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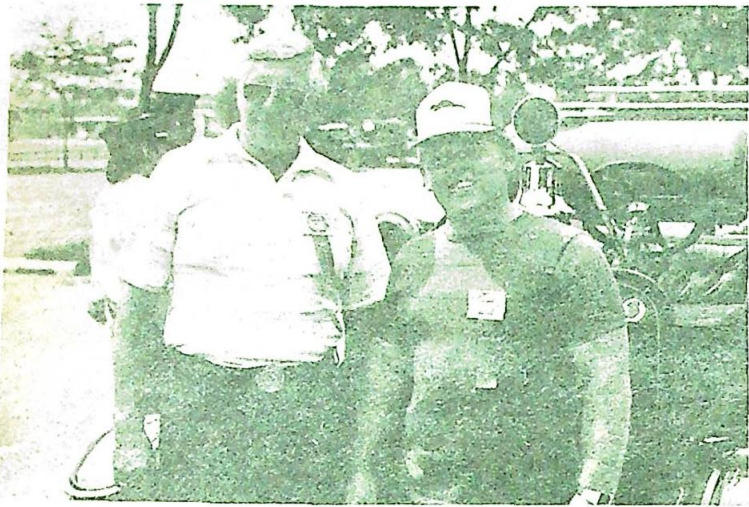
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CONVENTION '86 —



President Sunday and Vice President Swartz are ready to call the Annual Meeting a success by the end of Saturday.



President Nickle Sunday is saying thank you at the end of what has been two very successful years for the I.V.F.A.A. under her guidance.



Past President Bruns is truly enjoying himself at the Officer's Meeting held prior to the convention. He says it's a lot more fun setting in the audience rather than being up on the stage.



Past President Nickle Sunday and newly elected President Loretta Nullner discuss upcoming events.

It "Otter" Be Remembered



Fire Marshal Bosell addressing the convention.



Pictured above is Father Lantz during the beautiful Memorial Service at the Annual Meeting.

| 1986-1987 | |
|------------|-------------------|
| D U E S | |
| Active | \$7 ⁵⁰ |
| Inactive | \$6 ⁵⁰ |
| Industrial | \$7 ⁵⁰ |
| Associate | \$9 ⁵⁰ |

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IVFA Adds Benefits For Members

Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association is introducing additional benefits for families of fire fighters, who are members of IVFA. The improved benefits come with membership to the statewide association and are funded through the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department Memorial Trust.

The major benefit is \$3,000 financial aid to beneficiaries of volunteer firemen killed in the line of duty. Eligibility for this program includes continuous membership in IVFA for three years. This benefit will take effect immediately after the state convention this year.

Scholarship Program

The second new benefit will be the award of two \$1,500 scholarships annually to children of members or auxiliary members. The first of these awards will be made at the annual meeting in 1987.

Death Benefit Eligibility

The deceased must be a paid member who is recorded in the office of the secretary of IVFA by July 31 of each year and must have been a paid member for three consecutive years prior to the member's death.

Line Of Duty

The fire fighter must have been killed in the line of emergency duty. Emergency duty will be considered any response when your department calls a fire fighter for emergency service. This does not include training, fire department functions for raising money or

working on public relations in your community. Coverage will begin from the time the alarm is received until leaving the emergency scene.

Beneficiary

The trust will pay \$3,000 to the person named as beneficiary on the IVFA membership form as filed in the office of the IVFA secretary. If the beneficiary is to be changed, it must be done by using an IVFA membership form and marking the beneficiary change.

Reporting Procedures

Death must be reported to an IVFA state officer. The form must be signed by an officer of the IVFA before the claim will be processed. A certificate of death must be attached. Requests for this benefit must be made within 30 days of the death.

Trusteeship

The IVFA will be the trustee of the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department Memorial Trust. The members of this committee will consist of the IVFA president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, three past presidents (including the immediate past president), chairman of the Board of Directors and the chaplain.

(This statement is designed to outline these programs of the Bridgeport VFD Memorial Trust, but should not be considered the final provisions of these programs or others which may be established by the Trustees.)

Clarksville

"A Little Bit Of Heaven In '87"

June 11, 12, 13, 1987

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**NEWS FROM
THE PREZ**



BILL SUNDAY

You will be receiving your dues notice shortly. Dues will be delinquent after September 30, 1986. Be sure to read the articles about our new death benefit and scholarship fund. There are deadlines to meet and there will be no exceptions. The dues must be paid at the time of death. It just isn't good enough to have your local secretary have your check or

your list and say I just forgot to send it in. We have to be business-like with this program, firefighters. The rules are in this issue of the paper and the scholarship rules will be forthcoming. Please comply with this people because the Association membership will determine your eligibility. Ask your district chairman to explain to you about the benefits. We feel that the Association provides several benefits and we are continually trying to make it better. We have many things to consider this year and hopefully our year will show further progress for your association.

One of the things that I would like to see is a successful training program. We are so very lucky that this has been the best 10 years in fire history as far as training is concerned. We have come a long way and now all we have to do is stay on top of it and make sure that education continues for the new members of our departments. Fellows, don't make the fatal mistake of taking the new men for granted. They don't know what's going on, so you need to tell them. We have great pro-

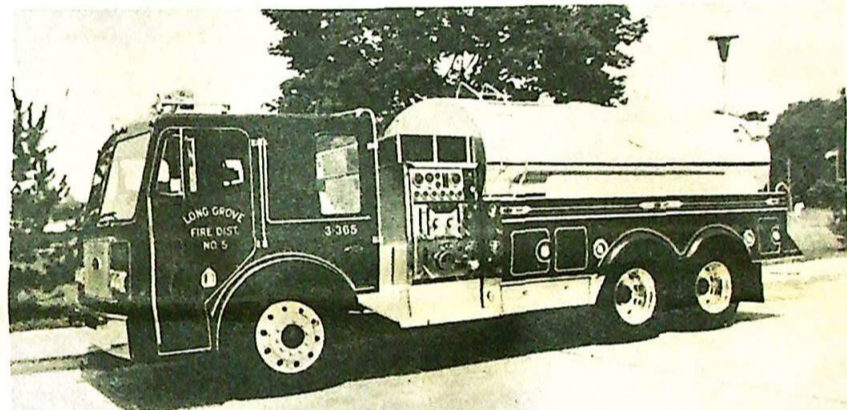
grams started — the 3 State Fire Schools sponsored by the Indiana Instructor's Association, the 26 District Fire Schools sponsored by the IVFA, the Fire Marshal's state-wide Schools and the Indiana Fire Conference sponsored by the Wayne County Firefighters. We have supported all of these schools well in the past and hopefully will in the future. The next one coming up is the Indiana Fire Conference. (See article in this issue.) Please plan to attend.

The Legislative Committee has already put most of its program together. More information will be in the next issue of the paper. If you have suggestions or comments for the committee, please feel free to contact Jack or myself.

I want to thank all the companies who advertised in the Convention Book making it a success. And thanks to the I.V.F.A.A. for their generous donation of \$2,500 to the I.V.F.A. It's hard to tell everyone individually, but thanks gals for all your work and help for the I.V.F.A.

We made the Association stand tall again in 1985-86 with the
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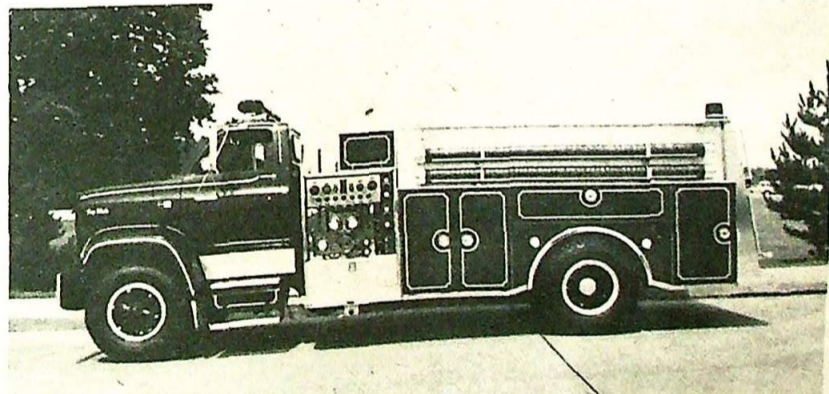
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**FROM YOUR
CHAPLAIN**
Duane Lantz



Romans, Chapter 12, Verses 15-18

Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceable with all men.

Romans, Chapter 14, Verses 17-19

For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men.

Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.



Well, here goes another year. Thanks for letting me serve another year as your Chaplain. Do you Volunteer Firemen realize what you elected for your Chaplain -- a man 70 years old, two artificial knees, my assets are a loving wife who loves the IVFA, has the car to see that I will get to your requests.

The month of July is our peace month. The 4th, the unveiling of a new Statue of Liberty, and more than that honoring the brave men of our Armed Forces.

Our scripture reading speaks of peace. Peace is a soldier going home from war. It is a gate in the Berlin Wall that doesn't need a guard anymore. It is shaking hands with someone you haven't even wanted to speak to for awhile. It is looking in the mirror and accepting who you see there. Peace is not drawing back but reaching out. Peace is not being alone but discovering that we are never alone.

The yard is beautiful with flowers. The garden starting to provide, and God has put a lot of spirit in the weeds!!!

Reaching Out

Reach out to Him, the time for love is now.
Nobody knows you better than He does.
He always understands, no matter what.
He's ready to forgive whatever was.
Reach out to Him, nor ever be afraid,
Walk slowly 'lest you miss Him in your haste.
Make Him a part of everything you do,
For life was never given you to waste.
Reach out to Him, and never be alone,
Just as the sunlight filters through the trees,
So shines His love throughout the darkest hours,
Sustaining us through moments such as these.
It is in trusting Him above all else,
We come to know what life is all about,
And find a God who takes within His own,
... The hands we are forever reaching out.
By Grace E. Easley

Prayer — O God, thank You for the gift of Peace.
Help me to receive it as a talent to be used,
and not as a treasure to be buried. Amen.

*Go to the church of your choice —
You'll like it!*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
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help from all of you people, the officers of the Association all the way from one end of the state to the other, all the committees, the Fire Marshal's Office, the Past Presidents, Auxiliary members - state and local, and especially my family and the Farmland Volunteer Fire Department. I am so proud of all the volunteers in the state for working so hard to make things better. We are a growing community within ourselves and with a little effort we will continue to grow. I think the Annual Meeting was a great success and would like to thank all the committees

from Terre Haute for making it easy on Nickie and I. You people did an outstanding job and I'm sure your efforts on our 40th Annual Meeting will always be remembered.

In closing my report I want to thank all of you for all the kind things you have said and done. It makes Nickie and I so very proud of all the volunteers and their wives. Please keep the cards and letters coming. If you don't like what the Association is doing — say so. If you don't, it will probably never satisfy you. I hope we are moving forward and I hope you will continue being a part of this successful organization.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S
REPORT**



LAWRENCE SWARTZ

Here we are fellow firefighters, ready to start our new year of 1986-1987.

The convention was a great success. All of the people from Districts 11A and 11B are to be congratulated. Everything was scheduled for a certain time and place and that was exactly the way it happened.

We were presented with a large amount of displays and many items for you to compare as to quality and prices. If for some reason you missed this year, it would be a good idea to make plans for next year. Again, thank you to everyone that made our 1986 Convention a success.

I also wish to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve you for another year as your Vice President. The past year has been a great experience. I have always commented on how great the people are that are involved in the fire service and the past year has certainly borne that out.

Keep the cards and letters coming and I will attend as many functions as I possibly can. If you have any problems that you cannot get the answers for, call the President or myself and we will do our best. Remember, it is your organization and we are here to serve you.

As this time rolls around, each and every year, it is again time to pay your membership dues. The notices are a little late this year, but shall be forthcoming soon. Dues are still only \$7.50 for an active member, \$6.50 inactive, \$7.50 industrial and \$9.50 for an associate member. These are really small amounts for some of the benefits derived. The association uses these monies to reimburse members for loss of personal clothing, loss and use of eye glasses, glasses and hearing aids, services of the association Chaplain, remembrance Bibles or flowers and a grave marker. The association also lobbies in the legislature to enact laws that protect the individual firefighter as well as the governmental entities they serve. We also financially support public education for fire prevention (this year to be done on radio and television). The association also has a public education trailer and an EDITH house that are for use by the individual departments and their members to help promote fire safety and prevention.

These are just a few of the items your dues monies are used for. So help us out and send in your membership dues and check your neighboring departments for membership also. We are strong now and want to stay that way.

Also remember there is now a new financial aid trust fund for

the dependents of those firefighters killed in the line of duty. Read the requirements carefully. To qualify for this you must have your dues paid by July 31 each and every year.

Our training assistance fund of \$200 per district for schooling is still available. So don't hesitate to call about it and use the association.

The officers will soon be meeting and setting our goals and activities for the coming year. Give your input to the district chairman or any of the elected officers for consideration. We will certainly keep you abreast of our activities.

1986 Farm Bureau Award

The winner of the Farm Bureau Award for excellence this year was the Cicero Fire Department from District 20. The first runner-up was the Pershing

Township Fire Department from Freetown in District 14. The second runner-up was North Judson Wayne Township Volunteer Fire Department from District 3.

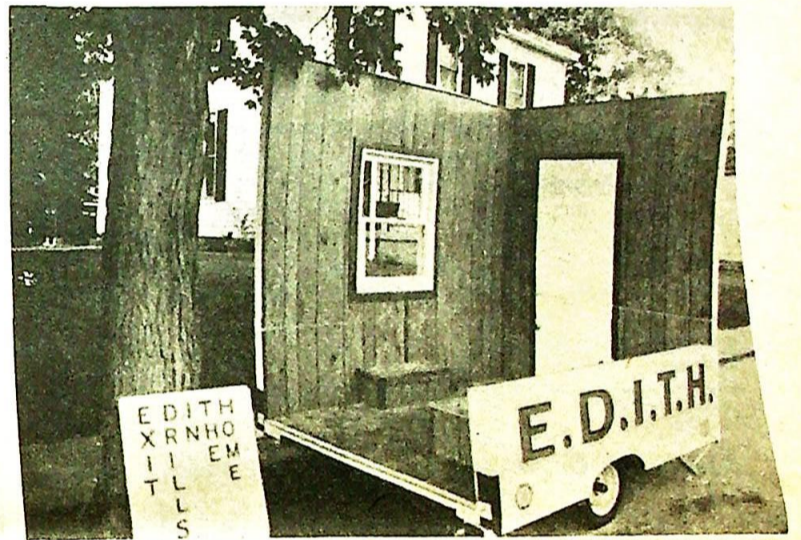
The winner received a \$300 check for the department, arm patches for all the department members and a traveling plaque for displaying in their station.

There were four entrants for the award. However, two were from the same district and one was eliminated at the district level from final judging.

We do wish to recognize the Underwood Volunteer Fire Department for their entry in the district judging.

The committee wishes to congratulate all the entrants. We also wish to thank Farm Bureau Insurance for making this award possible.

E.D.I.T.H. TRAILER



Pictured above is the E.D.I.T.H. trailer which is available for use in Public Education Programs by member fire departments. President Sunday and his Farmland firemen designed and built the trailer. Telephones and certificates are with the trailer. To book the trailer call Bill Windsor, P.R.E.C. (317) 345-5283.

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Our own Honorable Don (Mac) McCullough
And of course everyone's favorite Howard Boyd.
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%Wayne County Firemen, Inc.
Box 186
Economy, Indiana 47339

Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc.
718 South Ingomar Street
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AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED MAY 31, 1986

Robert O. Stewart
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT
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6/05/86

Board Of Directors
Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc.
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To The Board Of Directors:

We have examined the Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balance (Cash Basis) of The Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc., a non-profit organization, as of May 31, 1986, and the related Statements of Revenue and Disbursements (Cash Basis) and Statement of Changes in Financial Position (Cash Basis) for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with GAAS and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

As described in Note 1, the organization's policy is to prepare its Financial Statements on the basis of Cash Receipts and Disbursements. Consequently, certain Revenue and the related Assets are recognized when received rather than when the obligation is incurred. Accordingly the accompanying Financial Statements are not intended to present financial position and results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the Financial Statements referred to above present fairly the Assets and Liabilities of The Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc., a non-profit organization at May 31, 1986 and its Revenue and Expenditures and the Changes in Financial Position for the year then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1, which has been in a manner consistent with that of the preceding year.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert O. Stewart, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

I.V.F.A., Inc.
Statement Of Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balance
As Of May 31, 1986

| ASSETS | |
|--|----------------------|
| CURRENT ASSETS | |
| Cash In Bank - Checking | \$ 42,767.80 |
| Cash In Bank - Cert. Of Deposit | 60,000.00 |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | \$ 102,767.80 |
| NON-CURRENT ASSETS | |
| Furniture and Fixtures | \$ 9,813.21 |
| Equipment | 9,016.43 |
| TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS | \$ 18,829.64 |
| OTHER ASSETS | |
| Total Other Assets | \$.00 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 121,597.44 |
| LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | |
| Total Current Liabilities | \$.00 |
| NON CURRENT LIABILITIES | |
| Total Non Current Liabilities | \$.00 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | \$.00 |
| FUND BALANCE | |
| Fund Balance June 1, 1985 | \$ 96,072.03 |
| Revenues In Excess Expenditure (Expense In Excess Of Revenue) | 25,525.41 |
| TOTAL FUND BALANCE | \$ 121,597.44 |
| Total Liabilities/Fund Balance | \$ 121,597.44 |

I.V.F.A., Inc.
Statement Of Revenues and Expenditures
For The Year Ended May 31, 1986

| | YEAR-TO-DATE AMOUNT | Y-T-D RATIO |
|--|------------------------|----------------|
| REVENUE: | | |
| Dues | \$ 114,785.45 | 63.61 |
| Interest | 6,835.19 | 3.79 |
| Insurance | 29,709.00 | 16.46 |
| Program Book | 19,366.72 | 10.73 |
| Newspapers | 6,176.40 | 3.42 |
| Fire School | 586.40 | .32 |
| Miscellaneous | 3,005.36 | 1.67 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$ 180,464.52 | 100.00 |
| EXPENDITURES: | | |
| Ad Taker Commission - Prog. Book | \$ 562.20 | .31 |
| Ad Taker Expense - Paper | 2,183.40 | 1.21 |
| Advertising | 2,000.00 | 1.11 |
| Bad Debts | 360.00 | .20 |
| Bank Service Charge | 49.57 | .03 |
| Clothing | 2,125.79 | 1.18 |
| Computer Charges | 7,361.27 | 4.08 |
| Convention Expense | 5,148.29 | 2.85 |
| Copies Expense | 560.00 | .31 |
| Delegates Expense | 3,409.96 | 1.89 |
| District Expense | 4,888.37 | 2.71 |
| District Secretary | 375.00 | .21 |
| Fire School | 4,940.21 | 2.74 |
| Funeral Fund | 5,179.55 | 2.87 |
| Insurance | 3,025.00 | 1.68 |
| Legal & Accounting | 4,755.94 | 2.64 |
| Legislative Expense | 8,737.74 | 4.84 |
| Miscellaneous Expense | 4,799.98 | 2.66 |
| Officer Allowance | 7,200.00 | 3.99 |
| Officer Expense | 16,382.44 | 9.08 |
| Officer Meeting Expense | 16,339.86 | 9.05 |
| Other Committee Expense | 3,254.08 | 1.80 |
| Paper & Postage | 27,954.52 | 15.49 |
| Petty Cash | 3,000.00 | 1.66 |
| Printing | 7,381.34 | 4.09 |
| Program Book | 5,964.00 | 3.30 |
| Public Education | 4,871.01 | 2.70 |
| Public Relations | 2,129.59 | 1.18 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$ 154,939.11 | 85.86 |
| REVENUES IN EXCESS EXPENDITURES | \$ 25,525.41 | 14.14 |
| (Expense In Excess Of Revenue) | | |

I.V.F.A., Inc.
Statement Of Changes In Financial Position
For The Year Ended May 31, 1986

| | |
|---|-----------------------|
| Financial Resources Were Provided By: | |
| Operations | |
| Revenues In Excess Expenditure | \$ 25,525.41 |
| Add: Expense Not Requiring The Use Of Working Capital | |
| Working Capital Provided By Operations | \$ 25,525.41 |
| Other Resources | |
| Total Resources Provided | \$.00 |
| Financial Resources Used For: | |
| Furniture And Fixtures | \$ (500.00) |
| Equipment | (9,016.43) |
| Total Resources Used | \$ (9,516.43) |
| Net Increase (Decrease) Of Working Capital | \$ 16,008.98 |

I.V.F.A., Inc.
Changes In Components of Working Capital
For The Year Ended May 31, 1986

| | YEAR-TO-DATE |
|---|---------------------|
| Current Assets Increase (Decrease) | |
| Cash In Bank - Checking | \$ 16,008.98 |
| Assets Increase (Decrease) | \$ 16,008.98 |
| Current Liabilities (Increase) Decrease | |
| Liabilities (Increase) Decrease | \$.00 |
| Net Increase (Decrease) of Working Capital | \$ 16,008.98 |

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PUBLIC RELATIONS
WEST CENTRAL



L. J. (TODDY) MICHL

Hi Everyone,

Another annual meeting or convention is over. Our friends here in 11A and 11B districts worked hard together to try and give everyone a good time and still get our job done right. Hope everyone, who attended, had a wonderful time.

It's time to get your dues in again. This year let's try to get those departments, who dropped out, to join again and pick up a few new departments on the side. We can still get that 17,000 membership we are trying for.

Doug Bechtel is on the computer now and is trying to get the mistakes corrected. If you know of anyone not getting the paper, who is a member, have him fill out a computer report and send it in to Doug. If the person still does not get the paper, let your district chairman or P.R. man know and they will get in touch with Doug to see why the name isn't in the computer. Doug will need help from everyone to get things corrected.

Don't forget your fire schools. The State Fire Marshal has several going on around the state and your fire chief should have dates and places.

Thanks for letting me be your P.R. man for another year. I'll try to make all the district meetings, if possible. If you go on vacation, have a safe one. See you at your next meeting.

State Legislators
Aid In Fund Raiser

The Poe Volunteer Firemen's Auxiliary completed another successful year of making peanut brittle. The Auxiliary made a total of 8,771 lbs. of peanut brittle — yes, that's over 4 1/2 tons.

We invited local State Representatives Phyllis Pond, Barbara Engle and Thomas Wyss to join us for a Sunday candy-making session. Also helping were George Pond and Thomas Wyss' daughter and niece. They were very quick to respond to our invitation. They also expressed a sincere interest in what we were doing and how they as legislators could help us. They asked how legislation would affect our department and our members.

We would like to thank Jack and Ruth Ford for joining us and helping to welcome the Representatives to Poe.

We followed this successful meeting — one in which we made over 600 lbs. of candy — with a potluck supper.

So if you are doing something in your area that may be of interest to your local representatives, invite them!

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I.V.F.A., Inc.
Statement Of Cash Flow
For The Year Ended May 31, 1986

| | YEAR-TO-DATE |
|---|---------------|
| Cash At Beginning Of Period | \$ 86,758.82 |
| Cash Was Provided By: | |
| Revenues In Excess Expenditure | \$ 25,525.41 |
| Add Expenses Not Requiring Outlay Of Cash | |
| Total Cash Provided | \$ 25,525.41 |
| Other Sources (Uses) Of Cash | |
| Furniture and Fixtures | \$(500.00) |
| Equipment | (9,016.43) |
| Total Cash Provided | \$(9,516.43) |
| Cash As Of End Of Period | \$ 102,767.80 |

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
 For The Year Ended May 31, 1986

NOTE 1:
 Books Of Record are maintained on a Modified Cash Basis usual to this type of operation. There is no unusual treatment of items contained in the records. The accounting theory of recording the transactions are consistent with other Volunteer Fire Departments. Assets are presented at historical cost with no allowance for depreciation in accordance with fundamentals of not-for-profit accounting for Volunteer Fire Departments. Revenue and Expenditures are recognized at the time they are paid consistent with the Modified Cash Basis Theory.

NOTE 2:
 The Corporation is a not-for-profit entity and as such is not required to pay Federal and State Taxes; therefore no provision for taxes is required.

NOTE 3:
 The Corporate Bank of Record is American Fletcher National Bank Of Indianapolis, Indiana, for the General Account.

NOTE 4:
 Certificate Of Deposits are held by Indiana National Bank. They consist of two, a \$10,000.00 and \$50,000.00 Certificates, both earning interest at a rate of 7.5% and 9.4% respectively. Interest income earned on the Certificates is deposited into the General Fund on or about the 24th of each month.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

JULY 1986 By Jack Ford

Please note there was a mistake in the April issue in the contents of HB 1276. The correction follows this report.

At a recent meeting of representatives from all fire related services it was decided by all that the following would be placed into the 87 Session hopper.

- 24 Mandatory training for firefighters. This would cover all firefighters and be an in-house project under direction of the Education & Standards Commission.
- Smoke Detectors in each home sold. It has been noted that with the detectors being in each home sold, in a matter of a few years, there would be detectors in most homes.
- Burn incidents to be reported. Follows the same path as bullet wounds. To get a better idea of wood stove accidents, fireworks, etc. They already know what the problem is.
- Enhance and clarify the present fireworks law. Right now it is not quite clear as to exactly who is who and what is what.
- Allow Volunteer Firefighters/EMT's to be excused from work. Similar to the statute for state employees already in place. Permission from employers to leave for emergencies with no reprimands.
- Identity license plate. All firefighters can have Indiana plate with a Maltese Cross emblem designating a firefighter.

Now before you get the "what ifs" and "does that" going full blast, the above are only talking points as of now. It's when these are written up that much more will be included in the wording. IVFA will have as much input as anyone in what the final wording will be — if they fly at all. Yes, your best interests are being watched and looked after since they affect the whole state and everyone involved.

The Legislative Program for IVFA has not as yet been solidified and is now in the process of discussion. There will be many Bills entered that we will not know about until the last minute plus those listed above and what the IVFA wishes. It looks like a real busy Session coming up.

Among the things that we are currently working on involve protection for the Volunteer EMT's who are outside of the fire departments. They should have the same protections as the firefighters in accident & health as well as liabilities. This is very close to being a reality and with some luck there may be an announcement forthcoming in say another month or two.

With a program including all of the above, the IVFA will be making priority judgements, as will the other Fire Service Organizations. It is a pretty full schedule that has been projected. The old saw "We did it before and we will do it again" will work wonders for us because we have done it before and we can do it again. Your input is wanted and greatly appreciated. Yes, and sorely needed. Contact the officers of IVFA or myself. We will keep you informed as you keep us informed. After all, that is the way the whole thing works to be able to reach a fruitful and happy conclusion.

Thanks, again, for all your efforts. We will be calling upon you for help, aid and assistance as we have in the past.

CORRECTION TO HB 1276

AS APPEARED IN APRIL 1986 ISSUE

HOUSE ENROLLED ACT No. 1276

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code Concerning Civil liability.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 34-4-16.5-20 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Sec. 20. For purposes of this chapter, the following shall be treated as political subdivisions:

- (1) A community action agency (as defined in IC 12-1-21-2).
- (2) An individual or corporation rendering public transportation services under a contract with a commuter transportation district created under IC 8-5-15.

However, the treatment provided for under subdivision (2) shall be accorded only in relation to a loss that occurs in the course of rendering public transportation services under contract with a commuter transportation district.

SECTION 2. IC 36-8-12-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.204-1984, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Sec. 8. (a) The policy of insurance required by section 6 of this chapter must provide for the payment of a sum not less than forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to the beneficiary, beneficiaries, or estate of a volunteer firefighter if he dies from an injury or smoke inhalation occurring while in the performance of his duties as a volunteer firefighter or from a cardiac disease event proximately caused within forty-eight (48) hours by or occurring while in the performance of his duties as a volunteer firefighter while in an emergency situation.

(b) The policy of insurance must provide for the payment of a sum not less than forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to the volunteer firefighter if he becomes totally and permanently disabled for a continuous period of not less than two hundred sixty (260) weeks as a result of an injury or smoke inhalation occurring in the performance of his duties as a volunteer firefighter.

(c) The policy of insurance must also provide for indemnification to a member of a volunteer fire company who becomes partially and permanently disabled or impaired as a result of an injury or smoke inhalation occurring in the performance of his duties.

(d) For the purposes of this section, partial and permanent disability or impairment shall be indemnified as a percentage factor of a whole person.

(e) In addition to other insurance provided volunteer firefighters under this chapter, each unit shall purchase be covered by an insurance policy that provides a minimum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) of insurance coverage for the liability of all of its volunteer firefighters for bodily injury or property damage caused by the firefighters acting in the scope of their duties while on the scene of a fire or other emergency. The civil liability of a volunteer firefighter for:

- (1) an act that is within the scope of a volunteer firefighter's duties; or
- (2) the failure to take an act within the scope of a volunteer firefighter's duties;

while performing emergency services at the scene of a fire or other emergency or while traveling in an emergency vehicle from the fire station to the scene of the fire or emergency or from the scene of a fire or emergency back to the fire station is limited to the coverage provided by the insurance policy purchased under this subsection. If insurance as required under this subsection is not in effect to provide liability coverage for a volunteer firefighter, the firefighter is not subject to civil liability for an act or a failure to act as described in this subsection.

SECTION 3. Because an emergency exists, this act takes effect upon passage.

MIDWEST AWARD WINNERS FOR 1986

At Convention, we recognized a winner of the Midwest Award from twenty-four districts. This award is presented to one member from each district who puts forth perhaps just a little more than is required and thus promotes the fire service and his community.

Listed below are the recipients and their Districts.

| | | |
|--------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| District 1 | Cornelius C. VanderVaart | Munster Fire Dept. |
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| District 3 | Glen Van Demon | Knox - Center |
| District 4 | John Avery | Penn North |
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| District 8A | Tom Murr | Richland Twp. |
| District 8B | John H. Crosbie | Pennville |
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| District 12 | Rosie Johnson | Wayne Twp. #9 |
| District 13A | Rusty Johnson | Knightstown |
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| District 17B | Donald Sanders | Bedford Fire Dept. |
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| District 19 | Dan Smith, Jr. | Sunman Rural |
| District 20 | Charles Jones | Zionsville Fire Dept. |
| District 21 | Richard Lofland | Stockwell |

We wish to thank Midwest Fire & Safety of Indianapolis for making these awards possible and their fine support of the Association.

Firefighters Study Investigation

Taken From THE TIMES
 By Melanie Csepiga

LOWELL — Firefighters from a three-county area completed a fire and arson investigation course here last October.

The four-week course held on consecutive weekends, was sponsored by the Indiana Fire Marshal's Office.

Timothy Reed, a Lowell firefighter and district chairman of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association, said the Lowell Volunteer Fire Department hosted the series, in a large part, because of the department's large facility.

John Walker, an arson investigator with Barker & Herbert Laboratories, Inc. New Haven, IN, conducted the course.

The firefighters had a chance to learn both in a classroom setting and with hands-on techniques.

Part of the course included a barn burning. The students then studied the timbers and other remains to determine and learn the natural progression of a fire.

Besides Lowell, the course attracted firefighters from a widespread area. Those departments included: Gary, Munster, New Chicago, Lake Ridge, Lake Eliza, Valparaiso, Lincoln Township, Monticello, Merrillville, Lake Dalecarlia, Lake Township and Liberty Township and Wheatfield.

The 60-hour course was designed to teach the methods of conducting a legal fire investigation, Reed said.

Those firefighters who successfully complete the course will gain master's certification. The master's level is the highest possible certification in Indiana.

Also, as part of National Fire Prevention Week, the Lowell department conducted fire drills in schools, a poster contest, conducted tours at the fire station and hosted a two-hour open house.

Volunteer Firemen Lauded

Taken from The Times, Hammond

ST. JOHN — The St. John Volunteer Fire Department recently presented awards for years of service in the department.

The program marked the first time the department recognized members for length of active participation. In the future, awards will be presented on an annual basis.

For 20 years service, engraved watches were presented to Ralph Keilman who joined the department in 1954; Clarence "Pete" Monix, 1959; Sam DeYoung, 1961; and Dewey Snow, 1966.

Pocket badges were awarded to 11 members who served more than 10 years, but less than 20. They include: John Stabler, Richard Spring and Michael Muenich, who joined in 1967; Jerry Spohn, 1971; Charles Gorney, 1972; James Wozniowski and Robert Sulek, 1974; and Jack Smith, Patrick Thornberry, John Geary and James Guess, 1975.

For 11 members who have served for more than five years, framed certificates were presented.

Those cited include: Kenneth Gembla, Vince Casboni, Mathew Casboni, Dennis Wilson, Randy Harmon, Richard Zaleski, Robert Jacobson, David Credille, Richard Millard, Anthony Casboni and John Hemphill.

North Vernon Fire Dept. Celebrates 100th Anniversary



1886 pumper and firemen.

This year marks the one hundredth anniversary of the North Vernon Volunteer Fire Company #1. The company began organizing before 1886, maybe as early as 1884, but officially began business with their first steam pumper in 1886. Horses to pull the engine were rented from local livery stables and a bounty was paid for the first team to arrive to deliver the apparatus to the scene of the fire. The current North Vernon Volunteers have obtained the bell from that first pumper which was sold to a local foundry after motorized apparatus was purchased.

Currently the North Vernon Co. has 26 volunteers, three paid truck drivers, and operates 9 pieces of apparatus out of two stations. The volunteers provide protection to the City of North

Vernon, Center Township, and parts of Sand Creek Township in Jennings County.

Celebration of the 100th anniversary is planned for August. A plaque listing the names of the 204 men who have served the city and its surrounding townships is on display at station #1. An August Open House and Reception is planned for all retired and former firefighters of the company, where scrap books, pictures and other memorabilia of the company will be displayed. On Saturday, August 16th there will be a parade of antique and current fire apparatus followed by an open house for the public and all firefighters who wish to attend.

Anyone wishing to enter a parade vehicle should contact Tom Rice, North Vernon Fire Dept.,

101 Madison Avenue, North Vernon, IN 47265 or call (812) 346-5748. The Final event of the 100-year celebration will be the 29th Annual Fireman's Ball to be held October 4th at the North Vernon Armory. A very special dance is being planned for this year.

3rd Annual Turkey Shoot Sweepstakes

New York, NY — Field & Stream is teaming up with the National Volunteer Fire Council in the 3rd annual Turkey Shoot Sweepstakes to help raise money for volunteer fire departments across the U.S. The announcement was made by Mike Edison, Sales Development Manager of Field & Stream.

According to Edison, this pro-

motion is unique because it offers the local fire company a complete fund-raising program conceived and paid for by Field & Stream and the corporate sponsors it recruits. There is no cost or obligation to the fire company.

Last year's sweepstakes helped nearly 3,000 fire departments raise an estimated \$3,000,000.00 in much needed funds. AT&T donated their ECS unit (Emergency Call System automatic smoke detector) to all 3,000 fire departments who participated in the 1985 Turkey Shoot Sweepstakes. The ECS unit is worth between \$350-\$500 and fire departments were free to keep the unit or raffle it off for their benefit.

The continued growth of the Turkey Shoot Sweepstakes program is a testimony to its success. Since its inception, the number of

participating fire departments has increased each year. In 1984, 1,500 fire departments participated; during its second year, 1985, the number doubled to 3,000, and this year Field & Stream expects over 4,000 fire departments to take part in the 1986 Turkey Shoot Sweepstakes program.

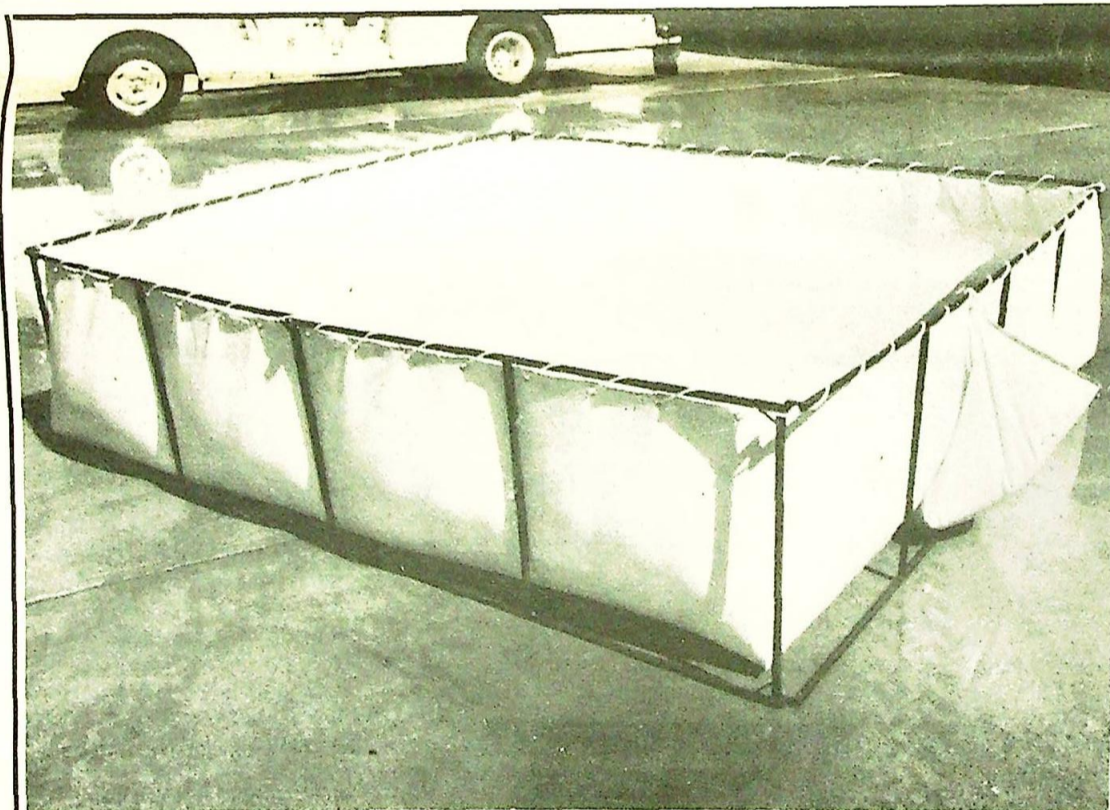
Several corporate sponsors have already signed up for the 1986 Turkey Shoot Sweepstakes. The sponsors include Du Pont, manufacturers of "Thermolite", "Thermoloft" and "Nomex", Independent Insurance Agents of America, DeKuyper, and Berkley, manufacturer of Trilene Fishing Line.

As last year, every winner in a turkey shoot put on by a participating fire company will be entered in a Sweepstakes funded by Field & Stream. The sweepstakes drawing will be held in January. Prizes offered in the Turkey Shoot Sweepstakes have yet to be announced.

A special advertising section will appear in the November 1986 issue of Field & Stream to announce the sweepstakes.

To promote the turkey shoots at the local level Field & Stream will send every participating fire department a free kit which includes instructions on setting up and running a turkey shoot and sweepstakes, posters announcing the time and place of the local Turkey Shoots, ad mats for local newspapers, publicity materials, sweepstakes entry forms, free raffle items, and more.

For more information, please contact: Mike Edison, Field & Stream, 1515 Broadway, New York, NY 10036, (212) 719-6689.



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Darlington volunteer wins battle for his life

Taken From The LAFAYETTE JOURNAL & COURIER
By Phil Fernandez

DARLINGTON — Jeff Ryker has always been a winner. He was voted best athlete and prom king by his 1978 North Montgomery class. But last spring he knew he had chalked up his biggest victory — survival.

Jeff, 25, walked out of an Indianapolis hospital well on his way to a full recovery from critical injuries suffered while helping to fight a fire 2 months previously.

He was not supposed to have lived.

"I'm home to stay," he said. "I was lucky. It feels like getting a get-out-of-jail-free card from that game."

The Darlington native had been given a 1% chance to live after a wall of bricks and beams collapsed on him while he helped battle flames for the Darlington Vol. Fire Dept.

were still bothering him: "I had a lot of healing to do," Jeff said.

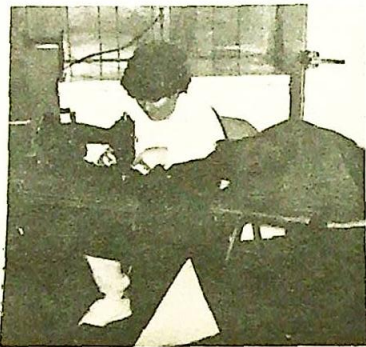
But doctors had told him he would continue to recover quickly because of how far he already had gone in rehabilitation. The accident will leave little or no effect on Jeff.

Linda said: "I think God was looking after him. Restaurants in Crawfordsville were having a moment of silence. The whole community really helped us through the whole ordeal."

He plans to return to work soon at the electrical business he and his father have and wants to be conditioned before he does: "I'm getting soft. I'm out of shape. It's got me lazy. Just going to have to take day by day."

One thing Jeff won't ever do again is fire fires — unless others need the help: "There ain't no way they're going to do it again to me. I'll go out if they need help. But no, I'm not gonna be a firefighter."

Trish Volunteered



Pictured above is Trish Bunner, a Farmland Auxillary member. She "volunteered" to sew knee pads into 20 pairs of bunker pants. Thanks, Trish!

They took him to Culver Union Hospital, but an ice storm prevented the Life Line helicopter from getting to Crawfordsville to take him to Indianapolis Methodist Hospital. He had suffered a collapsed lung and smoke inhalation along with burns and injuries all over his body. An ambulance sped him to Indianapolis.

He doesn't remember any part of the fire or even getting the call and driving there. In fact, anything that happened for days before that is cloudy to him.

But he knows that his family, as he puts, "went through hell."

His wife, Linda, 25, whom he married four years ago, said: "It went on for so long. The hard part was no one knew what was going to happen."

"A doctor told me Jeff wasn't going to be worth anything and that he'd be in a nursing home."

It was that remark that convinced her she would do all she could to return Jeff to winning form: "I was so furious. I said to myself 'We're going to start working. We're going to show this guy.'"

He was in a coma for nearly a month and as Linda explains: "It's not like TV. It's really weird. He'd open his eyes one day and then close them the next. He couldn't talk. He could just wave. It was so gradual."

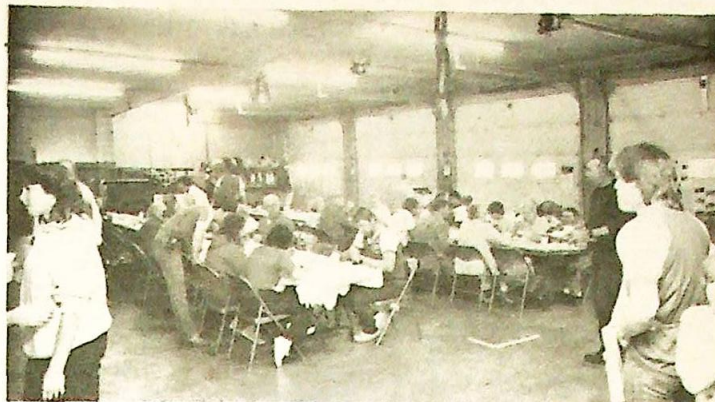
She said there were days when he acted like he didn't know her. But she remained at his side at Methodist day and night. Jeff's mother, Patty, did all she could, too. Because Jeff's father, Max, had surgery in Indianapolis just days before the fire, Patty split time between the two.

While Max was recuperating from the successful operation, rehabilitation continued for Jeff. Linda had Jeff write and give signals to communicate. She worked with him on walking and using his hands.

And he appeared to be getting better, but still no one knew what would happen. In fact, when he was transferred to Indianapolis Community Hospital for rehabilitation, no one still knew what his fate would be.

At the time he was still learning to walk again, his jaws were wired shut and burns and infections

FARMLAND'S FISH FRY



Farmland Fire Department sponsored their Annual Fish Fry in April. Proceeds will be used for the restoration of Farmland's 1922 Model "T" Fire Truck.

MARCH TORNADO



The March tornado, which caused much damage in Farmland's neighboring community of Lynn, brought out many area departments. Farmland's rescue truck was in use several nights. Pictured above — 2,000 watts of light powered by a 3,000 watt generator.

FARMLAND'S PRACTICE BURN



Farmland Fire Department's most recent practice burn brought a lot of attention and even the use of the city's back hoe!

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Thank You

To My Many Friends:
I wish to thank all my many friends in the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association and Auxiliary for the book from the "1986 I.V.F.A. Convention". It was thoughtful of whomever thought of the idea and the poem written in the front of the book followed with so many familiar names.

I know it must have been a job for someone to do that and it sure was appreciated by me.

My presence was not at convention but my thoughts were sure with you many times that week.

Love Ya All and Thanks,
Thelma Lester

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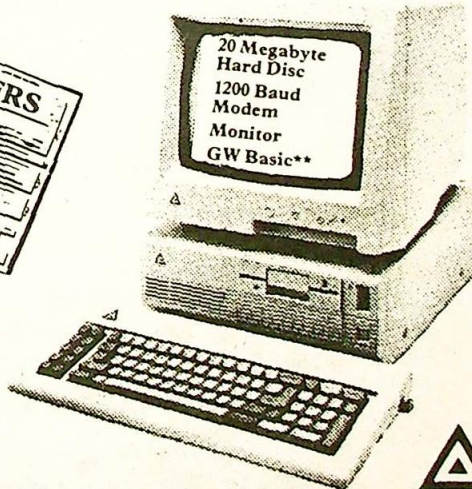
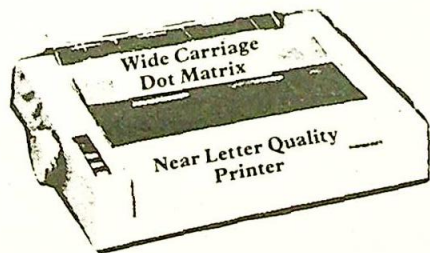
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COMMITTEES FOR 1985-86

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Doe Doll | Historian | Lois Boaz | Auditing |
| Loretta Nulliner, Ch | Thelma Lester, Ch. | Eula Bush | Barbara Parker, Ch. |
| Debbie Nulliner | Mary Brooks | R#1, Box 26 | Nancy Neal |
| Pat Wisniewski | | Dana IN 47847 | Sue Biggs |
| Beverly Trester | | | |
| Installation | Games | Miss Flame | Miss Flame 1985 |
| Ruth Fairfield | Barbara Surber, Ch. | Lucy Stofer, Ch. | Sandy Weber |
| Mary Boyd | Ruth Sanders | Miriam Schaeckel | R#2, Box 10 |
| Catherine Mason | Betty Nickens | Mary Kissell | Sunman, IN 47041 |
| | Virginia Wilson D-7 | Alice Price | (812) 623-3616 |
| Governor's Award | Parliamentarian | | |
| Lucy Stofer | Ruth Ford | | |
| Bylaws | Financial Study | | |
| Vica McGill, Ch. | Barbara Parker, Ch. | | |
| Marilyn Kessler | Betsy Howe | | |
| Eula Bush | Ruth Ford | | |
| Faye Salee | Nickie Sunday | | |
| President's Advisory | Jewelry | Nominating | |
| Mary Stafford, Ch. | Casey Bechtel | Janet Goodwin, Ch. | |
| Barbara Surber | Virginia Wilson D-13 | Joyce Nevil | |
| Barbara Parker | Vi Cambron | Verta Engle | |
| Carolyn McCarty | Phyllis Vargo | Bonnie Crocker | |
| | Nancy Richardson | Vi Bruns | |

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1985 - 1986

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD JUNE 1, 1985 \$ 5,301.52

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| Income: | Dues 1984-1985 | \$ 166.00 |
| | Dues 1985-1986 | 3,952.00 |
| | Dues 1986-1987 | 66.00 |
| | Interest | 311.16 |
| | Jewelry | 944.25 |
| | Raffle | 1,682.00 |
| | Miscellaneous | 366.89 |

Total Income 6/1/85-5/31/86 \$ 7,488.30 \$ 7,488.30
TOTAL \$ 12,789.82

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| Disbursements: | Officers Annual | \$ 360.00 |
| | Mileage | 1,076.05 |
| | Phone & Postage | 323.09 |
| | Over Paid Dues | 24.00 |
| | Jewelry | 576.37 |
| | Raffle | 159.47 |
| | Miscellaneous* | 4,817.08 |

Total Disbursements 6/1/85-5/31/86 \$ 7,336.06 \$ 7,336.06

* Includes last years mens gift, printing of new by-laws booklets.

BALANCE ON HAND June 1, 1986 \$ 5,453.76

Treasurer,
BETSY ANN HOWE

Howard Johnson - Terre Haute

May 4, 1986

President Nickie Sunday called the quarterly meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed all officers and guests in attendance.

The opening prayer was given by our Chaplin Bette Sellmer. Sergeant-at-Arms Miriam Schaeckel led the group in the pledge to the flag.

Roll call was taken by Recording Secretary, Toni Sorg, reporting 23 officers, 5 committee members and 5 guests in attendance. Susan Vandergriff, D-4 Secretary, was Protem Chairman for Jane Ferro.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Barbara Parker made the motion to accept the officers meeting report as read. Seconded by Casey Bechtel. Vote. Passed.

Chaplin Bette gave her report and as of May 4th, we have had 9 deaths for the year so far. Bette has sent 2 get well and 21 sympathy cards since last meeting.

Treasurer Betsy Howe reported:

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| Balance Forward January 31, 1986 | \$ 6,424.30 |
| Income: | |
| Dues | \$ 458.00 |
| Interest | 79.51 |
| Miscellaneous | 75.00 |
| Total Income | 612.51 |

\$ 7,036.81

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| Disbursements: | Officer's Mileage | \$ 132.60 |
| | Phone & Postage | 83.49 |
| | Over Paid Dues | 11.00 |
| | Jewelry | 42.00 |
| | Miscellaneous | 403.98 |
| Total Disbursements | | -673.07 |

BALANCE ON HAND May 2, 1986 \$ 6,363.74

Treasurer's report approved and subject to audit.

Recording Secretary Toni reported on membership for 1985-86: 1,974 members representing 137 auxiliaries and 57 individuals with 4 new auxiliaries. President Nickie passed out the charters for the new auxiliaries. They were Madison, D-14, Marion Twp. Rural D-17, Woodburn D-6, Sugar Creek #2 D-13, St. John, Indian Creek D-17, Lake Dale, and Lapaz D-4. Several reports were given by District Chairmen on organizing the new auxiliaries.

Committee Reports:

Doe Doll - Loretta Nulliner showed the group the doll for 1986 convention and stated that the doll has the '86 convention charm on. Loretta suggested that the convention charm be placed on the doll in the future as a momento. If you have tickets please turn them in to Loretta by convention. We're coming up short on tickets.

Games - Barbara Surber - No entries as of yet. The deadline to send in entries is June 1st - send them to Bob Surber. The trophies are ordered. There are new rules for the cart race. They are set up by the International. The rules will be in the I.V.F.A. paper.

Miss Flame - Lucy Stofer - We have 16 Miss Flame contestants. Lucy asked that the form be sent in by the district chairman instead of the contestant. If there is no black and white picture available when the form is sent in, it can be sent later but the form must be sent in before the deadline. Nickie announced that Lucy is the Governor's Award Committee Chairman. Lucy stated that letters are to be sent in on recipients for the award. There are 5 awards given - one for valor and 4 for outstanding help in the fire service. Lucy will get copies of the requirements for us so that we can send letters for our many deserving firefighters.

Jewelry - Casey Bechtel displayed the new jewelry board. We have two new styles of earrings - fireman with a hose and the maltese cross. Since February we have sold \$114.00 worth of jewelry. The convention special will be selling the chains with the convention charm for \$4.00 or \$4.50. The charm only is \$3.00. The jewelry committee suggested that we get rid of the jewelry that is not selling and sell it for 35% off. Charms will be 50% off. The plastic charm

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I.V.F.A.A. PRESIDENT'S QUARTERLY REPORT LORETTA NULLINER

I'm sitting here trying to collect my thoughts and rest my tired body after another enjoyable convention. The guys and gals from District 11A and 11B did a super job of making us feel welcome and have a good time. A big thanks to all involved.

As you may know by now, 10th District (my home district) is very proud of Deanna Robinson. She was selected as the 1986 State Miss Flame. Jamie Dawson from District 17B was selected as runner up. Congratulations to both girls.

The I.V.F.A.A. "Lucky Doe Doll" drawing was won by Mary Jo Moore of Terre Haute. She won the porcelain doll and \$75. Second place was won by Bob Meyers of Terre Haute. He won \$50 which he donated back to the I.V.F.A.A. -- Thanks, Bob. Third place was won by Donna Bowman of Saginaw, Michigan. She won \$25. When I called Donna, she didn't know she had a ticket in the drawing. A couple of very nice in-laws from Mitchell, Indiana, had donated the ticket in her name. Donna said she would spend some of the money to call them and say thanks. I want to extend my congratulations to Bob Surber for a job well done. Bob has retired as Games Chairman after 17 years. Bill Goodwin was the Mr. I.V.F.A.A. award winner, Jack Ford the President's Award winner and last but not least our own Lois Boaz Award winner Barbara Ketchum Again, congratulations to all. Each of you is well deserving of your individual award.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is I.V.F.A.A. dues paying time again. The \$2.00 per person is due July 1, 1986 and delinquent after September 30, 1986. Send your check and membership list to Nancy Neal, Recording Secretary, 749 Walnut Street, Hope, IN 47246. Let's get them in early to Nancy. In 1985-86 Nickie challenged us to get 3,000 members. We missed her goal by a few. As your president elect for 1986-87, I would like to continue the challenge Nickie started. Let's do it!

Nickie, thanks for guiding the I.V.F.A. Auxiliary for the past 2 years. Your continued help will be greatly appreciated.

If I can be of any assistance to the Auxiliaries or individual members of the I.V.F.A.A., please feel free to write or call me. My address and phone number is in this paper under the Auxiliary Officers.

Lois Boaz Award Winner

The Lois Boaz Award recipient for 1986 is Barbara Joan Ketchum. She, her husband Larry, and two daughters live in Montezuma. Barbara has been involved with fire department activities for 17 years and a member of her local auxiliary for 13. She has been president of her auxiliary for all but one of those years.

The committee this year received numerous letters nominating several ladies for the award. We thank everyone for their input.

Barbara will join Barbara Surber and Loretta Nulliner on the selection committee for 1987. Get your letters to them early for next years nominees.

Again, congratulations to Barbara, her family and her auxiliary.

MAY 4TH MEETING

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fire hats will be made up as key chains and sold for 50¢. There was some discussion on dropping some of our jewelry since it isn't selling and to sell only what seems to be popular. We need to know what the actual cost of the jewelry was so the committee can determine how much of a discount we can give and still make a little profit on the specials. It was stated that jewelry can be ordered from any company, but the die cast of the I.V.F.A.A. is through Hookfast. Vica McGill made the motion to get rid of all the jewelry we have and order only the essential items. Seconded by Barbara Parker. Vote. Passed.

Lois Boaz - Eula Bush - The committee will meet today and they will have a recipient. Stewart Boaz contacted Bette Sellmer regarding there no longer being an auxiliary in Greenville. They have enough money to pay for this year's trophy but would like to know if the state can take over the cost of the trophy. Discussion was held on this matter. Barbara Parker made the motion for the state to take over the cost of the plaque for the Lois Boaz Award. Seconded by Vica McGill. Vote. Passed.

Historian - Thelma Lester has been ill and in the hospital but Nickie reported that she has been working on our book and it is put together.

Auditing - Barbara Parker - Casey's jewelry was audited and it was fine. We will audit the rest of district chairmen's jewelry Thursday morning at convention. The treasurer's books will be audited Wednesday night after supper.

By-Laws - Vica McGill - There has been one by-law submitted and that is the addition to Article IV. The addition to the by-law will read: The termination of any local auxiliary shall not have an effect on any I.V.F.A. Auxiliary member so long as yearly dues are paid. This addition was submitted by District 6. Copies of the by-law were given to all officers in attendance.

President's Advisory - Barbara Surber - The committee has nothing yet on the guidelines.

Financial Study - Barbara Parker - Nothing as of yet.

Nominating - Janet Goodwin - The slate is ready.

Installation - Ruth Fairfield - We will be ready. All we need is the table.

Parliamentarian - Ruth Ford - Nothing to report.

Old Business

Convention charm is ready. Eula reported that everything you need to know about the convention is in the I.V.F.A. paper. If you are not registered at the convention you can not buy a drink badge. You must have your drink badge to get in on all the freebies. The pool and pizza party for the kids will be Friday evening during our banquet at the Ramada Inn in the pool area. This function will be well charpered.

President Nickie stated that the black and white pictures for the convention book were back and that they were really nice. She selected the pictures for the book. So if you don't like your picture, see Nickie.

Deadline for news for I.V.F.A. paper is June 20th. There were a lot of articles and pictures for this issue of the paper so there was not enough room for everything, but they will be in next issue. So keep up the great job of getting news in for our paper.

New Business

President Nickie asked the treasurer to dispense the money for the Koffee Klutch - \$100 to Vica McGill, Miss Flame allowance \$250.00 to Lucy Stofer, Lois Boaz - \$50.00 to Barbara Surber for the jacket.

There will be a convention tour with the officers after the men are finished with their meeting. We will break for lunch at 11:00 a.m.

Nickie's Travels

Nickie reminded all the officers to wear red and white for the parade, Saturday.

Recording Secretary, Toni Sorg, stressed that all officers remind everyone that our dues are \$2.00 per member per year, not \$1.00 as the by-law book states. Please change this in your by-law book. Toni reported on Catherine Mason. She was injured while mowing her lawn.

President Nickie called for district reports from the chairmen. After the reports were given, Barbara Parker made the motion to accept the District reports. Seconded by Vica McGill. Vote Passed.

Next meeting is at our Annual Convention, Thursday, June 12th. The motion was made by Phyllis Vargo to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Debbie Nulliner. Vote. Passed.

The closing prayer was given by Chaplin Bette Sellmer. Respectfully submitted, Nancy Neal, Corresponding Secretary

Announcements

4th weekend in August - 50th Anniversary of the Poe Department.

District Reports

District 1 & 2 - Phyllis Vargo & Pat Wisneiski

Held a meeting on May 1st at the Schererville Dept. with 71 members and 2 guests present, from 12 departments. Guest speaker was Kathy Frances from the State Fire Marshal's office. She talked about "Learn Not To Burn". Election of officers was held and the officers remained the same. Next meeting will be Sept. 4th at the Ainsworth Deep River Department.

District 3 - Marilyn Kessler

Met on March 26th at the Springfield Twp. The district will hold another picnic this year. No date was set. Discussion was held on the convention. Next meeting will be in May.

District 4 - Jane Ferro

Met on March 27th at the Wakarusa F.D. at 8:00 p.m. with 17 members and 2 guests in attendance. Next meeting will be a campout at Eby Pines in Bristol, May 16-18th. The meeting will be Sunday, May 18th.

District 7 - Virginia Wilson

Met on March 17th at Poe F.D. Convention was discussed. A Miss Flame Bake Sale was held and it was a great success. Next meeting at Preble, May 19th at 8:00 p.m.

District 8B - Betty Nickens

Met on March 12th at the Hartford City F.D. with 11 members and 3 children. Doe doll tickets were passed out. Money making projects were discussed. We will sell hat pins. Next meeting will be May 14th at Union City F.D.

District 10 - Debbie Nulliner

Met on February 17th at Marietta with 4 State Officers, 1 Past Pres. and our Miss Flame, DeAnna Robinson, 32 members and 1 guest representing 9 auxiliaries. The Inez Jefferies award will be given in May. Next meeting will be May 19th at the Acton F.D. A Hidden Auction will be held.

District 11A - Sue Biggs

Met at the Stauton F.D. Much discussion was held on the problems of auxiliaries. Next district meeting will be at Coalmont F.D. on May 18th.

District 11B - Maxine Davies, Sec.

Met at the Fairview Park on April 27th with 13 members and 7 guests including our Miss Flame Dawn Mackey. Nominating and auditing committees were appointed and will report in July. Next meeting will be Sunday, July 13th - a carry-in picnic at Sportland Park in Clinton.

District 13 - Virginia Wilson

Met February 20th at the Buck Creek F.D. on March 20th. The women met with the men of 13A for a pitch-in supper at McCordsville F.D. Stacey Nelson was crowned our Miss Flame - Next meeting will be May 15th at 6:30 p.m. with a pitch-in salad supper at McCordsville F.D.

District 14 - Nancy Richardson

Met on March 19th at the Scottsburg F.D. The meeting was attended by 4 auxiliaries and 1 guest. The travel trophy was presented to McCulloch. Next meeting will be at Charlestown, May 21st at 8:00 p.m. fast time.

District 19 - Mary Kissell

Last meeting was at Batesville with 31 ladies and 2 guest departments - Morris and Blooming Grove Auxiliaries. After our business meeting, we all enjoyed the Hidden Auction. Our next meeting will be at Bright at 7:00 p.m. slow and 8:00 p.m. fast. The theme of the meeting will be Hawaiian.

We Will Go On

The friends and families of the Wright Township Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank all of the fire departments for their support and assistance in our time of need.

We would also like to thank the Greene County Rescue Unit, the Greene County Ambulance Service, the State Fire Marshal's Office, and the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association for their assistance.

The loss of life at a fire scene is hard any time it happens, but losing the chief of your fire department is especially hard.

Wilber Anderson was a very special person. He meant the world to all of us. He was always there when we needed help in any way. He was an instructor who taught us every aspect of the fire service from the basics to the most difficult. In time of emergency, he was always calm and always there to direct us. When the fire department was called out, he always responded putting his life on the line to help his neighbor. He received no pay, but even that did not deter him. Wilber had dedicated his life to the fire service and he died at the scene of a fire.

We have all suffered a great loss and we will miss Wilber a lot. We will never forget our chief. To all who have helped us we thank you.

Our department will go on. We will still provide the same quality of fire service because we were well taught by our chief.

Wilber would want us to continue, if any of us quit now then all of his work, dedication, and training would have been in vain. Thanks again to everyone. Sincerely,

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| Are you allowed to choose an amount of coverage equal to the vehicle's replacement cost? | _____ | Yes |
| Does the policy include a "coinsurance clause," requiring the Emergency Service Organization to purchase a minimum amount of insurance and should they fail to do so will be penalized in the settlement of a partial loss? | _____ | No |
| What are the deductibles? | Comprehensive \$ _____ | Collision \$ _____ |
| Is coverage provided for vehicles used as temporary substitutes? | \$ _____ | Yes, on an Actual Cash Value basis, up to a max. of \$35,000 (Higher Limits Are Available) |
| Is coverage included for loss caused by freezing? | _____ | Yes |
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| PROPERTY LIMITS | | |
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Annual Officer's Meeting

June 12, 1986

Terre Haute, Indiana

The Thursday afternoon meeting was called to order by President Nickie Sunday at 2:05 p.m. The opening prayer was given by Chaplain Bette Sellmer. Sergeant-at-Arms Miriam Schaeckel led the group in the pledge to our flag.

Immediate Past President Barbara Parker presented Nickie with a beautiful corsage. President Nickie presented Barbara with her corsage as our convention hostess.

Recording Secretary, Toni Sorg, took roll call with 30 officers and committee members and 7 guests present.

The reading of the previous meeting's minutes were read and approved. Loretta Nulliner made the motion that district reports not be read. Seconded by Barbara Surber. Vote. Passed.

Chaplain Bette reported that she has sent 5 sympathy cards to the men. Letters were sent to all district chairmen on the Bibles so they can be audited. A report was given on Vi Cambron's health. Bette has no Protestant Bibles and 20 Catholic Bibles. Each District Chairman should have only one Protestant and one Catholic Bible. If you have more than one Bible, please turn your extra Bibles in to Bette.

Treasurer Betsy Howe submitted her report:

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|------------------------------|-------------------|-----|----------|
| BALANCE FORWARD May 2, 1986 | | \$ | 6,363.74 |
| Income | Interest | \$ | 26.86 |
| | Jewelry | | 124.00 |
| | Raffle | | 171.00 |
| Total Income | | | 321.86 |
| | | \$ | 6,685.60 |
| Disbursements | Officer's Annual | \$ | 260.00 |
| | Officer's Mileage | | 206.40 |
| | Phone & Postage | | 52.00 |
| | Jewelry | | 4.97 |
| | Raffle | | 159.47 |
| | Miscellaneous* | | 549.00 |
| Total Disbursements | | -\$ | 1,231.84 |
| BALANCE ON HAND June 1, 1986 | | \$ | 5,453.76 |

* Includes Koffee Klutch, Miss Flame Comm. and Bond Ins.

Treasurer's report approved and subject to audit.

Recording Secretary, Toni Sorg, reported on membership for 1985-86, 1,990 members representing 138 auxiliaries, 59 Individuals; 1986-87 44 members representing 4 auxiliaries and 2 Individuals.

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Committee Reports

Doe Doll - Loretta Nulliner reported that sales were way down from last year. We have sold \$925 so far. So we need to sell tickets.

Games - Barbara Surber reported that we have 2 waterball teams and 1 team for the cart race entered in Saturday's games. Poe and Penn South for Waterball and Sugar Creek in the Cart Race. Discussion was held on the rules for Waterball and some of the complaints.

Miss Flame - Miriam Schaeckel reported that 16 beautiful young ladies were judged this morning and the crowning will be Thursday evening. Motorola Communications sponsored the Miss Flame luncheon. We would like to thank them for the nice luncheon they had for the girls.

Jewelry - Casey Bechtel reported that all the jewelry except for the Maltese Cross, fireman with the hose earrings and the convention charm will be on sale for 50% off.

Lois Boaz - Eula Bush announced that the committee has a recipient and the award will be presented tonight at the joint meeting. Eula stated that the jacket cost was \$67.20 and the committee was given only \$50.00 for the jacket. Toni Sorg made the motion to pay Eula the \$17.20 difference for the jacket. Seconded by Pat Wisniewski. Vote. Passed. Stewart Boaz volunteered to get the plaque for us each year so the plaques will all be alike.

Historian - Nickie reported that Thelma was unable to attend the convention but our book is done. Barbara Surber read a poem from Thelma called a "Little Mixed Up".

Auditing - Barbara Parker stated that the committee audited Betsy's books and found them in excellent condition. She is still auditing the jewelry.

By-Laws - Vica McGill reported that everything is coming along fine and they will be ready tomorrow.

President's Advisory - No report.

Financial Study - Barbara Parker stated that our expense for next year and should remain the same except for new by-law books. The committee recommended that we give the men \$2,500 this year.

Nominating - Janet Goodwin - The slate is ready.

Installation - Ruth Fairfield stated that the committee was ready.

Parliamentarian - Ruth Ford - No report.

Catherine Mason made the motion to accept the committee reports. Seconded by Mary Brooks. Vote. Passed.

District 3 Chairman Rob Sabie read us a letter from Erni Jett, Interim Executive Director, inviting the association to Michigan City in 1988 for our convention.

Old Business

Deadline for the I.V.F.A. paper is June 20th.

The opening session of the convention will be tonight at 7:30 in the auditorium, the Koffee Klutch at 7:30 Friday morning and the business meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the cafeteria.

Discussion was held on dues and memberships. You may pay your dues from July 1st through September 30th - \$2.00 per member per year.

New Business

Discussion was held on the men's gift and the motion was made to give the men \$2,500 by Mary Brooks. Seconded by Bette Sellmer. Vote. Passed.

President Nickie reported that some displays were selling exactly the same tie bars as we were. Nickie asked the lady to remove her tie bars from the display and she was very nice about it and removed them. Most of the jewelry on display isn't conflicting with our sales. A discussion was held on this and Nickie will speak to the men and explain how we feel.

All officers, past presidents and district chairmen will sit near the front tonight at the joint meeting.

Officers wear red and white in the parade Saturday.

Line officers, please turn in your bars after election of officers to Nickie.

Miriam Schaeckel made the motion to dispense with the district reports. Seconded by Jane Ferro. Vote. Passed. District chairmen turn your reports into Nancy.

President Nickie stated that the district chairmen are the backbone of our association and our district chairmen keep us going. Nickie wished that the blue bird of happiness will fly over you, and Nickie presented all of us with a lovely glass blue bird.

Barbara Parker made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mary Brooks. Vote. Passed.

Chaplain Bette Sellmer led the group in the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Neal, Corresponding Secretary

Announcements

Third Alarm Benefit for Cooney and Beverly Tucker, July 13th at the Poe Fire Station. Dinner begins at 11:00-2:00 p.m., games 2-4 p.m. and Dance from 4-7 p.m.

Freetown - July 4th Celebration - Games, parade and fireworks - time 10:30 a.m. to 12 Midnight.

Charlestown Vol. Fire Dept. Festival June 27-28th, Parade, Friday at 6 p.m., Saturday, Firemen Games at 11 a.m.

Monroe Twp. Vol. Fire Dept. at Henryville, July 18th-19th, Parade on July 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Wakarusa Fire Dept. - Fish Fry June 27th.

Baugo - Fish Fry June 21st.

Concord Fire Dept. Dance June 28th from 9 to 1:00 p.m.

District Reports

District 3 - Marilyn Kessler

Met May 21st at the Lincoln Twp. The men's district will host the picnic at Lincoln Twp. or at the Stema show in August. The men and women of District 3 gave \$200 to their Miss Flame.

POE'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

It is time again for the Poe Volunteer Fire Department to hold their Annual Festival. It's the 48th Annual, but there is something different this year - it's the Golden Anniversary of the Volunteer Fire Service (50 years!) for us. We have come from a pump in a small house in 1936 to a 6-bay station with 2 pumps, 2 tankers, 1 equipment van and an ambulance. A 50-year book is being prepared. If you would like one, contact a member of the fire department.

Festival activities will include: Dunk Tank, Bingo, Pony Rides, a large variety of games, Kiddie Rides, a Country Store, Food, Beer Tent, Pork & Sauerkraut Dinners, and Barbeque Chicken and Pork Chop Dinners on Saturday only.

Friday, August 22nd

Benefit Auction at 5:30 p.m.

Hot Air Balloon taking off at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 23

Flea Market 9 a.m. until dusk

Parade at 10 a.m.

Pony Pull at 11 a.m.

Sign-in for Waterball at 11 a.m.

Waterball for Men & Women at 12 Noon

Kids Talent Show at 12 Noon

Kids Tractor Pull at 3 p.m.

Hot Air Balloon taking off at 6:30 p.m.

Live Band (Free to all) 9 p.m.

Raffle & free Give Aways for the kids on Saturday.

For information on parade, flea market, show of old fire engines or old fire equipment contact: Tom's Service, 16005 Winchester Rd. Ft. Wayne, Indiana 46819, Phone (219) 639-8133. (See page 11 for Parade Entry Form.)

Please come and help us celebrate!

\$5,000 Donated For Fire Truck

Taken From
The Wabash Valley News

By Mary McConnell

CAYUGA - A \$5,000 donation by Rainbow American Legion Post 263 has given the Eugene Township drive for a new fire truck a good start.

Trustee Elsie Hawn reported the American Legion Auxiliary earlier donated \$1,000. Other major contributors include the Delta Theta Tau sorority, Colonial Brick Corporation, Sowers Dri-as Service, the Vermillion County Fair Association and a number of individual families. The fund now has nearly \$9,000. Cost of a new truck has been estimated at about \$70,000.

Cayuga Fire Chief Tim Wilson said the department has a number of fund-raising events planned, including a fish fry during Pioneer Days. Other contributions accepted include donations from home owners experiencing a fire. "Some grateful people have donated \$100 to the department after we answer their call," he said, "but they are not required to do so. We are a volunteer department and do not charge for fire calls."

The volunteers are presently constructing a 35 foot by 27 foot cement block bay addition to the station.

Persons wishing to help in the drive can make contributions to the fire department through the Citizens State Bank at Cayuga.

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OFFICER'S JUNE 12TH MEETING

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District 4 - Jane Ferro

Met May 18th at Eby Pines with 6 members and 2 guests present. The election of officers will be held in July instead of May. District 4 will present their Miss Flame \$100.00 for expense.

District 6 - Ruth Sanders

Met May 15th at St. Joe Twp., Allen Co. with 9 members from 7 depts. and State President Nickie Sunday. Next meeting will be July 17th at Wayne Twp. #11 at 7:30 p.m. with election of officers.

District 7 - Virginia Wilson

Met May 19th at Preble with 9 members and 2 guests present. A picnic at the Sept. meeting was discussed. August 22 and 23 - Golden Anniversary of Poe Vol. Fire Dept. Next meeting at Roanoke, July 21st 8:00 p.m.

District 8B - Betty Nickens

Met May 14th at the Union City with 3 ladies present. We joined the men to see a film on Hazardous Materials. Next meeting will be at Montpelier, July 9th at 7:30 p.m.

District 10 - Debbie Nulliner

Met at Acton on May 19th. Election of officers will be held at the August meeting. A weiner roast will be held at Hidden Paradise on

Sept. 13th beginning at 4 p.m. The Inez Jefferies award was given to Judy Hurst from Fairland. Next meeting will be Aug. 18th at New Palestine.

District 12 - Mary Brooks

Met May 12th at the Washington Fire Dept. with 12 members representing 4 depts. The motion was made to change the Feb. meeting to March because of bad weather.

District 14 - Nancy Richardson

Met on May 21st at Charlestown with 5 auxiliaries present. The travel trophy was presented to Rykers Ridge. The 1985 convention slides were shown and refreshments were served.

"A Little Mixed Up"

Just a line to say I'm living that I'm not among the dead:
Though I'm getting more forgetful, and more mixed up in the head.

For Sometimes I can't remember when I stand at the foot of the stairs
If I must go up for something or I've just come down from there.

And before my refrigerator, so often, my poor mind is filled with doubt,
Have I just put food away, or have I come to take some out?

And there are times when it is dark out with my night cap on my head,
I don't know if I'm retiring or just getting out of bed!

So, if it's my turn to write you, there's no need in getting sore,
I may think I have written, and don't want to be a bore.

So, remember . . . I do love you, and I wish that you were here,
But now, it's nearly mail time, so, I must say, "Goodbye, Dear".

There I stood before the mail box, with a face so very red,
Instead of mailing you my letter, I had opened it instead!

By: Thelma Lester

MEMBERS RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Taken From AURORA JOURNAL PRESS

Moores Hill-Sparta Township Vol. Fire Dept. members were recognized for outstanding service at a business meeting recently.

Chief Lee Kissell has established an annual award for the member who has been most active in meetings, training, and

department and community projects. The recipient is chosen by the chief.

Kissell provided a wall plaque. The plaque has 30 brass plates, for future chiefs to display their choice for the award.

The 1985 recipient was Charles Batchelor who started as a cadet at the age of 15 in 1982. His mother and father, Clarence and Madelyn Batchelor, have been active in the department since 1972.

"When anything needs to be done or anyone is in trouble, the

Batchelor family is there to help," said Kissell.

Batchelor became a regular member in November 1985 at the age of 18. During the past 3 years, he has taken 100 hours of training, the first step required to become certified by Indiana as a second-class firefighter.

Other members who received the award:

- Clarence Batchelor, 1984. He is assistant chief, and has held every other office since he joined in 1972.

- John Moody, 1983. He also joined as a cadet in 1981. Moody received the second class firefighter ratings, and has served as lieutenant, captain, and training officer.

- Mike Beard, 1982. He joined as a cadet in 1981 and became a regular member that year. He served as maintenance officer.

- Stanley Hill, 1981. Hill, who joined the department in 1976, is certified as a second-class firefighter. He is working toward a first-class rating, and presently is captain.

- Richard Lengerich received the 1980 award. He was treasurer, and served as chief engineer. He moved to Versailles in 1984.

"It can be very difficult to choose one member for the year. There are always several who are willing to do the extra things to improve the department and serve the community better. Anyone who gives his or her time, and risks personal injury to help the community deserves recognition, but there is usually one individual who always does the extra without being asked," said Kissell.

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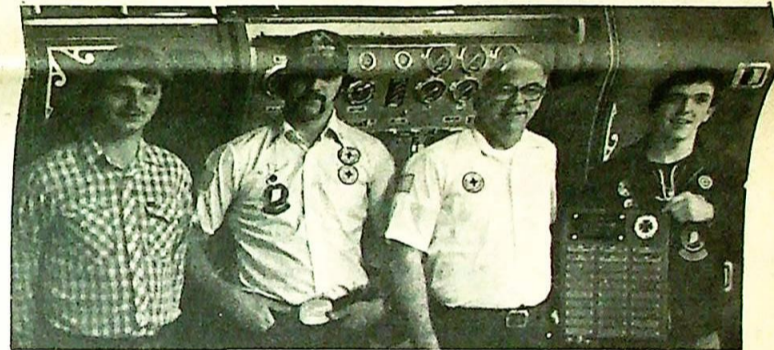
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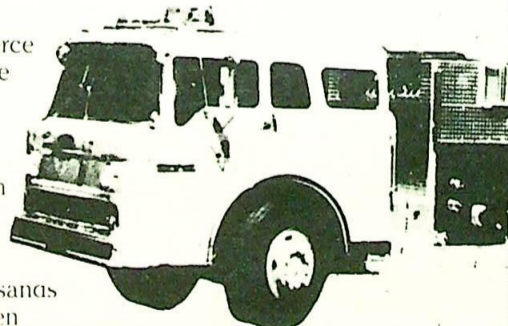
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Annual Business Meeting

Friday, June 13, 1986

South Vigo High School — Terre Haute

President Nickie Sunday called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Nickie welcomed all officers, members and guests to the annual meeting. Nickie thanked District 11A and 11B for the lovely Koffee Klutch and for inviting the men to join us.

Chaplain Bette Sellmer asked that each one of us turn to our neighbor and greet them. Then Chaplain Bette gave the opening prayer.

Sergeant-at-Arms Miriam Schaeckel led the group in the pledge to the flag.

President Nickie introduced our Immediate Past President and Convention Hostess Barbara Parker, 1986 Lois Boaz winner, Barbara Ketchum; the wife of the Mr. I.V.F.A. award, Janet Goodwin; and the 1986 Miss Flame Deanna Robison, D-10 and the runnerup, Jamie Dawson, D-17B.

President Nickie reminded everyone to please register for the lovely door prizes to be given away later. Nickie also reminded the District Chairmen to check on the ladies in their districts to be sure they are members or guests.

Roll call was taken by Recording Secretary Toni Sorg, with 29 officers, 130 members and 17 guests in attendance for the morning session.

Chaplain Bette Sellmer gave her report as of June 1st, we have had 9 deaths for the year from Districts 12, 11A, 2-10, 17B, 2-14, 1, and 4. Bette was then excused to go to the church to prepare for the memorial service.

Miss Flame Chairman, Lucy Stofer, introduced our 1986 Miss Flame and the contestants.

Reading of the previous annual business minutes were read and Barbara Surber made the motion to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Mary Brooks. Vote. Passed.

Treasurer's report was given by Betsy Howe.

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| BALANCE FORWARD June 1, 1986 | | \$ | 5,453.76 |
| Income | Dues | \$ | 104.00 |
| | Raffle | | 781.00 |
| Total Income | | \$ | 885.00 |
| | | + | 885.00 |
| | | \$ | 6,338.76 |
| Disbursements | Miscellaneous | \$ | 2,500.00 |
| Total Disbursements | | - | 2,500.00 |
| BALANCE ON HAND AS OF June 13, 1986 | | \$ | 3,838.76 |

Treasurer's report approved and subject to audit.

President Nickie introduced our busy photographers for our convention, Bruce Neal and Lee Kissell, both District Chairmen.

Committee Reports

Doe Doll - Loretta Nulliner stated that as of Friday morning \$1,192 had been turned in. We need to sell more tickets and we need your support.

Games - Barbara Surber announced that we have 2 Waterball teams, Poe and Penn South and 1 Cart Race team, Sugar Creek. We need more teams for next year.

Miss Flame - Lucy Stofer - No report.

Jewelry - Casey Bechtel reported that she has had a lot of fun this year and the sales are going very well. We have 37 charms left and as of this morning we have sold a total of \$317.75.

Lois Boaz - Eula Bush announced that Barbara Ketchum was the recipient and thanked everyone for writing lots of letters and having so many nominees to choose from.

Historian - Thelma Lester - Nickie reported that Thelma isn't here this year. It's Thelma's first convention she has missed. Nickie stated that the book is in order and there are a few pictures left to be put in. Thelma is doing a fine job on our history book.

Auditing - Barbara Parker reported that the books were audited Wednesday evening and were found to be in excellent shape.

By-Laws - Vica McGill stated that everything is ready!

President's Advisory - Barbara Surber - No report.

Financial Study - Barbara Parker - No report.

Nominating - Janet Goodwin - No report.

Installation - Ruth Fairfield reported that everything is ready.

Parliamentarian - Ruth Ford - No report.

Governor's Award Committee - Nickie reported to the group that Mr. Charles Coffey contacted her and asked for a representative. Nickie selected Lucy Stofer for this committee. The committee receives letters from everyone for a "citizen award" to go to someone who has done something special in your community. The guidelines will be published in our I.V.F.A. paper.

Old Business

We will dismiss at 10:15 a.m. for memorial services. President Nickie reported that the flowers on the tables are for the district chairmen and officers. Nickie reported on the absent district chairmen.

Our goal for next year's membership drive is 3,000 members. Let's all District Chairmen and officers get out and find our lost members.

At that time we recessed for the memorial services and the afternoon meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m.

AFTERNOON MEETING

President Nickie Sunday called the afternoon session of the annual business meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Recording Secretary, Toni Sorg, took the roll of officers and departments with 29 officers, 122 members and 14 guests in attendance. Membership for 1985-86 is 2,008 members representing 140 auxiliaries and 62 individuals.

New Business

Vica McGill, By-laws chairman presented the by-law addition to Article IV, (Dues) Sec. 2. Eula Bush read the by-law. The addition to the by-law reads: The termination of any local auxiliary shall not have an effect on any IVFA Auxiliary member so long as yearly dues are paid.

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Church Fires

By: Alan M. De Simone

A church fire is perhaps, one of the most treacherous types of structural fires a firefighter must combat. The construction and architectural design of churches have many built-in inadequacies. Very few local codes or building ordinances require early detection or fire suppression systems.

The interiors of these buildings are usually designed with a large expanse of open area over the sanctuary section. This open area, two to three stories high, encompasses the whole width and depth of the structure. An attic is commonly found above this area for access to electrical fixtures. There is usually few or no built-in fire stops.

When a fire does occur, the composition and pitch of the roof can hinder firefighters. If the roof is covered with slate shingles and pitched steeply, ventilation by the truck company can be extremely difficult and hazardous, especially in inclement weather.

It is also difficult for the fire to vent itself through a slate roof. An unvented fire in the large open attic area can gain considerable headway before detection or arrival of first-in fire companies. If the fire has gained considerable headway near the steeple or attic area, the threat of structural damage exists.

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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

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The vote on the by-law was by a show of hands. The addition to the by-law was passed.

Convention 1987, hosted by District 14 at Jeffersonville. Watch for more information in the paper from D-14.

Nominating chairman, Janet Goodwin, presented the group with the slate of officers for 1986-87. These are your officers for the coming year: President, Loretta Nulliner; Vice President, Toni Sorg; Recording Secretary, Nancy Neal; Corresponding Secretary, Maxine Davies; Treasurer, Betsy Howe; Chaplain, Bette Sellmer; Sergeant-at-Arms, Miriam Schaeckel; Immediate Past President, Nickie Sunday.

Installation of officers was performed by Ruth Fairfield and Catherine Mason as the installing marshal.

Bill Bush, Co-chairman of the convention spoke to us briefly on the Friday night banquet.

President Nickie thanked the association for all the acts of kindness that were shown to her and her family during their two-year term as Presidents.

Thanks to District 11A and 11B for a great convention. The women passed out the door prizes and goodie bags.

The meeting was adjourned until next year at Jeffersonville.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Neal, Corresponding Secretary

Auxiliary District News

DISTRICT 11A

Convention is over and summer will soon be. As usual summer brings a very busy time with vacations and all.

We would like to thank everyone who helped with the convention and also participated. We hope everyone had a good time.

It is again time for your annual dues to be paid. Please try and get them in as soon as possible. Our district would like to welcome all of the new state officers to our meetings.

If you have any activities coming up in your department, please let us know so we can attend and also your district's Miss Flame - Tish Biggs. She would like to come to your Fish Frys, Suppers, Parades, etc. Just let her know.

Our next meetings are at Seelyville Vol. Fire Dept. in July and the annual picnic in September at Dobbs Park. So please try to come to both.

Sue Biggs
Chairman

sure, but this makes for good companionship, making new friends, and letting us know just what it is all about. We soon learn to put the pettiness behind us and dig in to get the work done! Congratulations to Bill and Bob!

Our last district meeting was on Sunday, April 27th, at the dedication of the new fire house at Fairview Park. They have a beautiful facility and are justifiably proud of it. Another job that shows a lot of hard work and cooperation!

Our July picnic will be over long before you read this and it will have included the election of officers for the Auxiliary. I am not eligible for re-election this year, so this will be my last column for a while. (Hold the applause, please.)

Our next meeting (after you receive the August edition of the newspaper) will be September 14 at Universal. We hope you can join us there.

To end this long series of articles, I want to leave all you ladies with this philosophy:

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Maxine Davies
Chairman

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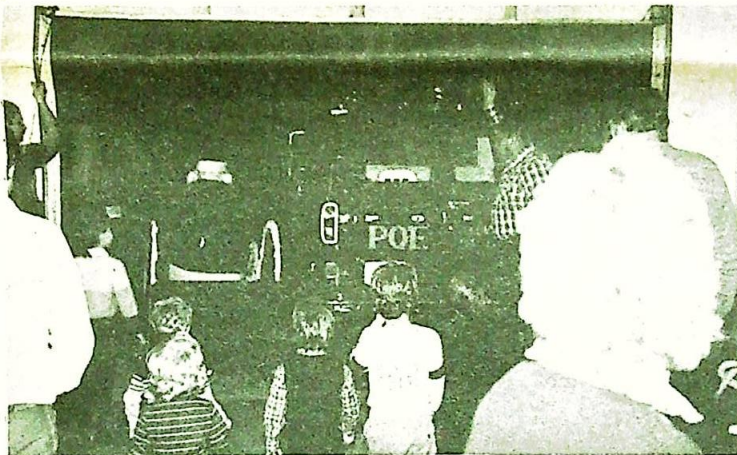
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Poe Auxiliary Christmas Party

The following article was not deliberately held for July, but might be nice to read when it's 90 degrees outside.



Pictured above are Santa and Rudolph during the Christmas Party at Poe Fire Station.



Santa departing Poe's Christmas Party as members of the department wish him well.

Blooming Grove Firemen's Festival

On Friday and Saturday, August 15th and 16th, the Blooming Grove V.F.D. will welcome everyone to their Annual Firemen's Festival.

We will serve our famous Fish Dinners on Friday, August 15th, from 5 to 8 p.m. and on Saturday, August 16th we will serve our delicious Chicken Dinners from 4 to 8 p.m.

Bring your families and enjoy a fun evening with our many "child" and "adult" games. We have something for all ages.

While you're here, don't forget to pick up some Raffle Tickets for our big give away. We have many cash and merchandise certificates. Tickets are available from any Blooming Grove Fireman or Ladies Auxiliary member. Hope to see you there!

We are also holding a Dance at the American Legion on Saturday, October 11, 1986 from 8 to Midnight. Live music will be provided by Paragon. The American Legion Hall is located in Brookville, IN at the northeast side of town, on Fairfield Avenue.

Tickets may be purchased from any fireman or ladies auxiliary member, or may be purchased at the door. Cost is \$15 per couple and includes beer and set ups. We will also have a 50-50 drawing. Come join us for a really good time!

The Poe Volunteer Firemen's Auxiliary held their annual Family Christmas Party in December. The day opened with fellowship, card playing and just plain old visiting among friends, followed by a Potluck Supper.

Later in the evening Santa and Rudolph arrived with Santa's sleigh overflowing with toys for the boys and girls, even a candy cane for the big girls too. He brought the firemen a new television set and VCR system, a gift from the Auxiliary which will enable them to take advantage of taped fire presentations. He also brought the Auxiliary a new sweeper and coffeemaker for use in the station. Both were greatly appreciated.

DISTRICT 11B

Well, after hosting the 1986 convention and meeting with District 11-A in planning it for two years, this really seems like a let-down!

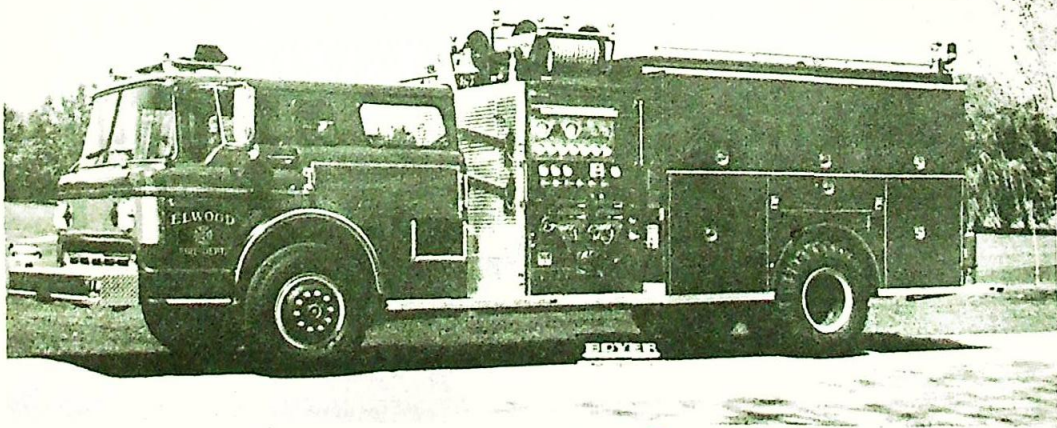
We sincerely hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed putting it on. It was a lot of work,

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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT 9B

The regular meeting of the Indiana Volunteer Fireman's Association Inc. was called to order by Chairman Mitch Parish of the Francesville Fire Department at 8:00 p.m. at the Rensselaer Fire Station in Rensselaer. Duane Lantz, Chaplain of the I.V.F.A., opened the meeting with prayer.

Memorial Service for William E. Fessender was held at Jackson Funeral Home in Rensselaer, prior to the meeting.

Refreshments were also served prior to the meeting by the Ren-

sselaer Fire Department.

Frank Weaver of the Ulrich Chemical Company, presented a program on the "Handling & Dangers of Chlorine".

There were 12 guests present. Total firemen present — 54, with 158 fires among the 15 departments answering roll call. Minutes were read and approved.

Items discussed: New computer for the State Fire Marshal's Office, Newspaper is out, news for the next paper to be in by June 20, Bids for the 1988 Convention, Farm Bureau Award - last year for award, Last year for Revenue Sharing, Ridge Port Fire Department Fund, Death Benefit and Scholarship Fund, Richmond

Fire Conference Oct. 18-19, Conrad "Cooney" Tucker & Beverly Tucker Medical Expense Fund, State Fire Marshal's Investigation Division, Governor's Award, New film list from the State Fire Marshal's Office, Memorial Chapel at the 1986 Convention, Raffle Tickets to a Dodge truck for the 1986 Convention.

50-50 Drawing was won by Tom Pagen, Rensselaer; Mike Hively, Wolcott; Charles Odem, Rensselaer. Their winnings amounting to \$31 were donated to the Cooney Tucker Trust Fund.

Motion was made and passed to donate \$100 to the Cooney Tucker Trust Fund.

Next meeting is at Brook Fire Station, July 10, 1986.

Meeting was adjourned at 10 p.m.

Dennis J. Risner
Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT 10

Hello from District #10, IVFA members. Before I get into the reports from the three meetings

we've had since the last paper, let me thank Bill Bush, Bob Meyers, the firefighters and auxiliary members of districts 11A and 11B for their super effort on Convention '86. To everyone who didn't attend our 1986 annual meeting, you missed one of the best one's ever. Plan to attend Convention '87 at Jeffersonville.

We're very proud of our 1986 District Miss Flame, DeAnna Robinson of the Fairland Fire Dept. who was crowned the State 1986 Miss Flame at the Thursday night joint meeting. Congratulations, DeAnna!!!

Acton firefighter Bob Surber was presented an award for recognition for serving on the games committee for 17 years. Thank you, Robert!!!

Loretta Nulliner became the 6th I.V.F.A.A. President from District #10. She was elected at their Friday meeting.

Our April meeting was on the 16th at the Hartsville Fire Dept. with 65 firefighters from 17 departments reporting 167 emergency runs for the previous month. Honored guests for the evening were Past President Jim

Parker, Jim Gilmore and John Maudlin. Bartholomew Co. Sheriff Dept. Major Marvin Williams provided the training for the evening with a talk on communications.

Our May meeting was on the 21st at the German Twp. Fire Dept. at Taylorsville. Forty-nine firefighters from 14 departments reporting 512 runs answered Nita McCearry, Pro-tem secretary's first roll call. Thanks for your help Nita.

Honored guests were Lawrence Swartz, Vice President and Past President Jim Parker. Salesmen Jim Gilmore and John Maudlin also were present.

Columbus Twp. Fire Dept. Asst. Chief, Kenny Greenlee, provided the entertainment for the meeting with slides from the Nassau County, New York Fire Academy.

On June 18th, District 10 firefighters met at the Rushville Twp. fire dept. Thirty-eight firefighters from 15 departments reporting 157 runs answered secretary Joyce Cookson's first roll call.

Much discussion was held on Convention '86. Our training was provided by an Indiana State Policeman John Oldham.

Thanks to the Rushville Twp. firefighters for hosting their first district meeting.

Bruce Neal, Chairman

DISTRICT 11A

Well, convention is finally over and we hope you all enjoyed yourselves. We all tried to make it as much fun as possible for you — hope we were successful.

It's dues paying time again and we have a new benefit to offer this year. It's called "The Bridgeport Death Fund". It will pay \$3,000 to the beneficiary of a fireman killed in the line of duty. But you must be a member for the previous 3 years and must have your beneficiary forms in the computer. For reasons that I've never understood some firemen won't send in their form and then complain about not getting the paper. Well guys, the computer prints the mailing labels so if you're not in the computer — forget it.

Guys please get those dues and forms in soon.

Our July meeting was held at Seelyville Vol. Fire Department. In September our District meeting and picnic will be at Dobbs Park in Terre Haute. Hope to see you there.

Larry Biggs, Chairman

DISTRICT 11B

Well, another Annual Meeting has come and gone.

For those who attended, I am sure a good time was had. How about that steak dinner at the banquet?

I have not been able to visit as many departments this year as I would have liked to, but all things considered, I feel I have had a good year.

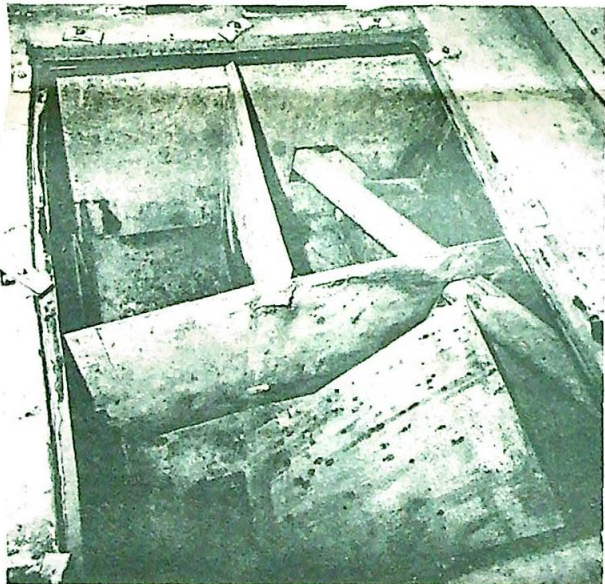
This will be my last letter to you, but Dwayne will be putting the news in the paper.

Coming attractions — Pay attention to the late night public service ads on TV. See your I.V.F.A. in action.

The Parke-Vermillion firefighters Association will host a Pig

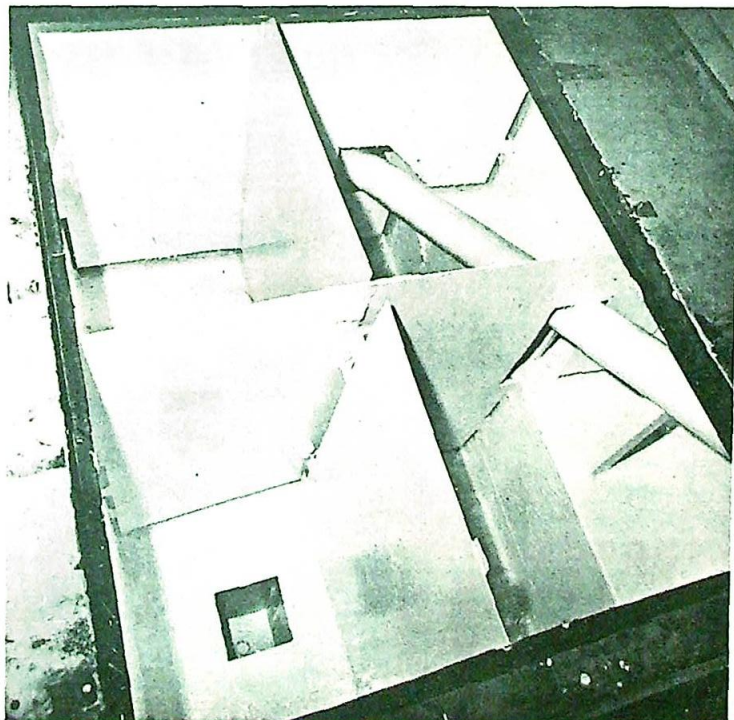
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DISTRICT 11B

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Roast August 10th, Sunday. It's our first fund raiser. It will be at the F.O.P. grounds just north of Montezuma. You all come you hear.

By the time you read this our District Picnic at Sportland Park will have come and gone. Clinton City was the host department this year.

Thanks for a great year.

James Tagney, Chairman

**PUBLIC RELATIONS
EAST CENTRAL**



BILL WINDSOR

Convention '86 is now history. The convention '86 committee did a fine job. I felt everything went fine. I am sure the committee had a few problems, but everything was great.

I would like to thank the district chairman, and the firefighters in the East Central Public Relations area — 8A, 8B, 13A, 13B and 10 for all their support. Thanks a lot. It's great to represent a group like you. I believe we had better brag on our P.R. area. This year they did a fine job at convention. First off, District 10's Miss Flame won State Miss Flame. Congratulations, DeAnna. Then Sugar Creek Township #1 of New Palestine in District 13A won hose replacement — first place for team #1 and second place for team #2 for the second year. And guess what — you got it — they only have one hydrant in their township, and it's out at the school. They also won first place in cart race by a draw and the ladies also won first place in cart race. Congratulations Sugar Creek #1 on all four wins! Great job!

I would like to thank Indiana Fire Apparatus Company from Mays, IN for the Hog Roast — very good Margaret. Also thanks to Midwest Fire & Safety from Indianapolis for the Beer Bust. They were both great!

It was good to see everyone at convention this year, but let's try to get twice as many for next year. I know they will have a good convention planned. They tell me they have about half the tickets for the "Belle of Louisville" already reserved.

We still have a lot of dates open for the trailers. The P.R. trailer has just been completely rebuilt. We would like to ask everyone who uses these trailers to please take good care of them and clean them up for the next use. If you happen to damage or break something, please let me know so we can get it fixed before more damage is done and it becomes unusable again.

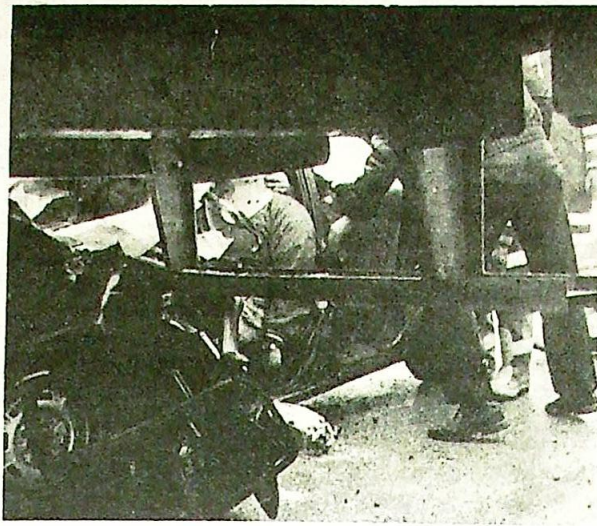
Keep up the training and attend your District meetings. See what the I.V.F.A. is doing for you and the fire service.

**OLLIE SANDBURG
AWARD WINNER**

Several nominations were received for this "first time" award. The decision was not any easy one for the committee. The winner this year, we are pleased to announce, is Wilbert "Whip" Gallmeyer of the Poe Volunteer Fire Department in District 7.

Whip is a familiar sight at Convention and has participated in waterball as a player, coach, and currently as a time-keeper. He has been a member of the Poe Department for 48 years, and has held every office in the department, plus being a district chairman of the 7th at one time. His activities also include a great deal of involvement in the community service besides his love of the fire service.

Congratulations "Whip" for all your efforts from the awards committee; Lawrence Swartz, Duane Lantz, John Ferro, Jerry Kahl and John Davies.



Pipe Creek Township Fire Department used their "Jaws of Life" to remove Patty from his auto. Photo By Tim Waymire

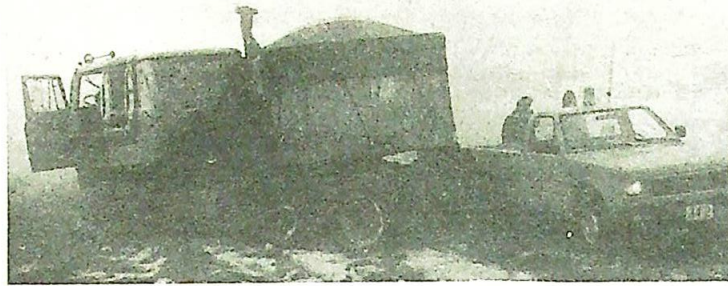


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Shown above is one of the accidents caused by the dense fog.

Heavy Fog Causes Several Accidents

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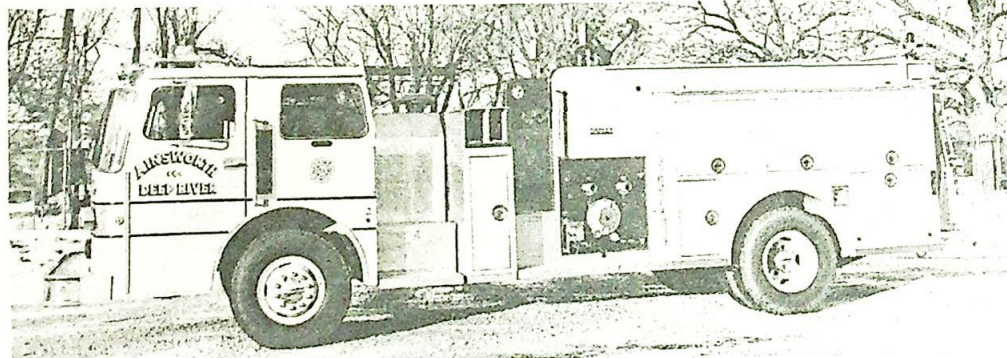
TEN ACCIDENTS—A Noblesville man, John C. Patty, 24, was listed in serious condition under neuro-constant care at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis after his Honda Accord struck the back of a semi-tractor-trailer rig. EMT's applied a cervical collar to Patty as members of the Pipe Creek Township Fire Department prepared to remove a center post with the "Jaws of Life" from his car so they could free him from the wreckage. The semi driven by Charles D. Cunnington of Elwood, had stopped for another accident on State Road 28 in fog that had reduced visibility in some areas to less than 100 yards. The accidents were among six property-damage and three personal injury mishaps that occurred after the first accident had blocked the road.

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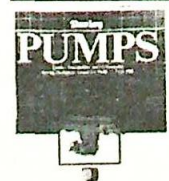
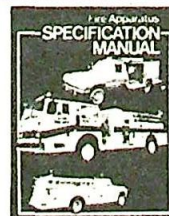


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Hard times for volunteer fire service

Taken From The
FORT WAYNE JOURNAL-GAZETTE
By Troy Cozad, Staff Writer

If fire broke out in your home at 3 a.m., more than likely the firefighters sent to save your property and maybe your life would be volunteers who wouldn't be paid enough for the run to buy a good breakfast afterward.

Volunteers have long been the backbone of the fire service in the Midwest. In Indiana, about 22,000 of the state's 26,000 firefighters are volunteers, and the percentage is about the same in surrounding states. Of the state's 973 fire departments, 900 are staffed by volunteers.

These volunteer departments enable communities, particularly in rural areas, to provide fire protection they otherwise could not afford. But volunteer departments today are scrambling to deal with rising equipment and insurance costs, sophisticated new firefighting tactics that require time-consuming training, and social and economic trends that make it increasingly more difficult to recruit and keep firefighters. Fire officials warn that these factors threaten the effectiveness, and even the existence, of many volunteer departments.

"The volunteer fire service is really one of the last breaks taxpayers have," said Indiana Fire Marshal Larry Bosell. "These are people doing work in a sense of community spirit, and I certainly hope this is something we are not losing."

"The volunteer service has always responded to the call before, but now for the first time we have to wonder in the back of our minds, 'Will they always be there?'"

Area fire chiefs said finding people to adequately staff their departments has become a basic problem. Auburn's combined paid-volunteer department should have 15 volunteers along with its seven full-time people — but at present there are 12 volunteers, and Chief Bill Walters said only eight of them can respond on a regular basis. Angola has an adequate 23-member volunteer force, but Chief Michael Meek noted the department lost nine firefighters last year and added only one. The Avilla fire department once had 26 volunteers — now there are 20.

"I'd certainly say it's getting harder to recruit new firemen," said Kenneth Blue, chief of the 25-member Edgerton, Ohio volunteer fire department. "We used to have a waiting list, but for the last five or six years, we just haven't had a waiting list."

Fire officials cite many reasons for the apparent decline in interest in the volunteer fire service. Among these are more demanding full-time jobs; competition from other organizations that provide outlets for community service, recreation and social interaction without the hazards or inconvenience of firefighting; family pressures; and the increased training required of all firefighters. This training has helped upgrade the quality of volunteer departments to compare with full-time departments, but also has greatly increased the time required of a volunteer firefighter.

"To get to be a first-class fireman under the state certification program, that's 180 hours over three years," said Jerry Carson, chief of the Wolf Lake volunteer

department in southwestern Noble County. "If your department does some upgrading of training as you go along, and you have a couple of meetings a month, and then you start talking about run time — you're getting some time involved."

"That's not a big problem with city departments, because you're paying the guy. But when you start talking about a volunteer, it gets tough. And I'm not really sure what the answer is to that problem."

Fire officials said the added training has brought a more professional, business-like attitude to volunteer departments. It enables them to use less water, stop fires in a shorter time and with less damage to property, improve fire investigations and safety, and handle medical emergencies until an ambulance or EMS unit arrives.

But often these advances have been at the expense of the social atmosphere that has always been an important attraction of fire departments in rural communities, and fire officials said the new training has alienated some long-time department members.

"It used to be you went out and dumped a bunch of water on a fire and got back to the station," Carson said. "You weren't as concerned about safety, you were worried about putting the fire out, not what caused it. I think we've learned to utilize what we do have in a lot more positive way."

Fire officials said many volunteer departments are understaffed because many firefighters work out of town.

"We have two very critical periods, from about 6 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. and from 3:30 to 5 p.m., because people are commuting back and forth to work," said Terry Brazzell, chief of the Avilla fire department in eastern Noble County. "We're likely to have a lot better response at 2 a.m. than at 7 a.m. or 4 p.m."

Michael J. Dosen, chief of the St. Joe fire department, which protects an urban area north of Fort Wayne, said his department faces a different problem. St. Joe firefighters work around Fort Wayne but have difficulty responding because of traffic congestion. St. Joe handles this by maintaining a 50-member fire department and a 20-person EMS branch.

Volunteer departments also are hurt by the fact that, today, many industries are less eager to have employees dash away when a fire alarm sounds.

"It's not being done maliciously," Walters said. "I think we have to realize the economy has changed. People are hired for one specific job, and it can put a lot of pressure on a company if they have to accommodate volunteer firefighters, along with people from Civil Defense, Red Cross and so on."

The rising cost of properly outfitting firefighters and replacing equipment has firefighter representatives concerned that rural volunteer departments may fall behind in these areas. They said this is particularly true because many local governments hesitate to go outside the Indiana tax freeze for anything but a critical purchase. Another fear is that federal revenue sharing, which has provided an alternative funding source for equipment purchases, may be reduced or eliminated in the effort to balance the federal budget.

Brazzell said it costs about \$800 to outfit one firefighter with coat and pants, boots, gloves and a helmet. One hose nozzle can cost \$425. A tank truck that only a few years ago cost \$25,000 now is about \$50,000; a pumper costs at least \$75,000.

Volunteer departments traditionally have supplemented their budgets with fund-raisers. And while some departments, such as the one in Edgerton, have success with fund-raisers, Brazzell said it is becoming increasingly difficult to raise money in this way.

"When you need \$125,000 of work to your fire house, I mean, that's a lot of chicken barbecues," he said. "Right now we can keep up and compensate, but a lot of times it means having to make due with what you've got."

Liability insurance adds to the financial strain on volunteer departments. Carson said nearly a third of his township's fire budget goes to insurance, and in Ohio some communities have seen their city liability insurance rates triple.

Bosell said a number of options are being considered to combat rising insurance costs. Indiana officials are considering a low-interest loan program to help departments buy equipment, and a standardized mandatory training program — which together would guarantee departments are properly trained and equipped. A more complete reporting system was recently started to keep better records on departments' activities.

Fire officials said they have been able to take steps on their own to keep these problems from affecting fire protection. Among these steps are:

- Improved communication and greater use of mutual aid runs between departments. Fire officials said departments save money by not needlessly duplicating special equipment, and can cover each other when getting enough people to respond is a problem.

- Improved personnel management. Walters in Auburn divides his volunteers into squads, and alternates squads on first-call duty. This way he doesn't tap the same men—and their places of employment—all the time. Walters and Angola chief Meek (who is the only full-time member of his department) are each lobbying for additional full-time firefighters, who could be used to handle routine calls without the volunteers.

- Self-help projects. For example, the Edgerton firefighters have been able to get much of their equipment by building it themselves — including constructing virtually everything but the chassis on the department's new emergency vehicle.

- Improved promotion. Volunteer departments are promoting themselves through school programs and fire station open houses. They are becoming more vocal in the benefits provided by volunteer departments, such as lower fire insurance premiums in areas protected by qualified departments, or the economic development advantage a fire department can offer to a rural community seeking to attract new industry.

"(We) fire departments in the past have generally not done a good job of justifying our existence," Bosell said. "Even volunteer departments must become more sophisticated in information management."

Bosell said volunteer departments may have to look at such things as offering tennis courts or a swimming pool at their stations to attract new recruits.

Fire officials don't know whether they — or the taxpayers — are willing to go quite that far, but they admit that fire protection could erode if solutions aren't found to the problems facing volunteer departments.

"Ten years ago they did the best job they knew how," Brazzell said. "Today we're doing the best job we know how, but I think we are better trained and a lot better equipped. But it's extremely difficult for a volunteer department to keep up cost-wise, training-wise and time-wise. Right now, it's a matter of making due. It's a little scary to think about what could happen in the next 10 years."

LET GEORGE DO IT

Appeared in the Journal-Press,
Lawrenceburg, Indiana

By: Lee Kissell, Fire Chief
Moores Hill-Sparta Twp. VFD

I am a tired volunteer fire chief. If that isn't bad enough, I think people are calling me George. I guess they think it's a close fit. Let George do it. After checking with other volunteer fire chiefs in our area, I found that they are also tired and people call them George, too. Then there are the other 400 volunteer men and women firefighters and life squad members in Dearborn County. They are tired, and as you probably guessed by now, they are also called George. Sounds like George is everywhere, right? Unfortunately, there are not enough Georges to go around.

I am tired, not because of the job that I volunteered to do, but because of the concern about where the needed volunteers are going to come from in the future. The same feeling has been expressed by my peers.

The fire department and life squad at Moores Hill recently mailed a plea to over 900 homes in our response area, asking for volunteers. The fire department received only one reply from Mark McMullin. He is now a member and we are very pleased to have his help. This almost total lack of response is an example of the problem the volunteer services are facing.

It appears that the traditional volunteerism that your fire departments and life squads have relied upon for many years is eroding. It is more pronounced in the smaller communities where the population is smaller, but it is also being felt in the larger communities. George is getting hard to find, and when the present Georges quit, replacements are very scarce.

Governor Robert Orr has stated that the volunteer fire service is Indiana's "greatest treasure". Very few receive any pay. Some must pay out from their own pocket, just to have needed safety equipment for their own use, or to go to training to learn how to do a better job. Many are funded only by chicken dinners and contributions from some of the citizens they serve. After all this, they still get the job done. What would result if paid personnel had to replace these men and women? I think Governor Orr is right.

Well, I don't want to scare anyone away, because I believe a serious problem is developing. There are three possible solutions. First, more volunteers might be found.

Second, the public could begin to pay for salaried employees, which would drive the costs up to astronomical proportions. Third, the volunteer departments could some day just give up and quit, leaving no fire protection or emergency medical care.

The second and third alternatives do not sound good to me, and I am sure that you will agree. That leaves the first choice. This is where your help is needed.

Almost everyone thinks they are too busy to be a volunteer. I am sure that some people are. Others can not serve due to health reasons. Age is also a factor. Some of these people do their part through financial contributions. This still leaves hundreds of people in our area that could volunteer.

Please, contact your local fire department or life squad, and see what it's all about. The job requires more than it did in past years, but it isn't that tough. Turn the TV off, or give up a habit you could do without. Spend those five to ten hours a month doing something worthwhile.

If this letter motivates a few people to volunteer, maybe I won't be so tired and people will stop calling me George.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS



BILL BUSH

The convention is over — back to the real world! Hope everyone who came to the '86 Convention in Terre Haute had a very enjoyable time.

We did some things this year that were a little different from past conventions. If there was something you liked or didn't like you might let Bill Sunday or us know so that those suggestions or comments may be passed on to future hosts.

Thanks to everyone who supported our truck raffle. We appreciate everyone who bought and/or sold tickets. The lucky winner was Greg Smith of Longwood, Florida, a 19-year old college student. Needless to say, he was extremely happy to be the big winner.

We wish to thank everyone who served on the Convention Committee for two years and also everyone who pitched in on the spot.

Bill Bush & Bob Meyers
'86 Convention Co-Chairmen

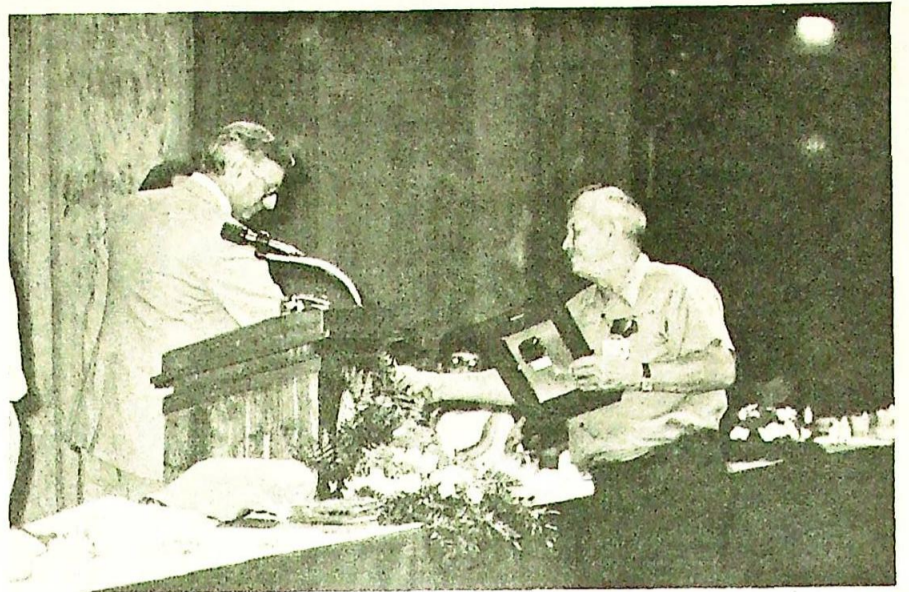


As early as the 700s, people in Northern China used earthenware stoves for heating. In the 1400s, Europeans began to use such stoves. The first stoves—which were little more than cast-iron boxes with lids—were produced in the American colonies in 1642 at Lynn, Massachusetts.

Convention '86 — It "Otter" Be Remembered



Jack Ford receiving the President's Award.



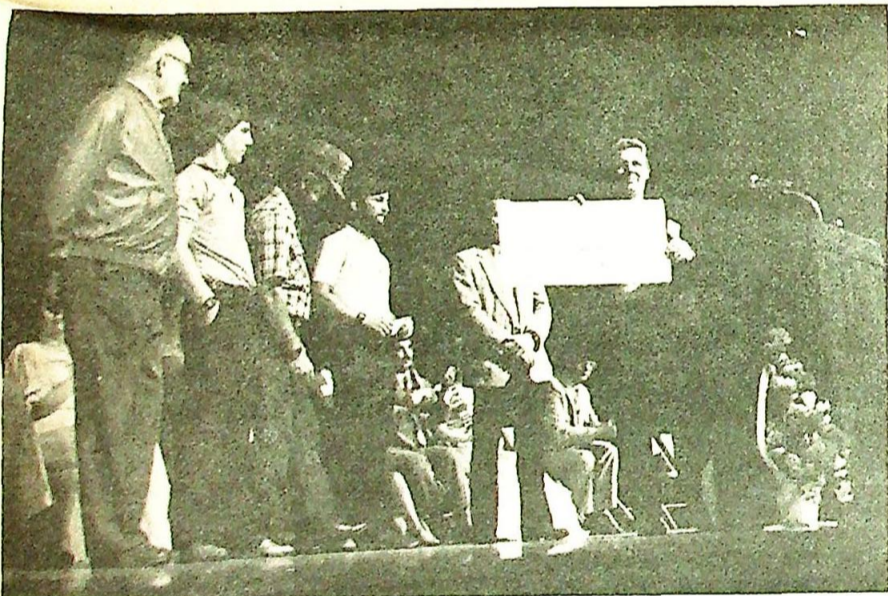
Vice President Swartz presents the first Ollie Sandburg Mental Attitude Award to the Poe Volunteer Fire Department.



Riding in the parade is Barbara Ketchem, the Lois Boaz Award winner for 1986.



Also riding in the parade is (left) first runner up Jamie Ruth Dawson, Joey Sunday - security (it's tough work, but somebody has to do it) and the 1986 Miss Flame winner, DeAnna Robinson.



President Sunday is holding a check presented to the I.V.F.A. by the Bridgeport Volunteer Firemen for the Trust Fund for death benefits and scholarships.



Pictured above are the 1985 Miss Flame, Sandy Weber and her parents enjoying the Miss Flame luncheon.



Shown above are the I.V.F.A. officers after being sworn in at the Convention.



Shown above are the I.V.F.A. officers being sworn in by Bill Goodwin at the convention.

Convention '86



I would like to thank Terre Haute for all the help they gave in making the 1986 games a success.

Congratulations to all the winning teams. I would like to see all of you plus many more teams at the 1987 games.

I would like to thank all of you for making the last 17 years very enjoyable for me. A special thanks to all of my committee members.

Robert Surber
GAMES CHAIRMAN



Poe Fire Department #2 receiving the Ray Lester Award



Poe Fire Department #2 — Winners of the 1st Place Waterball Trophy.



Penn South — Winners of the 2nd Place Waterball Trophy.



Adams Township #1 — Winners of the 3rd Place Waterball Trophy.



Poe Fire Department #1 — Winners of the 4th Place Waterball Trophy.



Poe Auxiliary — Winners of the 1st Place Ladies Waterball Trophy.



Penn South Auxiliary — Winners of the 2nd Place Ladies Waterball Trophy.

Trophy Winners



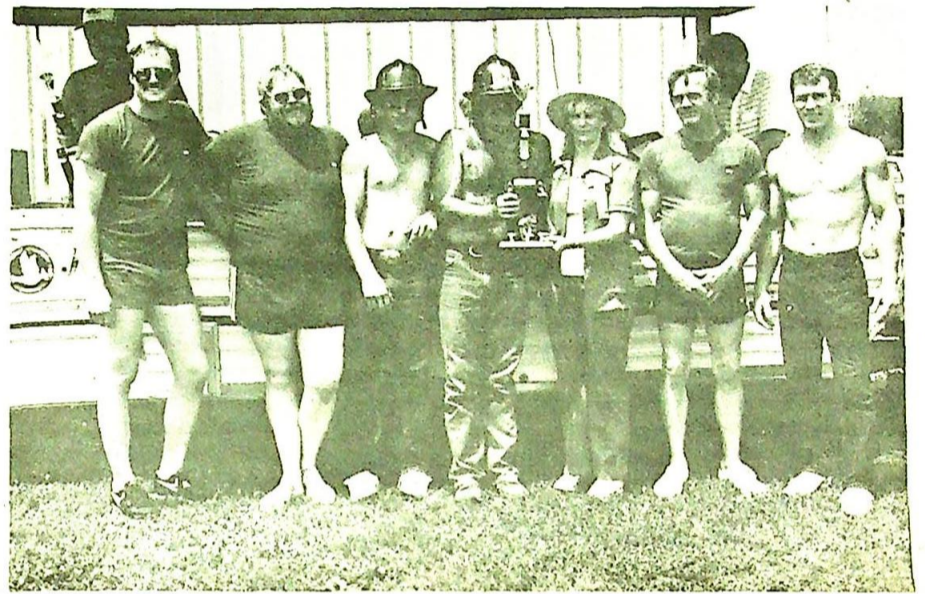
Sugar Creek #1 — Winners of the 1st Place Cart Race Trophy.



Adams Township #2 — Winners of the 2nd Place Cart Race Trophy.



Poe Fire Department — Winners of the 3rd Place Cart Race Trophy.



Penn South Fire Department — Winners of the 4th Place Cart Race Trophy.



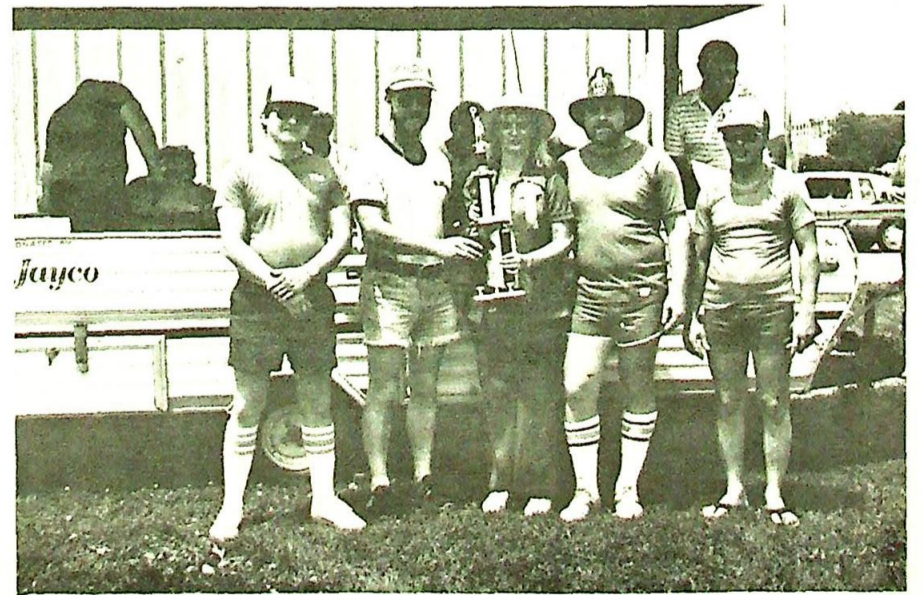
Sugar Creek Auxiliary — Winners of the 1st Place Ladies Cart Race Trophy.



Sugar Creek #1 — Winners of the 1st Place Hose Replacement Trophy.



Sugar Creek #2 — Winners of the 2nd Place Hose Replacement Trophy.



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HURST RECEIVES INEZ JEFFERIES MEMORIAL AWARD

Judy Hurst of Fairland Auxiliary was presented the 4th Inez Jefferies Memorial Award at the 10th District meeting of the I.V.F.A.A., May 19th at Acton.

Pictured at left are former winners of the award. (Left to right) 1st Marian Hickman, Marietta; 2nd Barbara Surber, Acton; 3rd Mary Stafford, Waldron and 4th Judy Hurst of Fairland. Congratulations to Judy.



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is a 20 person minimum with a 24 person limit in order to hold the session. The applications will be mailed out by the Fire Marshal's Office in mid-August. If there is anyone in your department who is interested, and you do not receive a letter, contact myself or Stan Gibson about registration. Don't delay.

As all of you are aware, the 1988 Convention will be in Northwest Indiana sponsored by the departments of District 3. I would like to encourage anyone that is asked to help to pitch in and show this organization the best convention yet on the sunny shores of beautiful Lake Michigan.

As was stressed in the last issue of this paper, one of our fellow fireman needs your help. Dig down and send the 2, 5, or 10 dollars now to the Cooney Tucker Fund. Remember what he has done for us — let's return the favor.

In closing, I would like to thank all the people in Districts 11A and 11B for a well organized convention this year. These people deserve a large congratulations for doing such a bang-up job. Again, don't forget the fire schools that are coming up and please attend the district meetings.

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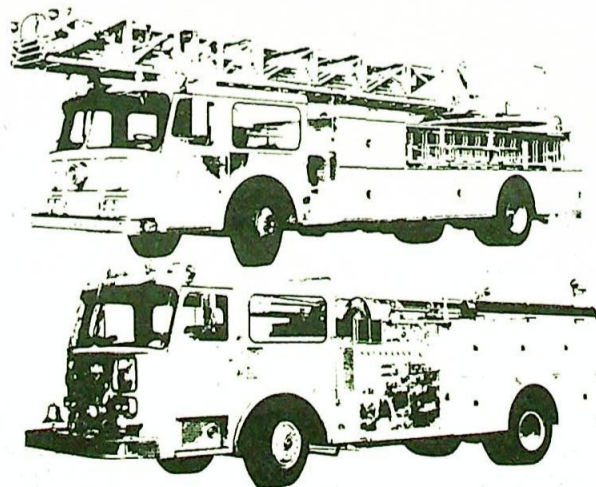
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PUBLIC RELATIONS NORTHWEST



BILL HOWE

I would like to start this short note by thanking the delegates to the 1986 Annual Meeting for your support. Also if I can be of any help to you or your department, please feel free to contact me either through your district chairman or direct.

The fire service has many things in the works that affect each of us very much. These things require your effort to bring them to reality, so let's all do our part. Your attendance at the monthly district meeting is the backbone of the Association as this is where the chairmen get your input to take to the quarterly meetings down state.

The districts are working toward setting up fire schools for the various areas. If there is a special class you would like to have included let them know now rather than wait until it's too late and then complain.

There will be a 1st Class Instructor's Course the weekends of October 4 & 5 and 11 & 12 at the Highland Fire Department Station #2 on 45th Avenue. The cost for this course will be \$35. There

51 HORSES KILLED IN BARN FIRE

Taken From The NEW ALBANY TRIBUNE

SELLERSBURG, IN — Fire damage to a barn in which 51 thoroughbred horses perished was estimated by the barn's owner "in excess of \$1 million," the Sellersburg deputy fire chief said.

The cause of the blaze was not immediately known said Deputy Chief Tony Huddleston.

"It (the barn) was down in about an hour," Huddleston said. "But it had a lot of hay in it, and it took longer to extinguish the hay."

Units from the nearby McCullough, Henryville and Clarksville fire departments also responded to the alarm.

"There were living quarters (in the barn) for people who trained the horses. That's basically who discovered the fire," Huddleston said. "(Besides the horses) no one was hurt. We got off lucky."

Huddleston said 11 other horses were taken safely from the 400-foot-long barn owned by Dr. Jose Millan.

Millan did not own the horses, Huddleston said. "They just boarded the horses for training."

FIREFIGHTER LIABILITY



By Lt. Governor John Mutz

less action by a fireman to seek reasonable compensation. But a relative few abuses of the compensation system could force the demise of many departments, leaving millions of Hoosiers with reduced fire protection.

Governor Orr and I endorsed the liability limit because it should ensure that Indiana's 15,000 volunteer firefighters continue to be available when we need them.

Volunteerism of all kinds is important to the functioning of our communities. Schools, the arts, recreation programs and social services all are enhanced by the efforts of volunteers.

No volunteer is more important than the firefighter who risks his or her well-being to protect fellow citizens from fire. The least we can do is make sure they are not risking their financial futures as well.

Volunteer firefighters respond in seconds to emergencies any time of the day or night. The next time an alarm is sounded and the volunteer fireman arrives ready to save a life and douse the flames, we should appreciate the action of the General Assembly that allows them to continue to serve us.

The Indiana General Assembly removed an obstacle to volunteerism this past session. In passing a law to limit the liability of volunteer firemen, it responded to an emergency in much the same way as Indiana's volunteer firefighters do every time an alarm sounds.

The measure puts a cap of \$300,000 per incident on the liability of each firefighter and requires local units of government to provide that amount of insurance coverage.

H.B. 1276 was drafted because volunteer fire departments need financial protection. Many departments faced the loss of insurance coverage, and most volunteer fire departments could be wiped out by the catastrophic legal costs of one case.

No one disputes the right of a person who is injured or whose property sustains unnecessary damage as the result of a care-

Five injured when plane crash-lands near Henryville



A SINGLE-ENGINE PLANE crashed while en route from Fort Wayne to Florida. Witnesses say the plane, which was carrying five Fort Wayne residents, clipped some trees, then crashed to the ground, ripping off one of its wings.

Staff photo by Greg Melton

Taken From THE EVENING NEWS Jeffersonville, Indiana

Five Fort Wayne residents were injured in a plane crash recently just outside Henryville.

Indiana State Police said the Piper 260 crashed in an open field off Prail Hill Road after experiencing engine difficulties while on its way to Florida. The pilot and 4 passengers in the plane were taken to area hospitals.

A witness, Carl Lyons, who lives in the area, said he knew that the plane's engine was not running when he saw it. Lyons said he thought the plane was

"just coasting". He said after he turned his back he heard a "big boom" and then ran down the road to the wreckage.

Lyons saw a plane circling the area and contacted that plane with the wrecked plane's radio. That plane then contacted an area airport, which notified the police.

The Jefferson County Police Department helicopter was the first to arrive on the scene. The STAT Flight and SkyCare helicopters as well as ambulances from the Ross Ambulance Service arrived shortly afterward and transferred the victims to the hospitals.

A spokesman for Ross Ambu-

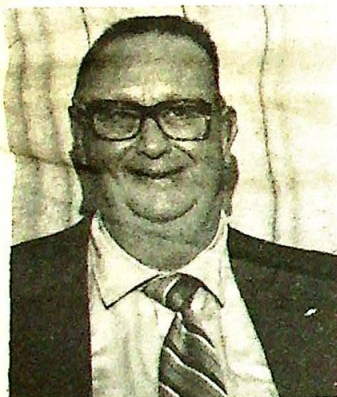
lance Service said three of the injured persons had to be extricated from the wreckage.

Police said the plane clipped the top of the trees and crashed to the ground, ripping off one of its wings.

State Police said the small private plane had left Fort Wayne about 6:30 a.m. Its first stop was to be in Columbia, Georgia. State Police Det. Roger Halbert said the pilot told him he lost power before crashing.

Members from Sellersburg, Henryville and Underwood Fire Departments assisted in the rescue. The Sellersburg "Jaws of Life" were used to free the injured.

PUBLIC RELATIONS SOUTHWEST



CARL O. DAVIS

Just a few lines to thank you for keeping me as your PR Director for another year. Will do the best that I can and try to keep you informed of the happenings of the IVFA.

Congratulations to Districts 11A and 11B for the fine convention. Everyone that I talked to was very pleased with the meeting and the hospitality shown them at the convention.

Congratulations to all of the winners of the awards at the convention. May you enjoy your awards for the coming year.

Some new benefits have been added for the membership. A notice should have been in the dues notice that you received from the state secretary's office. Please notice the July 31st date for your dues.

The State Fire Marshal's Office has several schools coming up. Your chiefs have all this information. See that they pass this information on to you and attend the schools of your choice.

The elections for District Chairmen for 86-87 will be held at the next district meetings so attend and vote for them.

English hosted the 18th District meeting and the Hog Roast was enjoyed by all.

Marion Township was the host to the 17B District meeting and elected Marvin E. Lockhart as chairman for 86-87.

I have visited several departments in the southwest and have the promise of some new departments. If you know of any departments that do not belong to the IVFA, I would be glad to call on them to explain the benefits of belonging to the IVFA.

Keep the cards and letters coming and will attend all the meetings that I can. That's it for this time.

9 YEAR OLD HERO

Taken From MARION CHRONICLE-TRIBUNE By Jeffrey R. Cole, Staff Writer

LaFONTAINE—Adam Stinson is much more than a hero to his family. He's a life-saver.

Adam, 9, woke up to the smell of smoke. He crawled into his parents' bedroom and helped get the family out of the house just fore it was engulfed in flames.

The house and its contents were destroyed, but all five family members escaped without injuries.

Adam's parents, Jim and Kathie Stinson, said their son was responsible for their being alive.

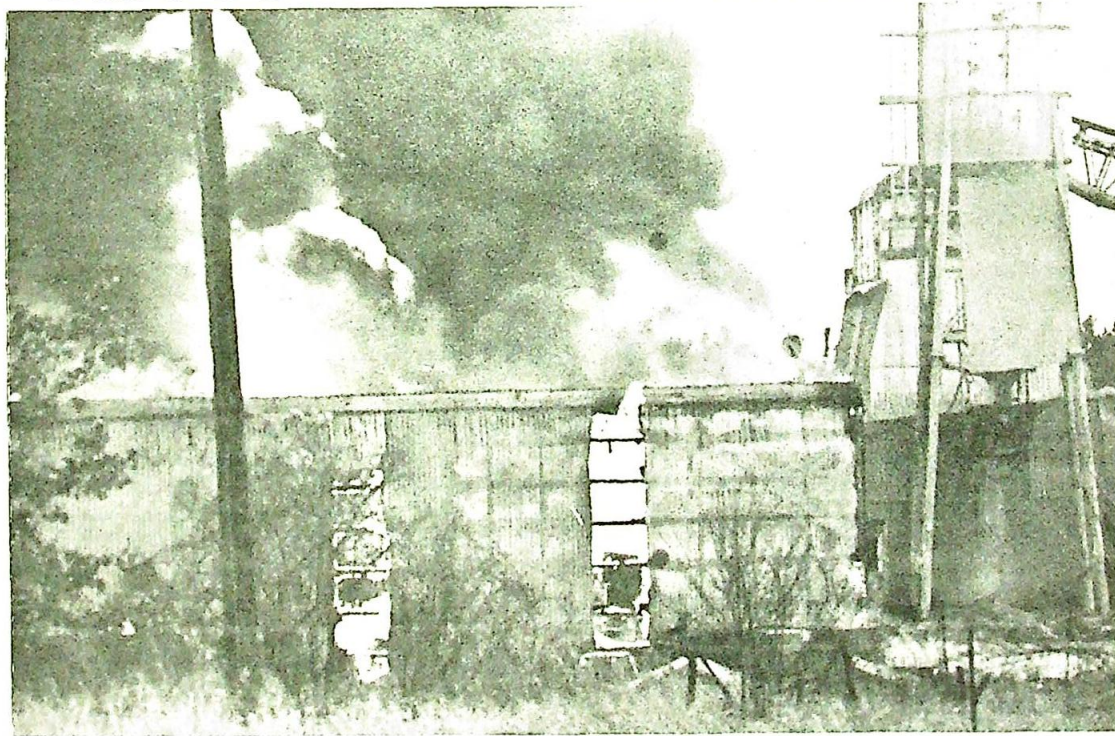
"He was wonderful," said Mrs. Stinson, 30. "He saved our lives. We got out just in time. It was a miracle."

Mrs. Stinson said she and her husband were asleep with their bedroom door closed and a window open, so they were unable to smell the smoke.

By the time Adam woke his parents, the garage and attic of the one-level house were already on fire and the house was filled with dense smoke. The family members had time only to get out to a car parked in the driveway. After driving a few blocks, they turned to see the entire house in flames, Mrs. Stinson said.

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Fire rocks Prairie Materials



Explosions rocked the Prairie Materials garage as fire swept through the building, destroying it. Prairie Materials, located on Sparling Avenue, provides

cement to area contractors. A company spokesman said he did not expect the fire to delay the reopening of the plant.

Taken From The RENSSELAER REPUBLICAN

Officials are investigating a fire that gutted the Prairie Materials building.

Destroyed in the blaze were 2 pick-up trucks, one large loader, 2 large cement mixing trucks, and assorted tools, all of which were inside the garage.

Rensselaer Volunteer Fire De-

partment Chief Lawrence Swartz said the metal garage was completely destroyed. The attached office area sustained water and smoke damage.

The plant where materials are mixed was not affected by the fire.

Arson is not suspected, and the state fire marshal will investigate the blaze.

Prairie Materials General Man-

ager, Bob Verplank placed the value of the cement mixer trucks at \$40,000 each and the loader at \$4,000.

Firemen were at the scene for over 4 hours and had to return twice the next day when the blaze rekindled.

Prairie Materials is a division of I.M.I., located in Greenfield, IN.

No injuries were reported.

9 YEAR OLD HERO

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"We couldn't see to even get anything," Mrs. Stinson said. "It was just an overwhelming experience. There was so much smoke that we couldn't see a thing."

While the family was leaving the house, "I told everyone to stay on the floor," Adam said.

Mrs. Stinson said her husband told Adam to go outside, but Adam stayed inside to help get his sister, Tara, 3, and brother, Eric, 22 months, outside.

Adam, a fourth-grader at Lancaster Elementary School, Huntington County, said he was taught in school to crawl on the floor during a fire to avoid the smoke. He said he also learned about fires from watching commercials on television featuring actor Dick Van Dyke.

Adam said we was proud and happy that he was able to save his family, but said he felt bad that there was nothing left of the house.

"When I got up, you couldn't see anything," said Stinson, 33, a pipe fitter at Marion's Chevrolet-Pontiac-Canada Group plant. Adam definitely saved our lives. He just did a super job."

The only things salvaged from the house were the family Bible, a rocking chair and a safe containing personal papers. One of the documents in the safe was Stinson's mother's will.

Stinson's mother, Oval Hartman, Jalapa, died in a car accident four months ago, Mrs. Stinson said.

The safe had been in the garage, where the fire started. Stinson said firefighters cooled off the 6-foot-high safe with hoses so that it could be removed from the fire.

The Bible, recovered after the fire was extinguished, had been kept in a cedar box in Stinson's bedroom. The box was charred, but the Bible was still in good shape, Stinson said.

The night clothes the family members were wearing when they fled from the house were the only other things they were able to save.

"You can sit there and feel sorry, or you can start all over," Stinson said. "You've got to go on. It's hard, but you've got to."

Mount Etna Fire Chief Gary Couch said there was a \$90,000 loss, which included the house, its contents and a car in the garage. It took the Mount Etna and LaFontaine fire departments more than four hours to extinguish the fire, Couch said.

The fire probably was started by the garage refrigerator or the catalytic converter in the car parked in the garage, Mrs. Stinson said. The cause has not been definitely determined, she said.

Westside Assembly of God, of Marion, which the Stinson's attend, and Lancaster Elementary School are collecting money for clothing.

The Huntington Red Cross gave the family \$30 for food and \$200 for clothing and Red Cross Director Robert Whitesell said the organization would continue to assist the Stinsons.

"It's hard to keep from breaking down when they want to help out," Stinson said.



DeAnna Robinson

1986 MISS FLAME

June 16, 1986
Fairland, IN

Dear I.V.F.A. and I.V.F.A.A. Members,

My experiences as State Miss Flame at the 1986 I.V.F.A. Convention, in Terre Haute, will always be heartwarming and unforgettable.

I used to dream of being I.V.F.A. Miss Flame and representing such an outstanding organization. My dream came true and I feel terrific! I dreamed, I planned, I worked and I conquered. This is my advice to each one of you in our volunteer tasks - dream, plan, do and succeed - nothing is impossible. My mom and dad are members of the I.V.F.A. and I.V.F.A.A. I share their feelings about volunteer work, concern and respect.

Tears filled my eyes when I was announced 1986 I.V.F.A. Miss Flame on June 12. My heart was filled with excitement and joy, not only for myself, but for my parents, home town fire department and District 10. They stood behind me never doubting and always believing. Thanks mom and dad, Fairland Volunteer Firemen and Auxiliary members and District 10 firemen and auxiliary members.

I'd like to extend a very special personal thanks to Bill and Nicki Sunday, Bruce Neal, Debbie Nulliner, Bill and Barbara Ketchum, and gift donors, state officers, state committee workers, all the volunteer firemen and auxiliary members and friends for your assistance, hospitality, and love.

When I returned home I was delivered one dozen red roses from my home town, Fairland Firemen. Tears flowed once again. My first event as I.V.F.A. Miss Flame will be at our home town Fire Department's Fish Fry and Parade. I already have several requests and I anticipate many more. If you need my presence at one of your special events please feel free to write or call me at P.O. Box 277, Fairland, IN 46126, (317) 835-7643.

I am honored to be a part of such an outstanding organization who gives of their time so willingly and lovingly. May God bless and keep each and every one of you.

Respectfully,
DeAnna Robinson

PUBLIC RELATIONS SOUTHEAST



Roy E. Richardson

Congratulations to the 1986 Convention Committee for a job well done. We are looking forward to having everyone in the southern part of Indiana in 1987.

I've been meeting with a lot of departments in the 16th District

since the Chairman, Ira Cambron, has not been feeling well.

I want to thank everyone for their support during the past year. I will continue to do all I can for the fire service. Thanks to Lee Kissell, Tom Sellmer and Ira Cambron for their help and support.

I attended the 19th District meeting in March, the 1987 Convention Meeting in April and various other meetings, Fish Frys and activities in all departments.

Thanks to Chief Adkins at Lafayette for his help with the 16th District at Convention.

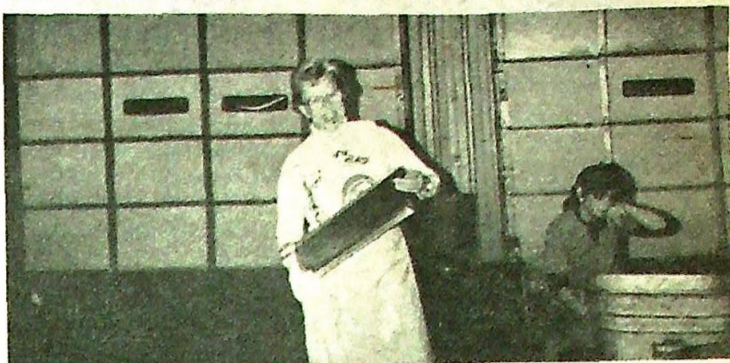
Fund Raisers Pay Off!

The Bremen Vol. Fire Department recently took delivery on a new Rescue-Attack Mini-Pumper. Mounted on a chevy 1-ton 4WO chasis, the truck is equipped with a 300 G.P.M. pump, 250 GALLONS OF WATER, AND A COMPLETE LINE OF EXTRICATION EQUIPMENT. Other equipment includes a 3,500 watt generator with 6 quartz lights, 1 1/2" attack line and pre-connected foam line.

With the exception of \$5,600 worth of extrication equipment, funded from a state and federal grant, the truck was totally purchased from fund raisers by the 20 member department.

State Legislators Aid In Fund Raiser

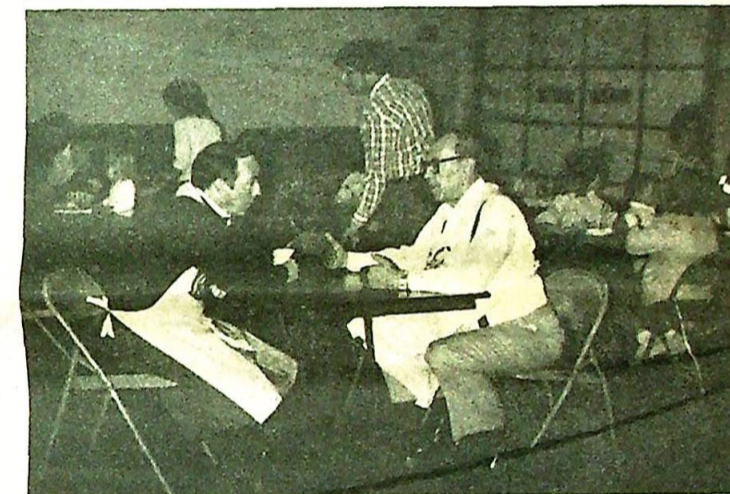
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Representative Phyllis Pond, New Haven, pitching in on dish detail at Poe Peanut Brittle Session.

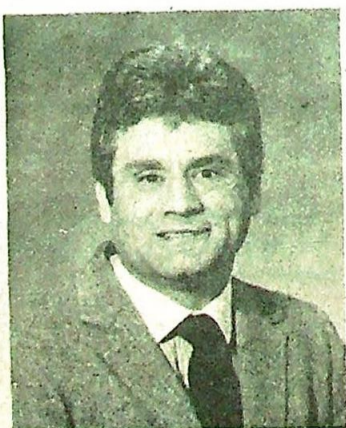


Evelynn Gallmeyer telling George Pond, husband of Representative Pond, what makes Poe Peanut Brittle so successful.



Representative Thomas Wyss and Jack Ford following the Potluck held at Poe Fire Department.

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NEW TANKER-PUMPER FOR LIBERTY TWP.



Liberty Twp./Porter County replaced a 1966 Dodge Tanker recently with a new PEM-FAB - Welch 1000 GPM - 1500 gallon Pumper-Tanker. The 40,000 GVW - 4-door, 8-man, PEM-FAB chassis is powered by a 8V-71N - 316 HP Detroit Diesel with a HT-740 auto transmission.

The Welch Apparatus is equipped with a Darley 1000 GPM, Single stage pump, 1500 gallon water tank, 90 gallon foam tank with around the pump eductor, two 4 1/2", six 2 1/2" and two 1 1/2" discharge lines. A piped in monitor gun is mounted on the center of the cab roof. There are 8 swing down air masks mounted in the upper left side compartments. All equipment is mounted inside of compartments, including a 2100 gallon fold-a-tank, extension - roof, attic ladders, hard suction hoses and the entire hose bed. Also a 3500 watt 120/240 volt generator with electric rewind cord reel and air hose reel mounted in the rear compartment.

A contract for part of a neighboring township and door-to-door

donations is providing the funding for the \$125,000 unit.

Other department equipment includes a 4000 gallon PEM-FAB Welch Tanker, two 750 GPM, 750 gallon pumpers, a mini pumper, grass truck and medium rescue truck. Liberty's 33 man department responds to approximately 300 runs a year. Lloyd Woodrick is the Chief.

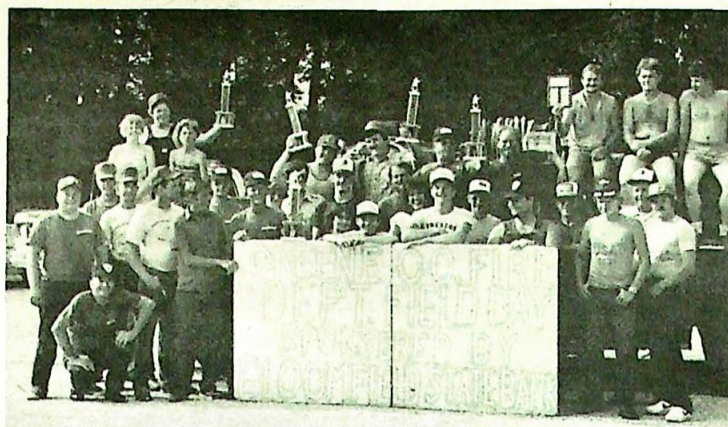
Teen-ager saves Reelsville family from fire

Taken From BANNER-GRAPHIC

A South Putnam High School senior, who awoke early one morning recently and saw flames, was called a hero and possibly saved his family's lives, when he alerted them to a fire in their Reelsville home.

Firemen from the Washington Twp.-Reelsville Vol. Fire Department were notified that the home of John Bridgewater, Route 1, Reelsville, was ablaze.

Greene County Holds Annual Field Day



Pictured above are Green County Field Day contest winners.

The Greene County Firefighters Association, Inc. held their Annual Field Day, sponsored by Bloomfield State Bank on June 15th at Shakamak State Park. It was hosted by the Jasonville, Lewis Township and Wright

Township Fire Departments.

About 30 firefighters participated in the contests and approximately 150 people were on hand to watch. Contest winners were: WATERBALL - Lewis - 1st, Owensburg - 2nd, Jason-

According to fireman Larry Ellis, John Bridgewater Jr., 18, was sleeping in his basement area bedroom, when he awoke to see a reflection of the fire roaring in the home's attic.

"We were told he looked out his window and saw the reflections of the fire and flames, which were shooting through the roof", Ellis said.

Ellis said the teenager ran to the main level of the home, awaking his father, mother and two brothers, who were sleeping. "After he aroused the family, they called the fire department", Ellis said.

"The main level of the living quarters was full of smoke", Ellis reported. "Although there was smoke in the house, the fire was contained to the attic and roof. Flames were shooting through the roof at least 10 feet in the air," Ellis said. He said that 12 firemen, three units and 1,800 gallons of water were used to extinguish the blaze.

"The boy really kept a cool head", Ellis noted, complimenting the young Bridgewater. He said he didn't know what woke him up. He heard a noise and happened to look out the window and see the reflection of flames."

ville - 3rd. LADDER RAISE Wrigt - 1st, Lewis - 2nd. HOSE ROLL Wright - 1st, Lewis - 2nd, Jasonville - 3rd. HOSE REPLACEMENT Jasonville - 1st, Lewis - 2nd, Wright - 3rd. BUCKET BRIGADE Lewis - 1st, Owensburg - 2nd, Jasonville - 3rd.

The overall contest winner was Lewis Township Fire Department. Also competing was Center Township Fire Department.

Preceding the contests a pitch-in dinner was enjoyed by all.

The cause of the fire was determined to be a faulty light socket located in the home's attic, Ellis reported. "For some reason, they had taken the battery out of a smoke detector that was just 5 feet away from the fire itself," he added.

In addition to Bridgewater's quick thinking, Ellis believes another factor helped save the family. "I think the heavy amount of insulation they had in the attic probably helped," Ellis determined. "They had about four to six inches of insulation up there."

Firemen determined the Bridgewater home sustained \$25,000 damage. Its contents sustained damage in excess of \$1,000 or more, Ellis reported.

"The living quarters of the home, I believe, are still livable," Ellis assessed. "They have plastic now on the roof for protection. I believe they will still be able to stay within the house."

Another big factor in saving the Bridgewater home, according to Ellis, is due to the depart-

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TEEN-AGER SAVES FAMILY

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ment's new first response truck. "With us now having that first response truck, I know there are at least three places we have been to where it was save (structures)," Ellis determined.

"The first response truck only holds about 250 gallons of water, but it can get water to a fire quickly until the other units get there," Ellis noted. "And, 250 gallons of water can do a lot to help contain a fire, until more help arrives."

Reelsville firemen were at the scene for approximately 3 hours. Still, Ellis could not help but to laud the young Bridgewater. "We were very lucky to catch the fire the way it was," the fireman noted, indicating Bridgewater's alertness helped the home sustain less damage than what could have occurred, not to mention saving lives.

"The smoke was about down to bed level," Ellis noted, "when the boy awoke. He was really

fantastic. I'd have to say he was a hero in this."

31 YEAR MEMBERS RECEIVE PLAQUES

Liberty Township/Porter County firefighters recently presented Fred and Bob Esserman with plaques commemorating their 31 years of active service with the department.

They helped organize the department in March, 1955. Fred has been the Sgt.-at-Arms for many years and also a member of the Board of Directors, presently serving as Chairman. Bob has served as a Lt., Capt., Inspector, and presently investigation and member of the Board. He is also active with the IVFA as district secretary, chairman and PRNW. He was recipient of the Mr. I.V.F.A. Award in 1976, District 1, Midwest Award in 1985. Bob also was an instructor in L P Gas Emergencies for many years and recipient of the Ranger Insurance T E Shramage Safety Awards in 1980 and 1984.

McCULLOCH PROBES ARSON AT PARKWOOD ELEMENTARY

Taken From the evening news, Jeffersonville, IN

Firefighters with the McCulloch Volunteer Fire Department were called to Parkwood Elementary School after two Molotov cocktails were thrown through a window.

County Arson Investigator Det. Capt. Fred Smith said Paul Wilson, a security guard with the Greater Clark County School Corporation, noticed a window on the east side of the building had been broken. Smith said Wilson went into the building to investigate and saw smoke and fire in a room adjacent to the library.

Wilson contacted the fire department and then extinguished the fire before it spread throughout the room. Ken Huntley, arson investigator with the volunteer fire department, arrived on the scene, then called Smith for assistance in the investigation.

Smith described the homemade firebombs as being a soft drink bottle with a rag soaked in a flammable hydrocarbon stuffed inside. He said only one of the Molotov cocktails ignited when it was tossed through the window. Smith said the first one thrown through the window did not catch fire and was still intact when firefighters arrived. However, the second one did ignite.

During the investigation, he was able to preserve both of the devices and will submit those along with additional physical evidence gathered at the scene outside the school for fingerprinting.

Smith said the incident occurred between the time the janitors left the school the previous night

and when Wilson discovered the broken window.

There were no injuries in the blaze.

Smith said anyone having information about the incident should contact him at 283-4471 or the McCulloch Volunteer Fire Department at 945-3313. "We are prepared to pay a reward from the community restitution program" for information, Smith said.

David Pulliam, public relations officer with the fire department, said the actual fire damage to the building was "very minimal." However, he said, the room and the library were damaged by smoke.

Parkwood Principal Harold Robison said the fire did not disturb normal school operations. He noted that all library classes would have to be dismissed until the damage is repaired.

In another blaze, members of the Charlestown Volunteer Fire Department were called to a mobile home fire at 805 Seatick Road. Assistant Chief E. D. Shain said the trailer was destroyed and estimated the damage at \$23,000.

Shain said the fire was reported after the residents, Mr. and Mrs. Maxie Meredith and their 10-year-old son Jeremy, were awakened by the smell of smoke. Although there were no injuries to those inside, the family dog was killed in the blaze.

Shain said members from Station II fought the fire with the assistance of members of station I. Shain said 18 men and four units responded to the alarm. Due to the quick response of the firefighters, the flames were under control before they could spread.

Officials estimated the damage to the trailer at \$15,000, with the contents damage set at \$8,000. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Blaze Destroys Floyds Knobs Home

Taken From The NEW ALBANY TRIBUNE By Don Beck Writer/Photographer

Volunteer firemen battled the cold and wind in trying to fight a raging, out-of-control fire in a large house on a ridge overlooking New Albany.

The smoke and flames could be seen for miles as the fire roared out of control. Firemen were plagued by frozen water hydrants and were using a bucket brigade system by using tanker trucks of 5 area volunteer departments hauling in water.

The house was owned by Jean Hansen who discovered the fire and reported to firemen that she had smoke in the attic of her house. Lafayette Township, first on the scene, found nearby fire hydrants were frozen and set up their portable "dump tank" and immediately called New Albany, Greenville, Georgetown and McCullough Township departments to give them assistance with their tankers to haul the water to the scene for the dump tank. The closest usable hydrants were 3 to 4 mile round trips for the tankers to the scene, firemen said.

Deputy Chief of the Lafayette Department, Mark Huth, stated that he was in New Albany when the alarm came in and he could see the smoke rolling on the hill and knew it was a bad one. Huth said that the owner told them that she had smelled some smoke and went upstairs to a studio which was over the garage area of the sprawling ranch-type house and saw smoke coming from the small door which went into the attic area. After calling the fire department she got out of the house and had to stand by watching the flames quickly take over her home.

Firemen did their best in trying to bring the fire under control and did manage to get ahead of the blaze and get inside to some of the bedrooms and carry out several dresser drawers of clothing and a few other personal belongings before the blaze got to that area.

Huth stated that the house was a total loss and that firemen would be going through the ruins trying to determine the exact cause of the blaze. He stated that they knew it started in the roof area but hoped to be able to determine what started the blaze following their investigation.

An exact dollar loss was not known, however it is expected to be high since not much was saved in the fire. In all, about 50 to 60 volunteers were on the scene, some remaining throughout most of the night.



Liberty Fire Chief Lloyd Woodrick (right) presented Fred Esserman (left) and Bob Esserman (center) with their plaques.

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