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Larry Bird named honorary chief

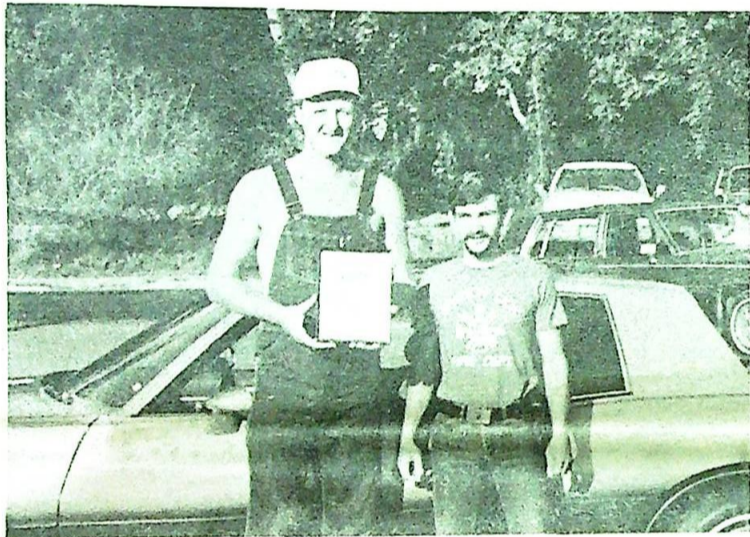
How many fire departments can say they have a three-time NBA Most Valuable Player as Honorary Fire Chief? The French Lick Fire Department can. Boston Celtic Super Star Larry Bird is Honorary Chief of the department.

Larry spends all of his off-season time at his home in French Lick. He likes to come home where he is just another

one of the guys, and no one bothers him.

The fire department is proud that Larry supports them in their efforts to make French Lick a safe place to live.

Chief Winger also presented Larry with a certificate from the State Fire Marshal, Larry Bosell, making Larry an Honorary Fire Marshal of the State of Indiana.



Pictured is French Lick Fire Chief Barry Winger presenting Larry Bird with his certificate.

New tax exempt law preserves tax exempt status for VFD

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Honorable William V. Roth, Jr., (R-Del.) has confirmed that volunteer fire department bonds and loans will continue to be tax exempt under the new tax code. Roth was a member of the Senate-House Conference Committee which worked out final provisions of the new law.

In a letter to E. James Monihan, chairman of the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC), Roth said the Tax Reform Act of 1986 "retains the present law treatment" of volunteer department financial obligations.

Under the current law, bond and loans issued to qualified volunteer fire departments for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction or improvement of a fire-

house or a fire truck are tax exempt.

According to Monihan, NVFC fought long and hard to win tax exempt status for volunteer department loans and bonds under the old tax code and to preserve that status during consideration of the new Tax Reform Act.

"It is gratifying to see that when we sought the support of the Congress on this issue, it responded favorably as it has on other issues of concern to the volunteer fire service," he said.

Monihan said the NVFC will continue to monitor developments as the new tax code "shakes out" to assess the potential impact of other provisions on volunteer departments.

Message from the Lieutenant Governor

During our recent Christmas season, many Indiana volunteer firefighters collected toys, food baskets and clothes for the needy of their communities.

Charity is an important activity, and Christmas time is often the



season when we generate our best efforts to help others. These efforts are good examples of the important civic role played by volunteer firefighting departments in dozens of communities in Indiana. But it is ironic that volunteer firefighters, who sometimes raise money for others, frequently have to scratch for money to pay for their own new equipment. Many

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Financial Aid and Scholarship Funds

Billy Sunday
I.V.F.A. President

Most of the information on this program is out but so everyone has a chance to see it and for those departments who for some reason or the other have mailing problems, here is what we are doing for you.

The Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association and the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department have worked out an agreement that the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department has closed their books and turned \$50,000 over to the I.V.F.A. to start a Financial Assistance Fund which pays a volunteer fireman's beneficiary if he has been a I.V.F.A. member for three consecutive years.

If the financial assistance form is properly completed and signed by an I.V.F.A. official, the beneficiary will receive \$3,000 from the trust fund. If you have questions, contact your district chairman or your state officers.

The other part of this benefit gives 2-\$1500 Scholarships to children of firemen or auxiliary members. The applications are available through your local school systems which should already have them on hand. They are also available from your district and state officers. These two scholarships and financial assistance are just two of the many things I.V.F.A. has done to make the association work for the volunteers. Please use this system and work with us so someone will be a little better off each year.

December fire claims infant and boy, 2

Rushville, IN — A 4-year-old boy playing with a cigarette lighter may have caused the house fire here Wednesday morning that killed his brother and sister and injured his mother and grandparents, investigators said.

Dustin Blake Cox, who would have been 2 next month, and his 2-month-old sister, Maria Ann Cox, were killed in the fire in the two-story house. Both died of smoke inhalation.

The children's mother, Cheryl Kennedy Cox, 23, and her mother, Hazel L. Kennedy, 59, were reported in good condition in Rush County Memorial Hospital

here.

Mrs. Kennedy's husband, Wilfred C. Kennedy, 59, was listed in serious condition in Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, suffering from severe burns.

The blaze, which was reported at 8:30 a.m., caused about \$20,000 damage to the home on the city's north side.

Fire Chief Noah E. Jacobs said his department first learned of the fire from a man who saw it as he passed by and then stopped at the fire station.

Rush County Coroner Richard F. Moser said police told him that Paul, a brother of the two

children killed in the blaze, may have been playing with a cigarette lighter in a downstairs bedroom he was sharing with his younger brother.

Paul was taken to Rush Memorial Hospital, examined and released.

Jacobs said the boy had been found playing with cigarette lighters in the past.

Kennedy was in an upstairs bedroom and had to be helped out through a window and carried down a ladder by firefighters. His wife, daughter and grandson were able to escape.

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Lt. Mike Wolf of the Rushville Fire Department sits, dejected, on a fire truck after fighting a blaze that killed two children. UPI Photo

Clarksville

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- Applicant must provide certain information including personal data, financial statements, recommendations, etc. All eight (8) sheets of application must be completed in its entirety.
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Criteria for Applicant

- Applicant must be a son or daughter of a Volunteer Firefighter who is now and has been a paid up member of the IVFA.
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- Award will be paid to school of student's choice. Should student leave school, for any reason, the unused portion will be returned to the Memorial Trust Fund.
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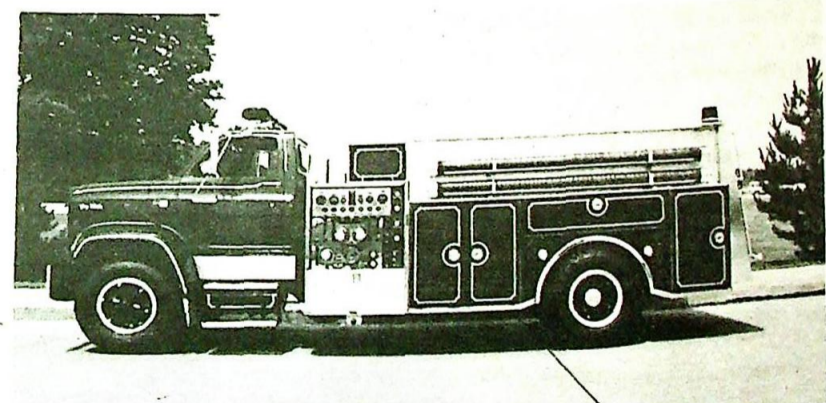


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Duane Lantz



Scripture Pslams 90 Verses 1-10

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.
 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou didst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.
 3 Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.
 4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a zatch in the night.
 5 Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.
 6 In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and witherith.
 7 For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.
 8 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.
 9 For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.
 10 The days of our years are three-score years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
 Another calendar year has passed and we are in the year 1987. By this time most of your New Years resolutions have been broken, but the one you made to be a good worker, hold an office, serve on more committees, has not been broken.

One night as I walked alone from the car to the house I happened to look up. The sky was alight with beauty. Millions of stars twinkled and glowed. As I picked out the Milky Way, the Big Dipper, I found myself recalling many happy times. Though my feelings and moods are subject to change, stars are a constant unchanging fact.
 God's love is a fact, too, even more constant than the stars. God is always there for us, always ready to be our Savior, our teacher, our friend, and our comforter. God always loves us, in good times and in bad. All that is required of us is to look and see as I looked at the stars.
 So far we have had an open winter, not too much snow, could cause Santa a problem . . . Looking forward to January and February. The wood pile is more than adequate, if I can just get Grace to carry it in. (The wood, that is). February is a big month - Lincoln's birthday, Washington's birthday, Valentine's day and Ground Hog day, to see if we get six more weeks of winter.
 Thank God for our heritage and the two men with birthdays, who were such great leaders. Don't forget your sweetheart on Valentine's Day. I am going to get Grace a big Valentine this year, so she will be nicer to me, or maybe take care of the "New Pickup Bug."
 Time surely marches on, each year goes a little faster than the one before. As the scriptures tell us above.
 There have been times in my life that I have prayed for something that I thought was for the best only to discover that it was not for the best, according to God's will. I have also found the disappointment was not final.
 Clouds have a way of breaking away and the sun shining through. Life is not only what has happened in the past, but how we are facing it now. I think what I am trying to say is that real love overcomes any disappointment that life hands us.

A quiet time . . .
 A quiet place . . .
 I seek His presence,
 Know His Grace.
 A breathless moment;
 Hours and space
 know no boundaries.

I embrace,
 With my being,
 Him, divine.
 I am His . . . and
 He is mine.

Anna Lee Edwards McAlpin

Prayer—
 Almighty God, as we venture into this New Year, we thank you for the risen Lord, who did not bid us to live safely, but to take up our cross and follow you. Lord, let me take your hand as I walk through this life. Let me look to You every day so that I will never forget Your faithfulness. Amen.
 Go to the church of your choice - you'll like it.
 Your Chaplain

First building safety telecourse aired statewide

November 18 marked the advent of a new era in fire and building safety education. In a combined video-tape and live telecast from Purdue University on November 18th and 25th, nationally recognized life safety experts explained requirements for safe exiting systems from buildings. The program "Every Building Must Have An Exit" featured instructors on actual construction sites and in the classroom, the first such televised

training in building code education ever produced. The program provided builders, architects, building officials, and others across the state with a fundamental understanding of code requirements for exiting systems.
 For more information, you may contact your local city or county building department, or Purdue University Continuing Education at (317) 494-7231.

Program is lifesaver during fire

Richard Wolf's Lifesavers could be an invention sweeter than the little round candies with the same name, and one that may live up to its name.

The Lifesaver Program is a kit that contains several fluorescent dots used to alert firefighters to the number and location of children, flammable item, and elderly, handicapped or bedridden adults in a home during a fire.

Wolf, 39, is a firefighter with Station Six in Lafayette. He began developing the program in 1985 after he fought an early morning house fire, where red dots used to indicate children had faded and were placed obscurely in a window of the house.

Wolf said many of these products fade, are hard to display and are unattractive to homeowners, who won't use them. Because the dots often are given away free to children in school, Wolf said they have no monetary value to families, which

leave them "sitting on the kitchen counter."

Wolf's system uses colorful, attractive and fade-resistant dots with self-adhesive backings. He is confident that these real lifesavers will ease the frustration of searching for children in fires.

"I can handle adults when they die or are killed in a fire... but children I never get used to and probably never will," he said.

The kit consists of four large red dots, one large blue dot, one large yellow triangle, a rectangular white cloth and corresponding dots.

Large red dots go outside of children's bedrooms, one for each child sleeping in the room. The large blue dot identifies the bedroom of a person who is incapable of helping themselves out of a fire. The large yellow triangle indicates any volatile substance in the home.

Smaller dots matching those inside the house go on the white

cloth, which is placed on the outside of the main entrance door of the home.

Wolf's kit includes three pamphlets about fire safety by the National Fire Protection Association, which has approved the kit. The kit is now being offered to organizations for fundraising purposes and will be sold for \$5. It will be sold later through stores.

Wolf said he has spent thousands of dollars and much of his off-duty time developing and marketing this kit. A 10-year veteran, he said his fellow firefighters love the program "because anything that will give us an edge is accepted."

"Children are notorious for hiding in bedrooms during a fire because they are scared. These kits will buy us crucial seconds we need to save a life," Wolf said.

- Journal and Courier
 Kimberly Evans

Fire Department Honors Volunteers

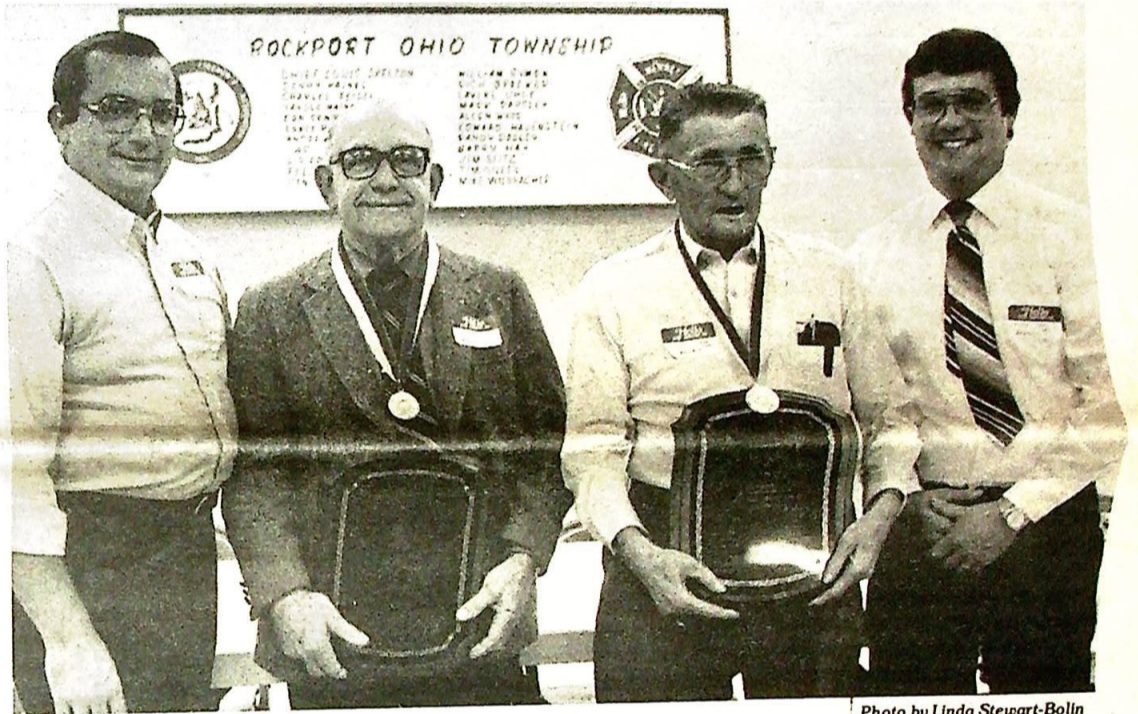


Photo by Linda Stewart-Bolin

Charles Fiegel and Louis Skelton (center) were honored by the Rockport-Ohio Township Fire Department at a dinner Saturday night, November 15, 1986. Assistant fire chiefs Rich Broeker, left, and Denny Haines, right, presented each with a plaque of appreciation.

Two members of the Rockport-Ohio Township Volunteer Fire Department were honored at a dinner in Rockport Saturday night for over 50 years of volunteer service.

Fire Chief Louis Skelton, 81, was recognized for 65 years of service to the department and Charles Fiegel was cited for serving 54 years.

Representatives of the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office and the Volunteer Firemen's Association added special citations from their organizations to the awards the pair received from their local fire department peers.

As he presented a plaque of appreciation to Fiegel, Rich Broeker, second assistant fire chief, said the fire department members wanted to make it clear that the celebration was not a retirement party for the two guests of honor. "We appreciate what you teach us as we go out to fires," he said. "You've taught us a lot, and we hope you'll continue to."

Skelton's award from the local fire department was presented by his grandson, Denny Haines, who is assistant fire chief. "We have gotten a lot of good from their service and intend to get more," Haines said.

Fiegel and Skelton each also received lifetime membership cards to the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Southwest District. The gold cards are presented to 50-year firemen, entitling them to membership without paying dues.

Ron Taylor of the State Fire Marshal's office also presented each with medallions for meritorious service. Taylor described the meritorious service award as one given to only a select few.

Words of praise for the two firefighters and the Rockport-Ohio Township Fire Department were heard from Rockport Mayor Ferman Yearby, clerk-treasurer Norma Faye DeWeese, Ohio Township Trustee Kermitt Lindsey and Spencer County Sheriff Jim McDurmon. Emcee for the evening was fire department member Randy Dooley.

The Journal-Democrat, Nov. 15, 1986
 By LINDA STEWART-BOLIN
 Journal-Democrat Editor

You ought to be in pictures...

Editor's Note: Although, in some cases, color pictures do not reproduce as well as black and white photos, we will gladly accept both for publication. However, please prepare your pictures in the following manner:

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had some excellent pictures ruined by the ink off the backs of the photos sent with them.

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- PLEASE double check the spelling of the names of the people pictured. Everybody loves to see their name in print. Everybody hates to see their name misspelled.

Thanks.

NEWS FROM THE PREZ



BILL SUNDAY

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. We have been very successful in preventing fire in Indiana. I like to think we are doing some things right for a change.

The weather has been on our side but please let's keep promoting fire safety and just maybe we will save another life. The fire service again this year will push legislation for smoke detectors. Let your people know how important early warning devices are.

We have another very important item to discuss and that is the recodification of the fire marshal's office. If you did not see the information, get in touch with the people that receive your mail. We are sending letters to all departments, all legislators' and everyone who is concerned with this recodification. Please read it, understand it, and help us defeat this bill. We have not been out on the road as I would like to be due

to health reasons mostly. We are starting to shuffle again and we would like the cards and letters to continue so we may try and get to your functions.

The I.V.F.A. has introduced some very important benefits for you to add to our list. Look at the article on Financial Aid and Scholarship in this issue. I think this is a very good program and a big benefit for the volunteer fire service.

Convention is coming pretty fast. Everybody be sure to get your reservations in as well as the

boat tickets and please register early. This will save you money and also let the convention host get a better idea on food counts and the things you will be doing at the convention.

The fire marshal's office is going through a few changes in personnel as well as other things so let's hang in there and give them all the help we can. Keep the cards and letters coming and if not before, we will see you all at the convention.

Bill Sunday

OFFICERS MEETING

Bavarian Inn, Jasper, Indiana
November 1st and 2nd

President Sunday called the meeting to order at 2:59 p.m. Vice President Swartz led in the pledge to the flag after which Chaplain Lantz gave the invocation.

Officer Reports:

President Sunday in his report listed several meetings he had attended throughout the state as well as the meetings in the Fire Marshal's office. He also talked on the World Fire Conference that Parker, Goodwin and himself had attended in New York City.

Vice President Swartz reported that a lot of miles have been traveled attending meetings and award presentations. He also requested that all chairmen or secretaries send him their meeting notices as he is not receiving that many.

Secretary Bechtel stated that as of today we have 12,335 members in the association. He then showed some reports that will be made available through the computer. He also explained the new filing system on deceased members which will greatly assist Chaplain Lantz and is also needed for the Bridgeport Memorial Fund.

Treasurer Stofer gave the quarterly financial report. It will appear in the newspaper.

Recording Secretary Nevil - Passed.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bush was absent. It was stated that he had recently had surgery. John Davies was filling in for him today.

President Sunday presented Treasurer Stofer a check for \$488.00 for the payment on the truck that was given away at the last convention. It was for insurance reimbursement.

Chaplain Lantz in his report listed the memorial services, dedication ceremonies, and other functions he had attended since last meeting.

Past President Bruns - Passed.

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Public Relations Directors:

Bill Howe - Northwest - Thanked Chaplain Lantz for his part in a recent memorial service. He reported that the "88" Convention meetings have started and he has attended other meetings.

Bill Kinsey - Northeast - Bill stated that he had attended all meetings held by the district chairmen as well as some other department meetings explaining what the I.V.F.A. has to offer.

Toddy Michl - West Central - He reported that he is working with District 21 and 22 trying to get a new chairman for them.

Bill Windsor - East Central - Absent.

Carl Davis - Southwest - Carl welcomed all to the area for the meeting today. He stated that he has done a lot of traveling in the area. He reported that the Fire School would be held in March of next year.

Roy Richardson - Southeast - Absent.

President Sunday stated that the next officer meeting will be held in Plymouth on February 7th and 8th at the Holiday Inn. The May meeting will be held at the convention city.

District Chairman Reports:

D1 - Bill Esserman - stated that the fire school was a success and listed some activities in the district.

D2 - Tim Reed - Absent, however, President Sunday read his report.

D3 - Rob Sabie - Absent, however, his report was given by Chaplain Lantz. He also gave a brief report on the "88" Convention.

D4 - John Ferro - Absent.

D5 - Wayne Smith - Absent.

D6 - Maynard Saunders - Absent.

D7 - Mort Sorg - reported on the recent deaths in the district as well as some activities coming up, among them the Waterball Banquet on November 8th at Poe.

D8A - Bob Fleener - Absent.

D8B - Jim Nickens - Thanked President Sunday for attending the last meeting. He stated that the Miss Flame contest will be held on November 12th during the meeting at Pennville.

D9A - Tug Sutton - Absent.

D9B - Willie Parish - He reported that he has been very busy attending department meetings and functions.

D10 - Bruce Neal - Thanked Chaplain Lantz for the memorial. He stated that the attendance is about the same at meetings and several miles have been covered in the district.

D11A - Larry Biggs - A report on the last meeting and election was given. He spoke briefly on some deaths in the district as well as upcoming Miss Flame contest.

D11B - Duane Osborne - Absent.

D12 - Don Johnson - He stated that their Miss Flame contest is over and at the next meeting the program will cover Hazardous Materials.

D13A - Jerry Nullinger - The fire school for this year was well attended and plans have been started for next year's school.

D13B - Jerry Kahal - Absent.

D14 - Tom Sellmer - Several deaths were reported since last meeting. He stated that several departments and a few miles have been covered. He stated that he was re-elected and that the convention planning is going well.

D15 - Mike Seitz - Reported that his district is attempting to find out how much interest is shown in district for hosting the 1989 convention in Evansville.

D16 - No chairman.

D17A - Bill Engle - A report was given on the program at the last meeting. He commented on the Turkey BBQ at Odon as well as the Sausage Supper in Vincennes in January.

At this time, President Sunday introduced Richard Wolf of the Lafayette Fire Department who gave a short program on a Life Saver's Program he has undertaken. It is a program utilizing window stickers or decals. Contact - J.E.R.P.L. Enterprises Inc., Box 977, Lafayette, IN. 47902. Phone 317-474-3333 for any further information.

D17B - Pete Lockhart - stated that two meetings have been held since the last meeting. No problems.

D18 - Barry Winger - Attendance has been good at the meetings as well as the programs. He stated that their Miss Flame contest is over and reported on some activities in the area. He also reported that an attempt is being made to solicit help to possibly host the 1989 convention in French Lick.

D19 - Don Weigel - He reported that things are going well. He also reminded all to mark the month of August in "87" for a 100 year celebration in Batesville.

D20 and 21 - No chairmen.

Committee Reports:

Al Wendal, Games: Absent.

Pete Lockhart, Clothing: Pass.

Willie Parish, Safety: Pass.

Larry Biggs, I.N.C.E.R.T.: Pass.

Carl Davis, Membership: Pass.

Gene Stofer, Convention: No report. However, Bob Masters reported things are going well and a more complete report will be given on Sunday.

Jim Parker, Public Education: The committee did not meet but the program for TV is being handled by Channel 20 in Indianapolis.

Don Weigel, E.M.S.: He stated that the state is going to a yearly certification program rather than a three year renewal which is presently in effect.

Tug Sutton, Historical: Absent.

V.P. Swartz, Awards: A brief discussion was held on the awards that are given. A deadline of February 1, 1987, was given that the nominees should be turned in for any further action.

Bill Howe, Editor Assistant: He suggested that the association consider some changes in the dates for publication of the paper.

Bill Goodwin, N.V.F.C.: Many of the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed N.F.P.A. 1500 and 1501 rules and regulations were discussed.

Carl Bruns, New Membership: No report.

V.P. Swartz, Fire Schools and Training: He stressed that each firefighter request what time of fire school is needed in their district so we can coordinate with them to help provide it.

Bruce Neal, Photographer: Passed.

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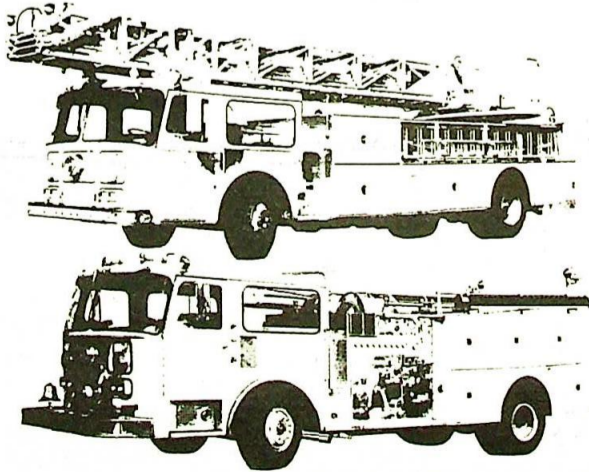
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Dale Jablonski, Ad Solicitor: Absent.
 Bill Kinsey, Parliamentarian: Pass.
 Jack Ford thanked all for the cards and flowers received after the death of his mother-in-law.
 At 9:20 p.m. President Sunday recessed the meeting until 9 a.m. the following day.
 President Sunday called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. on Sunday after which Chaplain Lantz gave the invocation. At this time President Sunday turned the meeting over to V.P. Swartz as he was scheduled to speak to the Auxiliary this morning.
 V.P. Swartz called the officers in attendance that did not give a report to present it at this time.
 Roy Richardson, P.R. S.E. — stated that he has been attending a lot of meetings in the area as well as convention meetings.
 Duane Osborn, D11B — In his report he stated that he has been busy traveling and attempting to collect dues.
 Bob Fleener, D8A — Stated he has been busy.

Communications:

After assuming the gavel from V.P. Swartz, President Sunday spoke briefly on the Bridgeport Memorial Fund. He stated that as of now there is \$50,000.00 in the fund. Should end up with a total dollar amount within about six months.

President Sunday spoke briefly on a letter that he sent to State Fire Marshal Larry Bosell concerning the rumors of a statewide academy and over association's position regarding the thought if it is in fact true.

A letter from Bill Patterson, President of the Indiana Firefighters Association, in regards to the establishment of a trust fund for all deceased firefighters in the state. The matter was deferred to the Board of Directors for further action.

In other concerns a letter was read from Bob Laney requesting information on the Bridgeport Scholarship Fund. President Sunday stated that the Laud Fire Department was requesting some assistance from the association. He stated that he would answer their letter stating the association's position with their problem.

Old Business:

President Sunday instructed Bill Howe, the editor's assistant, to update the officer listing in our paper.

Jack Ford spoke on some legislative and insurance matters. On the insurance, copies of the proposed payment schedule for fire service charges were handed out. Payment will be to volunteer fire departments only. The State Fire Marshal incident reporting form must be used and must be signed by the property owner. Carl Davis made a motion to accept the insurance proposal as presented for collection of fire run fees. Jim Parker seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Marshal Goodwin spoke on the World Conference of Volunteer Fire Fighters held in New York City in September. He stated that the last meeting of the N.V.F.C. was held in October at Flint, Michigan. A lot of the meeting was held on the N.F.P.A. guidelines.

President Sunday spoke briefly on the Conference in New York. In his legislative report Jack Ford spoke briefly on several pieces of legislation that is being proposed by several of the legislators. Among the items are recodification of all state fire laws, a state fire academy, smoke detectors in houses that will be put up for sale, reporting of burns the same as gunshot, EMT same as the volunteer fireman for health and accident insurance, municipal license plates for volunteer fire departments emergency equipment, a license plate for firefighters much like the one for the National Guard, 24 hour mandatory training for all firefighters and living will legislation to include firefighters and EMT's.

Public Law 3 was discussed which states that any fire department that receives any tax money from any governmental unit may be subject to audit. State Board of Accounts will ask for the audit. They will not do the audit. Therefore, a charge will probably be assessed by the people doing the audit.

Gene Stofer reported on ID badges for the officers. It was deferred to the Board of Directors for action.

President Sunday explained the reporting forms to the District Chairmen on their activities. He stated that they must be in two weeks prior to the next scheduled officers meeting.

Pete Lockhart reported his new address: 2498 W. Ellsworth Rd. The city and zip code remain the same.

Good of the Order:

Bill Kinsey reported that the lesson plans for 2nd class certification are being printed. A cost of \$39 will be assessed for each copy. The procedures are not ready at this time.

Pete Lockhart stated that the Fire Prevention and Building Safety is considering a new electrical code for the state.

Bill Howe made a motion to accept the approval of the minutes with the note that Roy Richardson was present. Bob Esserman seconded, motion carried by voice vote.

At 11:11 a.m. Bill Howe made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Bob Esserman. Meeting Adjourned.

At 11:15 a.m. Board Chairman Lockhart called the meeting to order. Bob Esserman made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Tom Sellmer seconded the motion. Motion carried by a show of hands.

Chairman Lockhart stated that the next item for discussion was the identification badges for all officers. Barry Wininger made a motion seconded by Tom Sellmer, to purchase the name tags which were selected by Gene Stofer. Motion carried by a show of hands.

Discussion was held on the proposition from the I.F.A. that our association join with them and sponsor a benevolent fund. It would be assessed at 50 cents per member per year. After a short discussion Gene Stofer made a motion that we do not support or be a part of the fund. Roy Richardson seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chairman Lockhart stated that the question was brought to him concerning the purchasing of a floral arrangement for deceased past officers or other person who has been actively supportive of our organization. Roy Richardson made a motion that the state officers be able to purchase a floral bouquet if they deem it necessary. Barry Wininger seconded. Carried by voice vote.

Chairman Lockhart stated that the budget needs to have a transfer of funds. He stated that \$1,000.00 needs to be transferred from paper postage to capital outlay. Bill Engle made a motion that the money be transferred. Tom Sellmer seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice

vote.

A short discussion was held on the Bridgeport Fund. Tom Sellmer made a motion to adopt all proposals as presented on paper to the members on the Bridgeport Death Benefit Fund and the Scholarship Fund. Willie Parish seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Good of the Order: None.

Old Business: None.

Barry Wininger made a motion to adjourn. Bill Howe seconded. After the benediction by Chaplain Lantz the meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Course Selection D

March 7-8 — **RURAL FIREFIGHTING TACTICS** — This course will cover Rural Firefighting problems such as basic building design and construction, tactical problems in special hazards, fundamentals of water supply, both static and transporting by tankers to the incident. The problems of Fire Control (Offensive and Defensive attack), Fire Stream Management, Staging and apparatus placement. The class will have group activities and tactical incident simulation. Class size limited to 35 students.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



LAWRENCE SWARTZ

FELLOW FIREFIGHTERS:

Here we are again with a brand new year just under way. It is an excellent time to look back on 1986 and check your accomplishments while setting your goals for 1987.

Each and every year brings new challenges to us in the life saving services of which the fire service is the biggest challenge. Are you ready? During the winter months is an excellent time to complete the various portions of fire training that can be done indoors. Once spring arrives it is difficult to maintain a rigorous training schedule.

The new Second Class certification lesson plans are now available from the State Fire Marshal's office. They will now assure us — of all firefighters being trained under the same guidelines. I urge you to secure a copy if you have not done so. The Fire Marshal has been sending out monthly newsletters that contain available school listings, dates, locations and fees. If you, as members are not aware of these ask your chief or training officers, the news is for everyone.

Again the legislature will be pondering many items during their assembly. We in the fire service need to be aware of those bills that are a danger to us as well as a help. The association will endeavor to once again keep on top of these and advise you as best we can. Remember we are here to serve you and if you feel we need to be made aware of something do not hesitate to call us.

We officers are trying to visit as many of your meetings as possible, bear with us in our endeavors. Many of the officers are still not being notified of your district meetings, all you need to do is check the names and addresses on the inside front page of the paper.

I wish everyone a Happy, Prosperous and Fire-Safe 1987.

Lawrence Swartz.

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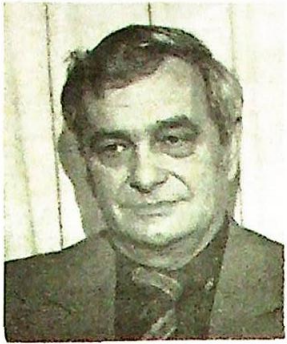
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1986 is history. Did you lead, follow, or get in the way? Leaders made the history. Followers tagged along and made no waves. Those who got in the way did nothing to lead others, did not follow the leaders, but obstructed the way for those who chose to lead and those who chose to follow the leaders.

We still have some of the finest leaders in the fire service leading the way in Indiana. Some have been doing this for years, others are new to leadership. All are keeping pace and leading the way through the many changes occurring in the fire service. Many are creating the changes. New methods are needed to meet the challenges of new hazards. We need to lead or follow. Those who just get in the way are a hazard to themselves and their fellow firefighters.

Take time to examine your 1986 performance. Others are judging you but you are the only one who can look at your performance and make any necessary

changes. You be the judge.

The Miss Flame candidates are being judged and all indications are that we will again have a bevy of beauties for the judges to choose from at this new years convention. Support your district's beauty.

The Fire Marshal will host a Leadership Conference February 21 and 22. Plan to be there.

The Firefighter Standards and Education Commission has completed the lesson plans for 2nd Class Certification and they are available now. Get yours now to assist your training program for 1987. Training is the key to firefighters safety. Participate in training and avoid becoming a statistic.

Many bills are being introduced in this year's legislature that will affect the fire service. Pay attention and if your IVFA officers bring to your attention a matter that affects us, voice your opinion to your Senator and Representatives.

The IVFA needs your activity to remain a vital voice in the fire service. There should be competition to lead every district, every public relations area and each office in the association. Work to be an IVFA officer. You'll be proud of yourself.

I hope all had a happy holiday season. I look forward to seeing you at your district meeting. Be there.

Bill Kinsey

I.N.C.E.R.T. REPORT

On November 6, 1986, I.N.C.E.R.T., Inc. held its semi-annual meeting of the board. Present were the members of the board, the I.N.C.E.R.T. coordinators and a special guest, Col. Jim Frasier.

Col. Frasier is from the U.S. Department of Defense and is in charge of security for the PanAm games scheduled for August 1987. He came to the I.N.C.E.R.T. board with an interesting request. The D.O.D. would like I.N.C.E.R.T. to help in two areas - Michigan City for the sailing races and Brown County for the bicycle races. In Brown County they need one man each 200 feet for the entire 13 miles of the race. Each worker will be investigated and receive a security clearance. As of the writing of this, it's unclear how many of our organization will be involved.

They are primarily interested in communications such as amateur radio. They don't have enough people to cover it all, so volunteer fire and 4-wheel drive will be called on to make up the rest of the personnel. Probably departments closest to the races will be asked to help before ones farther away. It could be dangerous, as it's possible terrorists could try to cause an international incident.

Under other I.N.C.E.R.T. business - The I.N.C.E.R.T rally originally set for this winter will be rescheduled after the PanAm games. And election of officers was held. Elected were Jack Burlison, I.S.P., President; Larry Biggs, I.V.F.A., Vice President, and Mike Head, Amateur Radio, Secretary. Larry Biggs I.N.C.E.R.T. Committee.

**Governor's Awards Review
Committee discusses policy**

Dear Fire Chief/Marshal/Official:
On December 12, 1985, the Governor's Awards Review Committee met for the first time. Their agenda included a review of all on-hand recommendations and a discussion of award policy considerations.

To review, the Governor recently approved an individual awards program for statewide fire fighters; two awards for meritorious service (or meritorious acts), and two awards for valor. All four awards are attractive commemorative medals fastened to a blue and gold neck ribbon. The program shall be managed by this department in the name of the Governor and the State Fire Marshal. Nominations can be forwarded at any time to: INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF FIRE PREVENTION AND BUILDING SAFETY, 1099 N. Meridian Street, Suite 900, Indianapolis, IN 46204 - ATTN: Administrator's Executive Secretary.

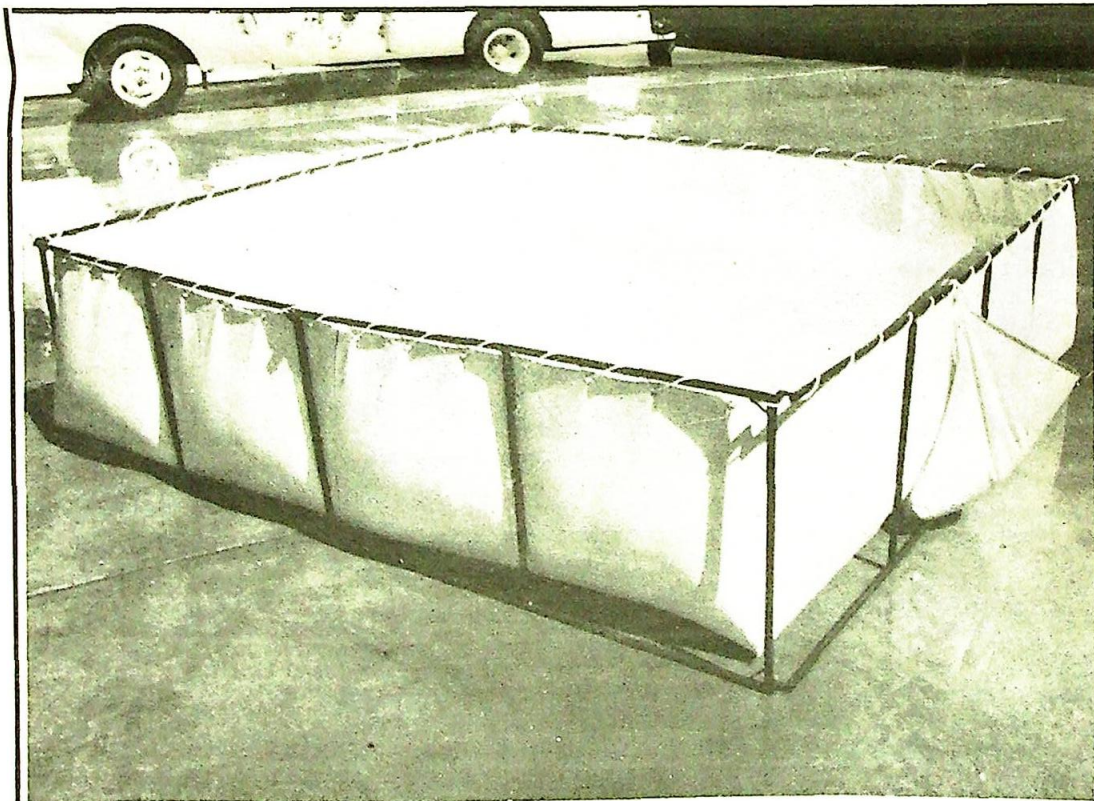
For your information and dissemination, the Governor's Awards Review Committee established the following policy considerations:

a. ELIGIBLE NOMINEES - To be decided. The paid fire service member of the committee was unable to attend and the other committee members felt his input was essential. For the time being, award nominations shall be accepted for all bona fide paid/volunteer fire fighters, EMS personnel who are also fire fighters, and industrial fire

fighters.
b. QUALIFYING SERVICE - Nominations submitted SOLELY on the grounds of length of service shall normally be approved only for 15 or more years of meritorious/distinguished service in the case of the State Fire Marshal's Service Award; 25 or more years of meritorious / distinguished service for the Governor's Service Award. Service need not be continuous, but does have to be cumulative and truly meritorious as evidenced by a pattern of efficiency, service, leadership, initiative, dependability, unselfishness, and knowledge. Nominations for a service award based on MERITORIOUS ACT must be for a SPECIFIC DEFINABLE act that is NOT based on length of service or valor.

c. LEVELS OF HEROISM - The committee could not agree on definitive policy considerations except to approve a two-tiered concept wherein degree and circumstances of the cited valorous act would be weighed to decide which of the two valor awards would be granted. Their discussion included how to weight such factors as the weather, degree of the firefighter's experience, bravery versus temerity, time of day, and others.

d. MULTIPLE AWARDS - The committee approved the bestowing of multiple awards provided each award was granted on its own merit, e.g., a recipient could be awarded the State Fire
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Kosciusko County Firemen's Association presents awards during 40th anniversary celebration

Three awards were presented during the fortieth anniversary celebration of the Kosciusko County Firemen's Association. Before the association was officially formed it existed in the minds of a few progressive firefighters on various departments.

Three of those men took time to visit every department in the county to discuss the advantages of a county-wide association.

The three were Elza Cox (Chief of the Warsaw Department), Linc Hay (Chief of the Winona Lake Department), and Jim Heaton (of the Winona Lake Department).

It has been reported that other departments decided if both Warsaw and Winona Lake were willing to belong to the same association it must be worthwhile. In those days the two departments were very competitive.

Of the three association promoters, only one survives today. Jim Heaton. He is still active in the Winona Lake Department and in the County Association. He was recognized for his early efforts to form the Kosciusko County Firemen's Association.

The Kosciusko County Firemen's Association recently presented Ken Shepherd with the Fireman of the Year Award. In his letter of recommendation, Warsaw Fire Department Chief, Russell Fifer, noted that Ken is a person who eats, sleeps, and thinks "fire department". He relates that Ken has given hundreds of hours of his time for the betterment of the fire service at Warsaw and throughout the coun-

ty. Ken is a certified instructor who has personally prepared and trained firemen in Warsaw, Leesburg, Atwood, Milford, and Winona Lake for first and second class certification. Chief Fifer remarks that Ken asks for nothing in return except that each trainee show pride in his duties and position as a fireman. Further, Ken has used his own money for the purchase of a "Blazer" costume and fire prevention materials so he can get the fire safety message to thousands of children.

Kosciusko County Firemen's Association was proud to name him the Fireman of the Year.

Richard Klopenstein was also honored by the Kosciusko County Firemen's Association. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Award for 1986. He has served his community as an active member of the fire department for over 28 years.

Over half of his years have been spent as an officer of the department. He served a total of 3 years as an Assistant Chief before being elected Chief in 1974. He served as Chief for the next eleven years, not wishing to be re-elected as an officer at the end of 1984.

In their letter of recommendation, the members of the Leesburg Fire Department note that he has been a lifetime member of the community, and has been active in other community affairs. He is a past president of the Lions Club, past president of the Town Board, and has been active in the Merchants Association.

His mechanical ability resulted in many hours of maintenance to the equipment of the department, many of the hours unnoticed and unpaid.

They concluded that his record of service not only to the department but to the fire service itself is one we can all be proud of.

Fire Prevention Convo At Monroe Central Elementary

Monroe Central Elementary students in kindergarten through third grades were visited by Ed Fodrea, Parker policeman and fireman, and Danny Redmond, Farmland fireman.

Fodrea spoke to the students about fire safety in the home, and showed an excellent film about "Snuffy" the fire truck that stressed STOP, DROP & ROLL. He also explained how important it is for families to designate a

special spot outside to meet in case of a home fire.

After Fodrea showed the equipment the firemen wear when fighting a fire, he talked to the children about how scary they look to children who may be inside a burning house and who are already scared! Fireman Danny Redmond, entering from behind the children, was dressed in full gear, and admittedly was a scary sight!

welcome, but not mandatory. As appropriate, photos, eyewitness accounts, maps, etc. should be submitted as part of the recommendation package.

f. LAPEL PINS and CERTIFICATES - Award lapel pins to be worn on civilian attire were discussed but a final decision was not reached. Similarly, uniform service ribbons (such as the military uses to symbolize actual medals) were discussed but a decision was not reached. The committee did authorize a concept wherein each approved medal would be accompanied by a citation-certificate, suitable for framing. The committee left to the discretion of the individual fire chief/elected official when the medallion could be worn by the uniformed recipient.

The Governor previously approved a concept where he would present all Governor's

Awards for Valor in an appropriate State House or local presentation ceremony. The other three awards would be presented by an appropriate senior state official, including the State Fire Marshal or the undersigned. As the chairman of the committee, I encourage you to use this program as a means of helping to promote the full fire service story, and providing tangible recognition to our deserving fire men and women.

In addition to the address listed herein, copies of your recommendation for nominees should be sent to: Lucy Stofer, 5401 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46241, and Carl Bruns, 702 Eastern Avenue, P.O. Box 172, Sunman, IN 47041.

For a better Indiana, Charles W. Coffee Administrator

Letters to the Editor -

Dear Robert,

I personally learned that this profession can get to you if you don't take care of yourself. I had spent nine years trying to keep a promise to a dying person. But if you don't take care of yourself physically, anything you do will get to you. I knew that being a volunteer firefighter is itself a very stressful profession but I discovered that the job is especially nerve racking to the fire fighter who also has a full time job. He is torn between his livelihood and his commitment to his community.

I hope that this letter will serve as a cautionary note to my fellow firefighters. If your friends mention that you've changed,

that you're not yourself - it's time to slow down and re-group your energies.

When this profession does get to you and you start making dumb mistakes like I did, it's time to step back and take a break. I just wish that I had listened to my friends before the pressure got to me.

I wish to express heartfelt thanks to three especially concerned friends for their help. I also owe a big debt of gratitude to one friend in particular.

Sincerely,
William Reeves,
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Marshal Service Award for 17 years service, a Governor's Service Award for a deserving single meritorious act, and a Governor's Valor Award for an act of heroism - a total of three awards. Further, a firefighter could be awarded multiple awards for valor. The award recipient would have the option of wearing one or all state awards so earned.

e. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION - A nominee could be recommended by any fire official with specific knowledge of the service or valorous act. Ideally, the senior fire department official (chief or marshal) should initiate, authenticate, or endorse the letter of recommendation. Awards will not be granted solely on the basis of a perfunctory cover letter and a press article. Testimonial letters from senior or elected town/city/county/officials will be

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DISTRICT 11A

The holidays have long been over and we are now settling into a brand new year. Let's make this year one of the best the I.V.F.A.A. has ever had.

Our last district meeting was held in November with Honey Creek as the host. A very nice meal was served. After the meeting we had the crowning of our Miss Flame for 1987. Amy Taylor was crowned. She represents Van Buren Fire Department. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Taylor of Carbon, Ind. Congratulations to Amy.

After the crowning we had a short meeting with the showing of 1986 convention slides. We all had a very enjoyable evening.

If any auxiliary in our district would like for me to come to one of their meetings, just let me know the time and place. Our January district meeting was held at Van Buren Fire House.

Also be thinking about convention in June at Jeffersonville.

District 11A would like to thank Tish Biggs for being our 1986 Miss Flame.

Thanks again, Tish.

Sue Biggs
District 11A
Auxiliary Chairman.

DISTRICT 12

The November meeting of the 12th District I.V.F.A.A. was called to order by our Chairman Mary Brooks at 8:05 p.m. At Wayne Township Station #2. Shirley Crouch read a poem written by her son Bob Crouch about firemen's mothers and wives that really hit home. Prayer was given by our Chaplain, followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

Mary introduced two guests. They were Loretta Nulliner, State President, and Barbara Surber, Past President.

Roll call was answered by 14 members representing 5 stations and 2 guests.

Mary announced that Cindy Poteet will be our Miss Flame this year.

There was no unfinished business.

New Business - The only registration forms will be in the I.V.F.A. newspaper. Mary had made copies and passed them out. Register before May 4, 1987 for \$15.00, after that it will be \$25.00.

The women only sold about \$1300.00 worth of Doe Doll tickets this year. That was down from last year.

Last year's Chaplain announced she sent 65 cards for various reasons.

Mary announced that there will be 2 scholarships given to firemen's children each year. They are sponsored by a grant from Bridgeport Fire Department. Also, a death benefit of \$3,000.00 will be given if a volunteer is killed in the line of duty. To receive this benefit, the fireman must have been a member for three consecutive years, and his dues must have been paid by September 1, every year.

Marion County meeting will be at Perry Township on November 24.

The 12th District Meeting will be on March 9, 1987, at Wayne County #9.

Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.
Jello, punch and cookies were served, followed by a gift exchange.

DISTRICT 13A

The November meeting was our Christmas Party, at 6:30 p.m., on a misty, 35 degree evening at a Smorgasbord in Junction Inn, in Fortville, Indiana.

Hostesses were Green Township Auxiliary, Eden, Indiana. They decorated the tables with Christmas Decorated Pine Cones later given as favors.

Chaplin Anna Marie Baker offered Prayer before our meal.

Afterwards, State Sgt.-at-Arms, Miriam Schaeckel, of Greenfield, escorted the new officers to the front of the room. State President, Loretta Nulliner, installed them to office with the impressive lighted candle ceremony.

1987

District Chairman, Virginia Wilson, White candle.

Secretary/Treasurer, Marg Hamilton, Blue candle

Chaplin, Anna Marie Baker, Yellow candle.

Anna Marie will also be sending "Get Well" cards to those in need. She then opened the meeting by giving Devotions and leading all in the Pledge to the Flag.

Marg Hamilton gave Roll Call and Minutes of last meeting, which was held at Sugar Creek Vol. Fire Station # 2, in Philadelphia, Indiana.

New and old business was discussed including the Miss Flame Contest.

Laura Hoskins of Buck Creek Township, Mount Comfort, was the winner of the 50-50 Drawing. The balance goes toward Miss Flame Contest expenses.

Everyone enjoyed the \$3.00 Gift exchange, then played Bingo.

News from Sugar Creek Twship. Vol. Fire Station 2

Here we are, at the end of a busy year. We've had from 6 to 14 members present at every meeting, which meets on the first Monday night of each month.

President, Clara Bundy; Vice President, Bonnie Seibert; and Sec./Treasurer, Cheryl Harrison.

Roll call is answered each month by a different response, such as: Your Favorite Time of the Day, or Why I Like Indiana, etc.

During the year, we have made Padded Picture Frames, decorated cakes, exchanged recipes, had a Basket and Toy Party and played Bingo, where each one brings a wrapped gift to be used as prizes.

One month, we each brought a Birthday Gift to be used as prizes. At the end of the game, they were all presented to a very surprised lady who knew nothing

about the 'plan'.

Her prize gift was given to another lady who, unknown to us, also had a birthday that month. A fun evening.

Also during the year, we have had a chili supper for our firemen; made cookies and punch for our Open House in March; attended District Meetings; bought a 10-cup coffee maker for our station; attended other station's Fish Frys and Smorgasbords; took well-filled baskets to our firemen's picnic; hosted the District 13A Auxiliary Meeting in August; and had a yard sale.

We also participated in a parade, dunk tank, and booth at the New Palestine Lions' Club Fish Fry Festival.

We bought "Miniature Firemen" ornaments for the ladies, and 8" x 10" scrolls of "The Firemen's Prayer" for the men as favors at our Christmas Party held on December 13.

Our new 1987 officers, who will take over in January, are: President, Bonnie Seibert; Vice President, Bea Seibert; and Sec./Treas., Cheryl Harrison.

We have had a very good year, and I want to thank the Auxiliary ladies who have all been very supportive in the past year.

Clara Bundy

DISTRICT 14

I hope all of you had a Merry Christmas and will enjoy a great New Year. I hope to see some new faces at our District meeting this year to help all of the faithful who regularly attend.

Our District meeting in November was held on the 19th at the Madison Township Fire Department with a small turnout of members.

'87 Convention plans are moving right along. We have a lot of fun times planned for this year and we are going to have some good souvenirs to take home to remember "A Little Bit of Heaven in '87". I hope you are making your plans to attend.

To all auxiliaries who have not paid their dues, please send \$2.00 per member to Recording Secretary, Nancy Neal.

Our next meeting will be in January and we will present our Miss Flame Contestant at this meeting. See you there.
District 14 Chairman
Nancy Richardson

Editor's Note: When submitting newspaper clippings for publication, please note the date and name of the newspaper. We would like to give them the credit they deserve. Also, it would save us a lot of trouble if you get their permission to reprint and include a note to that effect. Thanks.

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Pictured attending the 13A District Auxiliary Christmas Party are (left to right) State President Loretta Nulliner, District Chairman Virginia Wilson, Sec./Treas. Marg Hamilton, and Chaplain Anna Marie Baker.

**INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY
STATE OFFICERS MEETING**

Sunday, November 2, 1986
Bavarian Inn, Jasper, Indiana

President Loretta Nulliner called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Opening prayer was given by Bette Sellmer, Chaplain. Due to the illness of Sergeant-at-Arms Miriam Schaekel, the Pledge to the Flag was led by Vica McGill. Roll call was answered by 23 officers and committee members and 14 guests. Minutes of previous meeting was read by Nancy Neal and approved as read. Mary Brooks made a motion to dispense with reading of district reports. Seconded by Sue Biggs. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report by Betsy Howe:

Balance Forwarded August 1, 1986		\$3,841.56
Income:		
Dues	\$2,379.00	
Interest	73.43	
Jewelry	159.40	
Raffle	238.00	
Miscellaneous	74.00	
Total Income	2,923.83	
		6,765.39
Disbursements:		
Annual Secretaries' Advances	100.00	
Mileage	189.60	
Phone and Postage	26.63	
Overpaid dues	11.00	
Jewelry	146.40	
Miscellaneous*	444.09	
Total Expenses	917.72	
Balance on hand October 31, 1986		5,847.67

* Miscellaneous includes convention film, slides, trays.

Treasurer's report will stand for audit.

Membership to date: 1,282 members, representing 92 auxiliaries and 68 individuals.

Chaplain's Report: Bette Sellmer reported to date she has had one death reported. A new shipment of sympathy cards is expected soon. Bette had mailed 22 sympathy cards and 2 get well cards.

One new auxiliary was reported - Morris of District 19. Their certificate will be presented to them at their district meeting.

Correspondence: Faye Salee sent a note explaining why she was unable to be present; Pat Wisniewski had just returned from Texas and had to prepare for Tuesday's election, so she, too, was unable to be present.

Committee Reports: Doe Doll, Toni Sorg - Still looking for a sponsor for next year's tickets. Doll has been ordered. Loretta reported an additional \$47 had been turned in on last year's ticket sales.

Miss Flame, Barb Surber - Committee met last night to review program. Only change in rules was in the wording, "fireperson" instead of "fireman." On second page of application, date should be changed to 1987 instead of 1984. District Chairmen should make this change and be sure forms are returned to Barbara by the deadline. Lucy and Gene Stofer have agreed to once again donate the trophies.

Jewelry, Casey Bechtel - Waiting on new shipment of emblem jewelry. One department had ordered 35 pieces of jewelry and had been given the sale price. It was agreed that the sale price should be honored since it was still above our cost. Bette Sellmer will send the copy for the convention charm (1987) to Loretta.

Lois Boaz, Barb Surber - An article is in the paper, and the deadline for submitting letters of nomination is April 1, 1987. Letters to be mailed to Loretta Nulliner, Barbara Ketchem, or Barbara.

No reports from Auditing, Games, Financial Study, Nominating, Parliamentarian.

President's Advisory, Lucy Stofer - Guidelines have been written for forming an auxiliary, but the committee now needs to write guidelines for belonging to the district and state auxiliary.

Old Business: Notices have been mailed to District Chairmen telling them which departments have not paid dues.

Slides or photos for state convention - do we have suggestions? Several had not seen the slides from the past two years. They will be available at the next two state meetings. Barbara Parker made a motion that we try picture albums with captions for this next year. Seconded by Vi Cambron and Debbie Nulliner. Carried. Nancy Neal will purchase album, which will be the permanent mounting kind. Nickie Sunday will work on some captions.

December 20 is the deadline for submitting articles for the next IVFA newspaper.

State Fire Service Awards, Lucy Stofer - Nominations of firemen who have performed heroic deeds, special community service, etc. should be sent to Mr. Coffey, State Fire Marshal's Office, 1099 N. Meridian, Room 900, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Nancy Neal will update the Emergency Call list and send to Maxine for distribution.

1987 Convention - Betty requested the Camping Reservation forms be mailed directly to the KOA Campground, Marriott Drive, Clarksville, IN 47130. Registration and room reservation forms are in the newspaper and should be submitted early. Banquet will be a "hoe-down" meal served under a tent. Memorial services will be held at the Mark Memorial Methodist Church. It was agreed by the group that, unless the item was exactly like one the State Auxiliary is selling, jewelry or emblem items may be sold at convention, either through booths or by the convention committee.

New Business: Betsy Howe called attention to the small amount of district news in the paper. Please type or write articles legibly and submit more news. Also, Betsy received a letter from the State Auxiliary's banking institution stating our ID number is not a proper number. Discussion followed. Betsy will follow up with Gene Stofer and/or Bob Stewart to try to solve this.

Telephone messages to Barb Surber should be called during the day and left with her husband, Bob. Toni Sorg is working two jobs presently and can only be reached by telephone between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. District secretaries should be reminded to send meeting notices to all state officers.

Jack Ford spoke to the group on insurance payments to Volunteer Fire Departments on fire runs. He also talked on the new Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department Memorial Trust Fund and distributed copies.

Respectfully submitted,
Maxine Davies
Corresponding Secretary

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volunteer firefighting companies are "cash poor but challenge rich." In that distinction, they can join many other important community institutions.

The Department of Commerce, which I head, recognizes that some local money-raising efforts need assistance. We offer chal-

lenge grants, in which we will match money raised locally to pay for needed upgrading. One community department financed part of the cost of a new fire station by serving breakfast. Their monthly breakfasts are now a community tradition, and the Department of Commerce matched

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Lois Boaz Award

The Lois Boaz Memorial Award is presented each year at the I.V.F.A. Convention. It is presented for work or deeds done by any member of the I.V.F.A.A. Please send your letters (no Xerox copies) to one of the following recipients for recommendations:

Barbara Surber
11053 McGregor Rd.
Indianapolis, IN 46259

Loretta Nulliner
RR1, Box 289B
Morristown, IN 46161

Barbara Ketchem
Box 6
Montezuma, IN 47862

Deadline April 1, 1987

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their proceeds with a challenge grant. The station is now being built.

The challenge grant program came from the Indiana General Assembly. There are three bills in this year's legislature which could have a direct bearing on the jobs of volunteer firefighting. One bill would direct homeowners to install smoke detectors in their homes. The big difference between this bill and others mandating smoke detectors is that the proposal would require detectors in all homes, not just new ones. No other state has such a provision.

Widespread installation of smoke detectors could save many lives every year. Each year in Indiana, 160 of the 180 people who died in fires are killed at home. 140 of those victims were in homes without smoke detectors.

Another bill would set up a 24-hour "tailboard" curriculum, which would educate firefighters on basic firefighting techniques. A tailboard course would be particularly important for volunteers and medium-sized cities or smaller towns which maintain paid departments.

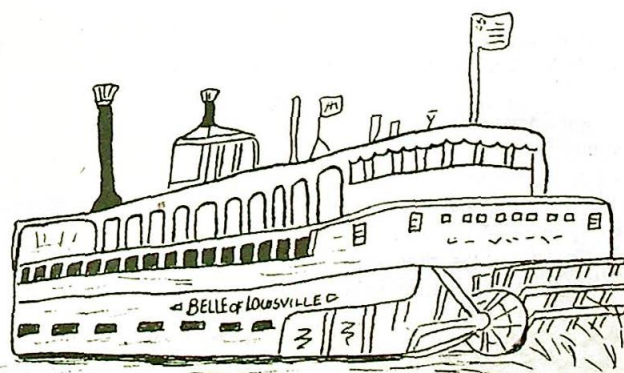
A third bill would require attending hospital and private physicians to report all burn injuries, similar to the Indiana gunshot and knife wound law. This bill could help aid arson investigations, because about one in five arsonists burns himself in the act of setting a fire.

If you have feelings about any of these bills, contact your legislator.

Here's hoping for a safe and happy 1987 for each of Indiana's 18,000 volunteer firefighters.

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Pershing Township Fire Lieutenant Mullins Dies

Pershing Township Fire Lieutenant Chester Mullins died unexpectedly at the Jackson County Hospital emergency room on December 31, 1986. Mullins, 64, was a 17 year veteran of the fire department located in Freetown.

He was a resident of Jackson County for 41 years. He was employed with the Jackson-Washington Forest and was a forestry foreman for 20 years.

He was a member of Gorbett's Chapel Baptist Church where he served as a deacon.

Mullins was born January 15, 1922 in Lincoln County, Kentucky. On April 20, 1945 he married Eunice Bruner who survives.

Other survivors include a son, Thomas R. Mullins, a daughter Shirley Joanne (Mrs. Jack) Fish, a brother, and three sisters. Also surviving are seven foster children and eight grandchildren. Several



Chester Mullins

members of the Mullins family are active firefighters and auxiliary members with Pershing Township.

Funeral services for Lt. Mullins were conducted on Saturday, January 2, 1987 at Gorbett's Chapel Church with Reverend James Smith officiating. Burial was attended by full Fire Department Honor Guard and was held at the Chapel cemetery, north of Freetown.

Fire Prevention Poster Contest Winners



Youngsters await their turn in line to "hold" the fire hose as Fireman Wes Humble demonstrates procedures. Looking on is Fireman Preston.



Mrs. Mary Jean Bateman of the Springs Valley Bank and Trust Co. presents a \$50 savings bond to each of the winners in the elementary school Fire Safety Poster Contest. Holding up their winning posters are Trent Goldman, Jamie Baker, and Tiffany Beaty. Also pictured are Fire Prevention Officer Brad Preston, and Fire Chief Barry Winger who is displaying the winning poster from the kindergarten age group, which was won by Jonathan Brown. Jonathan was not available for the picture taking session.

Junior Firefighters were in abundance Monday and Tuesday, October 6 and 7 at the Springs Valley elementary school (French Lick). Students participated in a presentation that included an enthusiastic talk on personal fire safety and a film by Fire Prevention Officer Brad Preston.

Firefighter Darrin Pinnick demonstrated the firefighter's personal gear, and Chief Barry Winger and Fireman Wes Humble gave the students the opportunity to spray the fire hose and look at the fire engine.

About 70 students participated in the Fire Safety poster contest. Winners from four categories were chosen by representatives from the school, the fire department and the Springs Valley Bank and Trust Co.

Runners-up in the kindergarten include Trevor Crews, Ryan Anderson, Joshua Harris with first place going to Jonathan Brown. Runners-up in the first and second grade include Ashley Cave, Tina Goaid, Becky Nelson, and first place Jamie Baker.

Runners-up in the third and fourth grade are Jason Rominger, Larry Nelson, and Kristin Butler, with first place winner Tiffany Batey. Runners-up in the fifth and sixth grade contest are Hilary Williams, Marty Goldman, Justin Harris, and first place winner is Trent Goldman.

First place winners received a \$50 Savings Bond from SVB & T. The posters are on display at the local bank.

The Fire Prevention program was sponsored by Kimball Electronics, SVB & T, French Lick Springs Hotel and Smoot's Pizza Place, in cooperation with the French Lick Fire Department.
- The Springs Valley Herald
French Lick

Marion County conducts probe of crash

A Marion County grand jury will hear evidence against an ambulance driver involved in a fatal accident after he stopped the vehicle on a highway, where it was struck by a semitrailer truck.

The patient in the back of the ambulance, William J. Makela, 66, died Wednesday as a result of injuries suffered in the accident Nov. 25, according to a spokesman for the Marion County coroner.

Indiana State Police Trooper Shannon S. Spreckelmeyer said evidence against Jeff Ferrell, 25, who drives an ambulance for Wishard Memorial Hospital, will be presented to a grand jury in a week to 10 days.

The grand jury will consider whether Ferrell violated any state laws in the accident.

Spreckelmeyer said Ferrell did not have the ambulance lights or sirens on when he stopped in the passing lane of I-65 near the Meridian Street overpass to see if Spreckelmeyer needed help. The trooper's car was parked on the berm as she investigated an accident in which no one was hurt.

Before Spreckelmeyer could tell Ferrell that no help was needed, the semitrailer slammed into the back of the ambulance, knocking it 800 feet and seriously injuring Makela.

According to a Wishard spokeswoman, the ambulance did not have its lights and sirens on because it was not on an emergency run involving a life-or-death situation.

Makela had called Wishard for an ambulance to take him from his home in the 3600 block of East 11th Street to Roudebush Veterans Administration Hospital. Makela was suffering from a hernia, according to Charles W. Green, chief investigator for the coroner.

Ferrell was slightly injured in the accident and has not returned to work, said Carolyn G. Roberson, the Wishard spokeswoman.

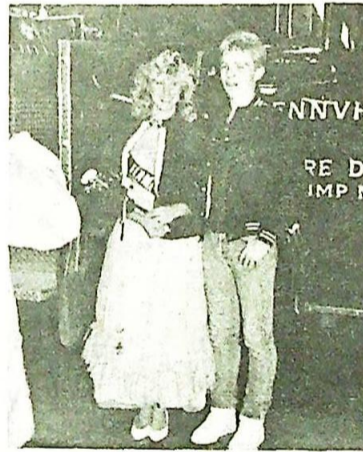
An internal investigation of the accident has been conducted, said Roberson, who added she was "pretty sure" Ferrell would not be punished.

by Joseph T. Hallinan
Indianapolis Star
12-5-86

Qualifications and Rules to Enter The WFA Miss Flame Contest

1. Father, brother, mother or sister must be a volunteer fireperson or belong to a department or Auxiliary with volunteer firemen who belong to the I.V.F.A. or the I.V.F.A. Auxiliary or she may be a member herself.
2. Entrant must be single.
3. Age — must be 15 years old, but not more than 18 at the time of the I.V.F.A. State Convention, and a resident of the state of Indiana.
4. Not more than one entry from each department in District contest.
5. Winner of a department to be entered in District-wide contest.
6. District winner to be decided by March 1 and name and picture sent to a Miss Flame Chairman no later than March 10.
7. District winner to be entered in the state wide contest.
8. District winner must have transportation to the State Convention and have a chaperon.
9. Department winner decided by discretion of the department.
10. District winner decided at the discretion of the District.
11. Department and District may have an alternate in the event the winner is unable to fulfill the title.
12. I.V.F.A. Miss Flame to be chosen at State Convention.
13. Host department to pick judges to select the state winner prior to opening Convention meeting on Thursday evening.
14. Winner and Runner-Up to be announced at the ceremonies at opening convention meeting on Thursday evening.
15. I.V.F.A.A. to furnish appropriate District designation ribbons which will be presented to the District winners prior to the judging on Thursday at convention.
16. I.V.F.A.A. to furnish winner I.V.F.A.A. "Miss Flame" ribbon, flowers, trophy and \$100 Savings Bond.
17. I.V.F.A.A. to furnish I.V.F.A. "Miss Flame" runner-up with flowers and \$50 Savings Bond.
18. Districts can furnish registration for each District Miss Flame winner entering State Contest.
19. Formal attire to be worn at District and State judging.
20. Judging will be based on appearance, personality, poise, ability in conversation, community involvement and ability to express ideas.

District 8-B Miss Flame Contest in Pennville



Due to illness, I.V.F.A. President, Bill Sunday, could not be present, but his son, Joey, took over the "task" of congratulating 8-B Miss Flame winner, Melinda Bone, and kissing each of the contestants.



Kelly Joanne Green, runner-up of the District 8-B Miss Flame Contest, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Green of the Hamilton Township Volunteer Fire Department.



Contestants of District 8-B Miss Flame Contest, hosted by the Pennville Volunteer Fire Department are pictured (left to right) Kelly Amburn, Parker City; Loretta Herndon, Farmland; Kelly J. Green, Hamilton Township; Melinda Bone, Pennville; Annette Pierson, Montpelier.

District 18 Miss Flame Contest held



The Miss Flame Contest for District 18 was held at the Fire Prevention Parade in Holland, IN.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER TO REACH SOMEONE AT THE I.V.F.A. 1987 CONVENTION WILL BE 812-288-7840. PLEASE CALL ONLY IN AN EMERGENCY, AS THIS IS NOT A BUSINESS PHONE. SOMEONE WILL BE AT THIS NUMBER ON DUTY.

Electrical fires- Handle with care...

All fires are dangerous and present a threat of injury due to flames and smoke, but an electrical fire adds another threat... shock or electrocution. The NWSC Fire Division says that extra care must be taken when presented with an electrical fire.

If an electrical appliance catches fire, first try unplugging it or shutting the electricity off at the fuse or circuit breaker box (don't risk reaching over the fire to do this). Once electricity is cut off, most appliance fires will go out. If you cannot shut off the electricity, **DO NOT USE WATER ON THE FIRE.** Water conducts electricity and you could be badly shocked. Use a fire extinguisher that does not have water in it. Look for the letter "C" on the extinguisher, meaning it is approved for use on electrical fires. If you do not have a fire extinguisher, or the fire is too large to fight (bigger around than a trash can), call the fire department.

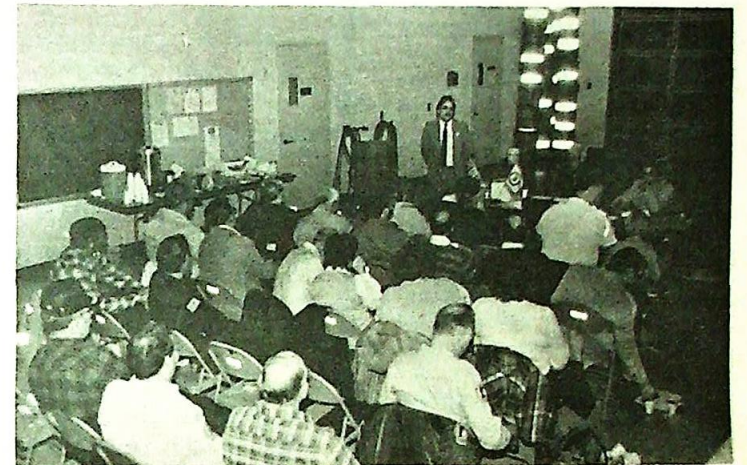
Sometimes electrical fires begin in the wiring concealed in the walls. If you smell smoke or the odor of electrical burning, don't take chances. Call the fire department immediately. Get everyone out of the house. Don't wait to investigate. Electrical fires can smolder for hours before causing a fire. You may not be able to see smoke or fire, but it may be there... behind your walls. It is always better to call the fire department and find you have no problem than to delay the call and lose your home to an electrical fire.

District 12 Meeting held at Plainfield



Forrest Brill from Belleville (standing at right) was the winner of the drawing. The Paramedic Squad (in the background) is staffed by EMAS personnel and dispatched through Plainfield. This additional life support service was started in late summer 1986.

Plainfield Fire Department has career firemen along with call-firemen which service Plainfield and Guilford Township of Hendricks County. The 12th District Meeting was held at Plainfield Station No. 1 on November 17.



Mark Riffey, Assistant State Fire Marshal, covered filling out fire reports and the most common mistakes which are being made across the State.



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- Never leave hair dryers, curling irons or any such appliance on when you leave the room or the house.
- Don't set dryers down while on. The vibration may cause them to fall and cause injury or fire.
- Keep all appliances out of the reach of small children. Teach older children the correct safety rules.

News from Jackson County



Chief Richard Blaker (left), President of the Jackson County Chiefs Association, presents Richard Burrell with a plaque for his service as Academy Secretary.

Stan Gibson is pictured at the Jackson County Fire Academy Banquet.

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Spontaneous Combustion Susceptibility

by Alan M. De Simone

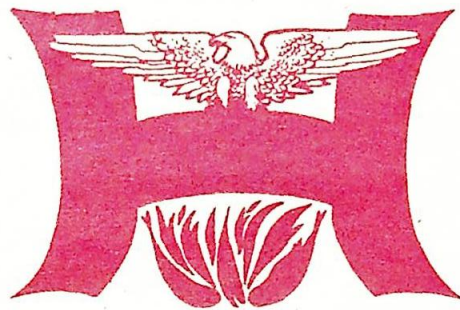
My article on spontaneous combustion explains how these fires start. In this article, the various materials that are susceptible to spontaneous combustion will be discussed.

One of the most widely recognized types of spontaneous heating is that which occurs in oily rags. Only the oils of vegetable and animal origin spontaneously heat and ignite (not petroleum oils). Fires attributable to paint soaked clothes and brushes start because vegetable oils in the paint are the heating agents. Different vegetable and fish oils vary widely in their susceptibility to spontaneous heating. The following oils have a high tendency to heat: fish oils, linseed oil, and most oil-based pigments. Corn, olive and cottonseed oils have a moderate tendency to heat spontaneously. Those products with a slight tendency to ignite spontaneously are cotton oil and turpentine.

Many metals will ignite spontaneously under certain conditions. The list includes: copper, magnesium, calcium, sodium, and potassium. The conditions under which each of these metals will ignite differ greatly. Most metals do not ignite unless they are in the form of the powder of fine lathe turnings. If the metal powder is moist, the chances of its heating are increased. Many chemicals are water reactive and the process can be violent or slow. These chemicals include the alkalis and oxides. Air reactive chemicals are usually stored under water or oil in unbreakable containers. When the protective layer of oil or water is removed, ignition occurs quickly. Fires are usually put out with dry chemicals to form a protective layer over the chemical.

Charcoals can spontaneously heat, especially those made from hard woods such as hickory or oak. The heating process is most likely to occur if the charcoal has not been cooked sufficiently or is moist when it is stored. Some types of coal also spontaneously heat. The soft or bituminous coals have the greatest tendency to ignite. Hard coal usually does not ignite.

One of the greatest dangers with charcoal is when people extinguish it with water after cooking with it. It is then dried and saved for future use. This is very dangerous because it is not likely that the charcoal was adequately dried prior to storage. As mentioned above, spontaneous combustion is likely to occur. Storage in a tightly closed metal container is recommended.



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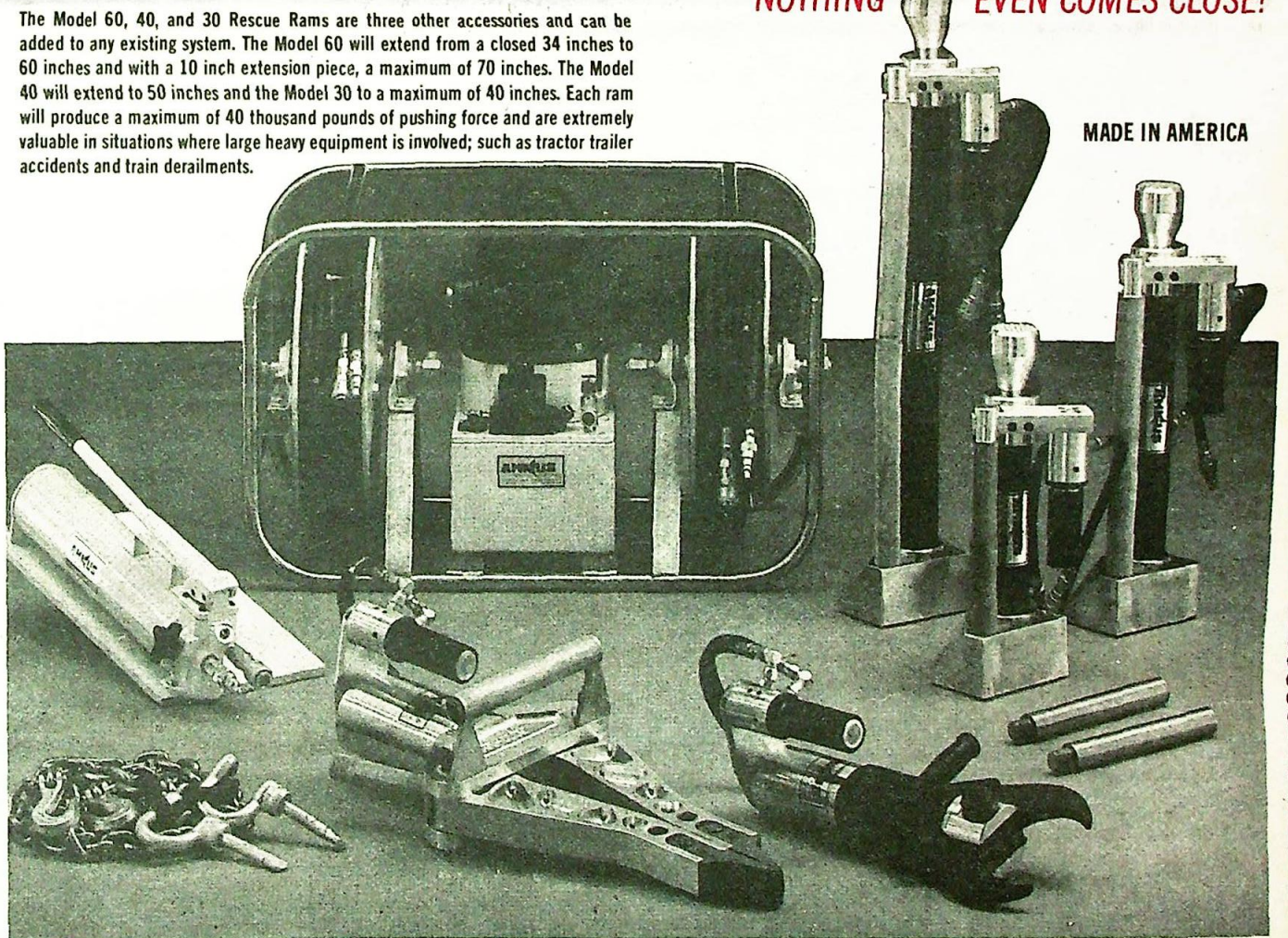
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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 3

District 3 - Regular meeting
October 16, 1986 - Thursday
Hanna Twnshp Fire Station

The meeting was brought to order at 8:05 p.m. by Chairman Sabie. There were 24 members representing 8 departments with 6 guests present. The pledge was led by host chief Jack Werner.

Guests present were: Lawrence Swartz, State I.V.F.A. Vice President; Duane Lantz, State Chaplain; Bill Howe, PR Northwest; Bruce Yonkers, I.A.A.I.; George Walden, Superior Extrication Representative; and E. Bailey, Wanatah.

Secretary's reports were read and approved with corrections. Treasurer reports approximately \$450.00 in savings as some bills are not yet paid. We have about \$750.00 in the E.D.I.T.H. account.

Committee reports: E.D.I.T.H. - We still do not have a frame. We have been offered a new one for \$1,000.00 from a company in Elkhart. Keep your ears open for anything being available.

Convention - Slogans being offered so far are: 1) By the Lake in '88; 2) It will be Great in '88; 3) It will be Great by the Lake in '88; and 4) Firemen's Shuffle will be Great in '88.

Please take these to your people and get their feelings so we may make a decision soon. Dave read the minutes from the recent

convention committee meeting. Chairman Al is looking for fund raisers. He notes many openings on committees. If your department has a choice, let Al know. The committee will be assigning jobs soon.

New Business: Questionnaires from Rob are out. These are getting back slowly. Please get them in soon. Some departments still do not have their 1986 dues paid. Rob explained how the update is going with the new computer.

Bill Howe, PR Northwest - The papers should go out the 24th. If you have anything for it, you may send it directly to Bob Laney, P.O. Box 437, Crown Point, IN 46307. Bill reports that a recent Instructors' class held in Highland, IN, gave the 3rd district several new Instructors. These come from Coolspring, Scipio, and Lincoln Townships.

It was noted that the 1st Class school is underway in Starke County. Classes are being held at Oregon-Davis High School and there are some openings.

Good of the Order: Lawrence Swartz reports that he is pleased with the convention progress and urges all departments to get involved soon. All committees need to be in place by January 1, 1987. Lawrence also reported on many proposed changes coming from N.F.P.A. These will be in the paper and need some attention. Write to the agency and voice your views.

The district chairman will have

forms for this year's awards program.

I.S.O. and the I.V.F.A. are working up the standard service charge schedule. It will depend on how much the insured party has as a policy coverage, then this can vary from \$250.00 to \$1,000.00. You may collect 25% for the first 30 minutes, 50% for 31 to 60 minutes, and 75% for 61 to 90 minutes. Over 90 minutes you may collect the full 100% of policy. This must also be paid directly to the department. We will be able to use the same form for both State Fire Marshal's Office and Insurance companies.

Lawrence also notes that the Arson Fund grants are yet available but must be applied for by October 30, 1986. They have \$100,000.00+ to give out this year.

Bill Howe also advised of the Outreach program to be in Indianapolis the weekends of the 1st, 2nd, and 8th, 9th. They are \$10.00 per course and Bill reports many openings.

Bill also reports some concern over Kerosene heaters. Although they may have UL approval, they still may not have Indiana Approval. Check the names on the list all departments should have received by now.

Coolspring's fatal fire was discussed. It is noted that fatal fires are way down since 1977 due to smoke detectors. We need to check them more often.

The next meeting of I.A.A.I. will be at the State Fire Marshal's Office on December 6th.

The elevator fire in San Pierre was talked of. It was noted they used over 100,000 gallons of water and used about 200 men. They never ran out of water.

The 50/50 was won by Father Lantz and \$14.50 was added to our treasury. A Mini-Streamlight was won by Dave Kaufman.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 p.m. on a motion from Andy Bjornberg.

Respectfully Submitted,
David G. Kaufman
Secretary

DISTRICT 9B

The regular bi-monthly meeting was called to order by Vice President Lawrence Swartz at 7:45 p.m., at the Liberty Township Fire Station in Buffalo on Nov. 13, 1986. Refreshments were served prior to the meeting.

There were 8 guests present. Total number of firemen present, 66, with 133 fires among the 15 departments answering roll call. Minutes were read and approved.

Items discussed: scholarship program and death benefit thru the I.V.F.A.; I.V.F.A. computer sheets; municipal license plates on fire apparatus; District 1 and 2 Meeting at Wheatfield on November 19; I.A.A.I. meeting at fire marshal's office on December 6; rate of billing to insurance companies for fire runs; and Lifesaver brand red ball stickers.

Winners of the 50-50 drawing were: Willis Johnson of Brookston, Bill Howe Jr. of Schererville, and Francis Smart of Morocco. Haz/Mat. book donated by Charlie Baker was won by Don Lah of Goodland.

Program was presented by William Timmer of the state fire marshal's office on recognizing and identifying hazardous materials.

Next meeting is at Burnettsville Fire Station on January 8, 1987 at 6:30 slow/7:30 fast time.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

DISTRICT 11A

Well, another year has ended and a new one has begun. I hope 1986 was a good year for you and 1987 is even better.

Our last district meeting was hosted by the Honey Creek Volunteer Fire Department. Our Miss Flame contest was held and Amy Taylor was crowned Miss Flame for District 11A 1986-87! Amy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Taylor of Van Buren Township Volunteer Fire Department. We wish her all the luck at convention this year.

I want to thank Tish Biggs for being an outstanding representative for our district for the 1985-86 year.

After the contest we had a short meeting and showed the slides of the convention in Terre Haute. A good time was had by all.

I want to visit your departments. If you want me to, just give me a call and we'll set it up. Our next meeting will be at Van Buren Township, Harmony, on January 18, 1987.

If you've never been to an I.V.F.A. convention you don't know what you are missing. Try to come and see what goes on. But I

have to warn you it's habit forming.

Larry Biggs
Dist. 11A Chairman.

DISTRICT 11B

Hi Firemen and Auxiliary-
Hope everyone had a nice and Happy Holiday.

Last District 11-B meeting was at Reelsville on November 9, 1986. A fine meal of turkey and all the trimmings was served. Twenty two firemen and Auxiliaries were present. The speaker at the district meeting was Mike Fowler, State Fire Marshal Investigator. Mr. Fowler spoke on the commitment of a firefighter, the determination of the cause of a fire, the fire marshal's assistance to the local fire chief and the procedures of securing the fire scene until the fire marshal's arrival. District 11-B thanks Mr. Fowler for attending and giving a very informative talk.

Our next District 11-B meeting will be January 11, 1987, hosted by Perrysville VFD at their firehouse. They have recently added a room addition for events, meetings, etc. Everyone is welcome to attend. District 11-B doors are always open.

Parke and Vermillion County Firefighters Association put on a second class 100 hour firefighter school. A total of 31 were certified, one of the larger classes held. Plans to start a first class firefighters' school is in the making. Those interested need to attend the first meeting on February 2nd. at Montezuma firehouse.

Three departments in District 11-B, Kingman, Hillsdale and St. Bernice, have purchased new fire trucks. Congratulations to all 3 for the hard work and determination to provide better fire protection for their communities.

Smokey the bear came to District 11-B for Fire Prevention week this year. He visited Cayuga, Newport, Perrysville and Montezuma schools. He was loved by all the school children and personally told me to tell all of you to keep up the good work. He needs all the help he can get fighting fires.

For more detailed information about these events, you can read the articles I've submitted to the
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paper. We at District 11-B have been busy, as we know other districts have been, and we want to share our experiences with you.

That's all for now folks!
Your friend,
Dwayne

DISTRICT 12

12th District Business Meeting

Clayton Vol. Fire Dept.
(Hendricks County)
September 15, 1986

Meeting called to order by Chairman Don Johnson at 7:30 p.m. Opening prayer by Chaplain James Bruner, pledge to flag led by Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sutton, with 42 members representing 11 departments present.

1st Roll Call

Treasurer's report given and accepted.

Minutes of previous meeting was read and approved.

Communication - None.

Old Business - Chairman Johnson gave a few remarks regarding the annual Mid-West

Awards, and after a few pros and cons he stated to the members to get those names in to James Bruner by March 15. Then there were some remarks in regards to the Mr. I.V.F.A. and the Ollie Sandburg awards.

New Business - Chairman Johnson asked the members present if they had any safety articles for the paper. If so, please send them to him as soon as possible so that we can make members of the emergency service aware of the danger we all face in today situations.

Don also read a letter from the Fire Marshal's office regarding the department sending in fire reports to their office. Please fill out carefully because these will be computerized.

Chairman Johnson stated September 30th is the last day I.V.F.A. will accept dues to keep you in the three consecutive years for the Bridgeport Memorial Fund.

Please send in correct name or address. There are too many errors in the mailing program.

Jim Bruner of Hazelwood gave some reports regarding high cost of insurance for fire departments and suggested that some of the departments get together with

several insurance companies. After several pros and cons, Ron Meyer, of Hazelwood Fire Department suggested that we rally the Volunteer Fire Department to come upon a given resolution to the insurance problems faced with all the departments with high insurance rates, maybe by changing the state law to read where it states municipality owned to include all fire services. Chairman Johnson will bring some answers at the next meeting.

2nd Roll Call and good for the Order. Toddi Michl, P.R.W.C., stated there will be a Fire Conference at Richmond October 18 and 19. Both days cost will be \$30.00.

Miss Flame Contest - It was stated the ages for the girls should be 15 to 18 years old. All entry forms must be in to Mary Brooks before November 1, and the grading will be November 9.

Motion to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.
Next district meeting will be at Plainfield Fire Department on SR 267, November 17.

Respectfully submitted
Charles Bogden
Secretary

12th District I.V.F.A. Business Meeting Plainfield Fire Department (Plainfield, Indiana) November 17th, 1986

Host department served refreshments before regular meeting. At 7:30 p.m. Chairman Johnson called meeting to order. Opening prayer by Chaplain James Bruner; pledge to flag led by Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sutton, with 28 members and guests representing 12 departments present.

1st Roll Call

Introduction of guests were as follows: Toddy Michl, P.R.W.C. and wife Helen; our good friends from Terre Haute, Bob and JoAnn Hayes; our speaker of the evening Mark Griffey, Assistant State Fire Marshal.

Host Chief introduced his firefighters.

Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted.

Treasurer's report was given and this was approved.

COMMUNICATIONS - Chairman Johnson gave reports of several fire training schools and workshops. There will be a 12-hour Juvenile Fire Setter Workshop December 6 and 7 at 1099 North Meridian Street. Time 8:00

a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registration fees are \$20.00. Also there will be several Fire Marshal Training Courses this coming year. Fort Wayne Fire Department will be having a public auction November 27. They have several pieces of equipment to sell.

Regulations regarding Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department Memorial Trust Fund, was presented to members present.

Application for books regarding Lesson Plans for 2nd Class Fire Fighter New Program Certification were presented.

Old Business - None.

New Business - None.

Good of the Order - None.

2nd Roll Call

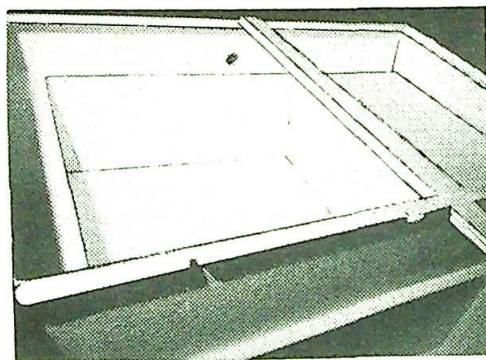
Toddy Michl, P.R.W.C. gave a report regarding insurance and liability on fire runs. Also, Toddy asked the members if they had read the article regarding the N.F.P.A. Standard 1500 "Fire Service Occupational Safety and Health" and N.F.P.A. 1501 Fire Department Safety Officer on the front page of our October newspaper.

Mark Griffey, our guest speaker, gave us instructions and step by step on filing the Fire Incident Report System, Fire Service Casualty Report and Civilian Casualty Report. Very informative.

Our next district meeting will be at Brooklyn Volunteer Fire Department (Morgan County) January 19, 1987.

Motion to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.
Respectfully submitted
Charles Bogden

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BILL WINDSOR

Chief Brown, Fort Wayne, helped write and get passed a Smoke Detector ordinance for single dwelling residence. This is a giant step forward. I also like the idea - if you can't afford one they will give you one - now how's that for taking care of your people?

We are not used to seeing that in the fire service, like O.S.H.A. says do this, do that, we don't care if you are operating on \$2500.00 a year budget. Everyone wants to tell us how we are going to do this and do that and then charge you for the codes or outline you have to use. I think they should do like Chief Brown, if you can't afford it, here's how you can get it at no cost to you.

Have you noticed how some training classes have got so expensive? Our department can't afford to send people to some of them. We thank the ones who keep this in mind when setting up classes, for example, the second annual Fire Marshals Leadership Conference, if the second is as good as the first, it is a steal at \$10.00 per person. Thanks, Marshal Larry, that is what we need. This conference, by the way, is February 21 and 22, 1987 at Lawrence North High School. Try to attend.

Keep training and attending your district meetings.
Bill Windsor

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McCulloch Volunteer Fire Dept. celebrates its 25th Anniversary

THE HISTORY OF McCULLOCH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The McCulloch Volunteer Fire Fighter's Association was formed by concerned residents of Jeffersonville Township's unincorporated area, realizing that fire fighting units in nearby incorporated communities could not offer them the necessary protection. The first meetings were held on porches, in basements, and in living rooms. As interest grew in the proposed project, larger places were needed to hold the meetings. McCulloch Elementary School and Providence High School were used for these meetings. Providence became a big supporter for the formation of the department after realizing that their school was not properly being covered by other fire departments.

In September 1961, a meeting was held for the election of officers: Malcolm Myers, president; Jess Shoemaker, vice-president; J. Robert Lee, Treasurer; James E. Baldwin, assistant treasurer; and Paul Spillman, secretary. The Board of Directors consisted of: Ira Willcox, chairman; James Fulkerson, director for one year; Herb Schellenberg, one year; Walter Meyer, two years; and W. W. Ridenour, three years. The name, McCulloch Fire Department, was suggested by Bill Embrey, because the area in which the department would be servicing was called McCulloch. The name, along with the by-laws, was approved at the following meeting.

On November 7, 1961, State Senator Clifford Maschmeyer presented the charter to Malcolm Myers, president, and Jess Shoemaker, vice-president. Senator Maschmeyer was in charge of the legal work necessary to secure the charter from the Indiana Fire Fighters Association.

In December 1961, Malcolm appointed eight area captains for the collection of membership funds. These captains were Jim Fulkerson, Donald Beyl, John Crawford, Jerry Clines, Leo Wasling, Kenneth Brooks, William Sheehan, and W. B. Tischendorf. On December 19, 1961, two thousand dollars was collected and the department received pledges of \$1500 to purchase firefighting equipment. In addition, a station site on Highway 131 and McCulloch Pike was sought. On February 3, 1962, a meeting was held at Providence High School for the membership to approve the purchase of the fire equipment necessary to put us in business. This was approved.

In March of 1962 a 1952 International Fire Truck was bought from the Lyndon Volunteer Fire Department for \$5,800. With no building to house the truck, Joseph Conner, owner of Conner Shopping Center, let us house the truck in his warehouse. This was great during the warm months, but when it got cold, the water would freeze in the truck. We approached Bill Elliott of Bill Elliott Sign Company, on Clark Boulevard to see if we could use his garage temporarily. He agreed, so we used his garage during the cold months. The only drawback to this was his big black dog. On occasion we had trouble getting in to get the truck out!

Also in March of 1962 the first officers of the department were elected. These were: Malcolm Myers, Chief; Bill Owen, Assistant Chief; Richard Sawyer, Night Captain; Clifton Young, Day Captain; Kenneth Brooks, Day Lieutenant; and Jude Uhl, Night Lieutenant.

The firemen were dispatched to the fire by phone, which was manned by the firemen's wives. The first of the wives to do this were Mrs. Louis Bailey, and Mrs. Jack Kuntz. Later, Mrs. Malcolm Meyers, Mrs. Don Adams, Mrs. Reilly, and Mrs. Butch Jerrell took their turns at waiting for the calls. These women were unable to leave their homes, unless they had someone there to man the phone. They did a great job helping out from the very beginning.

In November of 1962, ground was purchased at 404 Hale Road. With Carl Blake as Chairman of the Board, we borrowed \$6,500 from Union National Bank for the building of Station Number 1.



Malcolm "Father Time" Myers, first fire chief of the McCulloch Volunteer Fire Department, addresses 25th Anniversary celebration of the department.

Work began on the building, which was concrete block covered by concrete brick. The Building Committee consisted of: Louis Bailey, Chairman; Jude Uhl, and Walter Meyer. There was a lot of hard work and sweat put into the building of the fire station. The bick was donated by Bill Worden, and all the labor was donated by all of the firemen. The Balmer Brothers did most of the concrete block work, with the firemen being the hod carriers. Tom Bailey did the plumbing.

On November 1, 1962, Trustee Wilmer Dickey presented McCulloch with their first fire fighting coats and helmets. There were 24



McCulloch Volunteer Fire Department celebrated its 25th year in November. Honored for 25 years service, active charter members of the fire crew. (Left to right) Tom Sellmer, Bob Kraft and Jim Fulkerson.



Robert Kraft, master of ceremonies, and James Fulkerson.

units in all. These were welcomed by the firemen, who fought fires in raincoats which were donated by Sellersburg before these were purchased. When we were dispatched to a fire we drove our cars to the fire, hoping that someone had brought the truck! We worked hard, but we had a dedicated bunch of men. There were some fun times, too. One time Bob Hochadel sawed a hole in the ice, but he was in the hole. Another incident involved a fireman (not to mention any names, causing undue embarrassment) who couldn't get the door open on Truck 102 to get out during fire training. And the times that the fire truck got stuck in the mud are also memorable and funny.

In September of 1963, the wives of the firemen formed an auxiliary. The first officers were: Estalyn Sawyer, President; Agnes Young, Vice President; Mary Boyd, Secretary; Mary Jean Uhl, Treasurer; Thelma Myers, Recording Secretary; Faye Simcox, Chaplain; and Betty Brooks, Sergeant-at-Arms. Mary Boyd later became the President of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association Auxiliary. The women of the auxiliary have really helped the firemen over the years. Some of the things which are remembered most are their fund raisers, and the coffee and donuts they would bring to us while we were fighting fires. Their support of the department has always been the best. Thanks so much, ladies.

On November 16, 1963, the building was dedicated along with the purchase of a new fire truck, a 1963 Ford from American Fire Apparatus Company, Battlecreek, Michigan, for \$23,578. Our salesman was Paul Becker.

The McCulloch Fire Department hosted the Firemen's Convention in New Albany June 11 through June 13, 1964. This was a huge success. The department went on to host the convention again in 1973 in Jeffersonville.

The funding of McCulloch Fire

Department was on a dues basis, ten dollars the first year, and five dollars every year thereafter. To begin with we went door to door collecting the dues. Later it was mailed to the members, and then it went on taxes.

On September 20, 1965, McCulloch received their radios for the station and the trucks. These were on the same frequency as Jeffersonville and Sellersburg.

In 1965 our first collection for the Crusade for Children started, and we have continued every year since. Thousands of dollars have been collected and donated to this worthwhile program to help children in need.

On November 21, 1969, we purchased a 1964 pickup truck for \$500. It was literally made into Brush Truck 104. Jim Snook and his Truck Committee scrounged here and there in order to turn this pickup into a fire Brush Truck.

On January 4, 1972, a contract was signed by Jim Fulkerson on Hollowell Builders for the addition to Station Number 1. This was at a cost of \$18,420.

On May 14, 1972, the Department purchased a 1947 Seagraves (Buck) for \$500 from the Edgewood Fire Department. On October 13, 1979, McCulloch loaned this truck to the Indiana State Fire Museum. At this time this truck is still at the museum.

On May 29, 1973, Truck Number 105, now 115, was purchased. This was a 1973 Ford. It was fully equipped and ready to go. It was at a cost of \$40,500. The loan was signed by then Chief, Jim Fulkerson. H. Keithley was Secretary, and Dick Sawyer was Chairman of the Board.

In 1974 we acquired a GMC 6 By Military Truck that we made into a Water Tanker. Much hard work was put into the makings of this truck.

Early in the year 1975, the son of the owner of MKM Machine Shop was hit by a train, and we

had no equipment to extract him. Sellersburg Rescue Truck was called. Our Jeffersonville Township Trustee, Ed Frederick, witnessed this. He decided that McCulloch was in need of their own Rescue Truck. Thus, on May 1, 1975, a 1975 Ford Rescue Truck was purchased for \$20,000, fully equipped. H. Keithley was Chief at this time.

Two new trucks were purchased on March 28, 1977. These were Trucks Number 116 and Number 119. They were 1976 Fords, and together they cost \$132,695. They were both fully equipped.

On May 9, 1977, a loan from Citizens Bank for \$181,610.93 was approved for the two new trucks, as well as the lot for Station Number 2 and the building on Allison Lane. At this time some of the officers included Don Tetley, President of the Board; Jim Fulkerson, Treasurer; Tom Sellmer, Sr., Secretary; and H. Keithley, Chairman of the Board. The building was built by Hollowell Builders. This was made possible through our Trustee Ed Frederick and the federal revenue sharing money. This loan was paid off on October 15, 1981.

Some other purchases which were made include a 1978 Ford pickup on January 19, 1978, for \$7,623; a 1955 Seagraves Quad on July 1, 1978 for \$12,000 from St. Matthews, and a 1979 Dodge Chief's car on November 15, 1979 for \$7,800.

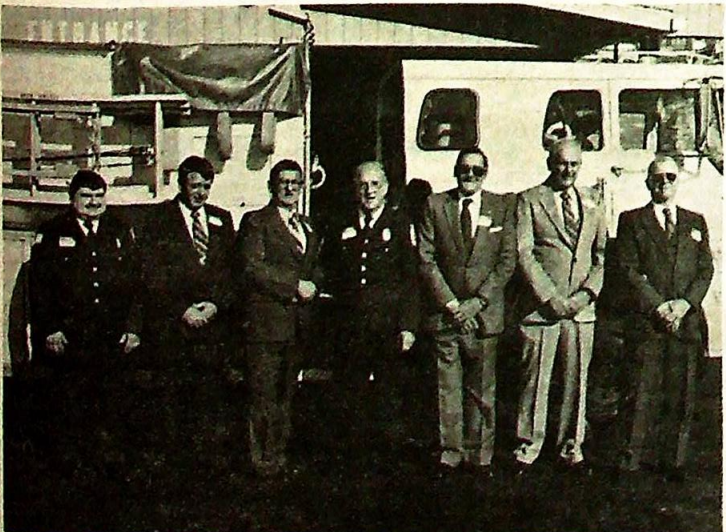
On February 6, 1979, a loan for \$60,000 for the building next door to Station Number 1 was signed. The department received \$500 a month from Head Start. This was signed by Don Tetley, President, and Steve Shetter, Secretary. This loan was paid off on October 16, 1981.

Some other equipment which the department has acquired more recently include a 1983 Ford Pumper Tanker at a cost of \$105,339 on December 16, 1982, and a 1969 Ford Tanker on loan from the Civil Defense Department on June 10, 1983.

The McCulloch Volunteer Fire Department has been run by ten different chiefs throughout the years of its existence. These men include: Malcolm Myers, March 1962 to June 1964; Jack Kuntz, June 1964 to July 1965; Malcolm Myers, July 1965 to June 1966; Davis B. Boyd, July 1966-June 1969; Richard Sawyer, July 1969 to June 1972; James F. Fulkerson, July 1972 to June 1972; Hubert C. Keithley, July 1973 to June 1975; Donald W. Tetley, July 1975 to December 1984; James R. Perry, January 1985 to September 1986; and Stanley W. Kaskie, October 1986 to present.

During the ensuing years the state of Indiana has become much more involved with the fire de-

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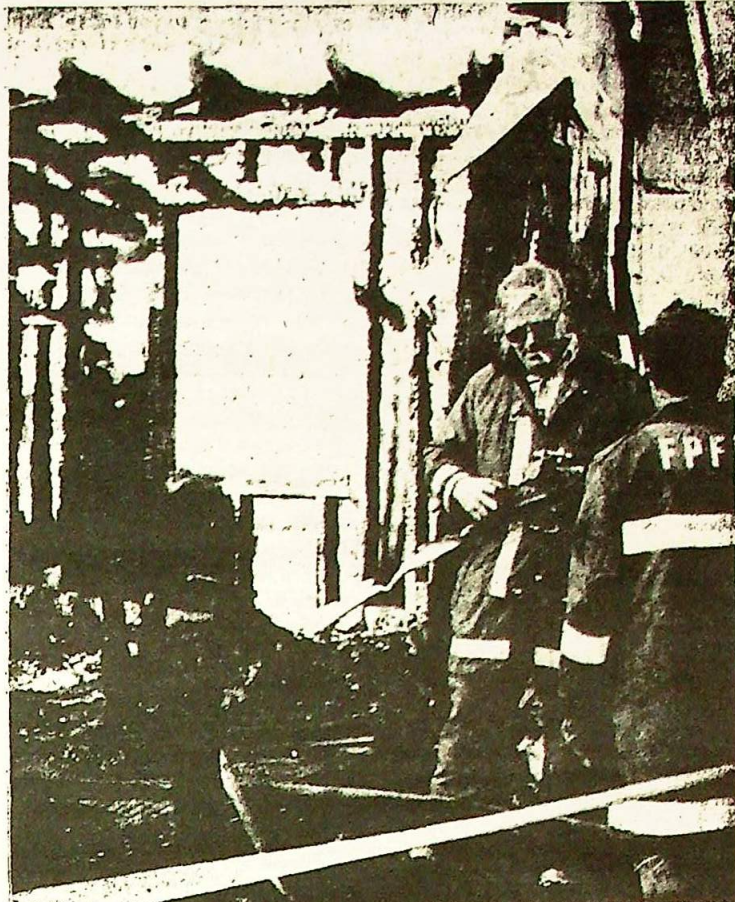


(Left to right) Stan Kaskie, Don Tetley, Pop Keithley, Jim Fulkerson, Dick Sawyer, Dave Boyd and Mac Myers. Not pictured, Jim Perry.

DISTRICT 11-B HAS BEEN BUSY!!!



Kingman Fire Chief Rick Dawson, in truck, and Town Clerk Sandra Hatke accept the new fire truck from Charlie Baker, left, of Midwest Fire and Safety Co., and Bob Burgner of Burgner Ford.
C-N Covington Bureau Photo by Louise Osgood



Fairview Park Fire Chief Harold Benskin looks over the probable cause of an early morning fire which claimed the life of John Mussatto. Indiana State Fire Marshal Darrell Brown said the fire started at an electrical outlet in Mussatto's bedroom. Mussatto died from smoke inhalation, officials said. Photo by Tony Virostko

Kingman gets new truck

KINGMAN — What is big and shiny and red and brings smiles to the faces of Kingman volunteer firefighters?

The answer is the new \$60,000, 1986 triple combination pumper fire truck.

The truck will pump 750 gallons of water per minute and is the only top-mounted pumper in Fountain County, Fire Chief Rick Dawson said.

Funding, which the town started to accumulate about 15 years ago after the last firetruck was purchased, is shared by the town and the township. Kingman paid 16 percent and Mill Creek Township paid 84 percent of the cost.

"The \$60,000 may not sound like much to some cities, but to a

small town like this and the township, with neither getting much money on which to operate, it sounds very, very big. The men really needed the equipment though, and I am glad they have it. Fire protection is so vital," Town Clerk Sandra Hatke said.

In addition to having the new equipment, the firefighters have attended schools and training courses to become better trained in fighting fires and the use of the equipment.

Members who recently completed a 100-hour second class fire training school are Dave Besson, John Bowling, Alan Brown, Dawson, Jeff Ellis, Don Gossett, Roger Gossett, Dean Keeling, Jerry Leibrandt, Jerry Lynch, George Vreedenburg and

Harry Walters.

Completing an additional 60-hour first class training course were Dawson, Brown Leibrandt, Bowling and Ellis.

In addition, Dawson, Brown and Ellis completed a 60-hour master's training course on fire and arson investigation.

- Wabash Valley News
by Louise Osgood

Fairview man dies in fire

An electrical fire claimed the life of an elderly Fairview Park resident early today; the first fire

fatality in Fairview in more than 20 years, fire officials said.

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Dana firemen honored at reception

Several members of the Dana Volunteer Fire Department were given special recognition at the annual Christmas party held Sunday evening at the fire house. The event was the annual gathering of firemen and auxiliary members and their families to celebrate the holidays.

Prior to the dinner, Kevin Wickens introduced Dwayne Osborne of Cayuga, District 11 Chairman, who presented awards to 12 members of the Dana department who had completed a 100-hour course to become firemen second class. Receiving

awards were Fred Craft, Ernie Adams, Phil Overpeck, Joe Hendrix, Kevin Wickens, Brent Bush, Phil Hess, Ronald Rumble, Bob Richardson and Nathan Ward. Not present but completing the course were Lee Schroeder and Fred Vandergriff.

Following grace by Tim Overpeck, a pitch-in dinner was enjoyed. Members of the auxiliary had prepared roast turkey, noodles and dressing to complete the menu.

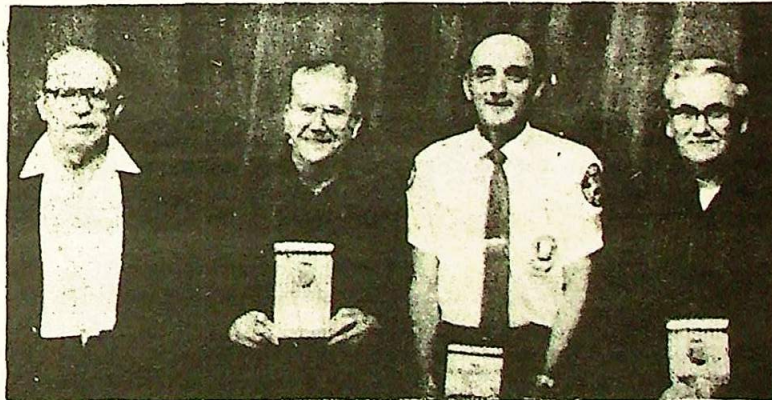
Kevin Wickens, fire department president, presided during a short business session after dinner.

Main item on the agenda was the presentation to three firemen who had been on the force for 25 years. Wickens called upon Laurence "Shorty" Lessing, who was fire chief 25 years ago to officiate in presenting plaques to Mele Balach, Bob Doan and Bill Bush.

Santa arrived to the delight of the children in attendance and each visited with Santa and received treats and gifts.

Slides were shown of past Fall Festival scenes, after which Bingo was played.

Shown presenting special awards at the Dana Fire Department's annual Christmas party is Laurance "Shorty" Lessing, left, fire chief in Dana 25 years ago. Getting awards were Bob Doan, Bill Bush and Mele Balach.



Editor's note: The pictures reprinted directly from a newspaper do not reproduce as well as the originals. Please forgive any lack of quality that may be apparent.

Fire prevention program

The Cayuga Elementary students in grades K-3 were given a special treat Tuesday morning, October 7. A fire prevention program was presented by the Volunteer Fire Department. Areas of fire safety prevention, planning, and personal awareness were explained.

The surprise of the program came when Smokey the Bear appeared as the children were singing "Happy Birthday". Smokey is 40 years old this year.

After the visit by Smokey' the

students received several souvenirs from the fire department to commemorate the occasion. Also, the students were taken outside for an inspection and tour of the Cayuga Fire Engine and see the equipment firsthand.

A big thanks to Tim Wilson, Dwayne Osborne, Wayne Bush and Rick Lewis for making the program a great success.

- Herald News
10-29-86



Chris Laws and Brian Newman pose with Smokey the Bear at the Cayuga School.

Members of the Dana Fire Department who recently completed a 100-hour course to become firemen, second class, are front, left to right, Phil Overpeck, Nathan Ward, Fred Craft and Bob Richardson; back, Joe Hendrix, Ernie Adams, Phil Hess, Kevin Wickens, Ronald Rumble, Brent Bush and Dwayne Osborne, presenter.



Farmland Vol. Fire Dept. holds Annual Christmas Dinner

On December 6, the Farmland Fire Department held its annual Christmas Dinner. Chief Billy Sunday gave awards for five to fifty years of service to several of Farmland's volunteers.

He began with the five year awards, which were received by David Bertram, Steve Clevenger, Jerry Herndon, Bill Klisavage, Mike Osgood, and Monte Wright.

The ten year awards were given to Jack Bunner, Glen Main, Butch Savage, and Larry Wolf.

Troy Williamson was the only fireman to receive an award for fifteen years of service.

The twenty year awards were given to Billy Sunday, Roy Ludwig, and Bill Savage.

Jack Foust was the only recipient for the fifty year award. This special award was presented by Chief Sunday for fifty years of active and inactive volunteer service. A Golden lifetime IVFA Membership card was also given to Mr. Foust.

Also during this time, the Fireman of the Year trophy was presented to Tony "Shamu" Clark. Good job Tony!

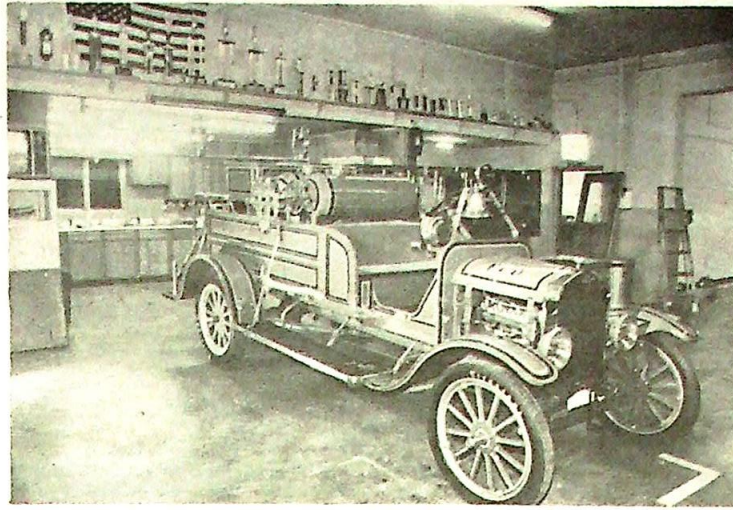
Chief Sunday also mentioned how many training hours the Farmland Fire Department has accumulated over the past year. Including masters schools, fire

conference, state fire school and department training, Farmland has almost 900 man-hours of training.

Included in the evening's events, was the presentation of a check to Bob Lewis of Muncie, Indiana, for the restoration of the 1922 Model "T" Fire Truck which belongs to Farmland. The check, which was presented by Troy Williamson, paid for the job in full. Everyone will have a chance, in the near future, to see this antique truck. Be watching at the local parades this coming year. (A special "thank you" to everyone who made contributions to the Model "T" fund.) Beautiful job Mr. Lewis!

Other recent activities sponsored by Farmland Volunteer Fire Department were Fire Prevention Day and the Halloween Costume Parade. The highlight of Fire Prevention was the crowning of Mr. and Miss Flame. Memie Rittenhouse was crowned Miss Flame, and Mr. Flame was Calvin Combs.

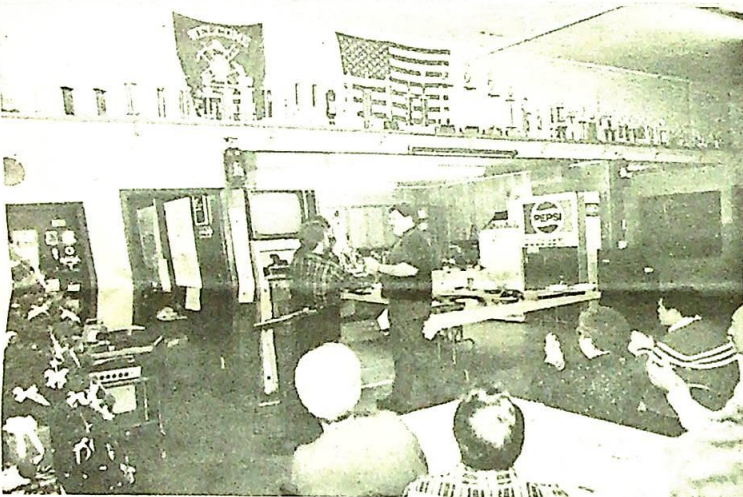
The annual Halloween Costume Parade brought out some very strange creatures. Pictured here is 2nd Assistant Chief Troy Williams with two of the evening's winners.



The Model "T" was on display at Farmland's Fire Station.



Troy Williamson with two winners of the Halloween Party and Costume Show. Troy tried to take credit for the two strangers here, just like a happy father!!



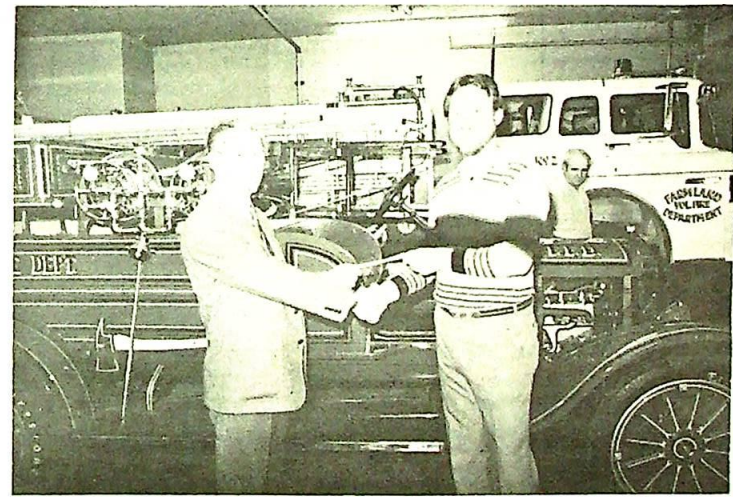
Tony "Shamu" Clark is pictured receiving his trophy for Fireman of the Year.



Memie Rittenhouse was crowned Miss Flame and Calvin Combs was crowned Mr. Flame.



Jack Foust, the recipient of the Golden 50 Year Award, is pictured with Billy Sunday.



Bob Lewis is shown receiving the check from Troy Williamson in payment for the restoration of the Model "T".

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CARL O. DAVIS

Would like to wish you a belated Happy Holidays. Sure forgot this in the last paper. There hasn't been very much happening down here in the last few weeks. Guess everyone was getting ready for the holidays.

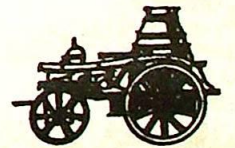
Was down to the Rockport station and helped Kenny Lau with the two fifty year awards. Sure was a nice party for the awards recipients. Have some pictures that should be in this issue of the paper.

Was invited to the dinner of Dave Workman of Bloomfield. Dave has been chief of this department for many years. Dave received the I.V.F.A. 50 Year Membership Award and the Meritorious Service Award from the state fire marshal's office.

For all the departments that have called me asking about their department print outs and 86-87 dues card stickers. I called Doug and he promised me that he would have them to you by the first of the year. Fellows, if you have a change of address or beneficiary or a new member, please fill out a membership form and send it to Doug as he has to make out one if you do not. This takes a lot of time to look up and fill in all the information that has to go on them so that he will have a record of it. Let's help all that we can. Thanks.

Would like to say thanks to all who helped with the turkey barbecue this year. Without your help it would have been very hard to get it done. Was down to the hospital and visited with Mr. Bert Ketchem this week. Mr. Ketchem is in the Daviess County Hospital, Washington, IN 47501 and would be glad to hear from you.

Fellows, that's it for this time. Have several pictures that I want to get in this issue and will hold this short this time. P.S. At the last officers meeting they told us you can send in color pictures for the paper.
Carl O



Greenville Twp. VFD takes delivery

The Greenville Township Vol. Fire Department took delivery of this 1986 GMC pumper with a 1000 GPM pump and 1000 gallon tank on Oct. 27, 1986

The cost of the truck was \$62,000. The fire department held fund raisers to raise \$10,000 toward its purchase.

The truck was manufactured by F.M.C. Corp. and it replaces a 1971 pumper. The fire department now has two pumpers, one tanker, one rescue vehicle and one brush unit.



Clarksville home destroyed

A home was completely destroyed by fire at 2617 Blackiston Mill Road in Clarksville recently.

The rear portion of the home was in flames when the firemen arrived at the scene at about 3:52 p.m., according to McCulloch Volunteer Fire Chief Stan Kaskie. Three trucks were used, and about 20 McCulloch volunteer firemen battled the blaze for about 15 minutes until they were able to get it under control.

One firefighter, Royce Harmon was injured from heat and smoke inhalation.

The house is owned by Bernard Lenfort. However, residents are William Kidd and his family. The family was in the front portion of the home when the fire began and were able to get out of the house. No one else was injured.

According to an investigation conducted on the scene, electrical wiring in the rear of the home was the cause of the fire.

The family plans to stay with friends and relatives until they can find a place to relocate.

- Jeffersonville Evening News
Margaret Abby

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John Mussatto, 85, of Fairview Park, died from smoke inhalation while trying to escape his burning home located on Fifth Street, Fairview Park Fire Chief Harold Benskin said today.

Indiana State Fire Marshal Darrell Brown said the fire started at an electrical outlet located on the bedroom wall, spreading

throughout the home.

"This is the first fatality I know of," Benskin said, "and I've been here for 22 years."

Vermillion County Coroner Ron McDonald said Mussatto died at his residence from smoke inhalation. The fire department responded to a call coming in at about 2:30 a.m., Benskin said.

Clinton City and Township Fire Departments assisted the Fairview Park Fire Department.

"The house did not have smoke alarms," Benskin said, adding that a smoke alarm might have saved the man.

Benskin also said the fire may have begun much earlier, but was not detected.

Fire razes home

PERRYSVILLE - A fire destroyed a home owned by Danville resident Alfred "Bud" Courson.

Courson lives at 77 Country Club Drive. Firefighters were called to the scene of the blaze by

Courson's neighbor, Delores Hicks of Perrysville. No one was in the large stone and brick house located at the intersection of Indiana 63 and Indiana 32 west of the town.

Damage in the blaze was

estimated at \$185,000, with more than \$50,000 of that in losses of antiques. The fire was reported at 3:30 p.m. to the Perrysville Fire Department.



Perrysville and Cayuga firefighters battle a blaze Thursday afternoon at a home owned by Alfred "Bud" Courson, located near Indiana Routes 63 and 32. The loss to the home is being estimated near \$185,000. C-N Photo by Rich Stefaniak

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Left to right: Mike Reed, Sgt. Don Jackson, Janet Hochstetler, Ed Carrie, Capt. Wayne Hudson.

Vincennes Fireman Honored

Each year the Optimist Clubs along with the Indiana State Police host a Respect for Your Law camp for 6th and 7th graders. The camp at Vincennes University is one of the most successful. Along with law related subjects, the Vincennes Township Volunteer Fire Department comes to teach fire safety.

A couple of years ago there was a little girl in class named Janet Hochstetler. This past April Janet was at a wiener roast when a little boy kicked a can of burning gasoline onto her. She received burns to 70% of her body. Janet spent 13 weeks in Riley Hospital burn unit and has had reconstructive surgery to about 50% of her burns. She probably would have died if it hadn't been for what she

learned in camp. She learned to stop, drop and roll.

The instructor who taught the class was Captain Ed Carrie, Vincennes Township Volunteer Fire Department.

On December 11, 1986 at a meeting at Vincennes Township, Ed Carrie was honored in front of his peers. Present were Capt. Wayne Hudson, Indiana State Police Area 3; Sgt. Don Jackson, Indiana State Police Youth Services; Mike Reed, President of Lake View Optimists in Evansville; Janet Hochstetler, now a sophomore at Tecumseh High School; Sue Biggs, INCERT Secretary Area 3-4, and Larry Biggs, District 11 A Chairman, Incert board member.

Janet told her story, then Captain Hudson presented a plaque from the State Police signed by Superintendent Shettle on his last day before assuming duty with the Department of Correction. Then Mike Reed presented a plaque from the Optimists. Larry Biggs

Wrong plug used- child electrocuted

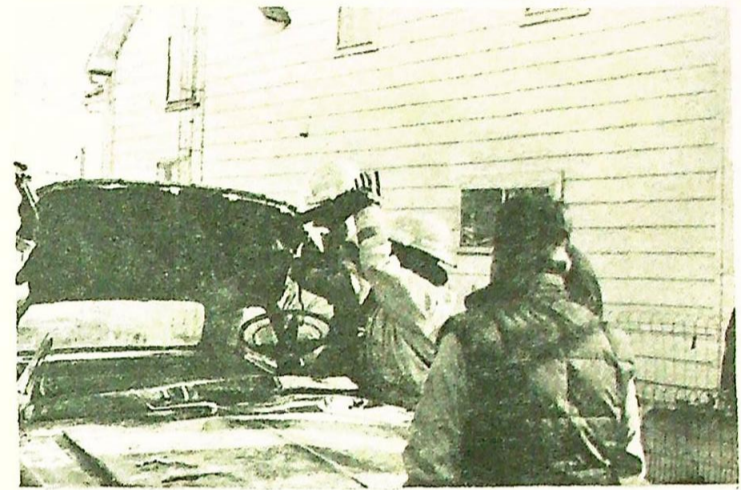
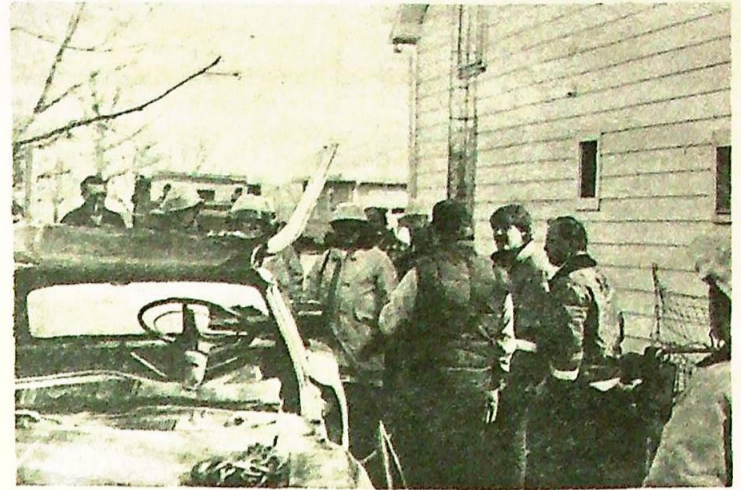
A mentally retarded 4-year-old girl was electrocuted by a hospital nurse in Seattle who, in an "incredible and unusual" accident, plugged her heart monitor into a pump connected to a wall outlet, authorities said Thursday.

Maria Yvonne Stark of Renton died of low-voltage electrocution, the King County, Wash., medical examiner's office said.

The nurse had just finished routine treatment, and inserted three separate metal prongs - connected by wires to flat circular objects taped to the girl's chest - into an outlet on an intravenous pump instead of the heart monitor machine, officials said. The girl died immediately. The incident is being treated as an accident but is still under investigation.

- Indianapolis Star
12-5-86

Dublin Fire Fighters Receive Training



On Sunday, November 16th, 1986, the men of Dublin Fire Department received additional training on the Hurst "Jaws of Life" tool. The training was held at the Stanley Price residence in Mt. Auburn, who also provided the autos used for practice. The instructor was Cleo Rhueble, retired Richmond Fire Captain. In the training the men were shown how to remove doors, manipulate interiors, and remove tops of autos along with various other extrication techniques. The "Jaws", which can exert 12,000 pounds of force at the tip end, is run by a Chrysler 2-cycle engine.

Jeffersonville area students take part in SURVIVE ALIVE

Jeffersonville area students learned something a little different at school recently. They were instructed how to properly and safely escape a fire, work their way through a maze equipped with artificial smoke and fire, and learned how to stop-drop-and-roll.

The program, Survive Alive, took place at New Washington Elementary School and at Henryville Elementary. Jill Robertson, Indiana's chairman of child health, welfare and safety, conducted the program with the help of the new Washington and Monroe Volunteer Fire Departments.

The five-phase program was developed and implemented throughout the state by the Indiana Parent Teacher Association and the Fort Wayne Firefighters. The local programs are being sponsored by the school PTAs.

Fire claims approximately 12,000 lives in the United States annually. Among the causes of

accidental death, only motor vehicle accidents and falls rank higher.

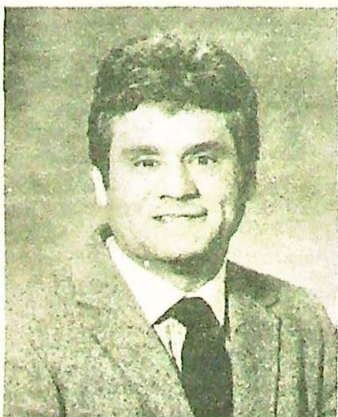
The death rate from fire among children under five and the elderly over 65 is three times that of the rest of the population. Although together the young and old make up only 20 percent of the population, they account for 45 percent of the deaths.

Most fire victims die of smoke inhalation and/or toxic gases before the flames have reached them. The five ways fire can kill are arranged in declining importance are asphyxiation, superheated air or gases, smoke, toxic products, and flames.

The program shown to the area students is well-rounded to touch on each of the five ways in which fire can kill.

Adults were welcome to attend the Henryville PTA program when Robertson presented the Survive Alive program and a film in the elementary gymnasium.

- Jefferson Evening News
by Lisa Stark



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Report from State Miss Flame

I have been to several places in the last two months. During my visit to Montezuma, Larry and Lou Bartlow put my family and me up for the night. It was more than appreciated after our long drive. Fire Chief Larry Ketchum, firemen, and Auxiliary members prepared and ran a delicious fish fry. It was the best fish I've ever tasted. I helped sell raffle tickets on a weed-trimmer and chain saw to raise money for the Montezuma Fire Department.

The day after I visited Montezuma, my family and I ate breakfast at the Bloomingdale Fire Dept. The firemen prepared a delicious sausage, eggs and pancake breakfast.

I helped the Reelsville and Washington Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept. celebrate their 25th anniversary. They had a great band and gave away lots of door prizes. My sister Danielle and I helped Don Stevenson draw many raffle tickets. Bill Bush was present and he gave me six convention mugs.

Everyone had a great time

during our 10th district Christmas party. It was a joint Hawaii/Christmas party. The food was great. The firemen raffled off door prizes and the auxiliary girls exchanged gifts. A new 10th district Miss Flame was chosen. Bruce Neal reminisced about old memories of my past activities. I could do nothing but cry with joy and be thankful for my blessings.

I attended two Fairland Firemen and Auxiliary dinners. One was sponsored by our local churches and the other was our annual Christmas pitch-in-dinner. The firemen gave each auxiliary member and me a rose. The auxiliary girls gave each fireman a key chain and cup cover with the Fairland Volunteer Firemen's logo on them. My 4-H club made a personalized coffee for each fireman and auxiliary member and hung them in the fire station kitchen.

1986 has come to an end! All we have left is our memories. Everywhere I toured I noticed the devotion and dedication of our

Indiana Volunteer Firemen and Auxiliary members. Being a volunteer is one of life's greatest gifts. We as individuals give of our time freely out of love. Volunteer services are priceless, they cannot be bought or sold.

I am honored and deeply touched to have been selected the 1986 State IVFA Miss Flame. Six months have passed by and I've visited many wonderful places. I still have six months left. If you need my appearance, just call (317) 835-7643 or write DeAnna Robinson, P.O. Box 277, Fairland, IN 46126.

I would like to share some special 1986 events with you. I'm sure a lot of you will share the joy with me as we look back and recall pictures of yesterday. I hope every one had a Merry Christmas and let's all remember to carry the Christmas spirit with us daily. Happy New Year.

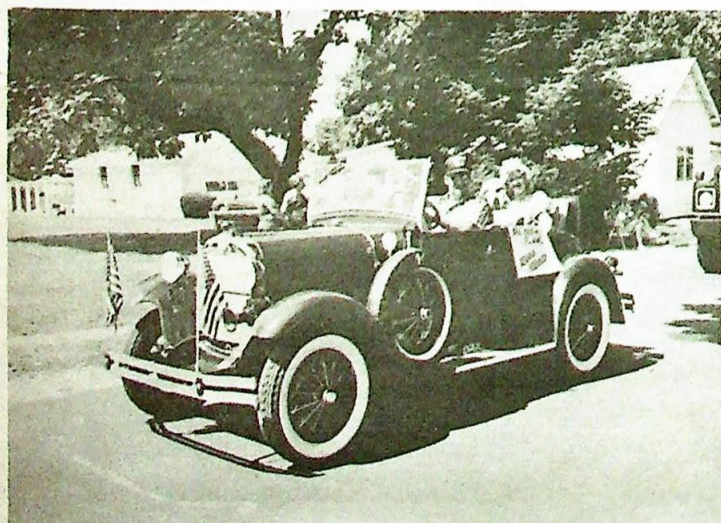
Respectfully,
DeAnna Robinson
State Miss Flame



IVFA. "1986" Convention will always live in our hearts, especially mine. Who would have guessed, that the nervous little country girl who stepped out of her shoe on the way up on stage, would become "1986" IVFA. State Miss Flame?



Fire Chief, Dorman Owen, was proud to celebrate the Reelsville and Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department's 25th anniversary.



Pete Beyer and his wife organized a great parade in Waldron. The firemen and auxiliary members ran food tents and game booths throughout the day.



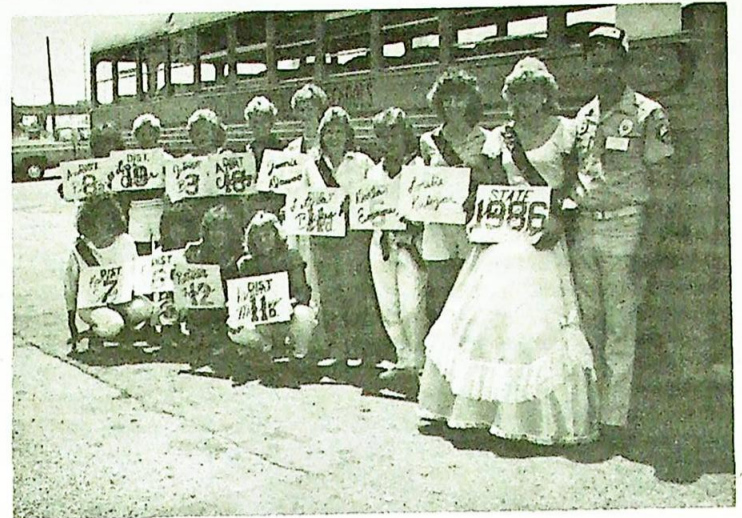
Debbie Nullner and Bruce Neal, the 10th District Chairmen, are my two best supporters. Their enthusiasm always keeps me going.



Mt. Vernon Fire Chief, Mike Seitz and his firemen treated my family and me to an evening of fun-filled activities. I was impressed with the carnival that filled the down-town streets. I enjoyed meeting the mayor and speaking on the radio.



Robbie Stonebraker, the Fairland Fire Chief, and Carl Huffman, the fire department treasurer, take time to pose with me during the busy day of the Fairland Fish Fry.



Gus, Marion Miller, was our limousine driver. I wish a special Happy New Year to my new friends and court - Lorelie, Darla, Leticia, Jamie, Ann, Jeanie, Lori, Annette, Dawn, Patricia, Kelly, Karen, Christina, Stacey, and Sue.



John Craycraft, Coy Brown and John Myers (chief) are proud to be volunteer firemen of the Bloomingdale Fire Department.



Roy Richardson is a good public relations man. He made my family feel welcome during the Monroe Township and Henryville parade.



Montezuma Fire Chief, Larry Ketchum, never runs out of words when talking about his firemen, fire department, fish fry, and auxiliary ladies.

87 Convention Parade Info Available

Anyone wanting information on '87 Convention Parade, are interested in having a unit or units in the parade, contact the following: "CONVENTION 87", 1801 Elmwood Dr., Clarksville, IN 47130 or phone after 5:00 p.m. (812) 945-6452.

Green County Firefighters Holds Election of Officers

On Monday, January 12, 1987, the Greene County Firefighters Association held their annual election meeting at the Lewis Township Volunteer Fire Station.

The elected officers were: President, Johnny Johnson, Richland-Taylor Fire Department; 1st Vice-President, Tim Hale, Worthington Fire Department; 2nd Vice-President, Terry Koons, Worthington Fire Department; Secretary, Kallie Rehmel, Wright Township Fire Department; Treasurer, Diane Harrison, Lewis Township Fire Department; Public Relations, Jeff Eccles, Jasonville Fire Department; and Training Officer, Bryan Husband, Lewis Township Fire Department.

A guest at the meeting was Roger Axe, of the Greene County Civil Defense. Axe presented a film on winter survival.

Carl Davis, Public Relations Southwest from the IVFA, updated members on the events occurring in the IVFA, and Training Officer Bryan Husband showed a short film on firefighter safety.

JEFF ECCLES
Public Relations

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L. J. (TODDY) MICHL

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and are starting a Happy New Year. Time to get back in the groove and get things going again.

I have checked my list of departments and have paid their dues and found several departments have not paid their dues yet. If any of you expect to file for the Bridgeport Scholarship fund you must have your dues paid on time and not two or three months late. You should get applications from your district chairman. Check with your department secretary or district chairman and see if you are paid up.

If you have any changes you want in the by-laws, get them in as soon as possible so we can get them ready for convention.

I attended District 11B meeting and enjoyed a turkey dinner, at Reelsville. This department always makes you feel welcome.

District 11A, my own district, held our Miss Flame contest. Although our turnout wasn't very good, all those who did come had a good time. Larry showed pictures from convention; they were enjoyed by all, especially those who got to go.

Managed to get to District 12. Don Johnson does a good job getting programs together. They had a display of things to be used in emergencies. Keep up the good work in fighting fires and going on emergency runs. Even if you don't get credit for the things you do, there are plenty of people out there who appreciate what you are doing.

L. J. "Toddy" Michl

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- Hose Replacing Contest
- Water Ball Contest
- Cart Race

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

**Water Ball, Hose Replacement
or Cart Race
Clarksville, Indiana
On Saturday, June 13, 1987**

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

Signed _____
Chief or Secretary

NOTICE

All contest entry blanks must be in or postmarked on or before June 1, 1987 to be eligible. All departments that plan to enter should fill out entry blanks along with \$8.00 entry fee for each contest entered. Send entries to:

**Al Mendel
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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 enforced at contests. Drawing for position Thursday night, June 11 at Officers' Meeting.

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

District 15 Fire School March 7 and 8, Evansville

The Annual I.V.F.A. District 15 Fire School will be held at U.S.I., Evansville, IN, on Saturday, March 7 and Sunday, March 8. Registration will begin at 7:15 a.m. Pre-registration cost will be \$10.00, registration at the door will be \$15.00. Classes will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m.

PESTICIDE CHALLENGE

Instructor - Paul May, Kentucky Vocational Fire Instructor. PROVIDES information for safe handling of Pesticide Incidents. National Fire Academy Program. Two days - Saturday and Sunday.

HOSE

Instructor - Andrew Paul - John Lewis, Fort Branch Fire Department. The class will cover fire hose practices, fire hose accessories, manipulation and layouts. Bring turn-out gear. Saturday only - Class limit 25.

FIRE/ARSON DETECTION

Instructor - Roger Griffin - Fire Investigator, Evansville Fire Department. This class is designed for fire officers and firefighters to understand the basics of motivation of firesetter, determining the point of origin and fire causes. Two days - Saturday and Sunday.

SPRINKLERS

Instructor - Mike Brooks, Fire Chief Alcoa Aluminum Co. A thorough discussion of all types of sprinklers and standpipe systems, fire tactics involving structures will be covered. Actual demonstration and inspection will be performed. A very enjoyable class for experienced firefighters and officers. Saturday only.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Instructor - Mark Riffey, Assistant State Fire Marshal. How does the state law affect fire prevention in your department? How does the Indiana fire prevention code affect Indiana building regulations? This class will answer these questions and give an overview of the new state codes. Saturday only. Limit 30.

WATER RESCUES

Instructor Chairman - Larry Krack, Water Safety Instructor, Captain Perry Township Fire Department. Basic water rescue, personal safety and special equipment class. This class will teach personal safety and self rescue. If possible, bring some old turn-out gear that you can get wet. For pool activities, swimmers and non-swimmers welcome. Saturday only - Limit 30.

SECOND CLASS FIRE INSTRUCTOR

Instructors - from State Fire Marshal Office. This class will teach firefighters the skills needed for certification as a 2nd class fire instructor for the State of Indiana. Two days - Saturday and Sunday - Limit 25.

FORCIBLE ENTRY

Instructor - James Yagg, I.F.I.A., Mt Vernon Fire Department. This class will cover 2nd class forcible entry skills. Saturday only - Limit 25.

SCIENCE

Instructor - Tom Fritz, I.F.I.A. 812 Secretary, Scott Township Fire Department. This class is designed and developed to stress parts of science related directly to the fire service. Saturday only - Limit 30.

FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICER

Instructor - John Buckman, Chief of German Township Fire Department; Inspector, Indiana State Fire Marshal.

The fire department officer faces many challenges in today's business environment. It takes effort and knowledge to be prepared to handle the challenge of making a fire department function effectively. A knowledge of the essential skills necessary to become an officer includes acquiring the ability to supervise and develop firefighters as well as command at the fireground. The officer must know not only how to communicate orders effectively but also how to listen to others.

Topics covered include: Managing and leading effectively, recruiting, motivation, problem solving and communications. Two days - Saturday and Sunday.

VENTILATION

Instructor - Gerald Jarboe, Chief Training Officer, Evansville Fire Department. Will teach the proper technique of ventilation. Turn-out gear required. Saturday only.

WILDLAND FIRE CONTROL

Instructor - Bill Putt, Francisco Fire Department. This class will cover the basic and advance skill of wildland fire control. Bring turn-out gear. Sunday only - Limit 30.

ENGINE COMPANY OPERATION

Instructors - Gary Jarboe and Kenny Gest, both are captains, Evansville Fire Department. This class will cover the operation of an engine company from the time the engine is started to the time it is backed into the station. One day - Saturday or Sunday.

FIRE BEHAVIOR

Instructor - Bruce Bauer, Mt. Vernon Fire and Rescue. How, why and what is happening. Will introduce the firefighter to various fire phenomena. This course is designed for new recruits and interested parties. One day - Sunday only.

ROPES AND KNOTS

Instructor - James Yaggi, Mt. Vernon Fire Department. This class will teach fire service rope practices. Sunday only.

S.C.B.A.

Instructor - Tim Krack, Captain Perry Township Fire Department. This class is designed for the new recruit. Hands on training on self-contained breathing apparatus use, why we wear S.C.B.A. and search techniques. Turn-out gear required. Bring breathing apparatus and/or spare cylinder. Sunday only - Limit 25.

LADDERS

Instructor - Terry Voegel, IFIA. We will cover all necessary requirements for Indiana certification on ground ladders and promise to do a whole lot more. Full turn-out gear is required. A class you will never forget. Sunday only.

FIREFIGHTER INJURIES

Instructor - Jess Roberts, EMT-P, Chief Scott Township Fire Department, Director Alexander Ambulance Service. This class will discuss injuries on the Fireground! Relating to causes of and treatment of these injuries. This is a very good class for EMS personnel, Safety Officers and Fireground Officers, Saturday only.

IVFA District 15 Fire School

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7 and MARCH 8
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EVANSVILLE, IN
8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.**

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| B. Hose * | K. Science * |
| C. Fire/Arson Detection *** | L. Fire Department Officer *** |
| D. Wildland Fire Control ** | M. SCBA ** |
| E. Engine Co. Operation *** | N. Ventilation * |
| F. Fire Behavior ** | O. Ladders ** |
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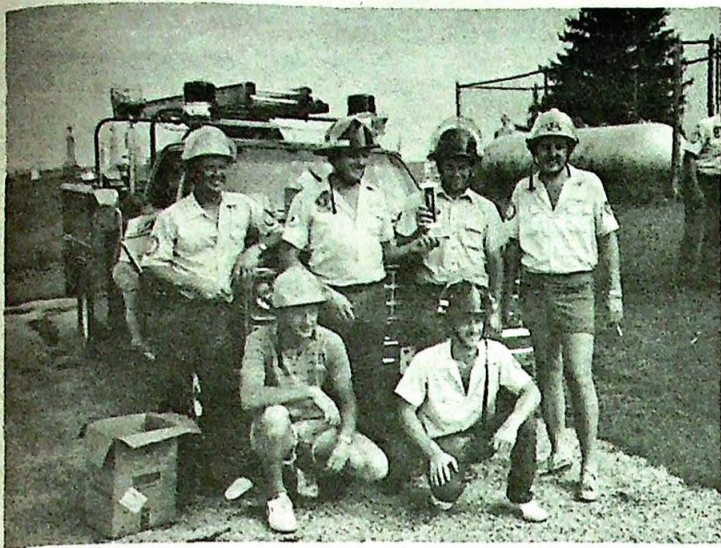
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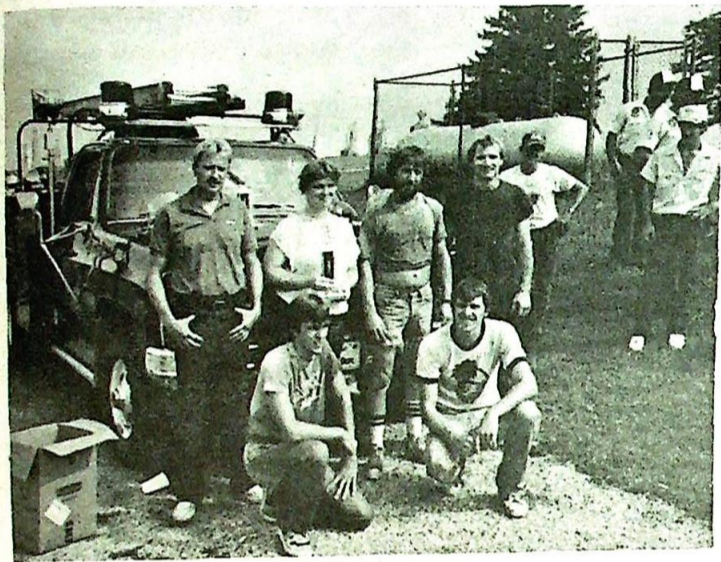
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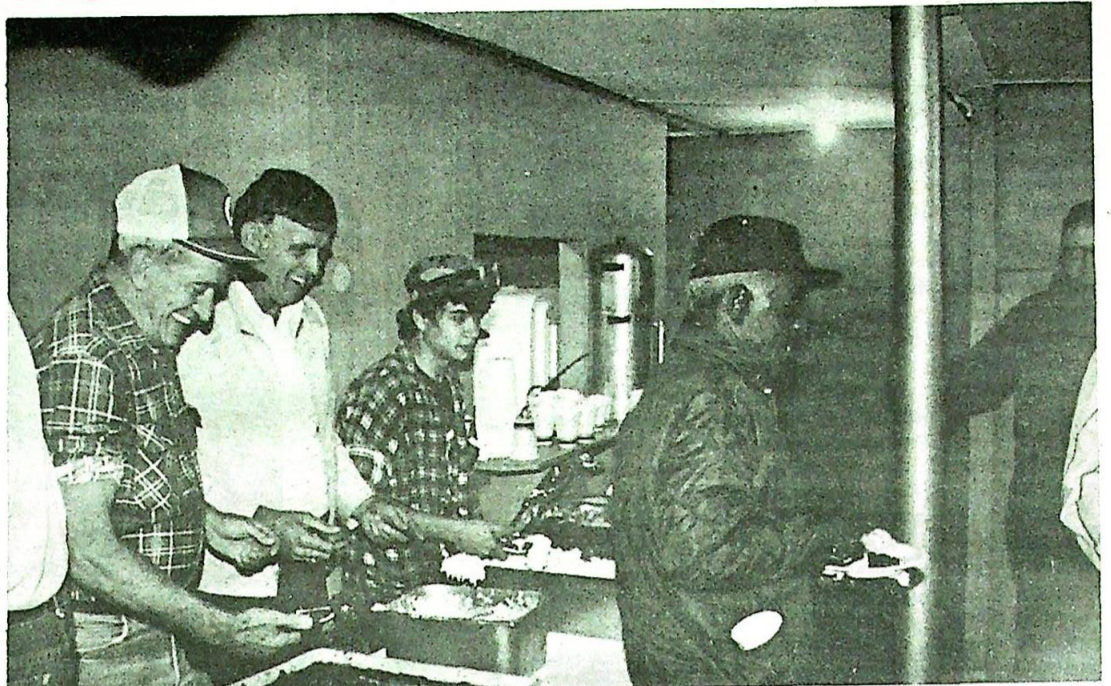
Schnellville holds open house



The Schnellville Department held an open house in conjunction with a chicken barbecue and picnic as a fund raising project. The Schnellville Department was the winner of the bucket brigade contest, Birdseye was second, and Celestine was third.



District 17A Holds Turkey Barbecue



About 250 members and guests attended the District 17A meeting and turkey barbecue.

Hillsdale VFD buys new pumper

Members of the Hillsdale Vol. Fire Department received the keys to a brand new pumper on Saturday, Dec. 6, 1986. The pumper is built on a Ford 800 chassis. The chassis was bought through Clinton Ford Sales, a local dealer, who had submitted the lowest bid. The truck was then built and finished by W.S. Darley. It has a 750 GPM midship pump and water capacity of 750 gallons.

This truck is the first new apparatus bought by tax dollars in Helt Township. Special thanks go to Bill Bush, Sergeant-of-arms, IVFA, and to IRA Joe Jones, who were not present for the picture, but are members of the trustee advisory board. This truck would not have been possible without their help. Thanks guys!

- Robert Spence



Shown (left to right) are Lee Schroeder of the Dana First National Bank, who made the loan available at a very low rate; Evelyn Stratton of the Trustee Advisory Board; Larry Helt, Trustee; and receiving the keys is Assistant Fire Chief Larry Southard. In the Back row are four volunteers - Bill Southard, Jim Southard, Mike Spence and Mike Moulton.

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Celestine VFD updates equipment

The Celestine Volunteer Fire Department updates their equipment with a 1986 FMC 1000 gallon per minute pumper. The department was started in 1979 and is responsible for 1/2 of Marion Township and 2/3 of Hall Township. Approximately 600 homes and farms are protected by the department. The department has three other trucks in service, a 1956 Dodge pumper, a 1978 Ford tanker, and a 1979 Chevy 1/2 ton with beam mini pumper. Approximately 80% of the revenue is raised by fund raisers. The department has 17 firemen from throughout the area.



Vertis Ketchem, Madison Township Fireman Dies

ODON — Vertis J. (Bert) Ketchem, 82, died at the Daviess County Extended Care Facility at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, 1987. He had been in failing health one year and was seriously ill two months.

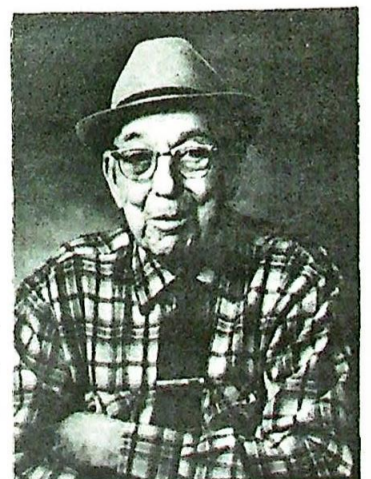
The funeral was at the Odon Church of the Nazarene with the Revs. Larry Sneed and Richard Burdett of Bloomington officiating.

The Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association Eleventh District Chaplain was here for memorial services.

He was born May 9, 1904 in Daviess County to Herbert O. and Carrie Mae Shake Ketchem. He married Edith O. Johnson June 2, 1923 and she died in 1978. He was a retired farmer and retired Standard Oil agent working 30

years. He was a lifetime member of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association. He was Odon Madison Township Fire Chief for 60 years with 10 years being as honorary chief. He was a deputy state fire marshal. He was awarded the Order of the Sagamores of the Wabash presented by Gov. Robert Orr in 1986. He was a member of the First Christian Church of Odon, F & AM Moore Lodge No. 303, Scottish Rite Valley of Evansville and Hadi Shrine of Evansville. He had served on the Daviess County Fair Board for many years and also served many years as a member of the Daviess County Tax Board. In 1985, he received the Daviess County Fair Board Award. He served as inspector for the Odon Water and Sewage System. He was a leader

in the Democrat party.



Vertis Ketchem

Jackson County Fire Training Academy Awards certificates on October 9

The Jackson County Fire Training Academy awarded certificates to the 1986 student body on October 9. County firefighters, friends, and family members attended a recognition banquet at Brownstown High School honoring sixty-one academy participants.

Jackson County Fire Training Academy is sponsored by the Jackson County Fire Chiefs Association. County Firefighters attend the training at no charge. Out-of-county students are asked to make a minimal payment to defer the costs of text books and materials. Classes were offered in 1986 for First class firefighter certification and Second Class requirements.

Chiefs Association President, Richard Blaker, praised the efforts of students, "We are very pleased with the response of our firefighters. They have worked hard. They have applied themselves and made the most of this training time."

Stan Gibson of the Fire Marshal's Office delivered the evening address. Also attending were local dignitaries and Mr. Laurence Swartz, Vice President of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association.

Chief Blaker presented Richard Burrell with a plaque in appreciation for his service as Academy Secretary.

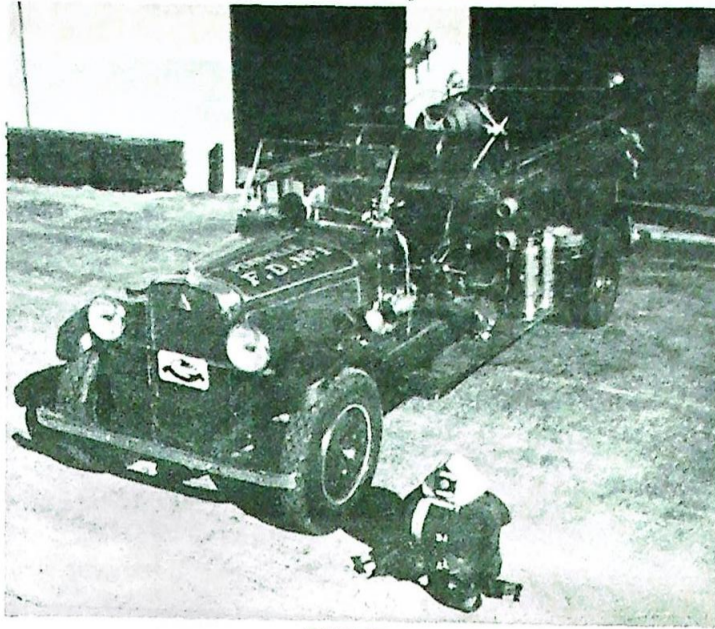
Jackson County Fire Chiefs and representatives attending were: Wilbert Wessel, Jr., Brownstown Fire Department Chief; David Freeman, Carr Township Fire Department Chief; Hershel Baughman, Driftwood Township Fire Department Chief; Scott Kovener, Crothersville Vernon Township Fire Department Chief; Jack Schafstall, Hamilton Township Fire Department Chief; Jack Hall, Owen Township Fire

Department Assistant Chief; Marvin Wischmeier, Grassy Fork Fire Department Chief; Richard Blaker, Sr., Pershing Township Fire Department Chief; Denver Edwards, Jr., Pershing Township Fire Department Deputy Chief.

Students receiving awards were: J. Andy Fountain, Roy Lee Fleetwood, Doug Nichols, David Roll, Tim Warren, Danny Wessel, Richard Burrell, Louis Bolton, Curt Kovener, Charles Murphy, Steve Murphy, Don Misamore, James Murphy, Scott Kovener, Mark Koster, Robert Hounshel, Jeff Hackman, David Runge, Mike Stuckwisch, Mark Tape, Greg Wischmeier, Melvin Bishop, Tim Marshall, Troy Roberts, William Scott Thompson, Rudy Ault, Rick Stuckwisch, Robert Thompson, David Freeman, Roger Bond, Herb Conrad, Brian Ferguson, Jeff Wray, Mona Wray, Wilma J. Hilderbrand, Robert Jared, Kevin Hobbs, Steve Bevers, Richard Blaker, Jr., Daren Yonts, Don Benter, Dan Ellerman, Jim Renaker, John Sweeney, Ross Tabor, and Karl Weilbaker.

Instructors recognized for their work with the Academy were: Chief Ray Bentley, John Tumulty, Tom Sellmer, Stan Gibson, Fred Hines, Norman Crocker, Jackson County Rural Electric Employees, Miles Hickerson, Ercel Rogers, Mike Rudolph, Le Roy Miller, Don Schnitker, Danny Wessel, Sarge Richey, Richard Blaker, Rebecca Scott, Tom Hinkle, Bruce Neal, Marvin Wischmeier, James Kron, Rodney Hilderbrand, and Charlie Biggs. Also honored were Steve Creech and Phil Wagner of the Department of Natural Resources for their work in Wildland Suppression classes.

Courtesy of R. D. Scott



1932 Stutz

In Tribute to John H. Crosbie

The Pennville Volunteer Fire Department pays respect to former Fire Chief John H. "Jack" Crosbie, regular member of the fire department for 45 years and honorary member for 23 years. He received the 8-B Midwest Award in June 1986.

Date of death Thursday, Nov. 6, 1986.

Jack helped to organize the fire

department in 1919 and was instrumental in the purchase of the 1932 Stutz (pictured above), which was the first new truck purchased by Pennville.

Jack was dedicated to the fire service and his loyal service and devotion to duty will always be remembered.

Jack Daniels, Chief

Fire damages Monroe Twp. home

Monroe Township firefighters responded to a structure fire identified as the "Franklin" residence recently. According to Chief Jay Cleveland, damage was contained to the living room and kitchen areas and no loss estimate was given.

The blaze started in an electrical box in the living room. No one was home at the time, Cleveland said.

Two trucks and six men

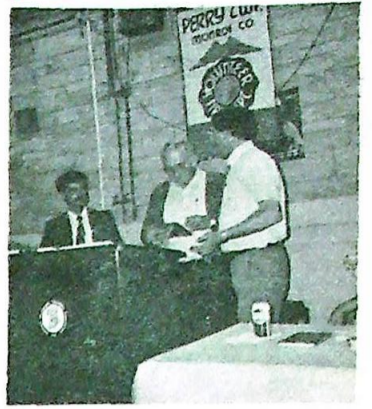
responded from the Monroe Township department. Mutual aid was provided by the Sellersburg Volunteer Fire Department which sent one truck and a crew.

Firefighters were on the scene for approximately 90 minutes, according to the fire chief.

Cleveland said his investigation showed that smoke detectors were not in use in the house.

-Jeffersonville Evening News

Midwest Award presented



At the 17 B District Meeting held at Perry Township Fire Station in Bloomington, Don Sanders of the Bedford Fire Department was presented the Midwest Award for his help in training and organizing the Perry Township Fire Department a few years ago.

50 Year Membership Award presented



The 50 Year I.V.F.A. Membership Award was presented to Dave Workman at a dinner for the Bloomfield Department and guests. Dave also received the Meritorious Service Award from the State Fire Marshal's Office.

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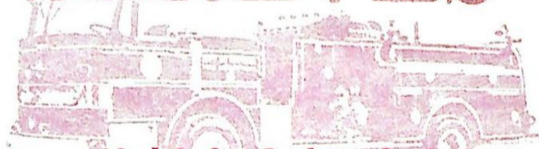
I hope everyone enjoyed the Holidays and has a very prosperous New Year. We are looking forward to new and better ideas in the New Year.

The '87 Convention plans are going well. Ticket sales for the Belle of Louisville are going fast so send for your tickets today so you can ride on the Belle at the Convention.

If any department in the 14th, 16th or 19th District needs any help in training, information, legislation or upcoming events, please contact me and I will try to help.

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