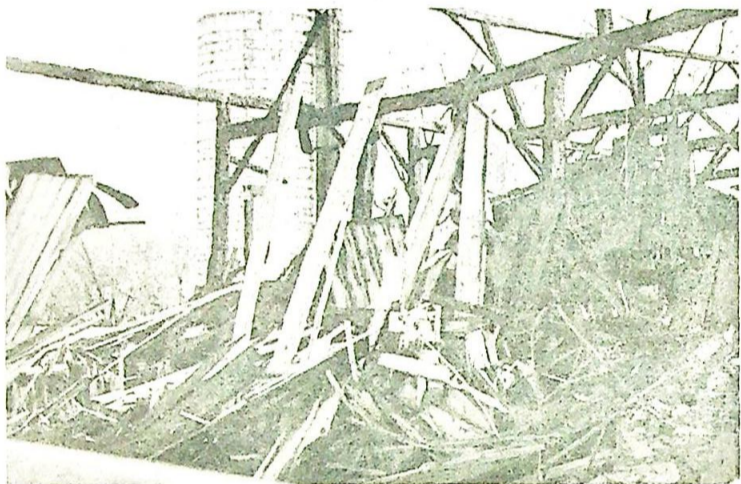
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## FIRE DESTROYS LOWELL LIVERY STABLE SHOPS



Nothing but charred timbers remained standing after a devastating fire leveled the historic Livery Stable in Lowell. Six shops were destroyed and thousands of dollars worth of antiques and collectibles were lost.

Taken from the Lowell Tribune

A devastating early morning fire of suspicious origin gutted The Livery Stable shopping mall in Lowell on Oct. 26, leaving a half-dozen antique and gift shop owners with nothing but charred rubble.

"Ever since I got on the department, I knew this is what we dreaded . . . because of the kind of building this was," said Lowell Fire Chief Elmer Kender at the scene Sunday morning.

Firefighters were called to the two-story wooden structure early Saturday by Lowell Police Officer Donald Dowling, who radioed in a report of the fire while on routine patrol. At the same time, said Lowell Police Officer David Wilson, who is in charge of the police investigation, an employee of Luigi's Pizza, a business located in an adjacent building reported the fire to police.

Kender said virtually the entire roster of 33 firefighters from the Lowell Vol. Fire Dept. was quickly on the scene, and immediate calls for assistance went out to the Lake Dalecarlia, Cedar Lake and Shelby Vol. Fire Depts., all of whom responded with pumper trucks to increase the supply of water available.

"We pre-plan our attack for every building in town," explained Kender. "For this one, we wanted to get a lot of water on it — fast. We had trucks hooked up to hydrants across the street, up the street near the post office, and south through the parking lot up to Commercial Avenue, where we have a very good hy-

drant."

Kender said several water lines were hooked up to all available hydrants to allow firefighters to surround the wooden structure with hoses, and the pumper units from the 3 neighboring departments were assigned to hydrants at nearby locations. "They each pump 1,000 gallons of water a minute, so they were a big help," Kender added.

When firefighters arrived at the scene, added Kender, the fire had spread through the entire building, but the left rear corner of the structure was the most heavily involved, with flames already shooting through the roof and high into the air.

"This is probably the most difficult kind of structure to fight a fire in, because there were so many additions, creating three or four layers of ceiling in some places and numerous interior walls," Kender explained. "It's an extra hazard for firefighters because of the danger of collapsing ceilings, and there are some spots it is just impossible to reach."

One firefighter, Dan Reed, was temporarily buried by debris when the ceiling caved in near the main entrance to the collection of small shops. "He was about six feet inside the door, and we started pulling the debris off of him — he pushed away the rest of it and got free," said Kender, who reported no serious injury to Reed.

Two other Lowell firefighters, Jack Eskridge and Jeff Harris, were treated for smoke inhala-

tion at St. Anthony Medical Center and released Saturday added Kender.

Kender said firefighters were positioned on nearby roof tops to pour water into the building and try to contain the blaze. Adjacent shops along Washington St. were saved, although the attic of the Country Corner Beauty Salon next door to the main structure burned and was damaged by smoke.

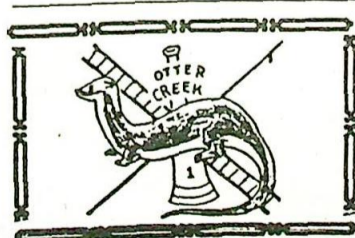
Surrounding firefighters were dismissed at about 5:30 a.m. Saturday, noted Kender, while Lowell units were on the scene until about 10:30 a.m. "We had to return with one engine at about 6 p.m. when a spot rekindled, and I'm surprised there wasn't more of that, with all the smoldering debris and everything that's buried under there," Kender remarked.

An investigation into the cause of the fire began immediately, and Kender revealed that the investigators are suspicious.

"There are some questions that can't be answered in terms of natural causes, and the investigation is continuing," he said. A rear storage area where the fire apparently started was swept clear to the floor, and samples of a variety of materials were secured for testing. Kender said the materials will be checked for burn patterns and any evidence of an accelerant.

Wilson, who is working with Asst. Fire Chief Dale Smith and Lt. Dwight Rench on the investigation, also admitted that arson is a possible cause of the fire.

He said Dowling took a statement from a customer at the Lowell Laundromat, directly across the street from The Livery Stable, reporting that someone was seen running from the area near the time the fire was reported. "The description was very general, but I am trying to talk to all of the shop owners to determine if anyone was in the vicinity, and if so, why," added Wilson. Also, there are reports that a door to the business may have been open.



## Blaze Damages Rensselaer Factory

Taken from the  
Rensselaer Republican

An early morning fire at Chief Industries damaged the office and electronics sections of the building, but Manager Larry Bean said employees will still have work.

Rensselaer firefighters were called to the building at approximately 6:00 a.m. Preliminary reports indicate the blaze may have been ignited by faulty electrical equipment.

"The office and electronics area are pretty well destroyed," Bean said. He estimated \$25-million damage to electronic equipment, and probable smoke damage to other areas of the building.

He said a mobile home will be set up Monday "so we can at least take phone calls."

Workers will be occupied cleaning the facility.

Eighteen firefighters were on site to control the blaze, which was well-contained but smoking at 7:30 a.m.

Rensselaer Fire Chief Lawrence Swartz said the exact cause of the blaze had not been determined.

"We can't tell anything until we can get in and look around," Swartz said.

Chief Industries has operated at its present location since 1968. The facility manufactures grain bins and distributes satellites.

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DATE: November 15, 1985

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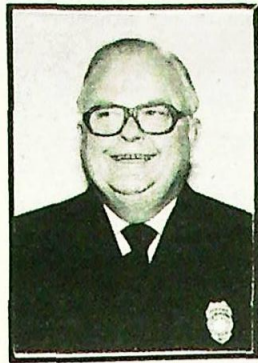


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**St. John 19:20-30**

<sup>20</sup> This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin.  
<sup>21</sup> Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews: but that he said, I am King of the Jews.  
<sup>22</sup> Pilate answered, What I have written I have written.  
<sup>23</sup> Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout.  
<sup>24</sup> They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.  
<sup>25</sup> Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene.  
<sup>26</sup> When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son!  
<sup>27</sup> Then saith he to the disciple, Behold Thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.  
<sup>28</sup> After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.  
<sup>29</sup> Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar: and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth.  
<sup>30</sup> When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

By the time you get this article Christmas will be long past and you will be preparing yourselves for Easter. Just one last quote from Christmas . . .

**The Three Stages Of Man**

*He believes in Santa Claus,  
He does not believe in Santa Claus,  
He is Santa Claus.*

Jim Guthrie

So much for that.  
We are on the threshold of a New Year, still ever mindful of what took place last year.

"I compare the troubles which we have to undergo in the course of a year to a great bundle of faggots, far too large for us to lift. But God does not require us to carry the whole at once. He mercifully unties the bundle and gives us first one stick, which we are to carry tomorrow, and so on. This we might easily manage, if we would only take the burden appointed for us each day; but we choose to increase our troubles by carrying yesterday's stick over again today, and adding tomorrow's burden to our load, before we are required to bear it."

John Newton

One thing that might be said for living in the past -- it's cheaper.

As we forget the past and venture into a New Year of surprises such as unhappiness, temptation, sorrow, resentment, rejection, nervousness, illness, fatigue, discouragement, disappointment, criticism, anxiety, and anger. Is this not a good group of tough problems for us to handle this next year. This year will be a time of positive thinking. This year our association will have many problems. Our officers will have many problems. Your Chaplain never knows from day to day what problems he will have to bear. (The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him.)

Nahum 1:7

Let each of us - (I mean every member of the I.V.F.A.) handle the tough problems to the best of our ability so we can have a positively good year. Thank you.

February is a month of love and maybe six more weeks of cold weather. Captain Stubby says, "Ground Hog Day! This is the day when the ground hog will let us know whether or not to expect six more weeks of high utility bills."

Then, of course, Valentine's Day. Guys, do something nice for your valentines -- flowers, candy, night out on the town, a nice restaurant - after all these things, cap it off with a big hug and kiss and then say I Love You.

Easter is the all important time of our lives. Christ gave his life so that we could have eternal life.

St. John 19:26-30 - Can you imagine the pain of this mother, Woman behold thy Son. and the 30th verse, It is finished, and he bowed his head and gave up the ghost. Let each of us bow our heads this Easter and thank God for this mother who gave us this son. The greatest gift of all Eternal Life.

**Prayer - Psalm 19:14**

"Let the words of my mouth; and the Meditations of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Amen

**Faith and Doubt**

Doubt sees the obstacles,  
Faith sees the way.  
Doubt sees the blackest night,  
Faith sees the day.  
Doubt dreads to take a step,  
Faith soars on high.  
Doubt questions, "Who believes?"  
Faith answers, "I".

Go to the church of your choice -- you'll like it.

**QUARTERLY OFFICER'S MEETING  
Ramada Inn, Kokomo, Indiana  
November 2 & 3, 1985**

President Sunday called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Lantz followed by the Pledge to the Flag led by Vice President Swartz.

The reading of the minutes was called for by President Sunday. Max Poling made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Bill Kinsey seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

The guests in attendance were introduced by President Sunday. Jeff Byrd from the Dale Corporation, the company with the ad contract for the convention book, gave some background on his company and outlined some things on which they want to work with us. A short discussion was held concerning some wording in the contract with the Dale Corporation. No changes were made.

**OFFICER REPORT**

In his report, President Sunday stated that he has been very busy as a lot of things are going on. He has attended several District meetings, President's Advisory Committee meetings, as well as attending meetings in the Fire Marshal's Office.

Vice President Swartz stated that he is not getting the information on all meetings. He stated that he is in need of the dates for the District or PR area fire schools so they may be gotten to the State Fire Marshal to be included on the statewide calendar that they mail out.

Secretary Bechtel gave an update on the unpaid, paid up, and new departments. He also reported that as of today, 8,100 have paid their dues. He then requested that all District Chairmen and PR Directors pick up the new death reporting form.

Treasurer Stofer gave the financial report for the last quarter. Recording Secretary Ivan Nevil passed. Chaplain Lantz reported on some deaths and some memorial services he had given.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bush stated that all supplies that were ordered have been delivered. He also stated the inventory was going to be operating at a close level for the next quarter.

Past President Brunns passed.

All Past Presidents in attendance passed.

PR Howe reported that he had attended all District meetings and assisted with the District 1 and 2 fire school. He stated that all photos that were sent to Laney for the paper were on a table in the back of the room. He urged all that they go through the pictures and return them to the owners.

PR Kinsey stated that he had also attended all District and different county meetings. He stated that he was greatly disappointed in the lack of attendance for the reception honoring Marshal Goodwin.

PR Michl commented that he did not attend one District meeting but he has attended all of the convention meetings.

PR Windsor reported on the use and storage of the E.D.I.T.H. room and trailer and the several meetings he had been a part of.

PR Davis reported on some new as well as some old department membership activities in his area.

PR Richardson commented on the many activities he had been a part of. He further stated that not much has been done in the way of planning for the 1987 Convention.

**DISTRICT REPORTS**

- D1 Esserman was absent.
- D2 Reed passed.
- D3 Sabie discussed a 2nd Class Fire School as well as other activities. He also stated that LaPorte County is attempting to put together a program in 1988 to host the Convention.
- D4 Ferro passed.
- D5 Smith passed.
- D6 Poling reported on the activities in the District and also on his attempt to collect dues from the unpaid departments.
- D7 Sorg thanked the officers for attending the meetings. He also stated that the 7th District Miss Flame Contest will be held on November 18th at Monroeville at 8:00 p.m.
- D8A Fleener passed.
- D8B Nickens stated that their Miss Flame Contest will be held on November 13th at Farmland.
- D9A Sutton was absent.
- D9B Parrish reported on the deaths in the District as well as the Fire School and other activities.
- D10 Neal commented on some members that have come back into the Association as well as other happenings.

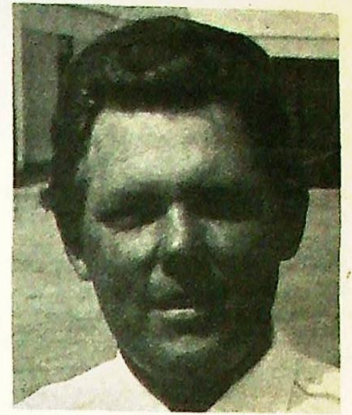
President Sunday at this time recessed the meeting until 7:00 p.m. in the same room. Meeting recessed at 5:04 p.m.

At 7:06 p.m. the meeting was called back to order by President Sunday with the continuation of the officer's reports.

- D5 Smith reported on events going on in the district.
- D1 Esserman stated that a good turnout was had at the fire school.
- D11A Biggs stated that a lot of things are going on at the present time and there are no problems.
- D11B Togney listed some events that had been well attended.
- D12 Johnson was absent.
- D13A Nullinger reported on his District functions and gave his fire school report.

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**NEWS FROM  
THE PREZ**



**BILL SUNDAY**

First of all I would like to wish all of you a very Happy New Year. It's been a very interesting 6 months and a very busy time too. We have traveled from one end to the other and side to side in our State Association. Seems like the big problem for fire-fighters in Indiana is that the good ole people at home don't appreciate anything we are doing for them. Everytime I go to a meeting someone says, "our insurance was canceled, our rates doubled, or we have a law suit and have to go to court". Well fellows, I can't apologize for our fair communities, but I can give you a little advice. If your department is having trouble with law suits and/or people complaining about the way things are going, maybe you should step back and take a good look. Lots of times we are our own worst enemies. We have a lot of good fire departments in the state, but we also have a lot of departments that are falling behind.

We used to be able to lay around feeling good about the way we handled the big fire last week or how we had to take that pumper apart and put it back together again, had people around town who loved you for it, bragged about it and made you feel real good. Well how many of them will go to court when you get sued for 2 million dollars because you froze up 2 trucks or got the wrong directions or had a fire rekindle. Gentlemen, we are a new fire service. The day of the good ole boy is gone. You have to catch up to the times for both today and the future. There are people who are starting to use the fire service to make their living now. There are people who are trying to kill the people in the fire service. There are people who are waiting on you to make a mistake. We used to be able to sit back and look at our departments and our officers and see what they were doing. We need to make suggestions and recommendations about today's fire service. If your department is not keeping up with all the changes that have been made in the past 5 years, you will soon be experiencing some very difficult times. Please fellows, check into the fire service, get active in local and state government. You are the ones who can change the way it's going.

We (I.V.F.A.), have been busy in state government. The legislature had a short session this year. It took a lot of work from your legislative representative to really get anything done in such a short session. Hopefully we have done our job this year and there will be some changes next year. Hopefully you will be a little better informed of what is coming up.

The I.V.F.A. has been involved with the Fire Marshal's office, department of Building Safety's new incident reporting

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**QUARTERLY OFFICER'S MEETING** (continued from page 3)**D13B** Absent

**D14** Sellmer stated that a lot of interest has been shown in different activities and several positive things have been going on.

**D15** Brooks was absent.

**D16** Cameron passed

**D17A** Engle was absent.

**D17B** Lockhart reported on District events.

**D18** Winner stated that their Miss Flame Contest is over and commented on attendance at the District meeting.

**D19** Sutton reported on the District meetings.

**D19** Kissell gave his District report as well as the results of the Miss Flame judging.

**D20** Scherrer was absent.

**D21** Culross was absent.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Games** - Bob Surber stated that some changes will be made in the Cart Race. He stated that the committee felt that all monies received on Saturday morning registration of the games be returned to the Association's Treasurer for future replacement of games equipment. Presently it is retained by the Convention host.

**Safety** - Bob Esserman passed.

**I.N.C.E.R.T.** - Larry Biggs had no report.

**CONVENTION '86** - Bill Bush stated that several things are ready to go. Also several articles pertaining to the Convention are in the paper.

**Computer** - Jim Parker passed.

**N.V.F.C.** - Marshal Goodwin stated that he had attended the last meeting in Portland, Oregon. His report will appear in the next issue of the paper.

**Photographer** - Bruce Neal said that he will be taking pictures at the February meeting for the Convention book.

**Historical Update** - Tug Sutton had no report.

**By-laws** - Max Poling stated that the update is complete and has been given to President Sunday for further action.

**E.M.S.** - Ivan Nevil stated that no meeting was held.

**Clothing** - Peter Lockhart had no report.

**Fire School and Training** - Vice President Swartz gave a short report on some VHS recordings available through the Fire Marshal's office and stated that a lot of new programs are being looked at.

**Resolutions** - Bill Howe had no report.

**Mr. I.V.F.A.** - Committee stated that nominee's names should be gotten in to either Bill Howe, Gene Stofer, or Bill Engle. President Sunday stated that names for consideration concerning the new awards being presented by the Governor as well as the Fire Marshal should be gotten in to Carl Bruns.

Editor Assistant Bill Howe stated that the paper has been printed and will be mailed this week.

**Insurance Committee** - Chairman Lee Kissell led a lengthy discussion on the new rates that have come out this fall from all insurance companies. Several questions were raised about the cheaper rated companies - if you were getting what the law says you must.

**Public Education** - Jim Parker stated that they did not meet, however, he would like to meet immediately after this meeting is recessed.

**Legislative** - Jack Ford chastised all officers for not inviting the legislators to their district meetings. He also went over the legislative program that the Association will follow.

**New Members** - Carl Bruns had no report but he would like a short meeting with the PR Directors after the meeting is recessed.

At 9:34 p.m. President Sunday recessed the meeting until 9:00 a.m. on Sunday morning.

At 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning, President Sunday reconvened the meeting. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Lantz.

**D15** Brooks had no report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

President Sunday led a discussion on the recent reception held honoring Marshal Goodwin on his retirement.

It was stated by President Sunday that the target date for getting the computer is December 1st.

Comments were given by President Sunday on the meetings held in the Fire Marshal's office with the officers of the various fire service organizations.

A discussion on a claim submitted by the recorder during the convention was held. The claim was turned over to the convention co-chairmen to be paid out of the funds they have on hand as it is considered a Convention expense.

The Bridgeport Fire Department is getting some final touches. It should be completed by January 1st. The final draft will be given at the next meeting.

Other points of interest stated by President Sunday were: State Fire Marshal Larry Bosell would be here at noon, the Convention Digest has been completed and will appear in the next issue of the paper, and the by-laws are ready to be printed and a few comments were made concerning the Dale Corporation.

Awards Committee - Vice President Swartz led a discussion on the Farm Bureau Award. Several suggestions were given and many of them will be included in some new guidelines to be set up. On the Midwest Awards, all names must be turned in at the February meeting.

After a short discussion on the programs that F.E.M.S. is transmitting by satellite, Wayne Smith stated that if any department wishes a copy of the program, all they need do is send him a blank tape. He will make a copy for you and return it.

Several comments were made by different officers concerning the membership of the Indiana Fire Chiefs Association. It was agreed that as many volunteer fire chiefs as possible should join this organization.

**NEW BUSINESS**

President Sunday urged all officers to help make contact with unpaid members. It is everyone's responsibility, not just the District Chairmen. Also the next meeting of the Association will be held on February 1st and 2nd at the Rodeway Inn by the airport.

Pete Lockhart, a member of the Fire Prevention Commission, spoke briefly. Several comments were given concerning the new fire

incident reporting system forms.

Bill Kinsey of the Standards and Education Commission had a few remarks on articles in the last issue of the paper. He also requested more input from firefighters as to what they feel is needed to build a better 2nd and 1st Class firefighters program in the state.

President Sunday stated that a strong effort is going to be put forth next year to have a state-wide calendar listing as many events as possible.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Jim Parker stated that the Public Education Committee will approach several insurance companies in an attempt to solicit their help in the mailing of public education and fire prevention practices.

Marshal Goodwin challenged all officers to get more deeply involved than they presently are.

Bob Esserman spoke briefly on the Indiana Chapter of Arson and Crime Investigation. Indiana is making an effort to host the International Conference in 1987.

Chaplain Lantz spoke on the pictorial folders on the memorial services at this year's Convention.

Max Poling made a motion to adjourn. Tom Sellmer seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

**BOARD MEETING**

Board Chairman Pete Lockhart called the meeting to order and asked for the reading of the minutes from the last meeting.

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

After a short discussion, Roy Richardson made a motion that the games committee receive the registration fee on Saturday morning. Motion died for lack of a second.

Gene Stofer made a motion that the money received on Saturday morning for games registration (for men only) be returned to the Association for the replacement of equipment. Roy Richardson seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

After a short discussion on what to do with the film that Marshal Goodwin received while attending the National Volunteer Fire Council meeting, Wayne Smith made a motion that the films be turned over to the State Fire Marshal's office for handling and distribution with proper identification on the film case and film that they are "Compliments of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association". Also that some type of publicity be gotten on the presentation of the films. Jim Tagney seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

Tom Sellmer made a motion, seconded by Gene Stofer, to allow President Sunday the expenditure of \$75 for the joint fire services luncheon when they meet in the State Fire Marshal's office. Motion carried by voice vote.

Treasurer Stofer, after a short discussion, asked for a \$2,500 increase in the budget under miscellaneous expense. Tom Sellmer made the motion to increase the budget by \$2,500 as asked by the Treasurer. Wayne Smith seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairman Lockhart stated that the printing and mailing of the by-laws was to be decided today. After discussion, Bill Howe made a motion to hold the printing of the by-laws for 3 months. Carl Davis seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

After a lengthy discussion on the benefits of belonging to the I.V.F.A., Gene Stofer suggested a slide program of some type of information that can be presented to all newly elected District Chairmen on what the I.V.F.A. has to offer to people joining our organization. It will be taken under consideration.

Chairman Lockhart asked what the officers thought of trying to keep better control of inventory on the District Chairmen level. After a short discussion Tom Sellmer made a motion that the Board Chairman put together a cost sheet of what each chairman has in his possession and have him sign it. Max Poling seconded. Motion was defeated by voice vote.

At 11:54 a.m. the meeting was recessed until after lunch. At 1:20 p.m. the meeting was reconvened.

A question was asked about the briefcase. It was stated that they should check with the Sergeant-at-Arms as he was taking care of them.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

It was asked if it would be possible to do something about the hole we are in at the state fair. When it rains it is a mess in the trailer area. It will be looked into.

Max Poling made a motion to adjourn. Bill Windsor seconded. Chaplain Lantz gave the Benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ivan Nevil, Recording Secretary

**NEWS FROM PREZ** continued

and code changes - all things that can involve your department. If you are not getting any information about these changes, then you need to talk to the people who pick up your mail. The Fire Marshal has been sending out a monthly report to all departments about the changes in the fire service. The district chairmen and P.R. men of our Association all have this new information, so attend your district meetings, read the mail and be informed about today's fire service.

The Convention Committee has been working very hard and will have a fine convention in June. They are also raffling off a pickup truck at the convention. They have sent tickets to your departments and cost \$1 each. Take one fellows. If you need more, let us know. Also you need to get registered early. Save a couple of bucks and get your reservations in - it's filling up fast.

The computer should be working in the secretary's office by the time you read this. Please help us make this project work by filling out the necessary paperwork asked for when sending in dues. We have been having a lot of trouble with late dues. Fellows, it makes it tough for us to operate on your behalf if you don't help us. Get your dues in and if you're relying on someone else to send in your dues, check with them every once and a while to see if it's getting done.

If I can be of any help to anyone please call or drop me a line. I will be glad to help in any way that I can. Also let the officers of the I.V.F.A. help you. They are all willing. If you should get one that won't help, let me know and we'll get one that will.

For the people who have asked about the ad solicitor problem, hopefully we have taken care of that. The court awarded the I.V.F.A. a \$31,462 judgement against Frank Murphy, F & C Publishing Co. If you have questions on this, ask your district chairman or P.R. man.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the convention. This will be our 40th annual meeting and would like to see a big crowd. Come join us and have some fun, let your hair down, and pick up on the latest in the fire service.

**MUNSTER MILESTONES**

The Munster Volunteer Fireman's Association reached many new and old milestones during this last year. Starting with January, the new officers took office. There were: Mark Elias, President, Brian Beatty, Vice-President, Al Peerbolte, Secretary, and Frank Fehring, Treasurer.

The first task the new officers took on was to up-date their Constitution and By-Laws. The Committee was led by James Carr who took up this monumental task, and the final approval was given at the April meeting.

Celebrants during the month were Al Peerbolte serving 25-years on the department. He received a 25-year pin from the Association and a plaque from the Town.

While fighting freezing temperatures and fires, Captain Stan Kulesa celebrated his 28th year with the department during the month of February. Also celebrating his anniversary date with

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**MUNSTER MILESTONES**

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the department in March, was Chief Nowaczyk who has 12 years with the department.

The month of April brought warmer temperatures, so we decided to honor the wives of our men at a "Wives Appreciation Dinner".

May saw the expansion of our department by nine. They are: Raymond Blazek, Jr., Doug Curtis, Ron Duncan, Scott Milne, Rich Nowak, Jon Paliga, Mike Seavers, Todd Sickles and Ron Svetic. Anniversaries this month are: John Shutka, 20 years, and Myron Smith, 43 years. The Picnic Committee selected were: Chairman, Tod Elias, and Fred Able. Picnic to be held in August.

June was very special to the department as an old friend said he would retire soon. Mr. Cornelius Vander Vaart submitted his resignation after 60 years on the department. "Cornie" as he is lovingly called was honored by the Association as well as the Town Board. We believe that his years of service are truly a milestone in the State of Indiana. "Cornie" was also featured in many news stories.

Anniversary celebrants during June were: Gil Benson 31 years, Battalion Chief Dave Pelc 14 years, Captain Ken Keilman 14 years, and S. (Igor) Preslin 13 years.

July started off with fireworks as we challenged the Highland Fire Department to a game of softball. We probably should have stayed at home, as Highland bombed our pitcher, Chief Nowaczyk. Not only making him the losing pitcher, (bad enough) but he ended up with a sore arm.

New equipment was also purchased this month with the aid of the Ladies Auxiliary with proceeds from the previous years dance. Equipment heading the list were two complete 2.2 Scot Air Packs with 10 extra bottles; 2 Task Force Tip Handline Nozzles and Trauma Equipment for the E.M.S. Division.

Amidst all of the activity Battalion Chief Tony Grady celebrated 13 years on the department, while President Mark Elias, completed his eighth year.

We started the month of August with our First Blood Drive, which was held on the 3rd. A total of 38 units were collected, with the Schererville department collecting five.

The annual picnic was held at Station 2 on the 31st of August, with the fine cooperation of the weatherman so that everyone attending had a very good time. Many sporting events were held, one that the children enjoyed most was the hayride. Food and fun was the main item of the day.

Celebrants during the month of August were George Novak completing 12 years with the department, while our Deputy Chief, Wm. O'Brien hit the 19 year mark.

Anniversaries in September included Captain Herb Volkman 10 years, Captain Jack Klee 16 years, Fred Able 21 years, and Tom Milne 29 years.

We were kept busy during the month of October with Fire Prevention Activities, open house and helping the Ladies Auxiliary prepare for their annual fund raiser, the "Fireman's Ball" which was chaired by Mrs. Diane Novak.

October also saw Cornelius Vander Vaart as the guest of honor at his retirement party. After his many years of service to the department he hung up his hat from both the Fire and E.M.S. Service. Good Luck Cornie. His party was attended by members of the department and many special guests, too numerous to

mention without the chance of omitting someone.

During the month of October the following celebrated anniversaries: Frank Fehring with 29 years, and Captain Dennis De Chantal with 10 years.

November rolled around again, during which time election of new officers for the coming year takes place. Elected were: Al Peerbolte as President, Mike Seaver Vice-President, Bill Howarth, Secretary and Brian Beatty, Treasurer. These officers will resume their duties for the Association during the month of January.

Anniversaries were celebrated by Warren Kutlik 11 years and Rich Scheffel with 12 years.

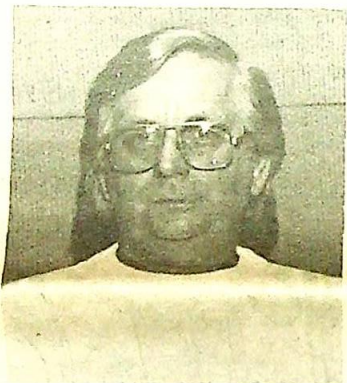
The month of December comes to a close with the planning of our 2nd Blood Drive to be held on January 18, 1986 at Fire Station 2, located at 550 Fisher Street.

We encourage all members to donate a pint of blood. Please call Mark Elias for more information at 836-1093.

During December the following celebrated anniversaries with the department: Ron Milne 24 years, Frank Pfister and Emil Duffala celebrating 32 years with us.

Mark Elias  
Association President

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**



**LAWRENCE SWARTZ**

By now our Holiday Season is a memory of good times, great food, many gifts and the greatest gift of all - A Happy and Safe Holiday Season.

We need to remind our people that now is the time to really practice fire prevention. Check those heating plants to make sure they are in good operating condition. For those using wood burners an added amount of precaution should be urged.

As it is early in the year, now is the time to plan your activities for the year.

There will be need for assistance in our legislative program this year as in the past. Stand ready to participate when we call. Don't forget, starting in January, the new fire incident reporting system will be getting underway. I wish to thank everyone who took time out of their busy schedule to attend the training schools conducted by the State Fire Marshal's office on filling out the new forms. If there are those in your area who did not get to attend, help your neighbors by holding an area school.

We still do not have our membership up to our goal. Our membership is the most important part of this organization. Without the membership there would not be an Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association. Give this quite a bit of thought, and with it fresh in your mind - Get Your Dues Sent In - so we can continue to be as strong as we always have been.

We need all of you to stand tall and strong when promoting fire safety in the state of Indiana.

Plan your schools now for 1986 and please notify us and we will get your school on the Fire Marshal's program. Training is still a necessity in this business to help preserve lives and especially your own.

I haven't been able to attend each district's meeting as yet, but will endeavor to. Please keep the letters and cards coming.

Don't forget to register for the Convention. Now is the time to save a buck.

Keep up the good work and have a fire safe 1986.

**TO THE INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMAN**

As chairman of Indiana's Commission on Fire Fighting Personnel Standards and Education, I want to add my comments to the 12/19/85 news release from Pat Babbs, the very capable Program Coordinator.

Pat has served as Program Coordinator of the Commission since its inception and has answered hundreds of questions from Indiana's firefighters regarding certification. She is also the person to contact to present an appeal to the commission regarding certification. Acting as recording secretary, she attends all commission meetings and is in a position to present any special problems or appeals to the commission.

When past precedents or rulings do not provide her with an answer to your question or problem, she can coordinate your appearance to speak before the commission at the regular meetings if desired.

It is important to remember that the Fire Marshal's Education Division along with the Indiana Fire Instructors Association and Certified Instructors in the state only deliver the instruction material for certifications that has been deemed by the commission to meet the certification requirements of the program. They have no authority to approve new lesson plans, nor grant credit toward certification unless previously approved by the Commission.

Section 6 House Enrolled Act No. 1144 "The Commission shall have the authority to: (a) Certify firefighters training and education programs as having attained the minimum required standards suggested by such commission. (b) Certify instructors as having qualified as Fire Instructors under such conditions as the Commission may prescribe."

It is imperative that the Commission, Fire Marshal's Office, Fire Marshal's Instructors, the I.F.I.A. and Certified Fire Instructors work closely together. The Commission is responsible for certifying training, the others provide the delivery system. All must work together, hand in hand, for a successful result.

In conclusion, please direct questions regarding Indiana's Firefighters Certification Program to the Program Coordinator, Pat Babbs. She can answer your questions based on past action of the Commission or schedule your appearance before the Commission to resolve the issue. This should eliminate confusion and disappointment from inaccurate information.

I appreciate, and thank, all the important people who give so much of themselves to become certified firefighters and instructors. With your continued cooperation, the Commission plans to make this program even better than it is now.

Bill Kinsey, Chairman

**FIREFIGHTERS TRAIN IN TACTICS AT NEW ALBANY**

(Taken from the Attica Star Tribune)

Over 100 fire departments on the campus of Indiana University Southeast for the sixth annual Indiana State Fire School.

Paid, volunteer and industrial fire brigades made the 234 firefighters enrolled. The class is sponsored by Indiana Fire Instructors Association in cooperation with Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office and IUS Division of Continuing Studies.

"This school is a working school in every sense of the word," said Larry Bosell, the state's fire Marshal. "You can put it in a book but not the hands-on training."

The training consists of classroom and hands-on. Approximately 2,500 different aspects of firefighting are taught in the twenty-three classes. Areas offered include water rescue techniques, handling hazardous material incidents, auto extrication, rural firefighting and water supply, flammable liquids and gases, and recruiting, training and motivating volunteers.

On-the-scene enactments were held in several different locations in New Albany. This included smoking houses and allowing the students to enter, rescuing people from "fires," practicing portable water tank fill-up on the engines at a local pool, auto extrication drills, different ladder approaches, and handling a fire hose.

A Clark County ordinance states that all rental properties must have a smoke detector, and

that all rental properties with a wood burning stove must be inspected by the building department.

According to Bosell, because of the early warning alarm of smoke detectors, deaths have been cut in half in the United States. The fire association is improving public awareness by urging the need of detectors, bumper stickers, and literature on how to correctly use a wood burning stove. During Fire Prevention Week, the Indiana Jaycees and the American Red Ball Moving and Storage Co. will give red balls to be placed in a child's window. In case of a fire, firefighters act quickly to get in the designated room to rescue the child.

Only five states including Indiana do not report every response the stations act on. They report only those with over a \$100 damage. According to Bosell, the push is to include the five states in reporting each call. As of now, these states cannot gauge data on false alarms, wood burning stoves, and other incidents. However, the station did have to use time and money to report to the scene. He said that by Jan. 1, 60 percent of Indiana should be reporting all incidents.

The fire school committee members are Chairman Jim Kron of New Albany, Ollie Applegate of New Albany, John Buckman of Evansville, Bill Houghton of Georgetown, Jim Kaster of Clarksville, Richard Kemp of Georgetown, Bob Moates of Evansville, Roy Richardson of Henryville, and Terry Voegel of Evansville.

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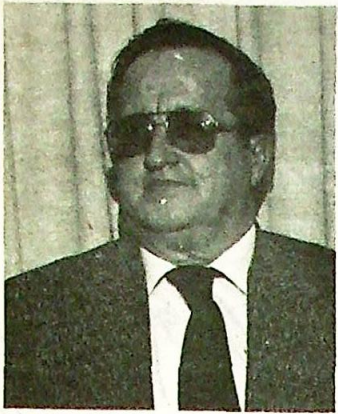
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#### SEPTEMBER

I judged a parade at Fredericksburg Fire Department and attended Charlestown Station #2 Bean Supper at Marysville.

#### OCTOBER

I attended the Arson Task Force meeting at Utica, a training session at Underwood, Clark County Fire Chiefs meeting at Henryville, and Juvenile Firesetters Workshop at IU Southeast.

#### NOVEMBER

I attended I.V.F.A. Officers meeting at Kokomo, REMC Workshop on high voltage lines, 16th District meeting at Heth Township at Mauckport, State Fire Marshal's Workshop for filling out new forms at Spring Mill State Park, 14th District meeting at Scottsburg Fire Department, 19th District meeting at Manchester Fire Department and attended funeral service for James Flint of the Johnson Township Fire Department.

New officers of the Monroe

Township Volunteer Department at Henryville are Jay Cleveland, Chief, Bill Hughes, Assistant Chief, John Waggoner, Captain, Rick Johnson, Captain, Bill Hughes, Board of Directors; Dave Mullins, President, Tim Dismore, Vice President, Jesse Hughes, Secretary and Bob Masters, Treasurer.

Congratulations to Lori Ann Cutter, the 19th District Miss Flame from the Friendship Volunteer Fire Department. Other contestants were Rhea Dawn Johnston, Dillsboro, Diana Schwebach, Miller-York, and Amy Dawn Sloan, Osgood. Thanks to Sandy Webber the 1985-86 Miss Flame from District 19 who has done an excellent job this year.

I want to thank Duane Lantz for holding a Memorial Service for James Flint of Johnson Township Fire Department. Jim was repairing a car when it fell on him. He was an outstanding fireman in his department.

Let's all get behind the 1986 Convention Committee in Terre Haute and give them our support.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and will enjoy a prosperous New Year. Keep up the good work.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIAL

On Friday night, while Mom and Dad are at the Convention Banquet, their children can go to a pizza party.

In order to be able to attend, they must be from 6 to 18 years of age and registered as a child of a registered fireman or auxiliary member.

The event will be chaperoned and is at no cost.

From The News-Dispatch  
By Sue Humphrey

**MILL CREEK** — Smoke poured from the boiler room windows at Mill Creek Elementary School as pupils streamed through the doors.

Fire engines from the Lincoln Twp. Volunteer Fire Department, with sirens screaming, pulled around behind the building and maneuvered into place. Then firemen aimed the hoses and water gushed at the building.

Lending realism to the scene, a bloodied and bandaged assistant cook, Dianne Wolff, was carried out on a stretcher.

It was a drill — a very realistic one, in a joint effort by Principal Steve Bayer and Fire Chief Dave Kaufman.

Three fire trucks and seven firefighters participated. The firefighters used a large military smoke bomb to simulate a real fire.

After the drill, one third-grader said, "Naw, I wasn't scared." His classmate said she wasn't scared this time, "But I sure was last year."

"Kids have to be ready and teachers have to be ready," said Bayer. And they were, taking just 38 seconds to exit the building.

"These young people are ungodly quick," Kaufman said.

The fire chief said it normally takes the firefighters five minutes to respond to a fire call at the

school from their station at Fish Lake.

After the drill, Kaufman presented silver dollars to winners of a poster contest commemorating "Fire Prevention Week."

The winners were Elisha Wiltfong, kindergarten; Regina Sims and Shawn Perry, first grade; Jessica Patrick and Thad Smith, second grade; Brad Rymer, third grade; Levi Johnson, fourth grade; and Jason Foster, fifth grade. The "Best Overall" award went to Mike MacLeod, fifth grade.

After the drill, the children gathered in the school gym. Kaufman told the children that if their clothing catches fire, they should stop, drop to the floor or ground, and roll to put the flames out. A pupil demonstrated the "stop, drop and roll" technique.

The fire chief also quizzed the children about planning escape routes in their homes in case of a fire there.

Capt. Jim Quinn then donned boots, coat and helmet to demonstrate how well-protected firefighters are when fighting a fire.

Kaufman, a 10-year fire volunteer, said his department tries to do something different every year.

In May, Bayer staged an impromptu fire drill during lunchtime.

He was the only person in the school who knew the drill was

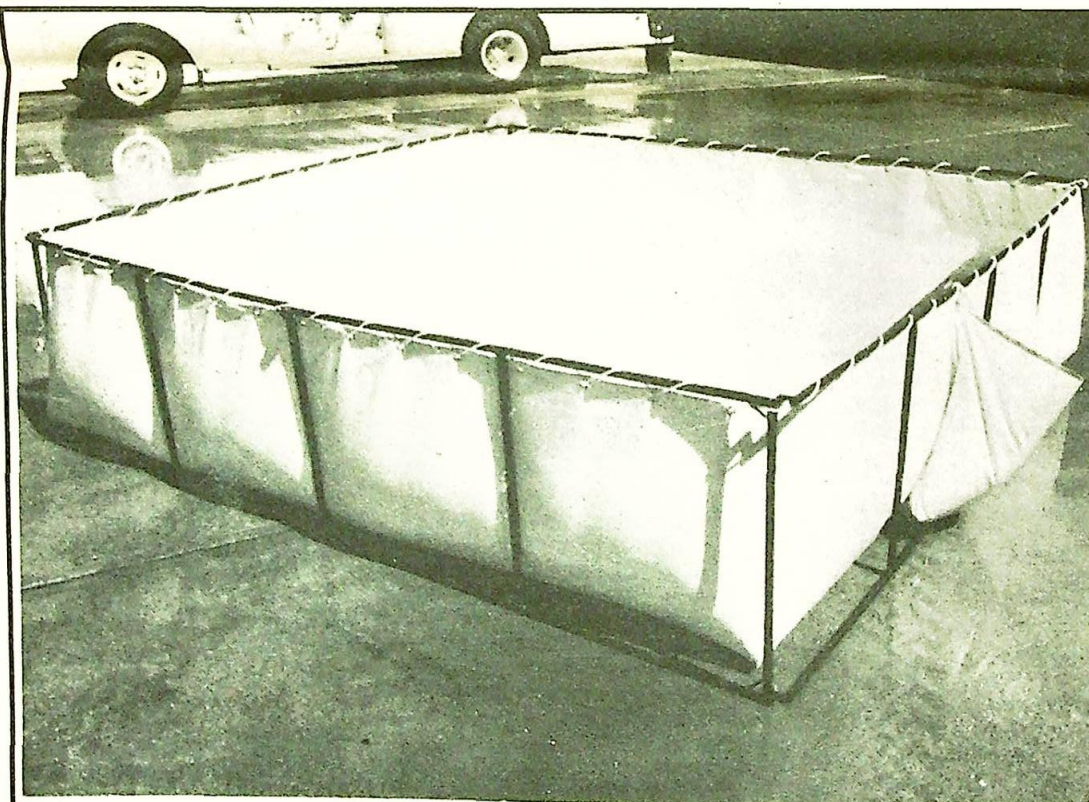
going to take place. The regular exit door from the lunchroom had been locked, on purpose. He said that the teachers, aides and children did a "good job in evacuating the building without panic."

### WAKARUSA HOLDS FPW OPEN HOUSE

This year's Fire Prevention Week and Open House for the Wakarusa Volunteer Fire Department was a very busy time. We started on Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. with a fire drill at the school. Tuesday, the morning kindergarten class saw two movies, Hansel & Gretel in "The Fire & The Witch", and "The Challenge of the E.D.I.T.H. Superstars". They also saw what firemen look like with air pack and full gear. We then went outside and each student shot water from our pumper using a booster line. In the afternoon the program was given to grades K through 3. On Thursday and Friday, 3 groups of nursery school children were given the same program. These kids were real thrilled about shooting the water. The school children were given a coloring book while the nursery children were given cookies and a window decal for their bedrooms.

The last several years we have held our open house the last Sunday following Fire Prevention Week. This year we received a lot of support not only from the merchants who each had at least one FPW poster in their display window, but several busi-

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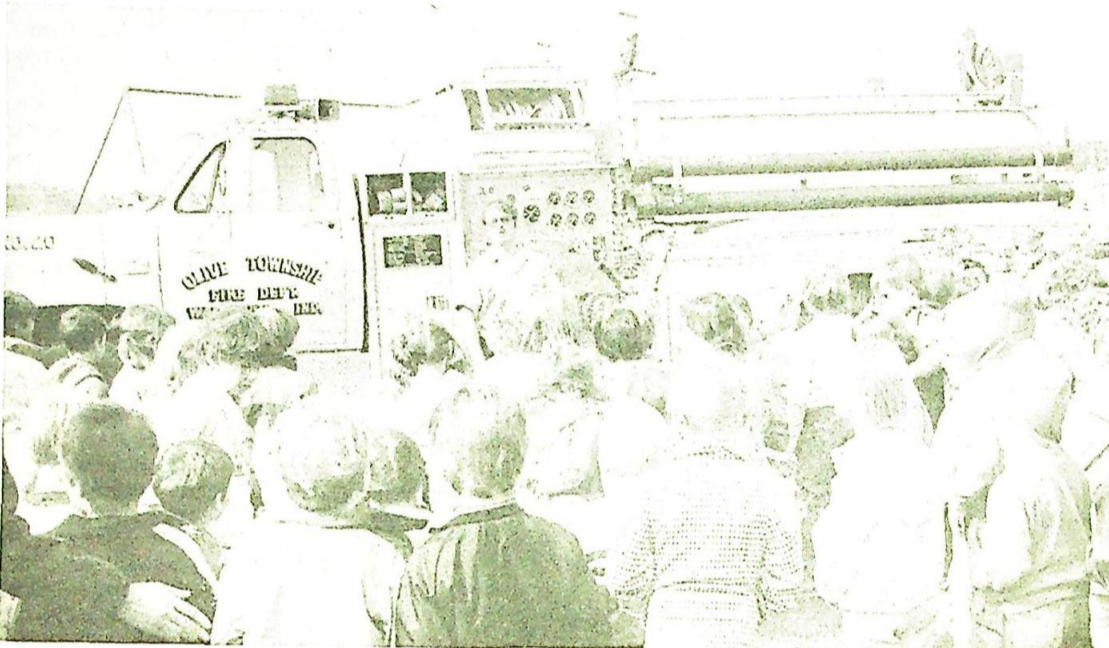
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# More Fire Prevention Week Activities

## Public Supports FPW In Wakarusa



The Wakarusa Fire Department's fire equipment on display for their Open House during Fire Prevention Week.



Wakarusa gave demonstrations to Grades K-3 during Fire Prevention Week.



Winners of the Poster Contest held in Wakarusa during Fire Prevention Week.

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nesses helped sponsor FPW. The Ladies Auxiliary sponsored a poster contest through the elementary school. These posters were on display at the station. There were several free handouts and we had 2½ and 5-lb. fire extinguishers for sale along with

demonstrations on proper use. We had free cider, coffee and cookies and all of the apparatus and equipment were on display. We used Clay Township's Safety House also.

The local weekly newspaper also contributed greatly. They featured an article with the history

of the fire department the week before the open house and an editorial the week of the open house. The department had a half page ad published twice promoting the open house. Needless to say, with the weather in our favor, we had a very good turnout from the public.

## More than 500 posters entered in Greendale fire prevention contest

Taken from The Journal-Press

More than 500 posters were entered in the Greendale Fire Prevention Week Poster Contest compared to 175 last year, said Greendale Assistant Fire Chief Richard Cutter.

First, second and third place winners and honorable mention were selected in four categories, with cash prizes of \$20, \$15, \$10 and \$5.

In the pre-school group, first place went to Alan Miller; second, Cindy Mattingly; third, Josh Justis and honorable mention, Cassi Huffman.

Eddie Bryant took first place in the kindergarten to second grade group, with Josh Graves taking second. Boby Wehrle placed third, and Tara Jackson made honorable mention.

In the third to fifth grade, first place went to Kelly Kreimer; second, Jamie McKee; third, Shylla Trimmell, and honorable mention, Michelle Rudolph.

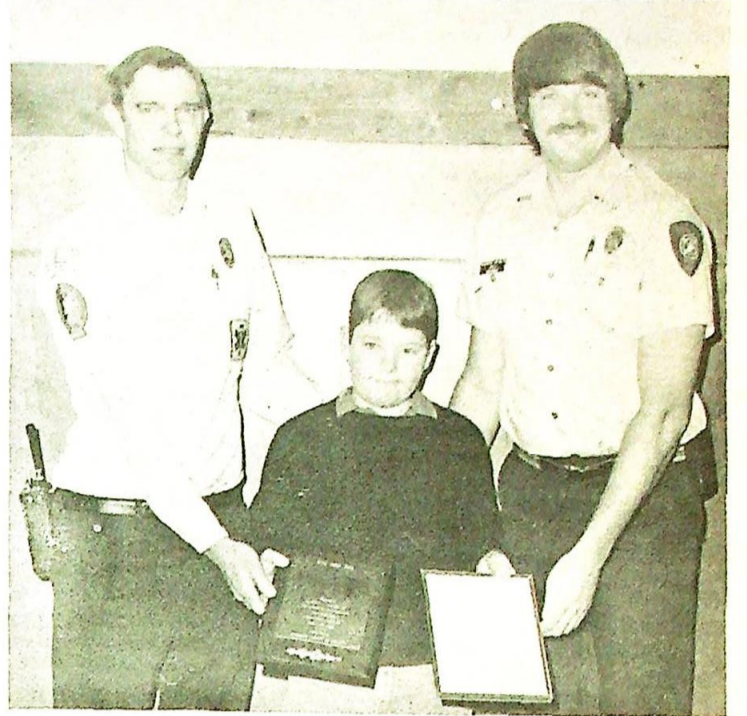
Beth Connolly captured first place in the sixth to eighth grade division. Kara Juarez took second, and Cara Stauss placed third. Casey Thomas made honorable mention.

One of the 50 best fire prevention slogans accompanying posters will be displayed each week on the new firehouse marquee, said Cutter.

An open house at the Rensselaer Fire Station was held in October. This was open to the general public.

Demonstrations were given on how to use a fire extinguisher, the use and operation of a smoke detector, and a video was shown on how a fire call is taken and then dispatched to the Fire Department. All equipment, as well as the 1920 fire engine, was on display. Firemen were on hand to demonstrate the operation

## Is It Worth It?



The Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department, represented by Asst. Chief Wayne Schuetz and 1st Class Fireman Kim Murray, present Darrell Alford, Jr., with a letter of appreciation and a plaque for his recent heroic act.

Have you ever wondered if those countless hours of preparation and presenting fire prevention programs to local schools are worth it??? Ask any member of the Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department in Washington, Indiana and they will tell you YES. The WTVFD has been conducting Fire Prevention Programs to Washington Elementary Community and Catholic Schools (some of which are served by the paid city department) for a number of years. Recently, Darrell Wayne Alford, Jr. put to practice those words of STOP-DROP-ROLL he had learned from the WTVFD. Darrell's father was burning leaves in October when after using some gasoline to get the leaves to burn his clothes caught on fire. Darrell's father began to

run when Darrell got him to get on the ground and roll. Darrell then ran to get help. Today, Darrell's father is recovering from the burns and Darrell goes about life as if nothing had happened.

To show their appreciation, The Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department, represented by Asst. Chief Wayne Schuetz and 1st Class Fireman Kim Murray, at a recent school convocation, presented Darrell Alford, Jr. with a letter of appreciation and a plaque with an engraving of a fire truck on it for the heroic act and life saved.

You can bet that the WTVFD will be anxiously awaiting another opportunity to present their fire prevention program to the schools and other local groups.

## RENSSELAER VOLUNTEERS TEACH FIRE PREVENTION



Rensselaer Volunteer Firemen presenting a Fire Prevention program to an elementary class.

tion of each unit and to answer questions. Also on display at the Fire Station were the pictures of Fireman Freddie that the school children colored.

The volunteer firemen were assisted at the Open House by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Approximately \$1,300 was spent on these two projects, which were sponsored by the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department, Ladies Auxiliary, and the City of Rensselaer.

The Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department presented programs on fire prevention safety to the 3 elementary schools in the Rensselaer School Corporation during Fire Prevention Week.

Films on fire prevention and how to call in fire reports were shown to the students. The equipment, including the air pack, that a fireman wears to a fire was demonstrated.

After the presentations, the students were given mementos of

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Debbie Nulliner	Mary Brooks	R#1, Box 26	Nancy Neal
Pat Wisniewski		Dana IN 47847	Sue Biggs
Beverly Trester			
<b>Installation</b>	<b>Games</b>	<b>Miss Flame</b>	<b>Miss Flame 1985</b>
Ruth Fairfield	Barbara Surber, Ch.	Lucy Stofer, Ch.	Sandy Weber
Mary Boyd	Ruth Sanders	Miriam Schaeckel	R#2, Box 10
Catherine Mason	Betty Nickens	Mary Kissell	Sunman, IN 47041
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Lucy Stofer	Ruth Ford		
<b>Bylaws</b>	<b>Financial Study</b>		
Vica McGill, Ch.	Barbara Parker, Ch.		
Marilyn Kessler	Betsy Howe		
Eula Bush	Ruth Ford		
Faye Salee	Nickie Sunday		
<b>President's Advisory</b>	<b>Jewelry</b>	<b>Nominating</b>	
Mary Stafford, Ch.	Casey Bechtel	Janet Goodwin, Ch.	
Barbara Surber	Virginia Wilson D-13	Joyce Nevil	
Barbara Parker	Vi Cambron	Verta Engle	
Carolyn McCarty	Phyllis Vargo	Bonnie Crocker	
	Nancy Richardson	Vi Bruns	

## Auxiliary Officers Meeting

RAMADA INN - KOKOMO

November 3, 1985

President Nickie Sunday called the quarterly meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Nickie welcomed all officers and guests in attendance. The opening prayer was offered by Chaplain Bette Sellmer. Sergeant-at-Arms Miriam Schaeckel led the group in the pledge to the flag. Roll call was taken with 32 officers and committee members and 6 guests in attendance. Minutes were read and approved of the previous quarterly meeting. Chaplain Bette Sellmer reported that she has sent 9 sympathy cards for the men's association and 1 card to Thelma Lester. She performed the memorial service in Charlestown for the men. Treasurer's report was submitted by Betsy Howe:

BALANCE FORWARD AUGUST 7, 1985	\$5,876.79
<b>Income:</b>	
Dues	\$1,408.00
Interest	72.59
Jewelry	179.50
Raffle	171.00
Miscellaneous	10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,841.09</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>	
Officers Mileage	\$ 124.60
Officers Phone & Postage	51.96
Miscellaneous *	1,041.09
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,217.65</b>
<b>BALANCE ON HAND NOVEMBER 2, 1985</b>	<b>\$6,500.23</b>

\* Printing of meeting cards and envelopes and by-law books.

Treasurer's report approved and subject to audit.

Recording Secretary Toni Sorg reported membership for 1985-86 as 1,506 members representing 104 auxiliaries and 53 individuals. New auxiliaries are Sugar Creek #2, D-13 and Lake Dale, D-2.

## Committee Reports

**DOE DOLL** - Loretta Nulliner reported that the doll will be either ceramic or porcelain. We have lost our sponsor for the tickets due to Cronk's selling out. In the past, we have ordered 3,000 tickets and Laney has done the printing, with printing on both sides of the tickets. The cost has been from \$90 to \$100. Loretta stated she has contacted another printer and for 2,500 tickets slightly smaller, printing on one side, ticket and stub numbered, would cost \$83. Several suggestions were given on possible sponsors for the tickets. Ruth Ford made the motion to do what is best for the association and let Loretta make the final decision. Seconded by Mary Brooks. Vote. Passed. It was suggested that we stay with Laney for printing since he has done a lot for our association. Marilyn Kessler, D-3 Chairman, thanked the state auxiliary for the \$25 and challenged the other districts to sell more than 393 tickets next year.

**GAMES** - Barbara Surber encouraged everyone to go back to their districts and locals and get more teams to enter during convention.

**MISS FLAME** - Lucy Stofer stated that the Miss Flame contestants MUST live in Indiana with her legal guardian. She will represent the District that her legal guardian lives in. Discussion was held on the rules and suggestions were given for some changes for next year. If anyone has any problems with their contest or the rules, please contact Lucy.

**JEWELRY** - Casey Bechtel reported that she and her father were working on an idea for displaying the jewelry. Casey apologized for not making the International Waterball Contest. Thirteen dollars was turned in from jewelry sales.

**LOIS BOAZ** - Eula Bush, nor the committee, have received any letters yet. It isn't too early, so let's get lots of letters in.

**HISTORIAN** - Thelma Lester - No Report. President Nickie reported that Thelma is doing very well.

**AUDITING** - Barbara Parker - No Report.

**BY-LAWS** - Vica McGill reported that the new by-law books are in and District Chairman may pick their books up from Toni. Each member of your district should receive a new book. Pass out as many as you can at your district meetings, then mail the rest to the auxiliaries not in attendance.

**PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY** - Barbara Surber - No Report.

**FINANCIAL STUDY** - Barbara Parker - No Report.

**NOMINATING** - Janet Goodwin - No Report.

**INSTALLATION** - Ruth Fairfield - No Report.

**PARLIAMENTARIAN** - Ruth Ford - No Report.

## Old Business

By-law books are in. Be sure to pick them up.

Guidelines for joining the state isn't complete as yet.

Regarding convention charm - Loretta reported she has received information from the company. The tooling charge is up a little from last year. It will be \$95.10. A quote for 150 charms will cost \$1.08 each plus tooling charge. The charms will have the emblem in five colors on the front and the back will have a matted background. The lettering will be in white. Vica McGill made a motion to order 150 convention charms. Seconded by Barbara Parker. Vote. Passed. The charm will sell for \$3.00. Chains for the charms were discussed. The chains are costume jewelry. There are 32 chains left from last year. This will be left up to the jewelry committee to decide what they would like to do.

Convention report was given by Eula Bush. Howard Johnson/Headquarters is full except for a few single rooms. The meetings will be held at the South Vigo School. The Coffee Klutch will be held at the school in the cafeteria with the firemen and auxiliaries. The banquet will be held at the Hulman Civic Center. Memorial services will be held at the St. Benedict's Catholic Church. Everything for the Miss Flames will be at the Ramada. At registration, there will be a special name tag for children. Deadline for registration is May 1st. A special sticker will go on the registration badge when a drink badge is purchased. The parade will be in downtown Terre Haute. The convention host will be raffling off a 1986 Dodge Pickup Truck. Souvenirs will be T-shirts, caps and mugs. The mugs

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## I.V.F.A.A. PRESIDENT'S QUARTERLY REPORT



NICKIE SUNDAY

The holidays are speeding by so fast. I know the volunteer firemen and their families are probably as busy as Santa's elves trying to fill all the needs of their communities to help make everyone's holidays as happy as possible. Thank you sounds so inadequate at a time like this for all of the extra hours, time away from your own families, donations of money, food, clothing and many more items too numerous to mention, but I know a heartfelt thank you from the I.V.F.A.A. and Auxiliary is extended to each one of you and your families for another outward sign of your desire and dedication to serve others. May God bless you richly for it.

Many activities should be coming up for the month of January. My challenge is still as alive in '86 as '85. Let's not pick up sticks - let's find our members in '86. Girls, we are still looking for you. Membership as of our November meeting was 1,506. That's only half way to 3,000. Let's be positive - we can reach this goal. District Chairmen, I believe each one of you can find new members in your area and I know in some areas of the state there are a lot of new ones waiting for us to contact them. If you are reading this and have not been contacted about dues in the I.V.F.A.A. for 85/86, please don't wait. Write or call me personally and I will see that you get the necessary information as soon as I hear from you.

Just a reminder - the deadlines for award nominations for Convention '86 in Terre Haute are approaching quickly. Don't delay in sending in your choice for the Lois Boaz Award. Miss Flame Contests are going on all over the state and some very lovely girls have already been selected to represent their districts. Every district should have a representative.

Bill and I have attended a convention meeting and things are shaping up very nicely. This is another area you will want to act quickly on - reservations, registrations, parade entries and game entries. It's been said "you get out of something only what you put into it". I have always enjoyed the conventions and had a good time. Get ready for Terre Haute now because they are getting ready for us! We hope to see many of our friends there. I know each one of us will be hoping to drive that shiny new red 1986 Dodge Ram truck home. Don't forget to get a chance on that prize. Who'll be the lucky one? It won't be you unless you get your ticket.

Legislative work is underway for this year as I'm sure you know. We must be ready when the men call on us for help. Jack Ford has been working and will let us know what needs to be done. Give him your full support when he does contact you.

A newsletter is being prepared that will be sent to each department and all individual members of the auxiliary. Be looking for it

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## INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

June 13, 1985

HELD AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY ALUMNAE HALL  
Bloomington, Indiana

**CARL BRUNS:** We will now call the thirty-ninth annual meeting of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association to order. Will everyone please stand and remain standing.

Vice President, Bill Sunday, will now escort 1984 Miss Flame, Sandra Curtis into the Hall and District Chairmen will escort their own representative into the Hall.

Sergeant-at-Arms, Miriam Schaeckel, of the I.V.F.A.A. and Bill Bush, Sergeant-at-Arms of the I.V.F.A., will you please post the colors?

Will everyone please join in the singing of our National Anthem?

Vice President, Bill Sunday will lead us in the Pledge to the Flag.

The Invocation will be given by Chaplain Duane Lantz.

I wish to welcome the dignitaries, Miss Flame candidates, friends of the fire service, ladies and gentlemen. Thank you on behalf of the I.V.F.A. and the I.V.F.A.A. for everyone that is attending this conference. I wish to recognize at this time the lady who graciously provided the music for us the last time, and who came down to Bloomington, the Executive Secretary of the Indiana Fire Instructors Association, Mrs. Linda Baker.

At this time, I would like to introduce to you my wife, Viola. I would like to also introduce to you the President of the I.V.F.A.A., Nickie Sunday, the 1984 Miss Flame winner, Miss Sandra Curtis, the co-chairman of this year's convention, Marvin Lockhart, his co-chairman, Kelan Cissell, and the Indiana State Fire Marshal, William Goodwin.

I wish to recognize the I.V.F.A. Vice-President, Bill Sunday and the I.V.F.A.A. Miss Flame Chairman, Lucy Stofer.

At this time, Mr. Lockhart, do you have any introductions of celebrities?

**MR. LOCKHART:** I would like to introduce the Mayor of the city of Bloomington, Mayor Tomi Allison.

**MAYOR ALLISON:** Then addressed the body.

**CARL BRUNS:** I wish to introduce to you, Senator Dorothy Landske of Cedar Lake.

**SENATOR LANDSKE:** Also addressed the body.

**CARL BRUNS:** At this time, I would like to recognize the First Vice-President of the Indiana Fire Instructors Association, Mr. Charles Baker.

**CHARLES BAKER:** Addressed the body.

**CARL BRUNS:** I would like to introduce to you the Administrator of the Department of Fire Prevention and Building Safety, Mr. Charles Coffee.

**CHARLES COFFEE:** Addressed the body as to where we are and where we are going. He then requested, "Carl, could you ask your wife to come up, please? Once we give you this, you adopt us for life and we adopt you for life, so there's a risk in taking this momento from us, Carl, but we hope that you take it in the spirit that we sincerely mean it and with the strength and conviction and courage that you've demonstrated in the last year." Carl and Viola were then presented a plaque from the Office of Fire Prevention and Building Safety.

**CARL BRUNS:** On behalf of the Fire Service of Indiana and the Indiana Volunteer Fire Association, my wife and my family, we sincerely appreciate this. Thank you very much.

**CARL BRUNS:** Twelve years ago, Governor Otis Bowen selected a man out of the northeastern part of Indiana, in Angola, by the name of Bill Goodwin to represent the Fire Marshal's Office. It is now my great privilege to present to you the Fire Marshal of the State of Indiana, William Goodwin.

**WILLIAM GOODWIN:** I want to report to you a little bit about where the Fire Marshal's office is, what has happened. We've seen a fifty percent increase in our investigation division. We've seen a fifty percent increase in our inspection division. We've seen a one hundred and fifty percent increase in our education division. The consolidation of all building safety, fire safety, factors in the State of Indiana working and I want to thank Governor Orr, the Legislature, for their commitment and their money and their efforts to make this happen.

I think that the next few years are going to be very exciting. They're going to take a tremendous commitment of work and effort, time and education, on behalf of the staff of the firemen's office, and more importantly, on you, the dedicated firefighters throughout the state. We, my wife Janet and I, chose not to make that commitment. We decided we would be more interested in going fishing. We've come a long way. We still have a steep, steep hill to climb. I'm going to be around. We thank you for all of your cooperation in making Indiana safer these past twelve years. God bless you all. Thank you.

**CARL BRUNS:** Thank you, Marshal Goodwin. At this time, I would like to introduce the I.V.F.A. officers and appointed personnel. At this, I would like to recognize again, the I.V.F.A.A. President, Nickie Sunday.

**NICKIE SUNDAY:** Thank you, Carl. Dignitaries, Miss Flame contestants, Officers of the I.V.F.A. and the auxiliary, firefighters, auxiliary members and friends, it is my pleasure and my privilege on behalf of the I.V.F.A. Auxiliary to welcome each one of you to the 39th Annual Convention. I would like to thank District 17B and Monroe County for working so hard to make our visit to Bloomington a memorable one. I'm very proud to introduce my officers and committee's to you at this time. Officers and committees were introduced. These ladies are responsible for a job well done, and would like to present the I.V.F.A. President, Carl Bruns, with a cash gift of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00).

**CARL BRUNS:** Again, on behalf of the I.V.F.A., we sincerely appreciate this. Thank you, Mrs. President.

At this time, it is time to recognize our Miss Flame and the people and the ceremony. Nickie?

**NICKIE SUNDAY:** Please welcome Lucy Stofer, the Chairman of the Miss Flame Committee and she will introduce her committee to you.

**LUCY STOFER:** Welcome. Right now I would like to introduce our last year's Miss Flame, Sandy Curtis.

**SANDY CURTIS:** Gave a short speech and a big thank you.

**LUCY STOFER:** Thank you, Sandra, for a nice year. I would now like to introduce the 1985 Miss Flame candidates. They are as follows: LuAnne Thomas, District 1, Dawn Stelon, District 2, Tammy Deutscher, District 3, Christine Romer, District 4, Gina Smith, District 5, Kelly Krieger, District 6, Karen Sorg, District 7, Tammy Farmer, District 8B, Teresa O'Dell, District 10, Deena Patrick, District 11A, Hope Abernathy, District 11B, Cynthia Poteet, District 12, Kenda Seibert, District 13A, Tammy Stites, District 14, Sandra Casey, District 16, Nanette Magni, District 17A, Lisa Dyer, District 17B, Laura Sallee, District 18, and Sandy Weber, District 19.

Now for the runnerup: Lisa Renar Dyer, District 17B. The new Miss Flame, Sandy Weber, District 19.

**CARL BRUNS:** Again recognizing the I.V.F.A.A. President, Nickie Sunday, for the Lois Boaz Award ceremony and the introduction of her committee.

**NICKIE SUNDAY:** It's not an easy task making the Lois Boaz Memorial Award selection. At this time I will call on Eula Bush.

**EULA BUSH:** With great pleasure, I introduce our newest Lois Boaz recipient, Loretta Nulliner.

**LORETTA NULLINER:** Spoke briefly and gave her thanks.

**CARL BRUNS:** The highest award in the men's organization is the Mr. I.V.F.A. Award. I would like to introduce the committee, Mr. Doug Bechtel, Bill Howe and Gene Stofer.

**DOUG BECHTEL:** At this time, I would like to introduce, Bill Engle.

**BILL ENGLE:** People, this is a surprise and I'm very proud and I thank you all.

**CARL BRUNS:** This meeting is recessed and will reconvene tomorrow morning. Have a good evening.

(Meeting recessed; to be continued at 8:30 a.m., June 14, 1985.)

**CARL BRUNS:** I would like to call this 39th annual meeting to order. The invocation will be given by Chaplain Duane Lantz. Remain standing. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag will be led by Vice President Sunday. I want to welcome you and I appreciate your taking the time to attend this annual meeting today, because it's very important. The agenda is full. We must keep the meeting moving. I must deviate from the normal agenda to allow Chaplain Lantz to make his report and I will do so at this time.

**CHAPLAIN LANTZ:** Gave his report.

(Unidentified Speaker): I make a motion to delete the reading of the minutes.

(Unidentified Speaker): I second the motion.

**CARL BRUNS:** All those in favor of that motion, say "I".

**AUDIENCE:** Aye.

Carl Bruns: Contrary?

(Unidentified few): Aye.

**CARL BRUNS:** The vote has been carried.

(End of year report made by President Carl Bruns and all elected officers.)

**CARL BRUNS:** Board Chairman Lawrence Swartz, do we have an audit committee report?

**LAWRENCE SWARTZ:** Thank you, Mr. President. As Chairman of the Audit Committee, I would first like to recognize the other members of the committee. Larry Biggs, District 11A, Rob Sabie, District 3, Marvin Lockhart, District 17B and Jim Nickens, District 8B.

The audit committee finds that the financial transactions of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association are in order.

**CARL BRUNS:** Do we have a motion to accept the audit committee's report?

(Delegate from District 17B): I move that we accept the audit report.

**CARL BRUNS:** Is there a second?

(Delegate from 11A): I second the motion.

**CARL BRUNS:** The motion has been moved and seconded. All those in favor signify by saying "Aye".

**AUDIENCE:** Aye.

**CARL BRUNS:** Opposed? Motion is carried. District Chairman reports, District 1, Bill Howe.

**MAX POLING:** Mr. Chairman, I make a motion to dispense with the district reports.

**BILL HOWE:** District 1. I second it.

**CARL BRUNS:** It's been moved and seconded that we eliminate the District Chairmen's reports. All those in favor, please signify by saying "Aye".

**AUDIENCE:** Aye.

**CARL BRUNS:** Opposed? (None.) Okay, we'll get into the committee reports.

(All committee's gave a short report.)

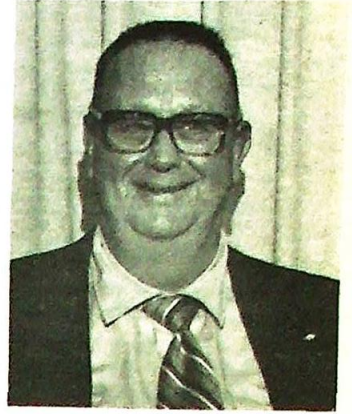
**CARL BRUNS:** We will now have the Resolution Committee Report by Bill Windsor.

**BILL WINDSOR:** Thank you, Carl. We had two resolutions come in before the committee. I'm going to read just the part that is going to be changed, "This resolution adopted at a regular meeting of District 13A at Shirley (Henry County), Indiana, on February 21, 1985, at which five or more departments were represented, do hereby present this resolution for your consideration. Article I, Section 1, be amended to read as follows ("The members of the Board of Directors shall consist of the President; Vice-President; Secretary; Recording Secretary; Treasurer; immediate Past President; a Public Relations Director Northwest; A Public Relations Director Northeast; a Public Relations Director Southwest; a Public Relations Director Southeast; a Public Relations Director East-Central; a Public Relations Director West-Central and all duly elected District Chairmen. At the first officers meeting called by the President after the annual meeting, one (1) of whom shall be elected by the Board of Directors as the Board Chairman. These officers shall be entitled to voting privileges at all officers meetings, district meetings, board meetings, special meetings, and the annual meeting of the association." The resolution committee concurs this resolution. (President Bruns led a short discussion on this resolution.)

**BILL HOWE:** Mr. Chairman, Bill Howe, District 1. I move that this organization does not accept this recommendation.

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## PUBLIC RELATIONS SOUTHWEST



**CARL O. DAVIS**

Sorry — don't have much to report this time as I have been in the hospital and am just now getting back to making as many of your meetings as I can.

We had a very fine turnout for our Turkey Barbecue. This was the largest that I can remember.

Mr. Bert Ketchum, who arranges the Barbecue, has been in the hospital for 5 weeks. He is now back home and would be glad to hear from any of you.

Now is the time to be getting the names in for the Mr. I.V.F.A. Award. The Midwest Award name is due at the February officer's meeting. Districts — it is time to start thinking about your Miss Flames for 1986. Several of the districts have already picked their Miss Flames. District winners are to be decided by March 1st and name and picture sent to Miss Flame Chairman no later than March 10th.

The Farm Bureau Awards are to be presented again this year at the Annual Meeting in Terre Haute. Let's all try to do a better job than we did last year. Your District Chairmen have all the rules for this award, so get with them and start your books now.

### TO ALL DEPARTMENTS

Are your dues paid for 1985 - 1986? We are several hundred members short for this time of year. So check and see if you are paid.

It is time to make your reservations for the Terre Haute meeting on June 12, 13 and 14. Motel and registration forms are in the last issue of your paper. Save \$3.00 by registering early (Deadline May 1st).

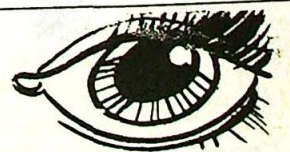
Would like to thank the many firemen and guests who came early and helped with our Barbecue. Without this kind of early help it would be hard to get all of the cooking and other work done. Thanks from Bert and myself for all of your help.

Attended the 17-B District Meeting at Perry Township Department and was glad to see the Fire Marshal and members from his office there. Mr. Goodwin was with him and both gave very fine talks on the new things coming from the State Fire Prevention Office. New films and training aids are being bought for your use.

### TO ALL DISTRICT CHAIRMEN

Let's be working on the 1986 Fire Schools. Some districts did a very good job last year and some did not have any schools. Get with your departments and see what they want this year.

That's it for this time.



The unaided human eye, in optimum circumstances, can distinguish 10,000,000 different color surfaces.

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CARL BRUNS: Okay, is there a second to the motion?

DON TRESTER: Mr. Chairman, I second it.

CARL BRUNS: The question has been called. All those in favor signify by saying "Aye".

AUDIENCE: Aye.

CARL BRUNS: Contrary to same.

FEW INDIVIDUALS: Aye.

CARL BRUNS: The resolution is defeated. The motion is carried.

BILL WINDSOR: The second resolution that was turned in, "We, the members of various volunteer fire departments of District Six (6) of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc., in a meeting duly assembled on January 17, 1985, at Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department of Allen County, Indiana, having present members in good standing from at least five (5) departments, in good standing with the state association, drew up and passed the following resolution at the same meeting. We now therefore present this resolution to the State Association at its annual meeting and urge the full membership of the association to consider and pass this resolution as an amendment to the By-Laws of this association."

This is in regards to "Article VIII, Section 3, Paragraph 2 of the by-laws be amended to read: "Members of Industrial Fire Departments dues shall be \$7.00 per member per year, payable in June and not later than September 30th in advance. Such \$7.00 shall be allocated to the general fund and shall entitle the industrial firefighter to all the rights and privileges as the active membership with the exception of the clothing fund. If the member wishes to participate in the clothing fund, he shall pay the same dues (\$7.50) as the active member." The committee also concurs this resolution.

MAX POLING: Max Poling, District 6, Chairman. At this time, the 6th District would like to submit that the resolution be modified to make industrial firefighters, industrial fire brigades full members by paying the full association dues of \$7.50 with no modified dues payments, giving them the full rights as the regular member of this association. I so move that the modification be put into that resolution prior to closing our resolution.

CARL BRUNS: Alright, is there a second to that motion?

CARL DAVIS: Carl Davis, Public Relations Southwest, I second it.

CARL BRUNS: We have a second to the motion. Is there a discussion?

AUDIENCE: Call for a question.

CARL BRUNS: The question has been called. All those in favor, signify by saying, "Aye".

AUDIENCE: Aye.

CARL BRUNS: All those opposed? (None.) Motion is carried.

MAX POLING: Mr. President.

CARL BRUNS: Max Poling.

MAX POLING: I move that they accept that resolution as modified.

CARL BRUNS: Is there a second?

(Unidentified Speaker): Mr. President, I would like to have a standing vote because it takes three-fourths of you people to do that job. I'm not arguing the point, I just want to make it legal, so someone can't come back next year and say we did it wrong.

CARL BRUNS: Alright, if you will, in the modification vote, let's have a show of hands.

(Unidentified Speaker): Mr. President, only delegates will be allowed to vote.

CARL BRUNS: Only delegates. Everybody stand up in favor of the motion. Everybody stand up that is in favor. Okay, sit down. Those opposed, stand up. The motion is carried by three-fourths of the majority vote.

MAX POLING: Mr. President, I restate my motion now and accept the resolution as modified.

CARL BRUNS: Alright, is there a second?

(Unidentified Speaker): Mr. President, I second the motion.

CARL BRUNS: Alright, it's been seconded. Is there a discussion?

(Unidentified Speaker): The resolution is submitted, but it will have to be reworded. Is the resolution committee going to do that or District 6?

CARL BRUNS: Okay, Max?

MAX POLING: Mr. President, Max Poling, as author and co-signer of the resolution and as the chairman of the by-laws committee, I would make those changes as it recorded in the official minutes. They will be put into the by-laws book in their modified form. We will remove unnecessary wording as has been asked.

CARL BRUNS: The questions has been called. All those in favor, stand up. You may sit down. All those opposed, stand up. Okay, the motion is carried by three-fourths majority vote.

This is a By-Law Committee that was appointed at the beginning of the year. They have worked all year on the by-laws.

MAX POLING: We have gone back since the 1980 convention and picked up every resolution that was passed and incorporated it in a new set of by-laws, but we have also found some grammatic errors, some English errors that make the meaning completely asinine.

CARL BRUNS: Max, you'll have to relinquish, if you will. Members of the I.V.F.A., Miss Flame 1985 and her court. Another nice young lady to take care of this presentation, Lucy Stofer.

LUCY STOFER: Our new Miss Flame from District 19, Sandy Weber and her court.

CARL BRUNS: The By-Law Committee Report will continue. Max Poling.

MAX POLING: What I would like to do at this time, in the absence of time, we will read through and briefly explain to you what these corrections mean. (A copy of all changes, if desired may be obtained from Bruns, Bechtel, Sunday or Nevil).

CARL BRUNS: We will now recess until 1:30 p.m.

(Convention recessed at 10:30 o'clock A.M.)

CARL BRUNS: We will call this annual meeting back to order. We'll turn the mike over to Max Poling if you have any discussion of the By-Laws changes. Max?

MAX POLING: Do you have any discussion on any subject on this recommendation at this time?

CARL BRUNS: The Chair recognizes Charlie Jones.

CHARLIE JONES: I make a motion that we accept the committee's report as submitted to us in its entirety.

BILL WINDSOR: Mr. President, that motion is with the exception of Item three and Item four?

CHARLIE JONES: Right.

CARL BRUNS: Bill Windsor, are you seconding the motion?

BILL WINDSOR: Right.

CARL BRUNS: Alright. It's been moved and seconded that we accept this in its entirety. Any discussion further? The question has been called. All those in favor signify by saying "Aye".

AUDIENCE: Aye.

CARL BRUNS: Contrary to same (None.) The motion is carried.

MAX POLING: Thank you.

CARL BRUNS: We recognize Jim Parker.

JIM PARKER: I'd like to make a motion that the by-laws be amended to the By-Law Committee's report.

CARL BRUNS: The question has been called. All those in favor signify by saying "Aye".

AUDIENCE: Aye.

CARL BRUNS: Contrary to same. Motion is carried. Will the Election Committee come forward? The Chairman is Russel Reinhart.

RUSSEL REINHART: I would like to place the name of Billie Sunday up for the nomination of President for the coming year.

CARL BRUNS: Okay, you've heard the name of Billie Sunday placed in nomination for President of the I.V.F.A. for this coming year. Is there any other nominations for President of this organization? (This was asked three times.) I declare the nominations closed. Mr. Secretary, would you have one unanimous vote for Billie Sunday, President of the I.V.F.A. for 1985-86.

DOUG BECHTEL: As Secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I would like to cast one unanimous vote for Billie Sunday for President of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association for the year 1985-86.

CARL BRUNS: Gentlemen, your new president, Billie Sunday.

BILL SUNDAY: Thank you very much, gentlemen.

RUSSELL REINHART: The Nominating Committee places the name of Lawrence Swartz for Vice President.

CARL BRUNS: Lawrence Swartz has been placed in nomination for Vice President of this organization. Are there any other nominations for Vice President of the I.V.F.A. for the coming year? (This was asked three times.) I declare the nominations closed and ask the secretary again to have one unanimous vote for Lawrence Swartz for Vice President of the I.V.F.A. for 1985-86.

DOUG BECHTEL: As Secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I would like to cast one unanimous vote for Lawrence Swartz for Vice President of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association for 1985-86.

LAWRENCE SWARTZ: Ladies and gentlemen, thank you.

CARL BRUNS: Do you have an individual for Secretary of this organization?

RUSSEL REINHART: The Nominating Committee places the name of Doug Bechtel as secretary.

CARL BRUNS: The name of Doug Bechtel has been placed in nomination for secretary of the I.V.F.A. for this coming year. Are there further nominations? (This was asked three times.) I declare the nominations closed and may I ask the Vice President, Bill Sunday to cast one unanimous vote for Doug Bechtel, Secretary of the I.V.F.A. for 1985-86.

BILL SUNDAY: As Vice President of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I'd like to cast one unanimous vote for Doug Bechtel, for Secretary of the I.V.F.A. for 1985-86.

DOUG BECHTEL: Thank you.

CARL BRUNS: Do you have an individual for Treasurer of this organization?

RUSSEL REINHART: The Nominating Committee places the name of Gene Stofer for Treasurer.

CARL BRUNS: The name of Gene Stofer has been placed in nomination for Treasurer of the I.V.F.A. for this coming year. Are there further nominations? (This was asked three times.) I will declare the nominations closed and ask the secretary to cast one unanimous vote for Gene Stofer, Treasurer of the I.V.F.A. 1985-86.

DOUG BECHTEL: As Secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I cast one gigantic vote for Gene Stofer for the year of 1985-86.

GENE STOFER: Thank you very much.

RUSSEL REINHART: The Nominating Committee places the name of Ivan Nevil for Recording Secretary for this coming year.

CARL BRUNS: Okay, the Nominating Committee places the name of Ivan Nevil for Recording Secretary for this coming year. Are there further nominations for this office? (This was asked three times.) I declare the nominations closed and ask the secretary to cast one unanimous vote for Ivan Nevil, Recording Secretary of the I.V.F.A. 1985-86.

DOUG BECHTEL: As Secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I would like to cast one unanimous vote for Ivan Nevil, Recording Secretary of the I.V.F.A. for 1985-86.

IVAN NEVIL: Thank you. At this time, I would like to introduce Vicky Woody, the Court Reporter who is taking our minutes.

CARL BRUNS: The Nominating Committee, individual for Sergeant-at-Arms.

RUSSEL REINHART: The Nominating Committee would like to place the name of Bill Bush up for the office of Sergeant-at-Arms.

CARL BRUNS: The name of Bill Bush has been placed in nomination for Sergeant-at-Arms for this coming year. Are there further nominations for this office? (This was asked three times.) I declare the nominations closed and ask that the Secretary cast one unanimous vote for Bill Bush, Sergeant-at-Arms of the I.V.F.A. 1985-86.

DOUG BECHTEL: As secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I would like to cast one unanimous ballot for Bill Bush for Sergeant-at-Arms for the year 1985-86.

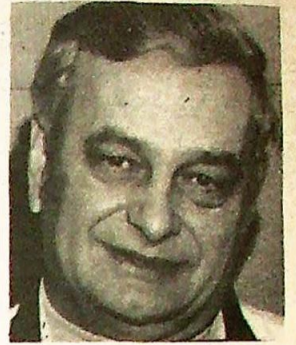
BILL BUSH: Thank you.

CARL BRUNS: The Nominating Committee, individual for Chaplain for the I.V.F.A. for the coming year?

RUSSEL REINHART: The Nominating Committee places the name of Duane Lantz for chaplain of the I.V.F.A.

CARL BRUNS: The name of Duane Lantz has been placed in nomination for Chaplain of the I.V.F.A. for the coming year. Are there other nominations for this office? (This was asked three times.) I declare the nominations closed and ask the secretary to cast one unanimous vote for Duane Lantz, Chaplain of the I.V.F.A. for 1985-86.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS NORTHEAST



**BILL KINSEY**

Goodbye 1985 Hello 1986

It's the time of the year to brag about your accomplishments of the past year and tuck away the mistakes and unfinished projects in that special place reserved for the plans of the coming year.

Most of us have more unfinished projects to put in priority position for 1986 than we have completed projects in 1985. I'm sure glad that the people in the PRNE area have accomplished a lot in 1985 so that I have something to brag about. The District Chairmen: John Ferro, District 4, Wayne Smith, District 5, Max Poling, District 6 and Mort Sorg, District 7, have all worked hard and have earned the right to brag. Thanks, fellows!

Chief Bill Price, of Etna Green Volunteer Fire Department probably deserves top bragging rights for 1985. He and his department proved that by working with his Township Trustee, his Town Board and State Senator and Representative, a volunteer fire department can move into one of the finest modern fire stations in the state. The frosting on the cake is that they now are ordering a new pumper. Where there's a will, there's a way. A number one job of working together!

The same day that Etna Green dedicated their new fire station, a memorial service was held for "Shorty" Keifer of Burket. Shorty served the I.V.F.A. as District Chairman, PRNE and was Mr. I.V.F.A. Chaplain Lantz recalled the many accomplishments Shorty achieved, greatly easing the pain of loss to the family.

Welcome back to the I.V.F.A. to Salem Center Volunteer Fire Department and welcome back to active involvement in the I.V.F.A. to Fremont Volunteer Fire Department. I spent an evening with each of these departments and I know they have much to contribute to our state association.

In answer to their questions of "Why belong to the I.V.F.A.?" and "What does the I.V.F.A. do for me?", I can only say that any association can only accomplish great goals with active participation of its members. What have you done to set the goals of the I.V.F.A.? What have you done to see that those goals are met? You need to be active, to voice your opinion where it is heard by the officers chosen to lead the I.V.F.A. Their job is to carry out the wishes of the membership. If you don't speak, they hear someone else's ideas.

Carl Davis — the Turkey Barbecue at Odon was everything you have bragged about. The hospitality and food are second to none. You've earned bragging rights. Thanks for asking me.

Congratulations to the officers and members for 1985's accomplishments. We need active participation of the volunteer fire services in Indiana during the next two years more than ever before. The changes are many and they're coming fast. If we

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will sell for \$3.00 Eula then answered several questions from the group concerning convention.

President Nickie asked the officers how they were doing on their membership search. Several questions were asked on how to keep an auxiliary together and what the benefits were in joining the state auxiliary. Barbara Parker stated that for only \$2.00 a year, we help 16,000 firemen with funds for the fire schools and training to protect our men.

Loretta Nulliner suggested a newsletter to all auxiliaries. A personal contact from the state once or twice a year besides the convention minutes. Betsy Howe suggested that more district news be put in the paper. Toni stated that several auxiliaries have asked for a newsletter or some information from the state. More discussion was held on this matter. Barbara Parker made the motion to send a newsletter to each auxiliary belonging to the state. Seconded by Carolyn McCarty. Vote. Passed. A newsletter will be sent out at the first of the year. President Nickie will compose the first newsletter.

A second motion was made by Mary Kissell to send individual members the newsletter, also. Seconded by Nancy Richardson. Vote. Passed.

Nancy Neal stated that she could have the mailing labels made up since we are on a computer. The cost of the mailing labels will be approximately \$20. Barbara Parker made the motion to spend approximately \$20 for the mailing labels. Seconded by Ruth Ford. Vote. Passed.

Nancy Neal checked with the District chairman on the names and addresses of their secretaries. District 16 Chairman, Patricia Scott's sister Becky, reported to Nickie that Patricia is unable to attend their District meeting and she will be receiving her resignation. Nickie hasn't received anything yet, so until she does, Patricia is still District 16 Chairman.

**New Business**

Barbara Parker urged the District chairmen to take the Convention film back to their Districts. This would be good entertainment for the meeting or for your Miss Flame Contest. Barbara Parker made the motion for the 1986 Convention slides be taken by Bruce Neal. Seconded by Barbara Surber. Vote. Passed.

Deadline for news to the IVFA paper is December 20th. Please send news from your functions - if the news doesn't get in the current issue, it is held over for the next issue.

Convention Jewelry Special - The special sales on the jewelry seems to be a good drawing card. Casey and her committee will come up with a special by our next officer's meeting.

Nickie reported on Janet Goodwin's trip to Oregon with Bill to the National Volunteer Fire Council meeting. Janet met the President of the California State Auxiliary. California dues are \$10 a member which enables the auxiliary to give out 11 scholarships a year. (One for \$1,000 and the rest are \$500 scholarships. We're happy Janet and Bill are representing us in the National Volunteer Fire Council and we're sure they will do an excellent job.

**Nickie's Travels**

The Sunday's have traveled 4,500 miles since the last officer's meeting. Nickie has visited Jeffersonville-Underwood's Festival, Elkhart, Seymour Jackson County Fire Academy Banquet, Sandford Fish Fry, Terre Haute Convention Dance, D-6 Picnic, D-13 Fall Festival, D-10, 12, 13 meetings, Indianapolis to Goodwin's retirement party.

President Nickie will inform Karen Bosell, our new state fire marshal's wife, that she is an honorary member of our state auxiliary.

**Announcements**

- November 7th - Turkey Barbecue, Oden at 7:30 p.m.
  - November 9th - McCullough V.F.A.A. Dance 9-1:00 a.m.
  - November 13th - Noble Township D-3 District meeting and Miss Flame 7:30 p.m. (slow)
  - November 13th - District meeting and Miss Flame at Farmland, D-8B 7:30 p.m.
  - November 16th - Sandford Miss Flame Contest D11A, 6:30 p.m.
  - November 21st - Miss Flame Contest, Concord D-4.
  - November 24th - Miss Flame Contest, Waldron, D10 at 2:00 p.m.
  - November 27th - Miss Flame Contest, Manchester, D-19 at 7:30 p.m.
  - November 18th - District meeting and Miss Flame Contest, Monroeville, D-7 at 8:00 p.m.
  - January 16th - Miss Flame Contest, D-6, Place to be announced.
- Next officer's meeting will be February 1st and 2nd at the Rodeway-Inn Airport off of I-465. Phone 317-247-4200. Prices of rooms are \$29 single, \$34 double, \$50 kingsize or poolside.
- The memorial pictures were passed out to the District chairmen.
- If anyone has a sponsor for the Doe Doll tickets, please contact Loretta by December 1st.
- Pat Wisniewski made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Jane Ferro. Vote. Passed.
- The closing prayer was given by Chaplain Bette Sellmer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Neal, Corresponding Secretary

**District Reports**

**District 1 & 2**

Pat Wisniewski and Phyllis Vargo Met September 5th at Lake Eliza Fire Station with 9 departments and 63 members. Miss Flame Contest will be in November. Ladies from St. John were guests. Next meeting will be in November with the Miss Flame judging at Lake Station.

**District 3**

Marilyn Kessler Met on September 18th at the Coolspring Township with 20 members. District 3 received \$25 for selling the most Doe Doll tickets. Next meeting will be November 20th at Noble Township along with the Miss Flame judging.

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**She's Proud Of Her Men Because They Volunteer**

Taken from Terre Haute - Tribune Star (Letter To The Editor)

I'd just like to inform our citizens who live in townships surrounding Terre Haute of some workings of the volunteer fire departments. The title explains that these departments are made up of just that, volunteers. These dedicated men, and a few women also, hold down full-time jobs to support their families. They are volunteer firemen during the hours when they are not at their jobs.

The volunteer fireman is unpaid and too many times unappreciated. It's unfortunate that at times there are just not enough volunteer firemen available to cover the many emergencies that arise any time, day or night. It's also unfortunate that there are citizens who are quick to condemn the volunteer firemen when not enough manpower is immediately available. It's easy to sit at home and complain before fully understanding that there are times when there are simply not enough volunteers for the large areas these brave and dedicated men protect.

Instead of complaining, how about volunteering some of your loved ones, for much-needed protection, by becoming volunteer firemen? We know it takes a special kind of man (woman also) to do this. Please stop and think of the many, many times our volunteers risk their health and very lives to protect you and yours and never receive a word of thanks. Not always, please understand; there are also many good citizens who have had occasion where our volunteer firemen have come to their rescue and they have shown their appreciation in various ways.

So please, good citizens, don't be too quick to condemn, instead how about some prayers for these loyal volunteers and the excellent job they do in protecting our businesses, homes and loved ones. I speak first hand because I have a son and a husband and many good friends who are volunteer firemen and I do so dread the ringing of that fire phone but also am very proud of these fine men in my life.

-Janet Meyers  
-North Terre Haute

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soon. Let us know what you think of it.

Hoping to see all of you in the state somewhere this year. Bill, Lisa, Joey and I wish the best for all of our firemen families throughout the year of 1986. Our goal is to serve you better in 1986 than in the past.



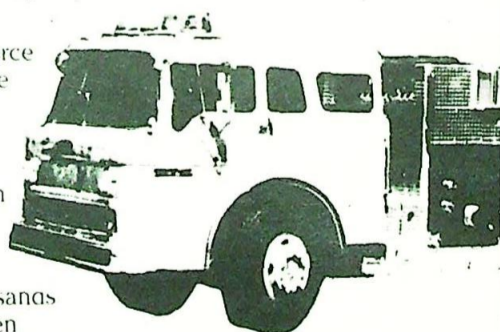
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- District 4** Jane Ferro  
Meeting was held on September 21st. We welcomed LaPaz Auxiliary to the District. Miss Flame will be held November 21st at Concord.
- District 6** Ruth Sanders  
September 15th we held our family picnic at St. Joe Township, Allen County. Our next meeting will be November 21st at Ashley Fire Department with our Christmas exchange. Miss Flame contest on January 16th.
- District 7** Virginia Wilson  
Met at the Monroe Fire Station on September 16th with 9 ladies from 5 departments and 1 guest. Poe is making Peanut Brittle with November 10th as guest day at 2:00 p.m. Hoagland Turkey Dance November 23rd at Hoagland Hayloft.
- District 8B** Betty Nickens  
Met September 11th at the Eaton Fire Department with 5 members and 9 guests in attendance. Miss Flame Contest will be November 13th at the Farmland Fire Department.
- District 9A** Faye Sallee  
Met August 11th at Colfax Fire Department. Election of officers was held with Faye as chairman and Brenda Carver as secretary. Next meeting will be November 13th at Michigan Townhouse Restaurant in Michigantown at 6:00 p.m. with a \$5 gift exchange.
- District 10** Debbie Nulliner  
Met at Manilla on August 19th. We had many special guests for the evening. Election of officers were held with Debbie as Chairman, Lyn Marsh as Secretary, Nancy Neal as Treasurer, Vivian Thomas as Chaplain. We're raffling off a Christmas music box for money-making project. Next meeting will be a joint meeting with the men and the theme is "It's A Small, Small World". Dress as toys.
- District 11A** Sue Biggs  
Met at Dobbs Park in September. We decided to hold our district Miss Flame Contest on November 16th at 6:30 p.m. at the Sandford Volunteer Fire Department. They are raffling off a Santa Claus stocking with \$25 to help defray the expense of the Miss Flame Contest.
- District 11B** Eula Bush  
Met on September 8th at J.U.G.A. (Bellmore). A brunch was served. Miss Flame dance will be February 15th from 9-12 Midnight at the Half Century Club in Clinton. Next meeting will be November 10th at Reelsville Fire Department.
- District 12** Mary Brooks  
Met August 12th at the Oaklandon Fire Department with 17 members representing 7 departments. Guests were introduced. There will be a white elephant sale at the Miss Flame judging to raise money for Miss Flame expenses. Election of officers was held with Mary as Chairman, Rosie Johnson as Secretary/Treasurer, Martha McConnell as Sgt.-at-Arms and Catherine VanArsdale as Chaplain.

- District 13** Virginia Wilson  
Met at the Sugar Creek #2 station with the men of 13A. Election of officers were held with the same officers being retained. Next meeting will be at Mac's Steak House on November 21st at 7:00 p.m. with a \$3 gift exchange. October 7th Virginia installed the newly formed auxiliary of Sugar Creek #2.
- District 14** Nancy Richardson  
Met September 18th at McCulloch Station #2 with 5 auxiliaries and 3 guests in attendance. The Outstanding Auxiliary Member of the Year was Mabel Brock of Underwood. Next meeting will be at Scottsburg on November 20th at 7:30 p.m.
- District 19** Mary Kissell  
Met August 13th at the Hogan Township station with 20 members representing 6 auxiliaries. Our next meeting will be at Sunman on November 12th at 7:00 p.m. The theme for the meeting is "Turkey, Trimmings and Trivia". Our Miss Flame judging will be November 27th at 7:30 p.m. at the Manchester Vol. Fire Dept.

## Auxiliary District News

### DISTRICT 4

The Concord Fire Department hosted the 4th District Miss Flame Contest.

Our winner was Miss Lorelie Kulczar, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Larry Kulczar of Penn South Fire Department. Congratulations, Lorelie!

### DISTRICT 11A

A new year has begun. I hope everyone had a nice holiday season. Larry and I enjoyed ours with many things going on. We were kept very busy all the time.

We held our November District meeting at the Sandford Volunteer Fire Department. I would like to thank the members of that Auxiliary for preparing a delicious meal. Thank you again.

We held our Miss Flame Contest for our district. There were fine contestants competing for the title. Departments represented were: Prairietown - Andrea Lee Blair, Stanten - Angela Jean O'Hern, Pimento - Kathryn Lynn Mikles, Lewis Township - Teresa Nuckolls, Sandford - Leticia Lynn Biggs. The runner up was Teresa Nuckolls from Lewis Township. Our 1986 Miss Flame is Leticia Lynn Biggs from Sandford. She will be representing our district at the Convention which will be held in Terre Haute in June of 1986. We hope to see all of you at the Convention.

I would like to thank last years Miss Flame, Deena Patrick from Seelyville Volunteer Fire Department. She was an outstanding representative for our District. Again, Deena, thank you. We think a lot of you. Just don't forget us.

I would also like to thank all of the guests who came to our meeting. It made it a very special evening.

Our next three meetings will be held in January at Prairietown Volunteer Fire Department, March meeting at Stanton Fire Department and May meeting at Coalmont. We hope you will try to attend these meetings.

### DISTRICT 11B

Well, by the time this appears in print, Christmas will be over, the gifts exchanged, the excess

pounds showing, and the bills rolling in!

Our next District meeting will be on January 12th at Cayuga. Hope we can see a lot of your smiling faces there.

Our Miss Flame Dance will be held on Saturday, February 15th, at the Half Century Club in Clinton from 9:00 p.m. until midnight. Rudy, Don and The Polka Dots will again provide the music. Entertainment?? - Well, we will have to go far to top last year's, but we will try. No information on the Miss Flame candidates at this writing - but whoever they may be - good luck! We are raffling off another TV-radio as first prize, \$50 bond second, and \$25 cash as third, so contact me if you need tickets.

Plans are really rolling now for the 1986 Convention - less than six months away. Wouldn't we all love to win that 1986 fire-engine red Dodge pickup? - Someone is going to!

We were very sorry to lose a very good friend and former Fire Chief of Fillmore - John Roach who passed away on November 15th. A memorial appears elsewhere in this paper.

In closing I would like to quote an Arthur Godfrey statement: "I'm proud to be paying taxes in the U.S. The only thing is - I could be just as proud for half the money."

### DISTRICT 14

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays.

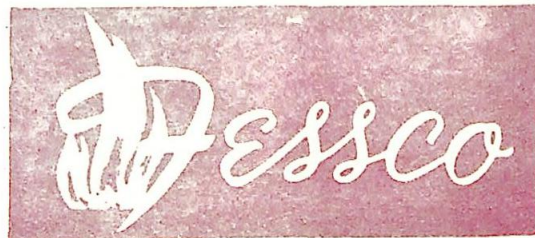
Our November District Meeting was held at Scottsburg Fire Department. We were happy to have Nancy Neal, Corresponding Secretary visit our meeting. Congratulations to Mabel Brock of Underwood who was presented with the Outstanding Auxiliary Member Of The Year Award. The refreshments served by the ladies of Scottsburg were delicious. Our next meeting will be January 15, 1986 at 7:30 p.m. at Henryville.

Mary Lou Kissell, District 19 Chairman, invited me to judge at their Miss Flame Contest. Congratulations to Lori Ann Cutter, the winner. All of the contestants were really beautiful and talented girls.

On November 23rd we held a convention meeting at the Marriott to begin plans for the 1987 IVFA Convention which will be held at Clarksville.

Activities in the District included New Washington sponsoring a Flea Market, Underwood had a

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**District 14**

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turkey and ham dinner and McCulloch held their annual dance. I would like to invite all auxiliaries in the 14th District to attend our meetings. Get out and support your officers.

**DISTRICT 1 & 2**

Our District meeting was held on November 7, 1985 at the New Chicago Fire Department. We held our Miss Flame Contest. There were 3 contestants from District 1 and one from District 2. All the girls did a super job and am sorry all of them couldn't win. Our Miss Flame from District 1 is Christina Ast from New Chicago Fire Department. The Miss Flame selected from District 2 is Sue Shroka. We wish both the girls good luck at the convention. Our next district meeting will be held on March 6th.

**District 1 & 2 Miss Flame Contestants**



Waiting for the results of the judging in the Miss Flame Contest are (left) Christine Ast, New Chicago, Geralyn Wagner, Schererville, Sue Shroka, Cedar Lake, and Becky Stewart, Merrillville.

**District 1 Officers**



Seated (left) Darlene Lambert, President, Janet L. Matherly, Secretary/Treasurer, standing (left) Becky Smith, Trustee - 3 year, Etta Gray, Trustee - 1 year, Linda Ralph, Chaplain. Not pictured - Sandy Taylor, Trustee - 1 year.

**District 10**

Continued from column one.

Miss Flame, Deanna Robinson from Farmland Volunteer Fire Auxiliary, was crowned in a ceremony following the dinner. The next district auxiliary meeting will be held at Marietta on February 17, 1986 at 6:30 p.m. The theme is "Be My Valentine" - wear red and white or pay 5'!!! 10th District Auxiliary wishes all of our friends in the volunteer fire service a very happy and safe new year.

**BAUGO AUXILIARY ELECTS OFFICERS**

The Baugo Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary held their election of officers at their November meeting with the following results. President - Jane Ferro Vice-President - Dawn Waterson Sec./Treas. - Mary Gamble Chaplain - Gladys Peterson

**LaPaz Forms Auxiliary**

The LaPaz Fire Department Auxiliary would like to thank Jane Ferro, Alice Price, Nancy Neal and the I.V.F.A. officers for helping us form the LaPaz Fire Department Auxiliary. We are proud to announce that our Auxiliary is really going good. We now have 14 members with 2 more members joining soon. Our first project as an Auxiliary was to help the LaPaz Fire Department raise a whopping \$10,501.53 for Muscular Dystrophy in 3 days over Labor Day weekend. We are currently selling knives and will be coming out with a cookbook soon. So I guess we are doing okay. Thank you all again for all your help and time. Lylah Swathwood, Secretary LaPaz Fire Dept. Aux.

**DISTRICT 10**

Hope Volunteer Fire Department hosted the Annual Joint Meeting of 10th District I.V.F.A. and I.V.F.A.A. on November 18, 1985. After a delicious pitch-in dinner, the meetings were held. Santa visited both meetings and passed out gifts in the ladies' meeting. Entertainment was provided by the Hope Junior Auxiliary. On November 24, 1985 Waldron Volunteer Fire Auxiliary hosted the 10th District Miss Flame Contest. A pitch-in dinner was served to 65 people attending. The 1985-86 10th District

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He goes to meetings, and training, fire runs and work details, ambulance runs and even softball and basketball tournaments that he couldn't turn down because "the team needed one more person".

He's faced hot weather, the extreme cold, pouring down rain, and even good weather turns bad when the alarm sounds. He's missed many a hot meal, much family time (kids grow up so fast), and time just for the two of us. That's not always easy - but he's a volunteer!

It's not all bad though - there's the preschoolers who have learned not to be afraid of a firefighter in turnout gear and how to get out of a house safely, there's ice cream socials, fish fries and don't forget that trophy earned on which hours of practice were spent.

Sometimes I wonder "Where did all the time go? Why did it have to pass so fast?" But I sit and think of his face after he's been out "volunteering" his time. A look that can show sorrow or pain, a look that says "why did I bother?" or the look of joy. But mostly it's a look of "I'm glad I was there!" Sometimes I wonder why he does it, and I'm only human - I even get tired of his dedication - can't he even miss 1 call or 1 meeting? But then I think how proud I am of him and that I can say... "That's my husband - and he's a volunteer!"

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**Area's First Firewoman Now On Duty**

The Clinton Township Fire Department has its first volunteer firewoman.

Sherry McFarland, 40, of Route 1, Clinton, is a state certified emergency medical technician, first class firefighter and the very first woman firefighter in this area, according to Clinton Township Fire Chief Gene Runyan. "She's more qualified than most of our volunteers," he added.

McFarland recently joined the fire department at Centenary along with her husband, Jack, who is a certified master firefighter. The McFarlands are both veteran firefighters having served on the Lewis Township, Ind., Fire Department for several years - Jack McFarland for 14 years and Sherry McFarland for five.

The tragic death of her five-year-old son 13 years ago led to McFarland's desire to become a firewoman, she said. He died from burns sustained after his shirt caught on fire. "He just took off running," she recalled.

Being a woman firefighter is nothing unusual to the McFarlands who recently moved to the area from Coalmont, Ind., where there were four women actively serving on the fire department.

"Other women should become firefighters if they are interested and not afraid," McFarland stated. "It is a good way to help other people."

The McFarlands have two children, Diane Harrison, 23, of Coalmont, and Kevin 12, who now attends Central Elementary School.

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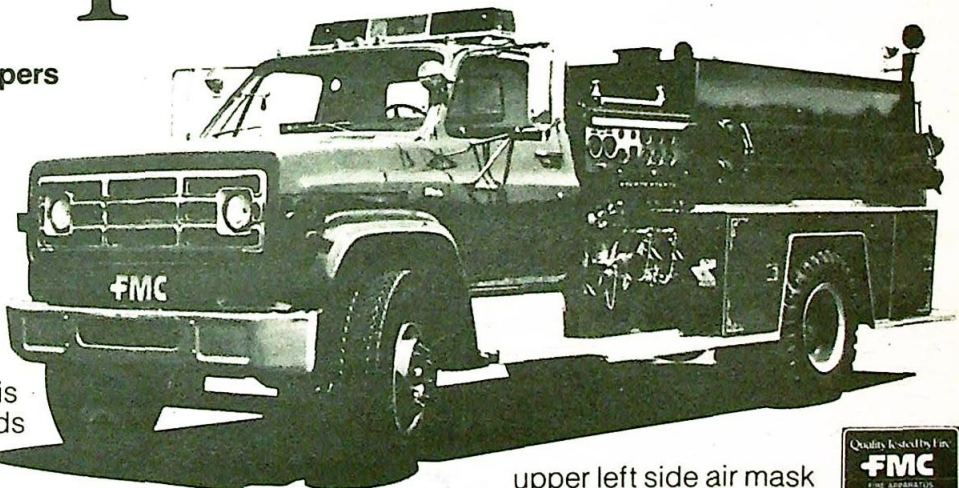
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**DOUG BECHTEL:** As Secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I would like to cast one unanimous vote for the finest chaplain anywhere in the State of Indiana for our own Duane Lantz for Chaplain for the year 1985-86.

**DUANE LANTZ:** I hope I can serve you to the fullest and to me, this is a beautiful sunset. Thank you.

**CARL BRUNS:** We will now get into Public Relations Director Northwest.

**RUSSELL REINHART:** The Nominating Committee places the name of Warren Hoobyar for Public Relations Director Northwest.

**CARL BRUNS:** The name of Warren Hoobyar has been placed in nomination for Public Relations Director Northwest. Are there further nominations for Public Relations Director Northwest? (Representative from District 1): I nominate Bill Howe.

**CARL BRUNS:** Okay, Bill Howe's name has been placed in nomination. Are there further nominations for PR man Northwest? (This was asked three times.) I declare the nominations closed. The people that will be voting on this particular public relations man are 1,2,3, 9A and 9B only. The people you're voting on will be Warren Hoobyar and Bill Howe. Public Relations Northeast, Nominating Committee.

**RUSSELL REINHART:** The Nominating Committee places the name of William Kinsey as Public Relations Director Northeast.

**CARL BRUNS:** The name of William Kinsey has been placed in nomination as Public Relations Northeast, 4, 5, 6 and 7. Are there further nominations for PR man from that area? (This was asked three times.) I declare the nominations closed and ask the secretary to cast one unanimous vote for Bill Kinsey, PR man Northeast 1985-86.

**DOUG BECHTEL:** As Secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I'd like to cast one unanimous ballot for Bill Kinsey, PR man Northeast for the year 1985-86.

**CARL BRUNS:** Public Relations West-Central. 11A, 11B, 12, 20 and 21. An individual.

**RUSSELL REINHART:** The Nominating Committee places the name of Toddy Michl for Public Relations representative.

**CARL BRUNS:** The name of Toddy Michl, PR man, West-Central placed in nomination for 11A, 11B, 12, 20 and 21. Are there further nominations for this office? (This was asked three times.) I declare the nominations closed and ask the Secretary to cast one unanimous vote for Toddy Michl, PR representative of West-Central 1985-86 I.V.F.A.

**DOUG BECHTEL:** As Secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I would like to cast one unanimous vote for Toddy Michl, PR man, West-Central, for the year 1985-86.

**CARL BRUNS:** Thank you Doug. PR representative East-Central, 8A, 8B, 10, 13A and 13B, the Nominating Committee.

**RUSSELL REINHART:** The Nominating Committee would like to place the name of Bill Windsor for the office of Public Relations East-Central.

**CARL BRUNS:** The nomination of Bill Windsor, PR man East-Central for this coming year. Are there further nominations? (This was asked three times.) I will declare the nominations closed and ask the secretary to cast one unanimous vote for Bill Windsor, PR representative of East-Central for the year 1985-86.

**DOUG BECHTEL:** As Secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I would like to cast one unanimous ballot for Bill Windsor, PR man, East-Central for the year 1985-86.

**CARL BRUNS:** Nominating Committee, PR man Southwest, 15, 17A, 17B and 18.

**RUSSELL REINHART:** The Nominating Committee places the name of Carl Davis as Public Relations of Southwest.

**CARL BRUNS:** The name of Carl Davis PR man Southwest for 1985-86 I.V.F.A. Are there further nominations for this office? (This was asked three times.) I will declare the nomination closed and ask the secretary to cast one unanimous vote for Carl Davis, PR man Southwest 1985-86.

**DOUG BECHTEL:** As Secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I'd like to cast one unanimous ballot for Carl Davis, PR Southwest for the year 1985-86.

**CARL BRUNS:** The Nominating Committee, a representative for PR Southeast, 14, 16 and 19.

**RUSSELL REINHART:** The Nominating Committee places the name of Roy Richardson for Public Relations Southeast.

**CARL BRUNS:** The name of Roy Richardson has been placed in nomination for PR man Southeast 1985-86. Are there further nominations? (This was asked three times.) I declare the nominations closed and ask the secretary to cast one unanimous vote for Roy Richardson, PR man Southeast 1985-86.

**DOUG BECHTEL:** As Secretary of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, I'd like to cast one unanimous vote for Roy Richardson, PR man Southeast 1985-86.

**CARL BRUNS:** The representative through election of Public Relations Northwest is Bill Howe.

**BILL HOWE:** Thanks for electing me.

**CARL BRUNS:** The Chair recognizes Co-chairman, Pete Lockhart. **PETE LOCKHART:** I just thought you guys deserved to know what we've done on registration for the convention. As of noon today, we had six hundred seventy people registered for the convention. Thank you.

**CARL BRUNS:** The By-Laws Committee, the Election Committee and the Roll Committee have been released. To address this body, the man that has traveled from Angola to Evansville, from Lawrenceburg to the Lake County area, and has done it regularly, a man that you could not wear out, State Fire Marshal, State of Indiana, William Goodwin.

**WILLIAM GOODWIN:** Just a few words of warning to you people. I think you should be very cautious in the coming months to see that the integrity of the State Fire Marshal's office is protected. I think that you're going to have to go home and work your people tremendously hard in the field of education. These people must be taught the codes, the building codes. The new fire prevention code is going to be important, also the building code for existing buildings. More codes, the flammable liquids code, the new ETS regulations, personnel educational standards, standards for you firefighter training and improved education. I think that one of the big problems facing the fire service in the coming years is financing. I think that we've got to start talking much more strongly about some type of retirement benefits for volunteer firemen in the State of Indiana. I think that this

state has got to implement a program simply to maintain the volunteer fire service. I think the fire service of Indiana has got to start looking in a very strong manner of public relations. Once again, I want to thank you tremendously for the support you have given me, for the many years I have been involved with the fire service, somebody has supported me. The support Janet has given me has been tremendous. Once again, God bless each one of you. Thank you.

**CARL BRUNS:** Old business.

**BILL HOWE:** Mr. President, Bill Howe, District 1. I would like to again make a motion that this organization buy a new uniform for the Chaplain.

**CARL BRUNS:** Is there a second?

**TOM SELMER:** Tom Selmer, District 14, I second that motion and believe two more stripes should be added.

**CARL BRUNS:** Okay, you've heard the motion and the second. The question has been called. This must be unanimous. All those in favor stand up. Anybody that's opposed, please rise. The motion is carried. Any new business to come before the session? If not, we will get into the 1986 Convention, Terre Haute, June 12, 13 and 14. Convention Chairman, Bill Bush.

**BILL BUSH:** Next year, in Terre Haute, the headquarters will be Howard Johnsons. The banquet night, we do have set up Hulman Civic Center. We have plans for Thursday and Friday night (a pizza party for the kids.) Thank you.

**CARL BRUNS:** Convention 1987, do we have any bids? Sir, I recognize you.

(Unidentified Speaker from District 6): I am from District 6 and I have a letter addressed to the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, 1985 Convention Caucus, "Gentlemen: The seventeen departments comprising the Allen County Firefighters' Association would like to invite the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association to hold the 1987 Convention in Allen County. The 1980 Convention, hosted in Allen County, turned out to be profitable as well as enjoyable. Please give Allen County due consideration for the 1987 Convention site. Thank you. Respectfully, Stan Crickmore, President, Allen County Firefighter's Association."

**CARL BRUNS:** Is there a further bid for the 1987 Convention? The Chair recognizes a gentlemen over here.

(Unidentified Speaker): Gentlemen, we want to invite this event back to Southern Indiana which I have already secured the Belle of Louisville for June 11, 1987. I have been insured the Marriott Inn for convention headquarters where you can park your car and stay for three days. The Convention Center is right across the street, the Bell of Louisville is on the Kentucky side which we will be bused over to. I would like the delegates to consider the Southern Indiana for the 1987 Convention.

**CARL BRUNS:** Alright. The Chair recognizes the gentleman on stage.

(Unidentified Speaker): Thank you, Mr. President. Bill Engle, District 17A. Gentlemen, Vincennes Township, 17A District, would like to invite you down to the 1987 Convention down to the southwest side of the state, down to Old Vincennes. The major activities will probably be held at the Executive Inn, plus accommodations of the Holiday, with the cooperation of Vincennes University, and I know I can speak for Mayor Rose.

**CARL BRUNS:** Are there further bids for the 1987 Convention? (This was asked three times). Okay, I'm taking them the way that they were given to me up here. Everyone in favor of going to the Allen County Firefighters in Ft. Wayne, rise. Allen County. One hundred twenty-eight. Everyone in favor of Jeffersonville, stand up. Jeffersonville. Only delegates. If you're not a delegate, be seated. One hundred twenty-three. Be seated, delegates. Everybody again for Allen County, stand up. Just delegates. Delegates only, Allen County. One Hundred twenty-eight. Vincennes Township, please rise. **MR. POLING:** Mr. President, requests that we have a run-off between those two cities.

**CARL BRUNS:** Alright, fellows, we're having a run-off between Allen County and Jeffersonville. Alright, everyone for Allen County stand up and everybody be quiet. Allen County. Alright, Mr. Selmer.

**MR. SELMER:** Tom Selmer, District 14. I think in all fairness to Ft. Wayne and all fairness to Jeffersonville at this point I move to roll call vote by delegates.

**CARL BRUNS:** Chairmen, poll your delegates. There are two hundred ninety-seven legal delegates voting. This will be final.

**MARVIN LOCKHART:** It will probably be seven-thirty before we eat and we would like to get the doors open about seven o'clock.

**GENE STOFER:** Ladies and Gentlemen, the vote count which is two hundred and seventy-four, which is less than what we have delegates, the vote is a hundred and fifty-two for Jefferson, one hundred and twenty-two, Allen County.

**CARL BRUNS:** Alright, at this time the Chair recognizes Chaplain Duane Lantz who will close the meeting with prayer. Everyone please rise.

**CARL BRUNS:** Gentlemen, we need a motion to adjourn.

**MAX POLING:** Mr. President, I make a motion to adjourn this meeting.

**BILL WINDSOR:** I second it.

**CARL BRUNS:** This meeting stands adjourned.

(Meeting Concluded.)

Respectfully submitted: Carl Bruns, Bill Sunday, Doug Bechtel and Ivan Nevil.

Friday night banquet - I.U. Memorial Building

After the meal was finished President Bruns called the meeting to order. Bette Sellmer, Chaplain of the I.V.F.A.A, returned thanks.

At this time President Bruns introduced the following people: his wife Viola and their family; Nickie Sunday, President of the I.V.F.A.A and Bill Sunday, Vice President of the I.V.F.A.A.; Pete and Judy Lockhart and Kelly and Carla Cissell, co-chairmen and wives of this year's convention; Linda Baker, the organist; Bette Sellmer, Chaplain of the I.V.F.A.A.; Loretta Nullinger, the Lois Boaz award recipient for this year and her husband Dave; Bill Engle, this year's Mr. I.V.F.A. and his wife Verta; Sandra Weber, 1985 Miss Flame and her parents Clarence and Elaine Weber; Mike Green, as assistant to Se-

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cretary of State Ed Simcox; and Farrel Duckworth, a former Senator. President Bruns also introduced Marshal Goodwin, who spoke briefly to the body.

President Bruns then introduced Secretary of State Ed Simcox. Secretary Simcox at this time presented an Honorary Secretary of State certificate to Marshal Goodwin and also President Bruns. After the presentations, Secretary Simcox addressed the banquet audience.

Vice President Bill Sunday introduced Ben Moore of the Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance for the presentation of their awards. Honorable mention went to the following departments: Cicero, Pershing Twp., Dillsboro, Center Twp., Hope, Eaton, Michigantown, Concord Twp., Owen Valley, Poe, Bloomington Twp., Knox, Lewis Twp., Farmland, Newburgh, Greendale, and St. Joe Twp. of Allen County. The winner was St. Joe Twp., and they were presented a check, the traveling trophy, and shoulder patches.

Vice President Sunday then read the listing of the Midwest awards. All names of the recipients appear in the I.V.F.A. paper.

Nickie Sunday, President of the I.V.F.A.A., introduced Miss Flame Sandra Weber, Lisa Dyer runner-up, and Lucy Stofer and her committee. She then introduced the officers of the I.V.F.A.A. Also introduced were her daughter Lisa and son Joey.

At this time all newly elected officers of the I.V.F.A. were sworn in by Marshal Goodwin.

President Bruns presented a plaque to Pete Lockhart and Kelly Cissell for hosting this year's convention. Kelly and Pete introduced the convention committees and thanked them for their help.

President Bruns at this time presented the President's Award to Carl Davis. He also thanked all the firefighters in the state for all of their help and cooperation during the last four years.

The winners of the drawings were then announced. The camera went to Bill Vorhees of Bloomington, the radio to Ron Graham of Bloomington, the TV to the Underwood Fire Department, the boat, motor, and trailer to Wayne Howe of Tell City, and the car went to Wilbert Gallmeyer of Ossian.

After some closing remarks by President Bruns, the banquet attendees sang God Bless America.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ivan Nevil, Recording Secretary

## FPW IN KNOX



Knox firemen, Rich Byer and Levert Ruff, display some turnout gear to Knox elementary students. Also, as part of fire prevention activities, the local Shriners Club presented a program concerning their burn centers and fire safety.

## GREENDALE UNLEASHES NEW FIRE TRUCK

Taken from The Journal-Press

More than 200 Greendale residents had the opportunity to view their town's new fire truck at the Greendale Fire Department's annual open house in October.

The 1985 Pierce Suburban 1,250 gallon per minute pumper was put in service in October. purchased for \$95,000 from Midwest Fire & Safety of Indianapolis the new pumper replaced a 1958 American LaFrance, which pumped 1,000 gallons per minute, said Richard Cutter, assistant chief.

The new truck features a C8000 Ford chassis with a Caterpillar 225 horsepower engine, an Allison automatic transmission, power steering and air brakes. It was purchased from Haag Ford of Lawrenceburg.

Pierce Manufacturing of Appleton, Wis., built the crew cab and

body, and installed the pump. The truck was driven from Appleton to Greendale in September by Chief Ed Noel, Capt. Howard McKee and firefighter Ray Beatty, said Cutter.

"Since its arrival, the firefighters have been very busy loading hoses, attaching equipment such as nozzles, axes, hose adaptors, pry bars, fire extinguishers and other fire equipment," he said.

Firefighters trained on a delivery engine from MSI, and the pumper was put into operation following the session, said Cutter.

The annual open house was held to close out Fire Prevention Week.

**Editor's Note**  
Pictures furnished with this article were in negative form so unfortunately could not be used.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS WEST CENTRAL



L. J. (TODDY) MICHL

Christmas and New Year's gone - Superbowl over with, - now we can get back to the old grind again.

We are at a loss to find out why some departments aren't sending in their dues. Several issues ago I tried to let everyone know what the I.V.F.A. does for the members. Now I would like to know what exactly do you as members expect from the I.V.F.A.? When I was at one station in my area I had a conversation with a fireman concerning dues. We talked about what the I.V.F.A. does and he even wrote them down. But when we finished he wanted to know what he got back. If you have a problem, let us know or invite us to your meeting. We'll try and help you out. That's why we are elected to these jobs.

By the time this paper is received the computer should be in service. We should be able to cut down on some problems with membership dues.

Been traveling to district meetings and talking to different departments. If you don't have a member of your department attending these meetings, send someone. They can bring back to your department what is discussed. Attendance at these meetings has been a little low.

Billy Sunday has been doing a good job along with the other officers but it takes everyone working together to make things work.

When the State Legislature goes into session, they will be asking for your help on bills that will benefit us. Don't let them down.

Want to congratulate Tish Biggs our District 11A Miss Flame. She is the daughter of Sue and Larry Biggs, District 11A Chairman. We know she will represent our district well.

Still working on Convention 86. Things still looking good. I hope we don't run into any problems in the near future. Until next issue, thanks for your support and see you at your next district meeting, if possible.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS NORTHEAST

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don't stay on top of the proposed changes and voice our opinion, as the voice of 18,000 volunteer firefighters, we lose.

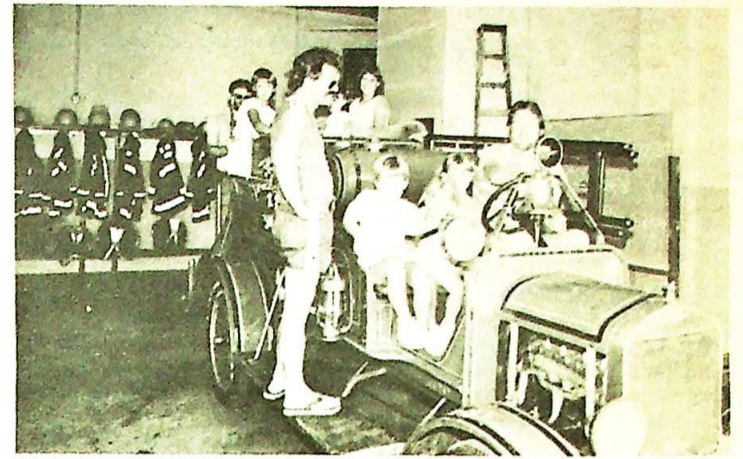
Get active. Don't just gripe at your home station. Voice your opinions at your District Meetings. The harder you work, the more you win. Best Wishes for a Happy New Year!

## Rensselaer FPW

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our visit. The packet included a coloring book, Freddie Fireman badges, I.D. club membership, gift certificate, a home fire check list, and a pencil. Members of the Ladies Auxiliary were on hand to help with the presentation and to pass out the packets.

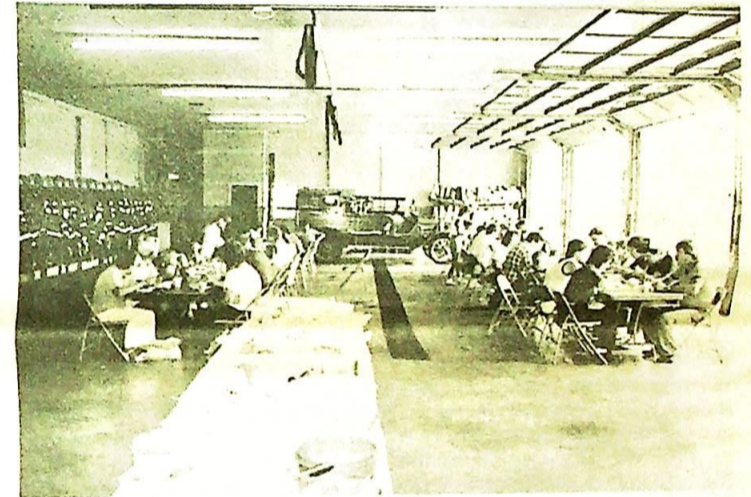
## FARMLAND'S ANNUAL PICNIC



Farmland youngsters enjoying truck rides.



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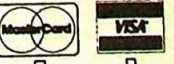
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# DISTRICT MEETINGS

## DISTRICT 3

Regular Meeting - Dist. 3  
Thursday - November 21, 1985  
Pleasant Twp. Fire Station

Meeting brought to order by Chairman Sabie at 8:10 p.m. Pledge was led by host Assistant Chief Phil Bluhm. There were 38 members representing 11 departments and 7 guests in attendance.

Guests present were: Duane Lantz - State Chaplain, Bill Howe - PR Northwest, V. Richard Miller - State Senator, G. Edward Cook - State Representative, Mary Kay Budak - State Representative, Michael Budak, Sgt. Michael Mollenhaur - LaPorte County Police.

Chairman Sabie introduced guests and state officers that were present.

Due to the presence of our legislators, we dispensed with regular business to open the floor for discussion with them.

The first and most discussed topic was insurance premiums. There was much discussion and many ideas including possible caps on premium price, good samaritan laws, self-insuring, and the possible idea that insurance companies will just stop writing liability policies. All three of the representatives present addressed this problem stating also that there is a study committee in the legislature working with this problem. Ed cook advised that there is a difference as far as the law between governmental departments and private corporations. They advise that much of the state is now self-insuring to save money. It was brought up that with budgets as low as they are that it would be impossible to self-insure. The legislators advised us that we have much more clout in Indianapolis than we think we do.

Other topics brought up for the legislators to take back included: Fuel tax exemption for fire department vehicles, Height and weight exemptions for fire vehicles, and the fire training academy. The I.V.F.A. is against the academy concept in favor of a structured training program to be used locally. We sighted how it is impossible for some people to travel as well as take time off from work for the required classes.

It was noted that some of the outreach training programs being put on by I. V. Tech can cost as much as \$74 per person. Classes taught by the Fire Marshal's office will cost up to \$35 per person. The National Fire Training Academy will house people that are there for training at no cost.

Next discussed was the new reporting system. You need to send in a form each time a truck rolls. There are classes going on to train people on how to fill the forms out, but it was also noted that all but one of the sessions were to be held on weekdays when most volunteers are at work.

Chairman Rob brought up the fact that all insurance companies in the state must have an insurance rider for fire department coverage. The rider calls for a \$500 payment for residential buildings and a \$1,000 payment for commercial buildings. All fire

departments in Indiana can collect these riders. The state would also like to see a fund set up to benefit all firefighters that would be funded by one half of all rider fees collected by departments throughout the state. This has been proposed in the form of a bill.

Again, we are reminded that if the insurance premiums raise to the point that the departments have to fold the rates of homeowner insurance will sky rocket as losses will be much higher with no fire protection.

Mary Kay Budak recommends networking. We have to get all the people together and convince them. We also have to be heard by all the legislators in Indiana, not just the three present at the meeting.

Ed Cook agrees with Mary Kay and adds that we need to get the letters in soon.

Dick Miller states that he does understand our problems and that we need to get the information to the other legislators as soon as possible.

Duane reminds us that we do have a voice in Indianapolis.

All three legislators left around 9:30 p.m. and were thanked by the body for their attendance.

Duane advises that he recently attended the Indiana Trustees Association meeting and the trustees are behind us in our needs.

Bill Howe advises that in addition to the bills already discussed, there is one that will require smoke detectors in all sleeping areas. He also states that we must be heard in Indy - write those letters.

Some dues for the I.V.F.A. have still not been paid for 1985. It is noted that if a department is not paid by September 30th - there will not be any benefits paid to that department or any of its members. The departments in our district that have still not paid are Cass-Clinton, Koontz Lake, Knox, Noble Township. Please get these in!

The Miss Flame candidate for 1986 was announced.

The convention headquarters for the 1986 convention is already booked full. If you are interested in going please get your reservations in soon so the housing committee can get rooms arranged for you. Tickets for the 1986 Red Dodge pickup will be available soon. Let's get them sold A.S.A.P.

Convention book ads are being sold by the Dale Corporation. They will be selling ads by telephone. The phone number in Indianapolis for the I.V.F.A. is (317) 872-2030.

The Bridgeport Fire Department Scholarship fund will provide two \$1,500 scholarships and a death benefit of \$3,000. This fund will be overseen by the I.V.F.A.

### Committee Reports:

Edith - Al Meyers talked to Frank Long about the frame for the trailer. It seems that the frame was rusted past the point of use. Westville Department is still looking for a usable frame. If you know of one please let Al or Frank know. New Prairie is ready to do the welding work, etc. that is to be done. We may need a district-wide fund raiser to help pay for this project. A 50/50 has been recommended.

Some department elections are coming up. Please let the se-

cretary know of any changes in your department so he can keep the mailings straight.

The convention committee sent pamphlets on LaPorte County to the State Officers meeting which was attended by Rob Sabie, Dave Kaufman, and Duane Lantz. We did ask for the support of the officers for the 1988 convention. We will try to have it on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday to get more people there.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Good of the Order: Bill Howe, PR Northwest, advised that the forms for the Farm Bureau Awards along with the rules and regulations are available from the PR men. Notebooks with pictures, etc. are necessary. Midwest Award applicants need to be in to Vice President Swartz by February 1st. Mr. I.V.F.A. letters are to be in to Mr. Stofer, Mr. Engle, and Mr. Howe by April the 1st.

The I.V.F.A. paper was again short this last issue. If you ever have anything that you would like to see it, get the articles or pictures to the chairman and he will get it published.

Congratulations to the Kingsford-Union V.F.D.'s Softball team on their 3rd place win in the district's tournament.

Second roll call showed only the loss of the legislators. Rob advised of the possibility of a 60 hour fire and arson course to be held in the district. We would need 20 to 25 people to make it go. There was an intense desire for more second class courses to be held locally. Rob will research the need.

We adjourned at 10:08 p.m. with a motion from Frank Kuhn that was seconded by Harold Rensberger. Nineteen dollars was added to our treasury which now stands at \$615.89. Don Gunner won the 50/50.

The next meeting will be at Center Township Fire Station on Johnson Road, Thursday, January 16th starting at 8:00 p.m. See you there!

David G. Kaufman  
Secretary/Treasurer

## 1986 MEETING SCHEDULE FOR DISTRICT 3

- January 16 - Center Township
- February 20 - Michiana Shores
- March 20 - North Judson
- April 17 - Scipio Township

- May 15 - Lincoln Township
- June - CONVENTION
- July 17 - Cass-Clinton
- August 21 - Kingsbury
- September 18 - Koontz Lake
- October 16 - Hanna
- November 20 - Long Beach
- December - Happy Holidays!

district's general fund. Thanks to everyone who participated, \$101 was added to our treasury.

The Hidden Auction auctioneer and former USAC sprint car driver, Butch Wilkerson, won the 50-50 drawing, the split was \$21.25.

Hope to see more of you attending your district meetings in 1986.

Bruce Neal

## DISTRICT 10



Shown above are (left) District 10 Chairman I.V.F.A.A. Debbie Nulliner, DeAnna Robinson (representing Fairland Fire Dept.) who was crowned Miss Flame for 1986, Brenda Fortner (representing New Palestine Auxiliary) who was runner-up and District 10 Chairman I.V.F.A. Bruce Neal.

Greetings I.V.F.A. members. I hope everyone enjoyed a Happy Holiday season.

The men and women of District 10 met November 18th at the Hope Fire Department. Before the meeting a pitch-in dinner of turkey and all the trimmings and drinks supplied by the Hope Fire Department and Auxiliary were served and enjoyed by all.

Forty-six firefighters from 11 departments answered the first roll call. Guests for the evening were new State Fire Marshal Larry Bosell, and wife Karen, former I.V.F.A. president and Acton firefighter Jim Parker, John Maudlin from Midwest Fire and Safety, Bob Cookson and Butch Wilkerson.

Fire Marshal Larry Bosell told the firefighters of some possible changes in the hours for certification and urged anyone who had any ideas for changes to contact the Commission of Fire Fighting Personnel Standards and Education.

No training was scheduled for this meeting. Instead we had a "Hidden Auction" to help our

## DISTRICT 11A

Well the holidays are over and I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable time.

Our November District Meeting was held on the 16th at the Sandford Volunteer Fire Department. Several State Officers and guests were present for our Miss Flame Contest. As usual, the ladies did a great job with the contest. We had five contestants. The runner up was Theresa Nuckolls from Coalmont Lewis Township. And the winner was Leticia Lynn Biggs from Sandford Volunteer Fire Department. I know you all will support our candidate at convention as Sue and I will. I want, at this time, to thank our former District Miss Flame, Deena Patrick of the Seelyville Fire Department. She did a wonderful job representing our district. Thanks, Deena.

Guys, there are still several departments that haven't paid their 1985-86 dues. Each department has been contacted and reminded. If there is some problem please let me know. The I.V.F.A. is only as strong as its membership. Let's get those dues in. Remember if your dues aren't paid, no benefits.

Our next meeting will be over by the time you read this. It was held at Prairieon. The march meeting will be at Stanton and the May meeting at Coalmont. Hope to see you at convention.

Larry Biggs

## DISTRICT 11B

Fellow Firefighters:

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**District 11B**

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perly cared for.

We as firemen are in line for exposure to winter at its worst time - after the sun goes down.

The Association is still having growing pains with the computer system, as is evidenced by the many errors that are surfacing. But bear with us - there is light at the end of the tunnel. In this district, and I am sure in many others, there are departments that are shown as not having their dues paid this year. However, this is not true. I have been checking on this and as demonstrated by Clinton Township for example, this department showed me the canceled check. So you can see things are not always what they appear.

I am working on an important fire school for our district - more on this later.

Hope you and yours had a very safe and happy holiday season.

James Tagney

**DISTRICT 12**

I.V.F.A. Meeting  
November 18, 1985  
Stilesville Vol. Fire Dept.  
(Stilesville, Indiana)

Meeting called to order by Chairman Donald Johnson at 7:30 p.m. with 31 members and guests representing 12 departments present.

Opening prayer by our Chaplain James Bruner and Pledge to the Flay by our Sgt.-At-Arms.

Introduction of guests as follows: I.V.F.A. Sgt.-At-Arms Bill Bush, (he is also chairman of

Convention '86), Toddy and Helen Michl, our P.R.W.C., Bob and Joan Hayes, from the Terre Haute Convention Committee, and Lloyd Adcock and Mark Stump, representatives from Safety Marketing, Incorporated.

1st Roll Call.  
Minutes of previous meeting were read and accepted.

Treasurer Report was given and approved.

Communication - None  
Committee Report - A short discussion regarding awards for Mr. I.V.F.A. and Midwest Award. Chairman Johnson suggested that we get the names to the committees as soon as possible.

Old Business - None  
New Business - None  
Chairman Johnson discussed E.P.A. Regulations of eliminating underground gas tanks.

Toddy Michl, our Public Relations West Central, stated that if there are any by-law changes they should be in by March 1st. Regarding the old fire service bills that are in the General Assembly, there will not be very many changes on the new bills. Toddy also stressed that we should have our Senator and Representative attend our meetings. I.V.F.A. membership, as of the last state officer's meeting, is over the 8100 mark.

Chairman Johnson stated that there will be some changes made on the judging of the 12th District Miss Flame Contest.

Bill Bush, I.V.F.A. Sgt.-At-Arms and chairman of Convention '86 made the following comments on the up and coming convention. Please get your reservations in as soon as possible. There are plans for the children attending the convention with their parents. T-shirts, Caps and Mugs will be sold as souvenirs. There will be buses for shoppers.

All games are going according to plan including the Cart Races. The Banquet will be held in the Hulman Civic Center and reservations should be in by April 1st. Also the truck being raffled off will be given away that evening. There will be a Coffee Klutch for both men and ladies. Bill also stated that camping for trailers will be approximately 4 miles away from Convention Headquarters.

Good Of The Order - None.  
2nd Roll Call.

Our guest speakers for the evening were Lloyd Adcock and Mark Stump representing Safety Marketing, Inc. They were promoting Sargom Fire Extinguishers (Halon) for fire protection in the home, etc. Also they presented a fund raising idea by selling Sargom Extinguishers.

The host department was introduced and refreshments were served.

The next 12th District meeting will be held at Brooklyn Vol. Fire Department (Morgan County) January 20, 1986.

Motion to adjoin was made at 9:30 p.m.

Charles Bogden, Secretary

**PUBLIC RELATIONS  
NORTHWEST**



**BILL HOWE**

The fire service is making some major changes with the new organization. As usual some will be liked by everyone, some by a few and some by none. The new form for state reporting seems to be getting the most discussion. It has now been put into use. They are a little harder to fill out but in time when you become familiar with them I am sure the task will not be too bad.

Again in 1986 the association will sponsor fire schools for each district. This is always good quality material and should be taken advantage of by everyone possible.

I was very pleased with the fire school held by Districts 1 and 2. The programs were fantastic and well attended. Everyone left the 2-day session with some excellent information.

The 1986 Convention is really rolling along fine at this time. There have been obstacles but none that could not be overcome. If you plan to attend, you had better get in your reservations. If you don't attend, you will most assuredly miss a fine weekend.

The Districts of the Northwest are very busy with their many projects. District 3 voted to bid for the 1988 Convention. They will be working very hard to get this accomplished - then the work will really begin. They plan to make this the best convention this association has ever participated in.

As always, I would like to urge every department to be represented at your District Meetings. As the Indiana legislature is now in session the information that concerns the fire service will be discussed at these meetings. Most likely you will be asked to contact your representative or senator to let them know your feelings towards the bills.

The annual meeting will have several awards for presentation. The time for entering is drawing very near. Letters are needed for Mr. I.V.F.A., names for the Midwest Award and entries for the monetary award from the Farm Bureau.

In closing, I hope that you had a safe holiday season and that all of 1986 is a fire safe year.

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We would like to thank the hundreds of departments that we have successfully provided insurance coverage for in 1985, and look forward to serving them in the years to come. However, for those of you who we have not had this opportunity, we hope that the years ahead will be good to both of us.

Regards,

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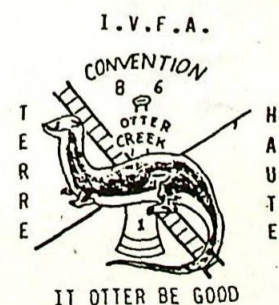
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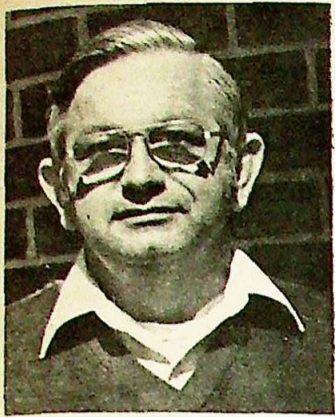
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**PUBLIC RELATIONS  
EAST CENTRAL**



**BILL WINDSOR**

Here we are in the middle of winter, the holidays over and it's time to get in the swing of things again.

Here in the East Central area we had a lot of bad roads during the holidays which caused a lot of 10-50 PPs. It seems like the fire runs are down so far this winter - Knock on wood! Maybe it is because all departments are doing a better job on fire prevention and public awareness and believe me, that's the way to beat this problem we all have.

The fire schools will be rolling around very soon again, both I.V.F.A. and State Fire Marshal's. Let's get behind them and show those people who are watching that we do want the schools and we will support them.

There are a lot of departments in the state that don't have their dues paid yet. Please check your records and make sure yours were paid.

If you have questions, get in touch with your district chairman or P.R. man and get them answered.

A lot of dates are left for both the trailers this year. Until next time.

**CHEATING SATAN**

Can it be done? Is it possible? Yes, it is possible! Like many other volunteer firefighters, it has been my unique opportunity to do so. Along with other volunteer firefighters, I've found myself asking the same questions after responding to a call. Why would our Lord allow this particular accident to happen? What purpose could be served here? The correct answers to these questions may never be known. Since we do not have the all-knowing mind of our Lord and do not think as he does, we may never really understand. But, over the years, several facts have become evident to me.

God's ultimate will is the redemption of man. He sent his son Jesus to forgive our sins and if we accept Him as our Savior, we can have eternal life. God loves us all and can change our lives into ones of peace and fruitfulness. He can break the holds that Satan has on us. There are many that wish they could have that, but are bound to Satan by things such as drugs and alcohol. Often times, it takes a traumatic event in their lives to finally help them decide to change their lives and accept Jesus Christ. In our profession, we respond to traumatic events. Just as our Lord used the Cross as an instrument for our redemption, he may use a car accident or a fire as an instrument to lead people to Jesus Christ. If we let him, he will use us also.

As chaplain, firefighter and E.M.T., I've talked to a lot of people during and after car accidents. The stories of the lives they have been leading bears out my statements. Convinced that she was going to die, a young lady held on to my bunker coat

wanting me to pray for her, as we freed her from the car. She accepted Christ that day, and no longer is involved with what she was doing. She knew what she was doing was wrong, but never had the strength to quit. There are other traumatic events related to alcohol that could be told. But the truth is, up until the accident, Satan had them all where he wanted them. Hooked to a life of alcohol, drugs and sexual misconduct. They belonged to Satan. They were destined to be with him.

In Luke, Chapter 10, verses 30-37, St. Luke pens the story of the Good Samaritan, as told by Jesus Christ himself. Although we are not told what the victim of this traumatic event went on to do, we can only believe that the Good Samaritan had a Christian influence on his life that day. For Jesus said to us concerning the Good Samaritan's deed that day, "go and do thou likewise". As Volunteer Firefighters, we have the unique opportunity to serve the Lord with most every call we make. What we do and what we say could be the turning point in that victim's life. Jesus Christ or Satan! Yes, Satan can be cheated and we can be that Christian man or woman that helps someone make the decision for Christ

and the Christian Life.

Serving the Lord in this manner does not go unnoticed either. Matthew writes in Chapter 6, verses 19-21, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also". You'll find that depositing in this bank will be quite rewarding.

Prayer - Father, help us to serve you here on earth and be that Christian influence in someone's life. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

In Christ,  
Doug Dettmer, Chaplain  
Wayne Twp. Fire Dept. Co. #1  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

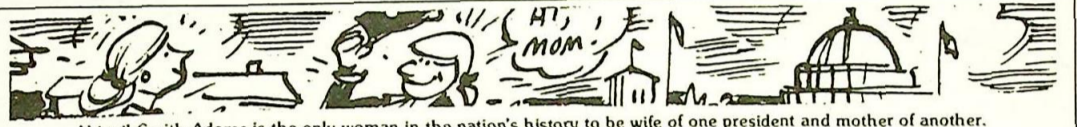
I would like to thank Chaplain Dettmer for sending me this article and if other Chaplains in the state would like to contribute articles, they would be more than welcome.

Chaplain Duane Lantz

**Ice Cream Social Held In Farmland**



At Farmland's Ice Cream Social, someone came up with the idea of adding 2 gasoline engines to the 5-gallon ice cream makers which made cranking a whole lot easier. The money from the successful Ice Cream Social goes towards restoration of their Model T.

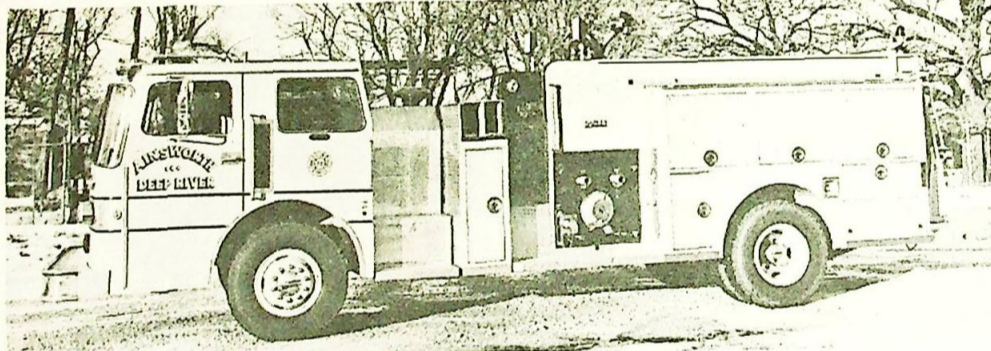


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**HOBART, INDIANA**

This is the third Darley unit chosen by the Ainsworth-Deep River volunteers of Hobart. It features the Darley Champion Model SH 1500 midship which has an independent third stage so their apparatus can deliver both high pressure and massive volume at the same time. A state-of-the-art Darley design top console affords the pump operator a 360° vantage safely out of the roadway.

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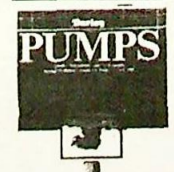
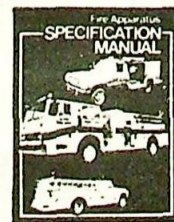


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# Firemen Recognized For Years Of Service

## Awarded Life Membership Plaque



Chief Jerry L. Kahl presents William H. Kalsbeek with a life membership plaque.

Taken from the Liberty Herald

William H. Kalsbeek was awarded a life membership plaque by the Indiana Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators, recently. The plaque was presented by Chief Jerry L. Kahl.

Kalsbeek is one of the original charter members who felt the need to organize the investigators in Indiana to exchange information, knowledge, and work for better arson enforcement.

The life membership plaque

was awarded for 13 years of service to the Association. Kalsbeek has been a member of the Liberty Volunteer Fire Department for 15 years. He has served as Assistant Chief for 11 years and presently is training officer.

## Proctor Named Man Of The Year

The Washington Twp. Fire Department, at their annual Christmas Party, awarded Jim Proctor the 1985 Man of the Year Award.

Proctor joined the department in 1963 and out of 23 men, he is second in years of service.

He became a Master Firefighter in 1974. Five of the 22 years he served as department chief, along with 10 years as treasurer. And he has been re-elected as treasurer for 1986.

He has answered about every type of call there is, from minor grass fires to one rescue run saving a pig stuck in a tree fork.

When asked how he felt about winning this award, he grinned and said he was greatly pleased but felt there were those more deserving. Out of 32 runs this year, Proctor has made 30.

Larry D. Ellis  
P.R./Firefighter

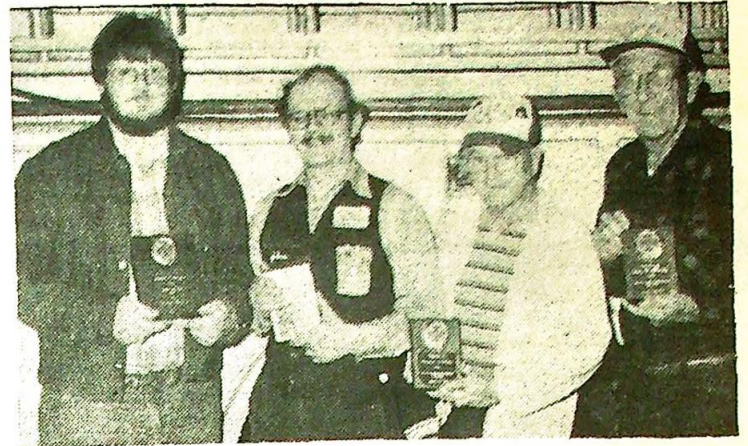
Taken from the Liberty Herald

At the annual "Wive's Dinner" held in November, the Liberty Volunteer Fire Department honored four of its members. Denny Alcorn received the Fireman of the Year Award. Bob Ross, John Hartley and John Bertch received plaques for 47, 42 and 20 years, respectively, of service on the department.

The Fireman of the Year Award has been presented annually for the past three years. It is presented to a fireman who has proven to be "an all-around fireman". This is based on work within, as well as outside of the department. This includes training received from the state, as well as other fire agencies, assisting with department training, attending department meetings, and fire runs made.

Bob Ross and John Hartley

## Long-Time Members Honored



Pictured (left to right) are Denny Alcorn, John Bertch, Bob Ross and John Hartley.

have 89 years of combined service. Bob has held the offices of Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Chief. John was for many years an officer with the department and held the Chief's position for better than 20 years.

John Bertch joined the depart-

ment May 19, 1965. He has held the office of Secretary and also served as training officer.

The community, as well as the Liberty Volunteer Fire Department, have benefited greatly as a result of their dedication.

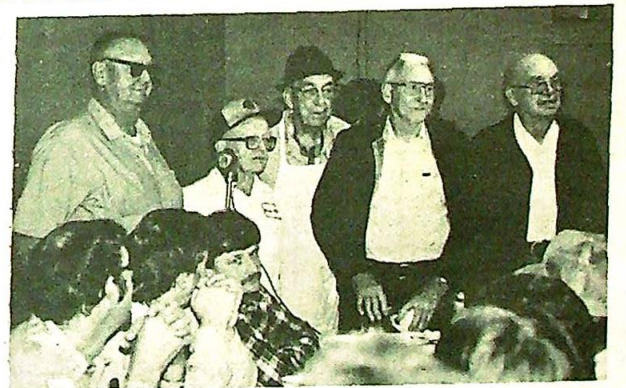
## 33 Years Of Service



THE UTICA FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTED William Herron, left with a retirement gift. Left to right are Chief Larry Day, firefighter Wanda Day, and Terry Curtis, chairman of the board. Herron is semi-retiring after 33 years of service, and 20 years service as treasurer of the board.

Photo by Diana Pacey, The Evening News

## Retired Firemen Honored



Shown above at the presentations are Carl Davis, I.V.F.A. official, Massey Herndon, Bert Ketchem, former fire chiefs, and retired firemen Glen Gardner and Bob Hayes.

Bob Hayes and Glen Gardner were recognized for their many years of service as members of the local fire departments during a district meeting of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association.

Hayes has a record of 60 years with the department and Gardner has served 50 years before retiring from the volunteer force. Hundreds of firemen from all over the state were present for the Barbecue/Turkey Dinner served at the Odon Conservation Club. Also present were a number of representatives from the State Fire Marshal's office in Indianapolis. The annual Barbecue arranged each year by Bert Ketchem, has been a tradition here for several decades.

# 107 YEARS Of Combined Service

In May, four members of the North Judson Fire Department, were honored with a party for their past service which totaled 107 years of service. Each of the four members were given plaques stating the number of years served and stating that they are Honorary Members of the department.

Verdayne "Spud" Knachel served with the department for

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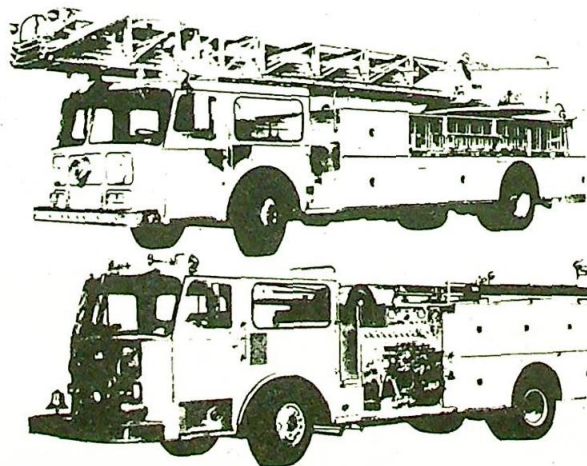
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**107 Years Of Combined Service**



**Pictured above (left to right) Russell Lain, Verdayne Knachel and Cyril Dolezal. James Stepp was absent when picture was taken.**

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40 years, joining in August of 1944. He served most of his time on the department as Secretary - Treasurer and then Secretary when the office was split. His most memorable time on the department was when President

Truman's Whistle Stop Tour Train came through North Judson, for which the fire department had to stand guard. He said we worked mighty hard to raise enough money to buy our first uniforms for this occasion.

Russell Lain served 25 years with the department joining in February of 1952. Cyril Dolezal served 21 years with the department joining in August of 1951. James R. Stepp served 21 years joining in February of 1963.

**NFIRS FOR THE INDIANA FIRE SERVICE**

By: Lee Kissell

With the introduction of the National Fire Incident Reporting System for state-wide use, beginning in 1986, the importance of reporting our activities in the fire service is receiving greater attention every day. The NFIRS system is basically a large computer "data-base", which will allow the state and federal fire service authorities to see what the fire service is actually doing.

Until now, Indiana has attempted to record this data by manual methods, which is a tremendous task. We in the fire service have not reported our activities accurately, and in many cases, not at all. Until now, the data that is available is not readily useable to generate reports that show what the fire service is doing. There is simply too much data and manual calculation and display is too time consuming. With the addition of the computerized management information system in the Department of Fire Prevention and Building Safety, the data will now be readily available to the Department as well as every fire department.

Most states now use NFIRS, so Indiana can also compare data with other states as well as on a national basis. The data is important at both levels of government. The federal government, through the US Fire Administration and FEMA, is involved in research that has an impact on the fire service. The recent teleconference from FEMA, concerning turn-out gear, is an example. Data from NFIRS is very useful in safety programs and legislation that may benefit every firefighter.

Where does the small volunteer fire department fit into all of this? Now there is more reporting necessary, requiring more facts about the incidents we respond to. It may seem that your 20 responses last year are rather insignificant in comparison to the state-wide picture. Your data is just as important as that from the large city department. With much of the state protected by the small departments that have a few responses each year, this data is very important to show what is going on in rural Indiana.

Every year, we attempt to pass legislation that will ease our financial difficulties, make our task safer, and reduce the property loss, injury, and deaths that occur everywhere in our state. Many times, the legislators do not have accurate information as a basis for their vote on these issues. They face many complex decisions at every session. If we, the fire service, will make the effort to report what we are doing, the citizens of Indiana will surely benefit. Isn't that what we are all about?

**COMPUTERS & VOLUNTEERS**

Computers are a powerful tool for the volunteer fire service. If you are using one, you probably know their value already. If your department is not using a computer, but may be planning to purchase one, the software (programs) you will need may confuse you at first. I offer these suggestions for your beginning programs.

The three most used programs will be the Word Processor, Data Base, and Spreadsheet. These are available in many versions for various computer brands. The brand of computer you purchase may dictate which of the many programs you will be able to use. Several programs are written in different computer languages, so you only need to specify which computer you have. There are also a few programs that combine these three into a single "integrated" program. This will allow word processing, data base, and spreadsheet operations to be intermixed while using a single program.

After you have mastered these first three essential programs, you may find that you have a use for a few of the hundreds of other programs that are available today. Now the real confusion begins, along with the additional cost for each program. Program costs begin at about \$30 with the average being about \$100. Many others will be \$200 or more. Buying a program that will not do what you require can be a costly mistake!

If you are fortunate enough to have a friend that has your

brand of computer, he may have programs that you can try. You can then see if they will serve your needs, before making the investment yourself. Perhaps you may have some that he wants to try, too.

Some retail stores will demonstrate a program to you, but you won't have the time necessary to try all the features for yourself. An alternate method is to "rent" the software from one of several mail-order outlets. The "rental fee" goes toward purchase, if you decide to keep the program. If not, you lose the rental fee, which is usually about 25% of the purchase price. This still beats a costly mistake.

If you are using a computer that is "IBM compatible", you may be able to run the complete NFIRS program. The state will eventually have an on-line service available, so you can send your fire reports by "electronic mail". These programs are rather expensive, and probably not cost effective for the smaller departments.

Most of the readily available software will conquer the majority of the data requirements. Sometimes you need to use your imagination to set it up for your particular needs, but the results are well worth the extra effort. In the next issue, I will discuss a few of these noteworthy programs.

I use an Apple IIc system, which has become my right and left arms. If you have any information that you would like to pass on, please let me know or write your own article for the next newspaper, so everyone else will know, too. I would also be interested in corresponding with anyone in the fire service that is using a computer. Perhaps we could both learn a few new tricks for our machines to perform. My name, address, and phone number is on the second page of this paper.

Lee Kissell

**Baugo Elects Officers**

The Baugo Volunteer Fire Department held election of officers at their December meeting with the following results.

Chief - John Ferro  
Asst. Chief - Ray Gamble  
Treasurer - Danny Shanholt



The volunteer fire department, as well as the entire town of Fillmore, was saddened by the untimely death of John Roach on November 15, 1985. He was the last of the original ten founders of the Fillmore Volunteer Fire Department who was still active within the department.

During the 27 years with the fire department, he served as Fire Chief for 15 years. His love and devotion to the membership will be sadly missed.

In the days of District 11 before the split, John Roach was very active, attending all of the meetings and always looked forward to the yearly convention of the I.V.F.A.

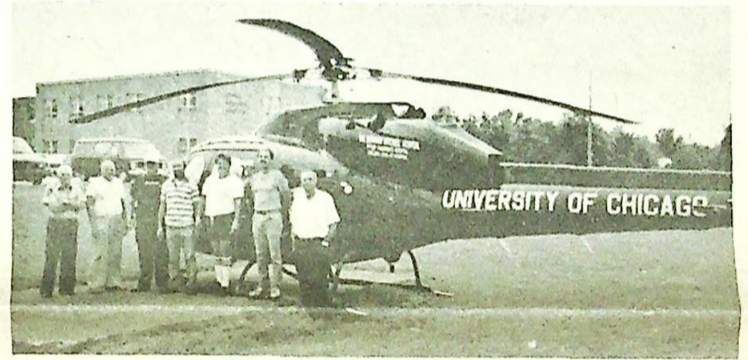
The Firemen's Memorial Service was held at the Hopkins-Rector Funeral Home in Greencastle with District 11-B Chaplain, Jack Wilburn, officiating.

Members from all the surrounding communities who had known John as well as those from the fire departments from Districts 11-A and 11-B were in attendance.

To his widow, Edna, and to the family, we offer our greatest sympathy in her time of sorrow.

The Fillmore Volunteer Fire Department

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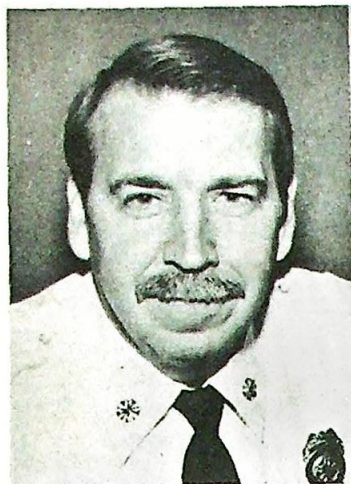
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# Apolskis - New Chief



Chief Gary Apolskis

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Gary Apolskis is the newly elected chief of Lake Of Four Seasons Volunteer Fire Department. Chief Apolskis is no newcomer to the department. He and his family moved here in 1975, and it took only one year to find Gary a volunteer.

Having been an athlete most

of his life and wanting to contribute to his community, he felt he was well-qualified to serve. It didn't take him long to realize, however, that while physical prowess is a fine attribute, it is not nearly sufficient.

Being able to think quickly and clearly how best to attack a fire to save property and lives and to keep losses down is more important. He, therefore, rates mental process as the most significant qualification.

Changes in firefighting procedures have been taking place throughout the nation. Gone are the days when the first thing firemen did was to break down doors or windows to hose down fires with a heavy spray of water.

They learned that feeding oxygen to a blaze only enhanced its destructive burning. The object today is to reach the seat of the fire, if possible, and to extinguish it quickly. This is called an offensive interior attack.

When an alarm is sounded, it is understood that the first officer in becomes the incident commander and remains as such unless relieved by a higher ranking officer. Being first in, he has the best opportunity to sort through information received and to plan the line of attack.

Position on the truck also indicates one's assumed responsibility and each man begins to plot his "line of attack" in the overall picture. Such a system conserves energy, delegates responsibility and encourages leadership.

### REORGANIZATION

The department is now divided into five different management groups, but with a common philosophy: 1) To save lives and property through the prevention and suppression of fires. 2) To provide rescue and medical aid to those in need, and 3) To provide the best possible fire and emergency protection to the area we serve.

There are five lieutenants on the force and each heads one of the new divisions. Lt. Dave Wilson is in charge of the Fire Suppression Division which includes the tactics used for fire extinguishment and confinement.

Among the other responsibilities are rescue, water supplies, mutual aid, and future apparatus and equipment needs.

Lt. Dave Talmadge is responsible for the Fire Prevention Division. He and his men work to educate the public on fire prevention and safety procedures. They attempt to reach homes via school programs, the Seasonal, and speaking before any group requesting this service.

They are responsible for residential and business inspections and fire investigations. Through special training, these men have met the State of Indiana requirements for fire investigation and no longer need to call in the State Fire Marshall for such services.

The Training Division is headed by Lt. Richard Hovanec and is involved in the staff and officer training programs and scheduling for the coming year. It is their responsibility to prepare training materials such as books, films and videos, and to maintain state records for state certification.

The administrative group, headed by Lt. Chuck Devine, will be working closely with Chief Apolskis. Its officers consist of Vern Pahl, pres.; Fred Armenth, V.P.; Chuck Devine, treasurer; and Don Anderson, secretary.

This group will be dealing with fire department funding, budgeting, investments, insurance and other forms of accounting and bookkeeping as well as personal and business records and reports, including the I.V.F.A. records; and the purchase of operating supplies.

The fifth group, Support Services, is headed by Lt. Dan Setlak. His is a large group, responsible for the maintenance records, housekeeping and fund raising project planning.

Among the senior officers we find Vern Pahl working closely with the chief in the capacity of assistant chief. One of his functions is to serve as an advisor. Another such officer is Capt. Don Blume who not only serves as an advisor, but who works closely with the Fire Prevention and Training Groups.

Don has recently earned the rank of Master Fire Fighter in Investigation and Arson and is presently the only volunteer to have achieved this distinction. He and Chief Apolskis are both members of the Lake County Arson Task Force and could be called out at any time to investigate a suspicious fire.

Captain Fred Armenth finds himself involved with three groups: Training, Administrative, and Support Services.

Clarence Moss carries a newly-created title of Chief Engineer and oversees all support services as a whole, and all work on maintaining the trucks and equipment. It is his responsibility to investigate the purchasing of new trucks, etc.; and, to get more people involved in training sessions.

Through this reorganization, Chief Apolskis foresees the development of new leadership and training for the benefit of the department and the community (including the surrounding areas outside our community limits).

Each man has an opportunity to become a leader, a teacher, and administrator as well as a student. The local F.D. spends considerable time training its men to become proficient in fire fighting and in knowledge and use of equipment.

The volunteers attend classes

offered once a month. Training programs are becoming more intense and are very demanding and stressful, but it is this intensive training and on-going schooling that has helped make the LOFS Volunteer Fire Department better prepared to assist ours and the surrounding area against loss by fire. Each of the sub-groups meets separately once a month in addition to the regular monthly fire department meetings.

Our present fire fighting equipment includes a 3,000 and a 2,000 gallon tanker, a 750 gallon pumper with a booster tank, a 500 gallon pumper, and a rescue truck. This rescue truck carries the medical supplies: the "jaws-of-life" used for extractions, especially in cases of automobile accidents; and four tall, mounted lights which can illuminate an area almost the size of a football field.

Plans for future purchasing include that of an aerial ladder truck. At present, the cost of this truck is prohibitive, but with the multi-stories and additional building going on in and around LOFS, its acquisition could become almost a necessity in the not-too-distant future.

Our fire department recently celebrated its 16th birthday by holding a mostaccioli dinner complete with birthday cake. Although the occasion competed with the Chicago Bears, the affair was fairly well supported by the community.

Plans for the future include increasing the volunteer staff from 30 to 40 members in hopes that more personnel will be available to support the various shifts for better 24-hour protection.

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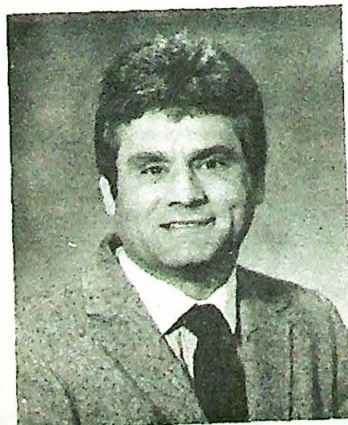
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## 1986 SESSION LEGISLATIVE REPORT

I.V.F.A. has made priority one the protection of the individual volunteer firefighter from court litigations concerning their liability for actions taken, or not taken.

The recent Appeals Court decision, which was in the last issue of our paper, made the volunteer strictly liable for everything.

There was an Interim Study Committee to study Liability Insurance and the volunteers were one section of that study. Representatives Reppa, Dellinger and Phillips; Senators Harrison, Shank and O'Bannon were members of this committee. They did work very hard and gave the volunteer all considerations possible plus being very concerned about the protection of the volunteer firefighter in this process. They are presenting legislation to alleviate this problem and give the volunteer the full protection deserved.

I.V.F.A. would fully support making the present mandatory \$300,000 Liability Policy as the cap for any litigation. This is being pursued by the committee, but with the time being very short, and the session just about to start, nothing exactly has been written as of this date. You may rest assured though that something will be written and presented.

There have been many hours and miles put into this priority by the legislative committee members to make sure each volunteer is protected from frivolous court awards.

We are watching efforts to make smoke detectors mandatory, exemption from truck weight and length standards of fire equipment and work on the fuel tax deduction. Already bills have been processed that would or could affect the volunteer. These bills, and bills processed in the future, most certainly will

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## Firemen set record, help Jerry's kids

*Taken from the Lake Station Herald*

The Lake Station Volunteer Fire Department has done it again. They opened their hearts to Jerry's Kids and stood on street corners seeking donations for the Muscular Dystrophy fund raiser.

This year they broke their own record and in three days, collected \$5,345 by asking motorists passing by at Central Avenue and Indiana 51 and at US 6 and Liverpool Road to help "fill the boot" for Jerry's kids. The most collected previously was \$3,500 in 1982.

On the scene to bring home the need for help for sick kids was 12-year-old Michael Klym, the son of Lt. David and Mary Klym.

Also spending long hours at the intersections were the cos-

tumed characters provided by Betty and R. O. Johnson.

The long list of firemen and their wives and children who helped raise the money includes Fire Chief Ron Good and Beverly, Batt. Chief Chuck Russell, Capt. Jim Bradford, Lt. David Klym and Mary, Michael and Tammie Klym, 1st Lt. Bud Hurssey, Bill Coleman, Larry Gray, Emmett Kemp, John Kepshire, Tom Kepshire and Joe Kolosci.

Also Bob Rado, Bill Thompson, Harold Wheeler, Dennis Holland, Ken Luellman, Christine Luellman, Bill Witka, Pepe and Michael Vasquez, Karlene Hampton, Wayne Taylor and Jody and Jamie Taylor.

From Station Two were Batt. Chief Alan Jones, 1st Lt. Jim Henson, 2nd Lt. Everett Bagley, Don Catlin, Roger Jones, Janet

Matherly, Darrell Raiph, John and Pat Weger, Bob Cook, Steve Schau, Larry and Linda Lambert and son, Larry, Tim Luellman, Phil O'Connor, Paul Oldaker and son, David.

Mary Klym said the firemen are very grateful to all the local people and to passing motorists who made the fund raiser a success.

The department received a special plaque given by the Muscular Dystrophy Association to only five departments throughout Northwest Indiana including departments as far east as South Bend.

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## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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be monitored and our rights protected.

This will be a short session, and a fast one. You may be asked to do some fast footwork when the occasion arises to assist in our legislative process.

John T. 'Jack' Ford

## I.V.F.A. AUXILIARY CONVENTION GAME RULES

The holidays just passed and snow is still on the ground, but it's time to ready your teams for convention.

Please use the entry form in the paper and return by deadline of June 1st.

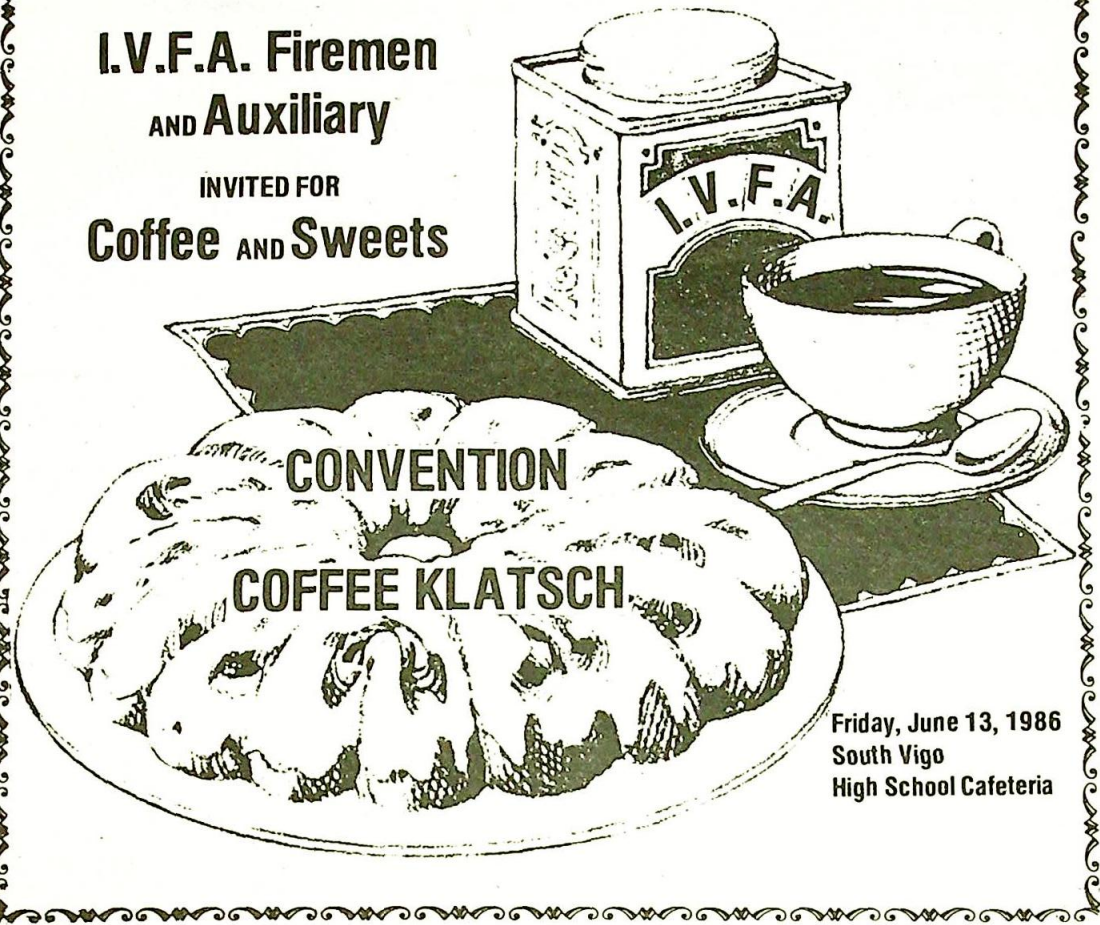
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1. Entry fee must be sent in by June 1st. No late entries will be accepted.
2. Entry fees are \$8.00 for Waterball and \$8.00 for Bucket Brigade. These entry fees will **not** be sent back to each department.
3. International Rules will prevail for both events.
4. One member from each team must attend the all-day meeting on Friday.
5. One girl cannot be entered on two teams in the same events.
6. Department or District teams are eligible to compete.
7. Each team member must register at Convention Headquarters. Those coming on Saturday must also register at a fee of \$5.00.
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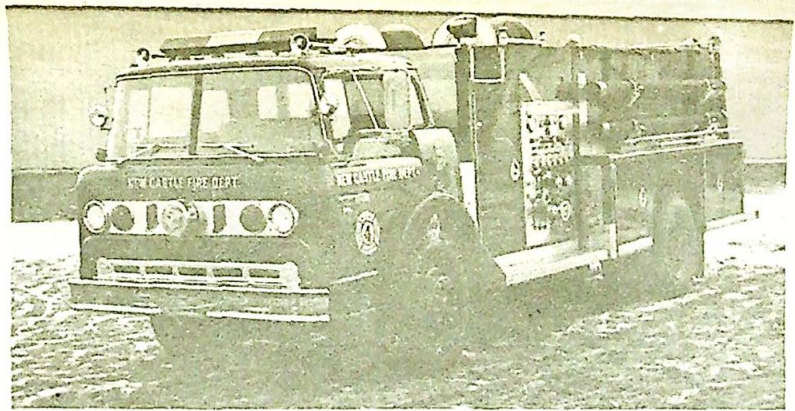


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**Saturday, June 14, 1986  
TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA**

There is an entry fee of \$8.00 for each contest. Entry fees will be kept by the State Association to help defray expenses. Please check box by contest your department is entering. Our Fire Department will have a team to compete in one or more of the above contests:

Department \_\_\_\_\_

Chief \_\_\_\_\_

**Rules & Regulations**

All contest entry blanks must be postmarked on or before June 1, 1986 to be eligible. All departments that plan to enter should fill out entry blanks along with \$8.00 entry fee for each contest entered and send to:  
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- \* Please bring your own rain gear for each event.
- \* Trophies for Water Ball, Hose Replacement and Cart Race.
- \* Safety measures to be en-

forced at contests.

- \* Drawing for position Thursday night, June 12th at Officer's 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.

Senior Trooper Bill Macy, Central Coordinator, Master Trooper Leonard King, North Coordinator and Master Trooper Don Jackson, South Coordinator.

I.N.C.E.R.T. has been active in several areas this past summer. Several mock disaster drills were conducted, coffee breaks were set up at various rest parks during the holidays and pumpkin patrols were conducted along with safety patrols for trick or treat children.

Other activities were purchases of generators and radios for use in emergencies.

Also several I.N.C.E.R.T. members worked in a food booth at the Westside Fall Festival at Evansville to raise money to purchase equipment.

The next meeting of the board will be in the spring.

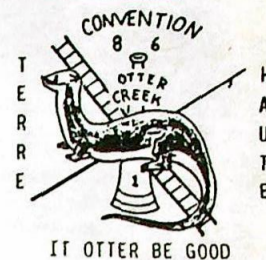
**RIPLEY COUNTY FIRE SCHOOL**

Ripley County is again having a county-wide Fire School, available to any department which is a member of the Ripley County Fire Chiefs Association. The school is for certification by the state for 2nd Class Firefighter rating. This school requires a minimum of 100 hours of training. These hours are donated time by students and instructors alike. Thirty two firefighters have registered for the training, the largest number to ever attend the Ripley County School. The group includes Chiefs, who over the years have gained a great amount of firefighting experience, to recruits who have just entered the fire service. The instructors feel with this type of background in the group it should be an excellent course. It will also be encouraging to the recruits to see that the chiefs, with their many years of experience, are still interested in training.

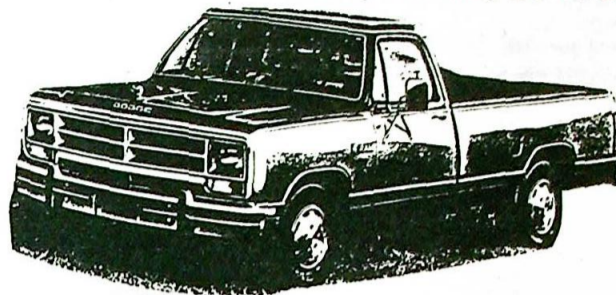
As in the past, some fire departments within the county will offer certification training in

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**I.N.C.E.R.T. BOARD MEETING**

The Indiana Council of Emergency Response Teams held their semi-annual board meeting on November 15th. Present were President Jack Burlison, I.S.P., Mike Head,

Amateur Radio, Colonel Donald Cox, I.S.P. Deputy Superintendent, Larry Bigg, I.V.F.A. Bob McGillem, Civil Air Patrol, John Plares, 4 Wheel Drive, Russell Willis, REACT, Bill Wright, Civil Defense.

Also I.S.P. SPEC III Russ Miller, I.S.P. State Coordinator

their own home departments and will continue to do so. It does not matter where the required training takes place. What does matter is that the fire service in Ripley County continues to take interest in training and learning new techniques. The public in general should also take note of this and feel safer in their homes and work places. Many times when we hear the words "volunteer fire fighter or department" they bring to mind the festivals or functions that are sponsored by the departments as fund raisers to maintain the departments. However the hours spent in organizing the festivals and the many, many hours spent in training are sometimes taken for granted or forgotten.

The Ripley County Fire Chiefs Association is made up of all the

fire departments within Ripley County as well as Oldenburg in Franklin County and Morres Hill in Dearborn County. Daniel W. Smith, Jr. Coordinator Ripley County Fire School

**Fire ruins Reynolds factory**

*Taken from the Journal and Courier*

**REYNOLDS** — Firefighters from six departments battled a major fire at a tire recapping company just south of Reynolds early Monday morning.

Chip Shields, chief of the Reynolds Volunteer Fire Department, said the department was called at 1:30 a.m. to the Mid-North Bandag Co. Inc.

"The building was engulfed in flames when we arrived. Because the building is about a mile from the nearest fire hydrant, we had to call in other departments to help out," he said.

Firefighters from Monticello, Monon, Wolcott, Chalmers and Brookston responded with 13 pieces of equipment.

The building, filled with tires and the recapping equipment, was destroyed.

"We had to close off a county road because of the heat and dense smoke," Shields said.

He said a representative from the state fire marshal's office was on the scene.

**Editor's Note**

Due to the length of the Convention Digest and the good response from the fire departments we did not have room for several articles and photographs we received. They will be included in the April issue.

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