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## EXPLOSION ROCKS RICHMOND - 41 DEAD

By Jim Fleming - The Palladium Item

A horrible double explosion and conflagration claimed 41 lives and injured more than 100 other persons in downtown Richmond on Saturday, April 6.

More than a city block was leveled, with damages estimated in the millions of dollars. Many other buildings within a two-block radius were structurally damaged and later condemned.

Rescue workers dug throughout Saturday night, seeking bodies. They worked Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, April 7, 8 and 9, before the search was ended.

Thirty-nine bodies were identified. Two persons were listed as positively missing, but their remains were not found.

Several of the injured remain hospitalized. Some were seriously hurt.

The cause and origin of the explosions, which ripped through Sixth and East Main Streets at 1:45 p. m., remain unknown.



Photo by Weaver

Some witnesses claimed the first explosion was in Marting Arms, 601 East Main St., on the southeast corner of the intersection.

Others said the first blast came from Vigran's Variety Store, across Sixth Street at 537 Main St.

### Both Leveled

The first firemen to reach the scene, two minutes later, said both buildings were completely leveled when they arrived.

Investigators probing the ruins are considering the possibility that leaking gas and a quantity of gun powder stored at Marting Arms fed the explosions.

Observers agreed that the second of the explosions was by far the more powerful, and caused the heaviest damage.

The blast was heard several miles away. Windows in buildings up to five blocks distant were shattered.

Broken bricks and other heavy debris were hurled two to three blocks. Paper and other light trash were found as far as five miles away.

The explosions came on a bright, sunny afternoon. Stores and sidewalks were crowded with shoppers. Traffic was heavy.

The explosions hurled a cloud of debris forward, forming a mushroom cloud similar to that from an atomic bomb.

Firemen at City Hall, a block away, feared that their aged structure was collapsing and pulled their pumper and aerial truck out onto Fifth Street.

Seeing smoke, they ran to the corner of Fifth and Main Streets to determine the location of the explosions.

The fire radio dispatcher put out a call for all fire companies to respond to Sixth and Main Streets, while the men of Company 1 and the aerial company hurried to the scene.

The conflagration was a fire fighter's nightmare. Flames boiled both east and west from the intersection, leaping across Main Street to ignite the Hoosier Store, on the northeast corner, and a row of aged buildings to the northwest.

Firemen from west of the explosion scene battled flames spreading

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### From the President



The recent death of our District 18 Chairman, Jerome Daunhauer of Ferdinand, Indiana has left us with a heavy heart. My condolences go out to his wife, family and members of the Ferdinand Fire Department. I know how great his loss will be to our association but more than ever will be the loss to his family and community.

The 40th annual Fire Department Instructors Conference at Memphis in March attracted an attendance of 4038 from all over the United States, District of Columbia, Canada, Canal Zone, Germany, Guam, Japan, Philippines, Puerto Rico and Viet Nam. Your Vice-President and I were privileged to attend. This conference is sponsored by the Western Actuarial Bureau, Chicago and the Memphis Fire Department. The Chairman of the conference was Emmitt Cox, Director of the fire prevention department of Western Actuarial Bureau. The Memphis Fire Department with approximately 1100 firemen has been co-sponsors and host of the conference since 1934. The 4 day sessions are held in the Municipal Auditorium and brings together each year key fire department executives and drill master educators from colleges and universities, fire and plant protection engineers from industry, public officials interested in fire safety problems, representatives from the armed services, officers of state fire prevention associations and representation from fire insurance industry.

Time and space does not permit me to give all the details and different phases that were so well presented. Bill Goodwin and I found this conference most interesting and educational.

It is nearing the close of another fiscal year for our IVFA. We have made great strides, but there is still much to be done. Our Convention dates are June 13-14 and 15. Have you made your reservations? I was privileged to tour the convention site last month. The committee has planned all activity Friday and

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### JEFFERSONVILLE AWAITS VOLUNTEERS CONVENTION PLANS ALL SET

All roads lead to Jeffersonville is the word now being stressed at the district meetings. The IVFA convention plans are formulated and now all we wait for are the magical dates to arrive — June 13-14-15. Yes! Sam Bower Convention Chairman and his committee are ready.

Registration begins Thursday noon, June 13, at the No. 1 Jeffersonville Fire Station. The registration cost will be \$5.00 as usual.

The officers will hold the first meeting on Thursday evening, June 13 commencing at 8:00 P. M. at the Rock Lake Park on Hamburg Pike. Secretary Ford in his last proclamation urged all officers to be there promptly. Following the meeting a social mixer will be held with the Auxiliary and Registered Guests. There will be refreshments and entertainment.

The first business meeting will begin promptly at 9:00 A. M. on Friday morning at the Park View Junior High School Auditorium. The opening meeting will feature addresses by Mayor Vissing and other dignitaries.

Memorial Services will commence at 11:30 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Chaplain Lantz and his assistant Thelma Lester (Auxiliary Chaplain) will conduct the services. Last year all seats were taken in the church which indicates the respect that is shown to our deceased fellow members. Lunch will follow and the school cafeteria will be prepared to handle the onslaught of hungry conventioners. The second session will resume at 1:00 and will be climaxed by the election of officers.

And now is when you really begin to get your \$5.00 worth. At 6:00 all conventioners will assemble at Park View for the annual banquet—Highlights of which are the presentation of new officers, the awarding of the trophy to Mr. IVFA and other entertainment. Then, of

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### Convention Schedule

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 1968

- 12:00 Noon - 9:00 P. M.—Registration of delegates and guests at the Jeffersonville No. 1 Fire Station.
- 8:00 P. M.—Officers meeting at Rock Lake Park on Hamburg Pike (Auxiliary also). Following the meeting there will be a mixer for the Officers, Auxiliary and Registered guests. Entertainment will be provided.

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 1968

- 7:00 A. M. - 5:00 P. M.—Registration of delegates and guests at the Jeffersonville No. 1 Fire Station.
- 9:00 A. M. - 9:45 A. M.—Opening of convention and welcome by Mayor of Jeffersonville and other officials.
- 9:45 A. M. - 11:30 A. M.—First Business Meeting at Park View Junior High School Auditorium. Auxiliary will adjourn to their own business meeting and social get together in the school cafeteria.
- 11:30 A. M. - 12:00 Noon—Memorial Services at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.
- 12:00 Noon - 1:00 P. M.—Lunch will be served at the school cafeteria or you may eat at a restaurant of your choice.
- 1:00 P. M. - 4:30 P. M.—Second Business meeting at Park View Junior High School auditorium.
- 6:00 P. M. - 8:00 P. M.—Annual Banquet at Park View Junior High School Gym. Introduction of new officers and dignitaries. Presentation of awards. Entertainment to follow.
- 9:00 P. M. - 12:00 Midnight—Boat ride and dance. Bring your own refreshments, setups will be available.

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 1968

- 8:30 A. M.—Water Ball Contest—Contest to be held at Park View Junior High School Parking Lot. Ladies' water ball will follow Men's Contest at same location. Hose replacing contest will follow Water Ball Contest.
- 3:00 P. M.—Parade—Grand Finale. Parade route from Meigs Avenue on Court to Spring, down Spring to River Front. Drawing for Lucky Doe Doll immediately following the parade at Judge's Stand.

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From The Secretary



OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF IVFA

With the return of springtime temperatures and the furious spring growing, it rushes all of us to keep pace. Keeping pace we must; before long we know that ALL ROADS LEAD TO JEFFERSONVILLE.

With the new fiscal year just around the corner we can look back on a most productive year with utmost pride. The entire membership has promoted a most successful campaign of help and assistance to all. Thru the leadership of the Officers as of this writing, a total of 24 new departments has swelled the ranks of the IFVA. This will bring the total membership to the all time high of 9,721. Yes, indeed a most productive year and all the more reason to celebrate in Jeffersonville in June.

After the recent meeting of the officers in Jeffersonville, all were convinced that a vote of thanks goes to all concerned for a lot of hard work and very good planning for the comfort and hospitality that will be available to all that will attend the Convention. They have planned in detail for you to have a memorable good time, from air conditioned meeting rooms all the way past the big boat ride.

You sure must make this Convention and enjoy Southern Hospitality at its best, and to see the South is Rising again to this occasion.

The new application blanks for membership dues for 68-69 have been mailed to all departments as have the two resolutions that will be presented on convention floor. Anyone that has not received them please contact this office and yours will be sent immediately.

Forms for membership and the clothing fund that are sent to this office must be in triplicate from now on. This is to facilitate the keeping of an accurate set of records for the Association. The compliance of all departments will be most appreciated.

Once again my personal thanks to all the assistance that has been accorded this office from all departments and friends. Without this help the job would never have been done. The only way that I can show my appreciation is to offer my services in any way you see fit to use them. Thank you very much.

See you in Jeffersonville.

SPEAKING OF HOT SEATS, ASK A FREMONT VOL. ABOUT IT!

Ray Northan a volunteer fireman from Fremont, Indiana was recently on a cottage fire at Jimmerson Lake. While there the seat of his car caught on fire and the men at the station had to put it out.

**NOTICE**  
New Postal Regulations require the ZIP CODE on all mail that is to be handled by the Post Office Department in the future.

Let's Talk Training

Harvey H. Hacker, Director  
Educational Division  
State Fire Marshal Department

On several occasions the State Fire Marshal has pointed out the need for specialized fire training at all levels of departmental operation, and urged all firemen to take advantage of our educational programs. The response at first was commendable, but in recent weeks, the original enthusiasm has subsided. As Educational Director for the State Fire Marshal Department, I would again like to reiterate that the need is still serious, and to encourage all of those firemen who haven't previously utilized our service to do so.

To stimulate interest as well as to reach the greatest number of people, our department has planned five special seminars for the coming summer months. These seminars are in addition to our regular instruction courses offered to any fire department whose fire chief requests the training.

Our first conference is scheduled for Washington, Indiana on May 25 and 26. Our second school is planned for June, in Lafayette, Indiana. The third school will be in Columbus, in July. In September we will have an Officers' and Administrative School in Indianapolis, and later we plan a school in the area of Fort Wayne, however, the actual site and date of the school is still to be decided.

In the next issue, we will publicize the time, location, dates, plus list the programs of all the schools. In this way, one may decide the date, location, and program that will best benefit his individual department, as well as himself. Furthermore, as soon as the programs are printed, we will mail copies to every fire chief in the state.

There has been a great deal of effort exerted in the planning of these seminars, and it is our hope that every conference will be well attended. We have selected men who are outstanding in their respected fields to speak. Also, we will have organizations representing various industries putting on practical demonstrations in fire prevention and control. We know that every fireman will find the program varied and interesting.

It is well known that the truly unsung hero in our present day society is the Volunteer Firemen. However, the Volunteer does command the respect and admiration of all of us in the fire service, for he is the priceless individual who represents the best in human nature. Our purpose is to offer him fire training to partially repay him for his unselfish sacrifice in rendering aid to his community.

"The Need for a Training Standard In All Fire Departments" . . .

I have just completed my eighth year as a fire instructor and have a definite opinion that there is a great need in the efficient operation of any fire fighting organization.

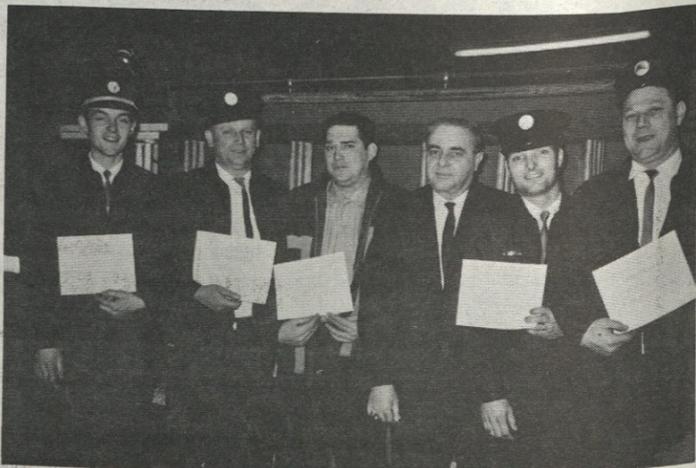
Obviously, enthusiasm can not replace skill, since both enthusiasm and skill are the most basic requirements of a good fire department. Enthusiasm can be engendered by chiefs of departments and very quickly. But skill can only be developed through hard work, and practice, and very slowly. Thus, after fire prevention efforts, drill and training must be the foremost projects of any successful fire department. Too often in the fire service today, a fire chief is satisfied when he can surround a burning building and pitch water at it for hours without having the knowledge and experience of when to use small or large lines.

There are many challenges which confront the fire service with the need of more training instructors, so the fire service can have more trained personnel who can more effectively and efficiently do their jobs with less effort and with greater safety:

The fire service today is entering an interesting era. There are things that we can do. There are things that we must do. Let us not take the easy path and do only those things that are easy to do.

Indiana Fire Instructors Association  
Edward R. Sowell, President

Portage Township Completed Civil Defense Course "Personal and Family Survival"



The men, left to right, are: Chief Ed Trinosky, Andy Lesnick, Sam Malarik, Instructor George Baker, Bill Brown, and Charley Roberts. Not shown, but completing course was Ass't Chief Laddie Lesnick.

# Weaver Picked For "George" Award

Annual Award presented by Journal & Courier of Lafayette.

Four new "Georges" join 22 other persons who have been chosen for the award in past years. All have recognized pressing community needs and have done something about it, refusing to merely observe from the sidelines and "let George do it."

### 68 Nominees in '68

The 1968 winners were selected by an anonymous committee of judges from the newspaper from among a total of 68 nominees, some of whom received a great number of nominations.

Each of the new winners has received a George Award medalion and a certificate at a private dinner. All of the past George winners and their wives and husbands also were invited to the dinner.

The judges ascertained that all of this year's winners had provided monumental help in making their communities better places in which to live.

In typical "George" fashion, they have worked quietly but effectively behind the scenes, without thought of personal gain or publicity.

### Fire Chief of Town

Weaver is a long-time Francesville resident, who, as chief of the town's volunteer fire depart-



EDMUND WEAVER

ment, became keenly aware of the need for a combination fire station and town hall for the community.

Bonding limitations made it impossible for the town to issue bonds to finance construction of the needed structure.

To cope with the situation, Weaver enlisted the aid of seven other interested men in the community, and on Jan. 21, 1961, the Francesville Community Improvement Foundation, Inc., a

non-profit corporation, was established with Weaver as president.

Purpose of the foundation was to raise funds to buy needed land, and then to obtain donations of money, labor and materials for construction of the building. Meetings and bean suppers were held to inform citizens of the need and the plans for providing the building.

The response from citizens served by the fire department, including residents of the town of Francesville and Salem, Jefferson, Beaver and Whitepost Townships in Pulaski County and Hanging Grove and Gilliam Townships in Jasper County, was most generous.

To celebrate the successful

were held in Francesville last fall. Ownership of the land and buildings, valued at more than \$50,000, was transferred by the non-profit corporation to the town of Francesville and Salem Township Dec. 18, 1967.

The building now houses the fire station, Town Hall, jail, township offices, justice of the peace office, and records hall. Not a single penny of local, state or federal tax money was utilized in the undertaking.

Weaver, 60 years old, has a wife and four children. He is a member of St. Francis Catholic Church of Francesville, and is chairman of District 9B of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association.

### Congratulations Ed —

The George Award was established by the Journal & Courier of LaFayette in 1963 to provide recognition for persons making significant contributions to their communities. Another purpose is to encourage others to perform similar unselfish deeds. In their Friday Evening, March 15, 1968 publication they picked a Woman and 3-Men "GEORGE" award winners.

One of the men so recognized by them for 1968 was our own "Edmund Weaver", Chief of the Fire Department at Francesville and District Chairman of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association from District 9B.

All of us are aware of Ed's hard work since 1961 at Frances-

ville for the purpose of providing his Community with a combination fire station and Town Hall, details of which have been previously printed in the "Indiana Volunteer Fireman" issues of August 1967 and February 1968.

Ed was the 24th winner named by this newspaper and he will receive the GEORGE award medallion from them together with a Certificate at a private dinner sponsored by the Journal & Courier newspaper of LaFayette.

Congratulations are therefore in order from all of us—Chief Weaver. We salute you; and are happy with you due to this honor; and by the same token we also desire to sincerely thank the official family of the Journal & Courier of LaFayette for their interest and promotion of a program of this kind.

Verne D. Konopasek

### NEW PARIS HOST ELKHART CO. FIREMEN'S ASSN.

On April 16th, the New Paris Fire Station was host to the Elkhart County Firemen's Association meeting. Mr. Robert C. Rund, assistant administrator of the Indiana Chemist Association from the Bio-Chemistry Laboratory at Purdue University, gave special instruction on the safe handling and storage of Anhydrous Ammonia. The Tuloma Fertilizer Company of New Paris was used as an example in the handling of the chemical. As a special treat the meeting was closed with door prizes given away.



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**Minutes of I. V. F. A. Officer's Meeting**

FEBRUARY 11, 1968

KOKOMO, INDIANA

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 A. M. by President Jeffries. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-President Goodwin. Chaplin Lantz offered prayer. Secretary Ford took Roll Call.

A motion by Zula, 2nd by Engle to dispense with the reading of minutes of the previous meeting was carried.

Communications were quite diversified as follows: The elder Mr. Laney is retiring from the printing business. The combination blue and red lights are objectionable in some areas and are being removed. Survivors of deceased volunteer firemen are writing the secretary to tell how much they appreciate the memorial service or the funeral fund payment or the bible or the floral offering — all benefits of being a member of the IVFA. It was pointed out that the bibles are being delivered without the proper signatures and that a follow-up is necessary. A motion by Zula to pre-sign a supply of bibles was duly seconded and carried. Publisher Laney reported that the distribution of the association newspaper to all known volunteer fire departments has had some very gratifying results.

Reports of officers followed:

1. The president, vice president and secretary reported on the many meetings they had attended.

2. The treasurer gave the attached report: Clothing fund balance is \$9197.51; the funeral fund balance is \$42,428.84; the general fund balance is \$18,310.67.

3. The past president, Steiger, expressed his opinion that some changes probably be made in the district boundaries.

4. Southwest public relations man, Ernest Waldrop, has been

transferred to St. Louis and is resigning. The other three public relations men reported on their various contacts.

5. Chairmen from District No. 4 and 5 reported some insurance problems. District No. 6 chairman reported Chief Charlie Brown of New Haven has retired. District No. 7 chairman questioned the due date for resolutions. No change was considered. District No. 13 chairman stated that the sheriff's department was using blue lights on patrol cars. Chairman Sam Bower of District No. 14 included the 1968 convention report. The Holiday Inn will be officers headquarters. Quotations on taking the convention film are seemingly too high and he asked for comments on same. A motion by Konefsky, 2nd by Hoagland to spend up to \$500 for filming was carried. Mr. O'Reilly, who took films of the 1967 convention at New Haven has said he would be available again. A motion by Stoffer, 2nd by Hoagland, to deal with O'Reilly was carried. Other district chairmen mentioned the dates of next meetings or had no report.

6. The newspaper editor is still looking for material from many districts. He had no stories on the Sellersburg incident or the Dunreith train wreck. He is quite satisfied with the advertising in the paper.

7. The chaplain stated that 53 deaths have occurred since convention time. He has served at several memorial services. He also reported that Harry Fries is in the hospital at LaPorte.

8. Treasurer Konopasek briefly outlined an insurance plan he has come up with that wholly self-contained in the association. A motion by Konefsky, 2nd by Jostes, to distribute a copy of the plan to all officers before any time be given for discussion was carried.

9. Secretary Ford said the new membership forms—triplicate type requiring no carbon paper—will be used this year. Office equipment is satisfactory. He reports that membership has reached 9582. Sixteen new departments are signed up, some as a direct result of the statewide mailing of the newspaper.

The meeting was temporarily adjourned for the Board of Directors meeting and lunch.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Chairman Engle presided over the meeting.

Mailing costs of the association newspaper are increasing and have reached an alarming figure. The chairman appointed Konefsky and Mason to check this matter and suggest some remedy. A report is expected at the next meeting.

All old business has apparently been taken care of.

New districts were discussed. Splitting of old District No. 8 has not produced the desired results. Chairman McGill says his district includes 52 departments in 10 counties. That makes excessive driving to attend the meetings. It was agreed that where district re-vamping is considered the departments involved should be consulted on an individual basis as to their wishes. The public relations men should be of some help in this matter.

The Memphis Fire Conference was discussed. It seemed to be the consensus that the expenses of the last association representative were excessive. However, the directors did think the IVFA should be represented. A motion by Zula, 2nd by Jostes, requesting the president or his appointee to attend this conference with a limit of \$200 for expenses was carried.

The committee on meal allowance at officer's meetings was asked for a report. This committee suggested a maximum of \$5 per day be set for meals for state officers attending a called meeting. This recommendation was put into the form of a motion by Zula, 2nd by Keifer and carried. It is hoped that the officers will use discretion in filing for such expenses.

Letters of nomination for "fireman of the year" should be sent to Mr. VanWinkle not later than April 1, 1968.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:50 P. M.

The state officer's meeting reconvened at 1:30 P. M. following a box lunch.

There were no committee reports.

The Department of Civil Defense was pleased with the response it received from the mailing to the volunteer fire departments.

The president stated that a meeting had been held on December 11, 1967 to begin formulation of the fire academy asked for in resolutions from IVFA; IVA and Fire Chiefs Association. President Jeffries asked for comments on the academy, its subject matter, administration, financing and attendance. It is quite possible that attendance will be compulsory and if this does happen the association wants the training to be at the local level. It was well agreed that the present training program is not adequate. Suggestions for the academy structures are welcome and requested.

The public relations men held a meeting earlier in the day. They felt that the statewide distribution of the newspaper had been a fine gesture. At least three new departments have joined the association as a result and more have said they will join in the new year. The next mailing will also go to the various stations of paid firemen. A motion to use this type of distribution for the next four issues was made by Jostes, 2nd by Leist and carried.

Some of the officers questioned the location of the quarterly officers meetings. After some discussion the president advised those present to think it over and bring it back to the next meeting.

The next meeting will be at the Holiday Inn at Jeffersonville on April 21, 1968.

Chairman Sutton mentioned that the Orestes Fire Department had a recent death. Unfortunately, the department had allowed its association membership to lapse. He pointed out that it was strictly an oversight and asked what could be done about a grave marker. Zula moved that the department be allowed to purchase an association-type marker. This motion was 2nd by Baker and carried.

It was reported that Bob Crocker of Center Township, St. Joseph County had lost his home and belongings by fire. A motion by Jostes, 2nd by Hertle that the association express its sentiments was carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 P. M.

Respectfully,  
Donald Mason  
Recording Secy.

Correction of info presented to this meeting by Secretary Ford. Membership was not 9582 as reported. It was 9569. As of the 6th Day of March, 1968. Membership totals 9617.

Thank you,

John T. Ford, Secy.

**FROM THE IMMEDIATE PAST  
PRESIDENT, WALT STEIGER**

Fellow Members:

Elsewhere in this paper you will read that we have about 9,700 members. This is a good increase in membership. In sixteen years we have added 7,130 members. This is growth! Through the years your officers have been able to keep up with the added responsibility.

I know it's difficult to bring in new members for the few weeks remaining until our annual meeting, but why don't you members surprise the officers with new members for our next year? I'm certain you could give no greater gift to these men like our President, Carlos Jeffries; Treasurer, Verne Konopasek; Secretary, Jack Ford; Chaplain, Duane Lantz; and all state officers including the Chairmen of the districts who labored so hard this year to give the increase in membership. How about "Each member get a member"? You can do it!

I want to add a name to the above list. You have an idea—he wears a pair of black sleeves, a green eye shade, and has a pencil behind each ear! Sure, the Editor of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen! Bob has done a bang-up job—aren't you proud of this paper? By the way, this paper brings in members too.

I was in Jeffersonville on the 20th and 21st of April. What a lay-out for a convention. You'll be sorry if you miss this one. And a trip on the River.

Here's to you, to the Fire Service and all its friends.

**NAMED DIRECTOR OF  
CIVIL DEFENSE COUNCIL**

**CONRAD TUCKER  
HUNTERTOWN FIRE CHIEF**

Huntertown Fire Chief Conrad Tucker has been named Director of the Allen County-Fort Wayne Civil Defense Council. His appointment was made by Mayor Harold S. Zeis of Fort Wayne. Chief Tucker was a member of the Sheriff's Department for the past 24 years. He served as Chairman of the First Aid Committee of the American Red Cross, Fort Wayne Chapter. He also served as advisor to a sub-committee of the Indiana Legislative Advisory Commission, and as Secretary of the Indiana Fire Marshal's Department Re-organization Committee. Chief Tucker helped organize the Allen County Fire Fighter's Association, and served as its President for a number of years.

**Entries For Convention Parade**

Entries for parade units for the IVFA Convention Parade to be held June 15, 1968 in Jeffersonville are now being taken. Any Fire Department, group or individual interested in entry in the parade should contact the parade committee at the following address:

**Parade Committee  
Sellersburg Volunteer Fire Dept.  
443 East Utica Street  
Sellersburg, Indiana 47172**

Trophies will be awarded in the following classifications:

Horse Units	Floats
Antique Cars	Novelty Equipment
Old Fire Equipment	Bands - Marching
Uniformed Men's Marching Units	Best Decorated Car
Uniformed Ladies' Marching Units	Clown Units

Please state the classification you intend to enter. Staging will be arranged on a basis of "First to Enter-First to March" Basis. Maps on individual staging locations will be sent to entrants prior to Convention and will also be available at a booth at the Convention.

Bob Stewart

**ENTRY BLANK FOR  
LADIES' WATERBALL CONTEST**

Fire Department will have a ladies' team to compete in the waterball contest at Jeffersonville on Saturday, June 15, 1968. An entry fee of \$3.00 will be charged for the contest and will be forfeited if a team does not compete. We also understand the entry fee of \$3.00 will be refunded by the IVFA Auxiliary to the teams that compete.

Signed.....  
Auxiliary President or Team Captain

The deadline for sending in contest entry blanks is Friday, June 7, 1968. If a ladies' team representing your department plans to enter this contest please fill in blank without delay and remit your \$3.00 entry fee promptly to Shirley Knoll, Box 153, Waldron Ind. 46182.

Please have suitable equipment to wear including raincoats, hats, and boots. Arrangements will be made if possible to borrow rain outfits for those not having their equipment. Safety measures to be enforced in all contests. Drawings for the contest will be held Thursday evening, June 12 at officers' meeting. You will also be asked to sign release slip at the contest, absolving the IVFA Auxiliary or the IVFA of all responsibilities in case of accident resulting from the contest.

**CONTEST ENTRY BLANK**

Hose Replacing Contest     Water Ball Contest

Fire Departments will have a team to compete in one or more of the following contests: Water Ball, Hose Replacement, at Jeffersonville, Ind., on Saturday, June 15, 1968. An entry fee of \$5.00 for entry in each contest not to exceed 2 teams from one department entered and will be forfeited, if we do not compete. We also understand the fee of \$5.00 will be refunded by the Association for each contest we compete in where a deposit has been made. Please check in each square of contests entered by your department.

Signed.....  
Chief or Secretary

**NOTICE**

All contest entry blanks must be in or postmarked on or before June 1st, 1968 to be eligible. All Departments that plan to enter should fill out entry blanks and accompany same with \$5.00 entry fee for each contest entered. Send entries to Charlestown Volunteer Fire Department, Box 235, Charlestown, Indiana 47111.

Please bring your own rain gear. Trophy for both Water Ball and Hose Replacement. Safety measures to be enforced at contests. Drawing for position Thursday evening, June 13 at Officers' meeting.

## District Meetings

District I and II Meet at Merrillville



The 1st and 2nd Districts were honored with the presence of our Vice-President William Goodwin of Angola. Bill had very little to say but as usual he had a good joke. He also spoke briefly on the Jeffersonville Convention. Stan Konefsky showed a film on how to put out natural gas fires. Rudy Kaiser, Ross Township Trustee gave some very good information to Konopasek and Goodwin on the \$500.00 exemption bill that is to be put to the delegates at the convention. Discussion was held on the resolutions that was read and passed at the district meetings.

Merrillville Inhalator Squad gave a demonstration on Resuscitation and how they work on inhalator calls. They also gave a brief talk on mouth to mouth resuscitation.

A brief history of the Merrillville Fire Department was read

that reflected the wonderful accomplishments they have made in the last 10 years. Trustee Kaiser talked briefly on the 3 departments in his township and said he was proud of the good work they are doing for the public. The meeting was topped off with delicious Italian beef sandwiches and refreshments.

At the April meeting held at Lake Dale Carlia, a representative from the Self Survival Training Bureau gave a short talk and showed a film on Atomic Fallout. This program is available to all groups in the state. Ed Demik of Evergreen Park, Illinois showed slides and gave a talk on the Tornado Alerting System that he has in his home. It is connected to all branches of the State, Local and Federal Agencies.

Emil G. Zula  
Chairman, District 2

## Crown Point Fire Department Receives Check From American Legion Post 20



The Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department was presented a check for \$500 at their annual firemen's ball by the American Legion, Post 20, Crown Point. The funds are to be used for new equipment for the department. Pictured left to right: Robert Travis, American Legion, Harold Wente, Assistant Chief, Homer Randolph, Chief, Milton Peters, Commander of Post 20, Jerome Huber and Fabian Waninski, American Legion.

### SIXTH DISTRICT NEWS

Firemen of Sixth District had the privilege of hearing from Emmet Cox, Director of Fire Prevention and Fire Training for the Western Actuarial Bureau of Chicago. His program covered the dangers that are encountered with hazardous chemicals in agri-

cultural and highway accidents. One of the chemicals that he especially brought to their attention was the liquid and solid fertilizer which may give off poisonous fumes or become an explosive under unusual conditions such as in a fire.

### LAPEL FIRE DEPARTMENT SPONSORS SCOUT EXPLORER POST

The Lapel Fire Department is sponsoring an Explorer Post of Boy Scouts at Lapel, Indiana. This post was started just before Christmas with the fine cooperation of the Lapel Department. They now have 14 fine boys and are proud to have 1 Eagle scout and one boy that will become an Eagle this year. Six men of the department make up the committee.

They are: Earl Roudebush, I. R.; Kenny Bolton, Advisor; Jim Knotts, Assistant Advisor; Robert Chaney, Robert Ashbury, William Huckleman, Tom Coverdale are all committee members.

The post meets 2 nights a week on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at the fire station.

On February 2nd the Post was a part of "Scoutacular".

On the 13th of February the Post was presented its charter at the fire station.

On March 2nd the Post had a fine tour of the Indiana Reformatory at Pendleton and on March 11, Sheriff Joe Brogden made it possible to tour the county jail at Anderson. On April 16 the Indiana State Police came down to the Lapel Fire Station and showed a film to the scouts.

Later in the summer the Scouts plan a 50 mile canoe trip down the White River.

Lapel can be very proud of the Post and they urge more departments to see about sponsoring Explorer Scouts.

"Scouting Rounds a Guy Out."



Seen talking with Emmet is Jack Ford, State Secretary, Conrad Tucker, Civil Defense Chief, and Bert Moser, Fire Instructor.

ned our annual Buffalo Round up which will be June 9th at the Fontante Bean Dinner grounds. Lunch will be served at 12:00 with entertainment in the afternoon. After discussing several other fire problems, Sgt. Morris from the Hullman airfield in Terre Haute gave a talk on different kinds of fires in airplanes. At the close of the meeting we all enjoyed watching the 1967 Fireman Convention film.

The next meeting will be May 19th at Burnett Fire House.

We are glad to welcome Lewis Township as a new department in our district.

Clinton Township firemen entertained the families with a fish supper April 28th at the fire house.

On May 4th, Otter Creek No. 1, had their dedication of the new Fire House and also their annual fish fry. These firemen and their wives worked real hard. They cooked and served 750 lbs. of fish. The Dana Clowns went down and helped entertain the kiddies and enjoyed the fish.

Burnett had their annual chicken Bar-b-que on April 28th. Several of the departments are having their annual supper and festivals now.

Don't forget to come to District 11th Buffalo Round up.

Charles "Butch" McGill, Jr.  
District Chairman

### WATERFORD HOST ELKHART COUNTY FIREMEN

On April 9th the Elkhart County Firemen's Association held its regular monthly meeting at the Waterford Station. Goshen Rubber Company was in charge of the meeting. There were sixty-five men present. One hundred and sixty-four fires were reported (probably one hundred grass fires). Emmet C. Cox of the Western Actuarial Bureau out of Chicago gave instruction on the safe handling and storage of LP gas.

### COOLSPRING PLACE NEW UNIT IN SERVICE



Fireman William LaHanse takes a test run on Coolspring Township Volunteer Fire Department new pumper-tanker combination truck. This unit is mounted on an International 1600 chassis with 1000 gallons of useable water. It is equipped with a 450 GPM pump.

### 11TH DISTRICT

The 11th District Indiana Volunteer Firemen Association met March 17th at Sandford Fire House. A nice crowd of over 100 firemen and their families enjoyed a delicious meal. After the meeting was held, we plan-

### NEWS FROM DISTRICT 3

The calm before the storm—they call it. This seems to be true previous to the first of April. Then most of the departments had from two to eight fire calls a day, with some of these being mutual aid. In the fire service we know what team work means and this proves it. Our names may never get in the paper but in their departments and community these men are all PROS.

The men coming to the district meetings are increasing. There are a lot of interesting questions asked and we can and will get an answer.

Coolspring fire department had an Easter egg hunt for the children in the township. All is not fire fighting and if you could see the joy on the children's faces you would see it is worth while.

The latest word is out. Jeffersonville is ready for us. The convention is set, so come and have a good time at Jeffersonville on June 13-14-15.

Our next district meeting will be at LaCrosse fire department on May 16. After the convention the meeting will be at Union Mills fire department on July 18. This is election night for your district chairman and secretary.

See you in Jeffersonville.  
James B. Croy

### FOURTH DISTRICT

On March 28th the Fourth District IVFA meeting was held at the Clay Township Station in St. Joseph Co. Clay Township received the attendance trophy with twenty-nine men present. There were one hundred and fifty-five fires reported. I wonder how many were grass fires! A training film and demonstration on aircraft rescue and fire was shown.

### 8B MEETS AT RIDGEVILLE

The April district meeting of 8B was held at Ridgeville April 26th with 6 Depts. and 20 members attending. One guest was introduced by Chairman Ivan Bousman.

Training on Fire Dept. level was discussed. 18 members voted not to reunite with 8A.

Films on the Richmond and Dunreith disaster was shown and discussed.



Sitting Left to Right: Allen Jenkins, Kent Hesson, Kirk Kiseammon, Mike Bolton, Explorer Scouts. Standing Left to Right: Earl Roudebush, I. R., Robert Asbury, Committee Member, Jim Knotts, Assistant Advisor, Kenny Bolton, Advisor, Bob Chaney, Committee Member and Keith Hersberger, A. D. C.

**EXPLOSION ROCKS RICHMOND - 41 DEAD**

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in their direction, while other fire companies struggled to contain the blaze as it consumed buildings to the east.

**Asked Assistance**

Mayor Byron E. Klute, driving nearby when the explosions occurred, ordered a call for all available assistance from neighboring communities.

Within minutes, fire engines and other emergency equipment from throughout the area began pouring into the city. They came from as far away as 75 miles to help.

Pedestrians near the scene but not seriously injured were wandering about, almost in a daze, moments after the explosions occurred. Many were unsure exactly what had happened.

North Sixth Street was buried deep in debris hurled by the blasts. Rooftops of buildings for blocks around were covered with boards and other bits of trash.

Unexploded shotgun shells, blown from Marting Arms, were everywhere. Some of the injured were struck by pellets from shells detonated in the fire.

Traffic came to a sudden halt and motorists scrambled from their cars to avoid flames and showering debris. Tow trucks had to remove some vehicles, so firemen could move their equipment closer to the blaze.

Passersby loaded injured persons into their autos and sped them to Reid Memorial Hospital, where personnel set up procedures to handle the emergency.

Police cruisers and private station wagons supplemented the fleet of ambulances which shuttled from disaster scene to hospital and back downtown.

The Richmond Water Works Corp. was notified and water pressure to the area was boosted immediately. Firemen tapped a total of 11 hydrants and pumped nearly 2 million gallons of water before the blaze was completely extinguished.

The fire prevention sprinkler system at the Hoosier Store quickly quenched all but a minor roof blaze, giving firemen some relief in that direction.

Blazes in buildings northwest of the intersection were quickly controlled, before heavy fire damage could occur.

Firemen continued to pour water into smoldering debris throughout the night Saturday and early Sunday. Some small fires in the remains of the Holthouse store still were burning Sunday afternoon.

City Hall was evacuated, when it appeared the blaze was headed that way. The fires were stopped far short of the municipal building and it was reopened Saturday evening.



Photo by Weaver

**News Spread**

Telephone lines into the city buzzed for hours, as out-of-town persons called to see if relatives were safe. News of the disaster quickly spread around the world.

Heavy excavating machinery was moved into the area before the blaze was controlled, two hours after it began. Workmen began the tedious task of probing through every bit of debris long before night fell Saturday.

Huge spotlights set up to aid the workers cast an eerie glow on the site, playing through streams of water and clouds of smoke.

Sixteen bodies were recovered early. Anxious residents jammed the National Guard Armory, where a morgue was set up, awaiting word of missing relatives.

The death toll rose quickly Sunday, as workmen found many more bodies.

The area was closed to all but police and firemen Sunday night, and the search resumed Monday.

By Tuesday afternoon, all debris had been searched at least twice and the probe was brought to an end.

**Bridgeport Volunteers Purchase New Aerial**

The Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Dept. Co. No. 7 of Wayne Township Fire Dept., Inc. of Marion County, Indiana has just recently purchased a new 75 foot aerial truck with a 1,000 gallon per minute waterous pump, fully equipped with a complete load of hose and all necessary equipment according to NFPA No. 19 Manual and the Indiana Rating Bureau.

This piece of apparatus was purchased from Howe Fire Apparatus Co. of Anderson, Indiana, thru their salesman Mr. Russell Manifold. Expected delivery of this apparatus is Mid-July, 1968. It is being built in Howe's new plant in Vinton, Virginia.

To go along with the new fire truck; is a new addition to the present station; an addition of 30 feet by 70 feet which the members of the department are constructing themselves. This new addition will handle our new truck plus an ambulance and rescue truck to come at a later date.

Bridgeport's present equipment consists of a 1956 750-GPM pumper and 1963 1000 gallon tanker. We have a membership of 39 members of which 32 are active and 7 inactive. Our department had a 100 per cent participation on construction of the new building.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the department just recently purchased new 2-Way Radio for the new truck and have been assisting on week-ends to cook dinner for the men working on the building.

For you other departments in the State having projects like this going, it's a good idea to get your Auxiliary to fix lunch for the men; this way you don't let them sit at home in that easy chair

and drop off to sleep and have an excuse not to come back. It has worked wonders for our department. It also promotes good fellowship among the department with everyone getting to know one another a little better.

During our recent election of officers for the year Dick Lamb

was elected Captain. Our other officers are as follows: Al Mendel, Ed Bloomer, 1st Lts.; Chuck Conner, Bob Ashby, Steve Ritter, Ron Hiday, 2nd Lts.; Ed Bloomer, President, Steve Ritter, Vice President, Ron Hiday, Treasurer, Mike Wood, Secretary.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to each and everyone to come to our Annual Mule, Pony, and Horse Pulling Contest and Fish Fry starting July 17, 18, 19, 20, 1968. The pulls start at 8:00 P. M. Plenty of good food prepared by our Ladies' Auxiliary, rides and games for the kiddies. This is the way we pay for our equipment. Come and see our new truck, it will be on display at this time.

If at any time any of you are passing thru the big town of Bridgeport (Population 650), we welcome you to stop and see us—the coffee pot is always on!

Richard C. Lamb, Captain

**From The President**

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Saturday to be held at the Park View Junior high school, except the memorial service on Friday and the dance and boat ride in the evening. There will be a noon meal available on Friday at the school. This is your convention so make sure your department is represented. Send your 3 delegates.

Chairman Sam Bower and his committee, Mayor Vissing and Chief Oaks are doing all possible to make our stay in Jeffersonville a most enjoyable one. Don't miss it.

I would like to mention the White River Valley Fire Conference to be held on May 25 and 26 at Washington, Indiana. This paper and notice will not reach you in time to promote this conference, but bear in mind that there will be others throughout the state during the forthcoming year. Great effort is being put into these conferences for the benefit of you—the fireman. Let us all plan this year to attend one of these conferences.

President  
C. N. "Jeff" Jeffries



Photo by Wieseke



Photo by Wieseke

**Water No Problem**

Adequate water supply posed no problem, as more and more pumpers joined the battle to save the downtown.

Heavy streams of water were poured into Holthouse Furniture Co., but firemen were unable to save the three-story structure. At 2:20 p. m., the west wall toppled into an adjacent parking lot.

The parking lot proved to be a firebreak and helped contain further westward spread of the flames.

The blaze to the east was fought with equal vigor. Its progress was halted at Sargent's Paint Store, after the east wall of Birck's Hardware Co. had collapsed.



Photo by Wieseke

*Dear Volunteer:*

**PLEASE READ**

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE**

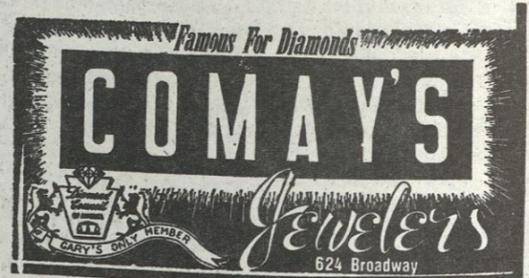


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# Convention Resolutions

# Map For Jeffersonville Convention

1 BY-LAWS Rec'd. Oct. 19, 1967  
GOOD SAMARITAN LEGISLATION

We, members of the various fire departments in District 9-B of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc., in meeting duly assembled at Francesville, State of Indiana, on October 16, 1967, there being present representatives from at least five (5) departments in good standing, present the following resolution for consideration, after our vote for adoption.

WHEREAS . . . the duties of the volunteer fireman are many and varied.

WHEREAS . . . many of the duties involve the saving of life and property.

WHEREAS . . . the volunteer fireman not only risks his own life, but may also encounter legal risks by his charitable acts, deeds or kindness.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED . . . the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc., initiate the necessary means to have enacted in the 1969 Indiana General Assembly, a law or laws for the protection of "Good Samaritans" from legal risks encountered through charitable acts, deeds or kindness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED . . . said Association seek the cooperation of individuals, organizations, agencies, etc.. in the promulgation of "Good Samaritan" legislation.

Signed:  
Edmund H. Weaver, Chairman 9-B  
Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc.

2 BY-LAWS Rec'd. Feb. 17, 1968  
February 15, 1968

We members of the various fire departments, in district 6, of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, in a meeting duly assembled on the 15th day of February 1968, in the city of Kendallville, State of Indiana, and there being present representatives from more than five (5) departments from District 6 and all in good standing, we wish to present the following resolution for your adoption after due consideration. It was unanimously adopted by district 6.

WHEREAS; for many years at least part of the volunteers got some taxation refunds.

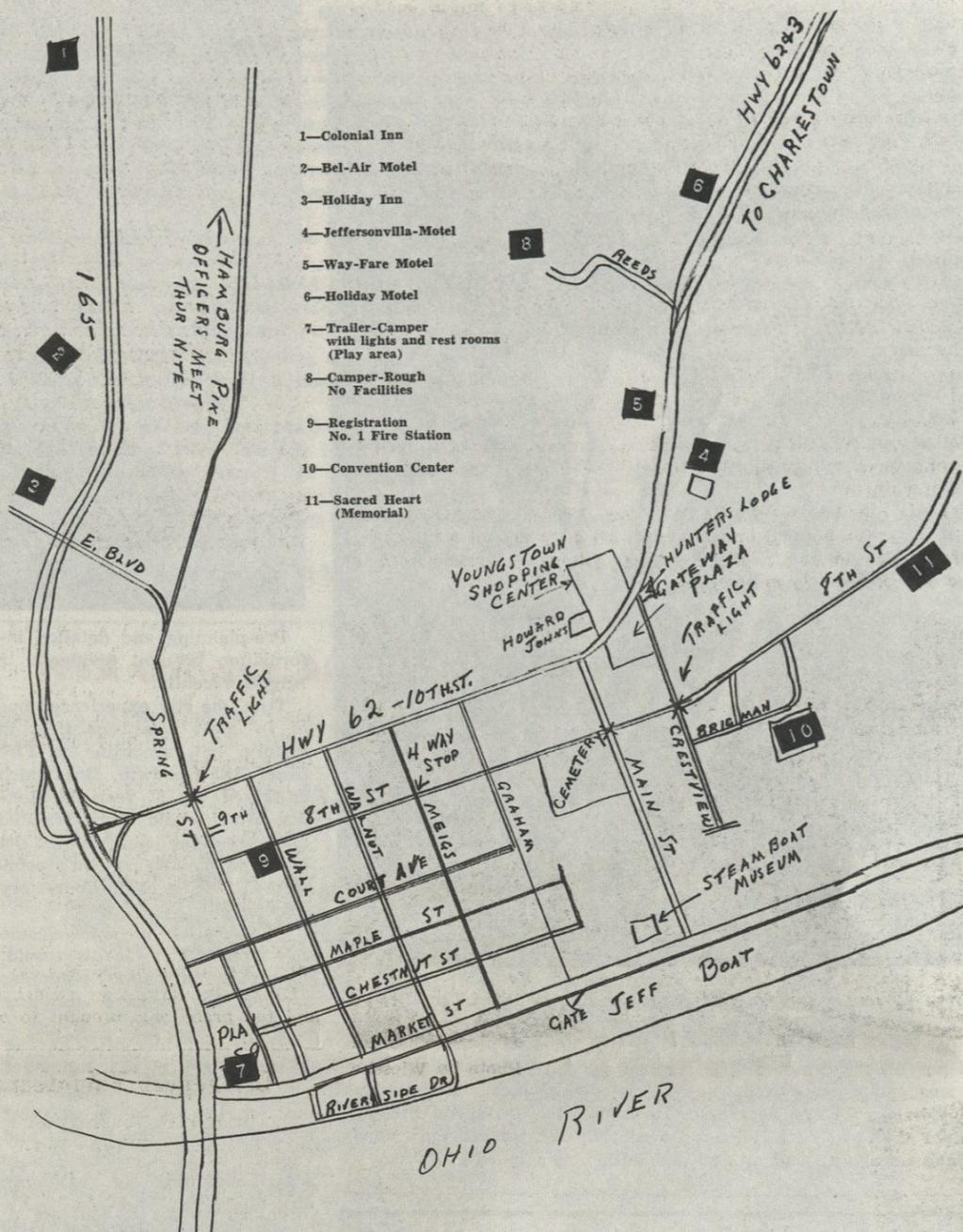
WHEREAS; this was then amended so that all volunteers could file for \$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars) tax refund,

WHEREAS; the last legislature has even dropped this from the statutes,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;  
The Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc. through the legislative Committee see that a bill is presented to the next General Assembly for the full tax rate exemption of \$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars) for Volunteer Firemen.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;  
That said committee also take all precautions to see that above legislation is abiding by the Constitution of the State of Indiana.  
Presented and Adopted February 15, 1968.

Paul Fairfield, Chairman District 6  
Signed and delivered to State Sec., 2-17-68



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**JEFFERSONVILLE AWAITS VOLUNTEERS**  
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course, the evening will be topped off with the boat ride dance starting at 9:00.

Activities will begin early on Saturday, at 8:30, with Men's water ball contests, on the large parking lot at Park View Junior High. This will be followed by the ladies' water ball, and then the hose replacing. The awarding of trophies will follow each contest.

During the convention everyone is reminded to visit and view the equipment displays.

The Grand Finale (Parade) will begin at 3:00. And, for this event, you are reminded to bring bands, floats, antique cars, apparatus, and anything else you'd like to enter.

Here's the whole pitch on the convention, why not make it a date in '68—See you at Jeffersonville on June 13-14-15.

**ATTENTION !!**

**STEPS TO TAKE WHEN SENDING IN YOUR DUES FOR 1968-69**

1. Name and Address of your Department.
2. Name and Address of Chief and Secretary.
3. County and District your Department is in.
4. Print or Type all Names.
5. Please include ZIP CODE on all Addresses.
6. Get your Dues in Early.

JOHN FORD, State Secretary

## Veteran Crown Point Fireman Back At Old Post



George Meyer, a 34 year veteran of the Crown Point Fire Department, was back at his post as chairman of the cloak room at the annual Firemen's Ball. George recently underwent an operation and had his leg removed. He received special permission to spend the weekend at home so that he could be at the dance. The following day members of the department took him for a ride on the new pumper that had been delivered recently. We are certainly happy to have George up and around and wish him a speedy recovery.

## \$50,000 LOSS ESTIMATED IN HENDRY HOTEL FIRE



Pre-planning and detailed information brought dividends to Angola recently.

True, the city experienced one of its most disastrous fires in history, but, according to Fire Chief Bill Goodwin, fire which destroyed the 81-year-old Hendry Hotel could have resulted in more serious damage had it not been for the department's complete knowledge of the four-story structure.

"We certainly do not welcome any fire," Chief Goodwin said, "but it is vital that our volunteer firemen be prepared for any emergency."

"Such was the case in the Hendry Hotel blaze," the chief added. "Our knowledge of the building proved to be of great assistance in fighting the fire and enabled us to keep the flames from spreading to adjoining structures."

The fire, discovered at 11:30 a. m. on Sunday, March 3rd, is believed to have started by a short circuit in the wiring, causing flames to break out on the east side of the second floor. Damage to the building has been estimated at \$50,000.

A resident of the hotel discovered the blaze, and two youths reported the fire, informing Angola city police. Tim Skinner, hotel manager who was asleep in his room, and 12 residents managed to flee from the building shortly before firemen ar-

rived on the scene.

Chief Goodwin said firemen concentrated efforts on the second and third floors of the structure during the early stages of the blaze.

Firemen finally were driven back by intense heat and smoke when flames ate their way to the attic area of the building. From then on, it was a case of attempting to contain the fire and keep it from spreading to nearby buildings.

A key piece of equipment used to fight the fire was an aerial ladder truck brought in by the Auburn Fire Department. The apparatus, placed in service about 12:30 p. m., played a key role in preventing greater fire damage.

Chief Goodwin reported 75 firemen were at the scene most of the afternoon and evening. Seven fire trucks were in operation.

Firemen poured nearly two million gallons of water on the structure. There was no shortage of water, although car wash businesses and coin-operated laundries were requested to remain closed during the fire.

Men and fire fighting equipment assisting Angola firemen came from Fremont, Pleasant Lake, and Auburn. Firemen also were sent from Metz, Hamilton, Salem, Ashley and Edon, O.

A truck and firemen from Orland also were on hand, serving

on a standby basis to fight any other fires which might occur in the area.

Chief Goodwin said other businesses in the area managed to escape with practically little or no damage.

The east wall of the hotel collapsed about two hours after the fire was reported. The back side of the hotel cupola also tumbled soon after flames broke through the attic section.

Nearly all contents of the hotel were lost in the blaze. However, it was possible for firemen to salvage some of the residents' personal belongings and a few pieces of equipment from a recreational center in the northeast corner of the building.

Chief Goodwin said his department and other firemen received tremendous assistance from many individuals and organizations at the scene.

Assisting were the Civil Defense, National Guard, Angola City Police, police reserves, Steuben County Sheriff's Department, Indiana State Police, women of the Firemen's Auxiliary, women of the Moose, and members of the Angola Street Department and Indiana State Highway Department.

Members of Angola's Volunteer Fire Department remained on duty from the time of the fire until 8 p. m. Monday, taking only brief rest periods after the flames had been extinguished.

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## Minutes of I. V. F. A. Officer's Meeting

APRIL 21, 1968

JEFFERSONVILLE, INDIANA

The meeting was opened at 10:00 A. M. by President Jeffries. Vice President Goodwin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Chaplain Lantz offered prayer. Secretary Ford took roll call. He announced the untimely death of Jerome Daunhauer, chairman of District No. 18. His successor, Merlyn J. Lueken, of Ferdinand, Indiana was introduced.

Communications will be read later. A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was 2nd and carried. There were no committee reports.

The following officer's reports were given:

President Jeffries reported on his attendance at the Memphis Fire Conference and also on his activities within the association. He still hears complaints on delays of death benefit checks and bibles.

Vice president Goodwin also attended the Memphis Fire Conference and stated how important it was to have the association represented. He reports that Warsaw will bid for the 1969 convention and that he is working with that department on early arrangements.

Secretary Ford read a letter from Bob Crocker concerning his fire loss of his home and the sentiments expressed by the IVFA. The membership has grown to 9692 plus 4 received at this meeting. This total includes 22 new departments this year. On the darked side, 6 departments previously belonging to the association in 1967 did not sign up this year. Local efforts as well as help from various state officers were unsuccessful in this attempt. A letter from the Kingsford Heights Volunteer Fire Department asking for information on how to dispose of its equipment was read. This department is an incorporation and apparently wants to become a department under the local trustee. No answer was readily available. Jack Becker, son of the late Paul Becker, would like to perpetuate the relationship that long existed between Mr. Becker and the IVFA probably in the form of an annual memorial plaque. A motion by Leist, 2nd by Keifer, to have the IVFA through the president initiate a Paul Becker Memorial—an annual award to some association member for some outstanding achievement during the year—was carried. President Jeffries was somewhat hesitant to assume such an obligation so a motion by Goodwin, 2nd by Hertle to ask the president to set up the procedure for making this yearly choice was carried. The secretary announced that Nationwide Insurance Company will now cover false teeth in its accident policy. The maximum will be \$25.00 per claim. James Durkin has resigned from Marsh and McLennan and asks that he, as a new and separate company, be retained as insurance consultant by the association. A motion by Jostes, 2nd by Hoagland to appoint Mr. James Durkin as insurance consultant for the IVFA at the same fee as is now in effect and at the termination of the present consultant agreement was carried.

Treasurer Konopasek gave the following financial report; Balance in the Funeral Fund is \$41,030.12; balance in the General Fund is \$15,612.70 and the balance in the Clothing Fund is \$8,839.15.

Past-president Steiger called for more planning for district meetings to insure better attendance. He also hopes for more cooperation from the State of Indiana in the form of monies budgeted for a more complete training program.

Editor Laney is well pleased with the items of news and pictures being submitted to him. He does want some material on the Richmond blast. He is much concerned about the many, many grass fires being allowed to spread and need help from the volunteer fire departments. It seems to be a case of lack of logic and carelessness on the part of individuals and others. This predicament seems to be state-wide.

Public Relations Director, Northeast, Hoagland reports the Andrews department seems to be weakening and may soon become members.

Public Relations Director, Northwest, Konefsky reported on the heavy damage to the equipment of the Chicago Fire Department during the recent riots. The firemen are also subject to much danger at times like these.

Public Relations Director, Southwest, Nigg spoke of Jerome Daunhauer as being a busy and energetic volunteer fireman and will be greatly missed by his department and the 18th district.

Public Relations Director, Southeast, Van Winkle reported optimism for the IVFA in his area.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A. M. for a Board of Director's meeting. As a late item of business a motion by Konefsky, 2nd by Nigg to have the treasurer pay \$20.00 for a floral offering purchased by the officers for Jerome Daunhauer was carried.

The Board of Director's meeting was called to order by Chairman Engle. The committee appointed to investigate the editing of the association newspaper offered its report. The editor is still operating under an agreement drawn up in 1964 which he is quite willing to continue. However, it was found that he and an office girl are spending considerable time in filing records and doing general office work in connection with added duties given the editor than was originally required. The committee asks that the editor be reimbursed for this added burden on the staff. A motion by Jostes, 2nd by Keifer to allow the newspaper editor \$150 per issue for this extra work by the editor and his staff was carried.

The chairman commended the president and vice-president for the representation at the Memphis Fire Conference they gave the association, their report on said meeting and the very reasonable expense account they turned in for the trip.

The chairman of District No. 7 reported that Harold Fryback of the Poe Volunteer Fire Department had died and that the association grave marker could not be used at his place of burial. A suitable plaque is available and he wants to know if the association can pay to the survivors the cost of our grave marker to apply on the cost of the accepted type of marker. A motion by Fairfield, 2nd by Jostes to allow Mrs. Fryback the price of our marker from the association treasury was carried.

It seems the restrictions of many cemeteries throughout the state will not allow our type of grave marker to be used. Local information is requested so some action can be taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon for dinner.

The officers reconvened after dinner to continue their meeting.

The vice-president spoke for the chaplain who was busy elsewhere. Since there is some delay in getting the bibles to the beneficiaries of departed firemen the chaplain suggests that each district chairman be given bibles to issue at the proper time on time. A motion by McGill, 2nd by Weaver to give each district chairman a bible of each version for such use was carried.

Vern Konopasek gave a brief outline of an insurance plan he has devised. This is a burial plan, so to speak, that would be completely handled by the association. The association would complete the plan, collect the premiums and pay out the claims. The idea has merit and was well received. However, many questions asked from the floor could not at this time be answered. A motion by Stofer, 2nd by Hoagland to table the plan until many known questions concerning legality, workability, etc. can be answered was carried.

Keifer of the resolutions committee reported only two resolutions for action by the 1968 convention had been received. He asked for permission to reword them to meet the intent. Permission was granted.

President Jeffries mentioned the several fire schools that have been scheduled for this year.

The district chairmen were asked to report on the inquiries they made at district meetings concerning the proposed fire academy. All requested local training sites with attendance not mandatory.

The president made the following committee appointments:

Auditing Committee: Engle, Jostes and Weaver

Parliamentarian: Steiger

Credentials & Mileage: Districts No. 10, 6 and 11

Nominating Committee: Districts No. 5, 12 and 16

Election Committee: Districts No. 2, 7 and 13

Roll Call Committee: Districts No. 3, 8 and 4

Legislative Committee: Charles Jones, Steiger, Konopasek, Bower, Goodwin and Jeffries.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 P. M.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE HONOR OLIVER COOLEY

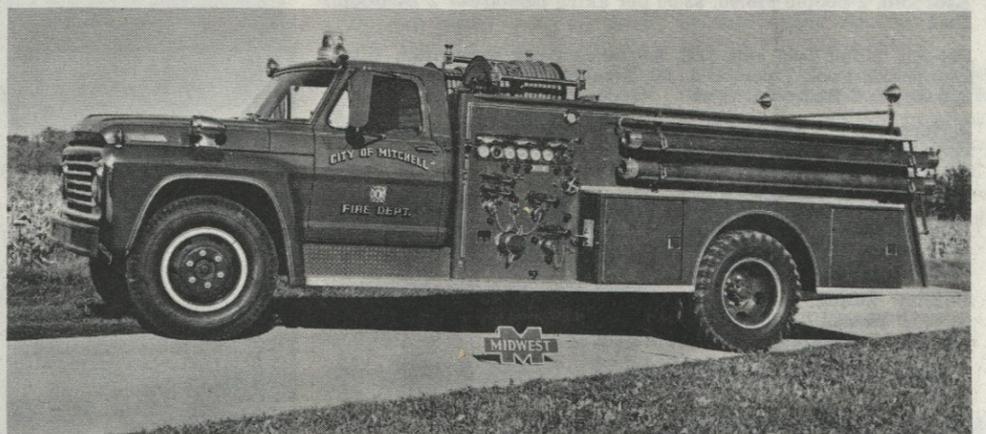
Grave side memorial service was held for Oliver Cooley of the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department on May 6. Indiana Volunteer Firemens Association Chaplain Lantz gave the memorial service, at which time the stone was placed by the Kingsbury firemen. The IVFA grave marker was also placed during the service and Chaplain Lantz presented the memorial bible to Mrs. Cooley. Kingsbury Volunteers, Mrs. Cooley and eleven of her thirteen children attended the graveside service.

Oliver died October 31, 1967 at a barn fire. He was operating the pumper for the Kingsbury department at the time. He had a heart attack and was pronounced dead on arrival at the Street Hospital in LaPorte. Oliver was initiative in starting the Kingsbury department in 1960 and was also active in the LaPorte County Firemens Association.

## IVFA Officers Attend Memphis Fire Conference



The IVFA officers were presented recently with a report on the 40th Annual Fire Department Instructors Conference held at Memphis, Tenn., on March 19-22. President Carlos Jeffries and Vice President William Goodwin represented our organization. These sessions bring together the key fire department executives and educators throughout the United States.



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## Indiana Fire Instructors Association . .

## Warren Township Adds 3rd Ambulance

### Aviation Corner

The fire service today is confronted with many areas of fire-fighting, one of these areas is in aircraft rescue and fire fighting procedures; however, the training of fire department personnel in this type of fire-fighting is a subject often and many times ignored until an aircraft incident occurs.

The situation that now confronts any fire department whether City or County may be viewed in this manner: instead of a fire companies first alarm territory having just two dimensions—length and width—it now has a third dimensions—height.

While it is true that the majority of crashes occur either on landing or take-off, there are many things that can happen to an aircraft while it is in flight. To give you a good example: The recent emergency landing at Weir Cook Airport at Indianapolis of TWA Convair 880 Jet-Flight 176 with 29 passengers aboard. This aircraft while attempting an instrument guided landing at fogbound O'Hare International Airport at Chicago, snatched off the section of static cable guarding 345,000 volt power lines. One of the two severed static lines wrapped around two 345,000 volt lines and two 138,000 volt lines extended between 90 foot towers and plunged about 12,000 customers in suburbs of Chicago into darkness. The pilot of this aircraft informed the tower that he thought he had been hit by lightning. He was ordered to circle the field and fly by the tower so ground crew experts could inspect the damage. But the 700 foot ceiling precluded an inspection and the aircraft was diverted to Weir Cook Airport.

With about 30 pieces of emergency equipment standing by at Weir Cook, the jetliner landed, sparks trailing from the cable wrapped around the tail section of the aircraft.

Aircraft rescue and fire fighting is a specialized field, requiring specialized equipment and highly trained personnel. Since fires involving aircraft can reach large proportions in a matter of seconds, a working knowledge of aircraft construction is essential. Thorough knowledge of the aircraft such as the location of the emergency window exits, doors and their operation, and how to gain entrance to the aircraft for the evacuation of the passengers and crew is of great importance.

Airport emergency crews should have a well organized mutual aid plan with the surrounding fire departments for back up water and foam supply. Local fire departments periodically should be invited to attend "Hot Drills" at their respective airport. The fundamentals of aircraft rescue and fire-fighting can not be learned hastily. Don't put this aside with the thought "It can't happen here." It has happened and it can happen again.

It is important at this point to mention that the present Indiana State Aeronautics Regulation regarding aircraft rescue and fire fighting is totally inadequate. For several years an attempt has been made to amend and up-date these regulations with material contained in the National Fire Protection Association's Volume 10-National Fire Codes-NFPA 402-403 and 414 as guide lines for future airport fire protection planning.

Present State Aeronautics Regulations reads as follows:

**Emergency Equipment**—Airports shall be equipped with portable fire fighting equipment and an emergency crash kit consisting of:

1. First-aid kit
2. Fire extinguisher (CO-2 type)
3. Crowbar or prybar
4. Asbestos gloves
5. Bolt cutters or tin cutters

### Convention Motel Accommodations JEFFERSONVILLE, INDIANA

- (1) Colonial Inn I-65 and Ind. 131—4.9 miles from convention site—Rooms and pool only, 2 people \$12.00, Doubles left only.
- (2) Holiday Inn (North) I-65 and Eastern Boulevard, 3.1 miles from convention site, Officers and guest, Rooms and Pool and Bar and Restaurant—1 person \$10.00, 2 people \$13.00, for 1 Bedroom, 2 people \$15.00, \$3.00 per extra person for 2 Bedroom. Full
- (3) Bel-Air Motel I-65 and 31E, 3.6 miles from convention site—Rooms and Pool, 1 person \$7.00, 2 people \$8.00 for 1 Bedroom, \$10.00 for 2 Bedroom. Full
- (4) Jeffersonville Villa-Motel, Hwy. U. S. 62—0.7 miles from convention site—Rooms only, Restaurant and Bar nearby, 1 Bedroom \$8.00, 2 Bedroom \$10.00.
- (5) Way Fare Motel, Hwy. 62—1.0 miles from convention site—Room only, Restaurant and Bar nearby—Friday and Saturday reservations only—1 person \$6.00, 2 people \$7.00, for 1 Bedroom, \$10.00 for 2 Bedroom.
- (6) Holiday Motel, Hwy. 62—2.1 miles from convention—Rooms only, 1 person \$6.75, 2 people \$7.50 in 1 Bedroom, 4 people \$12.00 in 2 Bedroom, \$2.00 for Rollaway bed.
- (7) Jeffersonville Fire Hqts., 8th and Wall Streets is Registration Hqts.
- (8) Convention site is at Parkview Jr. High School, 8th and Brigman Streets.

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To further serve the residents of Warren Township, Marion County, The Warren Fire Dept. has added a third ambulance to its Rescue and First Aid force.

All three fully equipped ambulances and Rescue No. 6 have been purchased and equipped

solely by resident donations, and is operated by trained and competent Warren Firemen at no charge.

With a past history of excellent and superior ambulance service, Chief George Spivey said, "We can now have an ambulance

anywhere in the township in less than 3 minutes."

The new ambulance known as No. 17 was seen on display at one of the local shopping centers for three consecutive Saturdays before being placed "In Service".

As you can see this regulation is inadequate to cope with the present and future aircraft landing at our commercial airports. A resolution was submitted to the IFA Convention last year pertaining to this problem, however, a study committee is to be formed to review this resolution. A similar resolution has been submitted by the Aviation Committee, South Bend Fire Fighters Association to the Indiana Association of Fire Fighters forthcoming convention in June. There is no question in our minds that this resolution will meet opposition if passed and sent to the 1969 Indiana General Assembly, and the only explanation for this is that there is a lack of education on this subject.

Training on aircraft rescue and fire fighting has been a part of the schedule in St. Joseph County since 1958. Many City and County Fire Departments have received this training.

Commencing in March a training schedule for Instructors in aircraft rescue and fire fighting will be conducted. This will be approximately 40 hours in length and will cover all phases of aircraft rescue and fire fighting procedures.

This type of instruction is available for the asking, a short course of 20 hours is available, but only covers the basic fundamentals and procedures.

Fire Departments interested in the above course may contact Fire Chief Cecil McHenry, South Bend Fire Department—701 West Sample Street, South Bend, Indiana 46621 for further information.

If this type of Information is of interest regarding aircraft rescue and fire fighting an attempt will be made to submit for your review articles on aircraft rescue and what the future will bring in the field of aviation:

Indiana Fire Instructors Association  
William T. Schmidt, Lieut.  
South Bend Fire Department

### Former Gary Man Dies In Warsaw

Frank Richards, age 86, of Mentone, Indiana died recently in the Alfran Nursing Home at Warsaw, Indiana. He had been a patient there for 7 months. Mr. Richards formerly lived in Gary, but moved to his present home 8 years ago. While in Gary he helped to organize the Liverpool-Oregon Fire Department about 20 years ago and was a faithful member. He also belonged to the IVFA till his health failed.

A special thanks to Garland Kiefer, chairman of District 5, who presented me with the check and the lovely Memorial Bible and also the marker I am to receive.

The kind words of sympathy and help were deeply appreciated. It is a wonderful organization.

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# Pre-Planning Pays Off at Richmond, Indiana



From different communities men of different races worked. Stream being directed into Vigran's, S. W. Corner of 6th and Main.

Photo by Wieseke



Autos north on east side of 6th St. Beside west side of Bartel's Hoosier.

Photo by Wieseke



Milton and Boston firemen aiding with Richmond's aerial, upon which they had been previously trained.

Photo by Wieseke



Auto hurled across the street north from Marting Arms, into Bartel's Hoosier Store.

Photo by Wieseke

Over six years ago, the volunteer firemen and the paid firemen of Wayne County, in Indiana, organized themselves together for the purpose of Mutual Aid, should a holocaust of great proportion exhibit itself somewhere in this County community. This idea, at this particular time, seems now to have been the guiding hand of some supernatural influence. Since their organization, their efforts have been rewarded with a manifestation of maximum effort in such holocaust as the Richmond Telephone fire, the Dublin school fire, the Cambridge City factory fire, plus scores of railroad right-of-way fires, numerous local efforts where only three or four towns were involved and all of this culminating in the recent Richmond disaster which claimed forty-one lives and many millions of dollars of property.

The real reward of this terrible disaster is the realization in the hearts and minds of the firemen, of the Wayne County community, when they look at the debris and say, "Not one building outside of the blast area was allowed to burn." The containment of the fire to the blast area maybe attributed to these facts: (1) the alacrity and accuracy with which the initial alarm was given by the dispatcher of the Richmond Fire Department; (2) the unified communication system which carried this message to all County units; (3) the repeated rehearsal for this exact disaster that allowed all units to swing into action without a minute's hesitation, and last but by no means least; (4) the constant training of all units to function together

as one unit regardless of the degree or the kind of holocaust.

We all realize too well, with great consternation the tremendous burden that social upheavals (such as riots) of legal upheavals, (such as the Supreme Court's Escobeto and Miranda decision) as well as the daily appearances of new technological and chemical confrontations have on the lives of the Great Firemen who fight with their hearts. There is only three solutions to this problem, for the fireman and the fire investigator; (1) training; (2) more training; (3) constant and additional training. The results of this will be a professionalism of which we may all be proud. A "oneness" exhibited in the Richmond disaster, where men worked shoulder to shoulder to subdue a disaster, regardless of race, color, creed, social status or age,—should be an altruistic monument, marking our beginning place toward the building of a greater America.

I leave you with this admonition,—the politicians aren't going to help you. That which you will do, you must do, and do quickly. The lives of your own men and the lives and the property of your neighbors that you have sworn to protect, depend on it. The seed has been sown and the sprout that has emerged from the ground in Wayne County, in Indiana, has proved to be strong and fruitful. May the strong winds of compassion, that beats in the breast of every volunteer fireman, carry it to the four corners of the earth.

Don C. McCullough  
Public Relations Officer  
Wayne County Firemen

## "HOT" TICKETS

Owner fails to buy \$7 fire tag, firemen let \$18,000 home burn

The High Ridge, Mo. volunteer fire department had a rush Tuesday on \$7 fire protection tags. More than 100 were sold.

The fire department answered a call recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Akers in a subdivision near High Ridge. Then, because the owner had not purchased the \$7 tag, the firemen watched as the \$18,000 house burned to the ground.

"We made certain there were no persons in the house," said chief engineer Ed Hill. "If there had been someone inside we would have saved his life."

"But we need those tag fees to pay for our equipment and meet other expenses," Hill said. "It was no secret that we would let a house burn; we've done it before."

Hill said the volunteer unit has advertised frequently the policy of "No tag, no service." He said persons who cannot afford a tag—pensioners and those on relief, for example—are given tags. Churches also are given tags, Hill said.

The Akers family is staying with relatives in the same neighborhood.

High Ridge is in Jefferson County, a few miles south of St. Louis. There are 18 volunteer units in the county, all of them financed through sale of fire protection tags.

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Sequel to the above story . . . A few days later the High Ridge Volunteer Fire Department was forced by an angry crowd armed with guns and clubs to put out a fire. The firemen had no chance to determine whether the house had the required fire protection tag. The burning house was 5 houses away from the Aker home. The chief in charge advised the State Highway Patrol and Jefferson County Sheriff's

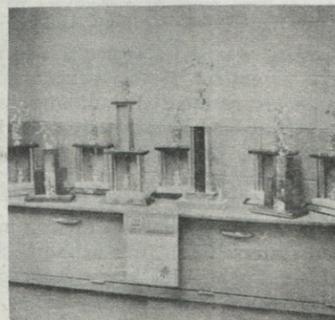
officers were called when the mob of approximately 75 gathered. High Ridge is a community of about 260 near St. Louis. The police stood by while the firemen extinguished the fire; no violence.

## BENTON FIREMEN WILL HOLD OPEN HOUSE

Committees have been named for the Open House to be held May 25, 1968. President Richard Longcor, Benton Township Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., appointed several committees. Fire Chief Larry Erb heads up the Food Committee. Larry plans the tastiest chicken bar-b-que ever. Helping the Fire Chief will be the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Benton Fire Department.

Harold Schrock, Building Committee Chairman, past Fire Chief, and a charter member of the Benton Fire Department, with his committee brought to completion the long hard days of planning and building to give Benton Township the finest fire station in Indiana.

## GOSHEN RUBBER FIRE BRIGADE CAPTURES TOP HONORS IN BOWLING



The Goshen Rubber Fire Brigade recently were presented the above trophies for placing first in the Goshen bowling league. These men are not only good at bowling but also a top notch fire fighting group.

## Fire Losses On Sharp Increase

U. S. losses from major fires rose by 30 per cent last year, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reported recently.

Although the number of large-loss fires in 1967 declined by over 15 per cent, property destroyed by them totalled \$404,482,000. This was \$119,222,000 higher than the previous year's figure.

The sharp rise, reversing a substantial improvement in 1966, was accounted for by two fire disasters which alone totalled \$127,500,000: the Apollo spacecraft fire, costing \$75,000,000, and the \$52,500,000 destruction of Chicago's McCormick Place exhibition building.

This report includes only fires individually causing damage amounting to \$250,000 or more. These are the fires the Association points out, which in nearly all instances started small but grew to destructive proportions because of failure to use adequate protection measures.

Only 395 fires—a small fraction of all fires in the United States in 1967—were responsible for this \$404,482,000 worth of destruction. They involved buildings of all types, industrial facilities, transportation equipment, space vehicles, brush and other property.

Major fires in Canada during 1967 numbered 76 and destroyed \$38,989,000 worth of property, down \$10,024,000 from the previous year. This reflects a decided reversal of the recent record in Canada, which saw loss figures rise sharply by some \$17,000,000 in both 1965 and 1966.

By far the worst U. S. fire last year in terms of dollars lost was the Apollo space capsule disaster Jan. 28 at Kennedy Space Center, Fla., which killed three astronauts and did an estimated \$75,000,000 in damage.

Largest building fire of 1967, which also was the worst loss in history in a single building fire, occurred Jan. 16 when McCormick Place was virtually destroyed. Losses to the gigantic exhibition hall in Chicago amounted to \$52,500,000.

Three other fires each caused property damage of more than \$5,000,000. An explosion and fire at the Cities Service refinery in Lake Charles, La., Aug. 8 cost \$20,500,000; fire at the Rossville Development Corporation textile complex in Rossville, Ga., June 10 destroyed about one-fourth of the plant and did damage of \$12,235,000; and a \$10,000,000 fire damaged Morgan Station of the New York City General Post Office on Dec. 15 during the Christmas rush season.

Building fires constituted the vast majority of the 395 major fires in 1967. There were 114 large-loss fires in industrial plants and 73 in storage facilities, fires in both categories being spread over a wide range of manufacturing and commercial structures. Other most frequently involved buildings which suffered major fire losses were: public schools, 28; supermarkets and grocery stores, 17; restaurants, 11; retail lumber stores, 11; department stores, 9; variety stores, 9; bowling establishments, 8; furniture stores, 8; and hotels and motels, 6.

U. S. industry had losses of \$105,074,000 in its 114 major fires last year. The number was down from the previous year's total of 141, but the dollar loss rose from the 1966 figure of \$77,531,000.

Total cost of the 73 major fires in U. S. warehouses and other storage facilities in 1967 amounted to \$46,883,000. This figure is very near the 1965 amount; the 1966 figure was exceptionally high at \$60,485,000 which included the second and third most costly of all of this year's fires.

There were 78 large-loss store fires in 1967, costing \$39,397,000 in building and contents. This is a slight decrease in cost and a major decrease in numbers from 1966, when 91 major fires in stores cost \$44,772,000. Supermarkets and grocery stores had losses of \$7,777,000 in 17 fires; retail lumber stores lost \$5,140,000 in 11 fires; department stores lost \$5,298,000 in 9 fires; and variety stores lost \$7,690,000 in 9 fires. Largest store fires of the year were the \$1,700,000 fire in a South Strabane Township, Pa., shopping center March 4; the \$1,510,000 fire in a Maplewood, Minn., shopping center Aug. 28; and the \$1,500,000 fire which destroyed a quality clothing store in Boston on Feb. 18.

Three major hotel fires and three major fires in motels destroyed property with a total value of \$3,741,000. One of the hotel fires—Laurel in the Pines in Lakewood, N. J., which burned on March 28—alone accounted for \$2,000,000 of the hotel and motel loss.

There were 11 large-loss restaurant fires, in which damage totalled \$4,573,000 in 1967. This was a marked increase over the previous year, when five major restaurant fires caused \$1,540,000 worth of damage.

Losses from major fires in bowling establishments came to \$3,013,000 in 1967—\$382,000 less than in 1966. There were eight such fires each of the two years.

U. S. educational facilities worth \$23,065,000 were destroyed in 33 large-loss fires last year—28 in public schools and 5 in parochial and private schools and colleges. Public school property lost through major fires cost taxpayers \$19,914,000, more than twice as much as in the previous year. Most costly was the \$2,146,000 fire which almost totally destroyed the main building of the Bloomington (Ind.) Central Junior High School on April 6. This and five other major school fires were of incendiary or suspicious origin. The year's only large-loss fire in an educational building of an institution of higher learning was the \$850,000 fire in the fieldhouse of Immaculata College in eastern Pennsylvania. (Other major campus fires in 1967 were in residential buildings—a college dormitory, a seminary dormitory and a university fraternity house—and their total cost of \$800,000 is not included in the \$23,065,000 figure for educational facility losses.)

Biggest church fire of the year was the \$750,000 loss Nov. 23 at the First Congregational Church in Melrose, Mass. In all, there were five major church fires in the U. S., taking a toll of property valued at \$2,182,000. This was significantly less than the 1966 total of 15 major church fires costing \$6,626,000.

Forest and brush fires also had a vastly improved record in 1967. Instead of the \$8,417,000 worth of timberlands and other forest property lost through five major fires in 1966, the 1967 record shows no large-loss forest fires and only two major brush fires. Both were in California, one costing \$2,729,000 in Orange County and the other destroyed several dwellings in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties for a loss of \$398,000.

## Million Dollar Lumber Yard Fire in Fort Wayne



Photo by News-Sentinel—Fort Wayne

Million dollar fire destroys Broadview Lumber Co., 6100 Bluffton Road, Fort Wayne. Ten fire companies with over 100 firemen fought this fire which broke out at 3:30 in the morning. At the height of the blaze, towering flames roared an estimated 60 feet in the air, and were visible more than 10 miles. Fire-

men ordered evacuation of about half dozen homes on Old Trail Road behind the burning lumber yard when sparks, carried by a gentle breeze, threatened to spread the fire. Destroyed within the 1½ acre lumber yard were two large buildings, one housing an office and showroom and the

other a 60 by 20 foot 1½ story concrete block storage structure, and a series of sheds. Also destroyed were six large motor trucks and huge stacks of lumber and other building materials. Volunteers from Wayne Township Dept. No. 1 and No. 2 helped contain the fire.

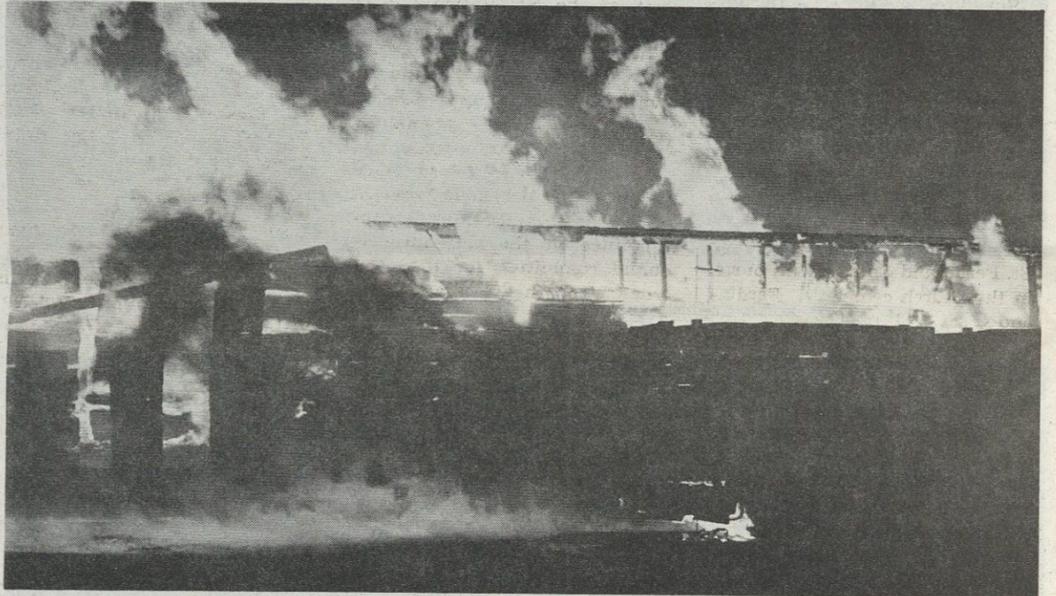


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### Assistant Fire Chief And Civic Leader Dies Of Heart Attack

Jerome S. Daunhauer 46, local contractor, assistant Fire Chief and civic leader in the Ferdinand community, died of a heart attack in his home recently. Jerome had been working around the house when he complained if a chest pain and drank part of a soft drink. He decided



JEROME DAUNHAUER

to lie down for a little rest while his wife went about her housework. About 10 minutes later she checked on him, to find that he had died.

Surviving are his wife, the former Ardella Sander, one son, Charles, stationed at Ft. Knox, Ky. with the U. S. Army, three daughters, Linda, Marlene and Brenda all at home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Daunhauer of Ferdinand; and one sister, Mrs. Sylvester (Marie) Boeglin of Huntingburg.

Funeral services were held in St. Ferdinand Church with burial in the church cemetery. Ferdinand Post 124 of the American Legion conducted military rites at the grave.

Jerome was a veteran of World War II, serving from July 24, 1942 to October 26, 1945. He saw action in northern France, the Rhineland where he was wounded and received the Purple Heart, and then served as interpreter in central Europe.

He was also awarded the Silver Star for his military action. He served with the 377th Infantry Regiment, 95th Division, Company L and was holding the rank of Platoon Sgt. at the time of discharge.

Following his discharge at Robinson, Arkansas, he returned to Ferdinand where he joined his father in the building and contracting field. In 1957 Thomas went into semi-retirement and Jerome took over as president and manager of the firm, which he headed at the time of his death.

Jerome was most active in civic affairs and had been appointed as assistant fire chief of the Ferdinand Fire Department. He was also president of the 18th district Volunteer Firemen's Association. He was a charter member of the Ferdinand American Legion Post, a past commander (1956) and has served on the house committee, building committee, entertainment committee and the rifle squad. He was also a charter member of the Purple Heart Chapter 255 and helped form the Wounded Veteran's group which built their own clubhouse and grounds near St. Anthony. He served as Department President of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and was also a past president of Chapter 255. He was a member of the Jasper VFW, past president of the Ferdinand Development Corporation and past president of the St. Joseph church sodality. At the time of his death he was a director on the Ferdinand Chamber of Commerce board. He was past church councilor and was a member of the Executive Committee of the Ferdinand Quasqui-centennial celebration in 1965 and at present was serving on the library subcommittee of the Quasqui-centennial committee for the construction of the Ferdinand Library building. He will be sadly missed by the Ferdinand community and his fellow friends and officers in the IVFA.

### Yellow Fire Trucks?

In a recent story from Los Angeles, California, yellow fire trucks are on the way. Yellow painted fire engines are safer and more practical according to safety experts who claim that yellow is more visible than red especially at night. It may be sometime before the public fully accepts the new scientific color.

### FERDINAND RENOVATING APPARATUS FOR CONVENTION PARADE



Pictured above are members of the Ferdinand Volunteer Fire Department who are overhauling this antique piece of fire equipment which they hope to display at the convention parade. Left to right: William Hoge, Merlyn Lueken, newly appointed district 18 chairman and Edwin Happenjans.

## Memorial Services at the Convention

The Memorial service at the IVFA Convention has been a tradition of the association for 15 or more years. Its purpose is to show respect and say homage to the deceased members of the association who have past on during the year. The church where services are to be held is picked by the convention city and all members are urged and welcome to attend the services. For the past 5 years a large simulated cross has been used with lighted candles forming the outline of the cross. Each lighted

candle represents a deceased member—a white candle, representing peace, is lit to represent the man's life. A red rose is placed by the candle, in memory and respect, by the association as his name is read. The rose is placed on the rose altar by the chaplain of the Auxiliary, Thelma Lester for the men. The names are read by a member of the association picked by the chaplain Duane Lantz. Chaplain Lester reads the names of deceased Auxiliary members as a rose is placed by a fireman.

The memorial service itself is given by the chaplain of the association. All faiths are represented by the services. At the close of the service the candle and rose are available to the family of the deceased or maybe picked up by a member of his department.

### The Mystery

He came and took me by the hand  
Up to a red rose-tree  
He kept His meaning to Himself  
But gave a rose to me.  
I did not pray Him to lay bare  
The mystery to me;  
Enough the rose was Heaven to smell,  
And His own face to see.

### INDIANA VOLUNTEER FIREMENS ASSOCIATION, INC. JEFFERSONVILLE CONVENTION

A Non-Profit Organization ID-35-602-6503 -Death Benefit - Funeral Fund  
Membership Deaths Occurring and Contributory Contributions made for same from  
New Haven Convention to Jeffersonville Convention 6-1-67 to 6-1-68

\*—Indicates Memorials

Date	Town	Claim No.	Name	Card No.	Age	Amt.
5-29-67		463	Joseph Shadel			59
	Macy-Allen Twp. D-5			7858		110.20*x
5-26-67		464	Charles Wheat			43
	Shepardsville D-11			6692		110.20*
5-31-67		465	Walter A. Benskin			74
	Fairview-RR-3					
	Clinton D-11			6680		100.00x
6- 2-67		466	Clyde McWilliams			48
	LaPaz-North Twp. D-5			1020		100.00x
5-25-67		467	Charles B. Wallace			44
	Clarks Hill D-9A			14688		65.00x
6- 3-67		468	Harold J. Edwards			76
	Bass Lake D-3			1691		110.20*
7- 5-67		469	Paul E. Doty			54
	New Haven D-6			3824		110.20*
3-23-67		470	C. A. Hoffman			73
	Fair Play 1-Madison D-14			7637		45.20*
7-18-67		471	Virgil Emigh			67
	Union Twp.-Hamlet D-3			681		110.20*
7- 2-67		472	Howard C. Moore			76
	Albany D-8B			1259		100.00x
8-29-67		473	Frank Wyland			83
	Koontz Lake D-3			541		100.00x
3-27-67		474	Joseph Carlisle			55
	Nabb D-14			11290		100.00x
8- 5-67		475	Merril McGriff			66
	Portland D-8B			9429		100.00x
8-16-67		476	Otis W. Towne			63
	Clay Twp.-So. Bend D-4			17094		65.00x
9-11-67		477	Charles R. Snyder			66
	Hartford City D-8B			1232		110.20*
9-20-67		478	Carl Kaufman			81
	Laud D-6			6266		100.00x
9-24-67		479	Harold H. Fryback			54
	Poe D-7			1783		110.20*
9-23-67		480	Virgil D. Davis			56
	Forest D-9A			9032		100.00x
9-24-67		481	Herman C. Wilson			56
	Metz D-6			14629		100.00x
9-27-67		482	Harley L. Ellis			62
	Bicknell D-17			16841		75.20*
10- 1-67		483	John B. Zucca, Sr.			52
	Clinton Twp. D-11			16584		75.20*
9-15-67		484	Lawrence Kelso			70
	Wayne 8-Indpls.-D-12			2601		110.20*
9-27-67		485	Gleason Bundy			63
	Royal Center D-9A			2158		100.00x
9- 9-67		486	Richard L. Constable			49
	Goodland D-9B			4925		45.20*
10-22-67		487	Frank Richards			86
	Liverpool Ore. Gary D-1			494		100.00x
10-21-67		488	Clarence Wright			77
	Clinton D-11			2630		100.00x
9-23-67		489	Hattie Davis			76
	Burket D-5			13224		110.20*
10-31-67		490	Oliver Cooley			48
	Kingsbury D-3			9434		100.00x
10- 7-67		491	Chris Dannaman			77
	Monon D-9B			1557		110.20*
11-10-67		492	Harold O. Trout			53
	Wayne 10 Indpls. D-12			13785		110.20*
11-11-67		493	Clifford D. Houck			59
	East Gary D-1			224		110.20*
11-16-67		494	William B. Cotner			60
	Kendallville D-6			8148		100.00x
11-15-67		495	Eugene W. Schnarr			26
	Alfordsville D-18			16031		75.20*
11-13-67		496	Clarence Scull			70
	Manilla D-10			1863		110.20*
11-22-67		497	Homer C. Markley			65
	Bluffton D-7			936		100.00x
11-26-67		498	Stan R. Stevenson			55
	Linton R3					
	Terre Haute D-11			4201		100.00x
12- 6-67		499	Paul R. Becker			66
	Assoc. Member Dayton			16368		100.00x
12-16-67		500	William Bohney			78
	Schererville D-1			70		110.20*

x—Indicates Family Desired Bible

Date	Town	Claim No.	Name	Card No.	Age	Amt.
12-21-67		501	Ellsworth Greasby			52
	Beatty Mem. Hosp. D-3			501		110.20*
1- 2-68		502	B. Claude Symmonds			83
	Mickleyville 5-D-12			3437		110.20*
4-27-67		503	Truman Nelson			52
	Wheatfield D-9B			13120		100.00x
12-17-67		504	K. N. Stombaugh			67
	Goodland D-9B			7563		35.00x
1- 4-68		505	Edward Mollenhour			86
	Bourbon D-5			9273		110.20*
1- 6-68		506	John Jackson			79
	Dunreith D-13			5310		110.20*
1- 8-68		507	Charles Sullivan			40
	Spencer Twp.					
	Hayden D-14			12798		110.20*
1-10-68		508	Robin Franzson			68
	Lib. Twp. R1,					
	Chesterton D-1			5732		110.20*
	1-13-68		Norris Bohm			53
	Mickleyville 5					
	Indpls. D-12			8090		110.20*
1- 8-68		510	Raymond Nieman			59
	Sellersburg D-14			7356		100.00x
1- 8-68		511	Edward Olinger			78
	Cambridge City D-13			4006		110.20*
1-14-68		512	Guy Miller			73
	Albany D-8B			1261		100.00x
1-22-68		513	George Eastwood			59
	Clinton D-11			11329		110.20*
1- 4-68		514	Alex M. Campbell			60
	Union Twp. Coesse D-6			10817		110.20*
1- 6-68		515	Charles Grenert			79
	St. Bernice D-11			10270		110.20*
2-13-68		516	Charles W. May			72
	Griffith D-1			8629		100.00x
1-21-68		517	Virgil Leon Asher			58
	Needham D-10			14130		35.00x
1-27-68		518	Richard W. Walters			52
	W. Terre Haute D-11			9004		100.00x
2-26-68		519	Lawrence Reed			55
	New Washington D-14			6630		100.00x
2-21-68		520	Russell Carmichael			75
	Hartford City D-8B			1251		100.00x
3- 6-68		521	Alex Reynolds			73
	Fairview Park-R1					
	Clinton D-11			6676		110.20*
3- 1-68		522	Paul Miller			71
	Dyer D-1			15673		75.20*
3-12-68		523	Michael J. Switt			60
	Beatty Mem. Hosp.					
	Westville D-3			10119		110.20*
3- 6-68		524	Arthur S. Bruce			63
	Walnut Twp.					
	New Ross D-11			9297		110.20*
3-22-68		525	Paul E. LeClaire			65
	Cayuga D-11			9224		110.20*
3-24-68		526	Andrew B. Brandel			60
	Koontz Lake D-3			535		100.00x
3-26-68		527	Hurshal Stutesman			64
	Goodland D-9B			12756		45.20*
3-21-68		528	Peter D. Schuring			49
	Hanover Twp.					
	Hanover D-14			6363		110.20*
3-24-68		529	Clifford Wallace			64
	Sheridan D-12			7057		110.20*
3-30-68		530	Richard Christlieb			31
	Altona D-6			8199		45.20*
4-16-68		531	Jerome Daunhauer			46
	Ferdinand D-18			15813		65.00x
4-22-68		532	Raymond K. Owen			72
	Kent-R1,					
	Lexington D-14			17130		75.20*
7- 2-67		533	William Smith			59
	Wash. Co. 2					
	Madison D-14			3092		110.20*

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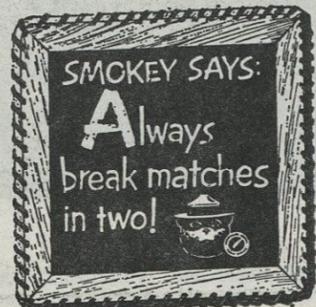


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### Greetings From Your Auxiliary President



As we drove to the southern part of our Hoosier State for another state officers' meeting I was again reminded of another Spring in Indiana, the Dogwood and Redbud were in bloom, telling me that nature was awake again, for another season of beautiful weather and lots of things to do.

As we arrived in Jeffersonville and were shown around the town; we were told of the plans for the 1968 Indiana Volunteer Firemen's convention. I was convinced that nature was 'the only thing that had been asleep and resting, because well arranged plans showed us that the people of convention city had been working hard and long for the convention in June.

I would like to take this time to say "Thanks" to all the people who have worked so hard for our stay in Jeffersonville.

Also at this time I would like

to thank all of the people in Indiana for their fine cooperation with me in the past year. Last July when we started this year our goal for Auxiliary members was 1,000. At our April meeting we were over that and it was with the help of all that made this possible. Again it proves but one thing to me and that is "The best things in life are free". Your Volunteer Firemen are free, now who could ask for anything finer?

I am proud to be just a little part of this great group and as an Auxiliary we will stand behind the Volunteer Firemen all the way.

Your Auxiliary President  
Mary Stafford

### RIDGEVILLE AUXILIARY CONVENES WITH BARBARA HENESCY

The Ridgeville Firemen's Auxiliary met for the April meeting with Barbara Henescy. The club president, Reva Morgan, called the meeting to order with the pledge to the flag and the chaplain leading the group in prayer.

Roll call was answered with a household hint and minutes of the previous meeting.

Plans were made for the lunch at a farm sale. The treasurer's report was given and approved.

The meeting closed with group praying of the Lord's Prayer.

Those attending were Reva Morgan, Marie Huffman, Sharon Cox, Colleen Lewis, Ora Franklin, Joyce Stewart, Estella Morgan, Carol Bailey and the hostess, Barbara Henescy.

Games were played and refreshments of ice cream and cookies and a soft drink were served to all in attendance.

### WARD AUXILIARY NOW HAS TICKETS FOR THE "DOUGH DOLL"

The Ward Township Volunteer Firemen's Auxiliary met Saturday, April 18, at the home of Mrs. Ivan Bousman. Each member answered roll call by stating how she planned to celebrate her silver wedding anniversary.

Following the minutes of the March meeting and the treasurer's report, the business meeting progressed to planning meals for the election boards next month.

Mrs. Bousman announced that tickets are now on sale for the "Dough Doll" drawing. Each year the Auxiliary's state officers purchase a large doll, dress it in an original outfit, attach \$25 to it and then sell tickets until the drawing at the state convention. This year the doll, dressed by Mrs. Bousman, wears black plastic fireman's coat, helmet and boots. The \$25 prize money is attached to the fire hose she holds. The "Dough Doll" will be on display in different locations until convention time in June.

At the close of the business meeting, a contest, naming magazine advertisements was enjoyed by the auxiliary members and guests. A prize of hand decorated stationary was won by Mrs. Louise Heston.

In observance of the Bousman's silver wedding anniversary, the Volunteer Firemen were invited to join the ladies at the Bousman home, following adjournment of their business meeting at the Saratoga City Building.

Delicious refreshments of anniversary cake, fruit salad, coffee and punch were served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Pat Daly, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Fields, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Burkett, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ellison, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Heston, Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Shierling, Mr. and Mrs. Merl Bousman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smiley and Saralee, Mrs. Kenneth Lindsey, Mark, Tina and Tammay; Mr. and Mrs. Max White, Regina and Jerry Bousman and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Bousman.

### 6TH DISTRICT NEWS

The 6th District Auxiliary met February 15th at Kendallville with 18 members from 11 departments present. The minutes of the Officer's meeting held in Kokomo were read. It was announced that the Doe Doll tickets are available. Our next meeting will be at Stroh, Indiana.

A film on the art of good eating put out by Echrick Co. was shown. We enjoyed sandwiches and coffee served by our Hosts.

The 6th District meeting was held on March 21st at Stroh. Our Chairman, Joan Shanabarger opened the meeting. Roll call found 25 people attending representing 14 departments. Catherine Mason reported the State Auxiliary membership has reached one thousand. The upcoming convention was discussed. Coming events were announced:

Wayne No. 1 Easter egg hunt.

Salem Center Fish Fry.

Adams No. 1 Chili supper.

Wayne No. 2 Style Bridge.

The meeting was adjourned and the ladies joined the men for a film on tornadoes. Refreshments were served.

The April meeting was held at Wayne No. 2. There were 25 present representing 12 departments. An announcement was made to get teams ready for water ball contest at convention.

Coming events:

Thorncreek—donuts

Adams No. 1 Chili supper.

Pleasant Lake Businessmen

entertaining the Pleasant Lake firemen for a supper.

New Haven—Potluck supper.

### WAYNE TWP. AUXILIARY

Wayne Township No. 1 Auxiliary, Allen County, are selling kitchen scissors to raise money to help our firemen to purchase new uniforms. We also are helping them with an auction held on May 18th.

### TO ALL AUXILIARY MEMBERS

I sure hope you have sent news in to our Editor. As I received only two for this publication and I can't send news in if I don't receive it.

Don't forget our convention. I hope to see you at Jeffersonville. This is the one time we can all meet our firemen and auxiliary members.

Catherine Mason  
IVFA Auxiliary  
Publicity Chairman

### 10TH DISTRICT

Forty-seven members and 3 guests attended the 10th District IVFA Auxiliary meeting held at Acton on February 19. 10 Auxiliaries were represented and Mrs. Paul Stafford State IVFAA President was also there.

Mrs. Inez Jeffries returned thanks for the pitch in supper, which preceded the meeting.

Mrs. Jack Knoll, President, presided at the business meeting and Mrs. Joe Beyer gave devotions on "The Indispensable Man."

Lucky Doe Dill tickets were distributed and a nominating committee was appointed. Next meeting will be on May 30 at New Point.

Mrs. Katie McClair was awarded the door prize and dismissal prayer was given by Mrs. Joe Beyer.

As part of the program for the evening the men of the Acton

department presented a style show known as "The Latest is Fashions", which was enjoyed by all. Following this the Ladies played bingo.

Marian Hickman, Sec.

### NEWS FROM THE WALDRON FIREMAN LADIES' AUX.

The Waldron Ladies' Auxiliary recently held a rummage sale and cleared over \$100.00. They also served chili, sandwiches, pie, cake and coffee all day.

We painted the kitchen white and put up new red and white curtains. This really added a lot to our kitchen.

We are working on a float for the 4th of July and have also dressed a doll worth \$25.00 which we sell chances on. We also are working on a float for state convention, so you can see we have been quite busy.

The Auxiliary presented a check and some gifts to the Glen Geise family who recently had a fire that destroyed their home.

The newly elected officers for the following year are: President, Mrs. Keith Smith; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Albert Taylor; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Richard Neeb; Treasurer, Mrs. John Hammond; Chaplain, Mrs. Joe Beyer; Sergeant-at-Arms, Mrs. Roy Shackle; Board of Directors, Mrs. John Stafford, Mrs. Louis Mitchell, Mrs. Richard McVey.

Mrs. Richard Neeb

### LUCKY DOE DOLL TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

The IVFA Auxiliary Lucky Doe Doll known as "Miss Water Ball" is ready. The tickets have been distributed to most of our District Chairmen. We hope for lots of support from our fellow fire fighters. If any one wants more tickets contact the Auxiliary or vice-president, Mrs. Rosella Bousman, R. R. 4, Winchester, Indiana.

### More of Richmond Explosions



Photo by Wieseke

Volunteer Firemen, and just "Volunteers" removing a victim from the rubble.



Photo by Wieseke

Volunteers and "Volunteers"—car - not Bonny and Clyde, but directly across the street from Marting Arms.

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COMPARISON OF CONVENTION EXPENSES PAST NINE YEARS

	1959 LaPorte	1960 Clinton	1961 Warsaw	1962 Greenfield	1963 Angola	1964 New Albany	1965 Rensselaer	1966 Vincennes	1967 N. Haven
Delegate mileage .....	\$1294.80	\$1791.65	\$1205.50	\$1551.75	\$1905.75	\$2291.28	\$1543.95	\$2482.21	1473.15
Officers mileage .....	118.01	478.75	456.81	387.70	486.37	719.90	597.50	841.10	859.55
Fireworks .....	None	50.00	50.00	75.00	9.02	9.15	None	None	None
Decorations .....	120.80	350.00	100.00	242.80	157.50	555.00	208.04	21.00	None
Banquet .....	1575.00	1462.50	1581.75	1582.25	1842.50	2106.00	1467.40	1679.40	2470.95
Prtg. Convention minutes .....	272.43	297.65	373.00	321.40	100.00	None	250.00	250.00	250.00
Prtg. Program book .....	363.75	408.57	541.38	561.49	858.35	700.23	1281.83	1056.00	836.75
Prtg. Convention tickets .....	339.50	356.50	331.00	305.50	None	None	None	None	None
Prtg. signs, resolutions, etc.....	174.50	163.75	382.50	256.00	140.45	234.40	138.45	89.64	255.97
Entertainment .....	239.00	210.00	198.25	375.00	425.00	716.00	705.00	172.50	375.00
Sound, Conv. cleanup, misc.....	171.39	184.95	85.00	247.40	459.90	82.22	427.19	91.09	270.82
Postage & phone exp. ....	145.00	130.00	196.33	120.25	82.32	183.03	112.97	175.16	146.67
Registration desk, exp. ....	540.00	530.00	145.00	145.00	125.00	125.00	145.00	150.00	154.00
Donations, cash, prizes .....	263.84	266.39	500.00	350.00	305.00	None	None	None	None
Conv. Badges, del. & vis. ....	575.89	723.92	286.12	189.59	180.77	103.48	107.95	103.51	112.20
Prizes donated, conv. tickets .....	53.52	269.00	921.10	1115.75	None	None	None	None	None
Trophies donated for prizes .....			247.83	236.83	374.75	554.57	581.90	334.80	312.26
Other Plaques & Trophies.....								87.07	21.50
Parade judging exp. ....	151.00	None	68.55	599.65	38.10			None	None
Movies, Film, Camera, etc.....	95.00	21.00	44.80	28.00	208.29	261.24	519.24	580.00	365.00
Flowers, Memorial Ser. ....	229.09	None	10.00	None	34.33	40.29	45.60	28.05	103.33
Conv. Ins. Premium .....					35.00	30.00	None	None	None
Rent & Janitor Ser. ....	163.80	171.70	192.00	145.00	135.00	190.00	300.00	176.50	910.75
Court Reporter .....							90.12	75.00	*125.00
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>\$6985.59</b>	<b>\$8002.75</b>	<b>\$7916.92</b>	<b>\$8836.36</b>	<b>\$7903.90</b>	<b>\$9601.69</b>	<b>\$8522.14</b>	<b>\$8393.03</b>	<b>\$9042.90</b>

\* Estimated

VERNE KONOPASEK, Treasurer

IVFA History

May I take the privilege of presenting a historical account of our growing organization of volunteer firemen in our state. In 1946, several firemen in the northwest corner of the state formed an organization to foster and promote unity and harmony among the several volunteer fire departments throughout the state of Indiana.

This group filed for certificate of Incorporation with the Secretary of State and received it under date of December 6th, 1946. Under the articles of Incorporation, to foster and promote various educational activities in the art of fire extinguishment and fire prevention . . . To cooperate with all law enforcing agencies pertaining to the public safety with respect to fire hazards . . . To foster and promote all legislative measures which tend to improve the safety of the public in general, and the working conditions of the members . . . To provide a meeting place for members . . . To foster and promote a funeral fund not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for any deceased member . . . To foster and promote a clothing fund not to exceed \$100.00. The period during which it is to continue is perpetual. These are the purpose or purposes for which we are formed. They planned to have a convention each year in the month of June and the first one was held at Black Oak, a suburb of Gary in 1948.

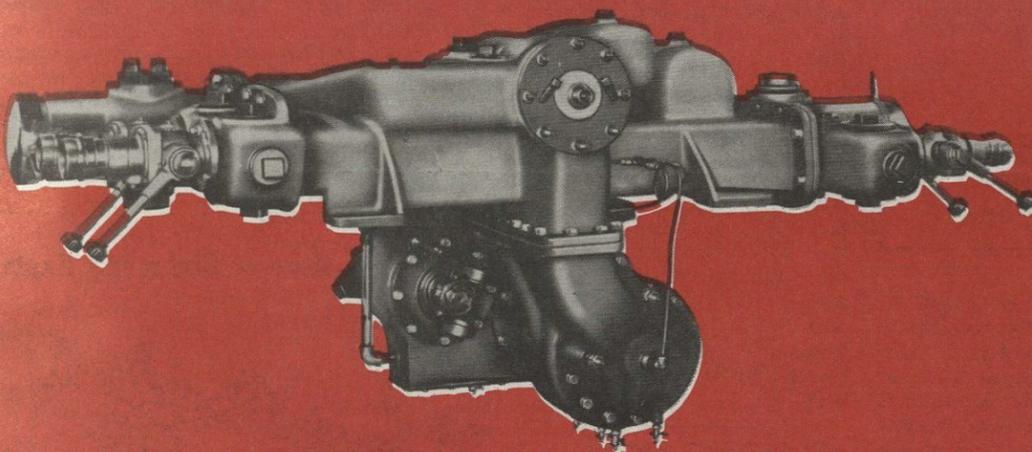
In the articles of Incorporation there were seven (7) Directors to be elected, however it was decided as we grew, they would increase the number of Directors to not less than 11 nor more than 30.

At their first convention, Waldo Neal of Geneva was elected president. Verne Konopasek was elected Treasurer and is still holding this position. Roy E. Kittredge was elected Secretary and held this position until 1955, when he was succeeded by Harry Fries of Koontz Lake Department. Harry was succeeded by John Kustron of Independence Hill Department in 1963 and held this position until 1965 when John T. Ford succeeded him. The position of state secretary is very important in the organization and all have done well to help the Association grow. At present we have over 460 departments over the state and they are divided into 20 districts. Each district has a meeting every month and they elect their own chairman and secretary every year.

A convention is held each year in June and the sites of conventions since the first one at Black Oak are Crown Point, 1949; Kingsford Heights, 1950; Lowell, 1951; Hartford City, 1952; Rensselaer, 1953; Clinton, 1954; Rushville, 1955; New Haven, 1956; Munster, 1957; Madison, 1958; LaPorte, 1959; back to Clinton in 1960; Warsaw, 1961; Greenfield, 1962; Angola, 1963; New Albany, 1964; back to Rensselaer, 1965; Vincennes, 1966; back to New Haven, 1967 and now for this year of 1968 at Jeffersonville.

At our annual meetings a legislative committee is appointed to go to the State Legislature and plea for legislation that would help the volunteer firemen. Bills which are still pending will be given attention when the 1969 Legislative committee convenes. Senate Bill No. 91 was approved and signed by the Governor and among its features are: raising weekly indemnity from \$30.00 to

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# In Memoriam

## Friends Beyond

I cannot think of them as dead,  
Who walk with me no more;  
Along the path of life I tread—  
They have but gone before.

The Father's House is mansioned fair,  
Beyond my vision dim;  
All souls are His, and here or there  
Are living unto Him.

- Richard W. Walters — W. Terre Haute
- Lawrence Reed — New Washington
- Russell Carmichael — Hartford City
- Alex Reynolds — Fairview Pk.-Clinton
- Paul Miller — Dyer
- Michael J. Switt — Beatty Hosp., Westville
- Arthur S. Bruce — Walnut - New Ross
- Paul E. LeClaire — Cayuga
- Andrew B. Brandel — Koontz Lake
- Hurshal Stutesman — Goodland
- Peter D. Schuring — Hanover
- Clifford Wallace — Sheridan
- Richard Christlieb — Altona
- Jerome Daunhauer — Ferdinand
- Raymond K. Owen — Kent-R1, Lexington
- William Smith - Wash. No. 2 - Madison

## Why . . . .

You sometimes wonder why you joined  
Those local volunteers,  
It's sure not for the fortune  
That you'll gather through the years.

It's sure not for the praise you get  
When the call comes in too late,  
And you find the building all in flames  
And the losses really great.

It's sure not for the pleasure  
Of the fumes you're breathing in,  
Or stumbling in the dark and cold,  
Water drippin' from your chin.

It might be to associate  
With men who think like you;  
Who'll join this dedicated group  
To see a bad job through.

But when you sum the good things up  
An' glance backward through the years  
You find a heap of joy in serving  
With those Firemen Volunteers . . .

Harry Fries  
Walkerton, Indiana

## Winona Lake Volunteer Fire Department "A Family Affair"



Like Father, Like Son—The enthusiasm of Winona Lake Volunteer firefighters has been passed from father to son. Six father-son combinations are represented in the line-up above. They represent 157 years of firefighting experience for the Winona Lake department. Members and their years of service are: left to right, Don Gatke, 39, sons, Pete, 10, and Tom 2; Quentin Rupe, 9, son, John, 4; Danny Howard, 4, and his father, Boyce Howard, 20; Jim Heaton, 24, and son, Ted, 6; Don Cox, 16, and Jack Endicott, 21. Cox' son, Mike, who has had one year's experience is now in the U. S. Army and stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky. Endicott's son, Jeff, a one year member of the fire department, is in the U. S. Navy at Norfolk, Va.

Editor's Note: I wonder how many departments can equal or better the record of the Winona Lake Volunteer Firemen?

The Times-Union newspaper story at the bottom pretty well gives the interesting facts. The one thing the Howard father-son are not aware that their daughter-sister is secretary for the immediate past president of the IVFA.

## Notice from the Treasurer to all delegates to the Jeffersonville 1968 Convention

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Your Treasurer's printed reports on finance, receipts and disbursements from the New Haven Convention 6-1-67, to the Jeffersonville Convention 6-1-68, shall be distributed to you by your District Chairman who will also have blank vouchers and take care of the payment of your mileage and expenses. Will you please therefore cooperate with your District Chairman or Secretary to see that these expense vouchers are handled in a District group and approved by your Chairman as early as possible Friday morning. Please show your District number as well as the name of your Department on the said voucher.

The above will help the mileage committee expedite its convention work better and get your expenses to you quicker Friday P. M.  
Thank you very much.

Verne Konopasek, Treasurer  
For the Convention Mileage Committee

## MORE IVFA HISTORY

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\$50.00 with total weekly payments not exceeding \$10,000—raised death payments to beneficiary from \$12,500 to \$15,000. Raised disability payments from \$12,500 to \$15,000 with weekly total indemnity for 200 weeks instead of 166 weeks with a total of \$10,000 instead of \$5,000.

Here is a list of all past Presidents since the election of Waldo Neal: Leonard Kunzler (LaCrosse), Bert Moser (Bluffton), Francis McBane (Mailla), Bernie Jostes (Griffith), Walter Steiger (Benton Township, Goshen) and Carlos Jeffries our present President from Fountain-town.

The Association expects to pass the 10,000 membership during our next year starting July 1st. Every volunteer fire department of the state that are not members should join now to enjoy all the advantages that go with it. Nothing like mutual friendship.

Harry Fries  
Historian

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## "City Firemen Lean On Township Help"

In a recent article appearing in a daily newspaper, The South Bend Tribune, the following heading read "City firemen lean on township help." The article went on to state that the Warren township volunteer department handled a fire under city jurisdiction and like many other volunteer departments, have acquired their equipment by fund raising and solicitation. In spite of the large area unserved by the hydrant system, South Bend Fire department does not own a water tanker to carry water to these areas, so they therefore rely upon the volunteer fire departments for assistance.

GEORGETOWN TWP. FIRE DEPT. FISH FRY  
JULY 14th

The Georgetown Township Fire Department will have a fish fry and entertainment for children on July 4th, starting at 2:00 P. M. at the Georgetown Park. Everyone is welcome.