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Downtown fire devastates Williamsport

Williamsport - Firefighters from more than a dozen departments battled an early-morning fire here Monday that gutted a block of downtown buildings and caused between \$1.5 million and \$2 million in damage. Fire broke out at about 2:30 a.m. in the area of Walters Ace Hardware, 111 N. Monroe St. The blaze, fed by paints and solvents in the hardware store, burned south and

north along Monroe Street. By the time it was under control at 8 a.m., it had claimed a barber shop, beauty parlor, two law offices and the offices of the Metropolitan School District of Warren County.

Deputies from the Warren County Sheriff's Department blocked off Monroe Street for fear the remaining brick shells would crumble.

"We're gonna have to get someone on the buildings first and tear them down pretty quick," Phil Strickler, the chief of the Williamsport Volunteer Fire Department, said. "The front street's not safe for traffic or pedestrians.

Firefighters stopped the blaze before it reached the Falls Restaurant at 117 N. Monroe St., but smoke and water damage was heavy there.

Residents said it was the worst fire in memory for Williamsport, a town of 2,500 about 40 minutes from Lafayette.

By mid-morning, all that was left of the east side of Williamsport's main drag was the Warren County Courthouse. All of the buildings involved in the fire Monday were connected. The courthouse, just north of the fire, is separated from the block of buildings and was not touched by the fire.

About the only bright spot amid the twisted metal and smoldering wreckage was that the fire wasn't as bad as it might have been.

"We lost half our downtown today," Phil Fisher of Fisher Funeral Home in Williamsport said. "But we could have easily lost a lot more than that."

Fisher said that when he looked out his window shortly before 3 a.m., he saw Walters Ace Hardware ablaze.

"There were fireballs shooting in every direction," he said. "I don't know how it didn't start something else."

Strickler said, "The hardware store was just like any hardware store. Paint, spray paint, all kinds of flammables."

Chief Deputy Dennis Poer of the Warren County Sheriff Department said he heard the town's fire whistle at 2:45 a.m. and headed the few blocks from his home to downtown.

"It was an orange glow about 200 feet in the air," he said. "There was a pretty strong wind, and it was carrying fireballs 400 or 500 feet.

"It was raining cinders."

Strickler said the cause of the fire has not been determined; arson is not suspected. Investigators from the State Fire Marshal's Of-

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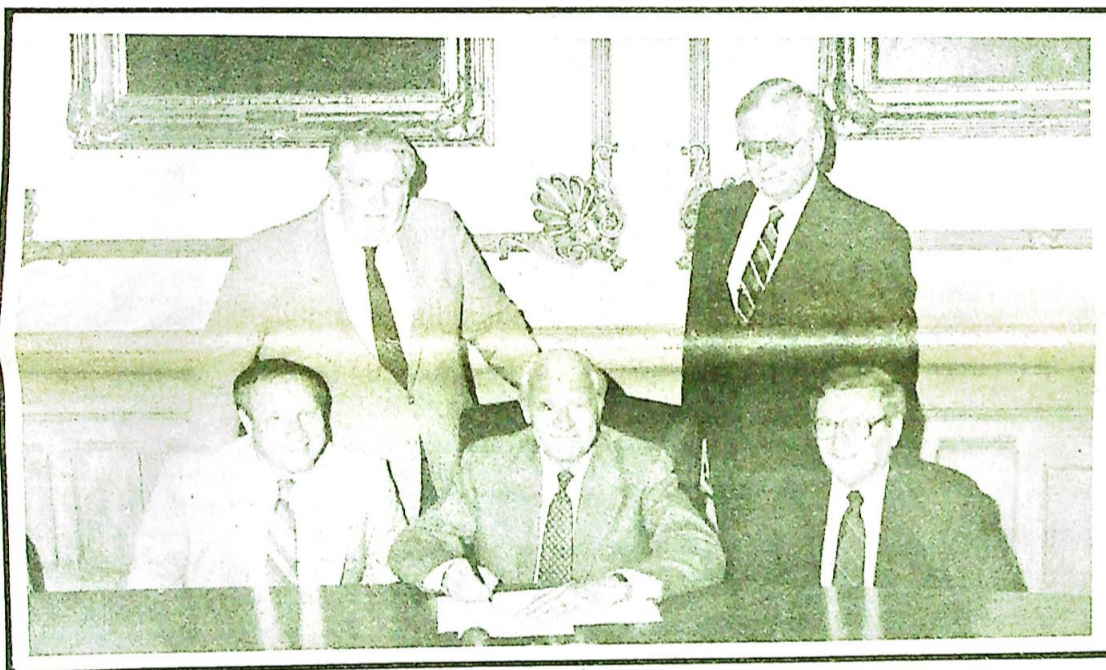
The exact source of Monday's fire that destroyed most of a city block in downtown Williamsport may never be known, Chief Phil Strickler of the Williamsport Volunteer Fire Department said Tuesday.

The fire started in Walters Ace Hardware, 111 N. Monroe, Strickler said. But the fire was so intense - fueled by paints and solvents in the hardware store - that it destroyed any evidence that would show a cause.

The damage caused by the fire is estimated at \$2 million.

- Jay B. Cooperider
The Journal and Courier
July 6, 1988

House Bill 1152 officially signed into law



There is a flurry of activity at the close of each legislative session as documents are printed and the Governor officially signs them into law.

(Seated L-R) Representative Robert Bischoff, Governor Robert Orr and Representative Larry Buell and (standing L-R) Harold "Gene" Stofer, I.V.F.A. Legislative Representative and Lawrence Swartz, President of the I.V.F.A., are seen at the official signing of House Bill 1152, covering volunteer firefighters and E.M.S. personnel under workman's Compensation for medical benefits only.

The Association feels this is a big step forward in the process of increasing the benefits for our volunteer people. We wish to thank everyone who took part in this piece of legislation. It is now up to you to see that it is implemented.

ice were investigating the cause Monday night.

The fire already had spread to three different businesses when Strickler's department arrived, he said.

While firefighters fought the downtown blaze, another fire at 205 Market St. destroyed a garage but did not damage an accompanying house. Some firefighters had to leave the downtown fire to control the other blaze, Strickler said.

As firefighters from as far away as Bismarck, IL, fought the growing fire downtown, townspeople and the owners of the burning buildings crouched on the sidewalk across Monroe Street.

Tom Alexander, the owner of Walters Ace Hardware, said he watched as the fire reduced his business to nothing.

"There were three floors, and it was full of everything you could think of. It was the last of the oldtime hardwares," he said. "They always said if you couldn't

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Four departments battle Monon blaze

Monon - One of the biggest fires in Monon's recent history destroyed adjoining downtown buildings Monday morning and caused minor smoke and water damage to a third.

About 45 firefighters from the Monon, Buffalo, Monticello and Rensselaer fire departments fought the blaze, which started about 6:30 a.m. in the center building on Market Street. Firefighters had the fire under control about 10:30 a.m.

The three adjoining, one-story buildings are on Market Street, the main thoroughfare of Monon. The Food Service Equipment Co. was housed in the first two buildings; the third is home to the North White School Corp.

Steve Lee, the chief of the Monon Volunteer Fire Department, said the fire began between the ceiling and roof of the center building and spread to the left. Fire never touched the school corporation's offices on the right.

An investigator from the State Fire Marshal's Office was at the scene Monday but has not determined a cause. The investigator, Robert Dean, will continue his investigation today.

The fire gutted the interior of the two buildings occupied by Food Service Equipment Co., leaving a coating of soot and soil on its plates and saucers. The two buildings were built around the turn of the century, and for many years they housed White's Five and Dime, a landmark of sorts in Monon.

The building on the right was built in 1912, originally serving as an office for the Bank of Monon. Henry Dalka, the Monon town marshal, and Lee agreed that the fire was the worst they could remember in the business district of Monon, a town of 1,500 people about 40 miles north of Lafayette.

"It was the first downtown fire I can ever remember, really," Dalka said. "Some of the older

fellas said it was the worst downtown fire ever."

Firefighter Dale Quasebarth of Monon was the only person injured in the fire. He was taken to White Memorial Hospital, where he was treated for heat exhaustion and released.

Because of the Fourth of July holiday, the business district was mostly deserted. But the fire did wake some residents who live in a nearby neighborhood.

"There was lots and lots of smoke," said Lyndal Repogle, a retired school teacher who lives immediately behind the buildings on Arch Street.

"It was just really heavy and dense. It was kind of a relief when the flames finally came because it disbursed the smoke."

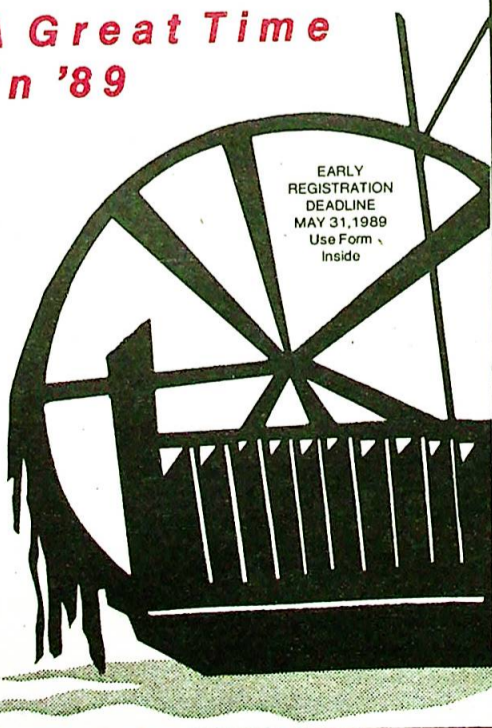
The buildings housing the Food Service Equipment Co. are owned by Jack Jacobs of Monon and leased to Monte Miller of Burdettville. The firm had leased the

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find it at Walters, it probably hadn't been made yet."

By 9 a.m., only the brick front of the hardware store remained standing. The upper floors had been burned through and what had been the basement was a pile of blackened metal.

Water had to be trucked in from Attica and other cities to fight the blaze, because the town's wells couldn't keep up with demand.

Hoses stretched across railroad tracks also blocked freight train traffic while the fire raged in this Warren County seat.

By 6:30 a.m., the town's water tower, which holds 200,000 gallons, was nearly empty. But residents of surrounding towns made up the difference, bringing more than enough water, Strickler said.

"They shuttled it in using everything from semi-trailers to fertilizer trucks. We had people coming with water we didn't even call," he said.

By early afternoon, the depleted water supply had returned to near normal, and residents were not in danger of losing water service.

Hours after the fire started, water was running out the doorways of the businesses on Monroe Street. Ryan Poor, the nephew of

lawyer James McCabe, was busy retrieving what could be saved from his uncle's law office. He and others brought out a copy machine, a desktop computer and drawers from file cabinets dripping water. They had saved several dozen law books and stacked them on the sidewalk across Monroe Street from the fire.

"We got some of the books out but the rest are burning," he said, looking at his uncle's building and the smoke billowing out of it.

Roy Stroud, the superintendent of the Warren County school corporation, said records about schools now closed and about students who are now grandparents were lost.

"I'm sure a lot of those records are destroyed, and that's a terrible shame," he said. "But there's a vault on the first floor with records in it, and we're in hopes that those are in decent shape."

"We'll just see how fire-proof that vault was."

Stroud said payroll records and other vital documents are sent to an elementary school each week: "We do that as a precaution, and I'm glad we did."

There were no serious injuries. Several firefighters also were taken to the hospital for exhaustion and smoke inhalation.

One firefighter, Jerry Shoaf of the Williamsport fire department, was slightly injured when he fell through the floor of one of the buildings.

"We were trying to fight the fire on the roof of the McCabe building," he said. "I was checking with my toes for footing, and when I checked my foot went through a hole in the floor."

Shoaf was treated for bruises and returned to fighting the fire.

Occupants of apartments above one of the buildings were alerted and escaped the fire, Fisher said: "We woke them up, and it was already in their bathroom, but they're fine."

Alexander said he didn't know whether he would try to rebuild the hardware store: "It was a landmark here. It had been a hardware since the turn of the century."

"I'll just sit down, see what kind of coverage I have and go from there."

Police remained at the scene of the fire throughout the night Monday, keeping residents from the fire scene. Strickler said the precaution was taken because of concern that the hardware store was unstable and could collapse.

-by Jay Cooperider
Journal and Courier
7/5/88

Downtown Williamsport future questioned

Williamsport - This town of 1,700 people has a street called Main, but North Monroe Street is the town's main street.

So when almost an entire block of buildings is toppled today by wrecking balls and bulldozers, some will wonder when or whether downtown will be rebuilt.

"A community this size can't afford to lose any businesses - not even one," Robert Smith said. He owns Smitty's Barber Shop and watched it burn to the ground Monday, along with Warren County's school corporation offices, the town's only hardware store, a beauty shop and two lawyers' offices.

Smith said he is ordering new supplies and will reopen in another North Monroe location: "I'll be back in business in 10 days."

It's good news that the landmark barber shop will be back. But a barber shop isn't the kind of business to build a downtown around. In Williamsport, that has been the role of the hardware store for most of the 20th century.

The hardware store - Walters Ace Hardware - filled three stories and two storefronts in the middle of downtown on North Monroe.

The store owner, Tom Alexander, knows that the people of

Williamsport are looking to him. He said the business was a good one and he could make a go of it again if he can afford to rebuild.

"Even if I died or moved away, somebody would put in a hardware," he said. "And this town needs a hardware store."

But Tuesday, Alexander didn't know how much he could count on from his insurance company.

"You're looking at a million and a half in losses in my building, but you know I'm not going to get that."

He said he wants to do what's best for Williamsport and for his family: "I'll have to sit down with the wife and decide what's best."

Insurance adjusters Tuesday poked through what was left of the 100 block of North Monroe and, by the end of the day, all the properties were declared a total loss.

When the wrecking ball swings this morning, the only building that will be left standing is the Falls Restaurant building. Terry and Mary Jo Freeman own the building and the restaurant. Monday morning they prayed that the building would be spared by the fire. Tuesday they weren't sure how happy they were that the prayers were answered.

"When they knock down those

other buildings," Mary Jo Freeman said, "We don't know what's going to happen."

"This restaurant is at the top of this hill, and these buildings are all sort of connected," Terry said. "You know our building is leaning on the one next to it."

Damage to the Freeman's building was limited to water damage and a hole in the roof where firefighters got at the fire as it threatened to spread.

"We don't know what we'll do," Mary Jo said. "We'll just wait to see what happens when they knock the others down."

Town Board President Ed Drake said he hoped to bring in a contractor to knock down the walls of the buildings on North Monroe Tuesday. Because of the danger of the walls toppling into the street, firefighters spent the night in trucks on North Monroe.

"We can't really leave the scene until the walls are knocked down in the morning," Chief Phil Strickler of the Williamsport Volunteer Fire Department said.

-by Jay B. Cooperider
Journal and Courier
7/6/88

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buildings for the past six months. Lee estimated damage to the pair of buildings at more than \$40,000, the amount for which they are insured. He did not have an estimate for the value of the contents.

The fire was first spotted by a businessman headed for work. By the time firefighters arrived at 6:42 a.m., the middle building was engulfed in flames.

Lee said firefighters were getting the fire under control by shooting water from within the building to the roof, but they had to stop when the ceiling began to collapse, he said.

Had firefighters been able to continue inside the building, damage could have been much less, Lee said.

"We were probably within five to 10 minutes of keeping the damage down," he said.

-by Greg Andrews
Journal and Courier
7/5/88

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Nearly 300 residents of Williamsport turned out Wednesday afternoon to watch as Jimmy Taylor of Attica knocked down some burned-out downtown buildings. A fire Monday morning destroyed the town's only hardware store, a beauty shop, a barber shop, the offices of two lawyers and the offices of the Warren County school corporation, all in a block of North Monroe Street.

-Photo by Frank Oliver, Journal and Courier, Lafayette, 7/7/88

From your president - Lawrence Swartz

Another year has passed during which time many have attained the goals they set a year ago. Others are still working towards achieving those goals. Perhaps some have lost their goals or given up. Serving as your President has made this a very special and rewarding year for me. Each and every day there were new acquaintances and new challenges to meet. Theda and I certainly want to thank everyone for your kindness and hospitality the past year and the opportunity to serve you again in 1988-89.

To everyone of District 3, I want to personally commend you for the excellent convention at Michigan City. Only those that have actually prepared for a convention realize the long hours, the hard work and the obstacles you encounter. Again a big thank you to Chairmen Al Meyers and Andy Bjornberg. Also to all of District 3 Firefighters, Ladies Auxilliary, Junior Firefighters and everyone involved.

We welcome Larry Jackson to the ranks of Public Relations Director. Larry will be overseeing the East Central area. This area was formerly served by Bill Windsor for several years and he deserves a big thank you from all of us.

We felt that the recent school sponsored by the I.V.F.A. in Indianapolis on June 18 and 19, outlining the requirements of the State Board of Accounts Audit, was very well received. Over seventy people on Saturday and fifty on Sunday (even though it was Father's Day) indicated the interest generated for these schools.

By the time you receive this paper we will have already held an additional schooling on July 16 and 17. In August we will be hosting the same school in the Northern section of the state. Please read your mail and watch

for the bulletins. This is important and becoming more so every day. The question and answer sessions were great because of your participation as firefighters.

Our preparations are now underway for the upcoming legislative session beginning January 1,



1989. On June 27 our joint services legislation group met with the Fire Marshal in trying to coordinate our programs for the coming year. If you have concerns that need to be addressed by the State Legislature, please advise your district chairman or any officer of the association. Mr. Harold 'Gene' Stofer will again be your Legislative Representative, and he will be glad to hear from you.

In all probability the fire service charge will be one of the items that we will address. This did not come out of printing as it should have and does cause some concerns as to the way it is written. Hopefully, we will be able to acquire financial assistance for you in equipment, stations, training, etc. Also we will once again look at the possibility of tax breaks for qualified firefighters. Many have expressed the desire for license plates identifying you as a volunteer firefighter. This may be closer than you think. We know there are needs out there and we must hear from you to know what

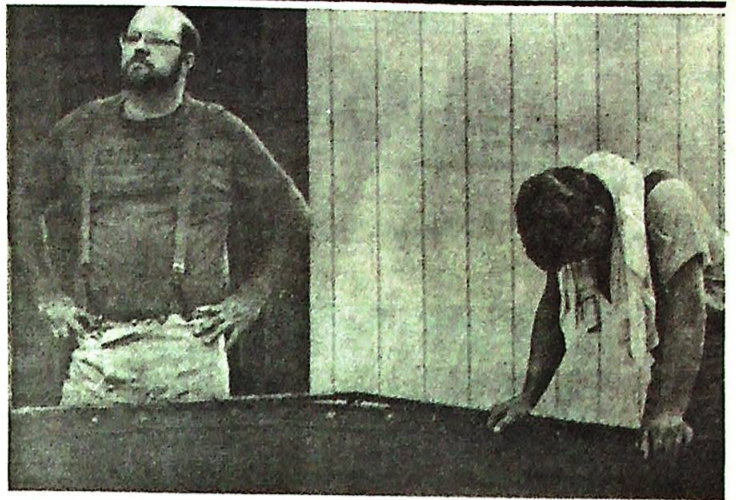
they are.

Don't forget, the Association still has two trailers for your use, the E.D.I.T.H. Trailer and the Public Education Trailer. These will now be stored at Wayne Township Headquarters. A projected set of rules and requirements for the use of these trailers will be in another section of this paper. Just one new item to remember, the Public Relations Director for your area will be making the reservations for your use of the trailers.

The new Public Education committee is: Jim Parker, 317/862-4650; Barbara Spurlin, 317/299-7170; and Larry Curl, 317/247-8501. If you have any ideas on public education do not hesitate to call any of these people.

Please keep the cards and letters coming, I will do my best to reach as many of you as possible. Until then, if I can help in any way just call.

Lawrence



Otterbein volunteer firefighter Steve Wettschurack (left) and Wabash volunteer firefighter Ron Wark rested alongside a portable water tank Tuesday morning after dousing a fire at the DeBoy house.

— Photo by Jason M. Martin, Journal and Courier, Lafayette, 7/6/88

W. Lafayette fire claims three

A nightmare lingered today for residents of Wabash Township after a fire in a rural West Lafayette house claimed the lives of three young men.

Stunned family and friends huddled in gathering light Tuesday morning, waiting for the tragic toll. Firefighters hugged and wept after an exhaustive search to recover the victims from the smoke-filled basement where the brothers and their friend had been sleeping.

The victims of the fire are Curtis Alan DeBoy, 20, and Kevin Scott DeBoy, 17, both of 5168 N. County Road 225 W., WL; and Kerry D. Conrad, 20, 5005 N. County Road 500 E.

Martin Avolt, the Tippecanoe County coroner, said the three died from smoke inhalation. Curtis DeBoy and Conrad died at the scene; Kevin DeBoy was pronounced dead at 5:05 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center.

Phyllis DeBoy, the DeBoys' mother, escaped from the house. She was treated at St. Elizabeth and released.

Wabash Township firefighters were called to the DeBoy home at 3:58 a.m., after a smoke detector and heavy smoke woke Mrs. DeBoy. Fire Chief Larry Hertz said Mrs. DeBoy couldn't get to the basement — where her sons and their friend were asleep — because of the smoke. She ran to a neighbor's house to call the fire department.

The neighbors, David and Roberta Tree, 5120 N. County Road 225 W., pounded out the basement windows while their daughter dialed the DeBoy's number, hoping to rouse the men from their slumber.

Flames were contained to the

basement, but David Tree said "big, black billows of smoke" could be seen emerging from the rear of the basement.

"It was such a helpless feeling," Roberta Tree said. "We tried to wake them, and we couldn't get inside the door... they probably were already unconscious by that time."

Hertz said firefighters needed oxygen masks to make it past the first landing inside the house. They recovered Kevin DeBoy first from a separate bedroom in the basement. Wabash firefighters, assisted by three other departments, scoured the basement for nearly two hours before recovering Curtis DeBoy and Conrad. Their bodies were found on the floor near where they had been sleeping.

Tippecanoe police Sgt. James Napier and Fire Inspector Ron Wark said the fire started in a couch, probably from a smoldering cigarette.

The father, Glenn E. DeBoy, was not home when the fire broke out. Roberta Tree said he had left for work earlier Tuesday morning. Family members caught up with Mr. DeBoy, a trucker, on his way to Milwaukee.

The grief over the loss of the three young lives was shared by family, neighbors and firefighters. Hertz said about five of the Wabash volunteers knew the DeBoy family. Hertz' son-in-law, Mark Hayworth, is the DeBoy's cousin.

"Even for those who did not know the family and were involved in the search and recovery, this was a very traumatic experience," Hertz said.

—by Kelly Rota
Journal and Courier
7/6/88

Cause of Monon fire remains undetermined

Monon - A fire that destroyed two downtown buildings and damaged a third on Monday has been left to undetermined causes, because the insurance company is satisfied with the initial investigation.

Firefighters from Monon, Buffalo, Monticello and Rensselaer fought the blaze, which started about 6:30 a.m. in the center building on Market Street. The fire gutted the interior of the two adjoining buildings occupied by Food Service Equipment Co., and damaged a third occupied by North White School Corp.

Fire Chief Steve Lee said insurance company officials met with investigator Robert Dean on Tuesday. Officials were satisfied with the conclusions that the fire was not suspicious and was started between the roof and ceiling of the center building.

"It would be hard to get up there between the ceiling and roof to start a fire," Lee said. "If it had started at ground level, it would have been more likely to be an arson."

The buildings were insured for \$40,000 by Moncel Insurance in Monon, Lee said.

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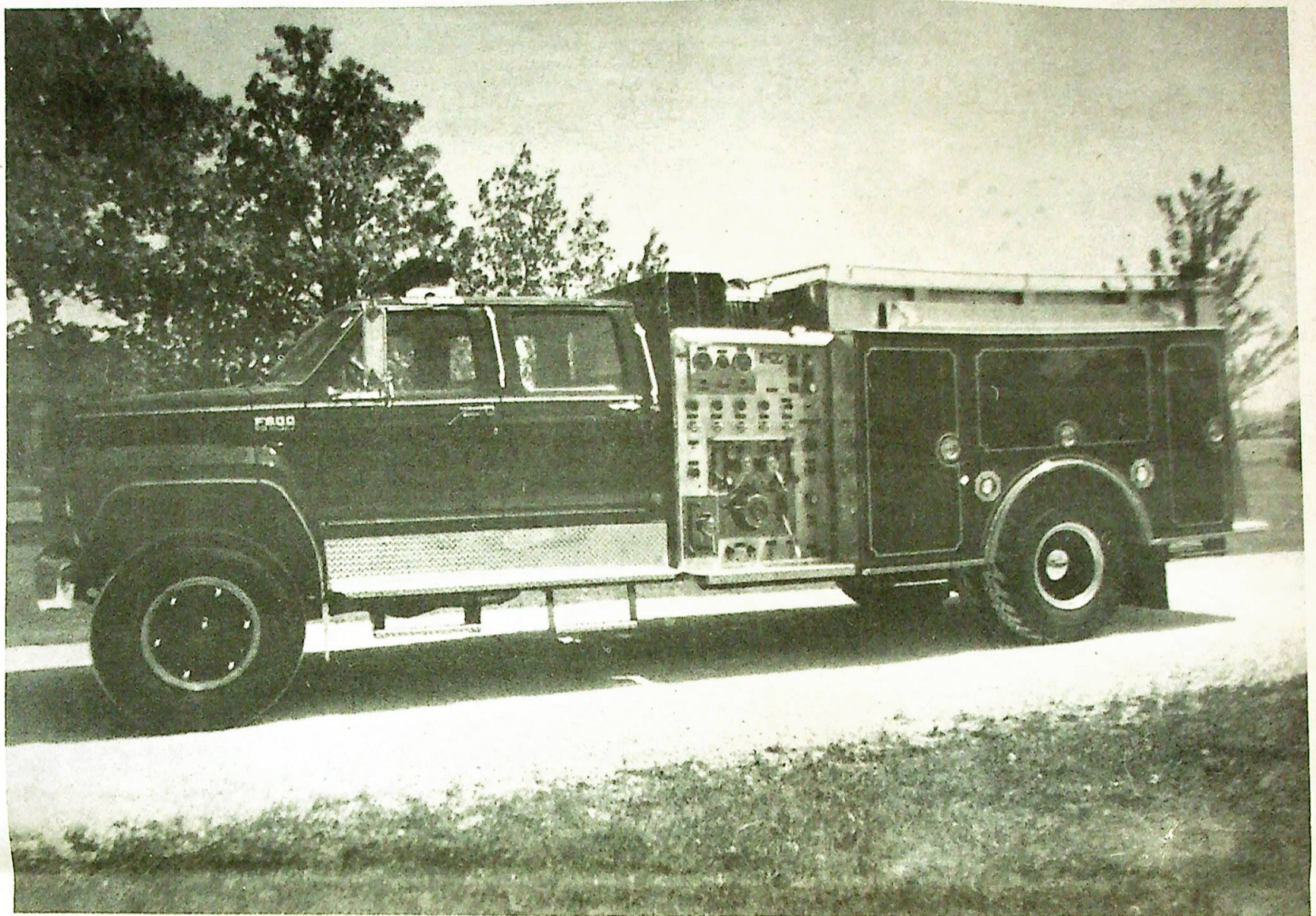
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Roger Wolfe, an employee at The Andersons, fights a fire behind the agricultural supply facility.
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Field fire causes minimal damage

Delphi - Quick action by firefighters and employees of The Andersons prevented a field fire from seriously damaging the company's grain storage and cob mill facility Tuesday.

"There was the possibility of serious damage to the facility," Vern Hinkle, the operations manager for The Andersons, said. "It developed a lot faster than anyone anticipated. Of course, as dry as it is, you can never tell."

Camden were called about 1:30 p.m. when a spark from a tractor ignited two wagons stacked high with straw in a field on the Sherry Mears farm along County Road 300 North, about 1 1/2 miles east of town.

The fire cut a path about 200 yards wide as it ran down the field. Firefighters were able to get the fire under control as it spread from the field to a former cob storage area. The Andersons employees used heavy equipment to build fire

breaks to contain the smoldering fire to the cob pile.

Bill Schock, the Delphi Volunteer Fire Department chief, said the fire likely would smolder for days in the corn cob pile, which Hinkle estimated was 1 1/2 to 2 feet deep.

One firefighter, Allen Gray of Delphi, was hurt fighting the fire. He suffered an ankle injury when he parked a pumper truck and caught his leg as he got out of the truck. Gray was dragged by the truck, which stopped when it was hit by another truck. Gray was taken to St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center in Lafayette, where he was listed in satisfactory condition.

Schock said firefighters were lucky to contain the fire.

"With this wind, it could have been five more minutes before some serious damage. When you're talking about buildings, you never know," he said.

Hinkle watched firefighters battle the fire from high atop the grain elevators. He said damage for The Andersons was minimal. Other damage was limited to the two wagons loaded with straw.

"The biggest inconvenience for us was to our customers when we shut down," he said. Trucks were lined up for between 60 and 90 minutes as the fire burned through the field.

- by Jeff Salyers
 Journal and Courier
 7/6/88

From Your Chaplain Duane Lantz



WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

Scripture Mark Chapter 6 Verses 1 thru 6

And he went out from thence, and came into his own country; and his disciples follow him.

And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing HIM were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him.

But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.

And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them.

And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching.

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 What do we do Now????? I guess I just start my 26th year as your Chaplain.

There are many Thank You's in order for the honors I received at Convention. I wish to thank Mr. Coffee and Fire Marshal Larry Bosell for the Governor's Meritorious Service Award, The I.V.F.A. for the beautiful plaque, the Third District for their 25-year plaque, and the I.V.F.A. for their lifetime membership. Also to all on District 3's Convention Committee who worked so hard over this last year.

To Mr. Goodwin, Mr. Stofer, Mr. Sabie, Mr. Laney, and Mr. Ford for remembering all of the good things that I did in the past 25 years, and also some of my lighter moments that were remembered at the ROAST on Friday night, I owe a big Thank You.

There was an accidental death of one of the members of the Osgood Volunteer Fire Department, leaving a son and an expectant mother. At times such as this we cannot understand why these things happen.

Our Lord Jesus set the example at the grave of his close friend Lazarus. He wept unashamedly. For Mary and Martha, it was a time of loss and frustration. Jesus did not portray a great strength to counter their grief, rather he shared from his very human being.

For us as his followers to do less than weep at the loss of another comrade is something less than human and christian.

The day of that Memorial service was our 9th wedding anniversary. The motels at Osgood were full so we went to Clifty Falls State Park for the night. This place has a special spot in our hearts - this is where I proposed to Grace. The next morning we went to Madison to see my old friend Clarence Hoffman and his wife. What a fine gentleman. 91 years old and still interested in the Fire Department and the well-being of his community.

With the lack of rain we are really having to work to keep the grass, garden and flowers alive, but they are doing good, and the flowers are beautiful. Take time to smell the flowers, they are the handiwork of God.

Our scripture tells us about the Carpenter, the Sabaath Day, the healing of the sick, the teaching of God's Holy word, and the unbelief. These are some of the marvels of Christ's teachings.

LEAVE IT WITH HIM

Yes, leave it with Him; the lilies all do,
 And they grow;
 They grow in the rain, and they grow in the dew -
 Yes, they grow.
 They grow in the darkness, all hid in the night,
 They grow in the sunshine, revealed by the light -
 Still they grow.

They ask not your planting; they need not your care
 As they grow.
 Dropped down in the valley, the field - anywhere -
 Yet they grow.
 They grow in their beauty, arrayed in pure white;
 They grow, clothed in glory, by Heaven's own light -
 Sweetly they grow.

The grasses are clothed, and the ravens are fed,
 From His store;
 But you who are guarded and loved and led -
 How much more
 Will He clothe you, feed you, and give you His care!
 Then leave it with Him; He has, everywhere,
 Ample store.

Yes, leave it with Him; 'tis more dear to His heart,
 You will know,
 Than the lilies that bloom or the flowers that start
 'Neath the snow.
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 You can leave it with Him, for you are His care.

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Secretary Lee Kissell reports

Convention time has now passed and the task of handling your 1988/1989 dues will take most of our time at home this summer. Mary helps with the dues while she is off from her job at our school. She was also elected to the Corresponding Secretary in the IVFA Auxiliary, so she will be very busy this summer. If you have any questions, she is usually available by phone during the day and can assist you with any problem you may have. I am available in the evenings and on the weekends. Most of the dues payments we received so far this year have been done correctly. Thank you for following my instructions! It has made our job much easier this year.

With the computer running smoothly and the addition of two more printers, we can now process your dues in much less time than it took last year. With three printers connected to the computer, we now print your new membership cards, your return mailing label, and department lists automatically as we finish up each department. This complete process averages about ten minutes per department, if the paperwork has been returned to us properly. A postage meter will be installed by the time you read this article. This will be another great time-saver for us. We are doing our best to get your cards back out within one week, but we will probably get bogged down in July when the big rush hits near the end of the month.

The annual dues mailing was completed the first week of May. If your department has not received the package, call us at once. We mailed 841 envelopes out (that is the total number of departments we have in the computer file), so I know everyone should have received it. Please note that I must have your dues IN MY OFFICE no later than July 31 (not postmarked July 31) to be eligible for the Bridgeport Fund benefits. Last year, 2/3 of the members were paid on time. The other 1/3 will not be eligible for Bridgeport benefits for three years. PLEASE get your dues in on time!

A few reminders again for those that have not mailed your dues in yet:

There have been a few changes to the printout. The "MEMBER STATUS:" shows Active, Inactive, etc. The

"NEWSPAPER HOLD:" should be empty. If an "H" appears, the address is no good and newspapers will not be mailed out.

I need the "YEAR JOINED FIRE SERVICE:" filled in, if possible. With this information, the computer will be able to determine every member that is eligible for a Life Membership when 50 years of service is completed. I am certain that there are some others that are eligible but we don't know it without this date. We have already discovered eight members that were eligible and will be receiving gold life member cards.

Review the entire form and mark all corrections on the printout. It is extremely important that you return one copy to me with your payment. If you don't do so, the processing time increases from 10 minutes up to as much as an hour per department! At 700 departments, that can add up to many needless hours of extra work. We are returning dues checks that do not contain the printout.

Please follow the Instruction sheet carefully and fill out the back side of this sheet with department information. Please



add up your membership accurately and fill in the correct amount due. Adding up the total members incorrectly causes both you and me additional work. Return this sheet with your printout and payment.

Finally, a return envelope was provided for your convenience. This will insure that I receive your dues payment, so please use this envelope.

Please call or write if you have any problems with dues payments. My office number is 812-744-3779. If we are not at home, leave your message on the answering machine. I hope you have a safe and "cool" summer.

Runner-up expresses thanks

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the firemen and auxiliary members for their great support and hospitality at the recent 1988 convention in Michigan City. A special thanks goes out to my department, Dana VFD, and District 11-B. I met a lot of nice people and I believe the convention was a great success. District 3 definitely should feel proud of their accomplishments.

I'm very proud to have been

chosen Miss Flame 1st Runner-up, and I'm looking forward to visiting several departments this year. I've already been to Marshall's fish fry and I had a great time. Don't hesitate to invite me to your parades or other department functions and I'll do my best to attend.

Thanks again,
Becky Bush
IVFA Miss Flame 1st
Runner-up



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Jim Monihan, chairman of the National Volunteer Fire Council, says "Our goal is to insure that if and when a line-of-duty death occurs, the family receives the benefit it is due under this federal program. Every volunteer fire department should have this information kit on file, - just in case."

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Hello Auxiliary Ladies:

Just a short note to thank you for your support at convention. I truly hope that I will be able to live up to your expectations. If there is anything I can do either for you, your auxiliary or your district, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I hope to get to some of your district meetings, as well as local functions. If you have something going on, please let me know.

I know that by the time you read this, many of you will have been on vacation. We just finished our Canadian vacation to Grand

Valley Ontario for waterball weekend. It was 107 degrees on Saturday afternoon and on Wednesday morning it was 33 degrees. I wasn't quite prepared for the change. You could see that they had some frost damage to the crops.

We all need to hope and pray for rain. With the extreme dryness, watch all fires until they are extinguished. Remember your firefighters when they are out fighting fires in the extreme heat. Be sure that someone takes cold drinks, especially water to them.

The deadline for dues is September 30, 1988. Dues are \$2.00 per person and should be sent to Maxine Davies, Recording Secretary. Remember your auxiliary must have continuous membership in order to receive a 15-year certificate. Congratulations to all of the Auxiliaries who qualified for this award this past year.

I will be looking forward to talking to or meeting with you in the near future. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Your I.V.F.A.A. President,
Toni Sorg

DISTRICT 4

The May meeting of District 4 was held at the Penn North Station. Gladys Peterson, Chaplain, led us in the pledge and gave a reading titled "A thought for the day."

We were glad to welcome our state auxiliary vice-president, Toni Sorg and her guest. She had the beautiful Doe Doll with her and urged us to buy our tickets.

Thirteen answered roll call representing seven departments.

We talked about the changes of the state auxiliary by-laws that will be voted on at convention.

Happenings around the district are: June 4 - Harris Twp. Days; June 4 - Cleveland Fish Fry; June 18 - Concord Dance; Sept. 8 - District 4 Social Hour (ladies only) at 7 p.m. Penn North; Sept. 10 - Concord Fish Fry; Sept. 23 - German Twp. Fish Fry.

We all made a wish that each auxiliary would send a representative to our district meetings.

Next meeting will be at New Carlisle that last of July and election of officers.

Dist. 4 Chairman
Jane Ferro

DISTRICT 10

Acton hosted the May 16th I.V.F.A.A. 10th District meeting.

Before the meeting, a pitch in dinner was served to 26 people. There were 9 Auxiliaries present and 7 guests.

Plans for the Convention in June were discussed and members were encouraged to attend.

A drawing was held for an afghan made by Vivian Thomas of the Acton Auxiliary. The winner of the afghan was Barbara Parker of Acton.

The presentation of the Inez Jefferies Award was made to Lois Taylor of the Marietta Auxiliary. She was presented a plaque and corsage. Congratulations, Lois!

A Hidden Auction was held at the close of the meeting.

The next meeting of the 10th District Auxiliary will be held at Warren Township on August 15. See you there!

- Judy Hurst, 10th Dist. Sec.

DISTRICT 11A

Summer is here and everyone is very busy.

Convention was held in Michigan City this year. District 11A and 11B came home with a lot of awards this year. Miss Sara Davis representing 11A and Seelyville V.F.D. came home with the State Miss Flame title. We are very proud of her. Also from District 11B, Miss Becky Bush came home with the Runner-up

State Miss Flame title. Everyone in our District is proud to have such representation. If you have any activities coming up please let these girls know. Addresses are in the paper.

We are also pleased to have another winner in our District. Bob Myers from North Terre Haute Volunteer Fire Department won the Ollie Sandburg Award. Also he won the Midwest Award from the District. We know Bob Myers has worked very hard for many years in his own department. We are very proud of you Bob.

We had a real nice time at the convention this year and we'll be looking forward to next year's in Evansville.

Our last District meeting was held at Honey Creek Volunteer Fire Department with good attendance. Next meeting is at Prairie-ton. Please try and come, you don't know what you are missing. The date of that meeting is July 17, 1988, at 1:00 p.m. Our annual picnic will be held at Dobbs Park in Terre Haute on September 18, 1988. Please bring a well-filled picnic basket.

Many activities go on in the district throughout the year. The district meeting is an easy way to let people know what, when and where.

Here are a few things going on in our district. Fish Fry - Honey Creek on Aug. 20, Fish Fry - Sandford V.F.D. on Sept. 10, Fish Fry - Van Buren V.F.D. on Sept. 17.

-Sue Biggs, Dist 11A Ch.

DISTRICT 11B

Wow, what a great time we had in Michigan City at the Convention. District 3 did a fantastic job. Over and above all of the Convention activities, it is always nice to renew old friendships and make new ones.

Of course, this was an extra special year since our daughter Becky was chosen Miss Flame 1st Runner-up. We are very proud of her. Our community is also proud,

i.e., when we returned to Dana on Saturday evening, there were signs in the firehouse and at various business places welcoming Becky home and congratulating her. Montezuma Fire Department and Auxiliary had put a sign on our garage. We thank not only our local and district departments but all of those throughout the state for their support and good wishes. We also congratulate Sara Davis of District 11-A for being chosen Miss Flame.

Tony Sorg was elected president, our own Maxine Davies - recording secretary, Mary Kissell - corresponding secretary, and the other officers stayed the same. These ladies have taken an oath which means they are giving themselves and their time for our I.V.F.A. auxiliary. We need to give them our fullest support and thanks. We should help them if we can. As we enter into another fiscal year, let's put our thinking caps on and try to come up with ideas that can help the officers or our organization. I'm sure that Tony and her officers would like to hear them. They can be sent through your district chairman or can be mailed directly to the officers. Speaking from a district chairman's standpoint, I am also glad to get comments and ideas.

Membership dues now will be sent to Maxine Davies for the year 1988-89 and are due now and delinquent after September 1. Her address is in another part of the paper.

Congratulations to two fine people, Viola and Carl Bruns of Sunman, for receiving the Lois Boaz and Mr. I.V.F.A. awards. They are very deserving of the honor.

Just a reminder to our district and to anyone else who wishes to come, District 11-B meetings are held on the second Sunday of every other month beginning with January. They always start at 1:00 p.m. with lunch being served. If your auxiliary doesn't get a card advising the location, give me a call.

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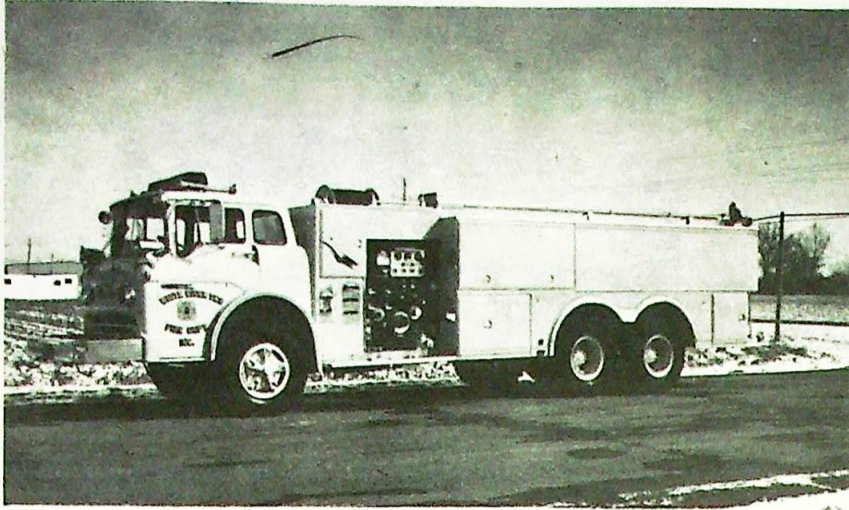
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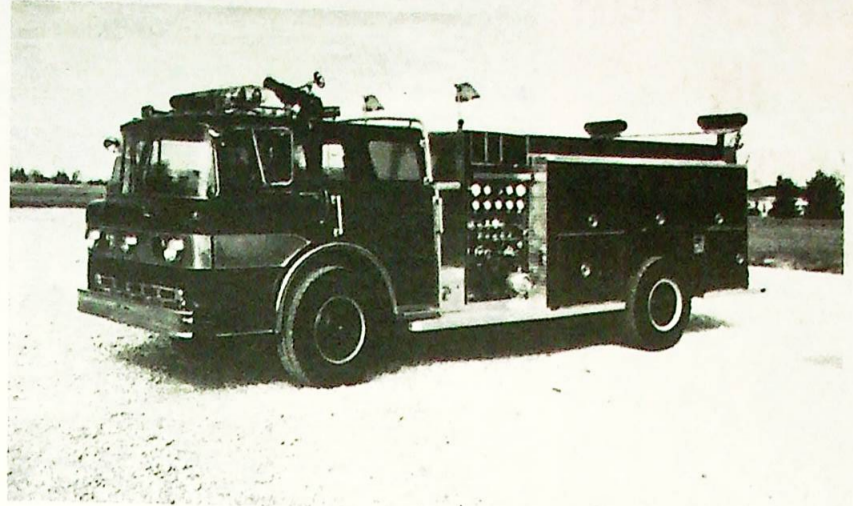
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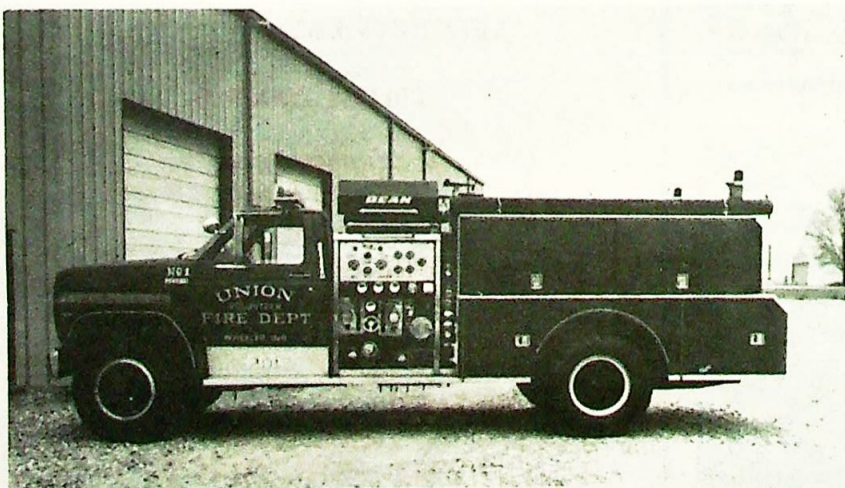
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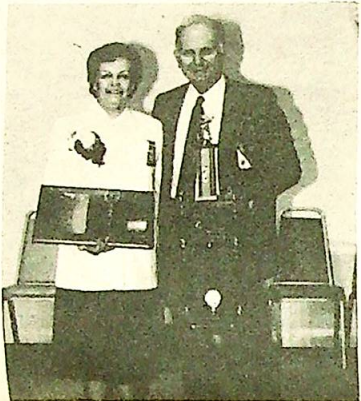
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1988 I.V.F.A. Miss Flame Sara Davis (right) from District #11-A and runner-up Becky Bush from District #11-B.



1988 Lois Boaz Award winner Viola Bruns and her husband Carl, former IVFA president and winner of the 1988 Mr. IVFA Award.

Results of Games at Convention

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- 4 Adams 3 #1
- Adams 3 #3
- Cool Springs
- Indy Rebels
- Kingsford Union
- Lake Station
- Penn South #2
- Poe #2
- Springfield
- St. John

Ladies Waterball

- 1 Adams Twp.
- 2 Schererville
- 3 Springfield

Ladies Cart Race

- 1 Farmland 69.41 sec.
- 2 Sugar Creek 97.36 sec.
- 3 Springfield 110.35 sec.

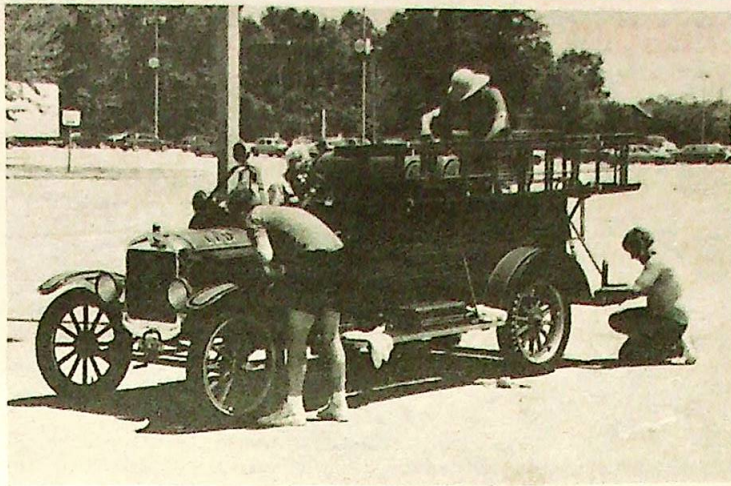
Men's Hose Replacement

- 1 Lacrosse 27.77 sec.
- 2 Fortville #2 29.07 sec.
- 3 Fortville #1 29.27 sec.
- 4 Adams 3 #1 30.08 sec.
- Adams 3 #2
- Kingsford Union
- Lacrosse #1
- Penn South
- Poe
- Sugar Creek
- Wayne Twp. #1
- Wayne Twp. #2

Men's Cart Race

- 1 Adams #3 38.84 sec.
- 2 Penn South 44.65 sec.
- 3 Kingsford Union 50.32 sec.
- 4 Fortville 52.84 sec.
- Farmland
- Wayne Twp.

Al Mendel, Chairman of Games



What's a fireman's convention without antique fire apparatus? The fellas from Farmland shine up their Model "T" Ford American LaFrance for Saturday's parade.



The Penn South team #1 went home with first place honors in the Men's Waterball competition.



The Fortville Fire Department received the nozzle donated by Midwest Fire and Safety.



First Place in the Women's Cart Race went to the Farmland team.



The hose replacement contest was won by the firemen on the La Crosse team.




The Adams team took First Place in Women's Waterball.



Not to be outdone by the women, the men's cart race team took first place in their competition.



Penn South firefighters were our water ball champions beating Poe #2 in some close competition in the final match.



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BILL HOWE

Another year has come and gone with the I.V.F.A. I would like to thank all the delegates at this year's annual meeting for a job well done. There was a considerable amount of business to contend with as well as the election of officers to carry this association thru the 1988-89 year while preparing to meet the 1990's.

It is with great pleasure that I will be your public relations director for the coming year and would like to thank the Northwest districts for your past support. With your help we will keep this association moving for the benefit of the volunteer fireman in Indiana. The month of July will see all districts elect a chairman to represent you at the quarterly state meetings. It is very important that we select the best qualified person as this position is the root of the association. Your District Chairman is your vote and voice.

It is with pleasure that I extend my congratulations to the fire departments and auxiliaries of District 3 for a job well done in hosting the 1988 Annual Meeting. This is a very time-consuming

task that draws little thanks but it was handled very professionally by these people. As you think back over the last 2 years of planning and preparing, just say we tried to do our best with what we had available. It was my feeling that everyone enjoyed the weekend and the business of this association was taken care of again. Thanks!

This article would not be complete without congratulating all the award winners especially the Mr. I.V.F.A. and the Lois Boaz, who for the first time happened to be a husband and wife, Carl and Vi Bruns.

The Banquet program was a very interesting tribute honoring the short, gray haired man we have all come to know as Father Lantz. Duane accepted his election for the 26th year as Chaplain for this association. I would like to thank him for a job well done many times in the local area as well as throughout the state. Fellow firefighters, as you are aware, Father Lantz is not getting younger, it appears we should look at doing something to help him.

In closing, I would like to invite each department to appoint a few of your people to attend the district meetings and bring back the information so each department can be current with state, and national regulations because they are changing rapidly. Your chairman gets his input from the local departments from the district meetings and takes it to the state level meetings.

There is still money available thru the association for fire schools to be held on the district level. If your area is interested please contact your chairman.

If I can be of any assistance please contact us thru your chairman and we will try to assist.

Thanks again for your past support and let's all work together to make this the best association.

Please attend your district meetings.

Petition for new Wea Twp. department started

Wea Township firefighters' dissatisfaction with Trustee Rollie Troutman has sparked a petition drive to form a new fire department.

Fire Chief Richard Pendleton said about 450 property owners have signed a petition asking the county commissioners to establish the Wea Fire Protection District. The district would be under a five-person board appointed by the commissioners, which would have the power to levy taxes to finance fire protection.

Pendleton said he believes that his 28 firefighters would go with him to the new department, freeing the firefighters from the jurisdiction of Troutman.

"We don't want any mudslinging. All we want to do is protect the township," Pendleton said.

The controversy began Nov. 6, 1987, when Troutman fired Pendleton. The township's firefighters backed Pendleton however, and he has continued to serve as chief.

Pendleton argues that he was hired by the department, not the trustee, so Troutman doesn't have the authority to fire him.

Both sides have filed suit, and the matter is pending in Tippecanoe Superior Court 2.

Pendleton said the petition has been circulated for about three weeks. The movement came after the township offered the chief's job to another firefighter, according to Pendleton.

This past November, Pendleton said his firefighters would not walk off the job because of the dispute. But he said that because of the recent developments, he is no longer certain.

"I'm not saying we will never walk out. I'm saying we never want to," he said.

George Hanna, the lawyer representing the township in the dispute, said he did not want to get into specifics of the matter because it is pending in court.

But, he added, "If these people are threatening to quit and are go-

ing to quit, are these the kind of people you want to hire for a new district?"

Cy Gerde, the lawyer for the township, said he doubts that taxpayers would be willing to pay the price for a new department, a cost he estimated at more than \$1 million.

Troutman said Tuesday that he was disappointed with the drive to form a separate department.

If the commissioners approve one, however, a majority of the firefighters would stay with the township, Troutman believes. Even if that isn't the case, the department will not be dissolved, he said.

"I plan on keeping the equipment and operating a fire department," Troutman said. "If I have to start over, I will."

John Gambs, the lawyer for Pendleton, said fire protection districts are not uncommon in Indiana, particularly in growing areas. Law requires that all members of the district's five-person board be knowledgeable about firefighting.

Often, township trustees are not experts on firefighting because they have numerous other responsibilities, he said.

The firefighters need 500 signatures before they can submit their petition to the county auditor for verification.

The commissioners then could

set a date for a public hearing on whether such a district should be established and could adopt a resolution or ordinance to establish one.

Pendleton said Eugene Moore, a resident of Wea Township, is the only commissioner that firefighters have met with about forming a fire district. He could not be reached Tuesday.

Troutman contends that communication problems led to the dispute and Pendleton's firing, but Pendleton said the real reason was that he and other firefighters expressed concern about IIRMA, the Indiana Intergovernmental Risk Management Authority.

The insurance cooperative has since been the subject of a lawsuit filed in LaGrange Circuit Court on behalf of the Department of Insurance. The suit contends that IIRMA is selling insurance without meeting state requirements, and it seeks an injunction against IIRMA and its officers - Troutman, Gerde and W. Keith Schilling, the Fairfield Township trustee.

IIRMA is providing coverage to about a dozen communities, including Wea Township. Pendleton said the township has not had liability insurance since it allowed its liability insurance to lapse and joined IIRMA last year.

- by Greg Andrews
Journal and Courier
7/6/88

Homeowner starts accidental fire

Jeffersonville - The Utica Township Volunteer Fire Department battled a blaze yesterday which resulted in \$1,300 damage to a house at 313 Church Street.

According to authorities, a fire broke out at the residence when insulation ignited while homeowner Robert L. Murphy was soldering water pipes just after 9 p.m.

The fire spread to the back

wall and then to the roof, causing \$1,000 structural damage and \$300 damage to contents.

Two pumpers, a tanker and 26 firefighters responded to the alarm.

The fire was under control at 9:25 p.m. and units were on the scene until 9:51.

- The Evening News
4/13/88

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From your Chairman of the Board - Barry Winger

Greetings Fellowfighters,

Another convention is behind us, and we were by the lake in '88. It sure did get cold up there. A big thank you goes to the convention committee and everyone else involved for their hard work.

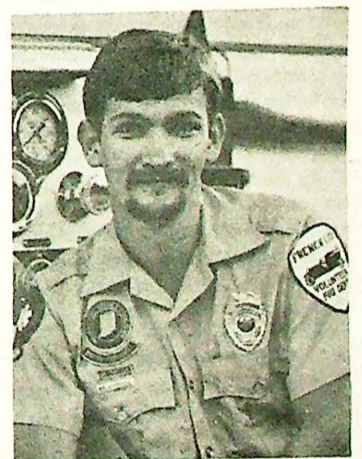
I would like to congratulate

Carl Bruns, Mr. I.V.F.A. for 1988 and his wife Viola, the Lois Boaz winner for 1988 also. You both deserve very much your respective honors. Also congratulations are in order to Father Lantz, he was presented with the Governor's Meritory Service Award. He has served as the I.V.F.A. Chaplain for 25 years, and I commend him for a job he does well with much pride and dedication. May we be blessed with another 25 years of your service.

I hope everyone who attended convention had an enjoyable time and we're looking forward to Evansville in 1989.

Summer is in full swing and what a dry one it is. This makes our jobs as firefighters extremely difficult. With the dry conditions,

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SARA TITLE III - AND THE FIRE SERVICE

Most of you have heard about the Sara Title III Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986. Also, many of you have questions as to your responsibility as the fire chief (under this law).

First, look at some key portions of the Sara Title III Law.

BACKGROUND - On October 17, 1986, the "Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986" (SARA) was enacted into law. One part of the new SARA provisions is Title III: the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986.

Title III establishes requirements for Federal, State and local governments, and industry regarding two important areas; emergency planning and "community right-to-know" reporting of hazardous and toxic chemicals. This legislation is aimed at helping communities to better meet their responsibilities in regard to potential chemical emergencies.

Emergency Planning requirements focus on the implementation of comprehensive state and local emergency response plans to prevent accidental release of an extremely hazardous substance. The first step in the implementation was the appointment of a State Commission by the Governor of each state by April 17, 1987.

Community Right-to-Know is designed to set up reporting procedures for industries which handle hazardous chemicals in order to increase community awareness of their operations.

Indiana Emergency Response Commission - The eleven members of the Indiana Emergency Response Commission (IERC) were appointed by the Governor on April 16, 1987, to direct Indiana emergency planning activities as mandated by SARA.

The commission includes representatives of business, state and local government, and the public at large.

The main responsibility of the IERC is to direct the establishment of emergency planning districts and local communities to develop local emergency contingency plans at a later date.

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS - The planning of local committees and facilities should be focused on, but not limited to, the 402 extremely hazardous substances published in the November 17, 1986, Federal Register. The list includes the threshold planning quantities for each substance.

Any facility that produces, uses, or stores any of the listed chemicals in quantity greater than its threshold planning quantity is subjected to the emergency planning requirements.

THE LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE - This local emergency planning committee must include elected State and local officials, police, fire, civil defense, public health professionals, environmental, hospital, and transportation officials as well as representatives of facilities subject to the emergency planning requirements, community groups, and the media. No later than September 17, 1987, facilities subject to the emergency planning requirements must designate a representative to participate in the planning process. The local committee must establish rules, give public notice of its activities and establish procedures for handling requests for information.

The local committee's primary responsibility will be to develop an emergency response plan by October 17, 1988. In developing this plan, the local committee will evaluate available resources for preparing for and responding to a potential chemical accident. The plan must include:

- Identification of facilities and extremely hazardous substances transportation routes
- Emergency response procedures, on-site and off-site
- Designation of a community coordinator and facility coordinator(s) to implement the plan
- Emergency notification procedures
- Methods for determining the occurrence of a release and the probable affected area and population
- Description of community and industry emergency equipment and facilities and the identity of persons responsible for them
- Evacuation plans
- Description and schedules of a training program for emergency response personnel.
- Methods and schedules for exercising emergency response plans.

In order to assist the local committees in preparing and reviewing plans, Congress required the National Response Team (NRT), composed of 14 Federal agencies with emergency response responsibilities, to publish guidance on emergency response planning. This guidance, the Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Guide, will be published by the NRT and incorporates emergency planning aspects of the CEPP Interim Guidance. It also replaces the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Planning Guide and Checklist for Hazardous Materials Contingency Plans (popularly known as FEMA-10). See Federal Register dated 12-2-86.

The emergency response plan must be reviewed by the State commissions, as well as, annually by the local committee, the Regional Response Teams, composed of the Federal Regional officials and State representatives, may review the plans and provide assistance to the local committees upon request.

Those planning activities of the local committees and facilities should be focused on, but not limited to, the 402 extremely hazardous substances published in the November 17, 1986, Federal Register. The list included the threshold planning quantities for each substance. EPA can revise the list and threshold planning quantities based on the toxicity, reactivity, volatility, dispersibility, combustibility, or flammability of a substance.

Any facility that produces, uses, or stores any of the listed chemicals in a quantity greater than its threshold planning quantity is subject to the emergency planning requirements. In addition, the State commission or the Governor can designate additional facilities, after public comment, to be subject to these requirements. By May 17, 1987, covered facilities must notify the State commission that they are subject to these requirements. If a facility begins to produce, use, or store any of the extremely hazardous substances in threshold quantity amounts, it must notify the State commission within 60 days.

Each State commission must notify EPA of all facilities subject to the emergency planning requirements, including facilities designated by the State commission or the Governor.

304: EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

Facilities must immediately notify the local emergency planning committee and the State emergency response commission if there is a release of a listed hazardous substance that exceeds the reportable quantity for the substance. Substances subject to the requirements are substances on the list of 402 extremely hazardous substances as published in Federal Register on 11-17-86 and substances subject to the emergency notification requirements under CERCLA Section 103(a).

The initial notification can be by telephone, radio, or in person. Emergency notification requirements involving transportation incidents can be satisfied by dialing 911, or in the absence of a 911 emergency number, calling the operator.

This emergency notification needs to include:

- The chemical name
- An indication of whether the substance is extremely hazardous
- An estimate of the quantity released into the environment
- The time and duration of the release
- The medium into which the release occurred
- Any known or anticipated acute or chronic health risks associated with the emergency, and where appropriate, advice regarding medical attention necessary for exposed individuals

dividuals

- Proper precautions, such as evacuation
- Name and telephone number of contact person

Section 304 also requires the follow-up written emergency notice after the release. The follow-up notice or notices shall:

- Update information included in the initial notice, and
 - Provide information on:
 - Actual response actions taken
 - Any known or anticipated data or chronic health risks associated with the release
 - Advice regarding medical attention necessary for exposed individuals
- Until State commissions and local committees are formed, releases should be reported to appropriate State and local officials.

311-312: COMMUNITY RIGHT-TO-KNOW REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

There are two "community right-to-know" reporting requirements which apply primarily to manufacturers and importers. Section 311 requires that facilities which must prepare or have available Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) under the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations to submit either copies of its MSDS or a list of MSDS chemicals to:

- The local emergency planning committee
- The State emergency response commission
- The local fire department.

If the facility owner or operator chooses to submit a list of MSDS chemicals, the list must include the chemical name or common name of each substance and any hazardous component as provided on the MSDS. This list must be organized in categories of health and physical hazards as set forth in OSHA regulations unless modified by EPA.

If a list is submitted, the facility must submit the MSDS for any chemical on the list upon the request of the local planning committee. Under Section 311, EPA may establish threshold quantities for hazardous chemicals below which no facility must report.

The initial submission of the MSDSs or list is required no later than October 17, 1987, or 3 months after the facility is required to prepare or have available an MSDS under OSHA regulations. A revised MSDS must be provided to update MSDS's which were originally submitted if significant new information regarding a chemical is discovered.

The reporting requirement of Section 312 involves submission of an emergency and hazardous chemical inventory form to the local emergency planning committee, the State emergency response commission and the local fire department. The hazardous chemicals covered by Section 312 are the same for which facilities are required to submit MSDS or the list for Section 311.

Under Section 312, EPA may also establish threshold quantities for hazardous chemicals below which no facility must be subject to this requirement.

The inventory form incorporates a two-tier approach. Under Tier I, facilities must submit the following aggregate information for each applicable OSHA category of health and physical hazard:

- An estimate (in ranges) of the maximum amount of chemicals for each category present at the facility at any time during the preceding calendar year
- An estimate (in ranges) of the average daily amount of chemicals in each category
- The general location of hazardous chemicals in each category.

Upon request of a local committee, State commission, or local fire department, the facility must provide the following Tier II information for each substance subject to the request:

- The chemical name or the common name as listed on the MSDS
- An estimate (in ranges) of the maximum amount of the chemical present at any time during the preceding calendar year
- A brief description of the manner of storage of the chemical
- The location of the chemical at the facility
- An indication of whether the owner elects to withhold location information from disclosure to the public.

The public may also request Tier II information from the State commission and the local committee. The information submitted by facilities under Sections 311 and 312 must generally be made available to the public by local and State governments during normal working hours.

EPA published a uniform format for the inventory forms on January 27, 1987. Tier I information shall be submitted on or before March 1, 1988, and annually thereafter on March 1.

Now that you have read what Sara Title III is, the next question is what do you do with it.

As discussed earlier the facilities in your area that are covered under this law should be sending you either a list of their chemicals. (Remember, if a list is used then it must include the chemical name or common name of each substance and any hazardous components, as provided on the MSDS.) or their materials safety data sheets (MSDS). This information should be filed, in order, so it can easily be retrieved when an emergency at a facility arises. **DON'T THROW THIS INFORMATION AWAY OR PUT IT IN A BOX IN THE BACK ROOM, USE IT.** The information is to help you keep your firefighters safe at the scene of an emergency.

There are several different methods that can be used to file this information.

1. In file cabinets kept at your dispatch center, in alphabetical order, by facility's name.
2. If room permits you may wish to carry a duplicate copy on a piece of apparatus or your chief's vehicle. Make sure, if you do this, that the piece of apparatus or your chief's vehicle is going to be at the emergency.
3. The best method is to put this information into a data base system on a P.C. computer, then it can be retrieved at the scene, your dispatch center, or fire house.

Along with the information that you receive, you should do a thorough pre-plan of each facility and then file them into the appropriate type of filing system.

If further assistance is needed, feel free to contact this office (IERC) and remember that the SARA Title III Law is there to help you, as the fire department, to safely bring an incident to a favorable outcome. For years now you have been asking for the right-to-know - now that you have it, use it.

Advertising Policies Clarified by Board of Directors

1. This association will allow any department to advertise in the classified section up to 50 words at no charge. More than 50 words will be at the current rate. One (1) article per issue.
2. Any event (dance, raffle, dinner, etc.) can be listed in a Special Events Section of the paper at no charge. These announcements must be to the printer by the 20th of the month prior to publication. These events can also be put in the District Reports.
3. If a district wants to advertise an event (Miss Flame Dance, picnic, etc.) they must put it in the Special Events section or their district report. Any other notice will be considered an advertisement and charged the current rate.
4. If a department wants to advertise anything for sale or an event, the department must use the above mentioned ways or it will be considered an advertisement and billed at current rate.
5. Any advertising for Fire Schools shall be at no charge including District, State Schools, Fire Marshal classes, and Richmond Fire Conference.

- Approved by Board of Directors, June 9, 1988

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BILL KINSEY

Convention '88 is over and I believe all who attended enjoyed a fine convention. Only those who have hosted a major convention like this can truly understand the great amount of hard work and long hours that go into the preparation, the actual convention and the wrapping up after the rest of us have gone. Congratulations to the Michigan City I.V.F.A. Convention Committee. Thank you for your efforts.

Northeast Indiana is still the hot place to be. Temperature-wise at 106 degrees and activity-wise with the fine District Chairman using innovative methods to raise attendance at District meetings and grass roots pavement pounding to increase membership in the I.V.F.A. Membership in the I.V.F.A. is more important now than ever before. Volunteer fire departments depend on the I.V.F.A. to provide current in-

formation on the many, many changes and new and different responsibilities of the fire service such as Haz Mat, 24 hr. Mandatory Training, new voluntary certification and audits required by the State Board of Accounts. It's critical to volunteer fire department survival.

The I.V.F.A. has shown a new direction in leadership and assistance to volunteers with the seminars on the laws affecting us, including the organization and management of a volunteer department, the C.P.A.'s view of fire department record keeping and insurance as it affects volunteer firefighters. Gene Stofer, Chief Dick Lamb, Bob Stewart, C.P.A., and Tim Downey and I were both pleased and amazed at the attendance at Indianapolis over Father's Day weekend. The room was full each day with officers of volunteer fire departments, trustees and Town Clerks wanting information to better serve their communities by better management, better record keeping and better fire department operations. We intend to

continue this effort. Make sure that your representatives take advantage of these seminars. They are free to our members. You'll never find a bigger bargain.

My wife Jean and I were both totally surprised at Friday night's convention when President Swartz presented me with the 1988 President's Award. When I'm speechless, you know I've been taken by surprise. When a person receives an award such as this, it is not only satisfying but it provides new enthusiasm to continue best efforts in the future. I promise I will make every effort to further our association and work to protect and better the volunteer fire service in Indiana. Thank you, President Swartz. You'll continue to have my full support.

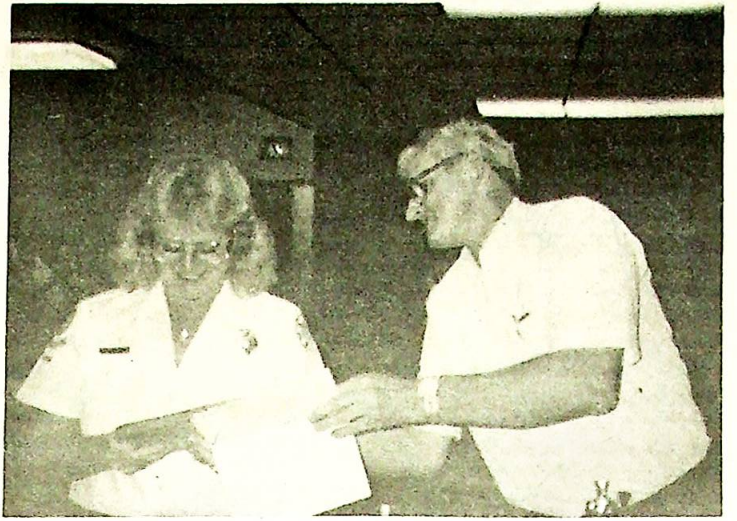
The fire departments in Allen County are already working to provide a super I.V.F.A. Convention in Ft. Wayne in 1990. I know all members can expect an exciting and fun-time in Ft. Wayne.

I thank you for allowing me to serve as Public Relations Director Northeast for another year. I'll do my best.

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

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- If you are using a ball point pen, please insert a piece of paper between pictures or else wait until the ink is absolutely smear-proof before sending them. We have had some excellent pictures ruined by the ink off the backs of the photo sent with them.
- If the pictures accompany an article, it will help to note that on the identification.
- If you wish to have your photos returned to you, please be sure to send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and be sure to put your name on the identification. We will do our best to see that you get them back.

District I presents Midwest Award



Lt. Virginia Cole was presented the 1988 District I Midwest Award for dedicated service to the Independence Hill Volunteer Fire Department by Bill Howe, the I.V.F.A. public relations officer for Northwest Indiana.

Sara Davis is new Miss Flame

"Thank you," was all I could say! After three years on the speech team, my coach would have been very disappointed, but I was truly caught off guard.

Members of the I.V.F.A. are committed to saving lives and property. This commitment makes its members unique! I never realized until convention that Indiana has so many special people.

I would like to tell you a little about myself. I am the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Davis of Seelyville and Mrs. Sallie Davis of Terre Haute and I have a 15-year-old brother. In the fall, I will be attending St. Mary-of-the-Woods

College where I plan to study pre-law and linguistics.

This summer I work for my mother at Midwest Institute for Fitness and Fine Arts.

I am honored to have been chosen to represent the I.V.F.A. At this time I would like to thank the Seelyville Volunteer Fire Department and District 11A for all their support.

If there is any event in which I may be of some assistance, please contact me and I will make every effort to assist you.

I wish everyone a nice and successful summer.

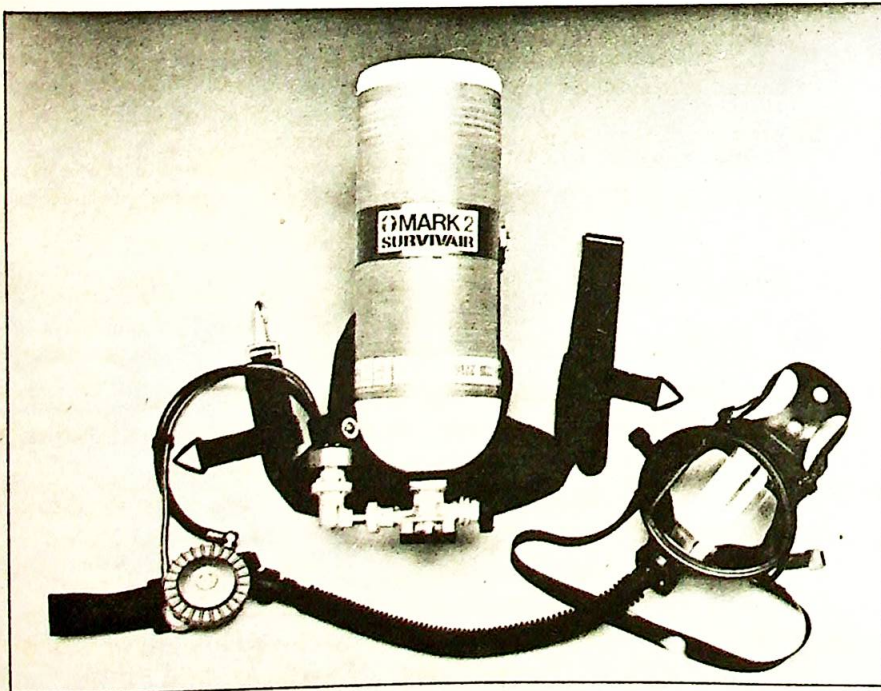
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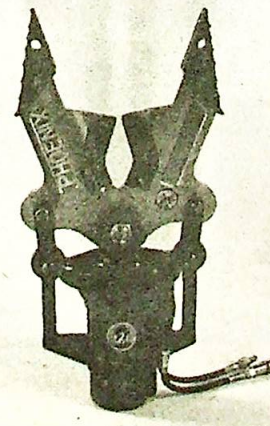
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DISTRICT 11A

Well convention has come and gone. Our District 11A people enjoyed Michigan City and the hospitality very much. Things went like clockwork thanks to all the District 3 departments involved.

I am very happy to announce that the Ollie Sandburg Mental Attitude Award was won by our own Bob Myers. Bob is a very hard working man. He has been Chief of Otter Creek No. 1 V.F.D. and was a district officer. He also served as co-chairman of the 1986 convention. Bob also received the Midwest Award from the district. It was presented at the convention banquet.

I am also pleased that Miss Sara Davis, daughter of Don Davis of Seelyville V.F.D., Dist. 11A, won I.V.F.A. State Miss Flame. Sara is a senior at South Vigo High School in Terre Haute.

Miss Becky Bush is runner-up Miss Flame. Becky is the daughter of Bill and Eula Bush of Dana V.F.D., Dist. 11B. Becky is a graduate of South Vermillion High School.

If your department has a function coming up please contact both these girls. They are good representatives of the I.V.F.A. and will add grace and charm to any gathering.

Congratulations to all three award winners!

Our district picnic is Sept. 18 at Dobbs Park in Terre Haute. Bring a full picnic basket and have fun with 11A.

- Larry Biggs, Dist. 11A Ch.

DISTRICT 12

12th District Meeting
Stilesville Vol. Fire Dept.

Stilesville, IN - May 16, 1988

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Johnson. Opening prayer was offered by our Chaplain James Bruner. Pledge to the flag was led by our Sgt.-at-Arms Dick Johnson, with 34 members and guests representing 13 departments present.

Introduction of guests: they are as follows - Toddy and Helen Michl, P.R.W.C.; Al Mendel, Games Chairman; Bob and Joan Hayes of Honey Creek; Wayne Twp. Ass't. Chief, Larry Curl; our

12th District Miss Flame, Kimberly Curl; and Lowell Pruett.

Meeting was temporarily suspended in order for the host department to serve refreshments to members present.

Meeting called back to order at 7:40 p.m.

Roll Call.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report was given then was accepted.

Chairman Johnson, stated that names from our district for awards were turned in to the state committee, he also introduced our 12th district Miss Flame, Kimberly Curl and her father Larry. Secretary Bogden presented Larry with her convention expense money of \$125.00.

New Business: Chairman Johnson gave us some remarks regarding the Workman's Compensation that is printed in our newspaper, get in soon as possible.

Toddy Michl, our P.R.W.C., stated that you must check with 2 or 3 insurance companies about this program, also Downey insurance will send application regarding this insurance program.

Several of the resolutions for our annual convention were read and after a few pros and cons were left up to our chairmen.

Chairman Johnson, stated he is trying to get State Police to send one of their officers to one of the fire stations to give us some input regarding our actions on runs and accidents involving firemen - they would like to have a better relationship.

Chairman Johnson, stated that he was working on I.V.F.A. fire classes In Service for Fire Fighting refresher courses including Rural Water in several of the fire departments with Wayne Township instructors. Chairman Johnson will also contact Chief Richard Lamb of Wayne Township for help setting up this program. There will be several departments invited to attend. These classes will take place during cooler weather.

During his report, our P.R.W.C., Toddy Michl, stated that we no longer can deputize any person to help on fire runs because of the Workman's Compensation. This person must be on your roster.

Our speaker of the evening, Lowell Pruett, from the State Fire Marshal's office gave us several interesting remarks. He also

distributed several pamphlets and explained the procedure of each one - they were as follows: Mandatory Training for Fire Fighters; Fire Service Charge; Title III Fact Sheet; Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know; and the Tasks and Goals of Indiana Association of Fire Inspectors.

Lowell then gave some dates for future fire training classes sponsored by the Fire Marshal's office. There must be a minimum of 15 to hold classes.

2nd Roll Call.

Good of the Order - Announcement of several events - Stilesville Vol. Fire Department - Chili Supper, Hazelwood Vol. Fire Department - Fish Fry, Wayne Twp. #2 Ladies Auxiliary - Pizza Bake.

Host fire Department Fire-fighters were introduced.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Helen Michl. She donated \$5.00 of her winnings.

Next district meeting will be at Decatur Twp. #4 on July 18th - election of officers.

Motion to adjourn at 9:50 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,
Charles Bogden, Sec./Treas.

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OFFICERS MEETING

Best Western Motel, Indianapolis
April 30 and May 1, 1988

President Swartz called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Lantz followed by the pledge to the flag led by V.P. Lockhart.

Secretary Kissell called attendance roll.

Pres. Swartz asked for the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. Roy Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Parish seconded. Motion carried on voice vote.

Recognition and introduction of guests were made by President Swartz.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Swartz stated that he has enjoyed all the visits he has made to various functions and meetings. He reported that he has been traveling and attending various department activities as well as working on the upcoming convention.

Vice President Lockhart said he did not have much to report but he has been busy with duties of the office.

Chaplain Lantz gave the report on Memorial Services and other meetings he has attended.

Recording Sec. Nevil - passed.

Sgt. at Arm Bush said he has done some traveling visiting departments in the area.

Secretary Kissell reported that as of today's date 15,542 members have paid dues for 87-88. Dues billing for 88-89 have been sent. He also stated that 27 applications for the Scholarship awards have been received. He spoke on applying for a bulk mailing rate for his office and how it could be utilized. It was deferred to the Board of Directors for action.

Treasurer Stofer stated that the Federal Government still has the books. He gave the report on figures available to him and he stated that at the present time we were in good shape.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

W.C. Michl reported on a dues problem and stated that the Public Service announcement tapes had been given to the local TV stations.

S.W. Davis said that he has done some traveling to meetings and that the plans are well underway for the "89" Convention. He spoke briefly on some problems in his area and gave the fire school report.

S.E. Richardson said he has been doing some traveling and that one new department has joined the association. He also gave the status update on the 16th District Chairman who recently had a heart attack.

N.W. Howe reported that he has been attending the meetings in the District as well as the convention meetings. He also stated that the chairmen are doing a great job.

N.E. Kinsey report the following day.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN

D1 Esserman thanked the Chaplain for the recent Memorial Service and stated that the attendance has been good at the District meetings.

D2 Not present

D3 Sabie thanked the officers for attending the meetings. He said attendance at the meetings has been erratic. The Convention is coming along and he commented on departmental level fire schools.

D4 Ferro gave a report on District activities.

D5 Straws, not present

D6 Mackin said he was working on unpaid dues.

D7 Sorg reported on the last meeting and a recent fund raising activity for the District Miss Flame contestant.

D8A Not present for report.

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- D8B Daniels gave a report on district activities.
- D9A Sutton also thanked the officers for attending the meetings. He spoke on the programs at the meetings.
- D9B Parish commented on the attendance and programs at the meetings.
- D10 Neal thanked Jim Parker for his help in his report and stated that he has been working on memberships.
- D11A Biggs, not present
- D11B Osborne was absent, however Larry Ketchum gave the district report and spoke briefly on the Fire School.
- D12 Johnson gave a report on events in the District.
- D13A Nulliner was absent but Larry Jackson gave the district report and the fire school update.
- D13B Not present
- D14 Sellmer thanked the President for attending his meeting. He gave the District and the fire school reports.
- D15 Seitz reported on the district events and spoke briefly on the "89" Convention. He also commented on the convention this year as to how it is scheduled while some areas are still attending school.
- D16 No report
- D17A Not present
- D17B Not present
- D18 Wininger thanked the officers for attending the meetings and he reported that the attendance has been good.
- D19 Weigel, not present
- D20 No chairman
- D21 Martin thanked the officers for attending the meetings in his report. He said that the programs and attendance has been good.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Safety: Parish said that an article was in the issue of the paper.

Membership: Bruns said that we are 15,000+ on membership. He stated that over 200 departments were sent mailings in an attempt to get them to join or rejoin our association. The packets that were put together by Parish were handed out to the District Chairmen.

Public Education: Parker said that the tapes have all been sent to the TV stations. He requested that whenever the spot announcements are seen to write down the station and time then notify him.

D19 Weigel in his report said that there were some legislation issues and some problems in the district.

5:05 p.m., President Swartz recessed the meeting until 7:30 p.m.

President Swartz reconvened the meeting at 7:32. He stated that he had appointed Chief John Bogue of the Burlington Fire Department to represent the I.V.F.A. on the E.M.S. Task Force on Extrication. Chief Bogue spoke briefly on the programs.

Stan Gibson, Education Director in the State Fire Marshal's Office spoke on a new program thru the National Fire Academy on May 14th-17th. The cost will be \$60.75 which will be for meals only. The program is strictly for volunteers. He stated that a name was needed to fill this slot this weekend.

D8A Fleener said that turn out has been good at the meetings.

Also, the programs have been very good.

National Volunteer Fire Council, Chief Lamb was not present but Gene Stofer gave the report for him. He spoke briefly on the Federal \$50,000 Death Benefit fund and on the recruiting and retention of firefighters.

Stofer spoke on two legislative bills that passed this year. One of them is the 911 Telephone bill which allows the local government to charge for the system thru the phone company. The other bill was the Medical aspect of the Workmen's compensation Insurance and how it will affect the firefighters in case of injury while fighting fires. A short discussion followed on the two bills.

He also spoke on the possibility of emergency radio traffic going to the 800 MHZ range. More planning will be done on this and information passed on as it is available.

A proposal was given to the association by Mr. Stofer on the possibility of working with the Indiana Trustees Association while the legislators are in session. He felt that by working with their association we would be able to get information to the officers quicker by using their manpower and equipment. As to the cost involved he thought it would be around \$5,000. After a short discussion Carl Davis made a motion that Treasurer Stofer research the project and report back to the association as soon as permissible. Motion was seconded by Sellmer and carried by voice vote.

Resolutions: Davis stated that the committee met today. One resolution was not signed and was returned to the district. Five resolutions were presented, two pertain to the same article. A short discussion followed.

Fire School: V.P. Lockhart said that three fire schools have applied for liability insurance forms. He spoke briefly on the school that is being put on by the association concerning the State Board of Accounts auditing. After conversation with the personnel in the State Board of Accounts they stated that they would not be able to participate in the program because they do not have any personnel authorized to do this type of program on Saturdays or Sundays. However, a CPA has agreed to help with the program so it is going to be held in the near future.

Editor Assistant: Howe said extra papers are here today and he stated that a lot of copy was received for the paper.

Mr. IVFA: Davis stated that a selection has been made.

Games: Mendel said that the committee did meet today. Everything is ready to go and if sixteen teams are not registered for waterball then a double elimination would be held.

Sellmer spoke on the licensing of elevator repair personnel after having conversation with individuals in his area. No action taken.

President Swartz recessed the meeting at 9:25 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. on May 1, 1988.

At 9:03 a.m. President Swartz called the meeting to order. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Lantz after which President Swartz stated that we would continue with officer and meeting reports.

Past President Sunday: Not present
PR NE Kinsey gave his report.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS
SOUTHEAST**



ROY E. RICHARDSON

Dear Fellow Firefighters:

I would like to thank everyone that helped on the convention "By the Lake in 88". I think the convention committee did a good job. Also I would like to thank all the members in the 14th, 16th and 19th districts that put me back in office for another year. I will continue to do my best for the I.V.F.A. I will work close with the district chairmen. If anyone knows of a fire department that is interested in joining the I.V.F.A. in District 14, 16 or 19, please let me know. I will get with the district chairman. All of us in the I.V.F.A. need to work hard to help the fire departments in our district. I know it is a lot of hard work, but it needs to be done to help our fellow firefighters throughout the state.

-Roy E. Richardson

The editor must have all copy for the next issue of the INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMAN in his office on or before September 20.

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6/24/88

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, 1988, 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 GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS 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, 1988 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 L. STEWART
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT
PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION

I. V. F. A., INC.

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS,
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE**

AS OF MAY 31, 1988

ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS:	
CASH IN BANK - CHECKING	\$ 106,728.30
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT - INB	75,000.00
CASH IN SAVINGS-BRIDGEPORT FD	50,000.00
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 231,728.30
FIXED ASSETS:	
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	\$ 9,813.21
EQUIPMENT	10,710.43
NET PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	\$ 20,523.64
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 252,251.94
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
CURRENT LIABILITIES:	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$.00
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES:	
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$.00
FUND BALANCE	\$ 252,251.94
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$ 252,251.94
TOTAL LIABILITIES/FUND BALANCE	\$ 252,251.94

**SUPPORTING SCHEDULE
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**

AS OF MAY 31, 1988

FUND BALANCE	
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$ 147,380.23
ADD:	
REVENUES IN EXCESS EXPENDITURE	\$ 54,789.21
(EXPENSE IN EXCESS OF REVENUE)	
BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIP FUND	50,000.00
PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT	82.50
LESS:	
	\$ 252,251.94
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ 252,251.94

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES
AND EXPENDITURES**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 1988

	YEAR-TO-DATE AMOUNT	Y-T-D RATIO
REVENUES:		
DUES	\$ 113,888.00	56.93
INTEREST	12,299.59	6.15
INSURANCE	41,388.06	20.69
PROGRAM BOOK	15,084.03	7.54
NEWSPAPERS	10,776.50	5.39
DONATIONS	1,125.00	.56
MISCELLANEOUS	4,400.00	2.20
FIRE SCHOOL	1,085.00	.54
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 200,046.18	100.00
EXPENDITURES:		
AD TAKER EXPENSE-PAPER	\$ 3,264.60	1.63
ADVERTISING	2,500.00	1.25
CLOTHING	1,740.54	.87
COMPUTER CHARGES	3,603.94	1.80
CONVENTION EXPENSE	4,742.63	2.37
COPIER EXPENSE	467.58	.23
DELEGATES EXPENSE	9,050.20	4.52
DISTRICT EXPENSE	5,085.26	2.54
DISTRICT SECRETARY	300.00	.15
FIRE SCHOOL	4,748.21	2.37
FUNERAL FUND	6,555.00	3.28
INSURANCE	5,432.00	2.72
LEGAL & ACCOUNTING	1,550.00	.77
LEGISLATIVE EXPENSE	11,051.65	5.52
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	1,397.96	.70
OFFICE & POSTAGE	6,300.00	3.15
OFFICER ALLOWANCE	6,468.20	3.23
OFFICER EXPENSE	16,005.30	8.00
OFFICER MEETING EXPENSE	15,983.59	7.99
OTHER COMMITTEE EXPENSE	375.27	.19
PAPER & POSTAGE	22,170.79	11.08
REIMBURSED SECRETARY EXPENSE	2,000.00	1.00
PRINTING	5,788.85	2.89
PUBLIC EDUCATION	2,790.82	1.40
PUBLIC RELATIONS	2,884.58	1.44
SCHOLARSHIP	3,000.00	1.50
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 145,256.97	72.59
REVENUES IN EXCESS EXPENDITURE	\$ 54,789.21	27.41
(EXPENSE IN EXCESS OF REVENUE)		

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 1988

FINANCIAL RESOURCES WERE PROVIDED BY:	
REVENUES IN EXCESS EXPENDITURE	\$ 54,789.21
WORKING CAPITAL PROVIDED BY OPERATIONS	\$ 54,789.21
OTHER RESOURCES	
FUND BALANCE	\$ 82.50
TOTAL RESOURCES PROVIDED	\$ 82.50
FINANCIAL RESOURCES USED FOR:	
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	\$.00
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) OF WORKING CAPITAL	\$ 54,871.71

CHANGES IN COMPONENTS OF WORKING CAPITAL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 1988

	YEAR-TO-DATE
CURRENT ASSETS	
INCREASE (DECREASE)	
CASH IN BANK - CHECKING	\$ 39,871.71
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT - INB	15,000.00
ASSETS INCREASE (DECREASE)	\$ 54,871.71
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
(INCREASE) DECREASE	
LIABILITIES (INCREASE) DECREASE	\$.00
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) OF WORKING CAPITAL	\$ 54,871.71

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 1988

	YEAR-TO-DATE
CASH AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	\$ 176,856.59
CASH WAS PROVIDED BY:	
REVENUES IN EXCESS EXPENDITURE	\$ 54,789.21
TOTAL CASH PROVIDED	\$ 54,789.21
OTHER SOURCES (USES) OF CASH	
FUND BALANCE	\$ 82.50
TOTAL CASH PROVIDED	\$ 82.50
CASH AS OF END OF PERIOD	\$ 231,728.30

THE ACCOMPANYING "NOTE TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS" ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 1988

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 CONSISTANT WITH OTHER ASSOCIATIONS OF THIS TYPE. ASSETS ARE PRESENTED AT HISTORICAL COST WITH NO ALLOWANCE FOR DEPRECIATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH FUNDAMENTALS OF NOT-FOR-PROFIT ACCOUNTING. REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES ARE RECOGNIZED AT THE TIME THEY ARE PAID CONSISTANT 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 BANK ONE OF INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, FOR THE GENERAL ACCOUNT.

NOTE 4:

CASH IN SAVINGS-BRIDGEPORT SCHOLARSHIP FUND. REPRESENTS FUNDS THE CORPORATION IS ACTING AS A TRUSTEE FOR BRIDGEPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT-TRUST. FUNDS ARE ON DEPOSIT AT BANK ONE, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

NOTE 5:

CASH IN SAVINGS-CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT. REPRESENTS FUNDS ON DEPOSIT WITH INDIANA NATIONAL BANK.

NOTE 6:

PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT. REPRESENTS CHECKS RECORDED FROM PRIOR YEAR AND VOIDED IN JULY 1987.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



M. E. "PETE" LOCKHART

We had a great time in Michigan City at the convention and found the people of that city and that part of the state to be very friendly and cordial to us. Thanks District 3! We had a wonderful time.

Looking forward, we find many challenges we must face particularly with regard to increased regulation by every level of government. We will find it necessary to comply with the burdensome job of keeping our paperwork current. We will find it necessary to call on all our resources to meet the task before us.

Personally, it is my opinion we can do the job but we must not overlook any of those resources. One resource available in many communities is manpower for light duty activities from our senior citizens, many of whom are looking for an interesting and challenging activity; helping the Fire Department keep track of the various things which manufacturers are reporting to us would seem to me to be a very good way to keep our senior citizens active in community affairs, and an increase in awareness within the community will result from this kind of involvement.

Teenage kids are another resource we can tap. I'll bet that those kids on bicycles around your area can come closer to telling you how many stacks of lumber there are at the local lumber yard and how close together they are, than any man on your department, also how many lawn mowers "Joe" has in the shed and where he stores his gasoline. We can help close the generation gap by having those kids report unusual things to our department or those senior citizens I was discussing; items reported to or by these groups would make a good agenda item for your next department meeting, and those meetings might become more of a community affair.

I'm looking forward to serving as your Vice-President again this year.

Schererville to hold softball tournament on August 27, 28

The Schererville Fire Department would like to welcome you to take part in the 4th Annual Northwest Indiana Softball Tournament. It will be played at Griffith South Park on August 27 & 28. This is the same location as last year.

This year we would like to get more teams involved. If your department does not have enough players, get together with another department in your area and put together a team. The only requirement is that all players be fire department personnel.

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German Twp. celebrates 25th anniversary

The German Township Volunteer Fire Department recently celebrated its 25th anniversary. Members of the German Township Volunteer Fire Department have every reason to feel proud of the results which they have attained since they organized in May 1963.

The men accomplished in the first fifteen months what normally takes years of effort. This was made possible through the hard work and enthusiasm of its members, the splendid cooperation received from our former trustee, Robert Dresbach, and his advisory board, the financial donations received from interested residents of the township, and the able assistance from neighboring departments.

Former Clay Fire Chief, Peter Nemeth and his men have been instrumental in the success of German Twp. Fire Department. The Clay department is the answering service for German Twp. fire calls and their base station for radio operations.

The firemen built the new fire station on Portage Rd. It is a 60 x 70 foot concrete block and limestone front building, large enough to house four fire trucks. One of the features is a meeting room with kitchen facilities. The men saved the township 60 to 70% of the estimated cost for labor. If the station had been built by paid contractors, the estimated cost of the station would have been \$100,000.

We have gone from telephone calls for fires to monitors in every firefighter's home. Also there is a base station in station #1. Chet Waggoner donated one of the first

fire trucks. There are two pumpers, a tanker and a fully equipped rescue rig housed in station #1. A pumper, a tanker, a rescue rig and a parade truck are kept in station #2 located on Keller and Hollywood Blvd.

Aiding the volunteer firefighters, is the Women's Auxiliary, which was formed in September, 1963. The members are wives of firefighters and other township women interested in the department. Their prime purpose is helping the fire department. They have held dances, fish fries, etc. enabling them to be a big help financially.

The department was formed to answer fire, emergency and civil defense calls and to protect the person and property of the residents of German Township from and during fires or emergencies that may occur in the township.

The department has about twenty-two active firefighters and are recruiting new members.

The first crews were called teams and there were 10 men to a team. Captains of the teams were: Chuck Bode, #1; Gene Eyster, #2; Ed Henderson, #3; Ade Stopper, #4; Ward Miller, #Days.

The following professionals donated many hours building our station: Marvin Dale, Building Chairman; Donlan & Associates, Blueprints; Clyde, Evert & Jerry McClanahan, Block & Stone work; Bob Bode, Electrical work; Sult Well, Well Drilling; Powers Heating & Plumbing, Heating & Plumbing; Rudy Cauffman, Roof.

In addition to the above, the firefighters volunteered many hours of work.

The Ladies Auxiliary donated food and spent many hours preparing meals in the Wagner School every Saturday and Sunday.

The first Chief was Robert Harrington who was appointed pro tem until an election could be held. The first elected Chief was Kelsey Wiseman, who served in 1964 and 1965. The first Assistant Chief was A.J. Francoeur. Others elected and the years of office held are as follows: 1966-67 - A.J. Francoeur, Chief; Jerry McClanahan, Ass't Chief; 1968-71 - Jerry McClanahan, Chief; Ade Stopper, Ass't Chief; 1972-79 - Carl Roempagel, Chief; Charles McIntyre,

Ass't Chief; A.J. Francoeur, Ass't Day Chief; 1980-84 - Charles Schosker, Chief; Charles McIntyre, Ass't Chief; (1980-82) Jerry McClanahan, Ass't Day Chief; 1984-86 - Charles Schosker, Chief; Charles Johnson, Ass't Chief; (1982-86) A.J. Francoeur, Ass't Day Chief; 1986-88 - Charles Johnson, Chief; Nelson Gerber, Ass't Chief; 1988 - Nelson Gerber, Chief; Bobby Holcomb, Ass't Chief.

Our present Trustee is Richard Wasoski. Our past Trustees are Robert Dresbach who helped get the department started and John Berry who bought the first fire truck.



Some of the people attending the 25th Anniversary activities were (left to right) Lawrence Swartz, I.V.F.A. President; Duane Lantz, I.V.F.A. Chaplain; Nelson Gerber, German Township Chief; John Ferro, 4th District Chairman; Bobby Holcomb, Ass't. Chief of German Twp.; Dave Annable, Secretary of German Township; and Dale Mitchell, Treasurer of German Township.

PUBLIC RELATIONS WEST CENTRAL



L. J. (TODDY) MICHL

Hi everyone:

Well another convention over and back to regular business again. I hope everyone had a good time and learned something. I wish that cool air we had there would come down here for about a week and bring along some rain with it. My department has been lucky so far. We haven't had but very few brush and grass fires, I don't know how long it will last. If people will just hold off burning a while longer, we might get thru this dry weather.

Thank you for letting me serve you again as your West Central Public Relations man. I hope I can be of assistance to anyone who will be needing it.

Congratulations to all the other officers who were elected. I know they will work for the betterment of the association. You can be assured they will do a great job.

I am still looking for someone to do the District Chairman's job for District 20. Please, if someone will just start out, and try, maybe they can get the district going again. If anyone wants to try, call me at home around five p.m. and I'll help you all I can. Call collect if you want. My number is 812-299-1019.

Congratulations to Carl and Vi Bruns, recipients of Mr. I.V.F.A. and Lois Boaz awards, Sara Davis, Miss Flame, District 11A, and Becky Bush, Runner-up, District 11B. Oliver Sandberg award and Midwest award went to Bob Meyers, District 11A. Looks like our Districts did real well this year. See you all at your next District Meeting!

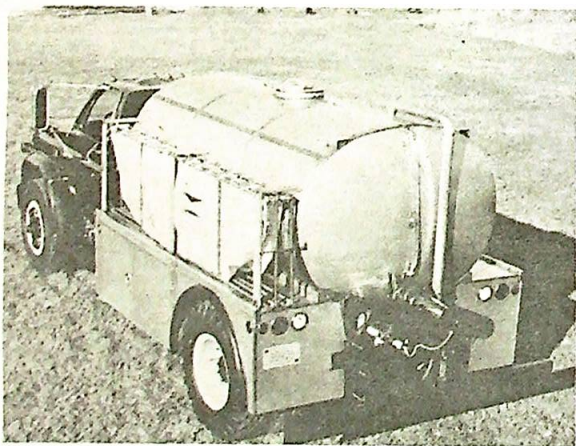
Two volunteers honored in Kouts

Kouts - Two volunteer firemen were honored for their fifty years of service by the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association. Eqalt Jahnz and Joe Shepard were presented with Gold Membership Cards by I.V.F.A. President Lawrence Swartz in June.

Jahnz is a lifelong community resident, and became the department's first Fire Chief when the department was formally organized in about 1936. He was also the Town Marshal at the time. Jahnz became a member of the Porter County Sheriff's Department in 1948, and remained a member until 1985, when he retired. He is still an active member of the fire department.

Shepard moved to the community in 1936, and joined the department then. He has always been a very dedicated member, and was active until recently when poor health forced him to restrict his activities. Joe was a Constable for 5 years, and was on the Police Department for about 6 years. He also helped with traffic control at fires and enjoyed operating the fire department radios.

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D2 Reed - Not present, however a report was given by Esserman. D5 Not present D11A Biggs gave the district report and commented on the excellent attendance they are having. D17B Zeeks, not present Awards: V.P. Lockhart said that four names were received for the Sandburgh award and a selection was made. He also stated that the award rules pertaining to the Mid-West award be removed from the packet handed out earlier as they are incorrect.

Ad-Taken: Ford reported on paid and unpaid ads. Roy Richardson requested a solution to problems encountered by Lafayette Township, Floyd County. It was stated that they were sent a bill for advertising a piece of equipment for sale in the paper. A short discussion followed after which Howe made a motion that the association for this one time only drop the ad charge for the Lafayette Township Fire Department in Floyd County. The motion seconded by Roy Richardson. Question was called for. Vote was taken by voice vote and no charity in the vote. President Swartz called for a vote by a show of hands and the motion was defeated. It was stated that further action will be discussed under new business.

"88" convention - Bentley gave the report and things are moving along very well. President Swartz gave the assignments to the officers for the different committee functions.

"89" convention had no report. Personnel & Standards - Kinsey said the 1st class lesson plans are being field tested. The 24 hour training law is in effect and some comments were given about it.

OLD BUSINESS

V.P. Lockhart spoke briefly on the changes or recommendations that were discussed earlier in the membership packets that were handed out (1) need not be a member of the IVFA, (2) the recipient does not have to be from the district. These are pertaining to the Mid-West Award. Tom Sellmer made a motion that the changes be made as per the Awards committee recommendation. Sabie seconded the motion. A short discussion followed after which the motion was carried by voice vote. Parish to make the changes on the form.

President Swartz spoke briefly on the use of the vouchers and also requested the names of firefighters who were killed or died as a result of their firefighting for the posting of the names in the Rotunda of the State House. The Service will be held on June 26 at the War Memorial Building at 1 p.m.

Treasurer Stofer stated that the association books will be closed as of May 20th so the CPA may audit the books for the annual meeting.

President Swartz at this time introduced Fire Marshal Bosell. At this time a tape of a newscast on elevator inspections and maintenance was shown. A short discussion was led by Marshal Bosell on the problems that would be involved with the licensing of the elevator inspectors. He also spoke on the voluntary extrication law and how it will have an impact on some rescue services in the state. Also new guidelines for occupancy load for building and the fees for the different levels were discussed.

On Fire Reporting he stated that it is not working. Effective immediately the ambulance report will not be required any more. The reports should be sent on a monthly basis. He spoke briefly on the Fire Services charge and the Spiller Pay Fee on Haz Mat incidents.

Marshal Bosell reported that the Department of Commerce has monies to spend. It is a 75% from them and 25% from you with a \$50,000 maximum. If interested contact Lana Funke at his office for details and she will get you started on the paper shuffle.

In closing it was noted that his office has received about \$90,000 from the Federal Government for free training programs in the state. It was also noted that plenty of the new DOT Haz Mat books are available at no charge if anyone still needs them.

NEW BUSINESS

President Swartz asked for some input on how best to handle the problem that the Dale Corporation has on double billing on some ads. No answer was given at this time.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

None With no further business a motion was made by Stofer to adjourn. Sabie seconded the motion. By voice vote the meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Winger immediately following the business meeting. He asked for the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. Esserman made a motion that the minutes be accepted as printed with the adding of the words "at this time" during his motion concerning Wea Township on financial help. Howe seconded the motion and it carried by voice vote.

Chairman Winger said the first item was the bulk mailing permit for Secretary Kissell's office. Sellmer made a motion that Secretary Kissell apply for the permit with the money to be taken from the miscellaneous item in the budget. Seitz seconded and it carried by voice vote.

The next item was the request from Secretary Kissell that one preferably two printers be purchased for the computer for quicker printing labels. Stofer made a motion that two printers be purchased prior to May 20th for this year's budget. Parish seconded and it carried by voice vote.

Suggestions were given on raising the Fire School allowance from \$200 to help spend excess donation monies. After a short discussion Stofer suggested that the monies be given to the State Fire Marshal's office for volunteer fire departments to use in fire schools and training.

Chairman Winger tabled any further discussion until the next meeting.

The inventory check list was called for by Chairman Winger.

The last item for discussion was on how to handle the ads from departments wanting to sell equipment in our paper. A short discussion followed after which a committee was appointed by Chairman Winger to research the problem and come back to the next meeting with some recommendations. Members on the committee are Howe, Laney, and Parish.

Treasurer Stofer stated that he was going to contact a CPA for some help on a financial problem.

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GOOD OF THE ORDER

None A motion by Parish to adjourn after the Benediction by Chaplain Lantz was made. Stofer seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ivan Nevil

AUXILIARIES- PLEASE NOTE

State dues are \$2.00 per member, payable now, and should be sent to the new Recording Secretary: Maxine Davies, RR 1, Box 3E1, Fillmore, IN 46128.

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June 14 - 18

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spaghetti supper and several fish fries. Keep those cards and letters coming. I love not cooking supper on Saturday nights (or any other time).

In closing, again I wish to thank District 3 for their fine convention and hospitality. We are looking forward to seeing our "annual friends in Evansville next year.

Have a great summer!

Eula Bush

District 11-B Chairman

DISTRICT 14

All who attended the 1988 Convention enjoyed a great convention. We want to thank the entire committee and everyone who worked hard to make this a good time for all. Good food, good times and an outstanding parade. Congratulations to Miss Flame Sara Davis and to all the new officers.

The 14th District May meeting was held at the Charlestown Fire Department. The meeting was attended by 4 auxiliaries and 1 guest, Mary Boyd, one of our past presidents of the state auxiliary. Our next meeting will be held on July 20th at the Underwood Fire Department. We will have election of officers at this meeting. Please make an effort to attend this important meeting.

It is dues time again. If you have not sent in your I.V.F.A.A. dues please do so now. Dues are \$2.00 per member. Thank you. -Nancy Richardson, Dist. 14 Ch.

DISTRICT 19

Hello Again from the 19th District IVFAA. Spring has finally arrived and o my doesn't the sunshine feel good.

Our last meeting was held Tuesday, May 10, at Manchester and what a great time we had. We were entertained by Cloggus dancing up a storm and a fine meal was enjoyed by all. Our meeting got under way. It sure didn't seem the same with out Alma Schutte there, but maybe now since her death we can see her strength work in us. Just as she did until the end.

All our reports were given and 30 ladies answered roll call. Seven auxiliaries were there and 3 guests. Lisa Craig, our Miss Flame, was there. We discussed

our next two meetings and settled the time and place. A nominating committee was appointed and if all the directions that were given don't get me lost, well, it will be a surprise to everyone!!

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 9, 6:00 p.m. at Brun's Lake hosted of course by Sunman. Election of officers will be held. Then Tuesday, November 15, 7:30 p.m. at Hogan Township our installation of officers will be held. If you are in our area please stop by and join in with our fun times. We do share a lot of silly times even though the Fire Service is serious business.

Judy Hildebrand

19th District Chairman

If we could keep Christmas in our hearts all year long, the world would be a much nicer place. For Jacob Hunt, the Christmas spirit came early.

Jacob, son of volunteer fireman, Monte, and his wife, Georgia, of Prairieton, is confined to a wheelchair. A couple of years ago, he wanted a pair of cowboy boots. The Prairieton Volunteer Fire Auxiliary decided to forego their Christmas gift exchange. Instead, they gave their "gift

money" to Jacob for those much desired cowboy boots.

The Christmas feeling didn't end there. This generous group continued to find special people or groups to be recipients of their kindness at Christmas. Now their Christmas spirit flows in June. Jacob, now 9 years old, wanted to go to Camp Riley in Bradford Woods near Martinsville, Indiana. Once again the gift exchange money will be given to Jacob so that he may go to camp. Auxiliary members who also belong to the Prairieton Methodist Church helped to increase Jacob's camp money through their circles. The result was one very happy boy. Isn't that what Christmas is all about?

Perhaps Santa could take lessons from these women.

Trudy Newmister

Prairieton Volunteer Fire Aux.

DOE DOLL WINNERS

This year's Lucky Doe Doll winners are: Nancy Niendorf, LaPorte, IN - Doll and \$75.00; G. Gibbs, Niles, MI - \$50.00; and Kyle Lute, c/o D. Lantz - \$25.00.

A special thank you to George Walda, Superior Extraction, for his donation of printing of our raffle tickets.

Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Auxiliary
42nd Annual Convention Meeting
Friday, June 10, 1988 - 9:30 a.m.
Holiday Inn, Michigan City, IN

President Loretta called the meeting to order and welcomed all officers, members, and guests. She expressed thanks to District 3 for the very fine Koffee Klutch enjoyed by both men and women. Bette Sellmer, Chaplain, had the membership stand and greet their neighbors. She then read a poem entitled "God's Chosen." The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Miriam Schael.

Guests were introduced: Immediate Past President, Nickie Sunday; a lady playing a dual role today, the new Lois Boaz winner and the wife of Mr. I.V.F.A., Vi Bruns. the 1988 Miss Flame is Miss Sara Davis (District 11-A), 1438 S. 25th, Terre Haute, IN 47803 (phone 812-235-4720 or 232-1665). Runner-up is Becky Bush, District 11-B. Two guests from Convention '89 (Evansville) were also introduced.

Roll Call was answered by 31 officers, 100 members and 16 guests.

Chaplain's Report: Seven members will be remembered at the Memorial Service today. (The Chaplain was released to prepare for Memorial Services.)

Minutes of the 1987 Convention were read and approved. The 1987-88 Treasurer's Report was given by Betsy Howe. The report was filed and had already been audited. A copy is attached.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Doe Doll, Toni Sorg: The doll is a Royal Collectors Doll. Ticket sales are down to date by about \$200.

Games, Ruth Sanders: We have 2 waterball teams registered and 1 cartrac. Participants should wear badges on Saturday to show they are registered. If not registered a \$5.00 fee will be collected at that time. Next year the Committee would like to have a Games Book at the Registration Table so participants can sign up at the same time they register for the Convention. Mike Casse of Midwest donated a Task

Force nozzle to be given away and Maxine will write a letter of thanks.

Miss Flame: Barbara Surber escorted the Miss Flames into the room and introduced Miss Flame, the Runner-up, and the entire Court.

I.V.F.A. member Jack Ford arrived and introduced his guest, Representative Mitchell Harper, who addressed the group.

Jewelry Committee, Rosie Johnson: Auxiliary pins have arrived.

Lois Boaz, Loretta Nulliner: New recipient has already been introduced and past recipients in the audience were recognized.

Auditing, Nickie Sunday: All auditing is now completed and was in fine shape.

By-Laws, Barbara Parker: We have one by-law to vote on with copies available for all.

President's Advisory, Lucy Stofer: Basic rules for organizing a District are in the Constitution Handbook. Any additional suggestions would be welcome. Men have organized Districts in 5, 8A, 9B, 15, 17A, 18, 20, and 21. We do not have district auxiliaries in these districts and might be an opportunity to build our membership.

Financial Study, Nickie Sunday: No report.

Nominating, Mary Brooks: Ready.

Installation, Ruth Fairfield: Ready.

Parliamentarian, Ruth Ford: No report this morning.

State Awards, Lucy Stofer: No report.

Historian, Katie Mason: Items still needed for 1985-86 and 1986-87.

Announcement: Districts 11-A and 11-B do have the auxiliary patches for sale and these may be obtained from the District Chairmen for \$1.50 each.

Meeting dismissed for Memorial Services.

Meeting reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

Mike Mackey, representing District 6 and Allen County, made a very interesting and entertaining presentation for the 1990 Convention bid.

Afternoon roll call was answered by 32 officers, 109 members and 14 guests. Certificates were presented to those auxiliaries becoming eligible for the 15-year continuous membership award as started by President Loretta last year.

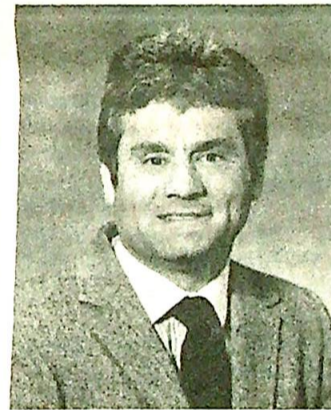
The President's Newsletter was discussed. Discussion and vote followed on whether to continue this mailing. Both were evenly divided and the decision was tabled for a later meeting.

By-Law Committee, Barbara Parker: One by-law was presented this year. The by-law change was read (copy attached). Vote was by a show of hands and the by-law passed. This change, which raises the annual allotment from \$10 to \$20 for the 1st Vice President, Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms, Immediate Past President and all District Chairmen, will be in effect as of July 1, 1988.

An announcement was received from the Men's meeting that the 1990 Convention will be held in Fort Wayne.

The Nominating Committee submitted the following slate of officers for 1988-89: President, Toni Sorg; Vice President, Nancy Neal; Recording Secretary, Maxine Davies; Corresponding Secretary, Mary

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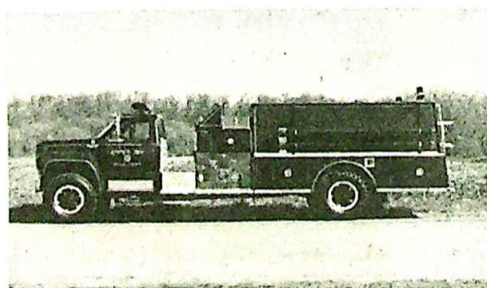
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CARL O. DAVIS

From the Southwest:

Another good convention was held in Michigan City. Thanks to the Convention '88 Committees for a job well done.

I attended the training school that was put on by the State I.V.F.A. for insurance and record keeping at Wayne Twp. Fire Station. If you missed this one there are to be more at other locations around the state.

Congratulations to Carl Bruns and his wife Vi on being selected for the Mr. I.V.F.A. and Lois Boaz Awards, and to Bob Meyers on winning the Ollie Sandburg Award. I am sure the judges had a difficult time picking the Miss Flame. Congratulations to Sarah Davis as our 1988 winner and Becky Bush as runner up.

Our district meetings have been well attended and some very good programs are being put on at the meetings. I think that a good program set up by the host department and your district chairmen

will increase your attendance at the meetings. Put the program on the meeting notices so that the members will know what is coming up.

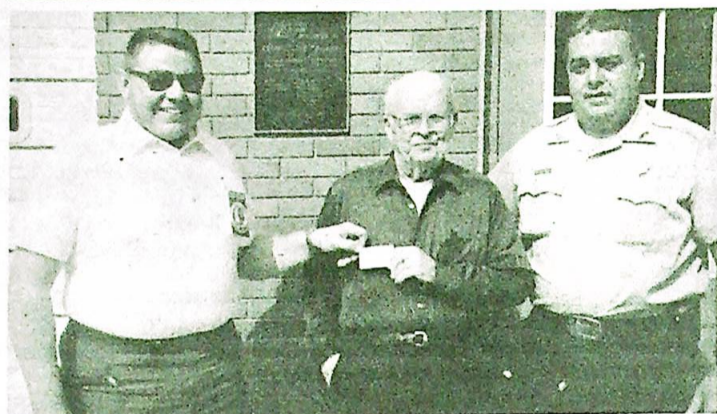
Our 1989 convention committees are working on the program for Evansville and hope to have more on it later for you.

Dry weather is sure causing several fires in our area. A farmer's baler bearing over heated and set the baler on fire. The baler was a total loss plus some of the hay he was baling was burned. There was also a fellow

hauling large bales of hay on a trailer and hay was rubbing on a tire and set fire to both the trailer and hay. Both were a complete loss.

Watch your trash burning and be careful with your fireworks. It doesn't take much to start fires now.

Would like to thank the departments in my area for being re-elected as the Southwest Public Relations Director for another year. That's it for this time. Attend your district meetings and fire schools.



Decatur's longest-serving fire chief, Cedric Fisher, was presented with a gold lifetime membership card in the I.V.F.A. by Poe Volunteer Fire department member "Mort" Sorg (left), chairman of District Seven of the I.V.F.A. At right is current Decatur Fire Chief Garry Sheets. Behind Fisher is a plaque in his honor affixed to the fire station's outer wall several years ago.

—Decatur Daily Democrat, 5/6/88

Decatur honors longest-serving chief

Decatur's longest-serving fire chief, Cedric Fisher, who held the post from 1948 until retirement in 1975, was honored Thursday by the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association (I.V.F.A.) with a gold lifetime membership card for his

many years of firefighting service.

Fisher, 76, joined the Decatur Fire Department in 1937 and served for a few years with his father, Charles, a fireman here for 44 years. Together, the Fishers served 83 years on the DFD.

Award recipients say thanks

Our sincere thanks and appreciation for your recognition as the recipients of the Mr. I.V.F.A. and Lois Boaz Awards, at the convention in Michigan City.

We are aware of the importance of these awards, and if we have accomplished something in the past 20 years, you people and the volunteer fire service have made this possible, but no one can take away the additional reward that you have given us, your friendship, loyalty, and respect during our tenure with the I.V.F.A.

Thanks: to the men and ladies of the Sunman Fire Department, District 19, and the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association plus the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Auxiliary. We would like to

name each one of you personally but this paper would not be large enough to hold all the names.

Our children, Byron, Carol and family, and Mark, Nancy and family, are equally appreciative of the recognition. Next year will be our 40th year in the fire service together. The years have not tarnished our marriage, respect for each other and our family. Has the fire service had an effect? Yes, without a doubt, we have met all you nice people, and it has given us many very fond memories.

If we can be of any help in your part of the organization, please let us know.

Again Thanks, and may God bless each one of you.

- Carl and Vi Bruns

Keener Twp. VFD issues warning

The Keener Township Volunteer Fire Department responded to a house fire on 6/29/88 in DeMotte, IN. Upon arrival the basement was heavily charged with smoke and flames were showing on one end.

During initial knockdown the electric meter was pulled. When firemen entered the basement with air-packs for overhaul, using fog streams, electrical arcing was observed in the ceiling.

Upon rechecking the meter box, it was discovered that one circuit had been hotwired across the meter. The homeowner had been using electricity without being charged on that circuit and denied knowledge of when or how the meter-tampering was done.

An investigation by Brad Sandberg of the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office revealed the

fire was accidental. This type of tampering could cause serious injury or death to firefighters who are under the impression that the electric had been shut off.



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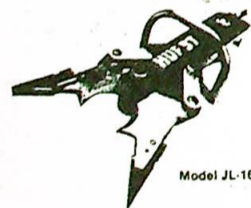
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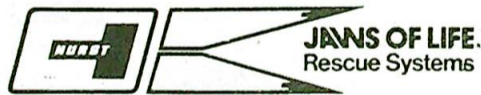
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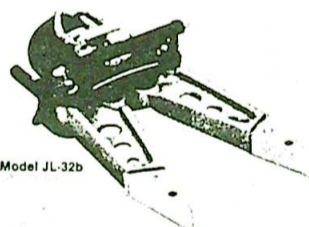
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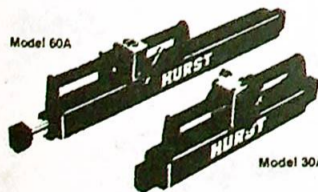
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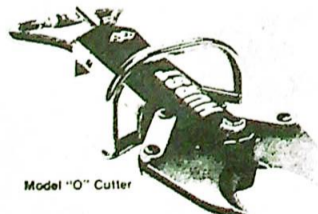


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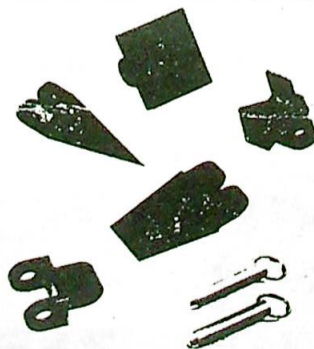


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1987 Miss Flame will keep fond memories

Over the past year, I have shared many good times with many good people. I have made new friends and had experiences that I will never forget for the rest of my life. As Miss Flame I trav-



eled all over the state of Indiana to many different places where I had lots of fun.

The different things that I experienced throughout this past year cannot be fully described in one letter, but only in a lifetime of stories. I will never forget my experiences with the "Volunteers" of Indiana. I myself have felt what it's like to be a volunteer and to help out people in need. Throughout the winter months I thought that people would forget about Miss Flame, but they didn't. As soon as it became warm enough for parades again, Chesterfield Volunteer Fire Department gave me a call. I was so happy! At Chesterfield I rode in their parade and handed out trophies for their muster. I also got to ride in an ambulance for the first time, and I also made some new friends.

Being Miss Flame for the I.V.F.A. was and is very important to me! I just hope that the lucky girl who gets to take my place for next year experiences as much fun and as many joyful times as I have

over the past year. I hope that she gets to go to fires and help out and to parades and also help the auxiliary like I did. Helping out people in need makes a person feel very good about themselves, and every volunteer of Indiana should feel very proud of themselves because they have done something that no one else has done - they helped out people in need and asked for nothing in return.

As I look into the future, college awaits me in September. I know that I will experience fun times in college and meet new and exciting people, but that could never replace the good times that I have had as your I.V.F.A. State Miss Flame. I wish you all the luck in the world as the future awaits you as it does me, and I especially wish the contestants of Miss Flame the best of luck! I will see you all in June at the Convention. Until then, stay healthy and in good cheer, and God bless you all as you volunteer your time to help others in need.

Dawn Lemmons

Indiana is in 1989 NCVFPP

The National Community Volunteer Fire Prevention Program is in cooperation with the United States Fire Administration, Office of the Governor and the State Committee.

Indiana has been selected to be the only 1989 participant in this program. Three community based projects will be funded in 1989-90. Two projects for \$25,000.00 and one project for \$10,000.00. One project from an urban, suburban, and rural area will be selected to receive funding. The funding will continue at a reduced level in year two of the project and with no federal monies after that.

Projects funded through the NCVFPP are community based projects targeted at fire prevention awareness, fire safety and survival, and fire protection. All projects funded feature the participation and contribution of community organizations, the private sector, local fire service and local government.

Programs may be developed

that impact high risk groups such as the elderly, pre-school children, handicapped adults, and residents of urban areas having high arson incident rates. Tactics range from teaching individuals ways to develop fire escape plans to conducting home inspections to mass media campaigns.

This program gives every volunteer fire department in the state a challenge to show their ideas and suggestions and to put forth every effort to make a program successful on a local basis. I encourage each of you to get busy and submit your programs to the committee for evaluation. Just do not sit back and say it can't be done. I would like to see every department submit a program during the next few weeks; let me know if you have any questions. My mailing address is R.R. #1, Box 3E1, Fillmore, IN 46128, or phone 317-246-6220.

John Davies
IVFA Rep. to the NCVFPP



SERGEANT-AT-ARMS



BILL BUSH

Well here we are about to freeze as there has been no let up on snow and ice on this day of June 17, 1988. HA, HA! Seriously, the weather is awful being so hot and dry. It can be nothing but trouble. It is hard on people with health problems. This all leads to rescue runs, lots of grass fires and water shortages. All we can do is hope for rain soon.

The convention is over and our thoughts go to fire schools, fish fries and festivals. We also need to keep on top of the new laws in effect and those the legislators are considering. We need to think about them and let our thoughts be known to our representatives. Some laws sound good on the surface but stop to consider if we can afford them.

We are proud of our girls who were in the Miss Flame contest. I am an especially proud DAD since our Backy was chosen Miss Flame 1st Runner-up.

Congratulations to all of those who received special awards. Keep up the good work and God bless.

Give me a call if I can be of assistance to any departments.

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Kissell; Treasurer, Betsy Howe; Chaplain, Bette Sellmer; Sergeant-at-Arms, Miriam Schaeckel. The President, Vice President, Recording Secretary; Treasurer, Chaplain, and Sergeant-at-Arms were elected by unanimous vote. For the office of Corresponding Secretary, in addition to the name of Mary Kissell, a nomination was made from the floor for Debbie Nulliner. Ballots were cast and Mary Kissell was elected Corresponding Secretary. The 1988-89 officers were brought forward by Katie Mason and installed in a very impressive candle-light ceremony by Ruth Fairfield.

Doe Doll - Toni Sorg: Receipts as of today \$1,210, slightly short of the goal. Mr. George Walda has agreed to sponsor this event again next year if it is selected as the money-making project by the Association.

Bette Sellmer closed the meeting in prayer and asked all to remember Verta and Bill Engle in their prayers.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Maxine Davies, Corresponding Sec.

We, District 7, of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association Auxiliary propose a change in Article VI, Section 2 of the by-laws of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association

Auxiliary which reads:

"An allotment of thirty dollars (\$30.00) to the President each year. An allotment of twenty dollars (\$20.00) to the Corresponding Secretary; an allotment of twenty dollars (\$20.00) to the Recording Secretary, and an allotment of twenty dollars (\$20.00) to the Treasurer each year. An allotment of ten dollars (\$10.00) to the 1st Vice-President, Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms, Immediate Past President and all District Chairmen each year."

TO READ

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