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## Fire nearly destroys downtown French Lick area

A fire that swept through downtown French Lick last Thursday night devastated the area and completely destroyed five businesses and left many others with smoke and water damage. The damage to the newly renovated area is estimated at \$1 million, but monetary value cannot be placed on the historic old buildings. Six apartments above the businesses were also destroyed, leaving many homeless and without provisions.

Smoke was spotted coming from the Springs Theatre at approximately 10:07 p.m. by two officers who were at the police station across the street. Indiana State Police Trooper Clayton Main rushed to the aid of a family in an upstairs apartment and carried three children to safety from the smoke filled building, while issuing a warning to other residents of the apartments. French Lick Officer Howard Rutherford radioed a call for assistance to the French Lick Volunteer Fire Department then assisted Main in evacuating the building and an adjoining apartment complex above King's Florists and Town & Country Fashions. Also assisting in the evacuation was Rutherford's son Mark and Charles Perkins.

The theatre had closed and owner John Gass, Manager Harry Moore, and Doug DeWeese had left the theatre at 9:50 p.m., just minutes before the smoke was spotted coming from the building.

Firefighters and equipment from eight surrounding departments were called to assist in fighting the blaze. Joining the French Lick Volunteer group were units from West Baden, Paoli, Orange County Rural, Dubois, Southeast Township, Celestine

and Huntingburg.

Firemen fought the blaze for approximately four hours before it was contained at 2:00 a.m., but remained at the scene throughout the night and most of Friday. Five businesses were gutted, including Town & Country Fashions, King's Florists, the theatre, House of Haymaker and J & D Shoe Store. The building housing Town & Country Fashions, King's Florists, and the theatre and apartments above is owned by Tuffy and Char Anderson. The Haymaker building is owned by Robert Deremiah, and J & D Shoe Store property owners are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Belcher, Doug Allstott and Darlene Zehr.

Twelve people were left homeless by the fire.

### A LOOK AT RIGHT NOW...

The immediate priority is demolition and clean-up. Approximately 150 people attended a joint meeting of the Springs Valley Area Chamber of Commerce and French Lick Town board Monday night at the town hall and learned of steps that can be taken to rebuild the burned out area. The meeting was chaired by Alan Barnett, Chamber secretary and Everett Land, town board president.

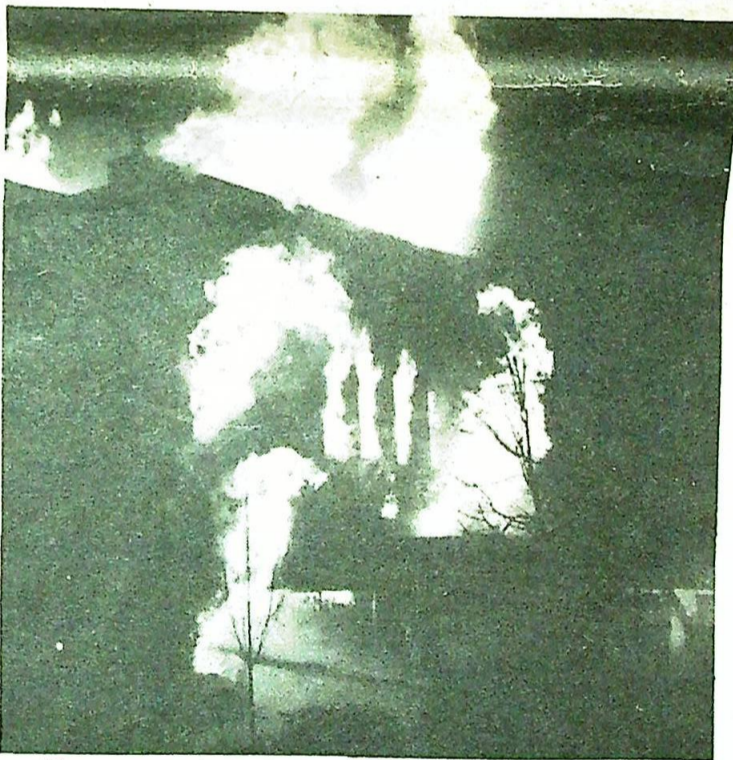
Media representatives from several television and radio stations, as well as surrounding newspapers were present, in addition to local interested citizens, and representatives from various governmental agencies.

Housing, personal property and financial assistance for the 12 left homeless by the fire headed the top priority list. A committee to assist these people was appointed with members Lin

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The smoke was intense as firemen attempted to contain the fire at the Springs Theatre.



Flames overtake buildings owned by Char and Tuffy Anderson as volunteer firemen from eight departments fight to control the blaze.

Wagner, Wayne Ferguson, Ron Montgomery and Reita Nicholson. A fund for financial assistance has been established at Springs Valley Bank & Trust Company. Anyone with housing available may contact the town hall with information.

The 12 burn-out victims have been temporarily relocated with the aid of the Red Cross. The Red Cross has also given \$1700 in initial disaster relief to the fund and added to that is approximately \$1,000 collected from an A.L. Williams insurance group meeting in convention at the French Lick Springs Hotel during the time of the fire. Pat King, secretary for the Indiana Railway Museum and office representative for the Chamber of Commerce, is serving as Red Cross County Disaster Coordinator.

American Red Cross workers from Seymour and Bloomington have coordinated assistance with Orange County Red Cross workers to provide food, clothing and lodging for victims of the fire. Individuals wishing to donate funds

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## Lt. Governor Mutz announces HELPS

Every time a firefighter enters a burning building to save a life, or hoses down the final embers of what was once a prosperous business, I'm sure he wonders, "Could this fire have been prevented?"

In many cases, the answer is "yes."

Rescues make dramatic headlines. We are indebted to the brave men and women who risk their own well-being to save the lives of others. But a fire department is also doing its job when it is preventing fires. To paraphrase the old saying "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of



cure," the fire that never starts is the fire that is easiest to fight.

The state fire prevention law directs that city fire departments shall inspect business buildings. But the same law says fire departments in the jurisdic-

tions of township trustees or town boards may do inspections. Many excellent volunteer departments are seeking training for their personnel and are conducting inspections. But because the law leaves it up to the individual fire department, many departments have yet to begin prevention training.

Starting this year, it will be

easier to train fire inspectors. You may already have a mailing from State Fire Marshal Larry Bosell. In it, he announces the establishment of the Indiana Association of Fire Inspectors. It will also be known as the Hoosier Enforcement and Loss Prevention Society (HELPS). The new association will encourage all fire departments, paid and volunteer, to obtain copies of the fire code and seek training for their personnel.

There are hundreds of thousands of buildings in Indiana that could be inspected for fire hazards. The state fire marshal's office is responsible for any building housing activities li-

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for Red Cross disaster assistance may send their check to Orange Co. Red Cross, County Complex, Box 6, Paoli 47454.

The downtown area has been secured and all utilities quickly responded and had service returned by noon on Friday. It's business as usual for those not affected.

According to Board President Land, due to the emergency, bids for the clean up project were being accepted by telephone thru Thursday.

All merchants in the downtown area suffered some damage from the intense smoke, but most remain open while cleaning up. It's business as normal for Alco Dime Store, SVB & T, Toliver's Jewelry, Courtney's Ice Cream Stop, West's Video and Appliances, The Turf, The Colonial, Sunshine Cleaners, and the General Store.

Closed until smoke damage can be assessed is Beatty's Village Post, Squeegee Graphics, and The Peach Tree. All three stores carry clothing and the smoke residue is virtually impossible to remove from garments. All are awaiting settlement with respective insurance companies and the arrival of new merchandise. The Peach Tree was nearest to the fire and also sustained water damage.

Hugh Howerton of the Peach Tree told the Herald the front of his store would have to be completely redone, and it was impossible to say what might be found when the ice began to melt from the roof of the building. We'll be opening again as soon as possible with all new merchandise said Howerton.

Larry Beatty of Beatty's Village Post said their store building would have to be completely cleaned from top to bottom, and if that didn't do the job, replacement would be necessary. They too are planning to reopen at the earliest possible date with all new merchandise.

Merchandise at Squeegee Graphics also retained the smoke residue and must be replaced, according to Susan Fenton, co-owner. The building itself will also have to be cleaned, painted, etc., on both levels. The General Store

is open for business at this time, but will also close for general repair when the clean up begins at Squeegee Graphics.

Cut'n Curl, owned by Carolyn Wolfington, is also temporarily closed due to pipes bursting from the heat being turned off during the fire. She plans to open just as soon as possible.

**LOOKING AHEAD...**

According to information provided at the Monday night joint meeting the Indiana Department of Commerce has approved demolition of the burned out site and clean up of Maple Street, with work to begin as soon as the businesses involved receive notification of settlement with their insurance companies. Money for the demolition project will revert to the Maple Street Project Grant in the newly renovated area.

Beverly M. Farra, Senior Community Development Specialist with the Community Economic Development Division was in town all day Monday surveying the damage and spoke with the people involved. According to Chamber Director Barnett, Ms. Farra said the best way to gain assistance from the state is to keep the Maple Street grant open and add to it. Barnett said, "We're hoping for funds to repair or replace the items owned by the town, such as the brick street, lighting, landscaping, etc., and also emergency debris removal. All this should be begun as soon as possible in order to have the entire downtown area open for business again, as well as for the obvious health and safety factor."

The affected businesses will be eligible for financial assistance through various sources. On hand to explain money sources were two staff representatives of Congressman Frank McCloskey, Melinda Plaisier, district director from Bloomington and Brian Hasler from the congressman's Evansville office.

Ms. Plaisier suggested federal assistance through the FmHA Business Guaranteed Loans and Challenge Grants. She reported that monetary assistance through the Historic Landmark Foundation would not be possible since they concentrate on preservation

and restoration and not rebuilding. The only assistance they might offer would be architectural planning to replace the structure as it once was.

Hasler said Congressman McCloskey is making his services available to the fire victims and that work could begin as soon as the cause of the fire and individual insurance coverage was established.

Mike Smith of the Regional Resource Center in Jeffersonville provided information about loan money available to the property owners and individual business people through the Small Business Administration.

Reita Nicholson and Ron Montgomery of Springs Valley Bank & Trust also expressed the willingness of the local bank to assist in both the short and long run.

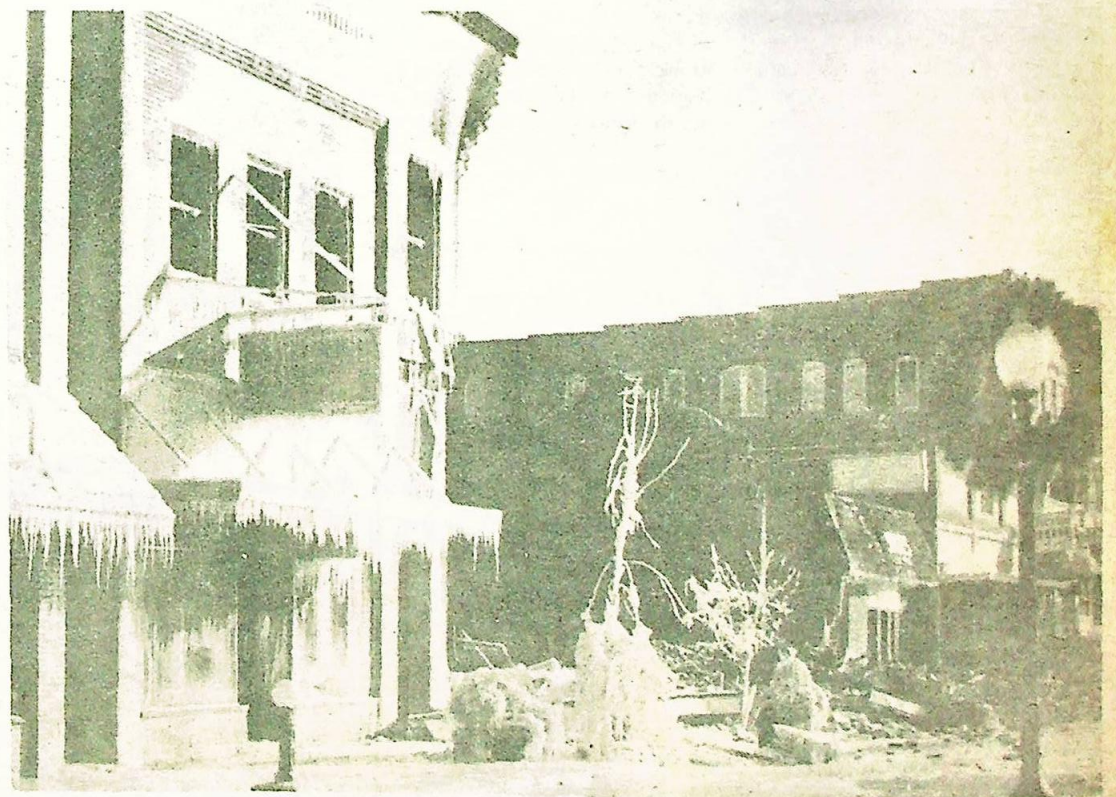
The recently established Revolving Loan Fund of the town of French Lick will also be available to assist the small business person. The fund was established through a \$1,000,000 grant to the town that was loaned to the French Lick Springs Hotel. The pay back can be reallocated to qualifying businesses at a low interest rate. Top priority will go to the businesses affected by the fire.

All property owners plan to rebuild as soon as possible, according to responses received at the Monday night meeting. It was pointed out that this would be an opportune time to make the best of a bad situation and plan a rebuilding program to enhance the downtown area and possible expand the area for shops.

The Springs Valley Area Chamber of Commerce, under the guidance of President John Lindsey, is evaluating ways the group may effectively step in and help on a long term goal. The Downtown Merchant's Association will be meeting on Thursday to regroup and form a plan of action.

Offers of assistance also were made by Claude Taylor for Orange County 2000, Dan Wehr for Kimball, and Gary Main for the West Baden Town Board. All members of the West Baden board were present at the meeting.

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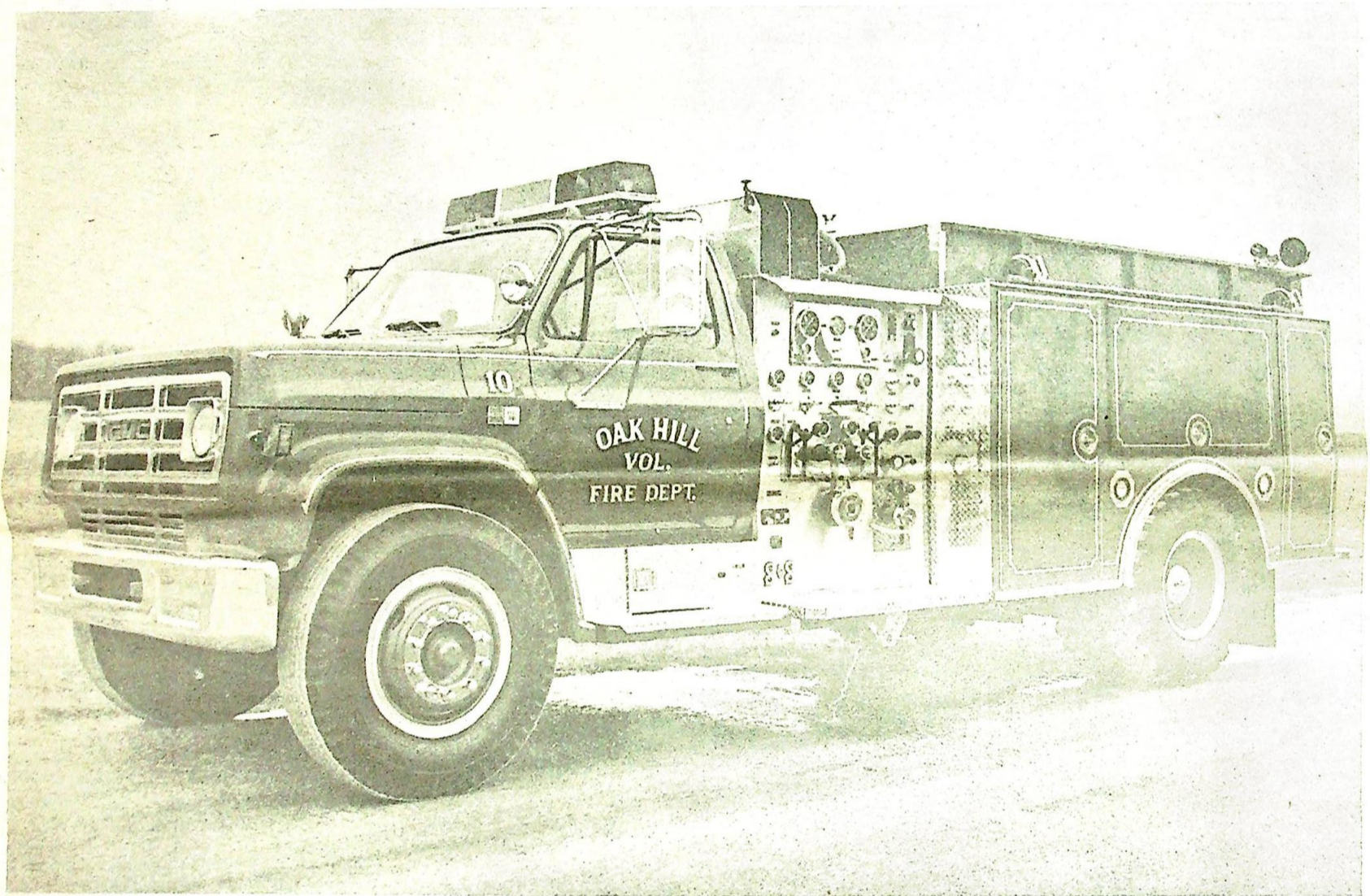
Ice sculptures and charred ruins mark the site of French Lick's devastating fire.

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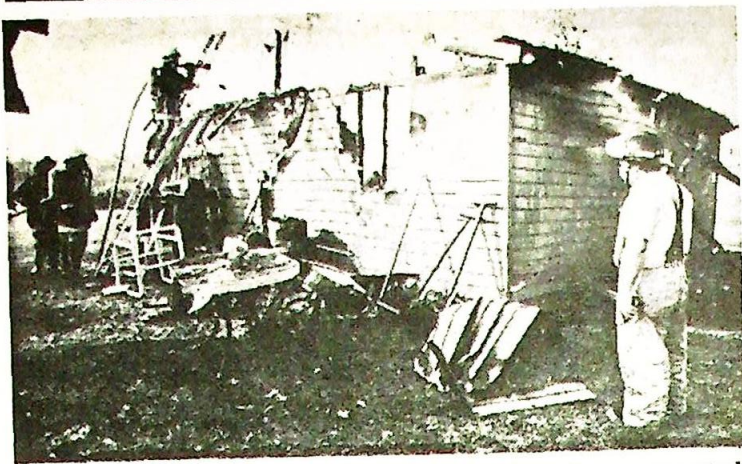


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Firefighters survey the heavy damage done to a converted garage at 3333 Alexandria Pike last October. Photo by John Simon

### October fire causes \$20,000 damage

Madison County fire investigators are continuing their probe into the cause of a fire that resulted in more than \$20,000 damage to a garage Saturday morning.

Firefighters from the Richland Township volunteer department were called to 3333 Alexandria Pike at approximately 9:15 a.m., according to Assistant Chief Mark Hooker. When they arrived, the fire crews discovered an unattached garage, which had been converted to a recreation area, in flames.

Firefighters were on the scene for approximately two hours before the blaze was extinguished. Damage to the contents and structure was estimated between

\$20,000 and \$25,000, Hooker said. There were no injuries.

Hooker said it appeared that the fire started in an area near an oil space heater before it spread throughout the building. Several electronic games, two refrigerators, furniture and miscellaneous tools were destroyed.

Firefighters sprayed the house a short distance from the garage to avert flames that were threatening the structure, but not in time to avoid some exterior damage.

Hooker said it appeared the fire was accidental, but the cause of the blaze has not been determined.

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### I.N.C.E.R.T. program earns praise

On December 6th the I.N.C.E.R.T. board met at District 5 headquarters of the Indiana State Police in Indianapolis.

The board received thanks and congratulations from the Justice Department on the participation of I.N.C.E.R.T. members in the recent Pan Am Games. Our people handled themselves in a very professional manner and no serious incidents were reported.

Superintendent Larry Furnace spoke about how the State Police viewed the I.N.C.E.R.T. program and promised continued support from the highest levels of state government. A report was given on use of rest parks as sites for coffee breaks on holidays. Ap-

plications must go to Police Spec Russell Miller at State Police headquarters.

Secretary Mike Head resigned from the board and will be replaced by Mike Galloway from the Amature Radio Relay League.

Election of officers was held and Mike Galloway was elected as our new secretary and Kieth Ramsey of 4-wheel drive association was elected Vice President and the president's office went to the I.V.F.A.

After some discussion on funding and how monies are to be used the meeting was adjourned.

Larry Biggs  
President, I.N.C.E.R.T. Board

### Miss Flame Qualifications and Rules

1. Father, brother, mother or sister must be a member of the I.V.F.A. or I.V.F.A. Auxiliary or contestant must 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 10th.
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. "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. Formal attire to be worn at District and State judging.
19. Judging will be based on appearance, personality, poise, ability in conversation, community involvement and ability to express ideas.

## From your president - Lawrence Swartz

I hope everyone enjoyed a happy and fire safe Christmas and that the new year will be the same.

With the holidays over it is time to outline your programs for 1988. Reading the papers and listening to the news reports we realize unfortunately that not a day, even Christmas or New Years, is above the ravages of fire and other emergencies. It is of utmost importance that fire prevention programs be planned and instituted all year long and not for just one special week of the year.

As the weather becomes a factor to deal with in these winter months I urge you to brush up on your driving skills. Windows are rolled up, the heater blowers are on high and the radio telling you how bad the weather is makes it very difficult for others to hear emergency vehicle sirens and horns. Many times the windows of vehicles are covered with snow and ice, therefore your emergency lights are not noticed either. Please answer the emergency - not be one.

Hopefully everyone is aware of the new training requirements set to begin on January 1, 1988. Basic outlines of the required pro-

gram should be in the hands of each department by this time. Don't look at the training as an enforcement action, look at it as making sure the person backing you up has some knowledge of what to do to help you - the individual firefighter. As we seem to be living in a world of liabilities these days, perhaps this will be a point in our favor.

At this time of year quite often there is a change in the leadership of many fire departments. If your department has made a change, please notify our secretary Mr. Lee Kissell and also the fire marshal's office.

I still urge those departments that do not have a department mailing address to secure one as soon as possible. It will relieve some of the mail problems incurred when the leadership changes in the department. Also as officers and members be sure to submit your incorporation papers by the end of February.

Our legislative efforts this year will be to allow volunteer firemen to be covered under workman's compensation for medical benefits only. Under current law there is a requirement for only \$25,000 of coverage. This disappears pretty

quickly with severe injuries. We also wish to support the volunteer E.M.T.s in their bid for the same insurance coverage as volunteer firemen. We will of course be on guard for any proposed legislation that would create a hardship on the volunteer firefighter.

Don't forget our new legislative representative, Harold (Gene) Stofer, Phone number 312/241-4191. Call him as to any concerns you have on legislation. If you cannot reach Gene you may call me at any time.

Our annual convention will be held in Michigan City this year, so make your reservations now so that you may join in the meetings and festivities. It is your organization and you firefighters are able to make it work.

I wish to thank the 171 who, so far, have answered my questionnaire in the last paper. Not a bad response out of 13,883 members?

Keep your meeting notices coming as we will try to attend as many as possible. Also I will be willing to attend a department meeting if you have problems that you feel I could help with.

Be fire safe in '88!!

### Three barely escape Alexandria home fire

Alexandria - Just hours after a fire destroyed the home and possessions of a rural Alexandria family early Wednesday, friends and area residents were attempting to help.

An Alexandria church and the Red Cross began asking for donations for Mickey Holland, 40, and her two physically handicapped sons, Rocky, 14, and Jake, 7.

The three barely escaped a blaze that destroyed their home located on County Road 1000N between 400E and 500E.

The family needs clothing and some financial assistance as a result of the fire, which destroyed all of their possessions.

The blaze also destroyed the woman's 1974 Chevrolet Impala, which was still filled with clothing and Christmas presents after the mother made an unsuccessful attempt to spend the holidays at a friend's home. The car lost its exhaust pipe a few minutes from Alexandria late Tuesday.

Holland said she had planned to replace the device early Wednesday and then restart the trip.

"We shouldn't even have been home at the time," she said. "I don't know what we are going to do."

Holland, who is unemployed, and her sons awoke at 4 a.m.

amid flames in the bedroom the three shared.

"I just got out as fast as I could," she said. "I was in a complete daze. I almost forgot one of the boys."

Finding her car in flames next to the residence, the woman carried her sons, both suffering from disorders that make walking almost impossible, about a quarter-mile to a neighbor's house to seek assistance.

"I just walked, carrying Jake and holding onto Rocky," Holland said. "I don't know how long it took. It was cold and I left my shoes in the house. I just wanted to get the fire department there before we lost everything."

Larry Womack, Alexandria assistant fire chief, said the house was totally engulfed when his

"I just walked, carrying Jake and holding onto Rocky," Holland said. "I don't know how long it took. It was cold and I left my shoes in the house. I just wanted to get the fire department there before we lost everything."

Larry Womack, Alexandria assistant fire chief, said the house was totally engulfed when his department reached the scene about 5 a.m.

Firefighters from Summitville, Frankton and Richland Township assisted in battling the blaze.

Units were on the scene until 8 a.m., he said.

The cause of the fire has not been determined, Womack said.

Rocky and Jake, who suffers from cerebral palsy, lost their wheelchairs, which were destroyed in the blaze.

Rocky, who suffers from spina bifida, also lost his leg braces and glasses as a result of the fire.

Damage to the home, which the Hollands rented, was listed at \$20,000 to \$25,000. Damage to contents was estimated at \$5,000 to \$10,000.

"We didn't lose that much as far as Christmas presents go," Holland said. "I didn't have much money to buy them that much. I just did the best I could."

She said she was unable to purchase a video-cassette recorder, a basketball or soccer ball for her sons.

"Most of our clothing was either in the car or the house," she said. "We lost about everything we had. I don't know how we'll replace it."

The family is now staying with relatives until a new home can be located.

Shortly after the plight of the family became known, the Red Cross began a drive to assist the family. People began bringing

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Mickey Holland and her two handicapped sons were left with nothing for Christmas after fire raged through their rural Alexandria home. Photo by John Simon

**FROM YOUR  
CHAPLAIN  
Duane Lantz**



**THE SNOWFLAKE**

Jeremiah 31 Verses 7-14

For thus saith the Lord; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O Lord, save thy people, the remnant of Israel.

Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither.

They shall come with weeping and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock.

For the Lord hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of Him that was stronger than he.

Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the Lord, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all.

Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow.

And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the Lord.

Snowflake is the name for the shimmering ice crystals that form when the water vapor in clouds freezes. If the falling snowflakes pass through warm space they melt and appear as raindrops. But if the falling snowflakes come in contact with cold raindrops at a temperature below 32 degrees, the supercooled raindrops instantly freeze over the snowflakes.

Snow always appears as tiny six-sided crystals. But no two snow crystals are exactly alike. Sometimes the crystals are flat. At other times they form long needles. Snow crystals often cling together to form snow pellets over an inch thick.

By the time you get your February paper your Christmas presents will be all worn out and your New Years resolutions all broken. You are probably wondering why the snowflake tale, it is for my friends in the southern part of the state that kid me about being from the snow belt. I adore our four different seasons and I love the snow.

The greatness that comes from this association is because we are all as different from each other as the snowflakes. When a large issue comes up and these snowflakes stick together we can snowdrift them to our way of thinking.

The good book has many examples of snow - Numbers 12 Verse 10 "And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle: and, behold, Miriam became leprous, white as snow: and Aaron looked upon us, wherein we have done foolishly, and wherein we have sinned." Job 9 Verse 30 "If I wash myself with snow water, and make my hands never so clean." Proverbs 25 Verse 13 "As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to them that send him: for he refresheth the soul of his masters." Isaiah 1 Verse 18 "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." There are many more - Daniel 7 Verse 9, Revelations 1 Verse

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**Moore's Hill Rescue Unit should be rolling Jan. 1**

Rescue Four Emergency Rescue Unit, Moore's Hill, should be rolling again Jan. 1, after being pulled off the road in November due to a lack of emergency medical technicians.

Squad members and Moore's Hill Fire Department unofficially approved a merger of the two units last week. A resolution on the merger was drawn up Sunday, Dec. 20, and approved at a meeting Tuesday, Dec. 22, said Lee Kissell, fire chief.

"The big holdup now is getting insurance. Then we don't know if we will be running 100 percent," he said.

Four firemen and one other person are taking EMT training. Dave Schlinkert, an original squad member and three EMTs from Milan, also members of the Rescue Four, will serve on the squad.

"We can't work miracles, but we are going to get it running instead of ignoring it and waiting for spring. That would put a load on other squads," said Kissell.

Operational problems accumulating over the years contributed to the EMT shortage, said Kissell. In 1985, when only two EMTs were left on the squad, five Milan Life Squad EMTs did double duty to keep the Sparta squad rolling.

Writing new bylaws and ironing out financial problems will be major tasks, but the biggest problem will be getting daytime EMTs because of work schedules, said Kissell.

"Serving on the squad isn't for everyone. It takes a special person who can face difficult situations that EMTs encounter. Terrible auto wrecks, drownings, heart attacks, severed limbs, severe burns and many other horrible sights greet EMTs," he said.

Keeping the unit going won't be easy, but the organization will make it work, said Kissell. "Somehow we will accomplish what someone said is impossible, that 'it won't work.' To those pessimists I will stick my neck out now and say, watch us."

The squad serves about 900 area families and is funded through Dearborn County, Sparta Township, Moore's Hill, donations and memorials. Insurance is a major portion of the budget.

With the help of life squads from Manchester, Aurora and Dillsboro in recent weeks, the community has been provided ambulance service.

"Our community owes these people a big thank you," said Kissell.

The Moore's Hill group worked out an agreement with Milan Rescue 3 Sunday, Dec. 20, to take calls in the Moore's Hill area for a faster response time. The Milan ambulance will be used the first of the year if the Sparta unit is unable to provide service every day.

Aurora and Dillsboro units also will continue to assist on the east and south sides of Sparta Township until a 24-hour, seven-day a week service is worked out,

said Kissell.

The next few months will be spent putting the organizations together. Numerous operational procedures will be considered and debated.

"I do believe that combined we will have an organization that can get things accomplished that we could never do separately," said Kissell.

Combined membership will be about 80 people, with different skills, knowledges and thoughts about how the organization should operate, he said.

Kissell advises those in the Moore's Hill-Sparta area to call the Dearborn County Sheriff's dispatcher, 537-3431 for all ambulance calls.

"We will see that you receive the quickest response possible under present circumstances. With your contributions and additional commitment from a few more citizens willing to become EMTs, we hope to have everything operating smoothly by the spring of 1988," said Kissell.

*- Journal Press  
Lawrenceburg - 12/22/87*

**Blaze destroys Alexandria apartment**

Alexandria firefighters along with mutual aid from Pipe Creek Volunteer Fire Department battled an apartment blaze at Country Club Estates early Thursday morning for more than three hours.

Alexandria firemen responded to the call at 3:59 a.m. When firemen arrived the fire had already burned through the roof and flames were shooting 15 to 20 feet in the air, an Alexandria fire official said.

The fire caused an estimated \$25,000 damage to the complex which houses eight apartments.

The fire is believed to have started in an upstairs bathroom when a heatlamp bulb burst. The fire then spread quickly to the attic and roof, the official said.

Tenant Karen Popovich and child were asleep when the fire started and were awakened by the burst of the light bulb, the official said. She and her child escaped without injury.

The roof was completely burned off the apartment, the official said, with major structure damage to upstairs bedrooms. Firemen contained the fire to the one apartment, he said.

Thirteen firemen were on the scene including Pipe Creek firemen. One pumper from Pipe Creek assisted two pumpers and two ambulances from Alexandria.

*- The Call-Leader, 12/17/87*

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clothes, toys and cash to the Alexandria Church of God, 302 N. West Street.

Beverly Jones, local Red Cross executive director, said the church will accept donations from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today. Donations may be brought to the garage.

In Anderson, Fire Department Chief Carl Greenlee said donations may be made locally at headquarters, 44 W. Fifth St.

"At this time of year, people tend to dig a little deeper when something like this happens," Jones said. "We all should give a little when people need our help."

*by Marc Ransford  
Anderson Herald-Bulletin  
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The old saying if there is snow on the roof there may still be fire in the furnace, could be true - Your Chaplain has the snow on the roof, if you want to know about the fire in the furnace, you will have to ask Cousin Grace. (I have a big wood pile.)

Read the scriptures again. If we will but put our hand in the hand of our Father and walk the rivers of water in a straight way, you shall not stumble for he is the father. Remembering this stream of life is a multitude of snow flakes and you shall be satisfied with My goodness, saith the Lord.

As a young man I would lay in my bed at night,  
Looking at the moon and stars shiny bright.  
Wondering if God had anything in life for me,  
We were very poor, you see.

In 1940 a snowflake came into my life,  
Yes, Josephine Schnick was my beloved wife.  
From this marriage nine snowflakes did fall,  
Each snowflake was different, none alike at all.

Then came the time my snowflake had to leave for a while,  
She left with a gallant smile.  
At the funeral they came from near and far,  
As I laid to rest my little Star.

Things were very different and I didn't seem to care,  
Just look out that bedroom window and stare.  
Then came another snowflake, Cousin Grace,  
Helping to fill that empty space.

With her four snowflakes, that makes thirteen in all,  
And Oh Boy, did I ever fall.  
Thank you Lord Jesus for being so kind,  
What ever you have for me to do, I don't mind.

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

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# House fire is suspected arson

Arson is suspected in a house fire in the Capitol Hills Subdivision and officials say they haven't been able to locate the owner of the home, McCulloch Volunteer Assistant Chief Reid Morris said today.

McCulloch was notified of a fire at 1003 Legislative Lane in Jeffersonville Township at 11:15 last night.

Officials have estimated the value of the home to be \$55,000 and fire and smoke damage is thought to be around \$20,000.

Morris said a fireman suffered a sprained back while fighting the blaze.

"I was the first person to the scene," Morris said. "When I arrived, the house was completely charged with fire. Smoke was coming from every window and door in the house."

McCulloch had just completed a less severe fire run at Allison

Lane when Morris said his crew could see smoke rising from the house as far as three blocks away.

The fire was contained to the stairwell, living room and kitchen, according to Morris. The house has been up for sale and therefore did not contain furnishings, he added.

"We are still searching for the owner. No one was living there at the time of the fire."

Morris noted, "Arson is very suspicious at this time. Arson investigators are back up there today because it got pretty cold last night."

He said temperatures reached 8 degrees last night. "It was a little tough to work in."

Two water trucks, 18 firemen, a ladder truck and a rescue squad were at the scene.

by Margaret Abby  
The Evening News  
Jeffersonville - 1/9/88



Sellersburg firefighters responded to a home on Diefenbach Road this morning around 12:30 as temperatures hovered at 8 degrees. Four pumpers and a tanker from the Utica Volunteer Fire Department responded. Sellersburg's fire chief is the only department member who is authorized to release information on a fire and he could not be reached today for comment. Jeffersonville Township Central Fire Alarm officials identified the home as the "old Snook residence." Photo by Garry Jones

## From Your Chairman of the Board Barry Winger

Greetings Fellow Firefighters, Hard to believe we are starting another year, where does the time go? With this new year, come bigger challenges for the fire service.

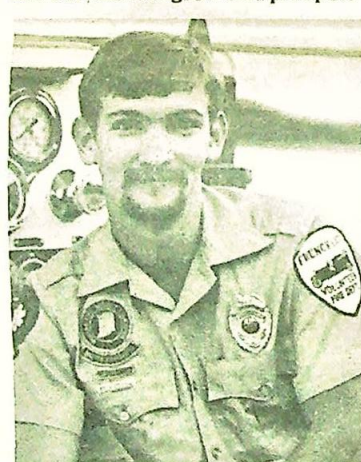
The training of Fire Service personnel is of the utmost importance. You need only to look as close as Michigan where 3 firefighters lost their lives in a "live fire" training session. Indiana has avoided this type of tragedy due to our high level of training that we Indiana Firefighters have obtained. As of January 1, 1988, the mandatory training program became effective, utilize this within your own departments to avoid injuries to new firefighters. Remember, the 24-hour requirement in this program will count toward your 2nd class certification. There are many excellent programs being offered around the state thru the Fire Service division of the Fire Marshal's Office. You may want to take advantage of some of these programs.

The upcoming Fire Marshal's Leadership Conference (Feb. 20 & 21) has been finalized by Marshal Bosell and his staff. I am looking forward to attending and hearing nationally recognized speakers discussing matters of great im-

portance to the fire service. The cost of the seminar is being held low thru the combined efforts of Fire Service Organizations, Corporate Sponsors, and the State Fire Marshal's Office. I urge each of you to attend this exceptional conference.

Let us not forget the 1988 convention in Michigan City. There is a lot of hard work going on now getting everything ready. Convention time will be here before we know it, so get your reservations in soon, things are filling up fast.

Again, if we meet the challenge of the new year head on, the fire service will grow and prosper.



## Marion Co. makes presentation

Jim Parker, Fire Chief, Acton Vol. Fire Dept., has been awarded a beautiful plaque for the Marion County Vol. Fire Fighters Association Fireman of the Year Award. This award is presented by Connie Swails of Midwest Fire and Safety, to the person that is dedicated to the fire service.

Jim has served 26 years with the Acton Vol. Fire Dept., during which he has served several years as Chief, Assistant Chief, Board of Director, Secretary, and Treasurer. Jim has also served as President of the Indiana Vol. Firemen's

Association, Chairman of the 10th District Indiana Vol. Firemen's Association. Jim is serving a second term as President of the Marion County Volunteer's Firefighters Association. Jim has also been active in legislative activities involving volunteer firefighters.

There were approximately 85 people present at the Annual Christmas and Installation of Officers dinner held on Dec. 10th. at the Sherwood Club. Entertainment was presented by Steve Jeffris of the Acton Vol. Fire Dept.



Jim Parker, Acton Vol. Fire Dept., accepts his award from Connie Swails of Midwest Fire and Safety.

## Arson not ruled out in Henryville fire

Arson has not been ruled out as the cause of a house fire in Henryville this morning, according to Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Protection District Chief Willie Stoffregen.

Stoffregen declined to estimate damage incurred in the blaze, but did say, "There's not much left of the house."

No injuries were reported. The fire chief noted that the two-story wood farm house had not been occupied for the past several years and was in poor structural condition.

At 12:38 a.m., the Jeffersonville Township Central Fire Alarm dispatched the Monroe fire

units to the burning house located on Blue Lick Road, about one mile from Highway 160.

The owner of the farm house is Willie Beaton.

One of the first to arrive at the scene was Stoffregen, who said he could see the flames from the interstate as he approached.

"The house was totally involved when I got there," he said.

The Underwood township units of the recently-created Monroe Fire District were also called to assist with the water supply.

Monroe had about 14 men at the scene, two fire engines and one tank truck; while Underwood

provided about six men and two tank trucks.

Stoffregen said each of the 1,500-gallon water trucks had to make approximately 4 one-mile trips into Henryville in order to supply water for the crews.

The cause of the fire is under investigation by the Clark County Fire Investigation Unit, formerly known as the Clark County Arson Task Force.

Stoffregen said the fire was of a "suspicious nature" because the home had not been occupied. He said arson has not been ruled out.

by Margaret Abby  
The Evening News  
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# Two children killed by flash fire

A tragic flash fire in a mobile home claimed the lives of two small children in Petersburg (Pike County) last Wednesday morning despite frantic efforts of a neighbor and mother to rescue them.

Tina Dent, mother of Joshua, 3, and Heather, 11 months, was at home sleeping with her youngest child at about 8:20 a.m. Wednesday when the house caught fire according to reports from Pike County Deputy Coroner Lowery Cooper.

He stated that Mrs. Dent heard her son cough and got up to check on him. She discovered smoke, exited the front door of the trailer and went next door to the Saucerman home to summon help and call the fire department. Larry Saucerman then attempted to enter the trailer at the front and finally the rear door which was locked. He was turned back by smoke and heat at the front door and then returned to his home apparently to see if the fire department had been called.

Both children died from smoke inhalation while in their beds according to Pike County

Deputy Coroner Lowery Cooper. Cooper, who is also a volunteer fireman, responded to the call, reporting that he could see smoke from outside the Harris Funeral Home on Walnut Street and stated that, "It was too far along when we got the call."

Greg Dent, father of the victims, was at work at the time and arrived as the fire was brought under control. One of the first to arrive on the scene was Jefferson Township fire fighter and EMT Jeff Clements. He was about two blocks from the home when the call came over his radio, and responded to the fire within a minute or two. He stated that "When I got there it was too late to do anything."

He was joined by other Petersburg firemen. Upon arrival they saw firemen Mike Key and Ross Elmore working with hoses off the pumper.

Key and Elmore entered the front door of the Dent trailer with a hose off the pumper, and were forced out after putting 500 gallons of water on the fire. Key stated, "We went in through the front door and pumped 500

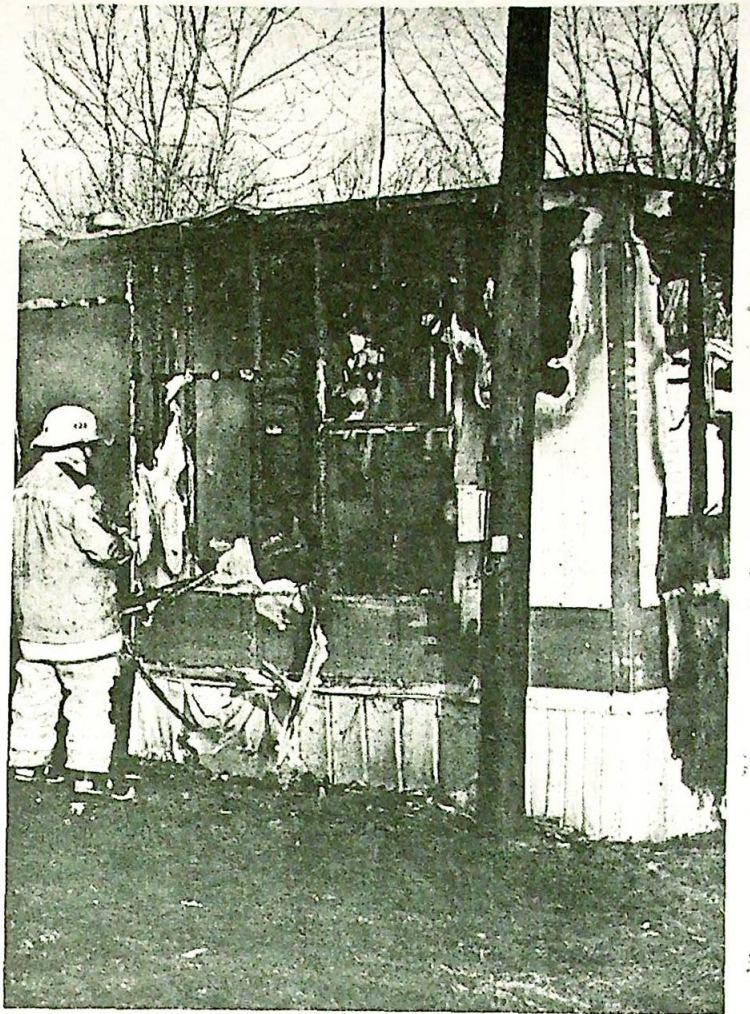
gallons but it didn't make any difference. This is one of those times that you don't like to be a fire fighter. There was nothing we could do, and nothing we can do now."

According to State Fire Marshal Larry Bosell, the first call was made to a "911" number which does not work in this area. Bosell also said the first call made to the correct number, according to his investigation, came in to the dispatcher around 8:23 a.m. and within two or three minutes firemen were on the scene and within five minutes a pumper was at the scene.

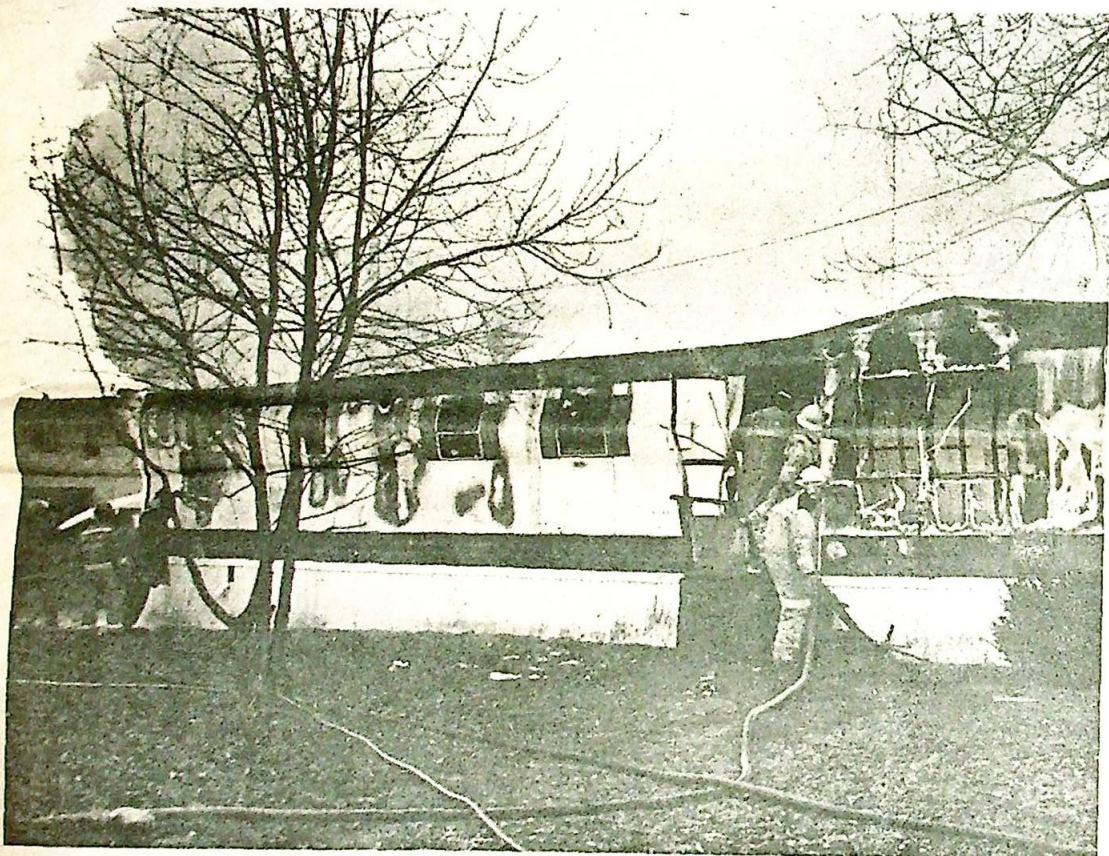
Bosell also said the fire apparently smoldered a while and then broke out suddenly, spreading rapidly through the mobile home.

Reports indicate that windows in the trailer were broken out in an attempt to get inside, but it was to no avail. He then prevented Mrs. Dent from attempting to re-enter the trailer which by then was engulfed in flames.

by James Capozella  
The Press-Dispatch  
1/14/88



Petersburg firemen inspect a portion of the burned out trailer following a fire January 6 which claimed the lives of two children.



Petersburg firefighters responded to a trailer fire Wednesday morning that took the lives of Joshua Dent, 3, and Heather Dent, 11 months. Pike County Deputy Coroner Lowry Cooper pronounced both children dead of smoke inhalation following the unsuccessful rescue attempts by their mother and a neighbor.

## Economy fire chief receives State Fire Marshal's Award

On Saturday, October 17, 1987, in an auditorium partly filled with firefighters from across the State of Indiana and Ohio who were attending the 24th Indiana Fire Conference sponsored by the Wayne County Firemen, Inc., which was held on the Indiana University East Campus in Richmond, Ed Carpenter, Chief of the Economy Fire Department was presented the Fire Marshal's Award by Marshal Larry Bosell.

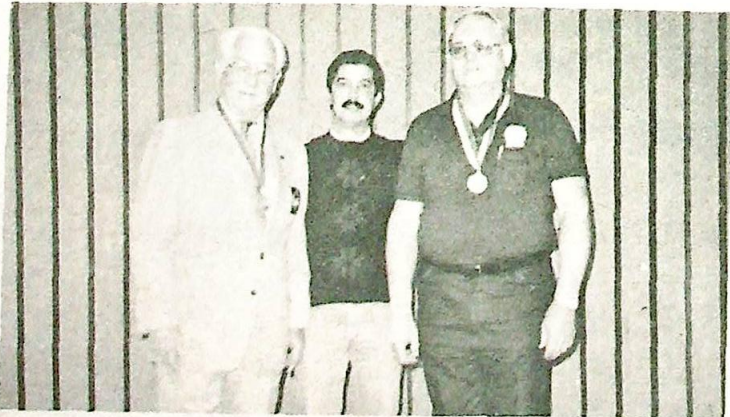
The award is presented at the will and pleasure of the State Fire Marshal to people that have made an outstanding impact on the Fire service in the state of Indiana.

Carpenter was honored for his support of Wayne County Firemen, Inc. Ed's career in the fire service started in May of 1948 when he joined the local department in Economy. In 1976 he obtained the rank of a master firefighter under the state firefighters certification program. He has served as chief of the department almost 22 years.

Since the creation of the Wayne County Firemen's Association in 1963, Ed has taken an active part in that organization. He served for ten years as their secretary/treasurer, and although he has stepped down from this

position he still sits on the board of directors for the organization.

Chief Carpenter is married and has two sons who have both served as members of the Economy fire department.



Honorable Marshal Howard Boyd (left) from the Nashville Tennessee Fire Department was also presented the award during the October ceremony. Marshal Bosell (center) made the presentations to Boyd, who is also a committee member for many of the IFSTA training manuals, and Chief Carpenter (right).

## East Columbus buys new pumper

East Columbus Fire Department recently put a new Kenworth/FMC 1250 GPM pumper into front-line service. This pumper features a Cummins L-10 engine from Cummins Engine Company, the largest employer in Bartholomew County. In addition to the new pumper, ECIFD's current fleet includes a 1975 HP Bean pumper, a 1975 Bean pumper-tanker, a 1978 4-WD brush truck and a 1980 heavy-duty emergency squad. A 1972 utility van serves as a vehicle for running parts, hauling extra manpower to fires when needed, as well as making a monthly tour around District 10 to IV-FA meetings. A 1954 Dodge America is also housed in their firehouse and is used in local parades and musters.

East Columbus Fire Department was organized in 1942 for fire protection in the area east of Columbus traditionally called East Columbus. In 1948, annexation by the city of Columbus in this area meant that East Columbus Fire Department was to provide fire protection for Columbus Township. The department provides fire protection to approximately thirty-nine square miles of south central Indiana. Property

valuation within this Fire Protection District currently exceeds \$70 million.

Because of a large amount of growth in the Township area, it was felt by the membership, trustee, and advisory board, that the department's capabilities needed to be expanded to meet growing needs. The new Kenworth/FMC 1250 GPM pumper is being stocked with new equipment by Ed Hudecek, township trustee, and his advisory board. (The trustee and advisory board has requested an emergency fire debt from the State Board of Accounts. This debt can be repayed within the tax structure of the township.) Current plans are underway to repower and refurbish existing apparatus.

If the picture of East Columbus' new truck looks familiar, it was displayed at the 1987 IVFA convention in Clarksville. It was repainted white with a red stripe to display the department's colors. East Columbus extends an invitation to everyone to visit their station at 770 S. Marr Road, Columbus, Indiana. They would enjoy showing you their fleet - from the 1954 Dodge American to the new "Big Pumper".



The new pumper purchased by East Columbus was displayed at the 1987 I.V.F.A. convention in Clarksville.

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| <b>Installation</b><br>Ruth Fairfield, Ch.<br>Katie Mason   | <b>By-Laws</b><br>Barbara Parker, Ch.<br>Pat Wisniewski<br>Nancy Richardson                           | <b>Nominating</b><br>Mary Brooks, Ch.<br>Carolyn Wedgewood<br>Mary Stafford<br>Debora Harris  |
| <b>Financial Study</b><br>Nickie Sunday, Ch.<br>Betsy Howe<br>Carolyn McCarty<br>Loretta Nulliner   | <b>Historian</b><br>Katie Mason   | <b>State Awards</b><br>Lucy Stofer, Ch.   |
| <b>Lois Boaz</b><br>Loretta Nulliner, Ch.<br>Barbara Ketchem<br>Carolyn McCarty   | <b>Parliamentarian</b><br>Ruth Ford   | <b>1987 Miss Flame</b><br>Dawn Lemmons<br>R. 1, Box 257<br>St. Paul, IN 47272<br>(317) 525-4295   |

**Notes from Morristown...**

The Christmas season is behind us. Time to look toward spring. For me, it can't come too soon.

Convention time is not that far away. If you have not sent your registration and reservations in yet, today is a good time to get that done.

Auxiliaries and individual members, be sure to get your Lucky Doe Doll tickets from your District Chairman or Toni Sorg. This is the only money-making project the state auxiliary has each year to help the firemen with education, etc. If each Auxiliary member would buy only one ticket, we would make approximately \$2500.00.

I would like to congratulate the 1988 District Miss Flames that have been selected. Good Luck to all.

The Lois Boaz Award deadline is coming in April like taxes. If you have a deserving lady I.V.F.A.A. member in your community, why not nominate her. The information concerning this is elsewhere in the paper. If you have any questions regarding this, feel free to contact me by letter or phone.

Have you started practicing for the competition at convention? Let's have several teams compete in waterball and cart race. If you need rules, contact your District Chairman, Ruth Sanders or myself. We can furnish you with them.

Hope the rest of the winter is a mild one for you. See you in the spring.

Loretta J. Nulliner  
President I.V.F.A.A.

**DISTRICT 8B**

On November 11, 1987, the auxiliary meeting was at Farmland Fire Department. Guests present were I.V.F.A.A. Recording Secretary Nancy Neal and Immediate Past President Nickie Sunday. Roll call was answered by 5 members and 1 guest - a child.

I would like to thank each department who entered a Miss Flame in our district. Every one of them are winners. We had five departments entered. Runner-up is Loretta Heindon - Farmland, 1988 Winner is Tara Jones - Hamilton Township. Miss Flame "1987" Melinda Bone gave a very nice speech and wants everyone to know she has had a great year and has made a lot of new friends she will never forget.

Pennville Fire Department would like to tell Melinda Bone that we are very proud of her for representing our department at convention last year. We will never forget her.

Next district meeting is at Bryant Fire Department on January 13, at 7:30 p.m. Everyone please come.

Chairman  
Marty Daniels

**DISTRICT 19**

Happy Holidays to all of you from the 19th District! A lot has happened since we talked last. August District Meeting found us in Aurora at Fire House #2 where we elected our same officers as last year: Chairman Judy Hildebrand; Vice Chairman Mary Kissel; Secretary Treasurer Marilyn Gray; and Chaplain Alma Schutte. The November District Meeting was hosted by Morris VFD Auxiliary. Installation of officers was performed by State Recording Secretary Nancy Neal.

We also welcomed Blooming Grove VFD Auxiliary into our fold for being a new auxiliary. November 19, found us at Lawrenceburg Fire House #3 for the Miss Flame Contest held during the Men's IVFA Meeting. Our 1987-1988 Miss Flame is Lisa M. Craig from Manchester Township Volunteer Fire Department. First runner up is Annette Weber from Sunman Volunteer Fire Department. Aimee Howlett, from Posey

Volunteer Fire Department and Julie Zimmer from Morris Volunteer Fire Department are the rest of the Miss Flame Court. Our sincere thanks goes to all the girls and their parents for their participation. We hope that everyone all over the state has a very wonderful 1988.

Best wishes always,  
Judy Hildebrand  
Chairman, 19th District

**Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association  
AUXILIARY STATE OFFICERS MEETING  
Sunday, November 1, 1987  
Best Western Dutchman Inn, Huntingburg, IN**

President Loretta called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. She reported on calls she and others had received concerning illnesses among family members of our group and the death of Mary Brooks' husband. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of these people.

Bette Seller offered prayer. Miriam Schaeckel led the group in the Pledge to the Flag.

Two new District Chairmen were introduced: Marty Daniels from District 8B and Dottie Striegel of District 16. Address updates were noted on several officers and this will be corrected in the newspaper.

Roll call was answered by 24 officers and 9 guests. Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Nancy Neal and approved as read. Nickie Sunday made a motion that District reports not be read. It was seconded and motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Betsy Howe:		
Balance Forward July 26, 1987		\$4,621.51
Income:		
Dues	\$1,721.00	
Interest	59.43	
Raffle	176.00	
Misc.	53.90	
		2,010.33
		6,631.84
Disbursements:		
Mileage	164.00	
Phone & Postage	31.36	
Raffle	100.00	
Misc.*	213.00	
		509.22
Balance on hand October 30, 1987		\$6,122.62

\*Misc. includes Convention film, processing and albums.

Treasurer's report will stand for audit.  
Chaplain's Report, Bette Selmer - Two deaths of auxiliary members have been reported since convention.  
Membership, Nancy Neal - As of November 1, 1987: 1,296 members and 41 individuals, representing 100 auxiliaries. Auxiliary names were read that had not paid their dues for those district chairmen present to follow up.

Doe Doll Committee - Toni Sorg - George Walda of Superior Ex-termination has agreed to sponsor the Doe Doll tickets next year. The doll has been ordered. Toni mentioned an idea she had, that we ask the District Miss Flames to sell tickets and offer a prize for top sales. Eula Bush suggested this might be too much pressure on the girls since they are asked to sell school projects. President Loretta said District Chairmen could ask their own Miss Flames if they might want to, but no award should be given.

Miss Flame - Barb Surber: Rules have been mailed out. Forms must be sent to the District Chairman and signed. The District Chairman must send this form to Barbara. Two copies of pictures are needed, black and white preferred.

Jewelry - Rosie Johnson: Received the jewelry supply last night. There is not much jewelry on hand. Nickie Sunday suggested we not order much jewelry other than convention charms and emblem jewelry that has been selling. Rosie will make some recommendations to Loretta.

The charm for next year will be cheaper than last year's. The 1987 charm cost us \$2.72; the 1988 charm will cost \$2.30.

Rosie mentioned a letter in the jewelry information from a Mr. Laughman dated December 12, 1986, which apparently has not been answered. He was referring to an offer to buy auxiliary jewelry from him. It was recalled that his offer had been refused a few years ago, but apparently the jewelry was not returned to him. President Loretta will work with Rosie to see that this matter is taken care of.

IVFA President Swartz came in to greet the ladies and thank  
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them for their support to the fire service. He announced the February meeting will be in Indianapolis, date and place to be determined.

Lois Boaz - Loretta Nulliner: Lots of letters of recommendation for next year are needed.

Auditing - Nickie Sunday: Jewelry audit has been completed and \$127.50 in the case has been given to the treasurer. Bibles have been audited and we are very low on Protestant Bibles. Bette will check prices and order those needed.

Games - no report.

By-Laws - Barbara Parker: Letters of change recommendations are needed, with the original letter to Nancy Neal and a copy to Barbara. These must be received by April 1. Loretta called attention to Article 3 on page 10 of the By-Law book which needs clarification. This is a problem caused by areas where auxiliaries have been forced to disband. Toni Sorg told of a problem in her area.

President's Advisory - Lucy Stofer: No report.

Financial Study - Nickie Sunday: No report.

Nominating, Installation, State Awards: No report.

Old Business:

The Convention '88 photographer was discussed. Carolyn McCarty needs some guidelines to go by. Last year the photographs cost us \$153. Nickie will talk to Carolyn and try to get the album to her. Nickie commented that she needs the department identification for the teams playing this year.

President Loretta asked for a clarification of the bylaws as far as sending flowers upon the death of an officer or spouse. Who are we including in the word "officers." It was the consensus of opinion that officers include all line officers, past presidents, and district chairmen of the IVFA and IVFAA.

Also, District Chairmen, if you have auxiliaries who would be eligible for the 15-year award in 1988, be sure to get the names to Loretta by the February meeting. Eula Bush submitted the department of Montezuma for District 11-B.

Certificates for new auxiliaries were presented in Districts 7 and 19.

Toni Sorg commented that Katie Mason was unable to be with us because it was the 60th anniversary of the church where she was one of the first to be married in that church. Toni also mentioned she has peanut brittle with her; Poe has made 4,000 pounds to date.

Betsy Howe asked that District Chairmen be sure to remind all auxiliaries that dues are \$2 per person, checks made payable to IVFAA, and mail the checks and forms to the Recording Secretary (Nancy Neal).

Deadline for information for the President's Newsletter (IVFAA) is December 31. Deadline for the IVFA paper is December 20.

Plans were discussed for Saturday activities prior to our meeting in February. Since we are meeting in Indianapolis tentative plans call for a tour of Union Station. Bingo is planned for Saturday night so bring 2 gifts for this. Maxine Davies suggested we should always arrange for a meeting room for the ladies on Saturday night so we will always know where to meet our friends. The men's president has a meeting room furnished that could probably be available for us on Saturday evening.

Meeting adjourned in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Maxine Davies

Corresponding Secretary

#### District Reports:

District 1 & 2: last meeting was held in September, final plans were made for our next meeting on November 5, 1987, at the New Chicago Fire Station where our Miss Flame Contest will take place. We have 4 contestants from Dist. I and one from Dist. II. We will also hold a Christmas auction to help fund our Miss Flame. Happy Holidays from Dist. I and II.

District 7: met on Sept. 21 at Bluffton. Roll call was answered by 7 ladies from 4 departments. Next meeting will be November 16 at Geneva with our Miss Flame contest. Also a \$3.00 Christmas exchange.

District 8B: was held at Salamonia on July 8 with 9 members and 1 guest. Betty Nickens reported she was giving up the position of District Chairman. On September 10, at Daleville, roll call was answered by 4 members and 1 guest. Marty Daniels was elected District Chairman. Next meeting November 11, at Farmland. Miss Flame Contest.

District 10: met at Fairland Fire Station. The new State Miss Flame Dawn Lemmons was introduced and convention discussed. Election of officers were held: Debbie Nulliner, Chairman; Judy Hurst, Secretary; Treasurer, Nancy Neal; Chaplain, Vivian Thomas. Next meeting is at Southwest Fire Dept. on Nov. 16th at 6:30. This is our joint meeting and Miss Flame judging. The theme is "Firehouse Christmas" with a \$3.00 grab bag for the ladies.

District 11-B held its regular meeting at Clinton Township in September. The host department had arranged for Public Service to put on a high voltage demonstration. Miss Flame Dance will be February 20 at Half Century Club in Clinton. Austin City Limits band will play. Next meeting: Reelsville, November 8, at 1:00 p.m. Baked goods auction.

District 13: met August 20 at Sugar Creek #2 (Philidelphia) with a pitch-in supper. Same officers were elected for next year. Next meeting: November 19 - at Ponderosa on State Rd. 9, South of I-70 at Greenfield. 6:30 p.m. with \$3.00 Christmas exchange. Bush Creek host auxiliary.

District 14: met on July 15 at Utica Fire Dept. Election of officers: Nancy Richardson, Chairman; Deanna Kaskie, Vice-Chairman; Bette Sellmer, Secretary - Treasurer; Lucille Neuhauser, Sgt. at Arms; Vivian Woodfill, Chaplain. Also met Sept. 16 at Scottsburg. Next meeting will be on Nov. 18 at Clifty 6 in Madison, Rykers Ridge host.

District 19: met August 11. Roll call was answered by 24 members of 6 auxiliaries. Election of officers was held. Next meeting: Morris Auxiliary on November 10 at 7:30. Also: February 9, 1988 at Aurora #2; May 10 at Manchester, and August 9 at Sunman.

## State Fire Marshal requests info

If you are a new fire chief, please note - if you have assumed the fire chief responsibilities for your department (due to department or city elections) please take the time to send us names, addresses, and how to reach you, to the State Fire Marshal's Office.



## Wea Township Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

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December 14, 1987

Mr. Robert E. Laney  
Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association  
PO Box 437  
Crown Point, Indiana 46307

Dear Fellow Firefighters:

As many of you know, Richard Pendleton, chief of the Wea Township Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated, is currently involved in a legal battle with Rollie Troutman, the Wea Township Trustee. (Wea Township is located south of Lafayette, Indiana, in Tippecanoe County.)

Troutman, who is also the Secretary/Treasurer of the Indiana Intergovernmental Risk Management Authority (IIRMA), a newly formed insurance pool, had originally fired Pendleton as chief, and barred his membership in the department for one year. This occurred after he was questioned by Pendleton about that fact that the township, without advising the department, had changed its source of insurance, and possibly some of the coverages.

The department found out about its new "coverage" purely by accident, while Troutman claimed that he had "... simply overlooked notifying the chief ..." of these changes. A few minutes later Troutman admitted that he was an officer of IIRMA. Troutman did not volunteer this information, but admitted his involvement with IIRMA only under direct questioning by one of the department's officers.

Troutman did not overlook telling a fire service sales representative of this pending change of insurance almost two months before the department found out. In fact, he told the salesman of the coming change on the same night that bids were being opened for a new tanker. As you would have guessed, there were three officers of the department present at that meeting. Maybe he just forgot that they were there.

IIRMA, by the way, is soon to have its own day in court. Harry Eakin, the Indiana State Insurance Commissioner, has filed a "COMPLAINT FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AND PRELIMINARY AND PERMANENT INJUNCTION" against IIRMA, Homer J. Flower, Garry McBride and Cy Gerde, in the LaGrange County Circuit Court. Eakin has claimed, among other things, that IIRMA has "... been conducting the business of insurance within the state of Indiana and have been acting as an insurance company ..." and that "... The Defendants have not and never have, been issued a 'certificate of authority' to transact any insurance business in the State of Indiana ..." and as such have been conducting insurance business contrary to law ...

Troutman, after finding out that Pendleton would not "lay down and die" at his order, then filed a civil suit against Pendleton, under authority granted by Indiana Code 36-6-4-3, which states, in part, that "The executive shall ... manage all township property interests ...".

If one were to follow Troutman's reasoning only a few more steps, he would soon find out that the trustee could also claim authority to bar individual members of the Wea Township Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. One more step, and the trustee could then say to individual members of the Home-Ec club, or any other group using township property, "Goodbye". He could even tell my children that they could not use any of the recreational facilities belonging to the township. All of this could be in retaliation for asking him a question.

There have been no allegations of wrongdoing on the part of the chief. He has not misused or destroyed any township or department property. He has not misappropriated any funds. He has never been under the influence of alcohol while on a run. For that matter, he doesn't even drink. He doesn't do drugs either. He is accused only of using township property without the permission of the trustee.

Many allegations regarding Pendleton have been made by Troutman in his suit against the chief. And Pendleton is not perfect. Pendleton is extremely narrow minded when it comes to the department. Sometimes he is short tempered. He has even used words that would not be polite in mixed company. But while some of members of the department do not always agree with him, I don't know of any member that could say that he did not have the best interests of the community, and the department, uppermost in his mind at all times.

Tippecanoe County Coroner, Dr. Martin Avolt, one of Pendleton's supporters, went so far as to say that he is "... irascible, opinionated and has tunnel vision when it comes to the WTVFD. These are necessary traits for a person in his position ...".

Wea Township has one of the largest tax bases in the county. This is due in part, to the presence of A.E. Staley, General Foods, and Fairfield Manufacturing. The department, which as of December 7, 1987, had made 275 responses this year, runs on one of the smallest budgets in the county, and does so with one of the smallest tax assessments.

This is no accident. Pendleton, who has been chief for ten years, is extremely frugal. The maintenance officer is very good at keeping the trucks and equipment in running order. When it comes to asking for donations of equipment, and materials, Pendleton has never been accused of being bashful.

There is little doubt in our minds that Chief Pendleton will leave the courtroom victorious. To allow Troutman to tell us who can, or

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### Union Twp. (Porter Co.) firemen honored at party

Wheeler (Porter County) - On December 19, 1987, the Union Volunteer Fire Department held its annual Christmas party at Station #1. An excellent sit-down prime rib dinner was prepared by Chef Ron DeRoos with assistance from Joe and Bill Stowers.

After the meal was completed, several special awards were presented by the awards committee headed by Mike Herzog. Although not all the research on past members had been completed prior to presentation, two plaques were presented to the department honoring members completing ten and twenty years service.

Current members honored for ten years of service include: George Dragos - 14 years, Charles Hardesty - 13 years, Jack Runion - 12 years, Bill Stowers - 15 years.

Three members were honored for twenty years of service and not only were their names placed on

the station plaque, but they were also presented with individual plaques. Special jackets have also been ordered but were not ready for presentation. Duane Betz is a charter member of the department with 35 years of active service. He is currently serving as a member of our Board of Directors. George Jacobs has completed 23 years of service. He also is currently a member of the Board of Directors. Charles Stowers has just completed twenty years of service and is serving his third elected term as Fire Chief.

Another highlight of the evening was the appearance of Loukia, an exotic dancer who presented "belly-grams" of congratulations to the three twenty-year members. On the other 364 days of the year, the department is ready to roll. But for some reason no film was in the camera to record the "incriminating evidence".

Eight members of the department were certified as second class firefighters and seven members were certified as first responders. Firefighters receiving second class are: Ron DeRoos, Ken Hughes, Derrell Lawless, Dale Larson, Dave Rudy, Larry Spencer, Joe Stowers, and Dan Lamb who has since joined the Valparaiso City Fire Department. Firefighters certified as First Responders are: Larry Crosby, Ken Hughes, Derrell Lawless, Mike Mantz, Dave Myers, Don Shobe, and Charles Stowers.

A BIG thank you goes to the awards committee of Mike Herzog, Derrell Lawless, Tom Murphy and Larry Crosby, along with chefs Ron DeRoos, Joe Stowers and Bill Stowers for a very enjoyable time. After all the awards were presented, the remainder of the evening was spent playing cards and socializing with retired members and invited guests.



Members of Porter County's Union Volunteer Fire Department (Wheeler) include Larry Crosby, Derrell Lawless, Mike Herzog and Tom Murphy (back row) and Awards Committee Members Duane Betz, George Jacobs and Charles Stowers (front row).

### PUBLIC RELATIONS WEST CENTRAL



L. J. (TODDY) MICHL

Hi Everyone!

I missed wishing everyone Happy Holidays in the last issue of the paper so I hope you all had a nice safe Christmas and Happy New Year.

I attended District 21 meeting in Dayton again and had a good meeting. President Lawrence Swartz was there and as always gave lots of good information. They also presented an educational film on fires. Attendance is picking up and should pick up more if your department will just send one representative.

Don Johnson, chairman of District 12 had an interesting

meeting as usual, and had a tape on fire fighting. Seeing movies seems to stay in your mind more than just talking about something. Attendance at his meetings is usually good. Their Auxiliary always serves a fine lunch.

I'd like to thank Charlie Bogden and Wayne Township fire Dept. for the invitation to their Christmas Party and dinner. The wife and I enjoyed ourselves. The meal was delicious and fellowship rewarding. They showed slides of the Ramada Inn disaster. Afterward certificates were presented to members for their time with the department.

District 11 B had their meeting at Reelsville and as usual we were treated to another out-

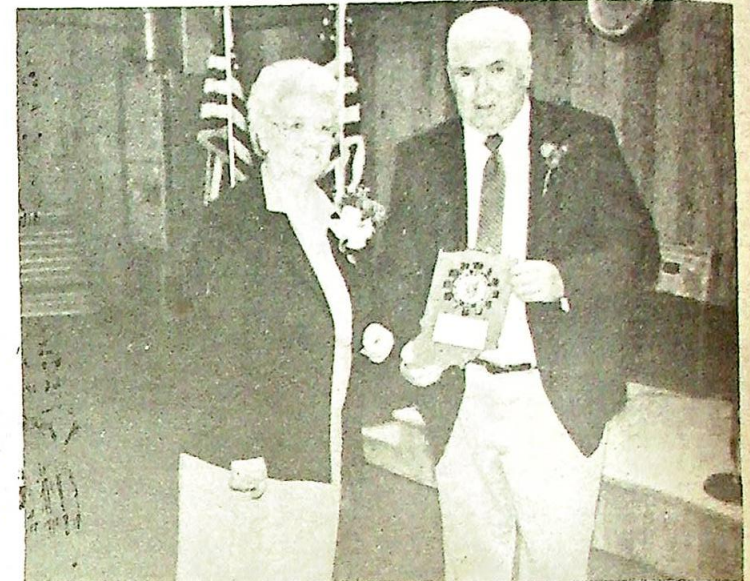
standing turkey dinner. They discussed their dance to be held in February to select their Miss Flame.

My District 11A had our meeting at Seelyville where our Miss Flame was selected. She is Miss Sarah Davis of Seelyville. Good Luck Sarah in the State judging. It's a shame more departments can't get girls to enter. We honored our Chaplain of 21 years, Robert "Pete" King. A plaque with a clock, cake decorated, and flowers were presented to him. Thank you Pete for your devotion to our District and thank you Honor, his wife, for standing by his side.

See you all at your next meetings, weather permitting.



Miss Flame, District 11A, Sarah Davis of Seelyville, appears above with Public Relations Director, West Central, Toddy Michl.



Robert "Pete" King received a clock plaque and decorated cake for his 21 years as Chaplain for District 11A. Pete has retired but if needed will answer the call. Pete is shown with his wife Honor.

### Indiana firefighters invited to Florida competition

Dear firefighters of Indiana:

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join us on March 19, 1988, for our 17th Annual Broward County Firematics Competition, being held in the city of Plantation, just west of Fort Lauderdale. We have expanded our competition to include an invitational division for teams from outside our county in which you would not have to compete against our local teams. Each division has its own set of trophies. A team can be made of a single department or fire organization or members of several combined together. The competition is made up of 9 basic fire related events and the only equipment you have to bring is your bunker gear.

In addition to the competition we will have an antique fire apparatus show in which we encourage owners of apparatus to bring them out and display them for trophies in different categories. We will also have vendor space for rent for fire related equipment and supplies.

We are working on special

room rates for this competition. March is a beautiful time of the year in South Florida and an excellent time to vacation here.

The proceeds from the event will go to the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Burn Center. For further information or a set of the rules contact me at the

following: Lou Doucet, President, Broward County Firematics Association, 4480 N.W. 61st St., Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33319. Phone: 305-974-9236.

We are hoping to see some firefighters from Indiana down here for the competition.

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**SECRETARY'S REPORT**



LEE KISSELL

It looks like we made it to another year. I hope everyone had a nice holiday season and no serious fires. Now that we are in the middle of the winter season, we will all be busy with structure fires. Spring will soon be here and the brush fires will surely keep us all busy again this year.

Your Secretary has also been busy, although not like last fall. Dues are still coming in, but much more slowly now. Carl Bruns helped with a mailing to all departments that had not paid dues for this year and others that had not paid dues for several years. We mailed out over 200 envelopes. The paid-up membership is now over 15,000.

The response has not been large, but we are processing some departments that had not paid yet. The reasons varied, but one comment that I receive almost weekly is that "we never received a notice that our dues were due." One department was very upset about

this, blaming me for the problem.

I can only look up the department in the computer and see if the current address is correct. Most of the time it is. When dues notices are mailed in the spring, every department has an address label printed and placed on an envelope. Your printout and other dues information is placed inside and mailed.

This brings up an important point. Many departments receive their mail through a member's mailbox. If the officers change or the member quits, we are sending mail to someone that may not forward the envelope to the proper person or may do so months later. These changes often occur at the first of the year and we will be mailing the dues notices out in May. We may not have the correct address on your envelope unless you send a note and let me know.

I encourage every department to establish a permanent mailing address. This can be a post office box or a rural delivery box. Then have one person pick up the mail. I know this would help.

I believe some of the blame rests on the US Postal Service, because it seems that some mail is lost. I received many, many calls this past year, stating that the department never received the dues notice and printout. If I show a correct address, then it should have reached your department. If it does not, it may have been lost in the mail. I can't track and verify every envelope that is mailed from my office, so I have no answers for this situation.

Next September, (if re-elected) I will be sending a second dues notice out to those that have not paid. Please remember that July 31 is the deadline for dues to be

received if you want to be eligible for the Bridgeport Trust benefits. The second notice will not remind you in time for this deadline, so mark your calendars now for July 31, allow at least three days for the envelope to arrive.

A few last notes. Please be sure to include a "complete address" on membership forms. This means a rural route and box number. In town, give your post office box or a street address, whichever is your proper mailing address.

When sending in dues for new members after your department has already paid for the year, please include a check! I receive several add-ons every week that I must return because of no check. This wastes postage as well as your time and mine.

When you send in a membership form, I only need the top white copy. You may keep the other copy for your records. Some of the older forms had up to five copies. I still only need the top white copy. Also, print it so I can read it! This will reduce your postage costs and I won't need to empty my trash can so often.

Well, have a safe winter and I hope all your fires are minor. Spring is near!

**Lower insurance premiums possible in Hillsboro**

Hillsboro - Homeowners in Hillsboro and Cain Township someday may enjoy lower insurance premiums thanks to improved fire protection, a Hillsboro fire department official said.

An Indianapolis firm recently examined Hillsboro's fire protection and upgraded its insurance rating, said Daryl Wattenbarger, assistant chief of the Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department.

The rating for the Hillsboro town limits went from 9 to 8; Cain Township within a 3 1/2 radius of Hillsboro was upgraded from 10 to 8; the rest of the township was upgraded from 10 to 9.

Ten indicates the least amount of fire protection, and 1 indicates the most. Hillsboro's rating is now the same as two other, larger Fountain County towns, Covington and Veedersburg.

Wattenbarger said homeowner's insurance premiums could be lowered as a result of the improved rating. He based that prediction on information provided by Commercial Risk Services, a non-profit Indianapolis firm that did the survey at no cost to the town. ISO estimates that these ratings to a class 8 could lower annual insurance premiums about 31 percent.

Insurance companies in Indiana base their premiums partly on the firm's ratings, according to Marion Parker, a field rating representative for Commercial Risk Services. The lower rating is no guarantee of lower insurance premiums, however, because insurance companies are free to set their own rates.

In explaining the new ratings, Wattenbarger pointed to three improvements: increased fire-fighter training, upgrading of equipment and a new tanker shuttle system.

Here are some other fire protection ratings in the Lafayette area: Lafayette and Frankfort (5); West Lafayette, Crawfordsville, Monticello and Fowler (6); Attica (7); and Delphi (8).

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- by David Smith  
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# DISTRICT MEETINGS

## DISTRICT 8A

Since the last paper came out, we have had two meetings. The first was at Fairmount on 9-9. Attendance at this meeting was not very good because of a breakdown in communications. Fairmount hosted the meeting on very short notice.

The second meeting was hosted by Fowlerlton and attendance was normal.

There was a discussion on the 24-hour mandatory training and on the new S.A.R.A. regulations.

Copies were not available at the meeting but names were taken and copies will be mailed to departments.

The next meeting will be at Frankton, and more information on 24-hour training will be available.

A schedule of meetings for District 8A will be available at Frankton meeting.

Hope everyone has a nice year, be careful and keep your cool.

Robert E. Fleener

## DISTRICT 9B

The regular bi-monthly meeting was called to order by Chairman Mitch Parish at 8:00 p.m. at the Goodland Fire Station in Goodland, Indiana.

Minutes were read and approved. There were 9 guests present. Total firemen 69 with 89 fire runs among the 16 departments answering roll call.

Chairman Mitch Parish presented a Meritory Service Award to Herman Schutte of the Brook Vol. Fire Department.

Items discussed were: Fire Prevention TV slots, Workman's Comp., Possibility of a Training Academy, 24 hour Mandatory training, Liability Insurance, 1988 Convention Reservation, Miss Flame Contestants, Midwest Award, Mr. I.V.F.A., Ollie Sandberg Award, New I.V.F.A. Membership Cards, Convention Books and the Dale Corp., Investigation-Master Class in LaPorte in January, Bridgeport Scholarship Fund, and Live Fire Training.

Chairman Mitch Parish presented flower and pictures of Memorial Service at Convention to respective departments.

Winners of the 50-50 Drawing were: Bill McGraft - Goodland, Mat Cain - Brookston, Dennis Flemming - Earl Park. Haz./Mat. Book donated by Charlie Baker was won by Dave Eberhart of Fowler, Streamlight Jr. flashlight donated by George Walda was won by Joe Tiede of Francesville. Tie Tacs donated by Jo Komoscar were won by Dennis Flemming of Earl Park and Bill McGraft of Goodland.

Program on Hazardous Materials was presented by Scott McCord of the Newton Co. Civil Defense.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Next Meeting is January 14, 1988, at 6:30 p.m. slow time/7:30 p.m. fast time at the Idaville Vol. Fire Department.

Sec./Treas. Dennis J. Risner

## DISTRICT 10

Greetings from District #10. Our members have met two times since our last paper. The October meeting was on the 21st at Columbus Twp. Fifty eight fire fighters from 18 departments reporting 210 runs from the previous month answered the first roll call. Guests for the evening were Ed Hudecek, Columbus Twp. Trustee and John Maudlin from Midwest Fire and Safety.

Shelbyville Paramedic Tom Laughlin provided the evening's program after a super spaghetti dinner enjoyed by all.

Our final meeting for 1987 was November 16th at South West Bartholomew Co. Fire Dept.

near Ogilville.

Our November meeting is always a joint meeting with the district auxiliary and starting in 1987 we crowned our district Miss Flame at this get-together. Forty five fire fighters from 16 departments reporting 573 runs from the previous month were in attendance. Honored guests for the evening were former I.V.F.A. President Carlos Jefferies, District 13A Chairman Jerry Nulliner and 1987 Miss Flame Dawn Lemmons. After a short business session we adjourned our meeting and joined the auxiliary for the Miss Flame Contest. Lesa Cooper, a cadet fire fighter from Franklin Twp. #3 Bunker Hill will represent District #10 at Convention '88 as our Miss Flame contestant.

Until next quarter.  
Best Wishes,  
Bruce Neal

## DISTRICT 11A

Well I hope Santa brought you everything you wanted for Christmas. And that the New Year brings happiness and prosperity to you and your departments.

Our November District 11A meeting was held at the Seelyville

Vol. Fire Dept. A tribute to Pete King was held honoring him for 20 years of service as Chaplain to District 11A. Pete and his wife Honor were called forward and presented with plaques.

We held our Miss Flame contest and our new Miss Flame is from Seelyville. Her name is Sara Elizabeth Davis and she is a student at South Vigo High School in Terre Haute. I'm sure she will be a good representative for our district at convention.

In March our district meeting will be at Sandford. A representative from ConRail will do a program on hazards we could encounter if we're called to an emergency on railroad property.

Hope to see you all there.  
Larry Biggs

## DISTRICT 11B

Hi Firemen and Auxiliary Members—

The District had two district meetings, one on Nov. 8, 1987, at Reelsville. There were 24 firemen in attendance from 8 departments. The guests at this meeting were Mr. I.V.F.A. '87, Carl Davis; P.R.W.C. Toddy Michl; State Sgt.-at-Arms Bill Bush; and from

District 11A, Bob Myer. Carl and Toddy talked about some of the things talked from the state officers meeting. A fine meal of turkey and all the trimmings was served and enjoyed thanks to the Reelsville Auxiliary.

The second meeting was held at J.U.G.A. at Bellmore. The speaker was from D.N.R. Swift water rescue was put on by Officer Steve Wooline. Brent Bush was appointed temporary district sgt.-at-arms in the absence of John Bond who has moved and retired to Florida.

We had two firemen from Waveland Department to receive gold cards. These cards represent 50 years of service. They are Bob Fullenwidon and Myron Banta.

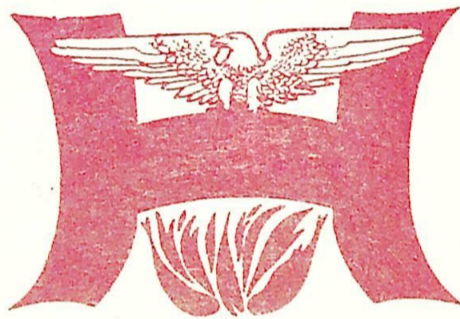
Notice the District 11-B Miss Flame Lynda Burgner would like patches from District 11-B Department to display on her jacket. Please send them to Lynda Burgner, RR 2, Box 32A, Veedersburg, IN 47987.

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# DISTRICT 12

## 12th District Meeting

Hazelwood VFD (Hendricks Co.)  
September 21, 1987 - Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Don Johnson. Pledge to the Flag led by our Sgt. at Arms, Dick Johnson and Opening Prayer given by our Chaplain, James Bruner. Meeting was temporarily suspended in order for the ladies' auxiliary to serve lunch which was very tasty.

Meeting was recalled at 8:00 p.m. with 39 members and guests present representing 12 departments.

Introduction of guests and Host department were as follows: Assistant Chief Jim Barker, who introduced the ladies' auxiliary and firefighters; Toddy Michl, P.R.W.C. and wife Helen; also our friends from Honey Creek, Bob and Jo Ann Hayes.

Minutes of previous meeting - were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report - was given, approved and accepted.

Communications - None.

Committee Report - Chairman Johnson gave a few remarks regarding several annual awards given to worthy firefighters such as the Ollie Sandberg, Lois Boaz, Mr. I.V.F.A. and the Mid West Awards. Start thinking up some names. Also girl's name for the Miss Flame Contest. 12th District has several girls lined up for this contest.

Chairman Johnson asked for volunteers to chair our future training film program including EMS - he has 61 VCR tapes. He will make a list of films to be used at Bill Vershaw's discretion (he volunteered).

Old Business - None.

New Business - Bill Kershoff gave a program regarding the Introduction to Disaster Service Course on Wednesday, Oct. 7th, from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Hendricks County Branch of the American Red Cross. This course is a pre-requisite to all other Red Cross disaster training.

Toddy Michl, our P.R.W.C., gave some remarks about the problems that were written in the Indianapolis Newspaper regarding the illegal solicitation that the association is supposed to be involved in. Our committee is in Indianapolis to straighten out this problem.

Toddy also stated our I.V.F.A. State Secretary has a new com-

puter and if you have any problems, he can give you an answer if possible. His number is 812-744-3779. Also there are several departments whose annual dues are not paid in the 12th district.

When having fire training schools, send all bills to our State Treasurer Gene Stofer. We are allowed \$200.00 a year for schools.

Chairman Johnson asked members present if they are interested in truck driving training. He will try to set up a program. He also stated that Decatur Twp. will be having a E.M.T. Class sometime in January.

Good of the Order - Stilesville Vol Fire Dept. will be having their Chili Supper on Saturday, Sept. 26th starting at 3:00 p. m. till??

Hazelwood Vol. Fire Dept. will be having their boot drive during the fire prevention week.

Mooresville Vol. Fire Dept. will be hosting a family Christmas Show program on Dec. 18 or 19th. Tickets are \$25.00 for 7 people.

Wayne Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. #2 Ladies Auxiliary will be having their monthly Pizza Bake Sale on Friday, Oct. 2nd, Nov. 6th & Dec. 4th.

2nd Roll Call  
50/50 Raffle was held winner received \$14.00.

Training Film titled "Fire Power Training" and "Collision & Rescue" was presented.

With no further business motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Charles Bogden, Sec./Treas.

## 12th District Meeting

Perry Township Box 13  
Emergency Station (Marion Co.)

November 16, 1987 - Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Chairman Johnson. Pledge to flag led by Sgt. at Arms Dick Johnson. There were 22 members and friends representing 8 departments present.

Introduction of officers, guests and host department members were as follows: Toddy (P.R.W.C.) and Helen Michl, our friends from Honey Creek, Bob and Joan Hayes, and Clyde Gottsche from Van Buren Township Fire Department. Host department Deputy Chief Rick Dorris introduced his members.

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

Treasurer Report - was given and approved.

Communications - no report.

Committee Report - Rosie Johnson gave report regarding the 12th District Miss Flame contest being held Dec. 13th (time 1:30 p.m.) at Wayne Township Fire Headquarters.

Chairman Johnson stated that our next 12th District meeting will be January 18th at the Wayne Township Fire Department Headquarters, 6456 W. Ohio Street.

Old Business - None.

New Business - Chairman Johnson gave a report regarding the investigation of T.D. Corporation for illegal solicitation for advertising. The I.V.F.A. is entering into a 5 year contract with the T.D. Corporation for further ad solicitation.

Chairman Johnson also stated that I.V.F.A. is pushing for a better Workman's Compensation Medical program for volunteers for 100% coverage.

Toddy Michl, our P.R.W.C., gave a few remarks. He stated that the state is still wanting to build a fire academy at a cost of approx. 13 million dollars.

State Fire Marshal's office is sending out letters stating that after January 8th, any firefighters must take 24 hrs. of training before he or she can make runs.

Make sure your fire department and the trustee or town board understand each other on future contracts.

Several dates for awards were given. They are: Midwest Award by February 1st. Ollie Sandburg Award by May 1st. I.V.F.A. Award by April 1st.

Chairman Johnson stated that our newspaper had some articles we should read - one about the pension program for Class A firefighters and one about our good friend Don Broyles, written by Ben Lawrence.

2nd Roll Call.

Good of the Order - Brooklyn Volunteer Fire Department will host a Turkey Shoot on November 22nd and Wayne Township Volunteer Fire Department #2 ladies auxiliary will have a Pizza Bake on December 4th.

Refreshments were served by the host department.

Training film, Search and Rescue and Fire House Training were shown.

50/50 drawing was won by Rosie Johnson.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles Bogden, Sec. & Treas.

Decatur Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept. of Marion Co. has been very active in training. In the last year they have had a 2nd class and a 1st class, 2 - 24 hour schools for new fire persons. We also had a Master in Tactics. We are in the process of an E.M.T. class at the present time.

We have expanded our training department with a 25 in. TV and a new VCR. By using the VCR tapes from the Fire Marshal's Office it helps the instructor get his point across.

We are now in the process of building a new station to replace St. #1 which we have outgrown. The new station will have 5 bays with a 40 ft. by 70 ft. training room upstairs. The Fire Dept. offices will be on the ground floor. They also have ordered a new pumper, It is a Darling with a 1500 GPM pump. Decatur's motto is "We Do

Care", but that may change to "WATCH US GROW".

Wayne Twp. Fire Dept. of Marion Co. had elections and the officers are as follows: Chief - Richard Lamb, 1st Deputy Chief - Ken Huffer, 2nd Deputy Chief - Harold Vinson. Congratulations to these men and I'm sure they will do an outstanding job.

I read an article in the newspaper about a Volunteer Fire Dept. near a college that gave students a place to stay, if they took training and put in a certain amount of hours a week. Sounds like a good idea to me. This could be good for some people that work in factories and live far away and have to rent rooms. It may be something to think about, if you have the space.

Don Johnson  
District 12 Chairman

## QUARTERLY OFFICERS' MEETING

Best Western Motel, Huntingburg  
October 31 & November 1, 1987

The meeting was called to order by President Swartz at 3:15 p.m. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Lantz, followed by the pledge to the flag led by V.P. Lockhart.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Kissell.

The new District 8B Chairman, Bill Daniels from Pennville, was introduced.

President Swartz called for the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. Bill Howe made a motion to accept the minutes as printed Willie Parish seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

### Officer Reports

In his report, President Swartz stated that he had traveled over 2400 miles attending district and departmental functions. He had also recently attended the service in the Rotunda of the Capitol honoring the fallen fire fighters in the past years.

V.P. Lockhart passed.

Secretary Kissell stated that we have a paid up membership of 13,863. He discussed some of the office activities and the new cards were voted on.

V.P. Lockhart in his report stated that he has been busy with meetings in the Fire Marshal's office as well as other functions he has been a part of.

Chaplain Lantz in his report said that he had attended the Convention "88" meetings and commented on some of the memorial services he had been a part of.

Treasurer Stofer gave what figures he had available on the financial report and stated that he is not sure when the books would be made available again as they are still in the possession of the government as a result of the court action against the Dale Corporation.

Sgt. at Arms Bush commented on the supplies and activities in area.

Recording Secretary Nevil passed.

Past President Sunday reported that he has been working on the Bridgeport funds.

All other Past Presidents in attendance passed.

### Public Relations Directors

S.E. Richardson spoke on some new departments and said things are going very well.

S.W. Davis reported on the McDonalds program as well as other programs that are in progress in his area.

E.C. Windsor was absent.

W.C. Michl has been attending the district meetings and the programs have been excellent. He also reported they still need a chairman in District 20.

N.E. Kinsey said he had brought some insurance company hand outs on smoke detectors and Fire Escape Plans. He reported that he had attended all meetings. He also stated that the 24 hour training guidelines have been promulgated and made some comments on the NFPA 14-03 standards pertaining to live fire training.

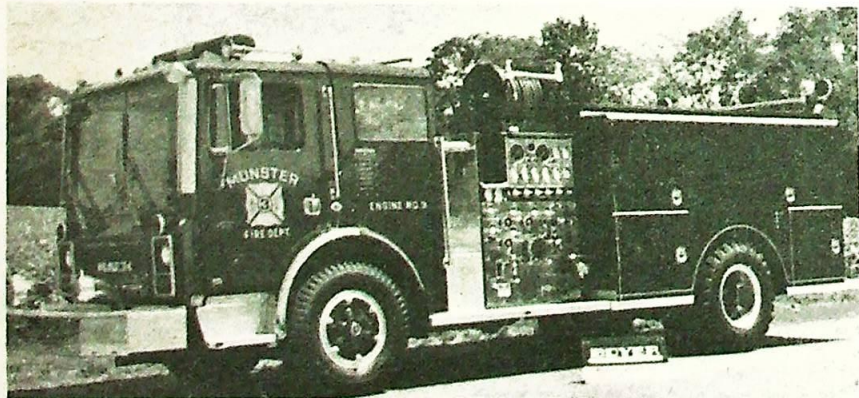
N.W. Howe said that the Public Service Announcements are being seen on the South Bend T.V. stations. He said that he had attended several meetings.

### District Reports

D1 Esserman reported on activities in the district.

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## NVFC supports bill's intent, opposes method of enforcement

Washington - A bill requiring installation of fire sprinkler systems in hotels and motels was introduced today (12-4-87) by Congressmen Doug Walgren (D-PA), Sherwood Boehlert (R-NY) and Manuel Lujan (R-NM).

The legislation is an outgrowth of hearings the House Subcommittee on Science, Research and Technology held last spring on the fire at the Dupont Plaza Hotel in Puerto Rico, which killed 96 people last New Year's Eve.

The subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over federal fire programs, is chaired by Walgren, and Boehlert is the ranking minority member. Lujan is the ranking Republican of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, of which the subcommittee is a part.

The bill, entitled "The Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act" would:

\*Require the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) to issue regulations within nine months of enactment requiring hotels to install sprinklers.

\*Give states one year to incorporate USFA's regulations into their own codes.

\*Prevent firefighters from any state that does not adopt and enforce the USFA's regulations from attending the National Fire Academy.

\*Allow the USFA to publicize which states have not adopted the regulations.

\*Give existing hotels up to seven years to comply with the requirements.

The Congressmen expect to hold hearings on the bill early next year and to move the bill through the committee by spring.

Walgren said, "Most Americans believe that hotels and motels are already equipped with sprinkler systems. That's why it is such a shock to learn that 85 percent of our hotels and motels do not have sprinklers. This bill is required to make our common sense expectation a reality."

Boehlert said, "The premise of this bill is simple - checking into a hotel should not be a risky endeavor. We have known for years that sprinklers can simply and relatively inexpensively save lives, but that fact is not reflected in most fire codes. We should not have to wait for tragedies to strike each state to protect all Americans. This bill is not mandating the impossible, only the obvious."

Lujan said, "I believe the bill we have come up with is not only practicable but will also save lives. It is based on extensive review by the subcommittee over the past year. This legislation will particularly impact the traveling American public."

"The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) supports the idea behind a proposed law requiring installation of fire sprinkler systems in hotels and motels," according to NVFC Chairman E. James Monihan, "but we cannot support the method chosen to enforce the bill's provisions."

The bill, introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives Dec. 4, would penalize states which fail to comply by barring their firefighters from the National Fire Academy. The legislation was introduced by Congressmen Doug Walgren (D-PA), Sherwood Boehlert (R-NY) and Manuel Lujan (R-NM), all members of the House

Subcommittee on Science, Research and Technology which has oversight responsibility for the U.S. Fire Administration and the National Fire Academy.

Monihan says the Council will offer testimony on the proposal. Hearings are expected to be scheduled for early 1988. He says he has been encouraged by statements by Congressman Walgren which recognize that better, more equitable methods of enforcement should be incorporated into the bill before it becomes law.

"We will do all we can to help the Committee come up with those methods, because asking firefighters to bear sole responsibility for the action of their state legislature is just not fair," he said.

### Leadership Conference will be on February 20 and 21

According to the State Fire Marshal's office, the Leadership Conference will be February 20-21, 1988, at Lawrence North High School and will feature an outstanding group of speakers. The keynote speaker will be Mr. Don Manno of the National Fire Academy. Featured speaker will be Mr. Vince Brannigan author and attorney with a three hour program on Fire Service Liability and Law. Mr. William Jacobs of the National Fire Academy will talk about fire service training. Mr. Robert Barr of the National Fire Protection Association will update you on the NFPA Professional Board. These important subjects, plus others, will only cost \$10.00 for each attendee due to corporate sponsorship by various companies, and your early enrollment is requested.

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As we start another year, I would like to take this opportunity to say I hope that each of you have had a very safe and happy holiday season. Now that all the free time is past we have to get back to the grind.

The Indiana Legislature will be back in session for the first 2 months of 1988. The fire service will be trying to get some legislation passed that is very important to the welfare of the volunteer fireman. As you are very well aware, there have been a few firemen that have sustained injuries that resulted in medical cost over the \$25,000 insurance coverage that is required by Indiana code. The IVFA's top piece of legislation will make you eligible for workmen's compensation to cover this medical cost. As this progresses thru the halls of legislature, you will be called upon to contact your senator or representative to seek their support in this cause. PLEASE do your part.

As in the past years, the association approved money for district fire schools. This money must be used by the end of the fiscal year. If your district plans to use this assistance you had better set up a program and a place to have same very soon. Also don't forget to send the vice president the request for insurance at least 2 weeks before the scheduled date.

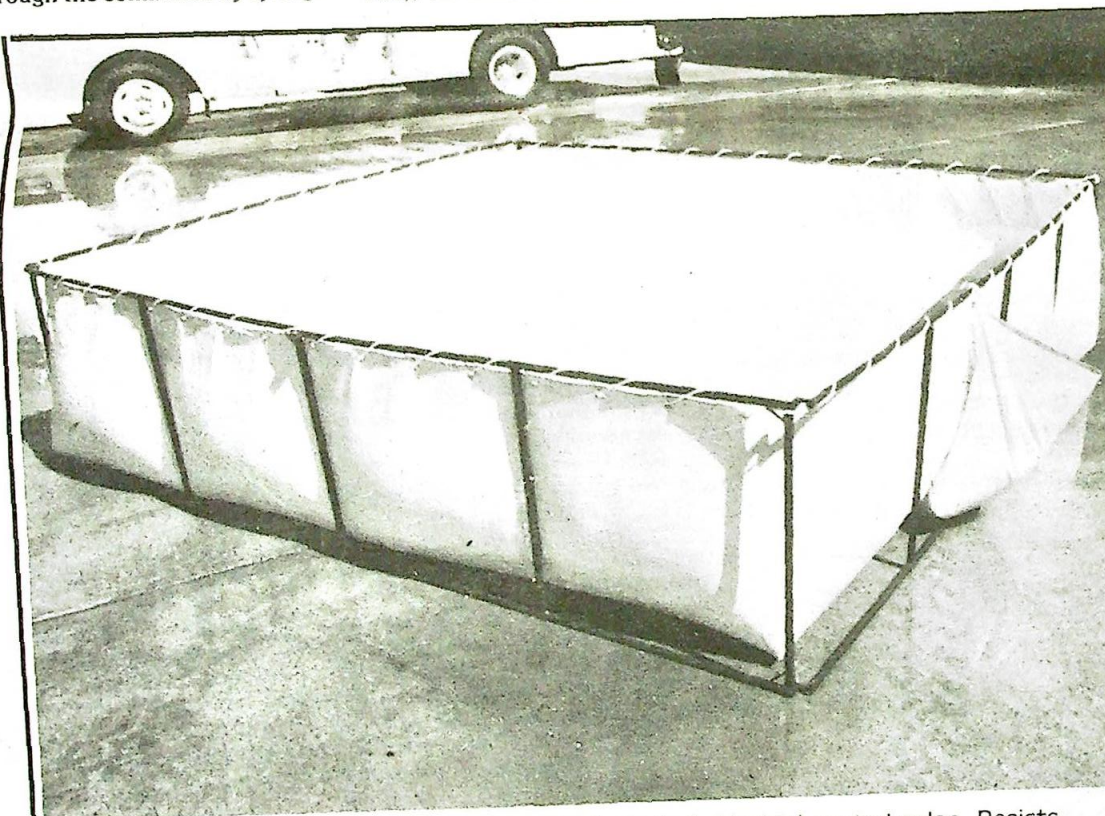
At the last district 3 meeting they seemed to have things well under way for the 1988 convention. It seems there will be a good time for all. The report from district 3 is to get your reservations in for motel rooms as soon as possible. The rooms will be assigned on a first come first assigned basis. The convention committee would also appreciate your advanced registration as this is part of their operating money. They will be sending each department a packet of tickets and your help in disposing of them and returning the money will be appreciated.

The district meetings are still held on the regular schedule and your department needs representing. Also your officers need your input for the quarterly meetings. PLEASE ATTEND.

### Heater starts Pipe Creek fire

Pipe Creek Volunteer firemen, assisted by Elwood firefighters, responded to a fire at a trailer owned by Don Dunaway in Green Acres Trailer Court at 3:16 p.m. Tuesday. There was major fire damage in the kitchen and bathroom and smoke damage throughout the trailer. The fire was determined to have started because an electric heater overheated in the bathroom.

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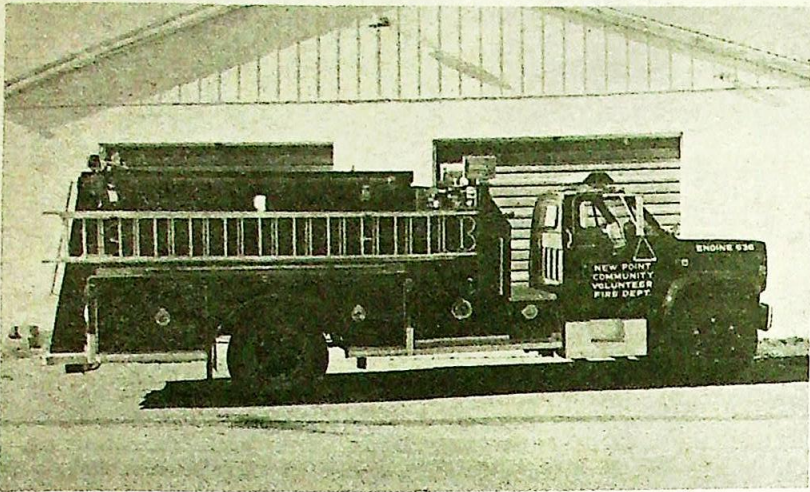
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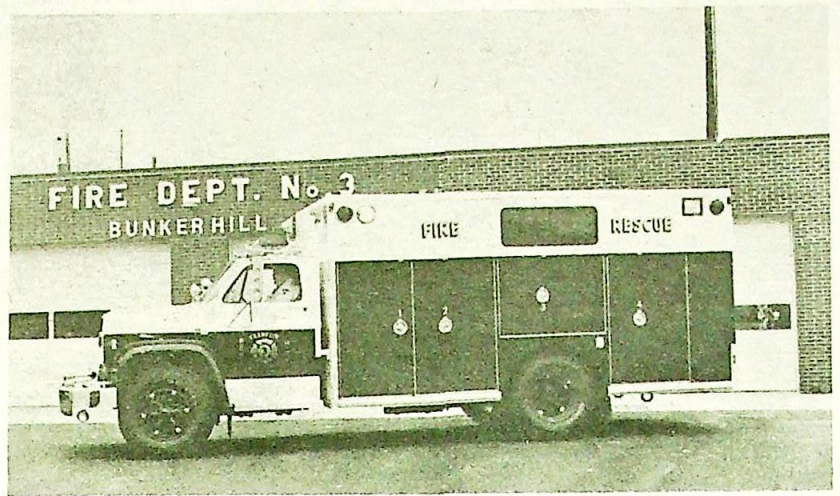
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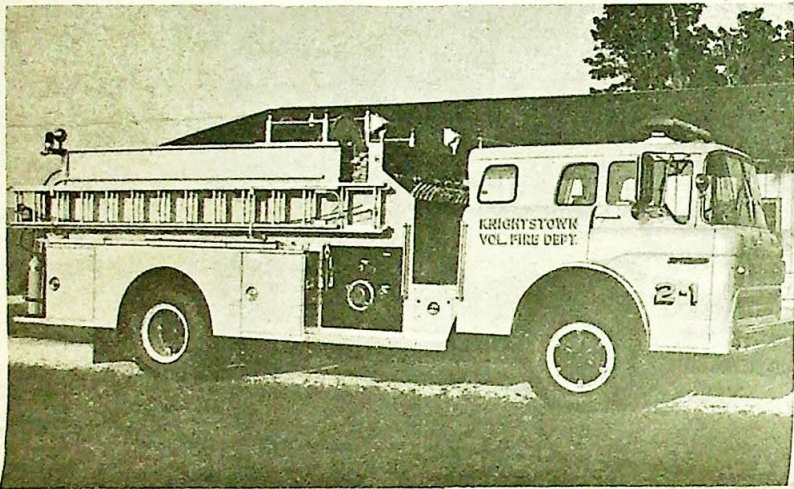
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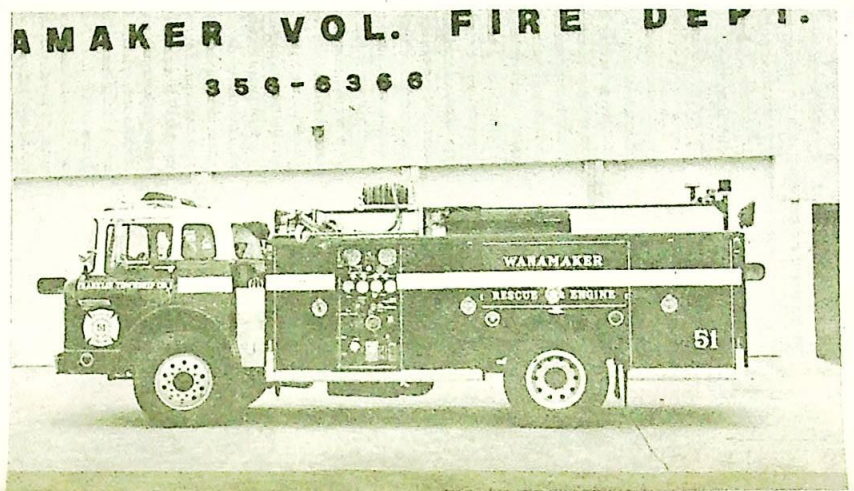
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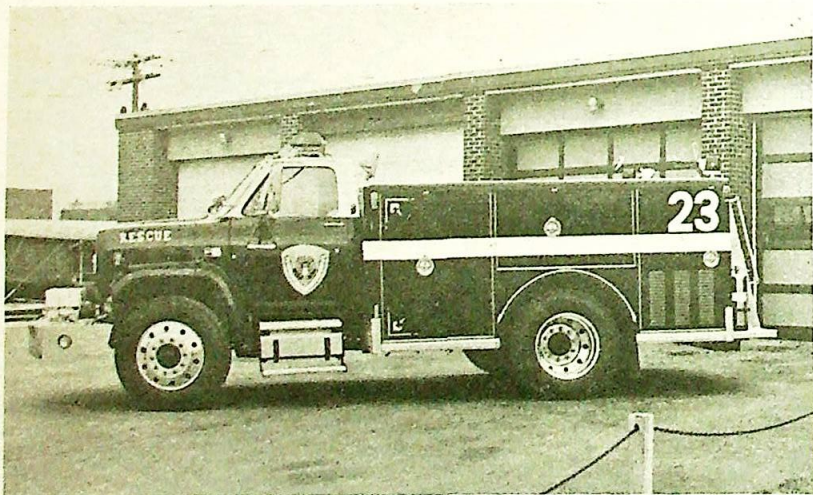
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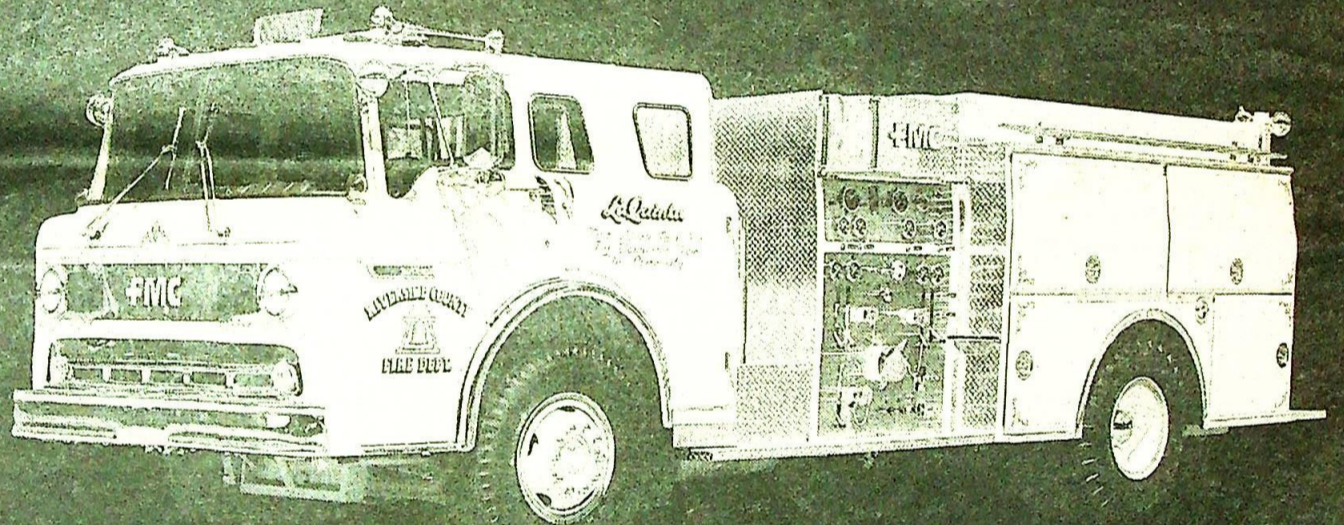
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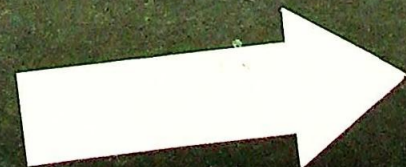
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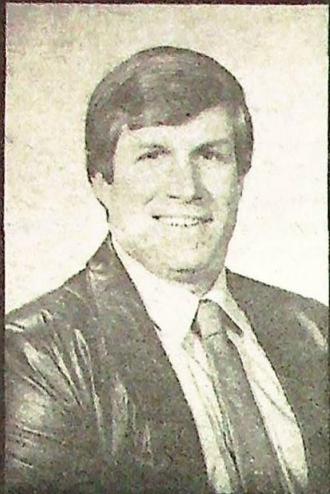
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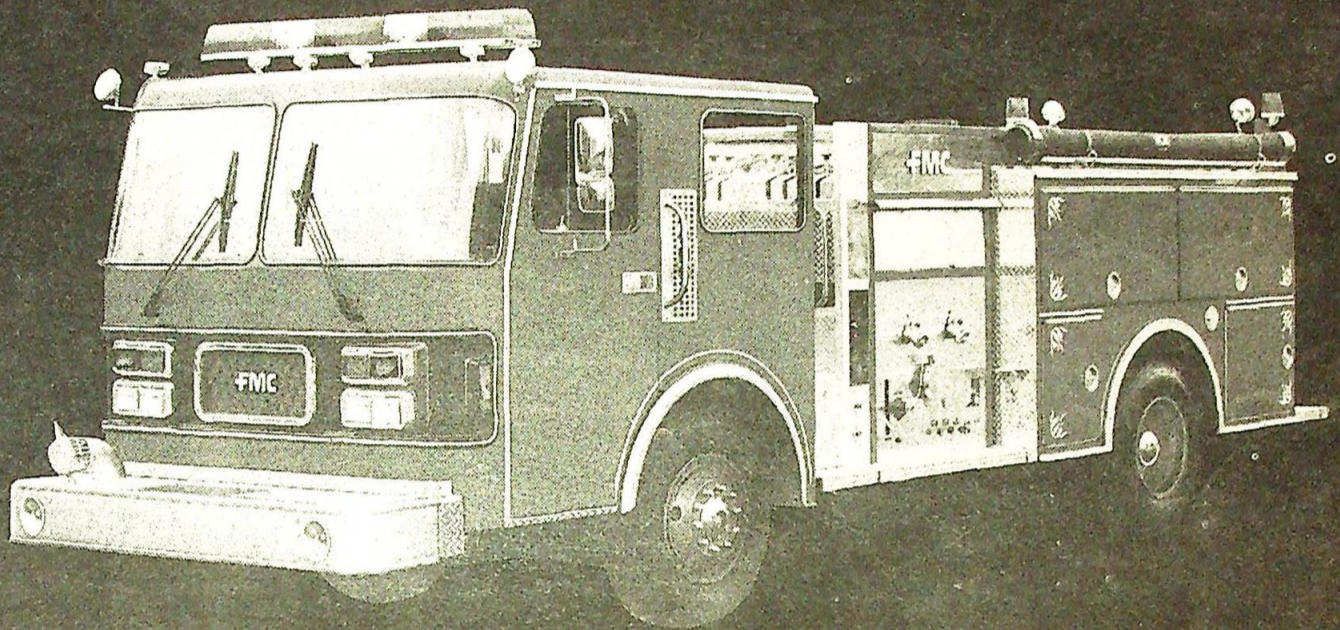
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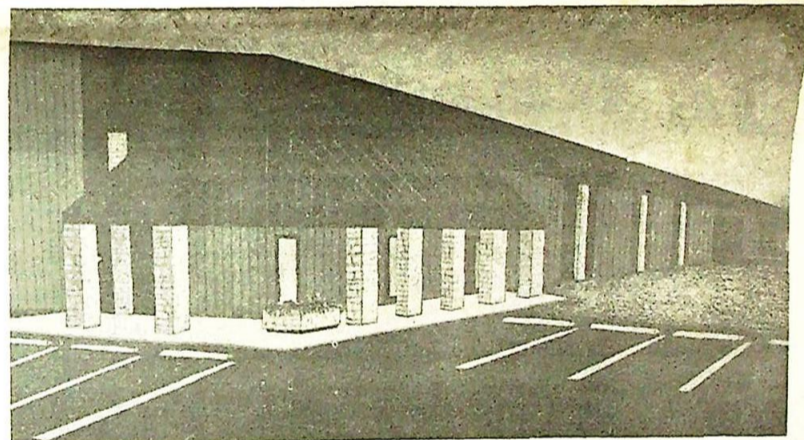
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While men rushed by in cars and trucks,  
There were others that came running,  
The Firemen knew what they had to do—  
Because there was something burning.

We watched 'Green Engine Sixty-six'  
Move quickly on its way.  
It seemed just few short moments—  
But they had a fire to fight today.

Now those that saw the Fire Truck pass,  
They still had time to pause and pray,  
Because the Firefighters and the Engine—  
Weren't stopping at their house that day.

There's brush fires, accidents and car fires,  
Or a woods where animals live and roam,  
A whispered prayer, through smoke filled air—  
"Please help us save each life — each home."

Then later on, that November day,  
It surely was a shock to me,  
I looked across the roadway—  
And saw a Fireman in a tree.

The others held a ladder,  
With a rope attached to it,  
And in the limb above his head—  
Behold, a cat did sit.

So, the cat went home to a bowl of milk,  
The Firemen's supper was probably cold,  
But a Volunteer is used to that—  
To him and his family — that story is old.

Not everyone could be a Fireman,  
Not everyone would want to be—  
It takes great strength and dedication—  
And a special, caring feeling, for you and me.

*Esther Boyles, Versailles*

## Meritorious Service Awards presented

The State of Indiana Fire Fighter Meritorious Service Award is presented for periods or acts of outstanding meritorious service to deserving Indiana-wide fire fighters.

The award is cast in bronze in two versions, the State Fire Marshal Service Award and the Governor's Service Award, with the latter award given for meritorious service or a meritorious act superior in nature or scope to that necessary to qualify for the Fire Marshal Service Award. The Fire Marshal Service Award is an antique silver hue.

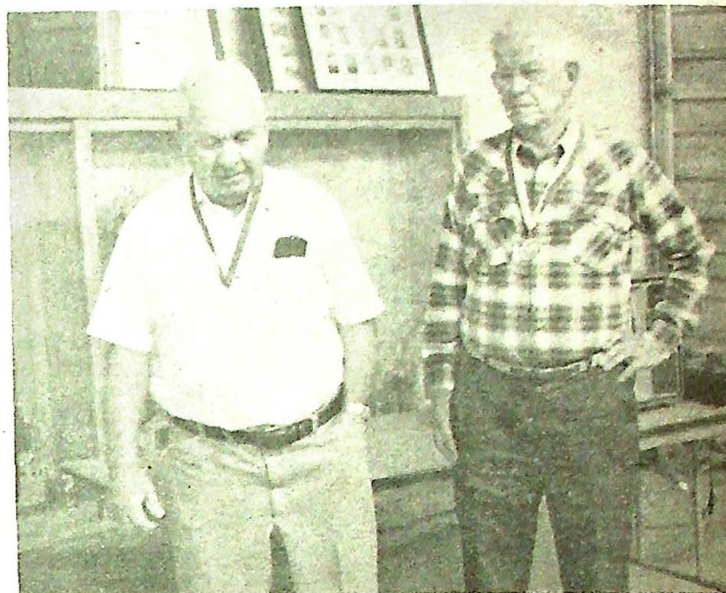
The 1" x 30" neck ribbon depicts the State Colors dark blue and gold. The 2" wide circular medallion is approximately 3/16" thick and has several symbolic messages engraved in the three-tiered face. The words "State of Indiana" and "Meritorious Service" are engraved in an outer ring. The State seal is depicted in the medallion center resting on a Maltese Cross, the fire service symbol, which is surrounded by a laurel of Hoosier wheat. The three stars at the top of the cross represent the three dimensions of the fire service, i.e. the volunteer fire service, the career fire service, and the wives and husbands of the fire fighters who are asked to support the lifestyle considerations unique to the fire service. The two stars engraved on the outer ring

symbolize the fire service responsibilities of the state working in common partnership with the local fire service.

On July 4, 1987, Fire Marshal, Larry Bosell presented Clyde Martin with his award while Herman Schuette was on a fishing vacation in Wisconsin. The department kept Herman Schuette's award secret until the District 9-B meeting held at Goodland on November 12, 1987. At this meeting, Chairman, Mitch Parish was honored to be able to present

to Herman Schuette his meritorious service award on behalf of the State Fire Marshal, Larry Bosell. Clyde Martin has been on the Brook Volunteer Fire Department for about 65 years and Herman Schuette has about 48 years on the Brook Volunteer Fire Department. That's what you call DEDICATION.

Congratulations to these two men and to Don Parrish for submitting their names for these awards and to Brook Volunteer Fire Department.



Dedicated firemen, Clyde Martin and Herman Schuette, were recently honored for their years of service.

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cannot be a member of our department, would place every member of every department in the state in jeopardy. But, there is a price to pay for this victory.

Pendleton was sued as an individual, not as a member of the department. This places him in an extremely awkward position, especially when you consider the apparent double standard in Wea Township regarding the right to legal counsel.

Troutman has refused to pay for the initial legal consultation that the department secured, regarding ways to deal with the insurance problem. Troutman claims that there is no money budgeted for legal expenses of the department. Troutman, who has retained counsel (Cy Gerde), at township expense, has said in essence, that the department is not entitled to the same legal rights he has.

Pendleton's attorneys, who have been supporters of the fire service for many years, have agreed to be reasonable regarding their fees. But expenses pile up rapidly. The documents already generated in this fight are currently almost four inches thick. Court reporters, who are required for depositions, charge by the double spaced page.

Copies of papers relative to this matter, including newspaper clippings, have been provided to IVFA executives for their review. It goes without saying that all of the volunteer fire departments in the state of Indiana will either win or lose, when the verdict is handed down.

If we are to fight this autocratic action by the trustee effectively, we need the financial support of the IVFA, and its members. We have already asked Lawrence Swartz, the IVFA President, to bring this matter to the executive committee. We hope that they respond in a positive fashion. However, until we have their response, Pendleton is still left holding a very expensive bag.

A reasonable estimate of the potential expenses would be almost \$15,000.00. If each of the 91 counties in Indiana could raise \$165.00 from its members our battle would be almost won. I say our battle, because that's what it is. It's the fight of every individual member of every volunteer fire department in the state of Indiana. This is especially true if your chief is elected by its members.

Wea Township Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated intends to set up a separate account made up of donations. Your donations can be sent to the:

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This account will be used only for legal fees and expenses incurred by Chief Pendleton, and the Wea Township Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated. An accounting of these funds will be made available to any donor, and any unused funds will be returned to the donors on a pro-rated basis.

Thank you in advance for your support,

Sincerely,

*Michael Schuster*  
Michael Schuster  
Assistant Chief,  
Wea Township Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated

## Contract given to LOFS volunteers

The newly appointed West Porter Township Fire Protection District board has held two meetings thus far during which they took care of some urgent matters.

Among them was the selection of officers for this new organization. Serving as board chairman is Rich Schutkovske; Sy Holzapfel, vice-chairman; Debbie Swanson, secretary; and Clarence Moss, treasurer.

Larry Feit is the fifth member of this board.

Further business included the awarding of a \$1 contract

to the Lakes of the Four Seasons Volunteer Fire Department for the period beginning October 2 and ending December 31.

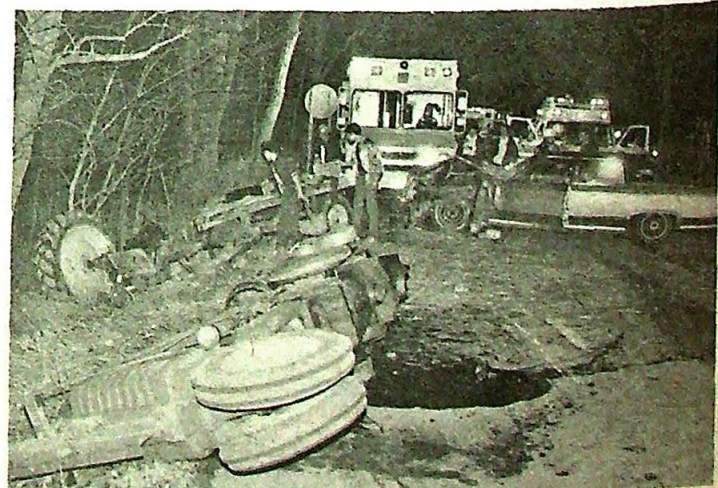
The contract will be renewed again at the end of 1987 and gives fire protection coverage to a portion of West Porter Township and the Porter County side of the Lakes of the Four Seasons by the LOFS Volunteer Fire Department.

In addition, the board selected the Valparaiso law firm of Douglas, Douglas, Douglas and Hurley as its legal counsel.

## Franklin Twp. EMS passes test

The Franklin Township Emergency Medical Service was put to the test on Saturday, November 7, and passed with very good grades. A group of our local citizens were on a hayride on Dix Road. The tractor pulling the wagon was struck by an oncoming car. The crash caused many injuries, some of them serious. The first emergency equipment was on the scene in three minutes. The departments assisting the Acton Volunteer Fire Department in the emergency were Bunker Hill, Wanamaker, Warren Township, Wishard E.M.S., Perry Box 13,

Methodist Lifeline, Marion County Sheriff's Department, Indiana State Police, and the Shelby County Sheriff's Department. The co-operation of all the units involved resulted in the injured being cared for, transported as quickly as possible. The fact that all of the equipment involved was able to communicate on the same radio frequency expedited the transports. We would like to thank all of the agencies involved for their co-operation. We would especially like to thank the neighbors on Dix road for their assistance.



This November accident resulted in serious injuries in Franklin Township.

# Captain Neuhauser honored

Captain Charles T. Neuhauser, a member of the Scottsburg Volunteer Fire Department Advisory Board, completes fifty years of continuous service this year (1987).

A program to recognize Captain Neuhauser's accomplishment was held in Scottsburg on Sunday, October 4, 1987, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The program began with a parade of fire apparatus through the streets of Scottsburg with Captain and Mrs. Neuhauser on the lead pumper. Eleven area departments were represented by 18 pieces of fire fighting equipment.

Captain Neuhauser (Charlie) was honored during afternoon ceremonies, at the fire house, with several gifts. City Mayor Ed Cozart proclaimed October 4th as Charlie Neuhauser day as did the

Scott County Commissioners. The mayor also presented Charlie with a key to the city and presented Charlie's wife, Lucille, with a bouquet of flowers. Tokens of recognition were given Charlie and Lucille in different forms by the County Sheriff's Department, local Optimist, Lions, and Kiwanis Clubs and two banks. Tom Sellmer, 14th District I.V.F.A. Chairman, presented Captain Neuhauser with a lifetime membership in the I.V.F.A. The Scottsburg Department presented a 50 year plaque and a fire department ring to Charlie and a necklace, matching Charlie's ring, to Lucille.

I.V.F.A. Chaplain Duane Lantz closed the program with remarks and benediction after which refreshments were served by the Scottsburg Department wives.



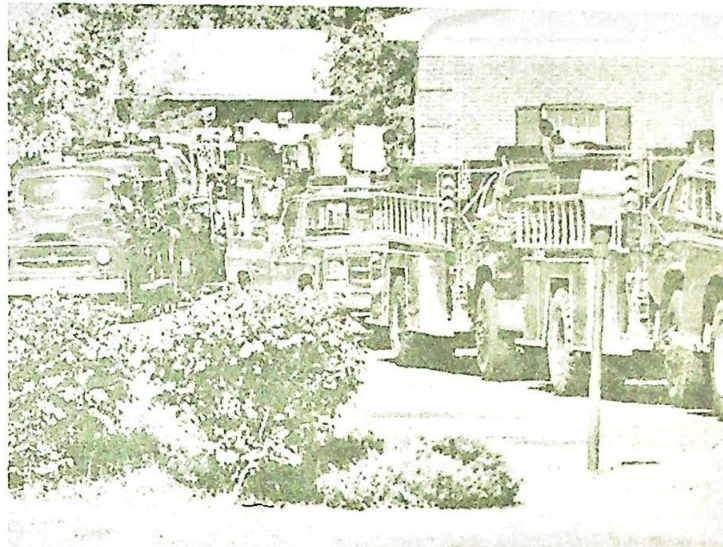
Pictured are Roy Richardson P R SE, Tom Sellmer, 14th district chairman, Betty Sellmer, Chaplain Duane Lantz, Lucille Neuhauser, Capt. Charles Neuhauser and Scottsburg Fire Department Chief Raymond Jones at the 50 year celebration of Captain Neuhauser's service to the city of Scottsburg and the surrounding community.



Captain and Mrs. Neuhauser prepare to cut one of the cakes at the ceremonies held at the Fire House on Charlie Neuhauser Day. About 200 people attended, some from as far away as Delaware.



An I.V.F.A. lifetime membership card was presented to Charlie Neuhauser of Scottsburg. Left to right are: Tom Sellmer, Charles Neuhauser and Roy E. Richardson.



Some of the fire fighting equipment that paraded through the streets of Scottsburg in honor of Captain Neuhauser's fifty years of service with the fire department.

## Free smoke detector program announced

The Adams Township Fire Department is turning the heat on in the race to get smoke detectors into homes of county residents.

The fire department has announced the first free smoke detector program since Allen County commissioners passed a mandatory detector law in July.

Firefighters will install the smoke detectors and will conduct home safety checks.

"This is the kind of thing we hoped would happen," commissioner Donald Yoder said. "I bet you'll see more departments in the county finding ways to conduct their own smoke detector drives."

He said it was too early to tell how well the new law was working.

No one in the county has been cited for violating the new law.

In the first month of Fort Wayne's law, which took effect Jan. 1, the city received many complaints from apartment dwellers, Fort Wayne Fire Marshal Evelyn Myers said. The landlords complied after receiving letters from Myers' office, she said.

The city made free smoke detectors available to the elderly in 1981 and gradually expanded the program to any needy person. Since then, more than 6,500 smoke detectors have been donated.

St. Joseph Township Fire Chief Mike Dosen said his department expects to follow Adams Township's lead soon.

The county law took effect Aug. 21 and is similar to the Fort Wayne ordinance. The law requires at least one smoke detector in each home or apartment.

County officials estimate about 25,000 of the 45,000 homes in the county did not have smoke detectors before the law was passed.

The Allen County Fire Chiefs Association pressed for the new law and the departments are in charge of enforcing it. Failure to install a smoke detector in a home is punishable by a fine of \$50, plus \$50 for each day the violation continues.

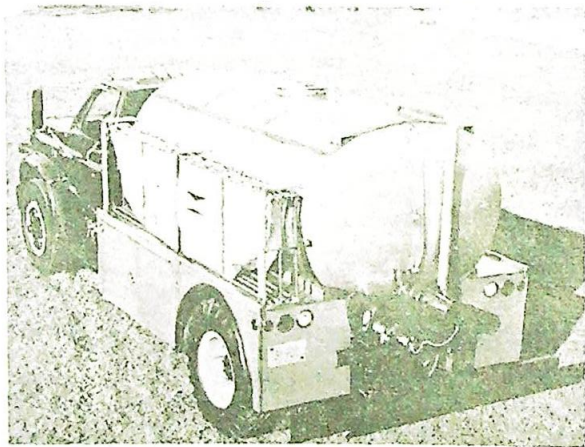
Adams Township Fire Department operates from two fire stations with 11 paid firefighters and 47 volunteer firefighters. They utilize four pumpers, three tankers, one 75' telesquirt, one rescue truck, one ambulance, and one 15 KW generator mounted on a truck for light supply. They provide fire coverage for an area which is a mixture of heavy industry, light commercial, residential and rural properties, with an estimated population of 18,000 residing in the un-incorporated area of the township. During daylight hours the population grows to approximately 65,000.

by David Allen  
The News-Sentinel

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## Perry Twp. apparatus vandalized

On Wednesday, August 5th, Perry Township Fire Department, Evansville, was dispatched to a report of a house fire on Old Henderson Road. Perry Engine 4, a 1970 C850 Ford 750 GPM John Bean pumper while responding south on Williams Road from Station #2, approaching Middle Mt Vernon Road, a T intersection, was discovered to have no brakes. Driver Dale Floyd attempted to turn onto Middle Mt Vernon Road to avoid going head on into several trees. The apparatus rolled over and came to rest on its top. Driver Dale Floyd, District Chief Bill Phipps and Fire Fighter Mark MacGregor were all treated and released at Deaconess Hospital, suffering only minor injuries. Fire Fighter Keith Kuester was also treated and released after breathing fumes from the batteries of the overturned apparatus.

The apparatus was uprighted and moved to Station #2 and a subsequent investigation by Fire Department Officials and Insurance representatives attributed the cause of the brake failure to sugar that had been placed in the Master Cylinder causing failure of the right rear wheel cylinder.

A break-in at the Station the previous October was apparently when the substance had been put in the master cylinder. Since the break in, sugar had been found in the gas tanks of all three pieces of apparatus at this station. A later check of apparatus also found sugar in the brake system of a 1978 Attack-Rescue unit. At the time of the break in, a walkie talkie radio and charger and the station logs had been taken.

The Vanderburgh County Police Department is currently investigating the incident.

Faced with the need for an immediate replacement for this unit, the local FMC dealer, A & F Fire & Safety was contacted and a 1500 gallon pumper was found and transported to Evansville by Mr. Ken Boes of A & F Fire & Safety and placed in service on September 9th.

This unit was built on a Spartan Gladiator Chassis, with an L-10 Cummins Diesel and Allison Automatic Transmission, and features a 1500 GPM pump, 1000 gallon tank, 1100 feet of 5" hose, 200' preconnected 1 1/2" line, 2-200' preconnected 1 3/4" lines with Task Force tips and sho-flo indicators, 200' 2 1/2" preconnected line, a 3" prepped removable deluge gun and seating for 6 fire fighters. Cost of this unit completely equipped was \$147,000.

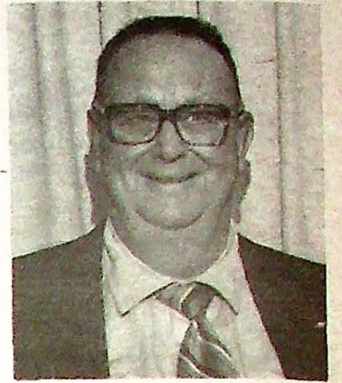
Another recent delivery to the Perry Township Fire Department was a new squad #7 which is stationed at Station #1 on Johnson Lane. This unit mounted on a 1987 Ford F-350 chassis and equipped with a rescue body built by Warner Body of Noblesville, IN. This unit features a completely enclosed body with seating for 4 fire fighters, complete rescue equipment including an Amkas Hydraulic Tool, first responder medical equipment, a 5000 watt generator with 4 telescoping lights. A 4 tank cascade system is mounted in the transverse compartment of the unit, allowing the filling of approximately 30 to 35 S.C.B.A. cylinders on emergency scenes. It also is used by the Perry Township Dive Rescue Team for water rescue. Cost of this unit approximately \$45,000.

-John Barr, Perry Township Fire Department Chief



New Squad 7 purchased to provide rescue and medical responses in Perry Twp., south of Highway 62 and Union Twp. Features complete rescue equipment, emergency medical equipment, cascade air system for refilling air bottles at emergency scenes and seating for 7 fire fighters. Cost \$40,000.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS SOUTHWEST



CARL O. DAVIS

Hope that you all had a merry Christmas and a happy new year. Sure did at our house. Will take a while to get my figure back after all the good food.

Not much to write about from the Southwest. Have attended the district's meetings and would like to see more members there. Your attendance is what makes the district meetings, so turn out.

In the 18th meeting Chief Lamb had a nice slide program on the Ramada plane fire. Am sure that you could get him to put this program on for your district meetings. Thanks Chief for a fine program. Shows what pre planning can do.

Was down to the 15th district for their 1989 convention meeting and they are getting ideas and committees ready for a good time in '89. So watch for new ideas and a week of fun programs from there.

Would like to thank the chief of the Ft. Branch Department for the invitation to their Christmas party and my congratulations to Mr. George Munnier on being presented the Meritorious Service Award for his 31 years in the department. The award was presented to Mr. Munnier by Marshal Bosell.

Mr. Fay Sims, a member of the Odon Volunteer Department, was honored guest at joint meeting of the Odon and Madison Township Departments and in recognition of his 50 years of service as a volunteer fireman, a 50 year card from the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association was presented to him.

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## Fifty years of service recognized

Fay (Pete) Sims, of 420 South Grove Street, was the honored guest last Saturday night at a joint meeting of both local fire departments in recognition of 50 years of service as a volunteer fireman.

Pete, a member of the Odon Volunteer Fire Department, was presented his 50-year badge and certificate by Carl Davis, also of Odon, who is an area representative for the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association.

The dinner meeting was held at the Odon American Legion Hall and other special guests included firemen's wives, several former fire fighters, and other 50-year members.

Sims joined the Odon volunteers in 1937 and has been an active fireman on a continuous basis for over 50 years. Officially, he is now listed on the senior roster, but continues to respond to most fire

alerts.

The dinner was sponsored by the town department as well as the township unit.

-Odon Journal



Carl Davis, Odon, presents a 50-year badge and certificate to Fay (Pete) Sims.

## Chesterfield to hold fire school

The members of Chesterfield Fire Department are proud to announce that the 3rd Annual Chesterfield Fire Department Fire School will be held this Year in Chesterfield, Indiana on Friday, April 29th, Saturday, April 30th, and Sunday, May 1st, 1988. On Sunday, May 1st, we will have an Antique Fire Apparatus and E.M.S equipment Muster, also a Firematic Flea Market.

We believe that this will be one of this year's finest schools presented, with many exciting

subjects to choose from. There will be many classroom subjects with excellent instructors from all over the United States teaching them. The field evolutions tentatively will be LPG, Rescue and others. We are still working very hard on this school to make it the very best yet, so please mark your calendar and plan to attend. There will be more information mailed to your local Fire department as we get them to keep you posted. Hope to see you there.

## Five receive Master status in Cicero

Five Cicero firefighters have received their Master status. After completing 51 hours of classroom and practical skills the following firefighters received their Master in Tactics: Captain David Morris; Lieutenant Tim Gellinger; Fireman Bruce Scherer; Fireman Bob Hendricks; and Fireman Paul Baird. Job well done!

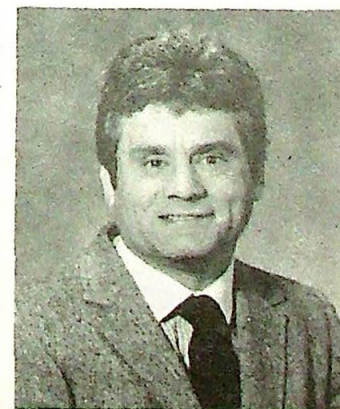
At their December meeting the Cicero Fire Department elected for 1988 - Assistant Chief David Morris, President Jerry Liston, Vice-President Russell Bowman, and Treasurer Bill Harvey. Also elected to the department's five man board of directors were Bill Maticka, Dave Christenson, and Bruce Scherer.

The Cicero Fire Department provides fire protection to the citizens of Cicero and mutual aid to neighboring departments when requested. They operate eight pieces of equipment which includes an ambulance furnished by Riverview Hospital as a back up to their medics.

The department currently has

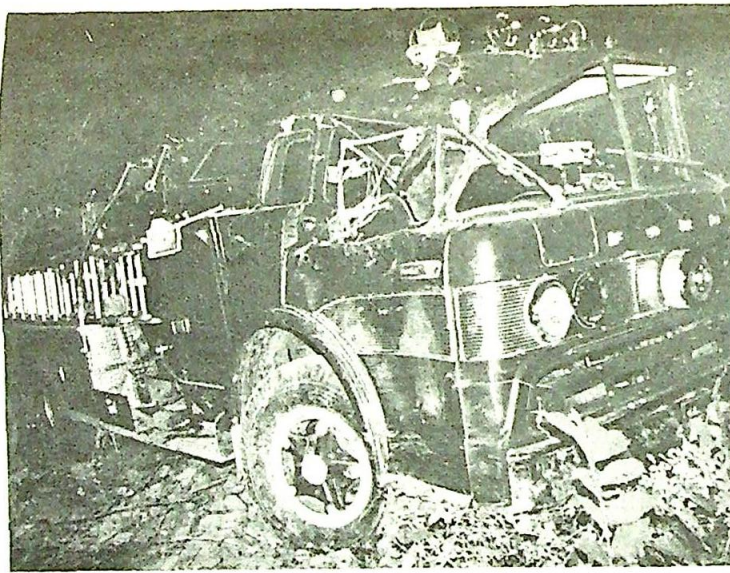
23 members, 12 of whom are certified emergency medical technicians, with 4 of those being women.

Chief of the department is Bill Scherer and EMT Coordinator is Bruce Scherer.

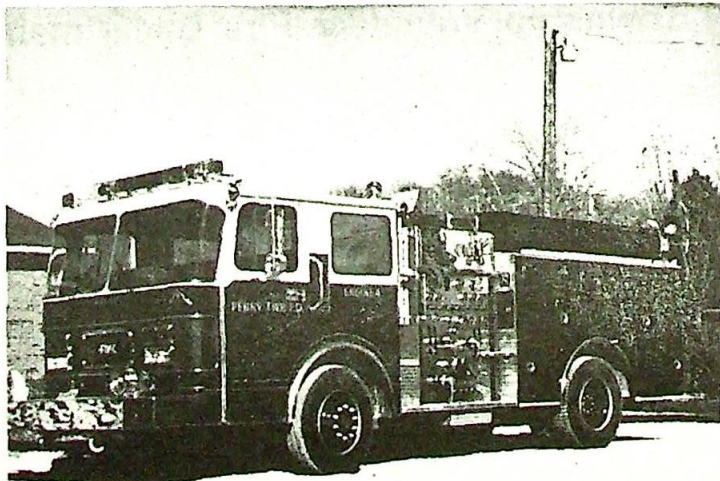


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Perry Township's 1970 C850 Ford 750 GPM John Bean pumper shows the effects of the accident attributed to brake failure caused by acts of vandalism in October.



New Engine 4 purchased to replace the 17 year old pumper that was destroyed in an accident in August. This new pumper features a 1500 gallon per minute pump, 1000 gallon water tank, seating for 6 fire fighters. Cost \$147,000.

### Teddy Ruxpin joins LOFS department

Some months ago, Dave Wilson of the Lakes of the Four Seasons Fire Force mentioned a new method of teaching small children about fire prevention. A Teddy Ruxpin fire prevention kit was available and it was said to hold the attention, teach and amuse pre-schoolers through first and second grades with three tapes - "Welcome to the Fire Station", "Cool It" and "Get Down and Roll". The last is particularly catchy with Get Down and Roll "Rock" as children practice the

procedure.

Mr. John Curley, Winfield Township Trustee (Porter County), funded the project from interest on the Township's money and the program is being presented in schools throughout the area.

At Right: Lt. Rich Hovanec, of the Fire Prevention Div., Winfield Twp. Trustee John Curley, Lt. Dave Wilson and Capt. Vern Pahl, President of the Fire Department, are seen with a Teddy Ruxpin fire prevention kit for children. Photo by Fred Armenth



Teddy Ruxpin and "friends."

### Jefferson Twp. replaces pumper

The Jefferson Township Fire Department, Upland, recently put a 1987 Ford Pierce Pumper to service in their area.

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Jefferson Township Fire Department's new pumper.

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Your letter should include information such as her name and address, name of Auxiliary or if she is an individual member of the I.V.F.A.A., family, description of her service to auxiliary and/or firemen, any community service,

etc.

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D2 Reed absent.

D3 Sabie was absent, however Bob Bentley stated that they are working on a mobile E.D.I.T.H. house and a lot of help is being received from G.T.E. and United Telephone Companies. He also spoke briefly on the "88" Convention.

D4 Ferro was absent.

D5 Straws reported that he recently got two new departments to join the association and they have elected a new District Secretary.

D6 Mackin said he was traveling trying to collect last years dues and reported on activities in the District.

D7 Sorg commented on the deaths in the District as well as some other activities.

D8A Fleener reported on a new department that had signed up for membership in the association as well as some of the deaths in the area.

D8B Daniels said that as a new chairman he had nothing to report for this meeting but he was expecting good things in the future.

D9A Sutton stated that he had been reelected and he thanked the officers for their attendance at the meetings.

D9B Parish in his report said he has done a lot of traveling and been very busy.

D10 Neal reported that they had several activities going on in the district.

At this time President Swartz introduced Mr. Charles Coffee, Director of the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission. Mr. Coffee gave an update of the last 40 months since the departments have been merged into one. He spoke on what has been accomplished and what is yet to accomplish. He also addressed some of the codes that have yet to be addressed. Questions were raised concerning smoke detectors and sprinklers for one and two family dwellings. Mr. Coffee made some comments on some of the proposed legislation being presented for adoption this year.

D11A Briggs was absent.

D11B Osborn absent.

D12 Johnson absent.

D13A Nullinger has been busy with his new job and things are busy in the district.

D14 Sellmer stated that a lot of meetings and schools are going on in the district and he reported on four deaths in the district.

D15 Seitz spoke briefly on the "89" Convention and reported on events in the area.

D16 Atkins gave his district report which included some deaths.

D17A Engle in his report said that he also had several deaths in his district and he has been busy.

D17B Zeeks stated that some problems have developed in the area but nothing major that could not be resolved with a little communication.

D18 Winger in his report stated that he has been busy collecting dues.

D19 Weigel reported that he has been busy with district activities.

D20 no chairman.

D21 Martin said he has been busy in the district.

#### Committee Reports

**AWARDS** - V.P. Lockhart said that the committee did not meet the Bridgeport Fund. Past President Sunday reported on some minor word changes that have been made in the Scholarship Fund. Awards will be made each year and the recipient may receive the award only one time.

Editor Assistant Howe said the papers are here as well as some pictures from past issues of the paper.

**PUBLIC EDUCATION** - Parker discussed the viewing of the announcements on the T.V. stations.

**RESOLUTIONS** - Davis had no report.

**CONVENTION "88"** - Bentley deferred any comments until the Sunday meeting.

**EMS** - Nevil reported that two bills are being presented this year. One is for the EMS to be included in the present living will statute and the other to include volunteer EMTs the same A & H Insurance that the volunteer fire departments have.

**CONVENTION "87"** - Richardson stated that it was in the black.

**FIRE SCHOOL & TRAINING** - V.P. Lockhart reported that the committee was presenting a new policy for adoption. He explained the changes after which Stofer made a motion to adopt the new policy. The motion was seconded by Winger. Motion carried by a voice vote.

**NEWSPAPER ADS** - Ford reported no problems.

President Swartz stated that due to the hour of the evening the meeting would be recessed until 9 a.m. the next day. Sgt. at Arms Bush prior to the recess presented Board Chairman Winger with a new block and gavel. Meeting recessed at 9:15 p.m.

President Swartz called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Lantz.

President Swartz introduced Don Pattybury, Assistant Chief of the Huntingburg Fire Department, and said that we would continue with the Committee Reports.

**AWARDS** - V.P. Lockhart gave the deadlines for the Ollie Sandburg Award and he stated that the Mid-West Award winners should be gotten to him by January 15, 1988.

**MEMBERSHIP** - Bruns spoke on unpaid members and encouraged all to attempt to get the unpaid departments signed to the association. Secretary Kissell spoke briefly on the print outs.

**SAFETY** - Parish said articles will be published in the paper. He requested help on articles and suggested that N.F.P.A. 14:03 be printed in its entirety.

A short discussion was held on the computer printouts. Past President Sunday made a motion that a complete printout be given at the November meeting. Sellman seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Secretary Kissell questioned the September 30th cutoff date. A discussion followed after which Bruns made a motion that if dues are not paid by September 30th each year, they are no longer able to receive any paper from the Association. Seconded by Engle. Bruns made an addition to the motion that the department and/or member be billed before they are cut off completely. Carried by voice vote.

Stofer spoke on a new pollution policy that can be added to your present policy from TRD, Inc. Additional cost is approximately \$100.00.

He also discussed the medical coverage through workman's Compensation compared to what we are presently covered by law. Stofer discussed several bills that are to be submitted this year in legislation.

President Swartz stated that he was unable to attend the N.V.F.C. meeting in Milwaukee but Stofer did attend for him. He also thanked all for mailing the vouchers early.

**CONVENTION "88"** - They went over the registrations and reservations for the Convention and said they were going to try new things.

President Swartz read a letter from the Farm Bureau Insurance concerning their past award program. They are requesting permission that they be able to present some type of award. A short discussion followed after which President Swartz stated he would answer the letter stating our non-support on the state level. It was the feeling that if they want to do something on a local level it was their option.

#### Old Business

Chaplain Lantz stated that the committee had met concerning the use or purchasing of flags for grave marking. He stated that District 11B would like to undertake this as a district money making project. Therefore he made a motion that the I.V.F.A. not pursue the purchase and distribution of the flags but it be given to District 11B to handle with the permission of the I.V.F.A. Parker seconded and the motion carried by voice vote.

President Swartz introduced Chief Richard Lamb from the Wayne Township Fire Department, Marion County, our representative to the National Volunteer Fire Council.

Chief Lamb gave the report on the last meeting of the Council which he attended. He stated that the Council will be meeting in Indiana in the fall of 1989. He also spoke on the State Hazardous Material Response Team which he is a part of.

President Swartz and Treasurer Stofer spoke on what is going on with the Dale Corporation and their legal problems. A short discussion followed on some alternatives presented by the Dale Corporation on how to alleviate the problem of double billing while representing our association. Winger made a motion that he not be allowed to send a second booklet or brochure at no charge to offset the rate. Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

President Swartz introduced the Mayor of Huntingburg who welcomed all to the city.

It was stated by President Swartz that the next meeting of the association would be held in the Indianapolis area.

Bill Howe made a motion to adjourn seconded by Stofer and carried by voice vote.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Winger. Roll call was taken and he asked for the reading of the minutes. Sellmer made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Parish seconded the motion which carried by voice vote.

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#### Donations improve protection and training for Wheeler

Wheeler (Porter Co.) - Two recent donations are helping to improve fire protection and training for members of the Union Volunteer Fire Department.

In early November, a representative of the Salt Creek Commons Homeowners Association had approached the department with inquiries as to what equipment was needed. With the recent firefighter deaths in training accidents in Michigan still fresh in the mind of the departments, the smoke generator was a natural choice. The elimination of "live fire" training sessions will greatly improve the safety of our firefighters.

On December 4th, a check for \$750.00 was presented to the department enabling us to purchase a Rosco smoke generating machine and fluid for operation.

On January 11th, a grant was received from the General Telephone Company of Indiana in the amount of \$500.00 earmarked toward the purchase of a folding Porta-Tank for our second tanker. This grant enabled the department to use the money saved for other much needed equipment while still acquiring the Porta-Tank.

Without the support and cooperation of organizations such as the Salt Creek Homeowners Association and General Telephone of Indiana, we would not have been able to purchase this much needed equipment. A Thank You is extended to both organizations for their concern with their community and their fire department, by the members of the department.

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The new Christmas decorations stand in the foreground as a reminder of the pride the town has taken in the Maple Street area since the renovation project was completed.

Accolades in abundance went to the volunteer firemen from the eight departments responding. Not only did the firemen have to contend with the fire and smoke, but the extreme cold temperatures, icy conditions and a water shortage.

Several small explosions made fighting the fire even more dangerous for the fire fighters.

French Lick volunteer Kevin Glass was treated for minor injuries when an explosion sent him reeling and sliding on the ice across the street as debris flew from the burning building. Glass returned to work after emergency treatment at the scene by EMTs. The blast was thought to be from an air conditioning unit.

A second fireman, Jim Merritt

of the West Baden department was transferred to Orange County Hospital for injuries sustained when he slipped and fell from the roof of The Peach Tree. Icy conditions were blamed for this accident and Merritt was unable to return to assist. He was released following treatment at the hospital.

Fire Chief Barry Winger said when the call for assistance came in at 10:07, the department responded immediately and were on the scene within minutes. He immediately contacted the Huntingburg department for assistance because of the Tele Squirt truck with a 50 foot ladder they have available. The structure of the old buildings and because they were abutted against one another made the chances of keeping the fire contained very doubtful without proper equipment and manpower. Also called for assistance were the volunteer departments from West Baden, Paoli, Orange County Rural, Southeast Township, Dubois and Celestine.

Winger said their first concern upon arriving was to complete a search for occupants of the apartments, which took approx-

imately 15 to 20 minutes. A four man crew then entered the theatre building with air tanks and hoses in an attempt to contain the fire, but were forced back out by the heat and smoke. They were able to breathe with the air tanks, but couldn't see due to the intense smoke and knew there was fire above and the building could collapse on them.

Four sectors of firemen were established and were coordinated by Winger in order to maintain safety for the firemen as well as control the blaze. Representatives from the gas and electric companies responded quickly to shut down all power to prevent explosions and electrocution.

Frozen fire plugs and water freezing to ice also hampered the firemen. Some of the hydrants in the downtown area were frozen and hose lines had to be repositioned by hand from other hydrants in the vicinity. Approximately 1/4 mile of hoses were run for the Huntingburg department alone, said Winger giving an example.

Water pressure dwindled throughout the ordeal and tankers had to be filled at the water plant in West Baden. "Approximately 800,000 gallons of water were used," said Winger. "We completely drained the big tank on Skyline Drive."

The constant flow of water and tankers running to and from the water plant made icy road conditions a hazard in the near zero temperature. This problem was alleviated by crews from the Indiana Department of Highway who remained on duty to salt and sand the roads to keep them free of ice. Winger praised the department for their assistance.

One major worry of the fire-fighters was the possibility of a wall collapsing and someone being injured. "We dealt with the minor explosions, but when one building burnt, there was always the possibility of that building collapsing. Two firemen narrowly escaped injury when a back wall fell," said the fire chief.

Winger explained that his crew was well pleased with the way things went, even though several properties were lost. "It was plain to see that we couldn't save the Springs Theatre, so plans to contain the fire at The Peach Tree and the Haymaker building were set. We succeeded on one side, but the wall of the Haymaker building collapsed onto the roof of J & D Shoe Store, so the "exposure" or place of containment

was moved to the Cut'n Curl building."

Firemen fought the blaze until it was finally brought under control at about 2:00 a.m., but not before the theatre, the House of Haymaker, King's Florists, Town & Country Fashions and J & D Shoe Store had been gutted.

The report of the state fire marshal lists the cause of the fire as undetermined. Three marshals have been on the scene attempting to determine the origin, but to no avail. Going through the rubble on Friday were Bob Dean and Mike Fowler from northern Indiana, and Carl Woodall of Petersburg, the investigator for this area, was here on Monday.

Damaged and lost equipment was minimal for a fire of this dimension, but replacement and repair can be made through funding with the Farmers Home Administration, reported Ms. Plaisier.

A plea for a new fire truck was met with enthusiasm at the Monday night meeting. Although the present fire truck has been well maintained, it is 24 years old, and may be classified as an antique at 25 years. Fire department members are seeking funds for a new Tele Squirt (or snorkel) truck, much as the one used by the Huntingburg department at the Maple Street fire.

ORCHIDS TO...

Words of thanks went to many at the meeting for assisting during the night of disaster. Members of the town board, fire department, police department, and local merchants expressed their gratitude to the many unnamed faces who were at the scene helping in various ways.

Several local citizens pitched in to help the merchants clear their stores of merchandise, catered coffee and food to fire-fighters, provided use of trucks and storage buildings to the merchants.

Larry Beatty of the Village Post told the audience that his store was completely stripped to the bare walls within 15 minutes by the many volunteers that he couldn't begin to name.

Besides the individuals donating their vehicles for relocation and storage of merchandise, workers and trucks from Kimball arrived on the scene and assisted.

The police department was applauded for their efforts throughout the night. Officer Clarence Switzer also commended the members of his volunteer

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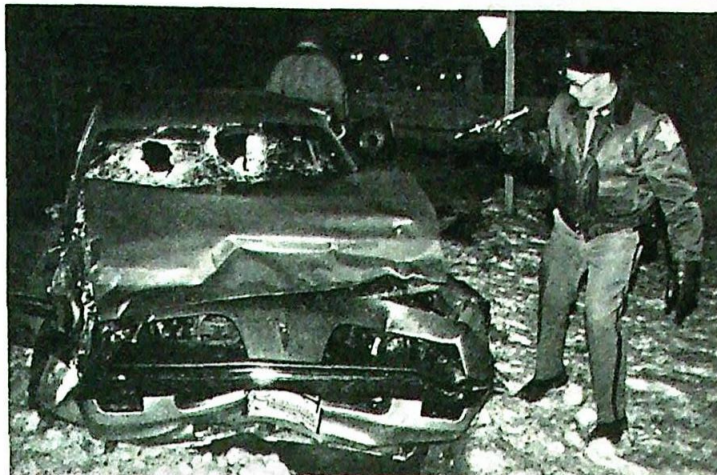


Fire Chief Barry Winger surveys the damage and continues his vigil in the aftermath of Friday's fire.

### District 3 handles early morning accidents



Springfield firemen check over the wreckage of a semi truck that caught fire following a 10-50 PI on I-94 near 20/35. The accident occurred on December 28 at 4:30 a.m. Photos by Bob Wellinski



County Police Reserve Officer Skip Parmley looks over a vehicle in which two people were severely injured on New Years Eve on Highway 35 at CR 250S, Scipio Twp. was called to the scene.

### Fort Branch firefighter honored by governor

The Governor's Meritorious/Distinguished Service Award is presented to George S. Munnier of Ft. Branch for his service, efficiency, initiative, dependability, unselfishness, fire fighting knowledge and for 31 years of dedication to the community and fire service in Indiana.

George S. Munnier has served the Ft. Branch/Union Township community as a Fire Fighter since June 1, 1956. He has held the rank of Lieutenant and Assistant Chief and is certified by the State as a Master Firefighter. George is also an active member of INCERT (The Indiana Council of Emergency Response Teams).

Mr. Munnier and his wife Jo Ann live in Ft. Branch. Munnier has two sons, Glenn of Ft. Branch and Paul Stevens of Evansville. Munnier is self employed with Munnier Electric.

### McDermott appointed to four-year-term

Indianapolis - Chief Paul McDermott of the Beech Grove, IN, Fire Department recently assumed the paid fire department seat on the Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS SOUTHEAST



ROY E. RICHARDSON

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. We enjoyed ours in this area. I attended the 16th District meeting at Elizabeth. Congratulations to the Elizabeth Volunteer Fire Department. They are new members of the I.V.F.A. I attended the Earthquake Disaster Program held at the Sheraton Lakeview in Clarksville, and the 14th District meeting at Clifty 6 in Madison. The 19th District Meeting was

held at Lawrenceburg. The 19th District I.V.F.A.A. Chairman Judy Hildebrand presented the 19th District Miss Flame Lisa Craig from Manchester. The other contestants were: Annette Weber, Sunman, Aimee Howlett, Posey Twp. and Julie Simmer from Morris. The Judges were Sharon Bedel, Lennie Lynd and Deliah Sneed. We appreciate these judges. The 19th District Chairman, Don Weigel had a birthday on the night of the district meeting and was presented with an unusual gift from the district members.



Roy E. Richardson, Public Relations Director Southeast, is pictured above presenting award to Chief Mark Huth, Lafayette Township Volunteer Fire Department, for dedicated service to the department.

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Chairman Winger stated the first item was a new computer contract. The contract cost \$658.00 and it will be good for two years. It is with Computerland in Cincinnati, Ohio. Stofer made a motion to accept the contract, seconded by Parish. Motion carried by voice vote.

Sgt. at Arms Bush spoke briefly on inventory of materials on hand. Treasurer Stofer requested the names and addresses of the new chairman.

- No new business.
- No old business.
- Nothing for the good of the order.

A motion by Neal, seconded by Engle, that the meeting be adjourned after the Benediction by Chaplain Lantz. Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ivan Nevill, Recording Secretary

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censed by the state. That means the fire marshal inspects hospitals, nursing homes, day care centers, more than 8,000 schools, and anyplace where dancing is permitted, among other buildings.

That leaves all other public buildings, including most businesses, subject to inspection by their local fire departments. That would include all your nearby commercial buildings... furniture stores, taverns, drug stores, hardware stores, clothing shops and the like.

In his mailing, Bosell an-

nounces a series of meetings to be held around the state to discuss the new Indiana Association of Fire Inspectors. If you didn't get your mailing describing HELPS, contact Fire Marshal Bosell for a copy.

On another subject... the Indiana Department of Commerce continues to receive inquiries from volunteer fire departments about the challenge grants offered through the Community Development Block Grant program. The CDBGs are administered by the Community Economic Development Division of the Department of Commerce. Mike Shaver, director of the CED, reports that about a half dozen grants have been authorized during the past year to help volunteer departments purchase new equipment or build a fire station. In every case, the department raised an equal amount of money on its own.

Mike or one of his staff members would be happy to discuss this program with you. They can be reached at (317) 232-8917.

Now that we've started 1988, it's time to look forward to a good year of serving our communities. Happy New Year!

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reserve force who spent as much as 15 hours on duty.

Also praised were the EMTs from Orange County Hospital who stood by at the scene throughout the evening, and provided emergency service as needed.

Thanks were also expressed for the assistance of the Indiana State Highway personnel who kept the roadways cleared, not only those at the fire scene but also those who worked behind the scene.

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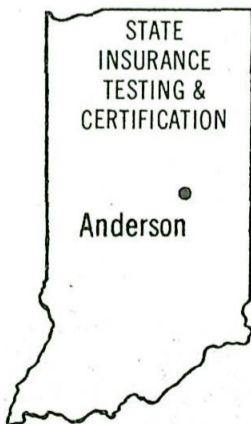


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